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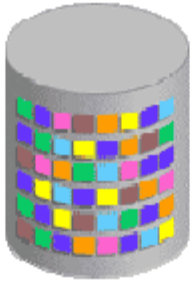
Using DDL Statements to Create and Manage Tables

CREATE TABLE Statement

- You must have:
  - CREATE TABLE privilege
  - A storage area

```
CREATE TABLE [schema.]table
        (column datatype [DEFAULT expr][, ...]);
```

- You specify:
  - Table name
  - Column name, column data type, and column size



Creating Tables

- Create the table.

```
CREATE TABLE dept
        (deptno      NUMBER(2),
         dname       VARCHAR2(14),
         loc         VARCHAR2(13),
         create_date DATE DEFAULT SYSDATE);
Table created.
```

- Confirm table creation.

```
DESCRIBE dept
```

Name	Null?	Type
DEPTNO		NUMBER(2)
DNAME		VARCHAR2(14)
LOC		VARCHAR2(13)
CREATE_DATE		DATE

Data Types

Data Type	Description
VARCHAR2(*size*)	Variable-length character data
CHAR(*size*)	Fixed-length character data
NUMBER(*p*,*s*)	Variable-length numeric data
DATE	Date and time values
LONG	Variable-length character data (up to 2 GB)
CLOB	Character data (up to 4 GB)
RAW and LONG RAW	Raw binary data
BLOB	Binary data (up to 4 GB)
BFILE	Binary data stored in an external file (up to 4 GB)
ROWID	A base-64 number system representing the unique address of a row in its table

Including Constraints

- Constraints enforce rules at the table level.
- Constraints prevent the deletion of a table if there are dependencies.
- The following constraint types are valid:
  - NOT NULL
  - UNIQUE
  - PRIMARY KEY
  - FOREIGN KEY
  - CHECK

Defining Constraints

- Column-level constraint:

```
CREATE TABLE employees(
  employee_id  NUMBER(6)
    CONSTRAINT emp_emp_id_pk PRIMARY KEY,
  first_name   VARCHAR2(20),
  ...);
```

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- Table-level constraint:

```
CREATE TABLE employees(
  employee_id  NUMBER(6),
  first_name   VARCHAR2(20),
  ...
  job_id       VARCHAR2(10) NOT NULL,
  CONSTRAINT emp_emp_id_pk
    PRIMARY KEY (EMPLOYEE_ID));
```

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FOREIGN KEY Constraint

Defined at either the table level or the column level:

```
CREATE TABLE employees(
    employee_id      NUMBER(6),
    last_name        VARCHAR2(25) NOT NULL,
    email            VARCHAR2(25),
    salary           NUMBER(8,2),
    commission_pct   NUMBER(2,2),
    hire_date        DATE NOT NULL,
...
    department_id    NUMBER(4),
    CONSTRAINT emp_dept_fk FOREIGN KEY (department_id)
      REFERENCES departments(department_id),
    CONSTRAINT emp_email_uk UNIQUE(email));
```

CHECK Constraint

- Defines a condition that each row must satisfy
- The following expressions are not allowed:
  - References to CURRVAL, NEXTVAL, LEVEL, and ROWNUM pseudocolumns
  - Calls to SYSDATE, UID, USER, and USERENV functions
  - Queries that refer to other values in other rows

```
..., salary   NUMBER(2)
     CONSTRAINT emp_salary_min
            CHECK (salary > 0),...
```

CREATE TABLE: Example

```
CREATE TABLE employees
    ( employee_id    NUMBER(6)
        CONSTRAINT     emp_employee_id   PRIMARY KEY
    , first_name     VARCHAR2(20)
    , last_name      VARCHAR2(25)
        CONSTRAINT     emp_last_name_nn  NOT NULL
    , email          VARCHAR2(25)
        CONSTRAINT     emp_email_nn      NOT NULL
        CONSTRAINT     emp_email_uk      UNIQUE
    , phone_number   VARCHAR2(20)
    , hire_date      DATE
        CONSTRAINT     emp_hire_date_nn  NOT NULL
    , job_id         VARCHAR2(10)
        CONSTRAINT     emp_job_nn        NOT NULL
    , salary         NUMBER(8,2)
        CONSTRAINT     emp_salary_ck     CHECK (salary>0)
    , commission_pct NUMBER(2,2)
    , manager_id     NUMBER(6)
    , department_id  NUMBER(4)
        CONSTRAINT     emp_dept_fk       REFERENCES
           departments (department_id));
```

Creating a Table by Using a Subquery

- Create a table and insert rows by combining the `CREATE TABLE` statement and the `AS` *subquery* option.

```
CREATE TABLE table
           [(column, column...)]
AS subquery;
```

- Match the number of specified columns to the number of subquery columns.
- Define columns with column names and default values.

Creating a Table by Using a Subquery

```
CREATE TABLE  dept80
  AS
    SELECT   employee_id, last_name,
             salary*12 ANNSAL,
             hire_date
    FROM     employees
    WHERE    department_id = 80;
Table created.
```

```
DESCRIBE dept80
```

Name	Null?	Type
EMPLOYEE_ID		NUMBER(6)
LAST_NAME	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(25)
ANNSAL		NUMBER
HIRE_DATE	NOT NULL	DATE