

## Topic: Constraint, Primary key, Foreign key.

### Constraints:

The following constraints are commonly used in SQL:

- [NOT NULL](#) - Ensures that a column cannot have a NULL value
- [UNIQUE](#) - Ensures that all values in a column are different
- [PRIMARY KEY](#) - A combination of a **NOT NULL** and **UNIQUE**. Uniquely identifies each row in a table
- [FOREIGN KEY](#) - Prevents actions that would destroy links between tables
- [CHECK](#) - Ensures that the values in a column satisfies a specific condition
- [DEFAULT](#) - Sets a default value for a column if no value is specified

### >>>CHECK Constraint:

A check constraint in SQL Server (Transact-SQL) allows you to specify a condition on each row in a table.

**Syntax:**

```
CREATE TABLE table_name
(
    column1 datatype [ NULL | NOT NULL ],
    column2 datatype [ NULL | NOT NULL ]
    ...
    CHECK [ NOT FOR REPLICATION ] (column_name condition)
);
```

**Example:**

```
CREATE TABLE employees
( employee_id INT NOT NULL,
  last_name VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
  first_name VARCHAR(50),
  salary MONEY,
  CONSTRAINT check_employee_id
  CHECK (employee_id BETWEEN 1 and 10000)
);
```

**DML stands for Data Manipulation Language. The SQL statements that are in the DML class are INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE and SELECT. Using DML and above Statements perform the task given.**

### Create SQL Server PRIMARY KEY: Add to Existing Table

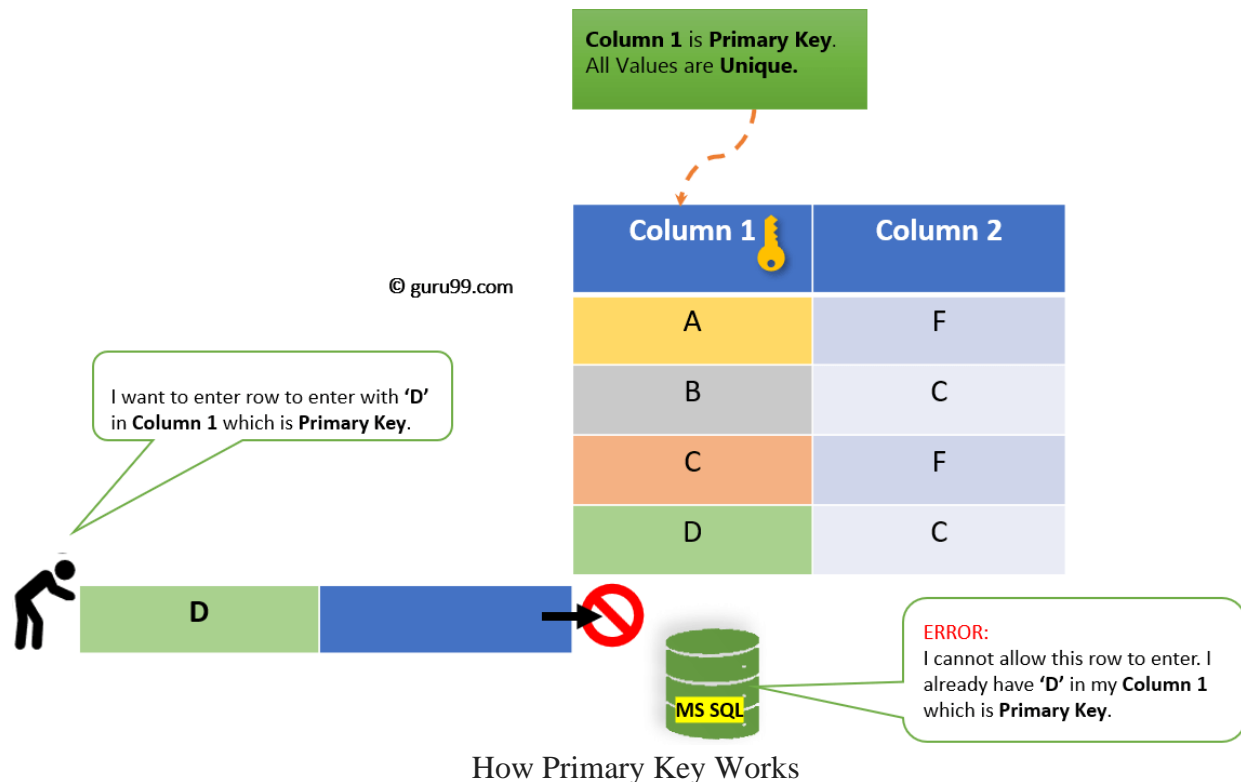
#### [What is a Primary Key?](#)

**Primary Key** is a field or a combination of fields that identify a record uniquely. The Primary key is a column or set of columns that are unique. In other words, every value is unique for Primary Key.

