

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





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 Transactions

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

```
COMMIT [WORK];
```



Commit Transactions

➤ 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



Savepoints in Transactions

- 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
- Save points





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
- Question 3: A transaction is rolled back when ____.
 - 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

