**ALTER Command**

1. **What is the use of the ALTER command in SQL?**

The ALTER command in SQL is used to modify the structure of an existing database object, such as a table. It allows you to:

* Add, modify, or drop columns
* Add or drop constraints (like primary keys, foreign keys)
* Rename tables or columns (in some SQL dialects)

Essentially, it lets you change the schema of a table without deleting and recreating it.

**2. How can you add, modify, and drop columns from a table using ALTER?**

**1. Add a Column**

ALTER TABLE table\_name

ADD column\_name datatype;

**2. Modify a Column**

ALTER TABLE table\_name

MODIFY COLUMN column\_name new\_datatype;

**3. Drop a Column**

ALTER TABLE table\_name

DROP COLUMN column\_name;