



# JDBC – Transactions & Metadata

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## INTRODUCTION

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## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- Understand Transaction
- Implement Transaction in JDBC
- Understand Transaction Isolation and its levels
- Get metadata of Database and ResultSet





Refer package **com.mgait.jdbc** in the provided code base for demo programs on the topics covered in this presentation

The demo programs use the 'hr' schema of Oracle Express Edition



## CONCEPT *Transactions*



## Understanding Transaction

- Transaction represents a **logical unit of work** that contains one or more SQL statements
- A transaction is an atomic unit.
- The effects of all the SQL statements in a transaction can be either all **committed** (applied to the database) or all **rolled back** (undone from the database).
- Example
  - Person-A wants to transfer Rs100 to Person-B. This requires two queries
    - Update query to debit Person-A's account by Rs 100
    - Update query to credit Rs 100 to Person-B's account
  - Both queries should either succeed or fail
  - If first query succeeds and second query fails, data updated will incorrect



## Transaction Management in JDBC

- By default, a jdbc Connection is in auto-commit mode. It means
  - Each SQL statement is treated as a transaction and is automatically committed after its execution
- Connection interface provides following methods to manage transaction
  - `setAutoCommit(boolean)` - Sets connection's auto-commit mode
  - `commit()` - commits the transaction
  - `rollback()` - cancels the transaction
- In JDBC, two or more statements are grouped into a transaction as below
  - Disable auto-commit mode using `setAutoCommit(false)`
  - Commit on successful execution of all statements
  - Rollback on failure of any one of the statement in the transaction



```
Connection conn = null;
String sql1 = "update account set balance = balance - 100 where acc_no = 100";
String sql2 = "update account set balance = balance + 100 where acc_no = 101";
try{
    conn = DriverManager.getConnection(DB_URL, USER, PASS);
    conn.setAutoCommit(false);
    Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
    stmt.executeUpdate(sql1);
    stmt.executeUpdate(sql2);
    conn.commit();
    System.out.println("Data Committed");
} catch (SQLException ex) {
    try {
        conn.rollback();
    } catch (SQLException e) {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }
}
```





## Savepoints in a Transaction

- JDBC offers finer control over transaction commit and rollback through SavePoint
- A named savepoint may be inserted between statements to act as a marker
- The transaction may be rolled back to that marker, leaving all of the

```
con.setAutoCommit(false);  
Statement stmt = con.createStatement();  
stmt.executeUpdate(sql1);  
Savepoint savepoint1 = con.setSavepoint("SavePoint1");  
stmt.executeUpdate(sql2);  
stmt.executeUpdate(sql3);  
..  
con.rollback(savePoint1);  
con.commit();
```



## Concurrency Problems

- Problems may occur if multiple transactions use the same data at the same time. Concurrency problems include
  - Dirty Read
    - Transaction T1 is changing a row and Transaction T2 reads the same row before T1 commits
    - If T1 rolls back, data read by T2 is incorrect or dirty
  - NonRepeatable Read
    - Non Repeatable Reads occur when in a transaction T1 same query yields different results.
    - This happens when another transaction T2 updates the data accessed by the query of T1
  - Phantom Read
    - Phantom read occurs where in a transaction T1 same query executes twice, and the second result set includes rows that weren't visible in the first result set.
    - This situation is caused by another transaction T2 inserting new rows between the execution of the two queries



## TRANSACTION ISOLATION

- To avoid conflicts during a transaction, a DBMS uses locks for blocking access to data by other transactions
- How locks are set is determined by what is called a transaction isolation

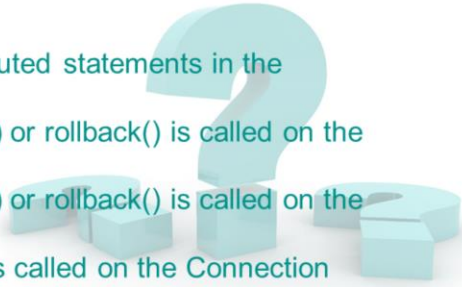
Isolation Level	Dirty Read	Non Repeatable Read	Phantom Read
TRANSACTION_READ_UNCOMMITTED	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
TRANSACTION_READ_COMMITTED	Prevented	Allowed	Allowed
TRANSACTION_REPEATABLE_READ	Prevented	Prevented	Allowed
TRANSACTION_SERIALIZABLE	Prevented	Prevented	Prevented

- ~~Connection interface provides method to set the isolation level~~  
`conn.setTransactionIsolation(Connection.TRANSACTION_REPEATABLE_READ);`



Which of the statements are correct about JDBC transactions? (2 correct answers)

- A transaction is a set of successfully executed statements in the database
- A transaction is completed when commit() or rollback() is called on the Connection object
- A transaction is completed when commit() or rollback() is called on the Transaction object
- A transaction is completed when close() is called on the Connection object





## CONCEPT *Metadata*



## ResultSetMetaData

Demo  
Class :

- An object used to get information about the types and properties of the columns in a ResultSet

```
ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("SELECT id, name FROM employee");  
ResultSetMetaData rsmd = rs.getMetaData();  
int numberOfColumns = rsmd.getColumnCount();
```

- Some Methods of ResultSetMetaData

```
getColumnCount() : int  
getColumnName(int column) : String  
getColumnTypeName(int column) : String  
getTableName(int column) : String
```



## DatabaseMetaData

Demo  
Class :

- An object used to get information about the Database and the jdbc driver used to connect
- Used to fetch information about the capabilities of the Database and jdbc driver

```
➤ DatabaseMetaData databaseMetaData = connection.getMetaData();  
String productName = databaseMetaData.getDatabaseProductName();  
String productVersion = databaseMetaData.getDatabaseProductVersion();
```

```
➤ getDriverName() : String  
getDriverVersion() : String  
getTables(...) : ResultSet  
supportsBatchUpdates() : boolean  
supportsMultipleResultSets() : boolean  
getDefaultTransactionIsolation() : int
```

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Which class is used to fetch information about the kind of catalogs in the database used?

- CatalogMetaData
- DatabaseCatalog
- DatabaseMetaData
- RowsetMetaData







## References

- Refer following demo videos on EduNxt
  - Transaction Management
  - Demonstrating Transactions
  - Resultsetmetadata





## SUMMARY

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## SUMMARY



In this lesson, you've learned to:

- Explain a Transaction
- Implement Transaction in JDBC
- Distinguish Transaction Isolation levels
- Get metadata of Database and ResultSet