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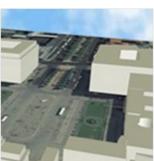
















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# 1. Introduction

Welcome to the documentation about ported PL/SQL scripts for the *PostGIS* version of the *3D City Database* (abbreviated as *3DCityDB* in the following). The *3DCityDB* contains PL/SQL stored procedures which are used by the *Importer/Exporter* tool. They help to reduce the number of JDBC-connections by letting the database undertake a group of tasks. Fortunately *PostgreSQL*'s procedural language of SQL PL/pgSQL comes close to the PL/SQL grammar which facilitated the porting of scripts. This documentation will present some general translation examples that appeared when porting the *3DCityDB* to *PostGIS* (chapter 2). Parts that couldn't be translated directly will appear in the third chapter.

For the *Oracle* version the procedures and functions were grouped into packages. In *Oracle* packages are used to structurize stored procedures and also to hide helper-functions that do not fulfill a purpose by itself from a public user interface. Their architecture is very much object-oriented (details in chapter 3). However, regarding *PostgreSQL* the package concept only exists in the commercial *Plus Advance Server* by EnterpriseDB. Another alternative that is suggested by the *Postgres*-documentation and which was implemented in the end, is the usage of schemas. A schema is a separate namespace with own tables, views, sequences, functions etc. The packages from the *Oracle*-release are represented in one *PostgreSQL*-schema called geodb\_pkg and not in several schemas for each package. But for a better overview the functions were given name-prefixes:

Tab. 1: Function-grouping in Oracle and PostgreSQL

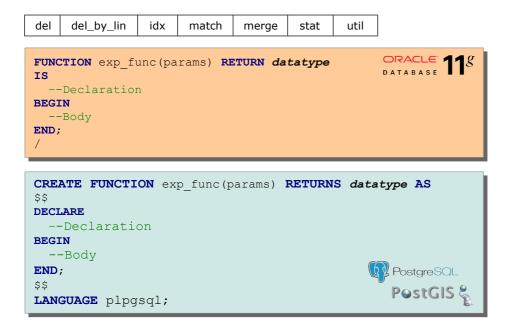
former package name	Prefix	Source (PL_pgSQL/GEODB_PKG/)
geodb_delete_by_lineage	del_by_lin_	DELETE/DELETE_BY_LINEAGE.sql
geodb_delete	del_	DELETE/DELETE.sql
geodb_idx	idx_	INDEX/IDX.sql
geodb_match	match_	MATCHING/MATCH.sql
geodb_merge	merge_	MATCHING/MERGE.sql
geodb_stat	stat_	STATISTICS/STAT.sql
geodb_util	util_	UTIL/UTIL.sql

For each example a small info-box will signalize its occurrence in the functional groups (gray if not occurred or not needed to be translated).

### 2. General differences

#### 2.1 Basics

The block-structure of a function in PL/SQL and PL/pgSQL is very similar. Just look at the example to spot the differences. In PL/pgSQL the function-body has to be quoted with `... ` or \$\$ ... \$\$ or \$BODY\$ ... \$BODY\$. In the function-specification of PL/pgSQL the RETURN-definition is slightly different. RETURN datatype IS becomes RETURNS datatype AS.



#### 2.2 Procedures and functions

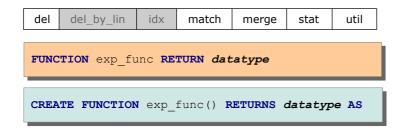
Procedures do not have a return-value, functions do. PL/pgSQL only knows functions. But they can still act like procedures by returning the empty void data type. They do not even need a RETURN block in the function body. The keyword SETOF was used to receive a 0 row result-set. For *Oracle* examples the CREATE keyword is missing because of the use of packages (see next chapter).

```
del del_by_lin idx match merge stat util

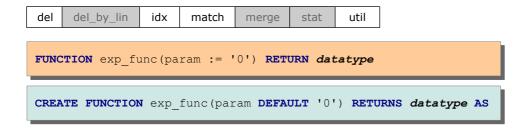
PROCEDURE exp_proc(params)

CREATE FUNCTION exp_proc(params) RETURNS SETOF void AS
```

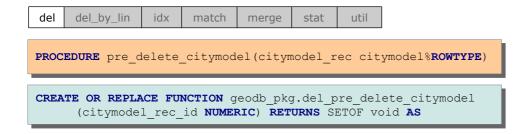
If no parameters are assigned to a function PL/pgSQL still needs an empty block of brackets, PL/SQL does not.



