



DDL and DML

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Types of SQL Commands

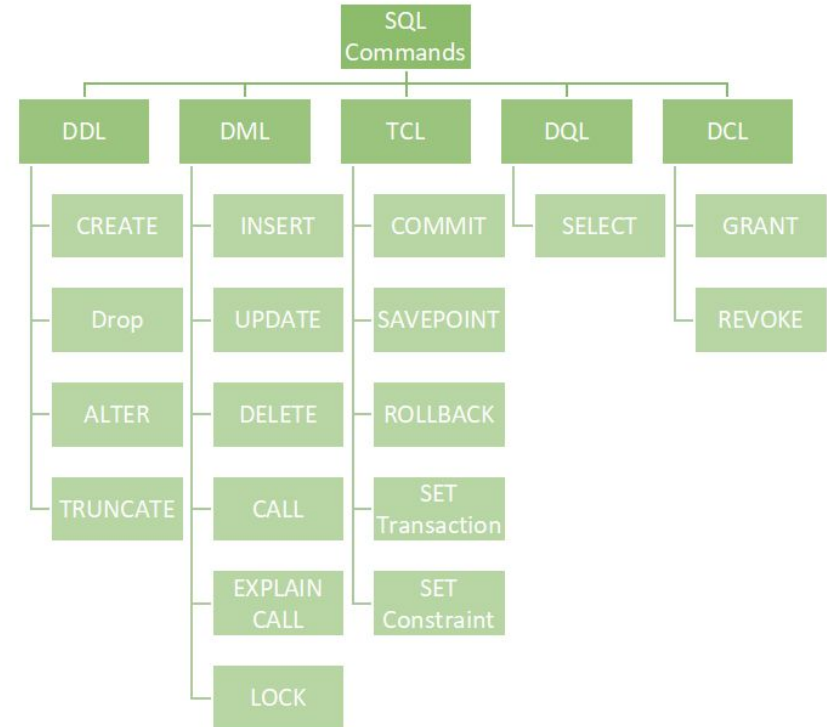
DDL – Data Definition Language

DQL – Data Query Language

DML – Data Manipulation Language

DCL – Data Control Language

TCL – Transaction Control Language





DDL and DML

- DDL - Data Definition Language
 - Define the database schema
 - Interactions with database objects
- DML - Data Manipulation Language
 - Manipulate the data in the database
 - Interactions with data



Basic DDL Commands

- CREATE
- ALTER
- DROP
- TRUNCATE



CREATE



CREATE

- Used to create **database objects**:
 - database
 - table
 - user
 - role
 - view
 - procedure



CREATE

Basic syntax:

CREATE <OBJECT> <name>;

```
create database company  
with owner david;
```

```
create user salesadmin  
with password 'admin@123';
```



CREATE TABLE (basic syntax)

```
CREATE TABLE table_name (  
    column_name datatype (size),  
    column_name2 datatype (size)  
);
```




CREATE TABLE (example)

```
CREATE TABLE student (  
    name varchar(100),  
    locker_number int,  
    student_id int  
);
```



CREATE TABLE (full syntax)

```
CREATE [ [ GLOBAL | LOCAL ] { TEMPORARY | TEMP } | UNLOGGED ] TABLE [ IF NOT EXISTS ] table_name ( [
  { column_name data_type [ STORAGE { PLAIN | EXTERNAL | EXTENDED | MAIN | DEFAULT } ] [ COMPRESSION compression_method ] [ COLLATE collation ] [ column_constraint [ ... ] ]
  | table_constraint
  | LIKE source_table [ like_option ... ] }
  [, ... ]
] )
[ INHERITS ( parent_table [, ... ] ) ]
[ PARTITION BY { RANGE | LIST | HASH } ( { column_name | ( expression ) } [ COLLATE collation ] [ opclass ] [, ... ] ) ]
[ USING method ]
[ WITH ( storage_parameter [= value] [, ... ] ) | WITHOUT OIDS ]
[ ON COMMIT { PRESERVE ROWS | DELETE ROWS | DROP } ]
[ TABLESPACE tablespace_name ]
```

<https://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/sql-createtable.html>

