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EXERCISE-17

TRIGGER

DEFINITION

A trigger is a statement that is executed automatically by the system as a side effect of a modification to the database. The parts of a trigger are,

- **Trigger statement:** Specifies the DML statements and fires the trigger body. It also specifies the table to which the trigger is associated.
- **Trigger body or trigger action:** It is a PL/SQL block that is executed when the triggering statement is used.
- **Trigger restriction:** Restrictions on the trigger can be achieved

The different uses of triggers are as follows,

- To generate data automatically
- To enforce complex integrity constraints
- To customize complex securing authorizations
- To maintain the replicate table
- To audit data modifications

TYPES OF TRIGGERS

The various types of triggers are as follows,

- **Before:** It fires the trigger before executing the trigger statement.
- **After:** It fires the trigger after executing the trigger statement
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- **For each row:** It specifies that the trigger fires once per row
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- **For each statement:** This is the default trigger that is invoked. It specifies that the trigger fires once per statement.

VARIABLES USED IN TRIGGERS

- :new
- :old

These two variables retain the new and old values of the column updated in the database. The values in these variables can be used in the database triggers for data manipulation

SYNTAX

```
create or replace trigger triggername [before/after] {DML statements}
on [tablename] [for each row/statement]
begin
```

```
*****  
*****  
exception  
end;
```

USER DEFINED ERROR MESSAGE

The package "raise_application_error" is used to issue the user defined error messages

Syntax: raise_application_error(error number,'error message');

The error number can lie between -20000 and -20999.

The error message should be a character string.

TO CREATE THE TABLE 'ITEMPLS'

```
SQL> create table itempls (ename varchar2(10), eid number(5), salary number(10));  
Table created.
```

```
SQL> insert into itempls values('xxx',11,10000);  
1 row created.
```

```
SQL> insert into itempls values('yyy',12,10500);  
1 row created.
```

```
SQL> insert into itempls values('zzz',13,15500);  
1 row created.
```

```
SQL> select * from itempls;  
ENAME      EID    SALARY  
-----  -----  -----  
xxx        11     10000  
yyy        12     10500  
zzz        13     15500
```

TO CREATE A SIMPLE TRIGGER THAT DOES NOT ALLOW INSERT UPDATE AND DELETE OPERATIONS ON THE TABLE

```
SQL> create trigger ittrigg before insert or update or delete on itempls for each row  
2 begin  
3 raise_application_error(-20010,'You cannot do manipulation');  
4 end;  
5  
6 /
```

Trigger created.

```
SQL> insert into itempls values('aaa',14,34000);  
insert into itempls values('aaa',14,34000)  
*  
ERROR at line 1:  
ORA-20010: You cannot do manipulation  
ORA-06512: at "STUDENT.ITTRIGG", line 2  
ORA-04088: error during execution of trigger 'STUDENT.ITTRIGG'
```

```
SQL> delete from itempls where ename='xxx';
delete from itempls where ename='xxx'
*
ERROR at line 1:
ORA-20010: You cannot do manipulation
ORA-06512: at "STUDENT.ITTRIGG", line 2
ORA-04088: error during execution of trigger 'STUDENT.ITTRIGG'

SQL> update itempls set eid=15 where ename='yyy';
update itempls set eid=15 where ename='yyy'
*
ERROR at line 1:
ORA-20010: You cannot do manipulation
ORA-06512: at "STUDENT.JTTRIGG", line 2
ORA-04088: error during execution of trigger 'STUDENT.ITTRIGG'
```

TO DROP THE CREATED TRIGGER

```
SQL> drop trigger ittrigg;
```

Trigger dropped.

TO CREATE A TRIGGER THAT RAISES AN USER DEFINED ERROR MESSAGE AND DOES NOT ALLOW UPDATION AND INSERTION

```
SQL> create trigger ittriggs before insert or update of salary on itempls for each row
  2 declare
  3   triggsal itempls.salary%type;
  4 begin
  5   select salary into triggsal from itempls where eid=12;
  6   if(:new.salary>triggsal or :new.salary<triggsal) then
  7     raise_application_error(-20100,'Salary has not been changed');
  8   end if;
  9 end;
10 /
```

