In this lesson we are looking at the LIMIT command. The LIMIT command just limits the number of rows returned by the query.

Let’s look at our SELECT query again.

*SELECT customers.first\_name, customers.last\_name FROM customers;*

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| --- | --- |
| first\_name  character varying (100) | last\_name  character varying (255) |
| Rolf | Smith |
| Jose | Salvatierra |
| Anne | Watson |
| Craig | Scott |
| Michael | Adam |

We get five customers back, which is all there is in our customers’ table. However, after the customers part, we can put a LIMIT and a number. The number that we place after LIMIT, is the number of customers we want to display in our table.

For example, we want to only display the first three customers out of all the customers in our table, then we will code as below.

*SELECT customers.first\_name, customers.last\_name FROM customers LIMIT 3;*

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| --- | --- |
| first\_name  character varying (100) | last\_name  character varying (255) |
| Rolf | Smith |
| Jose | Salvatierra |
| Anne | Watson |

This gives us the first three customers in our table.