CREATE TABLE (full syntax)

only create table if another with same name doesn't already exist



```
CREATE [ [ GLOBAL | LOCAL ] { TEMPORARY | TEMP } | UNLOGGED ] TABLE [ IF NOT EXISTS ] table_name ( [
  { column_name data_type [ STORAGE { PLAIN | EXTERNAL | EXTENDED | MAIN | DEFAULT } ] [ COMPRESSION compression_method ] [ COLLATE collation ] [ column_constraint [ ... ] ]
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new table automatically copies all column names, their data types, and their not-null constraints.

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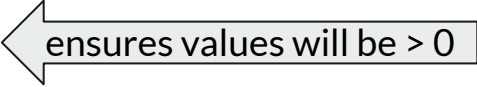
Constraints

```
[ CONSTRAINT constraint_name ]
{ NOT NULL |
  NULL |
  CHECK ( expression ) [ NO INHERIT ] |
  DEFAULT default_expr |
  GENERATED ALWAYS AS ( generation_expr ) STORED |
  GENERATED { ALWAYS | BY DEFAULT } AS IDENTITY [ ( sequence_options ) ] |
  UNIQUE [ NULLS [ NOT ] DISTINCT ] index_parameters |
  PRIMARY KEY index_parameters |
  REFERENCES reftable [ ( refcolumn ) ] [ MATCH FULL | MATCH PARTIAL | MATCH SIMPLE ]
    [ ON DELETE referential_action ] [ ON UPDATE referential_action ] }
[ DEFERRABLE | NOT DEFERRABLE ] [ INITIALLY DEFERRED | INITIALLY IMMEDIATE ]
```

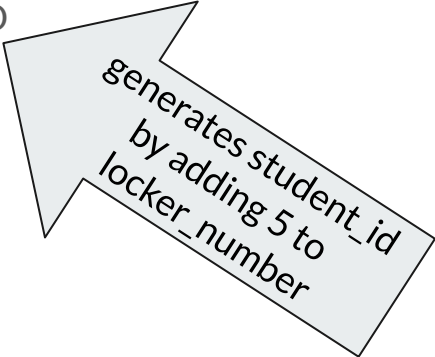


CREATE TABLE (example)

```
CREATE TABLE student (  
    name varchar(100) DEFAULT 'Geoff',  
    locker_number int CHECK (locker_number > 0),  
    student_id int GENERATED ALWAYS AS (locker_number + 5) STORED  
);
```



ensures values will be > 0



generates student_id
by adding 5 to
locker_number



A helpful little note on default

“The default value can be an expression, which will be evaluated whenever the default value is inserted (not when the table is created). A common example is for a timestamp column to have a default of `CURRENT_TIMESTAMP`, so that it gets set to the time of row insertion” - [Documentation](#)



Generated columns

- “A generated column cannot be written to directly. In INSERT or UPDATE commands, a value cannot be specified for a generated column
- Some restrictions for generated columns and tables involving generated columns:
 - The generation expression can only use immutable functions and cannot use subqueries or reference anything other than the current row in any way.
 - A generation expression cannot reference another generated column.
 - A generation expression cannot reference a system column, except tableid.
 - A generated column cannot have a column default or an identity definition.



CREATE TABLE (named constraints)

“You can also give the constraint a separate name. This clarifies error messages and allows you to refer to the constraint when you need to change it” - [Documentation](#)

```
CREATE TABLE student (  
    name varchar(100),  
    locker_number int CONSTRAINT positive_num CHECK (locker_number > 0),  
    student_id int GENERATED ALWAYS AS (locker_number + 5) STORED  
);
```




CREATE TABLE AS

```
CREATE [ [ GLOBAL | LOCAL ] { TEMPORARY | TEMP } | UNLOGGED ] TABLE [ IF NOT EXISTS ] table_name
  [ ( column_name [, ...] ) ]
  [ USING method ]
  [ WITH ( storage_parameter [= value] [, ...] ) | WITHOUT OIDS ]
  [ ON COMMIT { PRESERVE ROWS | DELETE ROWS | DROP } ]
  [ TABLESPACE tablespace_name ]
AS query
  [ WITH [ NO ] DATA ]
```

← make a table using values from another table



CREATE TABLE AS (example)