## Rules for Primary Key

- Each table can have only one Primary Key.
- All the values are unique and Primary key value can uniquely identify each row.
- The system will not allow inserting a row with a primary key which already exists in the table.
- Primary Key cannot be NULL.

Below diagram summarizes all the above point for the primary key.



In this section we will learn

- [How to Create Primary Key](#)
  - [Using SQL Server Management Studio](#)

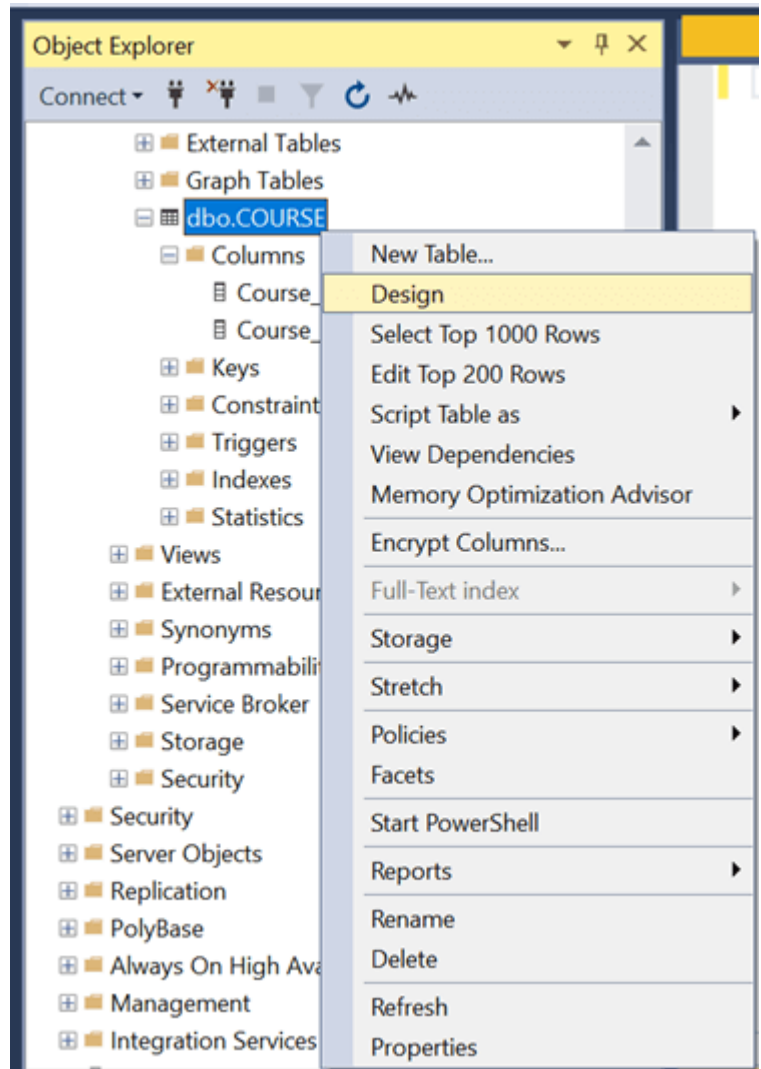
## How to Create Primary Key

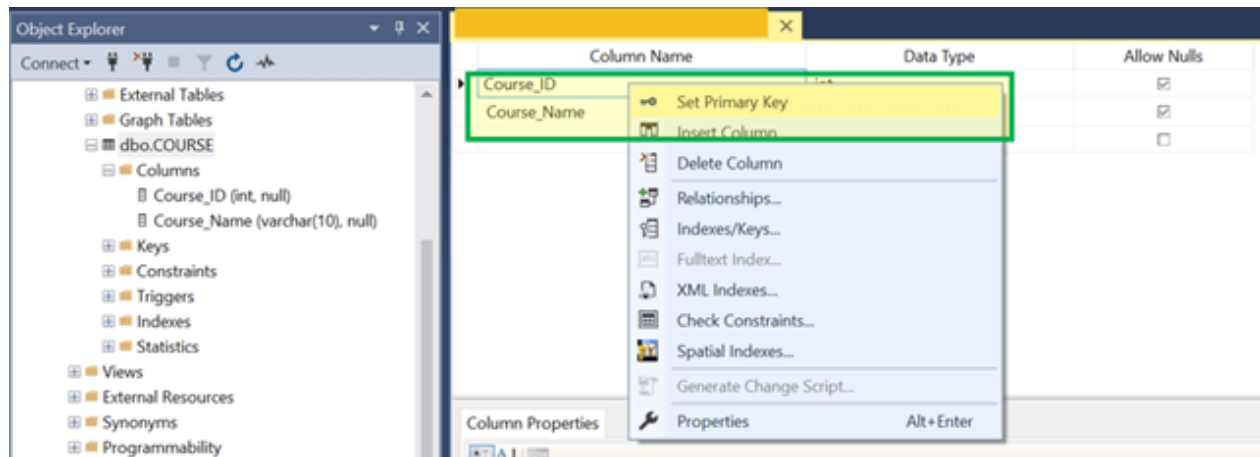
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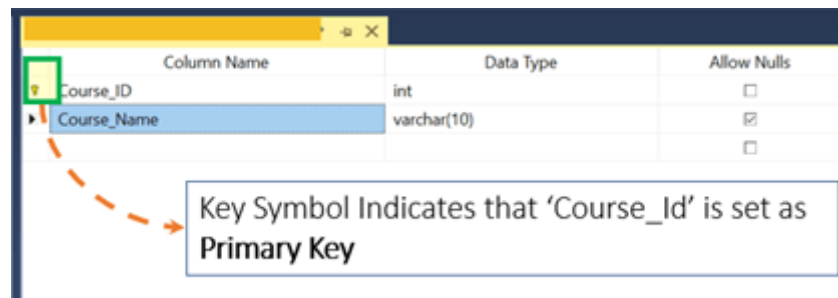
