

SQL Basics Cheat Sheet

SQL

SQL *Structured Query Language* is a domain-specific language used for managing data bases. It allows you to select specific data and to build queries.

SAMPLE DATA

COUNTRY				
id	name	population	area	
1	France	66600000	640680	
2	Germany	80700000	357000	
...	

CITY				
id	name	country_id	population	rating
1	Paris	1	2243000	5
2	Berlin	2	3460000	3
...

QUERYING SINGLE TABLE

SELECT *
FROM country;

SELECT name
FROM city;

SELECT name
FROM city
ORDER BY rating **[ASC]**;

SELECT name
FROM city
ORDER BY rating **DESC**;

ALIASES

COLUMNS

SELECT name **AS** city_name
FROM city;

TABLES

SELECT co.name, ci.name
FROM city **AS** ci
JOIN country **AS** co
ON ci.country_id = co.id;

FILTERING THE OUTPUT

COMPARISON OPERATORS

SELECT name
FROM city
WHERE rating > 3;

SELECT name
FROM city
WHERE name != 'Berlin'
AND name != 'Madrid';

TEXT OPERATORS

SELECT name
FROM city
WHERE name **LIKE** 'P%'
OR name **LIKE** '%s';

SELECT name
FROM city
WHERE name **LIKE** '_ublin';

OTHER OPERATORS

SELECT name
FROM city
WHERE population **BETWEEN** 500000 **AND** 5000000;

SELECT name
FROM city
WHERE rating **IS NOT NULL**;

SELECT name
FROM city
WHERE country_id **IN** (1, 4, 7, 8);

QUERYING MULTIPLE TABLES

INNER JOIN

JOIN **INNER JOIN**

SELECT city.name, country.name
FROM city
[INNER] JOIN country
ON city.country_id = country.id;

CITY			COUNTRY	
id	name	country_id	id	name
1	Paris	1	1	France
2	Berlin	2	2	Germany
3	Warsaw	4	3	Iceland

LEFT JOIN

LEFT JOIN returns all rows from the left table with corresponding rows from the right table. If there's no corresponding rows from the right table, NULLs are returned as values from the right table.

SELECT city.name, country.name
FROM city
LEFT JOIN country
ON city.country_id = country.id;

CITY			COUNTRY	
id	name	country_id	id	name
1	Paris	1	1	France
2	Berlin	2	2	Germany
3	Warsaw	4	NULL	NULL

RIGHT JOIN

RIGHT JOIN returns all rows from the right table with corresponding rows from the left table. If there's no corresponding rows from the left table, NULLs are returned as values from the left table.

SELECT city.name, country.name
FROM city
RIGHT JOIN country
ON city.country_id = country.id;

CITY			COUNTRY	
id	name	country_id	id	name
1	Paris	1	1	France
2	Berlin	2	2	Germany
NULL	NULL	NULL	3	Iceland

FULL JOIN

FULL JOIN **OUTER JOIN**

SELECT city.name, country.name
FROM city
FULL [OUTER] JOIN country
ON city.country_id = country.id;

CITY			COUNTRY	
id	name	country_id	id	name
1	Paris	1	1	France
2	Berlin	2	2	Germany
3	Warsaw	4	NULL	NULL
NULL	NULL	NULL	3	Iceland

CROSS JOIN

CROSS JOIN returns the Cartesian product of the two tables.

SELECT city.name, country.name
FROM city
CROSS JOIN country;

SELECT city.name, country.name
FROM city, country;

CITY			COUNTRY	
id	name	country_id	id	name
1	Paris	1	1	France
1	Paris	1	2	Germany
2	Berlin	2	1	France
2	Berlin	2	2	Germany

NATURAL JOIN

NATURAL JOIN returns the rows from the two tables that have the same values in the common columns.

SELECT city.name, country.name
FROM city
NATURAL JOIN country;

NATURAL JOIN city.id, city.name, country.id, country.name

CITY			COUNTRY	
country_id	id	name	name	id
6	6	San Marino	San Marino	6
7	7	Vatican City	Vatican City	7
5	9	Greece	Greece	9
10	11	Monaco	Monaco	10

AGGREGATION AND GROUPING

GROUP BY **groups** together rows that have the same values in specified columns.

CITY		
id	name	country_id
1	Paris	1
101	Marseille	1
102	Lyon	1
2	Berlin	2
103	Hamburg	2
104	Munich	2
3	Warsaw	4
105	Cracow	4

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CITY	
country_id	count
1	3
2	3
4	2

AGGREGATE FUNCTIONS

- avg**(expr) – average value for rows within the group
- count**(expr) – count of values for rows within the group
- max**(expr) – maximum value within the group
- min**(expr) – minimum value within the group
- sum**(expr) – sum of values within the group

EXAMPLE QUERIES

```
SELECT COUNT(*)
FROM city;
```

```
SELECT COUNT(rating)
FROM city;
```

```
SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT country_id)
FROM city;
```

```
SELECT MIN(population), MAX(population)
FROM country;
```

```
SELECT country_id, SUM(population)
FROM city
GROUP BY country_id;
```

```
SELECT country_id, AVG(rating)
FROM city
GROUP BY country_id
HAVING AVG(rating) > 3.0;
```

SUBQUERIES

There are different types of subqueries.

SINGLE VALUE

This query finds cities with the same rating as Paris:

```
SELECT name FROM city
WHERE rating = (
  SELECT rating
  FROM city
  WHERE name = 'Paris'
);
```

MULTIPLE VALUES

This query finds cities in countries that have a population above 20M:

```
SELECT name
FROM city
WHERE country_id IN (
  SELECT country_id
  FROM country
  WHERE population > 20000000
);
```

CORRELATED

This query finds cities with a population greater than the average population in the

```
SELECT *
FROM city main_city
WHERE population > (
  SELECT AVG(population)
  FROM city average_city
  WHERE average_city.country_id = main_city.country_id
);
```

This query finds countries that have at least one city:

```
SELECT name
FROM country
WHERE EXISTS (
  SELECT *
  FROM city
  WHERE country_id = country.id
);
```

SET OPERATIONS

compatible data types. The names of the corresponding columns can be different.

CYCLING		
id	name	country
1	YK	DE
2	ZG	DE
3	WT	PL
...

SKATING		
id	name	country
1	YK	DE
2	DF	DE
3	AK	PL
...

UNION

```
UNION
UNION ALL
```

```
SELECT name
FROM cycling
WHERE country = 'DE'
UNION / UNION ALL
SELECT name
FROM skating
WHERE country = 'DE';
```

INTERSECT

```
INTERSECT
```

```
SELECT name
FROM cycling
WHERE country = 'DE'
INTERSECT
SELECT name
FROM skating
WHERE country = 'DE';
```

EXCEPT

EXCEPT returns only the rows that appear in the first result set but do not appear

```
SELECT name
FROM cycling
WHERE country = 'DE'
EXCEPT / MINUS
SELECT name
FROM skating
WHERE country = 'DE';
```