

# Lab Note 2: Transaction in SQL

Subject database

## Preamble

Follow these steps to get your database ready :

1. Toggle your auto-commit mode to 0 : `set autocommit = 0;`
2. You can check if the auto-commit is in the right mode : `select @@autocommit;`

## Tasks

### 1. Commit and rollback

I inserted a new dept `INSERT INTO dept VALUES ('50', 'COMPUTING', 'PARIS');` and when i did `SELECT * FROM dept` in the same window the new dept appeared. However in an other window i couldn't see the new department.  
When i did a `ROLLBACK` the new department was no longer visible.

### 2. Client failure

I started a new transaction by inserting a new dept `INSERT INTO dept VALUES ('50', 'COMPUTING', 'PARIS');` . I then closed the window and when i reopened it, my dept was not visible.

```
+-----+-----+-----+
| DID | DNAME | DLOC |
+-----+-----+-----+
| 10 | ACCOUNTING | NEW-YORK |
| 20 | RESEARCH | DALLAS |
| 30 | SALES | CHICAGO |
| 40 | OPERATIONS | BOSTON |
+-----+-----+-----+
```

The same happened when i closed my MySQL Workbench using the task manager, i got the same output.

### 3. Transaction isolation

I executed the following command `show variables like '%isolation%'` and i got this output :

```
+-----+-----+
| Variable_name | Value |
+-----+-----+
| transaction_isolation | REPEATABLE-READ |
| tx_isolation | REPEATABLE-READ |
+-----+-----+
```

In order to prove that the modifications a transaction makes are only visible to that transaction I've opened two MySql Workbench :

In the first one, in transaction mode, I'm making some changes by adding a computing department : `INSERT INTO dept VALUES ('50', 'COMPUTING', 'PARIS');`

If i want to see all the department : `SELECT * FROM dept;` from that Workbench :

DID	DNAME	DLOC
10	ACCOUNTING	NEW-YORK
20	RESEARCH	DALLAS
30	SALES	CHICAGO
40	OPERATIONS	BOSTON
50	COMPUTING	PARIS

We can see that the new department appear.

However now I'm making the same query from the second Workbench :

DID	DNAME	DLOC
10	ACCOUNTING	NEW-YORK
20	RESEARCH	DALLAS
30	SALES	CHICAGO
40	OPERATIONS	BOSTON

And now the department doesn't appear.

Now I'm removing this department from the first Workbench : `DELETE FROM dept WHERE did = 50;` and the output is now the same in both Workbench :

DID	DNAME	DLOC
10	ACCOUNTING	NEW-YORK
20	RESEARCH	DALLAS
30	SALES	CHICAGO
40	OPERATIONS	BOSTON

## 4. Isolation levels

I repeated the previous experiment but i changed the transaction isolation : `SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL READ UNCOMMITTED;`

I once again opened two Workbench and i added a new department in the first one: `INSERT INTO dept VALUES ('50', 'COMPUTING', 'PARIS');`

In the first Workbench the new department appear as expected `SELECT * FROM dept :`

DID	DNAME	DLOC
10	ACCOUNTING	NEW-YORK
20	RESEARCH	DALLAS
30	SALES	CHICAGO
40	OPERATIONS	BOSTON
50	COMPUTING	PARIS

In the second Workbench the new department also appeared `SELECT * FROM dept :`

DID	DNAME	DLOC
-----	-------	------

10	ACCOUNTING	NEW-YORK
20	RESEARCH	DALLAS
30	SALES	CHICAGO
40	OPERATIONS	BOSTON
50	COMPUTING	PARIS

So we can conclude that this isolation level allow uncommitted changed to be read by other transactions.

We can see all the different isolation level [here](#).

## 5. Isolation levels - Continued

I repeated the previous experiment but i changed the transaction isolation : `SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL SERIALIZABLE;`

I once again opened two Workbench and i added a new department in the first one: `INSERT INTO dept VALUES ('50', 'COMPUTING', 'PARIS');`

If i want to see all the department : `SELECT * FROM dept;` from that Workbench :

DID	DNAME	DLOC
10	ACCOUNTING	NEW-YORK
20	RESEARCH	DALLAS
30	SALES	CHICAGO
40	OPERATIONS	BOSTON
50	COMPUTING	PARIS

We can see that the new department appear.

