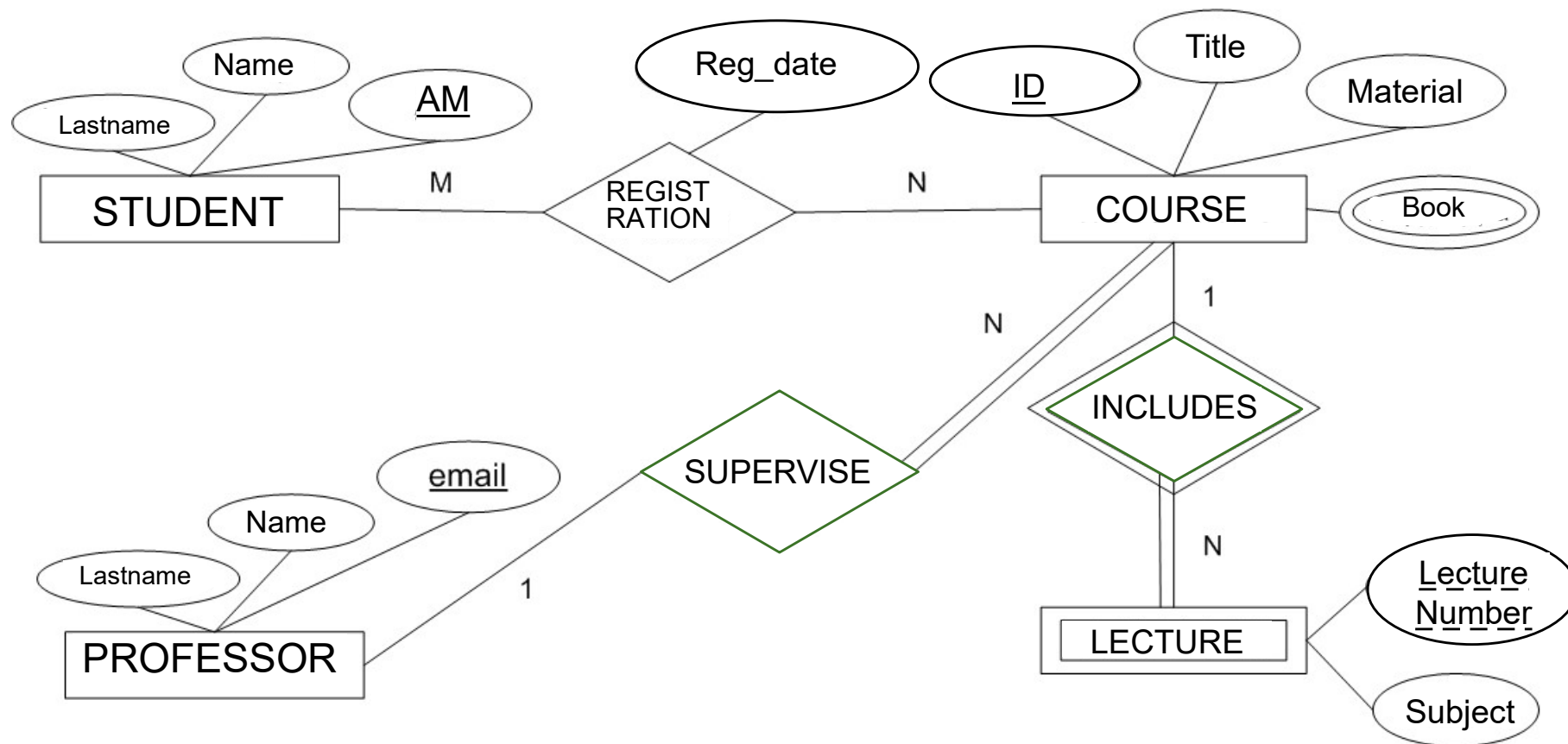


# Database Systems Lab

## Triggers

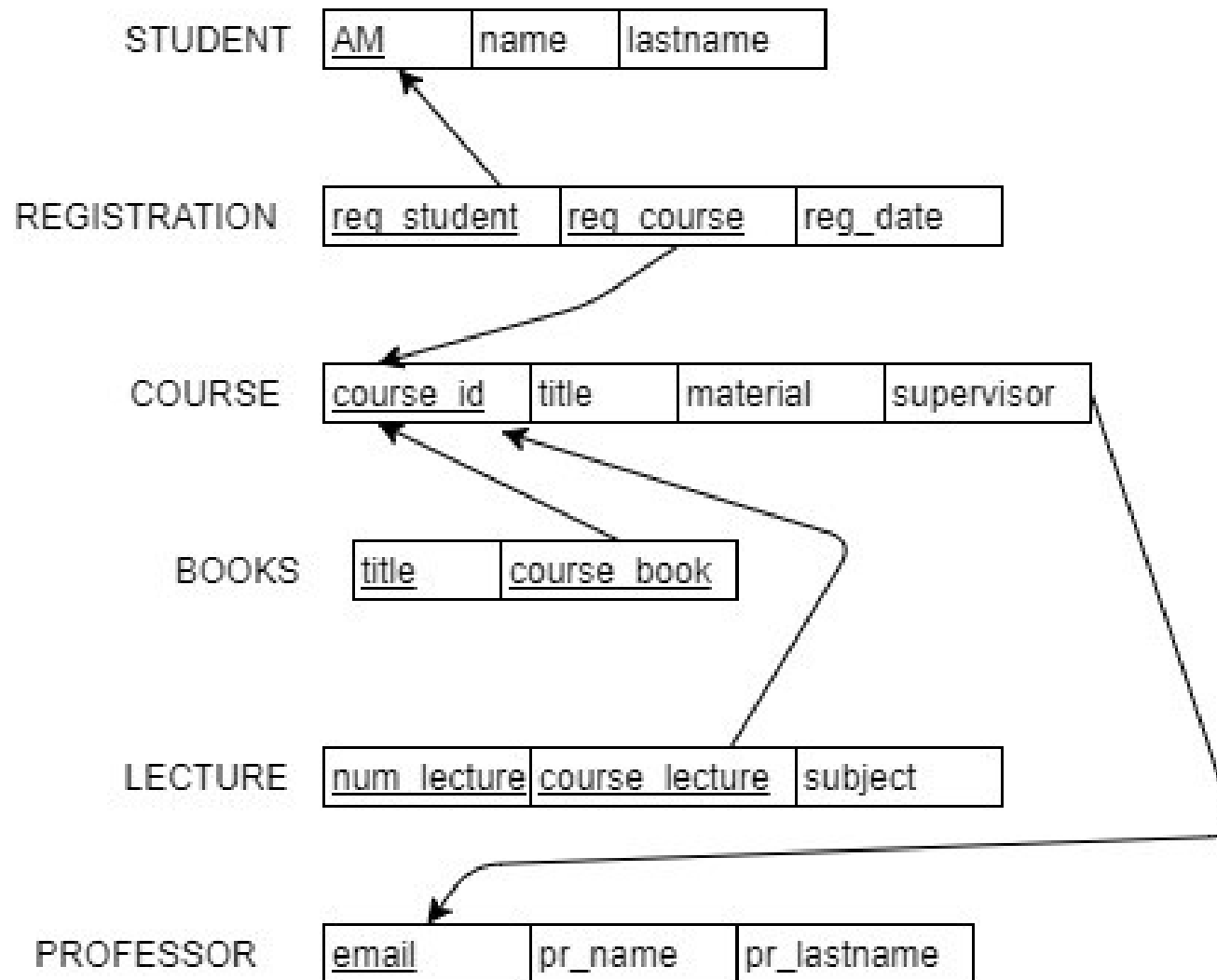


# ER-diagram example



AM is student's registration number

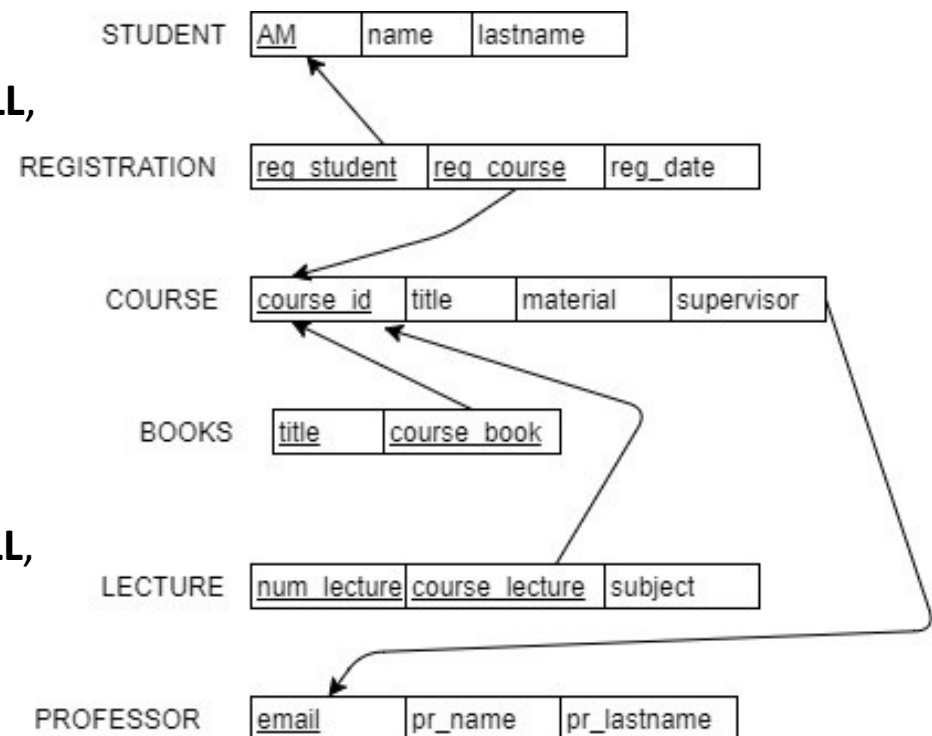
# Relational-model example



# Table-creation statements

```
CREATE TABLE student(  
  name VARCHAR(25) DEFAULT 'unknown' NOT NULL,  
  lastname VARCHAR(25) DEFAULT 'unknown' NOT NULL,  
  AM INT(5) NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,  
  PRIMARY KEY(AM)  
);
```

```
