

# Data Engineering 101 SQL Basics

All the concepts to get started



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# SELECT

**USED TO SELECT DATA FROM A DATABASE.**

```
SELECT *  
FROM Employees;
```





# FROM

**SPECIFIES THE TABLE TO SELECT OR DELETE DATA FROM.**

```
SELECT Name  
FROM Employees;
```





# WHERE

## FILTERS RECORDS.

```
SELECT *  
FROM Employees  
WHERE Age > 30;
```





# INSERT

**INSERTS NEW DATA INTO A TABLE.**

```
INSERT INTO Employees (Name, Age)
VALUES ('John', 28);
```





# UPDATE

**MODIFIES EXISTING DATA IN A TABLE.**

```
UPDATE Employees  
SET Age = 30  
WHERE Name = 'John';
```





# DELETE

**DELETES DATA FROM A TABLE.**

```
DELETE FROM Employees  
WHERE Name = 'John';
```





# CREATE TABLE

**CREATES A NEW TABLE.**

```
CREATE TABLE  
Employees (  
ID int,  
Name varchar(255)  
);
```







# DROP TABLE

**DELETES A TABLE.**

```
DROP TABLE Employees;
```





# ALTER TABLE

**MODIFIES AN EXISTING TABLE.**

```
ALTER TABLE Employees  
ADD Salary int;
```





# INNER JOIN

**RETURNS RECORDS WITH MATCHING VALUES IN BOTH TABLES.**

```
SELECT *  
FROM Employees  
INNER JOIN Departments  
ON Employees.DeptID =  
Departments.ID;
```





# LEFT JOIN

**RETURNS ALL RECORDS FROM THE LEFT TABLE,  
AND MATCHED RECORDS FROM THE RIGHT  
TABLE.**

```
SELECT *  
FROM Employees  
LEFT JOIN Departments  
ON Employees.DeptID =  
Departments.ID;
```





# RIGHT JOIN

**RETURNS ALL RECORDS FROM THE RIGHT TABLE, AND MATCHED RECORDS FROM THE LEFT TABLE.**

```
SELECT *  
FROM Employees  
RIGHT JOIN Departments  
ON Employees.DeptID =  
Departments.ID;
```





# FULL JOIN

**RETURNS ALL RECORDS WHEN THERE IS A MATCH IN EITHER LEFT OR RIGHT TABLE.**

```
SELECT *  
FROM Employees  
FULL JOIN Departments  
ON Employees.DeptID =  
Departments.ID;
```





# CROSS JOIN

**RETURNS THE CARTESIAN PRODUCT OF THE TWO TABLES.**

```
SELECT *  
FROM Employees  
CROSS JOIN Departments;
```





# GROUP BY

**GROUPS ROWS THAT HAVE THE SAME VALUES INTO SUMMARY ROWS.**

```
SELECT COUNT(*), Department
FROM Employees
GROUP BY Department;
```







# HAVING

**FILTERS RECORDS THAT WORK ON SUMMARIZED GROUP BY RESULTS.**

```
SELECT COUNT(*),  
Department  
FROM Employees  
GROUP BY Department  
HAVING COUNT(*) > 5;
```





## ORDER BY

**SORTS THE RESULT SET IN ASCENDING OR DESCENDING ORDER.**

```
SELECT *  
FROM Employees  
ORDER BY Age DESC;
```





# DISTINCT

**SELECTS ONLY DISTINCT (DIFFERENT) VALUES.**

```
SELECT DISTINCT Department  
FROM Employees;
```





## LIMIT

**SPECIFIES THE NUMBER OF RECORDS TO RETURN.**

```
SELECT *  
FROM Employees  
LIMIT 10;
```





# OFFSET

**SPECIFIES THE OFFSET OF THE FIRST ROW TO RETURN.**

```
SELECT *  
FROM Employees  
LIMIT 5 OFFSET 10;
```





# UNION

**COMBINES THE RESULT SET OF TWO OR MORE  
SELECT STATEMENTS.**

```
SELECT City
FROM Customers
UNION
SELECT City
FROM Suppliers;
```





# UNION ALL

**COMBINES THE RESULT SET OF TWO OR MORE SELECT STATEMENTS, INCLUDING DUPLICATES.**

```
SELECT City  
FROM Customers  
UNION ALL  
SELECT City  
FROM Suppliers;
```





