

Structured Query Language SQL - DDL

- ◆ SQL Overview
- ◆ SQL Datatypes
- ◆ DDL statements

Basic SQL-DDL COMMANDS

- ❑ For database schemas:
`CREATE SCHEMA, DROP SCHEMA`
- ❑ For tables:
`CREATE TABLE, DROP TABLE, ALTER TABLE`
- ❑ For domains:
`CREATE DOMAIN, DROP DOMAIN [SQL99]`
- ❑ For views:
`CREATE VIEW, DROP VIEW`
- ❑ For integrity constraints
`CREATE IC, DROP IC`

`For Indexes [defunct in SQL2]`

SQL Datatypes

- ❑ Numeric
 - Fixed numbers, approximate numbers, formatted numbers
- ❑ Character Strings
 - fixed & varying length, CLOBs [SQL99], foreign language
- ❑ Bit Strings
 - fixed & varying length, BLOBs [SQL99]
- ❑ Temporal Data
 - date, time and timestamp, intervals
- ❑ **NULL** value valid for all types

SQL Numeric Data

- ❑ Exact Numbers: Two integer types with different ranges:
 - `INTEGER` (or `INT`) and `SMALLINT`
 - The range of numeric types is implementation dependent
- ❑ Approximate Numbers: Three floating point types:
 - `FLOAT[precision]`, `REAL`, and `DOUBLE PRECISION`
 - Users can define the precision for `FLOAT`
 - The precision of `REAL` and `DOUBLE PRECISION` is fixed
 - Floating point numbers can in decimal or scientific notation
- ❑ Formatted Numbers: These are decimal numbers
 - `DECIMAL(i,j)`, `DEC(i,j)` or `NUMERIC(i,j)`
 - *i* = precision (the total # of digits excluding decimal point)
 - *j* = scale (the # of fractional digits. The default is zero)

Observations on Numeric types

- ❑ They are like the datatype in C
 - BIGINT for long integer or integer
- ❑ Truncation is towards 0
- ❑ Rounding is business instead of **Scientific**
 - [0..4] ↓ 0 [0..4] ↓ 0
 - [6..9] ↑ 1 [5..9] ↑ 1
 - Half times of 5 is 0 and half 1
- ❑ Some systems use Number() for floating
- ❑ *Money* or *Currency* data are numeric data with a currency sign: \$, £, €, ¥

SQL Character Strings

- ❑ A character string is a sequence of *printable* chars
- ❑ In SQL, a character string is denoted by enclosing it in *single quotes*: 'Hello SQL'
- ❑ Character strings types
 - *Fixed length n*: CHAR(n) or CHARACTER(n)
 - *Varying length of maximum n*: VARCHAR(n) or CHAR VARYING (n)
– **VARCHAR2(n) in Oracle**
 - The default value of n is 1, representing a single character. Also, CHAR or CHARACTER
 - CLOB(Size): Character Large Objects [SQL99]
 - size specified in kilobytes (K), megabytes (M), or gigabytes (G)

SQL Character Strings

- ❑ Concatenation operator: ||
 - 'abc' || 'XYZ' results in 'abcXYZ'
- ❑ Foreign-language characters (ISO-defined chars):
 - NATIONAL CHAR(n)
 - NATIONAL VARCHAR(n)

SQL Bit Strings

- ❑ Bit strings are sequences of binary digits, or bits
- ❑ In SQL, a bit string is denoted by enclosing it in *single quotes*: B'0101100110'
- ❑ Bit String types
 - *Fixed length n*: BIT(n)
 - *Varying length of maximum n*: VARBIT(n) or BIT VARYING (n)
- ❑ The default value for n is 1
 - BLOBS (size): Binary Large Objects [SQL99]
 - size specified in kilobytes (K), megabytes (M), or gigabytes (G)

SQL Temporal Data

- ❑ DATE data type
- ❑ TIME and TIMESTAMP data types
- ❑ INTERVAL data type.
 - INTERVAL data type represents periods of time

Date and Time

- ❑ **DATE** (10 positions) stores calendar values representing YEAR, MONTH, and DAY: **YYYY-MM-DD**
- ❑ **TIME** defines HOURS, MINUTES, and SECONDS in a twenty-four-hour notation: **HH:MM:SS**
- ❑ **TIME(i)** defines *i* additional decimal fractions of seconds: **HH:MM:SS:ddd...d**
- ❑ **TIME WITH TIME ZONE** includes the displacement [+13:00 to -12:59] from standard universal time zone: **HH:MM:SS{+/-}hh:mm**
 - *hh* are the two digits for the TIMEZONE_HOUR and *mm* the two digits for TIMEZONE_MINUTE
- ❑ **TIMESTAMP** represents a complete date and time with 6 fractions of seconds and optional time zone.

