

# PL/SQL (II)

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# Overview

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Variables and constants

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# Variables



```
v_valoare NUMBER(15) NOT NULL := 0;  
v_data_achizitie DATE DEFAULT SYSDATE;  
v_material VARCHAR2(15) := 'Matase';  
c_valoare CONSTANT NUMBER := 100000;  
v_stare VARCHAR2(20) DEFAULT 'Buna';  
v_clasificare BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE;  
int_an_luna INTERVAL YEAR TO MONTH := INTERVAL '3-2' YEAR TO  
MONTH;
```

**variable\_name [CONSTANT] datatype [NOT NULL] [:= | DEFAULT initial\_value]**

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- When declaring a **variable**, **storage space** is allocated for a value of a specified **data type**
- The **storage location** is **marked** with a name so it can be **referenced**
- Objects must be declared **before** referencing them
- Declarations can appear in the **declarative** part of any Block / Subprogram / Package

### **Datatypes:**

- **Scalar:** Contain a **single** value (No internal components)
- **Composit: Collections / Records**

**variable\_name [CONSTANT] datatype [NOT NULL] [:= | DEFAULT initial\_value]**

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- **variable\_name** - Name of the variable that you are declaring
- **CONSTANT** – Imposes that the value cannot be changed after assignment
- **datatype** - Name of a scalar data type, including any qualifiers for size, precision, and character or byte semantics
- **NOT NULL** - Imposes the NOT NULL constraint on the variable
- **:= / DEFAULT** – Assigning the initial value
- **initial\_value** – Immediate value or expression

# Variables



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# NOT NULL Constraint

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An item can acquire this **constraint** either **Implicitly** (from its data type) or **Explicitly**

The **default initial value** for a scalar variable is NULL.

A scalar variable declaration that specifies **NOT NULL** (either implicitly or explicitly) **must** assign **an initial value** to the variable.

PL/SQL treats any **zero-length string** as a **NULL** value, this includes:

- Values returned by character functions
- BOOLEAN expressions.

# Initial Values of Variables and Constants

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If the declaration is

- **A variable:** the initial value is optional unless the NOT NULL constraint is specified
- **A constant:** the initial value is required

If the declaration is in a **block** or **subprogram**:

- The initial value is assigned to the variable or constant **every time** control passes to the block or subprogram

If the declaration is in a **package specification**

- The initial value is assigned to the variable or constant for **each session** (whether the variable or constant is public or private)



# Initial Values of Variables and Constants

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To specify the **initial value** use

- The assignment operator (**:=**) followed by an expression
- The keyword **DEFAULT** followed by an expression

The expression can include **previously declared**

- **Constants**
- **Initialized variables**
- **Functions results**

If **no initial value** is specified for a variable, then a value **must be assigned before using it** in any other context.

# Example



```
DECLARE
    no_months constant BINARY_INTEGER:= 12;
    emp_name varchar2(45);
    emp_salary employees.salary%TYPE;
    anual_salary float(10);
BEGIN
    SELECT first_name || ' ' || last_name, salary
    INTO emp_name, emp_salary
    FROM employees WHERE employee_id = &id;

    anual_salary := emp_salary * no_months;
    dbms_output.put_line(rpad(emp_name, 20) || ' - ' || lpad(anual_salary, 10));
END;
/
```



# **Data Types**

# Initial Values of Variables and Constants

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Every PL/SQL **constant**, **variable**, **parameter**, and **function** (block that returns a value) has a data type.

The data type determines

- The storage format
- Valid values
- Operations

The data type can be assigned

- **Explicit** – by naming the data type used (e.g. **NUMBER**, **VARCHAR2**, etc.)
- **Implicit** – by using attributes (**%TYPE**, **%ROWTYPE**)



**Find YOUR Type  
(using %TYPE)**

# Declaring **Variables** using **%TYPE**

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The **%TYPE** attribute permits the declaration of a data item of the same data type as a previously declared **variable** or **column** (**without** knowing what that type is).

If the declaration of the **referenced** item changes, then the declaration of the **referencing** item changes accordingly.

The syntax of the declaration is: referencing\_item referenced\_item**%TYPE**;

# Declaring **Variables** using **%TYPE**

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The referencing item **inherits** the following from the **referenced** item:

- **Data type** and **size**
- **Constraints** (unless the referenced item is a column)

The referencing item **does not inherit** the initial **value** of the referenced item: If the referencing item specifies or inherits the **NOT NULL** constraint, an initial **value** for it **must be specified**.

The **%TYPE** attribute is particularly useful when declaring variables to hold **database values**.

