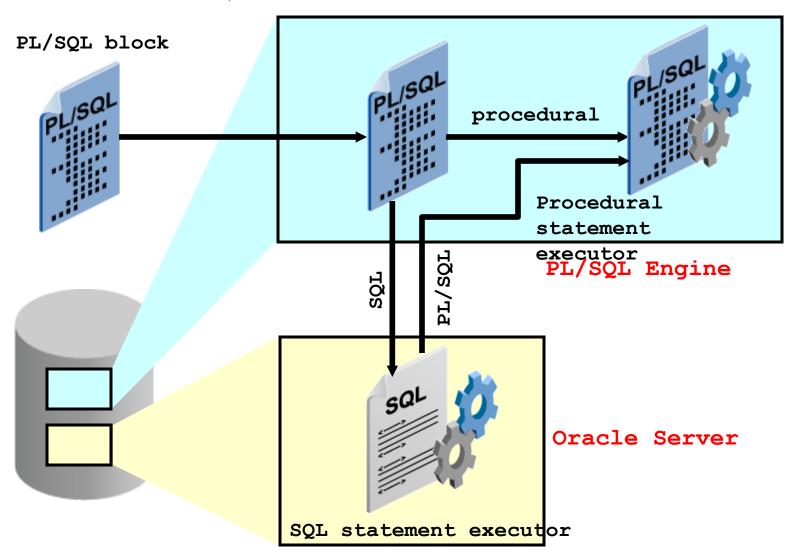
PL/SQL Programming Concepts: Review

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Block Types

Procedure

Function

Anonymous

```
PROCEDURE name
IS
BEGIN
--statements
[EXCEPTION]
END;
```

```
FUNCTION name
RETURN datatype
IS
BEGIN
--statements
RETURN value;
[EXCEPTION]

END;
```

```
[DECLARE]

BEGIN
--statements

[EXCEPTION]

END;
```

PL/SQL Block Structure

- DECLARE (optional)
 - Variables, cursors, user-defined exceptions
- BEGIN (mandatory)
 - SQL statements
 - PL/SQL statements
- EXCEPTION (optional)
 - Actions to perform when exceptions occur
- END; (mandatory)



Types of Variables

- PL/SQL variables:
 - Scalar
 - Reference
 - Large object (LOB)
 - Composite (Record, Collection)
- Non-PL/SQL variables: Bind variables

Declaring and Initializing PL/SQL Variables

Syntax:

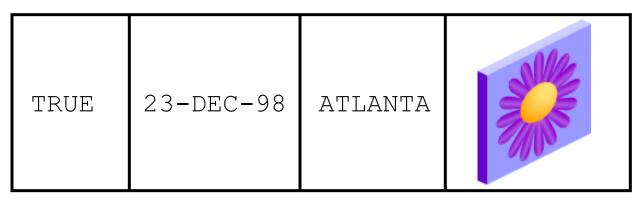
```
identifier [CONSTANT] datatype [NOT NULL]
[:= | DEFAULT expr];
```

Examples:

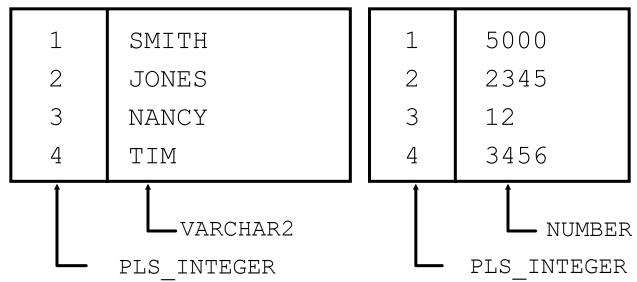
```
DECLARE
 v hiredate
                DATE:
 v deptno
                NUMBER(2) NOT NULL := 10;
 v location
                VARCHAR2(13) := 'Atlanta';
                 CONSTANT NUMBER := 1400;
 c comm
 v salary
                 NUMBER (4) := 4000;
 v minsalary
                 v salary%type;
 v maxsalary
                 v salary%type:=v salary+6000;
 v boolean
              BOOLEAN;
 v boolean init BOOLEAN NOT NULL DEFAULT=true;
```

Composite Data Types: Records and

PL/SQL Record: Collections



PL/SQL Collections:



