## Murach Chapter 1

## An Introduction to Relational Databases and SQL

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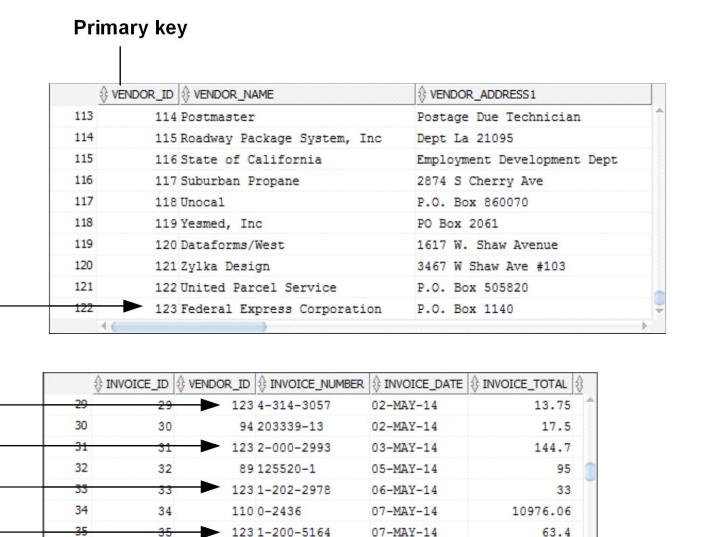
## **Key Topics**

- Basic Terms
  - Primary Key, Foreign Key
  - Null, Default values
  - Query, Action Query, Result Set, Clause, SQL Script
- Common Data Type in Oracle Database
- SQL History
- SQL Standard and Variants
- SQL Statements Overview
- SQL Programming Style Guide
- SQL Examples
- PL/SQL and Embedded SQL

#### Basic Terms

- Foreign Key
  - Used to relate tables in a relational database
  - Consists of one or multiple columns in a table that refer to the primary key in another table
    - Refer means that values match
- Relationships between tables
  - One-to-Many
    - Most common
  - One-to-one
  - Many-to-many

## Relationship between tables Vendors & Invoices



08-MAY-14

08-MAY-14

09-MAY-14

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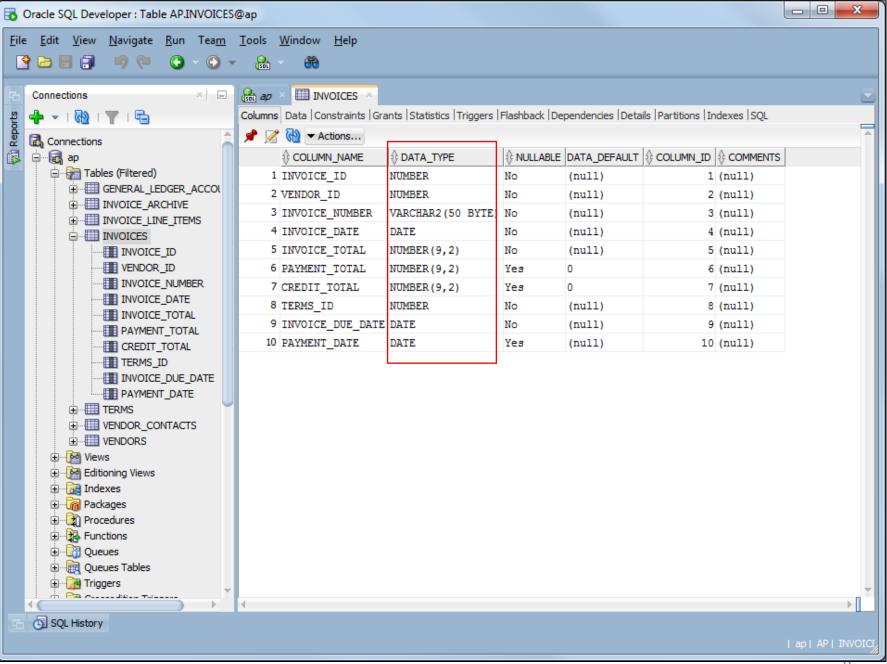
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## Common Oracle BuiltIn Data Types

- VARCHAR2(n)
  - Variable-length sequence of ASCII characters
  - E.g. VARCHAR2(20)
- NUMBER(p,s)
  - Integer and decimal numbers that contain an exact value
  - E.g. NUMBER(5), NUMBER(10, 2)
- DATE
  - Date and time values
- CHAR(n)
  - Fixed-length sequence of ASCII characters, e.g. CHAR(2)
- FLOAT(p)
  - Floating-point numbers that contain an approximate value
  - For very large, very small numbers

# Columns in table Invoices



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#### Basic Terms

- Null value
  - A value in a cell that means unknown or inapplicable
- Default value
  - The value used when a value is not provided for a column during row insertion.
  - Default values are defined during table creation.

