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Top 10 Oracle SQL Developer Tips and Tricks

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Agenda

- Overview
- Top 10 Tips & Tricks
- Demonstration
- SQL Developer 4.0 New Features

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Oracle SQL Developer
Overview

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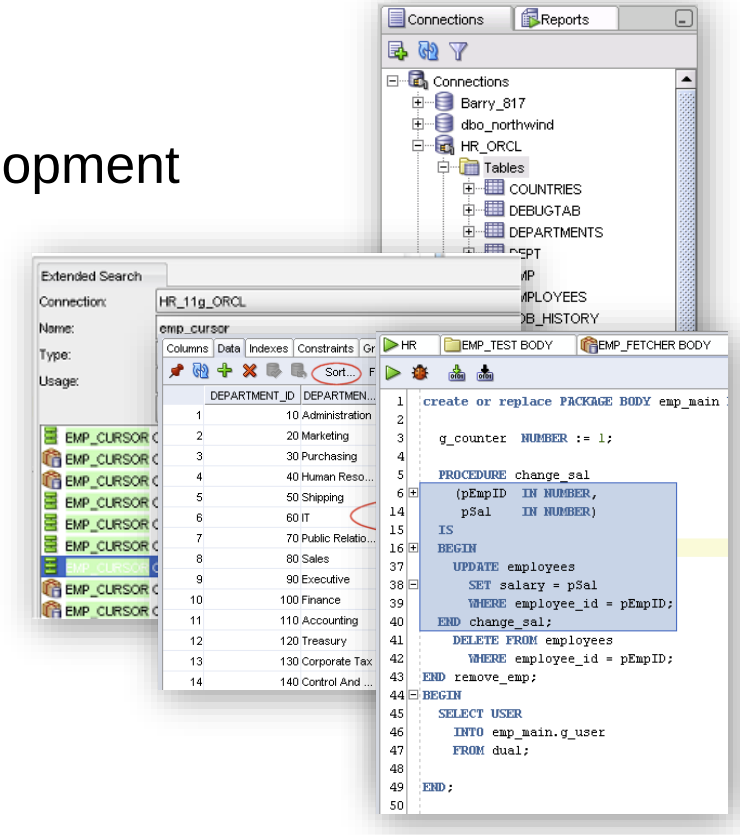
Oracle SQL Developer

Overview

- Free graphical tool for Database Development
- Enhances productivity and simplifies database development tasks
- Browse database objects
- Run SQL Statements and Scripts
- Edit and Debug PL/SQL
- Run provided reports and create custom reports



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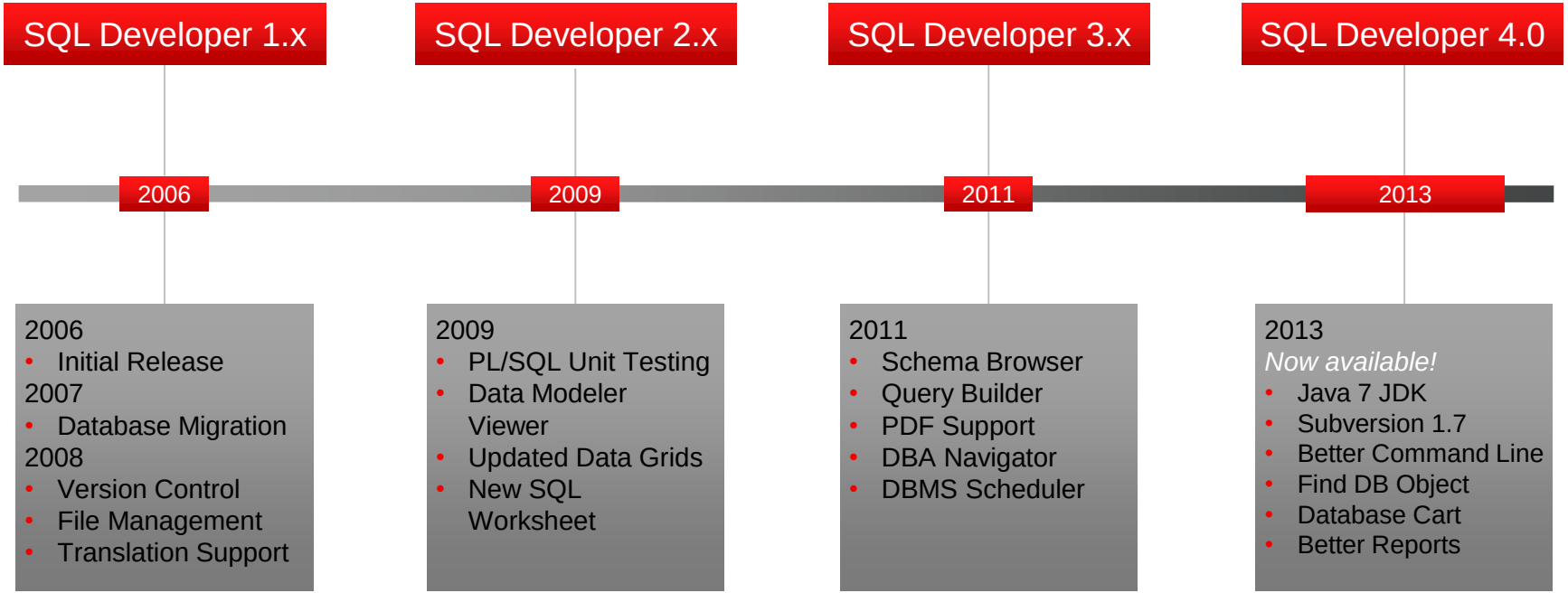