CREATE TABLE professor(  
  pr_name VARCHAR(25) DEFAULT 'unknown' NOT NULL,  
  pr_lastname VARCHAR(25) DEFAULT 'unknown' NOT NULL,  
  email VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,  
  PRIMARY KEY(email)  
);
```



```

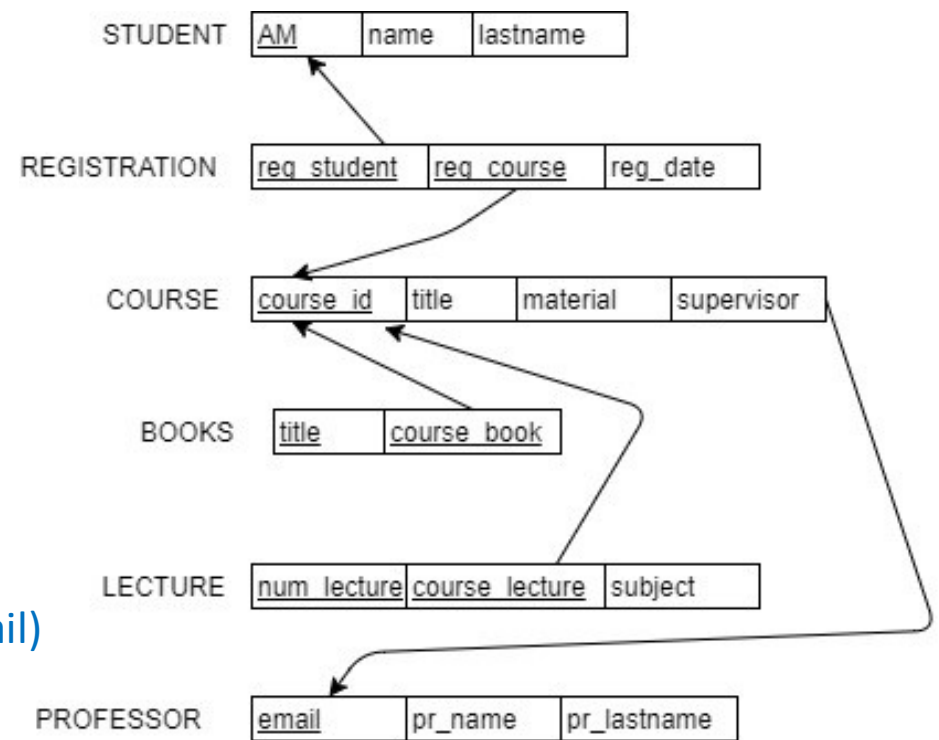
CREATE TABLE course (
  title VARCHAR(255) DEFAULT 'unknown' NOT NULL,
  material TEXT,
  course_id INT(4) NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
  supervisor VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY(course_id),
