

SQL Commands and Syntaxes

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The Complete Tutorial

<https://www.codecademy.com/articles/sql-commands>

SELECT

Used to query or retrieve data from various columns of a table in the database.

SELECT column_list FROM table_name WHERE

- **column_name:** You can SELECT a single column, a list of columns (separated by commas) or all of the columns (using `*`)
- **table_name:** This is the table from which the data is SELECTed.
- **WHERE (optional):** used to select a particular row. You can filter the row using conditionals such as:
 - `=` equal
 - `>` greater than
 - `<` less than
 - `>=` greater or equal to
 - `<=` less or equal to
 - `<>` NOT equal to
 - LIKE select rows that starts/ends with a special char(s)
- **ORDER BY:** used to order the columns based on

Examples:

SELECT first, last, city FROM profiles WHERE age > 30

SELECT first FROM profiles WHERE first = 'Eric';

SELECT * FROM profiles WHERE last LIKE '%s'

#LIKE → ends with 's'

SELECT city FROM profiles WHERE first LIKE '%Er';

#LIKE → starts with 'Er'

SELECT first FROM profiles WHERE last '%John%';

SELECT DISTINCT

Specifies that SELECT statement is going to be a query that returns unique values in the specified columns(s).

ALTER TABLE

Used to add columns to a table

ALTER TABLE table name

ADD column_name datatype;

AND

Used to combine two conditions

...

WHERE column_1 = value_1

AND column_2 = value_2;

AS

Allows you to rename a column or table until the end of the query

```
SELECT column_name AS 'Alias'  
...
```

AVG()

Returns average value of a column

```
SELECT AVG(column_name)  
...
```

BETWEEN

Used to filter result within a range of numbers, text or range

```
...  
WHERE column_name BETWEEN value_1 AND value_2;
```

CASE (Pretty much IF-THEN logic)

Used to create different outputs (usually in the SELECT statement)

```
...  
CASE  
    WHEN condition THEN 'Result_1'  
    WHEN condition THEN 'Result_2'  
    ELSE 'Result_3'  
END
```

COUNT()

Takes the name of the column as an argument counts the number of rows where the column is not NULL.

```
SELECT COUNT(column_name) ...
```

CREATE TABLE

Used to create a table (duh!)

```
CREATE TABLE table_name (  
    column_1 datatype,  
    column_2 datatype,  
    column_3 datatype  
);
```

DELETE

Removes rows from table

```
DELETE FROM table_name  
WHERE some_column = some_value;
```

INSERT

Adds a new row to a table

```
INSERT INTO table_name (column_1, column_2, column_3)
VALUES (value_1, 'value_2', value_3);
```

GROUP BY

Used in collaboration with SELECT to arrange identical data into groups.

...

```
GROUP BY column_name;
```

INNER JOIN

Combines two rows from different tables if the condition is true

...

```
JOIN table_2
ON table_1.column_name = table_2.column_name;
```

OUTER JOIN

Joins tables even if condition is not true. If condition is not met, NULL values are used to fill the columns.

...

```
LEFT JOIN table_2
ON table_1.column_name = table_2.column_name;
```

IS NULL / IS NOT NULL

Used by WHERE clause to test for empty values

```
SELECT column_name(s)
FROM table_name
WHERE column_name IS NULL;
```

LIKE

Used with WHERE clause to search for a specific pattern in a column.

...

```
WHERE column_name LIKE pattern;
```

LIMIT

Used to specify maximum number of rows.

MAX() / MIN()

A function that takes the name of a column and return largest / smallest value in that column.

```
SELECT MAX(column_name)
FROM table_name;
```

OR

Operator that filters results set to include either conditions that are true

```
...  
WHERE column_name = value_1  
OR column_name = value_2;
```

ORDER BY

ASC / DESC

ROUND()

Takes a column name and integer; It rounds the value in the column to the integer value specified

```
SELECT ROUND(column_name, integer)  
...
```

SUM()

Returns the sum of all values in a column

UPDATE

Allows you to edit rows in a table

```
UPDATE table_name  
SET some_column = some_value  
WHERE some_column = some_value;
```

WHERE

Filters results to include rows where condition is true

```
...  
WHERE column_name operator value;
```

WITH

Lets you store the results of a query in a temporary table using an alias.

```
WITH temporary_name AS (  
    SELECT *  
    FROM table_name)  
SELECT *  
FROM temporary_name  
WHERE column_name operator value;
```

Running .sql file from psql

```
\i /path/to/file/file.sql
```