SQL Functions in PL/SQL

- Available in procedural statements:
 - Single-row functions
- Not available in procedural statements:
 - DECODE
 - NVL2
 - COALESCE
 - NULLIF
 - Group functions

Operators in PL/SQL

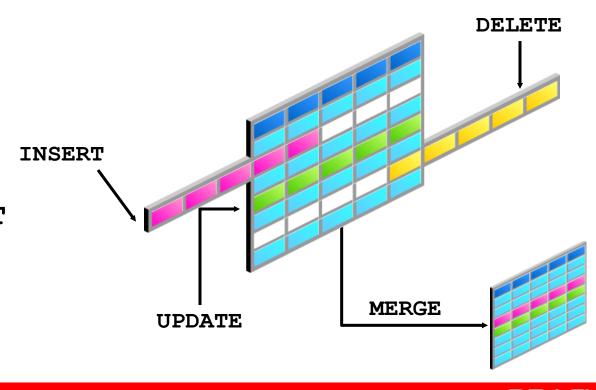
- Logical
- Arithmetic
- Concatenation
- Parentheses to control order of operations
- Exponential operator (**)

Same as in SQL

Using PL/SQL to Manipulate Data

Make changes to database tables by using DML and transactional statements:

- INSERT
- UPDATE
- DELETE
- MERGE
- COMMIT
- ROLLBACK
- SAVEPOINT

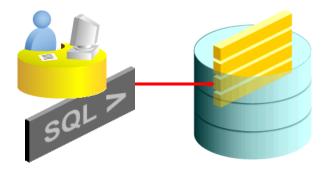


SQL Cursor

- A cursor is a pointer to the private memory area allocated by the Oracle Server. It is used to handle the result set of a SELECT statement.
- There are two types of cursors: implicit and explicit.
 - Implicit: Created and managed internally by the Oracle Server to process SQL statements
 - Explicit: Declared explicitly by the programmer



Implicit cursor



Explicit cursor

SQL Cursor Attributes for Implicit Cursors

Using SQL cursor attributes, you can test the outcome of your SQL statements.

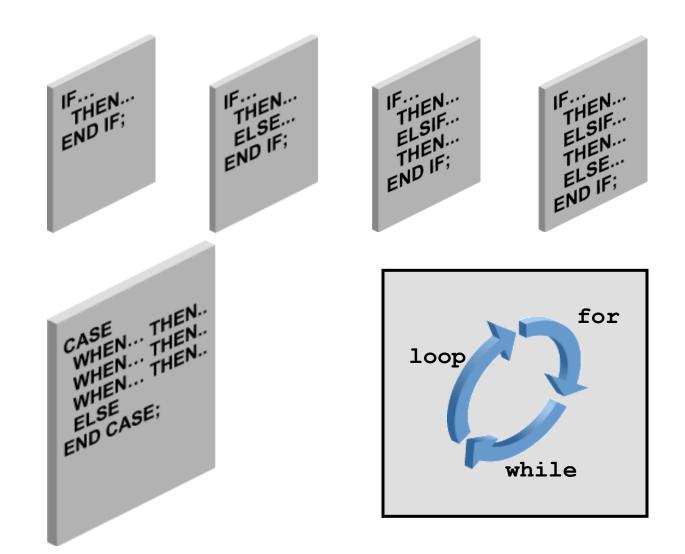
SQL%FOUND	Boolean attribute that evaluates to TRUE if the most recent SQL statement affected at least one row
SQL%NOTFOUND	Boolean attribute that evaluates to TRUE if the most recent SQL statement did not affect even one row
SQL%ROWCOUNT	An integer value that represents the number of rows affected by the most recent SQL statement

SQL Cursor Attributes for Implicit Cursors

Delete rows that have the specified employee ID from the employees table. Print the number of rows deleted.

Example:

Controlling Flow of Execution



Logic Tables

Build a simple Boolean condition with a comparison operator.

