EXERCISE-13

Creating Views

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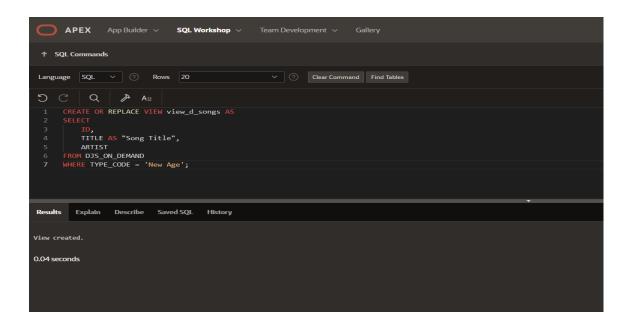
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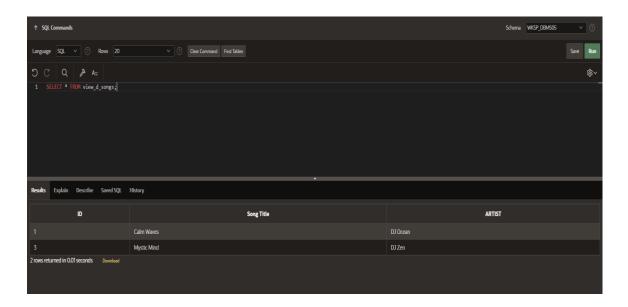
1. What are three uses for a view from a DBA's perspective? Answer:

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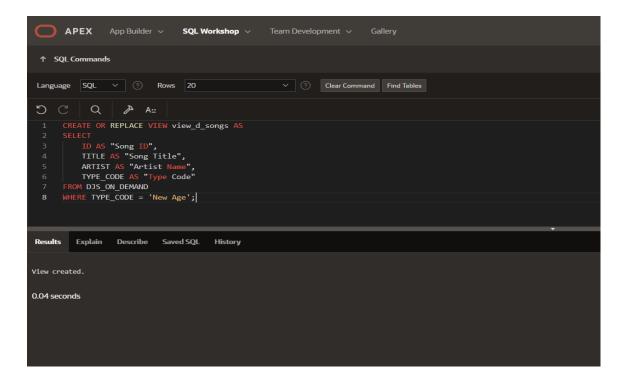
- Simplify complex queries: Views can hide complicated joins, filters, or calculations from the user. Instead of writing a long query every time, users can access a view that already presents the required data in a simple format.
- Enhance security: Views can restrict access to sensitive information. For example, a view can show employees' names and departments without revealing their salaries, allowing managers or other users to see only what they are permitted to access.
- Maintain data consistency and abstraction: Views provide a stable interface to the data. Even if the underlying table structures change, the view can be updated so that users' queries continue to work without modification.
- 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.



3. SELECT * FROM view d songs. What was returned?

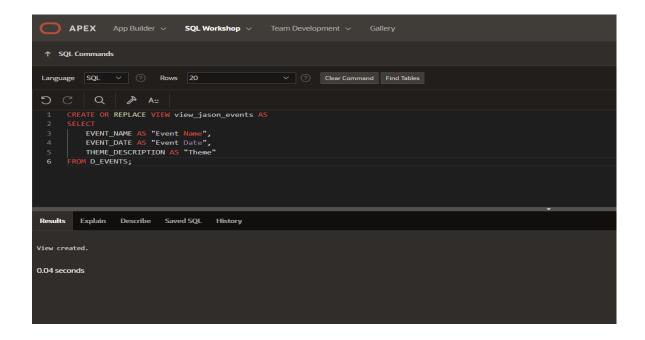


4. REPLACE view_d_songs. Add type_code to the column list. Use aliases for all columns.

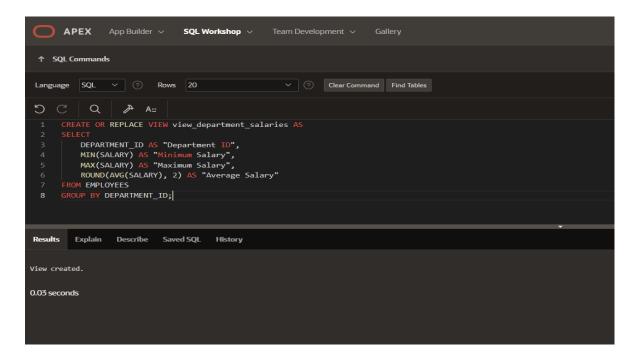


5. Jason Tsang, the disk jockey for DJs on Demand, needs a list of the past events and those planned for the coming months so he can make arrangements for each event's equipment setup. As the company manager, you do not want him to have access to the price that clients paid for their events.

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.

