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Column Constraints

Column constraints are the rules applied to the values of individual columns:

- `PRIMARY KEY` constraint can be used to uniquely identify the row.
- `UNIQUE` columns have a different value for every row.
- `NOT NULL` columns must have a value.
- `DEFAULT` assigns a default value for the column when no value is specified.

There can be only one `PRIMARY KEY` column per table and multiple `UNIQUE` columns.

```
CREATE TABLE student (  
  id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY,  
  name TEXT UNIQUE,  
  grade INTEGER NOT NULL,  
  age INTEGER DEFAULT 10  
);
```

CREATE TABLE

The `CREATE TABLE` statement creates a new table in a database. It allows one to specify the name of the table and the name of each column in the table.

```
CREATE TABLE table_name (  
  column1 datatype,  
  column2 datatype,  
  column3 datatype  
);
```

INSERT

The `INSERT INTO` statement is used to add a new record (row) to a table.

It has two forms as shown:

- Insert into columns in order.
- Insert into columns by name.

```
-- Insert into columns in order:
```

```
INSERT INTO table_name  
VALUES (value1, value2);
```

```
-- Insert into columns by name:
```

```
INSERT INTO table_name (column1, column2)  
VALUES (value1, value2);
```

ALTER TABLE

The `ALTER TABLE` statement is used to modify the columns of an existing table. When combined with the `ADD COLUMN` clause, it is used to add a new column.

```
ALTER TABLE table_name  
ADD column_name datatype;
```

DELETE

The `DELETE` statement is used to delete records (rows) in a table. The `WHERE` clause specifies which record or records that should be deleted. If the `WHERE` clause is omitted, all records will be deleted.

```
DELETE FROM table_name  
WHERE some_column = some_value;
```

UPDATE

The `UPDATE` statement is used to edit records (rows) in a table. It includes a `SET` clause that indicates the column to edit and a `WHERE` clause for specifying the record(s).

```
UPDATE table_name  
SET column1 = value1, column2 = value2  
WHERE some_column = some_value;
```

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