



DATABASES LAB - 04

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Assignment 1: Chemistry Database

1. Write a transaction to insert two new elements in table ELEMENTS and a new connection in table COMPOUNDS into the database. If an error occurs during one of the insertions, all changes should be reversed. In addition, the transaction should be logged in table CHANGELOG.

```
-- Task 1
--Inserting two new elements
BEGIN;
INSERT INTO Elements (ElementID, Symbol, Name, AtomicNumber, AtomicWeight) VALUES
(11, 'Mg', 'Magnesium', 12, 24.305),
(12, 'S', 'Sulfur', 16, 32.06);

--Inserting a new compound
INSERT INTO Compounds (CompoundID, Name, Formula) VALUES
(11, 'Magnesium Sulfide', 'MgS');

--Logging the transaction in ChangeLog
INSERT INTO ChangeLog(NEW_DATA, OLD_DATE, ACTION, TABLE_NAME, TIMESTAMP) VALUES
('{"inserted_elements": ["Magnesium", "Sulfur"], "inserted_compound": "Magnesium Sulfide"}',
NULL,
'INSERT',
'Elements, Compounds',
CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
);
COMMIT; --BEGIN; COMMIT; for transaction safety
```

2. Write a transaction to add • a new lab (ChemLab6 located at Building C, Room 101) into table LABORATORIES, • a new researcher (Sophia Neumann) assigned to this lab into table RESEARCHERS, and • two new reactions discovered by this new researcher into table REACTIONS.

```

--Task 2
BEGIN;
--Inserting a new lab
INSERT INTO Laboratories (LabID, LabName, Location) VALUES
(6, 'ChemLab6', 'Building C, Room 101');

--Inserting a new researcher
INSERT INTO Researchers (ResearcherID, FirstName, LastName, LabID) VALUES
(6, 'Sophia', 'Neumann', 6);

--Inserting new reactions discovered by Sophia Neumann
INSERT INTO Reactions (ReactionID, Name, Description) VALUES
(6, 'Magnesium + Sulfur Reaction', 'Formation of Magnesium Sulfide from Magnesium and Sulfur.'),
(7, 'Neumann Test Reaction', 'Experimental reaction discovered by Sophia Neumann.');
```

```

--Logging the transaction in ChangeLog
INSERT INTO ChangeLog (NEW_DATA, OLD_DATA, ACTION, TABLE_NAME, TIMESTAMP) VALUES (
    '{"new_lab": "ChemLab6", "new_researcher": "Sophia Neumann", "new_reactions": ["Magnesium + Sulfur Reaction", "Neumann Test Reaction"]}',
    NULL,
    'INSERT',
    'Laboratories, Researchers, Reactions',
    CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
);

COMMIT;

```

3. Create the view V_RESEARCHERS_DETAILS to display information about all researchers in detail, including their full name, the name of their lab and the location of the lab. The view should combine data from the tables RESEARCHERS and LABS.

```

--Task 3
--Creating view V_RESEARCHERS_DETAILS
CREATE VIEW V_RESEARCHERS_DETAILS AS
SELECT
    r.ResearcherID,
    r.FirstName || ' ' || r.LastName AS FullName,
    l.LabName,
    l.Location
FROM
    Researchers r
JOIN
    Laboratories l ON r.LabID = l.LabID;

```

Table:

	researcherid integer	fullname text	labname character varying (50)	location character varying (100)
1	1	Jonathan Meyer	ChemLab1	Building A, Room 66
2	2	Angelika Schmidt	ChemLab2	Building A, Room 21
3	3	Sabine Thorsten	ChemLab3	Building A, Room 12
4	4	Heike Osterbaum	ChemLab4	Building B, Room 4
5	5	Michael Günther	ChemLab5	Building B, Room 5
6	6	Sophia Neumann	ChemLab6	Building C, Room 101

4. Try to insert, delete, and update tuples in the view V_RESEARCHERS_DETAILS.
Which operations (INSERT, DELETE, and UPDATE) can be executed and which not?
Explain your answer.

