

Normalization, Constraints and DDL, DML, DCL and TCL

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Normal forms

Normal Forms in DBMS

- **1NF:** Each table cell has a single value; each column has a unique name.
- **2NF:** Each non-key attribute is fully dependent on the primary key. No partial dependency should be present.
- **3NF:** Non-key attributes are independent of each other. No transitive dependency should be present.
- **BCNF:** Every determinant is a candidate key.
- **4NF:** No multivalued dependencies in the table.
- **5NF:** Decompose tables to eliminate redundancy and ensure data integrity.

Objective of Normalization

Normalization is the process of minimizing **redundancy** from a relation or set of relations.

Eliminate Redundancy:

- Reduce data duplication by organizing data into related tables.
- Helps to save storage space and prevents inconsistencies by ensuring that each piece of data is stored only once.

Ensure Data Integrity:

- Maintain accuracy and consistency of data across the database.
- By eliminating anomalies (insertion, update, and deletion anomalies), normalization ensures that the data remains reliable and accurate.

Simplify Queries:

- Make the database structure clear and efficient.
- Simplifies the database design, making it easier to query, update, and maintain. This enhances the performance and usability of the database.

Functional Dependencies

A functional dependency, denoted as $A \rightarrow B$ means that if two tuples (rows) have the same value for attribute A, they must also have the same value for attribute B.

A is also called determinant.

B is also called dependent.

Functional dependencies are directional. $A \rightarrow B$, does not imply $B \rightarrow A$.

Types of Functional Dependencies:

1. Trivial Functional Dependency:

- If B is a subset of A , then $A \rightarrow B$ is a trivial functional dependency. For example, $\{A, B\} \rightarrow A$.

2. Non-Trivial Functional Dependency:

- If B is not a subset of A , then $A \rightarrow B$ is a non-trivial functional dependency. For example, $A \rightarrow B$.

3. Full Functional Dependency:

- A functional dependency $A \rightarrow B$ is a full functional dependency if removal of any attribute from A means the dependency no longer holds. For example, if $\{A, B\} \rightarrow C$ holds but $A \rightarrow C$ does not hold, then $\{A, B\} \rightarrow C$ is a full functional dependency.

4. Partial Functional Dependency:

- A functional dependency $A \rightarrow B$ is partial if some attribute can be removed from A and the dependency still holds. For example, if $\{A, B\} \rightarrow C$ holds and $A \rightarrow C$ also holds, then $\{A, B\} \rightarrow C$ is a partial dependency.

5. Transitive Functional Dependency:

- If $A \rightarrow B$ and $B \rightarrow C$ hold, then $A \rightarrow C$ is a transitive dependency. For example, if $A \rightarrow B$ and $B \rightarrow C$ hold, then $A \downarrow C$ must also hold.

Integrity Constraints and Domain Constraints

Integrity constraints are rules that help to maintain the accuracy and consistency of data in a database.

They can be used to enforce business rules or to ensure that data is entered correctly.

For example, a simple integrity constraint in DBMS might state that all customers must have a valid email address.

