# Unit – 4 PL/SQL AND TRIGGGERS

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# PL/SQL

- SQL does not provide procedural capabilities such as conditional checking, branching and looping, oracle provides PL/SQL(Procedural Language/Structured Query Language) to overcome the disadvantage of SQL.
- It supports all the facility of SQL along with procedural capabilities.
- SQL can be included in PL/SQL program block.
- SQL data definition statement such as CREATE is not allowed in PL/SQL.

# PL/SQL Advantages

- Procedural Capabilities
- Support to Variable
- Support to OOP
- Error Handling Support
- Support User Defined Function
- Sharing of Code
- Portability
- Efficient Execution

# SQL vs PL/SQL

SQL	PL/SQL
Structured Query Language	Procedural Language/Structured Query Language
Mainly used for database manipulation and querying	Extend functionality of SQL with Procedural capabilities.
SQL Statements are executed one at a time	It is executed as a block which contain many SQL statements
Does not provide exception handling	Provide exception handling
Does not provide error handling	Provide error handling
Not Support OOP	Support OOP
Not Support Control Structures	Support Control Structures
Not Support Variables	Support Variables
Not Support I/O Operations	Support I/O Operations

## PL/SQL Generic Block Structure

- PL/SQL code or a program grouped into structure called a block.
- Block can be
  - Named block (if some name is given)
  - Anonymous block (if no name is given)
- PL/SQL block contain three section
  - 1. Declarations Section
  - 2. Executable Command Section
  - 3. Exception Handling Section

```
DECLARE
    -- Declarations (optional)

BEGIN
    -- Executable statements (mandatory)

EXCEPTION
    -- Exception handling (optional)

END;
```

#### Declaration Section

- This section starts with the keyword **DECLARE**.
- It is an optional section and defines all variables, cursors, subprograms, and other elements to be used in the program.

#### Executable Command Section

- This section is enclosed between the keyword BEGIN and END and it is a mandatory section.
- It consists of the executable PL/SQL statements of the program.
- It should have at least one executable line of code, which may be just a NULL command to indicate that nothing should be executed.

#### Exception Handling:

- This section starts with the keyword EXCEPTION.
- This optional section contains exception(s) that handle errors in the program.
- Every PL/SQL statement ends with a semicolon (;).
- PL/SQL blocks can be nested within other PL/SQL blocks using BEGIN and END.

```
Example:
    DECLARE
        message varchar2(20):= 'Hello, World';
    BEGIN
        dbms_output.put_line(message);
    END;

# OUTPUT
Hello, World
```

## PL/SQL Datatypes

- PL/SQL supports a wide range of data types, enabling developers to store and manipulate different kinds of data.
- Here are some of the commonly used PL/SQL data types:

Data Type	Sub Category / Type
Character	CHAR VARCHAR2 VARCHAR
Date	DATE
Binary	RAW LONG RAW
Boolean	BOOLEAN (Can have TRUE, FALSE, NULL values)
RowID	ROWID (Stores value of address location of each record)
Numerical	NUMBER

## PL/SQL Variables

- Variables are declared in the declaration section of the PL/SQL along with valid datatype.
- Some of the basic examples are given below,

```
v_char CHAR(10) := 'PLSQL';
v_varchar VARCHAR2(20) := 'Oracle';
v_num NUMBER(5) := 123;
v_num NUMBER(5,2) := 123.45;
v_date DATE := SYSDATE;
v_flag BOOLEAN := TRUE;
```

## PL/SQL Constants

- To declare a constant, you need to use the keyword CONSTANT in the DECLARE section, followed by the data type and the initial value.
- The value must be assigned at the time of declaration and cannot be changed later.
- Syntax:

```
constant_name CONSTANT data_type := value;
```

Some of the basic examples are given below,

```
pi CONSTANT NUMBER := 3.14159;
```

## PL/SQL Displaying Message

- In PL/SQL, you can display messages or output to the console using the builtin package DBMS\_OUTPUT.
- The procedure DBMS\_OUTPUT\_LINE is commonly used to print or display text messages during the execution of PL/SQL code.
- Syntax:

```
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(message);
```

Basic examples are given below,

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON; -- Enable output in your SQL environment

BEGIN

DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Hello, welcome to PL/SQL! ');

DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Hello=' || 21);

END;
```

## PL/SQL Comments

- In PL/SQL, comments are used to add explanations or notes to your code,
   which are ignored by the PL/SQL compiler.
- PL/SQL Supports two types of comments,
  - 1. Single-line comments
    - -- This is a single-line comment
  - 2. Multi-line comments

```
/* This is a multi-line comment.
```

It can span multiple lines.

Everything within these symbols is treated as a comment. \*/

