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DBMS LAB 13 - TRIGGERS IN PL/SQL

AIM:

To show the implementation of triggers in PL/SQL

THEORY:

TRIGGERS:

Triggers are stored programs, which are automatically executed or fired when some events occur.

Triggers are, in fact, written to be executed in response to any of the following events –

- A database manipulation (DML) statement (DELETE, INSERT, or UPDATE)
- A database definition (DDL) statement (CREATE, ALTER, or DROP).
- A database operation (SERVERERROR, LOGON, LOGOFF, STARTUP, or SHUTDOWN).

Triggers can be defined on the table, view, schema, or database with which the event is associated.

BENEFITS OF TRIGGERS

Triggers can be written for the following purposes -

- Generating some derived column values automatically
- Enforcing referential integrity
- Event logging and storing information on table access
- Auditing
- Synchronous replication of tables
- Imposing security authorizations
- Preventing invalid transactions

SYNTAX FOR CREATING TRIGGERS:

CREATE [OR REPLACE] TRIGGER trigger_name {BEFORE | AFTER | INSTEAD OF } {INSERT [OR] | UPDATE [OR] | DELETE} [OF col_name] ON table name

[REFERENCING OLD AS o NEW AS n]

[FOR EACH ROW]

WHEN (condition)

DECLARE

Declaration-statements

BEGIN

Executable-statements

EXCEPTION

Exception-handling-statements

END;

Where,

- CREATE [OR REPLACE] TRIGGER trigger_name Creates or replaces an existing trigger with the trigger_name.
- {BEFORE | AFTER | INSTEAD OF} This specifies when the trigger will be executed. The INSTEAD OF clause is used for creating trigger on a view.

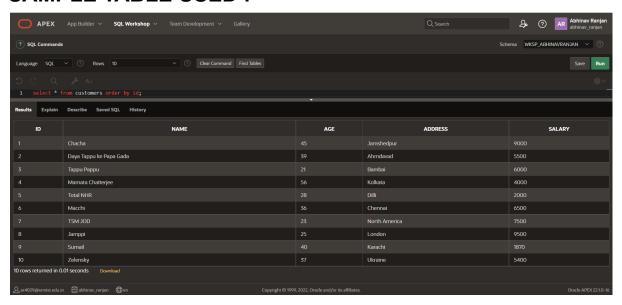
- {INSERT [OR] | UPDATE [OR] | DELETE} This specifies the DML operation.
- [OF col_name] This specifies the column name that will be updated.
- [ON table_name] This specifies the name of the table associated with the trigger.
- [REFERENCING OLD AS o NEW AS n] This allows you to refer new and old values for various DML statements, such as INSERT, UPDATE, and DELETE.
- [FOR EACH ROW] This specifies a row-level trigger,
 i.e., the trigger will be executed for each row being
 affected. Otherwise the trigger will execute just once when
 the SQL statement is executed, which is called a table
 level trigger.
- WHEN (condition) This provides a condition for rows for which the trigger would fire. This clause is valid only for row-level triggers.

ALGORITHM:

- 1. Assign a name and create trigger
- 2. Define the operations before or after ,insert or update indicating when the trigger will activate
- 3. Declare a variable sal diff (salary difference)
- 4. The variable sal_diff will hold the difference between old and new salary of a person
- 5. A message "trigger created" will pop up after we have finished defining trigger according to proper syntax as given above within the begin and end block
- 6. When we perform an insert or update operation next time, old and new salary is displayed as defined in the trigger

- 7. During insert, the old salary doesnt show anything as the record is inserted for the first time. The new salary is what we just inserted.
- 8. During the update operation it shows the old as well as the new salary

SAMPLE TABLE USED:



SOURCE CODE:

1. CREATING THE TRIGGER

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CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER

display_salary_changes

BEFORE DELETE OR INSERT OR UPDATE ON

customers

FOR EACH ROW

WHEN (NEW.ID > 0)

DECLARE

sal_diff number;

BEGIN

sal_diff := :NEW.salary - :OLD.salary;

dbms_output.put_line('Old salary: ' || :OLD.salary);

dbms_output.put_line('New salary: ' || :NEW.salary);
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dbms_output.put_line('Salary difference: ' || sal_diff); END;

2. USING UPDATE STATEMENT TO SHOW THE WORKING OF TRIGGER

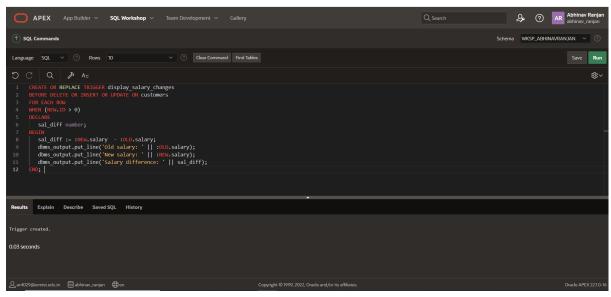
UPDATE customers SET salary = salary + 500 WHERE id = 2:

3. USING INSERT STATEMENT TO SHOW THE WORKING OF TRIGGER

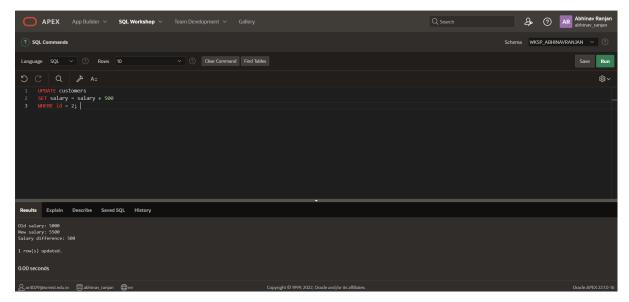
insert into customers (ID,NAME,AGE,ADDRESS,SALARY) values (11,'LaBoiDre',22,Arizona,8970);

SCREENSHOTS:

1. CREATING THE TRIGGER



2. TRIGGER WORKING AFTER UPDATE STATEMENT



3. TRIGGER WORKING AFTER INSERT STATEMENT



RESULTS:

Thus we have successfully implemented triggers in SQL and shown its working after insert and update statements have been executed.