# Example



```
DECLARE
  a INT NOT NULL := 4;
  b a%TYPE := 3;

  c employees.employee_id%TYPE := 4;
  d c%TYPE default 3;
BEGIN
  dbms_output.put_line(a);
  dbms_output.put_line(b);

  dbms_output.put_line(c);
  dbms_output.put_line(d);
END;
/
```



# Scalar data types

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- Scalar data types store values with **no internal components**
- A scalar data type can have **subtypes**
- A **subtype** is a data type that is a **subset** of another data type (its base type)
- A **subtype** has the same valid **operations** as its base type
- A data type and its subtypes comprise a **data type family**
- PL/SQL **predefines** many types and subtypes
- The **predefined** data types are available in the **STANDARD package**
- Developers can also define **their own subtypes** (**UDST** – User Defined Subtypes)

# Scalar data types

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The PL/SQL **scalar** data types are:

- The SQL data types
- BOOLEAN
- PLS\_INTEGER
- BINARY\_INTEGER
- REF CURSOR
- User-defined subtypes

# SQL data types

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- **Character** Data Types
- **Number** Data Types
- **Datetime** and **Interval** Data Types
- **RAW** and **LONG RAW** Data Types
- Large Object (**LOB**) Data Types
- **Rowid** Data Types







# Character Data Types

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**CHAR** : specifies a **fixed**-length character string in the database character set

**VARCHAR2** : specifies a **variable**-length character string in the database character set.

## ASCII VS Unicode

**NCHAR** : specifies a **fixed**-length character string in the national character set

**NVARCHAR2** : specifies a **variable**-length character string in the national character set.



# Number Data Types

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The NUMBER data type stores zero as well as positive and negative fixed **numbers**.

## **NUMBER(p, s)**

- p is the **precision**: the **maximum** number of **significant decimal digits**
- s is the **scale**: the number of digits from the **decimal point** to the least significant digit.

# Number Data Types

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The **FLOAT** data type is a **subtype** of **NUMBER**. It can be specified with or without **precision**. Scale cannot be specified, is interpreted from the data.

**FLOAT(p)** - p is the precision: the maximum number of **significant decimal digits**

Floating-point numbers can have a decimal point anywhere from the first to the last digit or can have no decimal point at all.

**Oracle Database** provides two numeric data types exclusively for floating-point numbers:

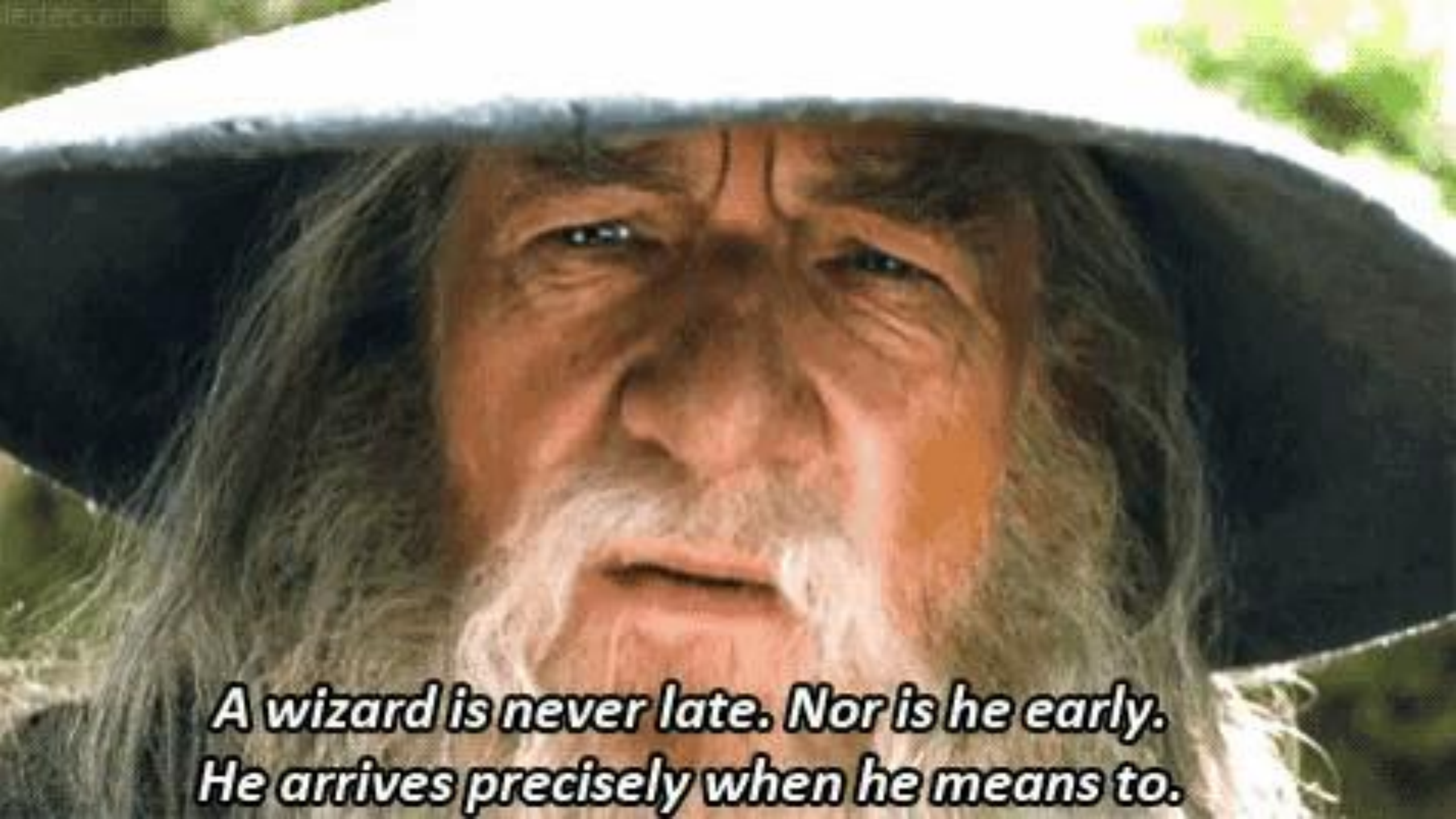
- **BINARY\_FLOAT** is a **32-bit**, single-precision floating-point number data type. Each **BINARY\_FLOAT** value requires **4 bytes**.
- **BINARY\_DOUBLE** is a **64-bit**, double-precision floating-point number data type. Each **BINARY\_DOUBLE** value requires **8 bytes**.



