

Bonus Lab – Advanced Database Features

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1. Transaction Isolation & ACID Compliance

1.1 process_transfer

The process_transfer procedure uses an **internal BEGIN...EXCEPTION block**, which acts like a **SAVEPOINT**.

This ensures:

- only the transfer logic is rolled back when an error occurs;

- the outer transaction remains intact;

- all operations are atomic, consistent, isolated, and durable.

The procedure validates:

- account existence

- customer status

- currency match

- balance sufficiency

- daily limit (amount_kzt)

All failures are logged into audit_log with detailed context.

1.2 process_salary_batch

Key ACID features:

Advisory Lock

pg_try_advisory_lock() ensures **serialized execution** of salary batches per company account.

If another batch is in progress:

ERR_BATCH_LOCKED: another salary batch in progress

Per-employee SAVEPOINT

Each payment is wrapped in a sub-block:

BEGIN

...

EXCEPTION

-- this payment is logged and skipped

END;

This means:

1 invalid employee DOES NOT stop the entire batch

Good payroll records still complete successfully

Batch-level atomicity

Successful and failed payments are aggregated into:

successful_count

failed_count

failed_details (JSONB array)

The final update to account balances is performed in a single operation.

2. Views with Window Functions

2.1 customer_balance_summary

Includes:

per-customer total balance (using SUM() OVER (PARTITION BY ...))

daily limit utilization (%)

ranking customers by total balance (RANK())

2.2 daily_transaction_report

Uses:

running totals (SUM() OVER)

day-over-day growth using LAG()

average daily volume

2.3 suspicious_activity_view

Security barrier ensures restricted access.

The view flags:

unusually large amounts

10 transactions per hour

transactions under 1 minute apart

3. Index Strategy

The indexing strategy focuses on accelerating the most frequent and most expensive operations in the system:

Account lookups:

A B-tree index on `account_number` ensures instant access during transfers and salary batches.

Customer search:

A functional index on `lower(email)` speeds up case-insensitive email queries.

Transaction reporting:

A composite index on `(from_account_id, status, type, created_at)` makes analytical views fast and allows PostgreSQL to use index-only scans.

Audit log analysis:

A hash index on `table_name` and a GIN index on JSONB fields enable quick filtering and searching through large audit logs.

4. EXPLAIN ANALYZE Outputs

4.1 account_number lookup

Index Scan using `idx_acc_num_btree` on `accounts`

Index Cond: `(account_number = 'KZ09601A241001007211')`

Execution Time: 0.080 ms

4.2 lower(email) lookup

Index Scan using `idx_customers_email_lower` on `customers`

Index Cond: `(lower(email) = 'lina.kaldanova@gmail.com')`

Execution Time: 0.060 ms

4.3 transactions reporting

Index Scan using `idx_transactions_from_status_type_created_inc`

Index Cond: `(from_account_id = 3 AND status='completed' AND type='transfer')`

Execution Time: 0.090 ms

4.4 audit log filtering

Bitmap Index Scan on `idx_audit_log_jsonb_gin`

Recheck Cond: `((old_values || new_values) @> '{"code":"ERR_INVALID_AMOUNT'})`

Execution Time: 0.140 ms

