

Structured Query Language

We will use this book table in the examples that follow.

BookID	Title	Author	YearPublished	Publisher	Genre
1	Fantastic Beasts ..	JK Rowling	2001	Bloomsbury	Fantasy
2	..Chamber of Secrets	JK Rowling	1998	Bloomsbury	Fantasy
3	.. Order of the Phoenix	JK Rowling	2003	Bloomsbury	Fantasy
4	The BFG	Roald Dahl	1982	Penguin	Fantasy
5	Going Solo	Roald Dahl	1986	Jonathan Cape	Autobiography
6	Danny Champion ..	Roald Dahl	1975	Jonathan Cape	Children
7	War Horse	Michael Morpurgo	1982	Kaye & Ward	Historical fiction
8	Private Peaceful	Michael Morpurgo	2003	HarperCollins	Historical fiction

Select - To retrieve data from the table

To retrieve all records data from the table we can use the SELECT statement with the wild card operator *.

```
SELECT *
FROM tableName
```

EXAMPLE

```
SELECT *
FROM book
```

Retrieved data

1	Fantastic Beasts ..	JK Rowling	2001	Bloomsbury	Fantasy
2	..Chamber of Secrets	JK Rowling	1998	Bloomsbury	Fantasy
3	.. Order of the Phoenix	JK Rowling	2003	Bloomsbury	Fantasy
4	The BFG	Roald Dahl	1982	Penguin	Fantasy
5	Going Solo	Roald Dahl	1986	Jonathan Cape	Autobiography
6	Danny Champion ..	Roald Dahl	1975	Jonathan Cape	Children
7	War Horse	Michael Morpurgo	1982	Kaye & Ward	Historical fiction
8	Private Peaceful	Michael Morpurgo	2003	HarperCollins	Historical fiction

We can also choose the fields that we wish to retrieve:

```
SELECT field1, field2, ...
FROM tableName
```

EXAMPLE

```
SELECT Author, Title
FROM book
```

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them	JK Rowling
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets	JK Rowling
Harry Potter and Order of the Phoenix	JK Rowling
The BFG	Roald Dahl
Going Solo	Roald Dahl
Danny Champion of the World	Roald Dahl
War Horse	Michael Morpurgo
Private Peaceful	Michael Morpurgo

We can sort the output of our SELECT statement by using the ORDER BY clause. ASC and DESC refer to sorting ascending and descending alphabetically or numerically of a specified field.

```
ORDER BY fieldname ASC|DESC
```

EXAMPLE SORT ASCENDING

```
SELECT Author, Title
FROM book
ORDER BY Title ASC
```

Danny Champion of the World	Roald Dahl
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them	JK Rowling
Going Solo	Roald Dahl
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets	JK Rowling
Harry Potter and Order of the Phoenix	JK Rowling
Private Peaceful	Michael Morpurgo
The BFG	Roald Dahl
War Horse	Michael Morpurgo

EXAMPLE SORT DESCENDING

```
SELECT Author, Title
FROM book
ORDER BY Title DESC
```

War Horse	Michael Morpurgo
The BFG	Roald Dahl
Private Peaceful	Michael Morpurgo
Harry Potter and Order of the Phoenix	JK Rowling
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets	JK Rowling
Going Solo	Roald Dahl
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them	JK Rowling
Danny Champion of the World	Roald Dahl

WHERE CLAUSE

We can filter our selection using the WHERE clause

```
WHERE fieldname operator value
```

Operator	Description
=	Value equal to
!=	Value not equal to
<	Value less than
>	Value greater than
<=	Value less than or equal to
>=	Value greater than or equal to

SELECT USING WHERE CLAUSE

EXAMPLE 1 – SELECT BOOKS WRITTEN SINCE 2000

```
SELECT Title, Author, yearPublished
FROM book
WHERE YearPublished > 2000
```

Fantastic Beasts ...	JK Rowling	2001
Harry Potter ...	JK Rowling	2003
Private Peaceful	Michael Morpurgo	2003

EXAMPLE 2 – SELECT BOOKS WRITTEN BY MICHAEL MORPURGO

```
SELECT Title, Author
FROM book
WHERE Author = "Michael Morpurgo"
```

War Horse	Michael Morpurgo
Private Peaceful	Michael Morpurgo

Notice how the author name is in speech marks because it is a string datatype.

EXAMPLE 3 – SELECT BY DATE

```
WHERE Date < DATE("2010-01-01")
```

BOOLEAN OPERATORS

We can use Boolean and relational operators with the WHERE clause if we have multiple conditions that need to be met.

Operator	Description
OR	Allows us to combine multiple conditions. Any of the conditions can be true for the overall expression to return true
AND	Allows us to combine multiple conditions. All conditions need to be true for the overall expression to return true
NOT	Reverses the value of a condition. If it is true it will be false and vice versa

EXAMPLE – SELECT ALL BOOKS WRITTEN BY MICHAEL MORPURGO SINCE 2016

```
SELECT Title, Author FROM book
WHERE Author="Michael Morpurgo"
AND YearPublished > 2000
```

Private Peaceful	Michael Morpurgo
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Update - To update records in a database

To make changes to a record that is already in a table we can use the `UPDATE` statement.