```
Example: PL/SQL Block for addition of two numbers
  DECLARE
            num1 NUMBER(3) := 10;
            num2 NUMBER(3) := 20;
            ans NUMBER(5);
  BEGIN
            ans:= num1+num2;
            DBMS_OUTPUT_LINE('Addition is:'||ans);
  END;
# OUTPUT
30
```

## Anchor Data type

- In PL/SQL, the anchor datatype is a feature used to declare variables or parameters with the same datatype as an existing database column, cursor, or another variable.
- The %TYPE attribute allows you to declare a variable or parameter that has the same datatype as a specific database column or another variable.
- Syntax:

```
variable_name column_name%TYPE;
```

Example:

```
emp_name employees.first_name%TYPE;
```

-- emp\_name will have the same datatype as first\_name in employees table

## PL/SQL User Input

END;

DBMS\_OUTPUT.PUT\_LINE(NO);

```
    In PL/SQL, user input is taken by using following way.
    Example:

            DECLARE
            NO NUMBER(3);
            BEGIN
            NO:=:NO; or NO:=&NO;
```

#### **Example: PL/SQL Block for addition of two numbers**

```
DECLARE
     num1 NUMBER;
     num2 NUMBER;
     result NUMBER;
BEGIN
     -- Prompt the user to input the first number
     num1 := :first_number;
     -- Prompt the user to input the second number
     num2 := :second_number;
     result := num1 + num2;
     -- Display the result
     DBMS_OUTPUT_LINE('The sum of ' || num1 || ' and ' || num2 || ' is: ' || result);
END;
# OUTPUT
First Number:10
Second Number:20
The sum of 10 and 20 is: 30
```

```
Example: PL/SQL Block with SQL Commands in it.
create table pl1(name varchar2(20),id number(10));
insert into pl1 values('yagnik',1);
insert into pl1 values('Nipa',2);
-- PL/SQL Block that insert data into pl1
BEGIN
         insert into pl1 values ('niyansh',3);
END;
select * from pl1;
  NAME
          ID
  yagnik
  Nipa
          3
  niyansh
```

#### **Example: PL/SQL Block with SQL Commands in it.**

```
select * from pl1;
```

--PL/SQL Block to retrieve all data from a table pl1.

#### **BEGIN**

-- Using a FOR loop to iterate through all rows

```
FOR pl_rec IN (SELECT name, id FROM pl1)
```

LOOP

DBMS\_OUTPUT.PUT\_LINE('ID: ' || pl\_rec.id || ', Name: ' || pl\_rec.name);

END LOOP;

END;

```
NAME ID
yagnik 1
Nipa 2
niyansh 3
```

## PL/SQL Control Structure

- PL/SQL offers several control structures that allow you to control the flow of execution in your program.
- The primary control structures in PL/SQL are:
  - Conditional Control
  - Iterative Control (Loops)
  - Sequential Control

# **Conditional Control (IF...THEN)**

Executes a block of code if a condition is true. Syntax: IF condition THEN -- Statements to execute if condition is true END IF; Example: SET SERVEROUTPUT ON; **DFCLARE** salary NUMBER := 4000; **BEGIN** IF salary > 3000 THEN DBMS\_OUTPUT\_LINE('Salary is above 3000'); END IF; END; # OUTPUT Salary is above 3000

## Conditional Control (IF...THEN..ELSE)

Executes one block of code if the condition is true, and another if it is false.

```
    Syntax:

            IF condition THEN
            Statements if condition is true

    ELSE
    Statements if condition is false
    END IF;
```

```
Example:
    DECLARE
            salary NUMBER := 2500;
    BEGIN
            IF salary > 3000 THEN
                    DBMS_OUTPUT_LINE('Salary is above 3000');
            ELSE
                    DBMS_OUTPUT_LINE('Salary is 3000 or below');
            END IF;
    END;
    # OUTPUT
    Salary is 3000 or below
```

Example: PL/SQL Block to find whether the given no is even or odd DECLARE NO NUMBER(3); BEGIN NO:=:NO; IF MOD(NO,2)=0 THEN DBMS\_OUTPUT\_LINE(NO||' IS EVEN'); ELSE DBMS\_OUTPUT\_LINE(NO||' IS ODD'); END IF; END; # OUTPUT NO: 20 20 IS EVEN

### Conditional Control (IF...THEN..ELSEIF..ELSE)

- Executes different blocks of code for multiple conditions.
- Syntax:

```
IF condition 1 THEN
```

-- Statements if condition1 is true

**ELSIF** condition 2 THEN

-- Statements if condition2 is true

ELSE

-- Statements if none of the conditions are true

END IF;

```
Example:
     DECLARE
            grade CHAR(1) := 'B';
     BEGIN
             IF grade = 'A' THEN
                     DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Excellent');
             ELSIF grade = 'B' THEN
                     DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Good');
             ELSE
                     DBMS_OUTPUT_LINE('Needs Improvement');
             END IF;
     END;
    # OUTPUT
     Good
```

## **Conditional Control (CASE)**

- Similar to the IF statement but more readable when multiple conditions are involved.
- Syntax:

```
CASE expression

WHEN value1 THEN

-- Statements

WHEN value2 THEN

-- Statements

ELSE

-- Statements

END CASE;
```

```
Example:
     DECLARE
             grade CHAR(1) := 'A';
     BEGIN
             CASE grade
                      WHEN 'A' THEN
                               DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Excellent');
                      WHEN 'B' THEN
                               DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Good');
                      ELSE
                               DBMS_OUTPUT_LINE('Needs Improvement');
             END CASE;
     END;
     # OUTPUT
     Excellent
```

## **Iterative Control (LOOP)**

 Executes a block of statements repeatedly until explicitly terminated using EXIT

```
    Syntax:

            LOOP
                 -- Statements
                  EXIT WHEN condition;
                  END LOOP;
```

```
Example: PL/SQL Block to print 1 to 5.
     DECLARE
             i NUMBER(3):=1;
     BEGIN
             LOOP
                     EXIT WHEN i>5;
                     DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(i);
                     i := i + 1;
             END LOOP;
     END;
     # OUTPUT
```

## **Iterative Control (WHILE)**

- Executes a block of statements as long as a condition is true.
- Syntax:

```
WHILE condition LOOP
             -- Statements
     END LOOP;
Example: PL/SQL Block to print 1 to 5.
     DECLARE
             i NUMBER(3):=1;
     BEGIN
             while i<=5
             LOOP
                      DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(i);
                      i := i + 1;
             END LOOP;
     END;
```

```
# OUTPUT
1
2
3
4
5
```

## <u>Iterative Control (FOR)</u>

Executes a block of code a specific number of times. 

```
Syntax:
     FOR loop_counter IN lower_bound..upper_bound LOOP
              -- Statements
     END LOOP;
Example: PL/SQL Block to print 1 to 5.
     BEGIN
              FOR counter IN 1..5
              loop
                       dbms output.put line(counter);
              end loop;
     END;
     # OUTPUT
```

## Sequential Control (GOTO)

- Transfers control to another part of the program identified by a label.
- This is not recommended in structured programming, but it is supported in PL/SQL.
- Syntax:

```
<<label>>
-- Statements
GOTO label;
```

```
Example:
      DECLARE
               x NUMBER := 1;
      BEGIN
               <<start_loop>>
               IF x < 5 THEN
                         DBMS_OUTPUT_PUT_LINE('x is: ' || x);
                         x := x + 1;
                         GOTO start_loop;
               END IF;
      END;
     # OUTPUT
     x is: 1
     x is: 2
     x is: 3
     x is: 4
```

## **Function**

- Function is a subprogram that performs a specific task and returns a value.
- Functions are typically used in SQL statements and PL/SQL blocks to return a single value.
- The function can be either user-defined or predefined.
- Syntax:

CREATE [OR REPLACE] FUNCTION function\_name (argument IN datatype) RETURN datatype IS

-- Declarations

#### **BEGIN**

-- Statements

RETURN some\_value;

END function\_name;

Syntax to drop a function is:

DROP FUNCTION function\_name;

```
    Example: Write a Function to print Hello AVPTI.
    CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION myfun RETURN VARCHAR2
    IS
    BEGIN
    RETURN ('Hello AVPTI');
    END myfun;
```

 How to Call Function: Method1: Using Select Commands SELECT myfun from dual;

MYFUN Hello AVPTI

Example: Write a Function to check whether given number is odd or even, also write the PL/SQL block to invoke/call it.

Function Creation

```
CREATE FUNCTION f1 (n IN NUMBER) RETURN VARCHAR2
IS
     result VARCHAR2(10);
BEGIN
     IF MOD(n, 2) = 0 THEN
               result := 'Even';
     ELSE
               result := 'Odd';
     END IF;
      RETURN result;
END f1;
```

Calling the Function using select commands

```
SELECT f1 (20) from dual; # OUTPUT
```



Calling the Function Using PL/SQL Block

```
DECLARE
         n NUMBER := 7;
         result VARCHAR2(10);
BEGIN
         -- Call the function and store the result in result
         result := f1(n);
         -- Display the result
         DBMS_OUTPUT_LINE('The number ' || n || ' is ' || result);
END;
#OUTPUT
The number 7 is Odd
```

Example: Write a Function to calculate addition of two numbers, also write the PL/SQL block to invoke/call it.

Function Creation

```
CREATE FUNCTION myfunadd (n1 IN NUMBER,n2 IN NUMBER) RETURN NUMBER IS

n3 NUMBER(8);

BEGIN

n3:= n1+n2;

RETURN n3;

END myfunadd;
```

Calling the Function using select commands

```
SELECT myfunadd (10,20) from dual; # OUTPUT
```

MYFUNADD(10,20) 30

## Calling the Function Using PL/SQL Block