# INTERSECT

**RETURNS THE INTERSECTION OF TWO OR MORE  
SELECT STATEMENTS.**

```
SELECT City
FROM Customers
INTERSECT
SELECT City
FROM Suppliers;
```







# EXCEPT

**RETURNS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TWO  
SELECT STATEMENTS.**

```
SELECT City  
FROM Customers  
EXCEPT  
SELECT City  
FROM Suppliers;
```



# IN



## CHECKS FOR VALUES WITHIN A SET.

```
SELECT *  
FROM Employees  
WHERE Department IN ('HR', 'Finance');
```





# BETWEEN

**SELECTS VALUES WITHIN A GIVEN RANGE.**

```
SELECT *  
FROM Employees  
WHERE Age BETWEEN 25 AND 30;
```





# LIKE

**SEARCHES FOR A SPECIFIED PATTERN IN A COLUMN.**

```
SELECT *  
FROM Employees  
WHERE Name LIKE 'J%';
```





# IS NULL

## TESTS FOR EMPTY (NULL) VALUES.

```
SELECT *  
FROM Employees  
WHERE Age IS NULL;
```





# IS NOT NULL

## TESTS FOR NON-EMPTY (NOT NULL) VALUES.

```
SELECT *  
FROM Employees  
WHERE Age IS NOT NULL;
```





# CASE

**RETURNS VALUE BASED ON A CONDITION.**

```
SELECT Name, Age,  
CASE WHEN Age > 30 THEN 'Senior'  
ELSE 'Junior'  
END  
FROM Employees;
```





# COALESCE

**RETURNS THE FIRST NON-NULL VALUE IN A LIST.**

```
SELECT  
COALESCE(Address, 'No Address')  
FROM Employees;
```







## NULLIF

**RETURNS NULL IF TWO EXPRESSIONS ARE EQUAL.**

```
SELECT NULLIF(Salary, 0)
FROM Employees;
```





# CAST

**CONVERTS A DATA TYPE INTO ANOTHER DATA TYPE.**

```
SELECT CAST(Age AS varchar)
FROM Employees;
```





# CONVERT

**CONVERTS A DATA TYPE INTO ANOTHER DATA TYPE WITH STYLE OPTIONS.**

```
SELECT CONVERT(varchar, Age, 1)
FROM Employees;
```