AND	TRUE	FALSE	NULL	OR	TRUE	FALSE	NULL	NOT	
TRUE	TRUE	FALSE	NULL	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	FALSE
FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	NULL	FALSE	TRUE
NULL	NULL	FALSE	NULL	NULL	TRUE	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL

Example for anonymous PL/SQL block

```
DECLARE
N NUMBER:=&SZAM;
J NUMBER;
BEGIN
<<KULSO>>
LOOP
  FOR I IN 2..SQRT(N) LOOP
  IF N/I=TRUNC(N/I) THEN
   DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE(N||' NEM PRIM, '||I ||' OSZTJA');
   EXIT KULSO;
  END IF;
  END LOOP;
  DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE(N||' PRIM');
  EXIT;
END LOOP;
END;
```

Processing Explicit Cursors

The following three commands are used to process an explicit cursor:

- OPEN
- FETCH
- CLOSE

Alternatively, you can also use a cursor FOR loops.

Explicit Cursor Attributes

Every explicit cursor has the following four attributes:

- cursor name%FOUND
- cursor name%ISOPEN
- cursor name%NOTFOUND
- cursor_name%ROWCOUNT

Example for explicit cursor

```
DECLARE CURSOR C EMP IS
SELECT t.*,12*SALARY*(1+NVL(COMMISSION PCT,0)) EVES FIZ
FROM EMPLOYEES t
WHERE DEPARTMENT ID=&OSZTALYKOD;
R C EMP%ROWTYPE;
SUMMA NUMBER;
BEGIN
SUMMA:=0;
OPEN C EMP;
LOOP
  FETCH C EMP INTO R ;
  EXIT WHEN C EMP%NOTFOUND;
  SUMMA:=SUMMA+R.SALARY;
  DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE (
   C EMP%ROWCOUNT | | '. DOLGOZO:=' | | RPAD (R.LAST NAME, 15, ' ')
   || 'FIZ: '|| R.SALARY || 'FONOKE: '|| R.MANAGER ID
   || ' EVES JOV: '||R.EVES FIZ);
END LOOP;
DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE (
CHR(10) | C EMP%ROWCOUNT | COSSZES FIZETES: '| SUMMA);
CLOSE C EMP;
END;
```

Cursor FOR Loops

Syntax:

```
FOR record_name IN cursor_name LOOP
   statement1;
   statement2;
   . . .
END LOOP;
```

- The cursor FOR loop is a shortcut to process explicit cursors.
- Implicit open, fetch, exit, and close occur.
- The record is implicitly declared.

Cursor with FOR: Example

```
DECLARE
CURSOR C DEPT IS
SELECT * FROM departments;
CURSOR C EMP (C DEPTNO NUMBER) IS
SELECT * FROM employees
WHERE DEPARTMENT ID=C DEPTNO;
BEGIN
DBMS OUTPUT. ENABLE (1000000);
FOR R IN C DEPT LOOP
  DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE (CHR(10) | | R.DEPARTMENT ID
   ||' '||R.DEPARTMENT NAME||CHR(10));
   FOR Q IN C EMP(R.DEPARTMENT ID) LOOP
     DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE (C EMP%ROWCOUNT | | '. DOLGOZO: ' | |
     Q.EMPLOYEE ID||' '||Q.LAST NAME);
  END LOOP;
END LOOP;
END;
```

Handling Exceptions

- An exception is an error in PL/SQL that is raised during program execution.
- An exception can be raised:
 - Implicitly by the Oracle server
 - Explicitly by the program
- An exception can be handled:
 - By trapping it with a handler
 - By propagating it to the calling environment

Predefined Oracle Server Errors

- Reference the predefined name in the exceptionhandling routine.
- Sample predefined exceptions:
 - NO DATA FOUND (SELECT)
 - TOO MANY ROWS (SELECT)
 - INVALID_CURSOR (FECTH from closed cursor)
 - ZERO DIVIDE (1/0 de nem 1F/0 !)
 - DUP_VAL_ON_INDEX (INSERT or UPDATE)
 - VALUE_ERROR (too large data
 - SUBSCRIPT_BEYOND_COUNT (index is over for collection)

```
SELECT text
FROM all_source
WHERE name='STANDARD' AND UPPER(text) LIKE UPPER('%&KERES%')
/
```

Example of exception handling Predefined exception

```
DECLARE
er employees%ROWTYPE;
BEGIN
SELECT * INTO er
FROM employees
WHERE employee id=&DKOD;
DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE
(er.first name||' ' ||er.last name||' fizetese:'||er.salary);
EXCEPTION
WHEN NO DATA FOUND THEN
DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('Nincs ilyen dolgozo!');
END;
```

