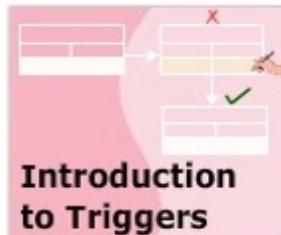


Introduction to Triggers

Module Summary

In this module, **Introduction to Triggers**, you learnt about:

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- Working with DML Triggers
- Working with DDL Triggers



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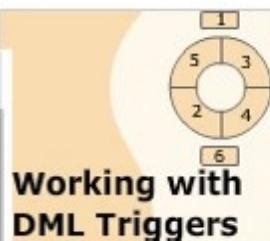
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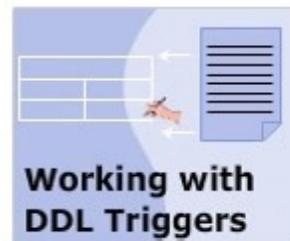
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Accordingly, the DDL triggers are classified into Database-scoped DDL triggers and Server-scoped DDL triggers. SQL Server 2005 allows you to create DDL triggers for create, alter and drop events.



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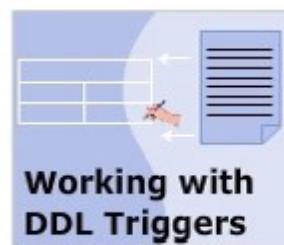
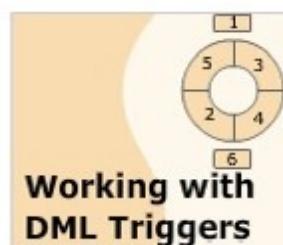
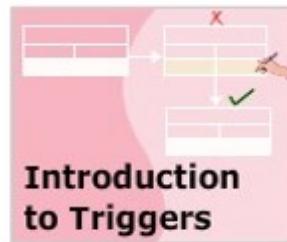
Module Overview

Welcome to the module **Introduction to Triggers**. A trigger is a stored procedure that is executed when data in a specified table is modified. Triggers are often created to enforce referential integrity among logically related data in different tables. Because users cannot circumvent triggers, you can use triggers to enforce complex business rules that maintain data integrity.

In this module, you will learn about:

- Introduction to Triggers
- Creating DML Triggers
- Working with DML Triggers
- Working with DDL Triggers

Towards the end of the module, there are demonstrations and/or simulations for reinforcing the theoretical concepts.



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Lesson Overview

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- State the uses of triggers.
- List the different types of triggers.
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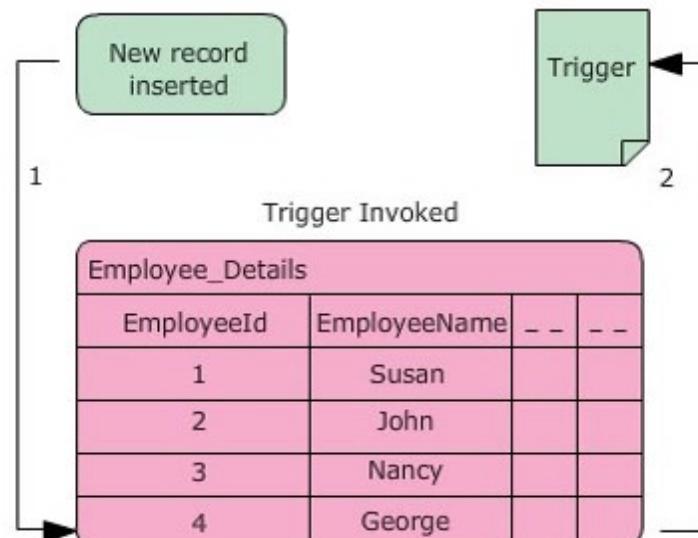
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Triggers

A trigger is a stored procedure that is executed when an attempt is made to modify data in a table that is protected by the trigger. Unlike standard system stored procedures, triggers cannot be executed directly, nor do they pass or receive parameters. Triggers are defined on specific tables and these tables are referred to as trigger tables.

If a trigger is defined on the **INSERT**, **UPDATE** or **DELETE** action on a table, it fires automatically when these actions are attempted. This automatic execution of the trigger cannot be circumvented.

In SQL Server 2005, triggers are created using the **CREATE TRIGGER** statement.



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Uses of Triggers

Triggers can contain complex processing logic and are generally used for maintaining low-level data integrity. The primary uses of triggers can be classified as follows:

- Cascading changes through related tables.
- Enforcing more complex data integrity than CHECK constraints.
- Defining custom error messages.
- Maintaining denormalized data.
- Comparing before and after states of data being modified.

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Cascading changes through related tables



You can use a trigger to cascade changes through related tables. For example, consider a table `Salary_Details` having a FOREIGN KEY, `EmpID` referencing the PRIMARY KEY, `EmpID` of the `Employee_Details` table. If an update or a delete event occurs in the `Employee_Details` table, an update or delete trigger can be defined to cascade these changes to the `Salary_Details` table.

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Enforcing more complex data integrity than CHECK constraints

Unlike CHECK constraints, triggers can reference columns in other tables. This feature can be used to apply more complex data integrity checks. Data integrity can be enforced by:

- Checking constraints before cascading updates or deletes.
- Creating multi-row triggers for actions executed on multiple rows.
- Enforcing referential integrity between databases.

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Defining custom error messages



Custom error messages are used for providing more suitable or detailed explanations in certain error situations. Triggers can be used to invoke such predefined custom error messages when the relevant error conditions occur.

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Maintaining denormalized data



Low-level data integrity can be maintained in denormalized database environments using triggers. Denormalized data generally refers to redundant or derived data. Here, triggers are used for checks that do not require exact matches. For example, if the value of the year is to be checked against complete dates, a trigger can be used to perform the check.

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Comparing before and after states of data being modified



Triggers provide the option to reference changes that are made to data by INSERT, UPDATE and DELETE statements. This allows you to reference the affected rows when modifications are carried out through triggers.

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Types of Triggers

A trigger can be set to automatically execute an action when a language event occurs in a table or a view. Language events can be classified as Data Manipulation Language (DML) events and Data Definition Language (DDL) events. Triggers associated with DML events are known as DML triggers whereas triggers associated with DDL events are known as DDL triggers.

Triggers in SQL Server 2005 can be classified into three basic types:

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Data Manipulation Language (DML) Triggers



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Data Definition Language (DDL) Triggers



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Logon Triggers



Logon triggers execute stored procedures when a session is established with a LOGON event. These triggers are invoked after the login authentication is complete and before the actual session is established. Logon triggers control server sessions by restricting invalid logins or limiting the number of sessions.

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DDL Triggers versus DML Triggers

DDL and DML triggers have different uses and are executed with different database events. The differences between DDL and DML triggers are described in the table below.

DDL Triggers	DML Triggers
DDL triggers execute stored procedures on CREATE, ALTER and DROP statements.	DML triggers execute on INSERT, UPDATE and DELETE statements.
DDL triggers are used to check and control database operations.	DML triggers are used to enforce business rules when data is modified in tables or views.
DDL triggers operate only after the table or a view is modified.	DML triggers execute either while modifying the data or after the data is modified.
DDL triggers are defined either at the database or the sever level.	DML triggers are defined at the database level.

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Knowledge Check

Can you match the types of triggers in SQL Server 2005 against their corresponding descriptions?



Select an option from each drop-down list box and then click on **Submit**.

Description	Trigger
(A) Executes when a table or a view is created, modified or deleted.	Select Step...
(B) Invokes a stored procedure when a session is established on the server.	Select Step...
(C) Executes when data is inserted, modified or deleted in a table or a view.	Select Step...
(D) Controls server sessions by limiting the number of sessions.	Select Step...
(E) Maintains referential integrity.	Select Step...

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(B)	Invokes a stored procedure when a session is established on the server.	Logon
(C)	Executes when data is inserted, modified or deleted in a table or a view.	DML
(D)	Controls server sessions by limiting the number of sessions.	Logon
(E)	Maintains referential integrity.	DML



Correct

The correct answers are displayed.

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Knowledge Check

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Select an option for each statement and then click on **Submit**.

	Statements	True	False
(A)	Triggers retrieve information from tables of the same as well as other databases.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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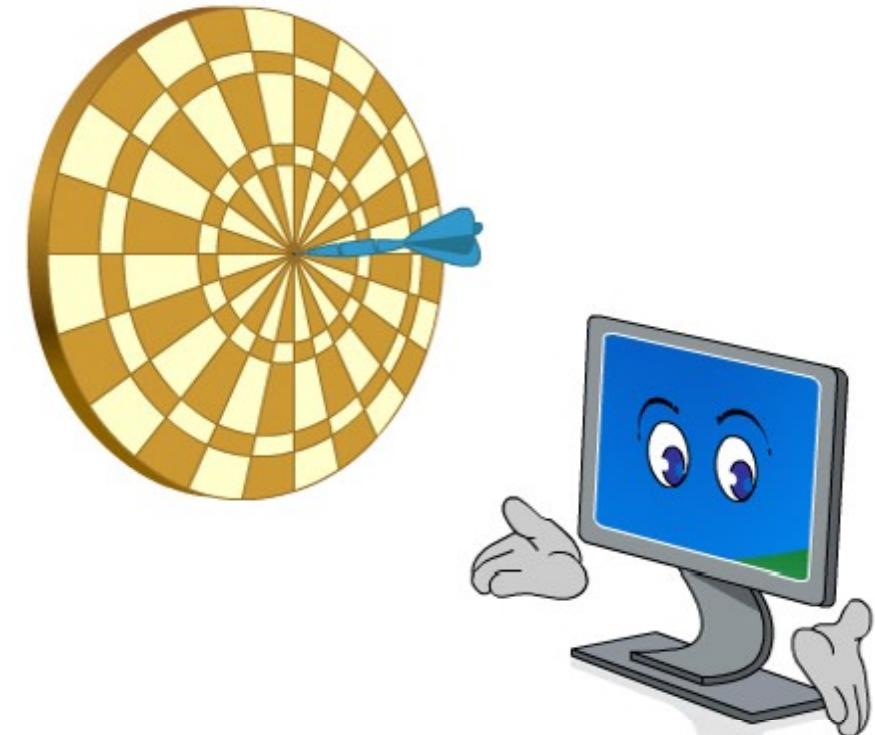
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Lesson Overview

In this second lesson, **Creating DML triggers**, you will learn to:

- Describe **INSERT** Triggers.
- Describe **UPDATE** Triggers.
- Describe **DELETE** Triggers.
- Describe **AFTER** Triggers.
- Describe **INSTEAD OF** Triggers.



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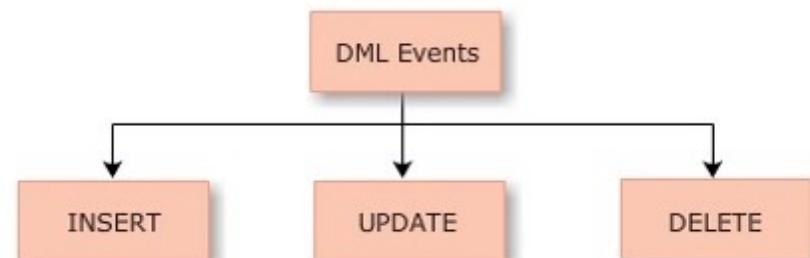
DML Triggers

DML triggers are executed when data manipulation language (DML) events occur in tables or views. These DML events include the **INSERT**, **UPDATE** and **DELETE** statements. DML triggers can execute either on completion of the DML events or in place of the DML events.

DML triggers enforce referential integrity by cascading changes to related tables when a row is modified. DML triggers can perform multiple actions for each modification statement.

DML triggers are of three main types:

- **INSERT trigger**
- **UPDATE trigger**
- **DELETE trigger**



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Introduction to Inserted and Deleted Tables

The SQL statements in DML triggers use two special types of tables to modify data in the database. When the data is inserted, updated or deleted, SQL Server 2005 creates and manages these tables automatically. The tables temporarily store the original as well as the modified data. These tables are:

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Deleted Table



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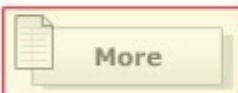
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The Inserted and Deleted tables do not physically remain present in the database. They are created and dropped as and when triggering events occur.



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"INSERT" Triggers

An **INSERT** trigger is executed when a new record is inserted in a table. The **INSERT** trigger ensures that the value being entered conforms to the constraints defined on that table.

When you insert a record in a table, the **INSERT** trigger saves a copy of that record in the **Inserted** table. It then checks whether the new value in the **Inserted** table conforms to the specified constraints. If the record is valid, the **INSERT** trigger inserts the row in the trigger table, otherwise it displays an error message.

An **INSERT** trigger is created using the **INSERT** keyword in the **CREATE TRIGGER** and **ALTER TRIGGER** statements.

```
1  INSERT INTO Account_Transactions
2    (TransID,EmpID,CustID,TransTypeID,TransDate,
3     TransNumber,Deposit,Withdrawal)
4    VALUES(4,5,'C0013',2,'2007/4/18',5,0,60000)
```

Messages

Withdrawal amount cannot exceed 50000
Msg 3609, Level 16, State 1, Line 1
The transaction ended in the trigger. The batch has been aborted.



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"INSERT" Triggers

An **INSERT** trigger is executed when a new record is inserted into a table and it conforms to the constraints defined on that table.

When you insert a record in a table, the **INSERT** trigger is executed. If the new value in the Inserted table conforms to the specified constraints in the trigger table, otherwise it displays an error message.

An **INSERT** trigger is created using the **INSERT** keyword.

```
1  INSERT
2  (Trans)
3  TransNu
4  VALUES
```

Messages

Withdrawal amount
Msg 3609, Level
The transaction



The following is the syntax for creating an **INSERT** trigger.

```
CREATE TRIGGER [schema_name.] trigger_name
ON [schema_name.] table_name
[WITH ENCRYPTION]
(FOR INSERT)
AS
[IF UPDATE (column_name) ...]
    [{AND | OR} UPDATE (column_name) ...]
        <sql_statements>
```

where,

schema_name: Specifies the name of the schema to which the table/trigger belongs.

trigger_name: Specifies the name of the trigger.

table_name: Specifies the table on which the DML trigger is created.

WITH ENCRYPTION: Encrypts the text of the CREATE TRIGGER statement.

FOR: Specifies that the DML trigger executes after the modification operations are complete.

