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# Preface

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## **Profile**

### **Before You Begin This Course**

Before you begin this course, you should be able to use a graphical user interface (GUI). The prerequisite is a familiarity with data processing concepts and techniques.

### **How This Course Is Organized**

*Oracle Database 10g: SQL Fundamentals I* is an instructor-led course featuring lectures and hands-on exercises. Online demonstrations and written practice sessions reinforce the concepts and skills that are introduced.

## Related Publications

### Oracle Publications

| Title                                                                                         | Part Number |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| <i>Oracle® Database Reference 10g Release 2 (10.2)</i>                                        | B14237-02   |
| <i>Oracle® Database SQL Reference 10g Release 2 (10.2)</i>                                    | B14200-02   |
| <i>Oracle® Database Concepts 10g Release 2 (10.2)</i>                                         | B14220-02   |
| <i>Oracle® Database Application Developer's Guide -<br/>Fundamentals 10g Release 2 (10.2)</i> | B14251-01   |
| <i>SQL*Plus® User's Guide and Reference</i>                                                   | B14357-01   |

### Additional Publications

- System release bulletins
- Installation and user's guides
- *read.me* files
- International Oracle User's Group (IOUG) articles
- *Oracle Magazine*



## Typographic Conventions

What follows are two lists of typographical conventions that are used specifically within text or within code.

### Typographic Conventions Within Text

| Convention        | Object or Term                                                          | Example                                                                                                                                  |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Uppercase         | Commands, functions, column names, table names, PL/SQL objects, schemas | Use the <code>SELECT</code> command to view information stored in the <code>LAST_NAME</code> column of the <code>EMPLOYEES</code> table. |
| Lowercase, italic | Filenames, syntax variables, usernames, passwords                       | <b>where:</b> <i>role</i> is the name of the role to be created.                                                                         |
| Initial cap       | Trigger and button names                                                | Assign a When-Validate-Item trigger to the ORD block.<br>Choose Cancel.                                                                  |
| Italic            | Books, names of courses and manuals, and emphasized words or phrases    | For more information on the subject see <i>Oracle SQL Reference Manual</i><br>Do <i>not</i> save changes to the database.                |
| Quotation marks   | Lesson module titles referenced within a course                         | This subject is covered in Lesson 3, “Working with Objects.”                                                                             |

## Typographic Conventions (continued)

### Typographic Conventions Within Code

| Convention        | Object or Term                                       | Example                                                                                                                                |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Uppercase         | Commands, functions                                  | <code>SELECT employee_id<br/>FROM employees;</code>                                                                                    |
| Lowercase, italic | Syntax variables                                     | <code>CREATE ROLE <i>role</i>;</code>                                                                                                  |
| Initial cap       | Forms triggers                                       | <code>Form module: ORD<br/>Trigger level: S_ITEM.QUANTITY<br/>item<br/>Trigger name: When-Validate-Item<br/>. . .</code>               |
| Lowercase         | Column names, table names, filenames, PL/SQL objects | <code>. . .<br/>OG_ACTIVATE_LAYER<br/>(OG_GET_LAYER ('prod_pie_layer'))<br/>. . .<br/><br/>SELECT last_name<br/>FROM employees;</code> |
| Bold              | Text that must be entered by a user                  | <code>CREATE USER scott<br/>IDENTIFIED BY tiger;</code>                                                                                |

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## Using DDL Statements to Create and Manage Tables

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## Objectives

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

- **Categorize the main database objects**
- **Review the table structure**
- **List the data types that are available for columns**
- **Create a simple table**
- **Explain how constraints are created at the time of table creation**
- **Describe how schema objects work**

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### Objectives

In this lesson, you are introduced to the data definition language (DDL) statements. You are taught the basics of how to create simple tables, alter them, and remove them. The data types available in DDL are shown, and schema concepts are introduced. Constraints are tied into this lesson. Exception messages that are generated from violating constraints during DML are shown and explained.

## Database Objects

| Object   | Description                                                  |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Table    | Basic unit of storage; composed of rows                      |
| View     | Logically represents subsets of data from one or more tables |
| Sequence | Generates numeric values                                     |
| Index    | Improves the performance of some queries                     |
| Synonym  | Gives alternative names to objects                           |

### Database Objects

An Oracle database can contain multiple data structures. Each structure should be outlined in the database design so that it can be created during the build stage of database development.

- **Table:** Stores data
- **View:** Subset of data from one or more tables
- **Sequence:** Generates numeric values
- **Index:** Improves the performance of some queries
- **Synonym:** Gives alternative names to objects

### Oracle Table Structures

- Tables can be created at any time, even while users are using the database.
- You do not need to specify the size of a table. The size is ultimately defined by the amount of space allocated to the database as a whole. It is important, however, to estimate how much space a table will use over time.
- Table structure can be modified online.

**Note:** More database objects are available but are not covered in this course.

## Naming Rules

### Table names and column names:

- **Must begin with a letter**
- **Must be 1–30 characters long**
- **Must contain only A–Z, a–z, 0–9, \_, \$, and #**
- **Must not duplicate the name of another object owned by the same user**
- **Must not be an Oracle server–reserved word**

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## Naming Rules

You name database tables and columns according to the standard rules for naming any Oracle database object:

- Table names and column names must begin with a letter and be 1–30 characters long.
- Names must contain only the characters A–Z, a–z, 0–9, \_ (underscore), \$, and # (legal characters, but their use is discouraged).
- Names must not duplicate the name of another object owned by the same Oracle server user.
- Names must not be an Oracle server–reserved word.

### Naming Guidelines

Use descriptive names for tables and other database objects.

**Note:** Names are case-insensitive. For example, EMPLOYEES is treated as the same name as eMpLoYeeS or eMpLoYEEs.

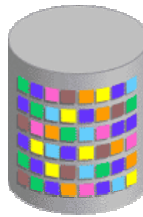
For more information, see “Object Names and Qualifiers” in the *Oracle Database SQL Reference*.

## CREATE TABLE Statement

- **You must have:**
  - CREATE TABLE privilege
  - A storage area

```
CREATE TABLE [schema.] table  
      (column datatype [DEFAULT expr] [, ...]);
```

- **You specify:**
  - Table name
  - Column name, column data type, and column size



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### CREATE TABLE Statement

You create tables to store data by executing the SQL CREATE TABLE statement. This statement is one of the DDL statements, which are a subset of SQL statements used to create, modify, or remove Oracle database structures. These statements have an immediate effect on the database, and they also record information in the data dictionary.

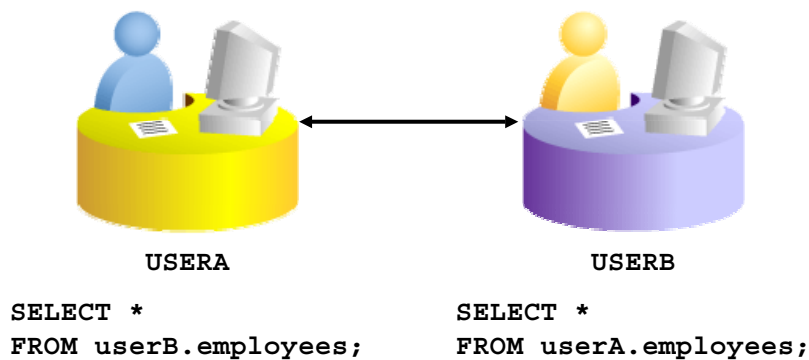
To create a table, a user must have the CREATE TABLE privilege and a storage area in which to create objects. The database administrator uses data control language statements to grant privileges to users (DCL statements are covered in a later lesson).

In the syntax:

|                     |                                                                         |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>schema</i>       | Is the same as the owner's name                                         |
| <i>table</i>        | is the name of the table                                                |
| DEFAULT <i>expr</i> | Specifies a default value if a value is omitted in the INSERT statement |
| <i>column</i>       | Is the name of the column                                               |
| <i>datatype</i>     | Is the column's data type and length                                    |

## Referencing Another User's Tables

- Tables belonging to other users are not in the user's schema.
- You should use the owner's name as a prefix to those tables.



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### Referencing Another User's Tables

A *schema* is a collection of objects. Schema objects are the logical structures that directly refer to the data in a database. Schema objects include tables, views, synonyms, sequences, stored procedures, indexes, clusters, and database links.

If a table does not belong to the user, the owner's name must be prefixed to the table. For example, if there are schemas named USERA and USERB, and both have an EMPLOYEES table, then if USERA wants to access the EMPLOYEES table that belongs to USERB, he must prefix the table name with the schema name:

```
SELECT *  
FROM   userb.employees;
```

If USERB wants to access the EMPLOYEES table that is owned by USERA, he must prefix the table name with the schema name:

```
SELECT *  
FROM   usera.employees;
```



## DEFAULT Option

- Specify a default value for a column during an insert.

```
... hire_date DATE DEFAULT SYSDATE, ...
```

- Literal values, expressions, or SQL functions are legal values.
- Another column's name or a pseudocolumn are illegal values.
- The default data type must match the column data type.

```
CREATE TABLE hire_dates  
  (id          NUMBER(8),  
   hire_date DATE DEFAULT SYSDATE);  
Table created.
```

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### DEFAULT Option

When you define a table, you can specify that a column be given a default value by using the DEFAULT option. This option prevents null values from entering the columns if a row is inserted without a value for the column. The default value can be a literal, an expression, or a SQL function (such as SYSDATE or USER), but the value cannot be the name of another column or a pseudocolumn (such as NEXTVAL or CURRVAL). The default expression must match the data type of the column.

**Note:** CURRVAL and NEXTVAL are explained later in this lesson.

## Creating Tables

- Create the table.

```
CREATE TABLE dept
  (deptno      NUMBER(2) ,
   dname       VARCHAR2(14) ,
   loc         VARCHAR2(13) ,
   create_date DATE DEFAULT SYSDATE) ;
```

Table created.

- Confirm table creation.

```
DESCRIBE dept
```

| Name        | Null? | Type         |
|-------------|-------|--------------|
| DEPTNO      |       | NUMBER(2)    |
| DNAME       |       | VARCHAR2(14) |
| LOC         |       | VARCHAR2(13) |
| CREATE_DATE |       | DATE         |

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### Creating Tables

The example in the slide creates the DEPT table, with four columns: DEPTNO, DNAME, LOC, and CREATE\_DATE. The CREATE\_DATE column has a default value. If a value is not provided for an INSERT statement, the system date is automatically inserted.

It further confirms the creation of the table by issuing the DESCRIBE command.

Because creating a table is a DDL statement, an automatic commit takes place when this statement is executed.

# Data Types

| Data Type                      | Description                                                                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| VARCHAR2 ( <i>size</i> )       | Variable-length character data                                                |
| CHAR ( <i>size</i> )           | Fixed-length character data                                                   |
| NUMBER ( <i>p</i> , <i>s</i> ) | Variable-length numeric data                                                  |
| DATE                           | Date and time values                                                          |
| LONG                           | Variable-length character data (up to 2 GB)                                   |
| CLOB                           | Character data (up to 4 GB)                                                   |
| RAW and LONG RAW               | Raw binary data                                                               |
| BLOB                           | Binary data (up to 4 GB)                                                      |
| BFILE                          | Binary data stored in an external file (up to 4 GB)                           |
| ROWID                          | A base-64 number system representing the unique address of a row in its table |

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## Data Types

When you identify a column for a table, you need to provide a data type for the column. There are several data types available:

| Data Type                        | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| VARCHAR2 ( <i>size</i> )         | Variable-length character data (A maximum <i>size</i> must be specified: minimum <i>size</i> is 1; maximum <i>size</i> is 4,000.)                                                                                                                                  |
| CHAR [( <i>size</i> )]           | Fixed-length character data of length <i>size</i> bytes (Default and minimum <i>size</i> is 1; maximum <i>size</i> is 2,000.)                                                                                                                                      |
| NUMBER [( <i>p</i> , <i>s</i> )] | Number having precision <i>p</i> and scale <i>s</i> (The precision is the total number of decimal digits, and the scale is the number of digits to the right of the decimal point; the precision can range from 1 to 38, and the scale can range from –84 to 127.) |
| DATE                             | Date and time values to the nearest second between January 1, 4712 B.C., and December 31, 9999 A.D.                                                                                                                                                                |
| LONG                             | Variable-length character data (up to 2 GB)                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| CLOB                             | Character data (up to 4 GB)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

## Data Types (continued)

| Data Type           | Description                                                                                                    |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| RAW ( <i>size</i> ) | Raw binary data of length <i>size</i> (A maximum <i>size</i> must be specified: maximum <i>size</i> is 2,000.) |
| LONG RAW            | Raw binary data of variable length (up to 2 GB)                                                                |
| BLOB                | Binary data (up to 4 GB)                                                                                       |
| BFILE               | Binary data stored in an external file (up to 4 GB)                                                            |
| ROWID               | A base-64 number system representing the unique address of a row in its table                                  |

### Guidelines

- A LONG column is not copied when a table is created using a subquery.
- A LONG column cannot be included in a GROUP BY or an ORDER BY clause.
- Only one LONG column can be used per table.
- No constraints can be defined on a LONG column.
- You might want to use a CLOB column rather than a LONG column.

## Datetime Data Types

You can use several datetime data types:

| Data Type              | Description                                                |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| TIMESTAMP              | Date with fractional seconds                               |
| INTERVAL YEAR TO MONTH | Stored as an interval of years and months                  |
| INTERVAL DAY TO SECOND | Stored as an interval of days, hours, minutes, and seconds |



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### Other Datetime Data Types

| Data Type              | Description                                                                                                                                                                               |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TIMESTAMP              | Enables the time to be stored as a date with fractional seconds. There are several variations of this data type.                                                                          |
| INTERVAL YEAR TO MONTH | Enables time to be stored as an interval of years and months. Used to represent the difference between two datetime values in which the only significant portions are the year and month. |
| INTERVAL DAY TO SECOND | Enables time to be stored as an interval of days, hours, minutes, and seconds. Used to represent the precise difference between two datetime values.                                      |

**Note:** These datetime data types are available with Oracle9i and later releases. For detailed information about the datetime data types, see the topics “TIMESTAMP Datatype,” “INTERVAL YEAR TO MONTH Datatype,” and “INTERVAL DAY TO SECOND Datatype” in the *Oracle SQL Reference*.

## Datetime Data Types

- The **TIMESTAMP** data type is an extension of the **DATE** data type.
- It stores the year, month, and day of the **DATE** data type plus hour, minute, and second values as well as the fractional second value.
- You can optionally specify the time zone.

```
TIMESTAMP[(fractional_seconds_precision)]
```

```
TIMESTAMP[(fractional_seconds_precision)]  
WITH TIME ZONE
```

```
TIMESTAMP[(fractional_seconds_precision)]  
WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE
```

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### TIMESTAMP Data Type

The **TIMESTAMP** data type is an extension of the **DATE** data type. It stores the year, month, and day of the **DATE** data type plus hour, minute, and second values. This data type is used for storing precise time values.

The `fractional_seconds_precision` optionally specifies the number of digits in the fractional part of the **SECOND** datetime field and can be a number in the range 0 to 9. The default is 6.

#### Example

In this example, a table is created named **NEW\_EMPLOYEES**, with a column **START\_DATE** that has a data type of **TIMESTAMP**:

```
CREATE TABLE new_employees  
  (employee_id NUMBER,  
   first_name VARCHAR2(15),  
   last_name VARCHAR2(15),  
   ...  
   start_date TIMESTAMP(7),  
   ...);
```

Suppose that two rows are inserted in the **NEW\_EMPLOYEES** table. The displayed output shows the differences. (A **DATE** data type defaults to display the DD-MON-RR format.):

**TIMESTAMP Data Type (continued)**

```
SELECT start_date
FROM   new_employees;

17-JUN-03 12.00.00.000000 AM
21-SEP-03 12.00.00.000000 AM
```

**TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE Data Type**

TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE is a variant of TIMESTAMP that includes a time-zone displacement in its value. The time-zone displacement is the difference (in hours and minutes) between local time and UTC (Universal Time Coordinate, formerly known as Greenwich Mean Time). This data type is used for collecting and evaluating date information across geographic regions.

For example,

```
TIMESTAMP '2003-04-15 8:00:00 -8:00'
```

is the same as

```
TIMESTAMP '2003-04-15 11:00:00 -5:00'
```

That is, 8:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time is the same as 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

This can also be specified as follows:

```
TIMESTAMP '2003-04-15 8:00:00 US/Pacific'
```

**TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE Data Type**

TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE is another variant of TIMESTAMP that includes a time-zone displacement in its value. It differs from TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE in that data stored in the database is normalized to the database time zone, and the time-zone displacement is not stored as part of the column data. When users retrieve the data, it is returned in the users' local session time zone. The time-zone displacement is the difference (in hours and minutes) between local time and UTC.

Unlike TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE, you can specify columns of type TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE as part of a primary or unique key, as in the following example:

```
CREATE TABLE time_example
  (order_date TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE);

INSERT INTO time_example VALUES('15-JAN-04 09:34:28 AM');

SELECT *
FROM   time_example;

ORDER_DATE
-----
15-JAN-04 09.34.28.000000 AM
```

The TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE type is appropriate for two-tier applications in which you want to display dates and times using the time zone of the client system.

## Datetime Data Types

- The **INTERVAL YEAR TO MONTH** data type stores a period of time using the **YEAR** and **MONTH** datetime fields:

```
INTERVAL YEAR [(year_precision)] TO MONTH
```

- The **INTERVAL DAY TO SECOND** data type stores a period of time in terms of days, hours, minutes, and seconds:

```
INTERVAL DAY [(day_precision)]  
TO SECOND [(fractional_seconds_precision)]
```

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### INTERVAL YEAR TO MONTH Data Type

INTERVAL YEAR TO MONTH stores a period of time using the YEAR and MONTH datetime fields.

Use INTERVAL YEAR TO MONTH to represent the difference between two datetime values, where the only significant portions are the year and month. For example, you might use this value to set a reminder for a date that is 120 months in the future, or check whether 6 months have elapsed since a particular date.

In the syntax:

`year_precision` is the number of digits in the YEAR datetime field.  
The default value of `year_precision` is 2.

#### Examples

- `INTERVAL '123-2' YEAR(3) TO MONTH`  
Indicates an interval of 123 years, 2 months
- `INTERVAL '123' YEAR(3)`  
Indicates an interval of 123 years 0 months
- `INTERVAL '300' MONTH(3)`  
Indicates an interval of 300 months
- `INTERVAL '123' YEAR`  
Returns an error because the default precision is 2, and 123 has 3 digits



**INTERVAL YEAR TO MONTH Data Type (continued)**

```

CREATE TABLE time_example2
(loan_duration INTERVAL YEAR (3) TO MONTH);

INSERT INTO time_example2 (loan_duration)
VALUES (INTERVAL '120' MONTH(3));

SELECT TO_CHAR( sysdate+loan_duration, 'dd-mon-yyyy')
FROM    time_example2;           --today's date is 26-Sep-2001

```

| TO_CHAR(SYS |
|-------------|
| 26-sep-2011 |

**INTERVAL DAY TO SECOND Data Type**

INTERVAL DAY TO SECOND stores a period of time in terms of days, hours, minutes, and seconds.

Use INTERVAL DAY TO SECOND to represent the precise difference between two datetime values. For example, you might use this value to set a reminder for a time that is 36 hours in the future, or to record the time between the start and end of a race. To represent long spans of time, including multiple years, with high precision, you can use a large value for the days portion.

In the syntax:

|                              |                                                                                                                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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. |

**Examples**

- INTERVAL '4 5:12:10.222' DAY TO SECOND(3)  
Indicates 4 days, 5 hours, 12 minutes, 10 seconds, and 222 thousandths of a second.
- INTERVAL '180' DAY(3)  
Indicates 180 days.
- INTERVAL '4 5:12:10.222' DAY TO SECOND(3)  
Indicates 4 days, 5 hours, 12 minutes, 10 seconds, and 222 thousandths of a second
- INTERVAL '4 5:12' DAY TO MINUTE  
Indicates 4 days, 5 hours, and 12 minutes
- INTERVAL '400 5' DAY(3) TO HOUR  
Indicates 400 days and 5 hours.
- INTERVAL '11:12:10.2222222' HOUR TO SECOND(7)  
Indicates 11 hours, 12 minutes, and 10.2222222 seconds.

## INTERVAL DAY TO SECOND Data Type (continued)

### Example

```
CREATE TABLE time_example3
(day_duration INTERVAL DAY (3) TO SECOND);

INSERT INTO time_example3 (day_duration)
VALUES (INTERVAL '180' DAY(3));

SELECT sysdate + day_duration "Half Year"
FROM   time_example3;           --today's date is 26-Sep-2001
```

| Half Year |
|-----------|
| 25-MAR-02 |

## Including Constraints

- **Constraints enforce rules at the table level.**
- **Constraints prevent the deletion of a table if there are dependencies.**
- **The following constraint types are valid:**
  - NOT NULL
  - UNIQUE
  - PRIMARY KEY
  - FOREIGN KEY
  - CHECK



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### Constraints

The Oracle server uses constraints to prevent invalid data entry into tables.

You can use constraints to do the following:

- Enforce rules on the data in a table whenever a row is inserted, updated, or deleted from that table. The constraint must be satisfied for the operation to succeed.
- Prevent the deletion of a table if there are dependencies from other tables
- Provide rules for Oracle tools, such as Oracle Developer

### Data Integrity Constraints

| Constraint  | Description                                                                                                 |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| NOT NULL    | Specifies that the column cannot contain a null value                                                       |
| UNIQUE      | Specifies a column or combination of columns whose values must be unique for all rows in the table          |
| PRIMARY KEY | Uniquely identifies each row of the table                                                                   |
| FOREIGN KEY | Establishes and enforces a foreign key relationship between the column and a column of the referenced table |
| CHECK       | Specifies a condition that must be true                                                                     |

## Constraint Guidelines

- You can name a constraint, or the Oracle server generates a name by using the `SYS_Cn` format.
- Create a constraint at either of the following times:
  - At the same time as the table is created
  - After the table has been created
- Define a constraint at the column or table level.
- View a constraint in the data dictionary.

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### Constraint Guidelines

All constraints are stored in the data dictionary. Constraints are easy to reference if you give them a meaningful name. Constraint names must follow the standard object-naming rules. If you do not name your constraint, the Oracle server generates a name with the format `SYS_Cn`, where *n* is an integer so that the constraint name is unique.

Constraints can be defined at the time of table creation or after the table has been created.

For more information, see “Constraints” in *Oracle Database SQL Reference*.

## Defining Constraints

- **Syntax:**

```
CREATE TABLE [schema.] table
  (column datatype [DEFAULT expr]
    [column_constraint],
    ...
    [table_constraint] [,...]);
```

- **Column-level constraint:**

```
column [CONSTRAINT constraint_name] constraint_type,
```

- **Table-level constraint:**

```
column, ...
  [CONSTRAINT constraint_name] constraint_type
  (column, ...),
```

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### Defining Constraints

The slide gives the syntax for defining constraints when creating a table. You can create the constraints at either the column level or table level. Constraints defined at the column level are included when the column is defined. Table-level constraints are defined at the end of the table definition and must refer to the column or columns on which the constraint pertains in a set of parentheses.

NOT NULL constraints must be defined at the column level.

Constraints that apply to more than one column must be defined at the table level.

In the syntax:

|                   |                                                                                |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| schema            | Is the same as the owner's name                                                |
| table             | Is the name of the table                                                       |
| DEFAULT expr      | Specifies a default value to use if a value is omitted in the INSERT statement |
| column            | Is the name of the column                                                      |
| datatype          | Is the column's data type and length                                           |
| column_constraint | Is an integrity constraint as part of the column definition                    |
| table_constraint  | Is an integrity constraint as part of the table definition                     |

## Defining Constraints

- **Column-level constraint:**

```
CREATE TABLE employees (  
  employee_id NUMBER(6)  
    CONSTRAINT emp_emp_id_pk PRIMARY KEY,  
  first_name VARCHAR2(20),  
  ...);
```

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- **Table-level constraint:**

```
CREATE TABLE employees (  
  employee_id NUMBER(6),  
  first_name VARCHAR2(20),  
  ...  
  job_id VARCHAR2(10) NOT NULL,  
  CONSTRAINT emp_emp_id_pk  
    PRIMARY KEY (EMPLOYEE_ID));
```

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### Defining Constraints (continued)

Constraints are usually created at the same time as the table. Constraints can be added to a table after its creation and also temporarily disabled.

Both slide examples create a primary key constraint on the EMPLOYEE\_ID column of the EMPLOYEES table.

1. The first example uses the column-level syntax to define the constraint.
2. The second example uses the table-level syntax to define the constraint.

More details about the primary key constraint are provided later in this lesson.

## NOT NULL Constraint

Ensures that null values are not permitted for the column:

| EMPLOYEE_ID | LAST_NAME | EMAIL    | PHONE_NUMBER       | HIRE_DATE | JOB_ID  | SALARY | DEPARTMENT_ID |
|-------------|-----------|----------|--------------------|-----------|---------|--------|---------------|
| 100         | King      | SKING    | 515.123.4567       | 17-JUN-87 | AD_PRES | 24000  | 90            |
| 101         | Kochhar   | NKOCHHAR | 515.123.4568       | 21-SEP-89 | AD_VP   | 17000  | 90            |
| 102         | De Haan   | LDEHAAN  | 515.123.4569       | 13-JAN-93 | AD_VP   | 17000  | 90            |
| 103         | Hunold    | AHUNOLD  | 590.423.4567       | 03-JAN-90 | IT_PROG | 9000   | 60            |
| 104         | Ernst     | BERNST   | 590.423.4568       | 21-MAY-91 | IT_PROG | 6000   | 60            |
| 178         | Grant     | KGRANT   | 011.44.1644.429263 | 24-MAY-99 | SA_REP  | 7000   |               |
| 200         | Whalen    | JWHALEN  | 515.123.4444       | 17-SEP-87 | AD_ASST | 4400   | 10            |

...  
20 rows selected.

↑  
**NOT NULL constraint**  
(No row can contain  
a null value for  
this column.)

↑  
**NOT NULL  
constraint**

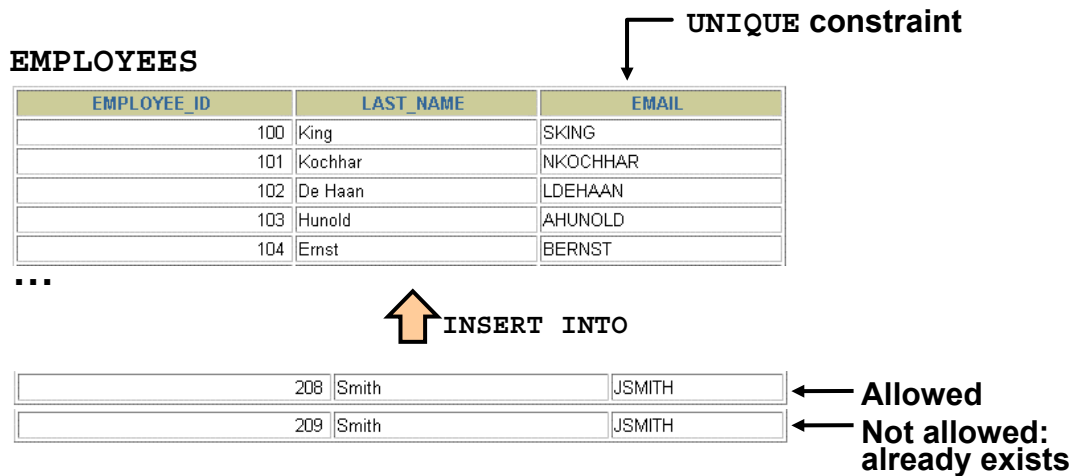
↑  
**Absence of NOT NULL  
constraint**  
(Any row can contain  
a null value for this  
column.)

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### NOT NULL Constraint

The NOT NULL constraint ensures that the column contains no null values. Columns without the NOT NULL constraint can contain null values by default. NOT NULL constraints must be defined at the column level.

## UNIQUE Constraint



### UNIQUE Constraint

A **UNIQUE** key integrity constraint requires that every value in a column or set of columns (key) be unique—that is, no two rows of a table can have duplicate values in a specified column or set of columns. The column (or set of columns) included in the definition of the **UNIQUE** key constraint is called the *unique key*. If the **UNIQUE** constraint comprises more than one column, that group of columns is called a *composite unique key*.

**UNIQUE** constraints enable the input of nulls unless you also define **NOT NULL** constraints for the same columns. In fact, any number of rows can include nulls for columns without **NOT NULL** constraints because nulls are not considered equal to anything. A null in a column (or in all columns of a composite **UNIQUE** key) always satisfies a **UNIQUE** constraint.

**Note:** Because of the search mechanism for **UNIQUE** constraints on more than one column, you cannot have identical values in the non-null columns of a partially null composite **UNIQUE** key constraint.



## UNIQUE Constraint

Defined at either the table level or the column level:

```
CREATE TABLE employees(  
    employee_id      NUMBER(6),  
    last_name        VARCHAR2(25) NOT NULL,  
    email            VARCHAR2(25),  
    salary           NUMBER(8,2),  
    commission_pct   NUMBER(2,2),  
    hire_date        DATE NOT NULL,  
    ...  
    CONSTRAINT emp_email_uk UNIQUE(email));
```

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### UNIQUE Constraint (continued)

UNIQUE constraints can be defined at the column level or table level. A composite unique key is created by using the table-level definition.

The example in the slide applies the UNIQUE constraint to the EMAIL column of the EMPLOYEES table. The name of the constraint is EMP\_EMAIL\_UK.

**Note:** The Oracle server enforces the UNIQUE constraint by implicitly creating a unique index on the unique key column or columns.

## PRIMARY KEY Constraint

### DEPARTMENTS

PRIMARY KEY

| DEPARTMENT_ID | DEPARTMENT_NAME | MANAGER_ID | LOCATION_ID |
|---------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| 10            | Administration  | 200        | 1700        |
| 20            | Marketing       | 201        | 1800        |
| 50            | Shipping        | 124        | 1500        |
| 60            | IT              | 103        | 1400        |
| 80            | Sales           | 149        | 2500        |

...

Not allowed  
(null value)



INSERT INTO

|    |                   |     |      |
|----|-------------------|-----|------|
|    | Public Accounting |     | 1400 |
| 50 | Finance           | 124 | 1500 |

Not allowed  
(50 already exists)

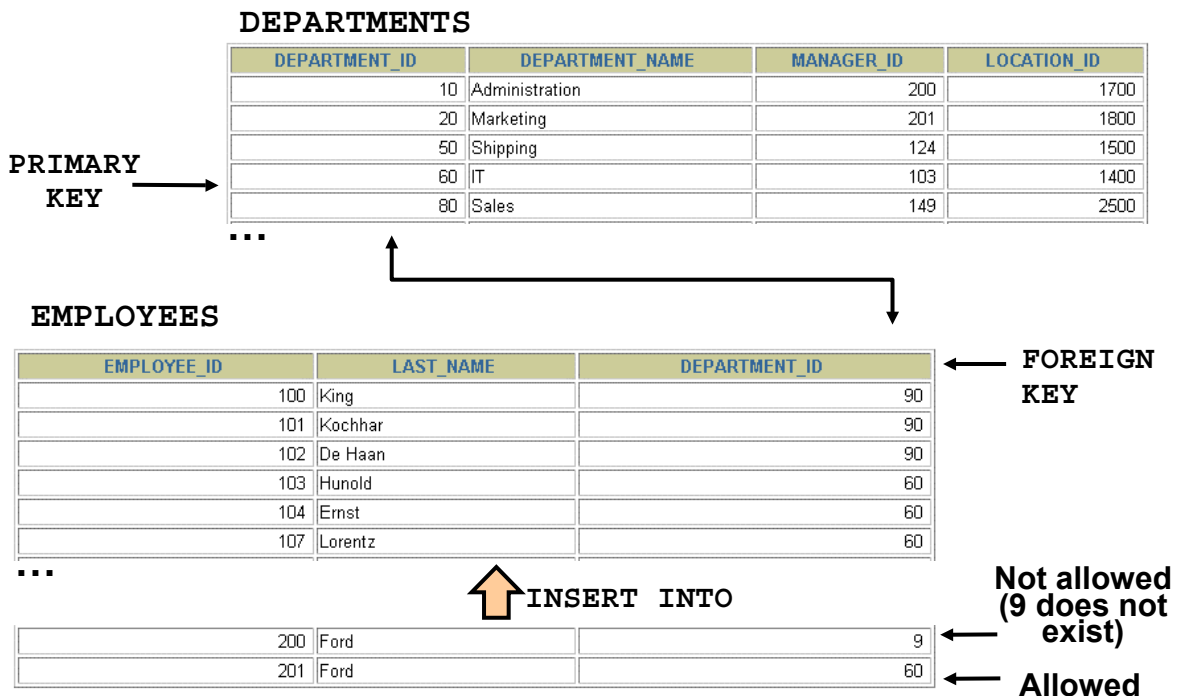
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### PRIMARY KEY Constraint

A **PRIMARY KEY** constraint creates a primary key for the table. Only one primary key can be created for each table. The **PRIMARY KEY** constraint is a column or set of columns that uniquely identifies each row in a table. This constraint enforces uniqueness of the column or column combination and ensures that no column that is part of the primary key can contain a null value.