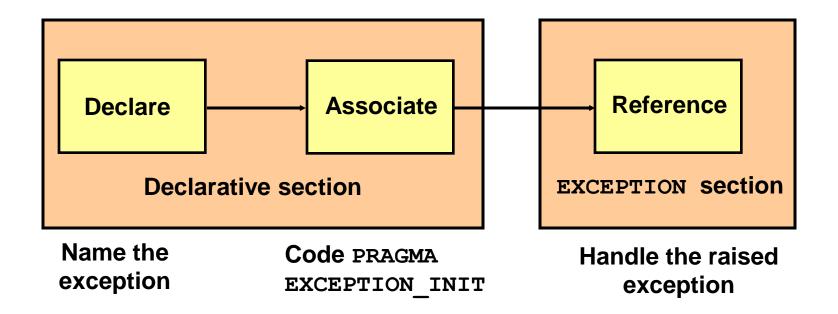
Handling Exceptions: Bad example

```
DECLARE
w employees%ROWTYPE;
m employees%ROWTYPE;
d departments%ROWTYPE;
BEGIN
SELECT * INTO w FROM employees WHERE employee id =&empno;
SELECT * INTO m FROM employees WHERE employee id =w.manager id;
SELECT * INTO d FROM departments WHERE department id=w.department id;
DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE
(w.last name||','||m.last name||','||d.department name);
EXCEPTION
WHEN NO DATA FOUND THEN
DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('The error was: '||SQLERRM);
END;
```

Handling Exceptions: Good example

```
DECLARE w employees%ROWTYPE; m employees%ROWTYPE; d departments%ROWTYPE;
BEGIN
  BEGIN
    SELECT * INTO w FROM employees WHERE employee id=&empno;
   EXCEPTION WHEN NO DATA FOUND THEN
    DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('No such an employee'); RAISE;
  END;
  BEGIN
    SELECT * INTO m FROM employees WHERE employee id=w.manager id;
   EXCEPTION WHEN NO DATA FOUND THEN
    DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('No manager!');
  END;
  BEGIN
    SELECT * INTO d FROM departments
    WHERE department id=w.department id;
    EXCEPTION WHEN NO DATA FOUND THEN
    DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('No department!');
  END:
DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE
(w.last name||','||m.last name||','||d.department name);
EXCEPTION WHEN NO DATA FOUND THEN
DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('The error was: '||SQLERRM);
END;
```

Trapping Non-Predefined Oracle Server Errors



Example of exception handling Non-Predefined exception

```
DECLARE
  nincs ilyen dolgozo EXCEPTION ;
  nincs ilyen osztaly EXCEPTION ;
PRAGMA EXCEPTION INIT (nincs ilyen osztaly, -2291);
BEGIN
 UPDATE employees SET department id = &OSZTALY
 WHERE employee id = &DOLGOZO;
 IF SOL%NOTFOUND THEN
        RAISE nincs ilyen dolgozo;
 END IF ;
DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('SIKERULT !') ;
EXCEPTION
 WHEN nincs ilyen dolgozo THEN
   DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('Nincs ilyen dolgozo !') ;
 WHEN nincs ilyen osztaly THEN
   DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('Nincs ilyen osztaly !') ;
END;
```

The RAISE_APPLICATION_ERROR Procedure

Syntax:

- You can use this procedure to issue user-defined error messages from stored subprograms.
- You can report errors to your application and avoid returning unhandled exceptions.

Procedures

A procedure is:

- A named PL/SQL block that performs a sequence of actions
- Stored in the database as a schema object
- Used to promote reusability and maintainability

```
CREATE [OR REPLACE] PROCEDURE procedure_name
  [(parameter1 [mode] datatype1,
        parameter2 [mode] datatype2, ...)]
IS|AS
  [local_variable_declarations; ...]
BEGIN
  -- actions;
END [procedure_name];
```