EXAMPLE 1: Update the book table to change the genre of all fields to Children

```
UPDATE book
SET Genre="Children"
```

EXAMPLE 2: Update the book table to change the author name from JK Rowling to Joanne Rowling.

```
UPDATE book
SET Author="Joanne Rowling"
WHERE Author="JK Rowling"
```

Book ID	Title	Author	Year Published	Publisher	Genre
1	Fantastic Beasts .	Joanne Rowling	2001	Bloomsbury	Children
2	Harry Potter ..	Joanne Rowling	1998	Bloomsbury	Children
3	Harry Potter ..	Joanne Rowling	2003	Bloomsbury	Children
4	The BFG	Roald Dahl	1982	Penguin	Children
5	Going Solo	Roald Dahl	1986	Jonathan Cape	Children
6	Danny .	Roald Dahl	1975	Jonathan Cape	Children
7	War Horse	Michael Morpurgo	1982	Kaye & Ward	Children
8	Private Peaceful	Michael Morpurgo	2003	HarperCollins	Children

INSERT INTO - Adding new records

`INSERT INTO` is a commonly used command in SQL for adding new records to database tables. To insert all attributes for a table we can use:

```
INSERT INTO table
VALUES (value1, value2,...)
```

EXAMPLE

```
INSERT INTO book
VALUES ('Boy', 'Roald Dahl', 1984, 'Penguin', 'Autobiography')
```

Sometimes we do not enter data into every field. Instead we can explicitly state which fields we would like to add the data to.

```
INSERT INTO table (field1, field2,...)
VALUES (value1, value2,...)
```

The values correspond to the fields in the table i.e.:

- ✓ Field 1: Book ID
- ✓ Field 2: Title
- ✓ Field 3: Author
- ✓ Field 4: YearPublished
- ✓ Field 5: Publisher
- ✓ Field 6: Genre

EXAMPLE

```
INSERT INTO book (Title, Author, YearPublished, Publisher, Genre) VALUES ('Boy', 'Roald Dahl', 1984, 'Penguin', 'Autobiography')
```

Deleting records

To delete a record we specify which record(s) from which table we wish to remove.

```
DELETE FROM table WHERE condition
```

EXAMPLES

Remove all books

```
DELETE FROM book
```

```
DELETE * FROM book
```

The `WHERE` clause is used to filter records so that we do not apply a statement to a whole table.

Remove all books written by JK Rowling:

```
DELETE FROM book WHERE Author='JK Rowling'
```

Remove all books written by Michael Morpurgo and written before 2000

```
DELETE FROM book WHERE Author='Michael Morpurgo' AND YearPublished < 2000
```

Select Attributes from multiple tables

We will use the following database table as an example case study.

Primary key		Author Table	
AuthorID	FirstName	Surname	LiteraryAgent
1	Joanne	Rowling	Neil Blair
2	Roald	Dahl	David Higham Associates
3	Michael	Morpurgo	David Higham Associates

Foreign key			Book Table		
BookID	AuthorID	Title	Surname	YearPublished	Publisher
1	1	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them	2001	Bloomsbury	Fantasy
2	1	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets	1998	Bloomsbury	Fantasy
3	1	Harry Potter and Order of the Phoenix	203	Bloomsbury	Fantasy
4	2	The BFG	1982	Penguin	Fantasy
5	2	Going Solo	1986	Jonathan Cape	Autobiography
6	2	Danny Champion of the World	1975	Jonathan Cape	Children
7	3	War Horse	1982	Kaye & Ward	Historical fiction
8	3	Private Peaceful	2003	HarperCollins	Historical fiction

We need to specify that we only wish to select the records where the primary key and foreign key match.

EXAMPLES

Retrieve data book title and author surname

```
SELECT book.Title, author.Surname
FROM author, book
WHERE author.AuthorID=book.AuthorID
```

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them	JK Rowling
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets	JK Rowling
Harry Potter and Order of the Phoenix	JK Rowling
The BFG	Roald Dahl
Going Solo	Roald Dahl
Danny Champion of the World	Roald Dahl
War Horse	Michael Morpurgo
Private Peaceful	Michael Morpurgo

Retrieve book title and author surname where genre is *fantasy*

```
SELECT book.title, author.surname
FROM author, book
WHERE author.AuthorID=book.AuthorID
AND book.Genre="Fantasy"
```

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them	JK Rowling
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets	JK Rowling
Harry Potter and Order of the Phoenix	JK Rowling
The BFG	Roald Dahl

Retrieve book title and author surname where genre is fantasy and sort in descending order Title

```
SELECT book.title, author.surname
FROM author, book
WHERE author.AuthorID=book.AuthorID
AND book.Genre="Fantasy"
ORDER BY title DESC
```

The BFG	Roald Dahl
Harry Potter and Order of the Phoenix	JK Rowling
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets	JK Rowling
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them	JK Rowling