



# **Restricting and Sorting Data**

# Objectives

After completing this lesson, you should be able to do the following:





- Limit the rows that are retrieved by a query
- Sort the rows that are retrieved by a query
- Use ampersand substitution to restrict and sort output at run time

# Lesson Agenda

- Limiting rows with:
  - The `WHERE` clause
  - The comparison conditions using `=`, `<=`, `BETWEEN`, `IN`, `LIKE`, and `NULL` conditions
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# Limiting Rows Using a Selection



## EMPLOYEES

	 EMPLOYEE_ID	 LAST_NAME	 JOB_ID	 DEPARTMENT_ID
1	100	King	AD_PRES	90
2	101	Kochhar	AD_VP	90
3	102	De Haan	AD_VP	90
4	103	Hunold	IT_PROG	60
5	104	Ernst	IT_PROG	60
6	107	Lorentz	IT_PROG	60

...

**“retrieve all  
employees in  
department 90”**



	 EMPLOYEE_ID	 LAST_NAME	 JOB_ID	 DEPARTMENT_ID
1	100	King	AD_PRES	90
2	101	Kochhar	AD_VP	90
3	102	De Haan	AD_VP	90

# Limiting the Rows That Are Selected

- Restrict the rows that are returned by using the WHERE clause:

```
SELECT * | { [DISTINCT] column/expression [alias], ... }  
FROM    table  
[WHERE condition(s)];
```

- The WHERE clause follows the FROM clause.

# Using the WHERE Clause

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name, job_id, department_id
FROM   employees
WHERE  department_id = 90 ;
```

	EMPLOYEE_ID	LAST_NAME	JOB_ID	DEPARTMENT_ID
1	100	King	AD_PRES	90
2	101	Kochhar	AD_VP	90
3	102	De Haan	AD_VP	90

# Character Strings and Dates

- Character strings and date values are enclosed with single quotation marks.
- Character values are case-sensitive and date values are format-sensitive.
- The default date display format is DD-MON-RR.

```
SELECT last_name, job_id, department_id
FROM   employees
WHERE  last_name = 'Whalen' ;
```

```
SELECT last_name
FROM   employees
WHERE  hire_date = '17-FEB-96' ;
```

# Comparison Operators

Operator	Meaning
=	Equal to
>	Greater than
>=	Greater than or equal to
<	Less than
<=	Less than or equal to
<>	Not equal to
BETWEEN ...AND...	Between two values (inclusive)
IN (set)	Match any of a list of values
LIKE	Match a character pattern
IS NULL	Is a null value



# Using Comparison Operators

```
SELECT last_name, salary
FROM   employees
WHERE  salary <= 3000 ;
```

	LAST_NAME	SALARY
1	Matos	2600
2	Vargas	2500

# Range Conditions Using the BETWEEN Operator

Use the BETWEEN operator to display rows based on a range of values:

```
SELECT last_name, salary
FROM   employees
WHERE  salary BETWEEN 2500 AND 3500 ;
```

↑  
**Lower limit**

↑  
**Upper limit**

	LAST_NAME	SALARY
1	Rajs	3500
2	Davies	3100
3	Matos	2600
4	Vargas	2500

# Membership Condition Using the IN Operator

Use the IN operator to test for values in a list:

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name, salary, manager_id
FROM   employees
WHERE  manager_id IN (100, 101, 201) ;
```

	EMPLOYEE_ID	LAST_NAME	SALARY	MANAGER_ID
1	101	Kochhar	17000	100
2	102	De Haan	17000	100
3	124	Mourgos	5800	100
4	149	Zlotkey	10500	100
5	201	Hartstein	13000	100
6	200	Whalen	4400	101
7	205	Higgins	12000	101
8	202	Fay	6000	201

# Pattern Matching Using the LIKE Operator

- Use the LIKE operator to perform wildcard searches of valid search string values.
- Search conditions can contain either literal characters or numbers:
  - % denotes zero or many characters.
  - \_ denotes one character.

```
SELECT    first_name  
FROM      employees  
WHERE     first_name LIKE 'S%';
```

# Combining Wildcard Characters

- You can combine the two wildcard characters (% , \_) with literal characters for pattern matching:

```
SELECT last_name  
FROM   employees  
WHERE  last_name LIKE '_o%' ;
```

	LAST_NAME
1	Kochhar
2	Lorentz
3	Mourgos

- You can use the `ESCAPE` identifier to search for the actual % and \_ symbols.

