

# Module 2-4

INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE

# Objectives

- INSERT
- DELETE
- UPDATE
- Constraints and referential integrity
- Transactions

# Changing data

The row data for each table in a database can be changed or deleted. New rows of data can also be added. There are 3 types of statements we will cover today:

- **INSERT**: Adds a new row to the table.
- **UPDATE**: Changes the column value for an existing row or rows.
- **DELETE**: Permanently removes a row from the table.

# INSERT statements

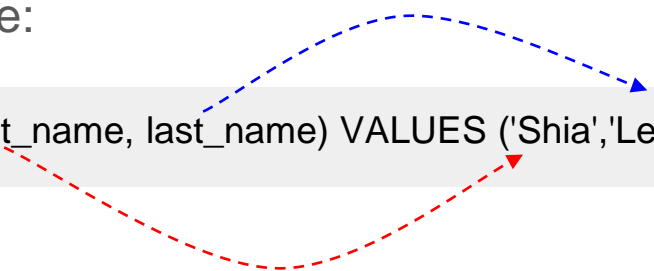
You can use the INSERT statement to insert 1 row into the database. The following pattern is used:

```
INSERT INTO [Name of Table] ([name of col 1], [name of col 2])  
VALUES ([value for col 1], [value for col2]);
```

# INSERT statements example

Consider the following example:

```
INSERT INTO actor (first_name, last_name) VALUES ('Shia','LeBouf');
```



In English, this translates to insert a new row in the table actor, on this new row the value for first\_name is going to be “Shia” and the value for the last\_name is going to be “LeBouf”.

*	actor_id	first_name	last_name	
1	1	PENELOPE	GUINNESS	
2	2	NICK	WAHLBERG	
3	3	ED	CHASE	

# INSERT statements example

Note that in the previous example, we only specified two out of three columns and did not specify that a value be inserted for actor\_id.

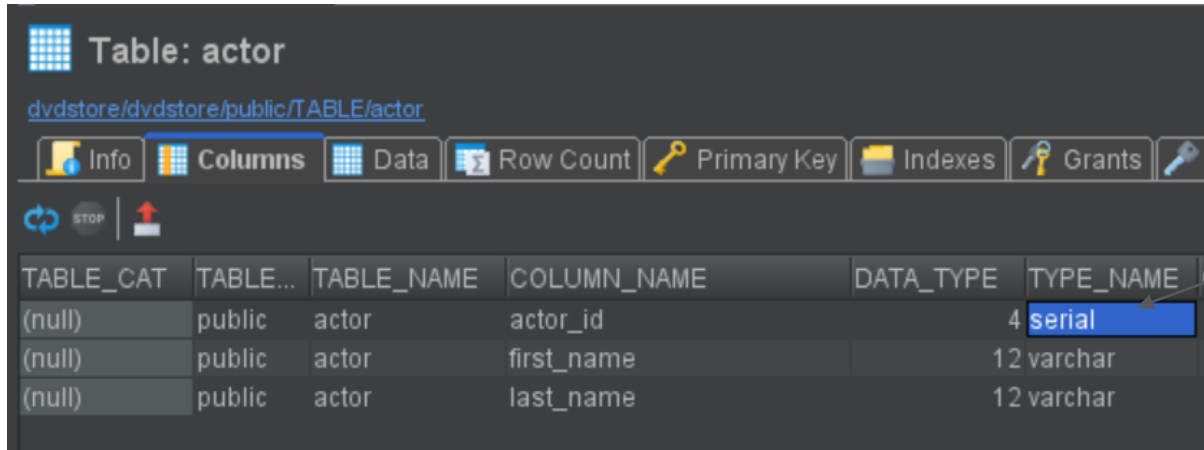


Table: actor

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Info Columns Data Row Count Primary Key Indexes Grants

TABLE_CAT	TABLE...	TABLE_NAME	COLUMN_NAME	DATA_TYPE	TYPE_NAME
(null)	public	actor	actor_id	4	serial
(null)	public	actor	first_name	12	varchar
(null)	public	actor	last_name	12	varchar

- actor\_id is of a special data type called **serial**.
- A column marked as serial will automatically increase in value with each new row.
- Columns marked as serial should not be included in the INSERT.

# UPDATE statements

An update statement changes the column values for one or more existing rows.

UPDATE [table name]

SET [col 1 name] = [col 1 value]

WHERE ...