**Note:** Because uniqueness is part of the primary key constraint definition, the Oracle server enforces the uniqueness by implicitly creating a unique index on the primary key column or columns.

## FOREIGN KEY Constraint



### FOREIGN KEY Constraint

The FOREIGN KEY (or referential integrity) constraint designates a column or combination of columns as a foreign key and establishes a relationship between a primary key or a unique key in the same table or a different table.

In the example in the slide, DEPARTMENT\_ID has been defined as the foreign key in the EMPLOYEES table (dependent or child table); it references the DEPARTMENT\_ID column of the DEPARTMENTS table (the referenced or parent table).

#### Guidelines

- A foreign key value must match an existing value in the parent table or be NULL.
- Foreign keys are based on data values and are purely logical, rather than physical, pointers.

# FOREIGN KEY Constraint

Defined at either the table level or the column level:

```
CREATE TABLE employees(  
    employee_id      NUMBER(6),  
    last_name        VARCHAR2(25) NOT NULL,  
    email            VARCHAR2(25),  
    salary           NUMBER(8,2),  
    commission_pct   NUMBER(2,2),  
    hire_date        DATE NOT NULL,  
    ...  
    department_id    NUMBER(4),  
    CONSTRAINT emp_dept_fk FOREIGN KEY (department_id)  
        REFERENCES departments(department_id),  
    CONSTRAINT emp_email_uk UNIQUE(email));
```

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## FOREIGN KEY Constraint (continued)

FOREIGN KEY constraints can be defined at the column or table constraint level. A composite foreign key must be created by using the table-level definition.

The example in the slide defines a FOREIGN KEY constraint on the DEPARTMENT\_ID column of the EMPLOYEES table, using table-level syntax. The name of the constraint is EMP\_DEPTID\_FK.

The foreign key can also be defined at the column level, provided the constraint is based on a single column. The syntax differs in that the keywords FOREIGN KEY do not appear. For example:

```
CREATE TABLE employees  
(  
    ...  
    department_id NUMBER(4) CONSTRAINT emp_deptid_fk  
        REFERENCES departments(department_id),  
    ...  
)
```

## FOREIGN KEY Constraint: Keywords

- **FOREIGN KEY:** Defines the column in the child table at the table-constraint level
- **REFERENCES:** Identifies the table and column in the parent table
- **ON DELETE CASCADE:** Deletes the dependent rows in the child table when a row in the parent table is deleted
- **ON DELETE SET NULL:** Converts dependent foreign key values to null

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### FOREIGN KEY Constraint: Keywords

The foreign key is defined in the child table, and the table containing the referenced column is the parent table. The foreign key is defined using a combination of the following keywords:

- **FOREIGN KEY** is used to define the column in the child table at the table-constraint level.
- **REFERENCES** identifies the table and column in the parent table.
- **ON DELETE CASCADE** indicates that when the row in the parent table is deleted, the dependent rows in the child table are also deleted.
- **ON DELETE SET NULL** converts foreign key values to null when the parent value is removed.

The default behavior is called the *restrict rule*, which disallows the update or deletion of referenced data.

Without the **ON DELETE CASCADE** or the **ON DELETE SET NULL** options, the row in the parent table cannot be deleted if it is referenced in the child table.

## CHECK Constraint

- Defines a condition that each row must satisfy
- The following expressions are not allowed:
  - References to CURRVAL, NEXTVAL, LEVEL, and ROWNUM pseudocolumns
  - Calls to SYSDATE, UID, USER, and USERENV functions
  - Queries that refer to other values in other rows

```
..., salary NUMBER(2)
      CONSTRAINT emp_salary_min
      CHECK (salary > 0),...
```

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### CHECK Constraint

The CHECK constraint defines a condition that each row must satisfy. The condition can use the same constructs as query conditions, with the following exceptions:

- References to the CURRVAL, NEXTVAL, LEVEL, and ROWNUM pseudocolumns
- Calls to SYSDATE, UID, USER, and USERENV functions
- Queries that refer to other values in other rows

A single column can have multiple CHECK constraints that refer to the column in its definition. There is no limit to the number of CHECK constraints that you can define on a column.

CHECK constraints can be defined at the column level or table level.

```
CREATE TABLE employees
(
  ...
  salary NUMBER(8,2) CONSTRAINT emp_salary_min
                        CHECK (salary > 0),
  ...
)
```

## CREATE TABLE: Example

```
CREATE TABLE employees
( employee_id      NUMBER(6)
  CONSTRAINT emp_employee_id PRIMARY KEY
, first_name       VARCHAR2(20)
, last_name        VARCHAR2(25)
  CONSTRAINT emp_last_name_nn NOT NULL
, email            VARCHAR2(25)
  CONSTRAINT emp_email_nn     NOT NULL
  CONSTRAINT emp_email_uk     UNIQUE
, phone_number     VARCHAR2(20)
, hire_date        DATE
  CONSTRAINT emp_hire_date_nn NOT NULL
, job_id           VARCHAR2(10)
  CONSTRAINT emp_job_nn       NOT NULL
, salary           NUMBER(8,2)
  CONSTRAINT emp_salary_ck    CHECK (salary>0)
, commission_pct   NUMBER(2,2)
, manager_id       NUMBER(6)
, department_id    NUMBER(4)
  CONSTRAINT emp_dept_fk      REFERENCES
    departments (department_id));
```

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### The CREATE TABLE Example

The example shows the statement used to create the EMPLOYEES table in the HR schema.

## Violating Constraints

```
UPDATE employees
SET    department_id = 55
WHERE  department_id = 110;
```

```
UPDATE employees
      *
ERROR at line 1:
ORA-02291: integrity constraint (HR.EMP_DEPT_FK)
violated - parent key not found
```

**Department 55 does not exist.**

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### Integrity Constraint Error

When you have constraints in place on columns, an error is returned to you if you try to violate the constraint rule.

For example, if you attempt to update a record with a value that is tied to an integrity constraint, an error is returned.

In the example in the slide, department 55 does not exist in the parent table, DEPARTMENTS, and so you receive the *parent key* violation ORA-02291.



## Violating Constraints

**You cannot delete a row that contains a primary key that is used as a foreign key in another table.**

```
DELETE FROM departments
WHERE      department_id = 60;
```

```
DELETE FROM departments
          *
ERROR at line 1:
ORA-02292: integrity constraint (HR.EMP_DEPT_FK)
violated - child record found
```

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### Integrity Constraint Error (continued)

If you attempt to delete a record with a value that is tied to an integrity constraint, an error is returned.

The example in the slide tries to delete department 60 from the DEPARTMENTS table, but it results in an error because that department number is used as a foreign key in the EMPLOYEES table. If the parent record that you attempt to delete has child records, then you receive the *child record found* violation ORA-02292.

The following statement works because there are no employees in department 70:

```
DELETE FROM departments
WHERE      department_id = 70;
```

1 row deleted.

## Creating a Table by Using a Subquery

- **Create a table and insert rows by combining the `CREATE TABLE` statement and the `AS subquery` option.**

```
CREATE TABLE table
      [(column, column...)]
AS subquery;
```

- **Match the number of specified columns to the number of subquery columns.**
- **Define columns with column names and default values.**

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### Creating a Table from Rows in Another Table

A second method for creating a table is to apply the `AS subquery` clause, which both creates the table and inserts rows returned from the subquery.

In the syntax:

*table* is the name of the table

*column* is the name of the column, default value, and integrity constraint

*subquery* is the `SELECT` statement that defines the set of rows to be inserted into the new table

### Guidelines

- The table is created with the specified column names, and the rows retrieved by the `SELECT` statement are inserted into the table.
- The column definition can contain only the column name and default value.
- If column specifications are given, the number of columns must equal the number of columns in the subquery `SELECT` list.
- If no column specifications are given, the column names of the table are the same as the column names in the subquery.
- The column data type definitions and the `NOT NULL` constraint are passed to the new table. The other constraint rules are not passed to the new table. However, you can add constraints in the column definition.

## Creating a Table by Using a Subquery

```
CREATE TABLE dept80
AS
SELECT  employee_id, last_name,
        salary*12 ANNSAL,
        hire_date
FROM    employees
WHERE   department id = 80;
```

Table created.

```
DESCRIBE dept80
```

| Name        | Null?    | Type         |
|-------------|----------|--------------|
| EMPLOYEE_ID |          | NUMBER(6)    |
| LAST_NAME   | NOT NULL | VARCHAR2(25) |
| ANNSAL      |          | NUMBER       |
| HIRE_DATE   | NOT NULL | DATE         |

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### Creating a Table from Rows in Another Table (continued)

The slide example creates a table named DEPT80, which contains details of all the employees working in department 80. Notice that the data for the DEPT80 table comes from the EMPLOYEES table.

You can verify the existence of a database table and check column definitions by using the *iSQL\*Plus* DESCRIBE command.

Be sure to provide a column alias when selecting an expression. The expression SALARY\*12 is given the alias ANNSAL. Without the alias, the following error is generated:

ERROR at line 3:

ORA-00998: must name this expression with a column alias

## ALTER TABLE Statement

Use the ALTER TABLE statement to:

- Add a new column
- Modify an existing column
- Define a default value for the new column
- Drop a column

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### ALTER TABLE Statement

After you create a table, you may need to change the table structure for any of the following reasons:

- You omitted a column.
- Your column definition needs to be changed.
- You need to remove columns.

You can do this by using the ALTER TABLE statement. For information about the ALTER TABLE statement, see the *Oracle Database 10g SQL Fundamentals II* course.

## Dropping a Table

- All data and structure in the table are deleted.
- Any pending transactions are committed.
- All indexes are dropped.
- All constraints are dropped.
- You *cannot* roll back the DROP TABLE statement.

```
DROP TABLE dept80;  
Table dropped.
```

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### Dropping a Table

The DROP TABLE statement removes the definition of an Oracle table. When you drop a table, the database loses all the data in the table and all the indexes associated with it.

#### Syntax

```
DROP TABLE table
```

In the syntax, *table* is the name of the table.

#### Guidelines

- All data is deleted from the table.
- Any views and synonyms remain but are invalid.
- Any pending transactions are committed.
- Only the creator of the table or a user with the DROP ANY TABLE privilege can remove a table.

**Note:** The DROP TABLE statement, once executed, is irreversible. The Oracle server does not question the action when you issue the DROP TABLE statement. If you own that table or have a high-level privilege, then the table is immediately removed. As with all DDL statements, DROP TABLE is committed automatically.

## Summary

In this lesson, you should have learned how to use the **CREATE TABLE** statement to create a table and include constraints.

- Categorize the main database objects
- Review the table structure
- List the data types that are available for columns
- Create a simple table
- Explain how constraints are created at the time of table creation
- Describe how schema objects work

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### Summary

In this lesson, you should have learned how to do the following:

#### **CREATE TABLE**

- Use the **CREATE TABLE** statement to create a table and include constraints.
- Create a table based on another table by using a subquery.

#### **DROP TABLE**

- Remove rows and a table structure.
- Once executed, this statement cannot be rolled back.

## Practice 9: Overview

**This practice covers the following topics:**

- **Creating new tables**
- **Creating a new table by using the `CREATE TABLE AS` syntax**
- **Verifying that tables exist**
- **Dropping tables**

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### Practice 9: Overview

Create new tables by using the `CREATE TABLE` statement. Confirm that the new table was added to the database. Create the syntax in the command file, and then execute the command file to create the table.

## Practice 9

1. Create the DEPT table based on the following table instance chart. Place the syntax in a script called lab\_09\_01.sql, and then execute the statement in the script to create the table. Confirm that the table is created.

|                     |             |          |
|---------------------|-------------|----------|
| <b>Column Name</b>  | ID          | NAME     |
| <b>Key Type</b>     | Primary key |          |
| <b>Nulls/Unique</b> |             |          |
| <b>FK Table</b>     |             |          |
| <b>FK Column</b>    |             |          |
| <b>Data type</b>    | NUMBER      | VARCHAR2 |
| <b>Length</b>       | 7           | 25       |

| Name | Null? | Type         |
|------|-------|--------------|
| ID   |       | NUMBER(7)    |
| NAME |       | VARCHAR2(25) |

2. Populate the DEPT table with data from the DEPARTMENTS table. Include only columns that you need.
3. Create the EMP table based on the following table instance chart. Place the syntax in a script called lab\_09\_03.sql, and then execute the statement in the script to create the table. Confirm that the table is created.

|                     |        |           |            |         |
|---------------------|--------|-----------|------------|---------|
| <b>Column Name</b>  | ID     | LAST_NAME | FIRST_NAME | DEPT_ID |
| <b>Key Type</b>     |        |           |            |         |
| <b>Nulls/Unique</b> |        |           |            |         |
| <b>FK Table</b>     |        |           |            | DEPT    |
| <b>FK Column</b>    |        |           |            | ID      |
| <b>Data type</b>    | NUMBER | VARCHAR2  | VARCHAR2   | NUMBER  |
| <b>Length</b>       | 7      | 25        | 25         | 7       |

| Name       | Null? | Type         |
|------------|-------|--------------|
| ID         |       | NUMBER(7)    |
| LAST_NAME  |       | VARCHAR2(25) |
| FIRST_NAME |       | VARCHAR2(25) |
| DEPT_ID    |       | NUMBER(7)    |



### Practice 9 (continued)

4. Create the EMPLOYEES2 table based on the structure of the EMPLOYEES table. Include only the EMPLOYEE\_ID, FIRST\_NAME, LAST\_NAME, SALARY, and DEPARTMENT\_ID columns. Name the columns in your new table ID, FIRST\_NAME, LAST\_NAME, SALARY, and DEPT\_ID, respectively.
5. Drop the EMP table.



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## Creating Other Schema Objects

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## Objectives

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

- **Create simple and complex views**
- **Retrieve data from views**
- **Create, maintain, and use sequences**
- **Create and maintain indexes**
- **Create private and public synonyms**

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### Objectives

In this lesson, you are introduced to the view, sequence, synonym, and index objects. You are taught the basics of creating and using views, sequences, and indexes.

## Database Objects

| Object   | Description                                                  |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Table    | Basic unit of storage; composed of rows                      |
| View     | Logically represents subsets of data from one or more tables |
| Sequence | Generates numeric values                                     |
| Index    | Improves the performance of some queries                     |
| Synonym  | Gives alternative names to objects                           |

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### Database Objects

There are several other objects in a database in addition to tables. In this lesson, you learn about views, sequences, indexes, and synonyms.

With views, you can present and hide data from tables.

Many applications require the use of unique numbers as primary key values. You can either build code into the application to handle this requirement or use a sequence to generate unique numbers.

If you want to improve the performance of some queries, you should consider creating an index. You can also use indexes to enforce uniqueness on a column or a collection of columns.

You can provide alternative names for objects by using synonyms.

# What Is a View?

**EMPLOYEES table**

| EMPLOYEE_ID | FIRST_NAME | LAST_NAME | EMAIL    | PHONE_NUMBER | HIRE_DATE | JOB_ID     | SALARY |
|-------------|------------|-----------|----------|--------------|-----------|------------|--------|
| 100         | Steven     | King      | SKING    | 515.123.4567 | 17-JUN-87 | AD_FRES    | 2400   |
| 101         | Neena      | Kochhar   | NKOCHHAR | 515.123.4568 | 21-SEP-89 | AD_VP      | 1700   |
| 102         | Lex        | De Haan   | LDEHAAN  | 515.123.4569 | 13-JAN-93 | AD_VP      | 1700   |
| 103         | Alexander  | Hunold    | AHUNOLD  | 590.423.4567 | 03-JAN-90 | IT_PROG    | 900    |
| 104         | Bruce      | Ernst     | BERNST   | 590.423.4568 | 21-MAY-91 | IT_PROG    | 600    |
| 107         | Diana      | Lorentz   | DLORENTZ | 590.423.5567 | 07-FEB-98 | IT_PROG    | 420    |
| 124         | Neer       | Mouges    | NMOURGOS | 650.123.5234 | 18-NOV-99 | ST_MAN     | 580    |
| 141         | Trenna     | Ras       | TRAS     | 650.121.3009 | 17-OCT-95 | ST_CLERK   | 350    |
| 142         | Curtis     | Daves     | CDAVES   | 650.121.2994 | 29-JAN-97 | ST_CLERK   | 310    |
| 143         | Randall    | Mates     | RMATES   | 650.121.2074 | 10-MAR-90 | ST_CLERK   | 260    |
| 149         | Zlotkey    |           |          |              |           | ST_CLERK   | 250    |
| 174         | Abel       |           |          |              |           | SA_MAN     | 1050   |
| 176         | Taylor     |           |          |              |           | SA_REP     | 1100   |
| 177         | Kimberely  | Grant     | KGRANT   | 611.444.1044 | 24-MAY-99 | SA_REP     | 860    |
| 200         | Jennifer   | Whalen    | JWHALEN  | 515.123.4444 | 17-SEP-87 | AD_ASST    | 440    |
| 201         | Michael    | Hartstein | MHARTSTE | 515.123.5555 | 17-FEB-96 | MK_MAN     | 1300   |
| 202         | Pat        | Fay       | PFAY     | 603.123.6666 | 17-AUG-97 | MK_REP     | 600    |
| 205         | Shelley    | Higgins   | SHIGGINS | 515.123.8080 | 07-JUN-94 | AC_MGR     | 1200   |
| 206         | William    | Gietz     | WGIEZT   | 515.123.8181 | 07-JUN-94 | AC_ACCOUNT | 830    |

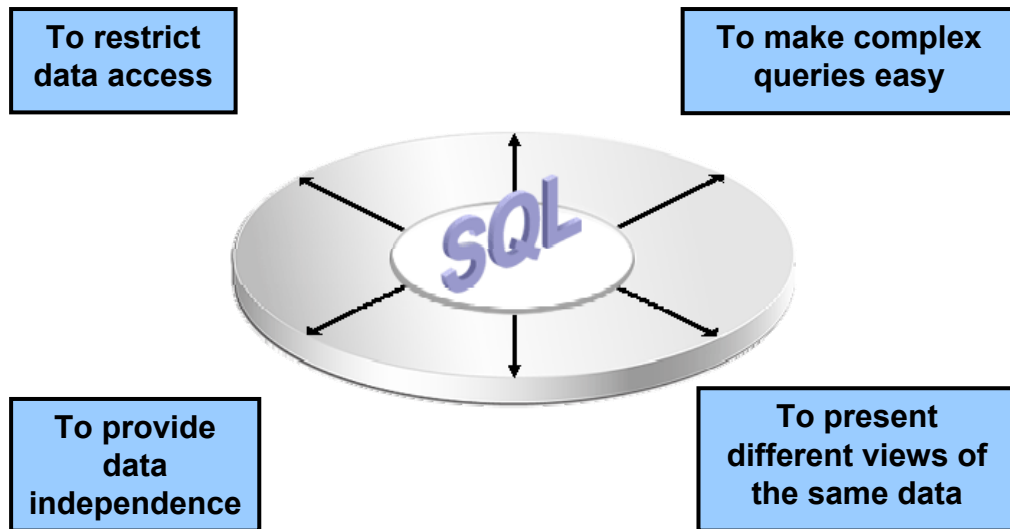
20 rows selected.

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## What Is a View?

You can present logical subsets or combinations of data by creating views of tables. A view is a logical table based on a table or another view. A view contains no data of its own but is like a window through which data from tables can be viewed or changed. The tables on which a view is based are called *base tables*. The view is stored as a `SELECT` statement in the data dictionary.

## Advantages of Views



### Advantages of Views

- Views restrict access to the data because the view can display selected columns from the table.
- Views can be used to make simple queries to retrieve the results of complicated queries. For example, views can be used to query information from multiple tables without the user knowing how to write a join statement.
- Views provide data independence for ad hoc users and application programs. One view can be used to retrieve data from several tables.
- Views provide groups of users access to data according to their particular criteria.

For more information, see “CREATE VIEW” in the *Oracle SQL Reference*.

## Simple Views and Complex Views

| Feature                       | Simple Views | Complex Views |
|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Number of tables              | One          | One or more   |
| Contain functions             | No           | Yes           |
| Contain groups of data        | No           | Yes           |
| DML operations through a view | Yes          | Not always    |

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### Simple Views and Complex Views

There are two classifications for views: simple and complex. The basic difference is related to the DML (INSERT, UPDATE, and DELETE) operations.

- A simple view is one that:
  - Derives data from only one table
  - Contains no functions or groups of data
  - Can perform DML operations through the view
- A complex view is one that:
  - Derives data from many tables
  - Contains functions or groups of data
  - Does not always allow DML operations through the view



## Creating a View

- You embed a subquery in the **CREATE VIEW** statement:

```
CREATE [OR REPLACE] [FORCE|NOFORCE] VIEW view
  [(alias[, alias]...)]
  AS subquery
[WITH CHECK OPTION [CONSTRAINT constraint]]
[WITH READ ONLY [CONSTRAINT constraint]];
```

- The subquery can contain complex **SELECT** syntax.

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### Creating a View

You can create a view by embedding a subquery in the **CREATE VIEW** statement.

In the syntax:

**OR REPLACE**

Re-creates the view if it already exists

**FORCE**

Creates the view regardless of whether or not the base tables exist

**NOFORCE**

Creates the view only if the base tables exist (This is the default.)

*view*

Is the name of the view

*alias*

Specifies names for the expressions selected by the view's query  
(The number of aliases must match the number of expressions selected by the view.)

*subquery*

Is a complete **SELECT** statement (You can use aliases for the columns in the **SELECT** list.)

**WITH CHECK OPTION**

Specifies that only those rows that are accessible to the view can be inserted or updated

*constraint*

Is the name assigned to the **CHECK OPTION** constraint

**WITH READ ONLY**

ensures that no DML operations can be performed on this view

## Creating a View

- Create the EMPVU80 view, which contains details of employees in department 80:

```
CREATE VIEW empvu80
AS SELECT employee_id, last_name, salary
FROM employees
WHERE department_id = 80;
View created.
```

- Describe the structure of the view by using the *iSQL\*Plus* DESCRIBE command:

```
DESCRIBE empvu80
```

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### Creating a View (continued)

The example in the slide creates a view that contains the employee number, last name, and salary for each employee in department 80.

You can display the structure of the view by using the *iSQL\*Plus* DESCRIBE command.

| Name        | Null?    | Type         |
|-------------|----------|--------------|
| EMPLOYEE_ID | NOT NULL | NUMBER(6)    |
| LAST_NAME   | NOT NULL | VARCHAR2(25) |
| SALARY      |          | NUMBER(8,2)  |

### Guidelines for Creating a View

- The subquery that defines a view can contain complex SELECT syntax, including joins, groups, and subqueries.
- If you do not specify a constraint name for a view created with the WITH CHECK OPTION, the system assigns a default name in the format SYS\_Cn.
- You can use the OR REPLACE option to change the definition of the view without dropping and re-creating it or regranting object privileges previously granted on it.

## Creating a View

- **Create a view by using column aliases in the subquery:**

```
CREATE VIEW    salvu50
  AS SELECT    employee_id ID_NUMBER, last_name NAME,
              salary*12 ANN_SALARY
    FROM      employees
   WHERE      department_id = 50;
View created.
```

- **Select the columns from this view by the given alias names:**

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### Creating a View (continued)

You can control the column names by including column aliases in the subquery.

The example in the slide creates a view containing the employee number (EMPLOYEE\_ID) with the alias ID\_NUMBER, name (LAST\_NAME) with the alias NAME, and annual salary (SALARY) with the alias ANN\_SALARY for every employee in department 50.

As an alternative, you can use an alias after the CREATE statement and before the SELECT subquery. The number of aliases listed must match the number of expressions selected in the subquery.

```
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW    salvu50 (ID_NUMBER, NAME, ANN_SALARY)
  AS SELECT    employee_id, last_name, salary*12
    FROM      employees
   WHERE      department_id = 50;
View created.
```

## Retrieving Data from a View

```
SELECT *  
FROM salvu50;
```

| ID_NUMBER | NAME    | ANN_SALARY |
|-----------|---------|------------|
| 124       | Mourgos | 69600      |
| 141       | Rajs    | 42000      |
| 142       | Davies  | 37200      |
| 143       | Matos   | 31200      |
| 144       | Vargas  | 30000      |

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### Retrieving Data from a View

You can retrieve data from a view as you would from any table. You can display either the contents of the entire view or just specific rows and columns.

## Modifying a View

- **Modify the EMPVU80 view by using a CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW clause. Add an alias for each column name:**

```
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW empvu80
(id_number, name, sal, department_id)
AS SELECT  employee_id, first_name || ' '
           || last_name, salary, department_id
FROM      employees
WHERE     department_id = 80;
View created.
```

- **Column aliases in the CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW clause are listed in the same order as the columns in the subquery.**

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### Modifying a View

With the OR REPLACE option, a view can be created even if one exists with this name already, thus replacing the old version of the view for its owner. This means that the view can be altered without dropping, re-creating, and regranting object privileges.

**Note:** When assigning column aliases in the CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW clause, remember that the aliases are listed in the same order as the columns in the subquery.

## Creating a Complex View

**Create a complex view that contains group functions to display values from two tables:**

```
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW dept_sum_vu
(name, minsal, maxsal, avgsal)
AS SELECT    d.department_name, MIN(e.salary),
            MAX(e.salary), AVG(e.salary)
FROM        employees e JOIN departments d
ON          (e.department_id = d.department_id)
GROUP BY d.department_name;
View created.
```

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### Creating a Complex View

The example in the slide creates a complex view of department names, minimum salaries, maximum salaries, and average salaries by department. Note that alternative names have been specified for the view. This is a requirement if any column of the view is derived from a function or an expression.



You can view the structure of the view by using the *iSQL\*Plus* DESCRIBE command. Display the contents of the view by issuing a SELECT statement.

```
SELECT *
FROM    dept_sum_vu;
```

| NAME           | MINSAL | MAXSAL | AVGSAL     |
|----------------|--------|--------|------------|
| Accounting     | 8300   | 12000  | 10150      |
| Administration | 4400   | 4400   | 4400       |
| Executive      | 17000  | 24000  | 19333.3333 |
| IT             | 4200   | 9000   | 6400       |
| Marketing      | 6000   | 13000  | 9500       |
| Sales          | 8600   | 11000  | 10033.3333 |
| Shipping       | 2500   | 5800   | 3500       |

7 rows selected.

## Rules for Performing DML Operations on a View

- You can usually perform DML operations on simple views. 
- You cannot remove a row if the view contains the following: 
  - Group functions
  - A GROUP BY clause
  - The DISTINCT keyword
  - The pseudocolumn ROWNUM keyword

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### Performing DML Operations on a View

You can perform DML operations on data through a view if those operations follow certain rules.

You can remove a row from a view unless it contains any of the following:

- Group functions
- A GROUP BY clause
- The DISTINCT keyword
- The pseudocolumn ROWNUM keyword

## Rules for Performing DML Operations on a View

**You cannot modify data in a view if it contains:**

- **Group functions**
- **A GROUP BY clause**
- **The DISTINCT keyword**
- **The pseudocolumn ROWNUM keyword**
- **Columns defined by expressions**

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### **Performing DML Operations on a View (continued)**

You can modify data through a view unless it contains any of the conditions mentioned in the previous slide or columns defined by expressions (for example, `SALARY * 12`).



## Rules for Performing DML Operations on a View

**You cannot add data through a view if the view includes:**

- **Group functions**
- **A GROUP BY clause**
- **The DISTINCT keyword**
- **The pseudocolumn ROWNUM keyword**
- **Columns defined by expressions**
- **NOT NULL columns in the base tables that are not selected by the view**

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### Performing DML Operations on a View (continued)

You can add data through a view unless it contains any of the items listed in the slide. You cannot add data to a view if the view contains NOT NULL columns without default values in the base table. All required values must be present in the view. Remember that you are adding values directly to the underlying table *through* the view.

For more information, see “CREATE VIEW” in the *Oracle SQL Reference*.

## Using the WITH CHECK OPTION Clause

- You can ensure that DML operations performed on the view stay in the domain of the view by using the WITH CHECK OPTION clause:

```
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW empvu20
AS SELECT      *
   FROM        employees
   WHERE       department_id = 20
   WITH CHECK OPTION CONSTRAINT empvu20_ck ;
View created.
```

- Any attempt to change the department number for any row in the view fails because it violates the WITH CHECK OPTION constraint.

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### Using the WITH CHECK OPTION Clause

It is possible to perform referential integrity checks through views. You can also enforce constraints at the database level. The view can be used to protect data integrity, but the use is very limited.

The WITH CHECK OPTION clause specifies that INSERTs and UPDATEs performed through the view cannot create rows that the view cannot select, and therefore it enables integrity constraints and data validation checks to be enforced on data being inserted or updated. If there is an attempt to perform DML operations on rows that the view has not selected, an error is displayed, along with the constraint name if that has been specified.

```
UPDATE empvu20
SET    department_id = 10
WHERE  employee_id = 201;
```

causes:

```
ERROR at line 1:
ORA-01402: view WITH CHECK OPTION where-clause violation
```

**Note:** No rows are updated because if the department number were to change to 10, the view would no longer be able to see that employee. With the WITH CHECK OPTION clause, therefore, the view can see only employees in department 20 and does not allow the department number for those employees to be changed through the view.

## Denying DML Operations

- You can ensure that no DML operations occur by adding the `WITH READ ONLY` option to your view definition.
- Any attempt to perform a DML operation on any row in the view results in an Oracle server error.



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### Denying DML Operations

You can ensure that no DML operations occur on your view by creating it with the `WITH READ ONLY` option. The example in the next slide modifies the `EMPVU10` view to prevent any DML operations on the view.

## Denying DML Operations

```
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW empvu10
  (employee_number, employee_name, job_title)
AS SELECT      employee_id, last_name, job_id
  FROM        employees
  WHERE       department_id = 10
  WITH READ ONLY ;
View created.
```

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### Denying DML Operations (continued)

Any attempt to remove a row from a view with a read-only constraint results in an error:

```
DELETE FROM empvu10
WHERE  employee_number = 200;
DELETE FROM empvu10
      *
ERROR at line 1:
ORA-01752: cannot delete from view without exactly one key-
preserved table
```

Any attempt to insert a row or modify a row using the view with a read-only constraint results in an Oracle server error:

```
01733: virtual column not allowed here.
```

## Removing a View

**You can remove a view without losing data because a view is based on underlying tables in the database.**

```
DROP VIEW view;
```

```
DROP VIEW empvu80;  
View dropped.
```

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### Removing a View

You use the `DROP VIEW` statement to remove a view. The statement removes the view definition from the database. Dropping views has no effect on the tables on which the view was based. Views or other applications based on deleted views become invalid. Only the creator or a user with the `DROP ANY VIEW` privilege can remove a view.

In the syntax:

*view* is the name of the view

## Practice 10: Overview of Part 1

**This practice covers the following topics:**

- **Creating a simple view**
- **Creating a complex view**
- **Creating a view with a check constraint**
- **Attempting to modify data in the view**
- **Removing views**

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### **Practice 10: Overview of Part 1**

Part 1 of this lesson's practice provides you with a variety of exercises in creating, using, and removing views.

Complete questions 1–6 at the end of this lesson.