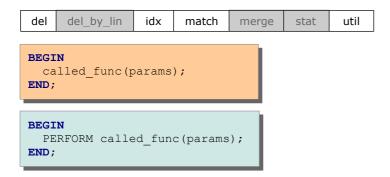
Sometimes it is necessary to assign default values to function-parameters. This is done with the <code>DEFAULT</code> keyword or its abbreviation ":=". PL/pgSQL can not compile the short form when it stands inside the function-specification.



The same applies to row-type variables (%ROWTYPE). It is not possible to pass a record data type to the function specification. This case appeared in the delete package but could be substituted by handing over just the ID value of a record type as it was mostly the only parameter needed for the function.



If a function or procedure is calling another function PL/pgSQL needs the keyword PERFORM if the result of the call is not assigned to a function-variable or a RETURN block.



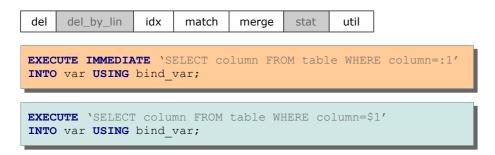
### 2.3 Messages

For writing messages on the output-prompt the <code>dbms\_output</code> package is used in *Oracle*. For PL/pgSQL RAISE NOTICE is equivalent to this. It can use placeholders instead of connecting a string.



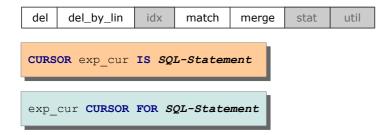
# 2.4 Dynamic SQL

When using dynamic SQL queries are created and changed during runtime which is very useful for database applications. These queries are executed as a string which the database can reuse without parsing it again. It is possible to exchange variables in the statement. They are substituted by placeholders and bind to the query with the USING keyword (bind variables). The differences between PL/SQL and PL/pgSQL are marginal as seen in the following example.



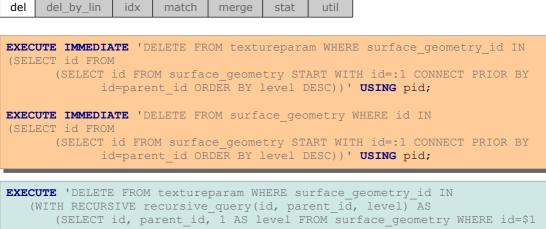
### 2.5 Cursors

The handling of cursors could directly be ported to PL/pgSQL as they are only used in FOR-loops. The declaration has to be changed.



# 2.6 Recursive SQL

In a hierarchical model like the relational schema for CityGML the performance of queries can greatly benefit from recursive SQL. It guarantees that the child elements are deleted first before the corresponding parent object is removed. For the *3DCityDB* this is used for deleting rows of the tables texturparam and surface\_geometry by id and parent\_id values. *Oracle* offers a specific clause that differs from the SQL-Standard which is implemented in *PostgreSQL*.

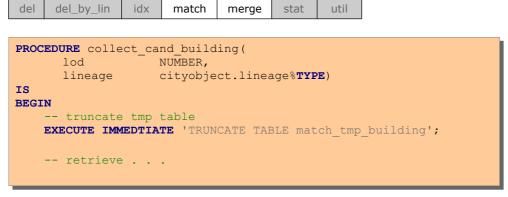


```
EXECUTE 'DELETE FROM textureparam WHERE surface_geometry_id IN
   (WITH RECURSIVE recursive_query(id, parent_id, level) AS
        (SELECT id, parent_id, 1 AS level FROM surface_geometry WHERE id=$1
        UNION ALL
        SELECT sg.id, sg.parent_id, rq.level + 1 AS level FROM
        surface_geometry sg, recursive_query rq WHERE sg.parent_id = rq.id
    )
   SELECT id FROM recursive_query ORDER BY level DESC)' USING pid;

EXECUTE 'DELETE FROM surface_geometry WHERE id IN
   (WITH RECURSIVE recursive_query(id, parent_id, level) AS
        (SELECT id, parent_id, 1 AS level FROM surface_geometry WHERE id=$1
        UNION ALL
        SELECT sg.id, sg.parent_id, rq.level + 1 AS level FROM
        surface_geometry sg, recursive_query rq WHERE sg.parent_id = rq.id
    )
   SELECT id FROM recursive_query ORDER BY level DESC)' USING pid;
```