```
DECLARE

n1 NUMBER := 10;
n2 NUMBER := 20;
n3 NUMBER(8);

BEGIN

n3 := myfunadd(n1,n2);
DBMS_OUTPUT_LINE('Addition is:' | | n3);

END;
#OUTPUT
Addition is: 30
```

Example: How to Use Function to retrieve some data from table, consider

person1 table displayed here

Function Creation

CREATE FUNCTION myf RETURN NUMBER

IS

maxbal NUMBER;

**BEGIN** 

select max(balance) into maxbal from person1;

RETURN maxbal;

END myf;

Calling the Function using select commands

SELECT myf from dual;

**#OUTPUT** 

5000

BALANCE

1000

2000

5000

# Procedure

- Procedure is a subprogram that performs a specific task but does not return a value directly, however, you can use OUT parameters to return multiple values from a procedure, as it is stored in database server it is also called Stored Procedure
- Generally Procedure is used to perform an action and function is used to compute a value.
- Syntax:

CREATE [OR REPLACE] PROCEDURE p\_name (argument [IN,OUT,INOUT] datatype)

IS

-- Declarations

BEGIN

-- Statements

#### END p\_name;

Here in above syntax:

IN: Passes a value to the procedure (default).

OUT: Returns a value from the procedure.

IN OUT: Passes a value to the procedure and returns an updated value.

Syntax to drop a Procedure is:

DROP PROCEDURE procedure\_name;

```
Example: Write a procedure to print hello, Also write the PL/SQL block to invoke it.

Creation of Procedure:

CREATE PROCEDURE myproc

IS

BEGIN

DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('hello');

END myproc;
```

Execute Procedure using 'EXECUTE' command (Supports only on Command line)
 EXEC myproc;
 #OUTPUT
 Hello

```
• Execute Procedure using PL/SQL Block:

BEGIN

myproc;

END;

#OUTPUT

Hello
```

Example: Write a procedure to check whether given number is odd or even. Also write the PL/SQL block to invoke it.

Creation of Procedure:

```
IS

BEGIN

IF MOD(n, 2) = 0 THEN

DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(n || ' is even');

ELSE

DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(n || ' is odd');

END IF;

END p1;
```

Execute Procedure using 'EXECUTE' command.

```
#OUTPUT
20 is even
```

# Execute Procedure Using PL/SQL Block: DECLARE n NUMBER := 7; BEGIN p1(n); END;

**#OUTPUT** 

7 is odd

Example: How to Use Procedure to insert some data to the table, consider person1 table displayed here

1000

2000

5000

Procedure Creation

CREATE PROCEDURE myf1(balance IN NUMBER)

IS

**BEGIN** 

insert into person1 values(balance);

END myf1;

Execute Procedure using 'EXECUTE' command.

exec myf1(6000);

**#OUTPUT** 

PL/SQL Procedure successfully completed

```
    Execute Procedure Using PL/SQL Block:
        DECLARE
        BEGIN
            myf1(7000);
        END;
    #OUTPUT
        Statement Processed
```

# Procedure vs Function

Procedure	Function
It may or may not return a value	It must return a value
Can Return Multiple Values	Can Return only one value
Mainly used for performing action	Mainly used for computation
Procedure can call a function	Function cannot call a procedure
A block of code that performs a task without returning a value	A block of code that performs a task and returns a value
Example:	Example:

# **Exceptions/Exceptions Handling**

- In PL/SQL, Exceptions are used to handle errors and other exceptional conditions that arise during execution of PL/SQL Block.
- When an error occurs during the execution of a PL/SQL block, an exception is raised, and control is transferred to the exception-handling part of the block of PL/SQL which allows the program to respond to the error gracefully instead of crashing.
- Types of Exceptions:
  - Predefined/System Defined Exception
  - User-defined Exceptions

```
Basic Syntax for Exception Handling:
     DECLARE
             -- Declaration
     BEGIN
             -- Executable statements
     EXCEPTION
             WHEN exception_name1 THEN
                     -- Handle the exception
             WHEN exception_name2 THEN
                     -- Handle the exception
             WHEN OTHERS THEN
                     -- Handle all other exceptions
     END;
```

## Predefined/System Defined Exceptions

- Exception that are automatically raised by the PL/SQL runtime engine when certain common errors occur is known as predefined exception.
- It is a predefined error conditions that oracle database raises in response to some specific error/exception conditions, you can catch them in your EXCEPTION block.
- These exceptions have pre defined names to identify them.
- For example: NO\_DATA\_FOUND, TOO\_MANY\_ROWS, ZERO\_DIVIDE etc.
- It can be further divided into two types,
  - 1. Named Exceptions
  - 2. Unnamed (Numbered) Exceptions

## **Named Exceptions:**

- Named Exceptions are exceptions that are explicitly defined by the Oracle database and have predefined names, these named exceptions correspond to certain error codes, which are raised when specific situations occur.
- By using named exceptions, you can write more readable and maintainable error handling code.
- Here are a few common named exceptions in PL/SQL:
  - NO\_DATA\_FOUND: Raised when a SELECT INTO statement does not return any rows.
  - TOO\_MANY\_ROWS: Raised when a SELECT INTO statement returns more than one row.
  - ZERO DIVIDE: Raised when an attempt is made to divide a number by zero.
  - DUP\_VAL\_ON\_INDEX: Raised when you insert duplicate value in the field where primary or unique key is declared.
  - INVALID NUMBER: Raised when invalid numeric operation is performed.
  - NOT\_LOGGED\_ON: Raised when you are trying to operation before login.
  - LOGON\_DENIED: Raised when you are trying to login with wrong user\_id/password.

