

# Modularity in PL/SQL

Functions

# This presentation...

- Functions
- Raising exceptions



# Functions in SQL

- We have used functions in SQL previously. e.g.  
Select title from book where lower(title) like 'harry%';  
Select round(months\_between(sysdate, order\_date )/12,1)  
from corder;
- We can write our own and store it in our schema.



# PL/SQL Functions

- Up to now, our PL/SQL programs:
  - Took in data using &
  - Returned results using DBMS\_OUTPUT.PUT\_LINE
- To make them into functions:
  - Replace **DECLARE** with the function header
  - Replace the substitution variables with parameters.
  - Replace the printed information with returned information.
  - In the exceptions section use **RAISE**.



# Example: Add a student

- We used tables:
  - P\_stage (prog\_code\*, stage\_code, mentor, capacity)
  - P\_student (studentno, (prog\_code, stage\_code)\*, studentname, studentaddress)
- Logic
  - Get the programme code, stage, student name and address from the user.
  - Select the capacity in the programme stage
  - Count the number of students already enrolled
  - If there is room,
    - Generate a new student number
    - Add the student and make it permanent
  - Report back the (student number and) status.



# Function: Add a student

- Logic
  - **Pass the programme code, stage, student name and address into the function as parameters.**
  - Select the capacity in the programme stage
  - Count the number of students already enrolled
  - If there is room,
    - Generate a new student number
    - Add the student and make it permanent
  - **Report back**
    - the student number
    - Status



# Our original program

```
SET serveroutput ON
DECLARE
  v_prog p_student.prog_code%TYPE := '&Enter_Programme_Code';
  v_stg p_student.stage_code%TYPE := &Enter_Stage_Code;
  v_name p_student.studentname%TYPE := '&Enter_Student_Name';
  v_addr p_student.studentaddress%TYPE:= '&EnterStudent_Address';
  v_in_stage INTEGER := 0; -- Number currently in stage
  v_capacity INTEGER := 0; -- Capacity of stage
  v_sno p_student.studentno%type;

BEGIN
  SELECT capacity INTO v_capacity FROM p_stage
  WHERE (v_prog = prog_code AND v_stg = stage_code);
  SELECT COUNT(*) INTO v_in_stage FROM p_student
  WHERE (v_prog = prog_code AND v_stg = stage_code);
  IF v_in_stage < v_capacity THEN
    v_sno := 'C17'||studseq.nextval;
    INSERT INTO p_student VALUES
      (v_sno,v_prog,v_stg,v_name,v_addr);
    COMMIT;
    dbms_output.put_line(v_name||' is added, with student number '||v_sno);
  ELSE
    dbms_output.put_line('This stage is full. The student is not added.');
```

```
END IF;

EXCEPTION
WHEN OTHERS THEN
  DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Error number '||SQLCODE||
    ' meaning '||SQLERRM||'. Rolling back...');
  ROLLBACK;
END;
```

- Let's split it into 3 sections
  - Declaration
  - Executable
  - Exception

# Declaration -> Function

## DECLARE

```
v_prog  
p_student.prog_code%TYPE    :=  
'&Enter_Programme_Code';  
v_stg p_student.stage_code%TYPE  
:= &Enter_Stage_Code;  
v_name  
p_student.studentname%TYPE :=  
'&Enter_Student_Name';  
v_addr  
p_student.studentaddress%TYPE:=  
'&EnterStudent_Address';  
v_in_stage INTEGER ;  
v_capacity INTEGER ;  
v_sno p_student.studentno%type;
```

## CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION

```
ADDSTUDENT(  
  P_prog p_student.prog_code%TYPE,  
  P_stg p_student.stage_code%TYPE,  
  P_name p_student.studentname%TYPE,  
  P_addr  
  p_student.studentaddress%TYPE)  
RETURN VARCHAR2 AS  
  
  v_in_stage INTEGER ;  
  
  v_capacity INTEGER ;  
  
  v_sno p_student.studentno%type;
```