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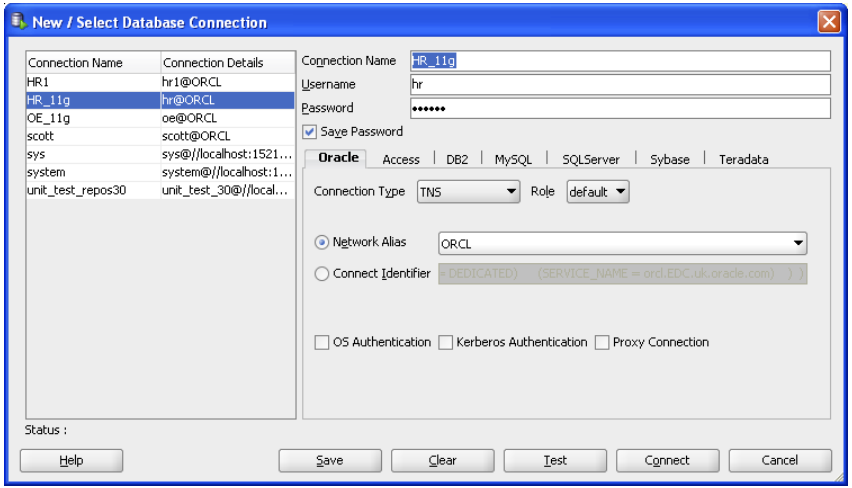
Database Connections

- Connection Support
  - Basic, TNS, LDAP, Advanced
  - External authentication
  - Proxy connections
  - Third-party database
  - Kerberos Authentication
- Create, save and test
- Import and export
- Cloud Connections



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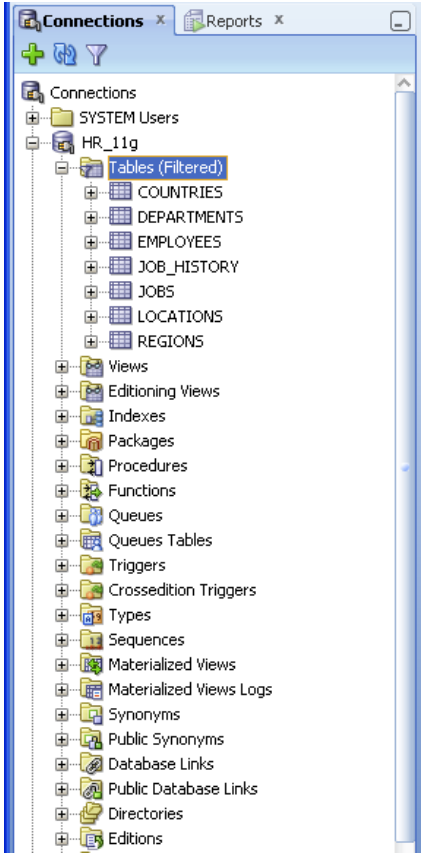
Creating and Browsing Objects

- Connection Navigator
- Tree based object browser
- Context menu utilities
- Create and edit database objects
  - Tables, Views, Indexes, Sequences
  - Packages, Procedures, Functions, Triggers, Types
  - Directories, Database Links (includes Public)
  - Application Express
  - … and more



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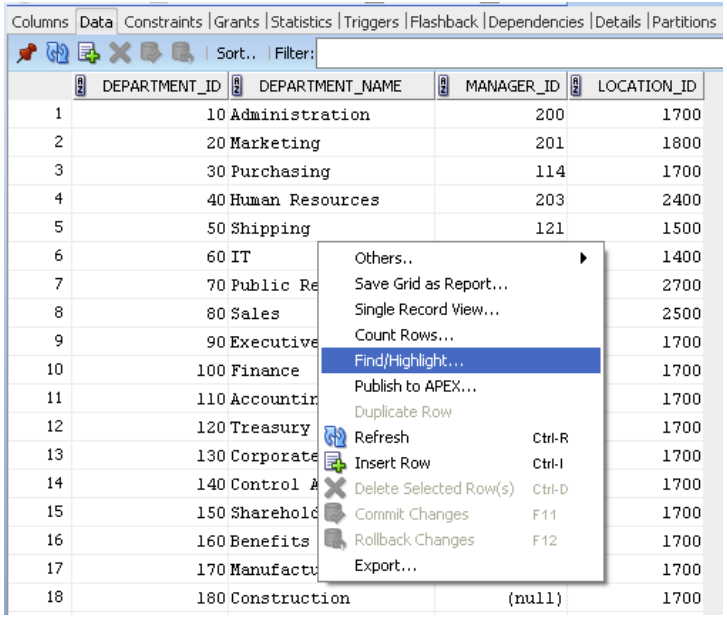
Data Grids: Querying and Updating Data

- Browse table and views
- Filter, Sort
- Context menus offer
  - Single record view
  - Duplicate row
  - Count rows
  - Save Grid as a report
- Manage columns
- Single value updates



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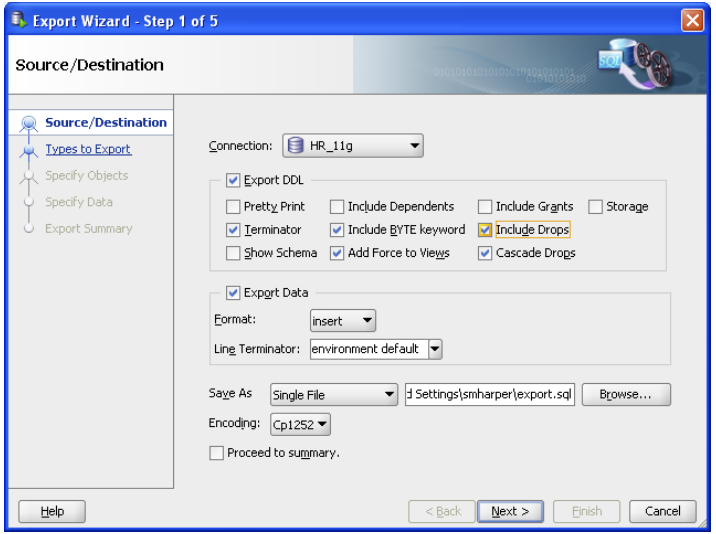
Exporting and Importing