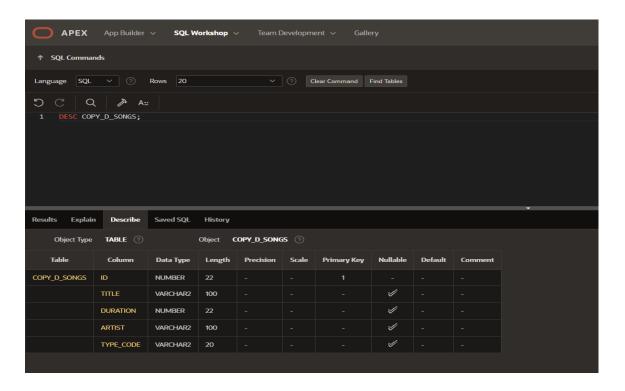


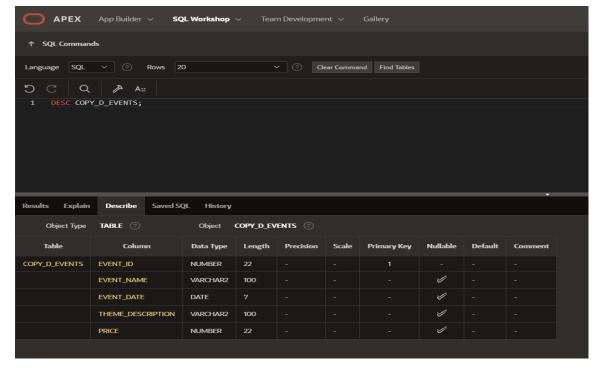
6. It is company policy that only upper-level management be allowed access to individual employee salaries. The department managers, however, need to know the minimum, maximum, and average salaries, grouped by department. Use the Oracle database to prepare a view that displays the needed information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

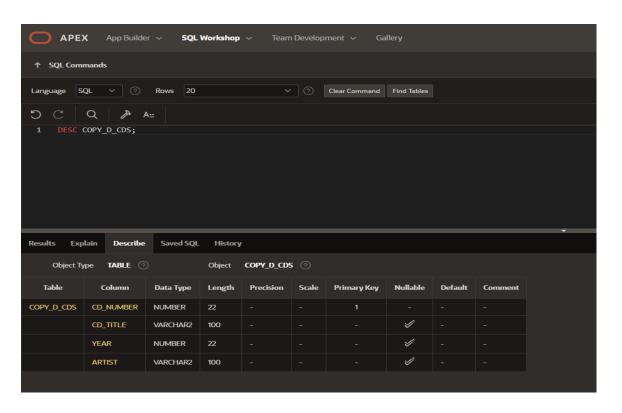


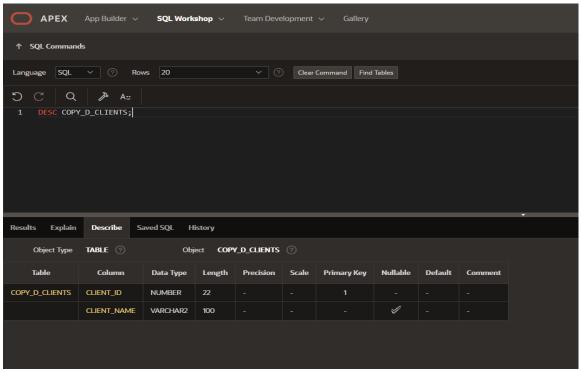
DML Operations and Views

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.

