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Preface

This reference contains a complete description of the Structured Query Language (SQL) used to manage information in an Oracle Database. Oracle SQL is a superset of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) SQL standard.

This Preface contains these topics:

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Related Documents

For more information, see these Oracle resources:

- *Oracle Database PL/SQL Language Reference* for information on PL/SQL, the procedural language extension to Oracle SQL
- *Pro*C/C++ Programmer's Guide* and *Pro*COBOL Programmer's Guide* for detailed descriptions of Oracle embedded SQL

Many of the examples in this book use the sample schemas, which are installed by default when you select the Basic Installation option with an Oracle Database installation. Refer to *Oracle Database Sample Schemas* for information on how these schemas were created and how you can use them yourself.

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