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1 First exercise

1.1 Exercise text: "Switching on/off the phone"

(Insertion in the `STATE_CHANGE` table)

The change types are 'O' (on) and 'F' (off). When the phone is switched on, the corresponding information is stored in the `TELEPHONE` table. When it is switched off, the information should be removed. Furthermore, the cell to which the phone belongs should be identified and the current number of phones should be modified accordingly.

1.2 Trigger design

The trigger will be divided in two parts: one for the switching on action, and the other one for the switching off action, respectively called `Active_Phone` and `Off_Phone` as suggested by the exercise.

1.2.1 Event

- Insert on table `STATE_CHANGE`

1.2.2 Execution semantics

- Execution mode: `AFTER` the modification (for both triggers)
- Granularity: row level, each tuple is modified separately (for both triggers)

1.2.3 Conditions

- New tuple has attribute `ChangeType = 'O'` (for the `Active_Phone` trigger)
- New tuple has attribute `ChangeType = 'F'` (for the `Off_Phone` trigger)

1.2.4 Actions

1. Retrieve the possible `CellId` in which the telephone is in
2. Insert (delete) the corresponding row in the `TELEPHONE` table for the switched on (off) phone
3. If the phone is located within a cell, increase (or decrease, accordingly) the number of phones in it (`CurrentPhone#` attribute in the `CELL` table)

1.3 Active_Phone trigger code

```
CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER Active_Phone
  AFTER INSERT ON STATE_CHANGE FOR EACH ROW
  WHEN (NEW.ChangeType = 'O')
DECLARE
  -- The possible cell in which the phone is into
  BelongingCell NUMBER(38, 0);
BEGIN
```

```

BEGIN
    -- Retrieving the possible cell in which the phone is into
    SELECT CellId INTO BelongingCell
    FROM CELL
    WHERE :NEW.x < x1 AND :NEW.x >= x0
          AND :NEW.y < y1 AND :NEW.y >= y0;

    -- If the phone is outside any cell
    EXCEPTION WHEN NO_DATA_FOUND THEN
        -- No cell info will be then updated
        BelongingCell := NULL;
END;

-- The corresponding information is stored in the TELEPHONE table
INSERT INTO TELEPHONE(PhoneNo, x, y, PhoneState)
VALUES (:NEW.PhoneNo, :NEW.x, :NEW.y, 'On');

-- If the phone is in a cell
IF(BelongingCell IS NOT NULL) THEN
    -- the number of phones in the corresponding cell is increased
    UPDATE CELL
    SET CurrentPhone# = CurrentPhone# + 1
    WHERE CellId = BelongingCell;
END IF;
END;

```

1.4 Off_Phone trigger code

```

CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER Off_Phone
AFTER INSERT ON STATE_CHANGE FOR EACH ROW
WHEN (NEW.ChangeType = 'F')
DECLARE
    -- The possible cell in which the phone is into
    BelongingCell NUMBER(38, 0);
BEGIN
    BEGIN
        -- Retrieving the possible cell in which the phone is into
        SELECT CellId INTO BelongingCell
        FROM CELL
        WHERE :NEW.x < x1 AND :NEW.x >= x0
              AND :NEW.y < y1 AND :NEW.y >= y0;

        -- If the phone is outside any cell
        EXCEPTION WHEN NO_DATA_FOUND THEN
            -- No cell info will be then updated
            BelongingCell := NULL;
    END;

    -- The corresponding phone record is removed
    DELETE FROM TELEPHONE WHERE PhoneNo = :NEW.PhoneNo;

```

```

-- If the phone was in a cell
IF(BelongingCell IS NOT NULL) THEN
    -- the number of phones in the corresponding cell is decreased
    UPDATE CELL
    SET CurrentPhone# = CurrentPhone# - 1
    WHERE CellId = BelongingCell;
END IF;
END;

```

1.5 Trigger testing

Initially, the given database has all empty tables except for the CELL table, which has the following entries:

