

## TITLE:- REFERENTIAL INTEGRITY

### THEORY:-

Referential integrity is a database constraint that ensures the relationship between two tables remain consistent by enforcing foreign key constraint. In this lab, we are going to explore referential integrity in action.

### 1.) (reating two tables:-

#### a) Employees

```
create table employees (  
    id int primary key,  
    name varchar(50),  
    dept-id int  
);
```

#### b) Department

```
create table department (  
    did int primary key,  
    dname varchar(50)  
);
```

### 2.) Adding referential integrity:-

Referential integrity can be added by adding update and delete rules on the foreign key column.

For example:- a) Cascade

```
alter table employees add foreign key(dept-id)  
references department(did)  
on delete cascade  
on update cascade;
```

⇒ There are three types of rules i.e. cascade, set null, and no action.

### 3.) Inserting data:-

#### a) Into department table:-

insert into department values  
(10, 'IT'),  
(20, 'HR'),  
(30, 'INFRA');

#### b) Into employees table:-

insert into employees values  
(101, 'Anurag', 10),  
(102, 'Pranaya', 20),  
(103, 'Hina', 30);

### 4.) Testing:-

#### a) Update:-

update department set did=100 where did=10;  
→ Updates Anurag's dept-id column with 100  
as we have set 'cascade' rule

#### b) Delete:-

~~delete~~ delete from department  
where did=100;

→ deletes 'IT' department and 'Anurag'  
row from employees table.

### # For set null

Step-1: delete employees table

→ drop table employees;

Step-2: Truncate department table

→ truncate table department;

Step-3: Insert data into department table  
as in 3.b

Step-4: Create table 'employees' as in 1.a  
and insert data as in 3.b

Step-5: Add referential integrity set null

→ alter table employees add foreign key (dept-id)  
references department (did)  
on delete set null  
on update set null;

Step-6: Testing

→ Update:-

~~Update~~

update department set did=100 where did=10;

- Sets the value of employee table having dept-id  
10 to null

→ delete:-

delete from department where did=200;

- Sets the value of employee table having  
dept-id 20 to null.

# For no action

i) Repeat step-1 to 4 from above

ii) Add no action referential integrity

→ alter table employees add foreign key (dept-id)  
references department (did)  
on delete no action  
on update no action;

## (ii) Testing

→ Update:-

- update department set did = 300 where did = 30;

→ Delete:-

- delete from department where did = 30;

Both of these actions give error and the value is not updated.

## CONCLUSION:-

In this lab, we have explored the way we can implement referential integrity and examined the behaviour of different rules, i.e. no action, cascade and set null.



```
MariaDB [lab]> create table employees (id int primary key, name varchar(50), dept_id int);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.008 sec)
```

Figure 1 create employee table

```
MariaDB [lab]> create table department (did int primary key, dname varchar(50));
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.043 sec)
```

Figure 2 create department table

```
MariaDB [lab]> insert into department values (10, "IT"), (20, "HR"), (30, "INFRA");
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.040 sec)
Records: 3 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0
```

Figure 3 insert values into department table

```
MariaDB [lab]> insert into employees values (101, 'Anurag', 10), (102, 'Pranaya', 20), (103, 'Hina', 30);
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.040 sec)
Records: 3 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0
```

Figure 4 insert values into employees table

```
MariaDB [lab]> alter table employees add foreign key (dept_id) references department(did) on delete no action on update no action;
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.076 sec)
Records: 3 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0
```

Figure 5 add foreign key with no action rule

```
MariaDB [lab]> update department set did = 100 where did = 10;
ERROR 1451 (23000): Cannot delete or update a parent row: a foreign key constraint fails (`lab`.`employees`, CONSTRAINT `employees_ibfk_1` FOREIGN KEY (`dept_id`) REFERENCES `department` (`did`) ON DELETE NO ACTION ON UPDATE NO ACTION)
MariaDB [lab]> select * from department;
+----+-----+
| did | dname |
+----+-----+
| 10  | IT    |
| 20  | HR    |
| 30  | INFRA |
+----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.000 sec)
```