# 2.7 Global Temporary Tables

Temporary tables are defined for the match- and merge-scripts and used by the *Matching/Merging*-Plugin of the *Importer/Exporter*. As temporary tables only exist during a session *PostgreSQL* would not find them if initially defined during the creation of the *3DCityDB*. That's why their definition was put into the functions that are called first in the *Matching/Merging*-process.



# 3. Explicit differences

## 3.1 Packages and user-defined types

To understand the differences between the package-structure of the PL/SQL files and the rather flat PL/pgSQL files please take a close look on the following example from the INDEX-package, which also contains other features that are unknown to the *PostgreSQL* world.

del	del_by_lin	idx	match	merge	stat	util	
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```
--create user-defined type
CREATE OR REPLACE TYPE INDEX OBJ AS OBJECT (
  NUMBER (1, 0),
  is 3d
  --specification of member functions of user-defined type (constructors)
  STATIC FUNCTION construct spatial 3d
    (index name VARCHAR2, table name VARCHAR2, attribute name VARCHAR2,
     srid NUMBER := 0) RETURN INDEX OBJ,
  STATIC function construct spatial 2d
 );
--bodies of member functions
CREATE OR REPLACE TYPE BODY INDEX OBJ IS
 STATIC FUNCTION construct spatial 3d(
     NUMBER := 0) RETURN INDEX OBJ
     srid
 IS
 BEGIN
     RETURN INDEX_OBJ(upper(index_name), upper(table_name),
           upper(attribute_name), 1, srid, 1);
 END:
 STATIC FUNCTION construct_spatial_2d(
END;
--CREATE PACKAGE
--create specification for package geodb idx
CREATE OR REPLACE PACKAGE geodb idx
  --index table is a nested table for INDEX OBJ
 TYPE index table IS TABLE OF INDEX OBJ;
 FUNCTION index status(idx INDEX OBJ) RETURN VARCHAR2;
 FUNCTION . .
END geodb idx;
```

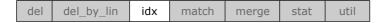
```
--package body
CREATE OR REPLACE PACKAGE BODY geodb_idx
  --package-variables which can be used by functions
 NORMAL CONSTANT NUMBER(1) := 0;
  SPATIAL CONSTANT NUMBER (1) := 1;
  INDICES CONSTANT index_table := index_table(
    INDEX_OBJ.construct_spatial_3d('CITYOBJECT_SPX', 'CITYOBJECT', 'ENVELOPE'),
INDEX_OBJ.construct_spatial_3d('SURFACE_GEOM_SPX', 'SURFACE_GEOMETRY',
       'GEOMETRY'),
    INDEX OBJ.construct normal('CITYOBJECT INX', 'CITYOBJECT', 'GMLID,
      GMLID CODESPACE'),
    INDEX_OBJ.construct_normal('SURFACE_GEOMETRY_INX', 'SURFACE_GEOMETRY',
       'GMLID, GMLID CODESPACE'),
    INDEX_OBJ.construct_normal('APPEARANCE_INX', 'APPEARANCE', 'GMLID,
      GMLID CODESPACE'),
    INDEX_OBJ.construct_normal('SURFACE_DATA_INX', 'SURFACE_DATA', 'GMLID,
      GMLID CODESPACE')
  --function-bodies
  FUNCTION index_status(idx INDEX_OBJ) RETURN VARCHAR2
  END;
END geodb_idx;
```