Procedure: Example

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE osztalyok
(p deptno employees.department id%TYPE DEFAULT 90)
IS
CURSOR C EMP(c deptno employees.department id%TYPE) IS
SELECT t.*,12*salary*(1+NVL(commission pct,0)) ANN SAL
FROM employees t
WHERE DEPARTMENT ID=c deptno;
s NUMBER:=0; MANAGER NAME EMPLOYEES.LAST NAME%TYPE;
BEGIN
FOR R IN C EMP(p deptno) LOOP
  s:=s+R.salary;
  IF R.MANAGER ID IS NOT NULL THEN
  SELECT LAST NAME INTO MANAGER NAME
  FROM EMPLOYEES
 WHERE EMPLOYEE ID=R.MANAGER ID;
 ELSE MANAGER NAME:='Nincs';
 END IF;
 DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE(R.LAST NAME||' SALARY: '||R.salary||
  ' MANAGER: '||MANAGER NAME||' ANNUAL SALARY: '||R.ANN SAL);
END LOOP;
DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE (CHR (10) | | ' TOTAL SALARIES: '||s);
END OSZTALYOK;
```

Functions

A function is:

- A block that returns a value
- Stored in the database as a schema object
- Called as part of an expression or used to provide a parameter value

```
CREATE [OR REPLACE] FUNCTION function_name
  [(parameter1 [mode1] datatype1, ...)]
RETURN datatype IS|AS
  [local_variable_declarations; ...]
BEGIN
  -- actions;
RETURN expression;
END [function_name];
```

Function: Example

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION osztaly fiz
(P DEPTNO EMPLOYEES.DEPARTMENT ID%TYPE:=10)
RETURN NUMBER
IS
SUMMA NUMBER;
BEGIN
SELECT SUM(SALARY) INTO SUMMA FROM EMPLOYEES
WHERE DEPARTMENT ID=P DEPTNO;
IF SUMMA IS NULL THEN
 RETURN -1;
ELSE
 RETURN SUMMA;
END IF;
END OSZTALY FIZ;
```

```
EXECUTE dbms_output.put_line(osztaly_fiz(90))
SELECT d.*,osztaly_fiz(department_id)
FROM departments d;
```

Restrictions on Calling Functions from SQL Expressions

- User-defined functions that are callable from SQL expressions must:
 - Be stored in the database
 - Accept only IN parameters with valid SQL data types, not PL/SQL-specific types
 - Return valid SQL data types, not PL/SQL-specific types
 - Parameters must be specified with positional notation
 - You must own the function or have the EXECUTE privilege
 - A SELECT statement cannot contain DML statements
 - An UPDATE or DELETE statement on a table T cannot query or contain DML on the same table T
 - SQL statements cannot end transactions (that is, cannot execute COMMIT or ROLLBACK operations)

Generating PI

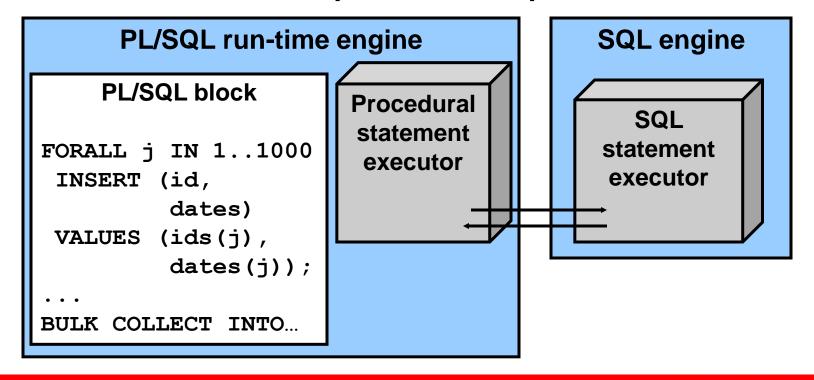
```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION PI (EPS NUMBER:=1E-15)
return BINARY DOUBLE -- Newton method
IS
PREVIOUS BINARY DOUBLE:=0D;
ACTUAL BINARY DOUBLE:=0.5D;
N NUMBER:=1D; K NUMBER:=2D;
F BINARY DOUBLE:=1D;
I PLS INTEGER:=0;
BEGIN
WHILE ABS (ACTUAL-PREVIOUS) > EPS LOOP
I := I + 1;
PREVIOUS: =ACTUAL;
F := F*N/K;
N:=N+2.0; K:=K+2.0;
ACTUAL:=PREVIOUS+F*(0.5D**N)/N;
END LOOP;
RETURN 6D*ACTUAL;
END;
SELECT TO CHAR(pi, '9.999999999999') FROM dual;
```

