

CHAPTER 5

STATEMENTS

Statements – they help us to create the table and insert the data.

There are 3 types of statements,

- ❖ **DDL** – Data Definition Language – the various commands in DDL are :- Create, Drop, Truncate, Alter, Rename
Structure →
- ❖ **DML** – Data Manipulation Language – the various commands in DML are :- Insert, Update, Delete
data →
- ❖ **TCL** – Transaction Control Language – the various commands in TCL are :- Rollback, Commit, Savepoint

Auto commit / No Rollback

Not - Auto Commit

CREATE – It creates the table.

DDL → Grant Revokes to give perm. to database

Before we study the Create command, let us first study the some of the basic datatypes we use in SQL.

1) CHAR :-

It stores the fixed length character data.

It can store the alphanumeric data (i.e, numbers and characters).

constraint → NOT NULL

PK

*unique
check
FK*

2) VARCHAR

It stores the variable length character data

It can store alphanumeric data.

Now Varchar2 (4000 char)

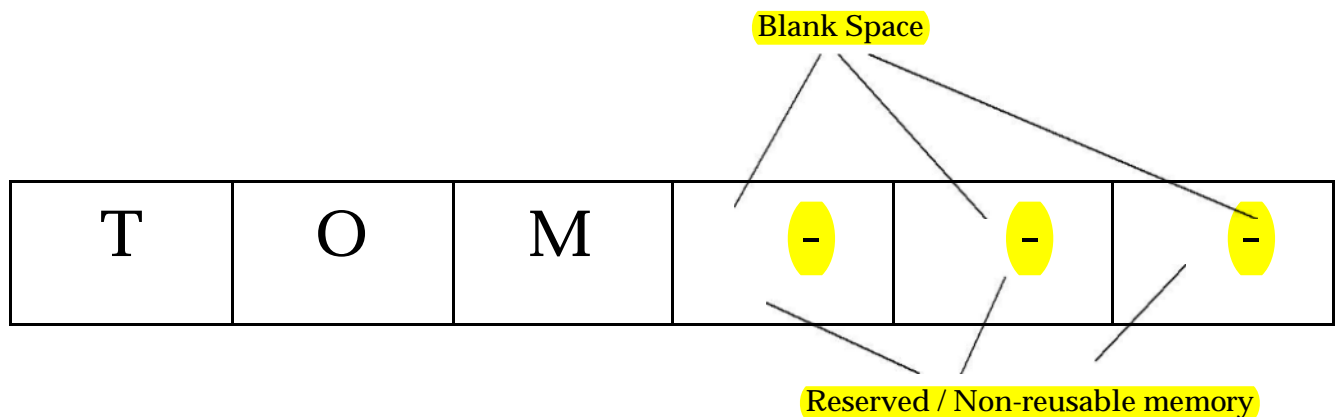
Difference between CHAR & VARCHAR

Let us consider an example as shown below to explain the difference.

Name char (6) ;

Here we are defining name which is of 6 characters in length.

Now, let us store „Tom“ in the name field. Let us understand how the memory is allocated for this,



When we declare anything of type char, the memory is allocated as of the size given and its fixed length – hence it cannot be altered.

