

## 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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```

### 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 parent\_delete

BEFORE DELETE ON parent-table

FOR EACH ROW

DECLARE

v\_child\_count NUMBER;

BEGIN

SELECT COUNT(\*)

INTO v\_child\_count

FROM child-table

WHERE parent-id = :oldparent-key;

IF v\_child\_count > 0 THEN

RAISE\_APPLICATION\_ERROR

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 check\_duplicate\_valu  
Before INSERT or Update on 'yourtable'  
For Each Row  
Declare

v\_count NUMBER;

Begin

SELECT count(\*)

INTO v\_count

FROM your\_table

WHERE ~~some~~ unique-column = : new.some-unique-column;

IF v\_count > 1 THEN

RAISE\_APPLICATION\_ERROR

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 check\_val\_threshold

AFTER INSERT ON Your table

DECLARE

v\_val NUMBER;

v\_threshold NUMBER := 10000; -- Your table's column value

SELECT SUM(column\_name)

INTO v\_val

FROM your\_table;

IF v\_val > v\_threshold THEN

RAISE\_APPLICATION\_ERROR

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 check_threshold
AFTER INSERT ON Your_table
DECLARE
    v_tot NUMBER;
    v_threshold NUMBER := 20000; -- Your specific threshold value
    SELECT SUM (some_column)
    INTO v_tot
    FROM your_table;
    IF v_tot > v_threshold THEN
        RAISE_APPLICATION_ERROR
    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 column_audit_log (
  log_id NUMBER(10) PRIMARY KEY,
  table_name VARCHAR2(100),
  column_name VARCHAR2(100),
  new_value VARCHAR2(1000),
  old_value VARCHAR2(1000),
  username VARCHAR2(100),
  changed_by VARCHAR2(100),
  change_date TIMESTAMP
);
```

CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER log\_column\_changes  
AFTER UPDATE ON your\_table  
FOR EACH ROW  
BEGIN

```
IF :old.salary <> :new.salary THEN
  INSERT INTO column_audit_log (table_name, column_name,
    new_value, old_value, new_value, changed_by, change_date)
  VALUES ('yourtable', 'salary', :new.salary, :old.salary,
    :new.salary, user, systime stamp);
END IF;
```

```
IF :old.job_id <> :new.job_id THEN
  INSERT INTO column_audit_log (table_name, column_name,
    new_value, old_value, new_value, changed_by, change_date)
  VALUES ('yourtable', 'job_id', :new.job_id, :old.job_id,
    :new.job_id, user, systime stamp);
END IF;
```

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 audit_log (
    log_date DATE DEFAULT SYSDATE,
    user_name VARCHAR(50),
    action VARCHAR(100),
    table_name VARCHAR(100),
    action_date DATE
);

```

Create or Replace Trigger log\_user\_activity  
 BEFORE INSERT OR UPDATE OR DELETE ON your\_table  
 FOR EACH ROW

```

DECLARE
    v_action VARCHAR(100);
BEGIN
    IF INSERT THEN
        v_action := 'INSERT';

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INSERT INTO audit\_log (log\_date, user\_name, action, table\_name, action\_date)

VALUES (SYSDATE, USER, v\_action, TABLE\_NAME, SYSDATE);

ELSE IF UPDATE THEN

v\_action := 'UPDATE';

INSERT INTO audit\_log (log\_date, user\_name, action, table\_name, action\_date)

VALUES (SYSDATE, USER, v\_action, TABLE\_NAME, SYSDATE);

END IF;

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-audit-log (
    log-date timestamp(3) not null,
    table-name varchar2(100),
    action-by varchar2(100),
    row-id varchar2(100),
    action-by varchar2(100),
    action-date timestamp
);

```

Create an PL/SQL Trigger log user activity  
before insert or update or delete on given table  
for each row

Declare

v-action varchar2(100);

Begin

if inserting then

v-action := 'Insert';

Insert into activity-audit-log (table-name, action-by, action-date)

values ('Your table', v-action, sysdate, sysdate, sysdate, sysdate);

Else if updating then

v-action := 'Update';

Insert into activity-audit-log (table-name, action-by, action-date)

values ('Your table', v-action, sysdate, sysdate, sysdate, sysdate);

END IF

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 OR REPLACE TRIGGER update\_running\_total  
AFTER INSERT ON orders

FOR EACH ROW

BEGIN

UPDATE sales\_summary

SET total\_sales = total\_sales + new.amount

WHERE summary\_id = 1;

END;

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### 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 validate\_stock\_level

BEFORE INSERT ON order\_items

FOR EACH ROW

DECLARE

v\_stock NUMBER;

BEGIN

SELECT stock\_level

INTO v\_stock

FROM products

WHERE product\_id = :new.product\_id;

IF v\_stock < :new.quantity THEN

RAISE\_APPLICATION\_ERROR(-20004, 'Cannot place order. Insufficient

stock for product' || :new.product\_id);

ELSE

UPDATE products

SET stock\_level = stock\_level - :new.quantity

WHERE product\_id = :new.product\_id;

END IF;

END;

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<b>Program/Execution (5)</b>	
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