DATETIME Type & Oracle DATE

- ❑ **DATETIME** is not a valid ANSI SQL type
- ❑ Not supported by Oracle - Oracle DATE = ANSI TIMESTAMP
- ❑ MySQL DATETIME is used as a TIMESTAMP
 - MySQL DATETIME supported range is '1000-01-01 00:00:00' to '9999-12-31 23:59:59'
 - MySQL TIMESTAMP supported range is '1970-01-01 00:00:01' UTC to '2038-01-19 03:14:07' UTC
 - has varying properties, depending on the MySQL version and the SQL mode the server is running in.
- ❑ Transarc-SQL: No TIMESTAMP
 - DATETIME: 1753-01-01 to 9999-12-31[hh:mm:ss:nnn]
 - DATETIME2: 0001-01-01 00:00:00.0000000 to 9999-12-31 23:59:59.9999999

Functions on Dates

- ❑ All systems provide functions under different names
 - for constructing a date from strings or integers
 - for extracting out the month, day, or year from a date
 - for displaying dates in different ways
- ❑ Examples,
 - CAST(string AS DATE) [SQL2: CAST(<value> AS <type>)]
e.g., CAST('2002-02-18' AS DATE)
 - MAKEDATE(int year, int month, int day) or
DATE(int year, int month, int day)
e.g., MAKEDATE(1999, 12, 31)
 - EXTRACT (MONTH/DAY/YEAR FROM <date>) [SQL3]
 - YEAR(<date>), MONTH(<date>), DAY(<date>)

Constructing Date Functions in Oracle

Oracle	Returns
TO_CHAR(d,format)	character-string equivalent of <i>d</i> based on <i>format</i>
TO_DATE(s,format)	date corresponding to <i>s</i> based on <i>format</i>
TO_TIMESTAMP(s,format)	date corresponding to <i>s</i> based on <i>format</i>

Examples:

- `TO_DATE('2011-FEB-18', 'YYYY-MON-DD')`
- `TO_DATE('02182011', 'MMDDYYYY')`
- `TO_CHAR(mydate, DY) → returns sun, mon, tue, wed, thu, fri, sat`

Format	Description
MM	Month number
MON	3-letter abbreviation of month
MONTH	Fully spelled-out month
D	Number of days in the week
DD	Number of days in the month
DDD	Number of days in the year
DY	3-letter abbreviation of day of week
DAY	Fully spelled-out day of week
Y, YY, YYY, YYYY	Last 1, 2, 3 or 4 digits of year
HH12, HH24	Hours of the day (1-12 or 0-23)
MI	Minutes of hour
SS	Seconds of minute
AM	Display AM or PM depending on time

Resolving Spec Ambiguity

- ❑ `TO_DATE('02182011', 'MMDDYYYY')`
- ❑ It parses to the longest keyword.
- ❑ Examples:
 - 'DYY' = DY and Y
`TO_DATE('WED7', 'DYY') = 01-FEB-17`
 - 'DDDDYYYY' = DDD and YYYY
`TO_DATE('3232017', 'DDDDYYYY') = 19-NOV-17`
 - 'DYYY' = DY and YY
`TO_DATE('WED17', 'DYYY') = 01-FEB-17`

Example of Date Functions

Oracle	SQLServer	MySQL	Returns
SYSDATE	CURRENT_TIMESTAMP GETDATE()	CURRENT_TIMESTAMP datepart: year,yy,yyyy, quarter,q,q, month,mm,m, dayofyear,dy,y, day,dd,d, week,wk,ww, hour,hh, minute,mi,n, second,ss,s, millisecond,ms	current date and time on the server
ADD_MONTHS(d,n)	DATEADD(datepart,n,d)	DATE_ADD(d,INTERVAL n u) DATE_SUB(d,INTERVAL n u)	$d + n$ $d - n$ n months after d
MONTHS_BETWEEN(d2,d1)	DATEDIFF(datepart,d1,d2)	DATEDIFF(datepart,d1,d2)	$d2 - d1$ $d2 - d1$ in months
NEXT_DAY(d, weekday)			next date after d that falls on weekday
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Postgres Functions on Dates