# Sequences

| Object   | Description                                                  |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Table    | Basic unit of storage; composed of rows                      |
| View     | Logically represents subsets of data from one or more tables |
| Sequence | Generates numeric values                                     |
| Index    | Improves the performance of some queries                     |
| Synonym  | Gives alternative names to objects                           |

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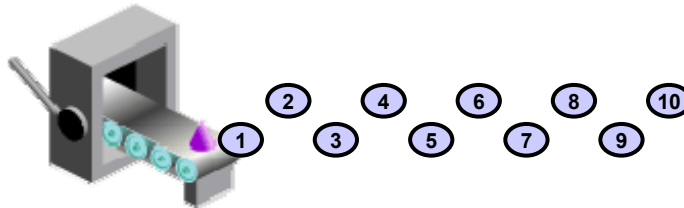
## Sequences

A sequence is a database object that creates integer values. You can create sequences and then use them to generate numbers.

# Sequences

## A sequence:

- Can automatically generate unique numbers
- Is a sharable object
- Can be used to create a primary key value
- Replaces application code
- Speeds up the efficiency of accessing sequence values when cached in memory



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## Sequences (continued)

A sequence is a user-created database object that can be shared by multiple users to generate integers.

You can define a sequence to generate unique values or to recycle and use the same numbers again.

A typical usage for sequences is to create a primary key value, which must be unique for each row. The sequence is generated and incremented (or decremented) by an internal Oracle routine. This can be a time-saving object because it can reduce the amount of application code needed to write a sequence-generating routine.

Sequence numbers are stored and generated independently of tables. Therefore, the same sequence can be used for multiple tables.



## CREATE SEQUENCE Statement: Syntax

Define a sequence to generate sequential numbers automatically:

```
CREATE SEQUENCE sequence
  [INCREMENT BY n]
  [START WITH n]
  [{MAXVALUE n | NOMAXVALUE}]
  [{MINVALUE n | NOMINVALUE}]
  [{CYCLE | NOCYCLE}]
  [{CACHE n | NOCACHE}] ;
```

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### Creating a Sequence

Automatically generate sequential numbers by using the CREATE SEQUENCE statement.

In the syntax:

|                       |                                                                                                                                          |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>sequence</i>       | Is the name of the sequence generator                                                                                                    |
| INCREMENT BY <i>n</i> | Specifies the interval between sequence numbers, where <i>n</i> is an integer (If this clause is omitted, the sequence increments by 1.) |
| START WITH <i>n</i>   | Specifies the first sequence number to be generated (If this clause is omitted, the sequence starts with 1.)                             |
| MAXVALUE <i>n</i>     | Specifies the maximum value the sequence can generate                                                                                    |
| NOMAXVALUE            | Specifies a maximum value of $10^{27}$ for an ascending sequence and $-1$ for a descending sequence (This is the default option.)        |
| MINVALUE <i>n</i>     | Specifies the minimum sequence value                                                                                                     |
| NOMINVALUE            | Specifies a minimum value of 1 for an ascending sequence and $-(10^{26})$ for a descending sequence (This is the default option.)        |

## Creating a Sequence

- Create a sequence named `DEPT_DEPTID_SEQ` to be used for the primary key of the `DEPARTMENTS` table.
- Do not use the `CYCLE` option.

```
CREATE SEQUENCE dept_deptid_seq
    INCREMENT BY 10
    START WITH 120
    MAXVALUE 9999
    NOCACHE
    NOCYCLE;
```

Sequence created.

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### Creating a Sequence (continued)

|                                             |                                                                                                                                                        |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>CYCLE</code>   <code>NOCYCLE</code>   | Specifies whether the sequence continues to generate values after reaching its maximum or minimum value ( <code>NOCYCLE</code> is the default option.) |
| <code>CACHE n</code>   <code>NOCACHE</code> | Specifies how many values the Oracle server preallocates and keeps in memory (By default, the Oracle server caches 20 values.)                         |

The example in the slide creates a sequence named `DEPT_DEPTID_SEQ` to be used for the `DEPARTMENT_ID` column of the `DEPARTMENTS` table. The sequence starts at 120, does not allow caching, and does not cycle.

Do not use the `CYCLE` option if the sequence is used to generate primary key values, unless you have a reliable mechanism that purges old rows faster than the sequence cycles.

For more information, see “`CREATE SEQUENCE`” in the *Oracle SQL Reference*.

**Note:** The sequence is not tied to a table. Generally, you should name the sequence after its intended use. However, the sequence can be used anywhere, regardless of its name.

## NEXTVAL and CURRVAL Pseudocolumns

- **NEXTVAL** returns the next available sequence value. It returns a unique value every time it is referenced, even for different users.
- **CURRVAL** obtains the current sequence value.
- **NEXTVAL** must be issued for that sequence before **CURRVAL** contains a value.

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### NEXTVAL and CURRVAL Pseudocolumns

After you create your sequence, it generates sequential numbers for use in your tables. Reference the sequence values by using the NEXTVAL and CURRVAL pseudocolumns.

The NEXTVAL pseudocolumn is used to extract successive sequence numbers from a specified sequence. You must qualify NEXTVAL with the sequence name. When you reference *sequence*.NEXTVAL, a new sequence number is generated and the current sequence number is placed in CURRVAL.

The CURRVAL pseudocolumn is used to refer to a sequence number that the current user has just generated. NEXTVAL must be used to generate a sequence number in the current user's session before CURRVAL can be referenced. You must qualify CURRVAL with the sequence name. When you reference *sequence*.CURRVAL, the last value returned to that user's process is displayed.

## **NEXTVAL and CURRVAL Pseudocolumns (continued)**

### **Rules for Using NEXTVAL and CURRVAL**

You can use NEXTVAL and CURRVAL in the following contexts:

- The SELECT list of a SELECT statement that is not part of a subquery
- The SELECT list of a subquery in an INSERT statement
- The VALUES clause of an INSERT statement
- The SET clause of an UPDATE statement

You cannot use NEXTVAL and CURRVAL in the following contexts:

- The SELECT list of a view
- A SELECT statement with the DISTINCT keyword
- A SELECT statement with GROUP BY, HAVING, or ORDER BY clauses
- A subquery in a SELECT, DELETE, or UPDATE statement
- The DEFAULT expression in a CREATE TABLE or ALTER TABLE statement

For more information, see “Pseudocolumns” and “CREATE SEQUENCE” in *Oracle SQL Reference*.

## Using a Sequence

- Insert a new department named “Support” in location ID 2500:

```
INSERT INTO departments(department_id,
                        department_name, location_id)
VALUES      (dept_deptid_seq.NEXTVAL,
            'Support', 2500);
1 row created.
```

- View the current value for the DEPT\_DEPTID\_SEQ sequence:

```
SELECT  dept_deptid_seq.CURRVAL
FROM    dual;
```

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### Using a Sequence

The example in the slide inserts a new department in the DEPARTMENTS table. It uses the DEPT\_DEPTID\_SEQ sequence to generate a new department number as follows.

You can view the current value of the sequence:

```
SELECT dept_deptid_seq.CURRVAL
FROM    dual;
```

| CURRVAL |     |
|---------|-----|
|         | 120 |

Suppose that you now want to hire employees to staff the new department. The INSERT statement to be executed for all new employees can include the following code:

```
INSERT INTO employees (employee_id, department_id, ...)
VALUES (employees_seq.NEXTVAL, dept_deptid_seq.CURRVAL, ...);
```

**Note:** The preceding example assumes that a sequence called EMPLOYEE\_SEQ has already been created to generate new employee numbers.

## Caching Sequence Values

- **Caching sequence values in memory gives faster access to those values.**
- **Gaps in sequence values can occur when:**
  - **A rollback occurs**
  - **The system crashes**
  - **A sequence is used in another table**

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### Caching Sequence Values

You can cache sequences in memory to provide faster access to those sequence values. The cache is populated the first time you refer to the sequence. Each request for the next sequence value is retrieved from the cached sequence. After the last sequence value is used, the next request for the sequence pulls another cache of sequences into memory.

#### Gaps in the Sequence

Although sequence generators issue sequential numbers without gaps, this action occurs independent of a commit or rollback. Therefore, if you roll back a statement containing a sequence, the number is lost.

Another event that can cause gaps in the sequence is a system crash. If the sequence caches values in memory, then those values are lost if the system crashes.

Because sequences are not tied directly to tables, the same sequence can be used for multiple tables. If you do so, each table can contain gaps in the sequential numbers.

## Modifying a Sequence

**Change the increment value, maximum value, minimum value, cycle option, or cache option:**

```
ALTER SEQUENCE dept_deptid_seq  
          INCREMENT BY 20  
          MAXVALUE 999999  
          NOCACHE  
          NOCYCLE;  
Sequence altered.
```

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### Modifying a Sequence

If you reach the MAXVALUE limit for your sequence, no additional values from the sequence are allocated and you will receive an error indicating that the sequence exceeds the MAXVALUE. To continue to use the sequence, you can modify it by using the ALTER SEQUENCE statement.

#### Syntax

```
ALTER SEQUENCE sequence  
  [INCREMENT BY n]  
  [{MAXVALUE n | NOMAXVALUE}]  
  [{MINVALUE n | NOMINVALUE}]  
  [{CYCLE | NOCYCLE}]  
  [{CACHE n | NOCACHE}];
```

In the syntax, *sequence* is the name of the sequence generator.

For more information, see “ALTER SEQUENCE” in the *Oracle SQL Reference*.

## Guidelines for Modifying a Sequence

- You must be the owner or have the **ALTER** privilege for the sequence.
- Only future sequence numbers are affected.
- The sequence must be dropped and re-created to restart the sequence at a different number.
- Some validation is performed.
- To remove a sequence, use the **DROP** statement:

```
DROP SEQUENCE dept_deptid_seq;
Sequence dropped.
```

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### Guidelines for Modifying a Sequence

- You must be the owner or have the **ALTER** privilege for the sequence to modify it. You must be the owner or have the **DROP ANY SEQUENCE** privilege to remove it.
- Only future sequence numbers are affected by the **ALTER SEQUENCE** statement.
- The **START WITH** option cannot be changed using **ALTER SEQUENCE**. The sequence must be dropped and re-created to restart the sequence at a different number.
- Some validation is performed. For example, a new **MAXVALUE** that is less than the current sequence number cannot be imposed.

```
ALTER SEQUENCE dept_deptid_seq
    INCREMENT BY 20
    MAXVALUE 90
    NOCACHE
    NOCYCLE;
```

```
ALTER SEQUENCE dept_deptid_seq
*
```

```
ERROR at line 1:
```

```
ORA-04009: MAXVALUE cannot be made to be less than the
current value
```



# Indexes

| Object   | Description                                                  |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Table    | Basic unit of storage; composed of rows                      |
| View     | Logically represents subsets of data from one or more tables |
| Sequence | Generates numeric values                                     |
| Index    | Improves the performance of some queries                     |
| Synonym  | Gives alternative names to objects                           |

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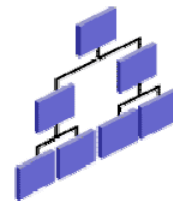
## Indexes

Indexes are database objects that you can create to improve the performance of some queries. Indexes can also be created automatically by the server when you create a primary key or unique constraint.

# Indexes

## An index:

- Is a schema object
- Can be used by the Oracle server to speed up the retrieval of rows by using a pointer
- Can reduce disk I/O by using a rapid path access method to locate data quickly
- Is independent of the table that it indexes
- Is used and maintained automatically by the Oracle server



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## Indexes (continued)

An Oracle server index is a schema object that can speed up the retrieval of rows by using a pointer. Indexes can be created explicitly or automatically. If you do not have an index on the column, then a full table scan occurs.

An index provides direct and fast access to rows in a table. Its purpose is to reduce the necessity of disk I/O by using an indexed path to locate data quickly. The index is used and maintained automatically by the Oracle server. After an index is created, no direct activity is required by the user.

Indexes are logically and physically independent of the table that they index. This means that they can be created or dropped at any time and have no effect on the base tables or other indexes.

**Note:** When you drop a table, corresponding indexes are also dropped.

For more information, see “Schema Objects: Indexes” in *Database Concepts*.

## How Are Indexes Created?

- **Automatically:** A unique index is created automatically when you define a `PRIMARY KEY` or `UNIQUE` constraint in a table definition.



- **Manually:** Users can create nonunique indexes on columns to speed up access to the rows.



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### Types of Indexes

Two types of indexes can be created.

**Unique index:** The Oracle server automatically creates this index when you define a column in a table to have a `PRIMARY KEY` or a `UNIQUE` key constraint. The name of the index is the name that is given to the constraint.

**Nonunique index:** This is an index that a user can create. For example, you can create a `FOREIGN KEY` column index for a join in a query to improve retrieval speed.

**Note:** You can manually create a unique index, but it is recommended that you create a unique constraint, which implicitly creates a unique index.

## Creating an Index

- Create an index on one or more columns:

```
CREATE INDEX index
ON table (column[, column]...);
```

- Improve the speed of query access to the  
LAST\_NAME column in the EMPLOYEES table:

```
CREATE INDEX emp_last_name_idx
ON          employees(last_name);
Index created.
```

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### Creating an Index

Create an index on one or more columns by issuing the CREATE INDEX statement.

In the syntax:

|               |                                                      |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>index</i>  | Is the name of the index                             |
| <i>table</i>  | Is the name of the table                             |
| <i>column</i> | Is the name of the column in the table to be indexed |

For more information, see “CREATE INDEX” in *Oracle SQL Reference*.

## Index Creation Guidelines

| Create an index when:        |                                                                                                          |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ✓                            | A column contains a wide range of values                                                                 |
| ✓                            | A column contains a large number of null values                                                          |
| ✓                            | One or more columns are frequently used together in a WHERE clause or a join condition                   |
| ✓                            | The table is large and most queries are expected to retrieve less than 2% to 4% of the rows in the table |
| Do not create an index when: |                                                                                                          |
| ✗                            | The columns are not often used as a condition in the query                                               |
| ✗                            | The table is small or most queries are expected to retrieve more than 2% to 4% of the rows in the table  |
| ✗                            | The table is updated frequently                                                                          |
| ✗                            | The indexed columns are referenced as part of an expression                                              |

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### More Is Not Always Better

Having more indexes on a table does not produce faster queries. Each DML operation that is committed on a table with indexes means that the indexes must be updated. The more indexes that you have associated with a table, the more effort the Oracle server must make to update all the indexes after a DML operation.

#### When to Create an Index

Therefore, you should create indexes only if:

- The column contains a wide range of values
- The column contains a large number of null values
- One or more columns are frequently used together in a WHERE clause or join condition
- The table is large and most queries are expected to retrieve less than 2% to 4% of the rows

Remember that if you want to enforce uniqueness, you should define a unique constraint in the table definition. A unique index is then created automatically.

## Removing an Index

- Remove an index from the data dictionary by using the **DROP INDEX** command:

```
DROP INDEX index;
```

- Remove the **UPPER\_LAST\_NAME\_IDX** index from the data dictionary:

```
DROP INDEX emp_last_name_idx;  
Index dropped.
```

- To drop an index, you must be the owner of the index or have the **DROP ANY INDEX** privilege.

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### Removing an Index

You cannot modify indexes. To change an index, you must drop it and then re-create it.

Remove an index definition from the data dictionary by issuing the **DROP INDEX** statement. To drop an index, you must be the owner of the index or have the **DROP ANY INDEX** privilege.

In the syntax, *index* is the name of the index.

**Note:** If you drop a table, indexes and constraints are automatically dropped but views and sequences remain.

# Synonyms

| Object   | Description                                                  |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Table    | Basic unit of storage; composed of rows                      |
| View     | Logically represents subsets of data from one or more tables |
| Sequence | Generates numeric values                                     |
| Index    | Improves the performance of some queries                     |
| Synonym  | Gives alternative names to objects                           |

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## Synonyms

Synonyms are database objects that enable you to call a table by another name. You can create synonyms to give an alternative name to a table.

# Synonyms

**Simplify access to objects by creating a synonym (another name for an object). With synonyms, you can:**

- **Create an easier reference to a table that is owned by another user**
- **Shorten lengthy object names**

```
CREATE [PUBLIC] SYNONYM synonym
FOR      object;
```

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## Creating a Synonym for an Object

To refer to a table that is owned by another user, you need to prefix the table name with the name of the user who created it, followed by a period. Creating a synonym eliminates the need to qualify the object name with the schema and provides you with an alternative name for a table, view, sequence, procedure, or other objects. This method can be especially useful with lengthy object names, such as views.

In the syntax:

|                             |                                                        |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>PUBLIC</code>         | Creates a synonym that is accessible to all users      |
| <code><i>synonym</i></code> | Is the name of the synonym to be created               |
| <code><i>object</i></code>  | Identifies the object for which the synonym is created |

### Guidelines

- The object cannot be contained in a package.
- A private synonym name must be distinct from all other objects that are owned by the same user.

For more information, see “CREATE SYNONYM” in the *Oracle SQL Reference*.



## Creating and Removing Synonyms

- **Create a shortened name for the DEPT\_SUM\_VU view:**

```
CREATE SYNONYM d_sum
FOR dept_sum_vu;
Synonym Created.
```

- **Drop a synonym:**

```
DROP SYNONYM d_sum;
Synonym dropped.
```

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### Creating a Synonym

The slide example creates a synonym for the DEPT\_SUM\_VU view for quicker reference.

The database administrator can create a public synonym that is accessible to all users. The following example creates a public synonym named DEPT for Alice's DEPARTMENTS table:

```
CREATE PUBLIC SYNONYM dept
FOR alice.departments;
Synonym created.
```

### Removing a Synonym

To remove a synonym, use the DROP SYNONYM statement. Only the database administrator can drop a public synonym.

```
DROP PUBLIC SYNONYM dept;
Synonym dropped.
```

For more information, see "DROP SYNONYM" in the *Oracle SQL Reference*.

## Summary

**In this lesson, you should have learned how to:**

- **Create, use, and remove views**
- **Automatically generate sequence numbers by using a sequence generator**
- **Create indexes to improve query retrieval speed**
- **Use synonyms to provide alternative names for objects**

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### Summary

In this lesson, you should have learned about database objects such as views, sequences, indexes, and synonyms.

## Practice 10: Overview of Part 2

**This practice covers the following topics:**

- **Creating sequences**
- **Using sequences**
- **Creating nonunique indexes**
- **Creating synonyms**

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### **Practice 10: Overview of Part 2**

Part 2 of this lesson's practice provides you with a variety of exercises in creating and using a sequence, an index, and a synonym.

Complete questions 7–10 at the end of this lesson.

## Practice 10

### Part 1

1. The staff in the HR department want to hide some of the data in the EMPLOYEES table. They want a view called EMPLOYEES\_VU based on the employee numbers, employee names, and department numbers from the EMPLOYEES table. They want the heading for the employee name to be EMPLOYEE.
2. Confirm that the view works. Display the contents of the EMPLOYEES\_VU view.

| EMPLOYEE_ID | EMPLOYEE | DEPARTMENT_ID |
|-------------|----------|---------------|
| 100         | King     | 90            |
| 101         | Kochhar  | 90            |
| 102         | De Haan  | 90            |
| 103         | Hunold   | 60            |
| 104         | Ernst    | 60            |
| 107         | Lorentz  | 60            |
| ...         |          |               |
| 206         | Gietz    | 110           |

20 rows selected.

3. Using your EMPLOYEES\_VU view, write a query for the HR department to display all employee names and department numbers.

| EMPLOYEE | DEPARTMENT_ID |
|----------|---------------|
| King     | 90            |
| Kochhar  | 90            |
| ...      |               |
| Gietz    | 110           |

20 rows selected.

### Practice 10 (continued)

- Department 50 needs access to its employee data. Create a view named DEPT50 that contains the employee numbers, employee last names, and department numbers for all employees in department 50. You have been asked to label the view columns EMPNO, EMPLOYEE, and DEPTNO. For security purposes, do not allow an employee to be reassigned to another department through the view.
- Display the structure and contents of the DEPT50 view.

| Name     | Null?    | Type         |
|----------|----------|--------------|
| EMPNO    | NOT NULL | NUMBER(6)    |
| EMPLOYEE | NOT NULL | VARCHAR2(25) |
| DEPTNO   |          | NUMBER(4)    |

| EMPNO | EMPLOYEE | DEPTNO |
|-------|----------|--------|
| 124   | Mourgos  | 50     |
| 141   | Rajs     | 50     |
| 142   | Davies   | 50     |
| 143   | Matos    | 50     |
| 144   | Vargas   | 50     |

- Test your view. Attempt to reassign Matos to department 80.

## Practice 10 (continued)

### Part 2

7. You need a sequence that can be used with the primary key column of the DEPT table. The sequence should start at 200 and have a maximum value of 1,000. Have your sequence increment by 10. Name the sequence DEPT\_ID\_SEQ.
8. To test your sequence, write a script to insert two rows in the DEPT table. Name your script lab\_10\_08.sql. Be sure to use the sequence that you created for the ID column. Add two departments: Education and Administration. Confirm your additions. Run the commands in your script.
9. Create a nonunique index on the NAME column in the DEPT table.
10. Create a synonym for your EMPLOYEES table. Call it EMP.

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## Managing Objects with Data Dictionary Views

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## Objectives

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

- **Use the data dictionary views to research data on your objects**
- **Query various data dictionary views**

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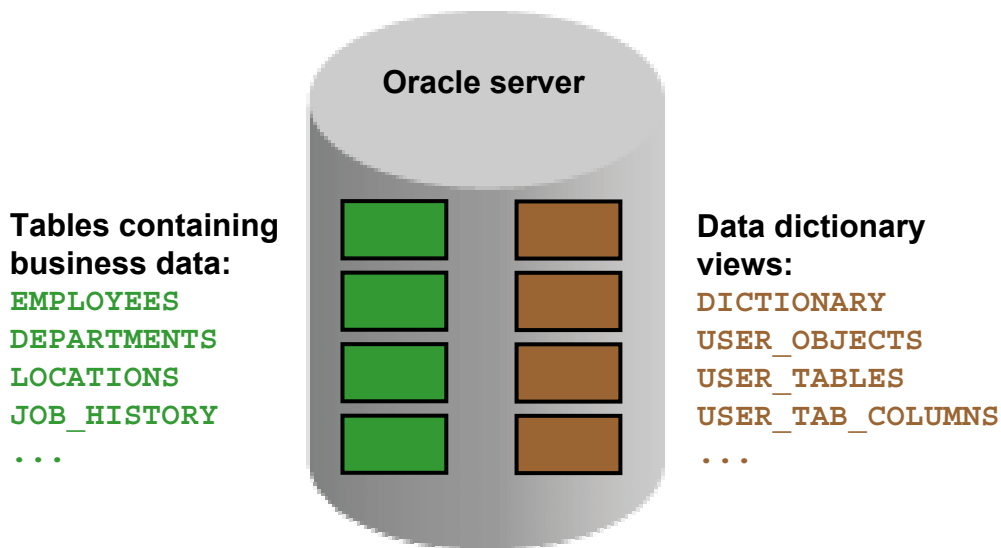
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### Objectives

In this lesson, you are introduced to the data dictionary views. You learn that the dictionary views can be used to retrieve metadata and create reports about your schema objects.



## The Data Dictionary



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### The Data Dictionary

User tables are tables created by the user and contain business data, such as `EMPLOYEES`. There is another collection of tables and views in the Oracle database known as the data dictionary.

This collection is created and maintained by the Oracle server and contains information about the database. The *data dictionary* is structured in tables and views, just like other database data.

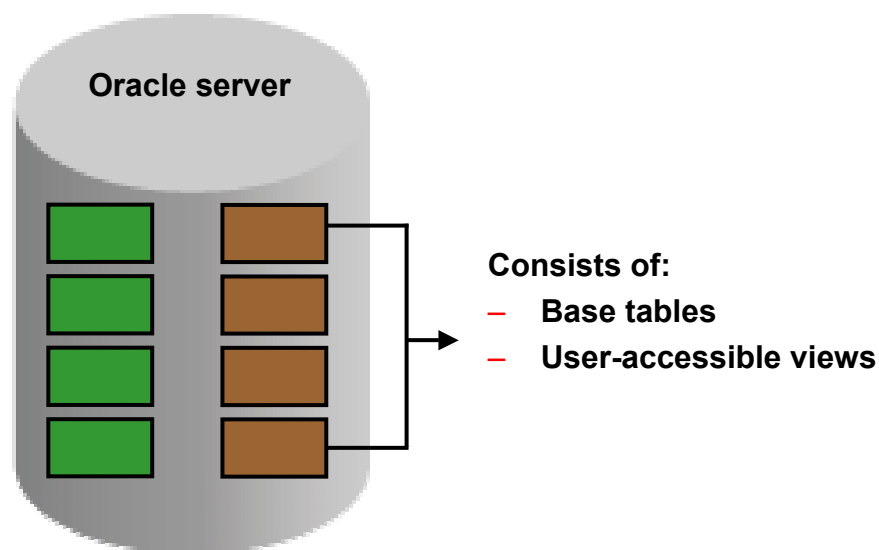
Not only is the data dictionary central to every Oracle database, but it is an important tool for all users, from end users to application designers and database administrators.

You use SQL statements to access the data dictionary. Because the data dictionary is read-only, you can issue only queries against its tables and views.

You can query the dictionary views that are based on the dictionary tables to find information such as:

- Definitions of all schema objects in the database (tables, views, indexes, synonyms, sequences, procedures, functions, packages, triggers, and so on)
- Default values for columns
- Integrity constraint information
- Names of Oracle users
- Privileges and roles that each user has been granted
- Other general database information

## Data Dictionary Structure



### Data Dictionary Structure

Underlying base tables store information about the associated database. Only the Oracle server should write to and read these tables. You rarely access them directly.

There are several views that summarize and display the information stored in the base tables of the data dictionary. These views decode the base table data into useful information (such as user or table names) using joins and WHERE clauses to simplify the information. Most users are given access to the views rather than the base tables.

The Oracle user SYS owns all base tables and user-accessible views of the data dictionary. No Oracle user should *ever* alter (UPDATE, DELETE, or INSERT) any rows or schema objects contained in the SYS schema, because such activity can compromise data integrity.

# Data Dictionary Structure

## View naming convention:

| View Prefix | Purpose                                                       |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| USER        | User's view (what is in your schema; what you own)            |
| ALL         | Expanded user's view (what you can access)                    |
| DBA         | Database administrator's view (what is in everyone's schemas) |
| V\$         | Performance-related data                                      |

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## Data Dictionary Structure (continued)

The data dictionary consists of sets of views. In many cases, a set consists of three views containing similar information and distinguished from each other by their prefixes. For example, there is a view named `USER_OBJECTS`, another named `ALL_OBJECTS`, and a third named `DBA_OBJECTS`.

These three views contain similar information about objects in the database, except that the scope is different. `USER_OBJECTS` contains information about objects that you own or created. `ALL_OBJECTS` contains information about all objects to which you have access. `DBA_OBJECTS` contains information on all objects that are owned by all users. For views that are prefixed with `ALL` or `DBA`, there is usually an additional column in the view named `OWNER` to identify who owns the object.

There is also a set of views that is prefixed with `V$`. These views are dynamic in nature and hold information about performance. Dynamic performance tables are not true tables, and they should not be accessed by most users. However, database administrators can query and create views on the tables and grant access to those views to other users. This course does not go into details about these views.

## How to Use the Dictionary Views

**Start with `DICTIONARY`. It contains the names and descriptions of the dictionary tables and views.**

```
DESCRIBE DICTIONARY
```

| Name       | Null? | Type           |
|------------|-------|----------------|
| TABLE_NAME |       | VARCHAR2(30)   |
| COMMENTS   |       | VARCHAR2(4000) |

```
SELECT *
FROM   dictionary
WHERE  table_name = 'USER_OBJECTS';
```

| TABLE_NAME   | COMMENTS                  |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| USER_OBJECTS | Objects owned by the user |

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### How to Use the Dictionary Views

To familiarize yourself with the dictionary views, you can use the dictionary view named `DICTIONARY`. It contains the name and short description of each dictionary view to which you have access.

You can write queries to search for information on a particular view name, or you can search the `COMMENTS` column for a word or phrase. In the example shown, the `DICTIONARY` view is described. It has two columns. The `SELECT` statement retrieves information about the dictionary view named `USER_OBJECTS`. The `USER_OBJECTS` view contains information about all the objects that you own.

You can write queries to search the `COMMENTS` column for a word or phrase. For example, the following query returns the names of all views that you are permitted to access in which the `COMMENTS` column contains the word *columns*:

```
SELECT table_name
FROM   dictionary
WHERE  LOWER(comments) LIKE '%columns';
```

**Note:** The names in the data dictionary are uppercase.

## USER\_OBJECTS and ALL\_OBJECTS Views

### USER\_OBJECTS:

- **Query USER\_OBJECTS to see all of the objects that are owned by you**
- **Is a useful way to obtain a listing of all object names and types in your schema, plus the following information:**
  - **Date created**
  - **Date of last modification**
  - **Status (valid or invalid)**

### ALL\_OBJECTS:

- **Query ALL\_OBJECTS to see all objects to which you have access**

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### USER\_OBJECTS View

You can query the USER\_OBJECTS view to see the names and types of all the objects in your schema. There are several columns in this view:

- **OBJECT\_NAME:** Name of the object
- **OBJECT\_ID:** Dictionary object number of the object
- **OBJECT\_TYPE:** Type of object (such as TABLE, VIEW, INDEX, SEQUENCE)
- **CREATED:** Timestamp for the creation of the object
- **LAST\_DDL\_TIME:** Timestamp for the last modification of the object resulting from a DDL command
- **STATUS:** Status of the object (VALID, INVALID, or N/A)
- **GENERATED:** Was the name of this object system-generated? (Y | N)

**Note:** This is not a complete listing of the columns. For a complete listing, see “USER\_OBJECTS” in the *Oracle Database Reference*.

You can also query the ALL\_OBJECTS view to see a listing of all objects to which you have access.

## USER\_OBJECTS View

```
SELECT object_name, object_type, created, status
FROM   user_objects
ORDER BY object_type;
```

| OBJECT_NAME      | OBJECT_TYPE | CREATED   | STATUS |
|------------------|-------------|-----------|--------|
| REG_ID_PK        | INDEX       | 10-DEC-03 | VALID  |
| ...              |             |           |        |
| DEPARTMENTS_SEQ  | SEQUENCE    | 10-DEC-03 | VALID  |
| REGIONS          | TABLE       | 10-DEC-03 | VALID  |
| LOCATIONS        | TABLE       | 10-DEC-03 | VALID  |
| DEPARTMENTS      | TABLE       | 10-DEC-03 | VALID  |
| JOB_HISTORY      | TABLE       | 10-DEC-03 | VALID  |
| JOB_GRADES       | TABLE       | 10-DEC-03 | VALID  |
| EMPLOYEES        | TABLE       | 10-DEC-03 | VALID  |
| JOBS             | TABLE       | 10-DEC-03 | VALID  |
| COUNTRIES        | TABLE       | 10-DEC-03 | VALID  |
| EMP_DETAILS_VIEW | VIEW        | 10-DEC-03 | VALID  |

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### USER\_OBJECTS View (continued)

The example shows the names, types, dates of creation, and status of all objects that are owned by this user.

The OBJECT\_TYPE column holds the values of either TABLE, VIEW, SEQUENCE, INDEX, PROCEDURE, FUNCTION, PACKAGE, or TRIGGER.

The STATUS column holds a value of VALID, INVALID, or N/A. While tables are always valid, the views, procedures, functions, packages, and triggers may be invalid.

#### The CAT View

For a simplified query and output, you can query the CAT view. This view contains only two columns: TABLE\_NAME and TABLE\_TYPE. It provides the names of all your INDEX, TABLE, CLUSTER, VIEW, SYNONYM, SEQUENCE, or UNDEFINED objects.

