

4.10 Inserting, updating, and deleting rows

INSERT statement

The **INSERT** statement adds rows to a table. The INSERT statement includes the **INTO** and **VALUES** clauses:

- The **INTO** clause names the table and columns where data is to be added.
- The **VALUES** clause specifies the column values to be added.

The **VALUES** clause may list any number of rows in parentheses to insert multiple rows.

Figure 4.10.1: INSERT syntax.

```
INSERT INTO TableName (Column1, Column2, ..., ColumnN)
VALUES (Value1, Value2, ..., ValueN);
```



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4.10.1: Inserting rows into the Employee table.



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table name column names

```
INSERT INTO Employee (ID, Name, Salary)
VALUES (2538, 'Lisa Ellison', 45000);
```

Employee

ID	Name	Salary
2538	Lisa Ellison	45000

column values

```
INSERT INTO Employee  
VALUES (5384, 'Sam Snead', 30500);
```

5384	Sam Snead	30500
6381	Maria Rodriguez	92300
7920	Jiho Chen	56000
9385	Alexis Parsons	32000

```
INSERT INTO Employee  
VALUES (6381, 'Maria Rodriguez', 92300),  
(7920, 'Jiho Chen', 56000),  
(9385, 'Alexis Parsons', 32000);
```

Any number of rows may be added with a single INSERT statement.

Captions ^

1. The INSERT statement's INTO clause names the Employee table and Employee's columns in parentheses.
2. The VALUES clause names the column values in parenthesis. The value order must match the column order in the INTO clause.
3. The column names may be omitted as long as the VALUES clause lists all column values in the same order as the table's columns.
4. Any number of rows may be added with a single INSERT statement.

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4.10.2: INSERT statement.



Refer to the table definition below.

```
CREATE TABLE Department (  
    Code TINYINT UNSIGNED,  
    Name VARCHAR(20),  
    ManagerID SMALLINT UNSIGNED  
);
```

1) Which statement correctly inserts Engineering?

- `INSERT INTO Department
Code, Name, ManagerID
VALUES (44,
'Engineering', 2538);`
- `INSERT INTO (Code,
Name, ManagerID)
VALUES (44,
'Engineering', 2538);`
- `INSERT INTO Department
(Code, Name, ManagerID)
VALUES (44,
'Engineering', 2538);`

Correct

The `INSERT INTO` clause names the table and columns, and the `VALUES` clause names the column values.

2) Which statement correctly inserts Sales?

- `INSERT Department
VALUES (82, 'Sales',
6381);`
- `INSERT INTO Department
VALUES ('Sales', 82,
6381);`
- `INSERT INTO Department
(82, 'Sales', 6381);`

Correct

The keyword `INTO` and column names are optional and may be omitted. When column names are omitted, values must be in the order of columns in the `CREATE TABLE` statement.

3) Which statement correctly inserts Marketing?

- `INSERT INTO Department
(Name, ManagerID, Code)
VALUES (12,
'Marketing', 6381);`

Correct

The columns values must match the order of the column names in the `INSERT INTO` clause.



```
INSERT INTO Department  
(Name, ManagerID, Code)  
VALUES ('Marketing',  
6381, 12);
```

`INSERT INTO Department
(Name, ManagerID, Code)
VALUES (6381, 12,
'Marketing');`

4) Which statement correctly inserts Technical Support?

`INSERT INTO Department
(Code, Name)
VALUES (99);`

`INSERT INTO Department
(Code, Name)
VALUES (99, 'Technical
Support');`

`INSERT INTO Department
(Code, Name)
VALUES (99, 'Technical
Support', NULL);`

Correct

The `INSERT INTO` clause lists `Code` and `Name`, and the `VALUES` clause lists the two matching values. The unspecified `ManagerID` value is `NULL`.



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Common INSERT errors

Database users make some common errors when creating `INSERT` statements:

- Inserting duplicate primary key values or foreign key values that do not match an existing primary key.
- Inserting primary key values for auto-increment columns.
- Inserting `NULL` values for columns that are `NOT NULL`.