Native dynamic SQL DDL statement in PL/SQL

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE cre tab
(p tab name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT 'emp temp',
p from IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT 'employees')
IS
stmt VARCHAR2 (2000);
letezo objektum EXCEPTION;
PRAGMA EXCEPTION INIT(letezo objektum, -942);
BEGIN
stmt:=' CREATE TABLE '||p tab name ||
       ' AS SELECT * FROM '||p from;
  EXECUTE IMMEDIATE stmt;
EXCEPTION
WHEN letezo objektum THEN
DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('Ilyen objektum mar van');
END;
```

Bulk Binding

Binds whole arrays of values in a single operation, rather than using a loop to perform a FETCH, INSERT, UPDATE, and DELETE operation multiple times



Compare the normal and the Bulk Binding

```
DROP TABLE PARTS; CREATE TABLE parts (n number, t varchar2(100));
DECLARE
          TYPE NumTab IS TABLE OF NUMBER (15) INDEX BY
   BINARY INTEGER;
TYPE NameTab IS TABLE OF CHAR (15) INDEX BY BINARY INTEGER;
   pnums NumTab;pnames NameTab; n1 number; n2 number;
   BEGIN
    FOR j IN 1..50000 LOOP -- load index-by tables
     pnums(j) := j; pnames(j) := 'Part No.' | | TO CHAR(j);
   END LOOP;
    n1:=dbms utility.get cpu time;
    FOR i IN 1..50000 LOOP -- use FOR loop
       INSERT INTO parts VALUES (pnums(i), pnames(i));
   END LOOP;
   n2:=dbms utility.get cpu time;
    DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('diff:'||to char((n2-n1)/100));
    n1:=dbms utility.get cpu time;
    FORALL i IN 1..50000 -- use FORALL statement
    INSERT INTO parts VALUES (pnums(i), pnames(i));
    n2:=dbms utility.get cpu time;
     DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('diff2:'||to char((n2-n1)/100));
 END;
```

Working with traditional FETCH

```
CREATE TABLE BIG EMP(EMPNO, LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, SALARY, DEPARTMENT ID)
AS
SELECT E.EMPLOYEE ID | ROWNUM, E.LAST NAME | ROWNUM, E.FIRST NAME | ROWNUM,
E.SALARY, E.DEPARTMENT ID
FROM EMPLOYEES E, EMPLOYEES D, EMPLOYEES F;
CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE trad fetch IS
CURSOR c big emp is SELECT * FROM big emp;
S NUMBER:=0; n1 number; n2 number;
EMP2 BIG EMP%ROWTYPE;
BEGIN
n1:=dbms utility.get cpu time;
OPEN c big emp;
   LOOP
      FETCH c big emp INTO EMP2;
      EXIT WHEN c big emp %NOTFOUND ;
      S:=S+ EMP2.SALARY;
END LOOP:
CLOSE c big emp;
n2:=dbms utility.get cpu time;
DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('diff:'||to char((n2-n1)/100)||'S:='||S);
END;
EXEC trad fetch
```

BULK BINDING for FETCH statement

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE BULK LIMIT (rows NUMBER := 10)
IS
CURSOR c big emp is SELECT * FROM big emp;
type c type is table of BIG EMP%rowtype;
emp c type; j number:=0;
S NUMBER:=0; n1 number; n2 number; stmt varchar2(200);
BEGIN
n1:=dbms utility.get cpu time;
 OPEN c big emp;
 LOOP
      FETCH c big emp BULK COLLECT INTO EMP LIMIT rows;
      EXIT WHEN c big emp%NOTFOUND and emp.count=0;
      FOR I IN 1..EMP.COUNT LOOP
      S:=S+ EMP(I).SALARY; END LOOP;
   END LOOP;
 CLOSE c big emp ;
n2:=dbms utility.get cpu time;
DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('diff:'||to char((n2-n1)/100)||'S:='||S);
END;
EXEC BULK LIMIT (1000)
```

