

**Experiment No.7** 

Title: To Implement Triggers.

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Resources needed: PostgreSQL 9.3

## Theory

### **Pre Lab/ Prior Concepts:**

## **Trigger:**

A trigger is a statement that the system executes automatically as a side effect of a modification to the database. Triggers are used to ensure some types of integrity.

To design a trigger mechanism you should:

- 1. Specify when a trigger is to be executed. This is broken up into an event that causes a trigger to be checked and a condition that must be satisfied for trigger execution to proceed
- 2. Specify the actions to be taken when the trigger executes.

#### **Generalized Model:**

Triggers are based on the Event- condition- Action (ECA) Model. A rule in the ECA model has three components.

- 1. The event(s) that triggers the rule.
- 2. The condition that determines whether the rule action should be executed. If no action is specified, the action will be executed once the event occurs.
- 3. The action to be taken. It could be a sequence of SQL statements, a DB transaction or an external program that will be executed automatically.

#### When to use Trigger:

In many cases, it is convenient to specify the type of action to be taken when certain event occurs and when certain conditions are satisfied.

It may be useful to specify a condition that, if violated, causes some user to be informed of the violation.

For example:-

A manager may want to be informed, if an employee's travel expenses exceed a certain limit by receiving a message whenever this occurs.

The condition is thus used to monitor the database.

CREATE TRIGGER statement is used to implement such action in SQL. Consider the triggers for following cases:-

1. Trigger for insertion:-

This trigger executes whenever condition is satisfied, during the insertion statement. If no condition is satisfied, then it executed for every insertion statement, for the relation specified. Example:-

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In DB, we have created a trigger for insertion, on the relation Employee. If salaries < 1500 then print 'Unsuccessful' else print 'Successful'.

2. Trigger for Updation:-

This trigger executes for updating of a column name(s) of a particular relation. A condition may or may not be specified.

Example:-

In our DB, we have created a trigger for updating, on the relation Employee. If salary is updated to unacceptable amount, then print unsuccessful and rollback else print successful.

3. Trigger for Deletion:-

This trigger executes during the deletion statement. If a particular condition is satisfied, the system may allow or not allow the deletion of certain tuples,

Example:-

If SSN from Employee =101, then print 'Unsuccessful' and rollback, else print 'Successful'.

In Postgresql we need to create a function to execute all action statements of trigger and call this function in create trigger statement for certain event.

Example.

In employeee table dnum is a foreign key. So the trigger writen here will increment total\_emp of department table by one and total\_sal of department by salary of newly inserted employee's salary.

CREATE or replace FUNCTION inse\_function() RETURNS trigger As \$emp\_update\$

#### begin

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UPDATE dept set total_emp=total_emp + 1,
total_sal=total_sal+ new.salary where dept.dno=new.dno;
RETURN new;
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#### **END**

\$emp\_update\$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;

ON emp\_table FOR each ROW

EXECUTE PROCEDURE inse function();

# Procedure / Approach / Algorithm / Activity Diagram

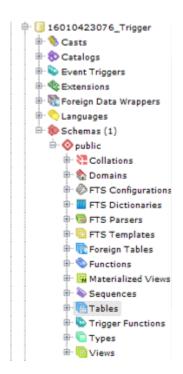
- 1. Create new database for your application
- 2. Apply required integrity constraints on tables in your database **To design a trigger.**

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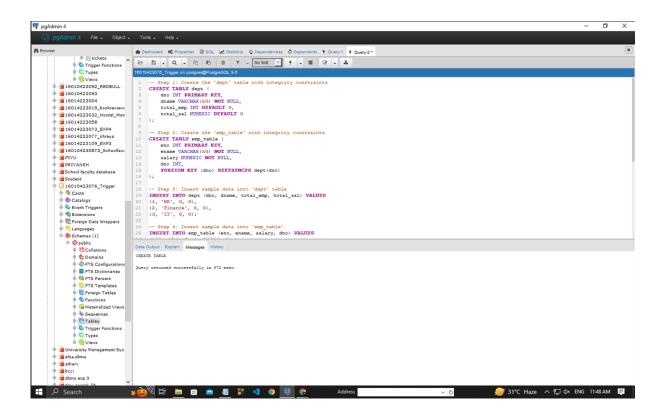
- 1. Identify events in the database.
- 2. Specify conditions under which the trigger is to be executed.
- 3. Specify actions to be taken when trigger is executed.