# Float vs Binary\_Float vs Binary\_Double

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- **BINARY\_FLOAT** & **BINARY\_DOUBLE** data types take advantage of **hardware acceleration**, therefore, they have better performance for numerical computations.
- **BINARY\_FLOAT** & **BINARY\_DOUBLE** data types can store smaller / larger numbers than **Float** type.
- **BINARY\_FLOAT** & **BINARY\_DOUBLE** data types store only **approximate** values, while the **Float** data type stores **exact** values.
- **BINARY\_FLOAT** & **BINARY\_DOUBLE** data types are suitable for the **scientific calculations** but **not** suitable for **financial calculations**.



***A wizard is never late. Nor is he early.  
He arrives precisely when he means to.***

# Datetime and Interval Data Types

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The **DATE** data type stores **date** and **time** information

- Oracle stores the following information for a **DATE**: year, month, day, hour, minute, and second

The **TIMESTAMP** data type is an **extension** of the **DATE** data type. It stores all information from of the **DATE** data type plus **fraction of seconds**. This data type is useful for

- Storing **precise** time values
- **Collecting** and **Evaluating** date information across **geographic** regions

timestamp\_var **TIMESTAMP** [(fractional\_seconds\_precision)]

timestamp\_with\_local\_var **TIMESTAMP** [(fractional\_seconds\_precision)] **WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE**

- **TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE** is another variant of **TIMESTAMP** that is sensitive to time zone information.
- **fractional\_seconds\_precision** optionally specifies the **number of digits** Oracle stores in the fractional part of the **SECOND** datetime field.

# Datetime and Interval Data Types

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**INTERVAL YEAR TO MONTH** stores a period of time using the **YEAR** and **MONTH** datetime fields. This data type is useful for representing the difference between two datetime values when only the year and month values are significant.

**INTERVAL YEAR [(year\_precision)] TO MONTH**

- **year\_precision** is the number of **digits** in the **YEAR** datetime field

# Datetime and Interval Data Types

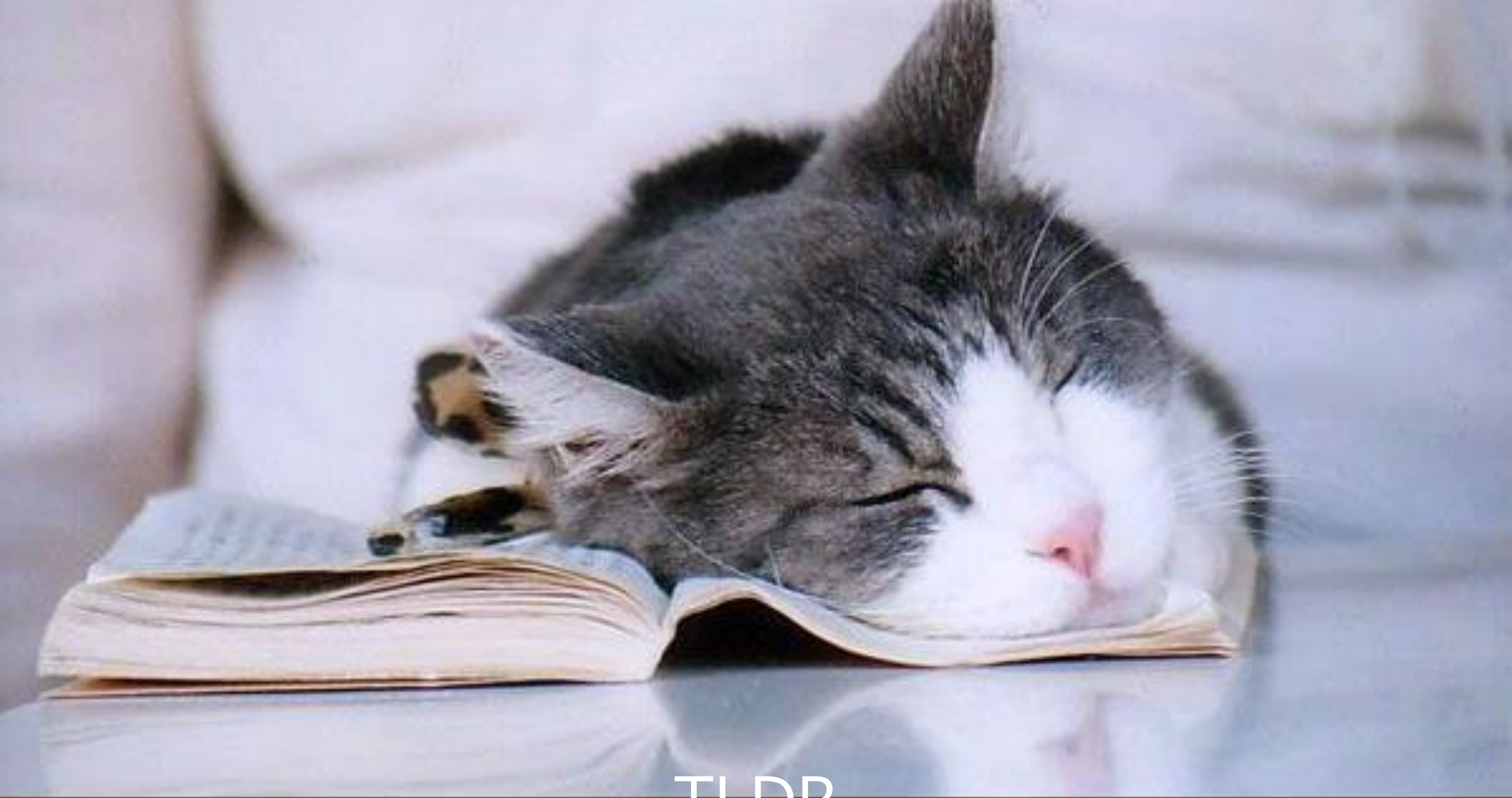
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**INTERVAL DAY TO SECOND** stores a period of time in terms of days and seconds. This data type is useful for representing the precise difference between two datetime values