  UNIQUE(title),
  CONSTRAINT SUPERVISED
  FOREIGN KEY (supervisor) REFERENCES professor(email)
  ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE);

```

```

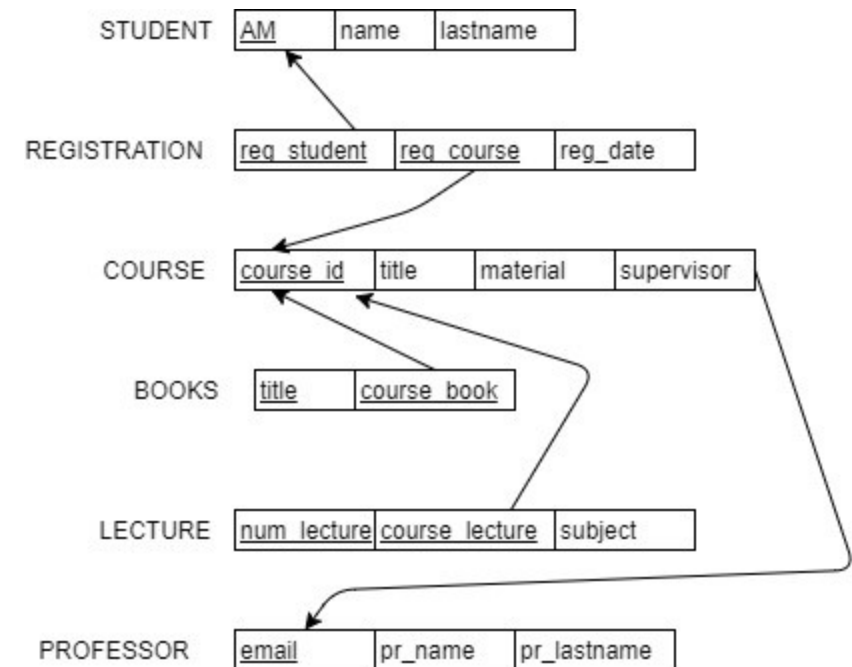
CREATE TABLE books (
  title VARCHAR(128) DEFAULT 'Title' NOT NULL,
  course_book INT(4) NOT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY(title,course_book),
  CONSTRAINT CRSBOOK
  FOREIGN KEY (course_book) REFERENCES course(course_id)
  ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE);