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An **INSERT** trigger is executed when a new record is inserted into a table and conforms to the constraints defined on that table.

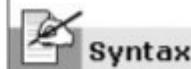
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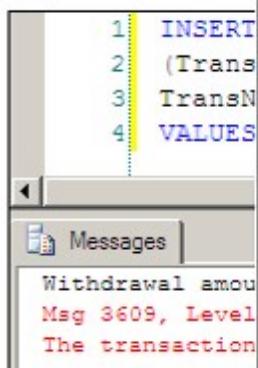
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An INSERT trigger is created using the INSERT key



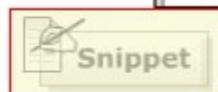
The screenshot shows the SQL Editor window with the following code:

```
CREATE TRIGGER CheckWithdrawal_Amount
ON Account_Transactions
FOR INSERT
AS
```

The cursor is positioned at the start of the first line of the trigger definition.

The following code creates an INSERT trigger on the Account_Transactions table. When a new record is inserted, and if the withdrawal amount exceeds 50000, the insert trigger displays an error message and rolls back the transaction using the ROLLBACK TRANSACTION statement.

```
CREATE TRIGGER CheckWithdrawal_Amount
ON Account_Transactions
FOR INSERT
AS
    IF (SELECT Withdrawal From inserted) > 50000
        BEGIN
            PRINT 'Withdrawal amount cannot exceed 50000'
            ROLLBACK TRANSACTION
        END
```



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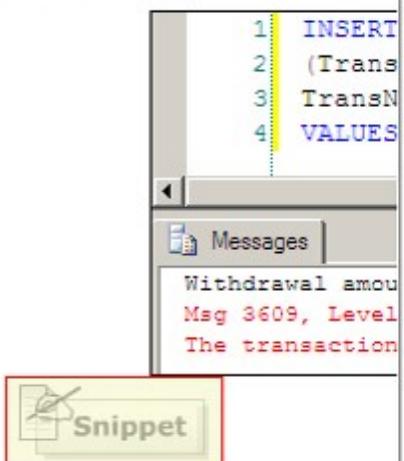
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3  CustID, TransTypeID, TransDate, TransNumber, Deposited, Withdrawal)
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```

The messages window shows the following output:

```
Withdrawal amount cannot exceed 50000.  
Msg 3609, Level 16, State 1, Line 1  
The transaction was rolled back.
```

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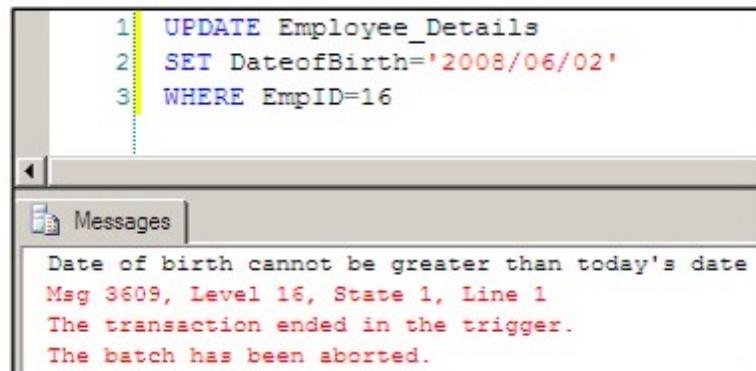
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"UPDATE" Triggers

The UPDATE trigger copies the original record in the Deleted table and the new record into the Inserted table when a record is updated. It then evaluates the new record to determine if the values conform to the constraints specified in the trigger table.

If the new values are valid, the record from the Inserted table is copied to the trigger table. However, if the new values are invalid, an error message is displayed. Also, the original record is copied from the Deleted table back into the trigger table.

An UPDATE trigger is created using the UPDATE keyword in the CREATE TRIGGER and ALTER TRIGGER statements.



The screenshot shows a SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS) interface. In the top-left pane, there is a script editor window containing the following T-SQL code:

```
1 UPDATE Employee_Details
2 SET DateOfBirth='2008/06/02'
3 WHERE EmpID=16
```

In the bottom-right pane, titled "Messages", there is an error message:

Date of birth cannot be greater than today's date
Msg 3609, Level 16, State 1, Line 1
The transaction ended in the trigger.
The batch has been aborted.



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"UPDATE" Triggers

The UPDATE trigger copies the original record in the Deleted table and the new record into the Inserted table when a record is updated. It then evaluates the new record to determine if the values conform to the constraints specified in the trigger table.

If the new values are valid, the record from the Inserted table is

copied to the trigger table. However, if an error message is displayed. Also, the original record from the Deleted table back into the trigger table.

An UPDATE trigger is created using the **CREATE TRIGGER** and **ALTER TRIGGER** statements.

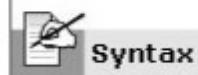
```
1 UPDATE Employee_Details  
2 SET DateOfBirth='2008/06/02'  
3 WHERE EmpID=16
```

The following is the syntax for creating an UPDATE trigger at the table-level.

```
CREATE TRIGGER [schema_name.] trigger_name  
ON [schema_name.] table_name  
[WITH ENCRYPTION]  
{FOR UPDATE}  
AS  
[IF UPDATE (column_name)...]  
[(AND | OR) UPDATE (column_name)...]  
<sql_statements>
```

where,

FOR UPDATE: Specifies that this DML trigger will be invoked after the update operations.



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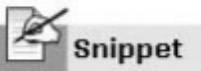
An UPDATE trigger is created using the UPDATE keyword in the CREATE TRIGGER and ALTER TRIGGER statements.

The following code creates an UPDATE trigger at the table level on the Employee_Details table. When a record is modified, the UPDATE trigger gets activated. It checks whether the date of birth is greater than today's date. It displays an error message for invalid values and rolls back the modification operation using the ROLLBACK TRANSACTION statement.

```
CREATE TRIGGER CheckDateofBirth
ON Employee_Details
FOR UPDATE
AS
    IF (SELECT DateofBirth From inserted) > getDate()
        BEGIN
            PRINT 'Date of birth cannot be greater than
today''s date'
            ROLLBACK TRANSACTION
        END
```



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An UPDATE trigger is created using the UPDATE keyword in the CREATE TRIGGER and ALTER TRIGGER statements.

The following code updates a record where an invalid date of birth is specified. This causes the update trigger to display the error message and rollback the transaction.

```
UPDATE Employee_Details SET  
DateOfBirth='2008/06/02' WHERE EmpID=16
```

The following error message is displayed as specified by the PRINT statement:

Date of birth cannot be greater than today's date.

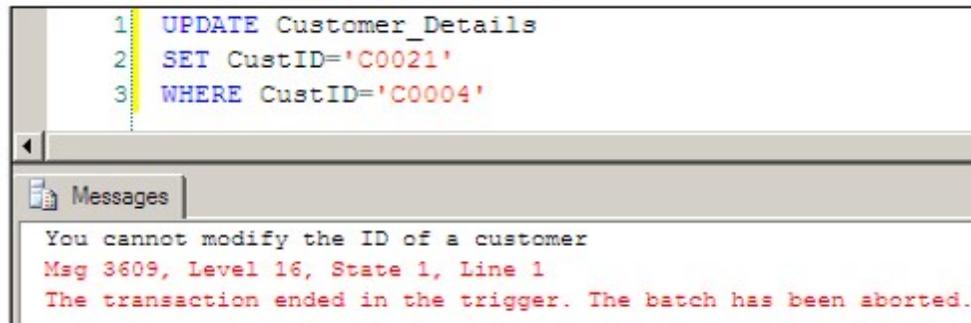


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Creating "UPDATE" Triggers

The UPDATE triggers are created either at the column level or at the table level. The triggers at the column level execute when updates are made in the specified column. The triggers at the table level execute when updates are made anywhere in the entire table.

For creating an UPDATE trigger at the column level, the `UPDATE()` function is used to specify the column.



A screenshot of the SQL Server Management Studio interface. The top window shows a script with three lines of T-SQL:

```
1 UPDATE Customer_Details
2 SET CustID='C0021'
3 WHERE CustID='C0004'
```

The bottom window, titled "Messages", displays an error message:

```
You cannot modify the ID of a customer
Msg 3609, Level 16, State 1, Line 1
The transaction ended in the trigger. The batch has been aborted.
```

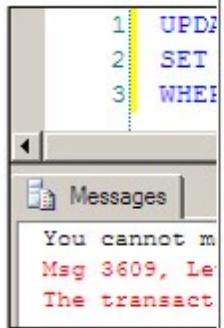


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The UPDATE triggers are created either at the column level or at the table level. The triggers are made in the specified column. The triggers are activated when the update operation is performed on the specified column.

For creating an UPDATE trigger at the column level, the following code is used:



The following code creates an UPDATE trigger at the column level on the CustID column of Customer_Details table. When the customer ID is modified, the UPDATE trigger gets activated and an error message is displayed. The modification operation is rolled back using the ROLLBACK TRANSACTION statement.

```
CREATE TRIGGER Check_CustID
ON Customer_Details
FOR UPDATE
AS
IF UPDATE(CustID)
BEGIN
    PRINT 'You cannot modify the ID of a customer'
    ROLLBACK TRANSACTION
END
```



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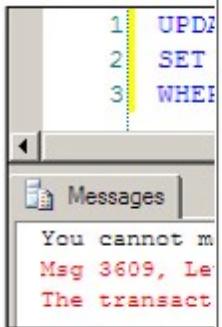
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For creating an UPDATE trigger at the column level, consider the following example:

The following code updates a record where the value in the CustID column is being modified. This causes the update trigger to fire. The update trigger displays an error message and rolls back the transaction.

```
UPDATE Customer_Details SET CustID='C0021' WHERE CustID='C0004'
```

The following error message is displayed as specified by the PRINT statement:



```
1 UPDATE
2 SET
3 WHERE
```

Messages

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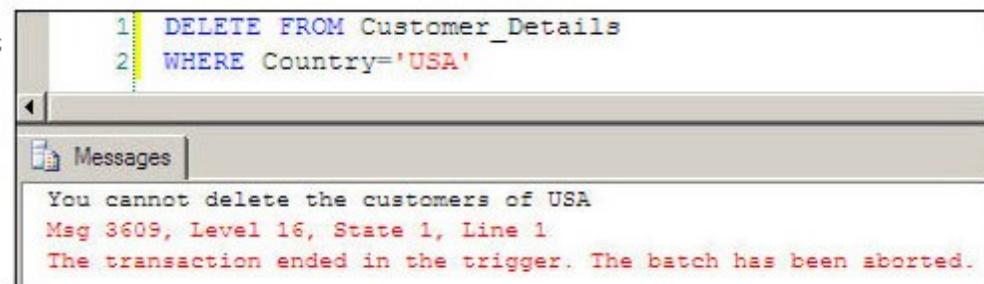
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- If there is a constraint on the record to prevent deletion, the DELETE trigger displays an error message.
- The deleted record stored in the Deleted table is copied back to the trigger table.

A DELETE trigger is created using the DELETE keyword in the CREATE TRIGGER statement.



The screenshot shows a SQL query window with the following content:

```
1| DELETE FROM Customer_Details
2| WHERE Country='USA'
```

Below the query window is a "Messages" pane containing the following error output:

You cannot delete the customers of USA
Msg 3609, Level 16, State 1, Line 1
The transaction ended in the trigger. The batch has been aborted.



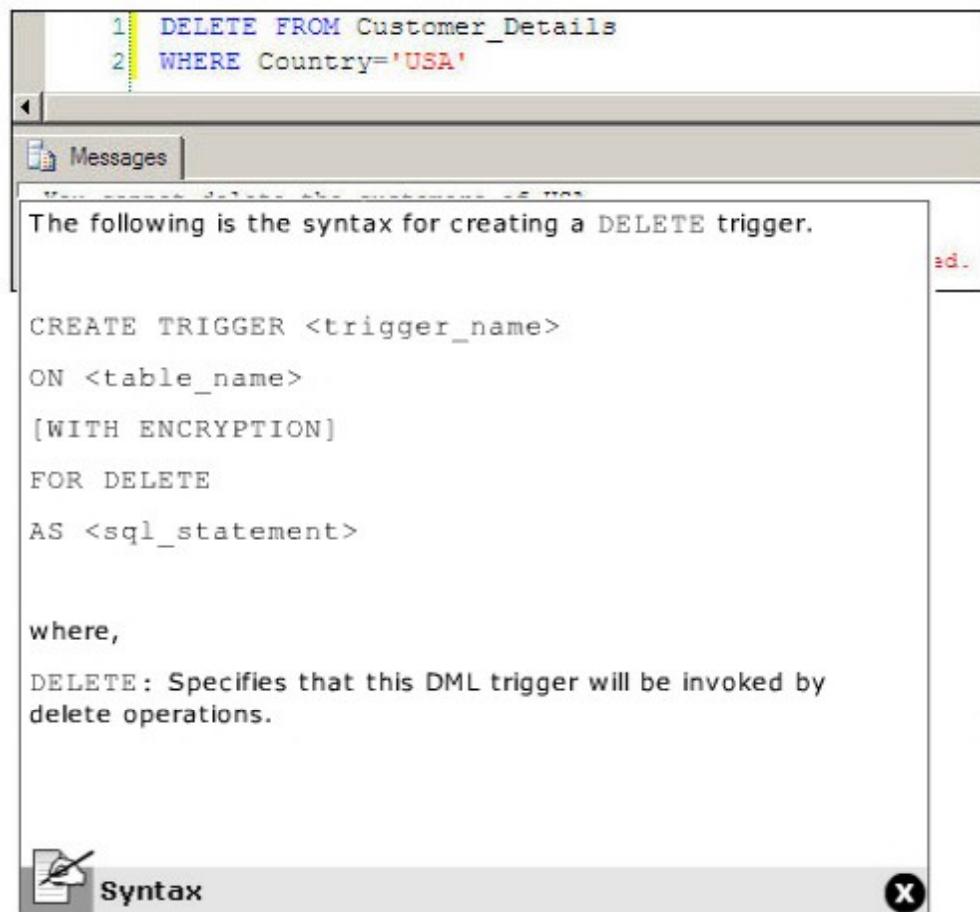
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1 | **DELETE FROM Customer_Details**
2 | WHERE Country='USA'

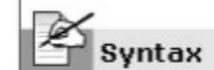
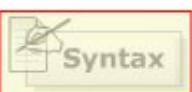
Messages

The following is the syntax for creating a **DELETE** trigger.

```
CREATE TRIGGER <trigger_name>
ON <table_name>
[WITH ENCRYPTION]
FOR DELETE
AS <sql_statement>
```

where,

DELETE: Specifies that this DML trigger will be invoked by delete operations.



