SQL Basics Cheat Sheet

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

SAMPLE DATA

COUNTRY

id	name	population	area
1	España	49.077.984	985799
2	Italia	58.971.230	985579

CITY

id	name	country_id	population	rating
1	Madrid	1	7.125.583	5
2	Roma	2	2.844,395	3

QUERYING SINGLE TABLE

Fetch all columns from the country table:
    SELECT *
    FROM country;

Fetch id and name columns from the city table:
    SELECT id, name
    FROM city;

Fetch city names sorted by the rating column in the default ASCending order:
    SELECT name
    FROM city
    ORDER BY rating [ASC];

Fetch city names sorted by the rating column in the DESCending order:
    SELECT name
    FROM city
    ORDER BY rating DESC;

ALIASES
COLUMNS
    SELECT name AS city_name
    FROM city;

TABLES
    SELECT co.name, ci.name
    FROM city AS ci
    JOIN country AS co
        ON ci.country_id = co.id;

FILTERING THE OUTPUT
COMPARISON OPERATORS
Fetch names of cities that have a rating above 3:
    SELECT name
    FROM city
    WHERE rating > 3;

Fetch names of cities that are neither Roma nor Madrid:
    SELECT name
    FROM city
    WHERE name != 'Roma'
        AND name != 'Madrid';

TEXT OPERATORS
Fetch names of cities that start with a 'P' or end with an 's':
    SELECT name
    FROM city
    WHERE name LIKE 'P%'
        OR name LIKE '%s';

Fetch names of cities that start with any letter followed by 'ublin' (like Dublin in Ireland or Lublin in Poland):
    SELECT name
    FROM city
    WHERE name LIKE '_ublin';

OTHER OPERATORS
Fetch names of cities that have a population between 500K and 5M:
    SELECT name
    FROM city
    WHERE population BETWEEN 500000 AND 5000000;

Fetch names of cities that don't miss a rating value:
    SELECT name
    FROM city
    WHERE rating IS NOT NULL;

Fetch names of cities that are in countries with IDs 1, 4, 7, or 8:
    SELECT name
    FROM city
    WHERE country_id IN (1, 4, 7, 8);

QUERYING MULTIPLE TABLES INNER JOIN

JOIN (or explicitly INNER JOIN) returns rows that have matching values in both tables.
    SELECT city.name, country.name
    FROM city
    [INNER] JOIN country
        ON city.country_id = country.id;

	CITY	COUNTRY
Name	Country_id	Id
Madrid	1	1
Roma	2	2
Warsaw	4	Null
Null	Null	3

LEFT JOIN LEFT

JOIN returns all rows from the left table with corresponding rows from the right table. If there's no matching row, NULLs are returned as values from the second table.
    SELECT city.name, country.name
    FROM city
    LEFT JOIN country
        ON city.country_id = country.id;

	CITY	COUNTRY
Name	Country_id	Id
Madrid	1	1
Roma	2	2
Warsaw	4	Null

RIGHT JOIN RIGHT

JOIN returns all rows from the right table with corresponding rows from the left table. If there's no matching row, NULLs are returned as values from the left table.
    SELECT city.name, country.name
    FROM city
    RIGHT JOIN country
        ON city.country_id = country.id;

	CITY	COUNTRY
Name	Country_id	Id
Madrid	1	1
Roma	2	2
Null	Null	3

FULL JOIN

FULL JOIN (or explicitly FULL OUTER JOIN) returns all rows from both tables – if there's no matching row in the second table, NULLs are returned.
    SELECT city.name, country.name
    FROM city
    FULL [OUTER] JOIN country
        ON city.country_id = country.id;

	CITY	COUNTRY
Name	Country_id	Id
Madrid	1	1
Roma	2	2
Warsaw	4	Null
Null	Null	3

CROSS JOIN

CROSS JOIN returns all possible combinations of rows from both tables. There are two syntaxes available. SELECT city.name, country.name
    FROM city
    CROSS JOIN country;

    SELECT city.name, country.name
    FROM city, country;

	CITY	COUNTRY
Name	Country_id	Id
Madrid	1	1
Madrid	1	2
Roma	2	1
Roma	2	2

NATURAL JOIN

NATURAL JOIN will join tables by all columns with the same name.
    SELECT city.name, country.name
    FROM city
    NATURAL JOIN country;

	CITY	
Id	Name	Name
6	San Marino	San Marino
7	Vatican	Vatican
9	Greece	Greece
11	Monaco	Monaco

NATURAL JOIN used these columns to match rows: city.id, city.name, country.id, country.name. NATURAL JOIN is very rarely used in practice.