## Table Information

### USER\_TABLES:

```
DESCRIBE user_tables
```

| Name            | Null?    | Type         |
|-----------------|----------|--------------|
| TABLE_NAME      | NOT NULL | VARCHAR2(30) |
| TABLESPACE_NAME |          | VARCHAR2(30) |
| CLUSTER_NAME    |          | VARCHAR2(30) |
| IOT_NAME        |          | VARCHAR2(30) |

```
SELECT table_name
FROM   user_tables;
```

| TABLE_NAME  |
|-------------|
| JOB_GRADES  |
| REGIONS     |
| COUNTRIES   |
| LOCATIONS   |
| DEPARTMENTS |

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### USER\_TABLES View

You can use the USER\_TABLES view to obtain the names of all of your tables. The USER\_TABLES view contains information about your tables. In addition to providing the table name, it contains detailed information on the storage.

The TABS view is a synonym of the USER\_TABLES view. You can query it to see a listing of tables that you own:

```
SELECT table_name
FROM   tabs;
```

**Note:** For a complete listing of the columns in the USER\_TABLES view, see “USER\_TABLES” in the *Oracle Database Reference*.

You can also query the ALL\_TABLES view to see a listing of all tables to which you have access.

## Column Information

### USER\_TAB\_COLUMNS:

```
DESCRIBE user_tab_columns
```

| Name            | Null?    | Type          |
|-----------------|----------|---------------|
| TABLE_NAME      | NOT NULL | VARCHAR2(30)  |
| COLUMN_NAME     | NOT NULL | VARCHAR2(30)  |
| DATA_TYPE       |          | VARCHAR2(106) |
| DATA_TYPE_MOD   |          | VARCHAR2(3)   |
| DATA_TYPE_OWNER |          | VARCHAR2(30)  |
| DATA_LENGTH     | NOT NULL | NUMBER        |
| DATA_PRECISION  |          | NUMBER        |
| DATA_SCALE      |          | NUMBER        |
| NULLABLE        |          | VARCHAR2(1)   |
| COLUMN_ID       |          | NUMBER        |
| DEFAULT_LENGTH  |          | NUMBER        |
| DATA_DEFAULT    |          | LONG          |

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### Column Information

You can query the USER\_TAB\_COLUMNS view to find detailed information about the columns in your tables. While the USER\_TABLES view provides information on your table names and storage, detailed column information is found in the USER\_TAB\_COLUMNS view.

This view contains information such as:

- Column names
- Column data types
- Length of data types
- Precision and scale for NUMBER columns
- Whether nulls are allowed (Is there a NOT NULL constraint on the column?)
- Default value

**Note:** For a complete listing and description of the columns in the USER\_TAB\_COLUMNS view, see “USER\_TAB\_COLUMNS” in the *Oracle Database Reference*.



## Column Information

```
SELECT column_name, data_type, data_length,  
       data_precision, data_scale, nullable  
FROM   user_tab_columns  
WHERE  table_name = 'EMPLOYEES';
```

| COLUMN_NAME    | DATA_TYPE | DATA_LENGTH | DATA_PRECISION | DATA_SCALE | NUL |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|------------|-----|
| EMPLOYEE_ID    | NUMBER    | 22          | 6              | 0          | N   |
| FIRST_NAME     | VARCHAR2  | 20          |                |            | Y   |
| LAST_NAME      | VARCHAR2  | 25          |                |            | N   |
| EMAIL          | VARCHAR2  | 25          |                |            | N   |
| PHONE_NUMBER   | VARCHAR2  | 20          |                |            | Y   |
| HIRE_DATE      | DATE      | 7           |                |            | N   |
| JOB_ID         | VARCHAR2  | 10          |                |            | N   |
| SALARY         | NUMBER    | 22          | 8              | 2          | Y   |
| COMMISSION_PCT | NUMBER    | 22          | 2              | 2          | Y   |
| MANAGER_ID     | NUMBER    | 22          | 6              | 0          | Y   |
| DEPARTMENT_ID  | NUMBER    | 22          | 4              | 0          | Y   |

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### Column Information (continued)

By querying the USER\_TAB\_COLUMNS table, you can find details about your columns such as the names, data types, data type lengths, null constraints, and default value for a column.

The example shown displays the columns, data types, data lengths, and null constraints for the EMPLOYEES table. Note that this information is similar to the output from the *iSQL\*Plus* DESCRIBE command.

## Constraint Information

- **USER\_CONSTRAINTS** describes the constraint definitions on your tables.
- **USER\_CONS\_COLUMNS** describes columns that are owned by you and that are specified in constraints.

```
DESCRIBE user_constraints
```

| Name              | Null?    | Type         |
|-------------------|----------|--------------|
| OWNER             | NOT NULL | VARCHAR2(30) |
| CONSTRAINT_NAME   | NOT NULL | VARCHAR2(30) |
| CONSTRAINT_TYPE   |          | VARCHAR2(1)  |
| TABLE_NAME        | NOT NULL | VARCHAR2(30) |
| SEARCH_CONDITION  |          | LONG         |
| R_OWNER           |          | VARCHAR2(30) |
| R_CONSTRAINT_NAME |          | VARCHAR2(30) |
| DELETE_RULE       |          | VARCHAR2(9)  |
| STATUS            |          | VARCHAR2(8)  |

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### Constraint Information

You can find out the names of your constraints, the type of constraint, the table name to which the constraint applies, the condition for check constraints, foreign key constraint information, deletion rule for foreign key constraints, the status, and many other types of information about your constraints.

**Note:** For a complete listing and description of the columns in the **USER\_CONSTRAINTS** view, see “**USER\_CONSTRAINTS**” in the *Oracle Database Reference*.

## Constraint Information

```
SELECT constraint_name, constraint_type,
       search_condition, r_constraint_name,
       delete_rule, status
FROM   user_constraints
WHERE  table_name = 'EMPLOYEES';
```

| CONSTRAINT_NAME  | CON | SEARCH_CONDITION        | R_CONSTRAINT_NAME | DELETE_RULE | STATUS  |
|------------------|-----|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------|
| EMP_LAST_NAME_NN | C   | "LAST_NAME" IS NOT NULL |                   |             | ENABLED |
| EMP_EMAIL_NN     | C   | "EMAIL" IS NOT NULL     |                   |             | ENABLED |
| EMP_HIRE_DATE_NN | C   | "HIRE_DATE" IS NOT NULL |                   |             | ENABLED |
| EMP_JOB_NN       | C   | "JOB_ID" IS NOT NULL    |                   |             | ENABLED |
| EMP_SALARY_MIN   | C   | salary > 0              |                   |             | ENABLED |
| EMP_EMAIL_UK     | U   |                         |                   |             | ENABLED |
| EMP_EMP_ID_PK    | P   |                         |                   |             | ENABLED |
| EMP_DEPT_FK      | R   |                         | DEPT_ID_PK        | NO ACTION   | ENABLED |
| EMP_JOB_FK       | R   |                         | JOB_ID_PK         | NO ACTION   | ENABLED |
| EMP_MANAGER_FK   | R   |                         | EMP_EMP_ID_PK     | NO ACTION   | ENABLED |

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### USER\_CONSTRAINTS: Example

In the example shown, the USER\_CONSTRAINTS view is queried to find the names, types, check conditions, name of the unique constraint that the foreign key references, deletion rule for a foreign key, and status for constraints on the EMPLOYEES table.

The CONSTRAINT\_TYPE can be:

- C (check constraint on a table)
- P (primary key)
- U (unique key)
- R (referential integrity)
- V (with check option, on a view)
- O (with read-only, on a view)

The DELETE\_RULE can be:

- **CASCADE:** If the parent record is deleted, the child records are deleted too.
- **NO ACTION:** A parent record can be deleted only if no child records exist.

The STATUS can be:

- **ENABLED:** Constraint is active.
- **DISABLED:** Constraint is made not active.

## Constraint Information

```
DESCRIBE user_cons_columns
```

| Name            | Null?    | Type           |
|-----------------|----------|----------------|
| OWNER           | NOT NULL | VARCHAR2(30)   |
| CONSTRAINT_NAME | NOT NULL | VARCHAR2(30)   |
| TABLE_NAME      | NOT NULL | VARCHAR2(30)   |
| COLUMN_NAME     |          | VARCHAR2(4000) |
| POSITION        |          | NUMBER         |

```
SELECT constraint_name, column_name
FROM   user_cons_columns
WHERE  table_name = 'EMPLOYEES';
```

| CONSTRAINT_NAME  | COLUMN_NAME |
|------------------|-------------|
| EMP_EMAIL_UK     | EMAIL       |
| EMP_SALARY_MIN   | SALARY      |
| EMP_JOB_NN       | JOB_ID      |
| EMP_HIRE_DATE_NN | HIRE_DATE   |

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### Querying USER\_CONS\_COLUMNS

To find the names of the columns to which a constraint applies, query the USER\_CONS\_COLUMNS dictionary view. This view tells you the name of the owner of a constraint, the name of the constraint, the table that the constraint is on, the names of the columns with the constraint, and the original position of column or attribute in the definition of the object.

**Note:** A constraint may apply to more than one column.

You can also write a join between the USER\_CONSTRAINTS and USER\_CONS\_COLUMNS to create customized output from both tables.

## View Information

1 **DESCRIBE user\_views**

| Name        | Null?    | Type         |
|-------------|----------|--------------|
| VIEW_NAME   | NOT NULL | VARCHAR2(30) |
| TEXT_LENGTH |          | NUMBER       |
| TEXT        |          | LONG         |

2 **SELECT DISTINCT view\_name FROM user\_views;**

| VIEW_NAME        |
|------------------|
| EMP_DETAILS_VIEW |

3 **SELECT text FROM user\_views  
WHERE view\_name = 'EMP\_DETAILS\_VIEW';**

| TEXT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SELECT e.employee_id, e.job_id, e.manager_id, e.department_id, d.location_id, l.country_id, e.first_name, e.last_name, e.salary, e.commission_pct, d.department_name, j.job_title, l.city, l.state_province, c.country_name, r.region_name FROM employees e, departments d, jobs j, locations l, countries c, regions r WHERE e.department_id = d.department_id AND d.location_id = l.location_id AND l.country_id = c.country_id AND c.region_id = r.region_id AND j.job_id = e.job_id WITH READ ONLY |

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### Views in the Data Dictionary

After your view is created, you can query the data dictionary view called `USER_VIEWS` to see the name of the view and the view definition. The text of the `SELECT` statement that constitutes your view is stored in a `LONG` column. The `LENGTH` column is the number of characters in the `SELECT` statement. By default, when you select from a `LONG` column, only the first 80 characters of the column's value are displayed. To see more than 80 characters, use the `iSQL*Plus` command `SET LONG`:

```
SET LONG 1000
```

In the examples in the slide:

1. The `USER_VIEWS` columns are displayed. Note that this is a partial listing.
2. The names of your views are retrieved.
3. The `SELECT` statement for the `EMP_DETAILS_VIEW` is displayed from the dictionary.

### Data Access Using Views

When you access data using a view, the Oracle server performs the following operations:

- It retrieves the view definition from the data dictionary table `USER_VIEWS`.
- It checks access privileges for the view base table.
- It converts the view query into an equivalent operation on the underlying base table or tables. In other words, data is retrieved from, or an update is made to, the base tables.

## Sequence Information

```
DESCRIBE user_sequences
```

| Name          | Null?    | Type         |
|---------------|----------|--------------|
| SEQUENCE_NAME | NOT NULL | VARCHAR2(30) |
| MIN_VALUE     |          | NUMBER       |
| MAX_VALUE     |          | NUMBER       |
| INCREMENT_BY  | NOT NULL | NUMBER       |
| CYCLE_FLAG    |          | VARCHAR2(1)  |
| ORDER_FLAG    |          | VARCHAR2(1)  |
| CACHE_SIZE    | NOT NULL | NUMBER       |
| LAST_NUMBER   | NOT NULL | NUMBER       |

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### USER\_SEQUENCES View

The USER\_SEQUENCES view describes all sequences that are owned by you. When you create the sequence, you specify criteria that are stored in the USER\_SEQUENCES view. The columns in this view are:

- **SEQUENCE\_NAME:** Name of the sequence
- **MIN\_VALUE:** Minimum value of the sequence
- **MAX\_VALUE:** Maximum value of the sequence
- **INCREMENT\_BY:** Value by which sequence is incremented
- **CYCLE\_FLAG:** Does sequence wrap around on reaching limit?
- **ORDER\_FLAG:** Are sequence numbers generated in order?
- **CACHE\_SIZE:** Number of sequence numbers to cache
- **LAST\_NUMBER:** Last sequence number written to disk. If a sequence uses caching, the number written to disk is the last number placed in the sequence cache. This number is likely to be greater than the last sequence number that was used.

## Sequence Information

- **Verify your sequence values in the USER\_SEQUENCES data dictionary table.**

```
SELECT  sequence_name, min_value, max_value,
        increment_by, last_number
FROM    user_sequences;
```

| SEQUENCE_NAME   | MIN_VALUE | MAX_VALUE  | INCREMENT_BY | LAST_NUMBER |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| LOCATIONS_SEQ   | 1         | 9900       | 100          | 3300        |
| DEPARTMENTS_SEQ | 1         | 9990       | 10           | 280         |
| EMPLOYEES_SEQ   | 1         | 1.0000E+27 | 1            | 207         |

- **The LAST\_NUMBER column displays the next available sequence number if NOCACHE is specified.**

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### Confirming Sequences

After creating your sequence, it is documented in the data dictionary. Because a sequence is a database object, you can identify it in the USER\_OBJECTS data dictionary table.

You can also confirm the settings of the sequence by selecting from the USER\_SEQUENCES data dictionary view.

#### Viewing the Next Available Sequence Value Without Incrementing It

If the sequence was created with NOCACHE, it is possible to view the next available sequence value without incrementing it by querying the USER\_SEQUENCES table.

## Synonym Information

```
DESCRIBE user_synonyms
```

| Name         | Null?    | Type          |
|--------------|----------|---------------|
| SYNONYM_NAME | NOT NULL | VARCHAR2(30)  |
| TABLE_OWNER  |          | VARCHAR2(30)  |
| TABLE_NAME   | NOT NULL | VARCHAR2(30)  |
| DB_LINK      |          | VARCHAR2(128) |

```
SELECT *  
FROM user_synonyms;
```

| SYNONYM_NAME | TABLE_OWNER | TABLE_NAME | DB_LINK |
|--------------|-------------|------------|---------|
| EMP          | ORA1        | EMPLOYEES  |         |

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### USER\_SYNONYMS View

The USER\_SYNONYMS dictionary view describes private synonyms (synonyms that are owned by you).

You can query this view to find your synonyms. You can query ALL\_SYNONYMS to find out the name of all of the synonyms that are available to you and the objects on which these synonyms apply.

The columns in this view are:

- **SYNONYM\_NAME:** Name of the synonym
- **TABLE\_OWNER:** Owner of the object that is referenced by the synonym
- **TABLE\_NAME:** Name of the table or view that is referenced by the synonym
- **DB\_LINK:** Name of the database link reference (if any)



## Adding Comments to a Table

- You can add comments to a table or column by using the **COMMENT** statement:

```
COMMENT ON TABLE employees
IS 'Employee Information';
Comment created.
```

- Comments can be viewed through the data dictionary views:
  - ALL\_COL\_COMMENTS
  - USER\_COL\_COMMENTS
  - ALL\_TAB\_COMMENTS
  - USER\_TAB\_COMMENTS

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### Adding Comments to a Table

You can add a comment of up to 4,000 bytes about a column, table, view, or snapshot by using the **COMMENT** statement. The comment is stored in the data dictionary and can be viewed in one of the following data dictionary views in the **COMMENTS** column:

- ALL\_COL\_COMMENTS
- USER\_COL\_COMMENTS
- ALL\_TAB\_COMMENTS
- USER\_TAB\_COMMENTS

#### Syntax

```
COMMENT ON TABLE table | COLUMN table.column
IS 'text';
```

In the syntax:

*table* Is the name of the table  
*column* Is the name of the column in a table  
*text* Is the text of the comment

You can drop a comment from the database by setting it to empty string (' '):

```
COMMENT ON TABLE employees IS ' ';
```

## Summary

**In this lesson, you should have learned how to find information about your objects through the following dictionary views:**

- **DICTIONARY**
- **USER\_OBJECTS**
- **USER\_TABLES**
- **USER\_TAB\_COLUMNS**
- **USER\_CONSTRAINTS**
- **USER\_CONS\_COLUMNS**
- **USER\_VIEWS**
- **USER\_SEQUENCES**
- **USER\_TAB\_SYNONYMS**

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### Summary

In this lesson, you learned about some of the dictionary views that are available to you. You can use these dictionary views to find information about your tables, constraints, views, sequences, and synonyms.

## Practice 11: Overview

**This practice covers the following topics:**

- **Querying the dictionary views for table and column information**
- **Querying the dictionary views for constraint information**
- **Querying the dictionary views for view information**
- **Querying the dictionary views for sequence information**
- **Querying the dictionary views for synonym information**
- **Adding a comment to a table and querying the dictionary views for comment information**

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### **Practice 11: Overview**

In this practice, you query the dictionary views to find information about objects in your schema.

## Practice 11

1. For a specified table, create a script that reports the column names, data types, and data types' lengths, as well as whether nulls are allowed. Prompt the user to enter the table name. Give appropriate aliases to the columns DATA\_PRECISION and DATA\_SCALE. Save this script in a file named lab\_11\_01.sql.

For example, if the user enters DEPARTMENTS, the following output results:

| COLUMN_NAME     | DATA_TYPE | DATA_LENGTH | PRECISION | SCALE | NUL |
|-----------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------|-----|
| DEPARTMENT_ID   | NUMBER    | 22          | 4         | 0     | N   |
| DEPARTMENT_NAME | VARCHAR2  | 30          |           |       | N   |
| MANAGER_ID      | NUMBER    | 22          | 6         | 0     | Y   |
| LOCATION_ID     | NUMBER    | 22          | 4         | 0     | Y   |

2. Create a script that reports the column name, constraint name, constraint type, search condition, and status for a specified table. You must join the USER\_CONSTRAINTS and USER\_CONS\_COLUMNS tables to obtain all of this information. Prompt the user to enter the table name. Save the script in a file named lab\_11\_02.sql.

For example, if the user enters DEPARTMENTS, the following output results:

| COLUMN_NAME     | CONSTRAINT_NAME | CON | SEARCH_CONDITION                 | STATUS  |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----|----------------------------------|---------|
| DEPARTMENT_NAME | DEPT_NAME_NN    | C   | "DEPARTMENT_NAME"<br>IS NOT NULL | ENABLED |
| DEPARTMENT_ID   | DEPT_ID_PK      | P   |                                  | ENABLED |
| LOCATION_ID     | DEPT_LOC_FK     | R   |                                  | ENABLED |
| MANAGER_ID      | DEPT_MGR_FK     | R   |                                  | ENABLED |

3. Add a comment to the DEPARTMENTS table. Then query the USER\_TAB\_COMMENTS view to verify that the comment is present.

| COMMENTS                                                           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Company department information including name, code, and location. |

4. Find the names of all synonyms that are in your schema.

| SYNONYM_NAME | TABLE_OWNER | TABLE_NAME | DB_LINK |
|--------------|-------------|------------|---------|
| EMP          | ORA1        | EMPLOYEES  |         |

## Practice 11 (continued)

5. You need to determine the names and definitions of all of the views in your schema. Create a report that retrieves view information: the view name and text from the USER\_VIEWS data dictionary view.  
**Note:** Another view already exists. The EMP\_DETAILS\_VIEW was created as part of your schema. Also, if you completed practice 10, you will see the DEPT50 view.  
**Note:** To see more contents of a LONG column, use the *iSQL\*Plus* command SET LONG *n*, where *n* is the value of the number of characters of the LONG column that you want to see.

| VIEW_NAME        | TEXT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EMPLOYEES_VU     | SELECT employee_id, last_name employee, department_id FROM employees                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| EMP_DETAILS_VIEW | SELECT e.employee_id, e.job_id, e.manager_id, e.department_id, d.location_id, l.country_id, e.first_name, e.last_name, e.salary, e.commission_pct, d.department_name, j.job_title, l.city, l.state_province, c.country_name, r.region_name FROM employees e, departments d, jobs j, locations l, countries c, regions r WHERE e.department_id = d.department_id AND d.location_id = l.location_id AND l.country_id = c.country_id AND c.region_id = r.region_id AND j.job_id = e.job_id WITH READ ONLY |

6. Find the names of your sequences. Write a query in a script to display the following information about your sequences: sequence name, maximum value, increment size, and last number. Name the script lab\_11\_06.sql. Run the statement in your script.

| SEQUENCE_NAME   | MAX_VALUE  | INCREMENT_BY | LAST_NUMBER |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| DEPARTMENTS_SEQ | 9990       | 10           | 280         |
| DEPT_ID_SEQ     | 1000       | 10           | 200         |
| EMPLOYEES_SEQ   | 1.0000E+27 | 1            | 207         |
| LOCATIONS_SEQ   | 9900       | 100          | 3300        |



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## **Practice Solutions**

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## Practice 1: Solutions

### Part 1

Test your knowledge:

1. Initiate an *iSQL\*Plus* session using the user ID and password that are provided by the instructor.
2. *iSQL\*Plus* commands access the database.  
True/False

3. The following `SELECT` statement executes successfully:

```
SELECT last_name, job_id, salary AS Sal
FROM   employees;
```

True/False

4. The following `SELECT` statement executes successfully:

```
SELECT *
FROM   job_grades;
```

True/False

5. There are four coding errors in this statement. Can you identify them?

```
SELECT      employee_id, last_name
sal x 12    ANNUAL SALARY
FROM        employees;
```

- The **EMPLOYEES** table does not contain a column called **sal**. The column is called **SALARY**.
- The multiplication operator is **\***, not **x**, as shown in line 2.
- The **ANNUAL SALARY** alias cannot include spaces. The alias should read **ANNUAL\_SALARY** or should be enclosed in double quotation marks.
- A comma is missing after the **LAST\_NAME** column.

### Part 2

You have been hired as a SQL programmer for Acme Corporation. Your first task is to create some reports based on data from the Human Resources tables.

6. Your first task is to determine the structure of the **DEPARTMENTS** table and its contents.

```
DESCRIBE departments

SELECT *
FROM   departments;
```



## Practice 1: Solutions (continued)

7. You need to determine the structure of the EMPLOYEES table.

```
DESCRIBE employees
```

The HR department wants a query to display the last name, job code, hire date, and employee number for each employee, with employee number appearing first. Provide an alias STARTDATE for the HIRE\_DATE column. Save your SQL statement to a file named lab\_01\_07.sql so that you can dispatch this file to the HR department.

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name, job_id, hire_date StartDate
FROM employees;
```

8. Test your query in the file lab\_01\_07.sql to ensure that it runs correctly.

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name, job_id, hire_date StartDate
FROM employees;
```

9. The HR department needs a query to display all unique job codes from the EMPLOYEES table.

```
SELECT DISTINCT job_id
FROM employees;
```

## Part 3

If you have time, complete the following exercises:

10. The HR department wants more descriptive column headings for its report on employees. Copy the statement from lab\_01\_07.sql to the iSQL\*Plus Edit window. Name the column headings Emp #, Employee, Job, and Hire Date, respectively. Then run your query again.

```
SELECT employee_id "Emp #", last_name "Employee",
       job_id "Job", hire_date "Hire Date"
FROM employees;
```

11. The HR department has requested a report of all employees and their job IDs. Display the last name concatenated with the job ID (separated by a comma and space) and name the column Employee and Title.

```
SELECT last_name||', '||job_id "Employee and Title"
FROM employees;
```

## Practice 1: Solutions (continued)

If you want an extra challenge, complete the following exercise:

12. To familiarize yourself with the data in the EMPLOYEES table, create a query to display all the data from the EMPLOYEES table. Separate each column output by a comma. Name the column title THE\_OUTPUT.

```
SELECT employee_id || ',' || first_name || ',' || last_name  
       || ',' || email || ',' || phone_number || ',' || job_id  
       || ',' || manager_id || ',' || hire_date || ',' ||  
       || salary || ',' || commission_pct || ',' || department_id  
       THE_OUTPUT  
FROM   employees;
```

## Practice 2: Solutions

The HR department needs your assistance with creating some queries.

1. Because of budget issues, the HR department needs a report that displays the last name and salary of employees earning more than \$12,000. Place your SQL statement in a text file named `lab_02_01.sql`. Run your query.

```
SELECT last_name, salary
FROM employees
WHERE salary > 12000;
```

2. Create a report that displays the last name and department number for employee number 176.

```
SELECT last_name, department_id
FROM employees
WHERE employee_id = 176;
```

3. The HR departments needs to find high-salary and low-salary employees. Modify `lab_02_01.sql` to display the last name and salary for all employees whose salary is not in the range of \$5,000 to \$12,000. Place your SQL statement in a text file named `lab_02_03.sql`.

```
SELECT last_name, salary
FROM employees
WHERE salary NOT BETWEEN 5000 AND 12000;
```

4. Create a report to display the last name, job ID, and start date for the employees with the last names of Matos and Taylor. Order the query in ascending order by start date.

```
SELECT last_name, job_id, hire_date
FROM employees
WHERE last_name IN ('Matos', 'Taylor')
ORDER BY hire_date;
```

5. Display the last name and department number of all employees in departments 20 or 50 in ascending alphabetical order by name.

```
SELECT last_name, department_id
FROM employees
WHERE department_id IN (20, 50)
ORDER BY last_name ASC;
```

## Practice 2: Solutions (continued)

6. Modify lab\_02\_03.sql to list the last name and salary of employees who earn between \$5,000 and \$12,000 and are in department 20 or 50. Label the columns Employee and Monthly Salary, respectively. Resave lab\_02\_03.sql as lab\_02\_06.sql. Run the statement in lab\_02\_06.sql.

```
SELECT    last_name "Employee", salary "Monthly Salary"
FROM      employees
WHERE     salary BETWEEN 5000 AND 12000
AND       department_id IN (20, 50);
```

7. The HR department needs a report that displays the last name and hire date for all employees who were hired in 1994.

```
SELECT    last_name, hire_date
FROM      employees
WHERE     hire_date LIKE '%94';
```

8. Create a report to display the last name and job title of all employees who do not have a manager.

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

9. Display the last name, salary, and commission for all employees who earn commissions. Sort data in descending order of salary and commissions.

```
SELECT    last_name, salary, commission_pct
FROM      employees
WHERE     commission_pct IS NOT NULL
ORDER BY salary DESC, commission_pct DESC;
```

10. Members of the HR department want to have more flexibility with the queries that you are writing. They would like a report that displays the last name and salary of employees who earn more than an amount that the user specifies after a prompt. (You can use the query created in practice exercise 1 and modify it.) Save this query to a file named lab\_02\_10.sql.

```
SELECT    last_name, salary
FROM      employees
WHERE     salary > &sal_amt;
```

## Practice 2: Solutions (continued)

11. The HR department wants to run reports based on a manager. Create a query that prompts the user for a manager ID and generates the employee ID, last name, salary, and department for that manager's employees. The HR department wants the ability to sort the report on a selected column. You can test the data with the following values:

manager ID = 103, sorted by employee last name

manager ID = 201, sorted by salary

manager ID = 124, sorted by employee ID

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name, salary, department_id
FROM employees
WHERE manager_id = &mgr_num
ORDER BY &order_col;
```

If you have time, complete the following exercises:

12. Display all employee last names in which the third letter of the name is *a*.

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

13. Display the last name of all employees who have both an *a* and an *e* in their last name.

```
SELECT last_name
FROM employees
WHERE last_name LIKE '%a%'
AND last_name LIKE '%e%';
```

If you want an extra challenge, complete the following exercises:

14. Display the last name, job, and salary for all employees whose job is sales representative or stock clerk and whose salary is not equal to \$2,500, \$3,500, or \$7,000.

```
SELECT last_name, job_id, salary
FROM employees
WHERE job_id IN ('SA_REP', 'ST_CLERK')
AND salary NOT IN (2500, 3500, 7000);
```

15. Modify lab\_02\_06.sql to display the last name, salary, and commission for all employees whose commission amount is 20%. Resave lab\_02\_06.sql as lab\_02\_15.sql. Rerun the statement in lab\_02\_15.sql.

```
SELECT last_name "Employee", salary "Monthly Salary",
       commission_pct
FROM employees
WHERE commission_pct = .20;
```

## Practice 3: Solutions

1. Write a query to display the current date. Label the column Date.

```
SELECT sysdate "Date"
FROM dual;
```

2. The HR department needs a report to display the employee number, last\_name, salary, and salary increased by 15.5% (expressed as a whole number) for each employee. Label the column New Salary. Place your SQL statement in a text file named lab\_03\_02.sql.

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name, salary,
       ROUND(salary * 1.155, 0) "New Salary"
FROM employees;
```

3. Run your query in the file lab\_03\_02.sql.

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name, salary,
       ROUND(salary * 1.155, 0) "New Salary"
FROM employees;
```

4. Modify your query lab\_03\_02.sql to add a column that subtracts the old salary from the new salary. Label the column Increase. Save the contents of the file as lab\_03\_04.sql. Run the revised query.

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name, salary,
       ROUND(salary * 1.155, 0) "New Salary",
       ROUND(salary * 1.155, 0) - salary "Increase"
FROM employees;
```

5. Write a query that displays the last name (with the first letter uppercase and all other letters lowercase) and the length of the last name for all employees whose name starts with the letters J, A, or M. Give each column an appropriate label. Sort the results by the employees' last names.

```
SELECT INITCAP(last_name) "Name",
       LENGTH(last_name) "Length"
FROM employees
WHERE last_name LIKE 'J%'
OR last_name LIKE 'M%'
OR last_name LIKE 'A%'
ORDER BY last_name ;
```

### Practice 3: Solutions (continued)

Rewrite the query so that the user is prompted to enter a letter that starts the last name. For example, if the user enters H when prompted for a letter, then the output should show all employees whose last name starts with the letter *H*.

```
SELECT  INITCAP(last_name) "Name",
        LENGTH(last_name) "Length"
FROM    employees
WHERE   last_name LIKE '&start_letter%'
ORDER BY last_name;
```

6. The HR department wants to find the length of employment for each employee. For each employee, display the last name and calculate the number of months between today and the date on which the employee was hired. Label the column MONTHS\_WORKED. Order your results by the number of months employed. Round the number of months up to the closest whole number.

**Note:** Your results will differ.

```
SELECT last_name, ROUND(MONTHS_BETWEEN(
        SYSDATE, hire_date)) MONTHS_WORKED
FROM    employees
ORDER BY months_worked;
```

7. Create a report that produces the following for each employee:  
<employee last name> earns <salary> monthly but wants <3 times salary>.

Label the column Dream Salaries.

```
SELECT  last_name || ' earns '
        || TO_CHAR(salary, 'fm$99,999.00')
        || ' monthly but wants '
        || TO_CHAR(salary * 3, 'fm$99,999.00')
        || '.' "Dream Salaries"
FROM    employees;
```

If you have time, complete the following exercises:

8. Create a query to display the last name and salary for all employees. Format the salary to be 15 characters long, left-padded with \$ symbol. Label the column SALARY.

```
SELECT last_name,
        LPAD(salary, 15, '$') SALARY
FROM    employees;
```

### Practice 3: Solutions (continued)

9. Display each employee's last name, hire date, and salary review date, which is the first Monday after six months of service. Label the column REVIEW. Format the dates to appear in the format similar to "Monday, the Thirty-First of July, 2000."

```
SELECT last_name, hire_date,  
       TO_CHAR(NEXT_DAY(ADD_MONTHS(hire_date, 6), 'MONDAY'),  
               'fmDay, "the" Ddspth "of" Month, YYYY') REVIEW  
FROM   employees;
```

10. Display the last name, hire date, and day of the week on which the employee started. Label the column DAY. Order the results by the day of the week, starting with Monday.

```
SELECT last_name, hire_date,  
       TO_CHAR(hire_date, 'DAY') DAY  
FROM   employees  
ORDER BY TO_CHAR(hire_date - 1, 'd');
```

If you want an extra challenge, complete the following exercises:

11. Create a query that displays the employees' last names and commission amounts. If an employee does not earn commission, show "No Commission." Label the column COMM.

```
SELECT last_name,  
       NVL(TO_CHAR(commission_pct), 'No Commission') COMM  
FROM   employees;
```

12. Create a query that displays the first eight characters of the employees' last names and indicates the amounts of their salaries with asterisks. Each asterisk signifies a thousand dollars. Sort the data in descending order of salary. Label the column EMPLOYEES\_AND\_THEIR\_SALARIES.

```
SELECT rpad(last_name, 8) || ' ' ||  
       rpad(' ', salary/1000+1, '*')  
       EMPLOYEES_AND_THEIR_SALARIES  
FROM   employees  
ORDER BY salary DESC;
```



### Practice 3: Solutions (continued)

13. Using the DECODE function, write a query that displays the grade of all employees based on the value of the column JOB\_ID, using the following data:

| <i>Job</i>        | <i>Grade</i> |
|-------------------|--------------|
| AD_PRES           | A            |
| ST_MAN            | B            |
| IT_PROG           | C            |
| SA_REP            | D            |
| ST_CLERK          | E            |
| None of the above | 0            |

```
SELECT job_id, decode (job_id,
                        'ST_CLERK', 'E',
                        'SA_REP',   'D',
                        'IT_PROG',  'C',
                        'ST_MAN',   'B',
                        'AD_PRES',  'A',
                        '0') GRADE
FROM employees;
```

14. Rewrite the statement in the preceding exercise using the CASE syntax.

```
SELECT job_id, CASE job_id
                WHEN 'ST_CLERK' THEN 'E'
                WHEN 'SA_REP'   THEN 'D'
                WHEN 'IT_PROG'  THEN 'C'
                WHEN 'ST_MAN'   THEN 'B'
                WHEN 'AD_PRES'  THEN 'A'
                ELSE '0' END GRADE
FROM employees;
```

## Practice 4: Solutions

Determine the validity of the following three statements. Circle either True or False.

