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Objectives

After the completion of this exercise, the students will be able to do the following:
- Create, maintain, and use sequences
- Create and maintain indexes

Database Objects

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 Sequence?

A sequence:
- Automatically generates unique numbers
- Is a sharable object
- Is typically used to create a primary key value
- Replaces application code
- Speeds up the efficiency of accessing sequence values when cached in memory

The 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}];
```

In the syntax:
sequence is the name of the sequence generator

1. CREATE SEQUENCE DEPT_ID_SEQ

INCREMENT BY 10
START WITH 200
MAX VALUE 1000
NOCACHE
NO CYCLE;

2. SELECT
sequence_name,
max_value,
increment_by
last_number

FROM
user_sequence
WHERE
sequence_name = 'Dept_ID_SEQ';

3. INSERT INTO DEPT (DEPT_ID, DEPT_NAME)
VALUES (DEPT_ID_SEQ.NEXTVAL, Education);
INSERT INTO DEPT (DEPT_ID, DEPT_NAME)
VALUES (DeptID_SEQ.NEXTVAL, 'Health Care');

4. CREATE INDEX emp_dept_id_idx
ON EMP (DEPT_ID);

When to Create an Index

You should create an index if:
- 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 percent of the rows

When Not to Create an Index

It is usually not worth creating an index if:
- The table is small
- The columns are not often used as a condition in the query
- Most queries are expected to retrieve more than 2 to 4 percent of the rows in the table • The table is updated frequently
- The indexed columns are referenced as part of an Expression

Confirming Indexes

- The USER_INDEXES data dictionary view contains the name of the index and its uniqueness.
- The USER_IND_COLUMNS view contains the index name, the table name, and the column name.

EXAMPLE:

```
SELECT ic.index_name, ic.column_name, ic.column_position col_pos,ix.uniqueness
FROM user_indexes ix, user_ind_columns ic
WHERE ic.index_name = ix.index_name
AND ic.table_name = 'EMPLOYEES';
```

Removing an Index

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

- Remove the UPPER_LAST_NAME_IDX index from the data dictionary.

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

```
DROP INDEX upper_last_name_idx;
```

```
DROP INDEX index;
```

Find the Solution for the following:

1. Create a sequence to 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 ten numbers. Name the sequence DEPT_ID_SEQ.

2. Write a query in a script to display the following information about your sequences:-sequence name, maximum value, increment size, and last number

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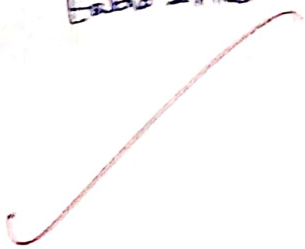
```
SELECT
    index_name,
    column_name
FROM
    user_indexes
WHERE
    table_name = 'EMP';
```



3. Write a script to insert two rows into the DEPT table. Name your script lab12_3.sql. Be sure to use the sequence that you created for the ID column. Add two departments named Education and
Administration. Confirm your additions. Run the commands in your script.
4. Create a nonunique index on the foreign key column (DEPT_ID) in the EMP table.

5. Display the indexes and uniqueness that exist in the data dictionary for the EMP table.

Evaluation Procedure	Marks awarded
PL/SQL Procedure(5)	5
Program/Execution (5)	5
Viva(5)	4
Total (15)	14
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