**INTERVAL DAY** [(day\_precision)] **TO SECOND** [(fractional\_seconds\_precision)]

- **day\_precision** is the number of digits in the **DAY** datetime field. Accepted values are 0 to 9. The default is **2**.
- **fractional\_seconds\_precision** is the number of digits in the fractional part of the **SECOND** datetime field. Accepted values are 0 to 9. The default is **6**.





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# RAW and LONG RAW Data Types

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The **RAW** and **LONG RAW** data types store data that is **not to be explicitly converted** by Oracle Database when moving data between different systems. These data types are intended for **binary data** or **byte strings**. Oracle **strongly recommends** that you convert **LONG RAW** columns to binary **LOB** (BLOB) columns. **LOB** columns are subject to far **fewer restrictions** than **RAW** columns. The built-in LOB data types:

- BLOB
- CLOB
- NCLOB (stored internally)
- BFILE (stored externally)

**LOBs** can store **large** and **unstructured** data such as text, image, video, and spatial data.

# BLOB vs CLOB vs NCLOB Data Types

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The **BLOB** data type stores **unstructured binary large objects**. The **CLOB** data type stores **single-byte** (ASCII) character data or **multibyte** (Unicode) character data. The **NCLOB** data type stores **Unicode** data.

**BLOB** objects can be thought of as bitstreams with no character set semantics.

**CLOB** and **NCLOB** support:

- **Fixed-width** character sets (uses the database character set)
- **Variable-width** character sets (uses the database character set)

**ALL** of Them store binary data up to  $(4 \text{ GB} - 1\text{B}) * \text{LOB\_CHUNK\_SIZE}$

- **LOB\_CHUNK\_SIZE** is **equal** to the database **block size**



# BFILE Data Types

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The **BFILE** data type enables access to binary file **LOBs** that are stored in file systems **outside** Oracle Database. A **BFILE column** or **attribute** stores a **BFILE locator**.

**BFILE locator** serves as a **pointer** to a **binary file** on the **server file system**. The **locator** maintains the **directory name** and the **filename**.

Binary file **LOBs** do not participate in transactions and are **not recoverable**. The **operating system** provides file **integrity** and **durability**.

**BFILE** data can be up to  $2^{64}-1$  bytes (the operating system may impose restrictions on this maximum). The **database administrator** must **ensure** that the **external** file exists. **Oracle processes** have operating system **read** permissions on the file.

The **BFILE** data type enables **read-only** support of **large binary files**, such a file cannot be modified or replicated.



# ROWID Data Types

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**Each row** in the database has an **address**. The rows in **heap-organized tables** that are native to Oracle Database have **row addresses** called **rowids**.

A **rowid** row address can be examined by querying the **pseudocolumn ROWID**. Values of this **pseudocolumn** are **strings** representing the **address of each row**. These strings have the data type **ROWID**. **Rowids** contain the following information:

- The data block of the data file containing the row.
- The row in the data block.
- The database file containing the row
- The data object number which is an identification number assigned to every database segment.



**PERHAPS**

# BOOLEAN Data Type

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The PL/SQL data type **BOOLEAN** stores logical values: **TRUE** / **FALSE** / **NULL** (representing an unknown value)

Because SQL has **no** data type **equivalent** to **BOOLEAN**, it is **not** possible to:

- Assign a **BOOLEAN** value to a database **table column**
- **Select** or **fetch** the value of a database table column **into a BOOLEAN** variable
- Use a **BOOLEAN** value in a **SQL function**
- Use a **BOOLEAN** expression in a **SQL statement**, except
  - As an **argument** to a PL/SQL **function** invoked in a SQL query
  - In a PL/SQL **anonymous block**



Unlimited power!