1. Group functions work across many rows to produce one result per group.

**True**/False

2. Group functions include nulls in calculations.

True/**False**

3. The WHERE clause restricts rows before inclusion in a group calculation.

**True**/False

The HR department needs the following reports:

4. Find the highest, lowest, sum, and average salary of all employees. Label the columns Maximum, Minimum, Sum, and Average, respectively. Round your results to the nearest whole number. Place your SQL statement in a text file named lab\_04\_04.sql.

```
SELECT ROUND(MAX(salary),0) "Maximum",
       ROUND(MIN(salary),0) "Minimum",
       ROUND(SUM(salary),0) "Sum",
       ROUND(AVG(salary),0) "Average"
FROM   employees;
```

5. Modify the query in lab\_04\_04.sql to display the minimum, maximum, sum, and average salary for each job type. Resave lab\_04\_04.sql as lab\_04\_05.sql. Run the statement in lab\_04\_05.sql.

```
SELECT job_id, ROUND(MAX(salary),0) "Maximum",
       ROUND(MIN(salary),0) "Minimum",
       ROUND(SUM(salary),0) "Sum",
       ROUND(AVG(salary),0) "Average"
FROM   employees
GROUP BY job_id;
```

6. Write a query to display the number of people with the same job.

```
SELECT job_id, COUNT(*)
FROM   employees
GROUP BY job_id;
```

Generalize the query so that the user in the HR department is prompted for a job title. Save the script to a file named lab\_04\_06.sql.

```
SELECT job_id, COUNT(*)
FROM   employees
WHERE  job_id = '&job_title'
GROUP BY job_id;
```

## Practice 4: Solutions (continued)

7. Determine the number of managers without listing them. Label the column Number of Managers. *Hint: Use the MANAGER\_ID column to determine the number of managers.*

```
SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT manager_id) "Number of Managers"
FROM   employees;
```

8. Find the difference between the highest and lowest salaries. Label the column DIFFERENCE.

```
SELECT   MAX(salary) - MIN(salary) DIFFERENCE
FROM     employees;
```

If you have time, complete the following exercises:

9. Create a report to display the manager number and the salary of the lowest-paid employee for that manager. Exclude anyone whose manager is not known. Exclude any groups where the minimum salary is \$6,000 or less. Sort the output in descending order of salary.

```
SELECT   manager_id, MIN(salary)
FROM     employees
WHERE    manager_id IS NOT NULL
GROUP BY manager_id
HAVING   MIN(salary) > 6000
ORDER BY MIN(salary) DESC;
```

If you want an extra challenge, complete the following exercises:

10. Create a query that will display the total number of employees and, of that total, the number of employees hired in 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998. Create appropriate column headings.

```
SELECT   COUNT(*) total,
          SUM(DECODE(TO_CHAR(hire_date, 'YYYY'), 1995, 1, 0)) "1995",
          SUM(DECODE(TO_CHAR(hire_date, 'YYYY'), 1996, 1, 0)) "1996",
          SUM(DECODE(TO_CHAR(hire_date, 'YYYY'), 1997, 1, 0)) "1997",
          SUM(DECODE(TO_CHAR(hire_date, 'YYYY'), 1998, 1, 0)) "1998"
FROM     employees;
```

## Practice 4: Solutions (continued)

11. Create a matrix query to display the job, the salary for that job based on department number, and the total salary for that job, for departments 20, 50, 80, and 90, giving each column an appropriate heading.

```
SELECT    job_id "Job",
          SUM(DECODE(department_id , 20, salary)) "Dept 20",
          SUM(DECODE(department_id , 50, salary)) "Dept 50",
          SUM(DECODE(department_id , 80, salary)) "Dept 80",
          SUM(DECODE(department_id , 90, salary)) "Dept 90",
          SUM(salary) "Total"
FROM      employees
GROUP BY  job_id;
```

## Practice 5: Solutions

1. Write a query for the HR department to produce the addresses of all the departments. Use the LOCATIONS and COUNTRIES tables. Show the location ID, street address, city, state or province, and country in the output. Use a NATURAL JOIN to produce the results.

```
SELECT location_id, street_address, city, state_province, country_name
FROM   locations
NATURAL JOIN countries;
```

2. The HR department needs a report of all employees. Write a query to display the last name, department number, and department name for all employees.

```
SELECT last_name, department_id, department_name
FROM   employees
JOIN   departments
USING (department_id);
```

3. The HR department needs a report of employees in Toronto. Display the last name, job, department number, and department name for all employees who work in Toronto.

```
SELECT e.last_name, e.job_id, e.department_id, d.department_name
FROM   employees e JOIN departments d
ON     (e.department_id = d.department_id)
JOIN   locations l
ON     (d.location_id = l.location_id)
WHERE  LOWER(l.city) = 'toronto';
```

4. Create a report to display employees' last name and employee number along with their manager's last name and manager number. Label the columns Employee, Emp#, Manager, and Mgr#, respectively. Place your SQL statement in a text file named lab\_05\_04.sql.

```
SELECT w.last_name "Employee", w.employee_id "EMP#",
       m.last_name "Manager", m.employee_id  "Mgr#"
FROM   employees w join employees m
ON     (w.manager_id = m.employee_id);
```

5. Modify lab\_05\_04.sql to display all employees including King, who has no manager. Order the results by the employee number. Place your SQL statement in a text file named lab\_05\_05.sql. Run the query in lab\_05\_05.sql.

```
SELECT w.last_name "Employee", w.employee_id "EMP#",
       m.last_name "Manager", m.employee_id  "Mgr#"
FROM   employees w
LEFT   OUTER JOIN employees m
ON     (w.manager_id = m.employee_id);
```

## Practice 5: Solutions (continued)

6. Create a report for the HR department that displays employee last names, department numbers, and all the employees who work in the same department as a given employee. Give each column an appropriate label. Save the script to a file named `lab_05_06.sql`.

```
SELECT e.department_id department, e.last_name employee,  
       c.last_name colleague  
FROM   employees e JOIN employees c  
ON     (e.department_id = c.department_id)  
WHERE  e.employee_id <> c.employee_id  
ORDER BY e.department_id, e.last_name, c.last_name;
```

7. The HR department needs a report on job grades and salaries. To familiarize yourself with the `JOB_GRADES` table, first show the structure of the `JOB_GRADES` table. Then create a query that displays the name, job, department name, salary, and grade for all employees.

```
DESC JOB_GRADES  
  
SELECT e.last_name, e.job_id, d.department_name,  
       e.salary, j.grade_level  
FROM   employees e JOIN departments d  
ON     (e.department_id = d.department_id)  
JOIN   job_grades j  
ON     (e.salary BETWEEN j.lowest_sal AND j.highest_sal);
```

If you want an extra challenge, complete the following exercises:

8. The HR department wants to determine the names of all employees who were hired after Davies. Create a query to display the name and hire date of any employee hired after employee Davies.

```
SELECT e.last_name, e.hire_date  
FROM   employees e JOIN employees davies  
ON     (davies.last_name = 'Davies')  
WHERE  davies.hire_date < e.hire_date;
```

9. The HR department needs to find the names and hire dates for all employees who were hired before their managers, along with their managers' names and hire dates. Save the script to a file named `lab_05_09.sql`.

```
SELECT w.last_name, w.hire_date, m.last_name, m.hire_date  
FROM   employees w JOIN employees m  
ON     (w.manager_id = m.employee_id)  
WHERE  w.hire_date < m.hire_date;
```

## Practice 6: Solutions

1. The HR department needs a query that prompts the user for an employee last name. The query then displays the last name and hire date of any employee in the same department as the employee whose name they supply (excluding that employee). For example, if the user enters Zlotkey, find all employees who work with Zlotkey (excluding Zlotkey).

```
UNDEFINE Enter_name

SELECT last_name, hire_date
FROM   employees
WHERE  department_id = (SELECT department_id
                        FROM   employees
                        WHERE  last_name = '&&Enter_name')
AND    last_name <> '&Enter_name';
```

2. Create a report that displays the employee number, last name, and salary of all employees who earn more than the average salary. Sort the results in order of ascending salary.

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name, salary
FROM   employees
WHERE  salary > (SELECT AVG(salary)
                 FROM   employees)
ORDER BY salary;
```

3. Write a query that displays the employee number and last name of all employees who work in a department with any employee whose last name contains a *u*. Place your SQL statement in a text file named lab\_06\_03.sql. Run your query.

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name
FROM   employees
WHERE  department_id IN (SELECT department_id
                        FROM   employees
                        WHERE  last_name like '%u%');
```

4. The HR department needs a report that displays the last name, department number, and job ID of all employees whose department location ID is 1700.

```
SELECT last_name, department_id, job_id
FROM   employees
WHERE  department_id IN (SELECT department_id
                        FROM   departments
                        WHERE  location_id = 1700);
```

Modify the query so that the user is prompted for a location ID. Save this to a file named lab\_06\_04.sql.

```
SELECT last_name, department_id, job_id
FROM   employees
WHERE  department_id IN (SELECT department_id
                        FROM   departments
                        WHERE  location_id = &Enter_location);
```

## Practice 6: Solutions (continued)

5. Create a report for HR that displays the last name and salary of every employee who reports to King.

```
SELECT last_name, salary
FROM   employees
WHERE  manager_id = (SELECT employee_id
                     FROM   employees
                     WHERE  last_name = 'King');
```

6. Create a report for HR that displays the department number, last name, and job ID for every employee in the Executive department.

```
SELECT department_id, last_name, job_id
FROM   employees
WHERE  department_id IN (SELECT department_id
                        FROM   departments
                        WHERE  department_name = 'Executive');
```

If you have time, complete the following exercise:

7. Modify the query in lab\_06\_03.sql to display the employee number, last name, and salary of all employees who earn more than the average salary and who work in a department with any employee whose last name contains a *u*. Resave lab\_06\_03.sql to lab\_06\_07.sql. Run the statement in lab\_06\_07.sql.

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name, salary
FROM   employees
WHERE  department_id IN (SELECT department_id
                        FROM   employees
                        WHERE  last_name like '%u%')
AND    salary > (SELECT AVG(salary)
                 FROM   employees);
```



## Practice 7: Solutions

1. The HR department needs a list of department IDs for departments that do not contain the job ID ST\_CLERK. Use set operators to create this report.

```
SELECT department_id
FROM departments
MINUS
SELECT department_id
FROM employees
WHERE job_id = 'ST_CLERK';
```

2. The HR department needs a list of countries that have no departments located in them. Display the country ID and the name of the countries. Use set operators to create this report.

```
SELECT country_id, country_name
FROM countries
MINUS
SELECT country_id, country_name
FROM countries
NATURAL JOIN locations
NATURAL JOIN departments;
```

3. Produce a list of jobs for departments 10, 50, and 20, in that order. Display job ID and department ID using set operators.

```
COLUMN dummy NOPRINT
SELECT job_id, department_id, 'x' dummy
FROM employees
WHERE department_id = 10
UNION
SELECT job_id, department_id, 'y' dummy
FROM employees
WHERE department_id = 50
UNION
SELECT job_id, department_id, 'z' dummy
FROM employees
WHERE department_id = 20
ORDER BY dummy;
COLUMN dummy PRINT
```

4. Create a report that lists the employee IDs and job IDs of those employees who currently have a job title that is the same as their job title when they were initially hired by the company (that is, they changed jobs but have now gone back to doing their original job).

```
SELECT employee_id, job_id
FROM employees
INTERSECT
SELECT employee_id, job_id
FROM job_history;
```

## Practice 7: Solutions (continued)

5. The HR department needs a report with the following specifications:

- Last name and department ID of all the employees from the EMPLOYEES table, regardless of whether or not they belong to a department
- Department ID and department name of all the departments from the DEPARTMENTS table, regardless of whether or not they have employees working in them

Write a compound query to accomplish this.

```
SELECT last_name,department_id,TO_CHAR(null)
FROM   employees
UNION
SELECT TO_CHAR(null),department_id,department_name
FROM   departments;
```

## Practice 8: Solutions

The HR department wants you to create SQL statements to insert, update, and delete employee data. As a prototype, you use the MY\_EMPLOYEE table, before giving the statements to the HR department.

Insert data into the MY\_EMPLOYEE table.

1. Run the statement in the lab\_08\_01.sql script to build the MY\_EMPLOYEE table to be used for the lab.

```
CREATE TABLE my_employee
(id NUMBER(4) CONSTRAINT my_employee_id_nn NOT NULL,
last_name VARCHAR2(25),
first_name VARCHAR2(25),
userid VARCHAR2(8),
salary NUMBER(9,2));
```

2. Describe the structure of the MY\_EMPLOYEE table to identify the column names.

```
DESCRIBE my_employee
```

3. Create an INSERT statement to add the first row of data to the MY\_EMPLOYEE table from the following sample data. Do not list the columns in the INSERT clause.

| ID | LAST_NAME | FIRST_NAME | USERID   | SALARY |
|----|-----------|------------|----------|--------|
| 1  | Patel     | Ralph      | rpatel   | 895    |
| 2  | Dancs     | Betty      | bdancs   | 860    |
| 3  | Biri      | Ben        | bbiri    | 1100   |
| 4  | Newman    | Chad       | cnewman  | 750    |
| 5  | Ropeburn  | Audrey     | aropebur | 1550   |

```
INSERT INTO my_employee
VALUES (1, 'Patel', 'Ralph', 'rpatel', 895);
```

## Practice 8: Solutions (continued)

4. Populate the MY\_EMPLOYEE table with the second row of sample data from the preceding list. This time, list the columns explicitly in the INSERT clause.

```
INSERT INTO my_employee (id, last_name, first_name,
                        userid, salary)
VALUES (2, 'Dancs', 'Betty', 'bdancs', 860);
```

5. Confirm your addition to the table.

```
SELECT *
FROM my_employee;
```

6. Write an insert statement in a dynamic reusable script file named loademp.sql to load rows into the MY\_EMPLOYEE table. Concatenate the first letter of the first name and the first seven characters of the last name to produce the user ID. Save this script to a file named lab\_08\_06.sql.

```
SET ECHO OFF
SET VERIFY OFF
INSERT INTO my_employee
VALUES (&p_id, '&p_last_name', '&p_first_name',
      lower(substr('&p_first_name', 1, 1) ||
      substr('&p_last_name', 1, 7)), &p_salary);
SET VERIFY ON
SET ECHO ON
UNDEFINE p_first_name
UNDEFINE p_last_name
```

7. Populate the table with the next two rows of sample data listed in step 3 by running the insert statement in the script that you created.

```
SET ECHO OFF
SET VERIFY OFF
INSERT INTO my_employee
VALUES (&p_id, '&p_last_name', '&p_first_name',
      lower(substr('&p_first_name', 1, 1) ||
      substr('&p_last_name', 1, 7)), &p_salary);
SET VERIFY ON
SET ECHO ON
UNDEFINE p_first_name
UNDEFINE p_last_name
```

8. Confirm your additions to the table.

```
SELECT *
FROM my_employee;
```

9. Make the data additions permanent.

```
COMMIT;
```

## Practice 8: Solutions (continued)

Update and delete data in the MY\_EMPLOYEE table.

10. Change the last name of employee 3 to Drexler.

```
UPDATE my_employee
SET    last_name = 'Drexler'
WHERE  id = 3;
```

11. Change the salary to \$1,000 for all employees with a salary less than \$900.

```
UPDATE my_employee
SET    salary = 1000
WHERE  salary < 900;
```

12. Verify your changes to the table.

```
SELECT last_name, salary
FROM   my_employee;
```

13. Delete Betty Dancs from the MY\_EMPLOYEE table.

```
DELETE
FROM my_employee
WHERE last_name = 'Dancs';
```

14. Confirm your changes to the table.

```
SELECT *
FROM   my_employee;
```

15. Commit all pending changes.

```
COMMIT;
```

Control data transaction to the MY\_EMPLOYEE table.

16. Populate the table with the last row of sample data listed in step 3 by using the statements in the script that you created in step 6. Run the statements in the script.

```
SET ECHO OFF
SET VERIFY OFF
INSERT INTO my_employee
VALUES (&p_id, '&p_last_name', '&p_first_name',
       lower(substr('&p_first_name', 1, 1) ||
       substr('&p_last_name', 1, 7))), &p_salary);
SET VERIFY ON
SET ECHO ON
UNDEFINE p_first_name
UNDEFINE p_last_name
```

## Practice 8: Solutions (continued)

17. Confirm your addition to the table.

```
SELECT  *  
FROM    my_employee;
```

18. Mark an intermediate point in the processing of the transaction.

```
SAVEPOINT step_18;
```

19. Empty the entire table.

```
DELETE  
FROM  my_employee;
```

20. Confirm that the table is empty.

```
SELECT  *  
FROM    my_employee;
```

21. Discard the most recent DELETE operation without discarding the earlier INSERT operation.

```
ROLLBACK TO step_18;
```

22. Confirm that the new row is still intact.

```
SELECT  *  
FROM    my_employee;
```

23. Make the data addition permanent.

```
COMMIT;
```

## Practice 9: Solutions

1. Create the DEPT table based on the following table instance chart. Place the syntax in a script called lab\_09\_01.sql, then execute the statement in the script to create the table. Confirm that the table is created.

```
CREATE TABLE dept
(id    NUMBER(7) CONSTRAINT department_id_pk PRIMARY KEY,
name  VARCHAR2(25));

DESCRIBE dept
```

2. Populate the DEPT table with data from the DEPARTMENTS table. Include only columns that you need.

```
INSERT INTO dept
SELECT  department_id, department_name
FROM    departments;
```

3. Create the EMP table based on the following table instance chart. Place the syntax in a script called lab\_09\_03.sql, and then execute the statement in the script to create the table. Confirm that the table is created.

```
CREATE TABLE emp
(id          NUMBER(7),
last_name    VARCHAR2(25),
first_name   VARCHAR2(25),
dept_id      NUMBER(7)
CONSTRAINT emp_dept_id_FK REFERENCES dept (id)
);

DESCRIBE emp
```

4. Create the EMPLOYEES2 table based on the structure of the EMPLOYEES table. Include only the EMPLOYEE\_ID, FIRST\_NAME, LAST\_NAME, SALARY, and DEPARTMENT\_ID columns. Name the columns in your new table ID, FIRST\_NAME, LAST\_NAME, SALARY, and DEPT\_ID, respectively.

```
CREATE TABLE employees2 AS
SELECT  employee_id id, first_name, last_name, salary,
        department_id dept_id
FROM    employees;
```

5. Drop the EMP table.

```
DROP TABLE emp;
```

## Practice 10: Solutions

### Part 1

1. The staff in the HR department wants to hide some of the data in the EMPLOYEES table. They want a view called EMPLOYEES\_VU based on the employee numbers, employee last names, and department numbers from the EMPLOYEES table. They want the heading for the employee name to be EMPLOYEE.

```
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW employees_vu AS
  SELECT employee_id, last_name employee, department_id
  FROM employees;
```

2. Confirm that the view works. Display the contents of the EMPLOYEES\_VU view.

```
SELECT    *
FROM      employees_vu;
```

3. Using your EMPLOYEES\_VU view, write a query for the HR department to display all employee names and department numbers.

```
SELECT    employee, department_id
FROM      employees_vu;
```

4. Department 50 needs access to its employee data. Create a view named DEPT50 that contains the employee numbers, employee last names, and department numbers for all employees in department 50. They have requested that you label the view columns EMPNO, EMPLOYEE, and DEPTNO. For security purposes, do not allow an employee to be reassigned to another department through the view.

```
CREATE VIEW dept50 AS
  SELECT    employee_id empno, last_name employee,
            department_id deptno
  FROM      employees
  WHERE     department_id = 50
  WITH CHECK OPTION CONSTRAINT emp_dept_50;
```

5. Display the structure and contents of the DEPT50 view.

```
DESCRIBE dept50

SELECT    *
FROM      dept50;
```

6. Test your view. Attempt to reassign Matos to department 80.

```
UPDATE    dept50
SET       deptno = 80
WHERE     employee = 'Matos';
```

The error is due to that fact that the view 'DEPT50' has been created with CHECK OPTION CONSTRAINT. This ensures the deptno column in the view is protected from being changed.



## Practice 10: Solutions (continued)

### Part 2

You cannot make modifications to the deptno column that will result in the row being removed from the view.

7. You need a sequence that can be used with the primary key column of the DEPT table. The sequence should start at 200 and have a maximum value of 1000. Have your sequence increment by 10. Name the sequence DEPT\_ID\_SEQ.

```
CREATE SEQUENCE dept_id_seq
  START WITH 200
  INCREMENT BY 10
  MAXVALUE 1000;
```

8. To test your sequence, write a script to insert two rows in the DEPT table. Name your script lab\_10\_08.sql. Be sure to use the sequence that you created for the ID column. Add two departments: Education and Administration. Confirm your additions. Run the commands in your script.

```
INSERT INTO dept
VALUES (dept_id_seq.nextval, 'Education');

INSERT INTO dept
VALUES (dept_id_seq.nextval, 'Administration');
```

9. Create a nonunique index on the NAME column in the DEPT table.

```
CREATE INDEX dept_name_idx ON dept (name);
```

10. Create a synonym for your EMPLOYEES table. Call it EMP.

```
CREATE SYNONYM emp FOR EMPLOYEES;
```

## Practice 11: Solutions

1. For a specified table, create a script that reports the column names, data types, and data types' lengths, as well as whether nulls are allowed. Prompt the user to enter the table name. Give appropriate aliases to the columns DATA\_PRECISION and DATA\_SCALE. Save this script in a file named lab\_11\_01.sql.

```
SELECT column_name, data_type, data_length,  
       data_precision PRECISION, data_scale SCALE, nullable  
FROM   user_tab_columns  
WHERE  table_name = UPPER('&tab_name');
```

2. Create a script that reports the column name, constraint name, constraint type, search condition, and status for a specified table. You must join the USER\_CONSTRAINTS and USER\_CONS\_COLUMNS tables to obtain all of this information. Prompt the user to enter the table name. Save the script in a file named lab\_11\_02.sql.

```
SELECT ucc.column_name, uc.constraint_name, uc.constraint_type,  
       uc.search_condition, uc.status  
FROM   user_constraints uc JOIN user_cons_columns ucc  
ON      uc.table_name = ucc.table_name  
AND     uc.constraint_name = ucc.constraint_name  
AND     uc.table_name = UPPER('&tab_name');
```

3. Add a comment to the DEPARTMENTS table. Then query the USER\_TAB\_COMMENTS view to verify that the comment is present.

```
COMMENT ON TABLE departments IS  
    'Company department information including name, code, and location.';  
  
SELECT COMMENTS  
FROM   user_tab_comments  
WHERE  table_name = 'DEPARTMENTS';
```

4. Find the names of all synonyms that are in your schema.

```
SELECT *  
FROM   user_synonyms;
```

## Practice 11: Solutions (continued)

5. You need to determine the names and definitions of all of the views in your schema. Create a report that retrieves view information (the view name and text) from the USER\_VIEWS data dictionary view.

**Note:** Another view already exists. The EMP\_DETAILS\_VIEW was created as part of your schema. Also, if you completed practice 10, you will see the DEPT50 view.

**Note:** To see more contents of a LONG column, use the *iSQL\*Plus* command SET LONG *n*, where *n* is the value of the number of characters of the LONG column that you want to see.

```
SET LONG 600

SELECT    view_name, text
FROM      user_views;
```

6. Find the names of your sequences. Write a query in a script to display the following information about your sequences: sequence name, maximum value, increment size, and last number. Name the script lab\_11\_06.sql. Run the statement in your script.

```
SELECT    sequence_name, max_value, increment_by, last_number
FROM      user_sequences;
```

## Practice C: Solutions

1. Write a query for the HR department to produce the addresses of all the departments. Use the LOCATIONS and COUNTRIES tables. Show the location ID, street address, city, state or province, and country in the output.

```
SELECT location_id, street_address, city, state_province, country_name
FROM   locations, countries
WHERE  locations.country_id = countries.country_id;
```

2. The HR department needs a report of all employees. Write a query to display the last name, department number, and department name for all employees.

```
SELECT e.last_name, e.department_id, d.department_name
FROM   employees e, departments d
WHERE  e.department_id = d.department_id;
```

3. The HR department needs a report of employees in Toronto. Display the last name, job, department number, and department name for all employees who work in Toronto.

```
SELECT e.last_name, e.job_id, e.department_id, d.department_name
FROM   employees e, departments d , locations l
WHERE  e.department_id = d.department_id
AND    d.location_id = l.location_id
AND    LOWER(l.city) = 'toronto';
```

4. Create a report to display the employee last name and employee number along with the employee's manager's last name and manager number. Label the columns Employee, Emp#, Manager, and Mgr#, respectively. Place your SQL statement in a text file named lab\_c\_04.sql.

```
SELECT w.last_name "Employee", w.employee_id "EMP#",
       m.last_name "Manager", m.employee_id  "Mgr#"
FROM   employees w, employees m
WHERE  w.manager_id = m.employee_id;
```

5. Modify lab\_c\_04.sql to display all employees including King, who has no manager. Order the results by the employee number. Place your SQL statement in a text file named lab\_c\_05.sql. Run the query in lab\_c\_05.sql.

```
SELECT w.last_name "Employee", w.employee_id "EMP#",
       m.last_name "Manager", m.employee_id  "Mgr#"
FROM   employees w, employees m
WHERE  w.manager_id  = m.employee_id (+);
```

## Practice C: Solutions (continued)

6. Create a report for the HR department that displays employee last names, department numbers, and all the employees who work in the same department as a given employee. Give each column an appropriate label. Save the script to a file named `lab_c_06.sql`.

```
SELECT e.department_id department, e.last_name employee,  
       c.last_name colleague  
FROM   employees e, employees c  
WHERE  e.department_id = c.department_id  
AND    e.employee_id <> c.employee_id  
ORDER BY e.department_id, e.last_name, c.last_name;
```

7. The HR department needs a report on job grades and salaries. To familiarize yourself with the `JOB_GRADES` table, first show the structure of the `JOB_GRADES` table. Then create a query that displays the name, job, department name, salary, and grade for all employees.

```
DESC JOB_GRADES  
  
SELECT e.last_name, e.job_id, d.department_name,  
       e.salary, j.grade_level  
FROM   employees e, departments d, job_grades j  
WHERE  e.department_id = d.department_id  
AND    e.salary BETWEEN j.lowest_sal AND j.highest_sal;
```

If you want an extra challenge, complete the following exercises:

8. The HR department wants to determine the names of all employees hired after Davies. Create a query to display the name and hire date of any employee hired after employee Davies.

```
SELECT e.last_name, e.hire_date  
FROM   employees e , employees davies  
WHERE  davies.last_name = 'Davies'  
AND    davies.hire_date < e.hire_date;
```

9. The HR department needs to find the names and hire dates for all employees who were hired before their managers, along with their manager's names and hire dates. Label the columns Employee, Emp Hired, Manager, and Mgr Hired, respectively. Save the script to a file named `lab_c_09.sql`.