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AGGREGATION AND GROUPING

GROUP BY **groups** together rows that have the same values in specified columns. It computes summaries (aggregates) for each unique combination of values

CYCLING

Id	Name	Country_id
1	París	1
101	Marseille	1
102	Lyon	1
2	Berlin	2
103	Hamburg	2
104	Munich	2
3	Warsaw	3
105	Cracow	3

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Country_id	Count
1	1
2	2
4	3

AGGREGATE FUNCTIONS

- avg(expr) = average value for rows within the group
- count(expr) = count of values for rows within the group max(expr) – maximum value within the group
- min(expr) = minimum value within the group
- sum(expr) = sum of values within the group

EXAMPLE QUERIES

Find out the number of cities:
```
SELECT COUNT(*)
FROM city;
```

Find out the number of cities with non-null ratings:
```
SELECT COUNT(rating)
FROM city;
```

Find out the number of distinctive country values:
```
SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT country_id)
FROM city;
```

Find out the smallest and the greatest country populations:
```
SELECT MIN(population), MAX(population)
FROM country;
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Find out the total population of cities in respective countries:
```
SELECT country_id, SUM(population)
FROM city
GROUP BY country_id;
```

Find out the average rating for cities in respective countries if the average is above 3.0:
```
SELECT country_id, AVG(rating)
FROM city
GROUP BY country_id
HAVING AVG(rating) > 3.0;
```

SUBQUERIES

A subquery is a query that is nested inside another query, or inside another subquery. There are different types of subqueries.

SINGLE VALUE

The simplest subquery returns exactly one column and exactly one row. It can be used with comparison operators =, <, <=, >, or >=. This query finds cities with the same rating as Paris:
```
SELECT name
FROM city
WHERE rating = (
    SELECT rating
    FROM city
    WHERE name = 'Paris' );
```

MULTIPLE VALUES

A subquery can also return multiple columns or multiple rows. Such subqueries can be used with operators IN, EXISTS, ALL, or ANY. This query finds cities in countries that have a population above 20M:
```
SELECT name
FROM city
WHERE country_id IN (
    SELECT country_id
    FROM country
    WHERE population > 20000000 );
```

CORRELATED

A correlated subquery refers to the tables introduced in the outer query. A correlated subquery depends on the outer query. It cannot be run independently from the outer query.
This query finds cities with a population greater than the average population in the country:
```
SELECT *
FROM city main_city
WHERE population > (
    SELECT AVG(population)
    FROM city average_city
    WHERE average_city.country_id = main_city.country_id );
```

This query finds countries that have at least one city:
```
SELECT name
FROM country
WHERE EXISTS (
    SELECT *
    FROM city
    WHERE country_id = country.id );
```

SET OPERATIONS

Set operations are used to combine the results of two or more queries into a single result. The combined queries must return the same number of columns and compatible data types. The names of the corresponding columns can be different.
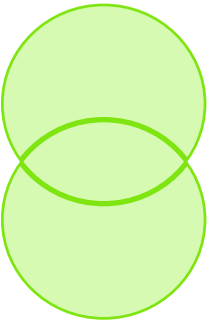
CYCLING

Id	Name	Country_id
1	YK	DE
2	ZG	DE
3	WT	PL
......	......	....

SKATING

Id	Name	Country_id
1	YK	DE
2	DF	DE
3	AK	PL
......	......	....

UNION

UNION combines the results of two result sets and removes duplicates. **UNION ALL** doesn't remove duplicate rows.

This query displays German cyclists together with German skaters:
```
SELECT name
FROM cycling
WHERE country = 'DE'
UNION / UNION ALL
SELECT name
FROM skating
WHERE country = 'DE
```
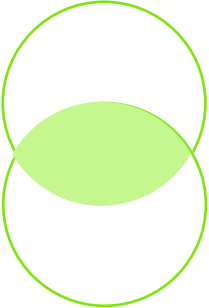
INTERSECT

INTERSECT returns only rows that appear in both result sets.

This query displays German cyclists who are also German skaters at the same time:
```
SELECT name
FROM cycling
WHERE country = 'DE'
INTERSECT
SELECT name
FROM skating
WHERE country = 'DE';
```

EXCEPT

EXCEPT returns only the rows that appear in the first result set but do not appear in the second result set.

This query displays German cyclists unless they are also German skaters at the same time:
```
SELECT name
FROM cycling
WHERE country = 'DE'
EXCEPT / MINUS
SELECT name
FROM skating
WHERE country = 'DE';
```