```
Example of Named Exception:
CREATE TABLE ex1 (id NUMBER(10) PRIMARY KEY, name VARCHAR2(50), salary NUMBER(10));
INSERT INTO ex1 VALUES (1, 'Yagnik', 150000);
INSERT INTO ex1 VALUES (2, 'Nipa', 260000);
DECLARE
         I_id NUMBER(10) := 103; -- Non-existing employee ID
         I salary NUMBER(10);
BEGIN
         -- Attempt to fetch the salary for an employee who may not exist
         SELECT salary INTO | salary FROM ex1 WHERE id = | id;
         DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('Salary: ' | | I salary);
EXCEPTION
         WHEN NO DATA FOUND THEN
                  DBMS_OUTPUT_LINE('No employee found with ID' | | I_id);
END;
# OUTPUT: No employee found with ID 103
```

## Unnamed Exceptions:

- Unnamed Exceptions are exceptions that are not predefined by Oracle (like named exceptions), but are instead handled using the WHEN OTHERS clause in the EXCEPTION block.
- This allows you to catch any exception that is not specifically handled by a named exception handler.
- Key Points:
  - WHEN OTHERS: This is a catch-all clause that can handle any exception that is raised and not explicitly caught by other handlers.
  - SQLCODE and SQLERRM: These functions allow you to retrieve the error code and the error message associated with the exception, providing more information about what went wrong.

```
Example of Named Exception:
CREATE TABLE ex1 (id NUMBER(10) PRIMARY KEY, name VARCHAR2(50), salary NUMBER(10));
INSERT INTO ex1 VALUES (1, 'Yagnik', 150000);
INSERT INTO ex1 VALUES (2, 'Nipa', 260000);
DECLARE
         I id NUMBER(10) := 1;
         I salary NUMBER(10);
BEGIN
         -- Attempting to fetch salary, but introducing an error (division by zero)
         SELECT salary / 0 INTO | salary FROM ex1 WHERE id = | id;
         DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('Salary: ' | | | salary);
EXCEPTION
         WHEN OTHERS THEN
         -- Handling any unexpected exception
         DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('An error occurred: ' | | SQLERRM);
         DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('Error code: ' | | SQLCODE);
END;
# OUTPUT: An error occurred: ORA-01476: divisor is equal to zero
Error code: -1476
```

# <u>User Defined Exceptions</u>

- Exceptions that are defined by users are known as User Defined Exceptions.
- PL/SQL allows you to define your own exceptions according to the need of your program, these are explicitly defined by the programmer using the EXCEPTION keyword and raised using the RAISE statement.
- It enhance the code clarity.
- Declaring a User-Defined Exception Steps or Sequence:
  - 1. Declare Exception
  - 2. Raise Exception using the RAISE statement
  - 3. Handle Exception it in the EXCEPTION block of PL/SQL

```
DECLARE

exception_name EXCEPTION; -- Declare the exception

BEGIN

-- Some logic

IF some_condition THEN

RAISE exception_name; -- Raise the exception

END IF;

EXCEPTION

WHEN exception_name THEN

DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('User-defined exception occurred.');

END;
```

Example: We'll create a table for employees, insert data, and define a custom exception that will be raised if an employee's salary is below a certain threshold.

CREATE TABLE employees (employee\_id NUMBER(10) PRIMARY KEY, name VARCHAR2(50), salary NUMBER(10));

INSERT INTO employees VALUES (101, 'Yagnik', 150000); INSERT INTO employees VALUES (102, 'Nipa', 30000);

