

MySQL Cheat Sheet

◆ Database & Table Management

- CREATE DATABASE dbname; → Create a new database
 - DROP DATABASE dbname; → Delete a database
 - USE dbname; → Switch to a database
 - SHOW DATABASES; → List all databases
 - SHOW TABLES; → List tables in current DB
 - DESCRIBE tablename; → Show table structure
 - CREATE TABLE tablename (...); → Create a new table
 - DROP TABLE tablename; → Delete a table
 - ALTER TABLE tablename ADD col datatype; → Add column
 - ALTER TABLE tablename DROP col; → Remove column
 - ALTER TABLE tablename MODIFY col datatype; → Change column type
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◆ Insert, Update, Delete

- INSERT INTO tablename VALUES (...); → Insert row
 - INSERT INTO tablename (col1, col2) VALUES (...); → Insert into specific columns
 - UPDATE tablename SET col=value WHERE condition; → Update rows
 - DELETE FROM tablename WHERE condition; → Delete rows
 - TRUNCATE TABLE tablename; → Remove all rows (faster than DELETE)
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◆ Select Queries

- SELECT * FROM tablename; → Select all columns
 - SELECT col1, col2 FROM tablename; → Select specific columns
 - SELECT DISTINCT col FROM tablename; → Remove duplicates
 - SELECT col AS alias FROM tablename; → Rename column in result
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◆ Filtering Data

- WHERE → Filter rows
 - =, >, <, >=, <=, <> → Comparisons
 - BETWEEN x AND y → Range
 - IN (a,b,c) → Match list
 - LIKE 'A%' → Pattern (A then anything)
 - IS NULL / IS NOT NULL → Check null values
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◆ Sorting & Limiting

- ORDER BY col ASC|DESC; → Sort results
 - LIMIT n; → Limit number of rows
 - LIMIT x,y; → Skip x rows, then show y
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◆ Aggregate Functions

- COUNT(*) → Number of rows
 - SUM(col) → Total sum
 - AVG(col) → Average
 - MIN(col) → Minimum value
 - MAX(col) → Maximum value
 - GROUP BY col → Group rows
 - HAVING condition → Filter groups
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◆ Joins

- INNER JOIN → Rows with matches in both tables
 - LEFT JOIN → All rows from left + matches from right
 - RIGHT JOIN → All rows from right + matches from left
 - FULL JOIN (not in MySQL by default, emulate with UNION)
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◆ Keys & Constraints

- PRIMARY KEY → Unique, not null identifier

- FOREIGN KEY → Reference to another table
 - ON DELETE CASCADE → Delete child rows when parent is deleted
 - ON UPDATE CASCADE → Update child rows when parent changes
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◆ Transactions

- START TRANSACTION; → Begin transaction
 - SAVEPOINT name; → Mark a point
 - ROLLBACK TO name; → Undo to savepoint
 - ROLLBACK; → Undo all
 - COMMIT; → Save changes
 - SET autocommit = 0; → Disable auto commit
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◆ Indexes & Views

- CREATE INDEX idx ON tablename(col); → Speed up queries
 - DROP INDEX idx ON tablename; → Remove index
 - CREATE VIEW viewname AS SELECT ...; → Virtual table
 - DROP VIEW viewname; → Delete view
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◆ Users & Permissions

- CREATE USER 'name'@'host' IDENTIFIED BY 'pwd'; → Add user
- GRANT ALL ON db.* TO 'name'@'host'; → Give permissions
- REVOKE ... → Remove permissions
- SHOW GRANTS FOR 'name'@'host'; → See permissions