```



```
CREATE TABLE lecture (
  subject VARCHAR(128),
  num_lecture INT(2) NOT NULL,
  course_lecture INT(4) NOT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY(num_lecture,course_lecture),
  CONSTRAINT CRSLECTURE
  FOREIGN KEY (course_lecture) REFERENCES course(course_id)
  ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE);
```

```
CREATE TABLE registration (
  reg_date DATE NOT NULL,
  reg_student INT(5) NOT NULL,
  reg_course INT(4) NOT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY(reg_student,reg_course),
  CONSTRAINT CRSREGISTRATION
  FOREIGN KEY (reg_course) REFERENCES course(course_id)
  ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE,
  CONSTRAINT STDNTREGISTRATION
  FOREIGN KEY (reg_student) REFERENCES student(AM)
  ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE);
```



# Triggers

- A trigger is a special stored procedure.
- It is invoked automatically in response to a specific event that occurs in an associated table.
- A trigger is used for:
  - Validating data before they are inserted in a table.
  - Enforcing rules regarding business logic.
  - Calculating values for derived fields.
  - Keeping access and table-modification logs.
- Triggers slow down the access to associated tables; therefore, their use adds to database overhead.
  - Triggers are supported in MySQL from version 5.0.2.
  - Before version 5.1.6 the SUPER privilege was needed for declaring triggers.

# Managing Triggers

- Trigger creation statement

`CREATE TRIGGER <trigger name>`

- Trigger deletion statement

`DROP TRIGGER <trigger name>`

- Display trigger creation code

`SHOW CREATE TRIGGER <trigger name>`

- List triggers in a table or database

`SHOW TRIGGERS`

- Trigger call

**A trigger cannot be directly called.** It is automatically invoked when a specific data-modification event occurs on the associated table.



# Creating a Trigger

- When creating a trigger, the following are specified
  - The **table** which the trigger is associated with:
    - This can be any table of the database the trigger is created in.
  - The **event** that invokes the trigger:
    - INSERT
    - UPDATE
    - DELETE
  - The trigger action time:
    - BEFORE the event.
    - AFTER the event is completed.
  - The **operation** of the trigger:
    - In the body of the trigger, we specify the statements to be executed when the trigger is invoked.

# Trigger Creation Statement Syntax

```
CREATE TRIGGER trigger_name trigger_time trigger_event  
ON table_name  
FOR EACH ROW trigger_body
```

- **trigger\_name** Trigger's name. All triggers must have unique names within a schema
- **trigger\_time** The trigger action time. It can be BEFORE or AFTER.
- **trigger\_event** The type of modification (event) that activates the trigger
- **ON table\_name** The name of the table the triggers is associated with
- **FOR EACH ROW** Defines that the code in the trigger's body will be executed for each row involved in the activating event
- **trigger\_body** The statement(s) to execute when the trigger activates

# Block Statement

- The body of the trigger can include more than one statements
  - To execute multiple statements, use the BEGIN END compound statement

`BEGIN ...block statement... END`

- Redefine the default delimiter to distinguish the (end of the) statements in the body of the trigger from the (end of the) `CREATE TRIGGER` statement.
  - To redefine the default delimiter, use the `DELIMITER` command.