# PLS\_INTEGER vs BINARY\_INTEGER Data Types

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The PL/SQL data types **PLS\_INTEGER** and **BINARY\_INTEGER** are identical. Both data types:

- Store **signed** integers in the range -2,147,483,648 through 2,147,483,647
- **Integers** are represented in **32 bits**

They have the following advantages over the **NUMBER** data type and **NUMBER subtypes**:

- Values require **less storage**
- Operations use **hardware arithmetic**
- Are faster than NUMBER operations which use **library arithmetic**

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# User-Defined PL/SQL Subtypes

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Developers can define their **own subtypes** for restricting: **Size** / **Precision** / **Scale**

```
SUBTYPE subtype_name IS base_type
```

```
{ precision [, scale ] | RANGE low_value .. high_value } [ NOT NULL ]
```

Basically **syntactic sugar** for some types. (see **INT** vs **NUMBER**)



# Operators

# Supported Operators in PL/SQL


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- Arithmetic operators
- Logic operators
- Comparison operators
- SQL operators

<u>Operator</u>	<u>Operation</u>	<u>Example</u>
**	<i>Exponential</i>	val2 ** val1
+	<i>Identity</i>	+ val
-	<i>Negation</i>	- val
+	<i>Addition</i>	val1 + val2
-	<i>Subtraction</i>	val1 - val2
*	<i>Multiplication</i>	val1 * val2
/	<i>Division</i>	val1 / val2
	<i>Concatenation</i>	val1    val2




<u><b>Operator</b></u>	<u><b>Operation</b></u>	<u><b>Example</b></u>
NOT	<i>Negation</i>	NOT val
AND	<i>Logical AND</i>	val1 AND val2
OR	<i>Logical OR</i>	val1 OR val2




**Logical  
operators**

<u>OPERATOR</u>	<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>EXAMPLE</u>
=	<i>Equal</i>	val2 = val1
<	<i>Less than</i>	val2 < val1
>	<i>Greater than</i>	val2 > val1
<=	<i>Less or equal than</i>	val1 <= val2
>=	<i>Greater or equal than</i>	val1 >= val2
<>	<i>Different than</i>	val1 <> val2
!=	<i>Different than</i>	val1 != val2
~=	<i>Different than</i>	val1 ~= val2
^=	<i>Different than</i>	val1 ^= val2



## Comparison operators

<u>OPERATOR</u>	<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>EXAMPLE</u>
BETWEEN	<i>Verifies if a value is in a range</i>	val BETWEEN val1 AND val2
IN	<i>Verifies if a value is in a list</i>	val IN(val1, val2, ..., val3)
LIKE	<i>Verifies a specified pattern</i>	val LIKE pattern
IS NULL	<i>Verifies if a value is NULL</i>	val IS NULL



# SQL operators

<u>PRECEDENCE</u>	<u>OPERATORS</u>	<u>OPERATION</u>
1	**	Exponential
2	+, -	Identity, negation
3	*, /	Multiplication, division
4	+, -,	Addition, subtraction, concatenation
5	=, <, >, <=, >=, <>, !=, ~=, ^=, IS NULL, LIKE, BETWEEN, IN.	Comparison and SQL operators
6	NOT	Logical negation
7	AND	Conjunction
8	OR	Inclusion



# Operators precedence



<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
:=	Assignment operator
=>	Association operator
%	Attribute indicator
'	String delimiter
.	Component selector
( )	Expression or list delimiter
:	Host variable indicator
,	Item separator
<< >>	Label delimiter
/* */	Multiline comment delimiter
"	Quoted identifier delimiter
..	Range operator
@	Remote access indicator
--	Single-line comment indicator
;	Statement terminator



**Other  
symbols**



# Control statements

# Control Statements

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- Conditional selection statements
- Loop statements
- Sequential control statements

Conditional selection statements

## IF Statement

The condition can contain:

- Comparison operators
- Logical operators
- SQL operators

```
-- IF THEN Statement
IF condition THEN statements
END IF;

-- IF THEN ELSE Statement
IF condition THEN statements
ELSE else_statements
END IF;

-- IF THEN ELSIF Statement
IF condition_1 THEN statements_1
ELSIF condition_2 THEN statements_2
[ ELSIF condition_3 THEN statements_3 ]
...
[ ELSE else_statements ]
END IF;

-- Logically equivalent nested
-- IF THEN ELSE statements
IF condition_1 THEN statements_1;
ELSE
    IF condition_2 THEN statements_2;
    ELSE
        IF condition_3 THEN statements_3;
        ...
    END IF;
END IF;
END IF;
```

```
DECLARE
    emp_name varchar2(45);
    emp_salary employees.salary%TYPE;
    emp_iddept employees.department_id%TYPE;
    avg_sal number(6,2);
    avg_sal_dept float(8);
BEGIN
    SELECT first_name || ' ' || last_name, salary, department_id
    INTO emp_name, emp_salary, emp_iddept
    FROM employees WHERE employee_id = &id;

    SELECT AVG(salary) INTO avg_sal FROM employees;

    SELECT AVG(salary) INTO avg_sal_dept FROM employees
    WHERE department_id= emp_iddept;

    IF emp_salary > avg_sal THEN
        dbms_output.put_line(emp_name || ' are sal > decat sal mediu din firma');
    END IF;

    IF emp_salary > avg_sal_dept THEN
        dbms_output.put_line(emp_name || ' are sal > sal mediu din departamentul in care lucreaza');
    ELSE
        dbms_output.put_line(emp_name || ' are sal <= sal mediu din departamentul in care lucreaza');
    END IF;
END;
/
```



```
DECLARE
    year_of_experience INTERVAL YEAR TO MONTH;
    expert INTERVAL YEAR TO MONTH;
    emp_name varchar2(45);
    emp_hiredate employees.hire_date%TYPE;
BEGIN
    expert := INTERVAL '15-1' YEAR TO MONTH;

    dbms_output.put_line(expert);
    dbms_output.put_line(sysdate());
    dbms_output.put_line(sysdate - expert);
    SELECT first_name || ' ' || last_name, hire_date
    INTO emp_name, emp_hiredate
    FROM employees WHERE employee_id = &id;

    IF emp_hiredate < sysdate - expert THEN
        dbms_output.put_line(emp_name || ' e expert');
    ELSE
        dbms_output.put_line(emp_name || ' nu e expert');
    END IF;
END;
/
```

