# Deleting and altering triggers

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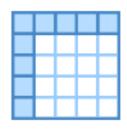


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## Deleting table and view triggers

DROP TRIGGER PreventNewDiscounts;



## Deleting database triggers

DROP TRIGGER PreventNewDiscounts;

DROP TRIGGER PreventViewsModifications
ON DATABASE;





## Deleting server triggers

DROP TRIGGER PreventNewDiscounts;

DROP TRIGGER PreventViewsModifications
ON DATABASE;

DROP TRIGGER DisallowLinkedServers
ON ALL SERVER;







## Disabling triggers

DISABLE TRIGGER PreventNewDiscounts ON Discounts;

DISABLE TRIGGER PreventViewsModifications
ON DATABASE;

DISABLE TRIGGER DisallowLinkedServers ON ALL SERVER;







## **Enabling triggers**

ENABLE TRIGGER PreventNewDiscounts
ON Discounts;

ENABLE TRIGGER PreventViewsModifications
ON DATABASE;

ENABLE TRIGGER DisallowLinkedServers
ON ALL SERVER;







## Altering triggers

```
CREATE TRIGGER PreventDiscountsDelete
ON Discounts
INSTEAD OF DELETE
AS
    PRINT 'You are not allowed to data from the Discounts table.';
DROP TRIGGER PreventDiscountsDelete;
CREATE TRIGGER PreventDiscountsDelete
ON Discounts
INSTEAD OF DELETE
AS
    PRINT 'You are not allowed to remove data from the Discounts table.';
```



## Altering triggers

```
CREATE TRIGGER PreventDiscountsDelete
ON Discounts
INSTEAD OF DELETE
AS
    PRINT 'You are not allowed to data from the Discounts table.';
ALTER TRIGGER PreventDiscountsDelete
ON Discounts
INSTEAD OF DELETE
AS
```

PRINT 'You are not allowed to remove data from the Discounts table.';

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## Trigger management

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#### Getting info from sys.triggers

SELECT \* FROM sys.triggers;

```
| parent_class_desc | create_date | is_disabled | is_instead_of_trigger |
name
TrackRetiredProducts
                      | OBJECT_OR_COLUMN
                                           2019-04-19
PreventOrdersUpdate
                      | OBJECT_OR_COLUMN
                                           2019-04-22
TrackDatabaseTables
                                         | 2019-04-23
                      I DATABASE
KeepCanceledOrders
                      | OBJECT_OR_COLUMN | 2019-04-27
DiscountsPreventDelete |
                        OBJECT_OR_COLUMN
                                           2019-04-27
PreventNewDiscounts
                       | OBJECT_OR_COLUMN
                                           2019-04-27
PreventTableDeletion
                      DATABASE
                                           2019-04-27
                                                                     0
```

## Getting info from sys.triggers

name

object\_id

parent\_class

parent\_class\_desc

parent\_id

trigger name

unique identifier of the trigger

trigger type as integer

trigger type as text

unique identifier of the parent object

## Getting info from sys.triggers

create\_date

modify\_date

is\_disabled

is\_instead\_of\_trigger

date of creation

date of last modification

current state

INSTEAD OF or AFTER trigger

#### Getting info from sys.server\_triggers

```
SELECT * FROM sys.server_triggers;
```

#### Getting info from sys.trigger\_events

```
SELECT * FROM sys.trigger_events;
```

```
object_id | type | type_desc | event_group_type | event_group_type_desc |
1285579618 | 24 | CREATE_INDEX | NULL
                                                | NULL
1301579675 | 52
             | ALTER_PROCEDURE | NULL
                                                | NULL
1301579675 | 53
             | DROP_PROCEDURE
                              | NULL
                                                NULL
1333579789 | 1
                                NULL
                                                NULL
              | INSERT
1365579903
         | 2 | UPDATE
                               | NULL
                                                | NULL
1381579960
                                NULL
                                                NULL
         | 3 | DELETE
1557580587 | 21
                               10017
                                               | DDL_TABLE_VIEW_EVENTS |
               | CREATE_TABLE
1557580587 | 22
              | ALTER_TABLE
                                10017
                                                | DDL_TABLE_VIEW_EVENTS |
1557580587 | 23
             | DROP_TABLE
                                                DDL_TABLE_VIEW_EVENTS |
                                10017
```



## Getting info from sys.trigger\_events

object\_id

unique identifier of the trigger

type

event type as integer

type\_desc

event type as text

event\_group\_type

event group type as integer

event\_group\_type\_desc

event group type as text

## Getting info from sys.trigger\_events

DDL\_TABLE\_VIEW\_EVENTS

```
CREATE_TABLE
               DROP_TABLE
                           ALTER_TABLE
CREATE_VIEW
              DROP_VIEW
                          ALTER_VIEW
CREATE_INDEX
               DROP_INDEX
                           ALTER_INDEX
CREATE_STATISTICS
                    DROP_STATISTICS
UPDATE_STATISTICS
                    CREATE_XML_INDEX
[...]
```

#### Getting info from sys.server\_trigger\_events

```
SELECT * FROM sys.server_trigger_events;
```



#### Getting info from sys.trigger\_event\_types

```
SELECT * FROM sys.trigger_event_types;
```

```
| type_name
                        parent_type |
type
21
      | CREATE_TABLE
                        | 10018
      | ALTER_TABLE
22
                        | 10018
23
      | DROP_TABLE
                        | 10018
      | CREATE_INDEX
24
                        | 10020
      | ALTER_INDEX
25
                        | 10020
26
      | DROP_INDEX
                        | 10020
10018 | DDL_TABLE_EVENTS | 10017
```