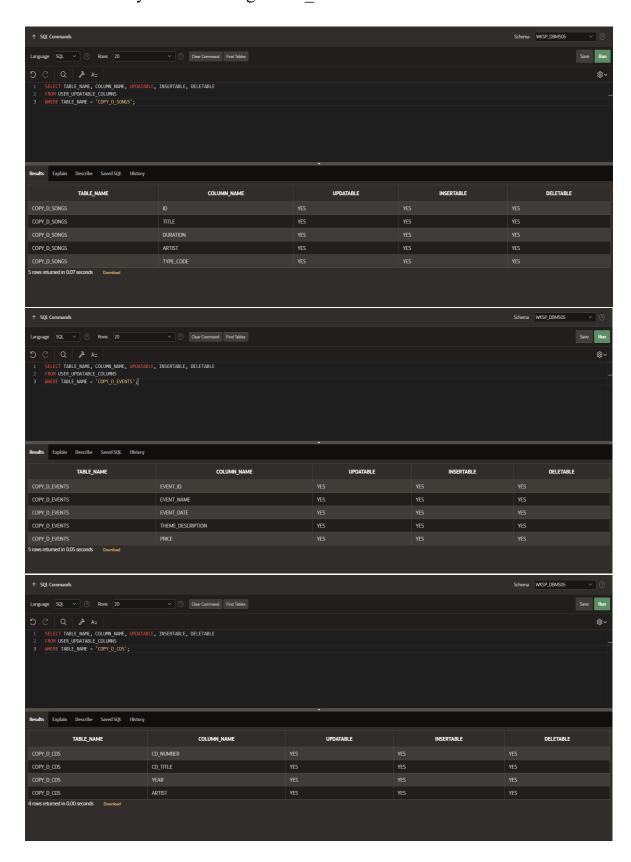






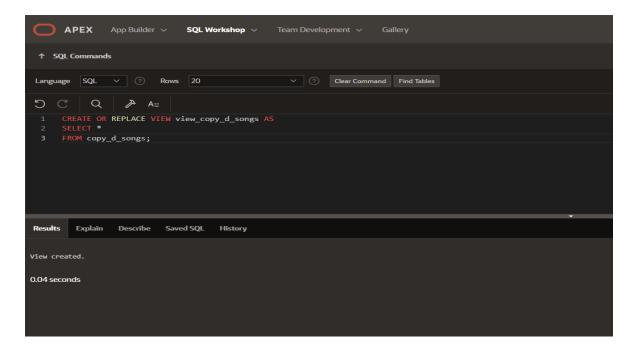


1. Query the data dictionary USER_UPDATABLE_COLUMNS to make sure the columns in the base tables will allow UPDATE, INSERT, or DELETE. All table names in the data dictionary are stored in uppercase. Use the same syntax but change table name of the other tables.



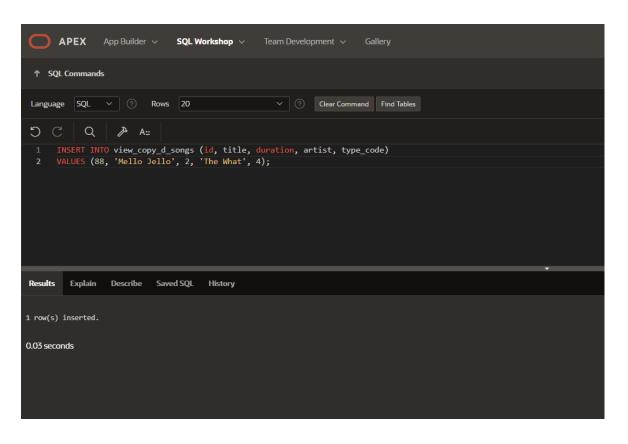


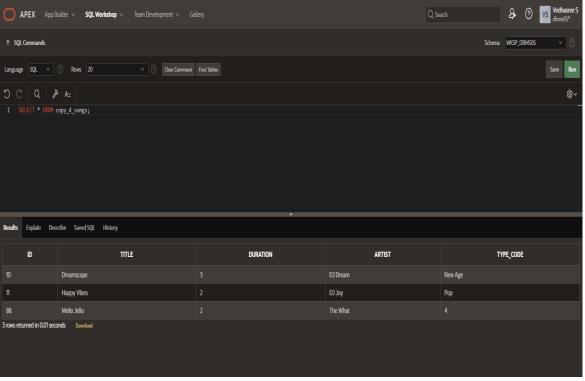
2. Use the CREATE or REPLACE option to create a view of all the columns in the copy_d_songs table called view_copy_d_songs.



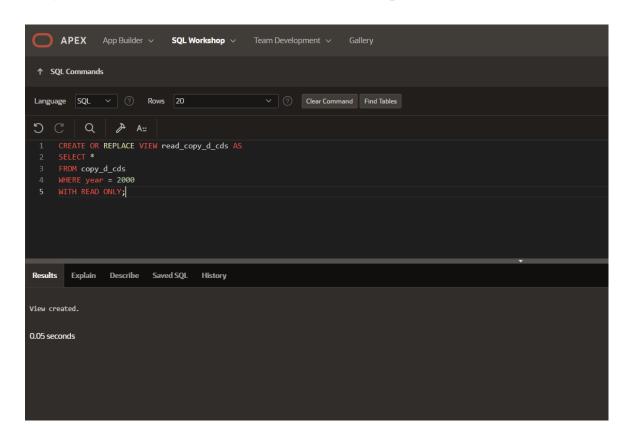
3. Use view_copy_d_songs to INSERT the following data into the underlying copy_d_songs table. Execute a SELECT * from copy_d_songs to verify your DML command. See the graphic.

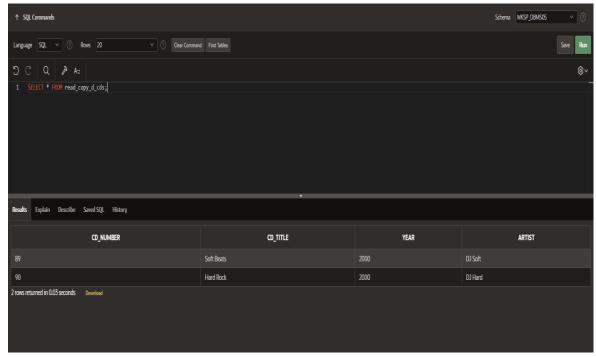
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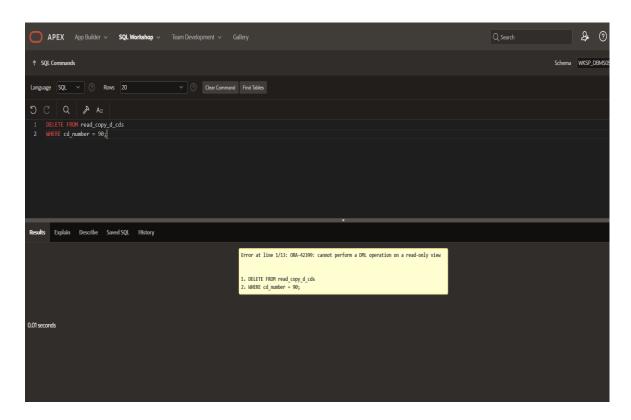