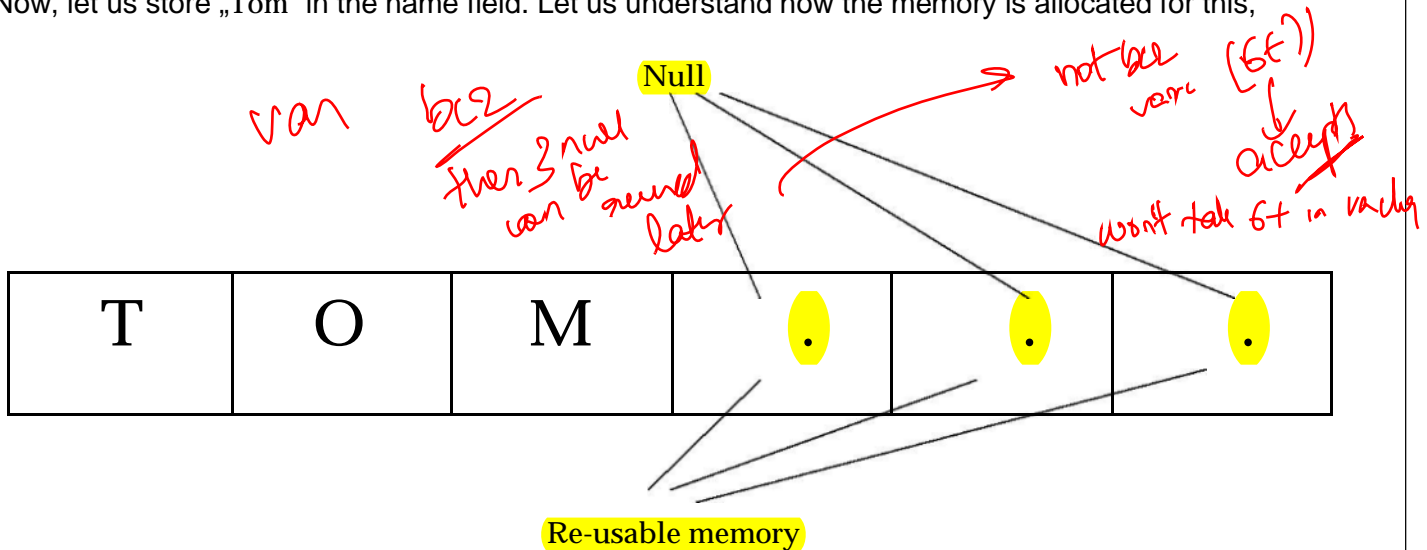
Now, when we give tom, it allocates 6 bytes for name char – only the 1st 3bytes are used to store Tom – the rest becomes waste as it is a blank space and it is reserved memory.

The length(name) = 6.

Name **varchar (6)**;

Here we are defining name which is of 6 characters in length.

Now, let us store „Tom“ in the name field. Let us understand how the memory is allocated for this,



When we declare anything of type varchar, the memory is allocated as shown above and it is variable length

When we give tom, it allocates 6bytes for name varchar – only the 1st 3bytes are used to store tom – the remaining 3 fields becomes null. As we know the property of null – **null does not occupy any memory space** – thus the **memory is not wasted** here.

The length(name) = 3.

Another difference is :-

In char, maximum value we can store is 2000 characters

In varchar, maximum value we can store is 4000 characters.

3) **NUMBER**

- it stores numeric data.

For ex – 1) sal **number(4)** ;

Here the **maximum** possible value is **9999**.

2) sal number **(6, 2)** ;

Here, **2** – **scale** (total number of **decimal places**)

6 – **precision** (total number of digits including decimal places) Maximum value is **9999.99**

sal number (4, 3) ;

maximum value is 9.999

sal number **(2, 2)**

maximum value is **.99**

4) DATE

- it stores date and time
- no need to specify any length for this type.

For ex, SQL > order_dt DATE;

Date is always displayed in the default format :- dd - month - yy

NOTE :-

varchar2 - from 10g, varchar & varchar2 are the same.

Earlier, varchar was supporting upto 2000 characters and varchar2 was supporting upto 4000 characters.

5) BLOB

Stands for - Binary Large Object

It stores binary data (images, movies, music files) within the database. It stores upto 4GB.

6) CLOB

Stands for - Character Large Object

It stores plain character data like varchar field upto 4GB.

Create the following tables

PRODUCTS
ProdID (PK)
ProdName (Not Null)
Qty (Chk > 0)
Description

parent / master

ORDERS
ProdID (FK from products)
OrderID (PK)
Qty_sold (chk > 0)
Price
Order_Date

FK → child / detail

```
SQL> CREATE TABLE products
2 (
3   prodid NUMBER(4) PRIMARY KEY ,
4   prodname VARCHAR(10) NOT NULL ,
5   qty NUMBER(3) CHECK (qty > 0) ,
6   description VARCHAR(20)
7 ) ;
```

Table created.