Native dynamic SQL with Bulk Binding

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE FETCH LIMIT
  (tname VARCHAR2, rows NUMBER DEFAULT 10)
   IS
   TYPE emp cur type IS REF CURSOR;
   TYPE c type is table of employees%ROWTYPE;
   emp c type;
   c1 emp cur type;
   j number:=0;
BEGIN
 OPEN c1 FOR 'SELECT * FROM '||tname;
  LOOP
  j := j+1;
  dbms output.put line('NUMBER OF LOOPS:'||j);
  FETCH c1 BULK COLLECT INTO emp LIMIT rows;
  FORALL I IN emp.FIRST..emp.LAST
  INSERT INTO NEWEMP VALUES emp(I);
 EXIT WHEN c1%NOTFOUND;
 END LOOP;
  CLOSE c1;
END FETCH LIMIT; /* DROP TABLE NEWEMP; */
```

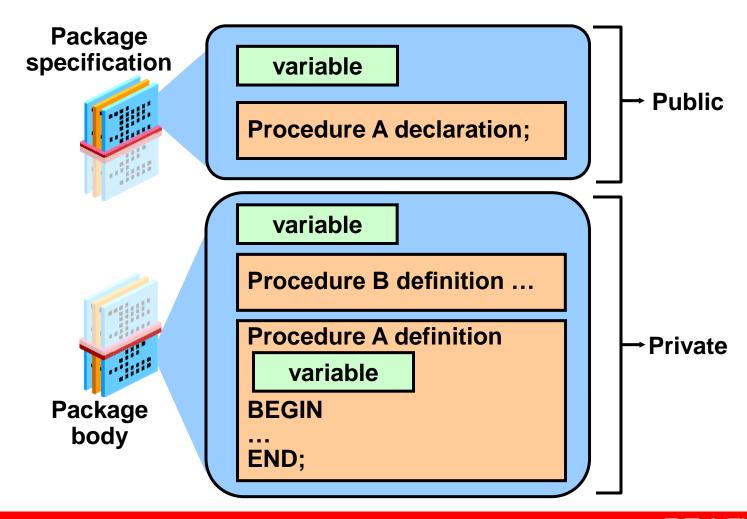
PL/SQL Packages: Review

PL/SQL packages:

- Group logically related components:
 - PL/SQL types
 - Variables, data structures, and exceptions
 - Subprograms: procedures and functions
- Consist of two parts:
 - A specification
 - A body



Components of a PL/SQL Package



Creating the Package Specification

Syntax:

```
CREATE [OR REPLACE] PACKAGE package_name IS|AS
    public type and variable declarations
    subprogram specifications
END [package_name];
```

- The OR REPLACE option drops and re-creates the package specification.
- Variables declared in the package specification are initialized to NULL by default.
- All the constructs declared in a package specification are visible to users who are granted privileges on the package.

Creating the Package Body

Syntax:

```
CREATE [OR REPLACE] PACKAGE BODY package_name IS|AS
     private type and variable declarations
     subprogram bodies
[BEGIN initialization statements]
END [package_name];
```

- The OR REPLACE option drops and re-creates the package body.
- Identifiers defined in the package body are private and not visible outside the package body.
- All private constructs must be declared before they are referenced.
- Public constructs are visible to the package body.

Package: Example

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PACKAGE CS
IS
CURSOR c emp(c deptno employees.department id%TYPE) IS
SELECT employee id, last name, salary, manager id
FROM employees
WHERE department id=c deptno;
v sal NUMBER:=11;
no parent EXCEPTION;
PRAGMA EXCEPTION INIT (NO PARENT, -2291);
PROCEDURE print ( what VARCHAR2 );
END cs;
CREATE OR REPLACE PACKAGE BODY cs IS
 PROCEDURE print ( what VARCHAR2 ) IS
BEGIN
     DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE(what);
END print;
END cs;
```

Standardize everything!

