TCL COMMANDS

What is TCl Commads In Mysql ?

TCL, in the context of databases, usually refers to Transaction Control Language. It consists of commands used to manage transactions in a relational database management system (RDBMS). TCL commands are responsible for defining the beginning and end of transactions and managing the changes made during a transaction. Common TCL commands include COMMIT, ROLLBACK, and SAVEPOINT. Below are definitions and examples for some TCL commands:

1. **COMMIT:**
    - **Definition:** Saves all changes made during the current transaction to the database.

Example:

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COMMIT;

This command is used to permanently save the changes made during the current transaction. Once committed, the changes become permanent and cannot be rolled back.

2. **ROLLBACK:**
    - **Definition:** Undoes all changes made during the current transaction and rolls back to the beginning of the transaction.

Example:

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ROLLBACK;

This command is used to undo any changes made during the current transaction and return the database to its state before the transaction began.

3. **SAVEPOINT:**
    - **Definition:** Sets a savepoint within the current transaction to which you can later roll back.

Example:

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SAVEPOINT my_savepoint;

This command creates a savepoint named "my_savepoint" within the current transaction. Later, you can use the ROLLBACK TO command to roll back to this savepoint.

4. **ROLLBACK TO:**
    - **Definition:** Rolls back a transaction to a specific savepoint.

Example:

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ROLLBACK TO my_savepoint;

This command rolls back the current transaction to the savepoint named "my_savepoint" that was previously set using the SAVEPOINT command.

5. **RELEASE SAVEPOINT:**
    - **Definition:** Removes a savepoint from the current transaction.

Example:

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RELEASE SAVEPOINT my_savepoint;

This command releases the savepoint named "my_savepoint." Once released, you cannot roll back to this savepoint.

These TCL commands are crucial for managing transactions in a database, ensuring data consistency, and allowing developers to control when changes are committed or rolled back. They play a significant role in maintaining the integrity of a database in multi-user environments.

What is Joins ?

In the context of databases, a join is an operation that combines rows from two or more tables based on a related column between them. Joins are fundamental in relational database systems, allowing users to retrieve data from multiple tables in a single query. There are

several types of joins, including INNER JOIN, LEFT JOIN (or LEFT OUTER JOIN), RIGHT JOIN (or RIGHT OUTER JOIN), and FULL JOIN (or FULL OUTER JOIN). Here's a brief explanation of each:

1. **INNER JOIN:**
    - **Definition:** Returns only the rows where there is a match in both tables based on the specified condition.

Example:

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SELECT employees.employee_id, employees.employee_name, departments.department_name FROM employees INNER JOIN departments ON employees.department_id = departments.department_id;

In this example, the INNER JOIN is used to retrieve a list of employees and their corresponding department names where there is a match between the "department_id" column in the "employees" table and the "department_id" column in the "departments" table.

2. **LEFT JOIN (or LEFT OUTER JOIN):**
    - **Definition:** Returns all rows from the left table and the matched rows from the right table. If there is no match, NULL values are returned for columns from the right table.

Example:

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SELECT employees.employee_id, employees.employee_name, departments.department_name FROM employees LEFT JOIN departments ON employees.department_id = departments.department_id;
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This query retrieves all employees, along with their department names. If an employee does not belong to any department (no match in the "departments" table), NULL values will be returned for the "department_name" column.

3. **RIGHT JOIN (or RIGHT OUTER JOIN):**
    - **Definition:** Returns all rows from the right table and the matched rows from the left table. If there is no match, NULL values are returned for columns from the left table.

Example:

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SELECT employees.employee_id, employees.employee_name, departments.department_name FROM employees RIGHT JOIN departments ON employees.department_id = departments.department_id;
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This query retrieves all departments, along with the employees belonging to each department. If a department has no employees (no match in the "employees" table), NULL values will be returned for the employee-related columns.

4. **FULL JOIN (or FULL OUTER JOIN):**
    - **Definition:** Returns all rows when there is a match in either the left or right table. If there is no match, NULL values are returned for columns from the table without a match.

Example:

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SELECT employees.employee_id, employees.employee_name, departments.department_name FROM employees FULL JOIN departments ON employees.department_id = departments.department_id;
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This query retrieves all employees and departments. If there is a match, it returns the corresponding data; otherwise, NULL values are returned for the unmatched columns.

These are the basic types of joins, and they are used to combine data from different tables based on specified conditions. The appropriate type of join depends on the desired result and the relationships between the tables in the database.