# Using the NULL Conditions

Test for nulls with the IS NULL operator.

```
SELECT last_name, manager_id  
FROM   employees  
WHERE  manager_id IS NULL ;
```

	LAST_NAME	MANAGER_ID
1	King	(null)

# Defining Conditions Using the Logical Operators

Operator	Meaning
AND	Returns TRUE if <i>both</i> component conditions are true
OR	Returns TRUE if <i>either</i> component condition is true
NOT	Returns TRUE if the condition is false

# Using the AND Operator

AND requires both the component conditions to be true:

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name, job_id, salary
FROM   employees
WHERE  salary >= 10000
AND    job_id LIKE '%MAN%';
```

	EMPLOYEE_ID	LAST_NAME	JOB_ID	SALARY
1	149	Zlotkey	SA_MAN	10500
2	201	Hartstein	MK_MAN	13000



# Using the OR Operator

OR requires either component condition to be true:

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name, job_id, salary
FROM   employees
WHERE  salary >= 10000
OR     job_id LIKE '%MAN%' ;
```

	EMPLOYEE_ID	LAST_NAME	JOB_ID	SALARY
1	100	King	AD_PRES	24000
2	101	Kochhar	AD_VP	17000
3	102	De Haan	AD_VP	17000
4	124	Mourgos	ST_MAN	5800
5	149	Zlotkey	SA_MAN	10500
6	174	Abel	SA_REP	11000
7	201	Hartstein	MK_MAN	13000
8	205	Higgins	AC_MGR	12000

# Using the NOT Operator

```
SELECT last_name, job_id
FROM   employees
WHERE  job_id
      NOT IN ('IT_PROG', 'ST_CLERK', 'SA_REP') ;
```

	LAST_NAME	JOB_ID
1	De Haan	AD_VP
2	Fay	MK_REP
3	Gietz	AC_ACCOUNT
4	Hartstein	MK_MAN
5	Higgins	AC_MGR
6	King	AD PRES
7	Kochhar	AD_VP
8	Mourgos	ST_MAN
9	Whalen	AD_ASST
10	Zlotkey	SA_MAN

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# Rules of Precedence

Operator	Meaning
1	Arithmetic operators
2	Concatenation operator
3	Comparison conditions
4	IS [NOT] NULL, LIKE, [NOT] IN
5	[NOT] BETWEEN
6	Not equal to
7	NOT logical condition
8	AND logical condition
9	OR logical condition

**You can use parentheses to override rules of precedence.**

# Rules of Precedence

```
SELECT last_name, job_id, salary
FROM employees
WHERE job_id = 'SA_REP'
OR job_id = 'AD_PRES'
AND salary > 15000;
```

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	LAST_NAME	JOB_ID	SALARY
1	King	AD_PRES	24000
2	Abel	SA_REP	11000
3	Taylor	SA_REP	8600
4	Grant	SA_REP	7000

```
SELECT last_name, job_id, salary
FROM employees
WHERE (job_id = 'SA_REP'
OR job_id = 'AD_PRES')
AND salary > 15000;
```

2

	LAST_NAME	JOB_ID	SALARY
1	King	AD_PRES	24000




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# Using the ORDER BY Clause

- Sort retrieved rows with the ORDER BY clause:
  - ASC: Ascending order, default
  - DESC: Descending order
- The ORDER BY clause comes last in the SELECT statement:

```
SELECT    last_name, job_id, department_id, hire_date
FROM      employees
ORDER BY  hire_date ;
```


	 LAST_NAME	 JOB_ID	 DEPARTMENT_ID	HIRE_DATE
1	King	AD_PRES	90	17-JUN-87
2	Whalen	AD_ASST	10	17-SEP-87
3	Kochhar	AD_VP	90	21-SEP-89
4	Hunold	IT_PROG	60	03-JAN-90
5	Ernst	IT_PROG	60	21-MAY-91
6	De Haan	AD_VP	90	13-JAN-93

...