```
DECLARE
          I employee id NUMBER(10) := 102;
                                                                -- Choosing employee with a low salary
          I salary NUMBER(10);
          ex salary too low EXCEPTION;
                                                                -- Define a user-defined exception
          min salary CONSTANT NUMBER(10) := 40000;
                                                                -- Set the minimum salary
BEGIN
          -- Fetch the salary for the chosen employee
          SELECT salary INTO | salary FROM | employees WHERE | employee_id = | employee_id;
          -- Check if the salary is below the threshold and raise the user-defined exception
          IF I salary < min salary THEN
                     RAISE ex salary too low;
          ELSE
                     DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('Salary is acceptable: ' | | | salary);
          END IF;
EXCEPTION
          WHEN ex salary too low THEN
                     -- Handle the user-defined exception
                     DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('Error: Salary for employee ID' || | employee id || ' is
                     below the acceptable threshold.');
END;
# OUTPUT: Error: Salary for employee ID 102 is below the acceptable threshold.
```

## **Cursors**

- Cursor is an area in memory where the data required to execute SQL Statements is stored, it holds one or more rows returned by SQL Statements.
- Cursor is a pointer that points to a result of a query.
- The data that is stored in the cursor is called Active Data Set, and then that data is stored due to execution of some SQL Statements is called Result Set
- The row that is being processed is called Current Row, and a Pointer is known as Row Pointer which is keeping the track of current row.
- There are two types of cursors in PL/SQL:
  - Implicit Cursors
  - Explicit Cursors

## <u>Implicit Cursors (Static and System Defined)</u>

- Cursor which is opened by oracle itself to execute any SQL Statements is called Implicit Cursor
- These cursors are automatically created whenever a DML statement like INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE, or a SELECT statement is executed, programmers cannot control the implicit cursors and the information in it.
- For INSERT operations, the cursor holds the data that needs to be inserted and for UPDATE and DELETE operations, the cursor identifies the rows that would be affected.
- Syntax to use Implicit Cursor Attribute:

Name\_of\_Cursor % Attribute\_Name

## • Implicit Cursors Attributes:

Name	Use/Impact
SQL%FOUND	Returns TRUE if an SQL statement affected one or more rows, FALSE otherwise.
SQL%NOTFOUND	Returns TRUE if an SQL statement did not affect any rows, FALSE otherwise (Opposite of SQL%FOUND).
SQL%ROWCOUNT	Returns The number of rows affected by an SQL statement.
SQL%ISOPEN	Returns FALSE for implicit cursors, since they are automatically closed after execution.

## **Example of Implicit Cursor:**

```
CREATE TABLE employees (
employee_id NUMBER(10) PRIMARY KEY,
employee_name VARCHAR2(50),
department_id NUMBER(10),
salary NUMBER(10));
```

```
INSERT INTO employees VALUES (1, 'Yagnik', 10, 50000);
INSERT INTO employees VALUES (2, 'Nipa', 20, 90000);
INSERT INTO employees VALUES (3, 'Niyansh', 10, 50000);
```

select \* from employees;

EMPLOYEE_ID	EMPLOYEE_NAME	DEPARTMENT_ID	SALARY
1	Yagnik	10	50000
2	Nipa	20	90000
3	Niyansh	10	50000

-- Here, we'll use an UPDATE statement to increase the salary of employees in department 10 by 500 and then use the implicit cursor attributes to display the result.

**BEGIN** 

```
-- Update the salary of employees in department 10
         UPDATE employees SET salary = salary + 500 WHERE department id = 10;
         -- Output the result using implicit cursor attributes
         IF SQL%ROWCOUNT > 0 THEN
                  DBMS_OUTPUT_LINE(SQL%ROWCOUNT | | ' rows updated.');
         ELSE
                  DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('No rows updated.');
         END IF;
END;
# OUTPUT: 2 rows updated
You Can Verify with Select * from employees
```

# **Explicit Cursors**

- Cursor which are created and managed by user in PL/SQL is called explicit cursor or user defined cursor.
- For queries that return multiple rows, you need to explicitly define a cursor and control its execution.
- The basic steps for using explicit cursors are:
  - Declare a Cursor (to initialize memory)
  - 2. Open a cursor (to allocate memory)
  - 3. Fetch data from cursor (to retrieve data)
  - 4. Process data (to process data)
  - 5. Close a cursor (to release allocated memory)

#### Declare a Cursor

- Define the SQL query that the cursor will use in declaration section of PL/SQL block.
- After declaring a cursor it is initializing the memory area, remember still it is not allocated to it.
- Syntax: CURSOR cursor\_name IS Select statements;

#### Open a Cursor

- Cursor is opened in executable section of PL/SQL Block.
- When we open cursor:
  - Memory is allocated to it for storing data.
  - Select statements is executed and associated with cursor.
  - Active Data Set is created by retrieving data from table.
  - Set the cursor row pointer to point the first record in active data set.
- Syntax: OPEN cursor\_name;

#### Fetch Data From Cursor

- Retrieve each row from the result set.
- The FETCH statement retrieves each row from the cursor into the declared variables.

FETCH cursor\_name INTO variable1, variable2;

#### Process Data

- Process Retrieved Data.
- Data already fetch in variables which can be processed accordingly.
- Use EXIT WHEN cursor\_name%NOTFOUND to stop the loop when all rows are processed.

#### Close a Cursor

 Cursor should be closed after processing data, and it will release the memory associated with the cursor

CLOSE cursor name;

Syntax to use Explicit Cursor Attribute:

Name\_of\_Cursor % Attribute\_Name

Explicit Cursors Attributes:

Name	Use/Impact
SQL%FOUND	TRUE if the last fetch returned a row. FALSE if no row was returned.
SQL%NOTFOUND	TRUE if the last fetch did not return a row. FALSE if a row was returned.
SQL%ROWCOUNT	Returns The number of rows fetched so far by the cursor.
SQL%ISOPEN	TRUE if the cursor is open. FALSE if the cursor is closed.

## Example of Explicit Cursor:

