

Database Programming with SQL

13-1: Creating Tables

1. Complete the GRADUATE CANDIDATE table instance chart. Credits is a foreign-key column referencing the requirements table.

Column Name	Student_id	Last_name	First_name	Credits	Graduation_date
Key Type	Primary Key	NUMBER	6	Not Null	
Nulls/Unique					
FK Column					
Datatype	NUMBER	VARCHAR2	VARCHAR2	NUMBER	DATE
Length	6			3	

Column Name	Key Type	Datatype	Length	Nulls/Unique	FK Column
student_id	Primary Key	NUMBER	6	Not Null	
last_name		VARCHAR2	3	Not Null	
first_name		VARCHAR2	2	Not Null	
credits	Foreign Key	NUMBER	3	Not Null	references requirements
graduation_date		DATE	7	Nullable	

2. Write the syntax to create the grad_candidates table.

```
CREATE TABLE grad_candidates (  
    student_id NUMBER(6) PRIMARY KEY,  
    last_name VARCHAR2(3) NOT NULL,  
    first_name VARCHAR2(2) NOT NULL,  
    credits NUMBER(3) NOT NULL,  
    graduation_date DATE,  
    FOREIGN KEY (credits) REFERENCES requirements(credit_column) );
```

3. Confirm creation of the table using DESCRIBE.

```
1 desc grad_candidates
```

Results	Explain	Describe	Saved SQL	History					
Object Type	TABLE ?	Object	GRAD_CANDIDATES ?						
Table	Column	Data Type	Length	Precision	Scale	Primary Key	Nullable	Default	Comment
GRAD_CANDIDATES	STUDENT_ID	NUMBER	-	6	0	1	-	-	-
	LAST_NAME	VARCHAR2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	FIRST_NAME	VARCHAR2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	CREDITS	NUMBER	-	3	0	-	-	-	-
	GRADUATION_DATE	DATE	7	-	-	-	✓	-	-

4. Create a new table using a subquery. Name the new table your last name – e.g., smith_table. Using subquery, copy grad_candidates into smith_table.

```
1 CREATE TABLE asad_table AS
2 SELECT *
3 FROM grad_candidates;
```

Results	Explain	Describe	Saved SQL	History
Table created.				

5. Insert your personal data into the table created in question 4.

```
1 INSERT INTO asad_table (student_id, last_name, first_name, credits, graduation_date)
2 VALUES (12345, 'Doe', 'John', 120, TO_DATE('15-May-2025', 'DD-Mon-YYYY'));
```

Results	Explain	Describe	Saved SQL	History
1 row(s) inserted.				

6. Query the data dictionary for each of the following:
- USER_TABLES: Returns tables in your schema.
 - USER_OBJECTS: Returns all objects (tables, views, etc.)
 - USER_CATALOG or USER_CAT: Returns metadata about all objects in the database catalog that are accessible to the user.

13-2: Using Data Types

1. Create tables using each of the listed time-zone data types, use your time-zone and one other in your examples. Answers will vary.

a) TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE

```
1 INSERT INTO timezone_example_1 (id, event_name, event_time)
2 VALUES (1, 'Team Meeting', TO_TIMESTAMP_TZ('2024-11-12 09:00:00 -05:00', 'YYYY-MM-DD HH24:MI:SS TZH:TZM'))
3
4 INSERT INTO timezone_example_1 (id, event_name, event_time)
5 VALUES (2, 'Product Launch', TO_TIMESTAMP_TZ('2024-11-12 09:00:00 +00:00', 'YYYY-MM-DD HH24:MI:SS TZH:TZM'))
6
7 desc timezone_example_1
```

Results	Explain	Describe	Saved SQL	History					
Object Type	TABLE ?	Object	TIMEZONE_EXAMPLE_1 ?						
Table	Column	Data Type	Length	Precision	Scale	Primary Key	Nullable	Default	Comment
TIMEZONE_EXAMPLE_1	ID	NUMBER	22	-	-	1	-	-	-
	EVENT_NAME	VARCHAR2	50	-	-	-	✓	-	-
	EVENT_TIME	TIMESTAMP(6) WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE	11	-	6	-	✓	-	-

b) INTERVAL YEAR TO MONTH

```
1 INSERT INTO interval_example_2 (id, contract_length)
2 VALUES (1, INTERVAL '1' YEAR);
3
4 INSERT INTO interval_example_2 (id, contract_length)
5 VALUES (2, INTERVAL '6' MONTH);
6
7 desc interval_example_2
```

ResultsExplainDescribeSaved SQLHistory

Object TypeTABLE ?ObjectINTERVAL_EXAMPLE_2 ?