**Step 1)** Right Click on the Table name.  
Click on **Design**.

**Step 2)** Right-click on the Column name.  
Click on 'Set **Primary Key**'





**Result:** Course\_Id is now a **Primary Key**.

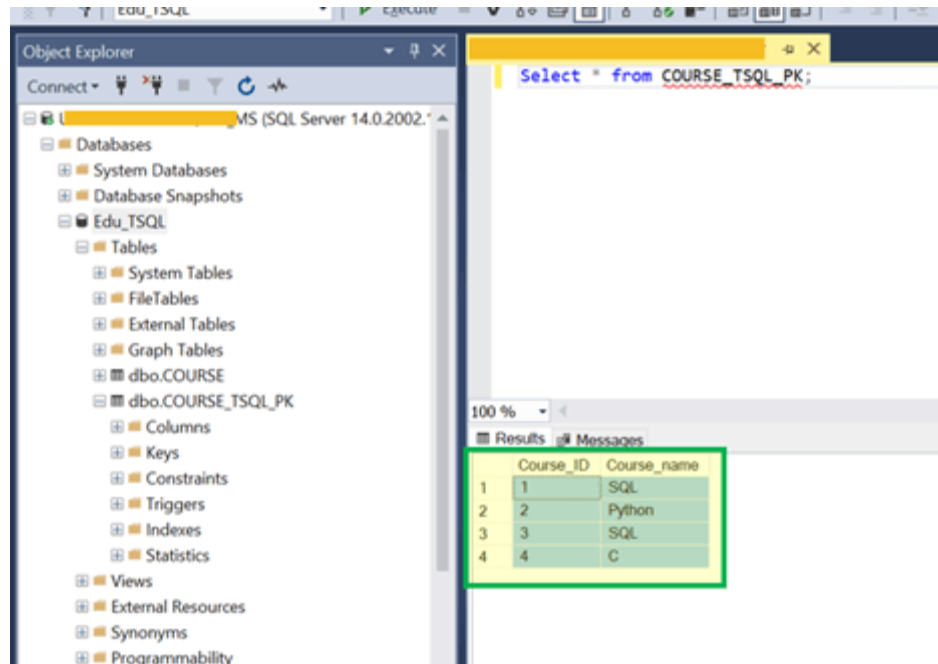


**Example:** Let's see if it allows entering Multiple Records with Same Course ID.

**Step 1)** Insert 4 rows with **different Course\_ID**

```
Insert into COURSE_TSQL_PK values (1,'SQL');
Insert into COURSE_TSQL_PK values (2,'Python');
Insert into COURSE_TSQL_PK values (3,'SQL');
Insert into COURSE_TSQL_PK values (4,'C');
```

