

CS-GY 6083 - B Principles of Database Systems

Functions, Stored Procedures and Triggers

Trigger: A trigger is PL/SQL code which contains a set of SQL statements in database which is automatically executed whenever any special event occurs specific to condition defined, such as before or after of insert, delete, update etc. Triggers are used to implement complex business rules that cannot be defined using constraints.

We can define 6 types of DML triggers for the table:

AFTER INSERT: activated after data is inserted into the table. AFTER UPDATE: activated after data in the table is modified.

AFTER DELETE: activated after data is deleted/removed from the table.

BEFORE INSERT: activated before data is inserted into the table. BEFORE UPDATE: activated before data in the table is modified.

BEFORE DELETE: activated before data is deleted/removed from the table

Function: A function is PL/SQL code that accepts input parameter, and produces output based upon SQL instructions and calculation performed as coded. Function can be single row function or multi-row function (aggregate function).

Procedure: A procedure is also PL/SQL code and set of pre-compiled queries which can be used and shared among multiple programs. It can access and modify data in database as coded. A procedure can be thought of as a method. They can be invoked through triggers, other procedures, or applications on Java, PHP etc. All the statements of a block are passed to the database engine all at once which increases processing speed and decreases the traffic. They reduce the traffic between the database and the application. They add to code reusability, similar to how methods work in other languages such as C/C++ and Java.

Resources:

Oracle

https://docs.oracle.com/database/121/TDDDG/tdddg_triggers.htm#TDDDG52400 https://www.oracletutorial.com/plsql-tutorial/plsql-function/

https://docs.oracle.com/cd/B28359 01/appdev.111/b28843/tdddg procedures.htm

MySQL

https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.7/en/trigger-syntax.html

https://www.sglshack.com/learn-mysgl-the-basics-of-mysgl-stored-procedures/

https://www.mysqltutorial.org/mysql-stored-function/

Difference among Trigger, Function, Procedure

Trigger	Function	Procedure
Trigger is executed automatically on actions	We can call a function whenever required but	A procedure can be executed explicitly
like update, delete, insert	function cannot be executed as it is not precompiled	whenever required
Trigger cannot be called from either function or procedure	Function can be called from trigger and procedure	Procedure cannot be called from function. It can be called from trigger.
Trigger cannot be called from other trigger	Function can be called from other function	Procedure can be called from other procedure
It never returns a value on execution.	It must return a value.	It may or may not return a value on execution
Cannot be used with SQL such as SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE, MERGE etc.,	Can be used with SQL such as SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE, MERGE etc.,	Cannot be used with SQL such as SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE, MERGE etc.,
Transactions such as COMMIT, ROLLBACK, SAVEPOINT are not allowed	Transactions such as COMMIT, ROLLBACK, SAVEPOINT are not allowed	Transactions such as COMMIT, ROLLBACK, SAVEPOINT are allowed

A) FUNCTION EXAMPLE:

INTO FILM(FILM_LEN) VALUES(25)

User defined function Min_To_Hr (Converts Minutes to Hours): ORACLE

1. Code:

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION Min_To_Hr(min_ IN NUMBER)
RETURN VARCHAR2
IS Hr VARCHAR2(15);
BEGIN
Hr := TO_CHAR(FLOOR(min_/60)) || 'HR ' || TO_CHAR(MOD(min_, 60)) || 'MIN';
RETURN Hr;
END;
/

2. Test Code:
CREATE TABLE FILM (
FILM_LEN number
);
INSERT ALL
INTO FILM(FILM_LEN) VALUES(11)
INTO FILM(FILM_LEN) VALUES(12)
INTO FILM(FILM_LEN) VALUES(13)
INTO FILM(FILM_LEN) VALUES(24)
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INTO FILM(FILM_LEN) VALUES(27)
INTO FILM(FILM_LEN) VALUES(62)
INTO FILM(FILM_LEN) VALUES(123)
INTO FILM(FILM_LEN) VALUES(134)
INTO FILM(FILM_LEN) VALUES(999)
SELECT * FROM dual;
```

3. Running result:

SELECT FILM LEN as "Minutes Number", Min To Hr(FILM LEN) as "Movie Time" FROM FILM;

Minutes Number	Movie Time
11	0 HR 11 MIN
12	0 HR 12 MIN
13	0 HR 13 MIN
24	0 HR 24 MIN
25	0 HR 25 MIN
27	Ø HR 27 MIN
62	1 HR 2 MIN
123	2 HR 3 MIN
134	2 HR 14 MIN
999	16 HR 39 MI

User defined function Min_To_Hr (Converts Minutes to Hours): MySQL

1. Code:

