

SQL

DDL

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Creating new tables

```
CREATE TABLE students (  
  id INTEGER,  
  first_name VARCHAR(30),  
  last_name VARCHAR(30),  
  birthdate DATE);
```

```
SELECT *  
FROM students
```

```
id | first_name | last_name | birthdate  
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```

```
(0 rows)
```

Numeric data types in Postgres

- **INTEGER**
- **REAL**
- **DOUBLE PRECISION**
- **NUMERIC(precision, scale)** - precision is the number of digits in the whole number, scale is number of digits after the decimal point
- **DECIMAL(precision, scale)** - same as NUMERIC
- **SERIAL** - an autoincrementing integer field
- **MONEY** - for storing money values, that will be displayed using locale settings

Text and date types

- **CHAR(n)** - stores text of length n . It is fixed-length column, if text is shorter then it is filled with gaps
 - **VARCHAR(n)** - stores text of length n . It is variable-length column, shorter texts will occupy less memory space
 - **TEXT** - stores text of any length
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- **TIME**
 - **DATE**
 - **TIMESTAMP** - date and time
 - **INTERVAL** - difference between two timestamps
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- **BOOLEAN**

Notation of values in data types

- INTEGER, i.e. 123
- REAL, DOUBLE PRECISION, i.e. 12.34
- NUMERIC(5,3), i.e. 12.345
- DATE, i.e. '2019-01-01'
- TIME, i.e. '12:45:01'
- TIMESTAMP, i.e. '2019-11-25 13:11:40'
- INTERVAL, i.e. '1 year 2 months 3 days 4 hours 5 minutes 6 seconds'
- BOOLEAN, i.e. true, false

Default values

```
CREATE TABLE students (  
  id INTEGER,  
  first_name VARCHAR(30),  
  last_name VARCHAR(30),  
  birthdate DATE,  
  active BOOLEAN DEFAULT true,  
  date_added TIMESTAMP DEFAULT now());
```

```
SELECT *  
FROM students
```

id	first_name	last_name	birthdate	active	date_added
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(0 rows)

Default values

```
INSERT INTO students  
VALUES (1, 'John', 'Smith', '2000-01-01');
```

```
SELECT *  
FROM students
```

id	first_name	last_name	birthdate	active	date_added
1	John	Smith	2000-01-01	true	2019-12-01

(1 row)

Autoincrement column

```
CREATE TABLE students (  
  id SERIAL,  
  first_name VARCHAR(30),  
  last_name VARCHAR(30),  
  birthdate DATE,  
  active BOOLEAN DEFAULT true,  
  date_added TIMESTAMP DEFAULT now());
```

```
INSERT INTO students(first_name, last_name, birthday)  
VALUES ('John', 'Smith', '2000-01-01');
```

```
SELECT *  
FROM students
```

id	first_name	last_name	birthdate	active	date_added
1	John	Smith	2000-01-01	true	2019-12-01

(1 row)

Autoincrement column #2

```
CREATE SEQUENCE students_id_seq;  
CREATE TABLE students (  
  id INTEGER DEFAULT nextval(students_id_seq),  
  first_name VARCHAR(30),  
  last_name VARCHAR(30),  
  birthdate DATE,  
  active BOOLEAN DEFAULT true,  
  date_added TIMESTAMP DEFAULT now());
```

```
INSERT INTO students(first_name, last_name, birthday)  
VALUES ('John', 'Smith', '2000-01-01');
```

```
SELECT *  
FROM students
```

id	first_name	last_name	birthdate	active	date_added
1	John	Smith	2000-01-01	true	2019-12-01

(1 row)

Primary keys

Method 1

```
CREATE TABLE students (  
  id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,  
  first_name VARCHAR(30),  
  last_name VARCHAR(30),  
  birthdate DATE);
```

Method 2

```
CREATE TABLE students (  
  id SERIAL,  
  first_name VARCHAR(30),  
  last_name VARCHAR(30),  
  birthdate DATE,  
  PRIMARY KEY(id));
```

Removing table

```
CREATE TABLE students (  
  id INTEGER,  
  first_name VARCHAR(30),  
  last_name VARCHAR(30),  
  birthdate DATE);
```

```
DROP TABLE students;
```

```
SELECT *  
FROM students;
```

```
ERROR:  relation "students" does not exists
```

Altering table - columns

```
CREATE TABLE students (  
id INTEGER,  
first_name VARCHAR(30),  
last_name VARCHAR(30),  
birthdate DATE);
```

```
ALTER TABLE students ADD COLUMN address VARCHAR(30);
```

```
SELECT *  
FROM students
```

```
id | first_name | last_name | birthdate | address  
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```

```
(0 rows)
```

Altering table - columns #2

```
CREATE TABLE students (  
id INTEGER,  
first_name VARCHAR(30),  
last_name VARCHAR(30),  
birthdate DATE);
```

```
ALTER TABLE students DROP COLUMN birthdate;  
ALTER TABLE students RENAME COLUMN last_name TO surname;
```

```
SELECT *  
FROM students
```

```
id | first_name | surname  
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```

```
(0 rows)
```

Altering columns

```
CREATE TABLE students (  
  id INTEGER,  
  first_name VARCHAR(30),  
  last_name VARCHAR(30),  
  birthdate DATE);
```

```
ALTER TABLE distributors  
  ALTER COLUMN birthdate TYPE TIMESTAMP,  
  ALTER COLUMN birthdate SET DEFAULT now();
```

```
SELECT *  
FROM students
```

```
id | first_name | last_name | birthdate  
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```

```
(0 rows)
```

Information schema

- Information schema is SQL standard way of storing metadata information about database
- It consist of several tables, such as:
 - `information_schema.tables`
 - `information_schema.columns`
 - `information_schema.table_constraints`
- In PostgreSQL there is also `pg_catalog` schema available, that also stores database metadata, but organized in a different way

Displaying tables metadata

```
SELECT table_catalog, table_schema, table_name FROM  
    information_schema.tables;
```

table_catalog	table_schema	table_name
rentals	public	movies
rentals	public	actors
rentals	pg_catalog	pg_authid
...		