**Why Oracle PL/SQL?**

Oracle added a procedural programming language known as PL/SQL (Procedural Language/SQL) to Oracle Database 6.

PL/SQL enables you to write programs that contain SQL statements.

* **Block structure**
* **Variables and types**
* **Conditional logic Loops Cursors, which allow PL/SQL to read the results returned by a query**
* **Procedures**
* **Functions**
* **Packages, which are used to group procedures and functions together in one unit**
* **Triggers, which are blocks of code that are run when a certain event occurs in the database**
* **Oracle Database 11g enhancements to PL/SQL**

You can use PL/SQL to add business logic to a database application. This centralized business logic can be run by any program that can access the database, including SQL\*Plus, Java programs, C# programs, and more.