

Oracle Function

A function is a subprogram that is used to return a single value. You must declare and define a function before invoking it. It can be declared and defined at a same time or can be declared first and defined later in the same block.

What is a Function in Oracle?

A function is a named PL/SQL block that returns a value (In general to compute A value) that can be stored in the database as a schema object for repeated execution.

This is called a part of an expression or is used to provide a parameter value. We can use the part of the function as an expression. We can create a function and call the function at any time. This is the difference between procedure and function. The syntax of the function is very simple and easy. The PL/SQL block must have at least one RETURN statement.

Examples of Functions:

- A function can be created to return the salary of an employee.
- Function to retrieve the full name of the employee.
- Function to calculate the GPA for the student.
- Function to compute the tax of the salary.

Differences Between Functions and Procedures in Oracle

Procedures	Functions
Execute a PL/SQL statement	Invoke as a part of an expression.
Does not contain a RETURN clause in the header.	Must contain a RETURN clause in the header.
Can pass values using output parameters	Must return a single value.
Can contain a RETURN statement without a value.	Must contain at least one RETURN statement.
To Perform an action	To return a value.
Cannot be used in select	Can be used in the select statements, but it should not

statements.

include OUT/ IN OUT parameters.

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create or replace function get_sal
(p_emp_id number)
return number
is
v_sal number;
begin
    select salary into v_sal
    from Employee
    where Id=p_emp_id;
    return v_sal;
end;

//-----
declare
v_sal number;
begin
v_sal:=get_sal(100);
dbms_output.put_line (v_sal);
end;
//-----
begin
dbms_output.put_line (get_sal(100));
end;
//-----
execute dbms_output.put_line(get_sal(100));

//-----
VARIABLE B_SAL NUMBER
EXECUTE :B_SAL:=get_sal(100);
PRINT B_SAL;

select * from user_objects where object_name='GET_SAL';
select line, text from user_source where name='GET_SAL';

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v_sal number;
begin
    select salary into v_sal
    from Employee
    where Id=p_emp_id;
    return v_sal;

    return v_sal;
exception
when no_data_found then
return -1;
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end;
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create or replace function get_sal_tax  
(p_sal number)  
return number  
is
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begin
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    if p_sal<50000 then  
        return p_sal* (10/100);  
    else  
        return p_sal* (15/100);  
    end if;
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end;
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Select id,name,salary, get_sal_tax(salary) from Employee;
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Select id,name,salary, get_sal_tax(p_sal=salary) from Employee;
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Select id, name, salary, get_sal_tax(salary) from Employee  
where get_sal_tax(salary)>2000 order by get_sal_tax(salary);
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```
Select id, name, salary, get_sal_tax(salary) from Employee  
where get_sal_tax(salary)>2000 and order by get_sal_tax(salary);
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CREATE function

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create or replace function addition(n1 in number, n2 in number)  
return number  
is  
n3 number(8);
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begin
n3 :=n1+n2;
return n3;
end;
DECLARE
    n3 number(2);
BEGIN
    n3 := addition(11,22);
    dbms_output.put_line('Addition is: ' || n3);
END;

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DECLARE
    a number;
    b number;
    c number;
FUNCTION findMax(x IN number, y IN number)
RETURN number
IS
    z number;
BEGIN
    IF x > y THEN
        z:= x;
    ELSE
        Z:= y;
    END IF;

    RETURN z;
END;
BEGIN
    a:= 23;
    b:= 45;

    c := findMax(a, b);
    dbms_output.put_line(' Maximum of (23,45): ' || c);
END;

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CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION Total_Emp
RETURN number IS
    total number(2) := 0;
BEGIN
    SELECT count(*) into total
    FROM employee;
    RETURN total;
END;

DECLARE
    c number(2);
BEGIN
    c := Total_Emp();
    dbms_output.put_line('Total no. of Employee: ' || c);
END;

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DROP FUNCTION function_name;
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