Insert:

```
175 --Task 4
176 --Inserting into the view
177 v INSERT INTO V_RESEARCHERS_DETAILS (ResearcherID, FullName, LabName, Location)
178 VALUES (7, 'Max Mustermann', 'ChemLab1', 'Building A, Room 66');
```

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ERROR: cannot insert into view "v_researchers_details"
Views that do not select from a single table or view are not automatically updatable.

Delete:

```

187 --Task 4
188 --Deleting a researcher
189 ✓ DELETE FROM V_RESEARCHERS_DETAILS
190 WHERE ResearcherID = 6;

```

Data Output Messages Notifications

ERROR: cannot delete from view "v_researchers_details"
Views that do not select from a single table or view are not automatically updatable.

Update:

```

181 --Task 4
182 --Updating the view
183 ✓ UPDATE V_RESEARCHERS_DETAILS
184 SET FullName = 'Sophia Meier'
185 WHERE ResearcherID = 6;

```

Data Output Messages Notifications

ERROR: cannot update view "v_researchers_details"
Views that do not select from a single table or view are not automatically updatable.

Explain:

```

-- Explanation:
-- The INSERT, UPDATE, and DELETE operations failed because the view V_RESEARCHERS_DETAILS
-- is based on a JOIN between two tables (Researchers and Laboratories).
-- Views that select from multiple tables are not automatically updatable in PostgreSQL.
-- Therefore, direct data modifications through this view are not allowed.

```

Assignment 2: Geography Database

1. What is the capital of Germany?

```

--Assignment 2
--Task 1
--Capital City of Germany
SELECT CapitalCity
FROM Countries
WHERE CountryName = 'Germany';

```

2. Write an SQL query to list all cities in the USA.

```

--Task 2
--All cities in the USA
SELECT CityName
FROM Cities
WHERE CountryID = ( --subquery
    SELECT CountryID
    FROM Countries
    WHERE CountryName = 'USA'
);

```

3. Write an SQL query to find the capitals and populations of all countries with names beginning with the letter “C”.

```

--Task 3
--Capitals and Populations Countries starting with C
SELECT CapitalCity, Population
FROM Countries
WHERE CountryName LIKE 'C%';

```

4. List all rivers that are longer than 4000 km.

```

--Task 4
--Rivers longer than 4000 km
SELECT RiverName
FROM Rivers
WHERE Length > 4000;

```

5. Identify the highest mountains in descending order of height.

```

--Task 5
--highest mountains in descending order
SELECT MountainName, Height
FROM Mountains
ORDER BY Height DESC;

```

6. List all cities with a population over 5 million in descending order of population.

```
--Task 6
--Cities with population more than 5m, descending
SELECT CityName
FROM Cities
WHERE Population > 5000000
ORDER BY Population DESC;
```

7. Add a new language called “Swahili” and a new country “Kenya” with CountryID 19. Then, link the language and the country in table COUNTRYLANGUAGES. Write a query displaying all information about the country “Kenya” and the language “Swahili” that checks the completeness of the data.

```
--Task 7
--Inserting Swahili in Languages
INSERT INTO Languages(LanguageID, LanguageName)
VALUES (15, 'Swahili');

--Inserting Kenya in Countries
INSERT INTO Countries (CountryID, CountryName, Population, CapitalCity)
VALUES (19, 'Kenya', 53771296, 'Nairobi');

--Linking the Swahili & Kenya
INSERT INTO CountryLanguages (CountryID, LanguageID)
VALUES (19, 15);

--Information about Kenya and Swahili
SELECT
    c.CountryID,
    c.CountryName,
    c.Population,
    c.CapitalCity,
    l.LanguageID,
    l.LanguageName
FROM
    Countries c -- To retrieve country details
JOIN
    CountryLanguages cl ON c.CountryID = cl.CountryID -- to match countries and languages
JOIN
    Languages l ON cl.LanguageID = l.LanguageID -- get the language name
WHERE
    c.CountryName = 'Kenya' AND l.LanguageName = 'Swahili';
```

8. Create the view V_LARGEST_CITY_AND_HIGHEST_MOUNTAIN that shows for each country the name of the country, the name of the most populated city, the population of this city, the name of the highest mountain and the height of this mountain.