**Step 2)** Verify all Data Inserted successfully by running the Select query.

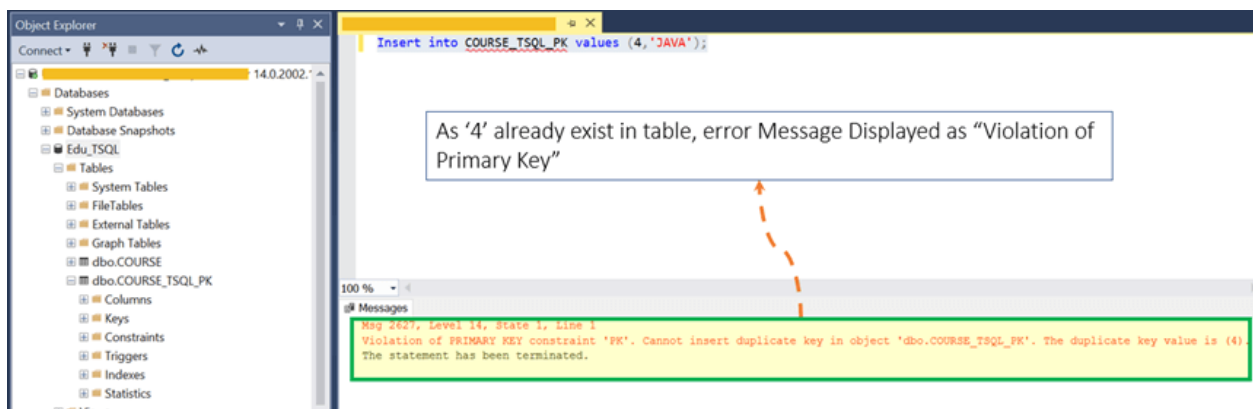


**Note:** We can insert duplicate values in the Non-Primary key.

**Step 3)** Now let's try Inserting New records with an existing Course\_ID which is Primary Key.

Insert into COURSE\_TSQL\_PK values (4,'JAVA');

**Result:** System does not allow inserting new value as 4 is there Course\_ID column which is a Primary Key.



You can use the ALTER statement to create a primary key. However, the primary key can only be created on columns that are defined as NOT NULL. You cannot create a primary key on a column that allows NULLs. If you need to do, you have to drop and recreate the table.

## Interesting Facts!

- ❑ The Primary key can be a combination of multiple columns. This combination is known as the **Composite primary key**.
- ❑ The Primary key can have a maximum of 16 columns.

## Summary

- ❑ Each Table can have only one Primary Key
- ❑ All the values are unique which can **uniquely identify each row**.

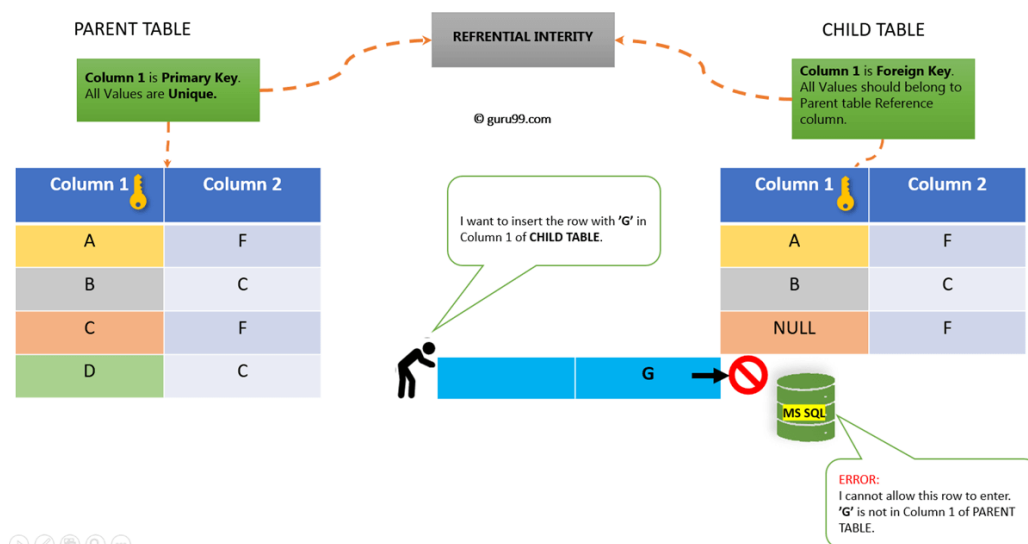
## What is a Foreign Key?