## Conditional selection statements

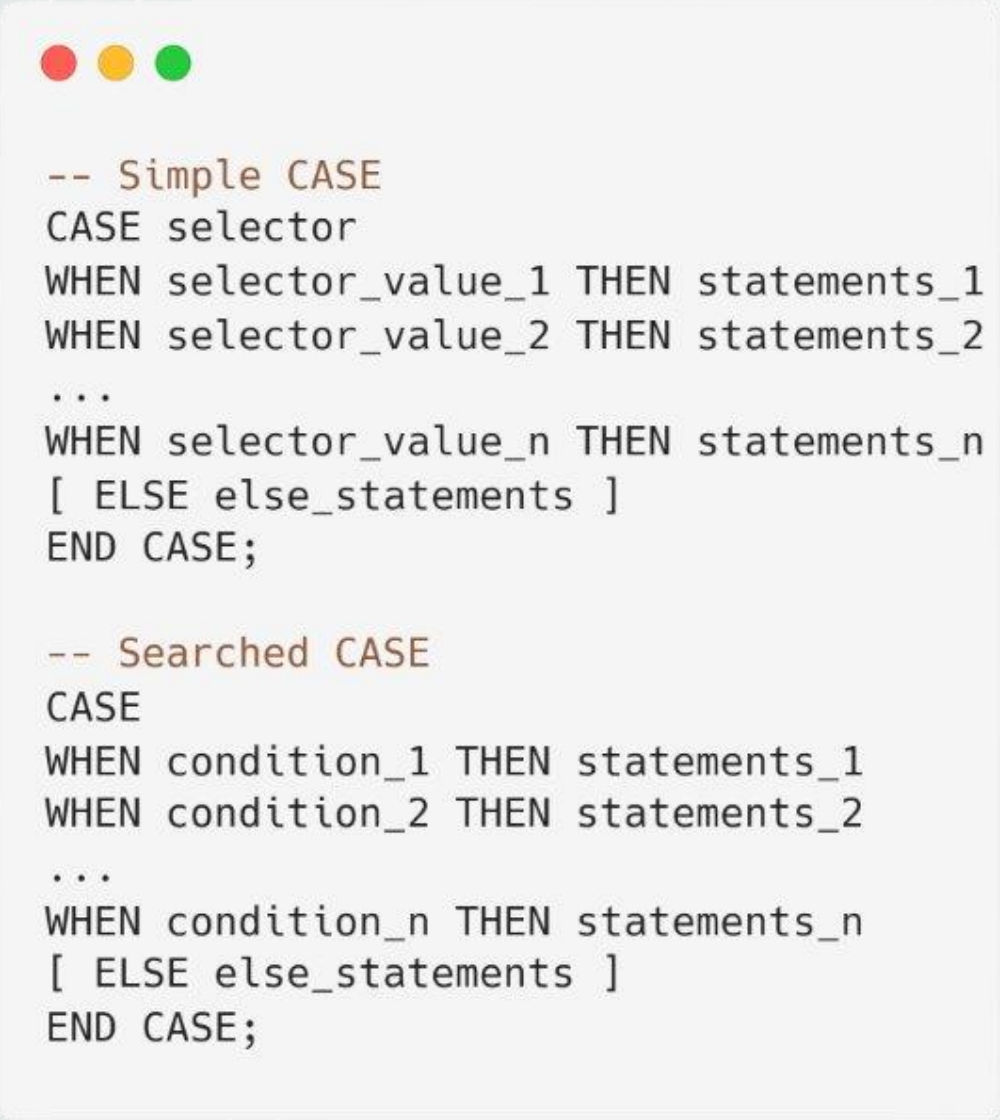
# CASE Statement

### Simple CASE

- The selector is an expression (typically a single variable)
- Each selector\_value can be either a literal or an expression (cannot use NULL)
- The simple CASE statement runs the first statements for which selector\_value equals selector
- Remaining conditions are not evaluated
- If no selector\_value equals selector the CASE statement runs else\_statements if they exist
- Raises the predefined exception CASE\_NOT\_FOUND otherwise

