

Database System

Lecture 6

SQL Sub Languages

DDL - Data Definition Language

TABLE CONSTRAINT

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DDL - TABLE CONSTRAINT

Types of constraint

- Primary Key Constraint.
- Foreign Key constraint.
- Unique constraint.
- Check Constraint.
- Not NULL Constraint.
- Default Constraint.

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➤ *Primary Key Constraint*

In Oracle, a **Primary Key** is a single field or combination of fields that uniquely defines a record. None of the fields that are part of the primary key can contain a null value. A table can have only one primary key.

Note

In Oracle, a primary key can not contain more than 32 columns.

A primary key can be defined in either a CREATE TABLE statement or an ALTER TABLE statement.

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Create Primary Key - Using CREATE TABLE statement

It is possible to create the constraints together with the create statement.

The syntax to create a primary key using the CREATE TABLE statement:

```
CREATE TABLE table_name  
(  
column1 datatype CONSTRAINT_Type ,  
column2 datatype,  
...  
CONSTRAINT constraint_name PRIMARY KEY  
(column1, column2, ... column_n)  
);
```

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Examples :

Create TABLE orders

```
(  
order_id number (7) primary key,  
order_dt date,  
cust_id number(7)  
);
```

Related system Tables for constraints

user_constraints

all_constraints

user_cons_columns

all_cons_columns

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Same Example using another method to add constraint :

```
Create TABLE orders2
(
order_id number(7),
order_dt date,
cust_id number(7),
CONSTRAINT pk_orders PRIMARY KEY (order_id)
);
```

Note:

Primary key needs to have an associated (unique) index the index automatically created when create PK.

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Another Examples :

```
CREATE TABLE supplier
(
supplier_id number(10)          ,
supplier_name varchar2(50)      not null,
contact_name varchar2(50),
CONSTRAINT supplier_pk PRIMARY KEY (supplier_id)
);
```

In this example, we've created a primary key on the supplier table called supplier_pk. It consists of only one field - the supplier_id field.

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Creating Table with combined primary key:

We could also create a primary key with more than one field as in the example below:

```
create table employee_history
(
employee_id      number(6) not null,
salary           number(8,2),
hire_date        date   default sysdate,
termination_date date,
termination_desc varchar2(4000),
CONSTRAINT emphistory_pk PRIMARY KEY (employee_id,
hire_date)
);
```


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Create Primary Key - Using ALTER TABLE statement

The syntax to create a primary key using the ALTER TABLE statement in Oracle

Syntax

ALTER TABLE table_name

ADD CONSTRAINT

**constraint_name PRIMARY KEY (column1, column2,
... column_n);**

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Let's look at an example of how to create a primary key using the ALTER TABLE statement in Oracle.

```
ALTER TABLE supplier  
ADD CONSTRAINT supplier_pk PRIMARY KEY  
(supplier_id);
```

In this example, we've created a primary key on the existing supplier table called supplier_pk. It consists of the field called supplier_id.

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We could also create a combined primary key with more than one field as in the example below:

```
ALTER TABLE supplier  
ADD CONSTRAINT supplier_pk PRIMARY KEY  
(supplier_id, supplier_name);
```

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Disable Primary Key

The syntax to disable a primary key using the ALTER TABLE statement in Oracle:

Syntax:

```
ALTER TABLE table_name  
DISABLE CONSTRAINT constraint_name;
```

Example

```
ALTER TABLE supplier  
DISABLE CONSTRAINT supplier_pk;
```

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Enable Primary Key

The syntax to enable a primary key using the ALTER TABLE statement in Oracle/PLSQL is:

Syntax :

```
ALTER TABLE table_name  
ENABLE CONSTRAINT constraint_name;
```

Example:

```
ALTER TABLE supplier  
ENABLE CONSTRAINT supplier_pk;
```

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Drop Primary Key

The syntax to drop a primary key using the ALTER TABLE statement in Oracle

Syntax:

```
ALTER TABLE table_name  
DROP CONSTRAINT constraint_name;
```

Example:

```
ALTER TABLE supplier  
DROP CONSTRAINT supplier_pk;
```





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Foreign Key constraint

A close-up photograph of a right hand holding a silver pen, writing the words "Thank you" in a fluid, cursive script on a white surface. The pen is positioned at the end of the word "you".

Thank you

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