

**EXERCISE-1**  
**Creating and Managing Tables**

**OBJECTIVE**

After the completion of this exercise, students should be able to do the following:

- Create tables
- Describing the data types that can be used when specifying column definition
- Alter table definitions
- Drop, rename, and truncate tables

**NAMING RULES**

Table names and column names:

- Must begin with a letter
- Must be 1-30 characters long
- Must contain only A-Z, a-z, 0-9, \_, \$, and #
- Must not duplicate the name of another object owned by the same user
- Must not be an oracle server reserve words
- 2 different tables should not have same name.
- Should specify a unique column name.
- Should specify proper data type along with width
- Can include “not null” condition when needed. By default it is ‘null’.

**The CREATE TABLE Statement**

**Table:** Basic unit of storage; composed of rows and columns

**Syntax: 1** Create table table\_name (column\_name1 data\_type (size)  
 column\_name2 data\_type (size)...);

**Syntax: 2** Create table table\_name (column\_name1 data\_type (size) constraints,  
 column\_name2 data\_type constraints ...);

**Example:**

```
Create table employees ( employee_id number(6), first_name varchar2(20), ..job_id varchar2(10),
CONSTRAINT emp_emp_id_pk PRIMARY KEY (employee_id));
```

**Tables Used in this course**

**Creating a table by using a Sub query**

**SYNTAX**

```
// CREATE TABLE table_name(column_name type(size)...);
```

```
Create table table_name as select column_name1,column_name2,.....column_namen from
table_name where predicate;
```

**AS Subquery**

Subquery is the select statement that defines the set of rows to be inserted into the new table.

### Example

Create table dept80 as select employee\_id, last\_name, salary\*12 AnnSal, hire\_date from employees where dept\_id=80;

## The ALTER TABLE Statement

The ALTER statement is used to

- Add a new column
- Modify an existing column
- Define a default value to the new column
- Drop a column
- To include or drop integrity constraint.

### SYNTAX

ALTER TABLE table\_name ADD /MODIFY(Column\_name type(size));

ALTER TABLE table\_name DROP COLUMN (Column\_nname);

ALTER TABLE ADD CONSTRAINT Constraint\_name PRIMARY KEY (Colum\_Name);

### Example:

Alter table dept80 add (jod\_id varchar2(9));  
Alter table dept80 modify (last\_name varchar2(30));  
Alter table dept80 drop column job\_id;

**NOTE:** Once the column is dropped it cannot be recovered.

## DROPPING A TABLE

- All data and structure in the table is deleted.
- Any pending transactions are committed.
- All indexes are dropped.
- Cannot roll back the drop table statement.

### Syntax:

Drop table tablename;

### Example:

Drop table dept80;

## RENAME A TABLE

To rename a table or view.

### Syntax

RENAME old\_name to new\_name

**Example:**

Rename dept to detail\_dept;

**TRUNCATING A TABLE**

Removes all rows from the table.

Releases the storage space used by that table.

**Syntax**

TRUNCATE TABLE *table\_name*;

**Example:**

TRUNCATE TABLE copy\_emp;

**Find the Solution for the following:**

Create the following tables with the given structure.

**EMPLOYEES TABLE**

NAME	NULL?	TYPE
Employee_id	Not null	Number(6)
First_Name		Varchar(20)
Last_Name	Not null	Varchar(25)
Email	Not null	Varchar(25)
Phone_Number		Varchar(20)
Hire_date	Not null	Date
Job_id	Not null	Varchar(10)
Salary		Number(8,2)
Commission_pct		Number(2,2)
Manager_id		Number(6)
Department_id		Number(4)

**DEPARTMENT TABLE**

NAME	NULL?	TYPE
Dept_id	Not null	Number(6)
Dept_name	Not null	Varchar(20)
Manager_id		Number(6)
Location_id		Number(4)

**JOB\_GRADE TABLE**

NAME	NULL?	TYPE
Grade_level		Varchar(2)
Lowest_sal		Number

Highest_sal	Number
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### LOCATION TABLE

NAME	NULL?	TYPE
Location_id	Not null	Number(4)
St_addr		Varchar(40)
Postal_code		Varchar(12)
City	Not null	Varchar(30)
State_province		Varchar(25)
Country_id		Char(2)

1. Create the DEPT table based on the DEPARTMENT following the table instance chart below. Confirm that the table is created.

Column name	ID	NAME
Key Type		
Nulls/Unique		
FK table		
FK column		
Data Type	Number	Varchar2
Length	7	25

Create table Dept (ID int primary key,  
NAME Varchar(25)).

2. Create the EMP table based on the following instance chart. Confirm that the table is created.

Column name	ID	LAST_NAME	FIRST_NAME	DEPT_ID
Key Type				
Nulls/Unique				
FK table				
FK column				
Data Type	Number	Varchar2	Varchar2	Number
Length	7	25	25	7

Create table Emp (ID int primary key,  
last\_name Varchar(25),  
first\_name Varchar(25), Dept\_ID int,  
constraint FK\_DEPT foreign key (Dept\_ID)  
reference Dept (ID)).

3. Modify the EMP table to allow for longer employee last names. Confirm the modification.(Hint: Increase the size to 50)

Alter table Emp  
Modify last\_name Varchar(50);

4. Create the EMPLOYEES2 table based on the structure of EMPLOYEES table. Include Only the Employee\_id, First\_name, Last\_name, Salary and Dept\_id columns. Name the columns Id, First\_name, Last\_name, salary and Dept\_id respectively.

```
Create table Employees2 As Select Employee-ID  
As ID, First_Name, Last_Name, Salary, Department-ID  
As Dept-ID from Employees;
```

5. Drop the EMP table.

```
Drop table Emp;
```

6. Rename the EMPLOYEES2 table as EMP.

```
Rename Employees2 to Emp;
```

7. Add a comment on DEPT and EMP tables. Confirm the modification by describing the table.

```
comment on table Dept is,"Department Details";  
comment on table Emp is,"Employee Details";
```

8. Drop the First\_name column from the EMP table and confirm it.

```
Alter table Emp  
Drop column First_name;
```

Evaluation Procedure	Marks awarded
Query(5)	5
Execution (5)	5
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Total (15)	15
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