

## Like

The LIKE keyword is used in a WHERE clause to search for a specified pattern in a column.

There are two wildcards often used in conjunction with the LIKE operator:

- The percent sign % represents zero, one, or multiple characters
- The underscore sign \_ represents one, single character

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SELECT * FROM employees WHERE department LIKE "%Cri%";
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mysql> SELECT * FROM employees WHERE department LIKE "%Cri%";
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| emp_id | fname | lname | designation | department |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|      1 | Virat | Kohli | Batsman     | Cricket    |
|      4 | Rohit | Sharma | Batsman     | Cricket    |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
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SELECT * FROM employees WHERE fname LIKE "_____";
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```
mysql> SELECT * FROM employees WHERE fname LIKE "_____";
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| emp_id | fname | lname | designation | department |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|      1 | Virat | Kohli | Batsman     | Cricket    |
|      4 | Rohit | Sharma | Batsman     | Cricket    |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
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SELECT * FROM employees WHERE fname LIKE "V_____";
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```
mysql> SELECT * FROM employees WHERE fname LIKE "V_____";
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| emp_id | fname | lname | designation | department |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|      1 | Virat | Kohli | Batsman     | Cricket    |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
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