

# Preface

*Oracle Database Development Guide* explains topics of interest to experienced developers of databases and database applications. Information in this guide applies to features that work the same on all supported platforms, and does not include system-specific information.

## Preface Topics:

## Audience

This guide is intended primarily for application developers who are either developing applications or converting applications to run in the Oracle Database environment.

This guide might also help anyone interested in database or database application development, such as systems analysts and project managers.

This guide assumes that you are familiar with the concepts and techniques relevant to your job. To use this guide most effectively, you also need a working knowledge of:

- Structured Query Language (SQL)
- Object-oriented programming

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## Related Documents

For more information, see these documents in the Oracle Database documentation set:

- *Oracle Database PL/SQL Language Reference*
- *Oracle Call Interface Programmer's Guide*
- *Oracle Database JSON Developer's Guide*
- *Oracle Database SODA for PL/SQL Developer's Guide*
- *Oracle Database Security Guide*
- *Pro\*C/C++ Programmer's Guide*
- *Oracle Database SQL Language Reference*

- *Oracle Database Administrator's Guide*
- *Oracle Database Concepts*
- *Oracle Database Java Developer's Guide*
- *Oracle Database JDBC Developer's Guide*
- *Oracle XML Developer's Kit Programmer's Guide*
- *Oracle XML DB Developer's Guide*
- *Oracle Database Migration Guide*
- *Oracle Database Globalization Support Guide*
- *Oracle Database Sample Schemas*

**See Also:**

- <https://www.oracle.com/database/technologies/application-development.html>

## Conventions

This guide uses these text conventions:

Convention	Meaning
<b>boldface</b>	Boldface type indicates graphical user interface elements associated with an action, or terms defined in text or the glossary.
<i>italic</i>	Italic type indicates book titles, emphasis, or placeholder variables for which you supply particular values.
monospace	Monospace type indicates commands within a paragraph, URLs, code in examples, text that appears on the screen, or text that you enter.

Also:

- `*_view` means all static data dictionary views whose names end with `view`. For example, `*_ERRORS` means `ALL_ERRORS`, `DBA_ERRORS`, and `USER_ERRORS`. For more information about any static data dictionary view, or about static dictionary views in general, see *Oracle Database Reference*.
- Table names not qualified with schema names are in the sample schema `HR`. For information about the sample schemas, see *Oracle Database Sample Schemas*.