```
CREATE TABLE employees (
employee_id NUMBER(10) PRIMARY KEY,
employee_name VARCHAR2(50),
department_id NUMBER(10),
salary NUMBER(10));
```

INSERT INTO employees VALUES (1, 'Yagnik', 10, 50000); INSERT INTO employees VALUES (2, 'Nipa', 20, 90000); INSERT INTO employees VALUES (3, 'Niyansh', 10, 50000);

#### select \* from employees;

EMPLOYEE_ID	EMPLOYEE_NAME	DEPARTMENT_ID	SALARY
1	Yagnik	10	50000
2	Nipa	20	90000
3	Niyansh	10	50000

```
--Now, we'll use an explicit cursor to retrieve and display the names and salaries of
employees in department 10
DECLARE
         -- Declare the cursor
         CURSOR emp cursor IS
         SELECT employee name, salary FROM employees WHERE department id = 10;
         -- Declare variables to hold data from the cursor
         v employee name employees.employee name%TYPE;
         v salary employees.salary%TYPE;
BEGIN
         -- Open the cursor
         OPEN emp cursor;
         -- Fetch rows from the cursor one by one
         LOOP
                   -- Fetch a row
                   FETCH emp cursor INTO v employee name, v salary;
                   -- Exit loop when no more rows are returned
                   EXIT WHEN emp cursor%NOTFOUND;
                   -- Output the employee name and salary
          DBMS_OUTPUT_LINE('Employee: ' | | v_employee_name | | ', Salary: ' | | v_salary);
         END LOOP;
                                                  Employee: Yagnik, Salary: 50500
         CLOSE emp cursor;
                                                  Employee: Niyansh, Salary: 50500
END;
```

# Parameterized Cursors (Dynamic)

- Parameterized cursors in PL/SQL are cursors that accept parameters when they are opened, this allows you to pass values to the cursor's query dynamically at runtime, making the cursor more flexible and reusable for different sets of input.
- Syntax:

```
CURSOR cursor_name (parameter1 datatype, parameter2 datatype, ...) IS SELECT_statement;
```

## **Example of Parameterized Cursor:**

```
CREATE TABLE employees (
employee_id NUMBER(10) PRIMARY KEY,
employee_name VARCHAR2(50),
department_id NUMBER(10),
salary NUMBER(10));
```

```
INSERT INTO employees VALUES (1, 'Yagnik', 10, 50000);
INSERT INTO employees VALUES (2, 'Nipa', 20, 90000);
INSERT INTO employees VALUES (3, 'Niyansh', 10, 50000);
```

#### select \* from employees;

EMPLOYEE_ID	EMPLOYEE_NAME	DEPARTMENT_ID	SALARY
1	Yagnik	10	50000
2	Nipa	20	90000
3	Niyansh	10	50000

-- Now, we'll declare a parameterized cursor to retrieve employees from a specific department based on a parameter passed at runtime.

```
DECLARE
```

**BEGIN** 

```
-- Declare a parameterized cursor
CURSOR emp cursor (p dept id NUMBER) IS
SELECT employee name, salary FROM employees WHERE department id = p dept id;
-- Variables to hold data fetched from the cursor
v employee name employees.employee name%TYPE;
v salary employees.salary%TYPE;
-- Open the cursor for department 10
OPEN emp cursor(10);
-- Fetch rows from the cursor one by one
LOOP
FETCH emp cursor INTO v employee name, v salary;
-- Exit the loop when no more rows are returned
EXIT WHEN emp cursor%NOTFOUND;
-- Output the employee name and salary
DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('Employee: '|| v employee name || ' & Salary: '|| v salary);
END LOOP;
CLOSE emp cursor;
```

END;

Employee: Yagnik & Salary: 50500 Employee: Niyansh & Salary: 50500

# **Triggers**

- Triggers in PL/SQL are special types of stored procedures that automatically execute in response to certain events on a particular table or view.
- Trigger is fired automatically when DML statements are executed or some operations are performed on table.
- Triggers could be defined on the table, view, schema, or database with which the event is associated.
- Triggers are written to be executed in response to any of the following events.
  - DML statement (DELETE, INSERT, or UPDATE).
  - DDL statement (CREATE, ALTER, or DROP).
  - Database Operation (SERVERERROR, LOGON, LOGOFF, STARTUP, SHUTDOWN).

- Trigger Advantages:
  - Enforces referential integrity
  - Event logging and storing information on table access
  - Auditing sensitive data
  - Synchronous replication of tables
  - Imposing security authorizations
  - Preventing invalid transactions
- Trigger Disadvantages:
  - Increase Overhead of Database
  - Difficult to Debug

- Types of Trigger:
  - Level Trigger
    - Row Level Trigger
      - It fires on every record affected by triggering statements.
      - For example if UPDATE statement updates multiple rows in a table, Row Trigger is fires once for each row.
      - It always uses FOR EACH ROW clause in triggering statement.
    - Statement Trigger
      - It fires once for each statement.
      - For example if UPDATE statement updates multiple rows in a table, a statement trigger is fired only once.
      - FOR EACH ROW clause not used in triggering statement.
  - Timing Trigger
    - Before Trigger
      - It fires before triggering statements (before the execution of DML statements)
    - After Trigger
      - It fires after triggering statements (after the execution of DML statements)