# MySQL User-Defined Variables

- Users can create their own variables in MySQL.
  - User-defined variables are session-specific.
  - To separate from system variables, user-defined variables begin with @
  - To assign a value to a user-defined variable, use the SET command

```
mysql> SET @x=4;
```

```
mysql> SET @y=7;
```

```
mysql> SET @z=@x-@y;
```

- The SELECT statement can be used for printing the value of @z

```
mysql>SELECT @z;
```

```
+-----+
```

```
| @z    |
```

```
+-----+
```

```
|    -3 |
```

```
+-----+
```

```
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

# Course table creation statement

```
CREATE TABLE course (  
    title VARCHAR(255) DEFAULT 'unknown' NOT NULL,  
    material TEXT,  
    course_id INT(4) NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,  
    supervisor VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,  
    PRIMARY KEY(course_id),  
    UNIQUE(title),  
    CONSTRAINT SUPERVISED  
    FOREIGN KEY (supervisor) REFERENCES professor(email)  
    ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE);
```

course	title	material	course_id	supervisor
	Database Systems	Introduction to relational databases	2	pap@ceid.upatras.gr
	Database Systems II	Advanced Database Systems	3	alex@ceid.upatras.gr

# Trigger Creation – Example

**Name** keep\_count

**Operation** When inserting a new *course*, the value of a variable that holds the number of courses increases by 1

```
mysql>CREATE TRIGGER keep_count  
->AFTER INSERT ON course  
->FOR EACH ROW  
->SET @courseCount=@courseCount+1;
```

**Why AFTER?**

```
mysql>SET @courseCount=(SELECT COUNT(*) FROM course);  
mysql>SELECT @courseCount;
```

```
+-----+  
| @courseCount |  
+-----+  
|          2 |  
+-----+  
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql>INSERT INTO course (title,course_id,supervisor)  
->VALUES  
->('t1',NULL,'alex@upatras.gr'),  
->('t2',NULL,'alex@upatras.gr');
```



```
mysql>SELECT @courseCount;  
+-----+  
| @courseCount |  
+-----+  
|          4 |  
+-----+  
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

# Trigger Events

- Event is the type of operation that activates the trigger.
- Types of Events:
  - **INSERT** activates the trigger when a row is inserted in the associated table. The INSERT, LOAD DATA and REPLACE invoke an INSERT Event.
  - **UPDATE** activates the trigger when a row is modified in the associated table using the UPDATE statement.
  - **DELETE** activates the trigger when a row is deleted in the associated table. The DELETE and REPLACE statements invoke an UPDATE Event.
    - The DROP TABLE and TRUNCATE do not activate DELETE-Event triggers
- Deleting or updating rows because of referential actions caused by foreign key constraints do not activate triggers!

# Triggers and Associated Tables

- A table can be associated with multiple triggers after MySQL version 5.7
- Before MySQL version 5.7, a table could be associated with only one trigger for a specific trigger\_event and trigger\_time.

- Thus, before version 5.7 a table could be associated with only six triggers at most.

- BEFORE INSERT
- AFTER INSERT
- BEFORE UPDATE
- AFTER UPDATE
- BEFORE DELETE
- AFTER DELETE

```
mysql> CREATE TRIGGER count_students  
-> AFTER INSERT ON student  
-> FOR EACH ROW  
-> SET @stCount=@stCount+1;  
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.03 sec)
```

```
mysql> CREATE TRIGGER count_students_alt  
-> AFTER INSERT ON student  
-> FOR EACH ROW  
-> SET @studentsCount=@studentsCount+1;  
ERROR 1235 (42000): This version of MySQL  
doesn't yet support 'multiple triggers with  
the same action time and event for one  
table'
```



# Statements in the Trigger Body

- The body of a trigger contains the statements to be executed when the trigger is activated
  - To define these statements, the default delimiter must be changed using the DELIMITER command
- The following statements can be used in the body of a trigger
  - Variable declarations
  - Flow-control statements (IF, CASE, WHILE, LOOP, WHILE, REPEAT)
  - SELECT INTO, Handler declarations and Cursor statements
  - Stored-procedures call statements
  - Multiple statements must be included inside a BEGIN...END compound statement
- A trigger cannot
  - Use the SELECT statement for showing data
  - Modify its associated table
- Stored procedures that are called by triggers share the same limitations

# Trigger code – Example 1

Name init\_book

Function After a new *course* has been inserted, insert a new *book* for this course using the default value for *title*

```
mysql>DELIMITER $
mysql>CREATE TRIGGER init_book
->AFTER INSERT ON course
->FOR EACH ROW
->BEGIN
-> DECLARE cid INT(4);
-> SELECT MAX(course_id) INTO cid FROM course;
-> INSERT INTO books(title, course_book)
-> VALUES (DEFAULT, cid);
->END$
mysql>DELIMITER ;
```

# Books table creation statement

```
CREATE TABLE books (  
    title VARCHAR(128) DEFAULT 'Title' NOT NULL,  
    course_book INT(4) NOT NULL,  
    PRIMARY KEY(title,course_book),  
    CONSTRAINT CRSBOOK  
    FOREIGN KEY (course_book) REFERENCES course(course_id)  
    ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE);
```

<b>books</b>	title	course_book
	Databases 1	2
	Databases 1 2nd volume	2
	Databases 2	3