1. Domain Constraint

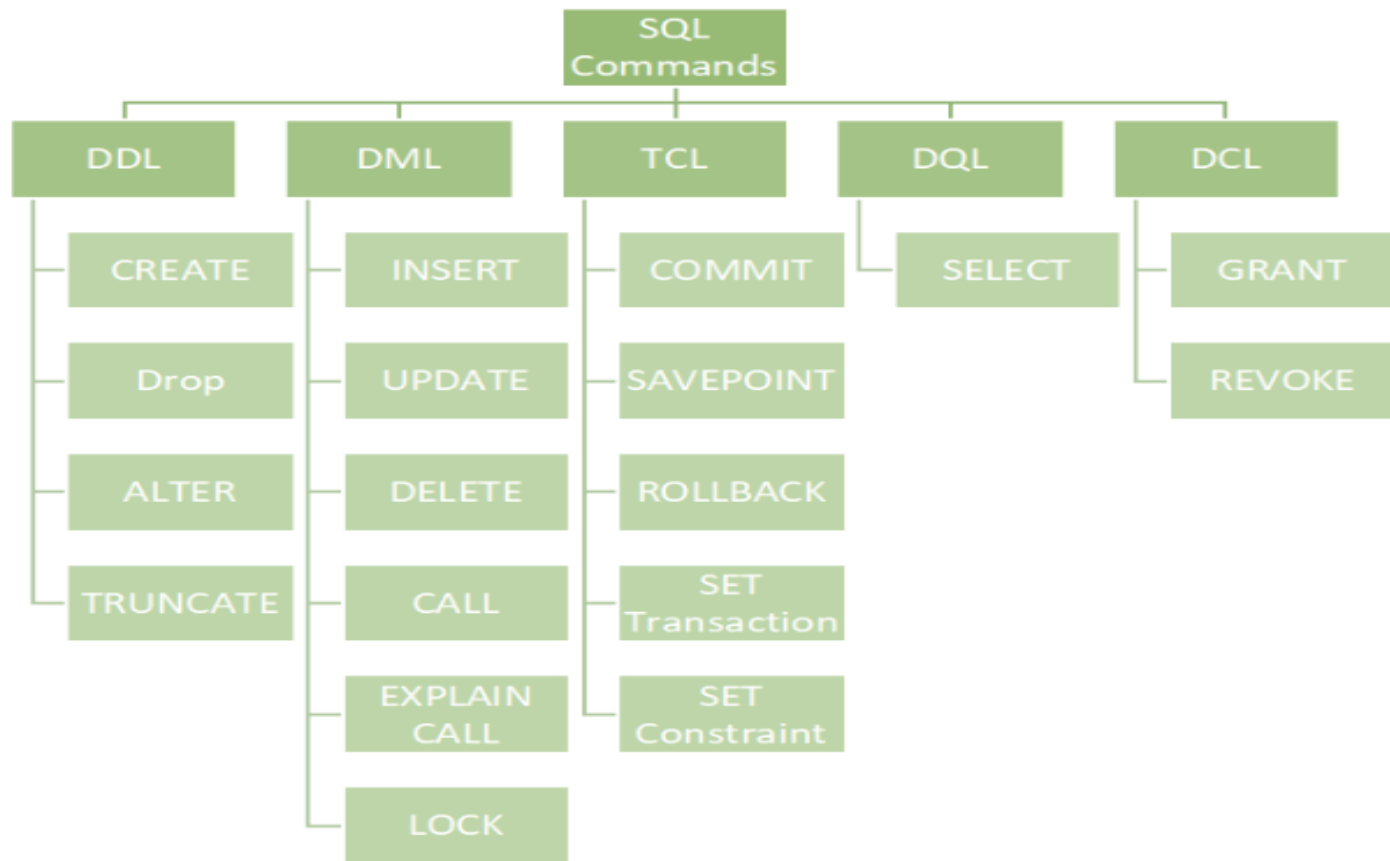
A domain constraint is a restriction on the values that can be stored in a column. For example, if you have a column for "age," domain integrity constraints in DBMS would ensure that only values between 1 and 120 can be entered into that column. This ensures that only valid data is entered into the database.

Types of Integrity Constraints in DBMS



SQL commands are categorized into 5 category.

1. **DDL** – Data Definition Language
2. **DQL** – Data Query Language
3. **DML** – Data Manipulation Language
4. **DCL** – Data Control Language
5. **TCL** – Transaction Control Language



Assertions, Triggers and Views

Assertions: Enforce complex business rules at the database level.

Triggers: Automate actions in response to specific events.

Views: Provide simplified, secure, and customized data access.

Assertions are constraints that specify a condition that must be true for the database at all times. They are used to enforce rules at the database level.

- **Definition:** An assertion is a Boolean condition that the DBMS must ensure holds true.
- **Purpose:** Ensure data integrity and consistency.
- **Example:** Ensuring the total number of employees in a department does not exceed a certain limit.

```
CREATE ASSERTION check_employee_count
```

```
CHECK (SELECT COUNT(*) FROM Employees WHERE Department_ID = 'D001') <= 100;
```

Triggers

Triggers are procedures that are automatically executed in response to certain events on a particular table or view in a database.

```
CREATE TRIGGER update_salary_log AFTER UPDATE ON Employees FOR EACH ROW BEGIN INSERT INTO SalaryLog  
(EmployeeID, OldSalary, NewSalary, ChangeDate) VALUES (:OLD.EmployeeID, :OLD.Salary, :NEW.Salary, SYSDATE); END;
```

Syntax of trigger:

```
CREATE TRIGGER trigger_name { BEFORE | AFTER } { INSERT | UPDATE | DELETE } ON table_name FOR EACH ROW [ WHEN  
(condition) ] BEGIN -- SQL statements END;
```

Views

Views are virtual tables that provide a way to present data in a different format or from multiple tables. They do not store data themselves but fetch data from the underlying tables.

Syntax of creating View:

```
CREATE VIEW EmployeeDepartmentView AS SELECT Employees.EmployeeID, Employees.EmployeeName,  
Departments.DepartmentName FROM Employees JOIN Departments ON Employees.DepartmentID =  
Departments.DepartmentID;
```

Joined and Derived Relations

Joined Relations: Combine rows from two or more tables based on a related column, with various types like inner, outer (left, right, full), and cross joins.

Derived Relations (Views): Virtual tables created from SQL queries on base tables, simplifying complex queries, enhancing security, and providing data abstraction.

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