Comments and Tables:

Best Practices for SQL Comments

1. Document the Purpose:

• Explain the purpose of the query or section of code.

```
-- Fetching active employees for the report
SELECT * FROM employees WHERE status = 'active';
```

2. Disable Code Temporarily:

• Comment out code during debugging or testing.

```
-- DELETE FROM employees WHERE age < 25;
```

3. Use Comments for Complex Logic:

• Provide explanations for complex queries or logic.

```
/*
Joining employees and departments
to get department names for each employee
*/
SELECT e.name, d.department_name
FROM employees e
INNER JOIN departments d ON e.department_id = d.id;
```

Multi-Line Comments

- Use /* */ to write comments spanning multiple lines.
- Everything between /* and / is ignored by the SQL interpreter.

Syntax:

```
/*
This is a multi-line comment.
It can span across multiple lines.
Useful for detailed explanations.
*/
SELECT name, age FROM employees;
```

Tables:

```
CLASS CODE:

select database();

use prince_datas;

- CREATE TABLE table_name (
-- column1 datatype contriants,
-- column2 datatype,
-- column3 datatype,
-- ....
-- );

- CREATE TABLE STUDENTS1 (
-- STUDENT_ID INT ,
-- NAME VARCHAR(50),
-- AGE INT
-- );
```

```
• - CREATE TABLE employees (
   -- emp_id INT PRIMARY KEY,
   -- name VARCHAR(50),
   -- department VARCHAR(50),
   -- salary DECIMAL(10, 2) DEFAULT 30000
   -- );

    DESCRIBE employees

   -- SHOW TABLES;
   -- EXPLAIN employees;

    RENAME THE TABLE

    RENAME table employees TO STAFF;

- SHOW TABLES;
   -- RENAME table STUDENTS1 TO MYSTUDENTS;
   -- SHOW TABLES;

    DROP TABLE MYSTUDENTS;

    - SHOW TABLES;

• - DROP TABLE STAFF; students
SHOW TABLES;

    - CREATE TABLE employees (

   -- emp_id INT PRIMARY KEY,
   -- name VARCHAR(50),
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-- department VARCHAR(50),

--);

-- salary DECIMAL(10, 2) DEFAULT 30000

```
    - CREATE TABLE employees1 (
    -- emp_id INT PRIMARY KEY,
    -- name VARCHAR(50),
    -- department VARCHAR(50),
    -- salary DECIMAL(10, 2) DEFAULT 30000
    -- );
```

- DROP TABLE employees, employees1;

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS employees;

1. SHOW TABLES

- **Purpose**: Lists all the tables in the currently selected database.
- Scope: Shows only table names.
- Use Case: When you want to see which tables exist in a database.

Syntax:

```
sql
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SHOW TABLES;
```

Example:

If the current database contains two tables, employees and departments, the output will look like:

```
diff
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| Tables_in_dbname |
```

```
+-----+
| employees |
| departments |
+-----+
```

2. DESC table

- **Purpose**: Describes the structure of a specific table, including column names, data types, constraints, and other properties.
- **Scope**: Displays column details like type, nullability, primary key, default values, etc.
- Alias: DESCRIBE table is a shortcut for SHOW COLUMNS FROM table.
- Use Case: When you need to examine the schema (structure) of a table.

Syntax:

```
sql
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DESC table_name;
```

Example:

For the table employees:

```
sql
Copy code
DESC employees;
```

Output:

3. EXPLAIN table

- Purpose: Used to analyze and understand how MySQL executes a query, particularly useful for optimizing SELECT statements.
- Scope: Provides execution details like access type, key usage, row estimates, etc.
- Use Case: When you need to analyze the performance of a query (like SELECT).

Syntax:

```
sql
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EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM table_name;
```

Example:

For the query:

```
sql
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EXPLAIN SELECT * FROM employees WHERE age > 30;
```

Output:

Summary of Differences:

Command	Purpose	Scope	Output
SHOW TABLES	Lists all tables in the current database	Table names only	List of table names
DESC table	Describes the structure of a specific table	Column details (name, type, constraints, etc.)	Table schema details
EXPLAIN table	Analyzes how a query interacts with the table	Execution details for a query	Query execution plan

1. Basic Table Creation

A simple table with columns and their data types.

```
CREATE TABLE students (
    student_id INT,
    name VARCHAR(50),
    age INT
);
```

2. Table with Default Values

A table where a column has a default value.

```
CREATE TABLE employees (
    emp_id INT PRIMARY KEY,
    name VARCHAR(50),
    department VARCHAR(50),
    salary DECIMAL(10, 2) DEFAULT 30000
);
```

3. Table with Constraints

Adding constraints like PRIMARY KEY, FOREIGN KEY, NOT NULL, UNIQUE.

```
CREATE TABLE orders (
    order_id INT PRIMARY KEY,
    customer_id INT NOT NULL,
    order_date DATE NOT NULL,
```

```
total_amount DECIMAL(10, 2) NOT NULL,
UNIQUE (order_id, customer_id)
);
```

3. MySQL Rename Tables

Used to rename a table in the database.

Example 1: Rename a Single Table

```
RENAME TABLE employees TO staff;
```

. Basic Syntax for Dropping a Table

The **DROP TABLE** command is used to delete a table permanently from the database, including all its data and structure.

```
DROP TABLE table_name;
```

Example:

```
DROP TABLE employees;
```

This will delete the employees table from the database.

2. Drop Multiple Tables

You can drop multiple tables in a single command by separating their names with commas.

```
DROP TABLE table1, table2, table3;
```

Example:

```
DROP TABLE students, courses;
```

3. Drop Table If It Exists

To avoid errors when trying to drop a table that might not exist, use the **IF EXISTS** clause.

```
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS table_name;
```

Example:

```
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS temp_users;
```

This checks if the table **temp_users** exists before dropping it.

Tables and Database:

```
sql
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-- Create the database if it does not exist
CREATE DATABASE IF NOT EXISTS sales;
-- Use the sales database
USE sales;
-- Show all records from the customers table
SELECT * FROM customers;
-- Show all records from the customers table within the sales database
SELECT * FROM sales.customers;
```