# Results: (Program printout with output / Document printout as per the format)

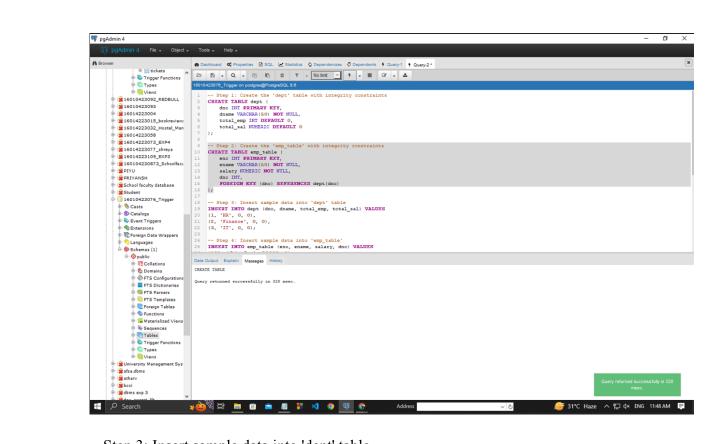
Created a new Database with the name 16010423076 Trigger:



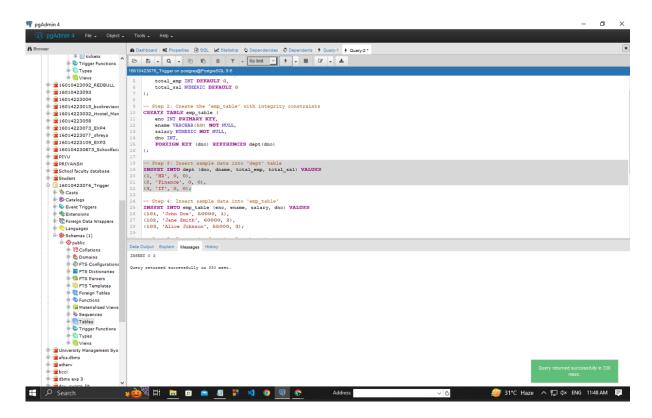
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-- Step 1: Create the 'dept' table with integrity constraints
CREATE TABLE dept (
dno INT PRIMARY KEY,
dname VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
total_emp INT DEFAULT 0,
total_sal NUMERIC DEFAULT 0
);
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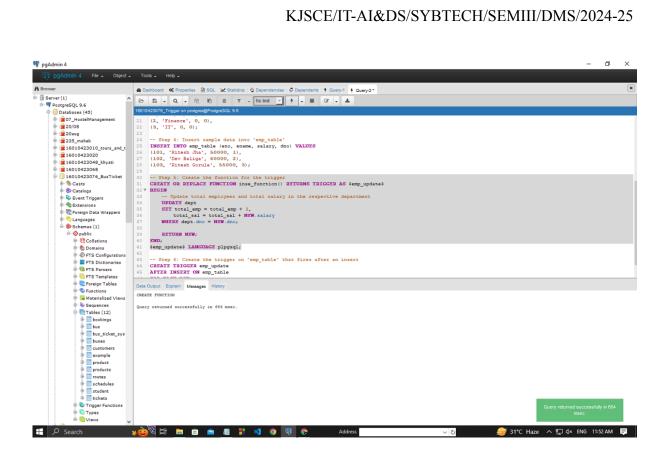
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-- Step 2: Create the 'emp_table' with integrity constraints CREATE TABLE emp_table (
    eno INT PRIMARY KEY,
    ename VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
    salary NUMERIC NOT NULL,
    dno INT,
    FOREIGN KEY (dno) REFERENCES dept(dno)
);
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-- Step 3: Insert sample data into 'dept' table INSERT INTO dept (dno, dname, total\_emp, total\_sal) VALUES (1, 'HR', 0, 0), (2, 'Finance', 0, 0), (3, 'IT', 0, 0);