# Executable sections

```
BEGIN
  SELECT capacity INTO v_capacity FROM
  p_stage
  WHERE (v_prog = prog_code AND
         v_stg = stage_code);
  SELECT COUNT(*) INTO v_in_stage
  FROM p_student
  WHERE (v_prog = prog_code AND
         v_stg = stage_code);
  IF v_in_stage < v_capacity THEN
    v_sno := 'C17' || studseq.nextval;
    INSERT INTO p_student VALUES
      (v_sno, v_prog, v_stg, v_name, v_addr);
    COMMIT;
    dbms_output.put_line(v_name || ' is added,
with student number ' || v_sno);
  ELSE
    dbms_output.put_line('This stage is full.
The student is not added. ');
  END IF;
  ---exception section goes here
END;
```

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BEGIN
  SELECT capacity INTO v_capacity
  FROM p_stage
  WHERE (p_prog = prog_code AND
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  FROM p_student
  WHERE (p_prog = prog_code AND
         p_stg = stage_code);
  IF v_in_stage < v_capacity THEN
    v_sno := 'C17' || studseq.nextval;
    INSERT INTO p_student VALUES
      (v_sno, p_prog, p_stg, p_name, p_addr);
    COMMIT;
    RETURN v_sno;
  ELSE
    RETURN NULL;
  END IF;
  ---exception section goes here
END ADDSTUDENT;
```

# Exceptions

EXCEPTION

WHEN OTHERS THEN

```
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(  
'Error number '||SQLCODE||  
  ' meaning '||SQLERRM||'.  
Rolling back...');  
  ROLLBACK;
```

EXCEPTION

WHEN OTHERS THEN

```
  ROLLBACK;  
  RAISE;
```

/\*RAISE propagates the error  
back to the calling  
environment where it can be  
handled by e.g.  
SQLException in Java\*/

# Function declaration

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION  
<function_name> ( <parameter_list> )  
RETURN <return_datatype> AS  
<declarations>  
BEGIN  
<pl/sql code, including  
    RETURN <return_value>>;  
END <function_name>;
```

