

### EXERCISE 13

#### Creating Views

1. What are three uses for a view from a DBA's perspective?

- ① security & restrict user access to specific column or rows
- ② simplification & simplify complex queries for end user
- ③ Data Consistency: present consistent record only data to multiple users

2. Create a simple view called view\_d\_songs that contains the ID, title and artist from the DJs on Demand table for each "New Age" type code. In the subquery, use the alias "Song Title" for the title column.

Create view view\_d\_songs as  
select id, title as "Song Title", artist  
from dj - on - demand  
where type - code = 'new age';

3. SELECT \* FROM view\_d\_songs. What was returned?

select \* from view - d - songs displays -  
display id song title and artist column

4. REPLACE view\_d\_songs. Add type\_code to the column list. Use aliases for all columns.

Create OR replace view view\_d\_songs as  
select id as "ID", title as "Song Title", type\_code as  
"type Code" from dj - on - demand  
where type - code = 'new age';

Or use alias after the CREATE statement as shown.

5. Jason Tsang, the disk jockey for DJs on Demand, needs a list of the past events and those planned for the coming months so he can make arrangements for each event's equipment setup. As the company manager, you do not want him to have access to the price that clients paid for their events. Create a view for Jason to use that displays the name of the event, the event date, and the theme description. Use aliases for each column name.

```

Create view view_events Jason AS
Select event_name AS "Event name",
       event_date AS "Event Date",
       theme_desc AS "Theme Description"
From events

```

6. It is company policy that only upper-level management be allowed access to individual employee salaries. The department managers, however, need to know the minimum, maximum, and average salaries, grouped by department. Use the Oracle database to prepare a view that displays the needed information for department managers.

```

Create view dept_salary_summary AS
Select department_id AS "Dept ID",
       MIN (salary) AS "minimum salary",
       MAX (salary) AS "maximum salary",
       AVG (salary) AS "Average salary"
From employees
Group by department_id

```



### DML Operations and Views

Use the DESCRIBE statement to verify that you have tables named copy\_d\_songs, copy\_d\_events, copy\_d\_cds, and copy\_d\_clients in your schema. If you don't, write a query to create a copy of each.

1. Query the data dictionary USER\_UPDATABLE\_COLUMNS to make sure the columns in the base tables will allow UPDATE, INSERT, or DELETE. All table names in the data dictionary are stored in uppercase.

```
select table_name, column_name, insertable, updatable,
deletable from user-updatable-columns
where table_name = 'copy-d-songs';
```

Use the same syntax but change table\_name of the other tables.

2. Use the CREATE or REPLACE option to create a view of all the columns in the copy\_d\_songs table called view\_copy\_d\_songs.

```
Create or Replace view view-copy-d-songs as
select * from copy-d-songs
```

3. Use view\_copy\_d\_songs to INSERT the following data into the underlying copy\_d\_songs table. Execute a SELECT \* from copy\_d\_songs to verify your DML command. See the graphic.

ID	TITLE	DURATION	ARTIST	TYPE CODE
88	Mello Jello	2	The What	4

```
INSERT into view-copy-d-songs (id, title, duration,
artist, type-code)
```

```
VALUES (88, 'Hello Jello', 2, 'The What', 4);
```

- Verify:

```
select * from copy-d-songs
```

4. Create a view based on the DJs on Demand COPY\_D\_CDS table. Name the view read\_copy\_d\_cds. Select all columns to be included in the view. Add a WHERE clause to restrict the year to 2000. Add the WITH READ ONLY option.

```
create or replace view read-copy-d-cds
select *
from copy-d-cds
where year = 2000
with Read Only
```

5. Using the read\_copy\_d\_cds view, execute a DELETE FROM read\_copy\_d\_cds WHERE cd\_number = 90;

```
Delete from read-copy-d-cds where (cd-number = 90)
```

6. Use REPLACE to modify read\_copy\_d\_cds. Replace the READ ONLY option with WITH CHECK OPTION CONSTRAINT ck\_read\_copy\_d\_cds. Execute a SELECT \* statement to verify that the view exists.

```
create or replace view read-copy-d-cds As
select *
from copy-d-cds
where year = 2000 with check option constraint (ck-read-copy-d-cds)
```

7. Use the read\_copy\_d\_cds view to delete any CD of year 2000 from the underlying copy\_d\_cds.

```
DELETE from read-copy-d-cds where year = 2000
```

8. Use the read\_copy\_d\_cds view to delete cd\_number 90 from the underlying copy\_d\_cds table.

```
DELETE from read-copy-d-cds where cd-number = 90
```

9. Use the read\_copy\_d\_cds view to delete year 2001 records.

```
Delete from read-copy-d-cds where year = 2001
```



10. Execute a SELECT \* statement for the base table copy\_d\_cds. What rows were deleted?

SELECT \* from copy\_d\_cds.

11. What are the restrictions on modifying data through a view?

A view cannot modify data if it contains group by, distinct, function, or outer join between multiple tables.

12. What is Moore's Law? Do you consider that it will continue to apply indefinitely? Support your opinion with research from the internet.

Moore's law states that the number of transistors on a microchip double roughly every two years, leading to exponential growth.

13. What is the "singularity" in terms of computing?

The technological singularity is a theoretical point where artificial intelligence surpasses human intelligence, leading to rapid, unpredictable growth.

### Managing Views

1. Create a view from the copy\_d\_songs table called view\_copy\_d\_songs that includes only the title and artist. Execute a SELECT \* statement to verify that the view exists.

Create view view\_copy\_d\_songs

select title, artist

from copy\_d\_songs

select \* from view\_copy\_d\_songs;

2. Issue a DROP view\_copy\_d\_songs. Execute a SELECT \* statement to verify that the view has been deleted.

Drop view view\_copy\_d\_songs;

select \* from user\_views

where view\_name = view\_copy\_d\_songs

3. Create a query that selects the last name and salary from the Oracle database. Rank the salaries from highest to lowest for the top three employees.

select last\_name, salary

from employees

ORDER BY salary DESC

FETCH FIRST 3 ROWS ONLY

4. Construct an inline view from the Oracle database that lists the last name, salary, department ID, and maximum salary for each department. Hint: One query will need to calculate maximum salary by department ID.

SELECT e.last\_name, e.salary, e.dept\_id,

max(salary) over (partition by dept\_id

employees group by dept\_id)

5. Create a query that will return the staff members of Global Fast Foods ranked by salary from lowest to highest.

Select staff\_name, salary from global

fast foods order by salary ASC;