

ITCS393 Database Systems Lab

Database Definition Language (DDL)

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Learning Outcomes

- To learn how to modify columns in existing table
 - Add new column, Alter column and Delete column
- To learn how to create primary key, foreign key
- To learn how to create and delete constraint

RECAP from Lab #1

- Write and run an SQL script that perform the following tasks:
 - Create Database
 - Create table, for example:

```
USE ITCS393DB;  
CREATE TABLE Staff (  
    StaffID int,  
    LastName varchar(255),  
    FirstName varchar(255),  
    Address varchar(255),  
    City varchar(255)  
);
```

2.0 To show detail of columns

- Show all tables in a current database.

```
SHOW TABLES;
```

- Show the columns of a table.

```
DESCRIBE table_name;
```

- Show the information of a column in a table

```
DESCRIBE table_name column_name;
```

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2.1 Alter Columns in Existing Table

- There are many way that you can alter columns in the existing table without dropping table and creating a new one
- The command that we will use is ALTER.
- The full syntax can be found [here](#). (Link: <https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.0/en/alter-table.html>)
- In this lab, we will focus on some common modification on tables.

2.1 Alter Columns in Existing Table (cont.)

- We are going to
 - Add a new column
 - Modify a column
 - Rename columns
 - Drop a column

2.1 Alter Columns in Existing Table (cont.)

- Adding a new column
- Syntax

```
ALTER TABLE table
ADD [COLUMN] column_name_1 column_1_definition [FIRST|AFTER
existing_column],
ADD [COLUMN] column_name_2 column_2_definition [FIRST|AFTER
existing_column], ...;
```

- Example

```
ALTER TABLE Staff
ADD COLUMN Phone VARCHAR(15) AFTER Address,
ADD COLUMN Country VARCHAR(20) AFTER City;
```

StaffID	LastName	FirstName	Address	Phone	City	Country
999	Sawangphol	Wudhichart	ICT, Mahidol	HULL	Salaya	HULL
998	Jidapa	Kraisangka	ICT, Mahidol	HULL	HULL	HULL
997	Petch	Sajjacholapunt	ICT, Mahidol	HULL	Phayathai	HULL

2.1 Alter Columns in Existing Table (cont.)

- Modify a column
- Syntax

```
ALTER TABLE table_name
MODIFY column_name column_definition
[ FIRST | AFTER column_name ],
MODIFY column_name column_definition
[ FIRST | AFTER column_name ], ...;
```

2.1 Alter Columns in Existing Table (cont.)

- Modify a column
- Example

```
ALTER TABLE Staff
MODIFY FirstName VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,
MODIFY LastName VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL AFTER FirstName;
```

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
StaffID	int	YES		NULL	
LastName	varchar(255)	YES		NULL	
FirstName	varchar(255)	YES		NULL	
Address	varchar(255)	YES		NULL	
Phone	varchar(15)	YES		NULL	
City	varchar(255)	YES		NULL	
Country	varchar(20)	YES		NULL	



Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
StaffID	int	YES		NULL	
FirstName	varchar(100)	NO		NULL	
LastName	varchar(100)	NO		NULL	
Address	varchar(255)	YES		NULL	
Phone	varchar(15)	YES		NULL	
City	varchar(255)	YES		NULL	
Country	varchar(20)	YES		NULL	

2.1 Alter Columns in Existing Table (cont.)

- Rename columns
- Syntax

```
ALTER TABLE table_name
CHANGE COLUMN original_name new_name column_definition
[FIRST | AFTER column_name],
CHANGE COLUMN original_name new_name column_definition
[FIRST | AFTER column_name], ...;
```

2.1 Alter Columns in Existing Table (cont.)

- Rename columns
- Example

```
ALTER TABLE Staff
CHANGE COLUMN FirstName Staff_FN VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,
CHANGE COLUMN LastName Staff_LN VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL;
```

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
StaffID	int	YES		NULL	
FirstName	varchar(100)	NO		NULL	
LastName	varchar(100)	NO		NULL	
Address	varchar(255)	YES		NULL	
Phone	varchar(15)	YES		NULL	
City	varchar(255)	YES		NULL	
Country	varchar(20)	YES		NULL	



Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
▶ StaffID	int	YES		NULL	
Staff_FN	varchar(100)	NO		NULL	
Staff_LN	varchar(100)	NO		NULL	
Address	varchar(255)	YES		NULL	
Phone	varchar(15)	YES		NULL	
City	varchar(255)	YES		NULL	
Country	varchar(20)	YES		NULL	

2.1 Alter Columns in Existing Table (cont.)

- Drop a column
- Syntax

```
ALTER TABLE table_name DROP COLUMN column_name;
```