- Context menu DDL and data export
  - Text, CSV, Insert, Loader, XML, HTML, XLS, PDF
- Import Data
  - MS Excel data import
  - Create table on import
- Export wizard
  - Parameters to include schema owner, drop statements, storage syntax, inline constraints syntax, export data, export grants
- Bulk upload to Database Cloud using Cart functionality



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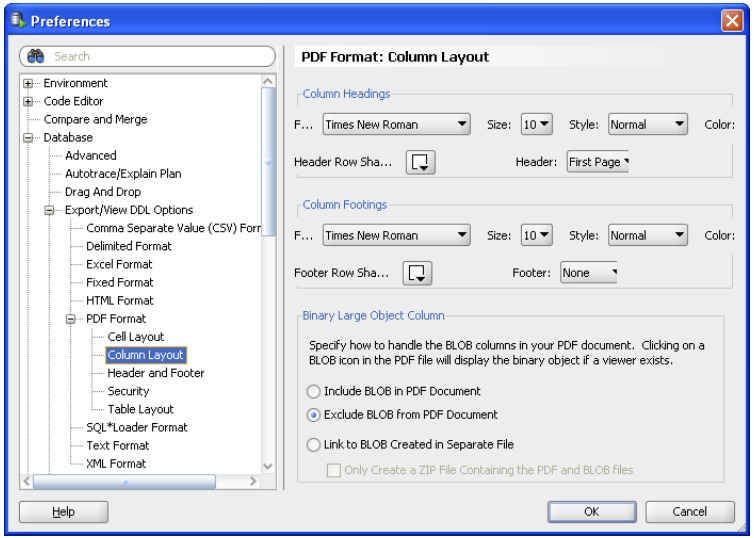
Exporting to PDF

- New data format support for PDF
  - Configure PDF file format using preferences
  - Customizable Layouts
  - Provides security to encrypt and password-protect
  - Provides option to include BLOBs



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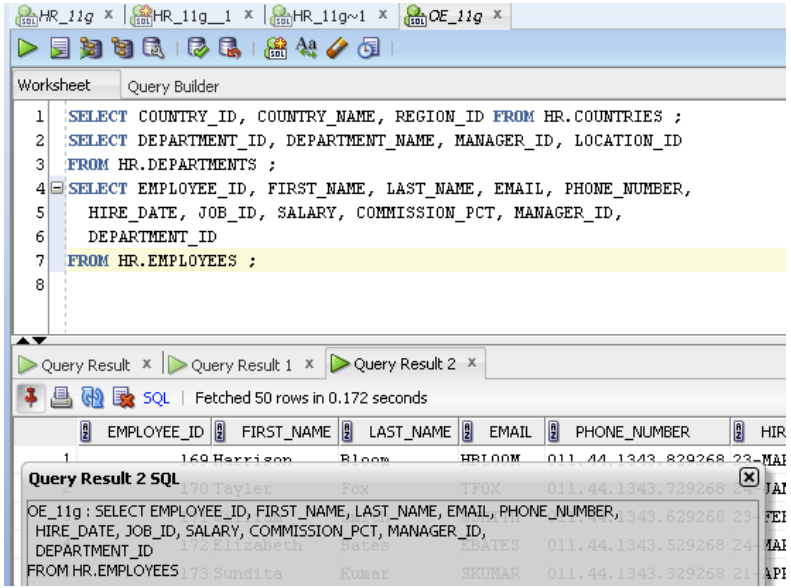
SQL Worksheet

- Execute queries and scripts
- Command support for SQL*Plus and SQL and PL/SQL
- Code insight
- Code refactoring options
- Syntax highlighting
- Supporting windows for
  - SQL Tuning Advisor, Explain Plan and Auto trace
  - HTP and OWA output



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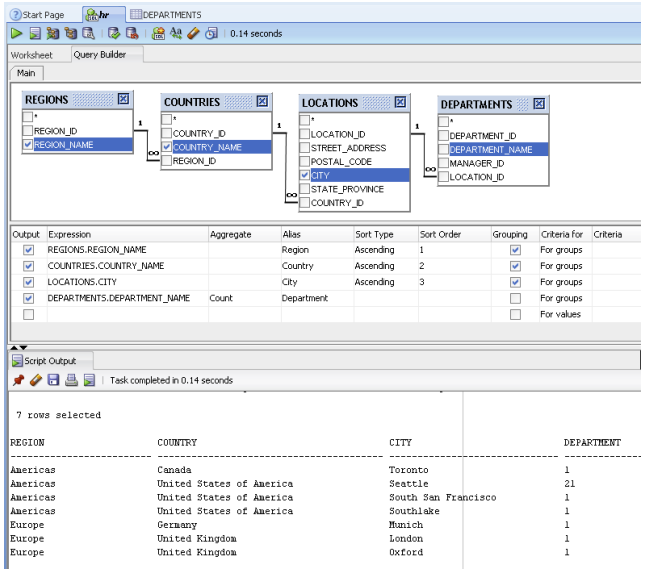
Query Builder



- Drag and drop query building
  - Integrated with SQL worksheet
  - Multiple object selection
  - Switch from Query Builder and Worksheet
  - Repeated tables
  - Union, intersect, minus and sub queries
  - Aggregates, Alias, Order By, Group By, Where clauses

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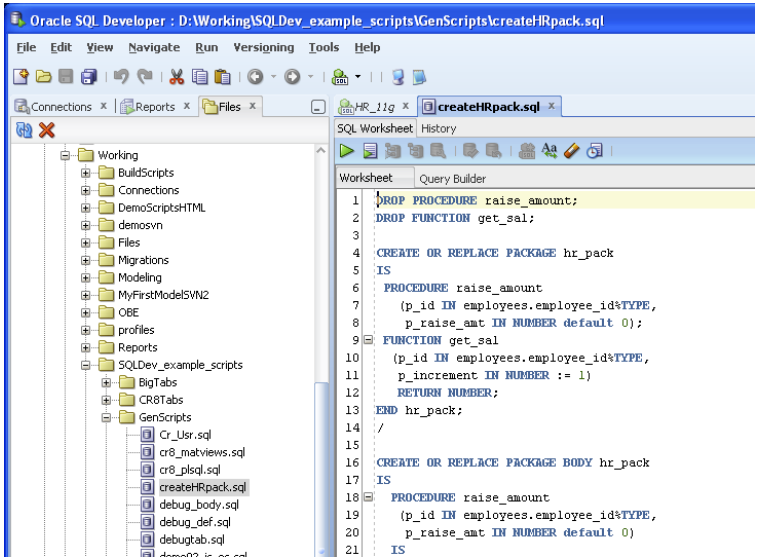
File Based Development

