Understanding to SQL (Structured Query Language)

SQL stands for Structured Query Language. SQL was the first commercial language introduced for E.F Codd's Relational model of database. Today almost all RDBMS(MySql, Oracle, Infomix, Sybase, MS Access) use SQL as the standard database query language. SQL is used to perform all types of data operations in RDBMS. SQL to store, query, and manipulate data. SQL is a special-purpose programming language designed for managing data in a relational database.

SQL became a standard of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) in 1986, and of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in 1987. Most DBMS primarily to the ANSI SQL Standard although it includes a few of its own extensions to the language. A query is a structured set of instructions and criteria for retrieving, adding, modifying, and deleting database information. However, structured query language, or SQL (sometimes pronounced *sequel*), is a standard data manipulation language among many DBMSs.

SQL defines following ways to manipulate data stored in an RDBMS. There are following five categorical commands of SQL.

1. DDL: Data Definition Language

This includes changes to the structure of the table like creation of table, altering table, deleting a table etc. All DDL commands are auto-committed. That means it saves all the changes permanently in the database.

| Command | Description | |
|----------|--|--|
| CREATE | to create new table or database | |
| ALTER | for alteration | |
| TRUNCATE | delete data from table | |
| DROP | to drop a table | |
| RENAME | to rename a table | |
| COMMENT | is used to add comments to the data dictionary | |

2. DML: Data Manipulation Language

DML commands are used for manipulating the data stored in the table and not the table itself. DML commands are not auto-committed. It means changes are not permanent to database, they can be rolled back.

| Command | Description | |
|---------|--------------------------------|--|
| INSERT | to insert a new row | |
| UPDATE | to update existing row | |
| DELETE | to delete a row | |
| MERGE | merging two rows or two tables | |

3. DQL: Data Query Language

Data query language is used to fetch data from tables based on conditions that we can easily apply.

| Command | Description |
|---------|---|
| SELECT | retrieve records from one or more table |

4. TCL: Transaction Control Language

These commands are to keep a check on other commands and their effect on the database. These commands can annul changes made by other commands by rolling the data back to its original state. It can also make any temporary change permanent.

| Command | Description |
|-----------|---------------------|
| COMMIT | to permanently save |
| ROLLBACK | to undo change |
| SAVEPOINT | to save temporarily |

5. DCL: Data Control Language

Data control languages are the commands to grant and take back authority from any database user.

| Command | Description | |
|---------|---------------------------|--|
| GRANT | grant permission of right | |
| REVOKE | Take back permission. | |

Working with MySQL Databases

SQL keywords are NOT case sensitive: select is the same as SELECT, UDATE etc. We will use all SQL commands in upper-case.

Show/Display Databases

mysql> SHOW DATABASES; ←

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Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.14393]
(c) 2016 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
 :\Users\student>cd\
:\>cd xampp
C:\xampp>cd mysql\bin
C:\xampp\mysql\bin>mysql -u root
Welcome to the MySQL monitor. Commands end with ; or \g. Your MySQL connection id is 3
Gerver version: 5.1.33-community MySQL Community Server (GPL)
Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the buffer.
nysql> show databases;
 Database
 information_schema
 mysql
 phpmyadmin
 test
 webauth
 rows in set (0.00 sec)
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mysql> CREATE DATABASE Aligarh; ←

Apply above command and again run *show databases* command than display changes in databases list and create will be new database of Student.

Use or select Database.

