PL/SQL static code analysis: "COMMIT" and "ROLLBACK" should not be called from non-autonomous transaction triggers

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Calling COMMIT or ROLLBACK from within a trigger will lead to an 0RA-04092 exception, unless the trigger has its own autonomous transaction.

Noncompliant Code Example

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SET SERVEROUTPUT ON

CREATE TABLE accounts(
 balance NUMBER
);

INSERT INTO accounts VALUES(0);

CREATE TABLE log(
 message VARCHAR2(100)
);
```

CREATE TRIGGER beforeLogger

BEFORE UPDATE ON accounts

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FOR EACH ROW
BEGIN
 INSERT INTO log VALUES('Attempt to update the value from '
II:OLD.balance II 'to 'II:NEW.balance);
 COMMIT; -- Noncompliant, will fail with a ORA-04092
END;
/
-- We want to be able to log any attempt to update the
"accounts" table
BEGIN
 UPDATE accounts SET balance = 100;
 ROLLBACK; -- Ultimately, this update is rolled back, however
we still want to log it
END;
/
SELECT * FROM log;
DROP TRIGGER beforeLogger;
DROP TABLE log;
DROP TABLE accounts:
Compliant Solution
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CREATE TABLE accounts(
 balance NUMBER
);
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INSERT INTO accounts VALUES(0);
CREATE TABLE log(
 message VARCHAR2(100)
);
CREATE TRIGGER beforeLogger
 BEFORE UPDATE ON accounts
 FOR EACH ROW
DECLARE
 PRAGMA AUTONOMOUS TRANSACTION;
BEGIN
 INSERT INTO log VALUES('Attempt to update the value from '
II:OLD.balance II 'to 'II:NEW.balance);
 COMMIT; -- Compliant, commits the trigger's autonomous
transaction, not the main one
END;
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 ROLLBACK; -- Ultimately, this update is rolled back, however
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SELECT * FROM log;
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DROP TABLE log;

DROP TABLE accounts;