- SQL Developer supports file based development
  - Explore files in the Files navigator
  - Open files in the SQL Worksheet
  - Place files under version control
  - Execute against a connection
  - Syntax formatting



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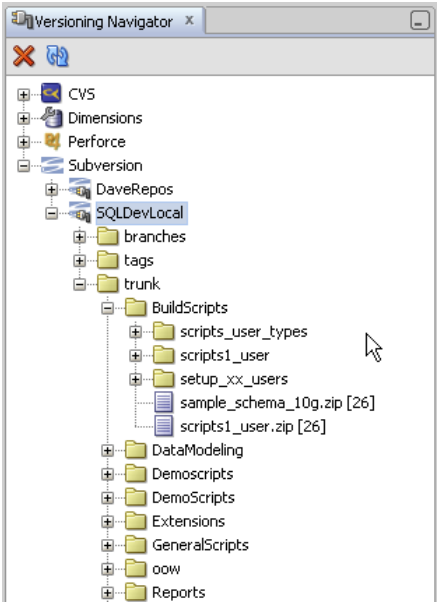
Integrated Version Control Support

- Integrated support for versioning and source control systems
  - Subversion
- Use Check for Updates to add:
  - CVS (Concurrent Versions System)
  - Perforce
  - Serena Dimensions
- Access using
  - View > Team > Versioning Navigator
  - Versioning menu



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Top 10
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Tips and Tricks

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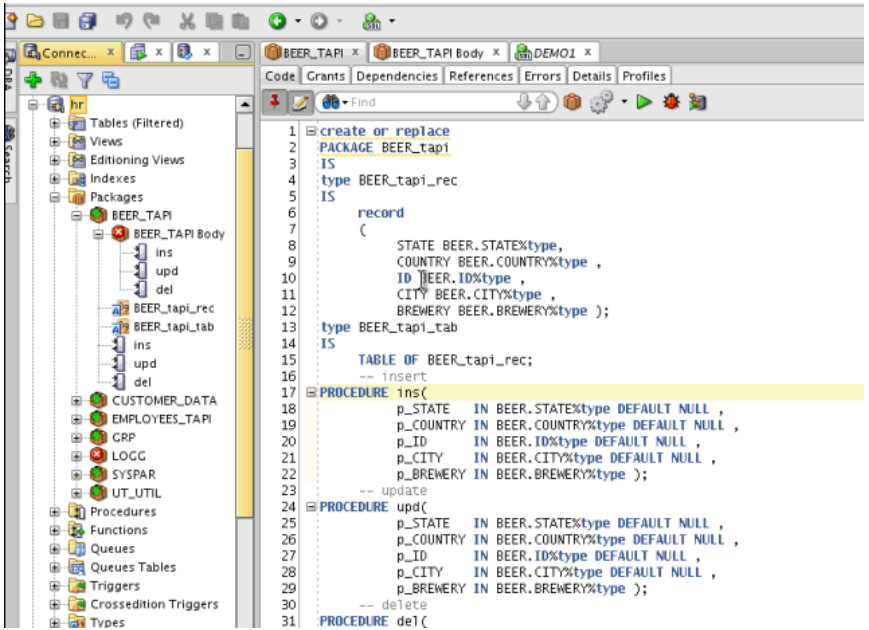
#10 Configure Your Preferences

- Make things look nice
- Look & Feel
- Disable unused extensions
- Automatic can be ‘bad’
- I like ‘more’ grids



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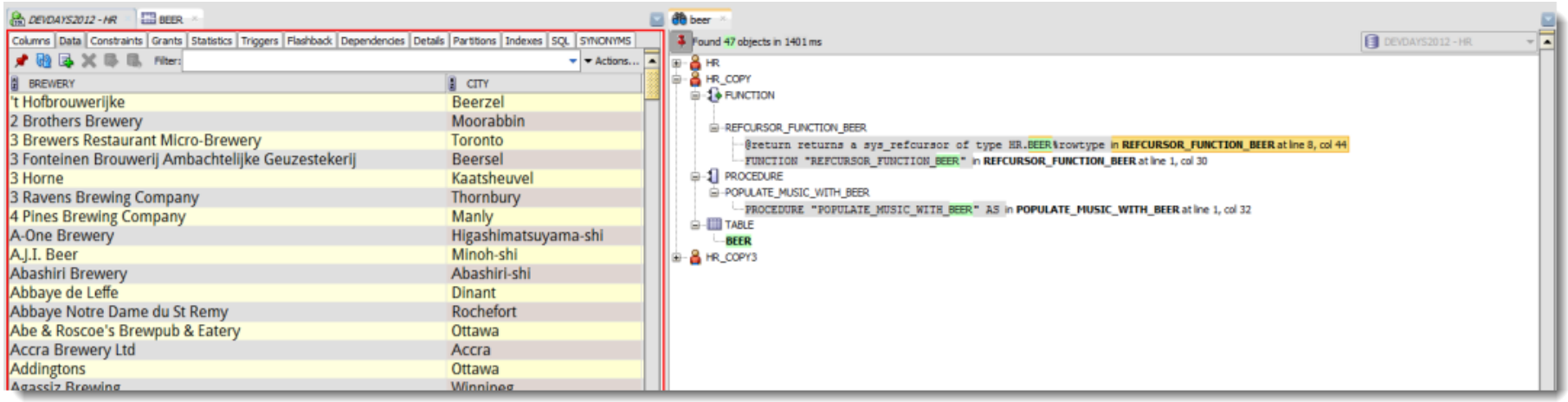
#9 Split Editors | New Editor Tab Groups