```
Trigger Syntax:
CREATE [OR REPLACE] TRIGGER trigger_name
{BEFORE | AFTER }
{INSERT | UPDATE | DELETE}
ON table_name
[FOR EACH ROW]
DECLARE
     --declarations
BEGIN
     --executable
EXCEPTION
     --exceptions
END;
Syntax to DROP a Trigger is:
     DROP TRIGGER trigger_name;
```

```
Example:
Step:1 Create Tables

CREATE TABLE Employees (
EmployeeID INT PRIMARY KEY,
Name VARCHAR(50),
Salary DECIMAL(10, 2));
```

```
Step:2 Create the Trigger (This trigger will print a message whenever a new employee is inserted with a salary lower than 20000)

CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER MinSalaryTrigger

BEFORE INSERT ON Employees

FOR EACH ROW

BEGIN

IF:NEW.Salary < 20000 THEN

dbms_output.put_line('please enter a valid salary');

END IF;

END;
```

## Step:3 Insert data and see the trigger in action

-- Insert an employee with a lower salary

INSERT INTO Employees VALUES (1, 'Amit', 15000);

**#OUTPUT**: please enter a valid salary

-- Insert an employee with a lower salary

INSERT INTO Employees VALUES (2, 'Yagnik', 25000);

#OUTPUT: 1 row(s) inserted.

# <u>Package</u>

- Package is a container for other database objects, so package can hold other database objects such as variables, constants, cursors, exceptions, procedures, functions and sub-programs.
- Advantages:
  - Code Reusability
  - Sharing of Code
  - Improve Performance
- Package has usually two components,
  - 1. Package Specification
    - It is the public interface of your application, it contains public types, variables, constants, exceptions, cursors, and subprograms (procedures and functions) that are accessible from outside the package.
    - Syntax:

```
CREATE [OR Replace] PACKAGE package_name
IS
--Package_specification
End package_name;
```

### 2. Package Body

- It contains the implementation details of the object declared in the package specification.
- It also can define private types, variables, constants, and subprograms that are not accessible outside the package.
- Syntax:

```
CREATE [OR REPLACE] PACKAGE BODY package_name IS
```

--Package\_body

End package\_name;

```
Example of Package Use: Suppose we have a following table.
CREATE TABLE employees (
id NUMBER(10) PRIMARY KEY,
name VARCHAR2(50),
salary NUMBER(10));
INSERT into employees values(1,'yagnik',150000);
INSERT into employees values(2,'nipa',50000);
Step:1 Create the Package Specification
CREATE PACKAGE employee_pkg IS
        -- Declaration of a function
        FUNCTION get employee salary(p id INT) RETURN NUMBER;
END employee_pkg;
```

```
Example of Package Use: Suppose we have a following table.
CREATE TABLE employees (
id NUMBER(10) PRIMARY KEY,
name VARCHAR2(50),
salary NUMBER(10));
INSERT into employees values(1,'yagnik',150000);
INSERT into employees values(2,'nipa',50000);
Step:1 Create the Package Specification
CREATE PACKAGE employee_pkg IS
        -- Declaration of a function
        FUNCTION get employee salary(p id INT) RETURN NUMBER;
END employee_pkg;
```

```
Step:2 Create the Package Body
CREATE PACKAGE BODY employee_pkg IS
        -- Implementing the function to get employee salary by ID
        FUNCTION get_employee_salary(p_id INT) RETURN NUMBER
        IS
                v salary NUMBER;
        BEGIN
                 SELECT salary INTO v_salary FROM employees WHERE id = p_id;
        RETURN v salary;
        END get employee salary;
END employee pkg;
```

```
Step:3 Use the Package (Retrieving Employee Salary Using the Package Function)

DECLARE

v_salary NUMBER;

BEGIN

v_salary := employee_pkg.get_employee_salary(1);

DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Salary of employee 1 is: ' || v_salary);

END;

Salary of employee 1 is: 150000
```