However now I'm making the same query from the second Workbench :

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10	ACCOUNTING	NEW-YORK
20	RESEARCH	DALLAS
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Serializable is the highest isolation level. It avoid to get errors like Dirty Reads, Non-repeatable read and Phantoms. It's the same source as above [Source](#)

## 6. JDBC code

Code to display the default value of the autocommit mode :

```
public int getCommitMode()
{
    try {
        if(conn.getAutoCommit()){
            System.out.println(1);
            return 1;
        }
        else {
            System.out.println(0);
            return 0;
        }
    }catch(SQLException ex) {
        ex.printStackTrace();
    }
}
```

```
    return 2;
}
```

Code to display the default level of transaction, i did two different versions with different return/output :

#### 1. Return an int

```
public int getTransactionLevelInt()
{
    try {
        System.out.println(conn.getTransactionIsolation());
        return conn.getTransactionIsolation();
    } catch (SQLException ex) {
        ex.printStackTrace();
    }
    return 10;
}
```

#### 2. Return a String

```
public String getTransactionLevelString()
{
    try {
        System.out.println(conn.getTransactionIsolation());
        switch(conn.getTransactionIsolation()) {
            case 0:
            {
                System.out.println("TRANSACTION_NONE");
                return("TRANSACTION_NONE");
            }
            case 1:
            {
                System.out.println("TRANSACTION_READ_UNCOMMITTED");
                return("TRANSACTION_READ_UNCOMMITTED");
            }
            case 2:
            {
                System.out.println("TRANSACTION_READ_COMMITTED");
                return("TRANSACTION_READ_COMMITTED");
            }
            case 4:
            {
                System.out.println("TRANSACTION_REPEATABLE_READ");
                return("TRANSACTION_REPEATABLE_READ");
            }
            case 8:
            {
                System.out.println("TRANSACTION_SERIALIZABLE");
                return("TRANSACTION_SERIALIZABLE");
            }
            default:
            {
                return("Error");
            }
        }
    } catch (SQLException ex) {
        ex.printStackTrace();
    }
    return "Error";
}
```

Now i've modified my code so that every Java method executes a transaction and the transaction abort if an `SQLException` is thrown.

```

package model;

import java.sql.*;
import java.util.*;

public class DataAccess {

    Connection conn = null;

    public DataAccess(String url, String login, String password) throws
    SQLException {
        try{
            conn = DriverManager.getConnection(url, login, password);
            System.out.println("connected to " + url);
            conn.setAutoCommit(false);
        }
        catch(SQLException ex) {
            ex.printStackTrace();
        }
    }

    public void close(){
        try {
            conn.close();
        }
        catch(SQLException ex) {
            ex.printStackTrace();
        }
    }

    public void autoCommitOff()
    {
        try {
            conn.setAutoCommit(false);
        }catch(SQLException ex) {
            ex.printStackTrace();
        }
    }

    public void autoCommitOn()
    {
        try {
            conn.setAutoCommit(true);
        }catch(SQLException ex) {
            ex.printStackTrace();
        }
    }

    public int getCommitMode()
    {
        try {
            if(conn.getAutoCommit()){
                System.out.println(1);
                return 1;
            }
            else {
                System.out.println(0);
                return 0;
            }
        }catch(SQLException ex) {
            ex.printStackTrace();
        }
        return 2;
    }

    public int getTransactionLevelInt()
    {
        try {
            System.out.println(conn.getTransactionIsolation());
            return conn.getTransactionIsolation();
        }catch(SQLException ex) {
            ex.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
}

```

```

    }
    return 10;
}

public String getTransactionLevelString()
{
    try {
        System.out.println(conn.getTransactionIsolation());
        switch(conn.getTransactionIsolation()) {
            case 0:
            {
                System.out.println("TRANSACTION_NONE");
                return("TRANSACTION_NONE");
            }
            case 1:
            {
                System.out.println("TRANSACTION_READ_UNCOMMITTED");
                return("TRANSACTION_READ_UNCOMMITTED");
            }
            case 2:
            {
                System.out.println("TRANSACTION_READ_COMMITTED");
                return("TRANSACTION_READ_COMMITTED");
            }
            case 4:
            {
                System.out.println("TRANSACTION_REPEATABLE_READ");
                return("TRANSACTION_REPEATABLE_READ");
            }
            case 8:
            {
                System.out.println("TRANSACTION_SERIALIZABLE");
                return("TRANSACTION_SERIALIZABLE");
            }
            default:
            {
                return("Error");
            }
        }
    } catch(SQLException ex) {
        ex.printStackTrace();
    }
    return "Error";
}

public List<EmployeeInfo> getEmployee()
{
    List<EmployeeInfo> returnList = new ArrayList<>();
    try {
        conn.setAutoCommit(false);
        Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
        ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("SELECT * FROM emp");
        while(rs.next()) {
            returnList.add(new EmployeeInfo(rs.getInt(1),rs.getString(2), rs.getFloat(6)));
        }
        conn.commit();
    } catch(SQLException e) {
        try {
            conn.rollback();
        } catch(SQLException ex) {
            ex.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
    return returnList;
}

boolean raiseSalary(String job, float amount)
{
    boolean returnRaise = false;
    try {
        conn.setAutoCommit(false);
        Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
        stmt.executeQuery("UPDATE emp SET salary = salary + "+amount+" WHERE job = "+job);
    }
}