# UPDATE statements example

Consider the following example:

```
UPDATE actor  
SET  
first_name = 'Nicholas',  
last_name = 'Wahberg'  
WHERE  
actor_id = 2;
```

In here, we have changed the value for 2 columns (first\_name and last\_name) but only for the row with an actor\_id of 2.


We can separate multiple columns that need updating with a comma.

The syntax for structuring the WHERE statement remains unchanged.

# UPDATE statements example

Consider the following example:

```
UPDATE actor  
SET  
first_name = 'Nicholas',  
last_name = 'Wahberg';
```



We have just set every actors first name to Nicholas and their last name to Wahberg!!!

# DELETE statements

A delete statement removes row or rows from the table. It follows this format:

**DELETE FROM [table name]**

**WHERE ...**

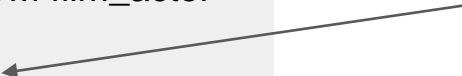
In the absence of a WHERE statement, every row in the database will be deleted!

# DELETE statements example

Consider the following example.

```
DELETE FROM film_actor  
WHERE  
actor_id = 2;
```

Here, we are deleting every row that has an actor\_id of 2.



# Referential Integrity

Database Connection: ☐ Sticky Database: ☐

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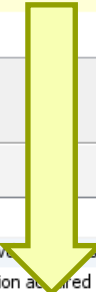
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1 DELETE FROM actor
2 WHERE actor_id = 4;
```

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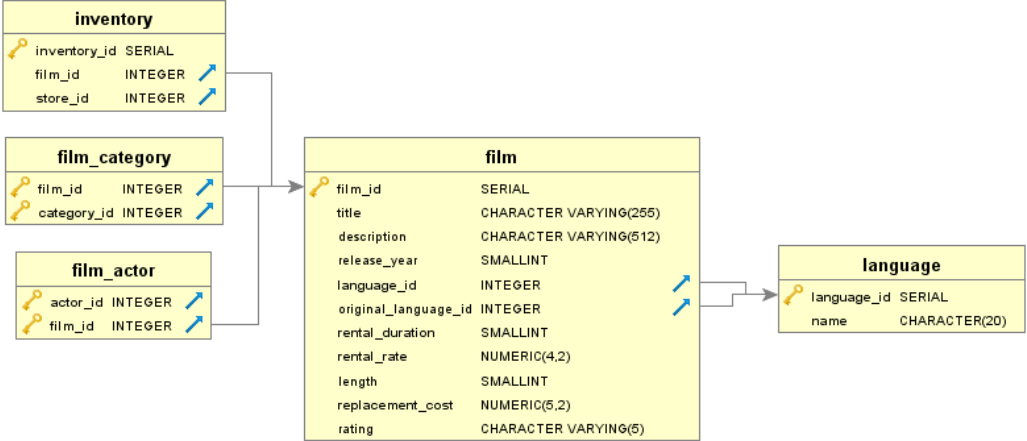
Log

Time Status Command Exec Fetch Rows Message SQL/Command

15:51:03	STARTED					Executing for: 'dvdstore/dvdstore' [MySQL], Database: dvdstore, Schema:...	
15:51:03	INFO					Physical database connection acquired for: dvdstore/dvdstore	
15:51:03	FAILED	DELETE	0.051			0 [Code: 0, SQL State: 23503] ERROR: update or delete on table "actor" violates foreign key constraint "film_actor_actor_id_fkey" on table "film_actor" Detail: Key (actor_id)=(4) is still referenced from table "film_actor".	DELETE FROM actor WHERE actor_id = 4
15:51:03	FINISHED		0.051	0	0	Failed: 1	



# Referential Integrity



# Constraints

Constraints are rules imposed on the table, upon creation, that limits the ability to change the data.

- **NOT NULL:** A value must be specified
- **PRIMARY KEY:** Define that certain column/columns are part of the key
  - **A primary key value cannot be NULL.**
- **FOREIGN KEY:** Defines a foreign key based on a primary key from a different table
- **CHECK:** Only certain values can be inserted or updated

# Constraints Demo



# Transactions

A large number of SQL statements can be rolled into a single transaction.

The following syntax is observed:

**BEGIN TRANSACTION;**

**// Lots of SQL statements.**

**COMMIT TRANSACTION;**

Your INSERT or UPDATE SQL statements **will only commit (permanently save in the database) if all the SQL statements in the transaction end successfully.**