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4.10.3: Common INSERT errors.


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✗ `INSERT INTO Employee
VALUES (2530, 'Maria Rodriguez', 92300);`

✓ `INSERT INTO Employee
VALUES (6381, 'Maria Rodriguez', 92300);`

Employee

ID	Name	Salary
2538	Lisa Ellison	45000
5384	Sam Snead	30500
6381	Maria Rodriguez	92300

✗ `INSERT INTO Employee
VALUES (9, 'Maria Rodriguez', 92300);`

✓ `INSERT INTO Employee (Name, Salary)
VALUES ('Maria Rodriguez', 92300);`

Employee
auto-increment

ID	Name	Salary
1	Lisa Ellison	45000
2	Sam Snead	30500
3	Maria Rodriguez	92300

✗ `INSERT INTO Employee (ID, Name)
VALUES (6381, 'Maria Rodriguez');`

✓ `INSERT INTO Employee (ID, Name, Salary)
VALUES (6381, 'Maria Rodriguez', 0);`

Employee NOT
NULL

ID	Name	Salary
2538	Lisa Ellison	45000
5384	Sam Snead	30500
6381	Maria Rodriguez	0

If Salary is a NOT NULL column, then the Salary value must be specified.

Captions ^

1. The `INSERT` statement uses an ID that already exists in Employee. Duplicate primary key values cannot be added, so a unique ID must be chosen.

2. If ID is an auto-increment column, the ID should not be listed in the INSERT statement. The database assigns the ID automatically.
3. If Salary is a NOT NULL column, then the Salary value must be specified.

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4.10.4: Insert rows into Movie table.



The given SQL creates a Movie table with an auto-incrementing ID column.

Write a single INSERT statement immediately after the CREATE TABLE statement that inserts the following movies:

Title	Rating	Release Date
Raiders of the Lost Ark	PG	June 15, 1981
The Godfather	R	March 24, 1972
The Pursuit of Happyness	PG-13	December 15, 2006

Note that dates above need to be converted into 'YYYY-MM-DD' format in the INSERT statement.

Run your solution and verify the movies in the result table have the auto-assigned IDs 1, 2, and 3.

```
1 CREATE TABLE Movie (
2   ID INT AUTO_INCREMENT,
3   Title VARCHAR(100),
4   Rating CHAR(5) CHECK (Rating IN ('G', 'PG', 'PG-13', 'R')),
5   ReleaseDate DATE,
6   PRIMARY KEY (ID)
7 );
8
9
10 -- Write your INSERT statement here:
```

```
11  
12  
13  
14 SELECT *  
15 FROM Movie;  
16
```

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4.10.5: Common INSERT errors.



Refer to the column information produced by the statement

`SHOW COLUMNS FROM Department.` ManagerID is a foreign key that references the Employee ID column. The ManagerID's Key value "MUL" means the ManagerID may have multiple repeating values. Ex: Two different departments may have the same manager.

Result

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
Code	tinyint(3) unsigned	NO	PRI	NULL	auto_increment
Name	varchar(20)	NO		NULL	
ManagerID	smallint(5) unsigned	YES	MUL	NULL	

- 1) Which statement correctly inserts Engineering?

`INSERT INTO Department (Code, Name, ManagerID)
VALUES (44,
'Engineering', 2538);`

`INSERT INTO Department
VALUES ('Engineering',
2538);`

Correct

The Code column is auto-increment, so the database chooses a unique integer for Code.

`INSERT INTO Department
(Name, ManagerID)
VALUES ('Engineering',
2538);`

- 2) Which statement correctly inserts Sales if the only Employee IDs are 2538 and 6381?

`INSERT INTO Department
(Name, ManagerID)
VALUES (2538, 'Sales');`

`INSERT INTO Department
(Name, ManagerID)
VALUES ('Sales', 0202);`

`INSERT INTO Department
(Name, ManagerID)
VALUES ('Sales', 6381);`

- 3) Which statement correctly inserts an unnamed department with no manager?

