



## Triggers

This tutorial uses the relational schema in T07.sql.

1. Suppose that no employee can be both an engineer and a manager. Create two triggers to enforce this constraint on the **Engineers** and **Managers** tables. The triggers should run before insert or update and *prevent* changes (*i.e.*, no insertion and no update) when the condition is not met (*i.e.*, when an employee is about to be both engineer and manager).

### Solution:

The solution given here is on **Managers**. The solution on **Engineers** is similar.

```
1 CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION not_manager()
2 RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
3 DECLARE
4     count NUMERIC;
5 BEGIN
6     SELECT COUNT(*) INTO count
7     FROM   Managers
8     WHERE  NEW.eid = Managers.eid; /* Engineers.eid */
9
10    IF count > 0 THEN
11        RETURN NULL;
12    ELSE
13        RETURN NEW;
14    END IF;
15 END;
16 $$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;

1 CREATE TRIGGER non_manager
2 BEFORE INSERT OR UPDATE ON Engineers
3 FOR EACH ROW EXECUTE FUNCTION not_manager();
```

2. Suppose that we pay every engineers working on a project \$100 per hour worked. Since every project has a budget, the total number of hours worked by every engineer multiplied by 100 cannot exceed the project budget. Create a trigger to enforce this constraint such that when an insert or update is performed on **Works** table that violates this constraint, the number of hours worked by the engineer is set to the maximum allowable for that project.

#### Solution:

```
1 CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION check_budget()
2 RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
3 DECLARE
4     hrs INTEGER;
5     bgt INTEGER;
6     rst INTEGER;
7 BEGIN
8     SELECT COALESCE(SUM(hours), 0) INTO hrs
9           /* COALESCE is used to handle NULL values */
10    FROM Works
11   WHERE pid = NEW.pid
12         AND eid <> NEW.eid; /* for update */
13
14     SELECT pbudget INTO bgt
15    FROM Projects
16   WHERE pid = NEW.pid;
17
18     rst := (bgt - hrs*100)/100;
19     IF NEW.hours > rst THEN
20         RETURN (NEW.pid, NEW.eid, NEW.wid, rst);
21     ELSE
22         RETURN NEW;
23     END IF;
24 END;
25 $$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```

```
1 CREATE TRIGGER budget_check
2 BEFORE INSERT OR UPDATE ON Works
3 FOR EACH ROW EXECUTE FUNCTION check_budget();
```

3. As each work how has a type, we have an additional constraint that for a given work, the amount of time spent on the work cannot exceed the maximum hours for that particular type of work. Create a trigger to restrict **Works** table such that the hours worked cannot exceed the maximum hours for the given type. Whenever we want to insert or update such that the hours worked exceed the maximum hours, we set the hours worked to the maximum hours.

#### Solution:

```
1 CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION max_hour_work()
2 RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
3 DECLARE
4     maximal INTEGER; /* cannot be NUMERIC */
5 BEGIN
6     SELECT max_hours INTO maximal
7    FROM WorkType
8   WHERE WorkType.wid = NEW.wid;
9
10     IF NEW.hours > maximal THEN
11         RETURN (NEW.pid, NEW.eid, NEW.wid, maximal);
12     ELSE
13         RETURN NEW;
14     END IF;
15 END;
16 $$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```

```

1 CREATE TRIGGER hours_max
2 BEFORE INSERT OR UPDATE ON Works
3 FOR EACH ROW EXECUTE FUNCTION max_hour_work();

```

4. Consider a case where we have a default work type. For simplicity, we let `wid = 0` to be the default work type. As this is the default, we can neither modify nor delete this work type. Create a trigger to prevent modification or deletion of the default work type. The trigger should raise notice that some users are trying to modify or delete this default work type. Furthermore, the trigger should not raise any notice when some users are trying to modify or delete other type of work.

#### Solution:

```

1 CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION default_work()
2 RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
3 BEGIN
4     RAISE NOTICE 'some user tried to';
5     RAISE NOTICE 'modify/delete default';
6     RAISE NOTICE 'work type';
7     RETURN NULL;
8 END;
9 $$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;

1 CREATE TRIGGER work_default
2 BEFORE UPDATE OR DELETE ON WorkType
3 FOR EACH ROW WHEN (OLD.wid = 0) EXECUTE FUNCTION default_work();

```