Function	Return Type	Description
age(timestamp, timestamp)	interval	Subtract arguments, producing a "symbolic" result that uses years and months
age(timestamp)	interval	Subtract from current_date (at midnight)
clock_timestamp()	timestamp with time zone	Current date and time (changes during statement execution); see Section 9.9.4
current_date	date	Current date; see Section 9.9.4
current_time	time with time zone	Current time of day; see Section 9.9.4
current_timestamp	timestamp with time zone	Current date and time (start of current transaction); see Section 9.9.4
date_part(text, timestamp)	double precision	Get subfield (equivalent to extract); see Section 9.9.1
date_part(text, interval)	double precision	Get subfield (equivalent to extract); see Section 9.9.1
date_trunc(text, timestamp)	timestamp	Truncate to specified precision; see also Section 9.9.2
extract(field from timestamp)	double precision	Get subfield; see Section 9.9.1
extract(field from interval)	double precision	Get subfield; see Section 9.9.1
isfinite(date)	boolean	Test for finite date (not +/-infinity)
isfinite(timestamp)	boolean	Test for finite time stamp (not +/-infinity)
isfinite(interval)	boolean	Test for finite interval
justify_days(interval)	interval	Adjust interval so 30-day time periods are represented as months
justify_hours(interval)	interval	Adjust interval so 24-hour time periods are represented as days
justify_interval(interval)	interval	Adjust interval using justify_days and justify_hours, with additional sign adjustments
localtime	time	Current time of day; see Section 9.9.4
localtimestamp	timestamp	Current date and time (start of current transaction); see Section 9.9.4
now()	timestamp with time zone	Current date and time (start of current transaction); see Section 9.9.4
statement_timestamp()	timestamp with time zone	Current date and time (start of current statement); see Section 9.9.4
timeofday()	text	Current date and time (like clock_timestamp, but as a text string); see Section 9.9.4
transaction_timestamp()	timestamp with time zone	Current date and time (start of current transaction); see Section 9.9.4

Example Postgres Functions on Dates

Example	Result
age(timestamp '2001-04-10', timestamp '1957-06-13')	43 years 9 mons 27 days
age(timestamp '1957-06-13')	43 years 8 mons 3 days
date_part('hour', timestamp '2001-02-16 20:38:40')	20
date_part('month', interval '2 years 3 months')	3
date_trunc('hour', timestamp '2001-02-16 20:38:40')	2001-02-16 20:00:00
extract(hour from timestamp '2001-02-16 20:38:40')	20
extract(month from interval '2 years 3 months')	3
isfinite(date '2001-02-16')	true
isfinite(timestamp '2001-02-16 21:28:30')	true
isfinite(interval '4 hours')	true
justify_days(interval '35 days')	1 mon 5 days
justify_hours(interval '27 hours')	1 day 03:00:00
justify_interval(interval '1 mon -1 hour')	29 days 23:00:00

Operations on Dates

- ❑ Datetime (+ or -) Interval = Datetime
- ❑ Datetime - Datetime = Interval
- ❑ Interval (* or /) Number = Interval
- ❑ Interval (+ or -) Interval = Interval
- ❑ Examples (ANSI SQL):
 - (CURRENT_DATE + INTERVAL '1' MONTH)
 - (CURRENT_DATE - INTERVAL '18' DAY)
 - (CURRENT_DATE - BirthDate)

Intervals

- ❑ An interval results when two dates are subtracted.
E.g., AdmitDate - DischargeDate
- ❑ Two interval data types: **Year-Month** & **Day-Time**
- ❑ Format: INTERVAL start-field(p) [TO end-field(fs)]
 - p is the precision (default is 2 digits)
 - fs is the fractional second precision, which is only applicable to DAY/TIME (default is 6 digits)
- ❑ Year-Month intervals:
 - INTERVAL YEAR, INTERVAL YEAR(p), INTERVAL MONTH, INTERVAL MONTH(p), INTERVAL YEAR TO MONTH, INTERVAL YEAR(p) TO MONTH
 - E.g., INTERVAL YEAR (2) to MONTH could be [0-0, 99-11]

Intervals...

