

Distinct

DISTINCT keyword in SQL eliminates all duplicate records from the result returned by the SQL query. The DISTINCT keyword is used in combination with the SELECT statement. Only unique records are returned when the DISTINCT keyword is used while fetching records from a table having multiple duplicate records.

SELECT DISTINCT department FROM employees;

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mysql> select department from employees;
+-----+
| department |
+-----+
| Cricket    |
| Football   |
| Kabaddi    |
| Cricket    |
+-----+
4 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> SELECT DISTINCT department FROM employees;
+-----+
| department |
+-----+
| Cricket    |
| Football   |
| Kabaddi    |
+-----+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql>
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