MySQL RDBMS

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MySQL data types

- RDBMS have similar data types (but not same).
- MySQL data types can be categorised as follows
  - Numeric types (Integers)
    - TINYINT (1 byte), SMALLINT (2 byte), MEDIUMINT (3 byte), INT (4 byte), BIGINT (8 byte), BIT(n bits)
    - integer types can signed (default) or unsigned.
  - Numeric types (Floating point)
    - approx. precision – FLOAT (4 byte), DOUBLE (8 byte) | DECIMAL(m, n) – exact precision
  - Date/Time types
    - DATE, TIME, DATETIME, TIMESTAMP, YEAR
  - String types – size = number of chars * size of char
    - CHAR(1-255) – Fixed length, Very fast access.
    - VARCHAR(1-65535) – Variable length, Stores length + chars.
    - TINYTEXT (255), TEXT (64K), MEDIUMTEXT (16M), LONGTEXT (4G) – Variable length, Slower access.
  - Binary types – size = number of bytes
    - BINARY, VARBINARY, TINYBLOB, BLOB, MEDIUMBLOB, LONGBLOB
  - Miscellaneous types
    - ENUM, SET

MySQL : INT, DECIMAL, FLOAT
Oracle : NUMBER
DERBY : INTEGER

±2^15 ±2^23 ±2^31 ±2^63
±2^7
0 to 2^16 0 to 2^32
create table t1(c1 smallint unsigned, c2 int unsigned);
IEEE-754 format
create table t2(col decimal(8,3));
1 2 3 4 5.6 7 8
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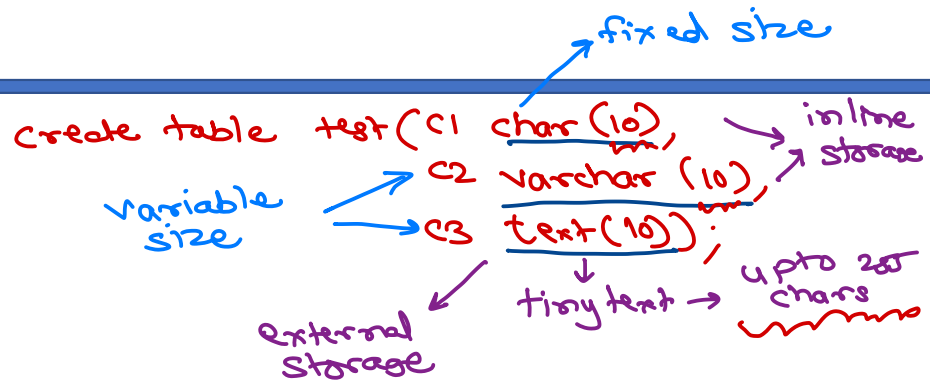
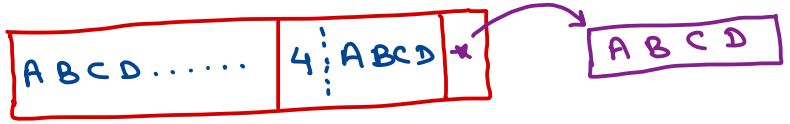
Size of char
depend on charset
1) ASCII → 1 byte
2) Unicode → 2 bytes
3) EBCDIC → 4 bytes (MBCS)

CHAR vs VARCHAR vs TEXT





- CHAR
  - Fixed inline storage.
  - If smaller data is given, rest of space is unused.
  - Very fast access.
- VARCHAR
  - Variable inline storage.
  - Stores length and characters.
  - Slower access than CHAR.
- TEXT
  - Variable external storage.
  - Very slow access.
  - Not ideal for indexing.
- CREATE TABLE temp(c1 CHAR(4), c2 VARCHAR(4), c3 TEXT(4));
- DESC temp;
- INSERT INTO temp VALUES('abcd', 'abcd', 'abcdef');

INSERT – DML

- Insert a new row (all columns, fixed order).
  - INSERT INTO table VALUES (v1, v2, v3);
- Insert a new row (specific columns, arbitrary order).
  - INSERT INTO table(c3, c1, c2) VALUES (v3, v1, v2);
  - INSERT INTO table(c1, c2) VALUES (v1, v2);
  - Missing columns data is NULL.
  - NULL is special value and it is not stored in database.
- Insert multiple rows.
  - INSERT INTO table VALUES (av1, av2, av3), (bv1, bv2, bv3), (cv1, cv2, cv3).
- Insert rows from another table.
  - INSERT INTO table SELECT c1, c2, c3 FROM another-table;
  - INSERT INTO table (c1,c2) SELECT c1, c2 FROM another-table;

Thank you!

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