Practice 4: Overview

This practice covers the following topics:

- Creating queries that use TO_CHAR, TO_DATE, and other DATE functions
- Creating queries that use conditional expressions such as DECODE and CASE

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This practice provides a variety of exercises using <code>TO_CHAR</code> and <code>TO_DATE</code> functions, and conditional expressions such as <code>DECODE</code> and <code>CASE</code>. Remember that for nested functions, the results are evaluated from the innermost function to the outermost function.

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1. Create a report that produces the following for each employee:
<employee last name> earns <salary> monthly but wants <3 times
salary.>. Label the column Dream Salaries.

	2 Dream Salaries
1	King earns \$24,000.00 monthly but wants \$72,000.00.
2	Kochhar earns \$17,000.00 monthly but wants \$51,000.00.
3	De Haan earns \$17,000.00 monthly but wants \$51,000.00.
4	Hunold earns \$9,000.00 monthly but wants \$27,000.00.
5	Ernst earns \$6,000.00 monthly but wants \$18,000.00.

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- 19 Higgins earns \$12,000.00 monthly but wants \$36,000.00.
- 20 Gietz earns \$8,300.00 monthly but wants \$24,900.00.
- 2. Display each employee's last name, hire date, and salary review date, which is the first Monday after six months of service. Label the column REVIEW. Format the dates to appear in the format similar to "Monday, the Thirty-First of July, 2000."

	2 LAST_NAME	HIRE_DATE	2 REVIEW
1	King	17-JUN-87	Monday, the Twenty-First of December, 1987
2	Kochhar	21-SEP-89	Monday, the Twenty-Sixth of March, 1990
3	De Haan	13-JAN-93	Monday, the Nineteenth of July, 1993
4	Hunold	03-JAN-90	Monday, the Ninth of July, 1990
5	Ernst	21-MAY-91	Monday, the Twenty-Fifth of November, 1991

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19 Higgins	07-JUN-94	Monday, the Twelfth of December, 1994
20 Gietz	07-JUN-94	Monday, the Twelfth of December, 1994

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3. Display the last name, hire date, and day of the week on which the employee started. Label the column DAY. Order the results by the day of the week, starting with Monday.



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19 Lorentz	07-FEB-99 SUNDAY
20 Fay	17-AUG-97 SUNDAY

4. Create a query that displays the employees' last names and commission amounts. If an employee does not earn commission, show "No Commission." Label the column COMM.

	LAST_NAME	2 COMM
1	King	No Commission
2	Kochhar	No Commission
3	De Haan	No Commission
4	Hunold	No Commission
5	Ernst	No Commission
6	Lorentz	No Commission

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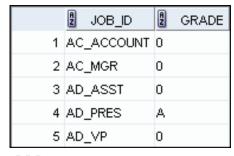
12	Zlotkey	.2
13	Abel	.3
14	Taylor	.2
15	Grant	.15
16	Whalen	No Commission
17	Hartstein	No Commission
18	Fay	No Commission
19	Higgins	No Commission
20	Gietz	No Commission

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If you have time, complete the following exercises:

5. Using the DECODE function, write a query that displays the grade of all employees based on the value of the column JOB ID, using the following data:

Job	Grade
AD_PRES	A
ST_MAN	В
IT_PROG	С
SA_REP	D
ST CLERK	E
None of the above	0



18 ST_CLERK	E
19 ST_CLERK	E
20 ST_MAN	В

6. Rewrite the statement in the preceding exercise using the CASE syntax.

	JOB_ID	grade
1	AC_ACCOUNT	0
2	AC_MGR	0
3	AD_ASST	0
4	AD_PRES	А
5	AD_VP	0