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The following code creates a **DELETE** trigger on the **Customer_Details** table. If a record of a customer from USA is deleted, the **DELETE** trigger gets activated and an error message is displayed. The delete operation is rolled back using the **ROLLBACK TRANSACTION** statement.

```
CREATE TRIGGER Check_Customers
ON Customer_Details
FOR DELETE
AS
    IF 'USA' IN (SELECT Country FROM deleted)
        BEGIN
            PRINT 'You cannot delete the customers of USA'
            ROLLBACK TRANSACTION
        END
```



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- The deleted record stored in the Deleted table is copied back to the trigger table.

A **DELETE** trigger is created using the **DELETE** keyword in the **CREATE TRIGGER** statement.

The following code attempts to delete records from the **Customer_Details** table for customers in USA.

```
DELETE FROM Customer_Details WHERE Country='USA'
```

The following error message is displayed as specified by the **PRINT** statement.

```
You cannot delete the customers of USA.
```

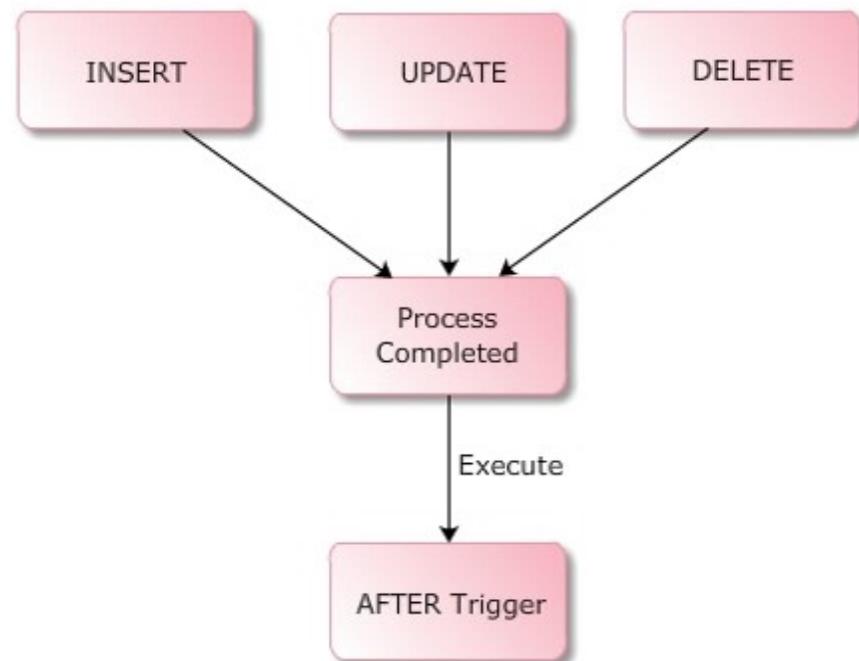


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"AFTER" Triggers

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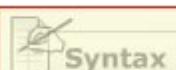
The following is the syntax for creating an AFTER trigger.

```
CREATE TRIGGER <trigger_name>
ON <table_name>
[WITH ENCRYPTION]
{ FOR | AFTER }
( [ INSERT ] [ , ] [ UPDATE ] [ , ] [ DELETE ]
)
AS <sql_statement>
```

where,

FOR | AFTER: Specifies that the DML trigger executes after the modification operations are complete.

{ [INSERT] [,] [UPDATE] [,] [DELETE] } : Specifies the operations that invoke the DML trigger.



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"AFTER" Triggers

An AFTER trigger is executed on completion of **INSERT**, **DELETE** operations. AFTER triggers can be created only on a table. A table can have multiple AFTER triggers defined for each **INSERT** and **DELETE** operation. If multiple AFTER triggers are created on the same table, you must define the order in which the triggers are executed.

An AFTER trigger is executed when the constraint check is completed. Also, the trigger is executed after the **Insert** and **Deleted** tables are created.

The following code creates an AFTER DELETE trigger on the Employee_Details table. If any employee record is deleted from the table, the AFTER DELETE trigger activates. The trigger displays the number of employee records deleted from the table.

```
CREATE TRIGGER Employee_Deletion
    ON Employee_Details
    AFTER DELETE
AS
BEGIN
    DECLARE @num int;
    SELECT @num = COUNT(*) FROM deleted
    PRINT 'No. of employees deleted = ' + CONVERT(varchar(5),
    @num)
END
```

The following code deletes a record from the Employee_Details table.

```
DELETE FROM Employee_Details WHERE EmpID=17
```

The following message is displayed as specified by the **PRINT** statement:

```
No. of employees deleted = 1
```

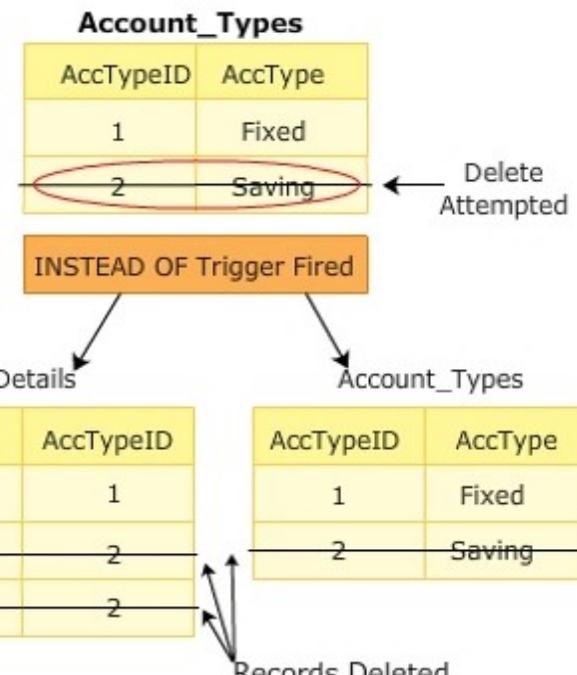


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"INSTEAD OF" Triggers

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The INSTEAD OF triggers are executed before constraint checks are performed on the table. These triggers are executed after the creation of the Inserted and Deleted tables. The INSTEAD OF triggers increase the variety of types of updates that you can perform against the view.



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Account_Types	
AccTypeID	AccType
1	Fixed
2	Saving

Delete Attempted

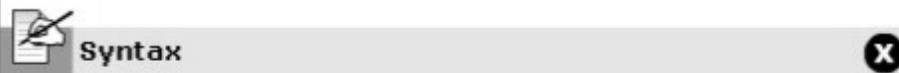
The following is the syntax for creating an INSTEAD OF trigger.

```
CREATE TRIGGER <trigger_name>
ON { <table_name> | <view_name> }
{ FOR | AFTER | INSTEAD OF }
{ [ INSERT ] [ , ] [ UPDATE ] [ , ] [ DELETE ] }
AS <sql_statement>
```

where,

view_name: Specifies the view on which the DML trigger is created.

INSTEAD OF: Specifies that the DML trigger executes in place of the modification operations. These triggers are not defined on updatable views using WITH CHECK OPTION.



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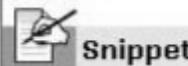
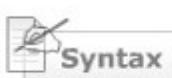
"INSTEAD OF" Triggers

An INSTEAD OF trigger is executed on a DELETE operation. INSTEAD OF triggers can be used on tables as well as views. A table or a view can have multiple INSTEAD OF triggers defined for each INSERT, UPDATE and DELETE operation.

The INSTEAD OF triggers are executed instead of the DELETE operation performed on the table. These triggers are useful when you want to perform some processing on the Inserted and Deleted tables before the variety of types of updates are performed.

The following code creates an INSTEAD OF DELETE trigger on the Account_Types table. If any record in the Account_Types table is deleted, the corresponding records in the Customer_Details table will be removed.

```
CREATE TRIGGER Delete_AccType
ON Account_Types
INSTEAD OF DELETE
AS
BEGIN
    DELETE FROM Customer_Details WHERE AccTypeID IN
        (SELECT AccTypeID FROM deleted)
    DELETE FROM Account_Types WHERE AccTypeID IN
        (SELECT AccTypeID FROM deleted)
END
```

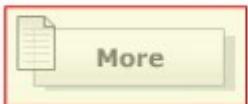
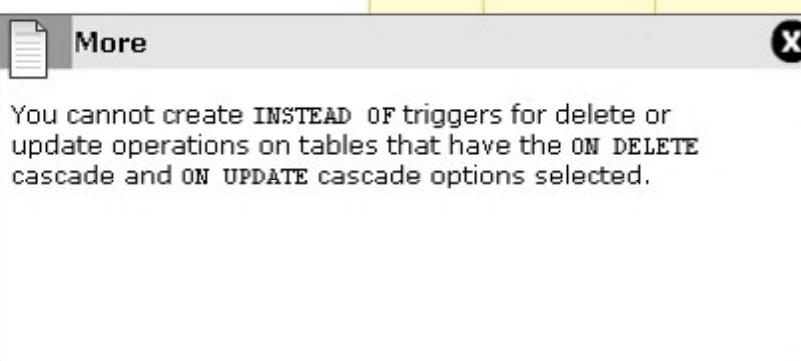
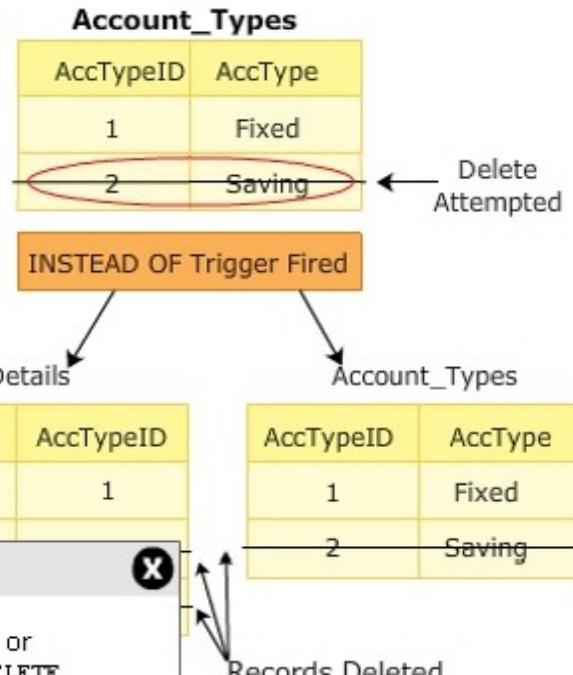


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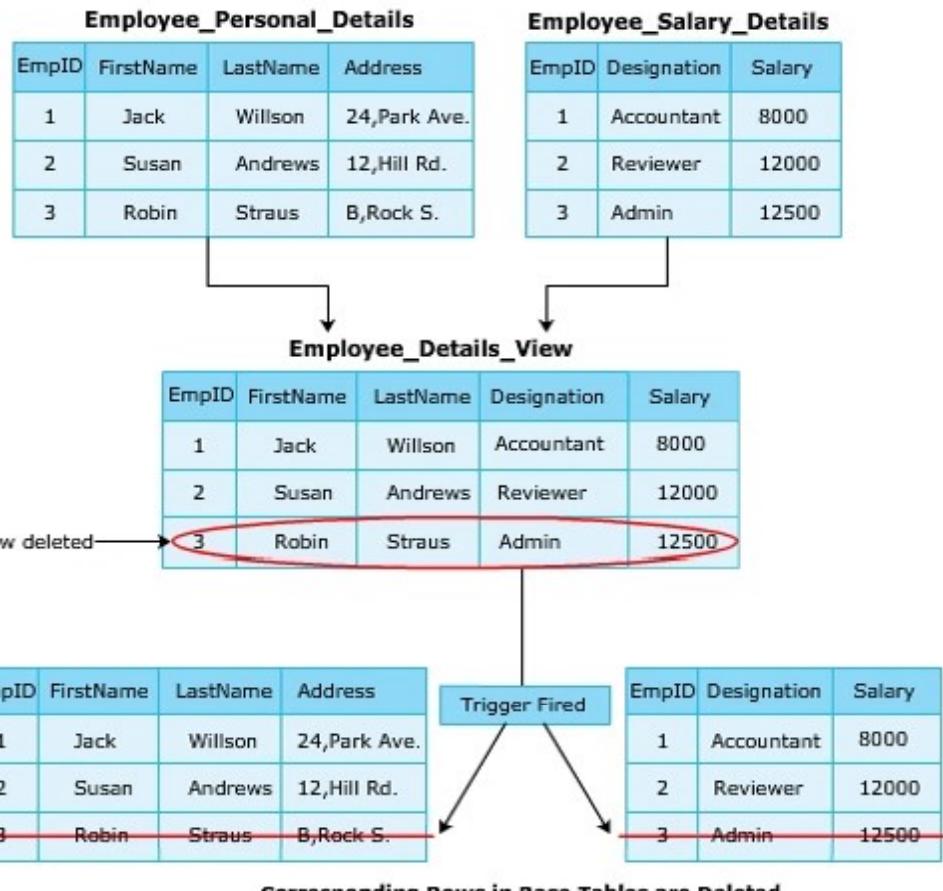


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Using "INSTEAD OF" triggers with Views

INSTEAD OF triggers can be specified on tables as well as views. This trigger executes instead of the original triggering action. INSTEAD OF triggers provide a wider range and types of updates that you can perform against a view. Each table or view is limited to only one INSTEAD OF trigger for each triggering action (INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE).

