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EXERCISE 12

Intro to Constraints: NOT NULL and UNIQUE Constraints

Global Fast Foods has been very successful this past year and has opened several new stores. They need to add a table to their database to store information about each of their store's locations. The owners want to make sure that all entries have an identification number, date opened, address, and city and that no other entry in the table can have the same email address. Based on this information, answer the following questions about the global_locations table. Use the table for your answers.

| Global Fast Foods global_locations Table | | | | | | |
|--|------|--------|-----------|-------|----------|---------|
| NAME | TYPE | LENGTH | PRECISION | SCALE | NULLABLE | DEFAULT |
| id | | | | | | |
| name | | | | | | |
| date_opened | | | | | | |
| address | | | | | | |
| city | | | | | | |
| zip/postal code | | | | | | |
| phone | | | | | | |
| email | | | | | | |
| manager_id | | | | | | |
| Emergency contact | | | | | | |

1. What is a "constraint" as it relates to data integrity?

A constraint is a rule that ensures data accuracy and integrity in a table.

2. What are the limitations of constraints that may be applied at the column level and at the table level?

Column level constraints apply to one column; table-level can apply to many.

3. Why is it important to give meaningful names to constraints?

meaningful names make constraints easy to identify and manage

4. Based on the information provided by the owners, choose a datatype for each column. Indicate the length, precision, and scale for each NUMBER datatype.

| | | | |
|--------------------|----------|------------------------|----------|
| id - number (6) | NOT NULL | address - VARCHAR(500) | NOT NULL |
| name - VARCHAR(40) | NOT NULL | city - VARCHAR(30) | NOT NULL |
| | | Dom - VARCHAR(15) | |

5. Use "(nullable)" to indicate those columns that can have null values.

nullable columns:

zip-postal code, phone, manager_id, emergency contact.

6. Write the CREATE TABLE statement for the Global Fast Foods locations table to define the constraints at the column level.

CREATE TABLE global_locations/
id number primary key VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL;
date opened DATE NOT NULL, address VARCHAR(50)
city VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL, zip postal VARCHAR(20)

7. Execute the CREATE TABLE statement in Oracle Application Express.

execute this SQL in oracle application
campus window

8. Execute a DESCRIBE command to view the Table Summary information.

DESC global_locations.

9. Rewrite the CREATE TABLE statement for the Global Fast Foods locations table to define the UNIQUE constraints at the table level. Do not execute this statement.

| NAME | TYPE | LENGTH | PRECISION | SCALE | NULLABLE | DEFAULT |
|------------|----------|--------|-----------|-------|----------|---------|
| id | number | 4 | | - | | |
| loc_name | varchar2 | 20 | | | X | |
| date | | | | | | |
| address | varchar2 | 30 | | | | |
| city | varchar2 | 20 | | | | |
| zip_postal | varchar2 | 20 | | | X | |
| phone | varchar2 | 15 | | | X | |
| email | varchar2 | 80 | | | X | |
| manager_id | number | 4 | | | X | |
| contact | varchar2 | 40 | | | X | |

Write TABLE global_locations.

id - NUMBER(4)

loc-name VARCHAR(20), NOT NULL,
date-open DATE NOT NULL,

city VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL,

constraint VAR(HAR(20))

constraint pic_global_id primary key(id)

constraint imp_global_email unique
(email)

PRIMARY KEY, FOREIGN KEY, and CHECK Constraints

1. What is the purpose of a

- PRIMARY KEY

- FOREIGN KEY

- CHECK CONSTRAINT

- uniquely identifies each row in a table
- links one table to another using ensures value and specific conditions.

2. Using the column information for the animals table below, name constraints where applicable at the table level, otherwise name them at the column level. Define the primary key (animal_id). The license_tag_number must be unique. The admit_date and vaccination_date columns cannot contain null values.

animal_id NUMBER(6)
name VARCHAR2(25)
license_tag_number NUMBER(10)
admit_date DATE
adoption_id NUMBER(5),
vaccination_date DATE

arrival_id → Primary key
Cause-tag-number-unique
ordinat_date
Vaccination_date → NOT NULL

3. Create the animals table. Write the syntax you will use to create the table.

CREATE TABLE animals
animal_id number (6) primary key,
name varchar2(25), license_tag_number
Vaccination_date DATE NOT NULL;

4. Enter one row into the table. Execute a SELECT * statement to verify your input. Refer to the graphic below for input.

| ANIMAL_ID | NAME | LICENSE_TAG_NUMBER | ADMIT_DATE | ADOPTION_ID | VACCINATION_DATE |
|-----------|------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| 101 | Spot | 35540 | 10-Oct-2004 | 205 | 12-Oct-2004 |

INSERT INTO animals values (101, 'Spot', 35540);
SELECT * FROM animals;

5. Write the syntax to create a foreign key (adoption_id) in the animals table that has a corresponding primary-key reference in the adoptions table. Show both the column-level and table-level syntax. Note that because you have not actually created an adoptions table, no adoption_id primary key exists, so the foreign key cannot be added to the animals table.

CREATE TABLE global.location
id NUMBER(11);
constraint adopt foreign key (adoption_id)

REFERENCE adoption (adoption_id),

6. What is the effect of setting the foreign key in the ANIMAL table as:

- a. ON DELETE CASCADE → when the referenced (parent) record is deleted in the animal table
- b. ON DELETE SET NULL → all deleted in the animal table
when the referenced (parent) record is deleted

the foreign key field in the animal is set

7. What are the restrictions on defining a CHECK constraint?

The condition must be a problem expression

It cannot evaluate other letter or subsequence

It applies only to the current row's columns

It cannot use aggregated functions
(unlike SUM, AVG)

| Evaluation Procedure | Marks awarded |
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| Query(5) | 15 |
| Execution (5) | 15 |
| Viva(5) | 15 |
| Total (15) | 15 |
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