- Example

```
ALTER TABLE Staff DROP COLUMN Country;
```

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
▶ StaffID	int	YES		NULL	
Staff_FN	varchar(100)	NO		NULL	
Staff_LN	varchar(100)	NO		NULL	
Address	varchar(255)	YES		NULL	
Phone	varchar(15)	YES		NULL	
City	varchar(255)	YES		NULL	
Country	varchar(20)	YES		NULL	



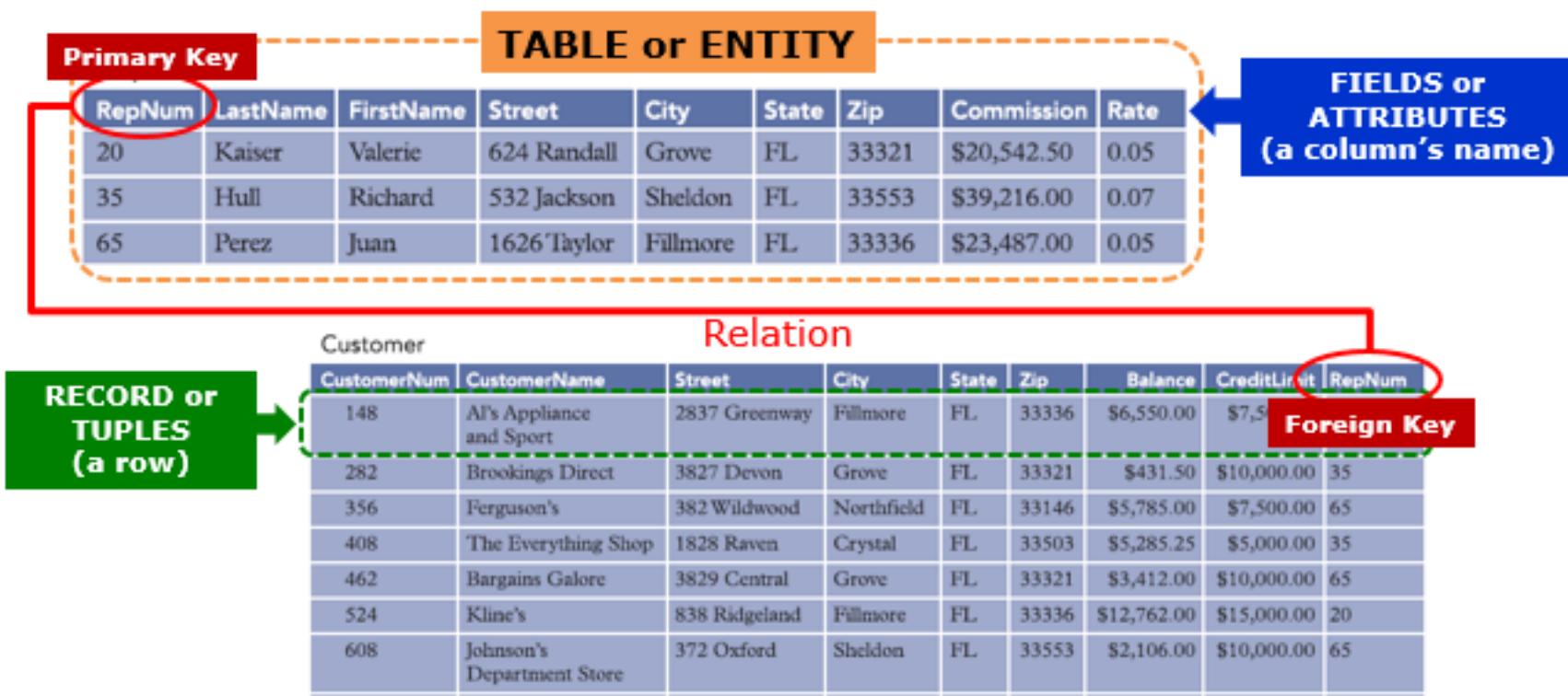
Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
▶ StaffID	int	YES		NULL	
Staff_FN	varchar(100)	NO		NULL	
Staff_LN	varchar(100)	NO		NULL	
Address	varchar(255)	YES		NULL	
Phone	varchar(15)	YES		NULL	
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2.2 Primary Key & Foreign Key

- What is Primary Key?
- What is Foreign Key?