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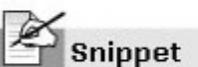
The following code creates a table Employee_Personal_Details.

```
CREATE TABLE Employee_Personal_Details
(
    EmpID      int NOT NULL,
    FirstName  varchar(30) NOT NULL,
    LastName   varchar(30) NOT NULL,
    Address    varchar(30)
)
```

The following code creates a table Employee_Salary_Details.

```
CREATE TABLE Employee_Salary_Details
(
    EmpID      int NOT NULL,
    Designation  varchar(30),
    Salary      int NOT NULL
)
```

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The following code creates a view Employee_Details_View using columns from the Employee_Personal_Details and Employee_Salary_Details tables by joining the two tables on the EmpID column.

```
CREATE VIEW Employee_Details_View
AS
SELECT e1.EmpID, FirstName, LastName, Designation,
Salary
FROM Employee_Personal_Details e1
JOIN Employee_Salary_Details e2
ON e1.EmpID = e2.EmpID
```

The following code creates an INSTEAD OF DELETE trigger Delete_Employees on the view Employee_Details_View. When a row is deleted from the view, the trigger gets activated. It deletes the corresponding records from the base tables of the view, namely the Employee_Personal_Details and the Employee_Salary_Details.

```
CREATE TRIGGER Delete_Employees
ON Employee_Details_View
```

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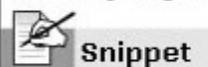
```
INSTEAD OF DELETE
AS
BEGIN
    DELETE FROM Employee_Salary_Details WHERE EmpID
IN
    (SELECT EmpID FROM deleted)

    DELETE FROM Employee_Personal_Details WHERE
EmpID IN
    (SELECT EmpID FROM deleted)
END
```

The following code deletes a row from the view Employee_Details_View where EmpID=2.

```
DELETE FROM Employee_Details_View WHERE EmpID=2
```

The above code causes the Delete_Employees trigger to fire. The trigger deletes records from the Employee_Personal_Details and the Employee_Salary_Details tables where EmpID=2.



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Knowledge Check

Can you match the types of DML triggers in SQL Server 2005 against their corresponding descriptions?



Click an option on the left and its matching option on the right, and then click on **Submit**.

Description		DML Trigger	
(A)	Executes when you replace an existing record with a new value.	<input type="checkbox"/>	(1) INSERT
(B)	Executes on completion of the modification operations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	(2) UPDATE
(C)	Executes in place of the modification operations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	(3) DELETE
(D)	Executes when you add a record on a table.	<input type="checkbox"/>	(4) AFTER
(E)	Executes when you remove a record from a table.	<input type="checkbox"/>	(5) INSTEAD OF

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(B)	Executes on completion of the modification operations.	(2)	UPDATE
(C)	Executes in place of the modification operations.	(3)	DELETE
(D)	Executes when you add a record on a table.	(4)	AFTER
(E)	Executes when you remove a record from a table.	(5)	INSTEAD OF



Correct

The correct answers are displayed.

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Knowledge Check

Which of these statements about DML triggers in SQL Server 2005 are true and which statements are false?



Select an option for each statement and then click on **Submit**.

	Statements	True	False
(A)	DML triggers can perform multiple actions for each modification statement.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(B)	The Inserted and Deleted tables are created by SQL Server 2005 when a new table is created in the database.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(C)	UPDATE triggers do not use the Deleted table to update records in a table.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(D)	Deleted triggers do not use the Inserted table to delete records from a table.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(E)	AFTER triggers can be defined on tables and views.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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(B)	The Inserted and Deleted tables are created by SQL Server 2005 when a new table is created in the database.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
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Correct

The correct answers are displayed.

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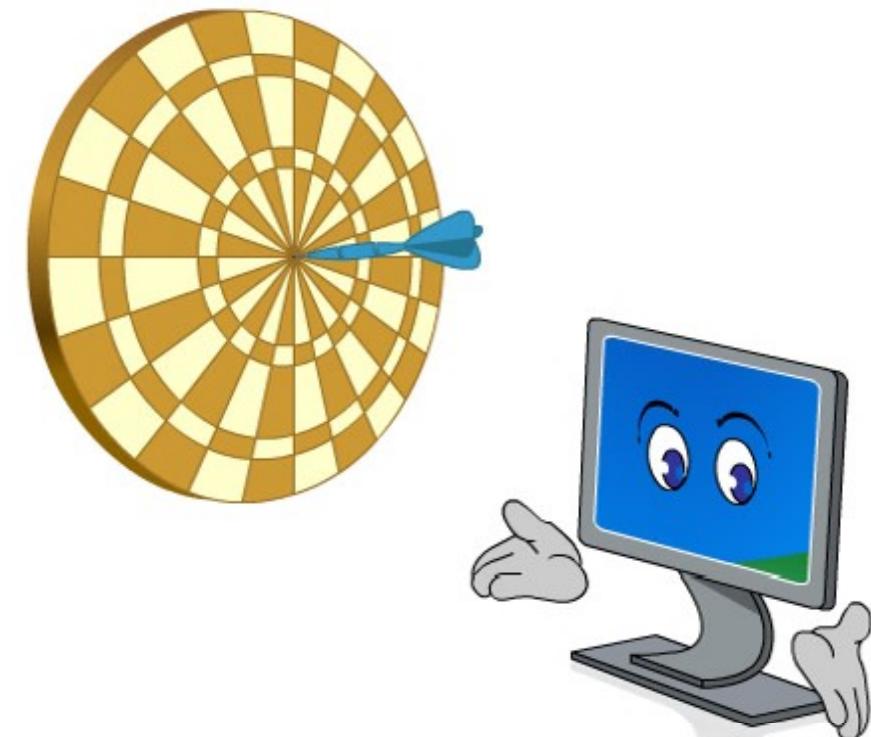


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Lesson Review

In this second lesson, **Creating DML Triggers**, you learnt to:

- Describe **INSERT** Triggers.
- Describe **UPDATE** Triggers.
- Describe **DELETE** Triggers.
- Describe **AFTER** Triggers.
- Describe **INSTEAD OF** Triggers.

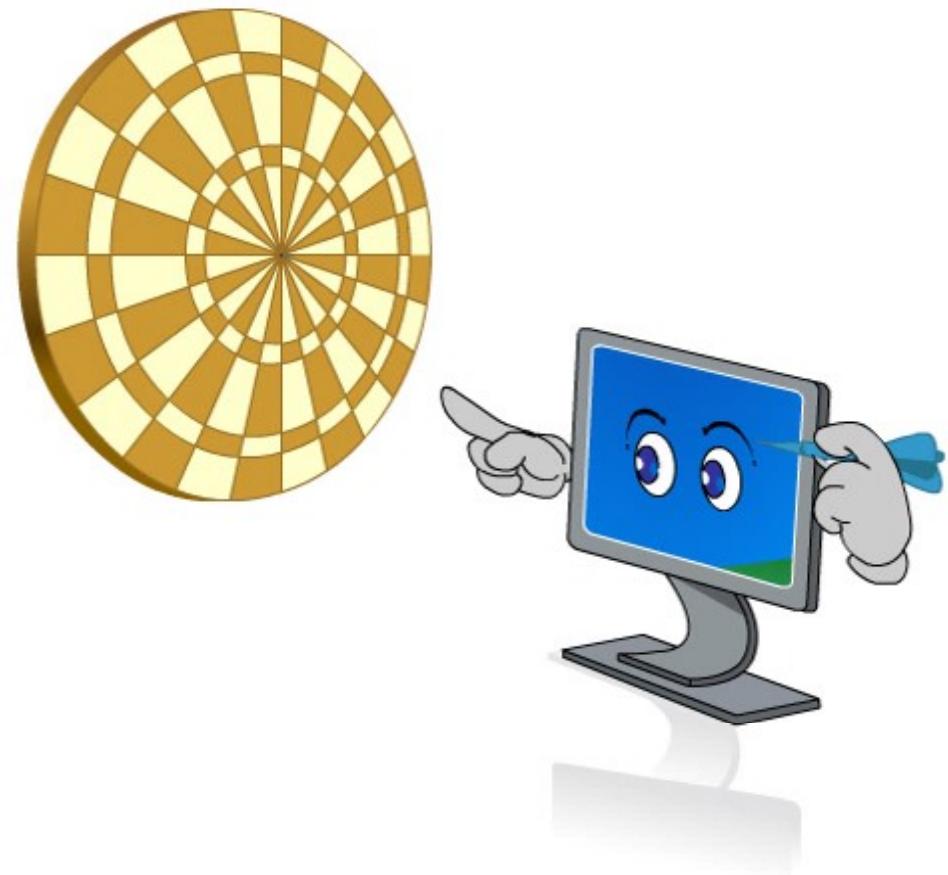


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Lesson Overview

In this third lesson, **Working with DML Triggers**, you will learn to:

- Explain trigger order in DML triggers.
- Describe how to view DML triggers.
- Describe how to modify DML triggers.
- Describe how to drop DML triggers.

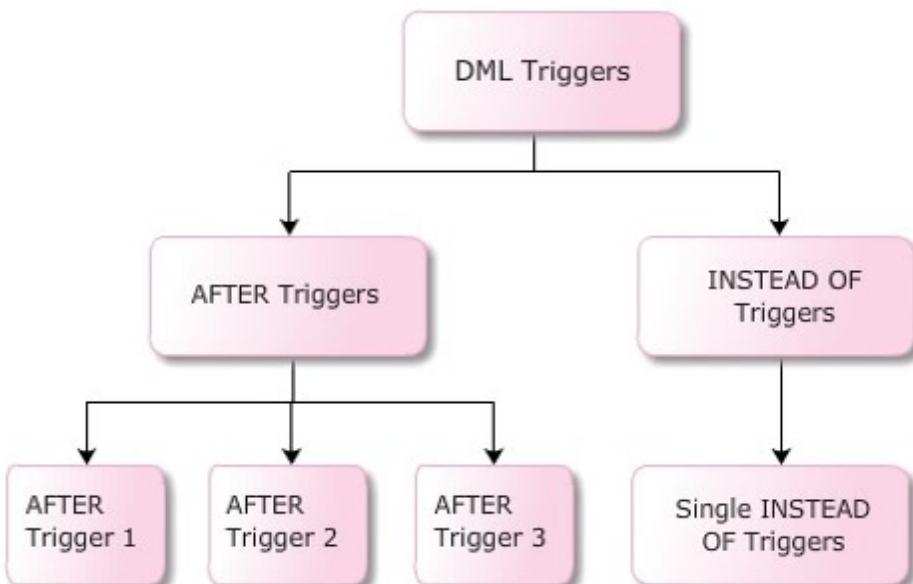


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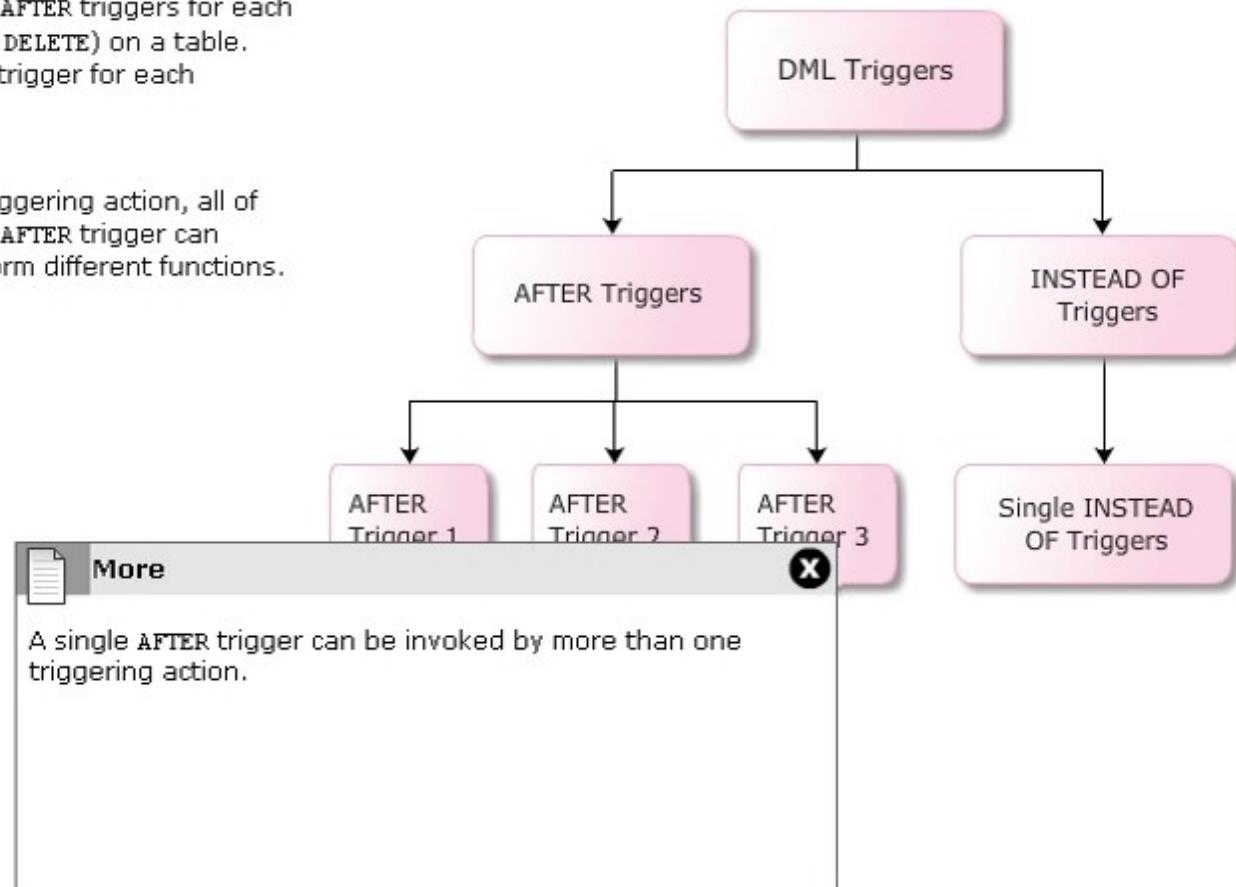


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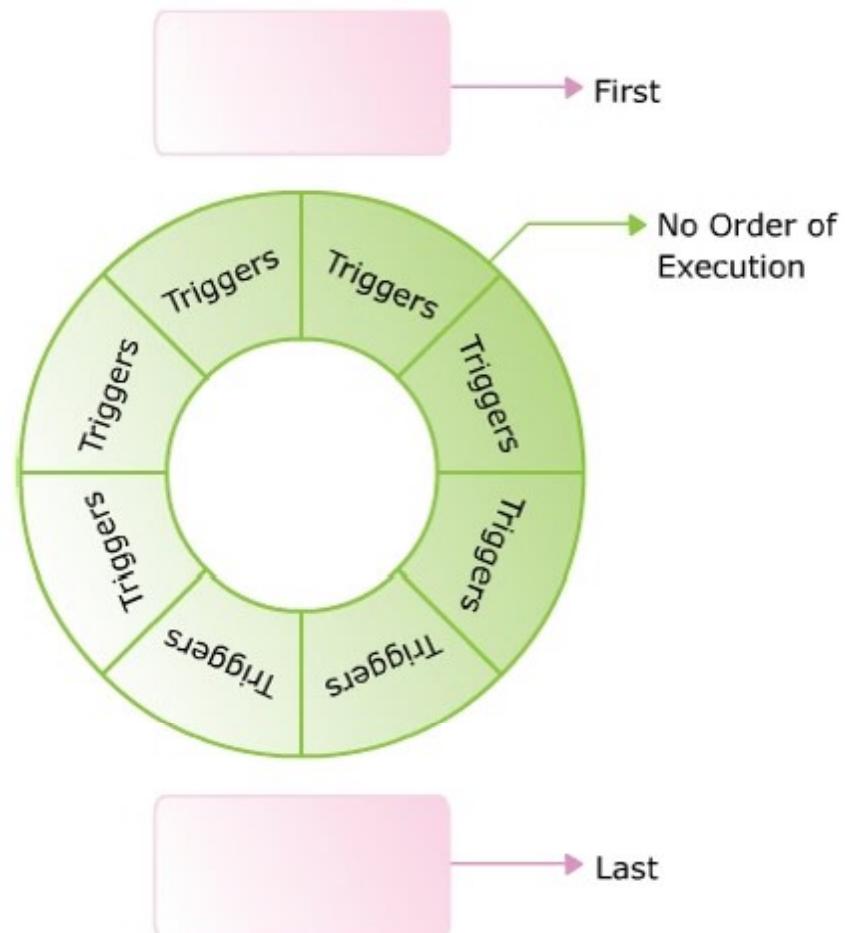
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Execution Order of DML Trigger

SQL Server 2005 allows you to specify which **AFTER** triggers is to be executed first and which to be executed last. All **AFTER** triggers invoked between the first and last triggers have no definite order of execution.

