

EXERCISE-16

PROCEDURES AND FUNCTIONS

PROCEDURES

DEFINITION

A procedure or function is a logically grouped set of SQL and PL/SQL statements that perform a specific task. They are essentially sub-programs. Procedures and functions are made up of,

- Declarative part
- Executable part
- Optional exception handling part

These procedures and functions do not show the errors.

KEYWORDS AND THEIR PURPOSES

REPLACE: It recreates the procedure if it already exists.

PROCEDURE: It is the name of the procedure to be created.

ARGUMENT: It is the name of the argument to the procedure. Paranthesis can be omitted if no arguments are present.

IN: Specifies that a value for the argument must be specified when calling the procedure ie. used to pass values to a sub-program. This is the default parameter.

OUT: Specifies that the procedure passes a value for this argument back to it's calling environment after execution ie. used to return values to a caller of the sub-program.

INOUT: Specifies that a value for the argument must be specified when calling the procedure and that procedure passes a value for this argument back to it's calling environment after execution.

RETURN: It is the datatype of the function's return value because every function must return a value, this clause is required.

PROCEDURES – SYNTAX

```
create or replace procedure <procedure name> (argument {in,out,inout} datatype ) {is,as}
variable declaration;
constant declaration;
begin
PL/SQL subprogram body;
exception
exception PL/SQL block;
end;
```

FUNCTIONS – SYNTAX

```
create or replace function <function name> (argument in datatype ) return datatype
```

Program 1

FACTORIAL OF A NUMBER USING FUNCTION

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION get_factorial ( n IN NUMBER)
RETURN NUMBER
IS
    v_fact NUMBER := 1;
BEGIN
    -- Loop from 1 to n (or n down to 1)
    FOR i IN 1..n LOOP
        v_fact := v_fact * i;
    END LOOP;
    RETURN v_fact;
END;

SET SERVER OUTPUT ON;

DECLARE
    v_num NUMBER := 5;
    v_result NUMBER;
BEGIN
    v_result := get_factorial (v_num);
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE ('Factorial of ' || v_num || ' is ' ||
        v_result);
END;
```

Program 2

Write a PL/SQL program using Procedures IN, INOUT, OUT parameters to retrieve the corresponding book information in library

```
CREATE TABLE library-books ( book-id NUMBER PRIMARY KEY,  
title VARCHAR2(100), author VARCHAR2(100), checkout-count NUMBER DEFAULT 0  
); INSERT INTO library-books (book-id, title, author) VALUES (101, 'The  
Hobbit', 'J.R.R. Tolkien'); INSERT INTO library-books (book-id, title, author)  
VALUES (102, '1984', 'George Orwell'); COMMIT;
```

SET SERVEROUTPUT ON;

DECLARE

v_id NUMBER := 101;

v_title VARCHAR2(100);

v_author VARCHAR2(100);

v_checkouts NUMBER := 0;

BEGIN
get_book_info(v_id, v_title, v_author, v_checkouts);

DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE ('Title : ' || v_title);

Evaluation Procedure	Marks awarded
PL/SQL Procedure(5)	
Program/Execution (5)	
Viva(5)	
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