	CELLID	X0	Y0	X1	Y1	CURRENTPHONE#	MAXCALLS
1	1	0	0	10	10	0	3
2	2	10	0	20	10	0	20
3	3	0	10	10	20	0	20
4	4	10	10	20	20	0	20

After the execution of:

```

INSERT INTO STATE_CHANGE(ChangeId, TimeStamp, PhoneNo, x, y, ChangeType)
VALUES (1, sysdate, '333000010', 3, 3, '0');
INSERT INTO STATE_CHANGE(ChangeId, TimeStamp, PhoneNo, x, y, ChangeType)
VALUES (2, sysdate, '333000009', 15, 15, '0');

```

Two rows will be inserted in the STATE_CHANGE table:

	CHANGEID	TIMESTAMP	PHONENO	X	Y	CHANGETYPE
1		1 18-NOV-17	333000010	3	3	0
2		2 18-NOV-17	333000009	15	15	0

As well as two new entries in the TELEPHONE table:

	PHONENO	X	Y	PHONESTATE
1	333000010		3	3 On
2	333000009		15	15 On

The number of current phones (CurrentPhone# in the CELL table) in each cell is modified as follows:

	CELLID	X0	Y0	X1	Y1	CURRENTPHONE#	MAXCALLS
1	1	0	0	10	10	1	3
2	2	10	0	20	10	0	20
3	3	0	10	10	20	0	20
4	4	10	10	20	20	1	20

After the execution of:

```
INSERT INTO STATE_CHANGE(ChangeId, TimeStamp, PhoneNo, x, y, ChangeType)
VALUES (3, sysdate, '333000009', 15, 15, 'F');
```

Another row will be inserted in the STATE_CHANGE table:

CHANGEID	TIMESTAMP	PHONENO	X	Y	CHANGETYPE
1	18-NOV-17	333000010	3	3	O
2	18-NOV-17	333000009	15	15	O
3	18-NOV-17	333000009	15	15	F

Causing the elimination of the corresponding entry in the TELEPHONE table:

PHONENO	X	Y	PHONESTATE
1 333000010		3	3 On

The number of current phones in the corresponding CELL entry decreases by 1 unit:

CELLID	X0	Y0	X1	Y1	CURRENTPHONE#	MAXCALLS
1	1	0	10	10	1	3
2	2	10	20	10	0	20
3	3	0	10	20	0	20
4	4	10	20	20	0	20

2 Second exercise

2.1 Exercise text: "Starting a phone call"

(Insertion in the `STATE_CHANGE` table)

The change type is 'C'. If the cell in which the phone is located does not exceed the maximum number of calls it can manage (`MaxCalls` attribute), the phone state should become 'Active'. If instead the cell exceeds the maximum call number, the phone call cannot be initiated. In this case, the information on the exception should be inserted in the `EXCEPTION_LOG` table. The `ExId` attribute is a counter, which is unique for a given cell.

2.2 Trigger design

2.2.1 Event

- Insert on table `STATE_CHANGE`

2.2.2 Execution semantics

- Execution mode: `AFTER` the modification
- Granularity: row level, each tuple is modified separately

2.2.3 Condition

- New tuple has attribute `ChangeType = 'C'`

2.2.4 Actions

1. Retrieve the possible `CellId` in which the telephone is in
2. If the telephone is in a cell:
 - (a) Retrieve the cell's capacity in terms of the maximum supported number of active phone calls at the same time (`MaxCalls` attribute in the `CELL` table) and its vertexes
 - (b) Retrieve the number of active phone calls in the cell
 - (c) If the new call exceeds the cell's capacity, insert a row in the `EXCEPTION_LOG` table, after computing its `ExID`; otherwise, set the corresponding `PhoneState` attribute in the `TELEPHONE` table to 'Active'