## Trigger management in practice

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TriggerName	TriggerType	EventName	AttachedTo   ObjectType
	-		-
IndexSecurityTrigger	DATABASE	CREATE_INDEX	NULL NULL
ProcedureSecurityTrigger	DATABASE	ALTER_PROCEDURE	NULL   NULL
ProcedureSecurityTrigger	DATABASE	DROP_PROCEDURE	NULL   NULL
CustomerDiscountHistory	OBJECT_OR_COLUMN	UPDATE	Discounts   USER_TABLE
TrackRetiredProducts	OBJECT_OR_COLUMN	DELETE	Products   USER_TABLE
PreventOrdersUpdate	OBJECT_OR_COLUMN	UPDATE	Orders   USER_TABLE
PreventDiscountsDelete	OBJECT_OR_COLUMN	DELETE	Discounts   USER_TABLE

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# Troubleshooting triggers

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## Tracking trigger executions (system view)

```
SELECT * FROM sys.dm_exec_trigger_stats;
```

```
ALTER TRIGGER PreventOrdersUpdate
ON Orders
INSTEAD OF UPDATE
AS
    INSERT INTO TriggerAudit (TriggerName, ExecutionDate)
    SELECT 'PreventOrdersUpdate',
           GETDATE();
    RAISERROR ('Updates on "Orders" table are not permitted.
                Place a new order to add new products.', 16, 1);
```

```
SET Quantity = 300
WHERE OrderID = 784;
(1 row affected)
Msg 50000, Level 16, State 1, Procedure PreventOrdersUpdate, Line 11
                                                 [Batch Start Line 27]
Updates on "Orders" table are not permitted.
Place a new order to add new products.
(0 rows affected)
```



**UPDATE** Orders

```
SELECT * FROM TriggerAudit;
```



## Identifying triggers attached to a table

```
SELECT name AS TableName,
     object_id AS TableID
FROM sys.objects
WHERE name = 'Products';
```

```
| TableName | TableID |
|-----|----|----|
| Products | 917578307 |
```

## Identifying triggers attached to a table

```
SELECT o.name AS TableName,
       o.object_id AS TableID,
       t.name AS TriggerName,
       t.object_id AS TriggerID,
       t.is_disabled AS IsDisabled,
       t.is_instead_of_trigger AS IsInsteadOf
FROM sys.objects AS o
INNER JOIN sys.triggers AS t ON t.parent_id = o.object_id
WHERE o.name = 'Products';
```

## Identifying triggers attached to a table

```
TableName
                                                            | IsDisabled |
          | TableID
                                                                          IsInsteadOf |
                      | TriggerName
                                               | TriggerID
Products
            917578307 | TrackRetiredProducts
                                                1349579846
                                                                          0
Products | 917578307 | ProductsNewItems
                                               1397580017 | 0
                                                                         | 0
Products
            917578307 | PreventProductChanges |
                                                1541580530
```



## Identifying events capable of firing a trigger

```
SELECT o.name AS TableName,
       o.object_id AS TableID,
       t.name AS TriggerName,
       t.object_id AS TriggerID,
       t.is_disabled AS IsDisabled,
       t.is_instead_of_trigger AS IsInsteadOf,
       te.type_desc AS FiringEvent
FROM sys.objects AS o
INNER JOIN sys.triggers AS t ON t.parent_id = o.object_id
INNER JOIN sys.trigger_events AS te ON t.object_id = te.object_id
WHERE o.name = 'Products';
```

## Identifying events capable of firing a trigger

```
TableName
                                                                                        FiringEvent_
                      | TriggerName
                                                             IsDisabled | IsInsteadOf |
            TableID
                                               | TriggerID
Products
            917578307 | TrackRetiredProducts
                                                1349579846 | 0
                                                                         0
                                                                                        DELETE
Products
           917578307 | ProductsNewItems
                                                1397580017 | 0
                                                                         1 0
                                                                                        INSERT
Products
            917578307 | PreventProductChanges | 1541580530 | 0
                                                                                        UPDATE
```



## Viewing the trigger definitions

```
SELECT o.name AS TableName,
       o.object_id AS TableID,
       t.name AS TriggerName,
       t.object_id AS TriggerID,
       t.is_disabled AS IsDisabled,
       t.is_instead_of_trigger AS IsInsteadOf,
       te.type_desc AS FiringEvent,
       OBJECT_DEFINITION(t.object_id) AS TriggerDefinition
FROM sys.objects AS o
INNER JOIN sys.triggers AS t ON t.parent_id = o.object_id
INNER JOIN sys.trigger_events AS te ON t.object_id = te.object_id
WHERE o.name = 'Products';
```

## Viewing the trigger definitions

```
| TableName | TableID | TriggerName | ...| FiringEvent | TriggerDefinition |
| Products | 917578307 | TrackRetiredProducts | ...| DELETE | CREATE TRIGGER TrackRetiredProducts ON Produc...
| Products | 917578307 | ProductsNewItems | ...| INSERT | CREATE TRIGGER ProductsNewItems ON Products A...
| Products | 917578307 | PreventProductChanges | ...| UPDATE | CREATE TRIGGER PreventProductChanges ON Produ...
```



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# Wrapping up

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#### Summary

- Trigger definition
- How triggers are used
- Trigger alternatives
- Trigger limitations
- Real-life use cases

- AFTER triggers
- INSTEAD OF triggers
- DML, DDL, and logon triggers
- Deleting and altering triggers
- Troubleshooting and managing triggers

# Thank you!

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