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mysql> USE Aligarh; ←
Show tables;
mysql> SHOW TABLES; ←
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Command Prompt - mysql -u root
mysql> create database Aligarh;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
mysql> show databases;
 Database
 information_schema
 aligarh
 cdcol
 mysql
phpmyadmin
test
 webauth
 rows in set (0.00 sec)
mysql> use aligarh;
Database changed
mysql> show tables;
Empty set (0.00 sec)
ysql>
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Create new Table

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Syntax
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CREATE TABLE <TABLE_NAME>
(
    column_name1 datatype1,
    column_name2 datatype2,
    ...
);
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mysql> *CREATE TABLE* Students (Roll int, Name varchar(20), Gender varchar(6), Technology varchar(25)); ←

Field/Column data types in MySQL

The fields in a table store data according to type. Recall that one of the most important purposes of a variables data type is to determine how much memory the computer allocates for the data stored in the variable. Similarly, the data types in database fields determine how much storage space the computer allocates for the data in the database. MySQL includes numerous data types that are categorized into numeric, string and other data types.

Type of field in MySQL

| Туре | Size | Description |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| CHAR[Length] | Length bytes | A fixed-length field from 0 to 255 characters long |
| VARCHAR[Length] | String length + 1 bytes | A variable-length field from 0 to 65,535 characters long |
| TINYTEXT | String length + 1 bytes | A string with a maximum length of 255 characters |
| TEXT | String length + 2 bytes | A string with a maximum length of 65,535 characters |
| MEDIUMTEXT | String length + 3 bytes | A string with a maximum length of 16,777,215 characters |
| LONGTEXT | String length + 4 bytes | A string with a maximum length of 4,294,967,295 characters |
| TINYINT[Length] | 1 byte | Range of –128 to 127 or 0 to 255 unsigned |
| SMALLINT[Length] | 2 bytes | Range of -32,768 to 32,767 or 0 to 65,535 unsigned |
| INT[Length] | 4 bytes | Range of -2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647 or 0 to 4,294,967,295 |
| FLOAT[Length, Decimals] | 4 bytes | A small number with a floating decimal point |
| DOUBLE[Length, | 8 bytes | A large number with a floating decimal point |
| DATE | 3 bytes | In the format of YYYY-MM-DD |
| DATETIME | 8 bytes | In the format of YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS |
| TIME | 3 bytes | In the format of HH:MM:SS |

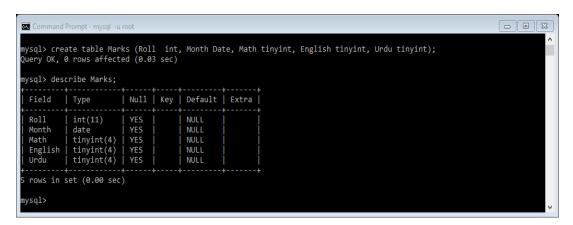
Display/Describe table structure

mysql> DESCRIBE Students;

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  rows in set (0.00 sec)
ysql> use aligarh;
Database changed
mysql> show tables;
 mpty set (0.00 sec)
mysql> create table Students (Roll int, Name varchar(20), Gender varchar(6),Technology varchar(25));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.05 sec)
mysql> desc Students;
 Field
               Type
                               | Null | Key | Default | Extra |
 Roll
                                                NULL
 Name
                 varchar(20)
                                                NULL
 Gender | varchar(25)
Technology | varchar(25)
                                                NULL
                                                NULL
 rows in set (0.03 sec)
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mysql> CREATE TABLE Marks (Roll int, Month Date, Math tinyint, English tinyint, Urdu tinyint);

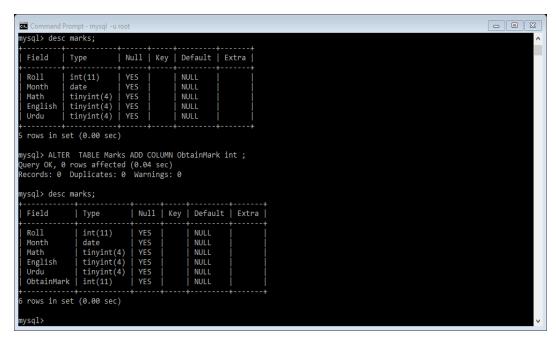
Create new table with Roll, Month, Math, English and Urdu fields/columns with required data types integer, Date and tinyint and again run *describe Marks* command than display Marks table structure.