```
SELECT w.last_name, w.hire_date, m.last_name, m.hire_date  
FROM   employees w , employees m  
WHERE  w.manager_id = m.employee_id  
AND    w.hire_date < m.hire_date;
```



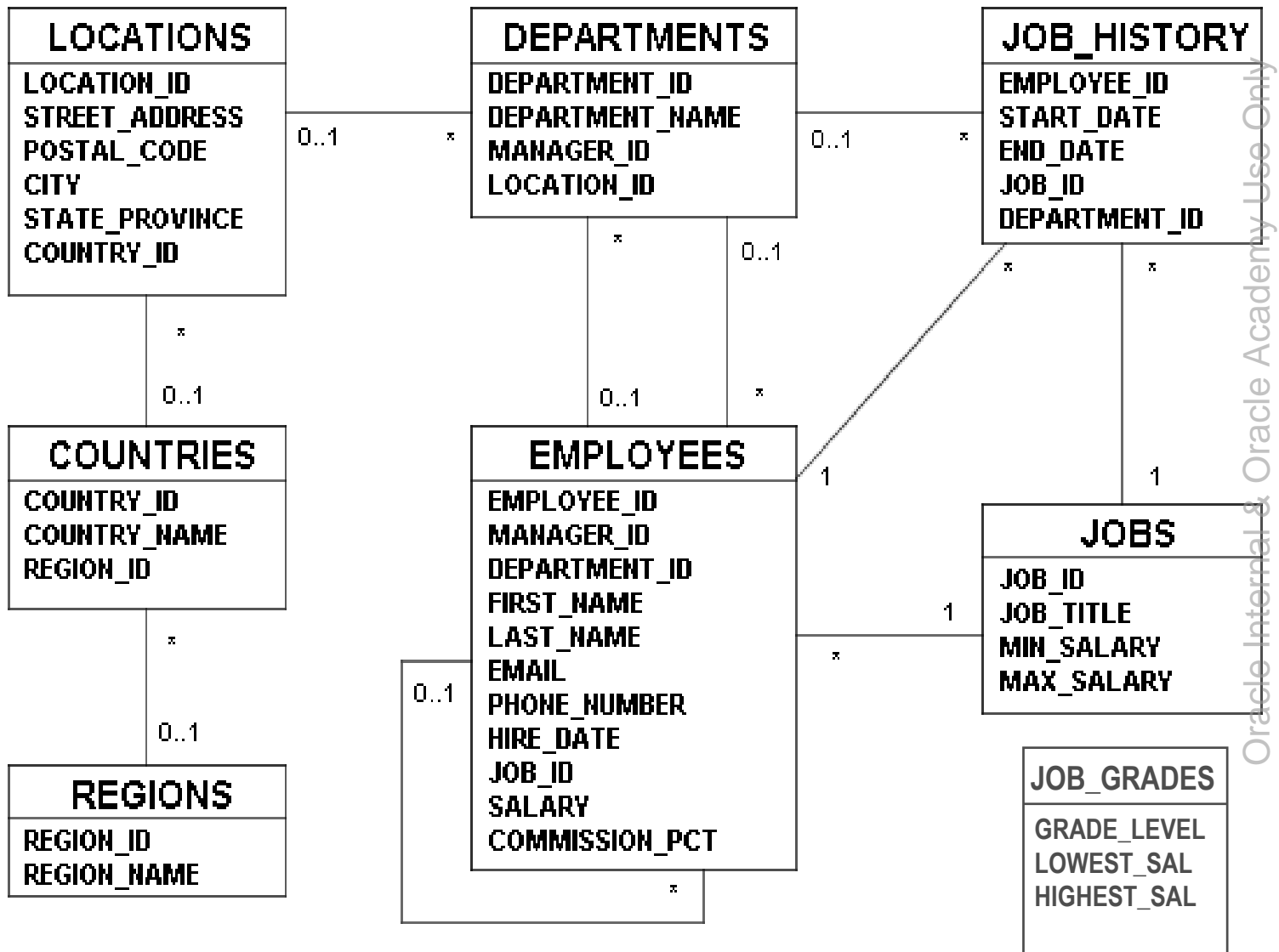
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# B

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## Table Descriptions and Data

# Human Resources (HR) Data Set





## Human Resources (HR) Data Set

The Human Resources (HR) schema is part of the Oracle Common Schema that can be installed in an Oracle database. The practices in this course use the data from the HR schema.

### Table Descriptions

REGIONS contains rows representing a region (such as Americas, Asia, and so on).

COUNTRIES contains rows for countries, each of which are associated with a region.

LOCATIONS contains the addresses of specific offices, warehouses, and/or production sites of a company in a particular country.

DEPARTMENTS shows details of the departments in which employees work. Each department can have a relationship representing the department manager in the EMPLOYEES table.

EMPLOYEES contains details about each employee who works for a department. Some employees may not be assigned to any department.

JOBS contains the job types that can be held by each employee.

JOB\_HISTORY contains the job history of the employees. If an employee changes departments within the job or changes jobs within the department, a new row is inserted in this table with the old job information of the employee.

JOB\_GRADES identifies a salary range per job grade. The salary ranges do not overlap.

**COUNTRIES Table**

DESCRIBE countries

| Name         | Null?    | Type         |
|--------------|----------|--------------|
| COUNTRY_ID   | NOT NULL | CHAR(2)      |
| COUNTRY_NAME |          | VARCHAR2(40) |
| REGION_ID    |          | NUMBER       |

SELECT \* FROM countries;

| CO | COUNTRY_NAME             | REGION_ID |
|----|--------------------------|-----------|
| CA | Canada                   | 2         |
| DE | Germany                  | 1         |
| UK | United Kingdom           | 1         |
| US | United States of America | 2         |

**DEPARTMENTS Table**

```
DESCRIBE departments
```

| Name            | Null?    | Type         |
|-----------------|----------|--------------|
| DEPARTMENT_ID   | NOT NULL | NUMBER(4)    |
| DEPARTMENT_NAME | NOT NULL | VARCHAR2(30) |
| MANAGER_ID      |          | NUMBER(6)    |
| LOCATION_ID     |          | NUMBER(4)    |

```
SELECT * FROM departments;
```

| DEPARTMENT_ID | DEPARTMENT_NAME | MANAGER_ID | LOCATION_ID |
|---------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| 10            | Administration  | 200        | 1700        |
| 20            | Marketing       | 201        | 1800        |
| 50            | Shipping        | 124        | 1500        |
| 60            | IT              | 103        | 1400        |
| 80            | Sales           | 149        | 2500        |
| 90            | Executive       | 100        | 1700        |
| 110           | Accounting      | 205        | 1700        |
| 190           | Contracting     |            | 1700        |

8 rows selected.

**EMPLOYEES Table**

```
DESCRIBE employees
```

| Name           | Null?    | Type         |
|----------------|----------|--------------|
| EMPLOYEE_ID    | NOT NULL | NUMBER(6)    |
| FIRST_NAME     |          | VARCHAR2(20) |
| LAST_NAME      | NOT NULL | VARCHAR2(25) |
| EMAIL          | NOT NULL | VARCHAR2(25) |
| PHONE_NUMBER   |          | VARCHAR2(20) |
| HIRE_DATE      | NOT NULL | DATE         |
| JOB_ID         | NOT NULL | VARCHAR2(10) |
| SALARY         |          | NUMBER(8,2)  |
| COMMISSION_PCT |          | NUMBER(2,2)  |
| MANAGER_ID     |          | NUMBER(6)    |
| DEPARTMENT_ID  |          | NUMBER(4)    |

```
SELECT * FROM employees;
```

| EMPLOYEE_ID | FIRST_NAME | LAST_NAME | EMAIL    | PHONE_NUMBER       | HIRE_DATE |
|-------------|------------|-----------|----------|--------------------|-----------|
| 100         | Steven     | King      | SKING    | 515.123.4567       | 17-JUN-87 |
| 101         | Neena      | Kochhar   | NKOCHHAR | 515.123.4568       | 21-SEP-89 |
| 102         | Lex        | De Haan   | LDEHAAN  | 515.123.4569       | 13-JAN-93 |
| 103         | Alexander  | Hunold    | AHUNOLD  | 590.423.4567       | 03-JAN-90 |
| 104         | Bruce      | Ernst     | BERNST   | 590.423.4568       | 21-MAY-91 |
| 107         | Diana      | Lorentz   | DLORENTZ | 590.423.5567       | 07-FEB-99 |
| 124         | Kevin      | Mourgos   | KMOURGOS | 650.123.5234       | 16-NOV-99 |
| 141         | Trenna     | Rajs      | TRAJS    | 650.121.8009       | 17-OCT-95 |
| 142         | Curtis     | Davies    | CDAVIES  | 650.121.2994       | 29-JAN-97 |
| 143         | Randall    | Matos     | RMATOS   | 650.121.2874       | 15-MAR-98 |
| 144         | Peter      | Vargas    | PVARGAS  | 650.121.2004       | 09-JUL-98 |
| 149         | Eleni      | Zlotkey   | EZLOTKEY | 011.44.1344.429018 | 29-JAN-00 |
| 174         | Ellen      | Abel      | EABEL    | 011.44.1644.429267 | 11-MAY-96 |
| 176         | Jonathon   | Taylor    | JTAYLOR  | 011.44.1644.429265 | 24-MAR-98 |
| 178         | Kimberely  | Grant     | KGRANT   | 011.44.1644.429263 | 24-MAY-99 |
| 200         | Jennifer   | Whalen    | JWHALEN  | 515.123.4444       | 17-SEP-87 |
| 201         | Michael    | Hartstein | MHARTSTE | 515.123.5555       | 17-FEB-96 |
| 202         | Pat        | Fay       | PFAY     | 603.123.6666       | 17-AUG-97 |
| 205         | Shelley    | Higgins   | SHIGGINS | 515.123.8080       | 07-JUN-94 |
| 206         | William    | Gietz     | WGIEZT   | 515.123.8181       | 07-JUN-94 |

```
20 rows selected.
```

**EMPLOYEES Table (continued)**

| JOB_ID     | SALARY | COMMISSION_PCT | MANAGER_ID | DEPARTMENT_ID |
|------------|--------|----------------|------------|---------------|
| AD_PRES    | 24000  |                |            | 90            |
| AD_VP      | 17000  |                | 100        | 90            |
| AD_VP      | 17000  |                | 100        | 90            |
| IT_PROG    | 9000   |                | 102        | 60            |
| IT_PROG    | 6000   |                | 103        | 60            |
| IT_PROG    | 4200   |                | 103        | 60            |
| ST_MAN     | 5800   |                | 100        | 50            |
| ST_CLERK   | 3500   |                | 124        | 50            |
| ST_CLERK   | 3100   |                | 124        | 50            |
| ST_CLERK   | 2600   |                | 124        | 50            |
| ST_CLERK   | 2500   |                | 124        | 50            |
| SA_MAN     | 10500  | .2             | 100        | 80            |
| SA_REP     | 11000  | .3             | 149        | 80            |
| SA_REP     | 8600   | .2             | 149        | 80            |
| SA_REP     | 7000   | .15            | 149        |               |
| AD_ASST    | 4400   |                | 101        | 10            |
| MK_MAN     | 13000  |                | 100        | 20            |
| MK_REP     | 6000   |                | 201        | 20            |
| AC_MGR     | 12000  |                | 101        | 110           |
| AC_ACCOUNT | 8300   |                | 205        | 110           |

20 rows selected.

## JOBS Table

```
DESCRIBE jobs
```

| Name       | Null?    | Type         |
|------------|----------|--------------|
| JOB_ID     | NOT NULL | VARCHAR2(10) |
| JOB_TITLE  | NOT NULL | VARCHAR2(35) |
| MIN_SALARY |          | NUMBER(6)    |
| MAX_SALARY |          | NUMBER(6)    |

```
SELECT * FROM jobs;
```

| JOB_ID     | JOB_TITLE                     | MIN_SALARY | MAX_SALARY |
|------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| AD_PRES    | President                     | 20000      | 40000      |
| AD_VP      | Administration Vice President | 15000      | 30000      |
| AD_ASST    | Administration Assistant      | 3000       | 6000       |
| AC_MGR     | Accounting Manager            | 8200       | 16000      |
| AC_ACCOUNT | Public Accountant             | 4200       | 9000       |
| SA_MAN     | Sales Manager                 | 10000      | 20000      |
| SA_REP     | Sales Representative          | 6000       | 12000      |
| ST_MAN     | Stock Manager                 | 5500       | 8500       |
| ST_CLERK   | Stock Clerk                   | 2000       | 5000       |
| IT_PROG    | Programmer                    | 4000       | 10000      |
| MK_MAN     | Marketing Manager             | 9000       | 15000      |
| MK_REP     | Marketing Representative      | 4000       | 9000       |

12 rows selected.

**JOB\_GRADES Table**

DESCRIBE job\_grades

| Name        | Null? | Type        |
|-------------|-------|-------------|
| GRADE_LEVEL |       | VARCHAR2(3) |
| LOWEST_SAL  |       | NUMBER      |
| HIGHEST_SAL |       | NUMBER      |

SELECT \* FROM job\_grades;

| GRA | LOWEST_SAL | HIGHEST_SAL |
|-----|------------|-------------|
| A   | 1000       | 2999        |
| B   | 3000       | 5999        |
| C   | 6000       | 9999        |
| D   | 10000      | 14999       |
| E   | 15000      | 24999       |
| F   | 25000      | 40000       |

6 rows selected.

## JOB\_HISTORY Table

```
DESCRIBE job_history
```

| Name          | Null?    | Type         |
|---------------|----------|--------------|
| EMPLOYEE_ID   | NOT NULL | NUMBER(6)    |
| START_DATE    | NOT NULL | DATE         |
| END_DATE      | NOT NULL | DATE         |
| JOB_ID        | NOT NULL | VARCHAR2(10) |
| DEPARTMENT_ID |          | NUMBER(4)    |

```
SELECT * FROM job_history;
```

| EMPLOYEE_ID | START_DATE | END_DATE  | JOB_ID     | DEPARTMENT_ID |
|-------------|------------|-----------|------------|---------------|
| 102         | 13-JAN-93  | 24-JUL-98 | IT_PROG    | 60            |
| 101         | 21-SEP-89  | 27-OCT-93 | AC_ACCOUNT | 110           |
| 101         | 28-OCT-93  | 15-MAR-97 | AC_MGR     | 110           |
| 201         | 17-FEB-96  | 19-DEC-99 | MK_REP     | 20            |
| 114         | 24-MAR-98  | 31-DEC-99 | ST_CLERK   | 50            |
| 122         | 01-JAN-99  | 31-DEC-99 | ST_CLERK   | 50            |
| 200         | 17-SEP-87  | 17-JUN-93 | AD_ASST    | 90            |
| 176         | 24-MAR-98  | 31-DEC-98 | SA_REP     | 80            |
| 176         | 01-JAN-99  | 31-DEC-99 | SA_MAN     | 80            |
| 200         | 01-JUL-94  | 31-DEC-98 | AC_ACCOUNT | 90            |

10 rows selected.



**LOCATIONS Table**

```
DESCRIBE locations
```

| Name           | Null?    | Type         |
|----------------|----------|--------------|
| LOCATION_ID    | NOT NULL | NUMBER(4)    |
| STREET_ADDRESS |          | VARCHAR2(40) |
| POSTAL_CODE    |          | VARCHAR2(12) |
| CITY           | NOT NULL | VARCHAR2(30) |
| STATE_PROVINCE |          | VARCHAR2(25) |
| COUNTRY_ID     |          | CHAR(2)      |

```
SELECT * FROM locations;
```

| LOCATION_ID | STREET_ADDRESS                              | POSTAL_CODE | CITY                | STATE_PROVINCE | CO |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------|----|
| 1400        | 2014 Jabberwocky Rd                         | 26192       | Southlake           | Texas          | US |
| 1500        | 2011 Interiors Blvd                         | 99236       | South San Francisco | California     | US |
| 1700        | 2004 Charade Rd                             | 98199       | Seattle             | Washington     | US |
| 1800        | 460 Bloor St. W.                            | ON M5S 1X8  | Toronto             | Ontario        | CA |
| 2500        | Magdalen Centre,<br>The Oxford Science Park | OX9 9ZB     | Oxford              | Oxford         | UK |

**REGIONS Table**

DESCRIBE regions

| Name        | Null?    | Type         |
|-------------|----------|--------------|
| REGION_ID   | NOT NULL | NUMBER       |
| REGION_NAME |          | VARCHAR2(25) |

SELECT \* FROM regions;

| REGION_ID | REGION_NAME            |
|-----------|------------------------|
| 1         | Europe                 |
| 2         | Americas               |
| 3         | Asia                   |
| 4         | Middle East and Africa |

# Oracle Join Syntax

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## Objectives

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

- **Write `SELECT` statements to access data from more than one table using equijoins and nonequijoins**
- **Use outer joins to view data that generally does not meet a join condition**
- **Join a table to itself by using a self-join**

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### Objectives

This lesson explains how to obtain data from more than one table. A *join* is used to view information from multiple tables. Therefore, you can *join* tables together to view information from more than one table.

**Note:** Information on joins is found in “SQL Queries and Subqueries: Joins” in *Oracle SQL Reference*.

## Obtaining Data from Multiple Tables

**EMPLOYEES**

| EMPLOYEE_ID | LAST_NAME | DEPARTMENT_ID |
|-------------|-----------|---------------|
| 100         | King      | 90            |
| 101         | Kochhar   | 90            |
| ...         |           |               |
| 202         | Fay       | 20            |
| 205         | Higgins   | 110           |
| 206         | Gietz     | 110           |

**DEPARTMENTS**

| DEPARTMENT_ID | DEPARTMENT_NAME | LOCATION_ID |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 10            | Administration  | 1700        |
| 20            | Marketing       | 1800        |
| 50            | Shipping        | 1500        |
| 60            | IT              | 1400        |
| 80            | Sales           | 2500        |
| 90            | Executive       | 1700        |
| 110           | Accounting      | 1700        |
| 190           | Contracting     | 1700        |



| EMPLOYEE_ID | DEPARTMENT_ID | DEPARTMENT_NAME |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 200         | 10            | Administration  |
| 201         | 20            | Marketing       |
| 202         | 20            | Marketing       |
| ...         |               |                 |
| 102         | 90            | Executive       |
| 205         | 110           | Accounting      |
| 206         | 110           | Accounting      |

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### Data from Multiple Tables

Sometimes you need to use data from more than one table. In the slide example, the report displays data from two separate tables:

- Employee IDs exist in the EMPLOYEES table.
- Department IDs exist in both the EMPLOYEES and DEPARTMENTS tables.
- Department names exist in the DEPARTMENTS table.

To produce the report, you need to link the EMPLOYEES and DEPARTMENTS tables and access data from both of them.

## Cartesian Products

- **A Cartesian product is formed when:**
  - A join condition is omitted
  - A join condition is invalid
  - All rows in the first table are joined to all rows in the second table
- **To avoid a Cartesian product, always include a valid join condition in a WHERE clause.**

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### Cartesian Products

When a join condition is invalid or omitted completely, the result is a *Cartesian product*, in which all combinations of rows are displayed. All rows in the first table are joined to all rows in the second table.

A Cartesian product tends to generate a large number of rows, and the result is rarely useful. You should always include a valid join condition unless you have a specific need to combine all rows from all tables.

Cartesian products are useful for some tests when you need to generate a large number of rows to simulate a reasonable amount of data.

# Generating a Cartesian Product

**EMPLOYEES (20 rows)**

| EMPLOYEE_ID | LAST_NAME | DEPARTMENT_ID |
|-------------|-----------|---------------|
| 100         | King      | 90            |
| 101         | Kochhar   | 90            |
| ...         |           |               |
| 202         | Fay       | 20            |
| 205         | Higgins   | 110           |
| 206         | Gietz     | 110           |

20 rows selected.

**DEPARTMENTS (8 rows)**

| DEPARTMENT_ID | DEPARTMENT_NAME | LOCATION_ID |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 10            | Administration  | 1700        |
| 20            | Marketing       | 1800        |
| 50            | Shipping        | 1500        |
| 60            | IT              | 1400        |
| 80            | Sales           | 2500        |
| 90            | Executive       | 1700        |
| 110           | Accounting      | 1700        |
| 190           | Contracting     | 1700        |

8 rows selected.

**Cartesian product:**  
**20 x 8 = 160 rows**

| EMPLOYEE_ID | DEPARTMENT_ID | LOCATION_ID |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| 100         | 90            | 1700        |
| 101         | 90            | 1700        |
| 102         | 90            | 1700        |
| 103         | 60            | 1700        |
| 104         | 60            | 1700        |
| 107         | 60            | 1700        |
| ...         |               |             |

160 rows selected.

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## Cartesian Products (continued)

A Cartesian product is generated if a join condition is omitted. The example in the slide displays employee last name and department name from the EMPLOYEES and DEPARTMENTS tables. Because no join condition has been specified, all rows (20 rows) from the EMPLOYEES table are joined with all rows (8 rows) in the DEPARTMENTS table, thereby generating 160 rows in the output.

```
SELECT last_name, department_name dept_name
FROM employees, departments;
```

| LAST_NAME | DEPT_NAME      |
|-----------|----------------|
| King      | Administration |
| Kochhar   | Administration |
| De Haan   | Administration |

...

160 rows selected.

## Types of Joins

### Oracle-proprietary joins (8i and earlier releases)

- Equijoin
- Nonequijoin
- Outer join
- Self-join

### SQL:1999–compliant joins

- Cross join
- Natural join
- Using clause
- Full (or two-sided) outer join
- Arbitrary join condition for outer join

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## Types of Joins

Before the release of Oracle9i Database, the join syntax was proprietary.

**Note:** The SQL:1999–compliant join syntax does not offer any performance benefits over the Oracle-proprietary join syntax that existed in prior releases. For detailed information about the SQL:1999–compliant join syntax, see Lesson 5.



# Joining Tables Using Oracle Syntax

Use a join to query data from more than one table:

```
SELECT    table1.column, table2.column
FROM      table1, table2
WHERE     table1.column1 = table2.column2;
```

- Write the join condition in the **WHERE** clause.
- Prefix the column name with the table name when the same column name appears in more than one table.

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## Defining Joins

When data from more than one table in the database is required, a *join* condition is used. Rows in one table can be joined to rows in another table according to common values that exist in corresponding columns (that is, usually primary and foreign key columns).

To display data from two or more related tables, write a simple join condition in the **WHERE** clause.

In the syntax:

*table1.column*                denotes the table and column from which data is retrieved  
*table1.column1* =            is the condition that joins (or relates) the tables together  
*table2.column2*

### Guidelines

- When writing a **SELECT** statement that joins tables, precede the column name with the table name for clarity and to enhance database access.
- If the same column name appears in more than one table, the column name must be prefixed with the table name.
- To join *n* tables together, you need a minimum of *n* - 1 join conditions. For example, to join four tables, a minimum of three joins is required. This rule may not apply if your table has a concatenated primary key, in which case more than one column is required to uniquely identify each row.

# Equijoins

**EMPLOYEES**

| EMPLOYEE_ID | DEPARTMENT_ID |
|-------------|---------------|
| 200         | 10            |
| 201         | 20            |
| 202         | 20            |
| 124         | 50            |
| 141         | 50            |
| 142         | 50            |
| 143         | 50            |
| 144         | 50            |
| 103         | 60            |
| 104         | 60            |
| 107         | 60            |
| 149         | 80            |
| 174         | 80            |
| 176         | 80            |

...

Foreign key

**DEPARTMENTS**

| DEPARTMENT_ID | DEPARTMENT_NAME |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 10            | Administration  |
| 20            | Marketing       |
| 20            | Marketing       |
| 50            | Shipping        |
| 50            | Shipping        |
| 50            | Shipping        |
| 50            | Shipping        |
| 50            | Shipping        |
| 50            | Shipping        |
| 50            | Shipping        |
| 60            | IT              |
| 60            | IT              |
| 60            | IT              |
| 80            | Sales           |
| 80            | Sales           |
| 80            | Sales           |

...

Primary key

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## Equijoins

To determine an employee's department name, you compare the value in the DEPARTMENT\_ID column in the EMPLOYEES table with the DEPARTMENT\_ID values in the DEPARTMENTS table. The relationship between the EMPLOYEES and DEPARTMENTS tables is an *equijoin*—that is, values in the DEPARTMENT\_ID column in both tables must be equal. Frequently, this type of join involves primary and foreign key complements.

**Note:** Equijoins are also called *simple joins* or *inner joins*.

## Retrieving Records with Equijoins

```
SELECT employees.employee_id, employees.last_name,
       employees.department_id, departments.department_id,
       departments.location_id
FROM   employees, departments
WHERE  employees.department_id = departments.department_id;
```

| EMPLOYEE_ID | LAST_NAME | DEPARTMENT_ID | DEPARTMENT_ID | LOCATION_ID |
|-------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| 200         | Whalen    | 10            | 10            | 1700        |
| 201         | Hartstein | 20            | 20            | 1800        |
| 202         | Fay       | 20            | 20            | 1800        |
| 124         | Mourgos   | 50            | 50            | 1500        |
| 141         | Rajs      | 50            | 50            | 1500        |
| 142         | Davies    | 50            | 50            | 1500        |
| 143         | Matos     | 50            | 50            | 1500        |
| 144         | Vargas    | 50            | 50            | 1500        |

...

19 rows selected.

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### Retrieving Records with Equijoins

In the slide example:

- The **SELECT** clause specifies the column names to retrieve:
  - Employee last name, employee number, and department number, which are columns in the EMPLOYEES table
  - Department number, department name, and location ID, which are columns in the DEPARTMENTS table
- The **FROM** clause specifies the two tables that the database must access:
  - EMPLOYEES table
  - DEPARTMENTS table
- The **WHERE** clause specifies how the tables are to be joined:
 

```
EMPLOYEES.DEPARTMENT_ID = DEPARTMENTS.DEPARTMENT_ID
```

Because the DEPARTMENT\_ID column is common to both tables, it must be prefixed by the table name to avoid ambiguity.

## Additional Search Conditions Using the AND Operator

EMPLOYEES

| LAST_NAME | DEPARTMENT_ID |
|-----------|---------------|
| Whalen    | 10            |
| Hartstein | 20            |
| Fay       | 20            |
| Mourgos   | 50            |
| Rajs      | 50            |
| Davies    | 50            |
| Matos     | 50            |
| Vargas    | 50            |
| Hunold    | 60            |
| Ernst     | 60            |

...

DEPARTMENTS

| DEPARTMENT_ID | DEPARTMENT_NAME |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 10            | Administration  |
| 20            | Marketing       |
| 20            | Marketing       |
| 50            | Shipping        |
| 50            | Shipping        |
| 50            | Shipping        |
| 50            | Shipping        |
| 50            | Shipping        |
| 60            | IT              |
| 60            | IT              |

...

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### Additional Search Conditions

In addition to the join, you may have criteria for your WHERE clause to restrict the rows under consideration for one or more tables in the join. For example, to display employee Matos's department number and department name, you need an additional condition in the WHERE clause.

```
SELECT last_name, employees.department_id,
       department_name
FROM   employees, departments
WHERE  employees.department_id = departments.department_id
AND    last_name = 'Matos';
```

| LAST_NAME | DEPARTMENT_ID | DEPARTMENT_NAME |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| Matos     | 50            | Shipping        |

## Qualifying Ambiguous Column Names

- **Use table prefixes to qualify column names that are in multiple tables.**
- **Use table prefixes to improve performance.**
- **Use column aliases to distinguish columns that have identical names but reside in different tables.**

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### Qualifying Ambiguous Column Names

You need to qualify the names of the columns in the WHERE clause with the table name to avoid ambiguity. Without the table prefixes, the DEPARTMENT\_ID column could be from either the DEPARTMENTS table or the EMPLOYEES table. It is necessary to add the table prefix to execute your query.

If there are no common column names between the two tables, there is no need to qualify the columns. However, using the table prefix improves performance, because you tell the Oracle server exactly where to find the columns.

The requirement to qualify ambiguous column names is also applicable to columns that may be ambiguous in other clauses, such as the SELECT clause or the ORDER BY clause.

## Using Table Aliases

- Use table aliases to simplify queries.
- Use table prefixes to improve performance.

```
SELECT e.employee_id, e.last_name, e.department_id,  
       d.department_id, d.location_id  
FROM   employees e, departments d  
WHERE  e.department_id = d.department_id;
```

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### Using Table Aliases

Qualifying column names with table names can be very time consuming, particularly if table names are lengthy. You can use *table aliases* instead of table names. Just as a column alias gives a column another name, a table alias gives a table another name. Table aliases help to keep SQL code smaller, therefore using less memory.

Notice how table aliases are identified in the FROM clause in the example. The table name is specified in full, followed by a space and then the table alias. The EMPLOYEES table has been given an alias of e, and the DEPARTMENTS table has an alias of d.

#### Guidelines

- Table aliases can be up to 30 characters in length, but shorter aliases are better than longer ones.
- If a table alias is used for a particular table name in the FROM clause, then that table alias must be substituted for the table name throughout the SELECT statement.
- Table aliases should be meaningful.
- The table alias is valid for only the current SELECT statement.

## Joining More Than Two Tables

EMPLOYEES

| LAST_NAME | DEPARTMENT_ID |
|-----------|---------------|
| King      | 90            |
| Kochhar   | 90            |
| De Haan   | 90            |
| Hunold    | 60            |
| Ernst     | 60            |
| Lorentz   | 60            |
| Mourgos   | 50            |
| Rajs      | 50            |
| Davies    | 50            |
| Matos     | 50            |
| Vargas    | 50            |
| Zlotkey   | 80            |
| Abel      | 80            |
| Taylor    | 80            |

\*\*\*  
20 rows selected.

DEPARTMENTS

| DEPARTMENT_ID | LOCATION_ID |
|---------------|-------------|
| 10            | 1700        |
| 20            | 1800        |
| 50            | 1500        |
| 60            | 1400        |
| 80            | 2500        |
| 90            | 1700        |
| 110           | 1700        |
| 190           | 1700        |

8 rows selected.

LOCATIONS

| LOCATION_ID | CITY                |
|-------------|---------------------|
| 1400        | Southlake           |
| 1500        | South San Francisco |
| 1700        | Seattle             |
| 1800        | Toronto             |
| 2500        | Oxford              |

To join  $n$  tables together, you need a minimum of  $n-1$  join conditions. For example, to join three tables, a minimum of two joins is required.

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### Additional Search Conditions

Sometimes you may need to join more than two tables. For example, to display the last name, the department name, and the city for each employee, you have to join the EMPLOYEES, DEPARTMENTS, and LOCATIONS tables.

```
SELECT e.last_name, d.department_name, l.city
FROM   employees e, departments d, locations l
WHERE  e.department_id = d.department_id
AND    d.location_id = l.location_id;
```

| LAST_NAME | DEPARTMENT_NAME | CITY                |
|-----------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Hunold    | IT              | Southlake           |
| Ernst     | IT              | Southlake           |
| Lorentz   | IT              | Southlake           |
| Mourgos   | Shipping        | South San Francisco |
| Rajs      | Shipping        | South San Francisco |
| Davies    | Shipping        | South San Francisco |

\*\*\*  
19 rows selected.

## Nonequijoins

**EMPLOYEES**

| LAST_NAME | SALARY |
|-----------|--------|
| King      | 24000  |
| Kochhar   | 17000  |
| De Haan   | 17000  |
| Hunold    | 9000   |
| Ernst     | 6000   |
| Lorentz   | 4200   |
| Mourgos   | 5800   |
| Rajs      | 3500   |
| Davies    | 3100   |
| Matos     | 2600   |
| Vargas    | 2500   |
| Zlotkey   | 10500  |
| Abel      | 11000  |
| Taylor    | 8600   |

...  
20 rows selected.

**JOB\_GRADES**

| GRA | LOWEST_SAL | HIGHEST_SAL |
|-----|------------|-------------|
| A   | 1000       | 2999        |
| B   | 3000       | 5999        |
| C   | 6000       | 9999        |
| D   | 10000      | 14999       |
| E   | 15000      | 24999       |
| F   | 25000      | 40000       |

Salary in the **EMPLOYEES** table must be between lowest salary and highest salary in the **JOB\_GRADES** table.

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### Nonequijoins

A nonequijoin is a join condition containing something other than an equality operator.

The relationship between the **EMPLOYEES** table and the **JOB\_GRADES** table is an example of a nonequijoin. A relationship between the two tables is that the **SALARY** column in the **EMPLOYEES** table must be between the values in the **LOWEST\_SALARY** and **HIGHEST\_SALARY** columns of the **JOB\_GRADES** table. The relationship is obtained using an operator other than equality (=).



## Retrieving Records with Nonequijoins

```
SELECT e.last_name, e.salary, j.grade_level
FROM   employees e, job_grades j
WHERE  e.salary
      BETWEEN j.lowest_sal AND j.highest_sal;
```

| LAST_NAME | SALARY | GRA |
|-----------|--------|-----|
| Matos     | 2600   | A   |
| Vargas    | 2500   | A   |
| Lorentz   | 4200   | B   |
| Mourgos   | 5800   | B   |
| Rajs      | 3500   | B   |
| Davies    | 3100   | B   |
| Whalen    | 4400   | B   |
| Hunold    | 9000   | C   |
| Ernst     | 6000   | C   |

...  
20 rows selected.

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### Nonequijoins (continued)

The slide example creates a nonequijoin to evaluate an employee's salary grade. The salary must be *between* any pair of the low and high salary ranges.

It is important to note that all employees appear exactly once when this query is executed. No employee is repeated in the list. There are two reasons for this:

- None of the rows in the job grade table contain grades that overlap. That is, the salary value for an employee can lie only between the low salary and high salary values of one of the rows in the salary grade table.
- All of the employees' salaries lie within the limits that are provided by the job grade table. That is, no employee earns less than the lowest value contained in the `LOWEST_SAL` column or more than the highest value contained in the `HIGHEST_SAL` column.

**Note:** Other conditions (such as `<=` and `>=`) can be used, but `BETWEEN` is the simplest. Remember to specify the low value first and the high value last when using `BETWEEN`.

Table aliases have been specified in the slide example for performance reasons, not because of possible ambiguity.

## Outer Joins

**DEPARTMENTS**

| DEPARTMENT_NAME | DEPARTMENT_ID |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Administration  | 10            |
| Marketing       | 20            |
| Shipping        | 50            |
| IT              | 60            |
| Sales           | 80            |
| Executive       | 90            |
| Accounting      | 110           |
| Contracting     | 190           |

8 rows selected.

**EMPLOYEES**

| DEPARTMENT_ID | LAST_NAME |
|---------------|-----------|
| 90            | King      |
| 90            | Kochhar   |
| 90            | De Haan   |
| 60            | Hunold    |
| 60            | Ernst     |
| 60            | Lorentz   |
| 50            | Mourgos   |
| 50            | Rajs      |
| 50            | Davies    |
| 50            | Matos     |
| 50            | Vargas    |
| 80            | Zlotkey   |

...  
20 rows selected.

**There are no employees  
in department 190.**

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### Returning Records with No Direct Match with Outer Joins

If a row does not satisfy a join condition, the row does not appear in the query result. For example, in the equijoin condition of the EMPLOYEES and DEPARTMENTS tables, employee Grant does not appear because there is no department ID recorded for her in the EMPLOYEES table. Instead of seeing 20 employees in the result set, you see 19 records.

```
SELECT e.last_name, e.department_id, d.department_name
FROM   employees e, departments d
WHERE  e.department_id = d.department_id;
```

| LAST_NAME | DEPARTMENT_ID | DEPARTMENT_NAME |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| Whalen    | 10            | Administration  |
| Hartstein | 20            | Marketing       |
| Fay       | 20            | Marketing       |
| Mourgos   | 50            | Shipping        |

...  
19 rows selected.

## Outer Joins Syntax

- You use an outer join to see rows that do not meet the join condition.
- The outer join operator is the plus sign (+).

