

# Naming conventions

The following are general naming conventions that must be adhered to:

- Tables and columns use the singular name, not plural.
- Primary Key suffixed with `_ID`, e.g. `customer_ID`.
- Foreign Key suffixed with `_REF`, e.g. `customer_REF`.
- No spaces or dashes (-) in database object names (identifiers), e.g. schemas, tables, columns, constraints.
- Constraint object names:
  - Primary Key: `tableName_PK`
  - Foreign Key: `child_tableName_parent_tableName_FK`
  - Check: `constraintName_CHK`, where the `constraintName` includes semantic meaning indicating the purpose of the check constraint.