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## **Triggers**



# Overview



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# Introduction





# Introduction - 01

- Triggers are also referred to as event-condition-action (ECA) rules
- Triggers are involved only when certain conditions specified by the database programmer occur.
- Unlike procedure/function, triggers need not be called explicitly. They are invoked based on INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE operations performed by database programmers
- A trigger automatically executes a set of actions (SQL statements) in response to certain events on a table or view.
- These events can include INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE operations or even DDL statements like ALTER, CREATE, and DROP.

# Introduction- 02



- Components of a trigger
- **Event:** The type of operation that triggers the execution of the trigger (e.g., INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE).
- **Trigger Type:** Specifies when the trigger is executed relative to the triggering event. Common types include BEFORE and AFTER triggers.
- **Triggering Table:** The table on which the trigger is defined and against which the triggering event occurs.
- **Trigger Body:** The set of SQL statements that are executed when the trigger is fired.

# Trigger example - 01



Table 1

T1C1
1
2
3
4

Table 2

T2C1
abc
abd
abe
abf

Table 3

T3C1
2024-07-11
2024-09-12
2024-09-13
2024-10-14

Table 4

T4C1
100.00
120.25
140.50
160.75

Before Inserting a record "5" into Table1 Should

1. Insert a record into **Table 2**
2. Update record in **Table 3**
3. Delete record from **Table 4**

# Trigger example - 01



```
DELIMITER //  
  
CREATE TRIGGER iud_1  
BEFORE INSERT  
ON Table1  
FOR EACH ROW  
BEGIN  
    // increment T2C1  
    INSERT INTO Table2(T2C1) VALUES ('abg');  
    UPDATE Table3 SET T3C1='2023-05-15' WHERE T3C1 like '%-08-%';  
    DELETE FROM Table4 WHERE T4C1=140.50;  
  
END //  
  
DELIMITER ;
```



# Trigger example - 02



```
CREATE TABLE account(acc_num INT,  
                      amount DECIMAL(10,2));
```

```
DELIMITER //
```

```
CREATE TRIGGER ins_sum  
BEFORE INSERT ON account  
FOR EACH ROW  
SET @sum = @sum + NEW.amount;
```

```
DELIMITER ;
```

```
MySQL> SET @sum = 0;
```

```
MySQL> INSERT INTO account VALUES  
(137,14.98),\  
(141,1937.50),\  
(97,-100.00);
```

```
MySQL> SELECT @sum as 'Total Amount';
```

```
MySQL> DROP TRIGGER ins_sum;
```

# Trigger example - 03



```
CREATE TRIGGER upd_check
BEFORE UPDATE
ON account
FOR EACH ROW
BEGIN
    IF NEW.amount < 0
    THEN
        SET NEW.amount = 0;
    ELSEIF NEW.amount > 100
    THEN
        SET NEW.amount = 100;
    END IF;

END; //

DELIMITER ;
```



# Triggers & Stored Procedures



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```
DELIMITER //
```

```
CREATE PROCEDURE p1()  
BEGIN  
  
    SELECT 'p1 called from trigger';  
  
END //
```

```
DELIMITER ;
```

```
DELIMITER //
```

```
CREATE TRIGGER call_p1  
BEFORE INSERT  
ON Table1  
FOR EACH ROW  
BEGIN  
  
    CALL p1();  
  
END //
```

```
DELIMITER ;
```

# Triggers & Limitations



- If a **BEFORE** trigger fails, the operation on the corresponding row is not performed.
- A **BEFORE** trigger is activated by the attempt to insert or modify the row, regardless of whether the attempt subsequently succeeds.
- An **AFTER** trigger is executed only if any **BEFORE** triggers and the row operation execute successfully.
- An error during either a **BEFORE** or **AFTER** trigger results in failure of the entire statement that caused trigger invocation.



# Multiple Triggers On Same Table



# Trigger example - 02



```
DELIMITER //  
  
CREATE TRIGGER iud_2  
BEFORE INSERT  
ON Table1  
FOR EACH ROW  
FOLLOWS iud_1  
BEGIN  
    // incrementa from abf  
    DELETE FROM Table2 where T2C1='abc';  
    INSERT INTO Table3(T3C1) VALUES ('16-Nov';  
    DELETE FROM Table4 WHERE T4C1=140.50;  
  
END //  
  
DELIMITER ;
```



**Thank You!**

