

SQL Views

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SQL CREATE VIEW Statement

In SQL, a view is a virtual table based on the result-set of an SQL statement.

A view contains rows and columns, just like a real table. The fields in a view are fields from one or more real tables in the database.

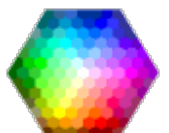
You can add SQL functions, WHERE, and JOIN statements to a view and present the data as if the data were coming from one single table.

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```
CREATE VIEW view_name AS
SELECT column1, column2, ...
FROM table_name
WHERE condition;
```

Note: A view always shows up-to-date data! The database engine recreates the data, using the view's SQL statement, every time a user queries a view.

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SQL CREATE VIEW Examples

The following SQL creates a view that shows all customers from Brazil:

Example

```
CREATE VIEW [Brazil Customers] AS
SELECT CustomerName, ContactName
FROM Customers
WHERE Country = "Brazil";
```

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We can query the view above as follows:

Example

```
SELECT * FROM [Brazil Customers];
```

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The following SQL creates a view that selects every product in the "Products" table with a price higher than the average price:

Example

```
CREATE VIEW [Products Above Average
Price] AS
SELECT ProductName, Price
FROM Products
WHERE Price > (SELECT AVG(Price) FROM
```

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We can query the view above as follows:

Example

```
SELECT * FROM [Products Above Average  
Price];
```

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SQL Updating a View

A view can be updated with the CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW command.

SQL CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW Syntax

```
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW view_name AS  
SELECT column1, column2, ...  
FROM table_name  
WHERE condition;
```

The following SQL adds the "City" column to the "Brazil Customers" view:

Example

```
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW [Brazil  
Customers] AS  
SELECT CustomerName, ContactName, City  
FROM Customers  
WHERE Country = "Brazil";
```

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SQL Dropping a View

A view is deleted with the DROP VIEW command.

SQL DROP VIEW Syntax

```
DROP VIEW view_name;
```

The following SQL drops the "Brazil Customers" view:

Example

```
DROP VIEW [Brazil Customers];
```

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