Table	Column	Data Type	Length	Precision	Scale	Primary Key	Nullable	Default	Comment
INTERVAL_EXAMPLE_2	ID	NUMBER	22	-	-	1	-	-	-
	CONTRACT_LENGTH	INTERVAL YEAR(2) TO MONTH	2	2	0	-	✓	-	-

c) INTERVAL DAY TO SECOND

1desc interval_example_3

Results

Explain

Describe

Saved SQL

History

Object Type

TABLE

Object

INTERVAL_EXAMPLE_3

Table	Column	Data Type	Length	Precision	Scale	Primary Key	Nullable	Default	Comment
INTERVAL_EXAMPLE_3	ID	NUMBER	22	-	-	1	-	-	-
	TIME_DIFFERENCE	INTERVAL DAY(2) TO SECOND(6)	2	2	6	-	✓	-	-

2. Execute a SELECT * from each table to verify your input.

1SELECT * FROM timezone_example_1;

2

Results

ExplainDescribeSaved SQLHistory

ID	EVENT_NAME	EVENT_TIME
2	Product Launch	12-NOV-24 09:00:00.000000 AM
1	Team Meeting	12-NOV-24 02:00:00.000000 PM

1SELECT * FROM interval_example_2;

Results

ExplainDescribeSaved SQLHistory

ID	CONTRACT_LENGTH
1	+01-00
2	+00-06

1SELECT * FROM interval_example_3;

Results

ExplainDescribeSaved SQLHistory

ID	TIME_DIFFERENCE
1	+10 05:30:00.000000
2	+05 12:00:00.000000

3. Give 3 examples of organizations and personal situations where it is important to know to which time zone a date-time value refers.
 - Global Businesses with Offices in Multiple Locations
 - Travel and Airline Industry
 - Financial and Stock Markets

13-3: Modifying a Table

1. Create the three o_tables – jobs, employees, and departments – using the syntax:
CREATE TABLE o_jobs AS (SELECT * FROM jobs); CREATE TABLE o_employees AS (SELECT * FROM employees); CREATE TABLE o_departments AS (SELECT * FROM departments);

```
1 CREATE TABLE o_jobs AS (SELECT * FROM jobs);
2 CREATE TABLE o_employees AS (SELECT * FROM employees);
3 CREATE TABLE o_departments AS (SELECT * FROM departments);
```

2. Add the Human Resources job to the jobs table: INSERT INTO o_jobs (job_id, job_title, min_salary, max_salary) VALUES('HR_MAN', 'Human Resources Manager', 4500, 5500);

```
1 INSERT INTO o_jobs (job_id, job_title, min_salary, max_salary)
2 VALUES('HR_MAN', 'Human Resources Manager', 4500, 5500);
```

3. Add the three new employees to the employees table: INSERT INTO o_employees (employee_id, first_name, last_name, email, hire_date, job_id) VALUES(210, 'Ramon', 'Sanchez', 'RSANCHEZ', SYSDATE, 'HR_MAN');

```
1 INSERT INTO o_employees (employee_id, first_name, last_name, email, hire_date, job_id)
2 VALUES (210, 'Ramon', 'Sanchez', 'RSANCHEZ', SYSDATE, 'HR_MAN');
3
4 INSERT INTO o_employees (employee_id, first_name, last_name, email, hire_date, job_id)
5 VALUES (211, 'Maria', 'Garcia', 'MGARCIA', SYSDATE, 'HR_MAN');
6
7 INSERT INTO o_employees (employee_id, first_name, last_name, email, hire_date, job_id)
8 VALUES (212, 'Carlos', 'Lopez', 'CLopez', SYSDATE, 'HR_MAN');
```

4. Add Human Resources to the departments table: INSERT INTO o_departments(department_id, department_name) VALUES (210,'Human Resources');

```
1 INSERT INTO o_departments(department_id, department_name)
2 VALUES (210, 'Human Resources');
```

You will need to know which columns do not allow null values.