```
--create user-defined type
DROP TYPE IF EXISTS geodb pkg.INDEX OBJ CASCADE;
CREATE TYPE geodb_pkg.INDEX_OBJ AS (
   table_name VARCHAR (100),
                          VARCHAR (100),
   attribute_name VARCHAR(100),
   type
                          NUMERIC (1),
   srid
                           INTEGER.
   is 3d
                           NUMERIC (1, 0)
);
--no member-functions in PostgreSQL
--create constructor functions as normal functions
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION geodb pkg.idx construct spatial 3d(
      index name VARCHAR,
      table_name VARCHAR,
      attribute name VARCHAR,
      srid INTEGER DEFAULT 0) RETURNS geodb pkg.INDEX OBJ AS $$
DECLARE
      idx geodb pkg.INDEX OBJ;
BEGIN
      idx.index name := index name;
      idx.table name := table name;
      idx.attribute name := attribute name;
      idx.type := 1;
      idx.srid := srid;
      idx.is 3d := 1;
      RETURN idx;
END:
LANGUAGE 'plpgsql' IMMUTABLE STRICT;
```

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION geodb pkg.idx construct spatial 2d(
--no nested tables in PostgreSQL
--create normal table with a column for INDEX_OBJs
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS geodb pkg.INDEX TABLE;
CREATE TABLE geodb_pkg.INDEX_TABLE (
                         SERIAL NOT NULL,
      ΙD
      idx obj
                          geodb pkg.INDEX OBJ
);
--fill index table by using constructor functions
INSERT INTO geodb_pkg.index_table VALUES(
      1, geodb pkg.idx construct spatial 3d(
             'cityobject_spx', 'cityobject', 'envelope'));
INSERT INTO geodb_pkg.index_table VALUES (
      2, geodb pkg.idx construct spatial 3d(
            'surface_geom_spx', 'surface_geometry', 'geometry'));
INSERT INTO geodb_pkg.index_table VALUES (
      3, geodb_pkg.idx_construct_normal('cityobject inx',
             'cityobject', 'gmlid, gmlid_codespace'));
INSERT INTO geodb_pkg.index_table VALUES (
      4, geodb_pkg.idx_construct_normal('surface_geometry_inx',
             'surface_geometry', 'gmlid, gmlid_codespace'));
INSERT INTO geodb pkg.index table VALUES (
      5, geodb pkg.idx construct normal('appearance inx', 'appearance',
            'gmlid, gmlid_codespace'));
INSERT INTO geodb pkg.index table VALUES (
      6, geodb pkg.idx construct normal('surface data inx', 'surface data',
             'gmlid, gmlid codespace'));
--no packages in PostgreSQL and thus no global variables for functions
--create package functions as normal functions
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION geodb_pkg.idx_index_status(
      idx geodb pkg.INDEX OBJ) RETURNS VARCHAR AS $$
END;
LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```

# 3.2 Working with user-defined types

As seen in the previous example a constant INDICES was created. It is of the type INDEX\_TABLE which is a nested table filled with 6 INDEX\_OBJs. This constant is used for performing one command on all the 6 INDEX\_OBJs in a FOR-loop. Their single attributes are accessed via dot notation. For PL/pgSQL this loop was organized in another way as the INDEX\_OBJs were stored in a normal table. The FOR-loop is looping through a query result of this table. The access on the attributes of INDEX\_OBJ is also done with dot notation but needs extra brackets. Note: The data type STRARRAY is a nested table of VARCHAR2 and also user-defined. It was replaced by an array of *PostgreSQL*'s TEXT data type.