4. Create a view based on the DJs on Demand COPY_D_CDS table. Name the view read_copy_d_cds. Select all columns to be included in the view. Add a WHERE clause to restrict the year to 2000. Add the WITH READ ONLY option.

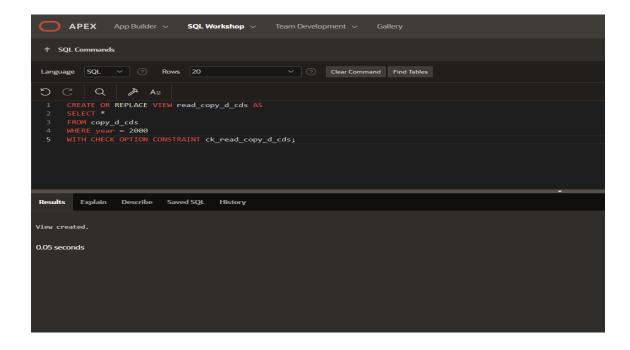


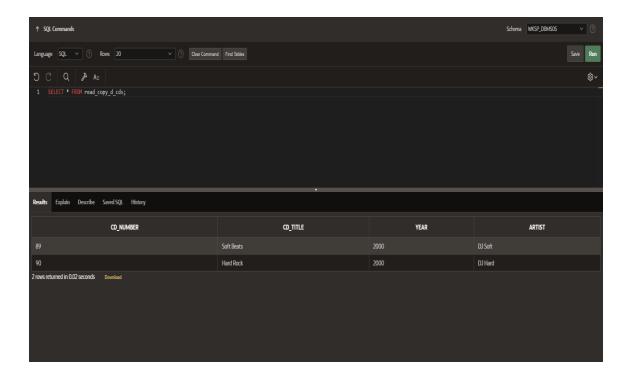


5. Using the read_copy_d_cds view, execute a DELETE FROM read_copy_d_cds WHERE cd_number = 90;

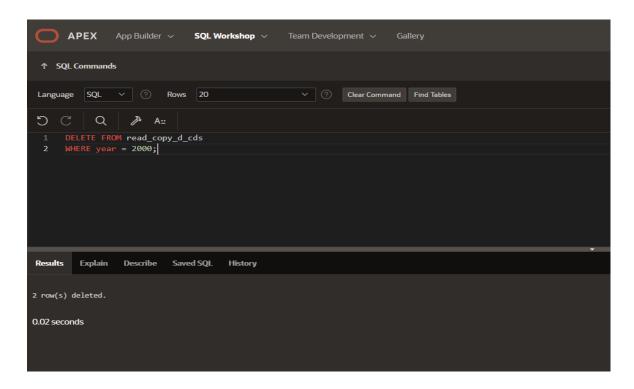


6. Use REPLACE to modify read_copy_d_cds. Replace the READ ONLY option with WITH CHECK OPTION CONSTRAINT ck_read_copy_d_cds. Execute a SELECT * statement to verify that the view exists.

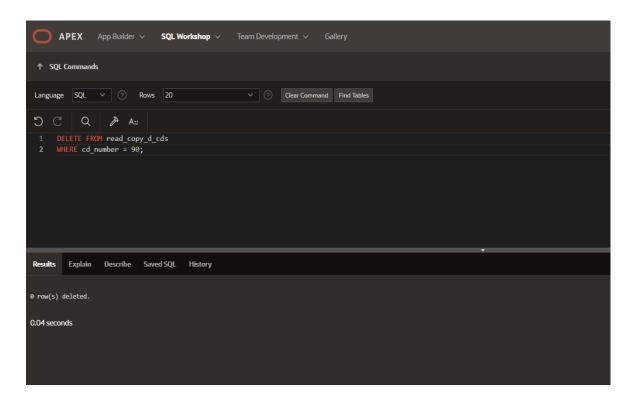




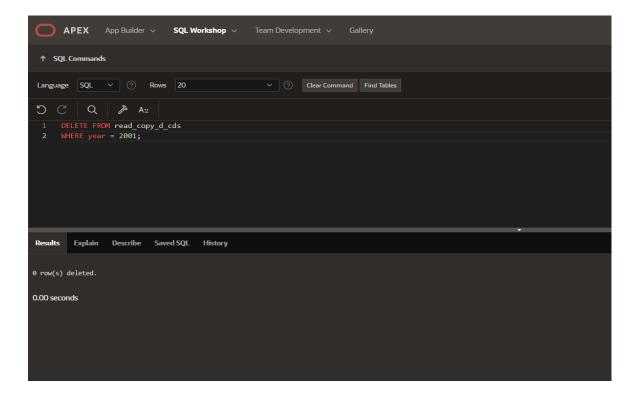
7. Use the read_copy_d_cds view to delete any CD of year 2000 from the underlying copy_d_cds.



