

```
COMMIT;  
UNLOCK TABLES;
```

When you call `LOCK TABLES`, InnoDB internally takes its own table lock, and MySQL takes its own table lock. InnoDB releases its internal table lock at the next commit, but for MySQL to release its table lock, you have to call `UNLOCK TABLES`. You should not have `autocommit = 1`, because then InnoDB releases its internal table lock immediately after the call of `LOCK TABLES`, and deadlocks can very easily happen. InnoDB does not acquire the internal table lock at all if `autocommit = 1`, to help old applications avoid unnecessary deadlocks.

- `ROLLBACK` does not release table locks.

LOCK TABLES and Triggers

If you lock a table explicitly with `LOCK TABLES`, any tables used in triggers are also locked implicitly:

- The locks are taken at the same time as those acquired explicitly with the `LOCK TABLES` statement.
- The lock on a table used in a trigger depends on whether the table is used only for reading. If so, a read lock suffices. Otherwise, a write lock is used.
- If a table is locked explicitly for reading with `LOCK TABLES`, but needs to be locked for writing because it might be modified within a trigger, a write lock is taken rather than a read lock. (That is, an implicit write lock needed due to the table's appearance within a trigger causes an explicit read lock request for the table to be converted to a write lock request.)

Suppose that you lock two tables, `t1` and `t2`, using this statement:

```
LOCK TABLES t1 WRITE, t2 READ;
```

If `t1` or `t2` have any triggers, tables used within the triggers are also locked. Suppose that `t1` has a trigger defined like this:

```
CREATE TRIGGER t1_a_ins AFTER INSERT ON t1 FOR EACH ROW  
BEGIN  
  UPDATE t4 SET count = count+1  
    WHERE id = NEW.id AND EXISTS (SELECT a FROM t3);  
  INSERT INTO t2 VALUES(1, 2);  
END;
```

The result of the `LOCK TABLES` statement is that `t1` and `t2` are locked because they appear in the statement, and `t3` and `t4` are locked because they are used within the trigger:

- `t1` is locked for writing per the `WRITE` lock request.
- `t2` is locked for writing, even though the request is for a `READ` lock. This occurs because `t2` is inserted into within the trigger, so the `READ` request is converted to a `WRITE` request.
- `t3` is locked for reading because it is only read from within the trigger.
- `t4` is locked for writing because it might be updated within the trigger.

Table-Locking Restrictions and Conditions

You can safely use `KILL` to terminate a session that is waiting for a table lock. See [Section 13.7.8.4, “KILL Statement”](#).

`LOCK TABLES` and `UNLOCK TABLES` cannot be used within stored programs.