What's SQL all about?

SQL, or Structured Query Language, is a language for talking to databases. It lets you select specific data and build complex reports. Today, SQL is a universal language of data, used in practically all technologies that process data.





AGGREGATIONS

SUM(col1) Sum a column
COUNT(*) Count all rows
COUNT Count unique rows
(DISTINCT

col1)

AVG(col1) Average a column

MIN(col1) Smallest column value

MAX(col1) Largest column value

BEGINNER SYNTAX

FROM Which table to poll from WHERE Filter the data

GROUP BY Aggregate the data

HAVING Filter an aggregate

ORDER BY Sort the data

EXAMPLES

Return all columns with filter

SELECT *

FROM [TABLE_NAME]

Return specific columns with multiple filters

SELECT [COLUMN_1], [COLUMN_2]
FROM [TABLE_NAME]
WHERE [COLUMN_1] >= [VALUE_1]
AND [COLUMN_2] < [VALUE_2]</pre>

Return a range of values using

BETWEEN SELECT [COLUMN_1],
[COLUMN_2]
FROM [TABLE_NAME]
WHERE [COLUMN_1] BETWEEN
[VALUE_1] AND [VALUE_2]

Return specific columns and sort by a column in descending order

SELECT [COLUMN_1], [COLUMN_2]
FROM [TABLE_NAME]
ORDER BY [COLUMN_1] DESC

Return a summarization of a column and group by the others

SELECT [COLUMN_1], [COLUMN_2],
SUM([COLUMN_3]) AS [COLUMN_3]
FROM [TABLE_NAME]
GROUP BY [COLUMN_1], [COLUMN_2]

Update rows in a table

UPDATE [TABLE_NAME]
SET [COLUMN_1] = [VALUE_1]
WHERE [COLUMN_2] >= [VALUE_2]

Insert rows into a table

INSERT INTO [TABLE_NAME]
([COLUMN_1],
[COLUMN_2]) VALUES ([VALUE_1],
[VALUE_2])

Delete rows from a table

DELETE FROM [TABLE_NAME] WHERE
[COLUMN_2] > [VALUE_1]

COMPARISON OPERATORS

- = Equal to
- > Greater than
- < Less than
- >= Greater than or equal to
- Less than or equal to
- <> Not equal to

INTERMEDIATE SYNTAX

LIKE Match on a pattern

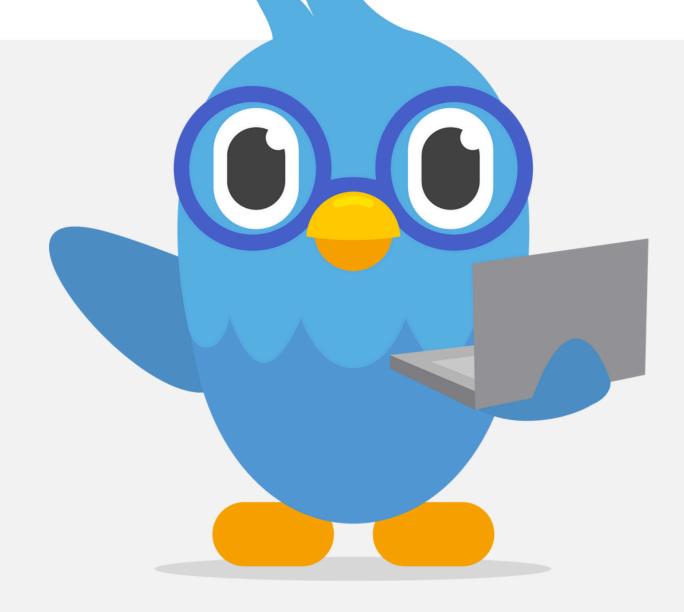
AND Both criteria **OR** One or the other

CASE WHEN If then logic

EN If then logic **IN** Filter by a list

UNION ALL Append data

CAST Between two items Change data type



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JOIN EXAMPLES

LEFT JOIN returns all of the rows from Table A and only the matching rows from Table B

SELECT *

FROM [TABLE_NAME_A]

LEFT JOIN [TABLE_NAME_B] ON

[TABLE_NAME_A].[COLUMN_1] = [TABLE_NAME_B].[COLUMN_2]

RIGHT JOIN returns all of the rows from Table B and only the matching rows from Table A

SELECT *

FROM [TABLE_NAME_A]

LEFT JOIN [TABLE_NAME_B] ON

[TABLE_NAME_A].[COLUMN_1] = [TABLE_NAME_B].[COLUMN_2]

INNER JOIN returns online the rows that match between both Table A and Table B

SELECT *

FROM [TABLE_NAME_A]

INNER JOIN [TABLE_NAME_B] ON

[TABLE_NAME_A].[COLUMN_1] = [TABLE_NAME_B].[COLUMN_2]

FULL OUTER JOIN returns all of the rows from both
Table A and Table B regardless even if a match is not found

SELECT *

FROM [TABLE_NAME_A]

FULL OUTER JOIN [TABLE_NAME_B] ON

[TABLE_NAME_A].[COLUMN_1] = [TABLE_NAME_B].[COLUMN_2]

