




DDL part of SQL


Creating (CREATE),
Modifying (ALTER), and
Removing (DROP)

Catalogs
Schemas
Relations (Tables)
Constraints
Domains




CREATE TABLE

- create base tables
- declare domains for attributes
- declare NOT NULL constraints
- declare primary key (PRIMARY KEY)
- declare foreign keys (FOREIGN KEY)
- declare candidate keys (UNIQUE)
- storage information



CREATE TABLE Example in Access

```
CREATE TABLE department (  
    dname Text UNIQUE NOT NULL,  
    dnumber Integer PRIMARY KEY,  
    mgrssn Integer REFERENCES employee,  
    mgrstartdate Date  
);
```




CREATE TABLE Example in Access

```

CREATE TABLE dependent (
    essn           Integer,
    dependent_name Text,
    sex            Text,
    bdate         Date,
    relationship   Text,

    CONSTRAINT deppk
        PRIMARY KEY (essn,dependent_name),
    CONSTRAINT empfk
        FOREIGN KEY (essn) references employee
);

```




Tables and Data Types (SQL2)

Numeric:
 integer(n) (SQLServer: int)
 decimal(p,s) (or number(p,s))

Character:
 char(n)
 varchar(n)

Other: p: precision (total #digits)
 s: scale (#digits after .)
 date
 time
 (SQLServer: datetime)




Tables and Data Types (Access)

Numeric:
 number, integer

Character:
 text (only up to 255 characters)

Other:
 Yes/No
 Date/Time
 Currency (15 + 4)
 Memo (64K text)
 Hyperlink
 OLE Object
 Autonumber



Constraints and Default Values

For each attribute:

- NOT NULL to force non-null values
- DEFAULT *value* to specify default value

For table:

- PRIMARY KEY (primary key)
- UNIQUE (candidate/secondary keys)
- FOREIGN KEY ... REFERENCES ... (foreign keys)



Referential Triggered Action I

We can specify actions if referential integrity of a foreign key is violated:

- SET NULL
- SET DEFAULT (not in Access)
- CASCADE

Specified as

- ON UPDATE/DELETE SET NULL/SET DEFAULT/CASCADE



Referential Triggered Action II

Example (CASCADE)

```
CREATE TABLE dependent (...
FOREIGN KEY (essn) REFERENCES employee
ON DELETE CASCADE, ...)
```

Example (SET NULL)

```
CREATE TABLE employee (...
FOREIGN KEY (dno) REFERENCES department
ON DELETE SET NULL)
```

Example (SET DEFAULT)

```
CREATE TABLE employee (...
dno INT NOT NULL DEFAULT 1, ...
FOREIGN KEY (dno) REFERENCES department,
ON DELETE SET DEFAULT ...)
```



Referential Triggered Action III

Find further examples for

- ON UPDATE CASCADE
- ON DELETE CASCADE
- ON DELETE SET NULL
- ON DELETE SET DEFAULT

Find strategies for foreign keys in company database




Dropping Tables

Drop behaviors: cascade and restrict

DROP TABLE Dependent CASCADE; only drops if no element of table is referenced


DROP TABLE Dependent RESTRICT;



Altering Tables

ALTER TABLE table_name

- ADD attribute;
- ADD constraint;
- DROP attribute [CASCADE|RESTRICT]
- DROP constraint_name [CASCADE|RESTRICT]
- ALTER attribute [DROP DEFAULT | SET DEFAULT value]




Altering Tables Examples

```
ALTER TABLE employees
  ADD Age      Number;

ALTER TABLE employees
  ADD FOREIGN KEY dno REFERENCES
    Department(dnumber);

ALTER TABLE employees
  DROP empsuperfk;
```




Dependencies between Tables

Some systems do not allow references to tables that do not exist yet.

Two solutions:

- if no cyclical dependencies:
create tables in right order
- in case of cyclical dependencies:
create tables without f.k. constraints,
and use ALTER TABLE to add
these later
(Example: companyaccess.sql)




Views

A *view* is a virtual table based on one or more *defining tables*; in SQL it is created as the result of a select query.

```
CREATE VIEW view_name
AS SELECT ... ;
```

Or (to name columns)


```
CREATE VIEW view_name(column names)
AS SELECT ...;
```



Views in Access


Access considers views identical to stored queries.

You can store a query, and use it by name in another query.




Views Examples

- Create a department info view with: name of department, number of employees, and total salary
- Create a project info view with: name of project, number of employees working on it, and total hours spent on the project
- Create an employee info view with: name of employee, age, salary, and write a query that lists all employees older than an age entered by the user that make less than \$35,000.



View Implementation

- Query modification
- View materialization (incremental update)



View Updates

Updating views can be problematic:

- Changing views on single tables without aggregates usually works (view should contain primary key).
- What does it mean to increase the number of employees in the depts_info view? (Problem: aggregate functions)