```
CREATE TABLE student_copy AS SELECT * FROM student;
```



ALTER



ALTER

- Used to change a database object
 - Add columns
 - Remove columns
 - Add constraints
 - Remove constraints
 - Change default values
 - Change column data types
 - Rename columns
 - Rename tables



ALTER TABLE (add column)

```
ALTER TABLE student ADD COLUMN fave_class text;
```

- can include constraints

```
ALTER TABLE products ADD COLUMN fave_class text CHECK (fave_class <> "");
```



ALTER TABLE (remove column)

ALTER TABLE products DROP COLUMN description;

- Recall that sometimes other columns might depend on the column we want to drop
- CASCADE will drop anything that depends on our dropped column as well

ALTER TABLE products DROP COLUMN description CASCADE;



ALTER TABLE (add constraint)

```
ALTER TABLE student ADD CHECK (name <> "");
```

- to set not null, use this syntax:

```
ALTER TABLE products ALTER COLUMN product_no SET NOT NULL;
```



ALTER TABLE (drop constraint)

```
ALTER TABLE products DROP CONSTRAINT some_name;
```

- to drop not null constraint, use this syntax:

```
ALTER TABLE products ALTER COLUMN product_no DROP NOT NULL;
```




ALTER TABLE (set / remove default)

```
ALTER TABLE products ALTER COLUMN price SET DEFAULT 7.77;
```

```
ALTER TABLE products ALTER COLUMN price DROP DEFAULT;
```



ALTER TABLE (change column datatype)

```
ALTER TABLE products ALTER COLUMN price TYPE numeric(10,2);
```



ALTER TABLE (renaming)

- Rename column

```
ALTER TABLE products RENAME COLUMN product_no TO product_number;
```

- Rename table

```
ALTER TABLE products RENAME TO items;
```

<https://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/ddl-alter.html#DDL-ALTER-ADDING-A-CONSTRAINT>



DROP



DROP

- **DON'T DO IT**
 - unless you're really really absolutely sure you want to
- Used to remove database object from the schema



DROP

Syntax:

```
DROP object object_name ;
```

Example:

```
DROP TABLE student;
```



TRUNCATE



TRUNCATE

- Used to removes the data, but keep the structure
- Faster than DROP
- Example:
 - `TRUNCATE TABLE student;`



Basic DML Commands

- INSERT
- UPDATE
- DELETE



INSERT



INSERT

- Fill columns from left to right with values given

```
INSERT INTO products VALUES (1, 'Cheese', 9.99);
```

- To specify columns to fill to (all others will get default):

```
INSERT INTO products (product_no, name) VALUES (1, 'Cheese');
```

<https://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/dml-insert.html>



INSERT

- Can insert defaults directly

```
INSERT INTO products (product_no, name, price) VALUES (1, 'Cheese', DEFAULT);
```

```
INSERT INTO products DEFAULT VALUES;
```



INSERT

- Can insert multiple rows at a time

```
INSERT INTO products (product_no, name, price) VALUES
```

```
(1, 'Cheese', 9.99),
```

```
(2, 'Bread', 1.99),
```

```
(3, 'Milk', 2.99);
```



INSERT

- Can insert the result of a query

```
INSERT INTO products (product_no, name, price)
```

```
SELECT product_no, name, price FROM new_products
```

```
WHERE release_date = 'today';
```



UPDATE



UPDATE

To update existing rows, use the UPDATE command. This requires three pieces of information:

1. The name of the table and column to update
2. The new value of the column
3. Which row(s) to update

<https://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/dml-update.html>



UPDATE

UPDATE products SET price = 10 WHERE price = 5;

- Update all values in column:

UPDATE products SET price = price * 1.10;

- Update multiple columns

UPDATE mytable SET a = 5, b = 3, c = 1 WHERE a > 0;



DELETE



DELETE

- Similar syntax to UPDATE:

```
DELETE FROM products WHERE price = 10;
```

- Delete all columns:

```
DELETE FROM products;
```