MySQL - RDBMS

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Constraints

- NOT NULL
  - NULL values are not allowed.
  - Can be applied at column level only.
  - CREATE TABLE table(c1 TYPE NOT NULL, …);
- UNIQUE
  - Duplicate values are not allowed.
  - NULL values are allowed.
  - Not applicable for TEXT and BLOB.
  - UNIQUE can be applied on one or more columns.
  - Internally creates unique index on the column (fast searching).
  - Can be applied at column level or table level.
    - CREATE TABLE table(c1 TYPE UNIQUE, …);
    - CREATE TABLE table(c1 TYPE, …, UNIQUE(c1));
    - CREATE TABLE table(c1 TYPE, …, CONSTRAINT constraint_name UNIQUE(c1));

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Create table students (
    std INT not null,
    roll INT not null,
    name CHAR(20),
    unique (std, roll)
);
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internally create unique composite index.

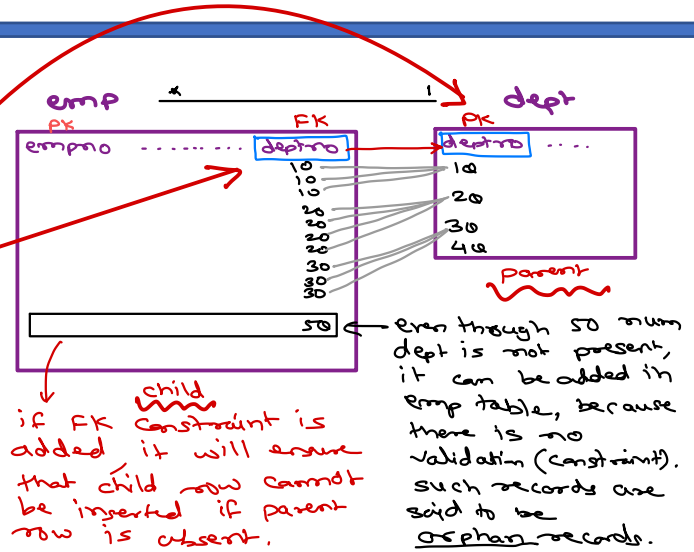
one table may have multiple unique keys.

Constraints

- PRIMARY KEY
  - Column or set of columns that uniquely identifies a row.
  - Only one primary key is allowed for a table.
  - Primary key column cannot have duplicate or NULL values.
  - Internally index is created on PK column.
  - TEXT/BLOB cannot be primary key.
  - If no obvious choice available for PK, composite or surrogate PK can be created.
  - Creating PK for a table is a good practice.
  - PK can be created at table level or column level.
  - CREATE TABLE table(c1 TYPE PRIMARY KEY, …);
  - CREATE TABLE table(c1 TYPE, …, PRIMARY KEY(c1));
  - CREATE TABLE table(c1 TYPE, …, CONSTRAINT constraint_name PRIMARY KEY(c1));
  - CREATE TABLE table(c1 TYPE, c2 TYPE, …, PRIMARY KEY(c1, c2));

Constraints

- FOREIGN KEY
  - Column or set of columns that references a column of some table.
  - If column belongs to the same table, it is "self referencing".
  - FK can have duplicate values as well as null values.
  - FK constraint is applied on column of child table (not on parent table).
  - parent rows cannot be deleted, until child rows are deleted.
  - MySQL have ON DELETE CASCADE clause to ensure that child rows are automatically deleted, when parent row is deleted. ON UPDATE CASCADE clause does same for UPDATE operation.
  - By default foreign key checks are enabled. They can be disabled by
    - SET @@foreign_key_checks = 0;
  - FK constraint can be applied on table level as well as column level.
  - CREATE TABLE child(c1 TYPE, …, FOREIGN KEY (c1) REFERENCES parent(col))



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Constraints

- CHECK
  - CHECK is integrity constraint in SQL.
  - CHECK constraint specifies condition on column.
  - Data can be inserted/updated only if condition is true; otherwise error is raised.
  - CHECK constraint can be applied at table level or column level.
  - CREATE TABLE table(c1 TYPE, c2 TYPE CHECK condition1, …, CHECK condition2);

Thank you!

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