```
DELIMITER $$
CREATE FUNCTION Min To Hr(Min INT)
RETURNS VARCHAR(20)
DETERMINISTIC
BEGIN
DECLARE hr VARCHAR(20);
SET hr = concat(FLOOR(Min/60), 'HR', MOD(Min,60), 'MIN');
RETURN (hr);
END;
$$
DELIMITER;
2. Test Code:
CREATE DATABASE test;
USE test;
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS 'test'. 'FILM' ('length' INT NOT NULL)
ENGINE = InnoDB
DEFAULT CHARACTER SET = utf8;
INSERT INTO FILM(length) VALUES(1);
INSERT INTO FILM(length) VALUES(3);
INSERT INTO FILM(length) VALUES(27);
INSERT INTO FILM(length) VALUES(134);
INSERT INTO FILM(length) VALUES(999);
```

3. Running result:

select length as 'Minutes Number', Min_To_Hr(length) as 'Movie time' from FILM;

B) PROCEDURE EXAMPLE:



Consider above relational table and do following,

- a) Create this table with your initial as prefix. Create history table AP_EMP_SAL_HIST (use your initial as prefix). The table AP_EMP_SAL_HIST table should have following columns: EMPNO, OLDSAL, NEWSAL, and CHANGE_DATE. The purpose of history table is to record history of salary change. Whenever the salary is updated in AP_EMP table, it should record EMPNO, OLDSAL, NEWSAL, and CHAGE_DATE in history table AP_EMP_SAL_HIST. The OLDSAL is the original salary (before the update of the salary), NEWSQL is the new salary (after the update of the salary), CHANGE_DATE is the date on which salary was updated, and should be default as System Date, i.e. current date. Employees may have their salary change multiple times during their employment. Define appropriate primary key of the history table.
 - b) Research on Database Procedure (Database procedure is a PL/SQL code that takes input parameters and do activities as coded in procedure to achieve desired result). The name of the procedure should be <your initial>_PROC_SAL_CHANGE. This procedure will take two input parameters, Employee Number and New Salary. The procure code will do two tasks, 1) update the salary of that employee to New Salary in AP_EMP table 2) insert a new record in history table AP_EMP_SAL_HIST with old and new salary and date of the salary change

Data of AP_EMP (Result screenshot of SELECT * FROM AP_EMP)

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1 SELECT * FROM AP_EMP;
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EMPN0	EFNAME	ELNAME	JOB	MGR	HIREDATE	SAL	COMM	DEPTNO
7369	CHARLES	SMITH	CLERK	7902	08-0CT-01	2400	-	20
7499	GRAYSON	ALLEN	SALESMAN	7698	12-DEC-01	4800	600	30
7521	MATTHEW	WARD	SALESMAN	7698	14-DEC-01	3750	1000	30
7566	NICHOLAS	JONES	MANAGER	7839	22-JAN-02	8925	-	20
7654	CHRIS	MARTIN	SALESMAN	7698	20-JUL-02	3750	2800	30
7698	BLAKE	GRIFFIN	MANAGER	7839	20-FEB-02	8550	-	30
7782	KENT	CLARK	MANAGER	7839	31-MAR-02	7350	-	10
7788	DEVIN	B00KER	ANALYST	7566	08-FEB-08	9000	-	20
7839	MARTIN	KING	PRESIDENT	-	08-SEP-02	15000	-	10
7844	WILLIAM	TURNER	SALESMAN	7698	30-JUN-02	4500	0	30
7876	JOHN	ADAMS	CLERK	7788	13-MAR-08	3300	-	20
7900	LEBRON	JAMES	CLERK	7698	24-SEP-02	2850	-	30
7902	CHRISTIAN	FORD	ANALYST	7566	24-SEP-02	9000	-	20
7934	MIKE	MILLER	CLERK	7782	14-N0V-02	3900	-	10

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Oracle version:

