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','O'))
```

Attribute constraints

```
myattr integer
    CONSTRAINT MyattrValuesLimitedToALargeSet
        CHECK (myattr IN
            (SELECT myattr FROM MyAttrPickList))
```

Attribute constraints

```
CREATE TABLE Loan

...

  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')
);
```

Assertions

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

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

Triggers

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 ...

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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

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

SQL views

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 < '01.01.2023'
GROUP BY abno, name, address, city
```

SQL Authorization: privileges

Notions:

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

Type of priviliges:

- 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 <priviliges>
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;
```

Final words

- There is much more to tell ...
- ... but that might be too much
- This was a limited overview
- Many DBMS's do not fully comply with standards
- `https://www.w3schools.com/sql/`