Query Query History

```
208 ✓ CREATE VIEW V_LARGEST_CITY_AND_HIGHEST_MOUNTAIN AS
209 SELECT
210     c.CountryName,
211
212     -- Most Populated City
213     (
214         SELECT CityName
215         FROM Cities
216         WHERE CountryID = c.CountryID
217         ORDER BY Population DESC
218         LIMIT 1
219     ) AS MostPopulatedCity,
220
221     -- Population of the Most Populated City
222     (
223         SELECT Population
224         FROM Cities
225         WHERE CountryID = c.CountryID
226         ORDER BY Population DESC
227         LIMIT 1
228     ) AS CityPopulation,
229
230     -- Highest Mountain
231     (
232         SELECT MountainName
233         FROM Mountains
234         WHERE CountryID = c.CountryID
235         ORDER BY Height DESC
236         LIMIT 1
237     ) AS HighestMountain,
238
239     -- Height of the Highest Mountain
240     (
241         SELECT Height
242         FROM Mountains
243         WHERE CountryID = c.CountryID
244         ORDER BY Height DESC
245         LIMIT 1
246     ) AS MountainHeight
247
248 FROM
249     Countries c;
250
251
252 -- View the results from the created view
253 SELECT * FROM V_LARGEST_CITY_AND_HIGHEST_MOUNTAIN;
```


	countryname character varying (50)	mostpopulatedcity character varying (50)	citypopulation integer	highestmountain character varying (50)	mountainheight integer
1	USA	New York City	8336817	Denali	6190
2	Brazil	Rio de Janeiro	6718903	Pico da Neblina	2995
3	China	Beijing	21706917	Everest	8848
4	India	Mumbai	12442373	Kangchenjunga	8586
5	Russia	Moscow	12615882	Ural Mountains	1895
6	Australia	Sydney	5312163	Australian Alps	2228
7	Canada	Toronto	2731571	Canadian Rockies	3954
8	Argentina	Buenos Aires	3054305	Aconcagua	6962
9	Germany	Berlin	3669491	Zugspitze	2962
10	France	Paris	2148271	Mont Blanc	4808
11	Japan	Tokyo	37393129	Mount Fuji	3776
12	South Africa	Pretoria	741651	Drakensberg	3482
13	Mexico	Mexico City	9209944	Popocatepetl	5452
14	Egypt	Cairo	10230350	Mount Sinai	2285
15	Saudi Arabia	Riyadh	6937374	Asir Mountains	3133
16	Nigeria	Abuja	2149524	Kufena Mountain	936
17	United Kingdom	London	8982256	Ben Nevis	1345
18	Italy	Rome	2870493	Gran Sasso	2912

9. Try to insert, delete, and update tuples in the view V_LARGEST_CITY_AND_HIGHEST_MOUNTAIN. Which operations (INSERT, DELETE, and UPDATE) can be executed and which not? Explain your answer.

Insert:

```

327 --Task 9
328 --Inserting into view
329 v INSERT INTO V_LARGEST_CITY_AND_HIGHEST_MOUNTAIN
330 VALUES ('Kenya', 'Mombasa', 1200000, 'Mount Elgon', 4321);

```

Data Output Messages Notifications

ERROR: cannot insert into view "v_largest_city_and_highest_mountain"
Views that do not select from a single table or view are not automatically updatable.