# Trigger code – Example 1

Check that the trigger init\_book works correctly:

```
mysql>INSERT INTO
course(title,course_id,supervisor)
->VALUES
->('t3',NULL,'alex@upatras.gr'),
->('t4',NULL,'alex@upatras.gr');
```

```
mysql>SELECT books.title as Book,course.title as Course
->FROM books
->INNER JOIN course ON course_book=course_id;
```

Book	Course
Databases 1	Databases
Databases 1 2nd volume	Databases
Databases 2	Databases II
Title	t3
Title	t4

```
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

# Trigger code - Limitations

- A trigger cannot use a SELECT statement for showing data

```
mysql> DELIMITER $
mysql> CREATE TRIGGER init_book
-> AFTER INSERT ON course
-> FOR EACH ROW
-> BEGIN
-> DECLARE cid INT(4);
-> SELECT MAX(course_id) INTO cid FROM course;
-> INSERT INTO books(title, course_book)
-> VALUES (DEFAULT,cid);
-> SELECT title FROM books WHERE course_book=cid;
-> END$
```

ERROR 1415 (0A000): Not allowed to return a result set from a trigger

A trigger cannot modify its associated table (nor call a stored procedure that modifies this table)

Name overflow\_registrations –

```
mysql> DELIMITER $  
mysql> CREATE TRIGGER overflow_registrations
```

```
-> BEFORE INSERT ON registration  
-> FOR EACH ROW  
-> BEGIN  
-> DECLARE regnum INT;  
-> DECLARE oldDate DATE;  
-> SELECT COUNT(*) INTO regnum  
-> FROM registration;  
-> IF regnum >= 5 THEN  
-> SELECT MIN(reg_date) INTO oldDate  
-> FROM registration;  
-> DELETE FROM registration  
-> WHERE reg_date = oldDate;  
-> END IF;  
-> END $
```

```
mysql> DELIMITER ;
```

```
mysql> INSERT INTO registration(reg_date, reg_student, reg_course)  
-> VALUES ('2012-12-03', 2193, 2);
```

```
CREATE TABLE registration (  
    reg_date DATE NOT NULL,  
    reg_student INT(5) NOT NULL,  
    reg_course INT(4) NOT NULL,  
    PRIMARY KEY(reg_student, reg_course),  
    CONSTRAINT CRSREGISTRATION  
    FOREIGN KEY (reg_course) REFERENCES course(course_id)  
    ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE,  
    CONSTRAINT STDNREGISTRATION  
    FOREIGN KEY (reg_student) REFERENCES student(AM)  
    ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE);
```

ERROR 1442 (HY000): Can't update table 'registration' in stored function/trigger because it is already used by statement which invoked this stored function/trigger.

# Accessing values of records

- The trigger body can access the values of the record (row) that is affected by the insert, update or delete statement.
- A record has two states with respect to the event that activates the trigger:
  - The state before the event is completed.
  - The state after the event is completed.
- The keywords OLD and NEW are used to access the values of rows before and after the event has finished, respectively:
  - `OLD.column_name` can access the value of `column_name` in the row under modification before the event is completed.
  - `NEW.column_name` can access the value of `column_name` in the row under modification after the event is completed.

# OLD and NEW modifiers

- Trigger event: **INSERT**
  - There is not a before state; OLD is not available.
  - NEW modifier can access the value to be inserted before or after the insert event is completed.
- Trigger event: **UPDATE**
  - OLD modifier can access the existing value (the one to be updated) of the record before the update.
  - NEW can access the value that updates the existing value before or after the update.
- Trigger event: **DELETE**
  - OLD can access the existing value (the one to be deleted).
  - There is not an after state, NEW is not available.
- Values accessed with the OLD modifier are read-only
- The NEW modifier can read but also change values.
  - Triggers can change values only in BEFORE time.
  - The value of an AUTO\_INCREMENT field is zero BEFORE the event.



# *Registration table creation statement*

```
CREATE TABLE registration (  
    reg_date DATE NOT NULL,  
    reg_student INT(5) NOT NULL,  
    reg_course INT(4) NOT NULL,  
    PRIMARY KEY(reg_student,reg_course),  
    CONSTRAINT CRSREGISTRATION  
FOREIGN KEY (reg_course) REFERENCES  
course(course_id)  
ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE,  
    CONSTRAINT STDNTREGISTRATION  
FOREIGN KEY (reg_student) REFERENCES student(AM)  
ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE);
```

# OLD and NEW in BEFORE INSERT

```
mysql> CREATE TRIGGER checkRegDate  
-> BEFORE INSERT ON registration  
-> FOR EACH ROW  
-> BEGIN  
-> DECLARE currDate DATE;  
-> SET currDate=CURDATE();  
-> IF NEW.reg_date>currDate THEN SET NEW.reg_date=currDate;  
-> END IF;  
-> END$
```



If the date to be inserted is in the future,  
then replace it with the current date.

