SQL FAQ

- SQL is short for Structured Query Language
- SQL is a declarative programming language for interaction with Relational Database Management Systems (RDBMS)
- SQL is pronounced as either "S-Q-L" or "sequel"
- SQL was originally developed at IBM in the 1970s.
- RDBMS store data in tables

Popular Relational Database Management Systems

- Microsoft SQL Server (Microsoft Corporation)
- DB2 (IBM)
- Oracle (Oracle Corporation)
- MySQL (Oracle Corporation)
- PostgreSQL (Open Source)
- Microsoft Access (Microsoft Corporation)

Creating a Database Table

CREATE TABLE <TableName>
(ColumnName1 DataType,
 ColumnName2 DataType,
 ColumnName3 DataType,

CREATE TABLE Cars
(Company VARCHAR(100),
 Country VARCHAR(100),
 Model VARCHAR(255),
 YEAR INT)

Selecting Data from a Database Table

SELECT <List of Table Columns> FROM <TableName> WHERE <Search Criteria>

Example:

SELECT Company, Country, Model, Year FROM Cars WHERE Year > 2012

Inserting Data in a Database Table

INSERT INTO <TableName> (<List of Table Columns>) VALUES (<Values>)

Example:

INSERT INTO Cars (Company, Country, Model, Year) VALUES ('Toyota', 'Japan', 'Camry', 2014)

Updating Data in a Table

UPDATE <TableName>
SET <Column1> = <Value1>, <Column2> = <Value2>, ...
WHERE <Search Criteria>

Example:

UPDATE Cars
SET Country = 'Japan'
WHERE Company = 'Toyota'

Deleting Data from a Table

DELETE FROM <TableName> WHERE <Search Criteria>

Example:

DELETE FROM Cars WHERE Year < 1990

Grouping Data and Using Aggregate Functions

SELECT <List of Table Columns>
FROM <TableName>
WHERE <Search Criteria>
GROUP BY < List of Table Columns>

Example: SELECT Company, COUNT(*)

FROM Cars

WHERE Year = 2014 GROUP BY Company

Ordering Data Results

SELECT < List of Table Columns>

FROM <TableName>

WHERE <Search Criteria>

ORDER BY < List of Table Columns>

Example: SELECT Company, Model, Year

FROM Cars

WHERE Country = 'Japan'
ORDER BY Company, Model

Selecting Data from Multiple Tables

SELECT < List of Table Columns>

FROM <TableName1> INNER JOIN <TableName2>

ON <TableName1>.<Column1> = <TableName2>.<Column5>

Example:

SELECT Customers.Name, Orders.CarModel FROM Customers JOIN Orders ON Customers.ID = Orders.CustomerID

Using UNION Operator

SELECT < List of Table Columns > FROM <TableName1> UNION

SELECT < List of Table Columns > FROM <TableName2>

Example:

SELECT Company, Country, Model, Year FROM Cars UNION

SELECT Company, Country, Model, Year FROM Trucks