Practice Problems Instructions:

When working with a database, it is important to know what tables it contains. It is also essential to have information about the structure of each table, including column names, data types, constraints, etc. to retrieve data. This kind of information (and much more!) can be found in the data dictionary, which is a collection of read-only tables that contain metadata, or data about the database.

See more on the data dictionary here.

Use the following commands to obtain information about the tables in the database:

- select table_name from user_tables; /* to display a list of tables */
- select * from all_tab_columns where table_name='table_name'; /* to display the structure
 of a table */
- select * from table name; /* to display the content of a table */

In the commands above, substitute *table_name* with the actual name of the table. If '*table_name*' is enclosed in single quotation marks, the name of the table must be entered in capital letters.

Important Note:

For the practice problems below, follow examples shown in the PowerPoint presentations and textbooks but do not copy their solutions unless it is the only possible answer to the problem.

General Instructions:

The practice problems are arranged in order of increasing difficulty – the last several problems might present the most challenge. Students are expected to work out and submit the solutions to at least 5 problems. If you have previous experience in SQL you can select the 5 most challenging problems though it is still recommended to complete all problems. This will help you be better prepared for the Midterm and Final Exams. Challenge yourself to complete all problems!

Instructions: For each problem

- Write and execute an SQL query in Oracle Live SQL or SQL*Plus
- Execute the following command: select sysdate, 'your name' from dual; where your_name is substituted with your name
- Take a screenshot that includes both SQL statements and all results
- Copy and paste the screenshot into a Word file containing your solutions

Practice Problems: Joining Data from Multiple Tables

Before starting these problems, update the JustLee Books database by executing the JLDB_Build_Extended.sql script. You can find the script in the "Class Databases" folder.

- List the book title and retail price for all books with a retail price lower than the average retail price of all books sold by JustLee Books.
- Determine which books cost less than the average cost of other books in the same category.
- Determine which orders were shipped to the same state as order 1014.
- Determine which orders had a higher total amount due than order 1008.
- Determine which author or authors wrote the books most frequently purchased by customers of JustLee Books.

- List the title of all books in the same category as books previously purchased by customer 1007. Don't include books this customer has already purchased.
- List the shipping city and state for the order that had the longest shipping delay.
- Determine which customers placed orders for the least expensive book (in terms of the regular retail price) carried by JustLee Books.
- Determine the number of different customers who have placed an order for books written or co-written by James Austin.
- Determine which books were published by the publisher of The Wok Way to Cook.

Assignment Submission

Save all your solution screenshots in a Word file, type your name and course number in that file, name it M7_1_Practice_Problems.

Due Date

This assignment is due by Monday, 11:59 pm ET.