All the triggering actions have a first and last trigger defined for them. But no two triggering actions on a table can have the same first and last triggers.

You can use the `sp_settriggerorder` stored procedure to define the order of DML **AFTER** triggers.



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You can use the `sp_settriggerorder` stored procedure to define the order of DML AFTER triggers.

The following is the syntax for specifying execution order of multiple AFTER DML triggers.

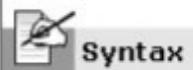
```
sp_settriggerorder [ @triggername = ] '[
triggerschema.] triggername'
, [ @order = ] 'value'
, [ @stmttype = ] 'statement_type'
```

where,

[triggerschema.] triggername: Is the name of the DML or DDL trigger and the schema to which it belongs and whose order needs to be specified.

value: Specifies the execution order of the trigger as FIRST, LAST or NONE. If FIRST is specified, then the trigger is fired first. If LAST is specified, the trigger is fired last. If NONE is specified, the order of the firing of the trigger is undefined.

statement_type: Specifies the type of SQL statement (INSERT, UPDATE or DELETE) that invokes the DML trigger.



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The following code first executes the CheckWithdrawal_Amount trigger defined on the Account_Transactions table when the INSERT operation is performed on the Withdrawal column of the table.

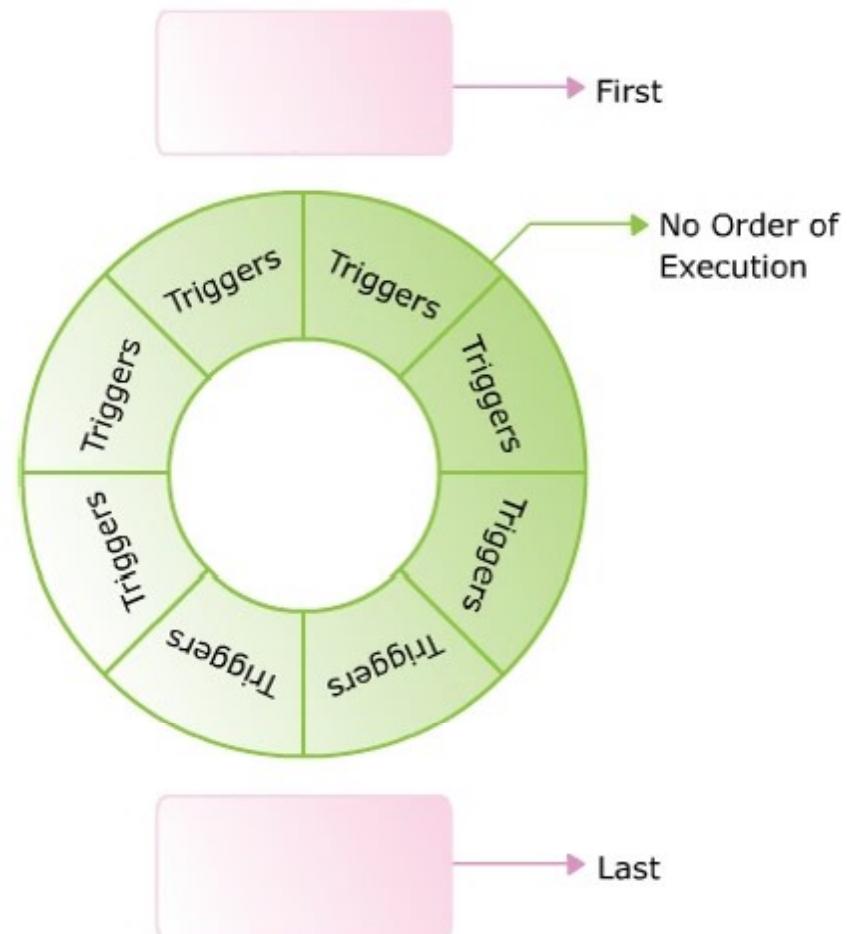
```
EXEC sp_settriggerorder @triggername =  
'CheckWithdrawal_Amount', @order = 'FIRST', @stmttype =  
'INSERT'
```

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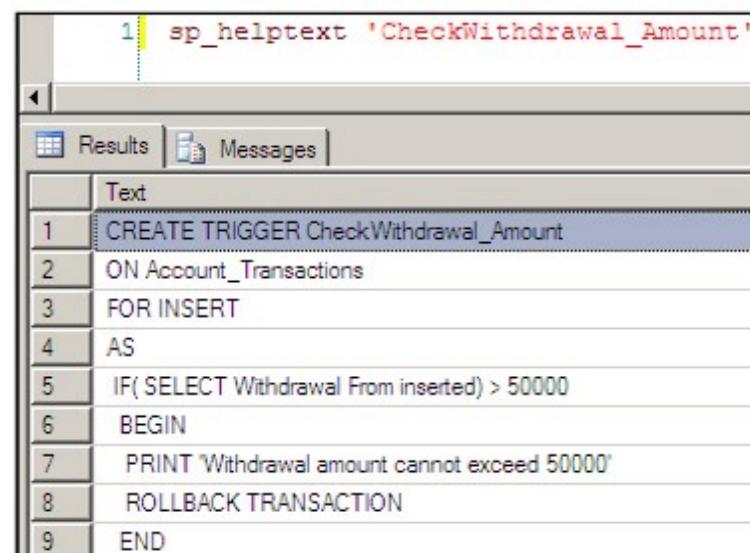


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Viewing Definitions of DML Triggers

A trigger definition includes the trigger name, the table on which the trigger is created, the triggering actions and the SQL statements that are executed. SQL Server 2005 provides `sp_helptext` stored procedure to retrieve the trigger definitions.

The DML trigger name must be specified as the parameter when executing `sp_helptext`.



The screenshot shows a SQL query window with the following content:

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3 FOR INSERT  
4 AS  
5 IF( SELECT Withdrawal From inserted ) > 50000  
6 BEGIN  
7 PRINT 'Withdrawal amount cannot exceed 50000'  
8 ROLLBACK TRANSACTION  
9 END
```

The Results tab is selected, displaying the trigger definition. The Messages tab is also visible at the top of the window.



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The following is the syntax for viewing a DML trigger.

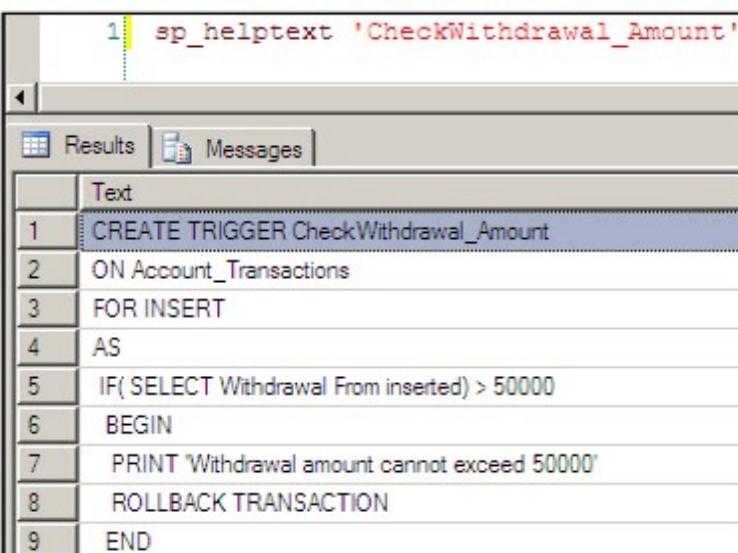
```
sp_helptext '<DML_trigger_name>'
```

where,

`DML_trigger_name`: Specifies the name of the DML trigger whose definitions are to be displayed.



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The screenshot shows the SQL Server Management Studio interface. In the top pane, the command `sp_helptext 'CheckWithdrawal_Amount'` is entered. Below it, the 'Results' tab is selected, displaying the trigger definition. The output is as follows:

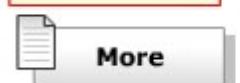
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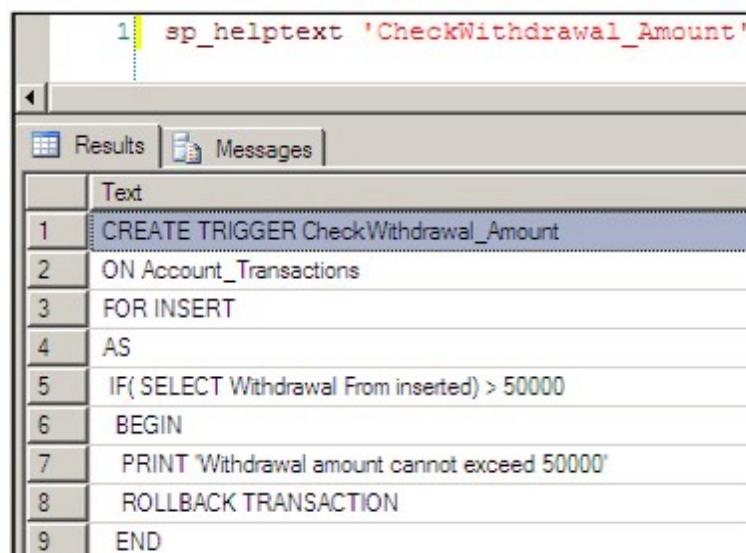
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The following code displays the definitions of the trigger, `CheckWithdrawal_Amount` created on the `Account_Transactions` table.

```
sp_helptext 'CheckWithdrawal_Amount'
```

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The screenshot shows the SSMS interface with the 'Results' tab selected. The query `sp_helptext 'CheckWithdrawal_Amount'` is run, and the results show the definition of the trigger:

```
1 sp_helptext 'CheckWithdrawal_Amount'
2
3 Results | Messages
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5 1 TEXT
6 2 CREATE TRIGGER CheckWithdrawal_Amount
7 3 ON Account_Transactions
8 4 FOR INSERT
9 5 AS
10 6 IF( SELECT Withdrawal From inserted) > 50000
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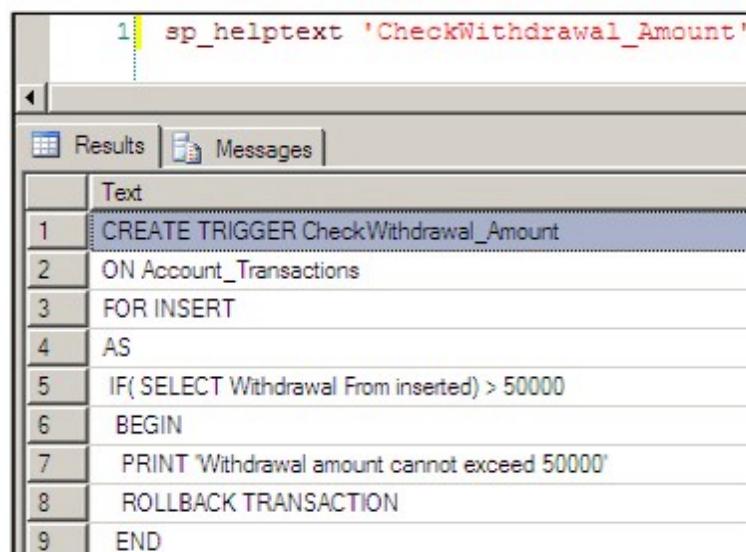
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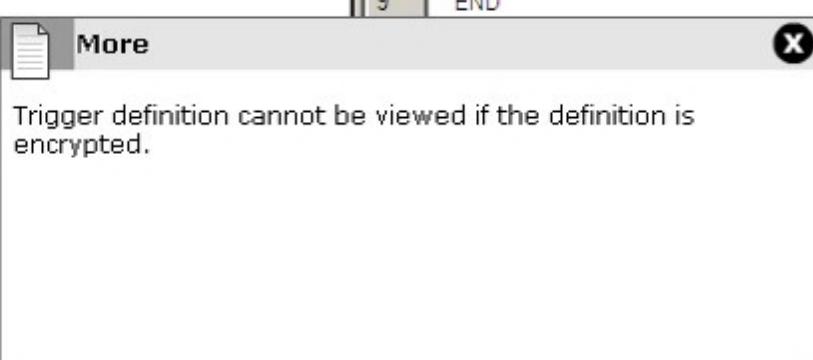
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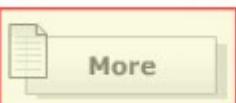
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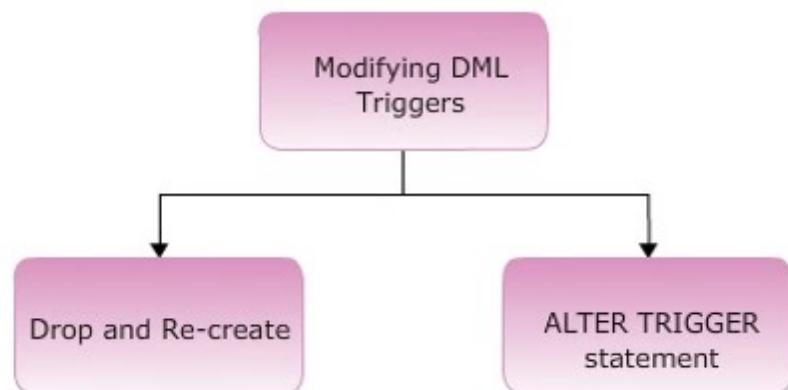
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Modifying Definitions of DML Triggers

Trigger parameters are defined at the time of creating a trigger. These parameters include the type of triggering action that invokes the trigger and the SQL statements that are executed. If you want to modify any of these parameters for a DML trigger, you can do so in one of two ways:

- Drop and re-create the trigger with the new parameters.
- Change the parameters using the `ALTER TRIGGER` statement.

