# SQL Fundamentals

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• ORDER BY, LIMIT clauses

• WHERE and Logical Operators

### **SQL FUNDAMENTALS: SELECT statement**

#### SELECT .... FROM ....

- SELECT \* FROM table
- SELECT column name FROM table
- SELECT Column1, Column2, Column3 FROM table
- Comments (-- , /\* ..... \*/)
- Code formatting:
  - Different columns should be separated by comma!
  - The SQL Keywords are case-insensitive (SELECT, FROM, WHERE, etc), but are often written in all caps as a good practice
  - Usually the column and table name are also case-insensitive

#### **SQL FUNDAMENTALS - Errors**

#### • Getting errors is absolutely OK

• Usually IDE have suggestions of what is the type of error



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## **SQL FUNDAMENTALS: ORDER BY**

- ORDER BY clause is sorting the result based on one or more columns in different order.
- Column name by which you want to sort after the ORDER BY clause followed by the ASC or DESC keyword.
  - The ASC keyword means ascending.
  - And the DESC keyword means descending.
- If not specified ASC order is by default
- You can sort the result set using a column that does not appear in the select list of the SELECT clause.
- Use a comma (,) to separate multiple order columns

SELECT select list FROM table ORDER BY column 1 ASC, column 2 DESC;

## **SQL FUNDAMENTALS: LIMIT**

- The LIMIT clause is an optional part of the SELECT statement. You use the LIMIT clause to constrain the number of rows returned by the query.
- We can retrieve 10 rows instead of 1 MLN rows
- The **row\_count** is a positive integer that specifies the number of rows returned (5, 10, 20, 1000, etc.)

SELECT	1
	column_list
FROM	
	table
LIMIT	row_count;

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### **SQL FUNDAMENTALS: WHERE**

- The WHERE clause is an optional clause of the SELECT statement. It appears after the FROM clause as the following statement
- When evaluating a SELECT statement with a WHERE clause, SQLite uses the following steps:
  - First, check the table in the FROM clause.
  - Second, evaluate the conditions in the WHERE clause to get the rows that met these conditions.
  - Third, make the final result set based on the rows in the previous step with columns in the SELECT clause.

SELECT	
	column_list
FROM	
	table
WHERE	
	search_condition;

For example, you can form a search condition as follows:

- WHERE column\_1 = 100;
- WHERE column\_2 IN (1,2,3); IN ('Canada', 'UK'); NOT IN ('Canada', 'Bulgaria')
- WHERE column\_3 **LIKE** 'An%';
- '%text%' (will look for 'text' anywhere in the text); NOT LIKE
- WHERE column\_4 **BETWEEN** 10 AND 20;
- WHERE column\_5 IS NULL; NOT NULL
- WHERE column\_6 <> ""
- Use **AND** or **OR** operator for multiple conditions

## **SQL FUNDAMENTALS: Data Types**

Storage Class & Description		
NULL		
The value is a NULL value.		
INTEGER		
The value is a signed integer, stored in 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, or 8 bytes depending on the magnitude of the value.		
REAL		
The value is a floating point value, stored as an 8-byte IEEE floating point number.		
TEXT		
The value is a text string, stored using the database encoding (UTF-8, UTF-16BE or UTF-16LE)		

#### BLOB

The value is a blob of data, stored exactly as it was input.

#### **IS NULL / IS NOT NULL**

=, <, >, <>, etc.

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=, <> (use 'text' or "text") IS CASE-SENSITIVE

### **SQL FUNDAMENTALS: SQL Comparison Operators**

• A comparison operator tests if two expressions are the same. The following table illustrates the comparison operators that you can use to construct expressions:

Operator	Meaning
H.	Equal to
<> or !=	Not equal to
<	Less than
>	Greater than
<=	Less than or equal to
>=	Greater than or equal to