2.2 Primary Key & Foreign Key (cont.)

- Create Primary Key with table creation
- Recall table creation syntax

```
CREATE TABLE [table name] (
    ColumnName1 data type [constraint]
    [, ColumnName2 data type [constraint]]
    [PRIMARY KEY (column2 [,column2]) ] REFERENCES
    tablename    [, CONSTRAINT ConstraintName ]
);
```

2.2 Primary Key & Foreign Key (cont.)

- Example

```
CREATE TABLE Department (
    DeptID INT PRIMARY KEY,
    DeptName VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
    DeptCity VARCHAR(50)
);
```

	Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
▶	DeptID	int	NO	PRI	NULL	
	DeptName	varchar(50)	NO		NULL	
	DeptCity	varchar(50)	YES		NULL	

2.2 Primary Key & Foreign Key (cont.)

- The effect of primary key

```
INSERT INTO Department  
VALUES(NULL, 'ICT', 'Salaya');
```



Error Code: 1048. Column
'DeptID' cannot be null

```
INSERT INTO Department  
VALUES(1, 'ICT', 'Salaya'),  
(2, 'ICT', 'Phayathai');
```



2 row(s) affected Records: 2
Duplicates: 0 Warnings: 0

```
INSERT INTO Department  
VALUES (2, 'Engineer',  
'Salaya');
```



Error Code: 1062. Duplicate
entry '2' for key
'department.PRIMARY'

2.2 Primary Key & Foreign Key (cont.)

- You can also create **PRIMARY KEY** using **ALTER** command.
- Syntax

```
ALTER TABLE table_name  
ADD PRIMARY KEY (column_name)
```

2.2 Primary Key & Foreign Key (cont.)

- Example

```
ALTER TABLE Staff  
ADD PRIMARY KEY (StaffID);
```

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
StaffID	int	YES		NULL	
Staff_FN	varchar(100)	NO		NULL	
Staff_LN	varchar(100)	NO		NULL	
Address	varchar(255)	YES		NULL	
Phone	varchar(15)	YES		NULL	
City	varchar(255)	YES		NULL	



Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
StaffID	int	NO	PRI	NULL	
Staff_FN	varchar(100)	NO		NULL	
Staff_LN	varchar(100)	NO		NULL	
Address	varchar(255)	YES		NULL	
Phone	varchar(15)	YES		NULL	
City	varchar(255)	YES		NULL	

2.2 Primary Key & Foreign Key (cont.)

- **Cautions:**

- In order to ALTER column to be PRIMARY KEY or NOT NULL, you need to ensure that the data have been filled in that column.

2.2 Primary Key & Foreign Key (cont.)

- A **FOREIGN KEY** in one table points to a **PRIMARY KEY** in another table.
- You can create **FOREIGN KEY** with table creation.
- Note that you need to consider **the order of table creation** as well.
- Example

```
CREATE TABLE Course(
    CourseID INT PRIMARY KEY,
    CourseName VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
    StaffID INT NOT NULL,
    FOREIGN KEY (StaffID) REFERENCES Staff(StaffID)
);
```

	Field	Type	Null	Key
▶	CourseID	int	NO	PRI
	CourseName	varchar(50)	NO	
	StaffID	int	NO	MUL

2.2 Primary Key & Foreign Key (cont.)

- Let's add a new column 'StaffDeptID' into the Staff table
- Then we are going to add **FOREIGN KEY** between the Staff table and Department table

```
ALTER TABLE Staff ADD COLUMN StaffDeptID INT;  
ALTER TABLE Staff  
ADD FOREIGN KEY (StaffDeptID) REFERENCES Department (DeptID);
```

Field	Type	Null	Key
▶ StaffID	int	NO	PRI
Staff_FN	varchar(100)	NO	
Staff_LN	varchar(100)	NO	
Address	varchar(255)	YES	
Phone	varchar(15)	YES	
City	varchar(255)	YES	
StaffDeptID	int	YES	MUL

2.2 Primary Key & Foreign Key (cont.)

- When you add the FOREIGN KEY to the table, you can add some action constraint to it.
- Syntax

```
[CONSTRAINT symbol] FOREIGN KEY [index_name]  
(col_name, ...)
```

```
REFERENCES tbl_name (col_name, ...)
```

```
[ON DELETE reference_option]
```

```
[ON UPDATE reference_option]
```

reference_option:

```
RESTRICT | CASCADE | SET NULL | NO ACTION | SET DEFAULT
```

2.2 Primary Key & Foreign Key (cont.)

- Example

```
CREATE TABLE Course (
    CourseID INT PRIMARY KEY,
    CourseName VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
    StaffID INT NOT NULL,
    FOREIGN KEY (StaffID) REFERENCES Staff(StaffID)
    ON DELETE CASCADE
    ON UPDATE CASCADE
);
```

2.2 Primary Key & Foreign Key (cont.)

Source: <https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.0/en/create-table-foreign-keys.html>

