

Chapter / Unit - 7 (Last Unit)Handling PL/SQL ErrorsRun-time Error Handling in PL/SQL

Every PL/SQL block executed at client-side may generate some run-time errors called exception.

To recognize and handle those exception, ORACLE engine provides exception condition and exception handler.

An exception handler is a code block in memory that will attempt to resolve the current exception condition. The ORACLE engine can recognize every exception condition that occurs in memory.

To handle very common and repetitive exception conditions the ORACLE engine uses pre-defined PL/SQL exceptions also known as Named Exception Handler.

## Named Exception Handler:-

The ORACLE engine has a set of pre-defined ORACLE error handlers known as Named Exception. These Error Handlers are referenced by their names. The ORACLE engine has near about 15 to 20 named exception handler. In addition to this ORACLE engine identifies those exception handlers by 4 digits integer numbers preceded by a dash (-), like (-1414)

Few commonly used pre-defined exceptions are:-

- DUP\_VAL\_ON\_INDEX:
- LOGIN\_DENIED
- NO\_DATA\_FOUND
- NOT\_LOGGED\_ON
- PROGRAM\_ERROR
- TIMEOUT\_ON\_RESOURCE
- TOO\_MANY\_ROWS
- VALUE\_ERROR

### • DUP\_VAL\_ON\_INDEX:

It is raised when an INSERT or UPDATE attempt to create two or more records with the duplicate values in columns restricted by PRIMARY KEY or UNIQUE constraints.



## • LOGIN-DENIED:

It is raised when an invalid username or password is used to login.

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NO-DATA-FOUND: It is raised when a SQL statement like a SELECT statement returns zero records.

NOT-LOGGED-ON: It is raised when PL/SQL issues a ORACLE call without being logged in.

PROGRAM-ERROR: It is raised when PL/SQL has an internal problem.

TIMEOUT-ON-RESOURCE: It is raised when an ORACLE has been waiting to access the resource beyond the user defined time out limit.

TOO-MANY-ROWS:- It is raised when a SELECT statement returns more than one rows.

VALUE-ERROR:- It is raised when a datatype or size is invalid.

OTHERS:- It indicates all other exceptions not explicitly named.



Syntax:

EXCEPTION

WHEN Exception Name THEN

user-defined-action-to-be-carried-out;

Per example:-

Consider the Emp table and write a PL/SQL block that takes employee number as input and find the information of that employee. If the user enters the employee number that is not in the emp table then display an appropriate message using Exception.

Emp (EmpNo, EName, .....)

DECLARE

eno Emp.EmpNo % TYPE;

BEGIN

emp := emp;

SELECT \* FROM Emp

WHERE EmpNo = eno;

EXCEPTION

WHEN NO\_DATA\_FOUND THEN

dbms\_output.put\_line ('EmpNo' || eno ||  
'does not exist');

END;

### User Named Exception Handler:

The technique that is used to bind a numbered exception handler a user-defined name using the statement

`PRAGMA EXCEPTION_INIT()`

is known as User Named Exception.

The `PRAGMA` keyword is used to call a pre compiler, to bind a numbered exception to the named exception.

The function ~~exp~~ `EXCEPTION_INIT()` takes two parameters. The first parameter is the user-defined exception name and a second parameter is the ORACLE engine exception number. This function must be included within the `DECLARE` section and used in `EXCEPTION` section.

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SYNTAX

DECLARE

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exceptionName EXCEPTION;

PRAGMA EXCEPTION-INIT(exceptionName,  
exceptionCode);

BEGIN

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EXCEPTION

WHEN exceptionName THEN  
Action;

END;

For example:

Write a PL/SQL block that accepts employee number and find the salary of that employee number and increase the salary by 2000. Raise an exception -0054 with a user defined name to indicate that the resource is busy.

DECLARE

eno emp.empno % TYPE;

sal emp.salary % TYPE;

RESOURCE-BUSY EXCEPTION;

PRAGMA EXCEPTION-INIT (RESOURCE-  
BUSY, -0054);

BEGIN

eno := :eno;

SELECT Salary INTO sal FROM emp  
WHERE empno = ~~eno~~ eno;

sal := sal + 2000;

UPDATE emp SET salary = sal

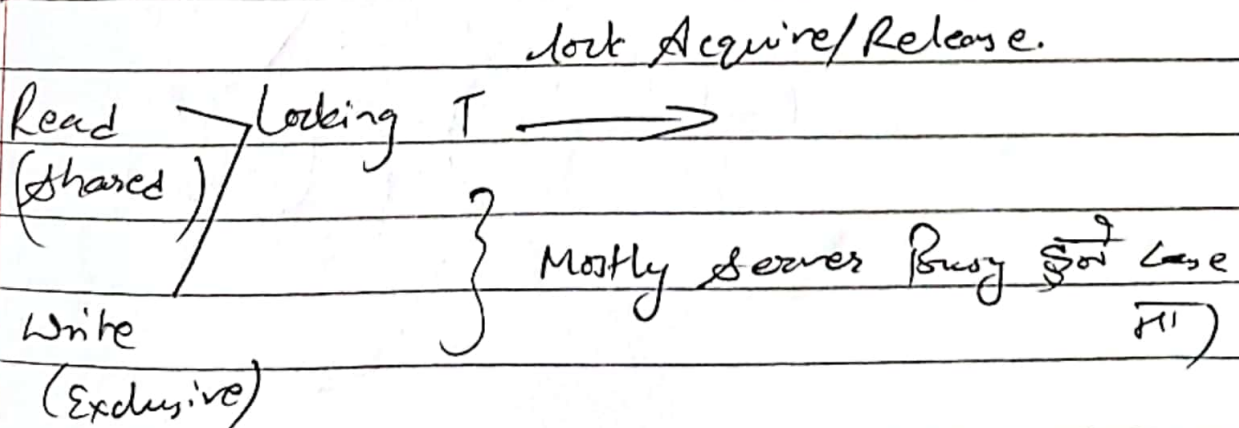
WHERE emp = eno;

EXCEPTION

WHEN RESOURCE-BUSY THEN

dbms-output.put-line('The Row is in  
Use');

END;





## User defined Exception Handler:-

We can create user defined exceptions for business rules validity. If the data provided by user violates the business rules, the entire record must be rejected.

User defined exception conditions must be declared in the declarative part of PL/SQL block. In the executable part, condition is checked for raising the exception. If the condition is satisfied, the user defined exception is raised by using a ~~raised~~ RAISE statement. The exception once raised is then handled in the exception handling section.

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Syntax:

DECLARE

exceptionName EXCEPTION;

BEGIN

IF Condition THEN

RAISE exceptionName;

ENDIF;

EXCEPTION

WHEN exceptionName THEN

user-defined-action;

END;

Eg:-

Write a PL/SQL Block to take account number and amount as input to withdraw and raise an exception if the amount is greater than the balance in account (AccNo, AcName, AcType, Balance)



DECLARE

acno Account.AccNo %TYPE;

amt FLOAT; bal Account.Balance %TYPE;

NOT-SUFFICIENT-BALANCE EXCEPTION;

BEGIN

acno := :acno;

amt := :amt;

SELECT balance INTO bal FROM Account

WHERE Accno = acno;

IF amt < bal THEN

UPDATE Account SET balance =

balance - amt WHERE Accno = acno;

ELSE

RAISE NOT-SUFFICIENT-BALANCE;

END IF;

EXCEPTION

WHEN NOT-SUFFICIENT-BALANCE THEN

dbms\_output.put\_line('Your Balance is low');

END;