

Unit-5

Creating and Altering Database and Tables

* Introduction to Sql:

-> Sql is an ANSI(American National Standards Institute) standard computer language for accessing and manipulating database systems.

-> Sql works with database programs like MS-Access, DB2, MS SQL server, Oracle, Sybase etc.

* What can Sql do?

-> Sql can execute queries against a database.

-> Sql can retrieve data from a database.

-> Sql can insert records in a database.

-> Sql can update records in a database.

-> Sql can create new database.

-> Sql can create views in a database.

-> Sql can set permissions on tables, procedures and views.

*DDL(Data Definition Language);

-> It includes changes to the structure of table like creation of tables, altering tables, deleting tables etc. All DDL commands are auto-committed that means it saves all the changes permanently in the database.

* Create command:

-> Create is a DDL Sql command used to create a table or a database in relational database management system

* Creating a Database:

-> To create a database in RDBMs. create command is used.

syntax:

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create database <DB-name>;
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eg: create database test;
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-> The above command will create a database named Test, which will be an empty schema without any table.

-> To create tables in this newly created database, we can again use the create command.

* Sql Drop Database statement:

-> This is used to drop an existing Sql database.

Syntax:

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drop database db_name;
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```
drop database test;
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* Creating a table:

Syntax:

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create table <table-name>(column_name1 data-type, column2 datatype,.....);
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eg: create table student(s_id INT, name varchar(20), age int);
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*Sql drop table system:

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eg: drop table student;
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*Alter Command:

-> This is used for altering the table structure, such as:

- to add a column to existing
- to rename existing table
- to change datatype of any column or to modify size.
- to drop a column from table.

*Alter command: Add a new column:

-> Using alter command, we can add a column to any existing table.

Syntax:

Alter table table_name ADD(column_name datatype);

eg: Alter table student add ph_no varchar(200);

* Alter command: Add multiple new columns:

-> Using alter command, we can even add multiple new columns to any existing table.

Syntax:

alter table student add column1 datatype, column datatype2;

eg; alter table student add fathername varchar(20), mothername varchar(20);

* Alter command: add column with default value:

-> This command can add a new column to an existing table with a default value too.

syntax: alter table table_name add column_name datatype1 default somevalue;

eg: alter table student add dob date Default '01-Jan-99';

* Alter table- alter/modify column:

-> To change the datatype of a column in a table, use the following syntax:

- Sql server/Ms-Access:

syntax: alter table table-name alter column columnname datatype;

- Mysql/oracle(prior version 10G):

syntax: alter table table-name modify column column_name datatype;

- Oracle 10G and later:

syntax: alter table tablename modify column-name datatype;

eg: 1: alter table student alter

a. column name varchar(10) null;

b. alter table student modify address varchar(100);

* Alter command: rename a column:

-> You can rename an existing column by using alter command.

eg; alter table student rename address to location;

* Alter command: Drop a column:

-> Alter command can also be used to drop or remove column.

Syntax:

alter table student drop column column-name;

eg: alter table student drop column address;

* Truncate command:

-> Truncate command removes all the records from a table. But this command will not destroy the tables's structure.

Syntax:

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truncate table table-name;
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eg: truncate table student;

*Rename query:

-> is used to set a new name for an existing table.

eg: rename table student to students_info;

* Use database;

Syntax: use databasename;

Sql Constraints:

-> Constraint restricts the values that the table can store.

-> Sql constraints are used to specify rules for data in a table.

-> Constraints can be specified when the table is created with create table statement or after the table is created with the the alter table statement.

syntax:

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Create table table_name( column1 datatype constraint, Column2 datatype constraint,.....);
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* The following constraints are commonly used in sql:

a. NOT NULL:

-> Ensures that a column cannot have a null value.

-> The following sql ensures that the "ID","LastName","FirstName" column will not access Null values.

eg: create table student(id int not Null, Lastname varchar(30) not null, firstname varchar(30) not Null, age int);

b. Unique:

-> ensures that all values in a column are different.

-> eg: create table persons(id int not null, address varchar(25) not null, unique(id));

c. Primary Key:

-> A combination of a Not Null and unique uniquely identifies each row in a table.

eg: create table persons (id int not null, lastname varchar(25),firstname varchar(25), primary key(id));

d. Foreign Key:

-> Uniquely identifies a row/record in another table.

eg: Create table orders(orderid int not null, orderno int not null, personid int, primary key(orderid),foreign key(personid) references persons(personid));

e. Check:

-> ensures that all values in a column satisfies a specific condition.

-> It is used to restrict the values before inserting into a table.

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eg: create table persons(id int not null, lastname varchar(25) not null, firstname varchar(25), age int, check(age>=18));

f. Default:

-> Sets a default value for a column when no value is specified.

eg: create table person(id int not null, lastname varchar(25) not null, firstname varchar(25), age int, city varchar(25) default 'Janakpur');

Altering Constraints:

1. Primary Key:

-> To create a primary key constraint on the 'id' column when the table is already created, use the following sql:

syntax: alter table <table-name> add constraint <constraint-name> <constraint-type> <column-name>

eg: alter table persons add primary key(id);

//alter table persons add constraint pk_emp primary key(id);

-> **To drop a primary key constraint**, use the following sql:

Syntax: alter table <table-name> drop constraint <constraint-name>;

eg: alter table persons drop primary key;

2. Unique Constraint:

-> To create a unique constraint on the "ID" column when the table is already created, use the following Sql:

eg: alter table persons add unique(id);

// alter table person add constraint unique_emp unique(email);

-> To drop a unique constraint, use the following sql:

alter table persons drop constraint constraint-name;

eg: alter table person drop constraint unique_emp;

3. Foreign Key:

-> To create a foreign key constraint on the "personid" column when the "orders" table is already created, use the following sql:

eg: alter table orders add foreign key(personid) references persons(personid);

-> to drop a foreign key constraint, use the following sql:

alter table orders drop foreign key foreign_key_name;

// alter table orders drop constraint constraint-name;

4. Check constraint:

-> To create a check constraint on the "age" column when the table is already created, use the following sql:

alter table persons add check(age>=18);

-> To drop a check constraint, use the following sql:

alter table persons drop check age;

5. Default constraint:

-> To create a default constraint on the "city" column when the table is already created, use the following sql:

alter table persons modify city default 'ktm';

-> To drop a default constraints, use the following sql:

alter table persons alter column city drop default;