return\_value must have the datatype listed in  
<return\_datatype>

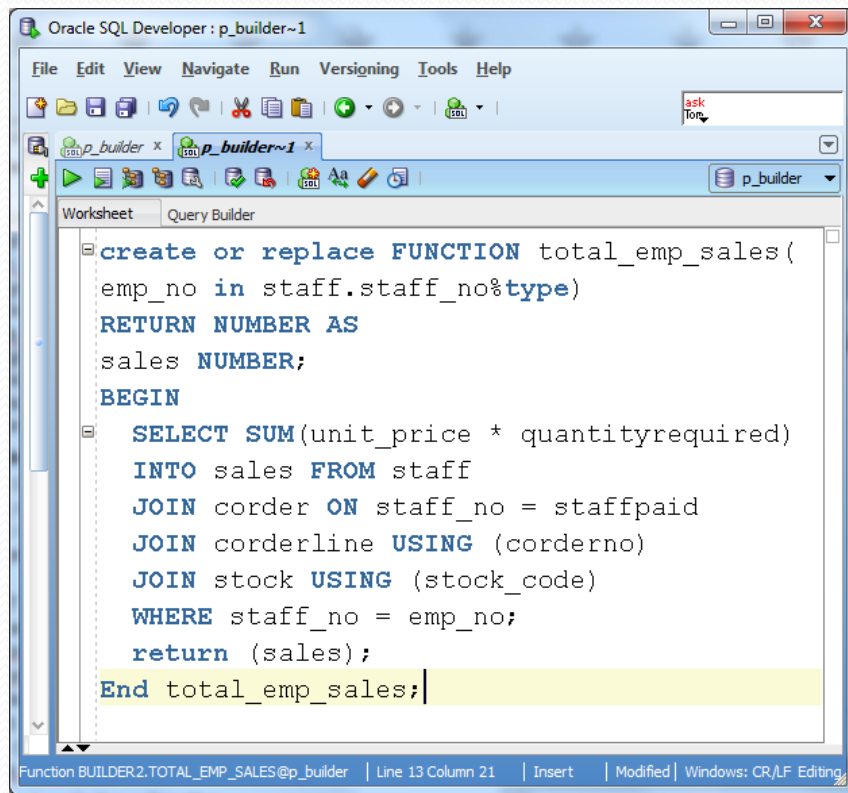


# Specifying a function

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION total_emp_sales (  
emp_no in staff.staff_no%type)  
RETURN NUMBER AS  
-- Calculate an employee's total sales  
sales NUMBER;  
BEGIN  
    SELECT SUM(unit_price * quantityrequired)  
    INTO sales FROM staff  
    JOIN corder ON staff_no = staffpaid  
    JOIN corderline USING (corderno)  
    JOIN stock USING (stock_code)  
    WHERE staff_no = emp_no;  
    return (sales);  
End total_emp_sales;
```



# Creating / replacing a function



The screenshot shows the Oracle SQL Developer interface with a window titled 'Oracle SQL Developer : p\_builder~1'. The 'Worksheet' tab is active, displaying a PL/SQL script for creating or replacing a function named 'total\_emp\_sales'. The script defines a function that takes 'emp\_no' as an input parameter and returns a 'NUMBER'. The function body uses a SQL query to calculate the sum of 'unit\_price \* quantityrequired' from the 'staff' table, joined with 'corder', 'corderline', and 'stock' tables. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Function BUILDER2.TOTAL\_EMP\_SALES@p\_builder | Line 13 Column 21 | Insert | Modified | Windows: CR/LF Editing'.

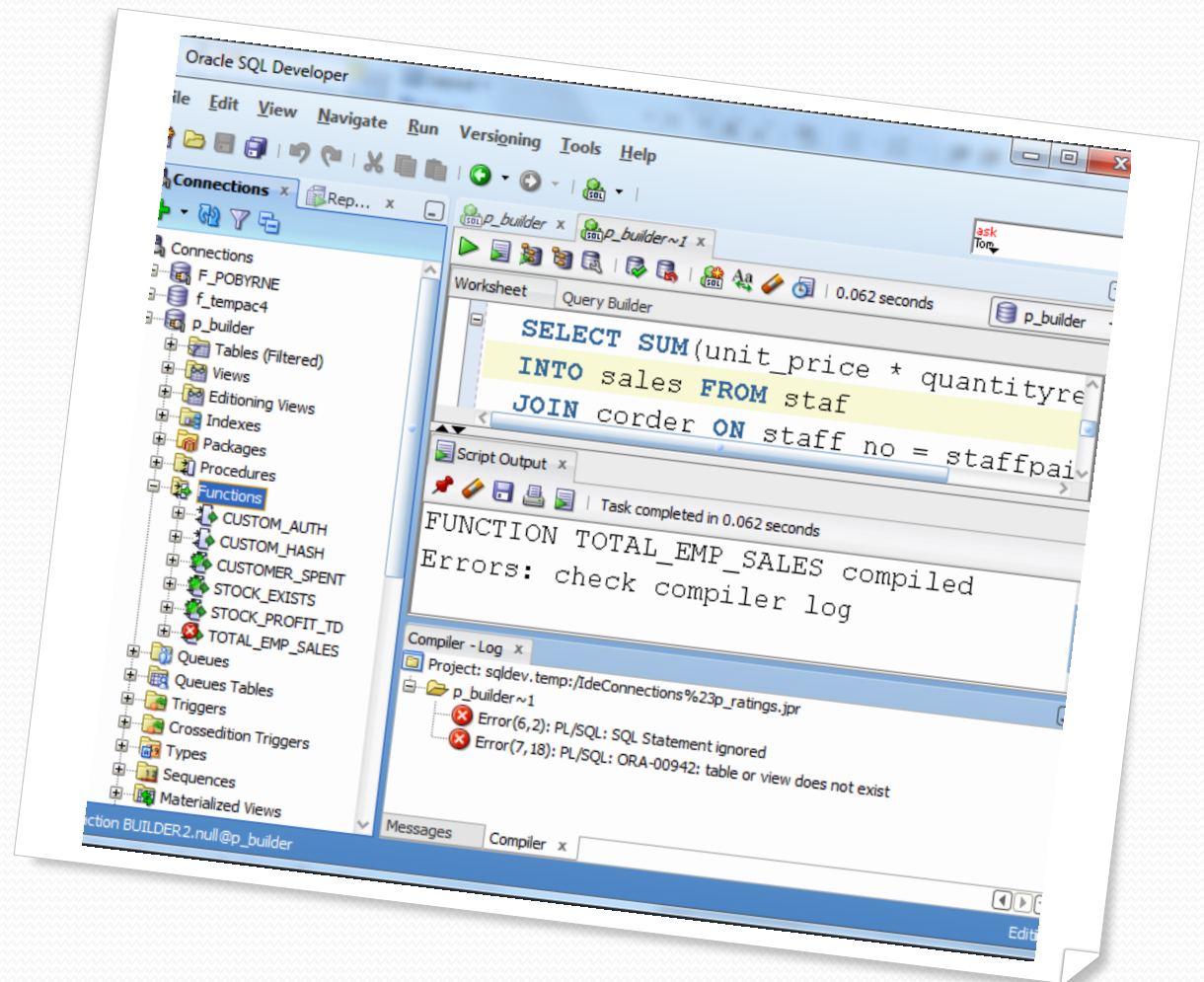
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    INTO sales FROM staff  
  JOIN corder ON staff_no = staffpaid  
  JOIN corderline USING (corderno)  
  JOIN stock USING (stock_code)  
  WHERE staff_no = emp_no;  
  return (sales);  
End total_emp_sales;
```