```
SELECT table1.column, table2.column
FROM   table1, table2
WHERE  table1.column(+) = table2.column;
```

```
SELECT table1.column, table2.column
FROM   table1, table2
WHERE  table1.column = table2.column(+);
```

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### Using Outer Joins to Return Records with No Direct Match

The missing rows can be returned if an *outer join* operator is used in the join condition. The operator is a plus sign enclosed in parentheses (+), and it is placed on the “side” of the join that is deficient in information. This operator has the effect of creating one or more null rows, to which one or more rows from the nondeficient table can be joined.

In the syntax:

`table1.column =` is the condition that joins (or relates) the tables together

`table2.column (+)` is the outer join symbol, which can be placed on either side of the WHERE clause condition, but not on both sides. (Place the outer join symbol following the name of the column in the table without the matching rows.)

## Using Outer Joins

```
SELECT e.last_name, e.department_id, d.department_name
FROM   employees e, departments d
WHERE  e.department_id(+) = d.department_id ;
```

| LAST_NAME | DEPARTMENT_ID | DEPARTMENT_NAME |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| Whalen    | 10            | Administration  |
| Hartstein | 20            | Marketing       |
| Fay       | 20            | Marketing       |
| Mourgos   | 50            | Shipping        |
| Rajs      | 50            | Shipping        |
| Davies    | 50            | Shipping        |
| Matos     | 50            | Shipping        |
| ...       |               |                 |
| Gietz     | 110           | Accounting      |
|           |               | Contracting     |

20 rows selected.

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### Using Outer Joins to Return Records with No Direct Match (continued)

The slide example displays employee last names, department IDs, and department names. The Contracting department does not have any employees. The empty value is shown in the output.

#### Outer Join Restrictions

- The outer join operator can appear on only *one* side of the expression - the side that has information missing. It returns those rows from one table that have no direct match in the other table.
- A condition involving an outer join cannot use the IN operator or be linked to another condition by the OR operator.

# Self-Joins

**EMPLOYEES (WORKER)**

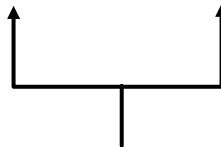
| EMPLOYEE_ID | LAST_NAME | MANAGER_ID |
|-------------|-----------|------------|
| 100         | King      |            |
| 101         | Kochhar   | 100        |
| 102         | De Haan   | 100        |
| 103         | Hunold    | 102        |
| 104         | Ernst     | 103        |
| 107         | Lorentz   | 103        |
| 124         | Mourgos   | 100        |

...

**EMPLOYEES (MANAGER)**

| EMPLOYEE_ID | LAST_NAME |
|-------------|-----------|
| 100         | King      |
| 101         | Kochhar   |
| 102         | De Haan   |
| 103         | Hunold    |
| 104         | Ernst     |
| 107         | Lorentz   |
| 124         | Mourgos   |

...



**MANAGER\_ID in the WORKER table is equal to  
EMPLOYEE\_ID in the MANAGER table.**

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## Joining a Table to Itself

Sometimes you need to join a table to itself. To find the name of each employee's manager, you need to join the EMPLOYEES table to itself; this type of join is called a *self-join*.

For example, to find the name of Lorentz's manager, you need to do the following:

- Find Lorentz in the EMPLOYEES table by looking at the LAST\_NAME column.
- Find the manager number for Lorentz by looking at the MANAGER\_ID column. Lorentz's manager number is 103.
- Find the name of the manager who has EMPLOYEE\_ID 103 by looking at the LAST\_NAME column. Hunold's employee number is 103, so Hunold is Lorentz's manager.

In this process, you look in the table twice. The first time you look in the table to find Lorentz in the LAST\_NAME column and the MANAGER\_ID value of 103. The second time you look in the EMPLOYEE\_ID column to find 103 and the LAST\_NAME column to find Hunold.

## Joining a Table to Itself

```
SELECT worker.last_name || ' works for '
       || manager.last_name
FROM   employees worker, employees manager
WHERE  worker.manager_id = manager.employee_id ;
```

| WORKER.LAST_NAME  'WORKSFOR'  MANAGER.LAST_NAME |
|-------------------------------------------------|
| Kochhar works for King                          |
| De Haan works for King                          |
| Mourgos works for King                          |
| Zlotkey works for King                          |
| Hartstein works for King                        |
| Whalen works for Kochhar                        |
| Higgins works for Kochhar                       |
| Hunold works for De Haan                        |
| Ernst works for Hunold                          |

\*\*\*  
19 rows selected.

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### Joining a Table to Itself (continued)

The slide example joins the EMPLOYEES table to itself. To simulate two tables in the FROM clause, there are two aliases, namely w and m, for the same table, EMPLOYEES.

In this example, the WHERE clause contains the join that means “where a worker’s manager number matches the employee number for the manager.”

## Summary

**In this appendix, you should have learned how to use joins to display data from multiple tables by using Oracle-proprietary syntax for versions 8i and earlier.**

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### Summary

There are multiple ways to join tables.

#### Types of Joins

- Cartesian products
- Equijoins
- Nonequijoins
- Outer joins
- Self-joins

#### Cartesian Products

A Cartesian product results in a display of all combinations of rows. This is done by omitting the WHERE clause.

#### Table Aliases

- Table aliases speed up database access.
- Table aliases can help to keep SQL code smaller by conserving memory.

## Practice C: Overview

**This practice covers writing queries to join tables using Oracle syntax.**

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### Practice C: Overview

This practice is designed to give you a variety of exercises that join tables using the Oracle syntax that was covered in this appendix.



## Practice C

1. Write a query for the HR department to produce the addresses of all the departments. Use the `LOCATIONS` and `COUNTRIES` tables. Show the location ID, street address, city, state or province, and country in the output.

| LOCATION_ID | STREET_ADDRESS                              | CITY                | STATE_PROVINCE | COUNTRY_NAME             |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| 1400        | 2014 Jabberwocky Rd                         | Southlake           | Texas          | United States of America |
| 1500        | 2011 Interiors Blvd                         | South San Francisco | California     | United States of America |
| 1700        | 2004 Charade Rd                             | Seattle             | Washington     | United States of America |
| 1800        | 460 Bloor St. W.                            | Toronto             | Ontario        | Canada                   |
| 2500        | Magdalen Centre,<br>The Oxford Science Park | Oxford              | Oxford         | United Kingdom           |

2. The HR department needs a report of all employees. Write a query to display the last name, department number, and department name for all employees.

| LAST_NAME | DEPARTMENT_ID | DEPARTMENT_NAME |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| Whalen    | 10            | Administration  |
| Hartstein | 20            | Marketing       |
| Fay       | 20            | Marketing       |
| Mourgos   | 50            | Shipping        |
| Rajs      | 50            | Shipping        |
| Davies    | 50            | Shipping        |
| Vargas    | 50            | Shipping        |
| ■ ■ ■     |               |                 |
| De Haan   | 90            | Executive       |
| Higgins   | 110           | Accounting      |
| Gietz     | 110           | Accounting      |

19 rows selected.

### Practice C (continued)

- The HR department needs a report of employees in Toronto. Display the last name, job, department number, and department name for all employees who work in Toronto.

| LAST_NAME | JOB_ID | DEPARTMENT_ID | DEPARTMENT_NAME |
|-----------|--------|---------------|-----------------|
| Hartstein | MK_MAN | 20            | Marketing       |
| Fay       | MK_REP | 20            | Marketing       |

- Create a report to display the employee last name and employee number along with the employee's manager's last name and manager number. Label the columns Employee, Emp#, Manager, and Mgr#, respectively. Place your SQL statement in a text file named lab\_c\_04.sql.

| Employee  | EMP# | Manager   | Mgr# |
|-----------|------|-----------|------|
| Kochhar   | 101  | King      | 100  |
| De Haan   | 102  | King      | 100  |
| Mourgos   | 124  | King      | 100  |
| Zlotkey   | 149  | King      | 100  |
| Hartstein | 201  | King      | 100  |
| Whalen    | 200  | Kochhar   | 101  |
| Higgins   | 205  | Kochhar   | 101  |
| Hunold    | 103  | De Haan   | 102  |
| Ernst     | 104  | Hunold    | 103  |
| Lorentz   | 107  | Hunold    | 103  |
| Rajs      | 141  | Mourgos   | 124  |
| Davies    | 142  | Mourgos   | 124  |
| Matos     | 143  | Mourgos   | 124  |
| Vargas    | 144  | Mourgos   | 124  |
| Employee  | EMP# | Manager   | Mgr# |
| Abel      | 174  | Zlotkey   | 149  |
| Taylor    | 176  | Zlotkey   | 149  |
| Grant     | 178  | Zlotkey   | 149  |
| Fay       | 202  | Hartstein | 201  |
| Gietz     | 206  | Higgins   | 205  |

19 rows selected.

**Practice C (continued)**

5. Modify `lab_c_04.sql` to display all employees including King, who has no manager. Order the results by the employee number. Place your SQL statement in a text file named `lab_c_05.sql`. Run the query in `lab_c_05.sql`.

| Employee | EMP# | Manager | Mgr# |
|----------|------|---------|------|
| King     | 100  |         |      |
| Kochhar  | 101  | King    | 100  |
| De Haan  | 102  | King    | 100  |
| Hunold   | 103  | De Haan | 102  |
| Ernst    | 104  | Hunold  | 103  |
| Lorentz  | 107  | Hunold  | 103  |
| Mourgos  | 124  | King    | 100  |

■ ■ ■

20 rows selected.

6. Create a report for the HR department that displays employee last names, department numbers, and all the employees who work in the same department as a given employee. Give each column an appropriate label. Save the script to a file named `lab_c_06.sql`.

| DEPARTMENT | EMPLOYEE  | COLLEAGUE |
|------------|-----------|-----------|
| 20         | Fay       | Hartstein |
| 20         | Hartstein | Fay       |
| 50         | Davies    | Matos     |
| 50         | Davies    | Mourgos   |
| 50         | Davies    | Rajs      |
| 50         | Davies    | Vargas    |
| 50         | Matos     | Davies    |
| 50         | Matos     | Mourgos   |
| 50         | Matos     | Rajs      |
| 50         | Matos     | Vargas    |
| 50         | Mourgos   | Davies    |
| 50         | Mourgos   | Matos     |
| 50         | Mourgos   | Rajs      |
| 50         | Mourgos   | Vargas    |

■ ■ ■

42 rows selected.

**Practice C (continued)**

7. The HR department needs a report on job grades and salaries. To familiarize yourself with the JOB\_GRADES table, first show the structure of the JOB\_GRADES table. Second, create a query that displays the last name, job, department name, salary, and grade for all employees.

| Name        | Null? | Type        |
|-------------|-------|-------------|
| GRADE_LEVEL |       | VARCHAR2(3) |
| LOWEST_SAL  |       | NUMBER      |
| HIGHEST_SAL |       | NUMBER      |

| LAST_NAME | JOB_ID   | DEPARTMENT_NAME | SALARY | GRA |
|-----------|----------|-----------------|--------|-----|
| Matos     | ST_CLERK | Shipping        | 2600   | A   |
| Vargas    | ST_CLERK | Shipping        | 2500   | A   |
| Lorentz   | IT_PROG  | IT              | 4200   | B   |
| Mourgos   | ST_MAN   | Shipping        | 5800   | B   |
| Rajs      | ST_CLERK | Shipping        | 3500   | B   |
| Davies    | ST_CLERK | Shipping        | 3100   | B   |
| Whalen    | AD_ASST  | Administration  | 4400   | B   |

■ ■ ■

19 rows selected.

If you want an extra challenge, complete the following exercises:

8. The HR department wants to determine the names of all employees hired after Davies. Create a query to display the name and hire date of any employee hired after employee Davies.

| LAST_NAME | HIRE_DATE |
|-----------|-----------|
| Lorentz   | 07-FEB-99 |
| Mourgos   | 16-NOV-99 |
| Matos     | 15-MAR-98 |
| Vargas    | 09-JUL-98 |
| Zlotkey   | 29-JAN-00 |
| Taylor    | 24-MAR-98 |
| Grant     | 24-MAY-99 |
| Fay       | 17-AUG-97 |

8 rows selected.

### Practice C (continued)

9. The HR department needs to find the name and hire date for all employees who were hired before their managers, along with their manager's name and hire date. Label the columns Employee, Emp Hired, Manager, and Mgr Hired, respectively. Save the script to a file named lab\_c\_09.sql.

| LAST_NAME | HIRE_DATE | LAST_NAME | HIRE_DATE |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Whalen    | 17-SEP-87 | Kochhar   | 21-SEP-89 |
| Hunold    | 03-JAN-90 | De Haan   | 13-JAN-93 |
| Rajs      | 17-OCT-95 | Mourgos   | 16-NOV-99 |
| Davies    | 29-JAN-97 | Mourgos   | 16-NOV-99 |
| Matos     | 15-MAR-98 | Mourgos   | 16-NOV-99 |
| Vargas    | 09-JUL-98 | Mourgos   | 16-NOV-99 |
| Abel      | 11-MAY-96 | Zlotkey   | 29-JAN-00 |
| Taylor    | 24-MAR-98 | Zlotkey   | 29-JAN-00 |
| Grant     | 24-MAY-99 | Zlotkey   | 29-JAN-00 |

9 rows selected.





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## Objectives

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

- **Log in to SQL\*Plus**
- **Edit SQL commands**
- **Format output using SQL\*Plus commands**
- **Interact with script files**

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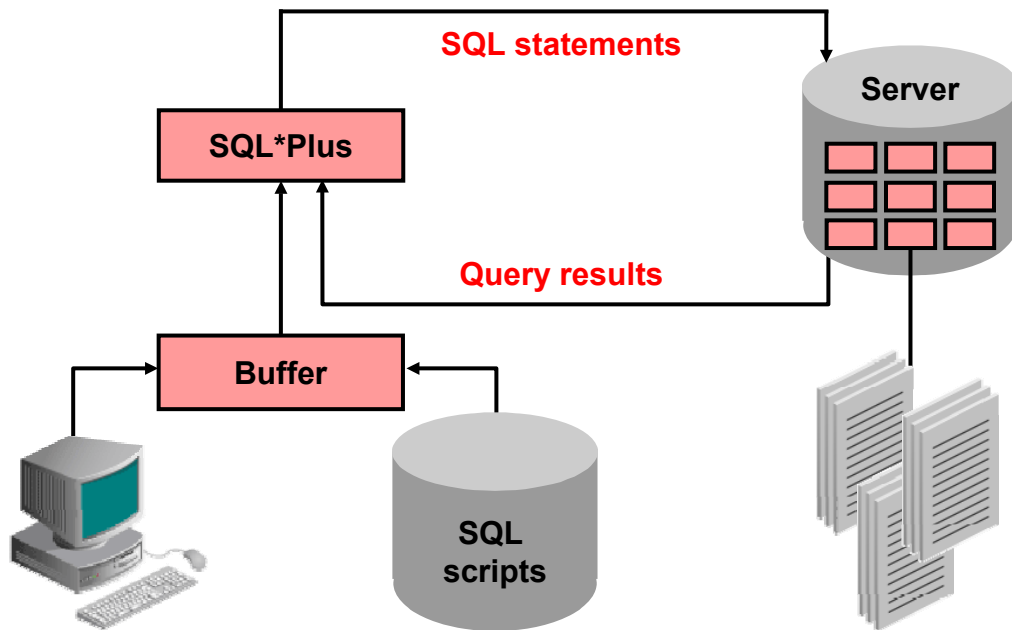
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### Objectives

You might want to create SELECT statements that can be used again and again. This appendix also covers the use of SQL\*Plus commands to execute SQL statements. You learn how to format output using SQL\*Plus commands, edit SQL commands, and save scripts in SQL\*Plus.



## SQL and SQL\*Plus Interaction



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### SQL and SQL\*Plus

SQL is a command language for communication with the Oracle9i Server from any tool or application. Oracle SQL contains many extensions. When you enter a SQL statement, it is stored in a part of memory called the *SQL buffer* and remains there until you enter a new SQL statement. SQL\*Plus is an Oracle tool that recognizes and submits SQL statements to the Oracle9i Server for execution. It contains its own command language.

#### Features of SQL

- Can be used by a range of users, including those with little or no programming experience
- Is a nonprocedural language
- Reduces the amount of time required for creating and maintaining systems
- Is an English-like language

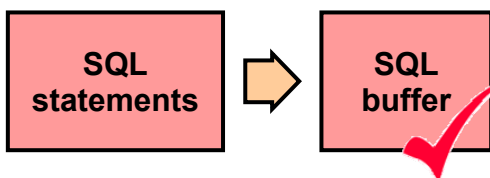
#### Features of SQL\*Plus

- Accepts ad hoc entry of statements
- Accepts SQL input from files
- Provides a line editor for modifying SQL statements
- Controls environmental settings
- Formats query results into basic reports
- Accesses local and remote databases

## SQL Statements Versus SQL\*Plus Commands

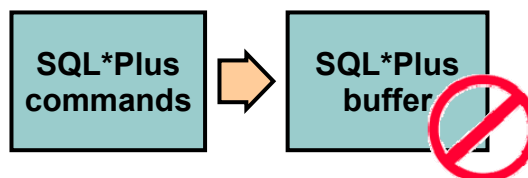
### SQL

- A language
- ANSI-standard
- Keywords cannot be abbreviated
- Statements manipulate data and table definitions in the database



### SQL\*Plus

- An environment
- Oracle-proprietary
- Keywords can be abbreviated
- Commands do not allow manipulation of values in the database



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### SQL and SQL\*Plus (continued)

The following table compares SQL and SQL\*Plus:

| SQL                                                                   | SQL*Plus                                                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Is a language for communicating with the Oracle server to access data | Recognizes SQL statements and sends them to the server                             |
| Is based on American National Standards Institute (ANSI)–standard SQL | Is the Oracle-proprietary interface for executing SQL statements                   |
| Manipulates data and table definitions in the database                | Does not allow manipulation of values in the database                              |
| Is entered into the SQL buffer on one or more lines                   | Is entered one line at a time, not stored in the SQL buffer                        |
| Does not have a continuation character                                | Uses a dash (–) as a continuation character if the command is longer than one line |
| Cannot be abbreviated                                                 | Can be abbreviated                                                                 |
| Uses a termination character to execute commands immediately          | Does not require termination characters; executes commands immediately             |
| Uses functions to perform some formatting                             | Uses commands to format data                                                       |

## Overview of SQL\*Plus

- **Log in to SQL\*Plus**
- **Describe the table structure**
- **Edit your SQL statement**
- **Execute SQL from SQL\*Plus**
- **Save SQL statements to files and append SQL statements to files**
- **Execute saved files**
- **Load commands from file to buffer to edit**

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### SQL\*Plus

SQL\*Plus is an environment in which you can do the following:

- Execute SQL statements to retrieve, modify, add, and remove data from the database
- Format, perform calculations on, store, and print query results in the form of reports
- Create script files to store SQL statements for repeated use in the future

SQL\*Plus commands can be divided into the following main categories:

| Category          | Purpose                                                                                              |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Environment       | Affect the general behavior of SQL statements for the session                                        |
| Format            | Format query results                                                                                 |
| File manipulation | Save, load, and run script files                                                                     |
| Execution         | Send SQL statements from the SQL buffer to the Oracle server                                         |
| Edit              | Modify SQL statements in the buffer                                                                  |
| Interaction       | Create and pass variables to SQL statements, print variable values, and print messages to the screen |
| Miscellaneous     | Connect to the database, manipulate the SQL*Plus environment, and display column definitions         |

## Logging In to SQL\*Plus

- From a Windows environment:

- From a command line:

```
sqlplus [username[/password
        [@database]]]
```

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### Logging In to SQL\*Plus

How you invoke SQL\*Plus depends on which type of operating system or Windows environment you are running.

To log in from a Windows environment:

1. Select Start > Programs > Oracle > Application Development > SQL\*Plus.
2. Enter the username, password, and database name.

To log in from a command-line environment:

1. Log on to your machine.
2. Enter the SQL\*Plus command shown in the slide.

In the syntax:

*username* Your database username  
*password* Your database password (Your password is visible if you enter it here.)  
*@database* The database connect string

**Note:** To ensure the integrity of your password, do not enter it at the operating system prompt. Instead, enter only your username. Enter your password at the password prompt.

After you log in to SQL\*Plus, you see the following message (if you are using SQL\*Plus version 10.2.0.1.0):

```
SQL*Plus: Release 10.2.0.1.0 - Production on Fri May 19 12:12:26 2006
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```

## Displaying Table Structure

Use the SQL\*Plus DESCRIBE command to display the structure of a table:

```
DESC[RIBE] tablename
```

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### Displaying Table Structure

In SQL\*Plus, you can display the structure of a table using the DESCRIBE command. The result of the command is a display of column names and data types as well as an indication if a column must contain data.

In the syntax:

*tablename* The name of any existing table, view, or synonym that is accessible to the user

To describe the JOB\_GRADES table, use this command:

```
SQL> DESCRIBE job_grades
```

| Name        | Null? | Type         |
|-------------|-------|--------------|
| GRADE_LEVEL |       | VARCHAR2 (3) |
| LOWEST_SAL  |       | NUMBER       |
| HIGHEST_SAL |       | NUMBER       |

## Displaying Table Structure

```
SQL> DESCRIBE departments
```

| Name            | Null?    | Type         |
|-----------------|----------|--------------|
| -----           | -----    | -----        |
| DEPARTMENT_ID   | NOT NULL | NUMBER(4)    |
| DEPARTMENT_NAME | NOT NULL | VARCHAR2(30) |
| MANAGER_ID      |          | NUMBER(6)    |
| LOCATION_ID     |          | NUMBER(4)    |

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### Displaying Table Structure (continued)

The example in the slide displays the information about the structure of the DEPARTMENTS table.

In the result:

**Null?** Specifies whether a column must contain data (NOT NULL indicates that a column must contain data.)

**Type** Displays the data type for a column

The following table describes the data types:

| Data Type                      | Description                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| NUMBER ( <i>p</i> , <i>s</i> ) | Number value that has a maximum number of digits <i>p</i> , which is the number of digits to the right of the decimal point <i>s</i> |
| VARCHAR2 ( <i>s</i> )          | Variable-length character value of maximum size <i>s</i>                                                                             |
| DATE                           | Date and time value between January 1, 4712 B.C., and December 31, 9999 A.D.                                                         |
| CHAR ( <i>s</i> )              | Fixed-length character value of size <i>s</i>                                                                                        |

## SQL\*Plus Editing Commands

- **A[PPEND] *text***
- **C[HANGE] / *old* / *new***
- **C[HANGE] / *text* /**
- **CL[EAR] BUFF[ER]**
- **DEL**
- **DEL *n***
- **DEL *m n***

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### SQL\*Plus Editing Commands

SQL\*Plus commands are entered one line at a time and are not stored in the SQL buffer.

| Command                            | Description                                               |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| A[PPEND] <i>text</i>               | Adds text to the end of the current line                  |
| C[HANGE] / <i>old</i> / <i>new</i> | Changes <i>old</i> text to <i>new</i> in the current line |
| C[HANGE] / <i>text</i> /           | Deletes <i>text</i> from the current line                 |
| CL[EAR] BUFF[ER]                   | Deletes all lines from the SQL buffer                     |
| DEL                                | Deletes current line                                      |
| DEL <i>n</i>                       | Deletes line <i>n</i>                                     |
| DEL <i>m n</i>                     | Deletes lines <i>m</i> to <i>n</i> inclusive              |

#### Guidelines

- If you press [Enter] before completing a command, SQL\*Plus prompts you with a line number.
- You terminate the SQL buffer either by entering one of the terminator characters (semicolon or slash) or by pressing [Enter] twice. The SQL prompt then appears.

## SQL\*Plus Editing Commands

- I [NPUT]
- I [NPUT] *text*
- L [IST]
- L [IST] *n*
- L [IST] *m n*
- R [UN]
- *n*
- *n text*
- 0 *text*

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### SQL\*Plus Editing Commands (continued)

| Command              | Description                                               |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| I [NPUT]             | Inserts an indefinite number of lines                     |
| I [NPUT] <i>text</i> | Inserts a line consisting of <i>text</i>                  |
| L [IST]              | Lists all lines in the SQL buffer                         |
| L [IST] <i>n</i>     | Lists one line (specified by <i>n</i> )                   |
| L [IST] <i>m n</i>   | Lists a range of lines ( <i>m</i> to <i>n</i> ) inclusive |
| R [UN]               | Displays and runs the current SQL statement in the buffer |
| <i>n</i>             | Specifies the line to make the current line               |
| <i>n text</i>        | Replaces line <i>n</i> with <i>text</i>                   |
| 0 <i>text</i>        | Inserts a line before line 1                              |

**Note:** You can enter only one SQL\*Plus command for each SQL prompt. SQL\*Plus commands are not stored in the buffer. To continue a SQL\*Plus command on the next line, end the first line with a hyphen (-).



## Using LIST, n, and APPEND

```
SQL> LIST
```

```
1  SELECT last_name  
2* FROM    employees
```

```
SQL> 1
```

```
1* SELECT last_name
```

```
SQL> A , job_id
```

```
1* SELECT last_name, job_id
```

```
SQL> L
```

```
1  SELECT last_name, job_id  
2* FROM    employees
```

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### Using LIST, n, and APPEND

- Use the L[IST] command to display the contents of the SQL buffer. The asterisk (\*) beside line 2 in the buffer indicates that line 2 is the current line. Any edits that you made apply to the current line.
- Change the number of the current line by entering the number (n) of the line that you want to edit. The new current line is displayed.
- Use the A[PPEND] command to add text to the current line. The newly edited line is displayed. Verify the new contents of the buffer by using the LIST command.

**Note:** Many SQL\*Plus commands, including LIST and APPEND, can be abbreviated to just their first letter. LIST can be abbreviated to L; APPEND can be abbreviated to A.

## Using the CHANGE Command

```
SQL> L
```

```
1* SELECT * from employees
```

```
SQL> c/employees/departments
```

```
1* SELECT * from departments
```

```
SQL> L
```

```
1* SELECT * from departments
```

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### Using the CHANGE Command

- Use L [IST] to display the contents of the buffer.
- Use the C [HANGE] command to alter the contents of the current line in the SQL buffer. In this case, replace the employees table with the departments table. The new current line is displayed.
- Use the L [IST] command to verify the new contents of the buffer.

## SQL\*Plus File Commands

- **SAVE *filename***
- **GET *filename***
- **START *filename***
- **@ *filename***
- **EDIT *filename***
- **SPOOL *filename***
- **EXIT**

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### SQL\*Plus File Commands

SQL statements communicate with the Oracle server. SQL\*Plus commands control the environment, format query results, and manage files. You can use the commands described in the following table:

| Command                                               | Description                                                                                                                                                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SAV[E] <i>filename</i> [.ext]<br>[REP[LACE] APP[END]] | Saves current contents of SQL buffer to a file. Use APPEND to add to an existing file; use REPLACE to overwrite an existing file. The default extension is .sql. |
| GET <i>filename</i> [.ext]                            | Writes the contents of a previously saved file to the SQL buffer. The default extension for the file name is .sql.                                               |
| STA[RT] <i>filename</i> [.ext]                        | Runs a previously saved command file                                                                                                                             |
| @ <i>filename</i>                                     | Runs a previously saved command file (same as START)                                                                                                             |
| ED[IT]                                                | Invokes the editor and saves the buffer contents to a file named ariedt.buf                                                                                      |
| ED[IT] [ <i>filename</i> [.ext]]                      | Invokes the editor to edit the contents of a saved file                                                                                                          |
| SPO[OL]<br>[ <i>filename</i> [.ext]  <br>OFF OUT]     | Stores query results in a file. OFF closes the spool file. OUT closes the spool file and sends the file results to the printer.                                  |
| EXIT                                                  | Quits SQL*Plus                                                                                                                                                   |

## Using the SAVE and START Commands

```
SQL> L
  1  SELECT last_name, manager_id, department_id
  2* FROM  employees
SQL> SAVE my_query
```

```
Created file my_query
```

```
SQL> START my_query
```

| LAST_NAME | MANAGER_ID | DEPARTMENT_ID |
|-----------|------------|---------------|
| King      |            | 90            |
| Kochhar   | 100        | 90            |
| ...       |            |               |

20 rows selected.

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### SAVE

Use the SAVE command to store the current contents of the buffer in a file. In this way, you can store frequently used scripts for use in the future.

### START

Use the START command to run a script in SQL\*Plus.

### EDIT

Use the EDIT command to edit an existing script. This opens an editor with the script file in it. When you have made the changes, quit the editor to return to the SQL\*Plus command line.

## Summary

**In this appendix, you should have learned how to use SQL\*Plus as an environment to do the following:**

- **Execute SQL statements**
- **Edit SQL statements**
- **Format output**
- **Interact with script files**

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### Summary

SQL\*Plus is an execution environment that you can use to send SQL commands to the database server and to edit and save SQL commands. You can execute commands from the SQL prompt or from a script file.



# Using SQL Developer

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## Objectives

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

- **List the key features of Oracle SQL Developer**
- **Install Oracle SQL Developer**
- **Identify menu items of Oracle SQL Developer**
- **Create a database connection**
- **Manage database objects**
- **Use SQL Worksheet**
- **Execute SQL statements and SQL scripts**
- **Create and save reports**

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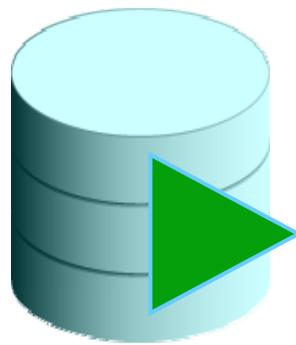
### Objectives

In this appendix, you are introduced to the graphical tool SQL Developer. You learn how to use SQL Developer for your database development tasks. You learn how to use SQL Worksheet to execute SQL statements and SQL scripts.



## What Is Oracle SQL Developer?

- **Oracle SQL Developer is a graphical tool that enhances productivity and simplifies database development tasks.**
- **You can connect to any target Oracle database schema using standard Oracle database authentication.**



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### What Is Oracle SQL Developer?

Oracle SQL Developer is a free graphical tool designed to improve your productivity and simplify the development of everyday database tasks. With just a few clicks, you can easily create and debug stored procedures, test SQL statements, and view optimizer plans.

SQL Developer, the visual tool for database development, simplifies the following tasks:

- Browsing and managing database objects
- Executing SQL statements and scripts
- Editing and debugging PL/SQL statements
- Creating reports

You can connect to any target Oracle database schema using standard Oracle database authentication. When connected, you can perform operations on objects in the database.

## Key Features

- **Developed in Java**
- **Supports Windows, Linux, and Mac OS X platforms**
- **Default connectivity by using the JDBC Thin driver**
- **Does not require an installer**
- **Connects to any Oracle Database version 9.2.0.1 and later**
- **Bundled with JRE 1.5**

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### Key Features of SQL Developer

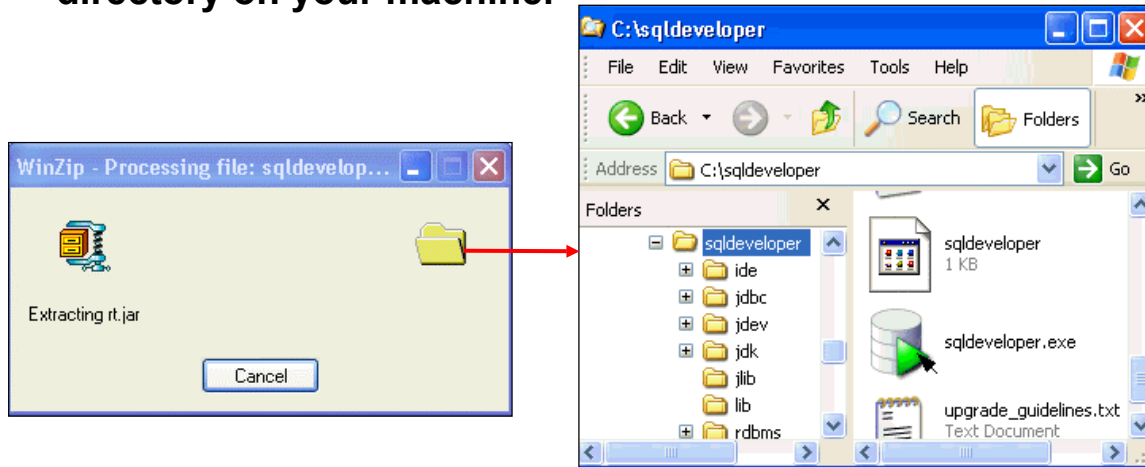
Oracle SQL Developer is developed in Java, leveraging the Oracle JDeveloper IDE. The tool runs on the Windows, Linux, and Mac OS X platforms. You can install SQL Developer on the Database Server and connect remotely from your desktop, thus avoiding client server network traffic.

