SQL Data Definition and Data Manipulation Languages
(DDL and DML)

Data Definition Language.

Creating a Relation

CREATE TABLE Name (attribute-declarations constraint-declarations)

Attribute declarations:

AttName AttType [default expression] [ColConstraints]

Constraints

Column constraints:

[constraint <ConstName>] [NOT] NULL: Not null constraint.

[constraint <ConstName>] PRIMARY KEY: Primary key constraint (when the primary key consists of exactly one attribute, otherwise, use constraint declaration).

[constraint <ConstName>] UNIQUE: Key constraint (when the key consists of exactly one attribute, otherwise, use constraint declaration).

[constraint <ConstName>] REFERENCES <Table>[(<AttName>)] [ON DELETE CASCADE]: Foreign key constraint (when the foreign key consists of exactly one attribute, otherwise, use constraint declaration). ON DELETE CASCADE specifies that all rows containing a no longer existing value for must be deleted.
[constraint <ConstName>] CHECK (<condition>): any additional constraint on the value of the element in the table.

Constraint declarations:

[constraint <ConstName>] PRIMARY KEY (<AttNames>): Primary key constraint. Use when the primary key includes multiple attributes.

[constraint <ConstName>] UNIQUE (<AttNames>): Key constraint. Use when the key includes multiple attributes.

[constraint <ConstName>] FOREIGN KEY (<AttNames>) REFERENCES <Table> [(<AttNames>)]: Foreign key constraint. Use when the foreign key involves multiple attributes.

All column constraints except for not null constraint can only be used if the appropriate constraint (e.g., primary key) is associated with exactly one attribute. (i.e., if your primary key is two attributes, use the constraint declaration, rather than column constraint).

**Types**

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<th>Type</th>
<th>Example</th>
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<td>Integer</td>
<td>INTEGER or INT</td>
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<td>SHORTINT</td>
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<td>Real</td>
<td>FLOAT or REAL</td>
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<td></td>
<td>or DOUBLE PRECISION</td>
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<td>Fixed Point</td>
<td>DECIMAL(n, d)</td>
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<td>n - number of digits</td>
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<td>d - number of decimals</td>
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<td>NUMBER(n, d) (Oracle)</td>
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<td>Strings</td>
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<td>n - length of string, max = 255</td>
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<td>VARCHAR(n)</td>
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<td>VARCHAR2(n) (Oracle)</td>
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<td>n - length of string, max = 2000</td>
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<td>Bit Strings</td>
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<td>BIT VARYING(n)</td>
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<td>Boolean</td>
<td>BOOLEAN</td>
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<td>values: TRUE, FALSE, UNKNOWN</td>
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<td>Dates</td>
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<td>default format: 'DD-MON-YEAR', e.g., '12-APR-2007'</td>
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Examples

CREATE TABLE Books (  
    LibCode INT,  
    ISBN CHAR(20),  
    Title CHAR(80),  
    Authors CHAR(60),  
    Year INT,  
    Publisher CHAR(20),  
    PurchPrice REAL,  
    TakeHome BOOLEAN,  
    PRIMARY KEY (LibCode),  
    UNIQUE (ISBN)  
);  

CREATE TABLE Employees (  
    SSN INT PRIMARY KEY CHECK(SSN > 0),  
    Name CHAR(30) NOT NULL,  
    Department INT REFERENCES Departments,  
    Salary FLOAT NOT NULL CHECK(Salary >= 20000.00)  
    Position CHAR(30) DEFAULT 'Not Specified',  
    StartYear INT CHECK(StartYear > 1992)  
);  

CREATE TABLE Departments (  
    DeptID INT PRIMARY KEY,  
    Name CHAR(30) UNIQUE,  
    Head INT CHECK(Head > 0),  
    FOREIGN KEY(Head) REFERENCES Employees  
);  

Deleting a Table

DROP TABLE Name [CASCADE CONSTRAINTS]

Example:

DROP TABLE Books;

DROP TABLE Departments CASCADE CONSTRAINTS

In the latter case, all referential integrity constraints (foreign keys) are dropped from their respective tables, after Departments table is deleted.

Modifying a Table

- Adding an attribute

ALTER TABLE Name  
ADD ( [AttName Type]+ )

Example:

ALTER TABLE Books  
    ADD (Genre CHAR(10),  
         NumPages INT);
• Deleting an attribute

   ALTER TABLE Name
   DROP (AttName+)

Example:

   ALTER TABLE Books
   DROP (Year);

• Modifying an attribute

   ALTER TABLE Name
   MODIFY ( [AttName Type]+ )

Example:

   ALTER TABLE Books
   MODIFY (Genre VARCHAR2(30));

Data Manipulation Language

Inserting a Tuple

   INSERT INTO TableName(AttNames)
   VALUES(values)

   values — comma-separated list of values. The number of values must
match the number attribute names in AttNames, and the types must be
compatible.

   INSERT INTO TableName
   VALUES(values)

   Values for all attributes must be given and in the order in which attributes
were defined in CREATE TABLE command.

   Examples:

   INSERT INTO Books(LibCode,Title,Year)
   VALUES (12349, ‘Database Management Systems’, 2000);

   INSERT INTO Books
   VALUES (15923, ‘1-56592-000-7’, ‘Lex \\ Yacc’,
   ‘J. Levine, T. Mason, D. Brown’, 1990,
   ‘O’Reily’, 29.95, True);

Deleting Tuples

   DELETE FROM TableName
   WHERE Expression

   Expression identifies the properties of tuples to be removed from the table.

   Examples:

   DELETE FROM Books
   WHERE Year < 1950
DELETE FROM Books
WHERE LibCode = 12349;

DELETE FROM Books
WHERE PurchPrice > 100.00 AND Year < 1950;

Updating Tuples

UPDATE TableName
SET Assignments
WHERE Expression

Expression identifies tuples to be updated. Assignments specifies modifications.

Examples:

UPDATE Books
SET Year = 2003
WHERE Year > 2003;

UPDATE Books
SET Year = Year - 1,
     PurchPrice = PurchPrice * 1.05;
WHERE Year > 2000;

UPDATE Books
SET TakeHome = True;