1. Why is it important to be able to modify a table?

- Data Integrity
- Business Needs
- Error Correction
- Flexibility

2. CREATE a table called Artists.

a. Add the following to the table:

- Artist ID
- First Name
- Last Name
- Band Name
- Email
- Hourly Rate

```
1  CREATE TABLE Artists (  
2      artist_id NUMBER,  
3      first_name VARCHAR2(50),  
4      last_name VARCHAR2(50),  
5      band_name VARCHAR2(100),  
6      email VARCHAR2(100),  
7      hourly_rate NUMBER  
8  );
```

b. INSERT one artist from the d_songs table.

```
1  INSERT INTO Artists (artist_id, first_name, last_name, band_name, email)  
2  SELECT ID, ARTIST, NULL, TITLE, NULL  
3  FROM d_songs  
4  WHERE rownum = 1;
```

c. INSERT one artist of your own choosing.

```
1  INSERT INTO Artists (artist_id, first_name, last_name, band_name, email, hourly_rate)  
2  VALUES (1001, 'John', 'Doe', 'The Rockers', 'john.doe@example.com', 50);
```

d. Give an example how each of the following may be used on the table that you have created:

- 1) ALTER TABLE: Used to modify the structure of an existing table.
- 2) DROP TABLE: Used to remove a table completely from the database.
- 3) RENAME TABLE: Used to rename an existing table.
- 4) TRUNCATE: Used to remove all rows from a table.
- 5) COMMENT ON TABLE: Adds a comment to the table, which can be seen in the data dictionary.

3. In your o_employees table, enter a new column called "Termination." The datatype for the new column should be VARCHAR2. Set the DEFAULT for this column as SYSDATE to appear as character data in the format: February 20th, 2003.

```
1 ALTER TABLE o_employees
2 ADD (termination VARCHAR2(100) DEFAULT TO_CHAR(SYSDATE, 'Month DD, YYYY'));
```

4. Create a new column in the o_employees table called start_date. Use the TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE as the datatype.

```
1 ALTER TABLE o_employees
2 ADD (start_date TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE);|
```

5. Truncate the o_jobs table. Then do a SELECT * statement. Are the columns still there? Is the data still there?

```
1 TRUNCATE TABLE o_jobs;
2
3 SELECT * FROM o_jobs;
```

Results Explain Describe Saved SQL History

no data found

6. What is the distinction between TRUNCATE, DELETE, and DROP for tables?

- **TRUNCATE** removes all rows from the table but keeps the table structure while **DELETE** can be used for the same purpose except it helps you filter and **DROP** completely removes the table from database.

7. List the changes that can and cannot be made to a column.

- **Can be changed:** Data Type, Column Name, Constraints
- **Cannot be Changed:** Length of VARCHAR columns and some other structural changes depend on the DBMS version.

8. Add the following comment to the o_jobs table:

"New job description added"

View the data dictionary to view your comments.

```
1 SELECT * FROM user_tab_comments WHERE table_name = 'O_JOBS';
```

Results Explain Describe Saved SQL History

TABLE_NAME	TABLE_TYPE	COMMENTS	ORIGIN_CON_ID
O_JOBS	TABLE	New job description added	3

9. Rename the o_jobs table to o_job_description.

```
1 RENAME o_jobs TO o_job_description;
```

10. F_staffs table exercises:

a. Create a copy of the f_staffs table called copy_f_staffs and use this copy table for the remaining labs in this lesson.

```
1 CREATE TABLE copy_f_staffs AS (SELECT * FROM f_staffs);
```

b. Describe the new table to make sure it exists.