# SUBSTRING

**EXTRACTS CHARACTERS FROM A STRING.**

```
SELECT SUBSTRING(Name, 1, 2)
FROM Employees;
```





## LENGTH

**RETURNS THE LENGTH OF A STRING.**

```
SELECT LENGTH(Name)  
FROM Employees;
```





## TRIM

**REMOVES SPACES OR SPECIFIED CHARACTERS FROM BOTH ENDS OF A STRING.**

```
SELECT TRIM(Name)
FROM Employees;
```





## UPPER

**CONVERTS A STRING TO UPPERCASE.**

```
SELECT UPPER(Name)  
FROM Employees;
```





# LOWER

## CONVERTS A STRING TO LOWERCASE.

```
SELECT LOWER(Name)  
FROM Employees;
```







# REPLACE

**REPLACES OCCURRENCES OF A SPECIFIED STRING.**

```
SELECT REPLACE(Name, 'John', 'Jon')  
FROM Employees;
```





# CHARINDEX

**RETURNS THE POSITION OF A SUBSTRING IN A STRING.**

```
SELECT CHARINDEX('a', Name)
FROM Employees;
```





## ROUND

**ROUNDS A NUMBER TO A SPECIFIED NUMBER OF DECIMAL PLACES.**

```
SELECT ROUND(Salary, 2)
FROM Employees;
```





## AVG

**RETURNS THE AVERAGE VALUE OF A NUMERIC COLUMN.**

```
SELECT AVG(Salary)
FROM Employees;
```





# COUNT

**RETURNS THE NUMBER OF ROWS THAT MATCHES A SPECIFIED CRITERION.**

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





## SUM

**RETURNS THE TOTAL SUM OF A NUMERIC COLUMN.**

```
SELECT SUM(Salary)
FROM Employees;
```





# MAX

**RETURNS THE MAXIMUM VALUE IN A SET.**

```
SELECT MAX(Salary)
FROM Employees;
```





# MIN

**RETURNS THE MINIMUM VALUE IN A SET.**

```
SELECT MIN(Salary)
FROM Employees;
```







# IFNULL

**RETURNS A SPECIFIED VALUE IF THE  
EXPRESSION IS NULL.**

```
SELECT IFNULL(Salary, 0)
FROM Employees;
```





# CONCAT

**CONCATENATES TWO OR MORE STRINGS.**

```
SELECT CONCAT(FirstName, ' ',  
LastName)  
FROM Employees;
```





# IF

**RETURNS A VALUE BASED ON A CONDITION.**

```
SELECT Name,  
IF(Age > 30, 'Senior', 'Junior')  
FROM Employees;
```





# EXISTS

**CHECKS FOR THE EXISTENCE OF ANY RECORD IN A SUBQUERY.**

```
SELECT *  
FROM Employees  
WHERE  
EXISTS (SELECT 1 FROM Departments  
WHERE Employees.DeptID =  
Departments.ID);
```





# ALL

**COMPARES A VALUE TO ALL VALUES IN ANOTHER VALUE SET.**

```
SELECT *  
FROM Employees  
WHERE Salary > ALL (SELECT Salary  
FROM Employees  
WHERE Department = 'HR');
```





# ANY

**COMPARES A VALUE TO ANY VALUE IN ANOTHER VALUE SET.**

```
SELECT *  
FROM Employees  
WHERE Salary > ANY (SELECT Salary  
FROM Employees  
WHERE Department = 'HR');
```





# SOME

# SYNONYM FOR ANY.

```
SELECT *
```

```
FROM Employees
```

```
WHERE Salary > SOME (SELECT Salary
```

```
FROM Employees
```

```
WHERE Department = 'HR');
```





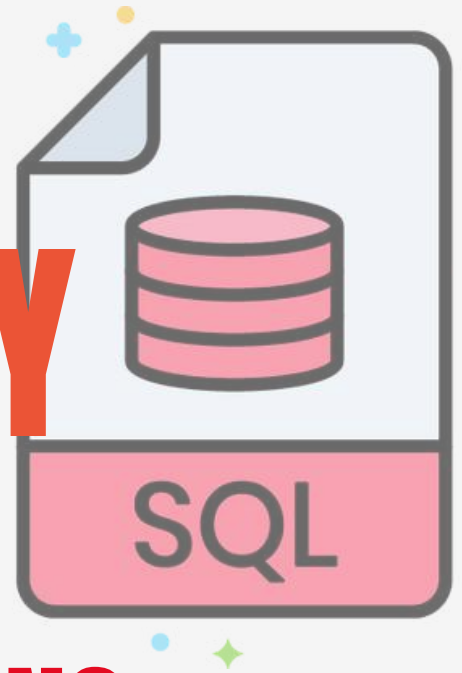
# SUBQUERY

**A QUERY NESTED INSIDE ANOTHER QUERY.**

```
SELECT *  
FROM Employees  
WHERE DeptID = (SELECT ID  
FROM Departments  
WHERE Name = 'HR');
```







# CORRELATED SUBQUERY

**A SUBQUERY THAT REFERENCES COLUMNS FROM THE OUTER QUERY.**

```
SELECT Name
FROM Employees E1
WHERE Salary > (SELECT AVG(Salary)
FROM Employees E2
WHERE E1.DeptID = E2.DeptID);
```





## VIEW

**A VIRTUAL TABLE BASED ON THE RESULT-SET OF AN SQL STATEMENT.**

```
CREATE VIEW EmployeeView
AS
SELECT Name, Age
FROM Employees;
```





# INDEX

**USED TO SPEED UP THE PERFORMANCE OF QUERIES.**

```
CREATE INDEX idx_name  
ON Employees (Name);
```





# TRIGGER

**EXECUTES A BATCH OF SQL CODE WHEN AN INSERT, UPDATE OR DELETE COMMAND IS RUN AGAINST A SPECIFIC TABLE.**

```
CREATE TRIGGER trg_after_insert
ON Employees AFTER INSERT
AS
BEGIN
PRINT 'New Employee Inserted';
END;
```





# PROCEDURE

**A STORED SUBROUTINE AVAILABLE TO APPLICATIONS ACCESSING A RELATIONAL DATABASE SYSTEM.**

```
CREATE PROCEDURE GetEmployee @ID int
AS
BEGIN
SELECT * F
ROM Employees
WHERE ID = @ID;
END;
```





# FUNCTION

**A SUBROUTINE AVAILABLE TO APPLICATIONS ACCESSING A RELATIONAL DATABASE SYSTEM THAT RETURNS A SINGLE VALUE.**

```
CREATE FUNCTION GetEmployeeName (@ID int)
RETURNS varchar(255)
AS
BEGIN
    DECLARE @Name varchar(255);
    SELECT @Name = Name F
    ROM Employees
    WHERE ID = @ID;
    RETURN @Name; END;
```





