

# RE: Microsoft Jet SQL Reference

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Hi, Chris.

>I can locate help with subject topic in my local Access 2003 documentation,  
> but it's nowhere to be found on msdn.microsoft.com. Please send link.

The entire Jet 4.0 SQL Reference is on your hard drive in the following location if you installed MS Office in the default directories (watch out for word wrap):

"C:\Program Files\Common Files\Microsoft Shared\OFFICE11\1033\JETSQL40.CHM"

For more insight on using DDL for Jet 4.0 (and a few more examples), read the SQL Server BOL. One can download it from this Web page:

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=a6f79cb1-a420-445f-8a4b-bd77a7da194b&DisplayLa>

> I'm quite challenged by the CONSTRAINT clause documentation. In particular,  
> this example from the documentation doesn't seem to work:

One must set the SQL Server Compatible Syntax (ANSI SQL-92) option for the current database before this syntax will work in the SQL View pane.

```
> CREATE TABLE Orders (OrderId INTEGER PRIMARY KEY, CustId INTEGER, OrderNotes  
> NCHAR VARYING (255), CONSTRAINT FKOrdersCustId FOREIGN KEY (CustId)  
> REFERENCES Customers ON UPDATE CASCADE ON DELETE CASCADE)
```

One must set the SQL Server Compatible Syntax (ANSI SQL-92) option for the current database before this syntax will work in the SQL View pane, too.

HTH.  
Gunny

See <http://www.QBuilt.com> for all your database needs.  
See <http://www.Access.QBuilt.com> for Microsoft Access tips.

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"Chris Smith" wrote:

> I can locate help with subject topic in my local Access 2003 documentation,  
> but it's nowhere to be found on msdn.microsoft.com. Please send link.  
> Lots of non-relevant stuff when I searched on MSDN, though.  
> I'm quite challenged by the CONSTRAINT clause documentation. In particular,  
> this example from the documentation doesn't seem to work:  
> -----8<-----  
> You can specify actions to be performed on the foreign table based on a  
> corresponding action performed on a primary key in the table on which the  
> CONSTRAINT is defined. For example, consider the following definition for the  
> table Customers:  
> CREATE TABLE Customers (CustId INTEGER PRIMARY KEY, CLstNm NCHAR VARYING  
> (50))  
>  
>  
> Consider the following definition of the table Orders, which defines a  
> foreign key relationship referencing the primary key of the Customers table:  
>  
> CREATE TABLE Orders (OrderId INTEGER PRIMARY KEY, CustId INTEGER, OrderNotes  
> NCHAR VARYING (255), CONSTRAINT FKOrdersCustId FOREIGN KEY (CustId)  
> REFERENCES Customers ON UPDATE CASCADE ON DELETE CASCADE  
> -----8<-----  
>  
> Even s/NCHAR VARYING (255)/VARCHAR(255)/ just got me to a parse error in  
> the constraint clause.  
> Basically, I'm writing my database as a text file, and doing some  
> hack-tackular stuff to it in a script, such that it builds against MSAccess,  
> or SQLServer, but the Jet4.0 SQL DDL seems to suffer from a popularity  
> deficit...  
> Thanks,  
> Chris  
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