



PL/SQL Cursors

In this session, you will learn:

- Introduction to PL/SQL Cursors
- Types of cursors
- How to work with Cursors
- Example of using cursors in Stored Procedures



- A PL/SQL cursor is a pointer that points to the result set of an SQL query against database tables.
- You can name a cursor so that it could be referred in a program to fetch and process the rows returned by the SQL statement, one at a time.

Types

- ✓ Implicit Cursors
- ✓ Explicit Cursors

- Implicit cursors are automatically created by Oracle whenever an SQL statement is executed
- Whenever a DML statement (INSERT, UPDATE and DELETE) is issued, an implicit cursor is associated with this statement.

Attribute	Description
%FOUND	Returns TRUE if an INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE statement affected one or more rows or a SELECT INTO statement returned one or more rows. Otherwise, it returns FALSE.
%NOTFOUND	The logical opposite of %FOUND.
%ISOPEN	Always returns FALSE for implicit cursors, because Oracle closes the SQL cursor automatically after executing its associated SQL statement.
%ROWCOUNT	Returns the number of rows affected by an INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE statement, or returned by a SELECT INTO statement.

Implicit Cursors – Example

Product

Product_Id	Price	Pdt_Type
300	4000	Electronics
301	2000	Books

Example

```
DECLARE
total_rows number(2);
BEGIN
UPDATE Product SET Price = Price + 500;
IF sql%notfound THEN
dbms_output.put_line('no products selected');
ELSIF sql%found THEN
total_rows := sql%rowcount;
dbms_output.put_line( total_rows || ' products selected ');
END IF;
END;
/
```



2 products selected

PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.

- Explicit cursors are programmer-defined cursors for gaining more control over the context area.

How to work with explicit cursor

- 1) Declare a cursor
`CURSOR cursor_name IS SELECT_statement;`
- 2) Open the cursor by using the OPEN statement
`OPEN cursor_name;`
- 3) Use the FETCH statement to retrieve the next row
`FETCH cursor_name INTO variables list;`
- 4) Call the CLOSE statement
`CLOSE cursor_name;`

Explicit Cursors – Example

Product

Product_Id	Price	Pdt_Type
300	4000	Electronics
301	2000	Books

Example

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
DECLARE
p_id Product.Product_Id%type;
price Product.Price%type;
ptype Product.Pdt_Type%type;
CURSOR p_product is
SELECT Product_Id, Price, Pdt_Type FROM Product;
BEGIN
OPEN p_product;
LOOP
FETCH p_product into p_id, price, ptype;
EXIT WHEN p_product%notfound;
dbms_output.put_line(p_id || ' ' || price || ' ' || ptype);
END LOOP;
CLOSE p_product;
END; /
```

300 4000 Electronics
301 2000 Books



PL/SQL procedure
successfully completed.

PL/SQL Parameterized Cursor



Product

Product_Id	Price	Pdt_Type
300	4000	Electronics
301	2000	Books
302	8000	Accessories
303	3000	Kitchen

Example

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
DECLARE
cursor c(no number) is
  select * from Product where Product_Id = no;
  Tmp Product%rowtype;
BEGIN
  OPEN c(301);
  FOR tmp IN c(301) LOOP
    FETCH c INTO tmp;
    dbms_output.put_line('Product Id: '||tmp.Product_Id);
    dbms_output.put_line('Price: '||tmp.Price);
    dbms_output.put_line('Type: '||tmp.Pdt_Type);
  END LOOP;
  CLOSE c;
END;
/
```


THANKS

