

Modify the data type of PK related with another tables as Fk

Updated Steps to Modify Hostel and Student Tables:

1. **Find the Foreign Key Constraint Name** (if it exists):
You can query the database to find the name of the foreign key constraint referencing HostelID in the Student table.

```
SELECT name
FROM sys.foreign_keys
WHERE parent_object_id = OBJECT_ID('Student');
```

This query will return the name of the foreign key constraint on the Student table.

2. **Drop the Existing Foreign Key:**
Once you know the name of the foreign key constraint (e.g., FK_Student_Hostel), you can drop it using the following query:

```
ALTER TABLE Student
DROP CONSTRAINT FK_Student_Hostel; -- Replace with the actual constraint name
```

3. **Drop the Existing Primary Key** on HostelID in the Hostel table:

```
ALTER TABLE Hostel
DROP CONSTRAINT PK_Hostel_677EEBC856E5BA4B; -- Replace with the actual primary key name
```

4. **Add the HostelID_New Column with IDENTITY(1,1)** in the Hostel table:

```
ALTER TABLE Hostel
ADD HostelID_New INT IDENTITY(1,1);
```

5. **Add the Primary Key on HostelID_New:**

```
ALTER TABLE Hostel
ADD CONSTRAINT PK_HostelID_New PRIMARY KEY (HostelID_New);
```

6. **Add the Foreign Key Constraint** in the Student table, linking it to HostelID_New:

```
ALTER TABLE Student
ADD CONSTRAINT FK_Subject_Faculty
FOREIGN KEY (HostelID) REFERENCES Hostel(HostelID_New);
```

Explanation:

- **Step 1:** Finds the name of any existing foreign key constraints that might exist in the Student table.
- **Step 2:** Drops the existing foreign key constraint before modifying the table structure.
- **Step 3:** Drops the current primary key constraint on HostelID to allow changes.
- **Step 4:** Adds the new column HostelID_New with the IDENTITY(1,1) property, making it auto-increment.
- **Step 5:** Adds the primary key on the HostelID_New column.
- **Step 6:** Re-creates the foreign key constraint between Student.HostelID and Hostel.HostelID_New.

Why Drop the Foreign Key First:

- You cannot modify a table structure (such as dropping or altering a column) that has foreign key constraints referencing it. Dropping the foreign key ensures that the schema changes can be applied without errors.

Note :

Make sure that the tables are empty before using this way