```
CREATE TABLE ap_emp_sal_hist (
empno NUMBER(4) NOT NULL,
change_date DATE DEFAULT SYSDATE NOT NULL,
oldsal NUMBER(7, 2) NOT NULL,
newsal NUMBER(7, 2) NOT NULL
);
```

ALTER TABLE ap_emp_sal_hist ADD CONSTRAINT ap_emp_sal_hist_pk PRIMARY KEY (empno, change_date);

CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE ap_emp_sal_change (in_empno NUMBER, in_newsal NUMBER)

IS duration number;

BEGIN

INSERT INTO ap_emp_sal_hist VALUES (in_empno, sysdate, (SELECT sal FROM ap_emp WHERE empno = in_empno), in_newsal);

UPDATE ap_emp SET sal = in_newsal WHERE empno = in_empno;

END ap_emp_sal_change;

SELECT * FROM ap_emp;

EXECUTE ap_emp_sal_change(7782, 4600); -- Calling the procedure EXECUTE ap_emp_sal_change(7369, 3000); -- Calling the procedure

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EXECUTE ap_emp_sal_change(7782, 5000); EXECUTE ap_emp_sal_change(7369, 4000); EXECUTE ap_emp_sal_change(7499, 5000);

```
1 SELECT * FROM ap_emp;
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EMPNO	EFNAME	ELNAME	JOB	MGR	HIREDATE	SAL	COMM	DEPTNO
7369	CHARLES	SMITH	CLERK	7902	08-0CT-01	4000	-	20
7499	GRAYSON	ALLEN	SALESMAN	7698	12-DEC-01	5000	600	30
7521	MATTHEW	WARD	SALESMAN	7698	14-DEC-01	3750	1000	30
7566	NICHOLAS	JONES .	MANAGER	7839	22-JAN-02	8925	-	20
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7698	BLAKE	GRIFFIN	MANAGER	7839	20-FEB-02	8550	_	30
7782	KENT	CLARK	MANAGER	7839	31-MAR-02	5000	-	10
7788	DEVIN	B00KER	ANALYST	7566	08-FEB-08	9000	_	20
7839	MARTIN	KING	PRESIDENT	_	08-SEP-02	15000	_	10
7844	WILLIAM	TURNER	SALESMAN	7698	30-JUN-02	4500	0	30
7876	JOHN	ADAMS	CLERK	7788	13-MAR-08	3300	-	20
7900	LEBRON	JAMES	CLERK	7698	24-SEP-02	2850	-	30
7902	CHRISTIAN	FORD	ANALYST	7566	24-SEP-02	9000	-	20
7934	MIKE	MILLER	CLERK	7782	14-N0V-02	3900	_	10

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14 rows selected.

1 SELECT * FROM ap_emp_sal_hist;
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7369	26-APR-21	2400	3000
7782	26-APR-21	4600	5000
7369	26-APR-21	3000	4000
7499	26-APR-21	4800	5000

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CREATE TABLE ap_emp_sal_hist (
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  change_date DATETIME DEFAULT NOW() NOT NULL,
  oldsal
            INT NOT NULL,
             INT NOT NULL
  newsal
);
ALTER TABLE ap_emp_sal_hist ADD CONSTRAINT ap_emp_sal_hist_pk PRIMARY KEY (
empno, change_date );
DELIMITER //
CREATE PROCEDURE ap_emp_sal_change (IN in_empno INT, IN in_newsal INT)
BEGIN
  INSERT INTO ap emp sal hist VALUES (in empno, sysdate, (SELECT sal FROM ap emp
WHERE empno = in_empno), in_newsal);
  UPDATE ap emp SET sal = in newsal WHERE empno = in empno;
END: //
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CALL ap_emp_sal_change(7782, 4600); -- calling the procedure CALL ap emp sal change(7369, 3000); -- calling the procedure SELECT * FROM ap emp; 152 153 154 1:154 100% Edit: 🚄 🖶 🖶 **Result Grid** Filter Rows: Q Search Export/Impo empno efname elname job mgr hiredate sal comm deptno CHARLES 2001-10-08 00:00:00 7369 SMITH CLERK 7902 3000 NULL 20 7499 GRAYSON ALLEN SALESMAN 7698 2001-12-12 00:00:00 4800 30 600 7521 MATTHEW WARD SALESMAN 7698 2001-12-14 00:00:00 3750 30 1000 20 7566 NICHOLAS JONES MANAGER 7839 2002-01-22 00:00:00 8925 NULL 7654 CHRIS MARTIN SALESMAN 7698 2002-07-20 00:00:00 3750 2800 30 7698 BLAKE GRIFFIN MANAGER 7839 2002-02-20 00:00:00 8550 NULL 30 7782 KENT CLARK MANAGER 7839 2002-03-31 00:00:00 4600 NULL 10 7788 DEVIN BOOKER ANALYST 7566 2008-02-08 00:00:00 9000 NULL 20 NULL 7839 MARTIN KING PRESIDENT 2002-09-08 00:00:00 15000 NULL 10 7844 WILLIAM TURNER SALESMAN 7698 2002-06-30 00:00:00 4500 0 30 JOHN CLERK 7788 2008-03-13 00:00:00 3300 20 7876 ADAMS NULL 7900 LEBRON **JAMES** CLERK 7698 2002-09-24 00:00:00 2850 NULL 30 7902 CHRISTIAN FORD ANALYST 7566 2002-09-24 00:00:00 9000 20 NULL