Trigger created.

```
SQL> insert into itempls values ('bbb',16,45000);
insert into itempls values ('bbb',16,45000)
*
ERROR at line 1:
ORA-04098: trigger 'STUDENT.ITTRIGGS' is invalid and failed re-validation
```

```
SQL> update itempls set eid=18 where ename='zzz';
update itempls set eid=18 where ename='zzz'
*
ERROR at line 1:
ORA-04298: trigger 'STUDENT.ITTRIGGS' is invalid and failed re-validation
```

- Cursor for loop
- Explicit cursor

□ Implicit cursor

TO CREATE THE TABLE 'SSEMPP'

SQL> create table ssempp(eid number(10), ename varchar2(20), job varchar2(20), sal number (10), dno number(5));

Table created.

SQL> insert into ssempp values(1,'nala','lecturer',34000,11);

1 row created.

SQL> insert into ssempp values(2,'kala','seniorlecturer',20000,12);

1 row created.

SQL> insert into ssempp values(5,'ajay','lecturer',30000,11);

, 1 row created.

SQL> insert into ssempp values(6,'vijay','lecturer',18000,11);

1 row created.

SQL> insert into ssempp values(3,'nila','professor',60000,12);

1 row created.

SQL> select * from ssempp;

EID	ENAME	JOB	SAL	DNO
1	nala	lecturer	34000	11
2	kala	seniorlecturer	20000	12
5	ajay	lecturer	30000	11
6	vijay	lecturer	18000	11
3	nila	professor	60000	12

EXTRA PROGRAMS

TO WRITE A PL/SQL BLOCK TO DISPLAY THE EMPLOYEE ID AND EMPLOYEE NAME USING CURSOR FOR LOOP

SQL> set serveroutput on;

SQL> declare

2 begin

3 for emy in (select eid,ename from ssempp)

4 loop

5 dbms_output.put_line('Employee id and employee name are'|| emy.eid 'and'|| emy.ename);

6 end loop;

7 end;

8 /

Employee id and employee name are 1 and nala

Employee id and employee name are 2 and kala

Employee id and employee name are 5 and ajay

Employee id and employee name are 6 and vijay

Employee id and employee name are 3 and nila

PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.

TO WRITE A PL/SQL BLOCK TO UPDATE THE SALARY OF ALL EMPLOYEES WHERE DEPARTMENT NO IS 11 BY 5000 USING CURSOR FOR LOOP AND TO DISPLAY THE UPDATED TABLE

```
SQL> set serveroutput on;
SQL> declare
2 cursor cem is select eid,ename,sal,dno from ssempp where dno=11;
3 begin
4 --open cem;
5 for rem in cem
6 loop
7 update ssempp set sal=rem.sal+5000 where eid=rem.eid;
8 end loop;
9 --close cem;
10 end;
11 /
```

PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.

```
SQL> select * from ssempp;
```

EID	ENAME	JOB	SAL	DNO
1	nala	lecturer	39000	11
2	kala	seniorlecturer	20000	12
5	ajay	lecturer	35000	11
6	vijay	lecturer	23000	11
3	nila	professor	60000	12

TO WRITE A PL/SQL BLOCK TO DISPLAY THE EMPLOYEE ID AND EMPLOYEE NAME WHERE DEPARTMENT NUMBER IS 11 USING EXPLICIT CURSORS

```
1 declare
2 cursor cenl is select eid,sal from ssempp where dno=11;
3 ecode ssempp.eid%type;
4 esal ssempp.sal%type;
5 begin
6 open cenl;
7 loop
8 fetch cenl into ecode,esal;
9 exit when cenl%notfound;
10 dbms_output.put_line(' Employee code and employee salary are' || ecode 'and'|| esal);
11 end loop;
12 close cenl;
13* end;
```

```
SQL> /
```

Employee code and employee salary are 1 and 39000
Employee code and employee salary are 5 and 35000
Employee code and employee salary are 6 and 23000

PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.