Default connectivity to the database is through the JDBC Thin driver; so, no Oracle Home is required. SQL Developer does not require an installer and you need to just unzip the downloaded file.

With SQL Developer, users can connect to Oracle Database 9.2.0.1 and later versions, and all Oracle database editions including Express Edition. SQL Developer is bundled with JRE 1.5, with an additional `tools.jar` to support Windows clients. Non-Windows clients need only JDK 1.5.

## Installing SQL Developer

**Download the Oracle SQL Developer kit and unzip into any directory on your machine.**



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### Installing SQL Developer

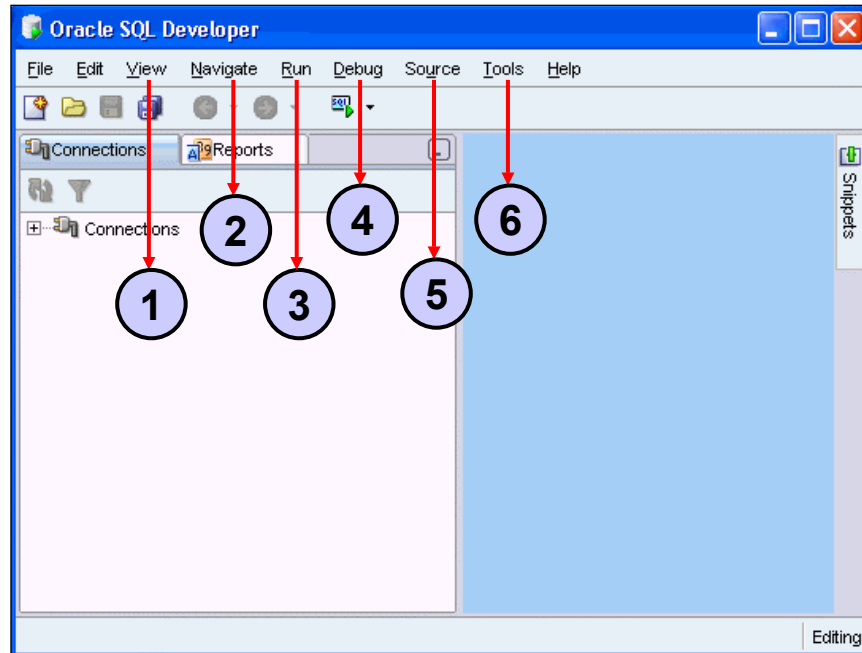
Oracle SQL Developer does not require an installer. To install SQL Developer, you need an unzip tool.

To install SQL Developer, perform the following steps:

1. Create a folder as <local drive>:\SQL Developer.
2. Download the SQL Developer kit from <http://www.oracle.com/technology/software/products/sql/index.html>.
3. Unzip the downloaded SQL Developer kit into the folder created in step 1.

To start SQL Developer, go to <local drive>:\SQL Developer, and double-click `sqldeveloper.exe`.

## Menus for SQL Developer



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### Menus for SQL Developer

SQL Developer has two main navigation tabs.

- **Connections Navigator:** By using this tab, you can browse database objects and users to which you have access.
- **Reporting Tab:** By using this tab, you can run predefined reports or create and add your own reports.

SQL Developer uses the left side for navigation to find and select objects, and the right side to display information about selected objects. You can customize many aspects of the appearance and behavior of SQL Developer by setting preferences.

The menus at the top contain standard entries, plus entries for features specific to SQL Developer.

1. **View:** Contains options that affect what is displayed in the SQL Developer interface
2. **Navigate:** Contains options for navigating to panes and for the execution of subprograms
3. **Run:** Contains the Run File and Execution Profile options that are relevant when a function or procedure is selected
4. **Debug:** Contains options that are relevant when a function or procedure is selected
5. **Source:** Contains options for use when editing functions and procedures
6. **Tools:** Invokes SQL Developer tools such as SQL\*Plus, Preferences, and SQL Worksheet

## Creating a Database Connection

- **You must have at least one database connection to use SQL Developer.**
- **You can create and test connections:**
  - For multiple databases
  - For multiple schemas
- **SQL Developer automatically imports any connections defined in the `tnsnames.ora` file on your system.**
- **You can export connections to an XML file.**
- **Each additional database connection created is listed in the connections navigator hierarchy.**

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### Creating a Database Connection

A connection is a SQL Developer object that specifies the necessary information for connecting to a specific database as a specific user of that database. To use SQL Developer, you must have at least one database connection which may be existing, created, or imported.

You can create and test connections for multiple databases and for multiple schemas.

By default, the `tnsnames.ora` file is located in the `$ORACLE_HOME/network/admin` directory. But, it can also be in the directory specified by the `TNS_ADMIN` environment variable or registry value. When you start SQL Developer and display the database connections dialog box, SQL Developer automatically imports any connections defined in the `tnsnames.ora` file on your system.

**Note:** On Windows systems, if the `tnsnames.ora` file exists but its connections are not being used by SQL Developer, define `TNS_ADMIN` as a system environment variable.

You can export connections to an XML file so that you can reuse it later.

You can create additional connections to connect to the same database but as different users, or to connect to different databases. Each database connection is listed in the Connections navigator hierarchy.

## Creating a Database Connection

The screenshot shows the 'New / Select Database Connection' dialog box. The 'Basic' tab is active, showing fields for Connection Name, Username, Password, Role, Hostname, Port, and SID/Service name. The 'Test' button is highlighted with a mouse cursor.

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### Creating a Database Connection (continued)

To create a database connection, perform the following steps:

1. Double-click `<your_path>\sqldeveloper\sqldeveloper.exe`.
2. In the Connections tab, right-click **Connections** and select **New Database Connection**.
3. Enter the connection name, username, password, hostname, and SID for the database you want to connect to.
4. Click **Test** to make sure that the connection has been set correctly.
5. Click **Connect**.

In the Basic tabbed page, at the bottom, fill in the following options:

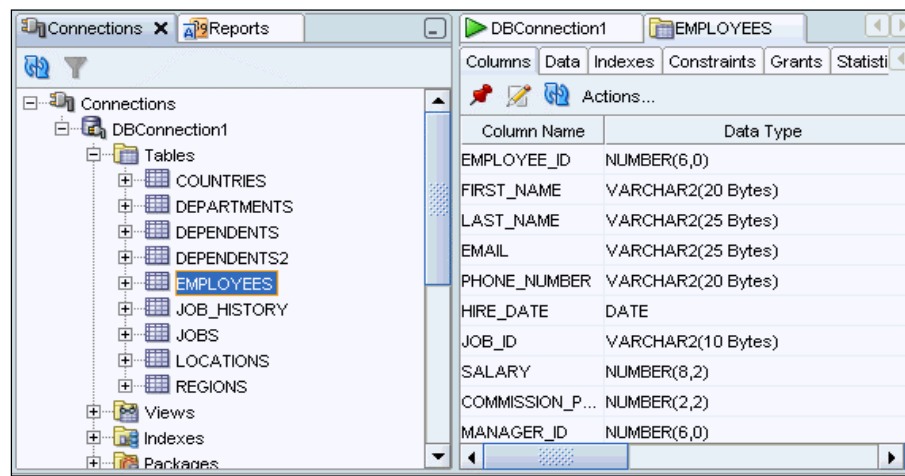
- **Hostname:** the Host system for the Oracle database
- **Port:** Listener port
- **SID:** Database name
- **Service Name:** Network service name for a remote database connection

If you select the Save Password check box, the password is saved to an XML file. So, when you close SQL Developer connection and open again, you will not be prompted for the password.

## Browsing Database Objects

Use the Database Navigator to:

- Browse through many objects in a database schema
- Do a quick review of the definitions of objects



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### Browsing Database Objects

After you create a database connection, you can use the Database Navigator to browse through many objects in a database schema including Tables, Views, Indexes, Packages, Procedures, Triggers, Types, and so on.

SQL Developer uses the left side for navigation to find and select objects, and the right side to display information about the selected objects. You can customize many aspects of the appearance of SQL Developer by setting preferences.

You can see the definition of the objects broken into tabs of information that is pulled out of the data dictionary. For example, if you select a table in the Navigator, the details about columns, constraints, grants, statistics, triggers and more are all displayed in an easy-to-read tabbed page.

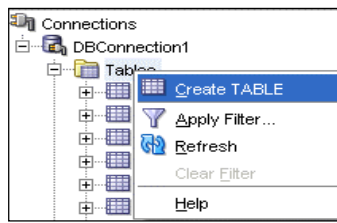
If you want to see the definition of the **EMPLOYEES** table as shown on the slide, perform the following steps:

1. Expand the connection node in the Connections Navigator.
2. Expand **Tables**.
3. Double-click **EMPLOYEES**.

Using the Data tab, you can enter new rows, update data, and commit these changes to the database.

## Creating a Schema Object

- **SQL Developer supports the creation of any schema object by:**
  - Executing a SQL statement in SQL Worksheet
  - Using the context menu
- **Edit the objects by using an edit dialog or one of many context-sensitive menus.**
- **View the DDL for adjustments such as creating a new object or editing an existing schema object.**



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### Creating a Schema Object

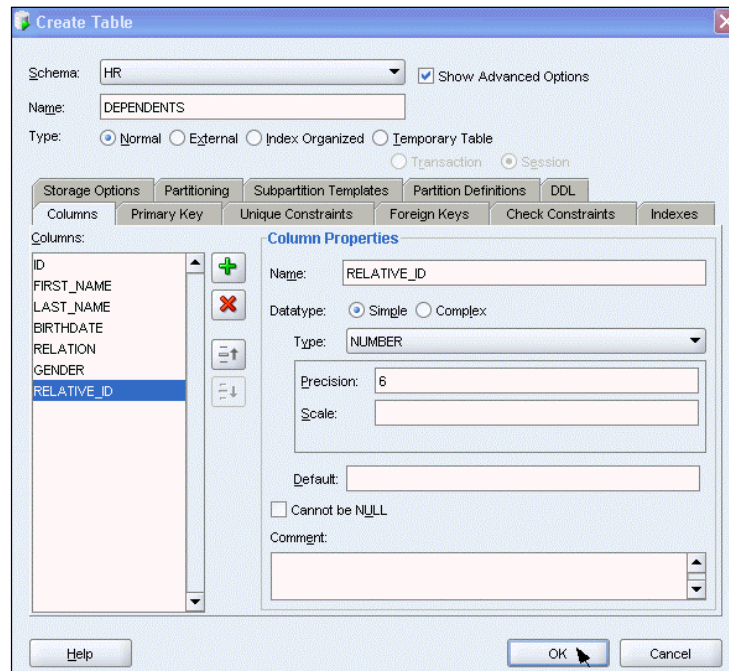
SQL Developer supports the creation of any schema object by executing a SQL statement in SQL Worksheet. Alternatively, you can create objects using the context menus. Once created, you can edit the objects using an edit dialog or one of many context-sensitive menus.

As new objects are created or existing objects are edited, the DDL for those adjustments is available for review. An Export DDL option is available if you want to create the full DDL for one or more objects in the schema.

The slide shows creating a table using the context menu. To open a dialog box for creating a new table, right-click **Tables** and select **Create TABLE**. The dialog boxes for creating and editing database objects have multiple tabs, each reflecting a logical grouping of properties for that type of object.



## Creating a New Table: Example



### Creating a New Table: Example

In the Create Table dialog box, if you do not select the **Show Advanced Options** check box, you can create a table quickly by specifying columns and some frequently used features.

If you select the **Show Advanced Options** check box, the Create Table dialog box changes to one with multiple tabs, in which you can specify an extended set of features while creating the table.

The example in the slide shows creating the DEPENDENTS table by selecting the **Show Advanced Options** check box.

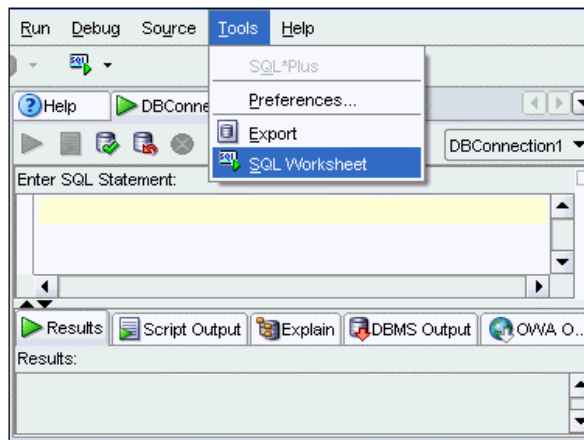
To create a new table, perform the following steps:

1. In the Connections Navigator, right-click **Tables**.
2. Select **Create TABLE**.
3. In the Create Table dialog box, select **Show Advanced Options**.
4. Specify column information.
5. Click **OK**.

Although it is not required, you should also specify a primary key using the Primary Key tab in the dialog box. Sometimes, you may want to edit the table that you have created. To edit a table, right-click the table in the Connections Navigator and select **Edit**.

## Using SQL Worksheet

- Use SQL Worksheet to enter and execute SQL, PL/SQL, and SQL \*Plus statements.
- Specify any actions that can be processed by the database connection associated with the worksheet.



### Using SQL Worksheet

When you connect to a database, a SQL Worksheet window for that connection is automatically opened. You can use SQL Worksheet to enter and execute SQL, PL/SQL, and SQL\*Plus statements. The SQL Worksheet supports SQL\*Plus statements to a certain extent. SQL\*Plus statements that are not supported by the SQL Worksheet are ignored and not passed to the database.

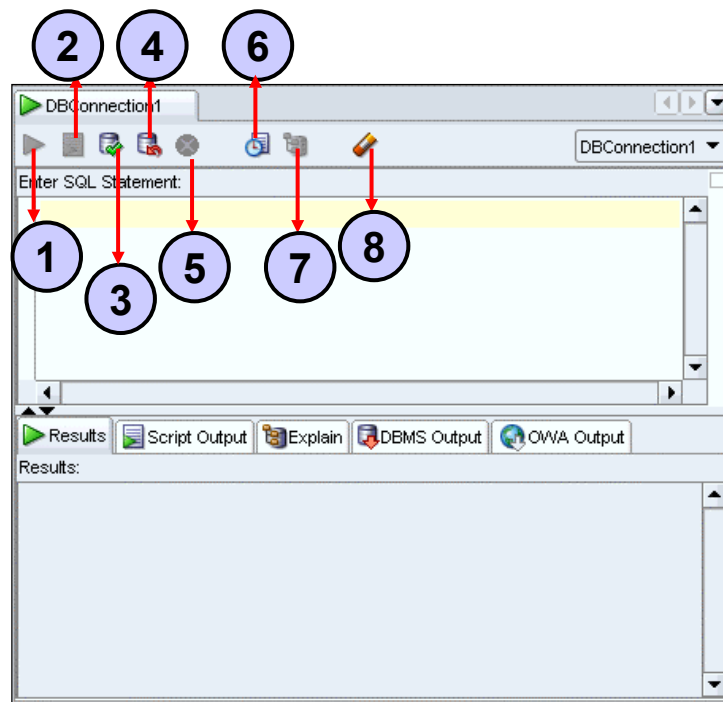
You can specify any actions that can be processed by the database connection associated with the worksheet, such as:

- Creating a table
- Inserting data
- Creating and editing a trigger
- Selecting data from a table
- Saving the selected data to a file

You can display a SQL worksheet by using any of the following two options:

- Select **Tools > SQL Worksheet**.
- Click the **Open SQL Worksheet** icon.

## Using SQL Worksheet



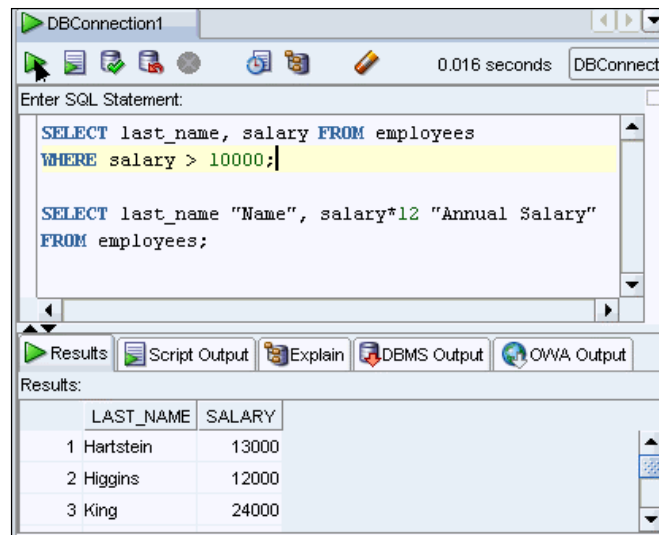
### Using SQL Worksheet (continued)

You may want to use shortcut keys or icons to perform certain tasks such as executing a SQL statement, running a script, and viewing the history of SQL statements that you have executed. You can use the SQL Worksheet toolbar that contains icons to perform the following tasks:

1. **Execute Statement:** Executes the statement at the cursor in the Enter SQL Statement box. You can use bind variables in the SQL statements but not substitution variables.
2. **Run Script:** Executes all statements in the Enter SQL Statement box by using the Script Runner. You can use substitution variables in the SQL statements but not bind variables.
3. **Commit:** Writes any changes to the database, and ends the transaction
4. **Rollback:** Discards any changes to the database, without writing them to the database, and ends the transaction
5. **Cancel:** Stops the execution of any statements currently being executed
6. **SQL History:** Displays a dialog box with information about SQL statements that you have executed
7. **Execute Explain Plan:** Generates the execution plan, which you can see by clicking the Explain tab
8. **Clear:** Erases the statement or statements in the Enter SQL Statement box

## Executing SQL Statements

Use the Enter SQL Statement box to enter single or multiple SQL statements.



### Executing SQL Statements

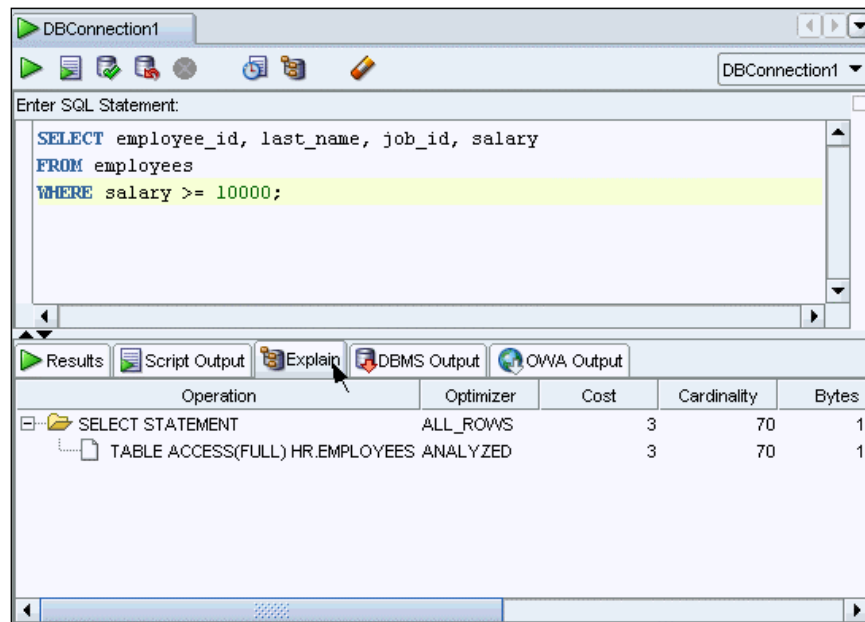
In SQL Worksheet, you can use the Enter SQL Statement box to enter a single or multiple SQL statements. For a single statement, the semicolon at the end is optional.

When you type in the statement, the SQL keywords are automatically highlighted. To execute a SQL statement, ensure that your cursor is within the statement and click the **Execute Statement** icon. Alternatively, you can press the **F9** key.

To execute multiple SQL statements and see the results, click the **Run Script** icon. Alternatively, you can press the **F5** key.

In the example in the slide, as there are multiple SQL statements, the first statement is terminated with a semicolon. The cursor is in the first statement and, therefore, when the statement is executed, results corresponding to the first statement are displayed in the Results box.

## Viewing the Execution Plan



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### Viewing the Execution Plan

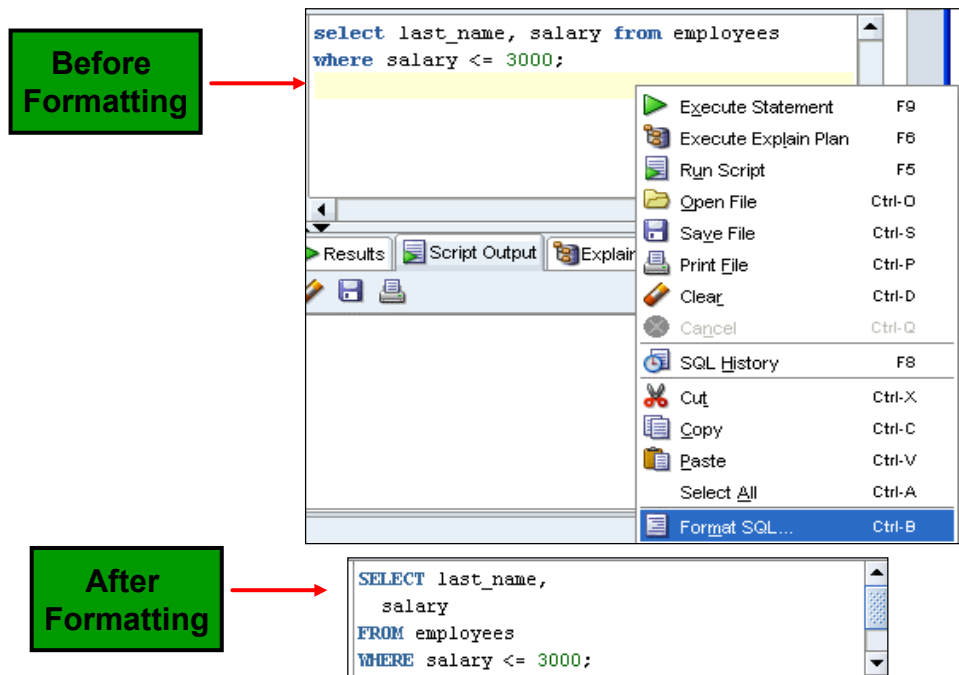
You can execute a SQL script and view the execution plan. To execute a SQL script file, perform the following steps:

1. Right-click in the Enter SQL Statement box, and select **Open File** from the drop-down menu.
2. In the Open dialog box, double-click the **.sql** file.
3. Click the **Run Script** icon.

When you double-click the **.sql** file, the SQL statements are loaded into the Enter SQL Statement box. You can execute the script or each line individually. The results are displayed in the Script Output area.

The example in the slide shows the execution plan. The Execute Explain Plan icon generates the execution plan. An execution plan is the sequence of operations that are performed to execute the statement. You can see the execution plan by clicking the **Explain** tab.

## Formatting the SQL Code



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### Formatting the SQL Code

You may want to beautify the indentation, spacing, capitalization, and line separation of the SQL code. SQL Developer has the feature of formatting the SQL code.

To format the SQL code, right-click in the statement area, and select **Format SQL**.

In the example in the slide, before formatting, the SQL code has the keywords not capitalized and the statement not properly indented. After formatting, the SQL code is beautified with the keywords capitalized and the statement properly indented.

## Using Snippets

**Snippets are code fragments that may be just syntax or examples.**



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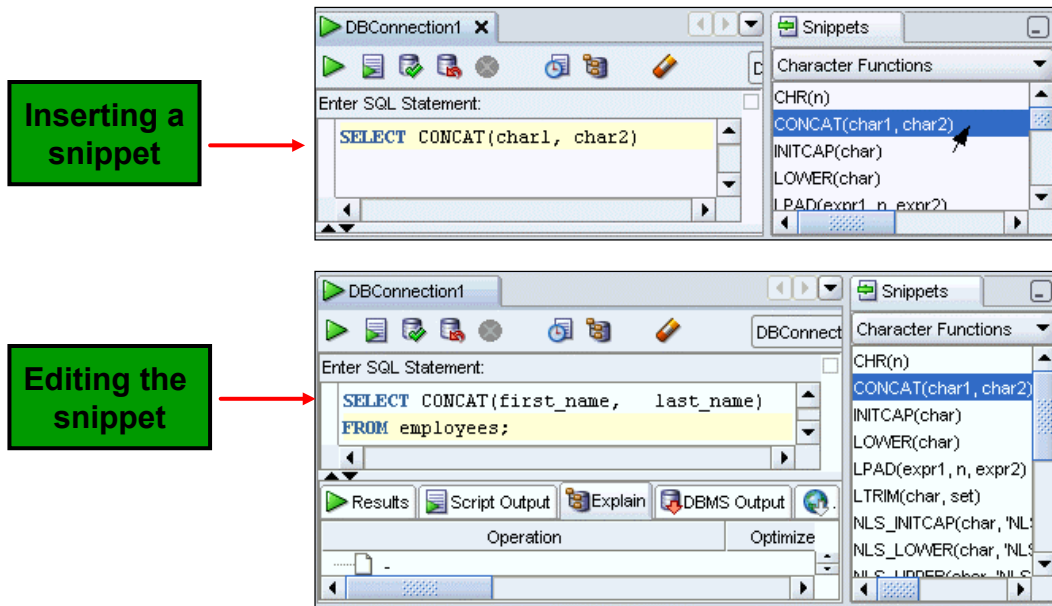
### Using Snippets

You may want to use certain code fragments when you are using the SQL Worksheet or creating or editing a PL/SQL function or procedure. SQL Developer has the feature called Snippets. Snippets are code fragments, such as SQL functions, Optimizer hints, and miscellaneous PL/SQL programming techniques. You can drag and drop snippets into the editor window.

To display Snippets, select **View > Snippets**.

The Snippets window is displayed on the right side. You can use the drop-down list to select a group. A Snippets button is placed in the right window margin, so that you can display the Snippets window if it becomes hidden.

## Using Snippets: Example



### Using Snippets: Example

To insert a snippet into your code in SQL Worksheet or in a PL/SQL function or procedure, drag the snippet from the Snippets window and drop it into the desired place in your code. Then, you can edit the syntax so that the SQL function is valid in the current context. To see a brief description of a SQL function in a tool tip, place the cursor over the function name.

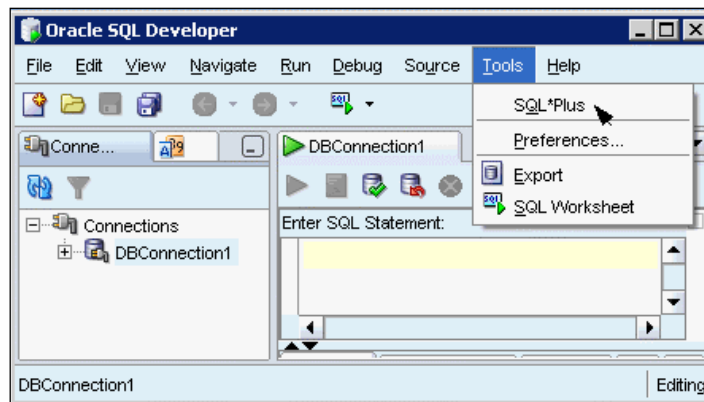
The example in the slide shows that `CONCAT(char1, char2)` is dragged from the Character Functions group in the Snippets window. Then, the `CONCAT` function syntax is edited and the rest of the statement is added such as in the following:

```
SELECT CONCAT(first_name, last_name)
FROM employees;
```



## Using SQL\*Plus

- **SQL Worksheet does not support all SQL\*Plus statements.**
- **You can invoke the SQL\*Plus command-line interface from SQL Developer.**



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### Using SQL\*Plus

SQL Worksheet supports some SQL\*Plus statements. SQL\*Plus statements must be interpreted by the SQL Worksheet before being passed to the database; any SQL\*Plus statements that are not supported by the SQL Worksheet are ignored and not passed to the database. For example, some of the SQL\*Plus statements that are not supported by SQL Worksheet are:

- append
- archive
- attribute
- break
- change
- clear

For the complete list of SQL\*Plus statements that are supported and not supported by SQL Worksheet, refer to SQL Developer online Help.

To display the SQL\*Plus command window, select **SQL\*Plus** from the Tools menu.

To use this feature, the system on which you are using SQL Developer must have an Oracle Home directory or folder, with a SQL\*Plus executable under that location. If the location of the SQL\*Plus executable is not already stored in your SQL Developer preferences, you are asked to specify its location.

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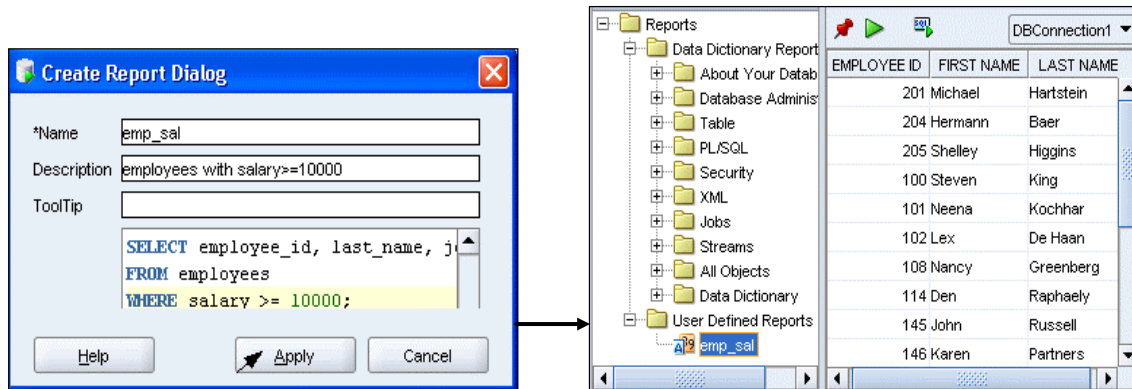
## Database Reporting

To display reports, click the Reports tab on the left side of the window. Individual reports are displayed in tabbed panes on the right side of the window; and for each report, you can select (in a drop-down control) the database connection for which to display the report. For reports about objects, the objects shown are only those visible to the database user associated with the selected database connection, and the rows are usually ordered by Owner.



# Creating a User-Defined Report

Create and save user-defined reports for repeated use.



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## Creating a User-Defined Report

User-defined reports are any reports that are created by SQL Developer users. To create a user-defined report, perform the following steps:

1. Right-click the **User Defined Reports** node under Reports, and select **Add Report**.
2. In the Create Report Dialog box, specify the report name and the SQL query to retrieve information for the report. Then, click **Apply**.

In the example in the slide, the report name is specified as emp\_sal. An optional description is provided indicating that the report contains details of employees with salary >= 10000. The complete SQL statement for retrieving the information to be displayed in the user-defined report is specified in the SQL box. You can also include an optional tool tip to be displayed when the cursor stays briefly over the report name in the Reports navigator display.

You can organize user-defined reports in folders, and you can create a hierarchy of folders and subfolders. To create a folder for user-defined reports, right-click the User Defined Reports node or any folder name under that node and select Add Folder.

Information about user-defined reports, including any folders for these reports, is stored in a file named UserReports.xml under the directory for user-specific information.

## Summary

**In this appendix, you should have learned how to use SQL Developer to do the following:**

- **Browse, create, and edit database objects**
- **Execute SQL statements and scripts in SQL Worksheet**
- **Create and save custom reports**

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### Summary

SQL Developer is a free graphical tool to simplify database development tasks. Using SQL Developer, you can browse, create, and edit database objects. You can use SQL Worksheet to run SQL statements and scripts. SQL Developer enables you to create and save your own special set of reports for repeated use.

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