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Let's now talk about tables. A table is a collection of

data logically arranged in columns and rows.

The definition of a table in DB2

is very similar to other databases.

You need to specify the column of the table

which a data type. You can use default values

not null values and many other options as shown in the example.

Here we are creating the table 'artists'

We have the column 'artno', art number or art no

defined the data type by small int, it is 'not null' meaning that is does not allow null

and we have another column 'name' defined as varchar with the size of 50

and a default value of 'abc' which means if you do not provide

a value for this column it would

this default value of 'abc' would be inserted.

Over here we have a column called bio

which is defined as a character large object or CLOB of 100k in size

and this column will be logged.

Now something that may be different than other

database vendors is that we do have a clause that says

in mytbls1 in this example and what that means is

that I want this table to be stored in tablespace

called mytbls1.

If you do not provide this clause then by default

DB2 will use a tablespace 'userspace 1'.

To list all the tables or views for your current schema

you can type the command 'db2 list tables' and press enter.

For another schema, say: sysibm

you can issue the command: db2 list tables schema sysibm, and press enter.

To see the columns and data types of a table or view

you can issue the command: db2 describe table employee, and press enter.

You can also use the describe command

to see the structure of a resulting table from a select statement

for example: db2 "describe select * from employee"