

Basic Level (Beginner)

1. **What is SQL?**

SQL (Structured Query Language) is a standard programming language used to interact with relational databases.

2. **What is a Database?**

A database is an organized collection of data, stored and managed electronically, allowing efficient retrieval and manipulation.

3. **What are the types of SQL commands?**

SQL commands are categorized into five types: DDL (Data Definition Language), DML (Data Manipulation Language), DCL (Data Control Language), T-SQL (Transact-SQL), and DCL (Data Control Language).

4. **What is Primary Key?**

A Primary Key is a column or set of columns that uniquely identifies each row in a table. It does not allow NULL values.

5. **What is Foreign Key?**

A Foreign Key is a column or set of columns in one table that refers to the Primary Key in another table.

6. **What is UNIQUE Key?**

A UNIQUE Key is a constraint ensuring all values in a column (or combination of columns) are distinct.

7. **What is the difference between Primary Key and UNIQUE Key?**

A Primary Key uniquely identifies each row, does not allow NULLs, and there's only one per table. A UNIQUE Key allows multiple NULL values.

8. **What is NOT NULL constraint?**

The NOT NULL constraint ensures that a column cannot have NULL values, enforcing that every row must have a value.

9. **What is Default Constraint?**

The Default Constraint provides a default value for a column when no value is explicitly specified during insertion.

10. **What is the difference between DELETE, TRUNCATE, and DROP?**

* **DELETE:** Removes specific rows based on a WHERE clause, is slow, can be rolled back, and can be used with constraints.

* **TRUNCATE:** Removes all rows from a table, is faster than DELETE, cannot be rolled back, and cannot be used with constraints.

* **DROP:** Deletes the entire table, including its data and structure, is the fastest, and cannot be rolled back.

11. **What is the difference between WHERE and HAVING?**

* **WHERE:** Filters individual rows *before* grouping, is a row-level filter, and is applied before GROUP BY.

* **HAVING:** Filters groups *after* grouping, is a group-level filter, and is applied after GROUP BY.

12. **What are Joins in SQL?**

Joins in SQL are used to combine data from two or more tables based on a related column between them.

13. **What is INNER JOIN?**

INNER JOIN combines rows from two or more tables based on a matching condition, returning only the matching rows.

14. **What is LEFT JOIN?**

LEFT JOIN returns all records from the left table and the matching records from the right table. If no match is found, it returns NULL.

15. **What is RIGHT JOIN?**

RIGHT JOIN returns all records from the right table and the matching records from the left table. If no match is found, it returns NULL.

16. **What is FULL JOIN?**

FULL JOIN returns all records from both tables, combining matching rows and displaying NULL where there is no match.

17. **What is Self Join?**

Self Join is a type of join where a table is joined with itself to compare rows within the same table, often used for self-referencing relationships.

18. **What is Cross Join?**

Cross Join returns the Cartesian product of two tables, combining every row from the first table with every row from the second table.

19. **What is Union and Union All?**

UNION and UNION ALL combine the result sets of two or more SELECT statements.

* **UNION:** Removes duplicate rows, is slower, and sorts the result.

* **UNION ALL:** Includes duplicate rows, is faster, and does not sort the result.

20. **What is the difference between UNION and UNION ALL?**

UNION removes duplicates and sorts results, making it slower. UNION ALL includes duplicates and does not sort the result.

21. **What is Normalization?**

Normalization is the process of organizing data in a database to reduce redundancy and improve data consistency.

22. **What is Denormalization?**

Denormalization is the process of combining tables or adding redundant data to improve read performance.

23. **What is the difference between CHAR and VARCHAR?**

* **CHAR:** Fixed-length character data type, always uses the specified length, and pads spaces. If a value is shorter, it is truncated.

- * **VARCHAR:** Variable-length character data type, uses only the space required for actual data,
- 24. **What is the difference between SQL and MySQL?**
 - * **SQL:** A standard programming language (Structured Query Language) used to manage and manipulate data.
 - * **MySQL:** A Relational Database Management System (RDBMS) developed by Oracle that uses SQL.
- 25. **What is Auto Increment in SQL?**
 - Auto Increment is a property in SQL that automatically generates a unique sequential number for a column.

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