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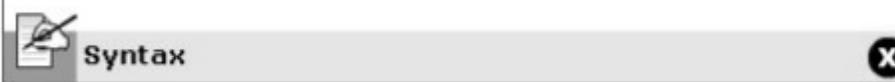
```
ALTER TRIGGER <trigger_name>
ON { <table_name> | <view_name> }
[WITH ENCRYPTION]
{ FOR | AFTER | INSTEAD OF }
{ [ INSERT ] [ , ] [ UPDATE ] [ , ] [ DELETE ] }
AS <sql_statement>
```

where,

`WITH ENCRYPTION`: Specifies that the DML trigger definitions are not displayed.

`FOR | AFTER`: Specifies that the DML trigger executes after the modification operations are complete.

`INSTEAD OF`: Specifies that the DML trigger executes in place of the modification operations.



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The following code alters the `CheckWithdrawal_Amount` trigger created on the `Account_Transactions` table using the `WITH ENCRYPTION` option.

```
ALTER TRIGGER CheckWithdrawal_Amount
ON Account_Transactions
WITH ENCRYPTION
FOR INSERT
AS
    IF (SELECT Withdrawal From inserted) > 50000
        BEGIN
            PRINT 'Withdrawal amount cannot exceed 50000'
            ROLLBACK TRANSACTION
        END
```

Now if you try to view the definition of the `CheckWithdrawal_Amount` trigger using the `sp_helptext` stored procedure, the following error message is displayed:

The text for object 'CheckWithdrawal_Amount' is encrypted.



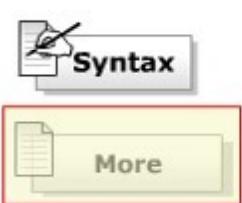
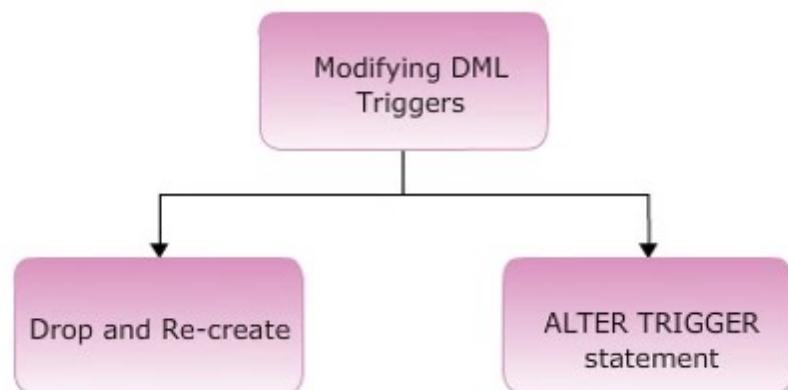
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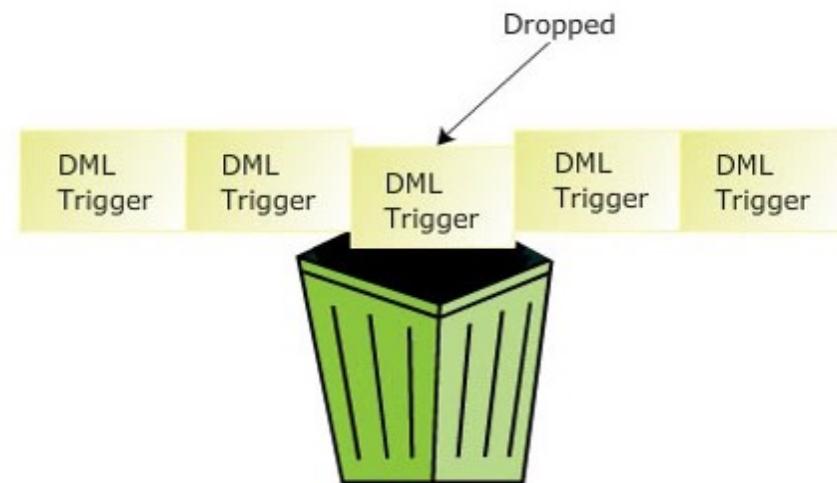
A DML trigger can be encrypted to hide its definition.

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Dropping DML Triggers

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When a table is dropped, all the triggers defined on that table are also dropped.



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```
DROP TRIGGER <DML_trigger_name> [ ,...n ]
```

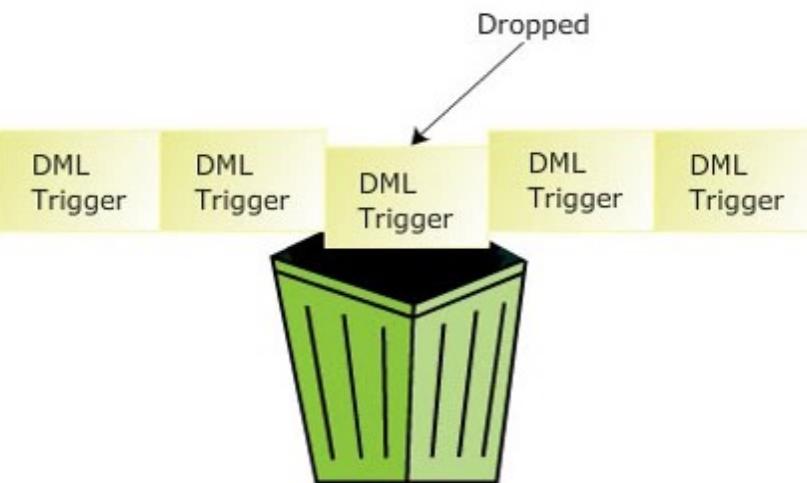
where,

`DML_trigger_name`: Specifies the name of the DML trigger to be dropped.

[,...n]: Specifies that multiple DML triggers can be dropped.



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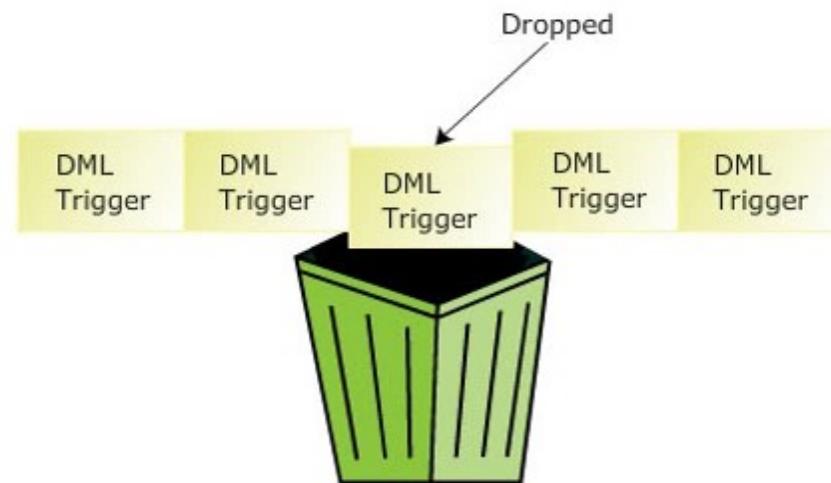
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```
DROP TRIGGER CheckWithdrawal_Amount
```



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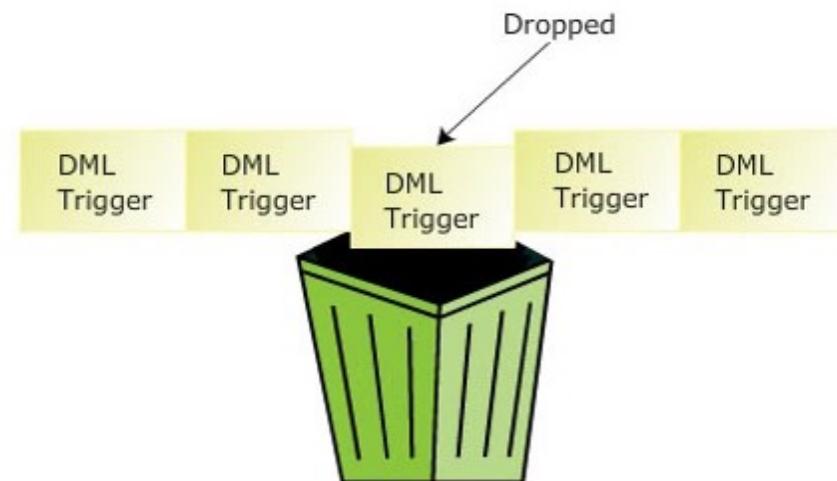
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When the DML trigger is deleted from the table, the information about the trigger is also removed from the catalog views.

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Knowledge Check

Which of these statements about the working with DML triggers of SQL Server 2005 are true and which statements are false?

Select an option for each statement and then click on **Submit**.



Statements

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(D)	DML trigger definition can be modified by dropping and recreating the trigger.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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(D)	DML trigger definition can be modified by dropping and recreating the trigger.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(E)	DML trigger definition can be viewed using the sp_helptext stored procedure.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



Correct

The correct answers are displayed.

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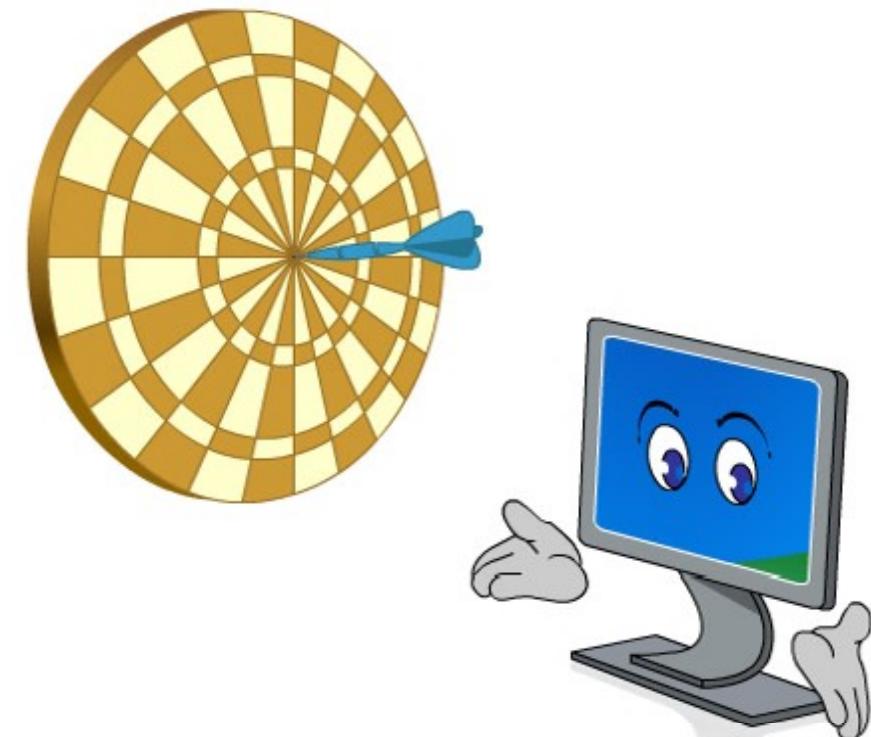


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Lesson Overview

In this fourth lesson, **Working with DDL Triggers**, you will learn to:

- Explain DDL trigger for CREATE.
- Explain DDL trigger for ALTER.
- Explain DDL trigger for DROP.
- Describe how to view DDL triggers.
- Describe how to modify DDL triggers.
- Describe how to drop DDL triggers.



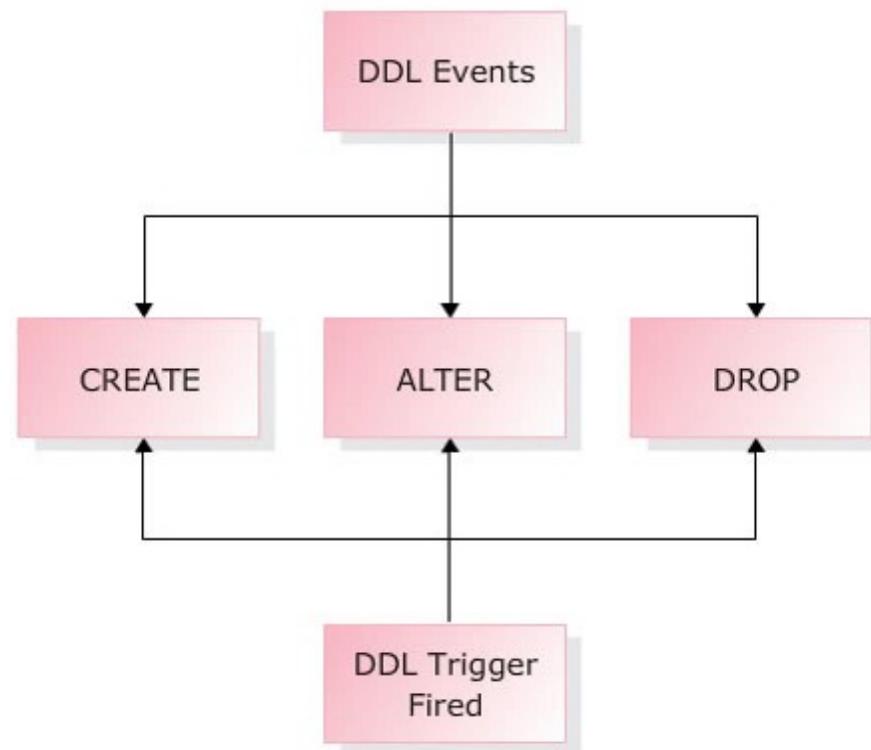
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DDL Triggers

A Data Definition Language (DDL) trigger is a new type of trigger introduced in SQL Server 2005. DDL triggers execute stored procedures when DDL events such as CREATE, ALTER and DROP statements occur in the database or the server. DDL triggers can operate only on completion of the DDL events.