```
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.08 sec)  
mysql> DELIMITER ;
```

--Trigger testing:

```
mysql> INSERT INTO registration (reg_date,reg_student,reg_course)  
->VALUES ('2022-12-30',2194,2);  
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.02 sec)
```

```
mysql> select * from registration;
```

reg_date	reg_student	reg_course
2015-09-15	2129	2
2015-10-05	2129	3
2015-09-11	2193	2
2015-09-25	2193	3
2022-12-15	2194	2
2015-09-30	2194	3

```
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

# OLD and NEW in AFTER INSERT

```
mysql>DELIMITER $
mysql>CREATE TRIGGER returnId
->AFTER INSERT ON student
->FOR EACH ROW
->BEGIN
-> SET @newStudent=NEW.AM;
->END$
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.08 sec)
mysql>DELIMITER ;
```



After inserting a new student, return to a user-defined variable the value of this student's AM (= Record number)

*--trigger testing:*

```
mysql> INSERT INTO student(AM,name,lastname) VALUES(NULL,'George','Bale');
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM student WHERE lastname='Αναστασίου';
```

```
+-----+-----+-----+
| name   | lastname | am    |
+-----+-----+-----+
| Georgre | Bale    | 2194  |
+-----+-----+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> SELECT @newStudent;
```

```
+-----+
| @newStudent |
+-----+
| 2194        |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

# OLD and NEW in UPDATE

```
mysql>DELIMITER $
mysql>CREATE TRIGGER validateEmail
->BEFORE UPDATE ON professor
->FOR EACH ROW
->BEGIN
-> IF NEW.email NOT LIKE '%@%.%' THEN
-> SET NEW.email=OLD.email;
-> END IF;
->END$
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.08 sec)
mysql>DELIMITER $
```



Before modifying a professor's email, check the format of the new email. If it is valid then save the new value, otherwise keep the old one.

*--trigger testing:*

```
mysql> update professor set email='nick@ceid' where email='alex@ceid.upatras.gr';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.064 sec)
Rows matched: 1  Changed: 0  Warnings: 0
```

```
mysql> update professor set email='nick@ceid.upatras.gr' where email='alex@ceid.upatras.gr';
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.061 sec)
Rows matched: 1  Changed: 1  Warnings: 0
```

# Trigger event cancelation

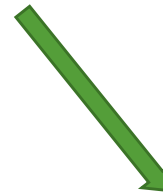
- Triggers are often used for enforcing data validation and data integrity by checking the values to be modified.
- If a check fails in BEFORE time, then there are two options:
  - Correct the value so it no longer violates any data validation restrictions
  - Cancel the event that activated the trigger.
- There are two methods for canceling an event:
  - Raising an error by executing an invalid operation inside a MySQL statement (i.e, inserting a NULL value in field defined to accept only NOT NULL values).
  - Using the **SIGNAL** statement to return an error and terminate the execution (available from MySQL version 5.5)

# Course table creation statement

```
CREATE TABLE course (  
    title VARCHAR(255) DEFAULT 'unknown' NOT NULL,  
    material TEXT,  
    course_id INT(4) NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,  
    supervisor VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,  
    PRIMARY KEY(course_id),  
    UNIQUE(title),  
    CONSTRAINT SUPERVISED  
    FOREIGN KEY (supervisor) REFERENCES professor(email)  
    ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE);
```

# Canceling events – invalid operation

```
mysql>DELIMITER $
mysql>CREATE TRIGGER validateSupervisorCourses
->BEFORE INSERT ON course
->FOR EACH ROW
->BEGIN
-> DECLARE numOfCourses INT;
-> SELECT COUNT(*) INTO numOfCourses
-> FROM course
-> WHERE course.supervisor=NEW.supervisor;
-> IF numOfCourses>2 THEN
-> SET NEW.supervisor=NULL;
-> END IF;
->END$
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.08 sec)
mysql>DELIMITER ;
```



Before assigning a new course to a professor, check the number of courses the professor already supervises. If the professor has the maximum number of assignments (2), then raise an error.

## --trigger testing:

```
mysql> SELECT COUNT(*) FROM course WHERE supervisor='pap@ceid.upatras.gr';
+-----+
| COUNT(*) |
+-----+
| 1        |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> INSERT INTO course(title,supervisor) VALUES ('Lesson2','pap@ceid.upatras.gr');
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)
```

```
mysql> INSERT INTO course(title,supervisor) VALUES ('Lesson3','pap@ceid.upatras.gr');
ERROR 1048 (23000): Column 'supervisor' cannot be null
```

# Canceling events using SIGNAL