## Important Events in SQL History

#### Year Event 1970 Dr. E. F. Codd develops the relational database model. Relational Software, Inc. (later renamed Oracle) releases the first relational DBMS, Oracle. 1982 IBM releases their first RDBMS, SQL/DS (SQL/Data System). 1985 IBM released DB2 (Database 2). 1987 Microsoft releases SQL Server. ANSI publishes first SQL standards (ANSI/ISO SQL-89, or SQL1). 2003 ANSI publishes SQL4 (ANSI/ISO SQL:2003). 2008 Sun Microsystems acquired by MySQL. 2010 Oracle acquired Sun Microsystems and MySQL.

#### SQL Standard and Variant

- SQL Variant
  - The implementation of a specific database vendor
  - May have extensions to standard SQL
- Most basic SQL statements are same in all SQL products.
  - Learning one product helps learning another product
- Porting a non-trivial application from one SQL database to another require code modification.

#### Relational Database Products

Database Product	First Database Releases	Primary Platforms	Typical Usage
ORACLE	1979	Unix, OS/390, Windows, Mac OS	Large, mission critical system
DB2	1985	Unix, OS/390, Windows, Mac OS	Large, mission critical system
SQL SERVER	1987	Windows	Small to medium size systems
MY SQL	2000	Unix, Windows, Mac OS	Web applications

## SQL Statements

DML	DDL	DCL	Transaction
(Data	(Data Definition	(Data Control	Control
Manipulation)	Language)	Language)	Language
INSERT	CREATE TABLE, USER, etc	GRANT	COMMIT
DELETE	ALTER TABLE, USER, etc	REVOKE	ROLLBACK
UPDATE	DROP TABLE, USER, etc		
SELECT			

#### **Basic Terms**

- Query
  - SELECT statement that does not modify user data
- Action Query
  - INSERT, DELETE, UPDATE
- Result set
  - What is returned from a SELECT statement
  - Include a set of selected rows and columns
- Clause
  - Part of a SQL statement, e.g. SELECT clause, FROM clause, etc.
- SQL Script
  - Text file that contains a number of SQL statements
  - In Oracle, the default extension name is .sql

## SQL Examples

• See details in file Wk1-MurachCh1-SQLExamples.sql

#### Comments in SQL Script

#### SELECT statement with a block comment

```
/*
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*/
SELECT invoice_number, invoice_date, invoice_total,
    invoice_total - payment_total - credit_total
        AS balance_due
FROM invoices
```

#### A SELECT statement with a single-line comment

```
-- The fourth column calculates the balance due SELECT invoice_number, invoice_date, invoice_total, invoice_total - payment_total - credit_total

AS balance_due
FROM invoices
```

## SQL Programming Style Guideline

#### A SELECT statement that's difficult to read

```
select invoice_number, invoice_date, invoice_total,
payment_total, credit_total, invoice_total - payment_total -
credit_total as balance_due from invoices where invoice_total
- payment_total - credit_total > 0 order by invoice_date
```

#### A SELECT statement with a readable style

## SQL Coding Style Guideline

- Capitalize all keywords.
- Use lowercase for the other code.
- Separate the words in names with underscores.
- Start each clause on a new line.
- Break long clauses into multiple lines.
- Indent continued lines.
- Use comments only for code that is hard to understand.
- Make sure that the comments are correct and up-to-date.

#### SQL DDL

#### To be covered later:

- Can use ALTER TABLE to add/drop columns in a table
- Can also create other relational database objects
  - Views, Indices, Sequences, etc

#### Other SQL-Related Terms

- PL/SQL
  - Procedural Language extension to SQL
  - Extensions
    - Control structures, error handling etc.
  - Sample code in next slide
- Embedded SQL
  - SQL commands embedded inside a programing language like Java

## Sample PL/SQL Code

#### A CREATE PROCEDURE statement

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE update_invoices_credit_total
  invoice number param VARCHAR2,
  credit total param NUMBER
AS
BEGIN
  UPDATE invoices
  SET credit total = credit total param
  WHERE invoice number = invoice number param;
  COMMIT;
EXCEPTION
  WHEN OTHERS THEN
    ROLLBACK;
END;
```