

SQL

SQL is a standard language for storing, manipulating and retrieving data in databases.

SQL Syntax

SQL follows some unique set of rules and guidelines called syntax. Here, we are providing all the basic SQL syntax.

- **SQL** is not case sensitive. Generally SQL keywords are written in uppercase.
- SQL statements are dependent on text lines. We can place a single SQL statement on one or multiple text lines.
- You can perform most of the action in a database with SQL statements.
- SQL depends on relational algebra and tuple relational calculus.

SQL Data Types

Each column in a database table is required to have a name and a data type.

An SQL developer must decide what type of data that will be stored inside each column when creating a table. The data type is a guideline for SQL to understand what type of data is expected inside of each column, and it also identifies how SQL will interact with the stored data.

Data types mainly classified into three categories for every database.

- String Data types
- Numeric Data types
- Date and time Data types

MySQL String Data Types

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| CHAR(Size) | It is used to specify a fixed length string that can contain numbers, letters, and special characters. Its size can be 0 to 255 characters. Default is 1. |
| VARCHAR(Size) | It is used to specify a variable length string that can contain numbers, letters, and special characters. Its size can be from 0 to 65535 characters. |
| BINARY(Size) | It is equal to CHAR() but stores binary byte strings. Its size parameter specifies the column length in the bytes. Default is 1. |
| VARBINARY(Size) | It is equal to VARCHAR() but stores binary byte strings. Its size parameter specifies the maximum column length in bytes. |
| TEXT(Size) | It holds a string that can contain a maximum length of 255 characters. |
| TINYTEXT | It holds a string with a maximum length of 255 characters. |
| MEDIUMTEXT | It holds a string with a maximum length of 16,777,215. |
| LONGTEXT | It holds a string with a maximum length of 4,294,967,295 characters. |

MySQL Numeric Data Types

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| BIT(Size) | It is used for a bit-value type. The number of bits per value is specified in size. Its size can be 1 to 64. The default value is 1. |
| INT(size) | It is used for the integer value. Its signed range varies from -2147483648 to 2147483647 and unsigned range varies from 0 to 4294967295. The size parameter specifies the max display width that is 255. |
| INTEGER(size) | It is equal to INT(size). |
| FLOAT(size, d) | It is used to specify a floating point number. Its size parameter specifies the total number of digits. The number of digits after the decimal point is specified by d parameter. |
| FLOAT(p) | It is used to specify a floating point number. MySQL used p parameter to determine whether to use FLOAT or DOUBLE. If p is between 0 to 24, the data type becomes FLOAT (). If p is from 25 to 53, the data type becomes DOUBLE(). |
| DOUBLE(size, d) | It is a normal size floating point number. Its size parameter specifies the total number of digits. The number of digits after the decimal is specified by d parameter. |
| DECIMAL(size, d) | It is used to specify a fixed point number. Its size parameter specifies the total number of digits. The number of digits after the decimal parameter is specified by d parameter. The maximum value for the size is 65, and the default value is 10. The maximum value for d is 30, and the default value is 0. |
| DEC(size, d) | It is equal to DECIMAL(size, d). |
| BOOL | It is used to specify Boolean values true and false. Zero is considered as false, and nonzero values are considered as true. |

MySQL Date and Time Data Types

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| DATE | It is used to specify date format YYYY-MM-DD. Its supported range is from '1000-01-01' to '9999-12-31'. |
| DATETIME(fsp) | It is used to specify date and time combination. Its format is YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss. Its supported range is from '1000-01-01 00:00:00' to '9999-12-31 23:59:59'. |
| TIMESTAMP(fsp) | It is used to specify the timestamp. Its value is stored as the number of seconds since the Unix epoch('1970-01-01 00:00:00' UTC). Its format is YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss. Its supported range is from '1970-01-01 00:00:01' UTC to '2038-01-09 03:14:07' UTC. |
| TIME(fsp) | It is used to specify the time format. Its format is hh:mm:ss. Its supported range is from '-838:59:59' to '838:59:59' |
| YEAR | It is used to specify a year in four-digit format. Values allowed in four digit format from 1901 to 2155, and 0000. |

SQL Operators

SQL statements generally contain some reserved words or characters that are used to perform operations such as comparison and arithmetical operations etc. These reserved words or characters are known as operators.

Generally there are three types of operators in SQL:

1. SQL Arithmetic Operators
2. SQL Comparison Operators
3. SQL Logical Operators

SQL Arithmetic Operators:

Let's assume two variables "a" and "b". Here "a" is valued 50 and "b" valued 100.

Example:

| Operators | Descriptions | Examples |
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| + | It is used to add containing values of both operands | a+b will give 150 |
| - | It subtracts right hand operand from left hand operand | a-b will give -50 |
| * | It multiply both operand's values | a*b will give 5000 |
| / | It divides left hand operand by right hand operand | b/a will give 2 |
| % | It divides left hand operand by right hand operand and returns reminder | b%a will give 0 |

SQL Comparison Operators:

Let's take two variables "a" and "b" that are valued 50 and 100.

| Operator | Description | Example |
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| == | Examine both operands value that are equal or not,if yes condition become true. | (a=b) is not true |
| != | This is used to check the value of both operands equal or not,if not condition become true. | (a!=b) is true |
| < > | Examines the operand's value equal or not, if values are not equal condition is true | (a<>b) is true |
| > | Examine the left operand value is greater than right Operand, if yes condition becomes true | (a>b) is not true |
| < | Examines the left operand value is less than right Operand, if yes condition becomes true | (a |
| >= | Examines that the value of left operand is greater than or equal to the value of right operand or not,if yes condition become true | (a>=b) is not true |
| <= | Examines that the value of left operand is less than or equal to the value of right operand or not, if yes condition becomes true | (a<=b) is true |
| !< | Examines that the left operand value is not less than the right operand value | (a! |
| !> | Examines that the value of left operand is not greater than the value of right operand | |

SQL Logical Operators:

This is the list of logical operators used in SQL.

| Operator | Description |
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| ALL | this is used to compare a value to all values in another value set. |
| AND | this operator allows the existence of multiple conditions in an SQL statement. |
| ANY | this operator is used to compare the value in list according to the condition. |
| BETWEEN | this operator is used to search for values, that are within a set of values |
| IN | this operator is used to compare a value to that specified list value |
| NOT | the NOT operator reverse the meaning of any logical operator |
| OR | this operator is used to combine multiple conditions in SQL statements |
| EXISTS | the EXISTS operator is used to search for the presence of a row in a specified table |
| LIKE | this operator is used to compare a value to similar values using wildcard operator |