We can see that the table has been created.

Now, let us **verify if the table** has really been created and also the description of the table,

```
SQL> select * from tab ;
```

TNAME	TABTYPE	CLUSTERID
DEPT	TABLE	
EMP	TABLE	
BONUS	TABLE	
SALGRADE	TABLE	
<u>PRODUCTS</u>	TABLE	

The new table products has been added to the database.

```
SQL> desc products ;
```

Name	Null?	Type
PRODID	NOT NULL	NUMBER(4)
PRODNAME	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(10)
QTY		NUMBER(3)
DESCRIPTION		VARCHAR2(20)

Thus, we get the **description of the table products**.

```
SQL> CREATE TABLE orders
2 (
3   prodid NUMBER(4) REFERENCES products (prodid) ,
4   orderid NUMBER(4) PRIMARY KEY ,
5   qty_sold NUMBER(3) CHECK (qty_sold > 0) ,
6   price NUMBER(8, 2) ,
7   order_dt DATE
8 ) ;
```

Table created.

The new table orders has been created. We can see from the above query how to **reference a child table to the parent table** using the **references** keyword.

```
SQL> select * from tab ;
```

TNAME	TABTYPE	CLUSTERID
DEPT	TABLE	
EMP	TABLE	
BONUS	TABLE	
SALGRADE	TABLE	
PRODUCTS	TABLE	
ORDERS	TABLE	

6 rows selected.

Thus we can verify that **orders table** has been **created** and **added to the database**.

```
SQL> desc orders ;
```

Name	Null?	Type
PROID		NUMBER(4)
ORDERID	NOT NULL	NUMBER(4)
QTY_SOLD		NUMBER(3)
PRICE		NUMBER(8,2)
ORDER_DT		DATE

Thus, we get the description of the orders table.

Creating a table from another table :-

Now, we will see how to create a table from another table – i.e. **it duplicates all the records and the characteristics of another table.**

The **SQL query** for it is as follows,

```
SQL> CREATE TABLE temp  
2 AS  
3 select * from dept ;
```

Table created.

Thus we can see that we have **created another table temp** from the table dept.

We can verify it as shown below,

```
SQL> select * from tab ;
```

TNAME	TABTYPE	CLUSTERID
DEPT	TABLE	
EMP	TABLE	
BONUS	TABLE	
SALGRADE	TABLE	
PRODUCTS	TABLE	
ORDERS	TABLE	
TEMP	TABLE	

7 rows selected.

Thus, we can see that the table temp has been created.

```
SQL> desc temp ;
```

Name	Null?	Type
DEPTNO		NUMBER(2)
DNAME		VARCHAR2(14)
LOC		VARCHAR2(13)

Thus, we can see that the table temp has copied the structure of the table dept. Here, we must observe that temp copies all the columns, rows and NOT NULL constraints only from the table dept. It never copies PK, FK, Check constraints.

Thus, when in the interview somebody asks you "I have a table which has about 1million records. How do I duplicate it into another table without using Insert keyword and without inserting it individually all the records into the duplicated table ?

Answer is - Use the above query of creating a table from another table and explain it.

```
SQL> select * from temp ;
```

DEPTNO	DNAME	LOC
10	ACCOUNTING	NEW YORK
20	RESEARCH	DALLAS
30	SALES	CHICAGO
40	OPERATIONS	BOSTON

Thus, from the above query – we can see that all the records of the table dept has been copied into the table temp.

TRUNCATE

It removes all the data permanently, but the structure of the table remains as it is.

Ex – SQL > TRUNCATE TABLE test ;

DROP

It removes both data and the structure of the table permanently from the database.

Ex – SQL > DROP TABLE test ;

Let us understand the difference between drop & truncate using the below shown example,

SQL> CREATE TABLE test1	SQL> CREATE TABLE test2
2 AS	2 AS
3 select * from dept ;	3 select * from dept ;
Table created.	Table created.

