

Database Management Systems

MySQL - Integrity Control

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Basics

The term integrity in databases refers to the accuracy and consistency of data. The integrity control can set the following types of constraints on the data items:

- Basic integrity constraints
- Advanced integrity constraints

Basic integrity constraints

The basic integrity constraints are of following four types:

- Defining the primary key constraint
 - specified as primary key (A_1, \dots, A_k)
- Defining the foreign key constraint
 - specified as foreign key (A_p, \dots, A_q) references $R(B_p, \dots, B_q)$
- Defining the null constraint
 - specified as not null
- Defining the check constraint
 - specified as check $\langle \text{predicate} \rangle$

Consider a relational schema

- BRANCH = $\langle \underline{\text{branch_id}} : \text{integer}, \text{branch_name} : \text{string}, \text{branch_city} : \text{string}, \text{assets} : \text{real} \rangle$
- CUSTOMER = $\langle \underline{\text{customer_id}} : \text{integer}, \text{customer_name} : \text{string}, \text{customer_street} : \text{string}, \text{customer_city} : \text{string}, \text{account_number} : \text{integer} \rangle$
- LOAN = $\langle \text{loan_number} : \text{integer}, \text{branch_name} : \text{string}, \text{amount} : \text{real} \rangle$
- BORROWER = $\langle \text{customer_name} : \text{string}, \text{loan_number} : \text{integer} \rangle$
- ACCOUNT = $\langle \underline{\text{account_number}} : \text{integer}, \text{branch_name} : \text{string}, \text{balance} : \text{real} \rangle$
- DEPOSITOR = $\langle \text{customer_name} : \text{string}, \text{account_number} : \text{integer} \rangle$

Basic integrity constraints – primary key

The table BRANCH can be created with the following SQL query:

```
create table BRANCH(  
    branch_id int(10) not null,  
    branch_name varchar(30),  
    branch_city varchar(30),  
    assets float(20,2),  
    primary key (branch_id)  
);
```

Note: Multiple attributes can be defined (by putting them together as arguments separated by comma) as the primary key.

Basic integrity constraints – foreign key

The table CUSTOMER can be created with the following SQL query:

```
create table CUSTOMER(  
  customer_id int(20) not null,  
  customer_name varchar(30),  
  customer_street varchar(30),  
  customer_city varchar(30),  
  account_number int(20),  
  primary key (customer_id),  
  foreign key (account_number) references  
  Account(account_number)  
);
```

Basic integrity constraints – foreign key

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    primary key (customer_id),  
    foreign key (account_number) references  
Account(account_number)  
);
```

Note: The attribute serving as the foreign key in one table might have a different name in the referenced table.

Basic integrity constraints – null

The table LOAN can be created with the following SQL query:

```
create table LOAN(  
    loan_number int(10) not null,  
    branch_name varchar(30),  
    amount float(15,2)  
);
```

Basic integrity constraints – check

It can be ensured that a predicate on the attributes (say the amount is non-negative) must be satisfied by every tuple in the table LOAN by writing an SQL query as follows:

```
create table LOAN(  
  loan_number int(10) not null,  
  branch_name varchar(30),  
  amount float(15,2),  
  check (amount >= 0)  
);
```


Triggers in MySQL

One can define at most six triggers for each table. These are activated in coordination with the following events.

- **BEFORE INSERT** — before data is inserted into the table.
- **AFTER INSERT** — after data is inserted into the table.
- **BEFORE UPDATE** -- before data in the table is updated.
- **AFTER UPDATE** — after data in the table is updated.
- **BEFORE DELETE** -- before data is removed from the table.
- **AFTER DELETE** — after data is removed from the table.

Note: For MySQL version 5.7.2+, one can define multiple triggers for the same trigger event and action time.

Triggers in MySQL

To display all the triggers in the database, the following SQL query is used:

```
show triggers;
```

To delete a particular trigger from the database, the following SQL query is used:

```
drop trigger <trigger_name>;
```

Note: One must have MySQL SUPERUSER privileges for running trigger.

Creating triggers in MySQL

A trigger must be associated with a specific table and is written as:

```
create trigger <trigger_name>
  <trigger_time> <trigger_event> on <table_name>
  for each row
  <Triggered SQL statement>;
```

- The `trigger_time` can be before/after.
- The `trigger_event` can be insert/update/delete.
- The clause `for each row` says that the trigger activation will occur for the rows of the table, not for the table as a whole.
- The logic for the trigger is placed as a block of SQL statements.

Note: Delimiters are required in some interfaces (e.g. MySQL client).

Creating triggers in MySQL – Compound statements

A trigger can accommodate compound SQL statements as follows:

```
create trigger <trigger_name>
  <trigger_time> <trigger_event> on <table_name>
  for each row
  begin
  <Triggered SQL statement(s)>
  end;
```

Note: The begin-end block can take multiple SQL statements.

Creating triggers in MySQL – OLD and NEW keywords

Due to the changes in a table due to triggering, there might be some new attributes as well as some old ones. Therefore, within a triggered SQL statement, attributes are explicitly referred to as `NEW.<attribute_name>` or `OLD.<attribute_name>`.

- With insert, only NEW is legal.
- With delete, only OLD is legal.
- With update, both NEW and OLD are legal.

Note: The objects `NEW.<attribute_name>` and `OLD.<attribute_name>` are referred to as transition variables.

Creating triggers in MySQL – OLD and NEW keywords

Table: FACULTY

ID	NAME	EMAIL	AGE
1	Ansuman Banerjee	ansuman@isical.ac.in	44
2	Sourav Chakraborty	sourav@isical.ac.in	40
3	Malay Bhattacharyya	malaybhattacharyya@isical.ac.in	38

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Consider the following table to keep the update details on the FACULTY table.

```
create table FACULTY_LOG(  
  ID int auto_increment primary key,  
  NAME varchar(50) not null,  
  LOGTIME datetime default null,  
  ACTION varchar(50) default null  
);
```

Creating triggers in MySQL – OLD and NEW keywords

Triggers can be set to act on the FACULTY_LOG table before making updates on the FACULTY table as follows.

```
create trigger before_FACULTY_update
before update on FACULTY
for each row
insert into FACULTY_LOG values (OLD.ID, OLD.NAME,
NOW(), 'Update');
```

Note: We use the OLD keyword to access ID and NAME attributes of the tuples affected by the trigger.

Creating triggers in MySQL – OLD and NEW keywords

Consider the following SQL query that makes an update operation on the FACULTY table at 00:00:01 AM on February 02, 2022.

```
update FACULTY set AGE = 39 where NAME = "Malay  
Bhattacharyya";
```

Creating triggers in MySQL – OLD and NEW keywords

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```
update FACULTY set AGE = 39 where NAME = "Malay  
Bhattacharyya";
```

This will make the following entry to the FACULTY_LOG table:

Table: FACULTY_LOG

ID	NAME	LOGTIME	ACTION
3	Malay Bhattacharyya	2022-02-02 00:00:01	Update

Creating triggers in MySQL – Variable declaration

Variables can be declared as follows.

```
declare Age, Experience int default 0;
declare Name varchar(50);
declare Today date default current_date;
declare Var1, Var2, Var3 double(10,2);
```

Creating triggers in MySQL – Variable assignment

Values can be assigned to variables as follows.

```
set var1 = 101;  
set str1 = 'Hello world';  
set v1 = 19.99;
```

Creating triggers in MySQL – Handler declarations

The handler statements deal with one or more conditions. If one of these conditions occurs, the specified statement executes. To declare handlers, the following SQL query is used:

```
declare <handler_action> handler for <condition_value>  
<statement>;
```

- The <handler_action> can be continue/exit/undo.
- The <condition_value> can be mysql_error_code/sqlstate/sqlwarning/sqlexception/not found.

Creating triggers in MySQL – Conditional flow

The if-else construct works as follows.

```
if <condition> then
    <statement>;
else
    <statement>;
end if;
```

Creating triggers in MySQL – Conditional flow

Consider the following table that stores names, ages and course names of some students.

```
create table STUDENT(  
  AGE int,  
  NAME varchar(50),  
  COURSE varchar(50)  
);
```

Creating triggers in MySQL – Conditional flow

Triggers can be set to act on the Age attribute for non-negativity check before making insertions in the STUDENT table as follows.

```
create trigger agecheck
before insert on STUDENT
for each row
begin
  if NEW.AGE < 0 then
    set NEW.AGE = abs(NEW.AGE);
  end if
end;
```

Note: We use the NEW keyword to access the new values inserted in the table.

Creating triggers in MySQL – Conditional flow

Consider the following SQL query:

```
insert into STUDENT values (23, 'Sujan', 'MTech'),  
(22, 'Vikas', 'MTech'), (-24, 'Ravindra', 'MTech'),  
(23, 'Uddalok', 'MTech');
```

This will turn the STUDENT table as follows.