- Right Click in the Editor Tab:
  - Split gives you two independent views of the editor
  - New Tab Group lets you see multiple editors at once

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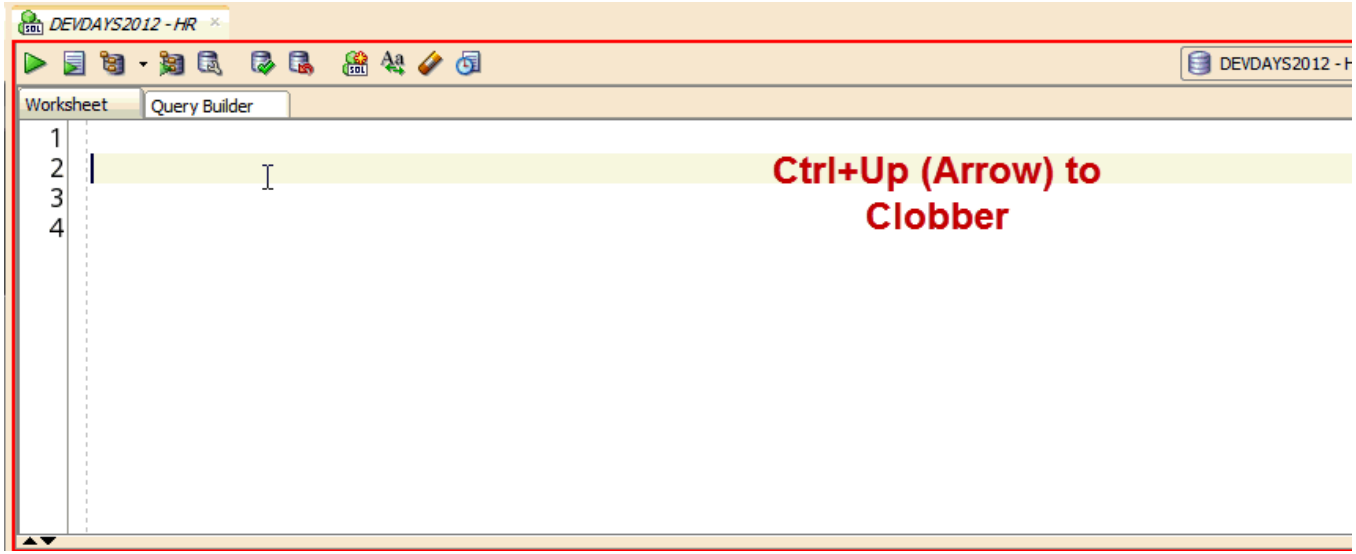
#8 Recall Previous SQL via the Keyboard

- Cycle through your recent SQL statements just using these magic key strokes! **Ctrl+Up** or **Ctrl+Down**.



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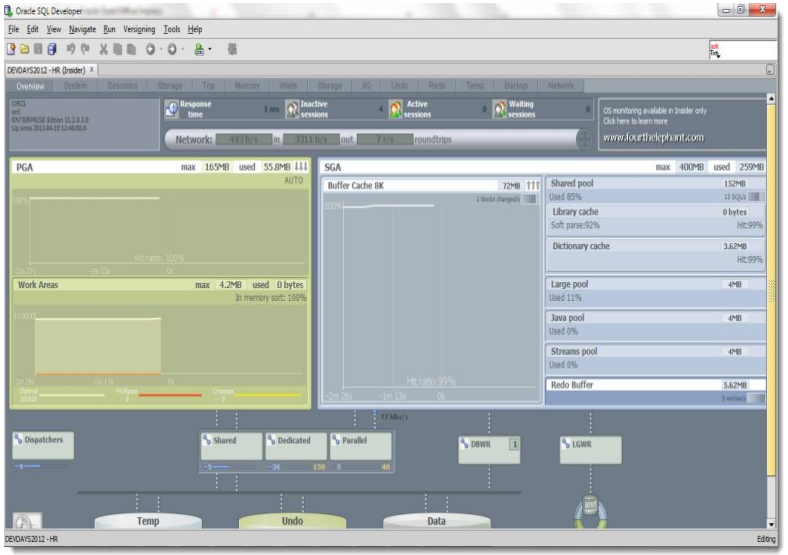
#7 Extend SQL Developer With Extensions

- Write your own (XML + SQL)
- Check for Updates
- Extension Exchange
- Free and commercial Extensions



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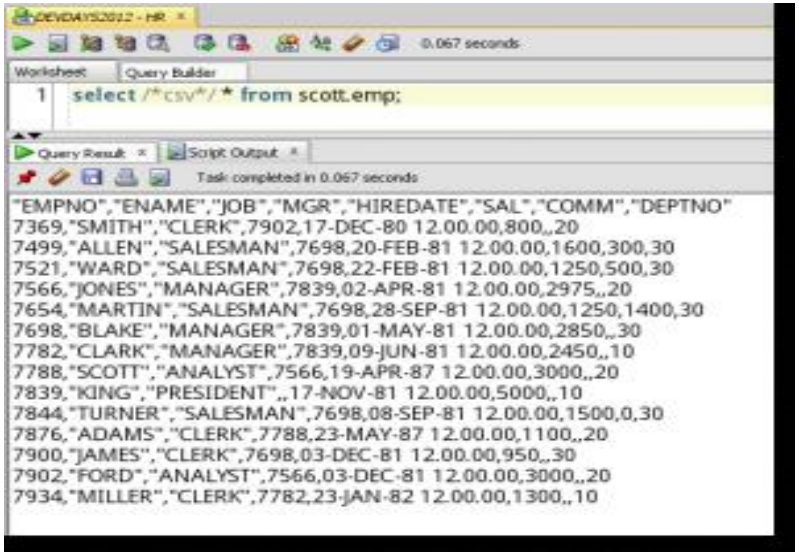
#6 Formatted Query Results