-- Step 4: Insert sample data into 'emp\_table' INSERT INTO emp\_table (eno, ename, salary, dno) VALUES (101, 'Ritesh Jha', 50000, 1), (102, 'Dev Baliga', 60000, 2), (103, 'Ritesh Gorule', 55000, 3);



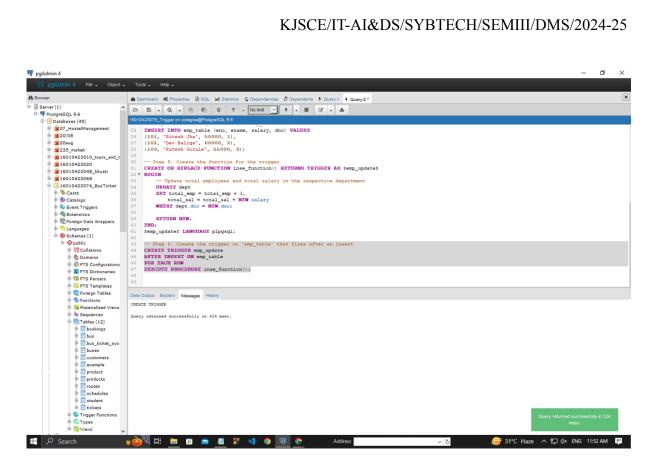
-- Step 5: Create the function for the trigger CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION inse function() RETURNS TRIGGER AS \$emp update\$ **BEGIN** 

-- Update total employees and total salary in the respective department **UPDATE** dept SET total emp = total emp + 1, total sal = total sal + NEW.salaryWHERE dept.dno = NEW.dno;

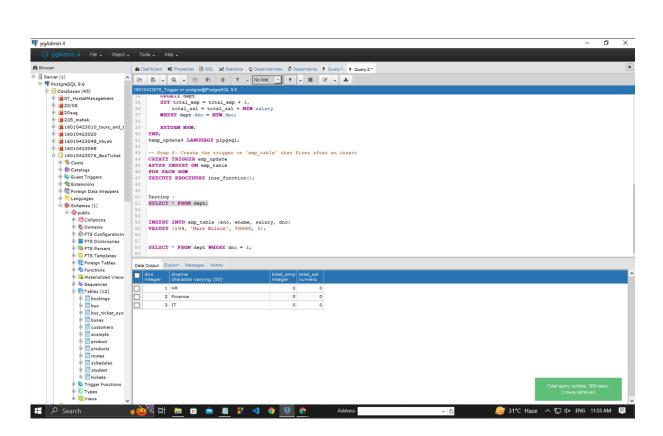
RETURN NEW;

END;

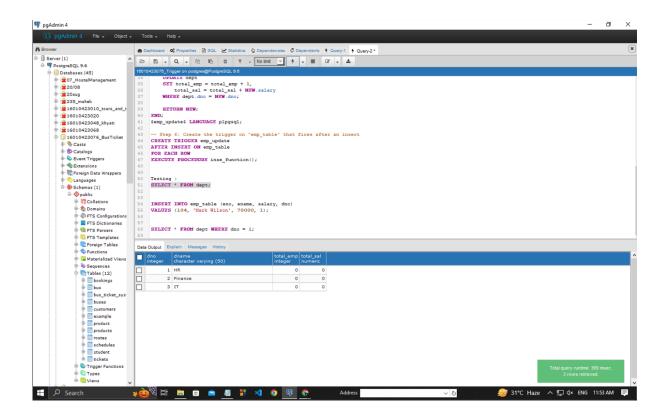
\$emp update\$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;