DDL triggers can be used to prevent modifications in the database schema. Schema is collection of objects such as tables, views, etc in a database. DDL triggers can invoke an event or display a message based on the modifications attempted on the schema.

DDL triggers are defined either at the database level or at the server level.



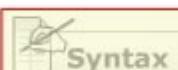
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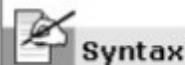
```
CREATE TRIGGER <trigger_name>
ON { ALL SERVER | DATABASE }
[WITH ENCRYPTION]
{ FOR | AFTER } { <event_type> }
AS <sql_statement>
```

where,

ALL SERVER: Specifies that the DDL trigger executes when DDL events occur in the current server.

DATABASE: Specifies that the DDL trigger executes when DDL events occur in the current database.

event_type: Specifies the name of the DDL event that invokes the DDL trigger.



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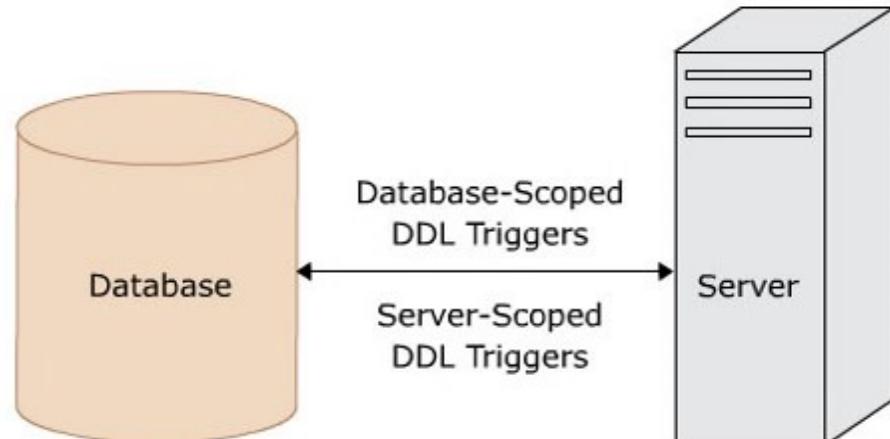
Scope of DDL Triggers

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The scope of the DDL trigger depends on whether the trigger executes for database events or server events. Accordingly, the DDL triggers are classified as:

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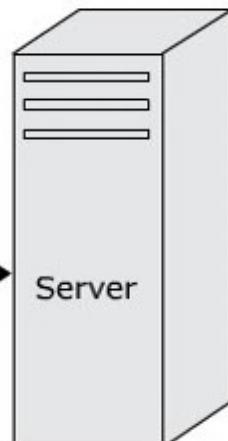
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Database-SScoped DDL Triggers



Database-scoped DDL triggers are invoked by the events that modify the database schema. These triggers are stored in the database and execute on DDL events, except those related to temporary tables.



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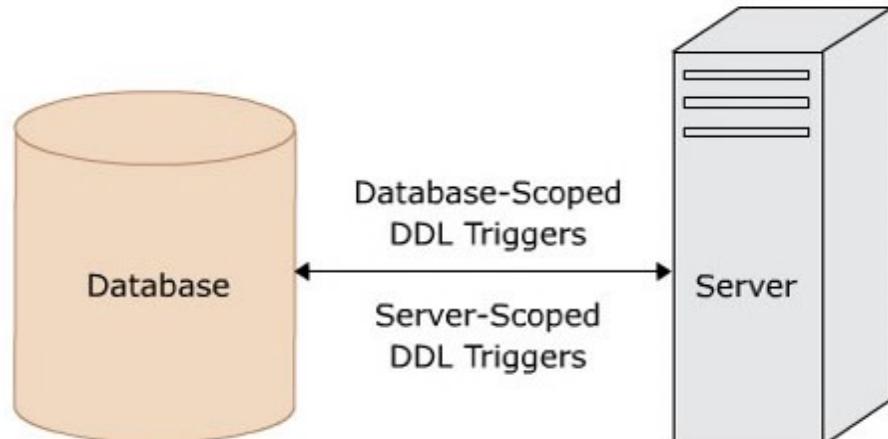
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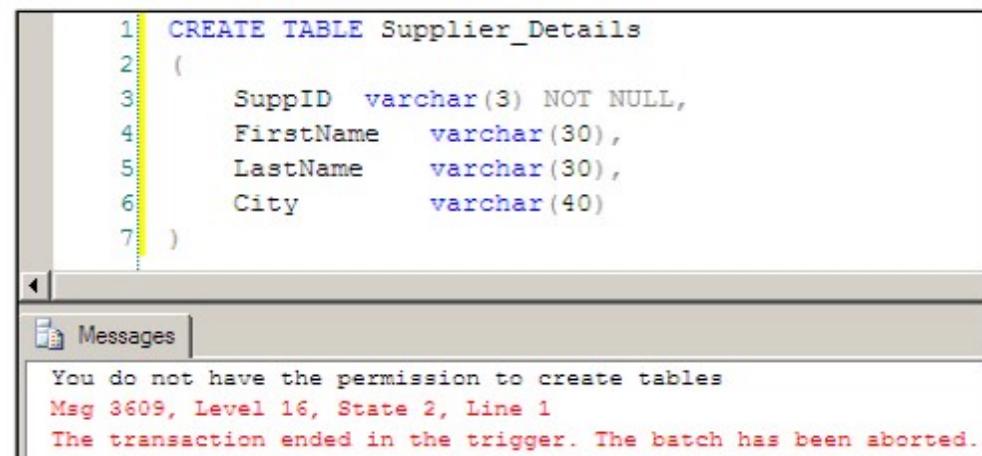
Server-scoped DDL triggers are invoked by DDL events at the server level. These triggers are stored in the `master` database.



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Defining DDL Triggers for "CREATE" Events

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The screenshot shows a SQL query window with the following code:

```
1 CREATE TABLE Supplier_Details
2 (
3     SuppID  varchar(3) NOT NULL,
4     FirstName  varchar(30),
5     LastName   varchar(30),
6     City       varchar(40)
7 )
```

Below the code, the 'Messages' tab is selected, displaying the following error output:

```
You do not have the permission to create tables
Msg 3609, Level 16, State 2, Line 1
The transaction ended in the trigger. The batch has been aborted.
```



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The following code creates the Create_Permission DDL trigger at the database level. This trigger does not allow users to create tables in the database. The create operation is rolled back using the ROLLBACK statement.

```
CREATE TRIGGER Create_Permission
ON DATABASE
FOR CREATE_TABLE
AS
BEGIN
    PRINT 'You do not have the permission to
create tables'
    ROLLBACK
END
```



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Defining DDL Triggers for "CREATE" Events

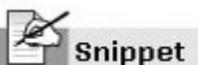
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The following code creates a table `Supplier_Details` that causes the `Create_Permission` DDL trigger to be fired.

```
CREATE TABLE Supplier_Details
(
    SuppID varchar(3) NOT NULL,
    FirstName varchar(30),
    LastName varchar(30),
    City varchar(40)
)
```

The following error message is displayed as specified by the `PRINT` statement:

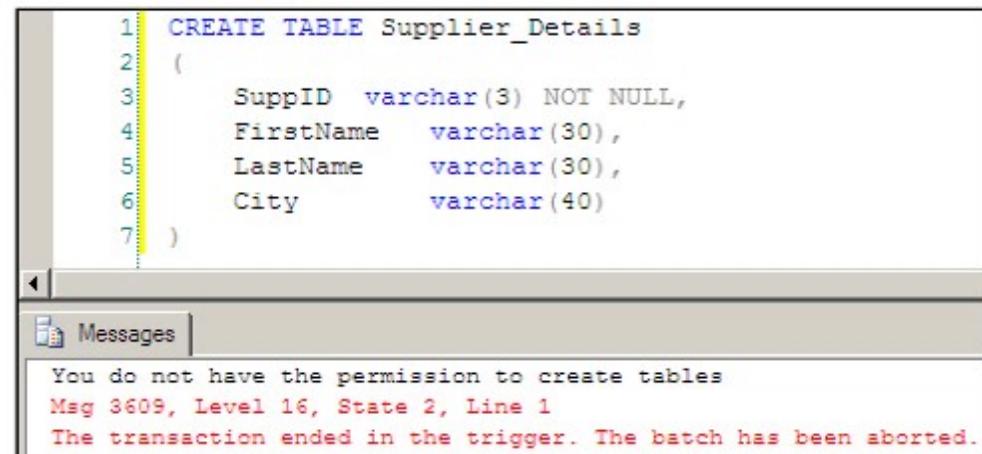
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Defining DDL Triggers for "CREATE" Events

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```
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7 )
```

Messages

You do not have the permission to create tables
Msg 3609, Level 16, State 2, Line 1
The transaction ended in the trigger. The batch has been aborted.



More

Multiple DDL events can be specified in the CREATE TRIGGER statement to fire the trigger.

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Defining DDL Triggers for "ALTER" Events

DDL triggers defined for events that modify objects in the database or on the server are invoked by `ALTER` statements. While creating a DDL trigger, you must specify the name of an alter event in the `CREATE TRIGGER` statement. These alter events can include `ALTER_TABLE`, `ALTER_INDEX`, etc. The DDL trigger is invoked only after the modification operations are complete.

```
1 | ALTER TABLE Supplier_Details ADD State varchar(40)
```

 Messages

```
You do not have the permission to alter tables
Msg 3609, Level 16, State 2, Line 1
The transaction ended in the trigger. The batch has been aborted.
```

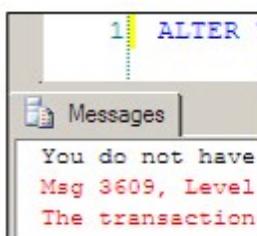


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The following code creates the `Alter_Permission` DDL trigger at the database level. This trigger does not allow users to modify the existing tables in the database. The alter operation is rolled back using the `ROLLBACK` statement.



```
CREATE TRIGGER Alter_Permission
ON DATABASE
FOR ALTER_TABLE
AS
BEGIN
    PRINT 'You do not have the permission to
alter tables'
    ROLLBACK
END
```

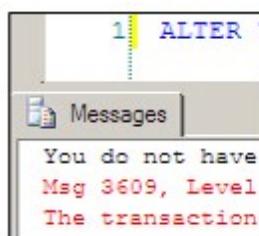
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The following code tries to alter the table `Supplier_Details` that causes the `Alter_Permission` DDL trigger to be fired:

```
ALTER TABLE Supplier_Details ADD State varchar(40)
```

The following error message is displayed as specified by the `PRINT` statement:

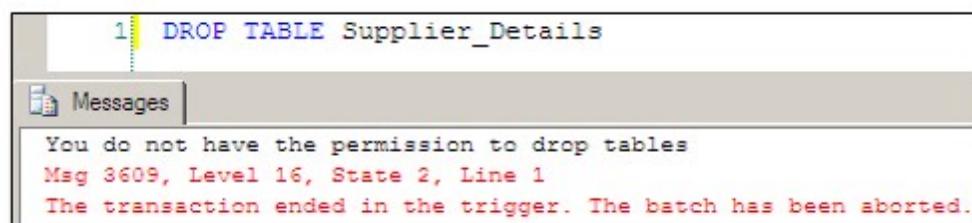
```
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```



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Defining DDL Triggers for "DROP" Events

DDL triggers defined for events that delete objects in the database or on the server are invoked by DROP statements. While creating a DDL trigger, you must specify the name of a drop event in the CREATE TRIGGER statement. These drop events can include `DROP_TABLE`, `DROP_INDEX`, `DROP_STATISTICS`, etc. The DDL trigger is invoked only after the delete operations are complete.



```
1 | DROP TABLE Supplier_Details
  |
  | Messages
  |
  | You do not have the permission to drop tables
  | Msg 3609, Level 16, State 2, Line 1
  | The transaction ended in the trigger. The batch has been aborted.
```

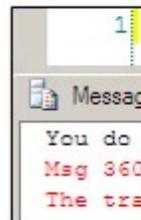


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The following code creates `Drop_Permission` DDL trigger at the database level. This trigger does not allow users to delete the existing tables in the database. The drop operation is rolled back using the ROLLBACK statement.



```
CREATE TRIGGER Drop_Permission
ON DATABASE
FOR DROP_TABLE
AS
BEGIN
    PRINT 'You do not have the permission to drop
tables'
    ROLLBACK
END
```

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Defining DDL Triggers for "DROP" Events

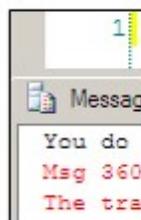
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The following code tries to drop the table `Supplier_Details` that causes the `Drop_Permission` DDL trigger to be fired:

```
DROP TABLE Supplier_Details
```

The following error message is displayed as specified by the PRINT statement:

```
You do not have the permission to drop tables
```



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Viewing Metadata of DDL Triggers

The properties of all objects created in SQL Server 2005 are referred to as metadata. This metadata is stored in system tables.

The metadata information of DDL triggers defined at the database level can be viewed using the `sys.triggers` view. The metadata information of DDL triggers defined at the server level can be viewed using the `sys.server_triggers` view. Some of the common columns of these two views are described in the table below.

Column name	Data type	DML Triggers
<code>object_id</code>	<code>int</code>	ID of the trigger.
<code>name</code>	<code>sysname</code>	Name of the trigger.
<code>parent_class</code>	<code>tinyint</code>	Displays 0 (in <code>sys.triggers</code> view for database-level triggers). Displays 1 (in <code>sys.triggers</code> view for DML triggers). Displays 100 (in <code>sys.server_triggers</code> view for server-level triggers).
<code>parent_id</code>	<code>int</code>	Displays 0 in both the views for DDL triggers.
<code>create_date</code>	<code>datetime</code>	Displays the date when the trigger was created.