## CURSOR

**A DATABASE OBJECT USED TO RETRIEVE DATA ROW-BY-ROW.**

```
DECLARE cursor_name  
CURSOR  
FOR SELECT Name  
FROM Employees;
```







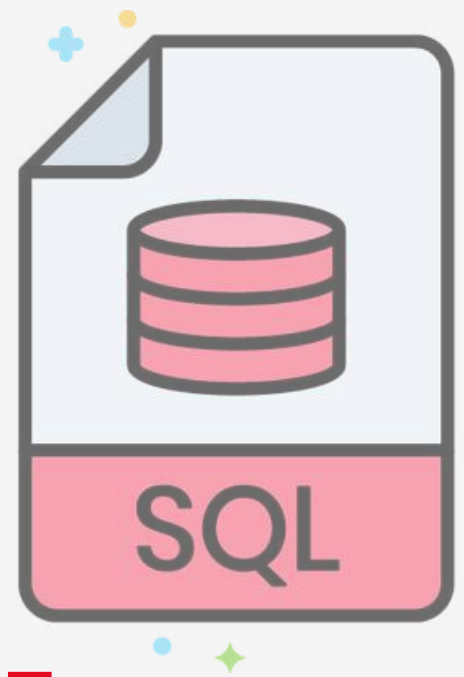
# FETCH

**RETRIEVES ROWS ONE AT A TIME, OR IN A BLOCK, FROM THE RESULT SET OF A MULTI-ROW QUERY.**

```
FETCH NEXT  
FROM cursor_name  
INTO @Name;
```







# CLOSE

**CLOSES THE CURSOR AND RELEASES THE CURRENT RESULT SET.**

```
CLOSE cursor_name;
```





# DEALLOCATE

**REMOVES A CURSOR REFERENCE AND RELEASES RESOURCES.**

```
DEALLOCATE cursor_name;
```





# DECLARE

**DECLARES A VARIABLE OR CURSOR.**

```
DECLARE @Age int;
```





## SET

**INITIALIZES OR ASSIGNS A VALUE TO A VARIABLE.**

```
SET @Age = 30;
```





# RAISERROR

**RETURNS A USER-DEFINED ERROR MESSAGE.**

```
RAISERROR('This is an error message', 16, 1);
```





# TRY...CATCH

**HANDLES EXCEPTIONS IN T-SQL CODE.**

```
BEGIN TRY;  
SELECT 1/0;  
END TRY  
BEGIN CATCH;  
PRINT 'Error';  
END CATCH;
```





# TRANSACTION

**A SEQUENCE OF OPERATIONS PERFORMED AS A SINGLE LOGICAL UNIT OF WORK.**

```
BEGIN TRANSACTION;  
UPDATE Employees  
SET Age = 30  
WHERE Name = 'John';  
  
COMMIT;
```





# COMMIT

**SAVES THE CHANGES MADE IN THE TRANSACTION.**

```
COMMIT TRANSACTION;
```







# ROLLBACK

**UNDONES THE CHANGES MADE IN THE TRANSACTION.**

```
ROLLBACK TRANSACTION;
```





# SAVEPOINT

**SETS A POINT WITHIN A TRANSACTION TO WHICH A ROLLBACK CAN OCCUR.**

```
SAVE TRANSACTION savepoint_name;
```





# SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL

**SETS THE ISOLATION LEVEL FOR THE CURRENT SESSION.**

```
SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL  
READ COMMITTED;
```





# BULK INSERT

**IMPORTS A LARGE AMOUNT OF DATA INTO A TABLE.**

```
BULK INSERT Employees
FROM 'datafile.txt'
WITH (FIELDTERMINATOR = ',',
ROWTERMINATOR = '\n');
```





# TEMPORARY TABLE

**A TABLE THAT IS CREATED AND CAN BE AUTOMATICALLY DELETED WHEN NO LONGER USED.**

```
CREATE TABLE #TempTable  
(ID int,  
Name varchar(255));
```





# RECURSIVE CTE

**COMMON TABLE EXPRESSIONS THAT REFER TO THEMSELVES.**

```
WITH RECURSIVE CTE AS  
(SELECT 1 AS n  
UNION ALL  
SELECT n+1  
FROM CTE  
WHERE n < 10)  
SELECT *  
FROM CTE;
```