2.3 Phone_Call_Start trigger code

```
CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER Phone_Call_Start
  AFTER INSERT ON STATE_CHANGE FOR EACH ROW
  WHEN (NEW.ChangeType = 'C')
DECLARE
  -- The possible cell in which the phone is into
  BelongingCell NUMBER(38, 0);

  -- Cell's vertexes
```

```

cellX0 DECIMAL(7, 2);
cellY0 DECIMAL(7, 2);
cellX1 DECIMAL(7, 2);
cellY1 DECIMAL(7, 2);

-- Maximum number of calls of the interested cell
CellCallCapacity SMALLINT;

-- Number of phones calling in the same cell
ConcurrentCalls NUMBER;

-- In case of exception, ID to be used
NextExceptionId INTEGER;
BEGIN
  BEGIN
    -- Retrieving the possible cell in which the phone is into
    SELECT CellId INTO BelongingCell
    FROM CELL
    WHERE :NEW.x < x1 AND :NEW.x >= x0
          AND :NEW.y < y1 AND :NEW.y >= y0;

    -- If the phone is outside any cell
    EXCEPTION WHEN NO_DATA_FOUND THEN
      -- No cell info will be then updated
      BelongingCell := NULL;
  END;

  -- Checking if the phone is in a cell
  IF(BelongingCell IS NOT NULL) THEN
    -- Retrieving:
    ---- The max number of calls in the cell
    ---- Cell's vertexes
    SELECT MaxCalls, x0, y0, x1, y1
    INTO CellCallCapacity, cellX0, cellY0, cellX1, cellY1
    FROM CELL
    WHERE CellId = BelongingCell;

    -- Retrieving the number of phones calling in the cell
    SELECT COUNT(*) INTO ConcurrentCalls
    FROM TELEPHONE
    WHERE PhoneState = 'Active'
          AND x < cellX1 AND x >= cellX0
          AND y < cellY1 AND y >= cellY0;

    -- The cell can manage this call
    IF(ConcurrentCalls + 1 <= CellCallCapacity) THEN
      -- Setting the phone's state to Active
      UPDATE TELEPHONE
      SET PhoneState = 'Active'
      WHERE PhoneNo = :NEW.PhoneNo;
    END IF;
  END IF;
END;

```

```

-- The call exceeds the cell's capacity
ELSE
  -- Calculating the new exception ID
  SELECT MAX(ExID) + 1 INTO NextExceptionId
  FROM EXCEPTION_LOG
  WHERE CellId = BelongingCell;

  -- If it's the first exception for this cell
  IF(NextExceptionId IS NULL) THEN
    -- No cell info will be then updated
    NextExceptionId := 1;
  END IF;

  -- Inserting an exception in the log table
  INSERT INTO EXCEPTION_LOG(ExId, CellId, ExceptionType)
  VALUES (NextExceptionId, BelongingCell, 'C');
END IF;
END IF;
END;

```

2.4 Trigger testing

After the execution of:

```

INSERT INTO STATE_CHANGE(ChangeId, TimeStamp, PhoneNo, x, y, ChangeType)
VALUES (4, sysdate, '333000001', 3, 3, '0');
INSERT INTO STATE_CHANGE(ChangeId, TimeStamp, PhoneNo, x, y, ChangeType)
VALUES (6, sysdate, '333000004', 5, 5, '0');
INSERT INTO STATE_CHANGE(ChangeId, TimeStamp, PhoneNo, x, y, ChangeType)
VALUES (7, sysdate, '333000004', 5, 5, 'C');
INSERT INTO STATE_CHANGE(ChangeId, TimeStamp, PhoneNo, x, y, ChangeType)
VALUES (8, sysdate, '333000001', 3, 3, 'C');
INSERT INTO STATE_CHANGE(ChangeId, TimeStamp, PhoneNo, x, y, ChangeType)
VALUES (9, sysdate, '333000010', 3, 3, 'C');

```

there will be 3 active phones in cell 1:

	PHONENO	X	Y	PHONESTATE
1	333000010		3	3 Active
2	333000001		3	3 Active
3	333000004		5	5 Active

which has a maximum active call capacity of 3.