Program 1

Write a code in PL/SQL to develop a trigger that enforces referential integrity by preventing the deletion of a parent record if child records exist.

```
CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER trg-prevent-
    parent-delete
BEFORE DELETE ON department
FOR EACH ROW
DECLARE
    v-count NUMBER;
BEGIN
    SELECT COUNT(*) INTO v-count FROM
        employee WHERE dept_id = :OLD.dept_id
    IF v-count > 0 THEN
        RAISE_APPLICATION_ERROR(-20001, 'Cannot
            delete parent record. Child record exist
            in EMPLOYEE table.');
    END IF;
END;
/
```

Program 2

Write a code in PL/SQL to create a trigger that checks for duplicate values in a specific column and raises an exception if found.

```
CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER trg-check-
    duplicate_email
BEFORE INSERT OR UPDATE ON students
FOR EACH ROW
DECLARE
    v_count NUMBER;
BEGIN
    SELECT COUNT(*) INTO v_count FROM
        students WHERE email = :NEW.email;
    IF v_count > 0 THEN
        RAISE_APPLICATION_ERROR(-20002, 'Duplic-
        ate email detected. Each email must
        be unique.');
    END IF;
END;
/
```

Program 3

Write a code in PL/SQL to create a trigger that restricts the insertion of new rows if the total of a column's values exceeds a certain threshold.

```
CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER trg_limit
    FOR EACH ROW
    BEFORE INSERT ON employee
    DECLARE
        v_total NUMBER;
        v_threshold CONSTANT NUMBER := 100000;
    BEGIN
        SELECT NVL(SUM(salary), 0) INTO v_total
        FROM employee;
        IF (v_total + :NEW.salary) > v_threshold THEN
            RAISE_APPLICATION_ERROR(-20003, 'Total salary exceeds the allowed threshold.');
        END IF;
    END;
```

Program 4

Write a code in PL/SQL to design a trigger that captures changes made to specific columns and logs them in an audit table.

```
CREATE TABLE employee-audit (
    emp_id NUMBER,
    old_salary NUMBER,
    new_salary NUMBER,
    change_date DATE,
    changed_by VARCHAR2(30));
CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER tng_audit-
salary-change
AFTER UPDATE OF salary ON employee
FOR EACH ROW
BEGIN
    INSERT INTO employee-audit(emp_id,
    old_salary, new_salary, change_date,
    changed_by) VALUES (:OLD.emp_id,
    :OLD.salary, :NEW.salary, SYSDATE,
    :USER);
END;
/
```

Program 5

Write a code in PL/SQL to implement a trigger that records user activity (inserts, updates, deletes) in an audit log for a given set of tables.

```
CREATE TABLE activity-log (
    table-name VARCHAR2(50),
    operation-type VARCHAR2(20),
    user-name VARCHAR2(50),
    activity-date DATE);

CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER trg-user-
activity
AFTER INSERT OR UPDATE OR DELETE ON
employee
BEGIN
    INSERT INTO activity-log (table-name,
    operation-type, user-name, activity-date)
    VALUES ('EMPLOYEE', ORA-SYSEVENT, USER,
    SYSDATE);
END;
/
```

Program 7

Write a code in PL/SQL to implement a trigger that automatically calculates and updates a running total column for a table whenever new rows are inserted.

```
CREATE TABLE sales(
```

```
    sale_id NUMBER,
```

```
    amount NUMBER,
```

```
    running_total NUMBER);
```

```
CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER trig_update
```

```
running_total
```

```
AFTER INSERT ON sales
```

```
FOR EACH ROW
```

```
DECLARE
```

```
    v_total NUMBER;
```

```
BEGIN
```

```
    SELECT NVL(SUM(amount), 0) INTO
```

```
    v_total FROM sales;
```

```
    UPDATE sales SET running_total =
```

```
    v_total WHERE .sale_id = :NEW.sale_id;
```

```
END;
```

```
/
```

Program 8

Write a code in PL/SQL to create a trigger that validates the availability of items before allowing an order to be placed, considering stock levels and pending orders.

```
CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER trg-check-
stock-availability
BEFORE INSERT ON orders
FOR EACH ROW
DECLARE
    v_stock NUMBER;
BEGIN
    SELECT quantity-in-stock INTO v_stock
    FROM inventory WHERE item-id = :NEW.item-id;
    IF v_stock < :NEW.order-quantity THEN
        RAISE_APPLICATION_ERROR (-20004, 'Insuf-
        ficient stock available for the requested
        item.');
    END IF;
END;
```

Evaluation Procedure	Marks awarded
PL/SQL Procedure(5)	5
Program/Execution (5)	5
Viva(5)	5
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