**Prompting for Values**

The ACCEPT command takes input from the user and stores it in a user variable, and also allows you some level of control over what the user enters.

ACCEPT is used to prompt the user for input during a SQL script execution.

Here's a basic usage example:

ACCEPT input\_name PROMPT 'Enter value for input \_name: '

-- The user will be prompted to enter a value for input \_name

After the user enters a value, it can be used in subsequent SQL commands or scripts. Here's an example of how you might use it:

ACCEPT cus\_id PROMPT 'Enter Customer ID: '

SELECT \* FROM customers WHERE customer\_id = &cus\_id;

In this example, the user is prompted to enter a customer ID, and then that value is used in a SELECT statement to retrieve information about the customer with that ID.

Remember that ACCEPT is specific to SQL\*Plus, and may not be available in other SQL environments or tools.

More information:

[Prompting for Values - Oracle SQL\*Plus: The Definitive Guide [Book] (oreilly.com)](https://www.oreilly.com/library/view/oracle-sqlplus-the/1565925785/ch04s03.html)

[ACCEPT (oracle.com)](https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/oracle/oracle-database/19/sqpug/ACCEPT.html#GUID-5D07E526-202B-429B-9E0C-005D1E37BBAB)