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Course Objectives

After completing this course, you should be able to:

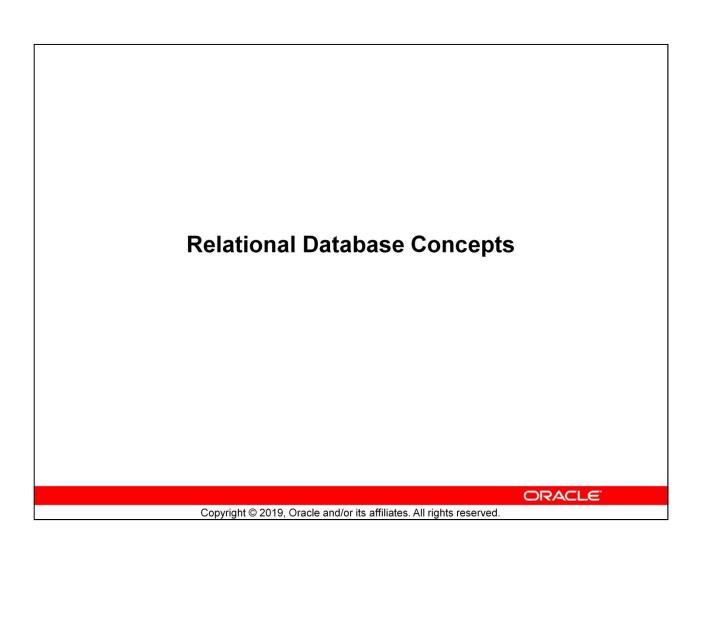
- Identify the major components of Oracle Database
- Retrieve row and column data from tables with the SELECT statement
- Create reports of sorted and restricted data
- Employ SQL functions to generate and retrieve customized data
- Run complex queries to retrieve data from multiple tables
- Run data manipulation language (DML) statements to update data in Oracle Database
- Run data definition language (DDL) statements to create and manage schema objects

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This course offers you an introduction to the Oracle Database technology. In this class, you learn the basic concepts of relational databases and the powerful SQL programming language. This course provides the essential SQL skills that enable you to write queries against single and multiple tables, manipulate data in tables, create database objects, and query metadata.



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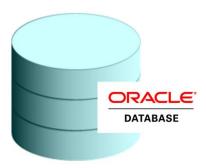
- After completing this lesson, you should be able to do the following:
 - Introduction to RDBMS
 - Data Storage on Different Media
 - · Relational Database Concept
 - Definition of a Relational Database
 - Entity Relationship Model
 - Using SQL to Query Your Database
 - · Development Environments for SQL
 - Human Resources (HR) Schema
 - · Tables Used in the Course

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Relational and Object Relational Database Management Systems

- Relational model and object relational model
- User-defined data types and objects
- Fully compatible with relational database
- Supports multimedia and large objects
- High-quality database server features



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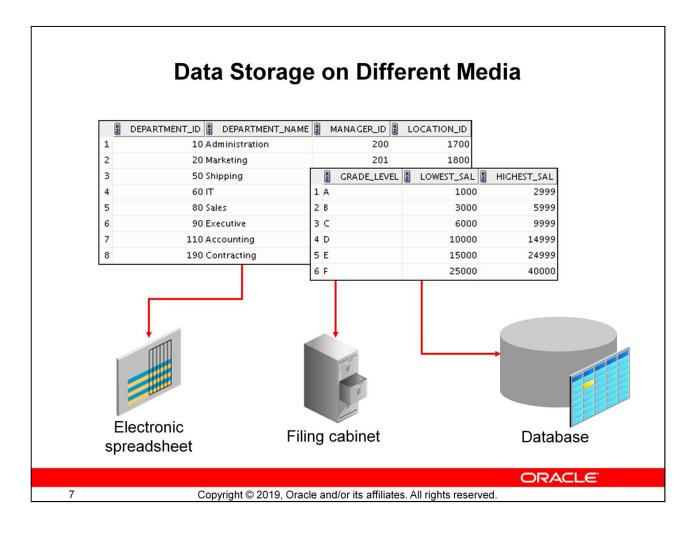
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The Oracle server supports both the relational and the object relational database models.

The Oracle server extends the data-modeling capabilities to support an object relational database model that provides object-oriented programming, complex data types, complex business objects, and full compatibility with the relational world.

It includes several features for improved performance and functionality of the OLTP applications, such as better sharing of run-time data structures, larger buffer caches, and deferrable constraints. Data warehouse applications benefit from enhancements such as parallel execution of insert, update, and delete operations; partitioning; and parallel-aware query optimization. The Oracle model supports client/server and Web-based applications that are distributed and multitiered.