	CELLID	X0	Y0	X1	Y1	CURRENTPHONE#	MAXCALLS
1	1	0	0	10	10	3	3
2	2	10	0	20	10	0	20
3	3	0	10	10	20	0	20
4	4	10	10	20	20	0	20

Upon inserting these two rows in the STATE_CHANGE table:

```
INSERT INTO STATE_CHANGE(ChangeId, TimeStamp, PhoneNo, x, y, ChangeType)
VALUES (10, sysdate, '333000020', 4, 4, 'O');
INSERT INTO STATE_CHANGE(ChangeId, TimeStamp, PhoneNo, x, y, ChangeType)
VALUES (11, sysdate, '333000020', 4, 4, 'C');
```

a new phone is inserted in the TELEPHONE table:

	PHONENO	X	Y	PHONESTATE
1	333000010		3	3 Active
2	333000001		3	3 Active
3	333000004		5	5 Active
4	333000020		4	4 On

Notice that this phone is not in the 'Active' state, since the first cell has already the maximum number of phone calls going on. Hence, a new row in EXCEPTION_LOG has been inserted, with type 'C', indicating a *concurrent phone call overflow*.

EXID	CELLID	EXCEPTIONTYPE
1	1	1 C

Of course, all the previous STATE_CHANGE rows have been inserted in the table, making the latter as follows:

	CHANGEID	TIMESTAMP	PHONENO	X	Y	CHANGETYPE
1	1	18-NOV-17	333000010	3	3	O
2	2	18-NOV-17	333000009	15	15	O
3	3	18-NOV-17	333000009	15	15	F
4	4	19-NOV-17	333000001	3	3	O
5	6	19-NOV-17	333000004	5	5	O
6	7	19-NOV-17	333000004	5	5	C
7	8	19-NOV-17	333000001	3	3	C
8	9	19-NOV-17	333000010	3	3	C
9	10	19-NOV-17	333000020	4	4	O
10	11	19-NOV-17	333000020	4	4	C

3 Third exercise

3.1 Exercise text: "Changing the maximum number of active calls"

(Update of `MaxCalls` in the `CELL` table)

The maximum number of active calls related to a single cell may be reduced by the cellular phone network for managing issues (decrease of the `MaxCalls` value in the `CELL` table). The update on the `MaxCalls` attribute for a single cell could cause an inconsistent situation in which the `MaxCalls` value in the `CELL` table becomes smaller than the number of currently Active phones (`PhoneState='Active'`) in the considered cell. If so, the corresponding `MaxCalls` attribute needs to be updated with the number of currently Active phones (`PhoneState='Active'`) in the considered cell.

3.2 Trigger design

3.2.1 Event

- Update of `MaxCalls` in the `CELL` table

3.2.2 Execution semantics

- Execution mode: `BEFORE` the modification, to modify the `MaxCalls` value before the event takes place
- Granularity: row level, each tuple is modified separately

3.2.3 Condition

- The `MaxCalls` value is decreased

3.2.4 Actions

1. Retrieve the number of active phone calls in the cell
2. If the new `MaxCalls` value is less than the number of active phone calls in the cell:
 - (a) Set the new `MaxCalls` value equal to the number of active phone calls in the cell

3.3 Max_Calls_Decrease trigger code

```

CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER Max_Calls_Decrease
  BEFORE UPDATE OF MaxCalls ON CELL FOR EACH ROW
  WHEN (NEW.MaxCalls < OLD.MaxCalls)
DECLARE
  ActiveCallsInCell NUMBER;
BEGIN
  -- Retrieving the number of phones calling in the cell
  SELECT COUNT(*) INTO ActiveCallsInCell
  FROM TELEPHONE
  WHERE PhoneState = 'Active'
     AND x < :NEW.x1 AND x >= :NEW.x0
     AND y < :NEW.y1 AND y >= :NEW.y0;

  -- If the update is inconsistent
  IF(ActiveCallsInCell > :NEW.MaxCalls) THEN
    :NEW.MaxCalls := ActiveCallsInCell;
  END IF;
END;
```

