

General assertions are often not equivalent to similar in-table checks

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CREATE TABLE Book (  
    Isbn INTEGER,  
    Title CHAR[120] NOT NULL,  
    Synopsis CHAR[500],  
    ListPrice CURRENCY NOT NULL,  
    ...  
    PublisherName CHAR[120] NOT NULL,  
    PublicationDate DATE NOT NULL,  
    PublisherComment CHAR[500],  
    PublicationCommentDate DATE,  
    PRIMARY KEY (Isbn),  
    FOREIGN KEY (PublisherName) REFERENCES Publisher,  
    ON DELETE NO ACTION, ON UPDATE CASCADE,  
    ...  
)
```

```
CREATE TABLE Publisher (  
    PublisherName CHAR[120],  
    PublisherAddress ADDRESS,  
    PRIMARY KEY (PublisherName).  
    CHECK (PublisherName IN  
           (SELECT B.PublisherName FROM Book B))  
)
```

/ versus */*

```
CREATE ASSERTION PublisherBookConstraint  
CHECK (NOT EXISTS  
       (SELECT *  
        FROM Publisher P  
        WHERE P.PublisherName NOT IN (SELECT B.PublisherName  
                                       FROM Book B))))
```

The general assertion is checked when the corresponding in-Publisher CHECK would not be