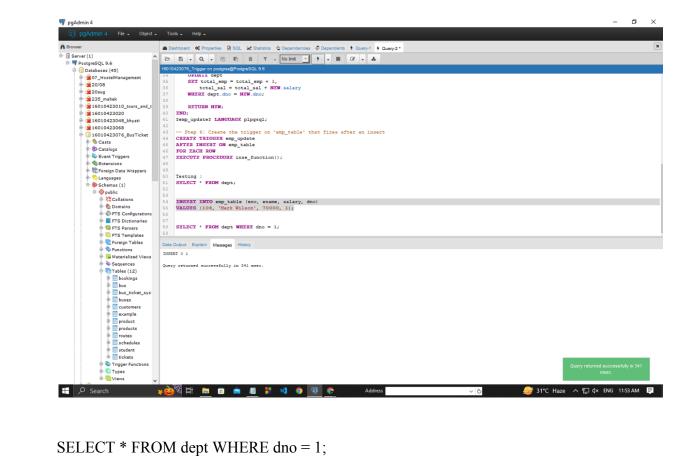
-- Step 6: Create the trigger on 'emp table' that fires after an insert CREATE TRIGGER emp update AFTER INSERT ON emp table FOR EACH ROW EXECUTE PROCEDURE inse function();



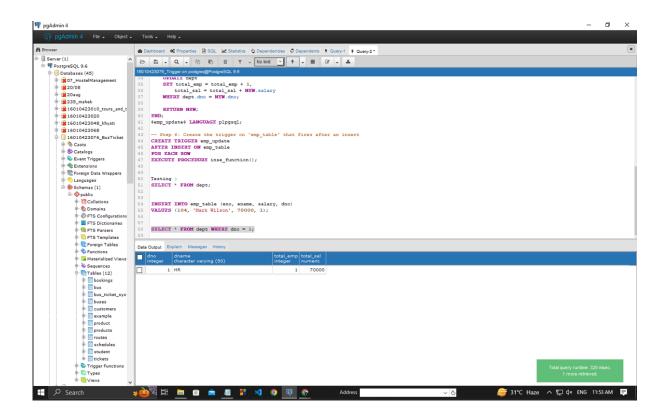
-- Testing : SELECT \* FROM dept;



INSERT INTO emp\_table (eno, ename, salary, dno) VALUES (104, Mark Wilson, 70000, 1);



SELECT \* FROM dept WHERE dno = 1;



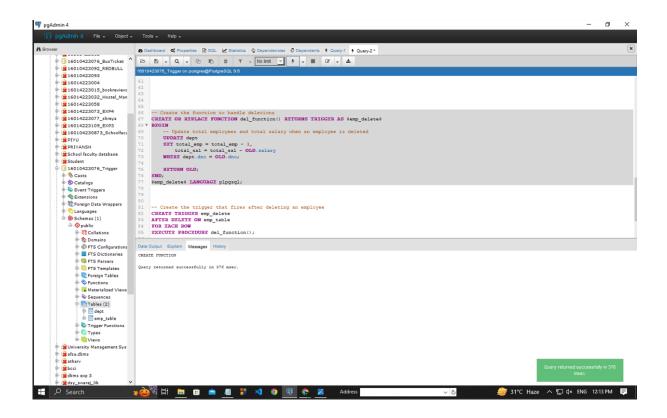
-- Create the function to handle deletions CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION del\_function() RETURNS TRIGGER AS \$emp\_delete\$ BEGIN

-- Update total employees and total salary when an employee is deleted UPDATE dept
SET total\_emp = total\_emp - 1,
total\_sal = total\_sal - OLD.salary
WHERE dept.dno = OLD.dno;

