What is RDBMS?

RDBMS stands for **R**elational **D**atabase **M**anagement **S**ystem. RDBMS is the basis for SQL, and for all modern database systems like MS SQL Server, IBM DB2, Oracle, MySQL, and Microsoft Access.

A Relational database management system (RDBMS) is a database management system (DBMS) that is based on the relational model as introduced by E. F. Codd.

What is a table?

The data in an RDBMS is stored in database objects which are called as **tables**. This table is basically a collection of related data entries and it consists of numerous columns and rows.

Remember, a table is the most common and simplest form of data storage in a relational database. The following program is an example of a CUSTOMERS table −

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| ID | NAME | AGE | ADDRESS | SALARY |

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| 1 | Ramesh | 32 | Ahmedabad | 2000.00 |

| 2 | Khilan | 25 | Delhi | 1500.00 |

| 3 | kaushik | 23 | Kota | 2000.00 |

| 4 | Chaitali | 25 | Mumbai | 6500.00 |

| 5 | Hardik | 27 | Bhopal | 8500.00 |

| 6 | Komal | 22 | MP | 4500.00 |

| 7 | Muffy | 24 | Indore | 10000.00 |

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What is a field?

Every table is broken up into smaller entities called fields. The fields in the CUSTOMERS table consist of ID, NAME, AGE, ADDRESS and SALARY.

A field is a column in a table that is designed to maintain specific information about every record in the table.

What is a Record or a Row?

A record is also called as a row of data is each individual entry that exists in a table. For example, there are 7 records in the above CUSTOMERS table. Following is a single row of data or record in the CUSTOMERS table −

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| 1 | Ramesh | 32 | Ahmedabad | 2000.00 |

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A record is a horizontal entity in a table.

What is a column?

A column is a vertical entity in a table that contains all information associated with a specific field in a table.

For example, a column in the CUSTOMERS table is ADDRESS, which represents location description and would be as shown below −

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| ADDRESS |

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| Ahmedabad |

| Delhi |

| Kota |

| Mumbai |

| Bhopal |

| MP |

| Indore |

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What is a NULL value?

A NULL value in a table is a value in a field that appears to be blank, which means a field with a NULL value is a field with no value.

It is very important to understand that a NULL value is different than a zero value or a field that contains spaces. A field with a NULL value is the one that has been left blank during a record creation.

## Example

The following code block is an example, which creates a CUSTOMERS table with an ID as a primary key and NOT NULL are the constraints showing that these fields cannot be NULL while creating records in this table −

SQL> CREATE TABLE CUSTOMERS(

ID INT NOT NULL,

NAME VARCHAR (20) NOT NULL,

AGE INT NOT NULL,

ADDRESS CHAR (25) ,

SALARY DECIMAL (18, 2),

PRIMARY KEY (ID)

);

DROP TABLE CUSTOMERS;

INSERT INTO CUSTOMERS (ID,NAME,AGE,ADDRESS,SALARY)

VALUES (1, 'Ramesh', 32, 'Ahmedabad', 2000.00 );

INSERT INTO CUSTOMERS (ID,NAME,AGE,ADDRESS,SALARY)

VALUES (2, 'Khilan', 25, 'Delhi', 1500.00 );

View data

SELECT ID, NAME, SALARY FROM CUSTOMERS;

Where

SELECT ID, NAME, SALARY

FROM CUSTOMERS

WHERE SALARY > 2000;

And , Or

SELECT ID, NAME, SALARY

FROM CUSTOMERS

WHERE SALARY > 2000 AND age < 25;

Update

UPDATE CUSTOMERS

SET ADDRESS = 'Pune'

WHERE ID = 6;

Delete

DELETE FROM CUSTOMERS

WHERE ID = 6;

Like

SELECT FROM table\_name

WHERE column LIKE 'XXXX%'

or

SELECT FROM table\_name

WHERE column LIKE '%XXXX%'

or

SELECT FROM table\_name

WHERE column LIKE 'XXXX\_'

or

SELECT FROM table\_name

WHERE column LIKE '\_XXXX'

or

SELECT FROM table\_name

WHERE column LIKE '\_XXXX\_'

Top rows

SELECT TOP 3 \* FROM CUSTOMERS;

Order by

SELECT \* FROM CUSTOMERS

ORDER BY NAME, SALARY;

Group by

SELECT NAME, SUM(SALARY) FROM CUSTOMERS

GROUP BY NAME;

Distinct

SELECT NAME, SUM(SALARY) FROM CUSTOMERS

GROUP BY NAME;