```
mysql>DELIMITER $
mysql>CREATE TRIGGER validateRegistration
->BEFORE INSERT ON registration
->FOR EACH ROW
->BEGIN
-> DECLARE currDate DATE;
-> DECLARE diff INT;
-> SET currDate=CURDATE();
-> SET diff=ABS(DATEDIFF(currDate,NEW.reg_date));
-> IF diff>=365 THEN
-> SIGNAL SQLSTATE VALUE '45000'
-> SET MESSAGE_TEXT = 'Invalid registration date! Must be within a year.';
-> END IF;
->END$
mysql>DELIMITER ;
```



Before a student registers to a new course, check the registration date. If the difference between registration and current date is more than a year, then raise an error

--trigger testing:

```
mysql> INSERT INTO registration(reg_date,reg_student,reg_course) VALUES ('2030-04-17',2194,2);
ERROR 1644 (45000): Invalid registration date! Must be within a year.
```

```
mysql> INSERT INTO registration(reg_date,reg_student,reg_course) VALUES ('2021-12-22',2194,2);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> INSERT INTO registration(reg_date,reg_student,reg_course) VALUES ('2023-02-12',2193,2);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.12 sec)
```



# Canceling events using SIGNAL

- The **SIGNAL** statement specifies:
  - SQLSTATE CODE – the value returned to the caller.
    - MySQL manual defines specific values and rules for this code.
    - Use value '45000' which indicates an unhandled user-defined exception.
  - MESSAGE\_TEXT – the error message returned to the caller
- MySQL Functions used in previous examples:
  - ABS(): return the absolute value.
  - DATEDIFF(): calculates and returns the number of days between two dates (DATE, DATETIME or TIMESTAMP).

# Lecture table creation statement

```
CREATE TABLE lecture (  
    subject VARCHAR(128),  
    num_lecture INT(2) NOT NULL,  
    course_lecture INT(4) NOT NULL,  
    PRIMARY KEY(num_lecture,course_lecture),  
    CONSTRAINT CRSLECTURE  
    FOREIGN KEY (course_lecture) REFERENCES course(course_id)  
    ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE);
```

# AUTO\_INCREMENT Implementation Example

```
mysql>DELIMITER $
mysql>CREATE TRIGGER autoIncrementLecture
->BEFORE INSERT ON lecture
->FOR EACH ROW
->BEGIN
-> DECLARE maxNum INT(2);
-> SELECT MAX(num_lecture) INTO maxNum
-> FROM lecture
-> WHERE course_lecture=NEW.course_lecture;
-> SET NEW.num_lecture=maxNum+1;
->END$
mysql>DELIMITER ;
```



Calculate automatically the next number (num\_lecture) for a new lecture of a course

--trigger testing:

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM lecture WHERE course_lecture=2;
```

subject	num_lecture	course_lecture
Introduction to DB	1	2
Requirements Analysis	2	2
ER-Relational model	3	2

3 rows in set (0.00 sec)

```
mysql> INSERT INTO lecture(subject, num_lecture, course_lecture)
-> VALUES ('Introduction to MySQL 1',0,2);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.04 sec)
```

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM lecture WHERE course_lecture=2;
```

subject	num_lecture	course_lecture
Introduction to DB	1	2
Requirements Analysis	2	2
ER-Relational model	3	2
Introduction to MySQL 1	4	2

4 rows in set (0.00 sec)

```
mysql> INSERT INTO lecture(subject, num_lecture, course_lecture)
-> VALUES (' Introduction to MySQL 2',0,2);
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM lecture WHERE course_lecture=2;
```

subject	num_lecture	course_lecture
Introduction to DB	1	2
Requirements Analysis	2	2
ER-Relational model	3	2
Introduction to MySQL 1	4	2
Introduction to MySQL 2	5	2

5 rows in set (0.00 sec)

# AUTO\_INCREMENT Implementation Example

Question:

- If the result of the SELECT query is empty?
  - How can number 1 be assigned to the first lecture of a course?

```
mysql>DELIMITER $
mysql>CREATE TRIGGER autoIncrementLecture
->BEFORE INSERT ON lecture
->FOR EACH ROW
->BEGIN
-> DECLARE maxNum INT(2);
-> SELECT MAX(num_lecture) INTO maxNum
-> FROM lecture
-> WHERE course_lecture=NEW.course_lecture;
-> SET NEW.num_lecture=maxNum+1;
->END$
mysql>DELIMITER ;
```

# AUTO\_INCREMENT Implementation Example

Question:

- If the result of the SELECT query is empty?
  - How can number 1 be assigned to the first lecture of a course?

```
mysql>DELIMITER $
mysql>CREATE TRIGGER autoIncrementLecture
->BEFORE INSERT ON lecture
->FOR EACH ROW
->BEGIN
-> DECLARE maxNum INT(2);
-> SELECT MAX(num_lecture) INTO maxNum
-> FROM lecture
-> WHERE course_lecture=NEW.course_lecture;
-> IF maxNum is NULL THEN
->     SET maxNum=0;
-> END IF;
-> SET NEW.num_lecture=maxNum+1;
->END$
mysql>DELIMITER ;
```