A **FOREIGN KEY** provides a way of enforcing referential integrity within SQL Server. In simple words, foreign key ensures values in one table must be present in another table.

## Rules for Foreign key

- ❑ NULL is allowed in Foreign key.
- ❑ The table being referenced is called the Parent Table
- ❑ The table with the foreign key is called Child Table.
- ❑ The foreign key in child table references the primary key in the parent table.
- ❑ This parent-child relationship enforces the rule which is known as "Referential Integrity."

Below diagram summarizes all the above point for the Foreign key.



## How Foreign Key Works

In this section, we will learn

- ❑ [How to Create Foreign Key](#)
  - [Using SQL Server Management Studio](#)
  - [Example Query Foreign Key](#)

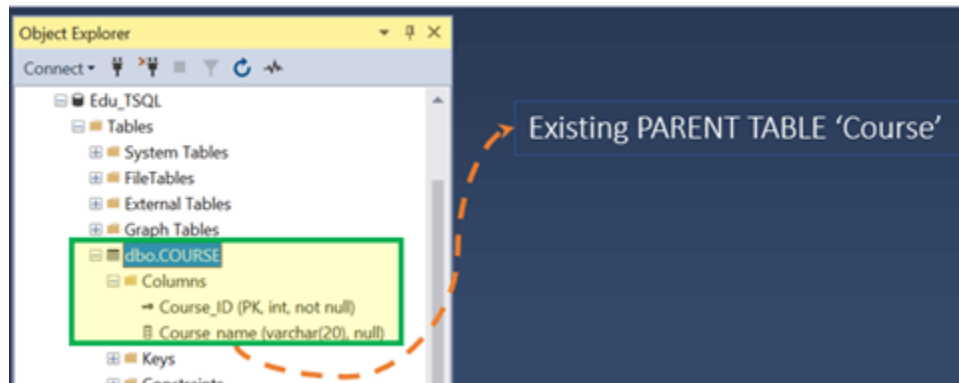
## How to Create Foreign Key

We can Create a **Foreign Key** in 2 ways:

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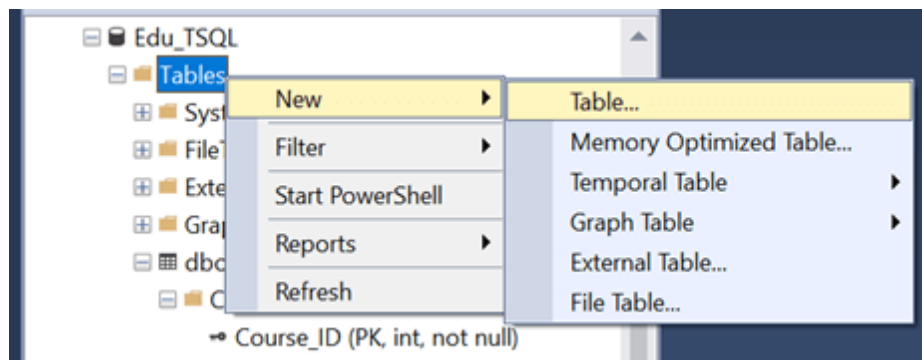
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**Parent Table:** Say, we have an existing Parent table as 'Course.' Course\_ID and Course\_name are two columns with Course\_Id as Primary Key.

