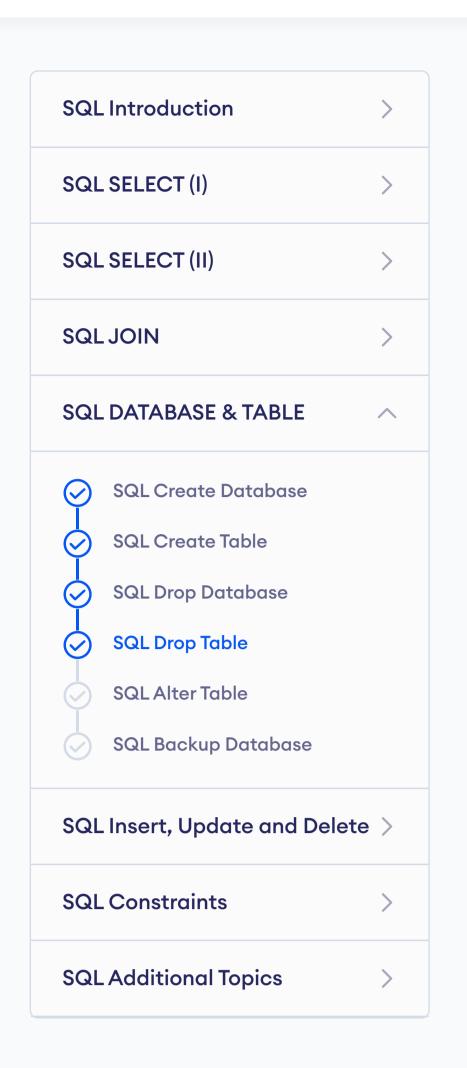Programiz | Courses ⌄ | Tutorials ⌄ | Examples ⌄ | 🔍 Search tutorials and examples

SQL DROP TABLE Statement

In this tutorial, we'll learn about deleting tables in SQL with examples.

In SQL, `DROP TABLE` is used to delete the tables in our database. For example,

```
DROP TABLE my_table;
```

Here, the SQL command will delete a table named `my_table`.

Also make sure you have **admin** or **DROP** permission to run this command.

> **Note:** When we delete a database table, all records within a table are also deleted.
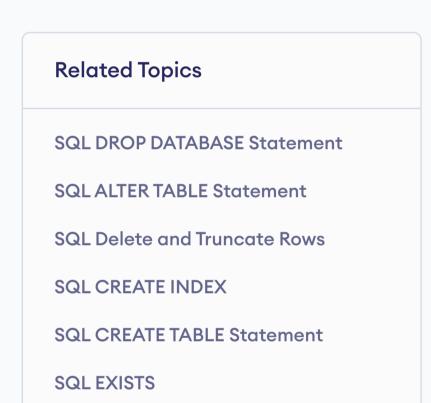
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS

While dropping a table that does not exist, throws an error. To fix this issue, we can add an optional `IF EXISTS` command while dropping a table. For example,
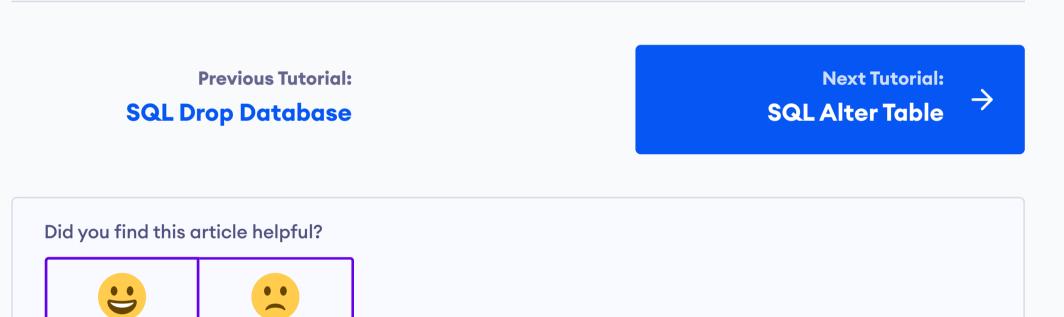
```
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS my_table;
```

Here, the SQL command will only drop a table if there is one with a same name.

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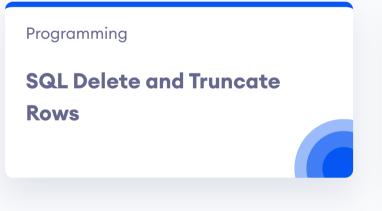- SQL Delete and Truncate Rows
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