```
FUNCTION create indexes (type SMALLINT) RETURN STRARRAY
   log STRARRAY;
   sql_error_code VARCHAR2(20);
BEGIN
   log := STRARRAY();
   FOR i IN INDICES.FIRST .. INDICES.LAST LOOP
      IF INDICES(i).type = type THEN
         sql_error_code := create_index(INDICES(i),
        geodb_util.versioning_table(INDICES(i).table_name) = 'ON');
         log.extend;
         log(log.count) := index_status(INDICES(i)) || ':' ||
      INDICES(i).index_name || ':' ||
             INDICES(i).table name || ':' || INDICES(i).attribute name || ':' ||
                   sql_error_code;
      END IF;
   END LOOP;
   RETURN log;
END;
```

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION geodb_pkg.idx_create_indexes(type INTEGER)
RETURNS text[] AS
$$
DECLARE
   log text[] := '{}';
   sql_error_code VARCHAR(20);
   rec RECORD;
BEGIN
   FOR rec IN select * from geodb_pkg.index_table LOOP
        IF (rec.idx obj).type = type THEN
            sql_error_code := geodb_pkg.idx_create_index(rec.idx_obj);
            log := array_append(log, geodb_pkg.idx_index_status(rec.idx_obj) ||
                    ':' || (rec.idx obj).index name || ':' ||
                    (rec.idx_obj).table_name || ':' ||
                    (rec.idx obj).attribute name || ':' || sql error code);
        END IF;
   END LOOP;
   RETURN log;
 END:
$$
LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```

In the UTIL-package the user-defined data type DB\_INFO\_OBJ and the according nested table DB\_INFO\_TABLE were not ported. As they were only used by one function it was sufficient to let this function return a table with columns for each attribute of the former DB\_INFO\_OBJ. The code-example follows in the next sub-chapter.

# 3.3 Differences in system-tables

Some functions in the INDEX- and UTIL-package are querying system-tables of *Oracle* to receive certain information. Usually this information can also be found in the *PostgreSQL* system tables, but sometimes this works only indirectly as columns are called differently or simply do not exist.

### **Table with coordinate reference systems**

The *PostGIS*-pendant to *Oracle's* SDO\_COORD\_REF\_SYS table is the spatial\_ref\_sys table. A first look on the number of columns reveals that the retrieval of some attributes can be a bit complicated.

### SDO\_COORD\_REF\_SYS coord\_ref\_sys\_name coord\_ref\_sys\_kind coord\_sys\_id datum\_id geog\_crs\_datum\_id source\_geog\_srid projection\_conv\_id cmpd\_horiz\_sri cmpd\_vert\_srid information\_source data\_source is legacy legacy\_code legacy\_wktext legacy\_cs\_bounds supports\_sdo\_geometry

spatial\_ref\_sys

srid
auth\_name
auth\_srid
srtext
proj4text

Fortunately all the information needed is covered by the text-value in the <code>srtext</code> column. The relevant content is extracted with string functions which is a kind of ugly way though. Hopefully this will change in future releases of <code>PostGIS</code>.



```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION geodb_pkg.util_db_metadata() RETURNS TABLE(
      srid INTEGER,
      gml srs name VARCHAR (1000),
      coord_ref_sys_name VARCHAR(2048),
      coord ref sys kind VARCHAR (2048)) AS
$$
BEGIN
   EXECUTE 'SELECT SRID, GML SRS NAME FROM DATABASE SRS' INTO srid,
      gml srs name;
   EXECUTE 'SELECT srtext, srtext FROM spatial ref sys WHERE SRID=' || srid || ''
      INTO coord ref sys name, coord ref sys kind;
   coord_ref_sys_name := split_part(coord_ref_sys_name, '"', 2);
   coord ref sys kind := split part(coord ref sys kind, '[', 1);
   RETURN NEXT;
END:
LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```

Until now *PostGIS* does not offer 3D spatial reference systems by default. INSERT examples for *PostGIS* can be found at spatialreference.org. As seen before there is no column which detects the dimension of the reference system. There are also no separate views for reference systems like in *Oracle* (SDO\_CRS\_GEOGRAPHIC3D, SDO\_CRS\_COMPOUND). The solution can again be found inside the entries of the srtext column. Only 3D-SRIDs have got an "UP"-Axis.

```
EXECUTE 'SELECT count(*) FROM spatial_ref_sys WHERE auth_srid=$1 AND srtext LIKE ''%UP]%''' INTO is_3d USING srid;
```