Let us create 2 tables Test1 and Test2 as shown above.

```
SQL> desc test1 ;
```

Name	Null?	Type
DEPTNO		NUMBER(2)
DNAME		VARCHAR2(14)
LOC		VARCHAR2(13)

```
SQL> select * from test1 ;
```

DEPTNO	DNAME	LOC
10	ACCOUNTING	NEW YORK
20	RESEARCH	DALLAS
30	SALES	CHICAGO
40	OPERATIONS	BOSTON

The above shows the description of the table test1.

```
SQL> desc test2 ;
```

Name	Null?	Type
DEPTNO		NUMBER(2)
DNAME		VARCHAR2(14)
LOC		VARCHAR2(13)

```
SQL> select * from test2 ;
```

DEPTNO	DNAME	LOC
10	ACCOUNTING	NEW YORK
20	RESEARCH	DALLAS
30	SALES	CHICAGO
40	OPERATIONS	BOSTON

The above gives the description of the table Test2.

Now, let us use the **Truncate query on Test1** and **Drop query on Test2** and see the difference.

```
SQL> truncate table test1 ;
```

Table truncated.

```
SQL> select * from test1 ;
```

no rows selected

```
SQL> desc test1 ;
```

Name	Null?	Type
DEPTNO		NUMBER(2)
DNAME		VARCHAR2(14)
LOC		VARCHAR2(13)

The above 3 queries show that – 1st query has the table test1 truncated.
2nd query – it shows no rows selected – thus only the records from the table has been removed. 3rd query – it shows that the structure of the table is still present. Only the records will be removed. Thus, this explains the truncate query.

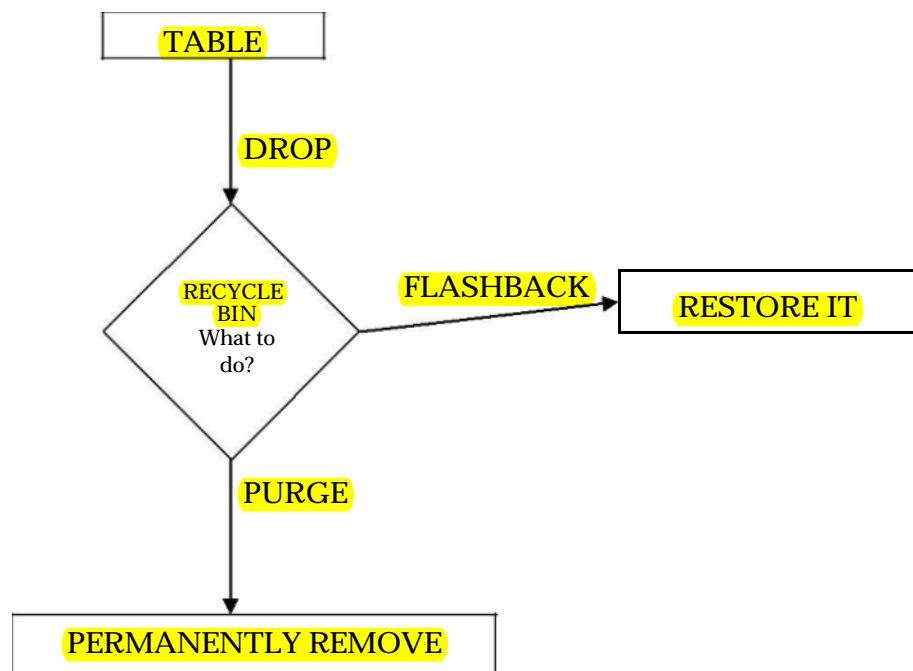
```
SQL> drop table test2 ;  
Table dropped.  
  
SQL> select * from test2 ;  
select * from test2  
*  
ERROR at line 1:  
ORA-00942: table or view does not exist  
  
SQL> desc test2 ;  
ERROR:  
ORA-04043: object test2 does not exist
```

Thus from the above queries we can explain how drop works. 1st query – it drops the table. Thus – the entire structure and records of the table are dropped.