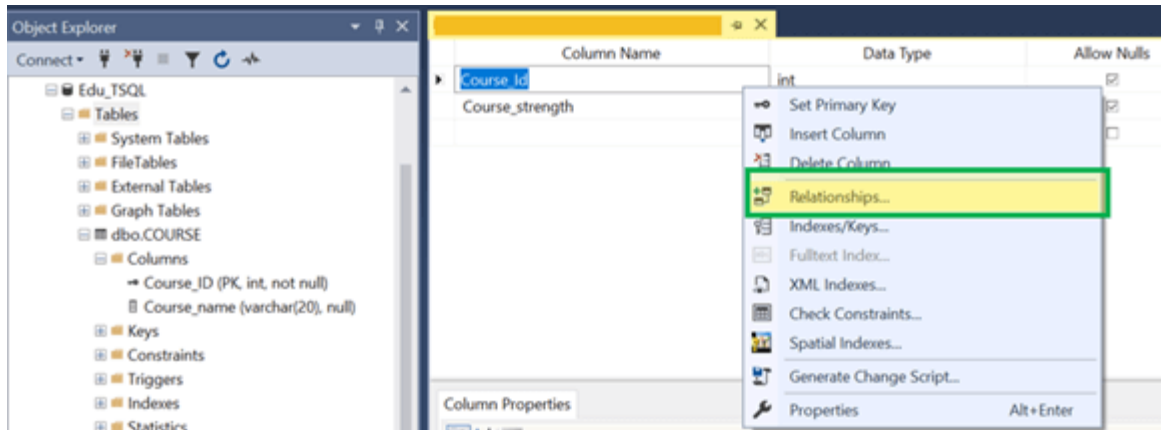


**Child Table:** We need to create the second table as a child table. 'Course\_ID' and 'Course\_Strength' as two columns. However, 'Course\_ID' shall be Foreign Key.

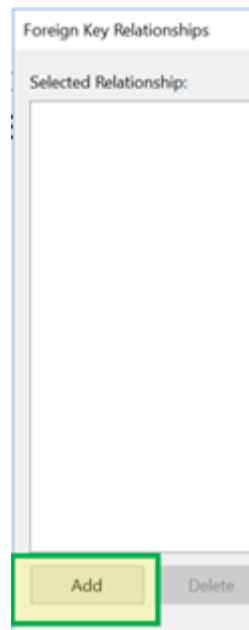
**Step 1)** Right Click on Tables>New> Table...



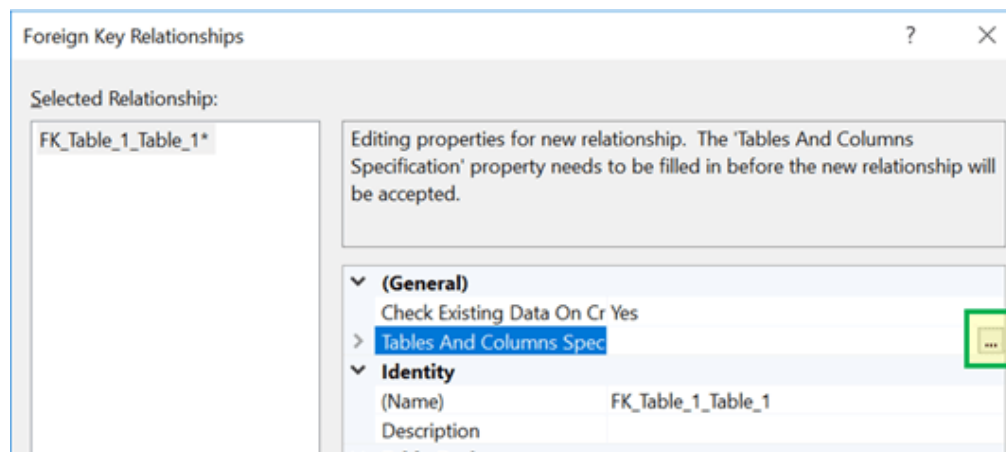
**Step 2)** Enter two column name as 'Course\_ID' and 'Course\_Strength.' Right click on 'Course\_Id' Column. Now click on Relationship.