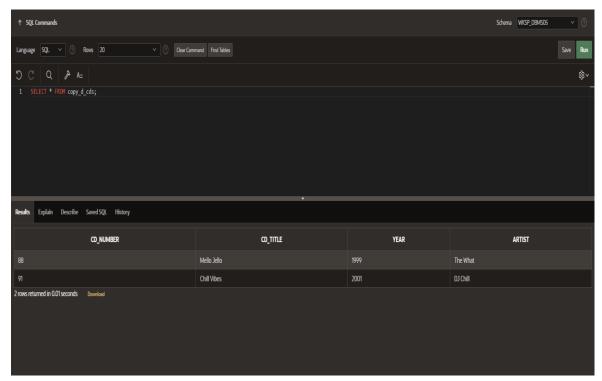
8. Use the read_copy_d_cds view to delete cd_number 90 from the underlying copy_d_cds table.



9. Use the read_copy_d_cds view to delete year 2001 records.



10.Execute a SELECT * statement for the base table copy d cds. What rows were deleted?



Result: The output shows only the rows where year \neq 2000; all rows with year = 2000 have been removed.

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

Restrictions on modifying data through a view

When you try to INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE data through a view, there are some restrictions:

- Updatable View Requirement: A view must be updatable to modify data through it. Simple views based on a single table without aggregates or joins are usually updatable.
- Restrictions for Non-Updatable Views: Views that include GROUP BY, DISTINCT, aggregate functions (SUM, AVG, MAX, MIN), joins, or subqueries generally cannot be directly updated.
- WITH CHECK OPTION Restriction: If a view has WITH CHECK OPTION, any INSERT or UPDATE through the view must satisfy the view's WHERE clause. You cannot insert or update a row that would fall outside the view's filter condition.
- Read-Only Views: Views created with WITH READ ONLY cannot be modified at all. Any attempt to INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE will give an error.

- Column Restrictions: You cannot update columns that are computed expressions (like salary * 1.1) or constants in the view. Only real table columns that are included in the view can be modified.
- 12. What is Moore's Law? Do you consider that it will continue to apply indefinitely? Support your opinion with research from the internet.

Answer:

Moore's Law

Moore's Law, proposed by Gordon E. Moore in 1965, states that the number of transistors on a microchip doubles about every two years, which increases computing power and reduces costs. It has guided the growth of the semiconductor industry and technological advancements in computers.

Indefinite Continuation of Moore's Law

Moore's Law is unlikely to continue indefinitely because of physical limits of miniaturization, rising manufacturing costs, and new computing technologies like quantum and neuromorphic computing. These factors make further transistor scaling increasingly difficult.

Supporting Evidence

According to Investopedia, as transistors reach atomic scales, quantum effects and heat issues make further miniaturization difficult. McKinsey reports that rising costs and alternative computing technologies like quantum and neuromorphic computing are challenging the traditional scaling predicted by Moore's Law.

These sources support the opinion that Moore's Law cannot continue indefinitely.

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

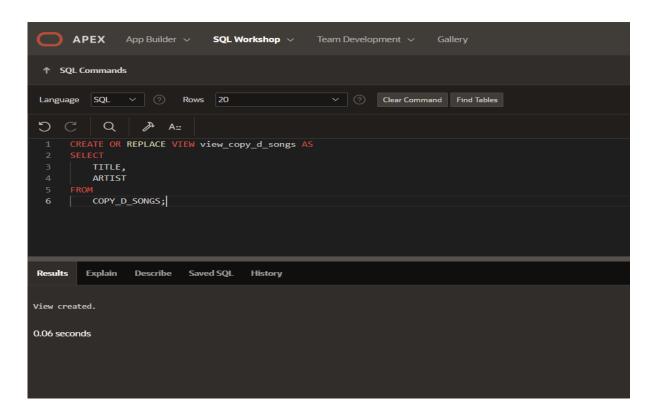
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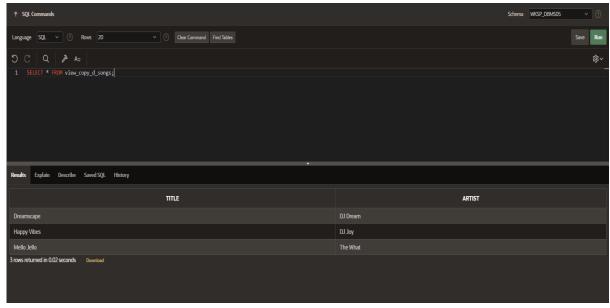
The Singularity in Computing

In computing, the singularity refers to a future point where artificial intelligence (AI) surpasses human intelligence, leading to rapid and unpredictable technological growth. After this point, machines could potentially improve themselves without human intervention, resulting in profound changes to society, technology, and human life.