- ❑ DAY-TIME intervals: the fields can be a contiguous selection from DAY, HOUR, MINUTE, SECOND
- ❑ E.g.,
 - INTERVAL DAY TO HOUR
 - [0:0, 99:23] (day:hours)
 - INTERVAL DAY(1) TO HOUR
 - [0:0, 9:23] (days:hours)
 - INTERVAL DAY TO MINUTE
 - [0:0:0, 99:23:59] (days:hours:minutes)
 - INTERVAL SECOND(8)
 - INTERVAL DAY(5) to SECOND(10)
 - INTERVAL MINUTE(3) to SECOND

Intervals...

Operator	Example	Result
+	date '2001-09-28' + integer '7'	date '2001-10-05'
+	date '2001-09-28' + interval '1 hour'	timestamp '2001-09-28 01:00:00'
+	date '2001-09-28' + time '03:00'	timestamp '2001-09-28 03:00:00'
+	interval '1 day' + interval '1 hour'	interval '1 day 01:00:00'
+	timestamp '2001-09-28 01:00' + interval '23 hours'	timestamp '2001-09-29 00:00:00'
+	time '01:00' + interval '3 hours'	time '04:00:00'
-	- interval '23 hours'	interval '-23:00:00'
-	date '2001-10-01' - date '2001-09-28'	integer '3' (days)
-	date '2001-10-01' - integer '7'	date '2001-09-24'
-	date '2001-09-28' - interval '1 hour'	timestamp '2001-09-27 23:00:00'
-	time '05:00' - time '03:00'	interval '02:00:00'
-	time '05:00' - interval '2 hours'	time '03:00:00'
-	timestamp '2001-09-28 23:00' - interval '23 hours'	timestamp '2001-09-28 00:00:00'
-	interval '1 day' - interval '1 hour'	interval '1 day -01:00:00'
-	timestamp '2001-09-29 03:00' - timestamp '2001-09-27 12:00'	interval '1 day 15:00:00'
*	900 * interval '1 second'	interval '00:15:00'
*	21 * interval '1 day'	interval '21 days'
*	double precision '3.5' * interval '1 hour'	interval '03:30:00'
/	interval '1 hour' / double precision '1.5'	interval '00:40:00'

Quick Example.. Student Table

<i>SID</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>PSID</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>GPA</i>
546007	Jones	689065	18	3.4
546100	Smith	987452	18	3.2
546500	Smith	342875	19	3.8

```
CREATE TABLE Student
( sid CHAR(20),
  name CHAR(20),
  psid INTEGER,
  age INTEGER,
  gpa REAL,
  Constraint Student_PK
  PRIMARY KEY (sid) );
```

```
CREATE TABLE Student
( sid CHAR(20)
  Constraint Student_PK
  PRIMARY KEY ,
  name CHAR(20),
  psid INTEGER,
  age INTEGER,
  gpa REAL );
```

Table Schema Storing Option

- ❑ **CREATE TABLE STUDENT**

```
( SID INTEGER,
  Name CHAR(20),
  PSID INTEGER NOT NULL,
  AGE INTEGER,
  GPA REAL,
  CONSTRAINT STUDENT_PK
  PRIMARY KEY (SID),
  CONSTRAINT STUDENT_AK
  UNIQUE (PSID))
  TABLESPACE                                -- In postgres
  IS TABLESPACE {tablespace | users};      -- In Oracle
  ON {filegroup | DEFAULT};                  -- In SQLServer
```

Table Schema (MySQL)

```
❑ CREATE TABLE STUDENT
( SID INTEGER,
  Name CHAR(20),
  PSID INTEGER NOT NULL,
  AGE INTEGER,
  GPA REAL,
  CONSTRAINT STUDENT_PK
    PRIMARY KEY (SID),
  CONSTRAINT STUDENT_AK
    UNIQUE (PSID)
) Engine = INNODB; -- Required in MySQL to support FK

Other options: ARCHIVE, CSV, HEAP, Memory, myisam, ndbcluster
```

