Chapter 7

Constraints (Examples)

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Not-Null Constraint

```
CREATE TABLE Musician (
    ID INT PRIMARY KEY,
    LastName VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
    FirstName VARCHAR(255),
    Age int
);
```

Which of the following will execute without problems?

```
INSERT INTO Musician VALUES (1, 'Coltrane', 'John', 40);
INSERT INTO Musician VALUES (2, 'Davis', 40);
INSERT INTO Musician (ID, LastName, Age)
    VALUES (3, 'Davis', 40);
INSERT INTO Musician (ID, FirstName, Age)
    VALUES (4, 'Thelonious', 64);
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Which of the following will execute without problems?

```
INSERT INTO Plays VALUES (1, 'Sax');
INSERT INTO Plays VALUES (3, 'Trumpet');
INSERT INTO Plays VALUES (14, 'Piano');
```

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What happens in the following queries?

```
INSERT INTO States VALUES (NULL, NULL);
INSERT INTO States VALUES ('Florida', NULL);
INSERT INTO States VALUES ('New York', NULL);
INSERT INTO States VALUES ('Louisianna', NULL);
SELECT *
  FROM States A JOIN States B ON A.Abbr = B.Abbr;
```

Check Constraints (pg. 321)

Is this

```
CREATE TABLE Foo (
  ID INT PRIMARY KEY
);
CREATE TABLE Bar (
  ID INT PRIMARY KEY REFERENCES Foo(ID)
);
```

equivalent to

```
CREATE TABLE Foo (
  ID INT PRIMARY KEY
);
CREATE TABLE Bar (
  ID INT PRIMARY KEY
    CHECK (ID IN (SELECT ID FROM Foo))
);
```

Check Constraints

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CREATE TABLE Foo (
  ID INT PRIMARY KEY
);
CREATE TABLE Bar (
  ID INT PRIMARY KEY
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);
INSERT INTO Foo VALUES (1), (2), (3);
```

Which of the following will succeed?

```
INSERT INTO Bar VALUES (1);
INSERT INTO Bar VALUES (4);
DELETE FROM Foo WHERE ID = 1;
```

More Constraints

```
CREATE TABLE People (
    ID INT PRIMARY KEY,
    Name VARCHAR(255),
    BirthYear INT,
    MotherID INT REFERENCES People(ID),
    FatherID INT REFERENCES People(ID)
);
```

How can we ensure that a person has a birth year that is after the birth year of their mother and father?

More Constraints

```
CREATE TABLE People (
   ID INT PRIMARY KEY,
   Name VARCHAR(255),
   BirthYear INT
     CHECK (BirthYear > (
        SELECT BirthYear FROM People
         WHERE ID = MotherID)
        AND BirthYear > (
        SELECT BirthYear FROM People
         WHERE ID = FatherID)),
   MotherID INT REFERENCES People(ID),
   FatherID INT REFERENCES People(ID)
);
```

Assertions

```
CREATE ASSERTION NoTimeTravel (NOT EXISTS (
  (SELECT BirthYear FROM People
    WHERE BirthYear < (SELECT BirthYear FROM People
                       WHERE ID = MotherID)
      AND BirthYear < (SELECT BirthYear FROM People
                       WHERE ID = FatherID)
  )));
```