Table: STUDENT

AGE	NAME	COURSE
23	Sujan	MTech
22	Vikas	MTech
24	Ravindra	MTech
23	Uddalok	MTech

Creating triggers in MySQL – Repetitive flow

The loop construct works as follows.

```
<loop_name>: loop
  <statement>;
  if <condition> then
    <statement>;
    leave <loop_name>;
  end if;
  <statement>
end loop <loop_name>;
```

Creating triggers in MySQL – Repetitive flow

The while construct works as follows.

```
<loop_name>: while <condition> do
  <statement>
  if <condition> then
    leave <loop_name>;
  end if;
  <statement>
end while;
```

Creating triggers in MySQL – Repetitive flow

The repeat-until construct works as follows.

```
<loop_name>: repeat
  <statement>;
  if <condition> then
    <statement>;
    leave <loop_name>;
  end if;
  <statement>;
until <condition> end repeat;
```

Note: The repetitive block executes once irrespective of the <condition>.

Creating multiple triggers in MySQL

Multiple triggers are written as follows:

```

delimiter $$ -- The end delimiter is now '$$'
create trigger <trigger_name>
  <trigger_time> <trigger_event> on <table_name>
  for each row
  <Triggered SQL statement> -- Works well with ';'
create trigger <trigger_name>
  <trigger_time> <trigger_event> on <table_name>
  for each row
  begin
  <Triggered SQL statement(s)> -- Works well with ';'
  end;
$$
delimiter ; -- The delimiter is changed back to ';'

```


Limitations of triggers in MySQL

A MySQL trigger cannot perform the following things:

- Using SHOW, LOAD DATA, LOAD TABLE, BACKUP DATABASE, RESTORE, FLUSH, RETURN statements.
- Using statements that commit or rollback implicitly or explicitly such as COMMIT, ROLLBACK, START TRANSACTION, LOCK/UNLOCK TABLES, ALTER, CREATE, DROP, RENAME.
- Using prepared statements such as PREPARE, EXECUTE.
- Using dynamic SQL statements.

Basics of cursors

A cursor allows to iterate a set of rows returned by a query and process each row accordingly. It is used to handle a result set inside a stored procedure.

MySQL cursors have the following properties:

- **Read-only:** Cursors cannot be used to update data in the underlying table.
- **Non-scrollable:** Rows can only be fetched in the order determined by the select statement. One cannot skip rows or jump to a specific row in the result set.
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Note: Cursors are of two types – asensitive and insensitive. An asensitive cursor points to the actual data, whereas an insensitive cursor uses a temporary copy of the data. It is safer not to update the data used by an asensitive cursor.

Creating cursors

To define a cursor, the following SQL query is used:

```
declare <cursor_name> cursor for <select_statement>;
```

To initialize the result set for the cursor, before fetching rows from the result set, the following SQL query is used:

```
open <cursor_name>;
```

To retrieve the next row pointed by the cursor and move the cursor to the next row in the result set, the following SQL query is used:

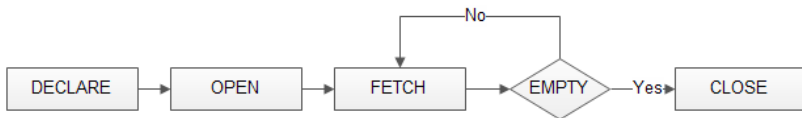
```
fetch <cursor_name> into <list_variables>;
```

To close a cursor, the following SQL query is used:

```
close <cursor_name>;
```

Data handling with cursors

The entire life cycle of an MySQL cursor is illustrated in the following diagram.



Data handling with cursors – An example

Suppose we want to build an email list of all employees from the FACULTY table.

Let us first declare some variables, a cursor for looping over the emails of employees, and a NOT FOUND handler.

```
declare Var_Done int default 0;
declare email varchar(500) default "";
declare email_cursor cursor for select email from
FACULTY;
declare continue handler for not found set Var_Done =
1;
```

Data handling with cursors – An example

Now, open the email_cursor as follows:

```
open email_cursor;
```

Then, iterate the email list, and concatenate all the emails where each email is separated by a semicolon as follows:

```
get_email: loop
  fetch email_cursor into email;
  if Var_Done = 1 then
    leave get_email;
  end if;
  set email_list = concat(email,";",email_list);
end loop get_email;
```

Problems

- 1 Consider the following schema of an online code repository system like GitHub:
 - Contributor = $\langle \text{contributor_name} : \text{string}, \text{contributor_id} : \text{integer} \rangle$
 - Code-Group = $\langle \underline{\text{contributor_id}} : \text{integer}, \text{code_group} : \text{string}, \text{count_submissions} : \text{integer} \rangle$
 - i) Set the basic integrity constraints on this schema.
 - ii) Write an SQL trigger to restrict all the possible events that can make violations to the above schema.