### Searched CASE


- The searched CASE statement runs the first statements for which condition is true
- Remaining conditions are not evaluated



```
-- Simple CASE
CASE selector
WHEN selector_value_1 THEN statements_1
WHEN selector_value_2 THEN statements_2
...
WHEN selector_value_n THEN statements_n
[ ELSE else_statements ]
END CASE;

-- Searched CASE
CASE
WHEN condition_1 THEN statements_1
WHEN condition_2 THEN statements_2
...
WHEN condition_n THEN statements_n
[ ELSE else_statements ]
END CASE;
```





```

DECLARE
    emp_name varchar2(45);
    emp_iddept employees.department_id%TYPE;
    emp_reg regions.region_name%TYPE;
    emp_city locations.city%TYPE;
BEGIN
    SELECT first_name || ' ' || last_name, department_id
    INTO emp_name, emp_iddept
    FROM employees WHERE employee_id = &id;

    SELECT r.region_name, l.city INTO emp_reg, emp_city FROM regions r
        INNER JOIN countries c ON c.region_id = r.region_id
        INNER JOIN locations l ON l.country_id = c.country_id
        INNER JOIN departments d ON d.location_id = l.location_id
    WHERE d.department_id = emp_iddept;

    CASE emp_reg
        WHEN 'Europe' THEN
            IF emp_city = 'London' THEN
                dbms_output.put_line(emp_name || ' works in European HQ');
            ELSE
                dbms_output.put_line(emp_name || ' doesn''t works in HQ');
            END IF;
        WHEN 'Americas' THEN
            IF emp_city = 'Seattle' THEN
                dbms_output.put_line(emp_name || ' works in American HQ');
            ELSE
                dbms_output.put_line(emp_name || ' doesn''t works in HQ');
            END IF;
        ELSE
            dbms_output.put_line(emp_name || ' works outside Europe and America');
        END CASE;
    END;
/

```



```
DECLARE
```

```
    emp_name varchar2(45);
```

```
    comm employees.commission_pct%TYPE;
```

```
BEGIN
```

```
    SELECT first_name || ' ' || last_name, commission_pct
```

```
    INTO emp_name, comm
```

```
    FROM employees WHERE employee_id = &id;
```

```
    CASE
```

```
        WHEN comm IS NULL THEN
```

```
            dbms_output.put_line(emp_name || ' no are commision');
```

```
        WHEN comm >= 0 and comm < 0.2 THEN
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```
            dbms_output.put_line(emp_name || ' are commision mic');
```

```
        WHEN comm >= 0.2 and comm < 0.3 THEN
```

```
            dbms_output.put_line(emp_name || ' are commision mediu');
```

```
        ELSE
```

```
            dbms_output.put_line(emp_name || ' are commision mare');
```

```
    END CASE;
```

```
END;
```

```
/
```



```
DECLARE
    emp_name varchar2(45);
    comm employees.commission_pct%TYPE;
BEGIN
    SELECT first_name || ' ' || last_name, commission_pct
    INTO emp_name, comm
    FROM employees WHERE employee_id = &id;

    IF comm IS NULL THEN
        dbms_output.put_line(emp_name || ' nu are commision');
    ELSIF comm >= 0 and comm < 0.2 THEN
        dbms_output.put_line(emp_name || ' are commision mic');
    ELSIF comm >= 0.2 and comm < 0.3 THEN
        dbms_output.put_line(emp_name || ' are commision mediu');
    ELSE
        dbms_output.put_line(emp_name || ' are commision mare');
    END IF;
END;
/
```

## Loop Statements

### Basic LOOP Statement

With **each iteration** of the loop:

- The statements are run
- Control returns to the top of the loop

To prevent an **infinite loop** and exit the loop:

- Use a statement
- Raised exception



```
-- Basic LOOP
[label] LOOP
    statements
    [ EXIT [ WHEN condition ] ]
    [ CONTINUE [ WHEN condition ] ]
END LOOP [label];
```

# EXIT statements

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The **EXIT** statement **ends** the **current iteration** of a loop **unconditionally**. It transfers control to the **end** of either the **current loop** or an **enclosing labeled** loop.

The **EXIT WHEN** statement ends the current iteration of a loop when the condition in its **WHEN** clause is **true**. The condition in the **WHEN** clause is evaluated **each time** control reaches the **EXIT WHEN** statement. The **EXIT WHEN** statement does nothing if the condition is not true.

# CONTINUE statement

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The **CONTINUE** statement **continues** the **current iteration** of a loop **unconditionally**. It transfers control to the **next iteration** of either the **current loop** or an **enclosing labeled** loop.

The **CONTINUE WHEN** statement continues the current iteration of a loop when the condition in its **WHEN** clause is true. The condition in the **WHEN** clause is evaluated each time control reaches the **CONTINUE WHEN** statement. The **CONTINUE WHEN** statement does nothing if the condition is not true.



```
DECLARE
    idx number NOT NULL := 1;
    deptname departments.department_name%TYPE;
    avg_sal_dept number(7,2);
BEGIN
    LOOP
        SELECT d.department_name, avg(e.salary)
        INTO deptname, avg_sal_dept
        FROM departments d
            INNER JOIN employees e
                ON d.department_id = e.department_id
        WHERE d.department_id = idx * 10
        GROUP BY d.department_name;

        dbms_output.put_line(deptname || ' ' || avg_sal_dept);
        idx := idx + 1;

        CONTINUE WHEN idx < 11;

        -- EXIT WHEN idx = 12;

    END LOOP;
END;
/
```



# Loop Statements

## WHILE LOOP Statement

The **WHILE** LOOP statement runs one or more statements **while** a condition is true.

If the condition is true the statements are run, then **control returns** to the **top of the loop** where condition is **evaluated** again.

The **WHILE** LOOP **stops** when the condition is false. A statement inside the loop must make the condition false or null to prevent an **infinite loop**.

