

## 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<sup>1</sup>.

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.

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<sup>1</sup> Many MySQL implementations/engines will ignore the CHECK constraint. Make sure to check if your specific configuration acknowledges it.

[constraint <ConstName>] FOREIGN KEY (<AttNames>) REFERENCES <Table> (<AttNames>):  
Foreign key constraint. Use when the foreign key involve 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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Integer	INTEGER or INT SHORTINT
Real	FLOAT or REAL DOUBLE PRECISION
Fixed Point	DECIMAL( <i>n</i> , <i>d</i> ) <i>n</i> - number of digits <i>d</i> - number of decimals NUMBER( <i>n</i> , <i>d</i> ) (Oracle)
Strings	CHAR( <i>n</i> ) <i>n</i> - length of string, max=255 VARCHAR( <i>n</i> ), VARCHAR2( <i>n</i> ) (Oracle) <i>n</i> - length of string, max = 2000
Bit Strings	BIT( <i>n</i> ) BIT VARYING( <i>n</i> )
Boolean	BOOLEAN values: TRUE, FALSE, UNKNOWN
Dates	DATE formatted as a string, converted to INT internally default format: 'DD-MON-YEAR'. e.g., '12-APR-2007'
Blob	BLOB TEXT

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## Full Reference

The complete definition for CREATE TABLE is actually quite long. For a full reference on MySQL's CREATE TABLE command, see: <http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.1/en/create-table.html>

## 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(ssn)  
);
```

## Deleting a Table

```
DROP TABLE Name [CASCADE]
```

Example:

```
DROP TABLE Books;
```

Be aware, that referential integrity constraints (foreign keys) may prevent a table from being dropped in the incorrect order. If you have circular constraints (it is possible), then you will have to modify one of the tables to first remove the constraint before dropping the table.

## 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 VARCHAR(30));
```

There are **MANY** different ways that you can modify a table. See the complete MySQL reference for more details: <http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.1/en/alter-table.html>

## 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'Reilly' , 29.95 , True);
```

Note that a single quote (') is escaped by using a second single quote as in the above example.

## 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;
```