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CALL ap_emp_sal_change(7782, 5000); CALL ap_emp_sal_change(7369, 4000); CALL ap_emp_sal_change(7499, 5000);

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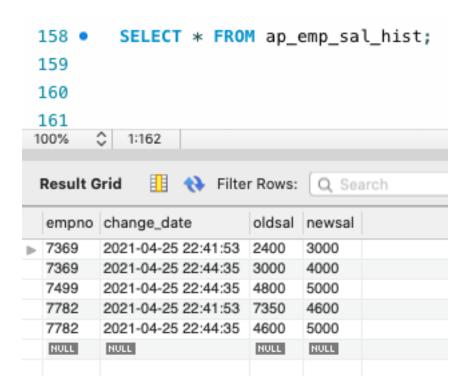
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C) TRIGGER EXAMPLE:

Example of a trigger to keep history of salary changes of employees.

```
--Oracle
CREATE TABLE ap_sal_history
(empno NUMBER (4),
oldsal NUMBER (7,2),
newsal NUMBER (7,2),
last_update_dt DATE
);
ALTER TABLE ap_sal_history ADD CONSTRAINT pk_ap_sal_history PRIMARY KEY (empno, last_update_dt);
--Trigger code in Oracle
CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER TU_AP_EMP_SAL
AFTER UPDATE OF sal
 ON ap_emp
  FOR EACH ROW
DECLARE
 oldval number(7,2);
 newval number(7,2);
 eno number(4);
BEGIN
 SELECT :old.sal, :new.sal, :new.empno into oldval,newval,eno from dual;
 INSERT INTO ap_sal_history(empno,oldsal,newsal,last_update_dt) values (eno,oldval,newval,sysdate);
END;
-- Test: Update salary of employees as follow and then review salary history table
```

update ap_emp set sal=sal+200 where empno=7369;

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update ap emp
set sal=sal+100 where deptno=20;
update ap emp
set sal=sal+200 where deptno=30;
select empno,oldsal,newsal,to_char(last_update_dt,'mm/dd/yyyy hh24:mi:ss') from ap_sal_history
order by empno, last_update_dt;
--MySQL
use oltpdb;
CREATE TABLE ap_sal_history
(empno smallint,
oldsal decimal(7,2),
newsal decimal (7,2),
last_update_dt datetime
ALTER TABLE ap_sal_history ADD CONSTRAINT pk_ap_sal_history PRIMARY KEY (empno,last_update_dt);
-- Trigger code in MySQL
DELIMITER $$
CREATE TRIGGER TU_AP_EMP_SAL
AFTER UPDATE ON ap_emp FOR EACH ROW
BEGIN
  IF old.sal<>new.sal THEN
    INSERT INTO ap_sal_history(empno,oldsal,newsal,last_update_dt) values (new.empno,old.sal, new.sal,current_timestamp());
 END IF;
END$$
DELIMITER;
-- Test: Update salary of employees as follow and then review salary history table
update ap_emp
set sal=sal+200 where empno=7499;
update ap_emp
set sal=sal+300 where empno=7499;
update ap_emp
set sal=sal+200 where empno=7566;
update ap_emp
set sal=sal+300 where empno=7566
select * from ap_sal_history;
select * from ap_sal_history order by empno,last_update_dt;
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