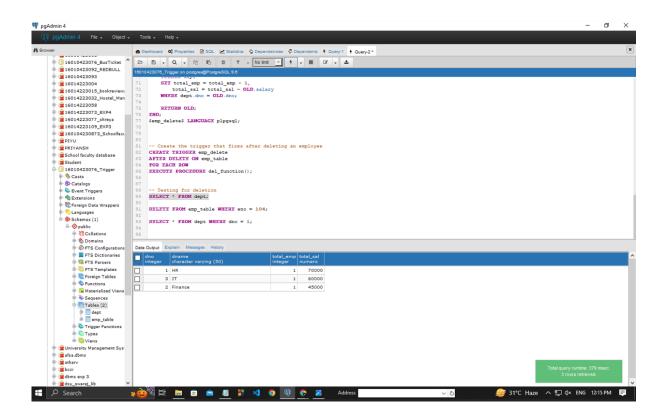
RETURN OLD;

END;

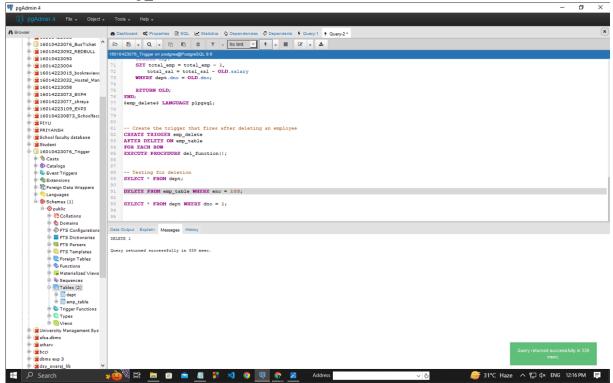
\$emp\_delete\$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;



- -- Create the trigger that fires after deleting an employee CREATE TRIGGER emp\_delete
  AFTER DELETE ON emp\_table
  FOR EACH ROW
  EXECUTE PROCEDURE del\_function();
- -- Testing for deletion SELECT \* FROM dept;

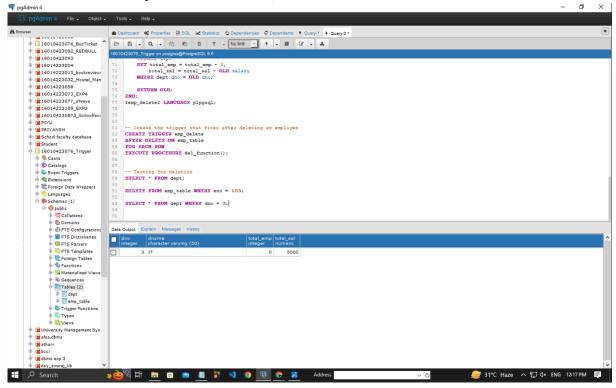


# DELETE FROM emp table WHERE eno = 103;



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# SELECT \* FROM dept WHERE dno = 3;



## **Questions:**

1 Explain any one real-time application of trigger

### Ans)

- **Scenario:** In a banking environment, tracking transaction changes is essential for compliance and auditing.
- **Trigger Creation:** A database trigger is set up on the transactions table to automatically execute during INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE operations.
- Action: The trigger logs transaction details—such as amount, date, user ID, and transaction type—into an audit table, ensuring all changes are captured without manual intervention.

#### • Benefits:

- Real-time Monitoring: Captures data instantly as transactions occur, providing up-to-date auditing information.
- Data Integrity: Ensures consistent logging of all changes, reducing the risk of missing or fraudulent transactions.

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- **Regulatory Compliance:** Assists the bank in meeting legal requirements for financial record-keeping.
- Overall, this use of triggers enhances the security and reliability of the banking system by automating the auditing process.

#### Conclusion:

I learned how to create and use database triggers to automatically update related tables in response to changes. Specifically, I saw how triggers can maintain accurate counts of employees and total salaries in a department when new employees are added or removed. This not only simplifies data management but also ensures data integrity and real-time updates, which are crucial in a relational database. Overall, this experience helped me appreciate the power of triggers in automating tasks and maintaining consistency within the database.