# Sorting


- Sorting in descending order:

```
SELECT last_name, job_id, department_id, hire_date  
FROM employees  
ORDER BY hire_date DESC ;
```



- Sorting by column alias:

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name, salary*12 annsal  
FROM employees  
ORDER BY annsal ;
```






# Sorting


- Sorting by using the column's numeric position:

```
SELECT  last_name, job_id, department_id, hire_date
FROM    employees
ORDER BY 3;
```



- Sorting by multiple columns:

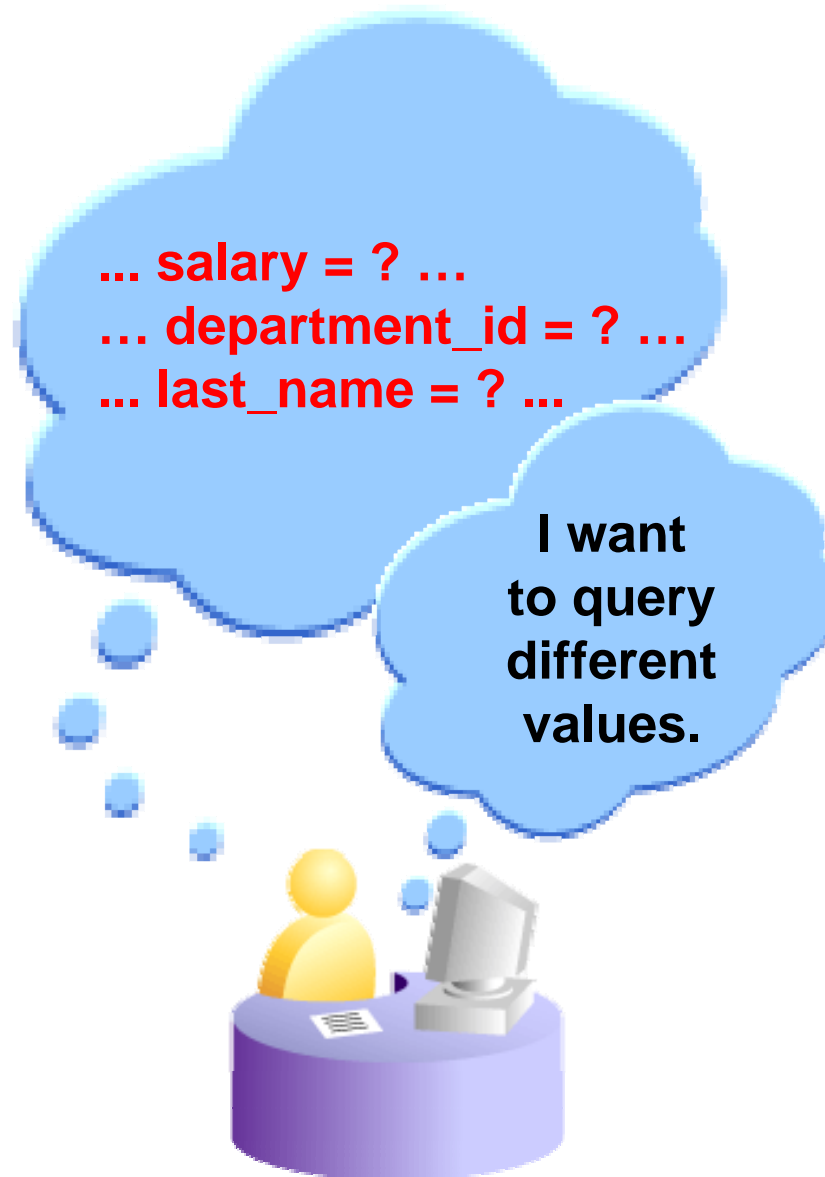
```
SELECT last_name, department_id, salary
FROM    employees
ORDER BY department_id, salary DESC;
```



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# Substitution Variables



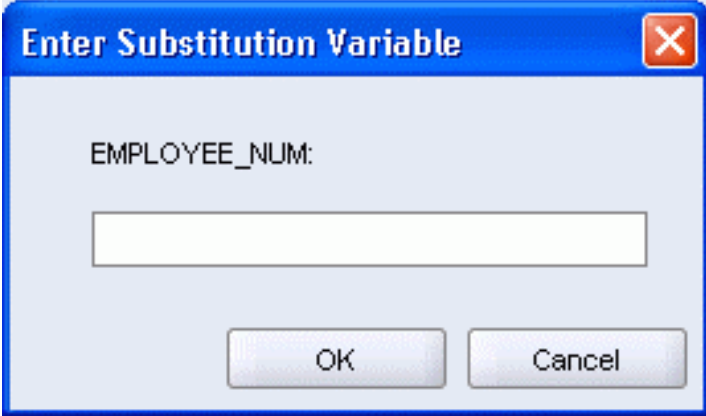
# Substitution Variables

- Use substitution variables to:
  - Temporarily store values with single-ampersand (&) and double-ampersand (&&) substitution
- Use substitution variables to supplement the following:
  - WHERE conditions
  - ORDER BY clauses
  - Column expressions
  - Table names
  - Entire SELECT statements

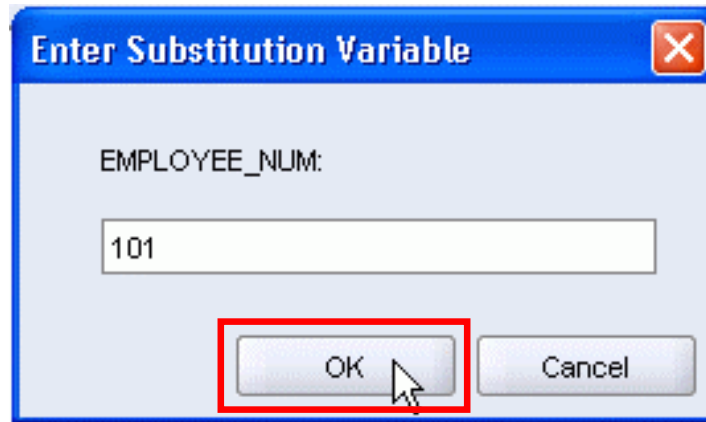
# Using the Single-Ampersand Substitution Variable

Use a variable prefixed with an ampersand (&) to prompt the user for a value:

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name, salary, department_id
FROM   employees
WHERE  employee_id = &employee_num ;
```