- Format query results directly to XML, CSV, HTML, etc.
- Add Comment
  `/*csv*/ /*xml*/ /*html*/`
- Execute via F5 (Script)
- Comment labels match grid export formatter labels
- ONLY works in SQLDev



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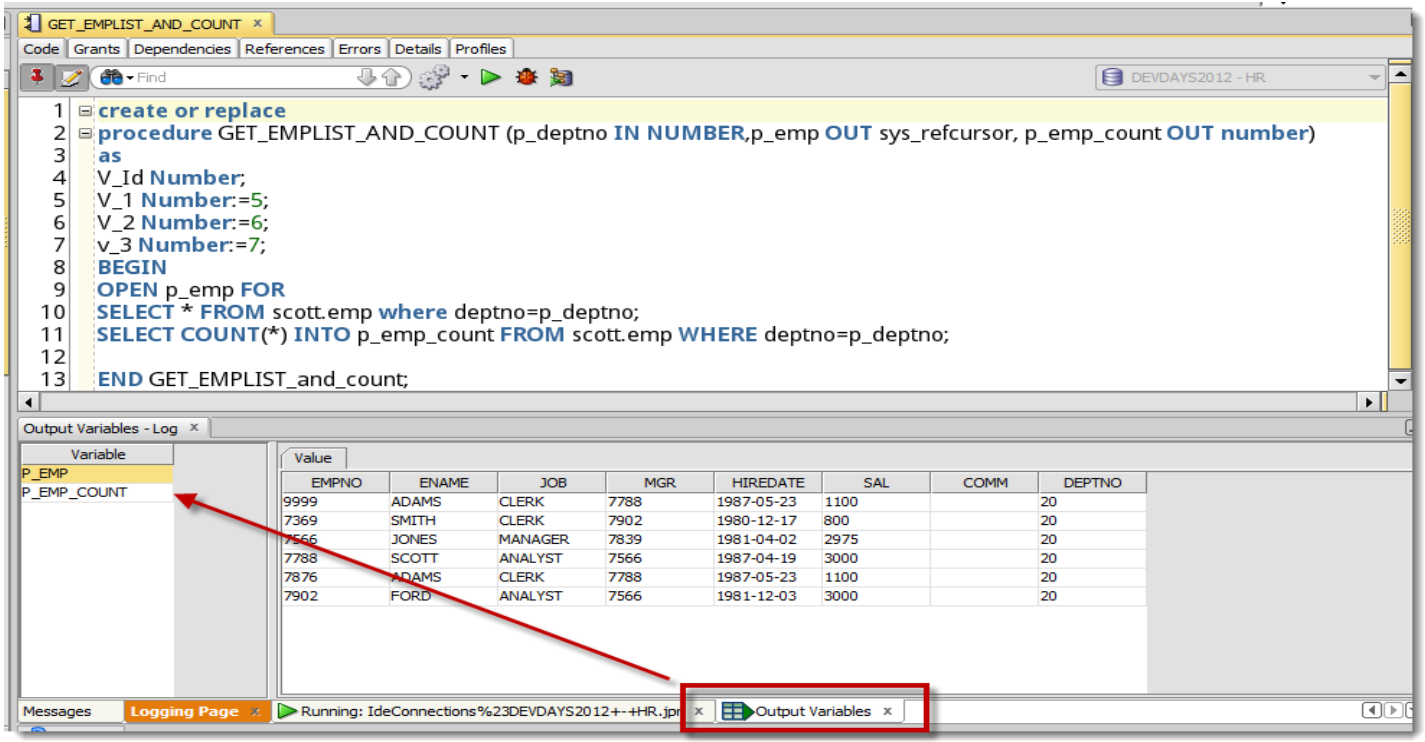
#5 Viewing PL/SQL Output (Include Ref Cursors)



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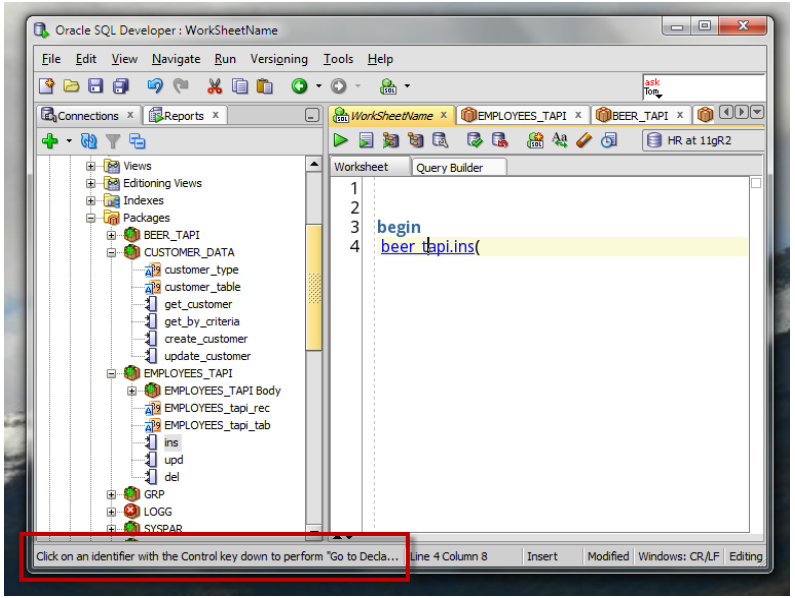
#4 Object Search to Quick Open an Object

- Ctrl+Click, Shift+F4
  - Hold down Ctrl...
  - Mouse over object text...
  - Click to open object editor
    OR SHIFT+F4
    OR View > Find DB Object