(exceptions, cursors, variables, types etc)

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PACKAGE exceptions IS
 no parent EXCEPTION; PRAGMA EXCEPTION INIT(no parent , -2291);
 child found EXCEPTION; PRAGMA EXCEPTION INIT(child found , -2292);
 nowait exc EXCEPTION; PRAGMA EXCEPTION INIT(nowait exc , -54);
 wait exc EXCEPTION; PRAGMA EXCEPTION INIT(wait exc ,-30006);
 no updated rows EXCEPTION;
END exceptions;
CREATE OR REPLACE PACKAGE cursors IS
CURSOR c dept(c deptno employees.department id%TYPE) IS
       SELECT employee id, last name, salary, manager ID FROM employees
      WHERE department id=c deptno;
CURSOR c job (c jobid employees.job id%TYPE) IS
       SELECT employee id, last name, salary, manager ID FROM employees
      WHERE job id=c jobid;
END cursors;
```

Referring package defined Exceptions

```
BEGIN
 UPDATE employees SET department id = &P DEPTNO
 WHERE employee id = &P EMPNO ;
  IF SQL%NOTFOUND THEN
 RAISE exceptions.no updated rows ;
 END IF :
DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('ok !') ;
EXCEPTION
 WHEN exceptions.no updated rows THEN
   DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('No such an employee!') ;
 WHEN exceptions.no parent THEN
   DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('No such a department!') ;
END;
```

Overloading

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PACKAGE OVER LOAD IS
PROCEDURE PRT ( V STRING VARCHAR2 );
PROCEDURE PRT ( V DATE DATE );
PROCEDURE PRT ( V NUMBER NUMBER );
END OVER LOAD;
CREATE OR REPLACE PACKAGE BODY OVER LOAD IS
PROCEDURE PRT ( V STRING VARCHAR2 ) IS
BEGIN
     cs.ki('THE STRING: '||V STRING);
END PRT;
PROCEDURE PRT ( V NUMBER NUMBER ) IS
BEGIN
     cs.ki('THE NUMBER: '||V NUMBER);
END PRT;
PROCEDURE PRT ( V DATE DATE ) IS
BEGIN
cs.ki('THE DATE : '||TO CHAR(V DATE, 'YYYY.MM.DD HH24:MI:SS'));
END PRT;
END OVER LOAD;
exec over load.prt('12')
exec over load.prt(12)
exec over load.prt('02-may-2007')
```

Types of Triggers

A trigger:

- Is a PL/SQL block or a PL/SQL procedure associated with a table, view, schema, or database
- Executes implicitly whenever a particular event takes place
- Can be either of the following:
 - Application trigger: Fires whenever an event occurs with a particular application
 - Database trigger: Fires whenever a data event (such as DML) or system event (such as logon or shutdown) occurs on a schema or database

Creating DML Triggers

Create DML statement or row type triggers by using:

```
CREATE [OR REPLACE] TRIGGER trigger_name
timing
event1 [OR event2 OR event3]
ON object_name
[[REFERENCING OLD AS old | NEW AS new]
FOR EACH ROW
[WHEN (condition)]]
trigger_body
```

- A statement trigger fires once for a DML statement.
- A row trigger fires once for each row affected.

Note: Trigger names must be unique with respect to other triggers in the same schema.

Row level trigger for multi purposes

```
CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER EMP TR BEFORE update OR INSERT OR DELETE
  ON employees FOR EACH ROW
  DECLARE
  DML CHAR(1); s VARCHAR2(200); MANAGER SAL NUMBER;
  BEGIN
  IF INSERTING THEN
    SELECT SALARY INTO MANAGER SAL
    FROM EMPLOYEES WHERE EMPLOYEE ID =: NEW . MANAGER ID ;
    IF : NEW. SALARY>MANAGER SAL THEN
     RAISE APPLICATION ERROR (-20555, 'Tul nagy fizetes!');
    END IF; DML:='I';
    S:='New Name: '||:NEW.LAST NAME||' Salary: '||:NEW.SALARY;
  ELSIF UPDATING THEN
    IF : NEW. SALARY < : OLD. SALARY THEN
     RAISE APPLICATION ERROR (-20123, 'A fizetes nem csokkenhet!');
    END IF:
    DML:='U';
    S:= 'Old Name: '||:OLD.LAST NAME||' Salary: '||:OLD.SALARY;
    S:=S||' New Name:'||:NEW.LAST NAME||' Salary:'||:NEW.SALARY;
  ELSE DML:='D';
    S:= 'Old Name: '||:OLD.LAST NAME||' Salary: '||:OLD.SALARY;
  END IF;
  INSERT INTO HISTORY VALUES (USER, SYSDATE, DML, S);
end EMP TR;
```