`INSERT INTO Department
(Name, ManagerID)
VALUES ('', NULL);`

`INSERT INTO Department
(Name, ManagerID)
VALUES (NULL, NULL);`

`INSERT INTO Department
(Name, ManagerID)
VALUES ('');`

Correct



The foreign key value 6381 matches the existing primary key value 6381.

Correct



The SHOW COLUMNS result table shows the Name column does not allow NULL values. The Name value is specified as an empty string, which is allowed. The ManagerID can be NULL, which indicates no manager is assigned to the department.

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UPDATE statement

The **UPDATE** statement modifies existing rows in a table. The UPDATE statement uses the **SET** clause to specify the new column values.

The UPDATE statement uses a WHERE clause to determine which rows are updated. The **WHERE** clause is used with UPDATE, DELETE, and SELECT statements to specify a condition that must be true for a row to be chosen. Omitting the WHERE clause results in all rows being updated.

Figure 4.10.2: UPDATE syntax.

```
UPDATE TableName  
SET Column1 = Value1, Column2 = Value2, ..., ColumnN = ValueN  
WHERE condition;
```



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4.10.6: Updating rows in the Employee table.



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```
UPDATE Employee  
SET Name = 'Tom Snead',  
    BirthDate = '2000-03-15'  
WHERE ID = 5384;
```

```
UPDATE Employee  
SET Salary = 42000;
```

Employee

ID	Name	BirthDate	Salary
2538	Lisa Ellison	1993-10-02	42000
5384	Tom Snead	2000-03-15	42000
6381	Maria Rodriguez	2001-12-21	42000

An UPDATE statement with no WHERE clause changes all the rows. Everyone is given a 42,000 salary.

Captions ^

1. The UPDATE clause indicates the Employee table will be changed. The SET clause names the new Name and BirthDate values. The WHERE clause indicates that only the row with ID 5384 will be changed.
2. An UPDATE statement with no WHERE clause changes all the rows. Everyone is given a 42,000 salary.

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4.10.7: Update the Song table.



The given SQL creates a Song table and inserts three songs.

Write three UPDATE statements to make the following changes:

- Change the title from 'One' to 'With Or Without You'.
- Change the artist from 'The Righteous Brothers' to 'Aretha Franklin'.
- Change the release years of all songs after 1990 to 2021.

Run your solution and verify the songs in the result table reflect the changes above.

```
1 CREATE TABLE Song (
2   ID INT,
3   Title VARCHAR(60),
4   Artist VARCHAR(60),
5   ReleaseYear INT,
6   PRIMARY KEY (ID)
7 );
8
9 INSERT INTO Song VALUES
10  (100, 'Blinding Lights', 'The Weeknd', 2019),
11  (200, 'One', 'U2', 1991),
12  (300, 'You\'ve Lost That Lovin\' Feeling', 'The Righteous Brothers', 1964),
13  (400, 'Johnny B. Goode', 'Chuck Berry', 1958);
```

```
14  
15 -- Write your UPDATE statements here:  
16  
17  
18  
19 SELECT *  
20 FROM Song;
```

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4.10.8: UPDATE statement.



Refer to the Department table.

Department

Code	Name	ManagerID
44	Engineering	2538
82	Sales	6381
12	Marketing	6381
99	Technical support	NULL

1) What is missing to change

'Sales' to 'Custodial'?

```
UPDATE Department  
SET __  
WHERE Code = 82;
```

- 'Sales' = 'Custodial'
- Department = 'Custodial'
- Name = 'Custodial'

Correct

The SET clause names the column to change and the new value.

2) What departments are changed?

```
UPDATE Department  
SET Name = 'Administration'  
WHERE ManagerID IS NOT NULL;
```

- Administration
- All departments except technical support
- All departments

3) What is missing to change

Marketing's Code to 55 and Name to "Administration"?

```
UPDATE Department  
SET Code = 55, Name =  
'Administration'  
WHERE ____;
```

- Code = 55
- ManagerID = 6381
- Code = 12

4) What is Engineering's Code

changed to?

