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A constraint to define an integrity constraint - a rule that restricts the values in a database. Oracle Database lets you create six types of constraints:

- A NOT NULL constraint prohibits a database value from being null.
- A unique constraint prohibits multiple rows from having the same value in the same column or combination of columns but allows some values to be null.
- A primary key constraint combines a NOT NULL constraint and a unique constraint in a single declaration.
- A foreign key constraint requires values in one table to match values in another table.
- A check constraint requires a value in the database to comply with a specified condition.
- A REF column by definition references an object in another object type or in a relational table. A REF constraint lets you further describe the relationship between the REF column and the object it references.