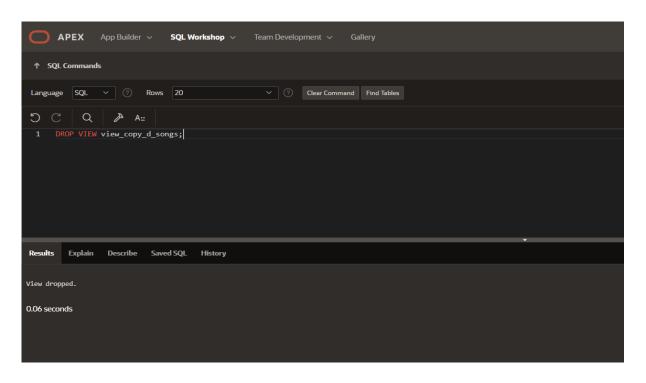
Managing Views

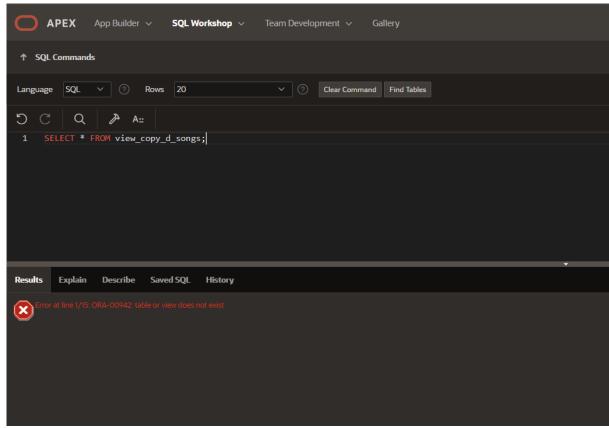
1. Create a view from the copy_d_songs table called view_copy_d_songs that includes only the title and artist. Execute a SELECT * statement to verify that the view exists.



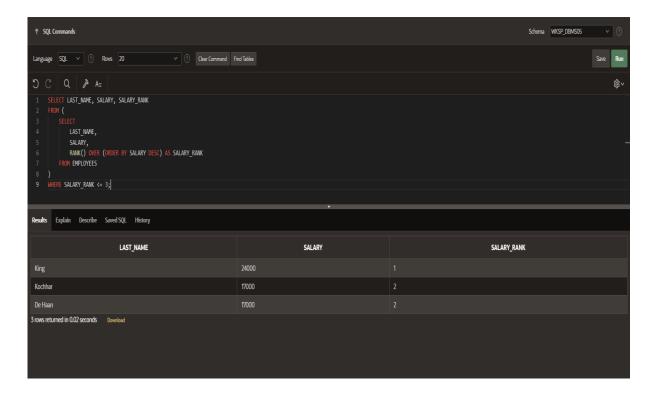


2. Issue a DROP view_copy_d_songs. Execute a SELECT * statement to verify that the view has been deleted.

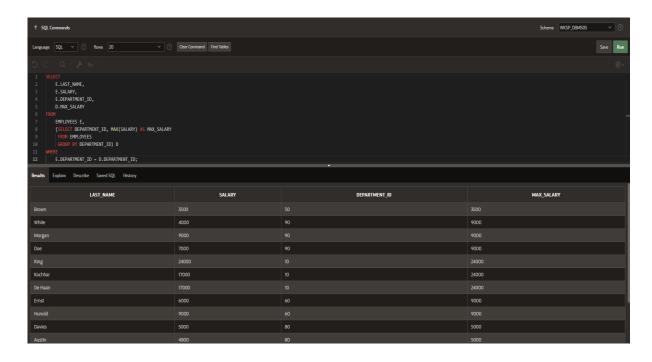




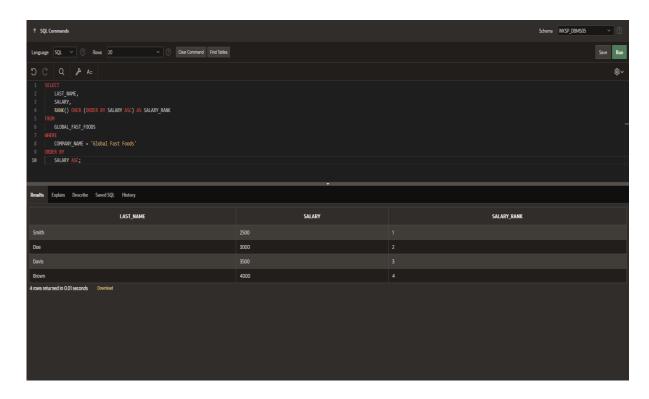
3. Create a query that selects the last name and salary from the Oracle database. Rank the salaries from highest to lowest for the top three employees.