# WINDOW FUNCTION

**PERFORMS A CALCULATION ACROSS A SET OF TABLE ROWS RELATED TO THE CURRENT ROW.**

```
SELECT Name,  
Salary,  
AVG(Salary) OVER (PARTITION BY  
Department)  
FROM Employees;
```







# RANK

**ASSIGNS A RANK TO EACH ROW WITHIN THE PARTITION OF A RESULT SET.**

```
SELECT Name,  
Salary,  
RANK() OVER (ORDER BY Salary DESC)  
FROM Employees;
```







# DENSE\_RANK

**ASSIGNS RANKS TO ROWS IN AN ORDERED PARTITION WITHOUT GAPS IN RANK VALUES.**

```
SELECT Name,  
Salary,  
DENSE_RANK()  
OVER (ORDER BY Salary DESC)  
FROM Employees;
```





# ROW\_NUMBER

**ASSIGNS A UNIQUE SEQUENTIAL INTEGER TO ROWS WITHIN A PARTITION.**

```
SELECT Name,  
Salary,  
ROW_NUMBER() OVER (ORDER BY  
Salary DESC)  
FROM Employees;
```





## NTILE

**DISTRIBUTES ROWS OF AN ORDERED PARTITION INTO A SPECIFIED NUMBER OF GROUPS.**

```
SELECT Name,  
Salary,  
NTILE(4) OVER (ORDER BY Salary DESC)  
FROM Employees;
```





## LAG

**ACCESSES DATA FROM A PREVIOUS ROW IN THE SAME RESULT SET.**

```
SELECT Name,  
Salary,  
LAG(Salary, 1) OVER (ORDER BY Salary)  
FROM Employees;
```





## LEAD

**ACCESSES DATA FROM A SUBSEQUENT ROW IN THE SAME RESULT SET.**

```
SELECT Name,  
Salary,  
LEAD(Salary, 1) OVER (ORDER BY Salary)  
FROM Employees;
```





# PIVOT

**TRANSFORMS ROWS INTO COLUMNS.**

```
SELECT *  
FROM (SELECT Department, Salary  
      FROM Employees)  
PIVOT (AVG(Salary)  
FOR Department IN ([HR], [Finance]))  
AS PVT;
```





# UNPIVOT

**TRANSFORMS COLUMNS INTO ROWS.**

```
SELECT *  
FROM (SELECT Department, Salary  
      FROM Employees)  
UNPIVOT (Salary FOR Department  
IN ([HR], [Finance]))  
AS UPVT;
```







# CROSS APPLY

**APPLIES A TABLE-VALUED FUNCTION TO EACH ROW OF AN OUTER TABLE.**

```
SELECT *  
FROM Employees  
CROSS APPLY  
GetEmployeeDetails(Employees.ID);
```







# CTE FOR HIERARCHICAL DATA

**USES CTES TO HANDLE HIERARCHICAL DATA.**

```
WITH CTE AS (  
  SELECT ID, ParentID, Name  
  FROM Employees  
  WHERE ParentID IS NULL  
  UNION ALL  
  SELECT e.ID, e.ParentID, e.Name  
  FROM Employees e  
  INNER JOIN CTE c ON e.ParentID = c.ID)  
SELECT * FROM CTE;
```





# STRING\_SPLIT

**SPLITS A STRING INTO A TABLE OF SUBSTRINGS.**

```
SELECT value  
FROM  
STRING_SPLIT('a,b,c', ',');
```





# DYNAMIC SQL

**SQL STATEMENTS THAT ARE CONSTRUCTED AND EXECUTED AT RUNTIME.**

```
EXEC sp_executesql N'SELECT *  
FROM Employees  
WHERE Name = @name', N'@name  
NVARCHAR(50)', @name = N'John';
```





# CUBE SUBCLAUSE

**A WAY TO GENERATE SUBTOTALS FOR ALL COMBINATIONS OF THE SPECIFIED COLUMNS.**

```
SELECT Department, Year, SUM(Salary)
FROM Employees
GROUP BY CUBE (Department, Year);
```





# ROLLUP SUBCLAUSE

**A WAY TO GENERATE SUBTOTALS THAT ROLL UP FROM THE MOST DETAILED LEVEL TO A GRAND TOTAL.**

```
SELECT Department, Year, SUM(Salary)
FROM Employees
GROUP BY ROLLUP (Department, Year);
```



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