An **EXIT**, **EXIT WHEN**, **CONTINUE**, or **CONTINUE WHEN** in the statements can cause the loop or the current iteration of the loop to end **early**.



```
-- WHILE LOOP
[label] WHILE condition LOOP
    statements
    [ EXIT [ WHEN condition ] ]
    [ CONTINUE [ WHEN condition ] ]
END LOOP [label];
```



```
DECLARE
    idx number := 1;
    deptname departments.department_name%TYPE;
    avg_sal_dept number(7,2);
BEGIN
    WHILE idx < 12
    LOOP
        SELECT d.department_name, avg(e.salary)
        INTO deptname, avg_sal_dept
        FROM departments d
        INNER JOIN employees e
        ON d.department_id = e.department_id
        WHERE d.department_id = idx * 10
        GROUP BY d.department_name;

        dbms_output.put_line(deptname || ' ' || avg_sal_dept);
        idx := idx + 1;
    END LOOP;
END;
/
```

# Loop Statements

## FOR LOOP Statement

The **FOR** LOOP statement runs one or more statements while the **loop index** is in a **specified range**.

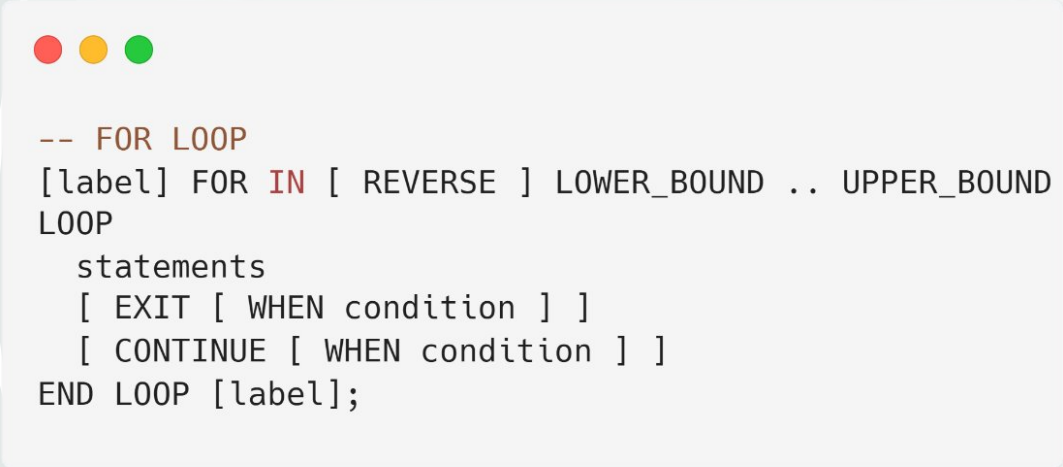
Without **REVERSE**:

- The value of index starts at **lower\_bound** and **increases by one** with each iteration of the loop until it reaches **upper\_bound**
- The statements **never run** if lower\_bound is **greater than** upper\_bound

With **REVERSE**:

- The value of index starts at **upper\_bound** and **decreases by one** with each iteration of the loop until it reaches **lower\_bound**
- If upper\_bound is **less than** lower\_bound, then the statements **never run**

An **EXIT**, **EXIT WHEN**, **CONTINUE**, or **CONTINUE WHEN** in the statements can cause the loop or the current iteration of the loop to end **early**.



```
-- FOR LOOP
[label] FOR IN [ REVERSE ] LOWER_BOUND .. UPPER_BOUND
LOOP
    statements
    [ EXIT [ WHEN condition ] ]
    [ CONTINUE [ WHEN condition ] ]
END LOOP [label];
```



```
DECLARE
    deptname departments.department_name%TYPE;
    avg_sal_dept number(7,2);
BEGIN
    FOR idx IN 1 .. 12
    LOOP
        dbms_output.put_line('Index = ' || idx);
        IF idx = 12 THEN
            GOTO exit_for;
        END IF;

        SELECT d.department_name, avg(e.salary)
        INTO deptname, avg_sal_dept
        FROM departments d
            INNER JOIN employees e
                ON d.department_id = e.department_id
        WHERE d.department_id = idx * 10
        GROUP BY d.department_name;

        dbms_output.put_line(deptname || ' ' || avg_sal_dept);
    END LOOP;

    <<exit_for>>dbms_output.put_line('Done!');
END;
/
```

## Conditional selection statements: **GOTO**

The sequential control statement **GOTO** transfers control to a label **unconditionally**.

Can be used to **exit** a LOOP. NULL statement only passes control to the next statement



```
GOTO label_example;
```

```
<<label_example>>
```

```
--Code
```



```
DECLARE
    deptname departments.department_name%TYPE;
    avg_sal_dept number(7,2);
BEGIN
    FOR idx IN 1 .. 12
    LOOP
        dbms_output.put_line('Index = ' || idx);
        IF idx = 12 THEN
            GOTO exit_for;
        END IF;

        SELECT d.department_name, avg(e.salary)
        INTO deptname, avg_sal_dept
        FROM departments d
            INNER JOIN employees e
                ON d.department_id = e.department_id
        WHERE d.department_id = idx * 10
        GROUP BY d.department_name;

        dbms_output.put_line(deptname || ' ' || avg_sal_dept);
    END LOOP;

    <<exit_for>>dbms_output.put_line('Done!');
END;
/
```

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