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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
- **For each row:** It specifies that the trigger fires once per row
- **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
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```

```
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

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.ITTRIGG", 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 'SSEMP'

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

Table created.

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

1 row created.

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

1 row created.

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

1 row created.

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

1 row created.

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

1 row created.

```
SQL> select * from ssemp;
```

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 ssemp)
```

```
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 empp.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  
        EMPLOYEE table.');
```

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```
    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, 'Dupli-  
cate 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.  
total_salary  
BEFORE INSERT ON employee  
FOR EACH ROW  
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 trg_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(30),  
    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 - 64SEVENT, 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 trg-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  
icient stock available for the requested  
item.');
```

```
END IF;
```

```
END;
```

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```


Evaluation Procedure	Marks awarded
PL/SQL Procedure(5)	5
Program/Execution (5)	5
Viva(5)	5
Total (15)	15
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