Referential Actions	Description
CASCADE	Delete or update the row from the parent table and automatically delete or update the matching rows in the child table. Both ON DELETE CASCADE and ON UPDATE CASCADE are supported.
SET NULL	Delete or update the row from the parent table and set the foreign key column or columns in the child table to NULL. Both ON DELETE SET NULL and ON UPDATE SET NULL clauses are supported.
RESTRICT	Rejects the delete or update operation for the parent table. Specifying RESTRICT (or NO ACTION) is the same as omitting the ON DELETE or ON UPDATE clause.
NO ACTION	The MySQL Server rejects the delete or update operation for the parent table if there is a related foreign key value in the referenced table. In MySQL, foreign key constraints are checked immediately, so NO ACTION is the same as RESTRICT.
SET DEFAULT	This action is recognized by the MySQL parser, but both InnoDB and NDB reject table definitions containing ON DELETE SET DEFAULT or ON UPDATE SET DEFAULT clauses.

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2.3 Constraints

- What are Constraints?
 - Rules for the data in a table
 - The action is terminated, if there is violation of any constraints.
 - They can be specified when creating a table (CREATE TABLE statement) or modifying a table (ALTER TABLE statement)
- How many types?
 - NOT NULL
 - UNIQUE
 - PRIMARY KEY
 - FOREIGN KEY
 - CHECK
 - DEFAULT

2.3 Constraints (cont.)

Source: <https://www.w3resource.com/mysql/creating-table-advance/constraint.php>

CONSTRAINT	DESCRIPTION
NOT NULL	In MySQL NOT NULL constraint allows to specify that a column can not contain any NULL value. MySQL NOT NULL can be used to CREATE and ALTER a table.
UNIQUE	The UNIQUE constraint in MySQL does not allow to insert a duplicate value in a column. The UNIQUE constraint maintains the uniqueness of a column in a table. More than one UNIQUE column can be used in a table.
PRIMARY KEY	A PRIMARY KEY constraint for a table enforces the table to accept unique data for a specific column and this constraint creates a unique index for accessing the table faster.
FOREIGN KEY	A FOREIGN KEY in MySQL creates a link between two tables by one specific column of both tables. The specified column in one table must be a PRIMARY KEY and referred by the column of another table known as FOREIGN KEY.
CHECK	A CHECK constraint controls the values in the associated column. The CHECK constraint determines whether the value is valid or not from a logical expression.
DEFAULT	In a MySQL table, each column must contain a value (including a NULL). While inserting data into a table, if no value is supplied to a column, then the column gets the value set as DEFAULT.

2.3 Constraints (cont.)

- You can add constraint with table creation
- Example

```
CREATE TABLE tempStaff
(
    StaffID INT CHECK (StaffID > 0), -- StaffID has to be greater than 0
    FirstName VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL, -- FirstName cannot be null value
    Email VARCHAR(50) UNIQUE, -- Email has to be unique
    StaffDeptID INT DEFAULT 0, -- Default value of StaffDeptID is 0
        -- Set PK
    CONSTRAINT PK_tempStaff_StaffID PRIMARY KEY (StaffID),
        -- Set FK with table Department
    CONSTRAINT FK_tempStaff_DeptID FOREIGN KEY (StaffDeptID)
        REFERENCES Department(DeptID)
);
```

2.3 Constraints (cont.)

- In addition, you can add constraint using ALTER command.
- We will add DEFAULT to FirstName of the tempStaff table.

```
ALTER TABLE tempStaff  
ALTER FirstName SET DEFAULT 'unknown';
```

- We will add CHECK to StaffDeptID of the tempStaff table stating that it need to be more than or equat to 0.

```
ALTER TABLE tempStaff  
ADD CONSTRAINT CHK_StaffDeptID CHECK  
(StaffDeptID >=0);
```

2.3 Constraints (cont.)

- You can show constraints on a particular table using the following SQL:

```
SELECT TABLE_NAME, CONSTRAINT_TYPE,  
CONSTRAINT_NAME  
FROM information_schema.table_constraints  
WHERE table_name='tempStaff';
```

	TABLE_NAME	CONSTRAINT_TYPE	CONSTRAINT_NAME
▶	tempStaff	UNIQUE	Email
	tempStaff	PRIMARY KEY	PRIMARY
	tempStaff	FOREIGN KEY	FK_tempStaff_DeptID
	tempStaff	CHECK	CHK_StaffDeptID
	tempStaff	CHECK	tempstaff_chk_1

2.3 Constraints (cont.)

- Drop constraints
- For DEFAULT constraint,

```
ALTER TABLE tempStaff  
ALTER FirstName DROP DEFAULT;
```

- For the constraints that have name, you can drop them using:

```
ALTER TABLE <table_name>  
DROP CONSTRAINT <constraint_name>;
```

- Example

```
ALTER TABLE tempStaff  
DROP CONSTRAINT CHK_StaffDeptID;
```



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ANY
QUESTIONS?