

Databases

More SQL: Domains, Constraints, Triggers, Views, Authorization

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SQL DDL: domains & constraints

- primary key constraints
- foreign key constraints
- attribute constraints
- tuple constraints
- domain definitions
- general constraints: assertions

Attribute constraints

```
gender char(1)
  CONSTRAINT CheckGender
    CHECK (gender IN ('F','M','U'))

booknr integer
  CONSTRAINT CheckBookRef
    CHECK (booknr IN
      (SELECT booknr FROM Book))
```

Tuple constraints

```
CREATE TABLE Person (  
    ...  
    CHECK (hasDrivingLicense = 'no' OR age >= 17)
```

Domain definition

Auto increment key:

```
CREATE DOMAIN serial_number AS integer  
    CHECK (VALUE BETWEEN 1 AND 9999999)
```

```
CREATE TABLE Product (  
    id serial_number NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT=1000001  
    ...
```

Domain definition

String mask definition:

```
CREATE DOMAIN postcode
  AS varchar(7) NOT NULL
  CHECK (postcode LIKE
    ' [1-9] [0-9] [0-9] [0-9] [A-Z] [A-Z] '
  );
```

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```

```
CONSTRAINT postcode_invalid_substring
CHECK (
  (postcode NOT LIKE '%[SA]') AND
  (postcode NOT LIKE '%[SD]') AND
  (postcode NOT LIKE '%[SS]')
);
```

General constraints: *assertions*

```
CREATE ASSERTION BudgetCheckProject123 CHECK
(100000 >=
    SELECT sum(Article.price)
    FROM Order, Article
    WHERE Order.artno = Article.artno
    AND Order.projectno = 123
)
```

Possibly at high performance penalty

Triggers or ECA rules

ON <event> IF <condition> THEN <action>

- *event*: insert, delete, update (possibly restricted to some attributes), transaction start, transaction end, temporal event, system event
- *condition*: evaluated on database (by query)
- *action*: database operation and/or general action

SQL3 triggers: we distinguish

- *row level triggers*

the action is repeated for each tuple satisfying the condition

old refers to the old value of the tuple

new refers to the new value of the tuple

- *statement level triggers*

the action is executed once

old_table refers to the old value of the table

new_table refers to the new value of the table

Triggers

Example trigger (row level)

```
CREATE TRIGGER WhatIsHappeningHere
AFTER UPDATE OF grade ON Results
REFERENCING
    OLD AS oldt
    NEW AS newt
WHEN (newt.grade <> oldt.grade)
    INSERT INTO UpGrades
    VALUES (oldt.studentno, oldt.course,
            oldt.date, oldt.grade, newt.grade)
FOR EACH ROW
```

Triggers

Example trigger (statement level)

```
CREATE TRIGGER WhatIsHappeningHere
AFTER INSERT ON Results
REFERENCING
    OLD_TABLE AS oldt
    NEW_TABLE AS newt
WHEN
    DECLARE @cnt1, @cnt2 integer;
    SELECT @cnt2 = count(*) FROM newt;
    SELECT @cnt1 = count(*) FROM oldt;
    INSERT INTO ResultsLog
    VALUES (@sysDate, @cnt2 - @cnt1)
FOR EACH STATEMENT
```

Triggers: beware!

A trigger ...

Triggers: beware!

A trigger ...
may trigger ...

Triggers: beware!

A trigger ...
may trigger ...
another trigger ...

Triggers: beware!

A trigger ...
may trigger ...
another trigger ...
which may trigger ...

Triggers: beware!

A trigger ...
may trigger ...
another trigger ...
which may trigger ...
yet another trigger ...

Triggers: beware!

A trigger ...
may trigger ...
another trigger ...
which may trigger ...
yet another trigger ...
or even the first trigger again ...
...
...
...
(ad infinitum)

SQL views

- define virtual relations on *base tables*
- are defined by a query
- define areas of interest for different users
- define areas of authorization for different users

View definition

```
CREATE VIEW Late AS
SELECT abno, name, address, city, count(*) AS number
FROM Reader, Loan
WHERE Reader.abno = Loan.abno
AND loan_date < '01.01.2021'
GROUP BY abno, name, address, city
```

The View Update Problem

propagation of insert/update/delete on

- select view
- project view
- join view

View updates: select view

```
CREATE VIEW InfStudent AS  
SELECT studentnr, naam, adres, gebdatum  
FROM Student  
WHERE opleiding = "informatica"  
OR opleiding = "informatiekunde"
```

- delete
- update
- insert

View updates: project view

```
CREATE VIEW MedewerkerPubl AS  
SELECT naam, adres, postcode, woonplaats, telefoon  
FROM Medewerker
```

-- attributen schaal, salaris weggelaten

- delete
- update
- insert

View updates: join view

```
CREATE VIEW Uitleenoverzicht AS  
SELECT naam, datum, titel, auteur  
FROM Lezer, Lening, Boek  
WHERE Lezer.id = Lening.id  
AND Lening.boekid = Boek.boekid
```

- delete

SQL Authorization: privileges

Notions:

- user ID
- owner of data
- granting privileges to users

Type of privileges:

- SELECT / SELECT(ATTR1,...,ATTRk)
- INSERT / INSERT(ATTR1,...,ATTRk)
- DELETE
- UPDATE / UPDATE(ATTR1,...,ATTRk)

Granting privileges

Examples:

```
GRANT SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE  
ON StudentData TO annelies;
```

```
GRANT SELECT  
ON StudentData TO lennart  
WITH GRANT OPTION;
```

```
GRANT SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE  
ON StudentData TO jannie  
WITH GRANT OPTION;
```

Revoking privileges

```
REVOKE <privileges>  
ON <data elements>  
FROM <users>  
[CASCADE | RESTRICT]
```

<privileges>:
SELECT, ..., GRANT OPTION FOR <data>

Revoking privileges

Examples:

```
REVOKE SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE  
ON StudentData TO arthur;
```

```
REVOKE GRANT OPTION  
FOR SELECT ON StudentData  
FROM jeroen CASCADE;
```

Cascading effects!

Views and privileges

```
CREATE VIEW InfStudent AS  
SELECT * FROM Student  
WHERE opleiding = "informatica"  
OR opleiding = "informatiekunde";
```

```
GRANT SELECT ON InfStudent  
TO jeroen, lennart  
WITH GRANT OPTION;
```

- There is much more to tell ...
- ... but that might be too much
- This was a limited overview
- There are many differences between systems
- <https://www.w3schools.com/sql/>