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# Creating Tables

We can create a new blank table or create a new one from existing tables using SELECT

• Blank tables can be created using the CREATE TABLE statement. The syntax is as follows:

```
CREATE TABLE {table_name} (
    {column_name_1} {data_type_1} {column_constraint_1},
    {column_name_2} {data_type_2} {column_constraint_2},
    ...
    {column_name_last} {data_type_last} {column_constraint_last},
    {additional_contraints}
);
```

# Creating Tables

- {table\_name} is the name of the table
- {column name} is the name of the column
- {data\_type} is the data type of the column:
  - INT: -2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647
  - text: Holds a string with a maximum length of 65,535 bytes
  - CHAR (size): A fixed length string
  - VARCHAR (size): A fixed length string
  - DATE: YYYY-MM-DD
  - To see more data types, go to this <u>link</u>

## Creating Tables - Constraints

- {column\_constraint} one or more optional keywords giving special properties to the column:
  - CHECK: Ensure that a boolean condition is met
  - NOT NULL: Ensure that no row has a NULL value
  - UNIQUE: Ensure that all values are different
  - PRIMARY KEY: Combination of NOT\_NULL and UNIQUE. Helps the RDBSM finding the key quicker
    - For more constraints, visit this <u>link</u>

Remember that the table starts blank, and then we populate data. The added data will be limited by the data type constraints we set now.

## Constraints - CHECK

• CHECK: Ensures that a boolean condition is met

```
CREATE TABLE movies (
   title VARCHAR(30),
   release_date DATE,
   minutes INT CHECK (minutes > 0)
);
```

## Constraints - CHECK

• CONSTRAINT: You can give a name to a condition, so error messages are descriptive

```
CREATE TABLE movies (
   title VARCHAR(30),
   release_date DATE,
   minutes INT CONSTRAINT positive CHECK (minutes > 0)
);
```

## Constraints - CHECK

We can also add constraints between columns

```
CREATE TABLE movies (
   title VARCHAR(30),
   release_date DATE,
   premier_access DATE,
   minutes INT CONSTRAINT positive CHECK (minutes > 0)
   CONSTRAINT valid_premier CHECK (release_date > premier_access)
);
```

### Constraints - NOT NULL

• NOT NULL: Ensures that no row has a NULL value

```
CREATE TABLE movies (
   title VARCHAR(30) NOT NULL,
   release_date DATE NOT NULL,
   premier_access DATE,
   minutes INT NOT NULL CHECK (minutes > 0)
   CONSTRAINT valid_premier CHECK (release_date > premier_access)
);
```

## Constraints - UNIQUE

• UNIQUE: Ensure that all values are different

```
CREATE TABLE movies (
   title VARCHAR(30) UNIQUE NOT NULL,
   release_date DATE NOT NULL,
   premier_access DATE,
   minutes INT CONSTRAINT positive CHECK (minutes > 0)
   CONSTRAINT valid_premier CHECK (release_date > premier_access)
);
```

#### Constraints - PRIMARY KEY

 PRIMARY KEY: a column, or group of columns, can be used as a unique identifier for rows in the table. This requires that the values be both unique and not null

```
CREATE TABLE movies (
   title VARCHAR(30) PRIMARY KEY,
   release_date DATE NOT NULL,
   premier_access DATE,
   minutes INT CONSTRAINT positive CHECK (minutes > 0),
   CONSTRAINT valid_premier CHECK (release_date >
   premier_access)
);
```

## Creating Tables from SELECT

 When creating a table, we could use an existing one by making a SELECT query on it. The syntax is:

```
CREATE TABLE {table_name} AS (
   {SELECT_QUERY}
);

CREATE TABLE actor_short AS (
   SELECT * FROM actor
   LIMIT 10
);
```

# Updating Tables

- When updating a table, you can add or drop columns, add rows, or change data points.
- Manipulating columns is done using the ALTER TABLE statement. The syntax is as follows:

```
ALTER TABLE {table_name}
   ADD COLUMN {column name} {data_type} {constraint};

ALTER TABLE {table_name}
   DROP COLUMN {column name};
```

# Adding Rows

We can add rows using the INSERT INTO statement. The syntax is:

```
INSERT INTO {table_name} ({column_1}, {column_2}, ...)
VALUES ({column_1}, {column_2}, ...);

INSERT INTO {table_name} ({column_1}, {column_2}, ...)
{SELECT QUERY};

INSERT INTO actor_short
SELECT * FROM actor
WHERE first_name LIKE '%EN';
```

# Updating Rows

• We can update rows using the UPDATE statement. We need to tell the query what column to SET given a WHERE condition:

# Updating Rows

You can use the same statement to delete values in a row

# Deleting Rows

- You can delete rows, the content of a table, or a whole table
- The syntax for deleting a row is:

```
DELETE FROM {table_name}
WHERE {conditional};

DELETE FROM actor_short
WHERE actor_id = 83;
```

## Deleting

• The syntax for deleting the content of the table is:

```
DELETE FROM {table name}

DELETE FROM actor_short
```

The syntax for deleting the whole table is:

```
DROP TABLE {table name}
DROP TABLE actor_short
```

### Practical

- Go to pgAdmin4 and create a new Database
- Create a table named employee\_details with the following values
- Take into account the constraints

4	employee_id [PK] integer	employee_name character varying (20)
1	1	Mr. Pink
2	2	Mr. Blonde
3	3	Mr. Orange
4	4	Mr. White
5	5	Mr. Brown
6	6	Eddie
7	7	Joe

### Practical

- Create a table named employee\_salary with the following values
- Take into account the constraints

4	employee_id [PK] integer	employee_name character varying (20)	salary integer
1	1	Mr. Pink	50000
2	2	Mr. Blonde	48000
3	3	Mr. Orange	65000
4	6	Eddie	90000
5	7	Joe	120000
6	8	Mr Blue	30000

Don't delete the database! We will use it in the next lesson