# Using the Single-Ampersand Substitution Variable



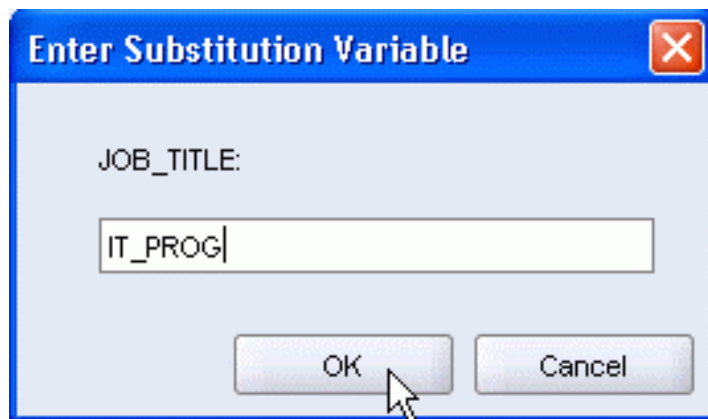
A dialog box titled "Enter Substitution Variable" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The dialog contains a label "EMPLOYEE\_NUM:" followed by a text input field containing the value "101". Below the input field are two buttons: "OK" and "Cancel". The "OK" button is highlighted with a red rectangular border, and a mouse cursor is pointing at it.

	 EMPLOYEE_ID	 LAST_NAME	 SALARY	 DEPARTMENT_ID
1	101	Kochhar	17000	90

# Character and Date Values with Substitution Variables

Use single quotation marks for date and character values:

```
SELECT last_name, department_id, salary*12
FROM   employees
WHERE  job_id = '&job_title' ;
```