For more information about the relational and object relational model, refer to *Oracle Database Concepts for 10g or 11g database*.



Every organization has some information needs. A library keeps a list of members, books, due dates, and fines. A company needs to save information about its employees, departments, and salaries. These pieces of information are called *data*.

Organizations can store data in various media and in different formats, such as a hard copy document in a filing cabinet, or data stored in electronic spreadsheets, or in databases.

A database is an organized collection of information.

To manage databases, you need a database management system (DBMS). A DBMS is a program that stores, retrieves, and modifies data in databases on request. There are four main types of databases: *hierarchical*, *network*, *relational*, and (most recently) *object relational*.

Relational Database Concept

- Dr. E. F. Codd proposed the relational model for database systems in 1970.
- It is the basis for the relational database management system (RDBMS).
- The relational model consists of the following:
 - Collection of objects or relations
 - Set of operators to act on the relations
 - Data integrity for accuracy and consistency

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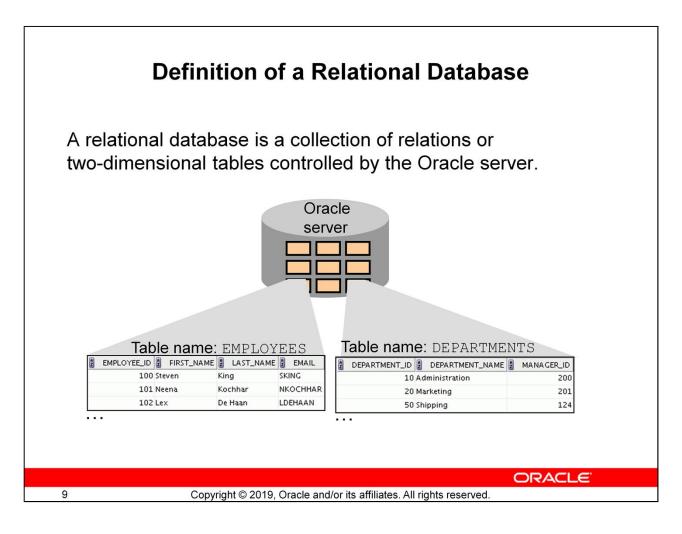
The principles of the relational model were first outlined by Dr. E. F. Codd in a June 1970 paper titled *A Relational Model of Data for Large Shared Data Banks*. In this paper, Dr. Codd proposed the relational model for database systems.

The common models used at that time were hierarchical and network, or even simple flat-file data structures. Relational database management systems (RDBMS) soon became very popular, especially for their ease of use and flexibility in structure. In addition, a number of innovative vendors, such as Oracle, supplemented the RDBMS with a suite of powerful, application development and user-interface products, thereby providing a total solution.

Components of the Relational Model

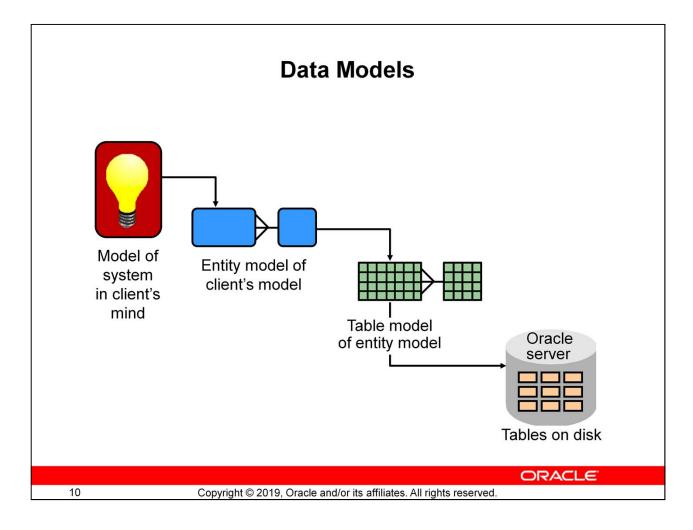
- Collections of objects or relations that store the data
- A set of operators that can act on the relations to produce other relations
- Data integrity for accuracy and consistency

For more information, refer to *An Introduction to Database Systems, Eighth Edition* (Addison-Wesley: 2004), written by Chris Date.



A relational database uses relations or two-dimensional tables to store information.

For example, you might want to store information about all the employees in your company. In a relational database, you create several tables to store different pieces of information about your employees, such as an employee table, a department table, and a salary table.



