

## Lab Manual: Setting primary key and Foreign key:

### 1. At the time of table creation:

```
CREATE TABLE TableName(  
    Column1 datatype(size),  
    Column2 datatype(size),  
    Column3 datatype(size),  
    Primary key (Column1)  
);
```

- CREATE TABLE Persons (  
 ID int NOT NULL,  
 LastName varchar(255) NOT NULL,  
 FirstName varchar(255),  
 Age int,  
 PRIMARY KEY (ID)  
);

### 2. After creating the table:

```
ALTER TABLE tableName ADD PRIMARY KEY (Column Name);
```

- ALTER TABLE Persons add primary key(ID);

### 3. For adding more than one primary key:

I. We can normally add primary key by using CREATE/ALTER command like

- CREATE TABLE Persons (  
 ID int NOT NULL,  
 LastName varchar(255) NOT NULL,  
 FirstName varchar(255),  
 Age int,  
 PRIMARY KEY (ID, LastName)  
);

II. Or by using the following constraint:

- CREATE TABLE Persons (  
 ID int NOT NULL,  
 LastName varchar(255) NOT NULL,  
 FirstName varchar(255),  
 Age int,  
 CONSTRAINT PK\_Person PRIMARY KEY (ID,LastName)  
);

**Note:** In the example above there is only ONE PRIMARY KEY (PK\_Person). However, the VALUE of the primary key is made up of TWO COLUMNS (ID + LastName).

### 4. Dropping primary key:

```
Alter table tableName drop primary key;
```

- Alter table persons drop primary key;

### 5. Adding foreign key:

I. While creating a table

- CREATE TABLE Orders (  
 OrderID int NOT NULL,  
 OrderNumber int NOT NULL,  
 PersonID int,  
 PRIMARY KEY (OrderID),  
 FOREIGN KEY (PersonID) REFERENCES Persons(ID)  
);

**But here without creating Foreign key constraints, we can not delete/drop the foreign key. So it's good practice to use foreign key with constraints.**

Or, by creating constraints:

- `CREATE TABLE Orders (  
    OrderIDint NOT NULL,  
    OrderNumberint NOT NULL,  
    PersonIDint,  
    PRIMARY KEY (OrderID),  
    CONSTRAINT FK_PersonOrder FOREIGN KEY (PersonID)  
    REFERENCES Persons(ID)  
);`

II. After creating

- `ALTER TABLE Orders  
ADD FOREIGN KEY (PersonID) REFERENCES Persons(PersonID);`  
Or, by creating constraints
- `ALTER TABLE Orders  
ADD CONSTRAINT FK_PersonOrder  
FOREIGN KEY (PersonID) REFERENCES Persons(PersonID);`

6. Dropping foreign keys:

```
ALTER TABLE Orders  
DROP FOREIGN KEY FK_PersonOrder;
```

### Referencing with DELETE and UPDATE rule:

- ✚ (DELETE and UPDATE reference is done during the time of foreign key declaration and for proper referencing we need to set constraints while declaring the primary and foreign key constraint.)

7. Delete and Update rule: There are four rules

- i. **CASCADE:** Delete or update the row from the parent table, and automatically delete or update the matching rows in the child table
- ii. **SET NULL:** Delete or update the row from the parent table, and set the foreign key column or columns in the child table to NULL.
- iii. **RESTRICT:** Rejects the delete or update operation for the parent table.
- iv. **NO ACTION:** Equivalent to RESTRICT

Let's say we have two tables:

- `CREATE TABLE Persons (  
    ID int NOT NULL,  
    LastName varchar(255) NOT NULL,  
    FirstName varchar(255),  
    Age int,  
    PRIMARY KEY (ID)  
);`

- `CREATE TABLE Orders (`  
`OrderIDint NOT NULL,`  
`OrderNumberint NOT NULL,`  
`PersonIDint,`  
`PRIMARY KEY (OrderID),`  
`FOREIGN KEY (PersonID) REFERENCES Persons(ID)`  
`//Here we have to write the delete or update rule`  
`ON DELETE *`  
`ON UPDATE *`  
`//Here the * can be replaced by any of the four rules`  
`);`

8. After table creation:

- `alter table orders add constraint fk_pi foreign key(PersonId)`  
`references persons(ID) on delete set null on update cascade`

//Code for the above 7 and 8

```
CREATE TABLE Persons (
    ID int NOT NULL,
    LastName varchar(255) NOT NULL,
    FirstName varchar(255),
    Age int,
    PRIMARY KEY (ID)
);
```

```
CREATE TABLE Orders (
    OrderID int NOT NULL,
    OrderNumber int NOT NULL,
    PersonID int,
    PRIMARY KEY (OrderID),
    FOREIGN KEY (PersonID) REFERENCES Persons(ID)
    ON DELETE cascade
    ON UPDATE cascade );
```