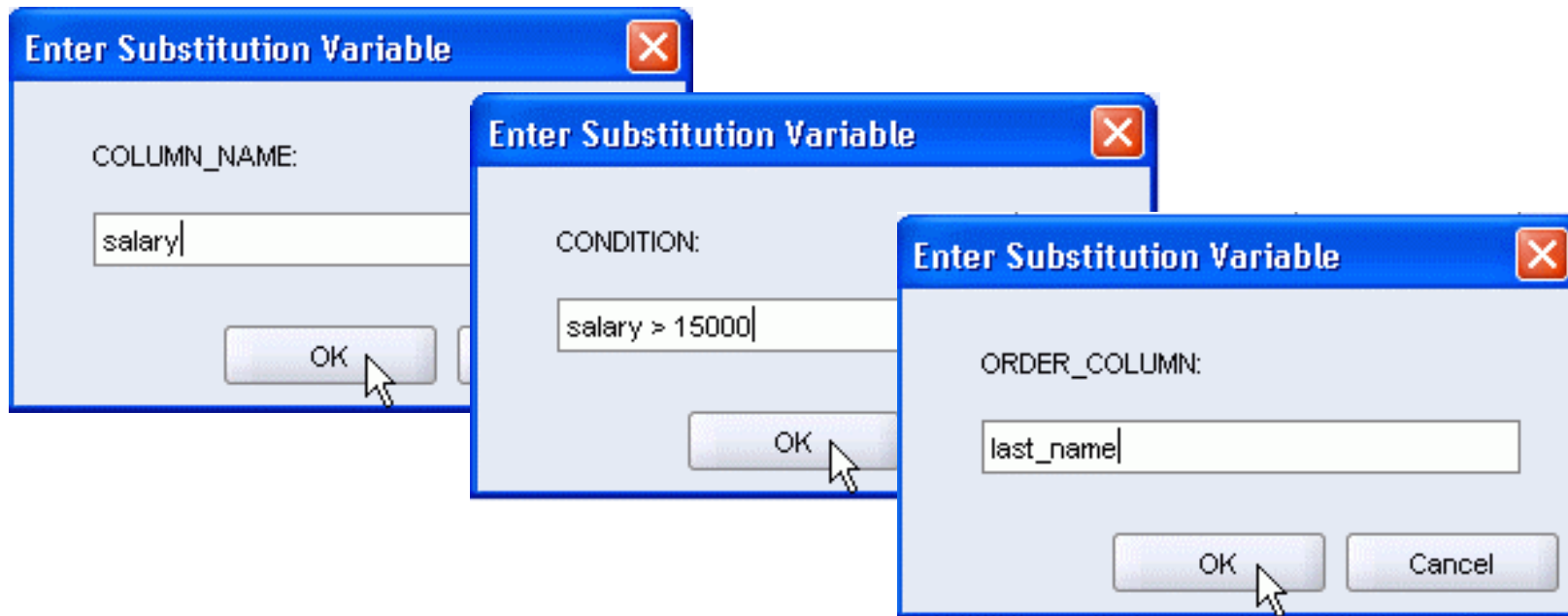


A dialog box titled "Enter Substitution Variable" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. It contains a label "JOB\_TITLE:" followed by a text input field containing the text "IT\_PROG". At the bottom, there are two buttons: "OK" and "Cancel". A mouse cursor is pointing at the "OK" button.

	LAST_NAME	DEPARTMENT_ID	SALARY*12
1	Hunold	60	108000
2	Ernst	60	72000
3	Lorentz	60	50400

# Specifying Column Names, Expressions, and Text

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name, job_id, &column_name  
FROM employees  
WHERE &condition  
ORDER BY &order_column ;
```

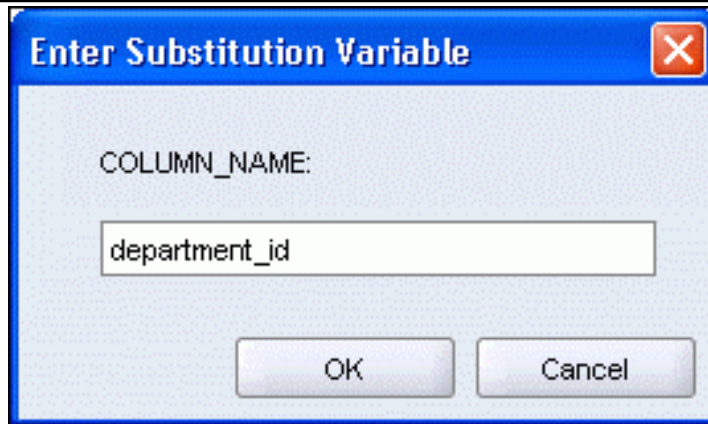




# Using the Double-Ampersand Substitution Variable

Use double ampersand (&&) if you want to reuse the variable value without prompting the user each time:

