

Aim: SQL Triggers.

Objectives:

The objectives for learning MySQL triggers are to understand how triggers automatically perform actions when data changes, such as during INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE events. Triggers are used for tasks like logging changes or updating related tables. The goal is to learn how to use triggers effectively without causing performance issues and ensure data consistency.

Tools Used:

- MySQL Workbench

Concept:

Triggers in SQL: Triggers are special types of stored procedures that automatically execute predefined actions when certain events (like INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE) occur in a table. They help automate tasks such as data validation, updating related tables, or logging changes, ensuring data consistency and reducing the need for manual interventions.

Example:

```
CREATE DEFINER='root'@'localhost' TRIGGER `emp_BEFORE_INSERT` BEFORE INSERT  
ON `emp` FOR EACH ROW BEGIN
```

```
if new.Working_hours < 0
```

```
then
```

```
set new.Working_hours = 0;
```

```
end if;
```

```
END
```

Problem Statement:

Scenario:

Create following emp table and insert the specified values in the database using MySQL.

Name	Occupation	Working_Date	Working_hours
Harsh	Scientist	2020-10-21	12
Raj	Engineer	2020-08-11	10
Ravi	Actor	2020-10-22	10
Rahul	Doctor	2020-10-04	11

1) Question on Before Insert Trigger:

Write a trigger which ensures that if user enters negative value in Working_hours the value is set to 0. 2) Question on After Insert Trigger:

Create a table emp_audit(name, audit_description)

Create a trigger to make sure If any employee information is inserted in emp table then trigger is inserting the row in emp_audit table automatically. Output should look like:

Name	Audit_description
Arti	A row has been inserted in emp table at 2020-01-23 at 11:23:45 PM

3) Question on Before Update Trigger:

Create a trigger if a new working date is greater than today's date to raise an error message.

4) Question on After Update Trigger:

Create a table EmpChanges(Name, New Occupation, Old Occupation,Updatedate as shown in following output. Create a trigger that will keep history of changes in the EmpChange table when you change data in Emp table. Output should look like:

Name	New Occupation	Old Occupation	Updatedat
Harsh	Professor	Scientist	2020-01-23 at 11:23:45 PM

5) Question on Before Delete Trigger:

Create a table Emp_archeives (Name,Occupation,Working_date,WorkingHours, Deletedat)

Create trigger to ensure before removing data from Emp table, the record should be entered in Emp_archieives table.

6) Question on After Delete Trigger:

Consider you have two tables Emp Table(Original Table) and Total_working_hours_table which looks like

Total
43

Create a trigger that changes the Total of above table when Emp leaves the company.

Solution:

1)

```
CREATE DEFINER='root'@'localhost' TRIGGER `emp_BEFORE_INSERT` BEFORE INSERT ON `emp` FOR EACH ROW BEGIN
```

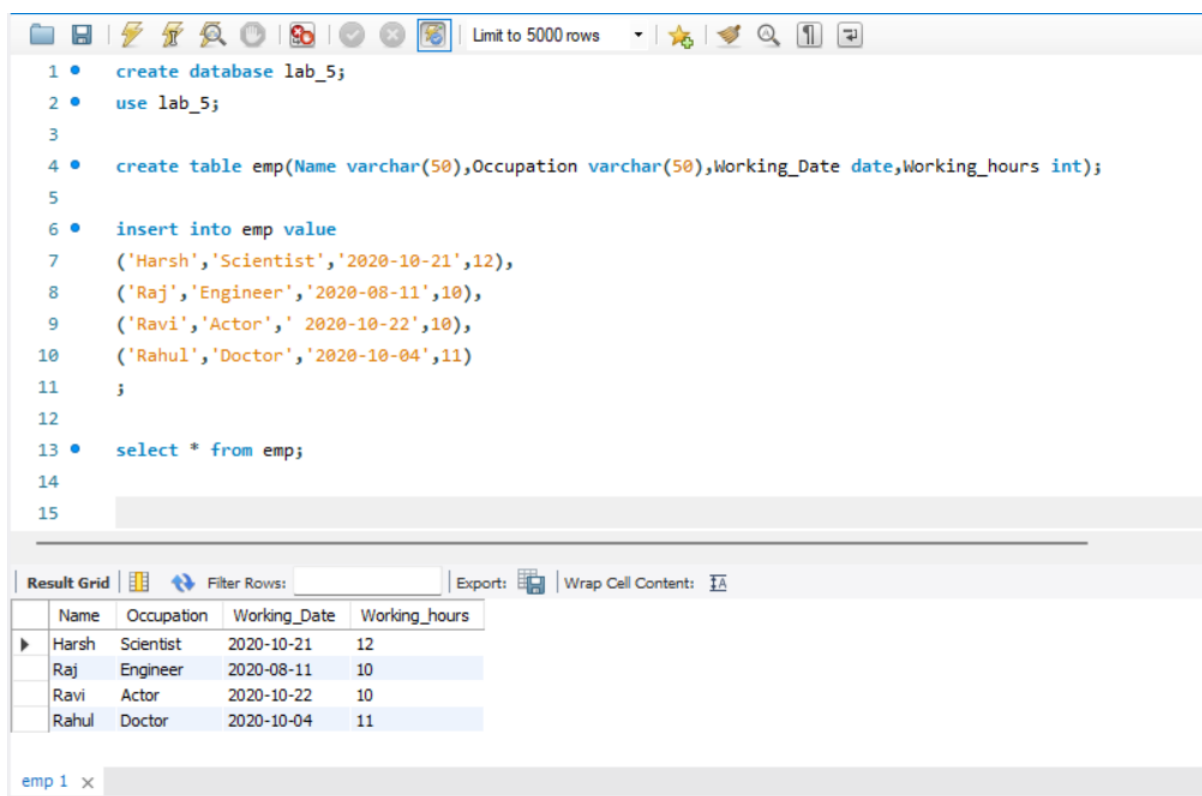
```
if new.Working_hours < 0
```

```
then
```

```
set new.Working_hours = 0;
```

```
end if;
```

```
END
```