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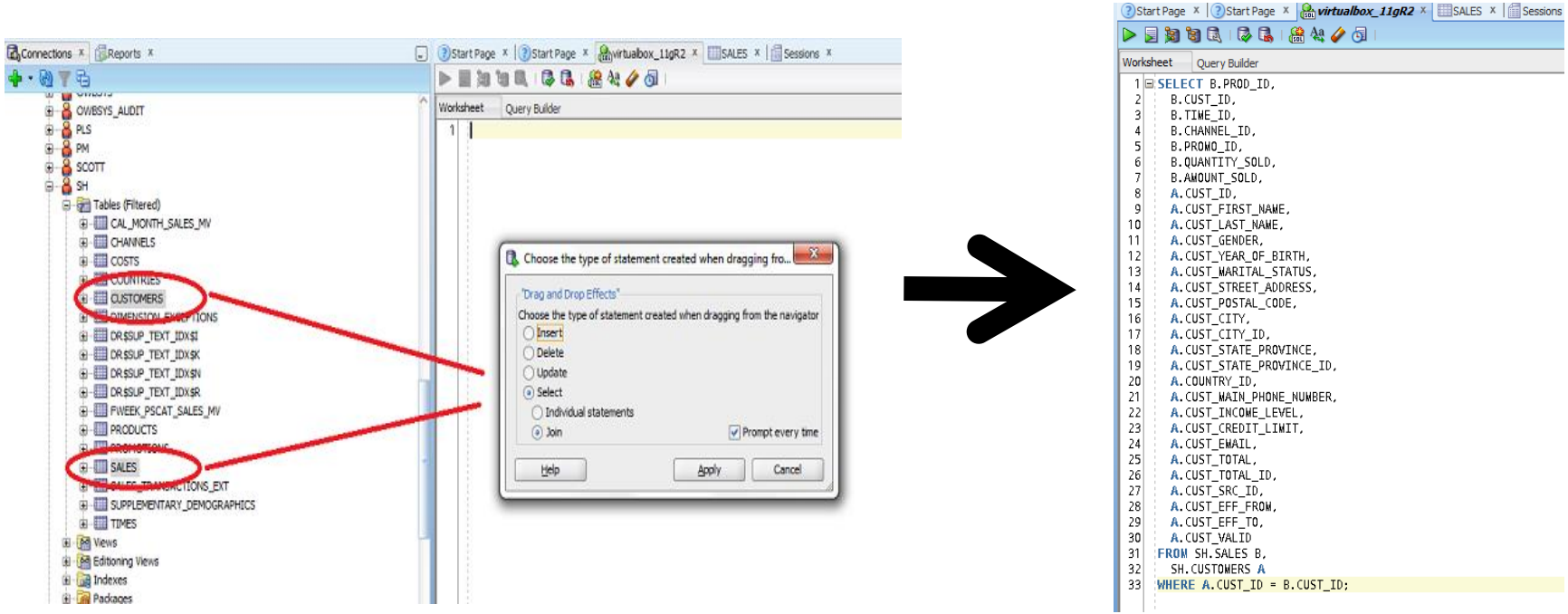
#3 Drag & Drop Multiple Tables to Worksheet



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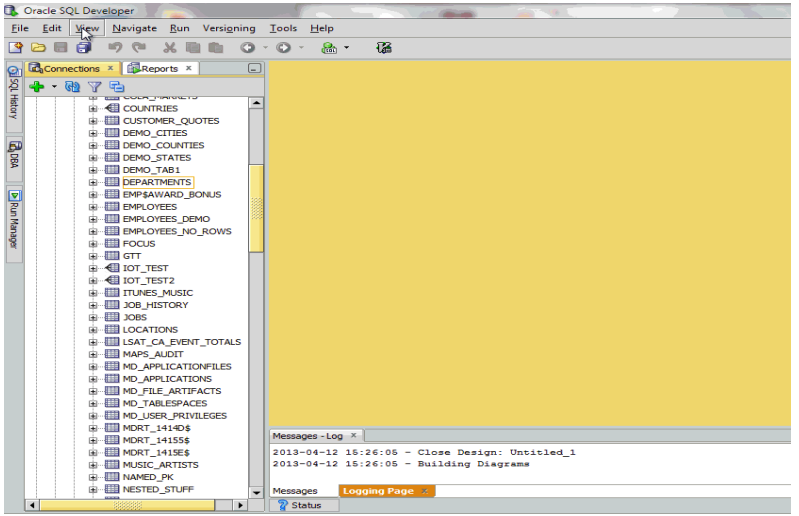
#3 Drag & Drop Multiple Tables to a Model

- Shift, Select, Drag, Drop OR
- Ctrl+Select, Drag..
- Ctrl walks the dependency tree
- Preview DDL, save, export, etc.



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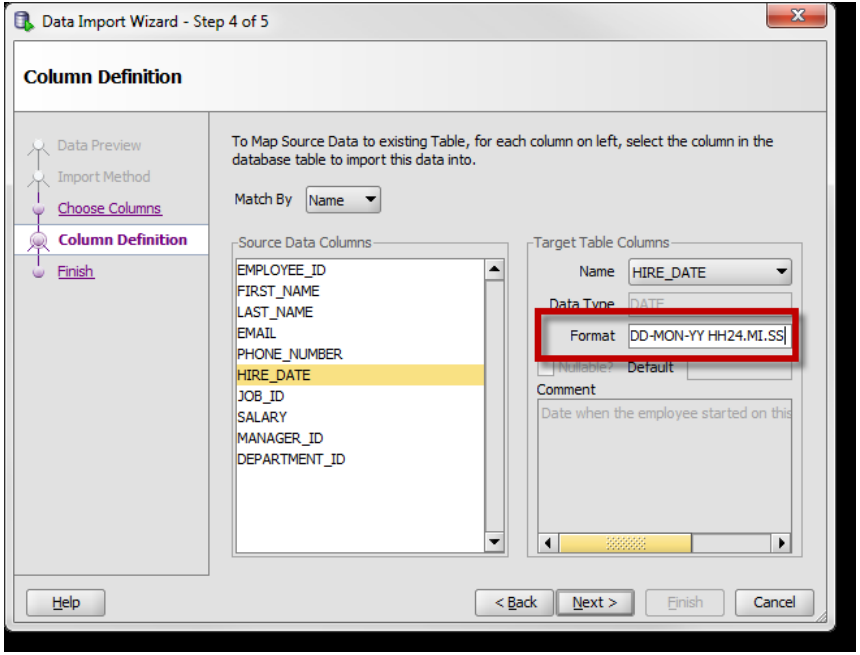
#2 Excel Export and Import

