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**Objective: Working with stored Functions and Procedures in PL/SQL.**

**Tools: MySql/oracle.**

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### **Introduction:**

#### **Stored Functions and Procedures in PL/SQL**

Stored procedures and functions (subprograms) can be compiled and stored in an Oracle Database, ready to be executed. Once compiled, it is a schema object known as a stored procedure or stored function, which can be referenced or called any number of times by multiple applications connected to Oracle Database. Both stored procedures and functions can accept parameters when they are executed (called). To execute a stored procedure or function, you only need to include its object name.

#### **Creating a Stored Procedure or Function**

Whenever a block of code for stored procedure or function is written it is then, they are automatically compiled by the oracle engine. During compilation if any error occurs, we get a message on the screen saying that the procedure or function is created with compilation errors but actual error is not displayed.

In order to find out the compilation errors following statement can be executed:

```
SELECT * from USER_ERRORS;
```

Once it is compiled, it is then stored by the oracle engine in the database as a database object. Stored Procedure or function's block of code in PL/SQL is made up of the following three sections:

- **Declarative section:** In this section, variables, constants, cursor or exceptions that are going to be used by procedure or function are declared.

- **Executable section:** In this section, the definition of procedure or function created is written. This section also contains the SQL or PL/SQL statements assigning values, controlling execution and manipulating data.
- **Exception Handling section:** In this section, the expected exceptions are written which may arise during execution of code written in executable part. This section is optional.

### Syntax for creating Stored Procedure

Below we have the basic syntax for creating a stored procedure in oracle:

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE <procedure_name>
(<variable_name>IN/OUT/IN OUT <datatype>,
 <variable_name>IN/OUT/IN OUT <datatype>,...) IS/AS
variable/constant declaration;
BEGIN
    -- PL/SQL subprogram body;
EXCEPTION
    -- Exception Handling block ;
END <procedure_name>;
```

Let's understand the above code,

- `procedure_name` is for procedure's name and `variable_name` is the variable name for variable used in the stored procedure.
- `CREATE` or `REPLACE PROCEDURE` is a keyword used for specifying the name of the procedure to be created.
- `BEGIN`, `EXCEPTION` and `END` are keywords used to indicate different sections of the procedure being created.
- `IN/OUT/IN OUT` are parameter modes.
- `IN` mode refers to `READ ONLY` mode which is used for a variable by which it will accept the value from the user. It is the default parameter mode.
- `OUT` mode refers to `WRITE ONLY` mode which is used for a variable that will return the value to the user.
- `IN OUT` mode refers to `READ AND WRITE` mode which is used for a variable that will either accept a value from the user or it will return the value to the user.
- At the end, `<procedure_name>` is optional to write, you can simply use `END` statement to end the procedure definition.

## Syntax for creating Functions in PL/SQL

Now that we know how to create stored procedures and how to use them in another PL/SQL code block, it's time to understand how to create Functions in PL/SQL.

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION <function_name>
```

```
(<variable_name> IN <datatype>,
```

```
<variable_name> IN <datatype>,...)
```

```
RETURN <datatype> IS/AS
```

```
variable/constant declaration;
```

```
BEGIN
```

```
    -- PL/SQL subprogram body;
```

```
EXCEPTION
```

```
    -- Exception Handling block ;
```

```
END <function_name>;
```

Let's understand the above code:

- Function\_name is for defining function's name and variable\_name is the variable name for variable used in the function.
- **CREATE or REPLACE FUNCTION** is a keyword used for specifying the name of the function to be created.
- **IN** mode refers to **READ ONLY** mode which is used for a variable by which it will accept the value from the user. It is the default parameter mode.
- **RETURN** is a keyword followed by a datatype specifying the datatype of a value that the function will return.

## LAB TASK

1. Create a stored function to calculate the salary ranking of the employee based on the current minimum and maximum salaries for employees in the same job category. (Hint: salary ranking =  $(\text{empsal} - \text{minsals}) / (\text{Maxsal} - \text{Minsal})$ ).

Task:

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION emp_sal_ranking (empid NUMBER) RETURN NUMBER IS
    minsal      emp.sal%TYPE; -- declare a variable same as salary
    maxsal      emp.sal%TYPE; -- declare a variable same as salary
    jobid       emp.job_id%TYPE; -- declare a variable same as job_id
    v_sal       emp.sal%TYPE; -- declare a variable same as salary
BEGIN
    -- retrieve the jobid and salary for the specific employee ID
    SELECT job_id, sal INTO jobid, v_sal FROM emp WHERE empno = empid;
    -- retrieve the minimum and maximum salaries for employees with the same job ID
    SELECT MIN(sal), MAX(sal) INTO minsal, maxsal FROM emp WHERE job_id = jobid;
    -- return the ranking as a decimal, based on the following calculation
    RETURN ((v_sal - minsal) / (maxsal - minsal));
END emp_sal_ranking;
/

DECLARE
    empid NUMBER := 7499; -- pick an employee ID to test the function
BEGIN
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('The salary ranking for employee ' || empid || ' is: '
        || ROUND(emp_sal_ranking(empid), 2));
END;
/

SET SERVEROUTPUT ON;
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```

Script Output x

Task completed in 0.141 seconds

Function EMP\_SAL\_RANKING compiled

The salary ranking for employee 7499 is: 1

2. Write a stored procedure that accepts radius of circle and displays area of the circle.

Task:

```
DECLARE
    PI NUMBER(3,2);
    RADIUS NUMBER(7);
    AREA NUMBER(13,2);

PROCEDURE FINDAREA(X IN NUMBER,Y IN NUMBER,Z OUT NUMBER )
IS BEGIN
    Z:=X*POWER(Y,2);
END;

BEGIN
    PI :=3.14;
    RADIUS :=9;
    FINDAREA(PI,RADIUS,AREA);

    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('AREA: ' || AREA);
END;
/
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON;
-----18CS31-----
```

Script Output x

Task completed in 1.718 seconds

```
BEGIN
    PI :=3.14;
    RADIUS :=9;
    FINDAREA(PI,RADIUS,AREA);

    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('AREA: ' || AREA);
END;
AREA: 254.34
```

### 3. Write a stored function that accepts a number and returns its factorial.

Task:

```
DECLARE
    num1 number;
    factorial number;

FUNCTION factor(x number)
RETURN number IS
    f number;

BEGIN
    IF x=0 THEN
        f := 1;
    ELSE
        f := x * factor(x-1);
    END IF;
RETURN f;
END;

BEGIN
    num1 := 6;
    factorial := factor(num1);
    dbms_output.put_line(' Factorial ' || num1 || ' is ' || factorial);
END;

/
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON;
-----18CS31-----
```

Script Output x

Task completed in 0.087 seconds

Factorial 6 is 720

PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.