Table Schema (DB2)

```
❑ CREATE TABLE STUDENT
( SID INTEGER NOT NULL, -- REQUIRED for PK,
  Name CHAR(20),
  PSID INTEGER NOT NULL, -- REQUIRED for AK,
  AGE INTEGER,
  GPA REAL,
  CONSTRAINT STUDENT_PK
    PRIMARY KEY (SID),
  CONSTRAINT STUDENT_AK
    UNIQUE (PSID)
) IN userspace1;
```

Discarding a Table

- ❑ **DROP TABLE** <db-name> [**RESTRICT** | **CASCADE**];
 - Restrict: removes the table if it is not referenced
 - Cascade: removes the table and all references to it
- ❑ Oracle Example:
 - **DROP TABLE** Student **CASCADE CONSTRAINTS**;
 - **DROP TABLE** Student **PURGE**;
 - **PURGE RECYCLEBIN**;

Creating Domains

- ❑ Domain is a schema component for defining datatype macros
 - Basic datatype
 - DEFAULT value
 - CHECK (validity conditions)
- ❑ Examples:

```
CREATE DOMAIN sectno_dom AS SMALLINT;
CREATE DOMAIN gpa_dom DECIMAL (3,2) DEFAULT 0.00;
CREATE DOMAIN ssn_dom CHAR(11)
  CONSTRAINT ssn_dom_value
  CHECK (VALUE BETWEEN '000-00-0000' AND '999-99-9999');
```

Removing a Domain

- ❑ **DROP DOMAIN** <dname> [**RESTRICT** | **CASCADE**];
 - **Restrict**: removes the domain if it is not used
 - **Cascade**: removes the domain and replaces all its uses to its underlying datatype
- ❑ **Example**:
 - **CREATE DOMAIN** gender_dom **AS** CHAR(1)
 CONSTRAINT gender_dom_value
 CHECK ((VALUE IN ('F', 'f', 'M', 'm')) OR (VALUE IS NULL));
 - **DROP DOMAIN** gender_dom **CASCADE**;

Example Schema

```
CREATE TABLE Student (  
  Sid INTEGER, Name CHAR(20),  
  Age INTEGER,  
  GPA REAL,  
  Major CHAR(10),  
  
  CONSTRAINT STUDENT_PK  
    PRIMARY KEY (Sid));
```

CHECK Constraint and DOMAIN

```
CREATE DOMAIN M_Code AS CHAR(10)  
  CHECK (Value IN ('CS', 'Film', 'History'));
```

```
CREATE TABLE Student (  
  Sid INTEGER, Name CHAR(20),  
  Age INTEGER,  
  GPA REAL,  
  Major M_Code,
```

```
  CONSTRAINT STUDENT_PK  
    PRIMARY KEY (Sid));
```

Example... Minor & Constraints

```
CREATE DOMAIN M_Code AS CHAR(10)  
  CHECK (value IN ('CS', 'Film', 'History'));
```

```
CREATE TABLE Student (  
  Sid INTEGER, Name CHAR(20),  
  Age INTEGER,  
  GPA REAL,  
  Major M_Code,
```

Minor ..., what constraints are needed for Minor?

```
  CONSTRAINT STUDENT_PK  
    PRIMARY KEY (Sid));
```

IC1: Minor IN ...
IC2: Minor ≠ Major

Example: attribute-based

```
CREATE DOMAIN M_Code AS CHAR(10)
CHECK (value IN ('CS', 'Film', 'History'));

CREATE TABLE Student (
  Sid INTEGER, Name CHAR(20),
  Age INTEGER, GPA REAL,
  Major M_Code,
  Minor M_Code,
  CONSTRAINT STUDENT_PK
  PRIMARY KEY (Sid));
```

Example: attribute- and tuple-based

```
CREATE DOMAIN M_Code AS CHAR(10)
CHECK (value IN ('CS', 'Film', 'History'));

CREATE TABLE Student (
  Sid INTEGER, Name CHAR(20),
  Age INTEGER, GPA REAL,
  Major M_Code,
  Minor M_Code,
  CHECK (Major != Minor),
  CONSTRAINT STUDENT_PK
  PRIMARY KEY (Sid));
```

