

# Constraints

Constraints are rules or conditions that are imposed on the data in a table to maintain data integrity and consistency.

## 1. UNIQUE Constraint

Ensures that all values in a column or a combination of columns are unique.  
Prevents duplicate values from being inserted.

Example:

```
CREATE TABLE users (  
    user_id INT PRIMARY KEY,  
    email VARCHAR(100) UNIQUE  
);
```

## 2. NOT NULL Constraint

Specifies that a column cannot have a NULL value.  
Ensures that a value is provided for the column when inserting or updating data.

Example:

```
CREATE TABLE orders (  
    order_id INT PRIMARY KEY,  
    customer_name VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL  
);
```

### **3. CHECK Constraint**

Defines a condition or a range of values that are acceptable for a column.  
Ensures that the data inserted or updated satisfies the specified condition.

Example:

```
CREATE TABLE products (  
    product_id INT PRIMARY KEY,  
    price DECIMAL(10, 2) CHECK (price > 0)  
);
```

### **4. DEFAULT Constraint**

Specifies a default value for a column when no value is provided during insertion.

Example:

```
CREATE TABLE logs (  
    log_id INT PRIMARY KEY,  
    log_date DATE DEFAULT CURRENT_DATE()  
);
```

### **5. AUTO\_INCREMENT**

Automatically generates a unique value for a column when a new record is inserted.

Commonly used for primary key columns to ensure uniqueness.

Example:

```
CREATE TABLE orders (  
    order_id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,
```

```
customer_name VARCHAR(50)  
);
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