#### **Index-Status**

In *Oracle* the system table <code>USER\_INDEXES</code> provides information on the status of an index. If errors occurred while building the index the status will be 'INVALID' and if dropped the status will also be 'DROPPED', which means that the metadata-entry for the dropped index still exists. Spatial indexes are detected by the column <code>domidx\_opstatus</code>. In <code>PostgreSQL</code> information on indexes is a bit more branched. A status field can be found in the <code>pg\_index</code> table called <code>indisvalid</code>. Unfortunately <code>pg\_index</code> doesn't contain a column which specifies the indexed column. Two joins are needed to be able to query by the column-name. If an index is dropped it is also deleted from the system-tables. So the status 'DROPPED' will not appear in a result set.



```
FUNCTION index status(table name VARCHAR2, column name VARCHAR2)
RETURN VARCHAR2
   internal table name VARCHAR2 (100);
   index type VARCHAR2 (35);
   index name VARCHAR2 (35);
   status VARCHAR2 (20);
BEGIN
   internal table name := table name;
   IF geodb_util.versioning_table(table_name) = 'ON' THEN
     internal table name := table name || ' LT';
   END IF;
   execute immediate 'SELECT UPPER(INDEX_TYPE), INDEX_NAME FROM
      USER INDEXES WHERE INDEX NAME= (SELECT UPPER(INDEX NAME) FROM
            USER IND COLUMNS WHERE TABLE NAME=UPPER(:1) and
                  COLUMN NAME=UPPER(:2))'
      into index type, index name using internal table name, column name;
   IF index type = 'DOMAIN' THEN
     execute immediate 'SELECT UPPER (DOMIDX OPSTATUS) FROM USER INDEXES
            WHERE INDEX NAME=:1' into status using index name;
     execute immediate 'SELECT UPPER(STATUS) FROM USER INDEXES WHERE
            INDEX NAME=:1' into status using index name;
   END IF:
   RETURN status;
   EXCEPTION
     WHEN NO DATA FOUND THEN
       RETURN 'DROPPED';
     WHEN others THEN
       RETURN 'INVALID';
END;
```

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION geodb_pkg.idx_index_status(
   table name VARCHAR,
   column_name VARCHAR)
RETURNS VARCHAR AS $$
DECLARE
   is_valid BOOLEAN;
   status VARCHAR (20);
BEGIN
   EXECUTE 'SELECT DISTINCT pgi.indisvalid FROM pg index pgi
       JOIN pg stat user indexes pgsui ON pgsui.relid=pgi.indrelid
       JOIN pg attribute pga ON pga.attrelid=pgi.indexrelid
       WHERE pgsui.relname=$1 AND pga.attname=$2' INTO is valid USING
            lower(table name), lower(column name);
   IF is valid is null THEN
       status := 'DROPPED';
   ELSIF is valid = true THEN
      status := 'VALID';
   ELSE
       status := 'INVALID';
   END IF;
   RETURN status;
EXCEPTION
   WHEN OTHERS THEN
      RETURN 'FAILED';
END:
LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```

# 3.4 Non-translated parts

All functions or part of functions that deal with history management were dropped from the files. This affected the INDEX, UTIL and STAT package. Scripts for the PLANNING MANAGER were dropped as well.

PL/SQL functions for supporting the management of raster data (formerly grouped in MOSAIC.sql) were attempted to port but dropped in the end as their functionalities only fit to the tables of the *Oracle* version of the *3DCityDB* e.g. RDT and IMP tables.

In the UTIL package the to\_2d function is substituted by the PostGIS function ST\_Force\_2D.

### 3.5 Additional functions

During the development of the port some helper-functions were programmed for test cases. Some of them are now part of the release. They are not mandatory for the *Importer/Exporter* but might be helpful when working with the *3DCityDB*.

- geodb\_pkg.util\_change\_db srid
  - defines a new reference system for the 3DCityDB
  - drops indexes and spatial columns and creates new ones
  - should only be executed on an empty database
- geodb pkg.util on delete action
  - helper-function for geodb pkg.util update constraints
  - drops a foreign key constraint and adds it again but with a different setting for delete-cases e.g. ON DELETE CASCADE
  - with ON DELETE CASCADE the deletion of a value will also delete values from referential columns
- geodb pkg.util update constraints
  - default behavior: uses the function geodb\_pkg.util\_on\_delete\_action for updating all foreign keys of the 3DCityDB to ON DELETE CASCADE. If any other char parameter is passed to the function the foreign keys are set to RESTRICT, which is the default for the 3DCityDB