3.4 Trigger testing

The initial CELL table state is reported below:

	CELLID	X0	Y0	X1	Y1	CURRENTPHONE#	MAXCALLS
1	1	0	0	10	10	4	3
2	2	10	0	20	10	0	20
3	3	0	10	10	20	0	20
4	4	10	10	20	20	0	20

After the execution of:

```
UPDATE CELL SET MaxCalls = MaxCalls-2;
```

All rows will be update accordingly, except for cell 1, that already has 3 active phone calls in it and decreasing the MaxCalls attribute from 3 to 1 would bring the table in an inconsistent state: this is why the trigger takes action, and sets the latter to the number of active phone calls (3):

	CELLID	X0	Y0	X1	Y1	CURRENTPHONE#	MAXCALLS
1	1	0	0	10	10	4	3
2	2	10	0	20	10	0	18
3	3	0	10	10	20	0	18
4	4	10	10	20	20	0	18

4 Fourth exercise

4.1 Exercise text: "Service guarantee"

(Update of MaxCalls in the CELL table)

The cellular phone network administrator needs to guarantee a minimum level service. In particular, the maximum number of active calls, by considering all cells of the network, needs to be always greater than 30. Thus, updates on the MaxCalls attribute in the CELL table must always satisfy the constraint. When an update instruction on MaxCalls attribute in the CELL table does not satisfy this constraint, the trigger will raise an application error to disallow the instruction that activates the trigger.

4.2 Trigger design

4.2.1 Event

- Update of MaxCalls in the CELL table

4.2.2 Execution semantics

- Execution mode: AFTER the modification
- Granularity: to capture the effect on the entire modification

4.2.3 Condition

- No condition, the trigger fires every time

4.2.4 Actions

1. Compute the total amount of guaranteed phone calls in the network
2. Prevent any MaxCalls modification that violates the constraint

4.3 Service_Guarantee trigger code

```
CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER Service_Guarantee
    AFTER UPDATE OF MaxCalls ON CELL
DECLARE
    TotalMaxCalls INTEGER;
BEGIN
    SELECT SUM(MaxCalls) INTO TotalMaxCalls
    FROM CELL;

    IF(TotalMaxCalls < 30) THEN
        raise_application_error(
            -20514,
            'The overall network should guarantee at least 30 calls'
        );
    END IF;
END;
```

4.4 Trigger testing

The initial CELL table state is reported below:

CELLID	X0	Y0	X1	Y1	CURRENTPHONE#	MAXCALLS	
1	1	0	0	10	10	4	3
2	2	10	0	20	10	0	18
3	3	0	10	10	20	0	18
4	4	10	10	20	20	0	18

After the execution of:

```
UPDATE CELL SET MaxCalls = MaxCalls-1;
```

the Service.Guarantee trigger won't prevent the operation as the total amount of guaranteed phone calls over the network remains greater than 30:

CELLID	X0	Y0	X1	Y1	CURRENTPHONE#	MAXCALLS	
1	1	0	0	10	10	4	3
2	2	10	0	20	10	0	17
3	3	0	10	10	20	0	17
4	4	10	10	20	20	0	17

Notice that the first cell's MaxCalls value didn't drop from 3 to 2, as the Max.Calls.Decrease trigger prevented this kind of operation.

This time, after the execution of:

```
UPDATE CELL SET MaxCalls = MaxCalls-10;
```

the Service_Guarantee trigger does prevent the operation as the total amount of guaranteed phone calls over the network would drop to 24. The trigger will then raise an application error:

```
Error starting at line : 21 in command -
UPDATE CELL SET MaxCalls = MaxCalls-10
Error report -
ORA-20514: The overall network should guarantee at least 30 calls
ORA-06512: at "SYSTEM.SERVICE_GUARANTEE", line 8
ORA-04088: error during execution of trigger 'SYSTEM.SERVICE_GUARANTEE'
```

and the CELL table does not get modified.