**Step 3) In 'Foreign Key Relationship,' Click 'Add'**

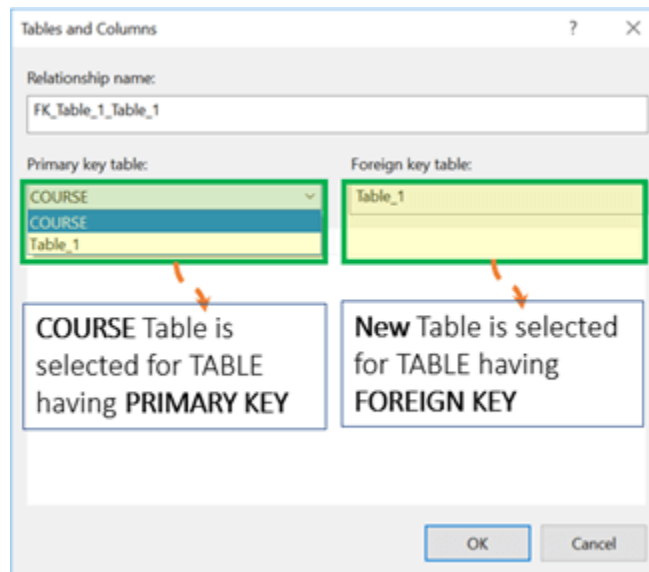


**Step 4) In 'Table and Column Spec' click on '...' icon**



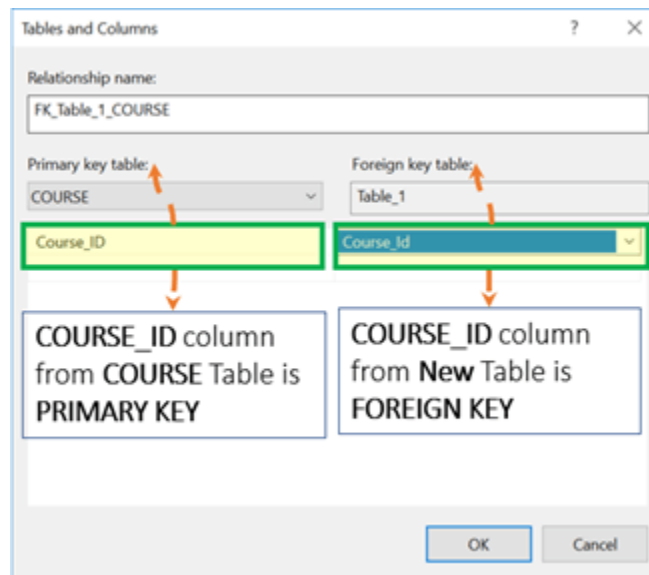


**Step 5)** Select 'Primary Key Table' as 'COURSE' and the new table now being created as 'Foreign Key Table' from the drop down.

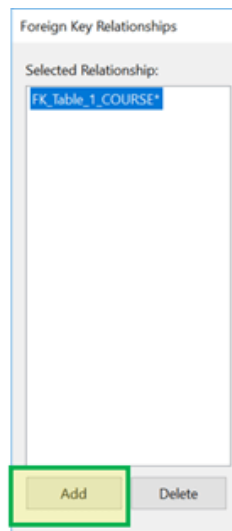


**Step 6)** 'Primary Key Table' - Select 'Course\_Id' column as 'Primary Key table' column.

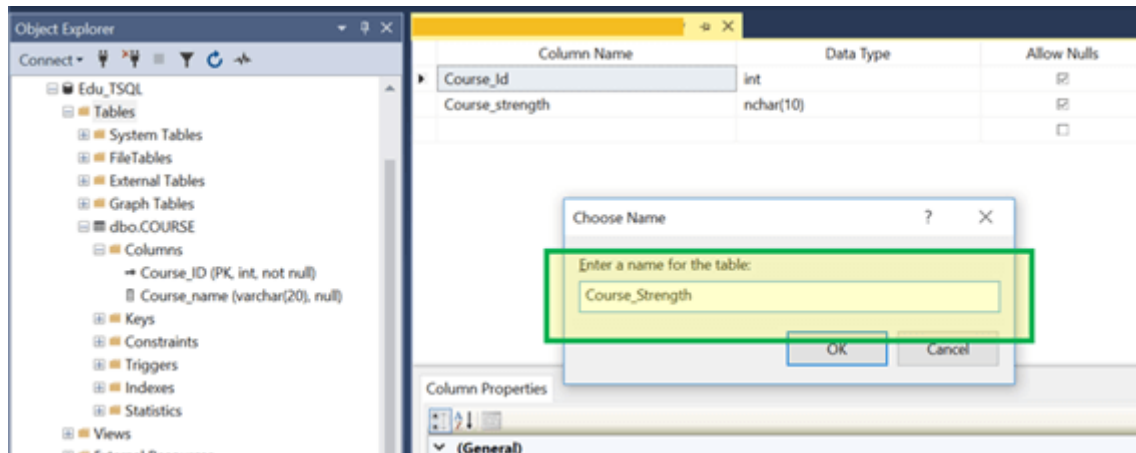
'Foreign Key Table'- Select 'Course\_Id' column as 'Foreign Key table' column. Click OK.



