PL/SQL stands for Procedural Language extensions to the Structured Query Language (SQL). PL/SQL is a combination of SQL along with the procedural features of programming languages.

Oracle created PL/SQL that extends some limitations of SQL to provide a more comprehensive solution for building mission-critical applications running on the Oracle database

Main advantages to use PL/SQL over SQL

* SQL is executed single articulation at once while PL/SQL is executed a square of code.
* SQL is definitive, i.e., it instructs the database anyway not how to do it. While PL/SQL is procedural, i.e., it reports the database how to get things done.
* SQL is a type of structured query language that we use for the database. PL/SQL is a type of programming language that acts as an extension to SQL for the database.
* SQL language does not contain any if control, FOR loop, and structures similar to these. PL/SQL language consists of if controls, while loop, FOR loop, and various other structures similar to these.
* SQL does not consist of any variables. PL/SQL consists of variables as well as data types and more.
* SQL type of language is data-oriented. PL/SQL type of language is application-oriented.
* One can make use of SQL for writing the queries, creating and executing the statements of DDL and DML. One can make use of PL/SQL for writing the program blocks, procedures, functions, packages, and triggers.

Need to start with

SET SERVEROUTPUT ON;

To comment a more than one line start with /\* and end with \*/

To comment a single line give two hyphen -- before starting the comment

/\* PL/SQL %TYPE Attribute The %TYPE attribute allow you to declare a constant, variable, or parameter to be of the same data type as previously declared variable, record, nested table, or database column.\*/

>>**SUM OF odd NUMBERS USING USER INPUT...for loop**  
DECLARE  
N NUMBER;  
SUM1 NUMBER DEFAULT 0;  
ENDVALUE NUMBER;  
BEGIN   
ENDVALUE:=&ENDVALUE;  
N:=1;  
FOR N IN 1.. ENDVALUE  
LOOP  
IF MOD(N,2)=1  
THEN  
SUM1:=SUM1+N;  
END IF;  
END LOOP;  
DBMS\_OUTPUT.PUT\_LINE('SUM = ' || SUM1);  
END;

USING **CONTINUE**

DECLARE  
N NUMBER;  
SUM1 NUMBER DEFAULT 0;  
ENDVALUE NUMBER;  
BEGIN   
ENDVALUE:=&ENDVALUE;  
N:=1;  
FOR N IN 1.. ENDVALUE  
LOOP  
IF MOD(N,2)=1  
THEN

**CONTINUE;**END IF;

SUM1:=SUM1+N;  
END LOOP;  
DBMS\_OUTPUT.PUT\_LINE('SUM = ' || SUM1);  
END;

DECLARE  
N NUMBER;  
SUM1 NUMBER DEFAULT 0;  
ENDVALUE NUMBER;  
BEGIN   
ENDVALUE:=&ENDVALUE;  
N:=1;  
FOR N IN 1.. ENDVALUE  
LOOP  
**CONTINUE**

**WHEN MOD(N,2)=0;**

SUM1:=SUM1+N;  
END LOOP;  
DBMS\_OUTPUT.PUT\_LINE('SUM = ' || SUM1);  
END;

Using IN REVERSE

DECLARE  
N NUMBER;  
SUM1 NUMBER DEFAULT 0;  
ENDVALUE NUMBER;  
BEGIN   
ENDVALUE:=&ENDVALUE;  
N:=1;  
FOR N IN REVERSE 1.. ENDVALUE  
LOOP  
IF MOD(N,2)=1  
THEN  
SUM1:=SUM1+N;  
END IF;  
END LOOP;  
DBMS\_OUTPUT.PUT\_LINE('SUM = ' || SUM1);  
END;

**>> CALCULATION OF NET SALARY**

DECLARE

ENAME VARCHAR2(15);

BASIC NUMBER;

DA NUMBER;

HRA NUMBER;

PF NUMBER;

NETSALARY NUMBER;

BEGIN

ENAME:=&ENAME;

BASIC:=&BASIC;

DA:=BASIC \* (41/100);

HRA:=BASIC \* (15/100);

IF (BASIC < 3000)

THEN

PF:=BASIC \* (5/100);

ELSIF (BASIC >= 3000 AND BASIC <= 5000)

THEN

PF:=BASIC \* (7/100);

ELSIF (BASIC >= 5000 AND BASIC <= 8000)

THEN

PF:=BASIC \* (8/100);

ELSE

PF:=BASIC \* (10/100);

END IF;

NETSALARY:=BASIC + DA + HRA -PF;

DBMS\_OUTPUT.PUT\_LINE('EMPLOYEE NAME : ' || ENAME);

DBMS\_OUTPUT.PUT\_LINE('PROVIDEND FUND : ' || PF);

DBMS\_OUTPUT.PUT\_LINE('NET SALARY : ' || NETSALARY);

END;

**Procedure and Function::**

A subprogram is a program unit/module that performs a particular task.