Delete:

```

332 --Task 9
333 --Deleting one country
334 v DELETE FROM V_LARGEST_CITY_AND_HIGHEST_MOUNTAIN
335 WHERE CountryName = 'India';

```

Data Output Messages Notifications

ERROR: cannot delete from view "v_largest_city_and_highest_mountain"
Views that do not select from a single table or view are not automatically updatable.

Update:

```
337 --Task 9
338 --Updating a city's population from the view
339 ✓ UPDATE V_LARGEST_CITY_AND_HIGHEST_MOUNTAIN
340 SET CityPopulation = 4000000
341 WHERE MostPopulatedCity = 'Berlin';
```

Data Output Messages Notifications

ERROR: cannot update view "v_largest_city_and_highest_mountain"
Views that do not select from a single table or view are not automatically updatable.

Explain:

```
--Explanation
-- None of the DML operations (INSERT, DELETE, UPDATE) can be directly executed on this view.
-- PostgreSQL restricts updates on complex views that use JOINS and aggregations.
```

Assignment 3: SQL-statements for the COMPANY example from Elmasri also used in the lecture

1. Create a SQL statement which creates the view V_PROJECT1. View V_PROJECT1 has the project name, controlling department name, number of employees, and total hours worked per week on the project for each project.

```

--Assignment 3
--Task 1
--Creating View that has Project name, Controlling Department name,
--No of Employees, and total worked hours per project
CREATE VIEW V_PROJECT1 AS
SELECT
    P.Pname,
    D.Dname,
    COUNT(W.Essn) AS NumEmployees,
    SUM(W.Hours) AS TotalHours
FROM
    PROJECT P          -- Main Table
JOIN
    DEPARTMENT D ON P.Dnum = D.Dnumber --Project with valid department
LEFT JOIN
    WORKS_ON W ON P.Pnumber = W.Pno    --To include all the projects
                                         --even no one works on them yet.

GROUP BY
    P.Pname, D.Dname;          --Grouping results per project and department

```

2. Create a SQL statement which creates the view V_PROJECT2. View V_PROJECT2 that has the project name, controlling department name, number of employees, and total hours worked per week on the project for each project with more than one employee working on it.

```

-- Task 2
-- Creating View that has Project name, Controlling Department name,
-- No of Employees, and total worked hours per project
-- Only for projects with more than one employee
CREATE VIEW V_PROJECT2 AS
SELECT
    P.Pname,
    D.Dname,
    COUNT(W.Essn) AS NumEmployees,
    SUM(W.Hours) AS TotalHours
FROM
    PROJECT P          -- Main table
JOIN
    DEPARTMENT D ON P.Dnum = D.Dnumber -- to get department name
JOIN
    WORKS_ON W ON P.Pnumber = W.Pno    -- to know how many employees work on each project
GROUP BY
    P.Pname, D.Dname    -- Grouping by project and department
HAVING
    COUNT(W.Essn) > 1;  -- To include projects with more than 1 employee

```

3. Explain the purpose of views in general and the function of the view V_SENIORS. Is it possible to modify the tuples in view V_SENIORS? In theory.

Explanation:

```
--Task 3
CREATE VIEW V_SENIORS AS
SELECT * FROM employee
WHERE salary > 45000
WITH CHECK OPTION;

-- A view is a virtual table created from a query.
-- It simplifies access, adds security, and hides complexity.

-- V_SENIORS shows only employees with salary > 45000.
-- WITH CHECK OPTION ensures that INSERT/UPDATE through this view
-- must keep salary > 45000, otherwise the change is rejected.

-- Yes, tuples in V_SENIORS can be modified, but only if the condition is still satisfied.
```

Update:

```
184 -- Salary > 45000
185 v UPDATE V_SENIORS
186 SET salary = 46000
187 WHERE ssn = '888665555';
```

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UPDATE 1

Update rejection:

```
179 -- Salary <= 45000
180 v UPDATE V_SENIORS
181 SET salary = 45000
182 WHERE ssn = '888665555';
183
```

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ERROR: new row violates check option for view "v_seniors"
Failing row contains (James, E, Borg, 888665555, 1937-11-10, 450 Stone, Houston, TX, M, 45000, null, 1).

