DBMS SQL

Lesson 11: Transaction

Control Language



Lesson Objectives

- ➤ To understand the following topics:
 - Transactions
 - Statement execution
 - Transaction control
 - Commit Transactions
 - Commit Command
 - Rollback transactions
 - Save points



10.1: Introduction to Transactions

Defining Transaction

- A "transaction" is a logical unit of work that contains one or more SQL statements.
 - "Transaction" is an atomic unit.
 - The effects of all the SQL statements in a transaction can be either:
 - all committed (applied to the database), or
 - all rolled back (undone from the database)
 - A "transaction" begins with the first executable SQL statement.

Defining Transaction



- >A "transaction" ends when any of the following occurs:
 - A user issues a COMMIT or ROLLBACK statement without a SAVEPOINT clause.
 - A user runs a DDL statement such as CREATE, DROP, RENAME, or ALTER.
 - If the current transaction contains any DML statements, Oracle first commits the transaction, and then runs and commits the DDL statement as a new, single statement transaction.
 - A user disconnects from Oracle. The current transaction is committed.
 - A user process terminates abnormally. The current transaction is rolled back.



Statement Execution and Transaction Control

- ➤ A "SQL statement" that runs successfully is different from a committed transaction.
- ➤ However, until the "transaction" that contains the "statement" is committed, the "transaction" can be rolled back. As a result, all the changes in the statement can be undone.
- Hence we can say, "a statement, rather than a transaction, runs successfully".

Commit Transactions

- ➤ Committing a transaction means making "permanent" all the changes performed by the SQL statements within the transaction.
 - This can be done either explicitly or implicitly.





- ➤ COMMIT statement makes "permanent" all the changes that are performed in the current transaction.
- ➤ Syntax:

COMMIT [WORK];





- ➤ COMMIT types:
 - Implicit: Database issues an implicit COMMIT before and after any data definition language (DDL) statement
 - Explicit

Example of COMMIT command:

```
DELETE FROM student_master

WHERE student_name = 'Amit';

COMMIT;
```

Rollback Transactions



- ➤ Rolling back a transaction means "undoing changes" to data that have been performed by SQL statements within an "uncommitted transaction".
 - Oracle uses "undo tablespaces" (or rollback segments) to store old values.
 - Oracle also uses the "redo log" that contains a record of changes.

Rollback Transactions

- Oracle lets you roll back an entire "uncommitted transaction".
- Alternatively, you can roll back the trailing portion of an "uncommitted transaction" to a marker called a "savepoint".

Savepoints in Transactions



- ➤ In a transaction, you can declare intermediate markers called "savepoints" within the context of a transaction.
 - By using "savepoints", you can arbitrarily mark your work at any point within a long transaction.
 - In this manner, you can keep an option that is available later to roll back the work performed, however:
 - before the current point in the transaction, and
 - after a declared savepoint within the transaction





For example: You can use savepoints throughout a long complex series of updates. So if you make an error, you do not need to resubmit every statement.



Examples of Rollback and Savepoints

>Example 1:

```
INSERT INTO department_master

VALUES (70, 'PERSONNEL'');

SAVEPOINT A;

INSERT INTO department_master

VALUES (80, 'MARKETING');

SAVEPOINT B;
```

ROLLBACK TO A;

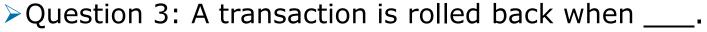
Summary

- > Transactions
 - Statement execution
 - Transaction control
 - Commit Transactions
 - Commit Command
 - Rollback transactions
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Review - Questions

- ➤ Question 1 : ____ is a logical unit of work.
- ➤ Question 2: A transaction is committed when the user issues a DDL statement.
 - True/False



- Option 1: rollback statement is issued
- Option 2: the user session is abruptly terminated
- Option 3: an error occurs in DML statement
- Option 4: none of the above