A subprogram can be created −

* At the schema level
* Inside a package
* Inside a PL/SQL block

At the schema level, subprogram is a **standalone subprogram**. It is created with the CREATE PROCEDURE or the CREATE FUNCTION statement. It is stored in the database and can be deleted with the DROP PROCEDURE or DROP FUNCTION statement.

A subprogram created inside a package is a **packaged subprogram**. It is stored in the database and can be deleted only when the package is deleted with the DROP PACKAGE statement. We will discuss packages in the chapter **'PL/SQL - Packages'**.

PL/SQL subprograms are named PL/SQL blocks that can be invoked with a set of parameters. PL/SQL provides two kinds of subprograms −

* **Functions** − These subprograms return a single value; mainly used to compute and return a value.
* **Procedures** − These subprograms do not return a value directly; mainly used to perform an action.

CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE greetings

AS

BEGIN

dbms\_output.put\_line('Hello World!');

END;

/

It can run two ways one

EXECUTE greetings;

Another in pl/sql block

BEGIN

greetings;

END;

/

DECLARE

a number;

b number;

c number;

PROCEDURE findMin(x IN number, y IN number, z OUT number) IS

BEGIN

IF x < y THEN

z:= x;

ELSE

z:= y;

END IF;

END;

BEGIN

a:= 23;

b:= 45;

findMin(a, b, c);

dbms\_output.put\_line(' Minimum of (23, 45) : ' || c);

END;

Methods for Passing Parameters

Actual parameters can be passed in three ways −

Positional notation

Named notation

Mixed notation

Positional Notation

In positional notation, you can call the procedure as − findMin(a, b, c, d);

Named Notation- findMin(x => a, y => b, z => c, m => d);

Mixed Notation - findMin(a,y=>b,c);

Using Function::

DECLARE

a number;

b number;

c number;

FUNCTION findMax(x IN number, y IN number)

RETURN number IS

z number;

BEGIN

IF x > y THEN

z:= x;

ELSE

z:= y;

END IF;

RETURN z;

END;

BEGIN

a:= 23;

b:= 45;

c := findMax(a, b);

dbms\_output.put\_line(' Maximum of (23,45): ' || c);

END;

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**CURSORS::**

Oracle creates a memory area, known as the context area, for processing an SQL statement, which contains all the information needed for processing the statement.

A cursor is a pointer to this context area. PL/SQL controls the context area through a cursor. A cursor holds the rows (one or more) returned by a SQL statement. The set of rows the cursor holds is referred to as the active set.

It could be referred to in a program to fetch and process the rows returned by the SQL statement, one at a time. There are two types of cursors −

Implicit cursors:: Implicit cursors are automatically created by Oracle whenever an SQL statement is executed, when there is no explicit cursor for the statement. Programmers cannot control the implicit cursors and the information in it.

%FOUND

Returns TRUE if an INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE statement affected one or more rows or a SELECT INTO statement returned one or more rows. Otherwise, it returns FALSE.

%NOTFOUND

The logical opposite of %FOUND. It returns TRUE if an INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE statement affected no rows, or a SELECT INTO statement returned no rows. Otherwise, it returns FALSE.

%ROWCOUNT

Returns the number of rows affected by an INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE statement, or returned by a SELECT INTO statement.

create table Empl(ename varchar2(10), dept varchar2(10), salary number(6,2));

insert ALL

into Empl values('Harry', 'Database', 1000)

into Empl values('Ron', 'Networking', 2000)

into Empl values('Hermoine', 'OOP', 6000)

into Empl values('Annabeth', 'OS', 5000)

into Empl values('Percy', 'ML', 3000)

DECLARE

total\_rows number(2);

BEGIN

UPDATE customers

SET salary = salary + 500;

IF sql%notfound THEN

dbms\_output.put\_line('no customers selected');

ELSIF sql%found THEN

total\_rows := sql%rowcount;

dbms\_output.put\_line( total\_rows || ' customers selected ');

END IF;

END;

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Explicit cursors : Explicit cursors are programmer-defined cursors for gaining more control over the context area.

CREATE TABLE CUSTOMERS( ID NUMBER(1), NAME VARCHAR2(15), ADDRESS VARCHAR2(15));

INSERT INTO CUSTOMERS VALUES(1,’RAMESH’,’KOLKATA’);

INSERT INTO CUSTOMERS VALUES(2,’KHILAN’,’DELHI’);

INSERT INTO CUSTOMERS VALUES(3,’RAJESH’,’MUMBAI’);

DECLARE

c\_id customers.id%type;

c\_name customers.name%type;

c\_addr customers.address%type;

CURSOR c\_customers is

SELECT id, name, address FROM customers;

BEGIN

OPEN c\_customers;

LOOP

FETCH c\_customers into c\_id, c\_name, c\_addr;

EXIT WHEN c\_customers%notfound;

dbms\_output.put\_line(c\_id || ' ' || c\_name || ' ' || c\_addr);

END LOOP;

CLOSE c\_customers;

END;

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