2nd and 3rd query – since, there is no table – select & desc query for test2 will throw an error. Thus, this explains the drop query.

Hence, we have seen the difference between drop & truncate query.

10g Recycle Bin



The functionality of Recycle Bin was introduced in Oracle 10G version only. Thus even though the table has been dropped, we can still restore it using flashback command or we can permanently remove it using the purge command.

This concept of Recycle bin was not there in the earlier versions of Oracle.

RENAME

It renames a table.

For ex, let us see the query of how we do this renaming a table.

```
SQL> CREATE TABLE temp  
2 AS  
3 select * from dept ;
```

Table created.

```
SQL> select * from temp ;
```

DEPTNO	DNAME	LOC
10	ACCOUNTING	NEW YORK
20	RESEARCH	DALLAS
30	SALES	CHICAGO
40	OPERATIONS	BOSTON

```
SQL> select * from tab ;
```

TNAME	TABTYPE	CLUSTERID
DEPT	TABLE	
EMP	TABLE	
BONUS	TABLE	
SALGRADE	TABLE	
PRODUCTS	TABLE	
ORDERS	TABLE	
TEMP	TABLE	

7 rows selected.

In the above 3queries – we have created a table temp which copies table dept – we see the records of the table temp – and also check if the table has really been created.

Now let us rename temp to temp23 as shown below,

```
SQL> RENAME temp TO temp23 ;
```

Table renamed.

The above query is used to rename a table.

Now let us verify the contents of the table and check if it has really been modified, See next page,

```
SQL> select * from tab ;
```

TNAME	TABTYPE	CLUSTERID
DEPT	TABLE	
EMP	TABLE	
BONUS	TABLE	
SALGRADE	TABLE	
PRODUCTS	TABLE	
ORDERS	TABLE	
TEMP23	TABLE	

7 rows selected.

```
SQL> select * from temp23 ;
```

DEPTNO	DNAME	LOC
10	ACCOUNTING	NEW YORK
20	RESEARCH	DALLAS
30	SALES	CHICAGO
40	OPERATIONS	BOSTON

Thus the table has been renamed and its contents are verified.

ALTER

- this query alters / changes the structure of the table (i.e., - adding columns, removing columns, renaming columns etc).

Now let us alter the table products (which we have created earlier).

1) Let us add a new column 'model_no' to the table.

```
SQL> ALTER TABLE products  
2 ADD model_no VARCHAR(10) NOT NULL ;
```

Table altered.

Thus, a new column has been added. Lets verify it with the query shown below,

```
SQL> desc products ;
```

Name	Null?	Type
PROID	NOT NULL	NUMBER(4)
PRODNAME	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(10)
QTY		NUMBER(3)
DESCRIPTION		VARCHAR2(20)
MODEL_NO	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(10)

2) Now let us **drop the column model_no** from products.

```
SQL> ALTER TABLE products  
2 DROP COLUMN model_no ;
```

Table altered.

Thus, the column has been dropped.

```
SQL> desc products ;
```

Name	Null?	Type
PRODID	NOT NULL	NUMBER(4)
PRODNAME	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(10)
QTY		NUMBER(3)
DESCRIPTION		VARCHAR2(20)

Thus, we can see from the description of the table – the column model_no has been dropped.

3) Let us **rename the column qty to qty_available**.

```
SQL> ALTER TABLE products  
2 RENAME column qty to qty_available ;
```

Table altered.

Let us verify if it has been renamed,

```
SQL> desc products ;
```

Name	Null?	Type
PRODID	NOT NULL	NUMBER(4)
PRODNAME	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(10)
QTY_AVAILABLE		NUMBER(3)
DESCRIPTION		VARCHAR2(20)

NOTE : **SELECT** is neither **DML** nor **DDL**. It does not belong to any group because it does not alter anything, it just displays the data as required by the user.