```

```

        conn.commit();
    }catch(SQLException e) {
        try {
            conn.rollback();
        }catch(SQLException ex) {
            ex.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
    return returnRaise;
}

public List<EmployeeInfo> getEmployeePS()
{
    List<EmployeeInfo> returnList = new ArrayList<>();
    try {
        conn.setAutoCommit(false);
        PreparedStatement prep = conn.prepareStatement("SELECT * FROM emp");
        ResultSet rs = prep.executeQuery();
        while(rs.next()) {
            returnList.add(new EmployeeInfo(rs.getInt(1),rs.getString(2), rs.getFloat(6)));
        }
        conn.commit();
    }catch(SQLException e) {
        try {
            conn.rollback();
        }catch(SQLException ex) {
            ex.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
    return returnList;
}

boolean raiseSalaryPS(String job, float amount)
{
    boolean returnRaise = false;
    try {
        PreparedStatement prep = conn.prepareStatement("UPDATE emp SET salary = ? + WHERE job = ?");
        prep.setString(1, job);
        prep.setFloat(1,amount);
        conn.commit();
        returnRaise = true;
    }catch(SQLException e) {
        try {
            conn.rollback();
        }catch(SQLException ex) {
            ex.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
    return returnRaise;
}

public List<DepartmentInfo> getDepartments(Integer id, String name, String location)
{
    List<DepartmentInfo> returnList = new ArrayList<>();
    try {
        conn.setAutoCommit(false);
        Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
        ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("SELECT *"
            + " FROM dept"
            + " WHERE (DID =" +id+" OR "+id+" IS NULL)"
            + " AND (DNAME =" +name+" OR "+name+" IS NULL)"
            + " AND (DLOC =" +location+" OR "+location+" IS NULL)");
        while(rs.next()) {
            returnList.add(new DepartmentInfo(rs.getInt(1),rs.getString(2), rs.getString(3)));
        }
        conn.commit();
    }catch(SQLException e) {
        try {
            conn.rollback();
        }catch(SQLException ex) {
            ex.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
    return returnList;
}

```

```

    }

    public List<DepartmentInfo> getDepartmentsPS(Integer id, String name, String location)
    {
        List<DepartmentInfo> returnList = new ArrayList<>();
        try {
            conn.setAutoCommit(false);
            PreparedStatement prep = conn.prepareStatement("SELECT *"
                + " FROM    dept"
                + " WHERE   (DID = ? OR ? IS NULL)"
                + " AND     (DNAME = ? OR ? IS NULL)"
                + " AND     (DLOC = ? OR ? IS NULL)");
            ResultSet rs = prep.executeQuery();
            prep.setInt(1, id);
            prep.setInt(2, id);
            prep.setString(1, name);
            prep.setString(2, name);
            prep.setString(3, location);
            prep.setString(4, location);
            while(rs.next()) {
                returnList.add(new DepartmentInfo(rs.getInt(1),rs.getString(2), rs.getString(3)));
            }
            conn.commit();
        }catch(SQLException e) {
            try {
                conn.rollback();
            }catch(SQLException ex) {
                ex.printStackTrace();
            }
        }
        return returnList;
    }

    List<String> executeQuery(String query){
        List<String> returnList = new ArrayList<>();
        try {
            conn.setAutoCommit(false);
            Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
            ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery(query);
            while(rs.next()) {
                returnList.add(rs.getString(1));
            }
            conn.commit();
        }catch(SQLException e) {
            try {
                conn.rollback();
            }catch(SQLException ex) {
                ex.printStackTrace();
            }
        }
        return returnList;
    }

    List<String> executeStatement(String statement){
        List<String> returnList = new ArrayList<>();
        try {
            conn.setAutoCommit(false);
            Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
            ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery(statement);
            while(rs.next()) {
                returnList.add(rs.getString(1));
            }
            conn.commit();
        }catch(SQLException e) {
            try {
                conn.rollback();
            }catch(SQLException ex) {
                ex.printStackTrace();
            }
        }
        return returnList;
    }

    public void printEmployeePS()

```



```
{
    try {
        conn.setAutoCommit(false);
        PreparedStatement prep = conn.prepareStatement("SELECT * FROM emp");
        ResultSet rs = prep.executeQuery();
        while(rs.next()) {
            System.out.print("ID = ");
            System.out.println(rs.getInt(1));
            System.out.println("Name = " + rs.getString(2) + "/nSalary = " + rs.getFloat(6));
        }
        conn.commit();
    }catch(SQLException e) {
        try {
            conn.rollback();
        }catch(SQLException ex) {
            ex.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
}

}
```