PL/SQL Starter Framework Release Notes

Release 2.0 (April 2010)

Scripts

• Fixed install scripts to operate more smoothly, and work on 11g.

Packages

API_APP_LOG

- Minor bug in text being concatenated into the log text. Now wrapping line_num with TO_CHAR.
- Added COMMIT to the trim table API.

TYP

Expanded mime type subtype to 100 chars.

UTIL

- str_to_bool: added support for converting NULL
- num_to_bool: improved handling of non-zero numbers
- Minor fixes to some mime types in get_mime_type and get_otx_doc_type.

EXCP

- Changed the signature of the assert() routine, removing need to pass in the calling routine name. Sorry.
- Revamped any framework packages that were relying on the old assert signature, removing their need for a local name variable in each as well, simplifying things.

STR

- Added two new string-related constants: NUL and LFCR.
- Added the string centering function, named ctr()

MAIL

- store_mail and send_mail: Fixed bug in i_attach parameter in that the default needed to be NULL, not EMPTY CLOB().
- Store_mail: fixed bug, now checks for length of the attachment, ensuring it is greater than zero.

IO

• Fixed side effect of 9i bug in get file props().

ENV

- Added vld_path_format, set_app_cd()
- Added more useful and shorter tag() and untag(). If module, action and info aren't passed, they'll be filled automatically with the PL/SQL unit/package, routine and line number respectively.

LOGS

- Clarified set_dbg() comments.
- Added the 10g backtrace functionality to the main msg routine.
- With the enhancement to the env package to get the caller's metadata, was able to add the
 ability of these logging routines to get their own caller, rather than needing it passed in all the
 time. So routine name and line num are now very much optional parameters.

DT

- Added UNIX_EPOCH constant, dt_to_epoch and epoch_to_dt functions.
- Rearranged the order of the parameters in get_time_diff_str to match that of its complement, get_time_diff.

DDL UTILS

- Corrected several bugs in reset seq()
- Fixed side effect of 9i bug in analyze table()
- Added MATERIALIZED_VIEW as one of the object types visited by recompile()

APP_ENV

 Added app_version column to track which application version is running on the associated environment.

New Objects

 Added standalone drop_all_obj, meant to be compiled in schema with SYSDBA privs. Can drop all objects from a named schema.

Sample Application(s)

 Added the reports1.sql and reports2.sql scripts which were used at IOUG 2010 and UTOUG TD 2010 to demonstrate the benefits of developing with a PL/SQL framework.

Test Suite

 Updated to work with package changes. Note: the test suite works with PL/SQL Developer v7 and higher.