

Section 6 Lesson 3 Exercise : Data Definition Language

Use DDL to build and maintain database tables (S6L3 Objective 3)

Part 1: Reading information from a script

In this exercise you will use the "obl Sports.ddl" file to consolidate your knowledge of DDL.

Open the "obl Sports.ddl" in a text editor.

1. How many tables have been created using the CREATE TABLE statement?
2. How many columns are created for the price history table?
3. What statement is used to enforce the constraint that the category column of the items table must have a value?
4. What is the name of the foreign key constraint between the customers and customer addresses tables?
5. What are the lowest and highest values that can be stored in the commission_rate column for the sales_representatives table?
6. What are the lowest and highest values that can be stored in the price column for the price_history table?
7. What are the 3 columns that make up the primary key for the price_history table?

1. 10 tables

2. 6 columns

3. The "NOT NULL" statement

4. The name is ctr_number

5. Lowest value = 0 ; Highest value = 99

6. Lowest value = -99999.99 ; Highest value = 99999.99

7. The 3 columns are itm_number, start_date, and start_time

Part 2 : Updating Constraints

Log-in to APEX and go to the SQL commands environment

Modifying a column

1. Run the DESCRIBE command on the orders table to view its structure.
2. Task: Add a default constraint that will use todays date to assign a value to the odr_date column of the orders table if no date is provided.
3. Run the DESCRIBE command again to verify the command was successful.

1. DESCRIBE orders;

2. ALTER TABLE orders

MODIFY odr_date DATE DEFAULT SYSDATE;

3. DESCRIBE orders;

TABLE ORDERS

Column	Null?	Type
ID	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(9)
ODR_DATE	NOT NULL	DATE
ODR_TIME	NOT NULL	DATE
NUMBER_OF_UNITS	NOT NULL	NUMBER(2,0)
CTR_NUMBER	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(6)

Adding a check constraint

1. Run the DESCRIBE command on the customers table to view its structure.
2. **Task:** Add a check constraint that will not allow the customers current balance to go below zero.
3. Run the DESCRIBE command again to verify the command was successful.
4. A check constraint is not shown in the results of a describe command.
 - a. Go to the Object Browser
 - b. Select the customers table.
 - c. Click on the CONSTRAINTS tab.
 - d. You will see your constraint here.

1. DESCRIBE customers;

2. ALTER TABLE customers

ADD CONSTRAINT check_balance CHECK (current_balance >= 0);

3. DESCRIBE customers;

TABLE CUSTOMERS

Column	Null?	Type
CTR_NUMBER	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(6)
EMAIL	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(50)
FIRST_NAME	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(20)
LAST_NAME	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(30)
PHONE_NUMBER	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(11)
CURRENT_BALANCE	NOT NULL	NUMBER(6,2)
SRE_ID	-	VARCHAR2(4)
TEM_ID	-	VARCHAR2(4)
LOYALTY_CARD_NUMBER	-	VARCHAR2(6)

Adding a column

The client has decided that they would like a separate column for the customer's mobile phone number. This is an optional column that will be required to store 11 digits.

1. Run the DESCRIBE command on the customers table to view its structure.
2. **Task:** Add column that will satisfy the clients requirements
3. Run the DESCRIBE command on the customers table to view its structure.

1. DESCRIBE customers;

2. ALTER TABLE customers

ADD customer_phone_no VARCHAR2(11);

3. DESCRIBE customers;

TABLE CUSTOMERS

Column	Null?	Type
CTR_NUMBER	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(6)
EMAIL	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(50)
FIRST_NAME	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(20)
LAST_NAME	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(30)
PHONE_NUMBER	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(11)
CURRENT_BALANCE	NOT NULL	NUMBER(6,2)
SRE_ID	-	VARCHAR2(4)
TEM_ID	-	VARCHAR2(4)
LOYALTY_CARD_NUMBER	-	VARCHAR2(6)
CUSTOMER_PHONE_NO	-	VARCHAR2(11)

Dropping a column

The client has decided that they don't need the mobile number column as most customers only provide a single contact number and that is already catered for with the existing phone_number column.

1. Run the DESCRIBE command on the customers table to view its structure.
2. Task: Drop the column that was created to store the mobile phone number.
3. Run the DESCRIBE command on the customers table to view its structure.

1. DESCRIBE customers;

2. ALTER TABLE customers

DROP COLUMN customer-phone-no;

3. DESCRIBE customers;

TABLE CUSTOMERS

Column	Null?	Type
CTR_NUMBER	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(6)
EMAIL	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(50)
FIRST_NAME	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(20)
LAST_NAME	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(30)
PHONE_NUMBER	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(11)
CURRENT_BALANCE	NOT NULL	NUMBER(6,2)
SRE_ID	-	VARCHAR2(4)
TEM_ID	-	VARCHAR2(4)
LOYALTY_CARD_NUMBER	-	VARCHAR2(6)