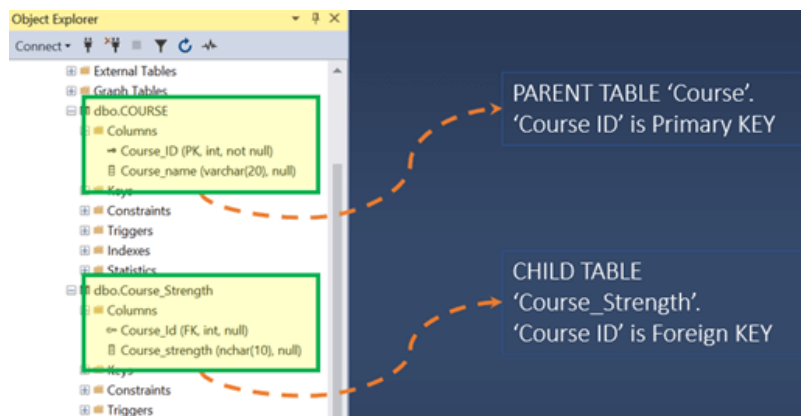
**Step 7)** Click on **Add**.



**Step 8)** Give the Table name as 'Course\_Strength' and click on **OK**.

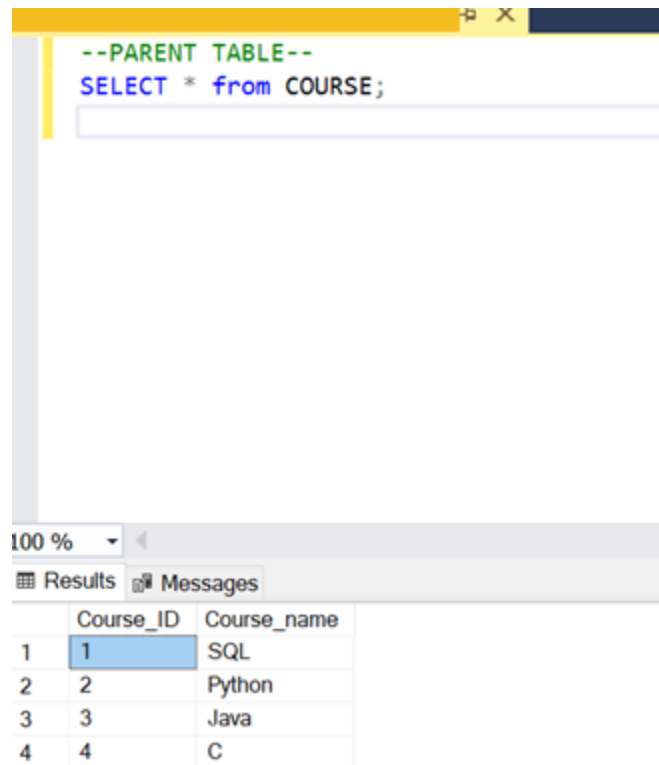


**Result:** We have set Parent-child relationship between 'Course' and 'Course\_strength'.



**Query:**

```
SELECT * from COURSE;
```



### Summary:

- Every value of Foreign key has to be part of Primary Key of other tables.
- The Foreign key can reference to another column in the same table. This reference is known as a self-reference.
- You can create a Foreign Key using Create Table, Alter Table, or SQL Server Management Studio.

## Tasks:

**Q1.** Create a table **Patient** with following fields

- PatientID varchar (15)
- Name varchar (15)
- Age int
- Gender varchar(5)
- Address varchar(20)
- Disease varchar(10)
- DoctorID varchar(15)

### Constraints.

- **PatientID** in Patient, is primary key.

**Q2.** Change the datatype of Gender from varchar(5) to char in **Patient** table.

**Q3.** Create a table **Doctor** with following fields

- DoctorID varchar (15)
- Name varchar (15)
- Age int
- Gender char
- Address varchar(20)

**Constraints.**

- **DoctorID** in Doctor, is primary key.

**Q4.** Now add column **DoctorWard varchar(15)** in Doctor table.

