

Introduction to SQL

Creating Tables

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- How to create and modify Tables

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 - So you may never need to do DDL by hand, understanding it is a good foundation for using those tools

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```
--this is not ANSI SQL  
--but is supported by most vendors  
CREATE DATABASE Contacts;  
USE DATABASE Contact;
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Data Type	Value Space
CHARACTER	Can hold N character values – set to N statically
CHARACTER VARYING	Can hold N character values – set to N dynamically – storage can be less than N
BINARY	Hexadecimal data
SMALLINT	-2^{15} (-32,768) to $2^{15}-1$ (32,767)
INTEGER	-2^{31} (-2,147,483,648) to $2^{31}-1$ (2,147,483,647)
BIGINT	-2^{63} (-9,223,372,036,854,775,808) to $2^{63}-1$ (9,223,372,036,854,775,807)
BOOLEAN	TRUE or FALSE
DATE	YEAR, MONTH, and DAY in the format YYYY-MM-DD
TIME	HOUR, MINUTE, and SECOND in the format HH:MM:SS[.sF] where F is the fractional part of the SECOND value
TIMESTAMP	Both DATE and TIME

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KEY(email_address_person_id)
REFERENCES person (person_id);
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