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deleted. In this case Hive and Impala understand that this data is intended to be managed outside of their control; it will not delete the directory that holds the data. (This is true even if that directory is under the Hive warehouse directory.)

Always exercise caution when issuing a **DROP TABLE** statement, and be sure you understand what data, if any, will be lost.

Dropping a Database That Contains Tables

As a safety feature, Hive and Impala will throw an error if you attempt to drop a database that contains tables. This is to prevent unintended removal of data.

You can override this safety feature by using the **CASCADE** keyword in the **DROP DATABASE** statement. The syntax is:

DROP DATABASE *database_name* **CASCADE;**

Use this with *great* caution! Not only will it remove the database, it will remove all tables within it, *including deleting the data* for all managed tables within the database.

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