

13. UPDATE

UPDATE statement

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Functionality

UPDATE statement modifies all rows that satisfy a given condition

The values of attributes modified by **UPDATE** statement **CAN** be restored by **ROLLBACK** statement unless **UPDATE** has been committed by **COMMIT** statement

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Sample database

```
CREATE TABLE Department (
  name      VARCHAR2(50),
  code      CHAR(5),
  total_staff_number NUMBER(2)      NOT NULL,
  chair     VARCHAR2(50),
  budget    NUMBER(9,1)             NULL,
  CONSTRAINT dept_pkey PRIMARY KEY(name),
  CONSTRAINT dept_ckey1 UNIQUE(code),
  CONSTRAINT dept_ckey2 UNIQUE(chair),
  CONSTRAINT dept_check1
  CHECK (total_staff_number BETWEEN 1 AND 50) );
```

```
CREATE TABLE Course (
  c#        CHAR(7),
  title     VARCHAR2(200)           NOT NULL,
  credits   NUMBER(1)              NOT NULL,
  offered_by VARCHAR2(50)           NULL,
  CONSTRAINT course_pkey PRIMARY KEY(c#),
  CONSTRAINT course_check1
  CHECK (credits IN (6, 12) ),
  CONSTRAINT course_fkey1 FOREIGN KEY(offered_by)
  REFERENCES Department(name) );
```

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Example

```
UPDATE Course
```

```
SET credits = 12
```

```
WHERE c# IN ('CSCI235', 'CSCI205', 'CSCI203');
```

```
UPDATE Department
```

```
SET chair = 'Margaret',
```

```
total_staff_number = total_staff_number + 1
```

```
WHERE name = 'Physics';
```

```
UPDATE Department
```

```
SET total_staff_number = total_staff_number + 2;
```

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Computational model (UPDATE)

```
UPDATE <TABLE>
SET <ASSIGNMENTS>
WHERE <CONDITION>;
```

```
forall rows t in <TABLE>
  if evaluate(<CONDITION>, t) then
    perform all <ASSIGNMENTS> on t;
    save t in <TABLE>;
  endif;
endforall;
```

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Computational model (UPDATE)

```
UPDATE Department
SET chair = 'Margaret',
    total_staff_number = total_staff_number + 1
WHERE name = 'Physics';
```

```
forall rows d in Department
  if d.name = 'Physics' then
    d.chair ← 'Margaret';
    d.total_staff_number ← total_staff_number + 1;
    save d in Department;
  endif;
endforall;
```

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Keywords

```

UPDATE Course
SET credits = 12
WHERE c# IN ('CSCI235', 'CSCI205', 'CSCI203');

UPDATE Department
SET chair = 'Margaret',
    total_staff_number = total_staff_number + 1
WHERE name = 'Physics';

UPDATE Department
SET total_staff_number = total_staff_number + 1;

```

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Tables

```

UPDATE Course
SET credits = 12
WHERE c# IN ('CSCI235', 'CSCI205', 'CSCI203');

UPDATE Department
SET chair = 'Margaret',
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WHERE name = 'Physics';

UPDATE Department
SET total_staff_number = total_staff_number + 1;

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Modifications

```

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WHERE c# IN ('CSCI235', 'CSCI205', 'CSCI203');

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SET chair = 'Margaret',
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WHERE name = 'Physics';

UPDATE Department
SET total_staff_number = total_staff_number + 1;

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Conditions

```

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UPDATE Department
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WHERE name = 'Physics';

UPDATE Department
SET total_staff_number = total_staff_number + 1;

```

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BEWARE !!!

```

UPDATE Department SET name='IT' WHERE
name='Computer Science';

```

```

ERROR at line 1:
ORA-02292: integrity constraint
(SCOTT.COURSE_FKEY1) violated - child record
found

```

**IF ON UPDATE CASCADE CLAUSE IS NOT USED
IN A SPECIFICATION OF FOREIGN KEY
THEN AN ORDER IN WHICH THE ROWS ARE
UPDATED IS IMPORTANT !!!**

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