COPY_F_STAFFS	ID	NUMBER	-	5	0	1	-	-	-
	FIRST_NAME	VARCHAR2	25	-	-	-	✓	-	-
	LAST_NAME	VARCHAR2	35	-	-	-	✓	-	-
	BIRTHDATE	DATE	7	-	-	-	✓	-	-
	SALARY	NUMBER	-	8	2	-	✓	-	-
	OVERTIME_RATE	NUMBER	-	5	2	-	✓	-	-
	TRAINING	VARCHAR2	50	-	-	-	✓	-	-
	STAFF_TYPE	VARCHAR2	20	-	-	-	✓	-	-

c. Drop the table.

```
Table dropped.
```

d. Try to select from the table.

```
Error at line 1/15: ORA-00942: table or view does not exist
```

e. Investigate your recyclebin to see where the table went.

OBJECT_NAME
BIN\$JrixUEYMBETgYxJ+eGTygg==\$0
BIN\$JrqcYGcQ7UrgYxJ+eGTL7A==\$0
BIN\$JrroJRdeHFDgYxJ+eGT6jg==\$0

f. Undrop the table.

```
9 FLASHBACK TABLE copy_f_staffs TO BEFORE DROP;
```


g. Describe the table.

Object Type	TABLE ?	Object	COPY_F_STAFFS ?						
Table	Column	Data Type	Length	Precision	Scale	Primary Key	Nullable	Default	Comment
COPY_F_STAFFS	ID	NUMBER	-	5	0	1	-	-	-
	FIRST_NAME	VARCHAR2	25	-	-	-	✓	-	-
	LAST_NAME	VARCHAR2	35	-	-	-	✓	-	-
	BIRTHDATE	DATE	7	-	-	-	✓	-	-
	SALARY	NUMBER	-	8	2	-	✓	-	-
	OVERTIME_RATE	NUMBER	-	5	2	-	✓	-	-

11. Still working with the copy_f_staffs table, perform an update on the table.

a. Issue a select statement to see all rows and all columns from the copy_f_staffs table;

1	SELECT * FROM copy_f_staffs;							
2								
Results	Explain	Describe	Saved SQL	History				
ID	FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME	BIRTHDATE	SALARY	OVERTIME_RATE	TRAINING	STAFF_TYPE	MANAGER_ID
12	Sue	Doe	01-Jul-1980	10	11.1	-	Order Taker	19
9	Bob	Miller	19-Mar-1979	10	.75	-	Grill Cook	19
19	Monique	Tuttle	30-Mar-1969	60	-	-	Manager	-

b. Change the salary for Sue Doe to 12 and commit the change.

c. Issue a select statement to see all rows and all columns from the copy_f_staffs table;

1	SELECT * FROM copy_f_staffs;							
Results	Explain	Describe	Saved SQL	History				
ID	FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME	BIRTHDATE	SALARY	OVERTIME_RATE	TRAINING	STAFF_TYPE	MANAGER_ID
12	Sue	Doe	01-Jul-1980	12	11.1	-	Order Taker	19
9	Bob	Miller	19-Mar-1979	10	.75	-	Grill Cook	19
19	Monique	Tuttle	30-Mar-1969	60	-	-	Manager	-

d. For Sue Doe, update the salary to 2 and commit the change.

e. Issue a select statement to see all rows and all columns from the copy_f_staffs table;

```
1 SELECT * FROM copy_f_staffs;
```

Results	Explain	Describe	Saved SQL	History				
ID	FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME	BIRTHDATE	SALARY	OVERTIME_RATE	TRAINING	STAFF_TYPE	MANAGER_ID
12	Sue	Doe	01-Jul-1980	2	11.1	-	Order Taker	19
9	Bob	Miller	19-Mar-1979	10	.75	-	Grill Cook	19
19	Monique	Tuttle	30-Mar-1969	60	-	-	Manager	-

f. Now, issue a FLASHBACK QUERY statement against the copy_f_staffs table, so you can see all the changes made. g. Investigate the result of f), and find the original salary and update the copy_f_staffs table salary column for Sue Doe back to her original salary.

```
1 SELECT salary FROM copy_f_staffs AS OF TIMESTAMP (SYSTIMESTAMP - INTERVAL '5' MINUTE)
2 WHERE first_name = 'Sue' AND last_name = 'Doe';
3
4 UPDATE copy_f_staffs
5 SET salary = 10
6 WHERE first_name = 'Sue' AND last_name = 'Doe';
```

Results	Explain	Describe	Saved SQL	History
1 row(s) updated.				