Figure 6 we couldn't update the data

```
MariaDB [lab]> delete from department where did=10;
ERROR 1451 (23000): Cannot delete or update a parent row: a foreign key constraint fails (`lab`.`employees`, CONSTRAINT `employees_ibfk_1` FOREIGN KEY (`dept_id`) REFERENCES `department` (`did`) ON DELETE NO ACTION ON UPDATE NO ACTION)
MariaDB [lab]> select * From department;
+----+-----+
| did | dname |
+----+-----+
| 10  | IT    |
| 20  | HR    |
| 30  | INFRA |
+----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.000 sec)

MariaDB [lab]>
```

Figure 7 we couldn't delete the data

```

MariaDB [lab]> drop table employees;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.043 sec)

MariaDB [lab]> create table employees (id int primary key, name varchar(50), dept_id
int);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.046 sec)

MariaDB [lab]> insert into employees values (101, 'Anurag', 10), (102, 'Pranaya', 20)
, (103, 'Hina', 30);
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.002 sec)
Records: 3 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

MariaDB [lab]> alter table employees add foreign key (dept_id) references department(
did) on delete cascade on update cascade;
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.077 sec)
Records: 3 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

```

Figure 8 drop employee table, re-create it, and add foreign key with cascade rule

```

MariaDB [lab]> update department set did = 100 where did = 10;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.003 sec)
Rows matched: 1 Changed: 1 Warnings: 0

MariaDB [lab]> select * from department
-> ;
+-----+-----+
| did | dname |
+-----+-----+
| 20 | HR |
| 30 | INFRA |
| 100 | IT |
+-----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.000 sec)

MariaDB [lab]> select * from employees;
+-----+-----+-----+
| id | name | dept_id |
+-----+-----+-----+
| 101 | Anurag | 100 |
| 102 | Pranaya | 20 |
| 103 | Hina | 30 |
+-----+-----+-----+

```

Figure 9 updating department table also updates employee table

```

MariaDB [lab]> delete from department where did = 10;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.040 sec)

MariaDB [lab]> select * from department;
+-----+-----+
| did | dname |
+-----+-----+
| 20 | HR |
| 30 | INFRA |
+-----+-----+
2 rows in set (0.000 sec)

MariaDB [lab]> select * from employees;
+-----+-----+-----+
| id | name | dept_id |
+-----+-----+-----+
| 102 | Pranaya | 20 |
| 103 | Hina | 30 |
+-----+-----+-----+
2 rows in set (0.000 sec)

```

Figure 10 deleting an item from department also deletes from employee table

```

MariaDB [lab]> drop table employees;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.031 sec)

MariaDB [lab]>
MariaDB [lab]> create table employees (id int primary key, name varchar(50), dept_id
int);
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.005 sec)

MariaDB [lab]> insert into employees values (101, 'Anurag', 10), (102, 'Pranaya', 20)
, (103, 'Hina', 30);
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.040 sec)
Records: 3 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

MariaDB [lab]> alter table employees add foreign key (dept_id) references department(
did) on delete set null on update set null;
Query OK, 3 rows affected (0.076 sec)
Records: 3 Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

```

Figure 11 adding foreign key with set null type

```

MariaDB [lab]> update department set did = 100 where did = 10;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.040 sec)
Rows matched: 1 Changed: 1 Warnings: 0

MariaDB [lab]> select * from department;
+-----+-----+
| did | dname |
+-----+-----+
| 20  | HR    |
| 30  | INFRA |
| 100 | IT     |
+-----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.000 sec)

MariaDB [lab]> select * from employees;
+-----+-----+-----+
| id  | name  | dept_id |
+-----+-----+-----+
| 101 | Anurag | NULL    |
| 102 | Pranaya | 20      |
| 103 | Hina   | 30      |
+-----+-----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.000 sec)

```

Figure 12 updating a record in department table sets null in the foreign key field in employee table

```

MariaDB [lab]> delete from department where did=20;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.040 sec)

MariaDB [lab]> select * from department;
+-----+-----+
| did | dname |
+-----+-----+
| 30  | INFRA |
| 100 | IT     |
+-----+-----+
2 rows in set (0.000 sec)

MariaDB [lab]> select * from employees;
+-----+-----+-----+
| id  | name  | dept_id |
+-----+-----+-----+
| 101 | Anurag | NULL    |
| 102 | Pranaya | NULL    |
| 103 | Hina   | 30      |
+-----+-----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.000 sec)

```

Figure 13 deleting a record in department table sets null in the foreign key field in employee table