Add new Field/Column

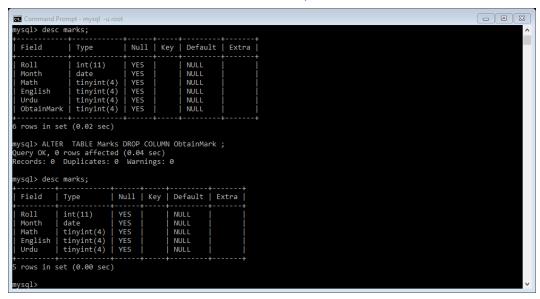
In this command To add a column named *ObtainMark* data type *intege*r in a table *Marks*, use the following command:

mysql> ALTER TABLE Marks ADD COLUMN ObtainMark int;



Remove Field/Column

In this command To remove a column named *ObtainMark* in a table *Marks*, use the following command: mysql> *ALTER TABLE* Marks *DROP COLUMN* ObtainMark;



Modify Field/Column Data Type

In this command to modify data type of column, named **ObtainMark** to change data type **smallint** replace by **int** in a table **Marks**, use the following command:

mysql> ALTER TABLE Marks MODIFY ObtainMarks smallint;

Remove the Table

In this command To remove a Table named, *Marks* from database *Aligarh* use the following command: mysql> DROP TABLE Marks;

Remove the whole Table Data

The TRUNCATE TABLE statement is used to delete the data inside a table, but not the table itself. In this command to remove, completely Table data from Marks *use* the following command:

mysql> TRUNK TABLE Marks;

Rename the Table name

MySQL provides us with a very useful statement that changes the name of one or more tables. In this command To rename table named, from *Marks* to *Marksheet*, use the following command:

mysql> RENAME TABLE Marks TO Marksheet;

Remove the Database

The DROP DATABASE statement drops all tables in the database and deletes the database permanently. Therefore, you should be very careful when using this statement. In this command To remove database named, *Aligarh* from *MySQL DBMS*, use the following command:

mysql> DROP DATABASE Aligarh;

DDL or Data Definition Language actually consists of the SQL commands that can be used to define the database schema. It simply deals with descriptions of the database schema and is used to create and modify the structure of database objects in the database. Typically by creating, deleting, or modifying schema objects (such as databases, tables, and views)

Exercise

Theory Question

- 1) Define to SQL and why we use?
- 2) How many type of SQL commands?
- 3) Write major five types of field in the table with size range and description.
- 4) Write syntax of *Create table* commands of SQL.
- 5) Write five commands of DDL with Purpose.

Practical Question.

- Create table of students there field names are Roll number data type integer, Name data type
 varchar, Father name data type varchar, Gender data type Text, and Technology Name with suitable
 data size.
- 2) Create table of *Marksheet* There field names are *Roll number* data type integer, *Month* data type date, *Maths Marks* data type small integer, *Urdu Marks* data type small integer, *English Marks* data type small integer.
- 3) Add new column/fields of *Obtain Marks* in the table of Markseet.
- 4) You change data type from *Text* to *varchar* of *Gender* field/column in the table *Students*.
- 5) Remove the table of Students.
- 6) Write syntax of create table commands.

Objective MCQ's

- 1) Which is the subset of SQL commands used to manipulate MySQL Database structures, including tables?
 - a) Data Definition Language(DDL)
 - b) Data Manipulation Language(DML)
 - c) DML and DDL
 - d) None of the Mentioned
- 2) Which of the following is/are the DDL statements?
 - a) Create
 - b) Drop
 - c) Alter
 - d) All of the Mentioned
- 3) In SQL, which command(s) is (are) used to change a table's storage characteristics?
 - a) ALTER TABLE
 - b) MODIFY TABLE
 - c) CHANGE TABLE
 - d) All of the Mentioned
- 4) Which command is used for removing a table and all its data from the database:
 - a) Create command
 - b) Drop table command
 - c) Alter table command
 - d) All of the Mentioned