The screenshot shows a SQL IDE window with the following SQL code:

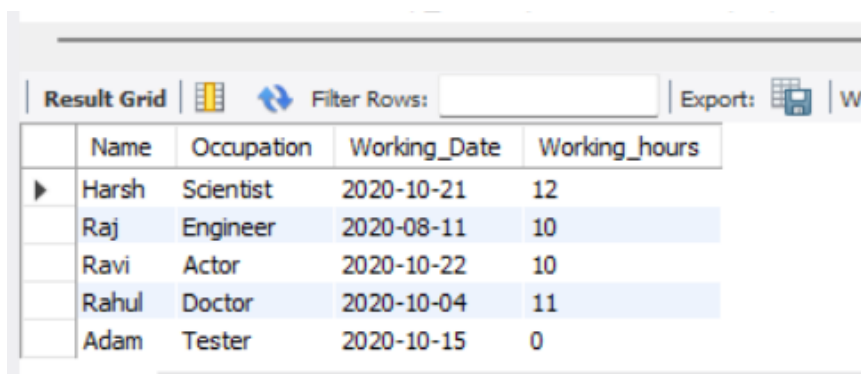
```
1 • create database lab_5;
2 • use lab_5;
3
4 • create table emp(Name varchar(50),Occupation varchar(50),Working_Date date,Working_hours int);
5
6 • insert into emp value
7   ('Harsh','Scientist','2020-10-21',12),
8   ('Raj','Engineer','2020-08-11',10),
9   ('Ravi','Actor','2020-10-22',10),
10  ('Rahul','Doctor','2020-10-04',11)
11  ;
12
13 • select * from emp;
14
15
```

Below the code, the 'Result Grid' shows the output of the SELECT statement:

	Name	Occupation	Working_Date	Working_hours
▶	Harsh	Scientist	2020-10-21	12
	Raj	Engineer	2020-08-11	10
	Ravi	Actor	2020-10-22	10
	Rahul	Doctor	2020-10-04	11

The window title is 'emp 1 x'.

```
insert into emp value('Adam','Tester','2020-10-15',-20);
```



The screenshot shows the 'Result Grid' after executing the INSERT statement. The grid now includes the new row:

	Name	Occupation	Working_Date	Working_hours
▶	Harsh	Scientist	2020-10-21	12
	Raj	Engineer	2020-08-11	10
	Ravi	Actor	2020-10-22	10
	Rahul	Doctor	2020-10-04	11
	Adam	Tester	2020-10-15	0

The window title is 'emp 1 x'.

2)

```
CREATE DEFINER='root'@'localhost' TRIGGER `emp_AFTER_INSERT` AFTER INSERT ON `emp` FOR EACH ROW BEGIN
```

```
insert into emp_audit values
```

```
(new.Name, concat(
```

```
'A row has been inserted in emp table at ',
```

```
Date_Format(NOW(),'%Y-%m-%d'),
```

```
' at ',
```

```
Date_Format(NOW(),'%h:%i:%s %p')
```

```
));
```

```
END
```

The screenshot displays a SQL IDE interface. The top pane shows the following SQL code:

```
24
25 • insert into emp value
26   ('Om', 'Manager', '2020-08-15', 15);
27
28 • select * from emp_audit;
```

The bottom pane shows the 'Result Grid' with the following data:

Name	audit_description
Om	A row has been inserted in emp table at 2024-12-05 at 09:13:50 PM

At the bottom of the IDE, a tab labeled 'emp_audit 7' is visible.