Models are the cornerstone of design. Engineers build a model of a car to work out any details before putting it into production. In the same manner, system designers develop models to explore ideas and improve the understanding of database design.

Purpose of Models

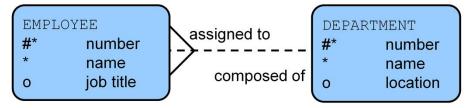
Models help to communicate the concepts that are in people's minds. They can be used to do the following:

- Communicate
- Categorize
- Describe
- Specify
- Investigate
- Evolve
- Analyze
- Imitate

The objective is to produce a model that fits a multitude of these uses, can be understood by an end user, and contains sufficient detail for a developer to build a database system.

Entity Relationship Model

 Create an entity relationship diagram from business specifications or narratives:



- Scenario:
 - "... Assign one or more employees to a department ..."
 - "... Some departments do not yet have assigned employees ..."

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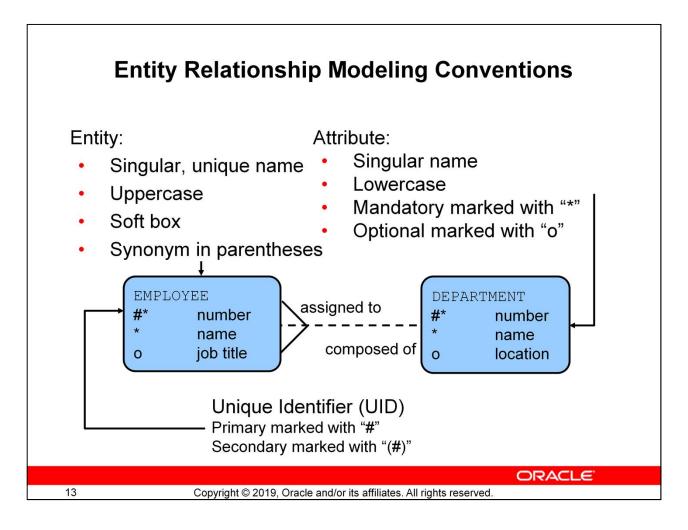
In an effective system, data is divided into discrete categories or entities. An entity relationship (ER) model is an illustration of the various entities in a business and the relationships among them. An ER model is derived from business specifications or narratives and built during the analysis phase of the system development life cycle. ER models separate the information required by a business from the activities performed within the business. Although businesses can change their activities, the type of information tends to remain constant. Therefore, the data structures also tend to be constant.

Benefits of ER Modeling

- Documents information for the organization in a clear, precise format
- Provides a clear picture of the scope of the information requirement
- Provides an easily understood pictorial map for database design
- Offers an effective framework for integrating multiple applications

Key Components

- **Entity:** An aspect of significance about which information must be known. Examples are departments, employees, and orders.
- Attribute: Something that describes or qualifies an entity. For example, for the employee
 entity, the attributes would be the employee number, name, job title, hire date, department
 number, and so on. Each of the attributes is either required or optional. This state is called
 optionality.
- **Relationship:** A named association between entities showing optionality and degree. Examples are employees and departments, and orders and items.



Entities

To represent an entity in a model, use the following conventions:

- Singular, unique entity name
- Entity name in uppercase
- Soft box
- Optional synonym names in uppercase within parentheses: ()

Attributes

To represent an attribute in a model, use the following conventions:

- · Singular name in lowercase
- Asterisk (*) tag for mandatory attributes (that is, values that must be known)
- Letter "o" tag for optional attributes (that is, values that may be known)

Relationships

Each direction of the relationship contains:

• A label: For example, taught by or assigned to

An optionality: Either must be or maybe

• A degree: Either one and only one or one or more

Symbol	Description
Dashed line	Optional element indicating "maybe"
Solid line	Mandatory element indicating "must be"
Crow's foot	Degree element indicating "one or more"
Single line	Degree element indicating "one and only one"

Note: The term *cardinality* is a synonym for the term *degree*.