```
UPDATE Department  
SET Code = 82  
WHERE Name = 'Engineering';
```

- 82
- NULL
- No change

5) What department managers are changed?

Correct

The WHERE clause changes only rows that do not have a NULL manager. Only technical support has a NULL manager, so all other departments are renamed "Administration".



Correct

The Marketing department's Code is 12, so only the Marketing department's row is changed.



Correct

The Code cannot be changed to 82 because Sales' Code is 82, and all primary key values must be unique. The UPDATE is rejected.



Correct

```
UPDATE Department  
SET ManagerID = 2538;
```

No WHERE clause exists, so all departments are assigned the same manager.

- All managers
- No managers
- Only the Engineering manager

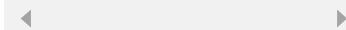
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DELETE statement

The **DELETE** statement deletes existing rows in a table. The **FROM** keyword is followed by the table name whose rows are to be deleted. The WHERE clause specifies which rows should be deleted. Omitting the WHERE clause results in all rows in the table being deleted.

Figure 4.10.3: DELETE syntax.

```
DELETE FROM TableName  
WHERE condition;
```

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4.10.9: Deleting rows from the Employee table.

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Employee



```
DELETE FROM Employee
WHERE ID = 6381;
```

ID	Name	BirthDate	Salary
2538	Lisa Ellison	1993-10-02	45000
5384	Sam Snead	1995-03-15	30500
6381	Maria Rodriguez	2001-12-21	72300

```
DELETE FROM Employee
WHERE Salary > 40000 AND
      Salary < 80000;
```

Employee

ID	Name	BirthDate	Salary
2538	Lisa Ellison	1993-10-02	45000
5384	Sam Snead	1995-03-15	30500
6381	Maria Rodriguez	2001-12-21	72300

```
DELETE FROM Employee;
```

Employee

ID	Name	BirthDate	Salary
2538	Lisa Ellison	1993-10-02	45000
5384	Sam Snead	1995-03-15	30500
6381	Maria Rodriguez	2001-12-21	72300

Captions ^

1. The DELETE statement deletes the row with ID 6381 from the Employee table.
2. The DELETE statement deletes rows where the Salary is between 40,000 and 80,000. Lisa and Maria are deleted.
3. The DELETE statement has no WHERE clause, so all employees are deleted.

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4.10.10: DELETE statement.



Refer to the Department table.

Department

Code	Name	ManagerID
44	Engineering	2538
82	Sales	6381

Code	Name	ManagerID
12	Marketing	6381
99	Technical support	NULL

1) What departments are deleted?

```
DELETE FROM Department  
WHERE ManagerID = 6381;
```

- Sales only
- Marketing only
- Sales and Marketing

Correct



Two rows have ManagerID 6381, so both rows are deleted.

2) What departments are deleted?

```
DELETE FROM Department;
```

- All departments
- No departments
- Engineering only

Correct



No WHERE clause is specified, so all rows are deleted.

3) What is missing to delete only Sales?

```
DELETE FROM Department  
WHERE ____;
```

- ManagerID = 6381
- Code = 82
- Code = 'Sales'

Correct



Only the Sales row has Code 82, so only the Sales row is deleted.

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TRUNCATE

The **TRUNCATE** statement deletes all rows from a table. TRUNCATE is nearly identical to a DELETE statement with no WHERE clause except for some small differences that depend on the database system. Ex: In MySQL, A TRUNCATE statement resets the table's auto-increment values back to 1, but a DELETE statement does not.

```
TRUNCATE TABLE TableName;
```

Exploring further:

- [INSERT Syntax](#) from MySQL.com
- [UPDATE Syntax](#) from MySQL.com
- [DELETE Syntax](#) from MySQL.com

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Refer to the column information produced by the `SHOW COLUMNS FROM Country;` statement.

Result

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
ISOCode2	char(2)	NO	PRI	NULL	
Population	integer	YES		0	
Name	varchar(50)	NO		NULL	

Complete the statement to correctly insert a row with ISOCode2 'SD', Name 'Sudan', and Population 10000000.
Write the most straightforward code.

```
INSERT INTO Country (ISOCode2, Population, Name)
```

```
/* Your code here */ ;
```

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