# The DELETE Command

## Introduction to the DELETE command

The DELETE command can be used to remove unneeded records from the database. For instance, if you wanted to remove all employees from the employees table, we might write a statement as follows:

```
DELETE FROM employees
```

This statement removes all the employees from the employees table. Of course, this doesn't make much sense unless you fired the entire company! Instead, you might want to delete a specific employee. If this were the case, you could append a WHERE clause to your statement to remove only one record:

```
DELETE FROM employees WHERE employeeid = 1
```

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The previous statement removes only the record where the employeeid is equal to 1. As was the case with the UPDATE example, you could also delete a user by name as follows:

```
DELETE FROM employees WHERE name = 'Agnes'
```

This statement removes all records from the employees table whose name field matches 'Agnes'.