MySQL - RDBMS

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Transaction

- Transaction is set of DML queries executed as a single unit.
- Transaction examples
  - accounts table [id, type, balance]
  - UPDATE accounts SET balance=balance-1000 WHERE id = 1;
  - UPDATE accounts SET balance=balance+1000 WHERE id = 2;
- RDBMS transaction have ACID properties.
  - Atomicity
    - All queries are executed as a single unit. If any query is failed, other queries are discarded.
  - Consistency
    - When transaction is completed, all clients see the same data.
  - Isolation
    - Multiple transactions (by same or multiple clients) are processed concurrently.
  - Durable
    - When transaction is completed, all data is saved on disk.

Transaction

- Transaction management
  - START TRANSACTION;
  - …
  - COMMIT WORK;

  - START TRANSACTION;
  - …
  - ROLLBACK WORK;
- In MySQL autocommit variable is by default 1. So each DML command is auto-committed into database.
  - SELECT @@autocommit;
- Changing autocommit to 0, will create new transaction immediately after current transaction is completed. This setting can be made permanent in config file.
  - SET autocommit=0;

Transaction

- Save-point is state of database tables (data) at the moment (within a transaction).
- It is advised to create save-points at end of each logical section of work.
- Database user may choose to rollback to any of the save-point.
- Transaction management with Save-points
  - START TRANSACTION;
  - …
  - SAVEPOINT sa1;
  - …
  - SAVEPOINT sa2;
  - …
  - ROLLBACK TO sa1;
  - …
  - COMMIT; // or ROLLBACK
- Commit always commit the whole transaction.
- ROLLBACK or COMMIT clears all save-points.

Transaction

- Transaction is set of DML statements.
- If any DDL statement is executed, current transaction is automatically committed.
- Any power failure, system or network failure automatically rollback current state.
- Transactions are isolated from each other and are consistent.

Row locking

- When an user update or delete a row (within a transaction), that row is locked and becomes read-only for other users.
- The other users see old row values, until transaction is committed by first user.
- If other users try to modify or delete such locked row, their transaction processing is blocked until row is unlocked.
- Other users can INSERT into that table. Also they can UPDATE or DELETE other rows.
- The locks are automatically released when COMMIT/ROLLBACK is done by the user.
- This whole process is done automatically in MySQL. It is called as "OPTIMISTIC LOCKING".

Row locking

- Manually locking the row in advanced before issuing UPDATE or DELETE is known as "PESSIMISTIC LOCKING".
- This is done by appending FOR UPDATE to the SELECT query.
- It will lock all selected rows, until transaction is committed or rollbacked.
- If these rows are already locked by another users, the SELECT operation is blocked until rows lock is released.

- By default MySQL does table locking. Row locking is possible only when table is indexed on the column.

Data Control Language

- Security is built-in feature of any RDBMS. It is implemented in terms of permissions (a.k.a. privileges).
- There are two types of privileges.
- System privileges
  - Privileges for certain commands i.e. CREATE, ALTER, DROP, ...
  - Typically these privileges are given to the database administrator or higher authority user.
- Object privileges
  - RDBMS objects are table, view, stored procedure, function, triggers, …
  - Can perform operations on the objects i.e. INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE, SELECT, CALL, ...
  - Typically these privileges are given to the database users.

User Management

- User management is responsibility of admin (root).
- New user can be created using CREATE USER.
  - CREATE USER user@host IDENTIFIED BY 'password';
  - host can be hostname of server, localhost (current system) or '%' for all client systems.
- Permissions for the user can be listed using SHOW GRANTS command.
  - SHOW GRANTS FOR user@host;
- Users can be deleted using DROP USER.
  - DROP USER user@host;
- Change user password.
  - ALTER USER user@host IDENTIFIED BY 'new_password';
  - FLUSH PRIVILEGES;

Data Control Language

- Permissions are given to user using GRANT command.
  - GRANT CREATE ON db.* TO user@host;
  - GRANT CREATE ON *.* TO user1@host, user2@host;
  - GRANT SELECT ON db.table TO user@host;
  - GRANT SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE ON db.table TO user@host;
  - GRANT ALL ON db.* TO user@host;
- By default one user cannot give permissions to other user. This can be enabled using WITH GRANT OPTION.
  - GRANT ALL ON *.* TO user@host WITH GRANT OPTION;
- Permissions assigned to any user can be withdrawn using REVOKE command.
  - REVOKE SELECT, INSERT ON db.table FROM user@host;
- Permissions can be activated by FLUSH PRIVILEGES.
  - System GRANT tables are reloaded by this command. Auto done after GRANT, REVOKE.
  - Command is necessary is GRANT tables are modified using DML operations.

Thank you!

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