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.



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



Indexes and Synonyms

1. What is an index and what is it used for?

Answer:

Index in Databases

An index is a database object that improves the speed of data retrieval from a table. It works like an index in a book — instead of scanning the whole table, the database uses the index to quickly locate the rows that match a query.

Uses of an index:

Faster search: Speeds up SELECT queries by reducing the amount of data scanned.

Efficient sorting: Helps with ORDER BY and GROUP BY operations.

Uniqueness enforcement: A unique index ensures that no two rows have the same value in the indexed column.

Quick joins: Improves performance when joining large tables.

Example:

CREATE INDEX idx employee lastname

ON EMPLOYEES(LAST NAME);

2. What is a ROWID, and how is it used?

Answer:

ROWID in Databases

A ROWID is a unique identifier for each row in an Oracle database table. It represents the physical location of the row on disk (datafile, block, and row position).

Uses of ROWID:

Fast access: Queries using ROWID are very fast because the database knows the exact physical location of the row.

Updating or deleting specific rows: You can use ROWID to precisely update or delete a row.

Uniqueness check: Even if a table has no primary key, each row has a unique ROWID.

Example:

SELECT ROWID, FIRST NAME, LAST NAME

FROM EMPLOYEES

WHERE LAST NAME = 'King';

3. When will an index be created automatically?

Automatic Index Creation

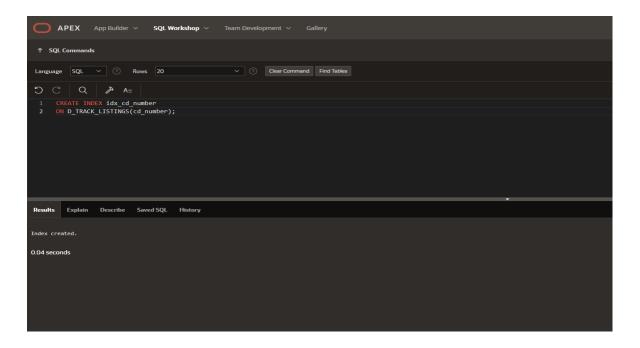
In Oracle (and most relational databases), an index is automatically created in the following situations:

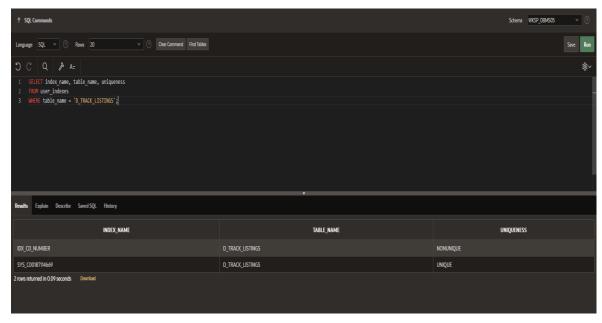
Primary Key Constraint: When you define a column as a PRIMARY KEY, Oracle automatically creates a unique index on that column to enforce uniqueness.

Unique Key Constraint: When you define a column as a UNIQUE, Oracle automatically creates a unique index to ensure no duplicate values are allowed.

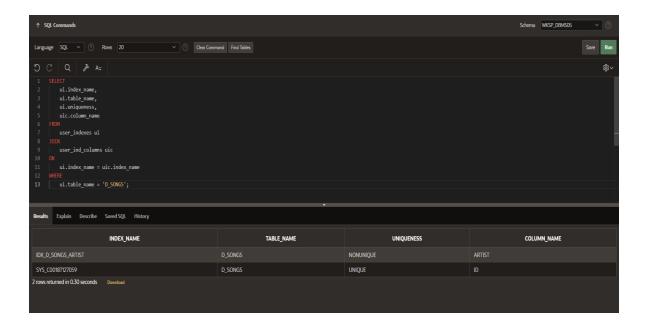
Indexes are not automatically created for normal columns unless specified. You must explicitly create them for faster searches on non-key columns.

4. Create a nonunique index (foreign key) for the DJs on Demand column (cd_number) in the D_TRACK_LISTINGS table. Use the Oracle Application Express SQL Workshop Data Browser to confirm that the index was created.

