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Check constraints are a limit placed on what the user can enter into a column. It only allows certain values to be entered for the column that the constraint is placed on. They are good for controlling what type of data can be entered, giving the database manager more control over their tables. A good example of a check constraint is for a CWID column, with the check being: check (CWID >= 10000000). This ensures that the CWID entered for a person cannot be any less than 8 numbers, or begin with anything less than 1. Not null is a check constraint placed on all primary keys because each row for a primary key column needs to have a value. A bad example of a check constraint is: Home Phone check (not null). This would not allow a row to be entered into the table if the user did not have a Home phone number, when it's common to no longer use a landline and only use cellphones. Check constraints are advantageous when you want to limit the values that a user can enter, but if they are used incorrectly it becomes annoying for both the users and database manager.