- Run the script and it will compile the function.
- If there are errors, you can debug it.

## Compiled function, with error

You may need to refresh the function list to see your function.

When all errors are cleared, the function shows up green.



# Calling the function

- From my own schema:
  - SELECT stock\_code, stock\_profit\_TD (stock\_code)  
FROM stock;
  - SELECT customer\_id, customer\_name, to\_char (  
customer\_spent(customer\_id), 'U999,999.99')  
FROM customer;
  - SELECT staff\_no, staff\_name,  
total\_emp\_sales(staff\_no) FROM staff;



# To call it from another schema:

The screenshot shows the Oracle SQL Developer interface with two schemas, `p_builder` and `p_hr`, open. The `p_builder` schema is selected, and the `Functions` folder is expanded in the left pane. The `Worksheet` tab is active, showing a SQL query that calls a function from the `p_hr` schema. The `Query Result` tab shows the execution of the query, which resulted in an error.

**Schema: p\_builder**

```
SELECT stock_code, stock_profit_TD (st
SELECT customer_id, customer_name,
to_char(customer_spent(customer_id), 'U
FROM customer;
SELECT staff_no, staff_name, total_emp
grant select on customer to hr;
```

**Schema: p\_hr**

```
SELECT customer_id, customer_name,
to_char(customer_spent(customer_id), 'U999,999
FROM builder2.customer;
```

**Query Result**

Executing: SELECT customer\_id, customer\_name, to\_char(customer\_spent(customer\_id), 'U9...

ORA-00904: : invalid identifier  
00904. 00000 - "%s: invalid identifier"  
\*Cause:  
\*Action:  
Error at Line: 2 Column: 9

CUSTOMER_ID	CUSTOMER_NAME	TO_CHAR(CUSTOMER_SPENT(CUS
1	1 John Flaherty	€2,715
2	2 Gerard Temple	€1,000
3	3 John Browne	(null)
4	4 Aidan Bourke	€8
5	5 Mary Martin	€1,802

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# Granting access

- A function can only be run by a user if the user has EXECUTE privileges on it.
- From the builder2 schema:
  - GRANT EXECUTE ON <function name> TO <user / role>



# In Webcourses...

- Function code ADDSTUDENT.SQL
- Java source, batch command for compile and .jar



# Running Java

- Find javac.exe on your computer
- Set your path environment variable to include the folder that javac.exe is in.

