Triggers and Events

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Stored Programs

- Stored Procedure
- Stored Function
- Trigger
- Event

Outline

- Triggers
- Events

Triggers

- A trigger is a block of code that is executed automatically when DML operations like INSERT, UPDATE or DELETE are executed
- Trigger execution is often called trigger firing
- Triggers must be created with FOR EACH ROW clause as it creates a row level trigger firing for each row
- The OLD keyword gets a value from the rows that is being updated or deleted
- The NEW keyword gets a value from the row that is being inserted or updated
- The primary reasons to use triggers is to enforce rules for data consistency and integrity as well as maintain the audit table.

Events

- An event is a block of code that is executed automatically according to event scheduler
- Event execution is often called event firing
- An Event can be a one time event as well recurring event
- The primary reasons to use events to do various maintenance tasks related to the table

Summary in Sixty Seconds

#1 A trigger fires automatically when DML operations like INSERT, UPDATE or DELETE are executed

#2 There are two different types of triggers

- Before Trigger
- After Trigger

#3 An event fires automatically according to the event schedule

#4 There are two different types of events

- One time event
- Recurring event