```
SELECT  employee_id, last_name, job_id, &&column_name
FROM    employees
ORDER BY &column_name ;
```



A dialog box titled "Enter Substitution Variable" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. It contains a label "COLUMN\_NAME:" followed by a text input field containing the text "department\_id". At the bottom, there are two buttons: "OK" and "Cancel".

	EMPLOYEE_ID	LAST_NAME	JOB_ID	DEPARTMENT_ID
1	200	Whalen	AD_ASST	10
2	201	Hartstein	MK_MAN	20
3	202	Fay	MK_REP	20

...

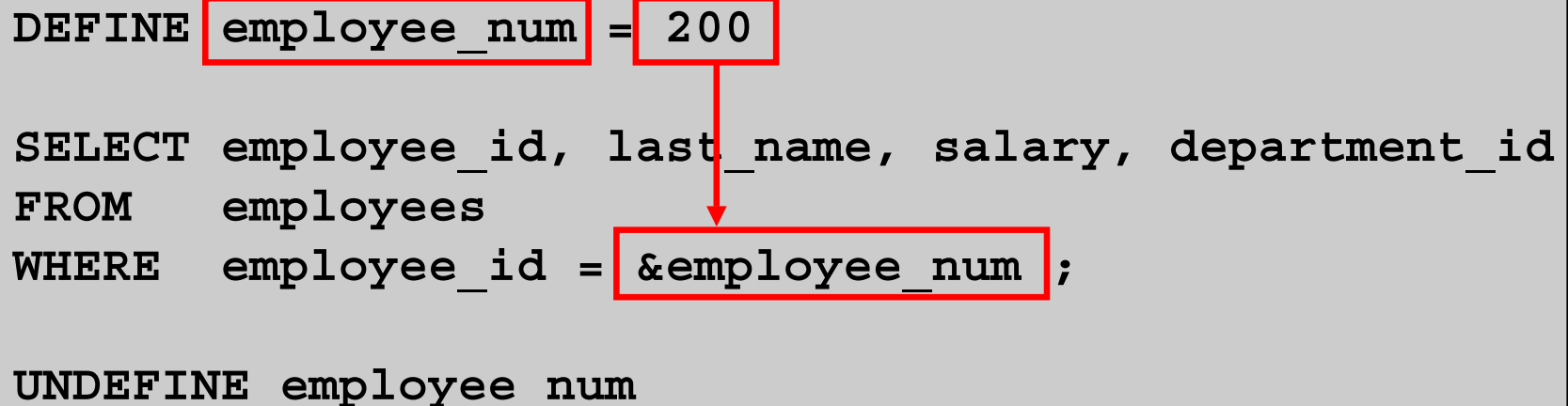
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# Using the DEFINE Command

- Use the DEFINE command to create and assign a value to a variable.
- Use the UNDEFINE command to remove a variable.

```
DEFINE employee_num = 200  
  
SELECT employee_id, last_name, salary, department_id  
FROM employees  
WHERE employee_id = &employee_num;  
  
UNDEFINE employee_num
```

A red arrow points from the value '200' in the DEFINE statement to the '&employee\_num' placeholder in the WHERE clause of the SQL query, illustrating how the variable's value is substituted into the query.

# Using the VERIFY Command

Use the VERIFY command to toggle the display of the substitution variable, both before and after SQL Developer replaces substitution variables with values:

```
SET VERIFY ON
```

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name, salary  
FROM   employees  
WHERE  employee_id = &employee_num;
```

Enter Substitution Variable

EMPLOYEE\_NUM:

200

OK Cancel

Results Script Output Explain Autotrace DBMS Output

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name, salary  
FROM   employees  
WHERE  employee_id = 200
```

EMPLOYEE_ID	LAST_NAME	SALARY
200	Whalen	4400

1 rows selected

# Quiz

Which of the following are valid operators for the WHERE clause?

1. >=

2. IS NULL

3. !=

4. IS LIKE

5. IN BETWEEN

6. <>

# Summary

In this lesson, you should have learned how to:

- Use the `WHERE` clause to restrict rows of output:
  - Use the comparison conditions
  - Use the `BETWEEN`, `IN`, `LIKE`, and `NULL` operators
  - Apply the logical `AND`, `OR`, and `NOT` operators
- Use the `ORDER BY` clause to sort rows of output:

```
SELECT  * | { [DISTINCT] column/expression [alias], ... }  
FROM    table  
[WHERE  condition(s)]  
[ORDER BY {column, expr, alias} [ASC|DESC]] ;
```

- Use ampersand substitution to restrict and sort output at run time

## Practice 2: Overview

This practice covers the following topics:

- Selecting data and changing the order of the rows that are displayed
- Restricting rows by using the `WHERE` clause
- Sorting rows by using the `ORDER BY` clause
- Using substitution variables to add flexibility to your SQL `SELECT` statements