Insert:

```
191 -- Insert into the view (must satisfy salary > 45000 due to CHECK OPTION)
192 v INSERT INTO V_SENIORS (fname, minit, lname, ssn, bdate, address, sex, salary, super_ssn, dno)
193 VALUES ('Alice', 'M', 'Wong', '777777777', '1990-06-15', '123 Apple St, NY', 'F', 47000, NULL, 1);
```

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INSERT 0 1

Query returned successfully in 102 msec.

Insert rejection:

```

197 -- This should FAIL: salary does not satisfy the view condition (salary > 45000)
198 v INSERT INTO V_SENIORS (fname, minit, lname, ssn, bdate, address, sex, salary, super_ssn, dno)
199 VALUES ('Bob', 'K', 'Smith', '666666666', '1985-03-10', '456 Oak St, LA', 'M', 44000, NULL, 2);
200

```

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ERROR: new row violates check option for view "v_seniors"

Failing row contains (Bob, K, Smith, 666666666, 1985-03-10, 456 Oak St, LA, M, 44000, null, 2).

After updating & inserting into the base table:

```

203 SELECT * FROM EMPLOYEE WHERE ssn = '777777777' OR ssn = '888665555';
204

```

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	fname character varying (15)	minit character (1)	lname character varying (15)	ssn [PK] character (9)	bdate date	address character varying (100)	sex character (1)	salary integer	super_ssn character (9)	dno integer
1	James	E	Borg	888665555	1937-11-10	450 Stone, Houston, TX	M	46000	[null]	1
2	Alice	M	Wong	777777777	1990-06-15	123 Apple St, NY	F	47000	[null]	1

Delete:

```

208 v DELETE FROM V_SENIORS
209 WHERE ssn = '777777777';
210

```

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DELETE 1

After deleting tuple using View, the base table:

```

211 SELECT * FROM EMPLOYEE WHERE ssn = '777777777';
212

```

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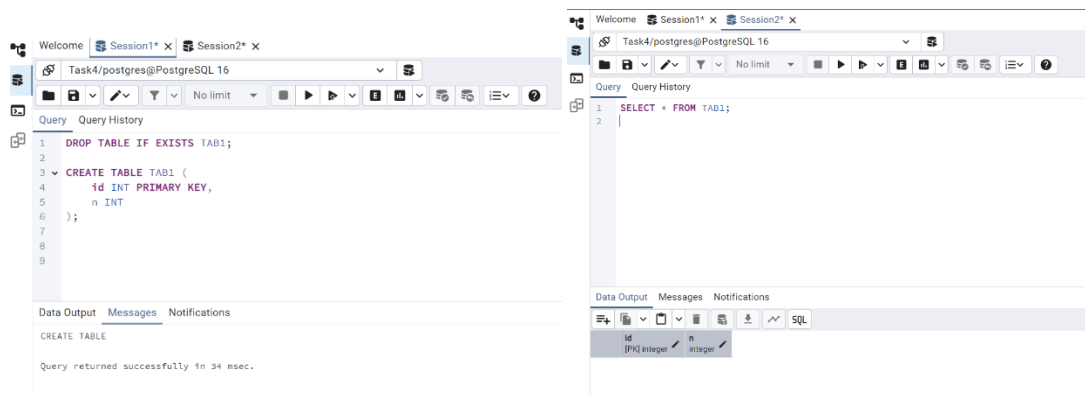
	fname character varying (15)	minit character (1)	lname character varying (15)	ssn [PK] character (9)	bdate date	address character varying (100)	sex character (1)	salary integer	super_ssn character (9)	dno integer
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Assignment 4: Transactions