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 Snippet	 Snippet	Displays 100 (in sys.server_triggers view for server-level triggers).
parent_id	int	Displays 0 in both the views for DDL triggers.
create_date	datetime	Displays the date when the trigger was created.

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Viewing Definition of DDL Triggers

The definition of a DDL trigger can be obtained using the `sys.sql_modules` view by using the object ID of the DDL trigger. The object ID of the trigger can be obtained from the `sys.triggers` or `sys.server_triggers` view by using the DDL trigger name. Hence, an `INNER JOIN` is performed on the `sys.sql_modules` and `sys.triggers` or `sys.server_triggers` views to obtain the trigger definition.

Two of the columns of the `sys.sql_modules` view are described in the table below.

Column name	Data type	Description
<code>object_id</code>	<code>int</code>	ID of the trigger.
<code>definition</code>	<code>nvarchar(max)</code>	Definition of the trigger. Displays <code>NULL</code> if the trigger is encrypted.



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The following `SELECT` statement obtains the object id of the `Create_Permission` trigger from the `sys.triggers` view. The statement joins the `sys.sql_modules` and `sys.triggers` views by their object IDs to display the definition of `Create_Permission` trigger.

```
SELECT definition FROM sys.sql_modules sm INNER JOIN
sys.triggers t ON sm.object_id = t.object_id WHERE
t.name='Create_Permission'
```



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Column name	Data type	Description
object_id	int	ID of the trigger.
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Modifying Definitions of DDL Triggers

DDL triggers can be modified either by altering the trigger or dropping and re-creating the trigger.

When re-creating a DDL trigger, you can define new parameters.

DDL triggers can be altered using the `ALTER TRIGGER` statement. The trigger definitions can be modified with this statement.

```
1 ALTER TRIGGER Create_Permission
2 ON DATABASE
3 WITH ENCRYPTION
4 FOR CREATE_TABLE
5 AS
6 BEGIN
7     PRINT 'You do not have the permission
8         to create tables'
9     ROLLBACK
10 END
11
12 SELECT definition FROM sys.sql_modules sm
13 INNER JOIN sys.triggers t ON sm.object_id = t.object_id
14 WHERE t.name='Create_Permission'
```

The screenshot shows a SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS) interface. The top pane displays the T-SQL code for modifying a DDL trigger. The bottom pane shows the results of a query that retrieves the trigger's definition from the sys.sql_modules system catalog view. The results grid has two columns: 'definition' and a row index '1'. The value in the 'definition' column is 'NULL'.



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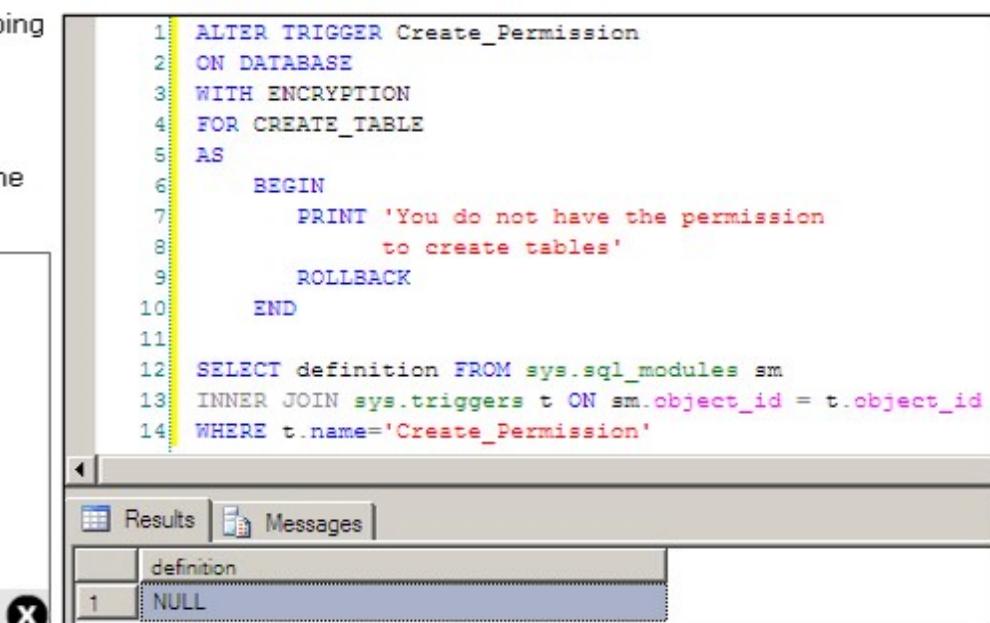
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The following is the syntax for modifying a DDL trigger.

```
ALTER TRIGGER <trigger_name>
ON { ALL SERVER | DATABASE }
{ FOR | AFTER } { <event_type> }
AS <sql_statement>
```

 Syntax



The screenshot shows a SQL query window with the following content:

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14 WHERE t.name='Create_Permission'
```

Below the code, there are two tabs: "Results" and "Messages". The "Results" tab displays a single row:

definition
1 NULL

 Syntax

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3 WITH ENCRYPTION
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5 AS
6 BEGIN
7     PRINT 'You do not have the permission to
8     create tables'
9 END
```

The following code creates the `Create_Permission` trigger at the database level and this trigger is encrypted using the `WITH ENCRYPTION` option. The definition for this trigger cannot be viewed as the definition is encrypted.

```
ALTER TRIGGER Create_Permission
ON DATABASE
WITH ENCRYPTION
FOR CREATE_TABLE
AS
BEGIN
    PRINT 'You do not have the permission to
create tables'
    ROLLBACK
END
```

 **Snippet**

```
sm
_id = t.object_id
```

 **Syntax**

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Dropping DDL Triggers

SQL Server 2005 allows you to delete a DDL trigger if it is no longer required. Like a DML trigger, a DDL trigger is dropped using the `DROP TRIGGER` statement. You can drop multiple DDL triggers using the `DROP TRIGGER` statement.

When a DDL trigger is dropped, it is also removed from the current database. However, the objects or the data related to the deleted DDL trigger remain unaffected.



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The following is the syntax for dropping a DDL trigger.

```
DROP TRIGGER <DDL_trigger_name> ON {DATABASE|ALL SERVER}
```

where,

DDL_trigger_name: Specifies the name of the DDL trigger to be deleted.



Syntax



Syntax



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The following code drops the DDL trigger `Create_Permission` created at the database level.

```
DROP TRIGGER Create_Permission ON DATABASE
```



Snippet



Syntax



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Knowledge Check

Which of these statements about DDL triggers in SQL Server 2005 are true and which statements are false?



Select an option for each statement and then click on **Submit**.

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(A)	A DDL trigger for <code>DROP</code> operation can be created as an <code>INSTEAD OF</code> trigger.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(B)	A DDL trigger for an <code>ALTER</code> event can be invoked only after the modification operations are complete.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(C)	A DDL trigger definition can be displayed using <code>sp_helptext</code> stored procedure.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(D)	A DDL trigger can be removed from the current database using the <code>DROP TRIGGER</code> statement.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(E)	Multiple DDL triggers can be dropped using a single <code>DROP TRIGGER</code> statement.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

▶ Submit

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Correct

The correct answers are displayed.

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Knowledge Check

Can you match the types of DDL triggers in SQL Server 2005 against their corresponding descriptions?



Select an option from each drop-down list box and then click on **Submit**.

	Description	DDL Triggers
(A)	Invoked by the events that modify the database schema.	Select Step...
(B)	Invoked by DDL events at the server.	Select Step...
(C)	Stored in the master database.	Select Step...
(D)	Stored in the database.	Select Step...
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(C)	Stored in the master database.	Server-scoped
(D)	Stored in the database.	Database-scoped
(E)	Defined in the database-level or at the server-level.	DDL triggers



Correct

The correct answers are displayed.

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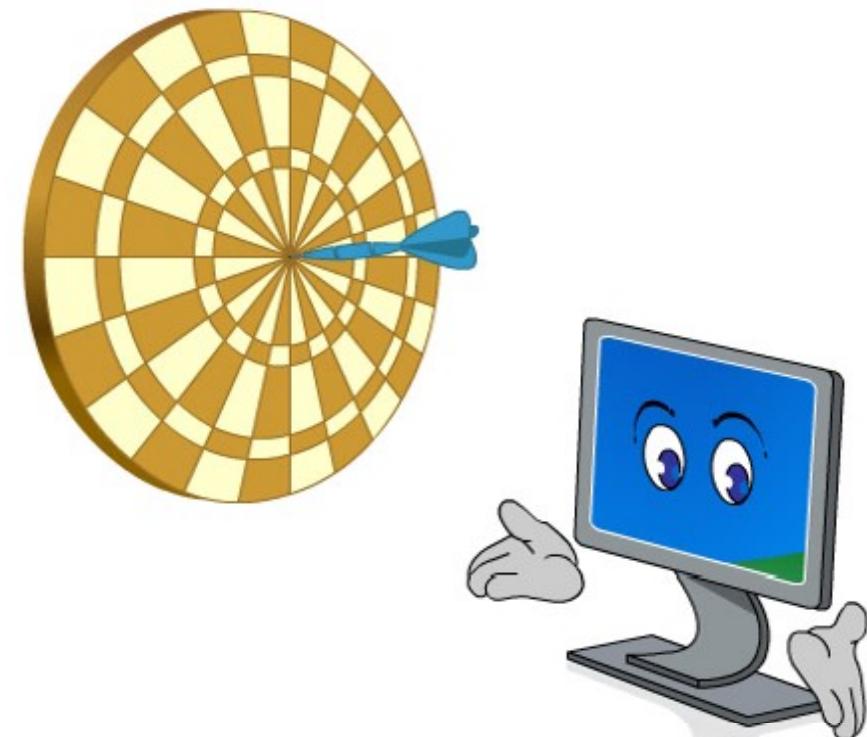
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Lesson Review

In this fourth lesson, **Working with DDL Triggers**, you learnt to:

- Explain DDL trigger for CREATE.
- Explain DDL trigger for ALTER.
- Explain DDL trigger for DROP.
- Describe how to view DDL triggers.
- Describe how to modify DDL triggers.
- Describe how to drop DDL triggers.

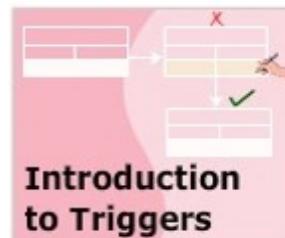


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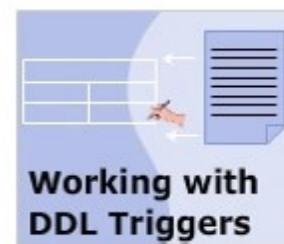
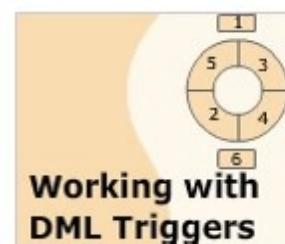
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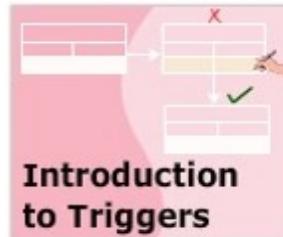


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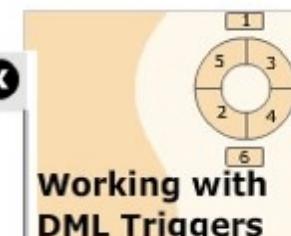
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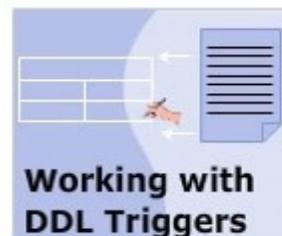
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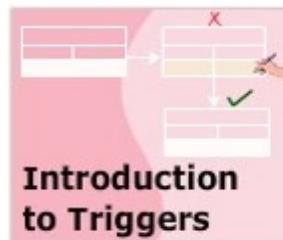
A trigger is an event that sets off an action. The `INSERT`, `UPDATE` and `DELETE` as well as the `CREATE`, `ALTER` and `DROP` statements in SQL Server 2005 invoke triggers. Triggers are used to ensure referential integrity, enforce business rules, enforce complex restrictions, display customized error messages and retrieve information from tables from the same as well as different databases. SQL Server 2005 supports three types of triggers; Data Manipulation Language (DML) triggers, Data Definition Language (DDL) triggers and Logon triggers.

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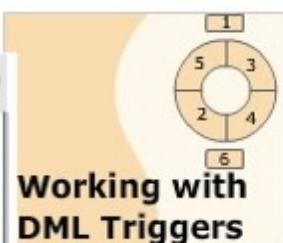
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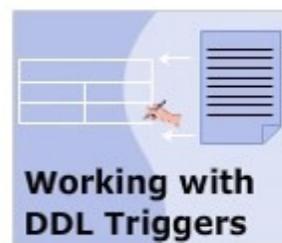
Creating DML Triggers



DML triggers execute when data is inserted, modified or deleted in a table or a view using the INSERT, UPDATE or DELETE statements. An INSERT trigger is executed when a new record is inserted in a table. An UPDATE trigger is executed when a record in the table is updated. A DELETE trigger is executed when a record is deleted from the table. DML triggers can be created to execute on completion or in place of the modification operations. These are referred as AFTER and INSTEAD OF triggers respectively.



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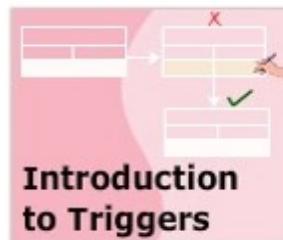
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Introduction to Triggers

Module Summary

In this module, **Introduction to Triggers**, you learnt about:

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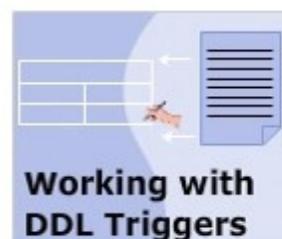
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Working with DML Triggers

SQL Server 2005 allows you to create multiple AFTER triggers for each triggering action (such as UPDATE, INSERT and DELETE) on a table. However, you can create only one INSTEAD OF trigger for each triggering action on a table. If multiple AFTER triggers are created for a particular triggering action, you must specify only the first and the last AFTER triggers to be executed. SQL Server 2005 allows you to view, modify and drop the DML triggers.



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