Example: attribute- and tuple-based

```
CREATE DOMAIN M_Code AS CHAR(10)
CHECK (value IN ('CS', 'Film', 'History'));

CREATE TABLE Student (
  Sid INTEGER, Name CHAR(20),
  Age INTEGER, GPA REAL,
  Major M_Code,
  Minor M_Code,
  CONSTRAINT STUDENT_Major_Minor
  CHECK (Major != Minor),
  CONSTRAINT STUDENT_PK PRIMARY KEY (Sid));
```

Be careful with your database inputs ☺



CHECK Constraint Major in-line

```
CREATE TABLE Student (  
  Sid INTEGER, Name CHAR(20),  
  Age INTEGER,  
  GPA REAL,  
  Major CHAR(10)  
    CHECK (Major IN ('CS', 'Film', 'History')),  
  
  CONSTRAINT STUDENT_PK  
    PRIMARY KEY (Sid));
```

CHECK Constraint Minor in-line

```
CREATE TABLE Student (  
  Sid INTEGER, Name CHAR(20),  
  Age INTEGER,  
  GPA REAL,  
  Major CHAR(10)  
    CHECK (Major IN ('CS', 'Film', 'History')),  
  Minor CHAR(10)  
    CHECK ((Minor IN ('CS', 'Film', 'History'))  
      AND (Major != Minor)),  
  
  CONSTRAINT STUDENT_PK  
    PRIMARY KEY (Sid));
```

Specify Constraints Separately

```
CREATE TABLE Student (  
  Sid INTEGER, Name CHAR(20),  
  Age INTEGER, GPA REAL,  
  Major CHAR(10), Minor CHAR(10),  
  CONSTRAINT STUDENT_PK  
    PRIMARY KEY (Sid),  
  CONSTRAINT STUDENT_Major  
    CHECK (Major IN ('CS', 'Film', 'History')),  
  CONSTRAINT STUDENT_Minor  
    CHECK (Minor IN ('CS', 'Film', 'History')),  
  CONSTRAINT STUDENT_Major_Minor  
    CHECK (Major != Minor));
```

CHECK Constraint 2

No Create Domain in Oracle, so ...

```
CREATE TABLE Student (  
  Sid INTEGER, Name CHAR(20),  
  Age INTEGER,  
  GPA REAL  
    CHECK (GPA >= 0.0 AND GPA <= 4.0);  
  Major CHAR(10)  
    CHECK (Major IN ('CS', 'Film', 'History'));  
  CONSTRAINT STUDENT_PK  
    PRIMARY KEY (Sid));
```

Constraint Management

```
ALTER TABLE Student DROP  
CONSTRAINT STUDENT_Major_Minor;
```

```
ALTER TABLE Student ADD  
CONSTRAINT STUDENT_Major_Minor  
CHECK (Major != Minor);
```

- ❑ To modify a constraint:
 - drop it first then add a new one

Table Schema Evolution

- ❑ The ALTER command allows to alter the domain of an attribute, add and drop an attribute or constraint
- ❑ ALTER TABLE <table-name> ALTER [COLUMN]
 - Domain change of an attribute
E.g., ALTER TABLE Student
ALTER QPA DECIMAL(4,2);
– Warning: Type Narrowing is possible as in C/C++
 - Set or drop the default value of an attribute
E.g.1, ALTER TABLE SECTION
ALTER COLUMN Head DROP DEFAULT;
E.g.2, ALTER TABLE SECTION
ALTER Head SET DEFAULT NULL;

Table Schema Evolution in Oracle

- ❑ ALTER TABLE <table-name> MODIFY [COLUMN]
 - Domain change of an attribute
E.g., ALTER TABLE Student
MODIFY QPA DECIMAL(4,2);
 - Set or drop the default value of an attribute
E.g.1, ALTER TABLE SECTION
MODIFY COLUMN Head DROP DEFAULT;
E.g.2, ALTER TABLE SECTION
MODIFY Head SET DEFAULT NULL;

Modifying a Table Schema...

- ❑ ALTER TABLE <table-name> ADD [COLUMN]
ALTER TABLE LIBRARIAN
ADD Gender gender_dom;
- ❑ ALTER TABLE <tbl-name> DROP [COLUMN]... [Option]
 - CASCADE option
ALTER TABLE SECTION
DROP COLUMN Head CASCADE;
 - RESTRICT option (default)
ALTER TABLE SECTION
DROP Head RESTRICT;