

# Generate SQL Code

Convert your visual database design into SQL code that you can run on any database system.

## What is SQL?

SQL (Structured Query Language) is the standard language for databases. It works with:

- MySQL
- PostgreSQL
- SQL Server
- SQLite
- Oracle
- And many others

## How to Generate SQL

### Step 1: Click Generate SQL Button

Click the [SQL] button in toolbar OR press Ctrl+G

A dialog opens showing the generated SQL code.

### Step 2: Review the Code

Read through the SQL to verify it matches your design. Check for:

- All tables are included
- All columns with correct types
- All relations with correct ON DELETE actions
- Foreign keys properly defined

### Step 3: Copy to Clipboard

Click [COPY] button to copy all SQL to clipboard. Button changes to "Copied!" for 2 seconds to confirm.

### Step 4: Paste in Database Tool

Open your database application:

- MySQL Workbench
- pgAdmin (PostgreSQL)
- SQL Server Management Studio
- Or any other database tool

Paste the SQL code and execute it.

## What SQL is Generated

### CREATE TABLE Statements

For each table, CREATE TABLE statement is generated:

```
CREATE TABLE users ( id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT, username VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL UNIQUE, email VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL UNIQUE, created_at TIMESTAMP NOT NULL );
```

This creates:

- Table named users
- Column id as primary key
- Auto increment enabled
- Columns with proper types
- NOT NULL constraints applied
- UNIQUE constraints applied

### ALTER TABLE for Foreign Keys

After all tables are created, relations are added:

```
ALTER TABLE orders ADD CONSTRAINT fk_users_user_id FOREIGN KEY (user_id) REFERENCES users(id) ON DELETE CASCADE;
```

This creates:

- Foreign key named fk\_users\_user\_id
- user\_id column references users.id
- ON DELETE CASCADE action specified

# Complete Example: E-Commerce Database

## Tables Created

1. users table
2. products table
3. orders table

## Generated SQL

```
CREATE TABLE users ( id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT, username VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL UNIQUE, email VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL UNIQUE ); CREATE TABLE products ( id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT, name VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL, price DECIMAL(10,2) NOT NULL, stock INT NOT NULL ); CREATE TABLE orders ( id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT, user_id INT NOT NULL, total DECIMAL(10,2) NOT NULL ); ALTER TABLE orders ADD CONSTRAINT fk_users_user_id FOREIGN KEY (user_id) REFERENCES users(id) ON DELETE CASCADE;
```

## Using Generated SQL

### Option 1: MySQL Workbench

1. Open MySQL Workbench
2. Connect to your database
3. Open new SQL script
4. Paste the SQL code
5. Click Execute (or Ctrl+Shift+Enter)

### Option 2: Command Line

1. Save SQL to file: database.sql
2. Open terminal
3. Run: `mysql -u username -p < database.sql`
4. Enter password when prompted

### Option 3: SQL Server Management Studio

1. Open SSMS
2. Connect to server
3. Open new query
4. Paste SQL code
5. Click Execute (or F5)

### Option 4: PostgreSQL (pgAdmin)

1. Open pgAdmin

2. Right-click database -> Query Tool
3. Paste SQL code
4. Click Execute (or F5)

## SQL Updates Automatically

When you delete tables or relations, the SQL code updates automatically:

- Deleted table CREATE statement removed
- Deleted relation ALTER statement removed
- References to deleted tables removed

## Saving SQL Code

### Option 1: Save as File

1. Copy SQL from dialog
2. Open text editor
3. Paste SQL
4. Save as: database.sql
5. Keep safe for later use

### Option 2: Copy and Paste Directly

1. Click COPY in dialog
2. Go to your database tool
3. Right-click and Paste
4. Execute the SQL

### Option 3: Email or Share

1. Copy SQL code
2. Email to team member
3. They can paste into their database tool
4. Both have same schema

## Important Notes

### Database Compatibility

The generated SQL uses standard SQL commands that work on most databases. However, some syntax may differ slightly between databases. Review the SQL before executing.

### Always Backup First

Before executing SQL on a production database, always backup your data. Test on a test database first.

### Review Before Executing

Always review the generated SQL code to ensure it matches your database design. Check all table names, column names, types, and constraints.