1. In session 1 run a command creating a table named TAB1 with two attributes:

- id with data type integer, primary key
- n with data type integer

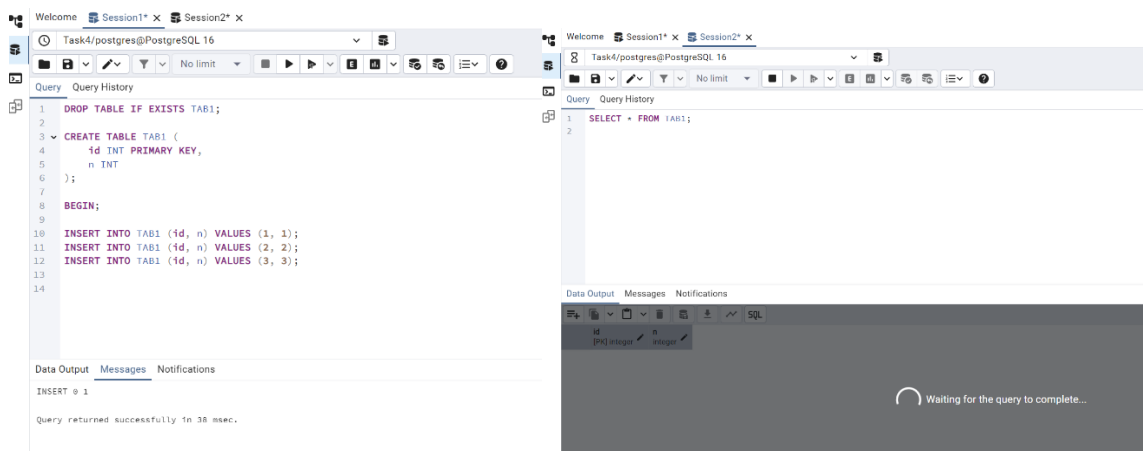
When is table TAB1 visible in session 2?



Once the table is created in session 1, it is also reflected in table 2 immediately.

2. In session 1 insert the following tuples into TAB1 within one transaction: 1 (1,1), (2,2), (3,3)

Before committing changes: The values are not updated in session 2



After committing changes: The values are updated in session 2

The image shows two side-by-side screenshots of the PostgreSQL command-line interface. The left screenshot shows Session 1* with a query that creates a table named TAB1 with columns id (INT PRIMARY KEY) and n (INT). It then starts a transaction, inserts three rows of data (1,1), (2,2), and (3,3), and commits the transaction. The right screenshot shows Session 2* with a query that selects all data from TAB1. The Data Output pane shows the following table:

id	n
1	1
2	2
3	3

3. In session1 update the value of n to 33 for the tuple with id 3 (without committing). Afterwards rollback that transaction.

- What value of n (id=3) is displayed in session 1 before and after the rollback?

The image shows two side-by-side screenshots of the PostgreSQL command-line interface. The left screenshot shows Session 1* with a query that updates the value of n to 33 for the row with id=3. The right screenshot shows Session 2* with a query that selects all data from TAB1. The Data Output pane shows the following table:

id	n
1	1
2	2
3	3

The value changes to 33 after updating in session 1 but changes back to 3 after the rollback

- What value of n (id=3) is displayed in session 2 before and after the rollback?

The image displays two side-by-side screenshots of a PostgreSQL IDE interface, showing Session 1 and Session 2. Both sessions are connected to 'Task4/postgres@PostgreSQL 16'. The query editor in both sessions contains the SQL statement: `SELECT * FROM TAB1 WHERE id = 3;`. The 'Data Output' tab is active in both, showing a single row of data with columns 'id' (integer) and 'n' (integer). The value for 'id' is 3, and the value for 'n' is 3. The interface includes a top toolbar with various icons for file operations, a query editor with a line number margin, and a bottom toolbar with icons for data output, messages, and notifications.

The value before the rollback in session 2 is 3 because we did not commit changes, after the rollback it is still 3 because we reverted the changes we made.