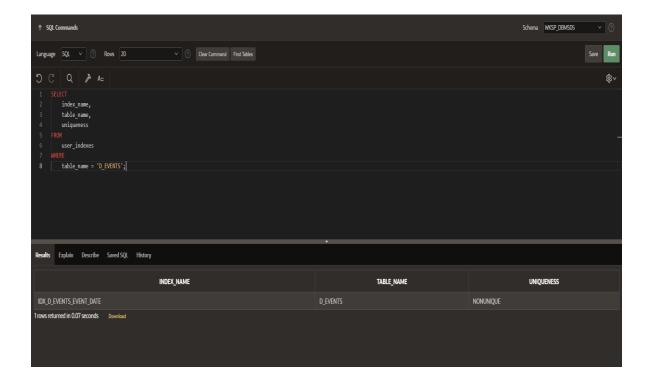




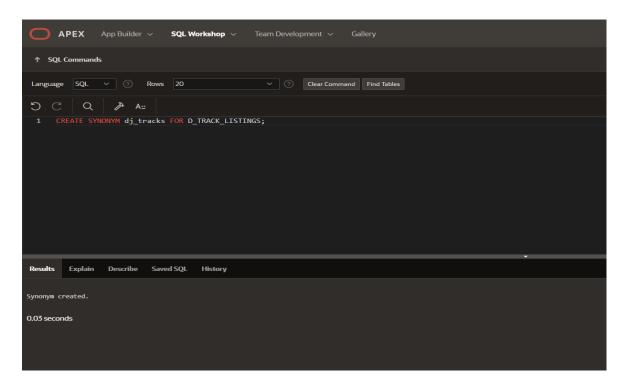
5. Use the join statement to display the indexes and uniqueness that exist in the data dictionary for the DJs on Demand D SONGS table.



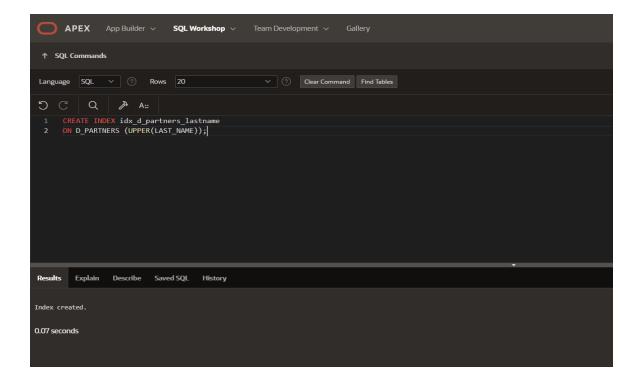
6. Use a SELECT statement to display the index_name, table_name, and uniqueness from the data dictionary USER_INDEXES for the DJs on Demand D_EVENTS table.

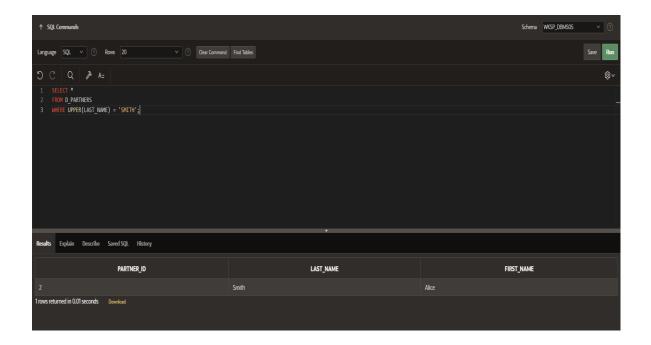


7. Write a query to create a synonym called dj_tracks for the DJs on Demand d track listings table.

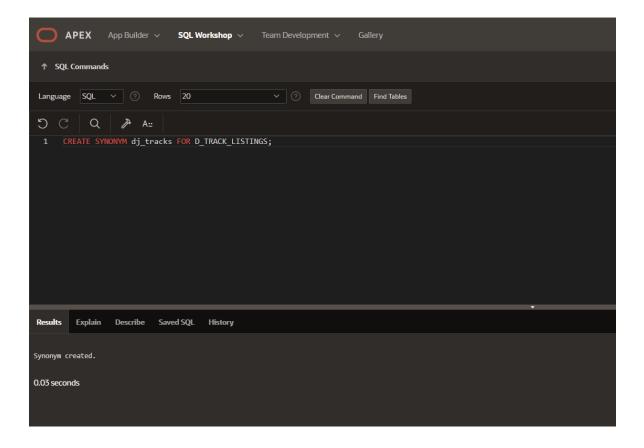


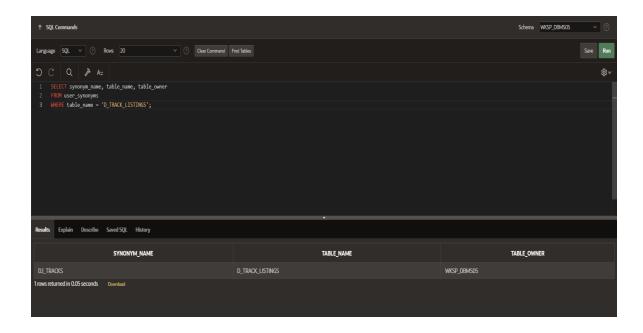
8. Create a function-based index for the last_name column in DJs on Demand D_PARTNERS table that makes it possible not to have to capitalize the table name for searches. Write a SELECT statement that would use this index.





9. Create a synonym for the D_TRACK_LISTINGS table. Confirm that it has been created by querying the data dictionary.





10.Drop the synonym that you created in question.