- Export data to Excel
- Import from Excel to table
  - Existing
  - Build New One
- CSV Exports are Faster



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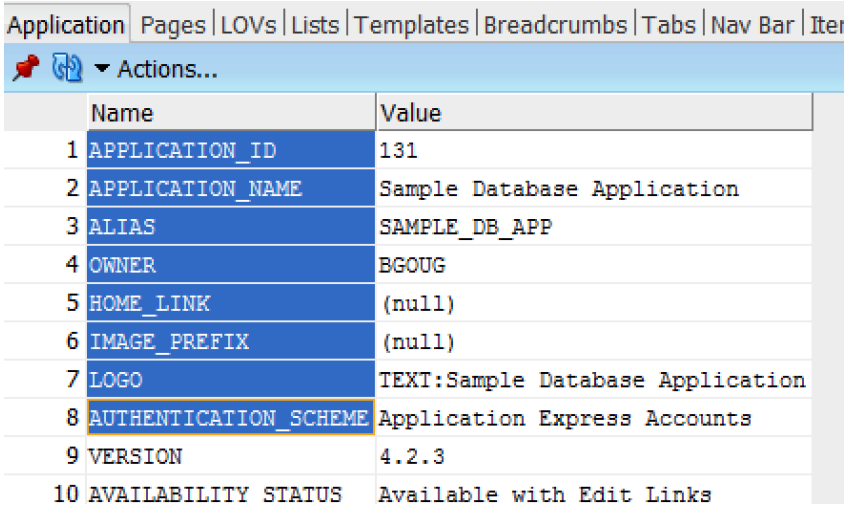
#1 APEX Integration

- Report on APEX meta data
- Gather statistics on APEX apps
- Review application details
- Import and Deploy applications
- Export applications and pages
- Publish reports to APEX



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3	ALIAS	SAMPLE_DB_APP
4	OWNER	BGOUG
5	HOME_LINK	(null)
6	IMAGE_PREFIX	(null)
7	LOGO	TEXT:Sample Database Application
8	AUTHENTICATION_SCHEME	Application Express Accounts
9	VERSION	4.2.3
10	AVAILABILITY STATUS	Available with Edit Links

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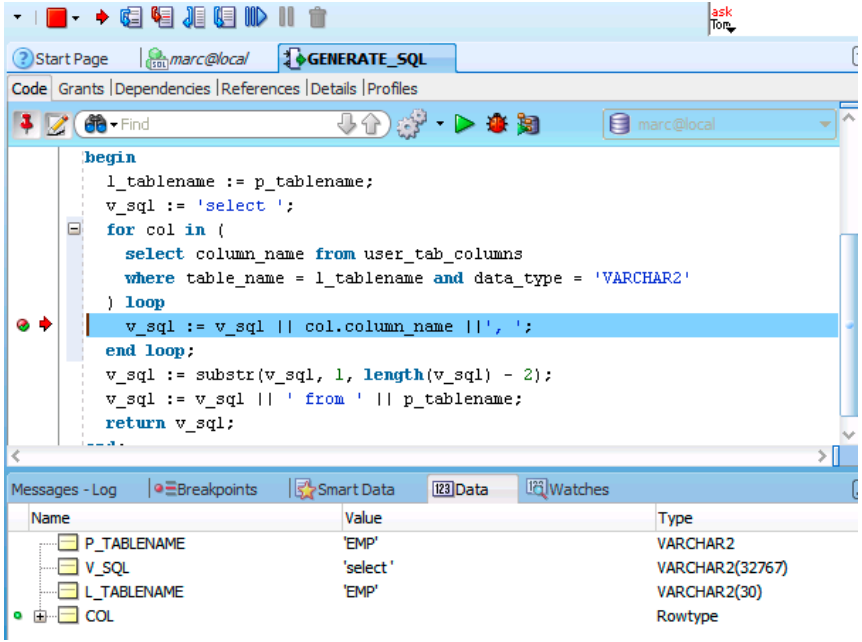
#1 APEX Integration - Remote Debugging

- Remote Debug APEX Apps from SQL Developer
- Compile PL/SQL function for Debug
- Enable Remote Debugging in SQL Developer
- Load APEX page in browser
- Trace execution in SQL Dev



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New Features

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New Features

- JDK 1.7
  - Support for JDK 7 and above
- Database Performance Monitoring
  - Interface for Oracle Database Enterprise Edition's Diagnostic pack
  - Automatic Database Diagnostic Monitor (ADDM)
  - Active Session History (ASH)
  - Accessible from the DBA panel
  - Manage snapshots, baselines, and baseline templates

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New Features

- Find Database Object - Search
  - Redesigned database search
  - New tree layout allows for searches on
    - multiple schemas,
    - object types,
    - identifier types
    - usages.
  - History of searches stored for later access

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New Features

- Command Line
  - Command Line extended to Reporting and Cart
  - Run Reports and generate into HTML
  - Cart commands offer the ability to export objects and data
  - Apply predefined DDL generation options and data formats

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New Features

- Reports
  - Create new report dialog with tree layout for easier navigation
  - Advanced option to instantly create Child and Drill Down reports
  - More chart types
  - Charts can be previewed in design mode
  - HTML Report can be generated for any report

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New Features

- UI Enhancements
  - Enhanced Look and Feel
  - Set window border color dynamically for database connections
  - New floating Editor and Navigation windows
- Data Modeler 4.0
  - Support for 12c IDENTITY columns
  - Masking of sensitive data with redaction policy definitions at table and column level
  - Create Transparent Sensitive Data Protection (TSDP) policies

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