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# APIs & reference

## Overview of APIs and client libraries

The client libraries, the RPC API, and the REST API provide programmatic access to Cloud Spanner.  
(<https://cloud.google.com/spanner/docs/api-libraries-overview>)

## Cloud Spanner client libraries

Get started with Cloud Spanner in your language of choice.  
(<https://cloud.google.com/spanner/docs/reference/libraries>)

## JDBC drivers

Overview of the JDBC drivers available for use with Cloud Spanner.  
(<https://cloud.google.com/spanner/docs/jdbc-drivers>)

## Using the open-source JDBC driver

How to use the open-source JDBC driver to update a database schema, add and update rows using DML statements in autocommit mode and as part of a batch transaction, and run a SQL query.  
(<https://cloud.google.com/spanner/docs/use-oss-jdbc>)

## Open-source JDBC driver FAQ

FAQ for Cloud Spanner's open-source JDBC driver written by Google.  
(<https://cloud.google.com/spanner/docs/open-source-jdbc>)

## Simba JDBC driver FAQ

FAQ for Cloud Spanner's JDBC driver written by Simba.  
(<https://cloud.google.com/spanner/docs/partners/drivers>)

## RPC reference

Cloud Spanner's RPC API reference.

(<https://cloud.google.com/spanner/docs/reference/rpc/>)

## REST reference

Cloud Spanner's REST API reference.

(<https://cloud.google.com/spanner/docs/reference/rest/>)

## Data Definition Language (DDL)

DDL reference for creating, altering, or dropping tables and indexes in a database.

(<https://cloud.google.com/spanner/docs/data-definition-language>)

## SQL query syntax

SQL reference for executing SELECT statements.

(<https://cloud.google.com/spanner/docs/query-syntax>)

## SQL functions and operators

SQL expressions, including functions and operators.

(<https://cloud.google.com/spanner/docs/functions-and-operators>)

## SQL lexical structure and syntax

Reference for identifiers, literals, keywords, operators, and special characters.

(<https://cloud.google.com/spanner/docs/lexical>)

## Working with arrays in SQL

Tips for working with arrays in Cloud Spanner SQL.

(<https://cloud.google.com/spanner/docs/arrays>)

## Data Manipulation Language syntax

Reference for Cloud Spanner's Data Manipulation Language.

(<https://cloud.google.com/spanner/docs/dml-syntax>)

## Information schema

Reference for the built-in schema that's common to every Cloud Spanner database.

(<https://cloud.google.com/spanner/docs/information-schema>)

## Query execution operators

Operators used in Cloud Spanner query execution plans.

(<https://cloud.google.com/spanner/docs/query-execution-operators>)

## gcloud command-line tool

Common gcloud commands for interacting with Cloud Spanner from the command line.

(<https://cloud.google.com/spanner/docs/gcloud-spanner>)

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