

# SQL Commands:

## 1. DDL – Data Definition Language

These commands define and modify the **structure** of database objects like tables, schemas, etc.

### Common DDL Commands:

- **CREATE** – Creates a new table or database
- **ALTER** – Modifies an existing database object
- **DROP** – Deletes a table or database
- **TRUNCATE** – Removes all records from a table (structure stays)

### Example:

```
CREATE TABLE Employees (  
    ID INT,  
    Name VARCHAR(50)  
);
```

## 2. DML – Data Manipulation Language

These commands are used to **manipulate data** within tables.

### Common DML Commands:

- **INSERT** – Adds new data
- **UPDATE** – Modifies existing data
- **DELETE** – Removes specific data

### Example:

```
INSERT INTO Employees (ID, Name) VALUES (1, 'John');
```

## 3. DQL – Data Query Language

Used for **retrieving data** from databases.

### Key DQL Command:

- **SELECT** – Extracts data based on given criteria

**Example:** `SELECT * FROM Employees WHERE ID = 1;`

## 4. TCL – Transaction Control Language

These commands handle **transactions** to ensure data consistency.

### Common TCL Commands:

- **COMMIT** – Saves all changes
- **ROLLBACK** – Reverts to the last save point
- **SAVEPOINT** – Sets a save point within a transaction

### Example:

`BEGIN;`

`UPDATE Employees SET Name = 'Jane' WHERE ID = 1;`

`ROLLBACK;`

## 5. DCL – Data Control Language

Used to **control access** to data in the database.

### Common DCL Commands:

- **GRANT** – Gives user access
- **REVOKE** – Removes user access

### Example:

`GRANT SELECT ON Employees TO user_name;`