3)

```
CREATE DEFINER=`root`@`localhost` TRIGGER `emp_BEFORE_UPDATE` BEFORE UPDATE ON `emp`  
FOR EACH ROW BEGIN
```

```
    if new.working_date > date_format(now(), '%y-%m-%d') then
```

```
        signal sqlstate '45000'
```

```
        set message_text = 'new working date cannot be greater than today's date.';
```

```
    end if;
```

```
END
```



The screenshot shows a SQL IDE interface. At the top, a SQL query is entered in a text area: `update emp set Working_Date = '2025-12-2' where Name = 'Om';`. Below the text area, there is an 'Output' section. The 'Output' section has a dropdown menu set to 'Action Output'. Below the dropdown, there is a table with columns: '#', 'Time', 'Action', and 'Message'. The table contains one row with a red error icon in the first column. The 'Action' column contains the text: `update emp set Working_Date = '2025-12-2' where Name = 'Om'`. The 'Message' column contains the text: `Error Code: 1644. new working date cannot be greater than today's date.`

#	Time	Action	Message
1	21:15:06	update emp set Working_Date = '2025-12-2' where Name = 'Om'	Error Code: 1644. new working date cannot be greater than today's date.

4)

```
CREATE DEFINER='root'@'localhost' TRIGGER `emp_AFTER_UPDATE` AFTER UPDATE ON `emp` FOR EACH ROW BEGIN
```

```
insert into EmpChanges values
```

```
(new.Name,new.Occupation, old.Occupation, concat(Date_Format(now(),'%Y-%m-%d'), ' at ',Date_Format(now(),'%h:%i:%s %p')));
```

```
END
```

The screenshot displays a SQL IDE interface. At the top, a SQL script is shown with line numbers 31 to 36. The script includes a table creation statement, an update statement, and a select statement. Below the script, the 'Result Grid' shows the output of the select statement, which is a single row for 'Adam' with columns 'Name', 'New_Occupation', 'Old_Occupation', and 'Updatedat'. The 'Updatedat' column contains the timestamp '2024-12-05 at 09:34:06 PM'. Below the result grid, the 'Output' pane shows the 'Action Output' for the executed commands. It lists four actions with their respective times, messages, and affected rows. The first action is an update statement that failed with an error. The second action is the table creation statement, which succeeded. The third action is the update statement, which succeeded and affected one row. The fourth action is the select statement, which succeeded and returned one row.

```
31
32 • create table EmpChanges(Name varchar(50), New_Occupation varchar(100), Old_Occupation varchar(100), Updatedat varchar(100));
33
34 • update emp set Occupation = 'Developer' where Name = 'Adam';
35
36 • select * from EmpChanges;
```

Name	New_Occupation	Old_Occupation	Updatedat
Adam	Developer	Tester	2024-12-05 at 09:34:06 PM

EmpChanges 8 x

Output

Action Output

#	Time	Action	Message
1	21:15:06	update emp set Working_Date = '2025-12-2' where Name = 'Om'	Error Code: 1644. new working date cannot be greater than today's date.
2	21:33:51	create table EmpChanges(Name varchar(50), New_Occupation varchar(100), Old_Occupation varchar(100), Updatedat varchar(100));	0 row(s) affected
3	21:34:06	update emp set Occupation = 'Developer' where Name = 'Adam'	1 row(s) affected Rows matched: 1 Changed: 1 Warnings: 0
4	21:34:08	select * from EmpChanges LIMIT 0, 5000	1 row(s) returned

5)

```
CREATE DEFINER='root'@'localhost' TRIGGER `emp_BEFORE_DELETE` BEFORE DELETE ON `emp` FOR EACH ROW BEGIN
```

```
insert into Emp_archeives values
```

```
(
```

```
old.Name,old.Occupation,old.Working_Date,old.Working_hours
```

```
);
```

```
END
```

The screenshot shows a SQL IDE interface with a script editor and a results/output pane. The script editor contains the following SQL code:

```
38 • create table Emp_archeives(Name varchar(50),Occupation varchar(50),Working_Date date,Working_hours int);
39
40 • set SQL_SAFE_UPDATES = 0;
41 • delete from emp where Name = 'Adam';
42 • select * from Emp_archeives;
43
44
```

The results pane shows a table with the following data:

Name	Occupation	Working_Date	Working_hours
Adam	Developer	2020-10-15	0

The output pane shows the following messages:

#	Time	Action	Message
1	21:35:53	delete from emp where Name = 'Adam'	1 row(s) affected
2	21:35:55	select * from Emp_archeives LIMIT 0, 5000	1 row(s) returned

6)

```
CREATE DEFINER=`root`@`localhost` TRIGGER `emp_AFTER_DELETE` AFTER DELETE ON `emp` FOR EACH ROW BEGIN
```

```
update total_working_hours_table
```

```
set total = total - old.working_hours;
```

```
END
```

```
45 • create table Total_working_hours_table (Total int);
46
47 • insert into Total_working_hours_table values (43);
48 • select * from Total_working_hours_table;
49
```

Result Grid | Filter Rows: | Export: | Wrap Cell Content:

	Total
▶	43

Total_working_hours_table16 x

```
48 • select * from Total_working_hours_table;
49
50 • delete from emp where Name = 'Harsh';
51
52
```

Result Grid | Filter Rows: | Export: | Wrap Cell Content:

	Total
▶	31

Total_working_hours_table17 x

Observation:

Triggers are useful tools in SQL that automatically perform actions in response to certain events, such as INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE. They help automate tasks like updating related tables, enforcing data integrity, and logging changes, without requiring manual intervention.