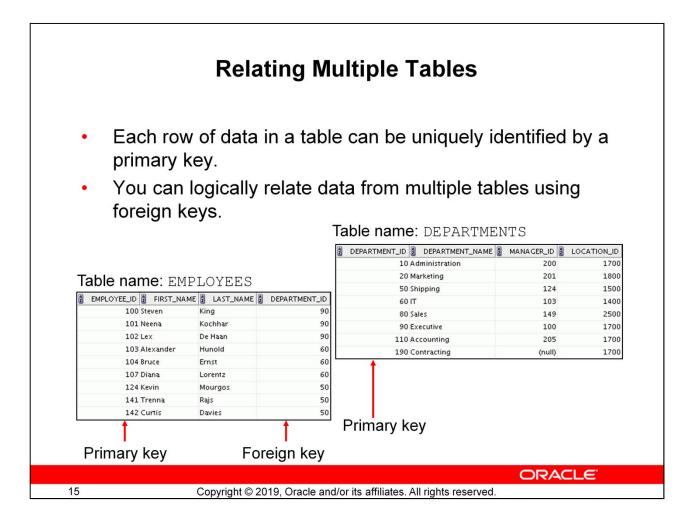
Each source entity {may be | must be} in relation {one and only one | one or more} with the destination entity.

Note: The convention is to read clockwise.

Unique Identifiers

A unique identifier (UID) is any combination of attributes or relationships, or both, that serves to distinguish occurrences of an entity. Each entity occurrence must be uniquely identifiable.

- Tag each attribute that is part of the UID with a hash sign "#".
- Tag secondary UIDs with a hash sign in parentheses (#).



Each table contains data that describes exactly one entity. For example, the EMPLOYEES table contains information about employees. Categories of data are listed across the top of each table, and individual cases are listed below. By using a table format, you can readily visualize, understand, and use information.

Because data about different entities is stored in different tables, you may need to combine two or more tables to answer a particular question. For example, you may want to know the location of the department where an employee works. In this scenario, you need information from the EMPLOYEES table (which contains data about employees) and the DEPARTMENTS table (which contains information about departments). With an RDBMS, you can relate the data in one table to the data in another by using the foreign keys. A foreign key is a column (or a set of columns) that refers to a primary key in the same table or another table.

You can use the ability to relate data in one table to data in another to organize information in separate, manageable units. Employee data can be kept logically distinct from the department data by storing it in a separate table.

Guidelines for Primary Keys and Foreign Keys

- You cannot use duplicate values in a primary key.
- Primary keys generally cannot be changed.
- Foreign keys are based on data values and are purely logical (not physical) pointers.
- A foreign key value must match an existing primary key value or unique key value; otherwise, it must be null.
- A foreign key must reference either a primary key or a unique key column.

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			Hunold	9000	(null	60	
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	107		Lorentz	4200	(6) (null	60	
	124 K		Mourgos	5800	(null	50	
			Rajs	3500	(null	50	
	142		Davies	3100	(null	50	
			Matos	2600	(null	50	
	144 P		Vargas	2500	(null	50	
	149 E		Zlotkey	10500	0.2	80	
	174 E		Abel	11000 8600	0.3	80 80	
			Taylor Grant	7000	0.2 0.15	(null)	
			Whalen	4400	(null	10	
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A relational database can contain one or many tables. A *table* is the basic storage structure of an RDBMS. A table holds all the data necessary about something in the real world, such as employees, invoices, or customers.

The slide shows the contents of the EMPLOYEES *table* or *relation*. The numbers indicate the following:

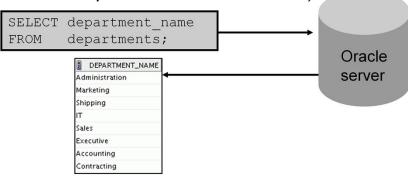
- 1. A single *row* (or *tuple*) representing all the data required for a particular employee. Each row in a table should be identified by a primary key, which permits no duplicate rows. The order of rows is insignificant; specify the row order when the data is retrieved.
- 2. A *column* or attribute containing the employee number. The employee number identifies a *unique* employee in the EMPLOYEES table. In this example, the employee number column is designated as the *primary key*. A primary key must contain a value and the value must be unique.
- 3. A column that is not a key value. A column represents one kind of data in a table; in this example, the data is the salaries of all the employees. Column order is insignificant when storing data; specify the column order when the data is retrieved.
- 4. A column containing the department number, which is also a *foreign key*. A foreign key is a column that defines how tables relate to each other. A foreign key refers to a

- primary key or a unique key in the same table or in another table. In the example, <code>DEPARTMENT_ID</code> uniquely identifies a department in the <code>DEPARTMENTS</code> table.
- 5. A *field* can be found at the intersection of a row and a column. There can be only one value in it.
- 6. A field may have no value in it. This is called a null value. In the EMPLOYEES table, only those employees who have the role of sales representative have a value in the COMMISSION PCT (commission) field.

Using SQL to Query Your Database

Structured query language (SQL) is:

- The ANSI standard language for operating relational databases
- Efficient, easy to learn, and use
- Functionally complete (With SQL, you can define, retrieve, and manipulate data in the tables.)



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In a relational database, you do not specify the access route to the tables, and you do not need to know how the data is arranged physically.

To access the database, you execute a structured query language (SQL) statement, which is the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standard language for operating relational databases. SQL is also compliant to ISO Standard (SQL 1999).

SQL is a set of statements with which all programs and users access data in an Oracle Database. Application programs and Oracle tools often allow users access to the database without using SQL directly, but these applications, in turn, must use SQL when executing the user's request.

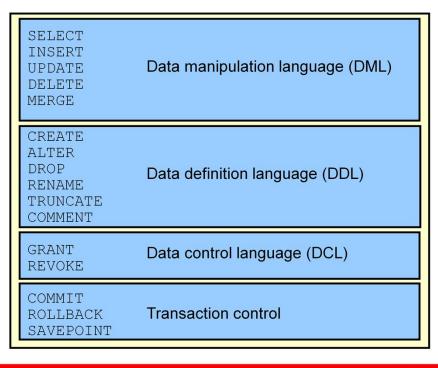
SQL provides statements for a variety of tasks, including:

- Querying data
- Inserting, updating, and deleting rows in a table
- Creating, replacing, altering, and dropping objects
- Controlling access to the database and its objects
- Guaranteeing database consistency and integrity

SQL unifies all of the preceding tasks in one consistent language and enables you to work

with data at a logical level.

SQL Statements Used in the Course



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SQL Statements

SQL statements supported by Oracle comply with industry standards. Oracle Corporation ensures future compliance with evolving standards by actively involving key personnel in SQL standards committees. The industry-accepted committees are ANSI and International Standards Organization (ISO). Both ANSI and ISO have accepted SQL as the standard language for relational databases.

Statement	Description
SELECT INSERT UPDATE DELETE MERGE	Retrieves data from the database, enters new rows, changes existing rows, and removes unwanted rows from tables in the database, respectively. Collectively known as data manipulation language (DML)
CREATE ALTER DROP RENAME TRUNCATE COMMENT	Sets up, changes, and removes data structures from tables. Collectively known as data definition language (DDL)
GRANT REVOKE	Provides or removes access rights to both the Oracle Database and the structures within it
COMMIT ROLLBACK SAVEPOINT	Manages the changes made by DML statements. Changes to the data can be grouped together into logical transactions

Development Environments for SQL

There are two development environments for this course:

- The primary tool is Oracle SQL Developer.
- SQL*Plus command-line interface can also be used.



SQL Developer

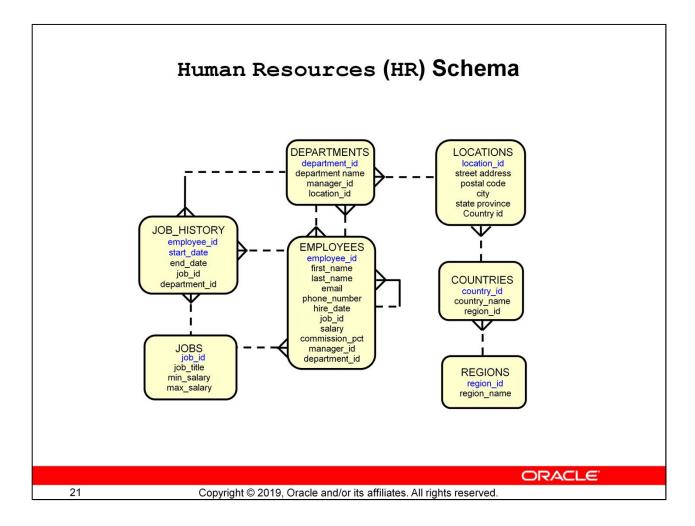
This course is developed using Oracle SQL Developer as the tool for running the SQL statements discussed in the examples in the lessons and the practices. SQL Developer is the default tool for this class.

SQL*Plus

The SQL*Plus environment can also be used to run all SQL commands covered in this course.

Note

- See Appendix B for information about using SQL Developer, including simple instructions on installation process.
- See Appendix C for information about using SQL*Plus.



Human Resources (HR) Schema Description

The Human Resources (HR) schema is a part of the Oracle Sample Schemas that can be installed in an Oracle Database. The practice sessions in this course use data from the HR schema.

Table Descriptions

- REGIONS contains rows that represent a region such as America, Asia, and so on.
- COUNTRIES contains rows for countries, each of which is associated with a region.
- LOCATIONS contains the specific address of a specific office, warehouse, or production site of a company in a particular country.
- DEPARTMENTS shows details about the departments in which the employees work. Each department may have a relationship representing the department manager in the EMPLOYEES table
- EMPLOYEES contains details about each employee working 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 a job or changes jobs within a department, a new row is inserted into this table with the earlier job information of the employee.

Tables Used in the Course EMPLOYEES B EMPLOYEE_ID B FIRST_NAME B LAST_NAME B EMAIL B PHONE_NUMBER B HIRE_DATE B JOB_ID B SALARY B 100 Steven SKING 515.123.4567 17-JUN-03 AD_PRES 101 Neena Kochhar NKOCHHAR 515.123.4568 21-SEP-05 AD_VP 17000 102 Lex De Haan LDEHAAN 515.123.4569 13-JAN-01 17000 AD_VP 103 Alexander Huno1d AHUNOLD 590.423.4567 03-JAN-06 AC_MGR 12008 104 Bruce Ernst BERNST 590.423.4568 21-MAY-07 IT PROG 6000 107 Di ana DLORENTZ 590.423.5567 07-FEB-07 IT_PROG 4200 Lorentz 124 Kevin KMOURGOS 650.123.5234 16-N0V-07 ST_MAN Mourgos 5800 17-0CT-03 ST_CLERK 141 Trenna Rais TRAJS 650.121.8009 3500 142 Curtis Davies CDAVIES 650.121.2994 29-JAN-05 ST_CLERK 3100 10 143 Randall Matos RMATOS 650.121.2874 15-MAR-06 ST CLERK 2600 11 144 Peter Vargas PVARGAS 650.121.2004 09-JUL-06 ST_CLERK 2500 12 149 Eleni Zlotkey EZLOTKEY 011.44.1344.429018 29-JAN-08 SA_MAN 10500 13 174 Ellen Abe1 EABEL 011.44.1644.429267 11-MAY-04 SA_REP 11000 14 176 Jonathon Taylor JTAYLOR 011.44.1644.429265 24-MAR-06 SA_REP 8600 15 178 Kimberely Grant KGRANT 011.44.1644.429263 24-MAY-07 SA_REP 7000 16 200 Jenni fer Wha1en JWHALEN 515.123.4444 17-SEP-03 AD_ASST 4400 201 Michael Hartstein MHARTSTE 515.123.5555 17-FEB-04 MK_MAN 13000 18 202 Pat PFAY 603.123.6666 17-AUG-05 MK_REP 6000 Fay 19 205 Shelley SHIGGINS 515.123.8080 07-JUN-02 AC_MGR 12008 Higgins 20 WGIETZ 515.123.8181 206 William 07-JUN-02 AC_ACCOUNT Gietz GRADE_LEVEL 2 LOWEST_SAL 2 B DEPARTMENT_ID DEPARTMENT_NAME MANAGER_ID DE LOCATION_ID HIGHEST SAL 10 Administration 20 Marketing 2 B 201 1800 50 Shipping 124 1500 3 (6000 9999 60 IT 1400 10000 4 D 14999 80 Sales 149 2500 5 E 15000 24999 90 Executive 100 1700 25000 **DEPARTMENTS** 1700 110 Accounting 205 JOB GRADES 190 Contracting (nu11) 1700 ORACLE Copyright © 2019, Oracle and/or its affiliates. All rights reserved.

The following main tables are used in this course:

- EMPLOYEES table: Gives details of all the employees
- **DEPARTMENTS table:** Gives details of all the departments
- JOB GRADES table: Gives details of salaries for various grades

Apart from these tables, you will also use the other tables listed in the previous slide such as the LOCATIONS and the JOB_HISTORY table.

Note: The structure and data for all the tables are provided in Appendix A.

Summary

In this lesson, you should have learned that:

- Introduction to RDBMS
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Relational database management systems are composed of objects or relations. They are managed by operations and governed by data integrity constraints.

Oracle Corporation produces products and services to meet your RDBMS needs. The main products are the following:

- Oracle Database with which you store and manage information by using SQL
- Oracle Fusion Middleware with which you develop, deploy, and manage modular business services that can be integrated and reused
- Oracle Enterprise Manager Grid Control, which you use to manage and automate administrative tasks across sets of systems in a grid environment

SQL

The Oracle server supports ANSI-standard SQL and contains extensions. SQL is the language that is used to communicate with the server to access, manipulate, and control data.