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EXERCISE 13

Creating Views

1. What are three uses for a view from a DBA's perspective?

- * Restrict Data Access
- * Simplify Complex Queries
- * Provide Data Independence

2. Create a simple view called view_d_songs that contains the ID, title and artist from the DJs on Demand table for each "New Age" type code. In the subquery, use the alias "Song Title" for the title column.

```
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW view_d_songs AS  
SELECT id, title AS "Song Title", artist  
FROM d_songs  
WHERE type_code = 'New_Age';
```

3. SELECT * FROM view_d_songs. What was returned?

type_code = 'New_Age'

4. REPLACE view_d_songs. Add type_code to the column list. Use aliases for all columns.

```
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW view_d_songs(song-ID, song-Type)  
SELECT id, title, artist, type_code  
FROM d_songs  
WHERE type_code = 'New_Age';
```

Or use alias after the CREATE statement as shown.

5. Jason Tsang, the disk jockey for DJs on Demand, needs a list of the past events and those planned for the coming months so he can make arrangements for each event's equipment setup. As the company manager, you do not want him to have access to the price that clients paid for their events. Create a view for Jason to use that displays the name of the event, the event date, and the theme description. Use aliases for each column name.

CREATE OR REPLACE View.d

SELECT event_name AS 'Event name',
event_date AS 'Event Date',
theme_desc AS 'Theme';
FROM ol_events;

6. It is company policy that only upper-level management be allowed access to individual employee salaries. The department managers, however, need to know the minimum, maximum, and average salaries, grouped by department. Use the Oracle database to prepare a view that displays the needed information for department managers.

CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW dept_salary_Summary AS
SELECT department_id AS 'Dept ID',
MAX(salary) AS "Max Salary",
AVG(salary) AS "Avg Salary",
FROM employees;
GROUP BY department_id;

DML Operations and Views

Use the DESCRIBE statement to verify that you have tables named copy_d_songs, copy_d_events, copy_d_cds, and copy_d_clients in your schema. If you don't, write a query to create a copy of each.

1. Query the data dictionary USER_UPDATABLE_COLUMNS to make sure the columns in the base tables will allow UPDATE, INSERT, or DELETE. All table names in the data dictionary are stored in uppercase.

```
SELECT Table_name, column_name, is_updatable
FROM user.updatable_columns
WHERE table_name IN ('COPY.D.SONGS', 'COPY.D.E', 'COPY.D.CDS', 'COPY.D.CLIENTS');
```

Use the same syntax but change table_name of the other tables.

2. Use the CREATE or REPLACE option to create a view of all the columns in the copy_d_songs table called view_copy_d_songs.

```
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW view_copy_d_songs AS
SELECT * FROM copy_d_songs;
```

3. Use view_copy_d_songs to INSERT the following data into the underlying copy_d_songs table. Execute a SELECT * from copy_d_songs to verify your DML command. See the graphic.

ID	TITLE	DURATION	ARTIST	TYPE_CODE
88	Mello Jello	2	The Who!	4

```
INSERT INTO view_copy_d_songs (id, title, duration, artist, type_code)
VALUES (88, 'Mello Jello', 2, 'The Who!', 4);
```

```
VALUES (88, 'Mello Jello', 2, 'The Who!', 4);
```

```
SELECT * FROM copy_d_songs;
```

4. Create a view based on the Disk on Demand COPY_D_CDS table. Name the view read_copy_d_cds. Select all columns to be included in the view. Add a WHERE clause to restrict the year to 2000. Add the WITH READ ONLY option.

```
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW read_copy_d_cds AS  
SELECT * FROM copy_d_cds  
WHERE year = 2000  
WITH READ ONLY;
```

5. Using the read_copy_d_cds view, execute a DELETE FROM read_copy_d_cds WHERE cd_number = 90;

```
DELETE FROM read_copy_d_cds WHERE cd_number = 90;
```

6. Use REPLACE to modify read_copy_d_cds. Replace the READ ONLY option with WITH CHECK OPTION CONSTRAINT ck_read_copy_d_cds. Execute a SELECT * statement to verify that the view exists.

```
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW  
SELECT * FROM copy_d_cds  
WHERE year = 2000  
WITH CHECK OPTION CONSTRAINT
```

7. Use the read_copy_d_cds view to delete any CD of year 2000 from the underlying copy_d_cds.

```
DELETE FROM read_copy_d_cds WHERE year = 2000;
```

8. Use the read_copy_d_cds view to delete cd_number 90 from the underlying copy_d_cds table.

```
DELETE FROM read_copy_d_cds WHERE cd  
number = 90;
```

9. Use the read_copy_d_cds view to delete year 2001 records.

~~```
DELETE FROM read_copy_d_cds WHERE
year = 2001;
```~~

10. Execute a SELECT \* statement for the base table copy\_d\_cds. What rows were deleted?

SELECT \* FROM copy.d .cds

11. What are the restrictions on modifying data through a view?

- \* contains GROUP BY DISTINCT or aggregate ;
- \* contains expression or joins
- \* Based on multiple tables.

12. What is Moore's Law? Do you consider that it will continue to apply indefinitely? Support your opinion with research from the internet.

It states that the number of transistors on a microchip every two years, based on an exponential effect, are showing if moore's law is approaching its end in traditional silicon technology.

13. What is the "singularity" in terms of computing?

The technological singularity is a hypothetical future point where artificial intelligence surpasses human intelligence, leading uncontrollable technological growth.

### Managing Views

1. Create a view from the copy\_d\_songs table called view\_copy\_d\_songs that includes only the title and artist. Execute a SELECT \* statement to verify that the view exists.

```
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW_copy-d-Songs AS
SELECT title, artist
FROM copy-d-Songs;
SELECT * FROM view-copy-d-Songs;
```

2. Issue a DROP view\_copy\_d\_songs. Execute a SELECT \* statement to verify that the view has been deleted.

```
DROP view_copy-d-Songs;
SELECT * FROM view-copy-d-Songs;
```

3. Create a query that selects the last name and salary from the Oracle database. Rank the salaries from highest to lowest for the top three employees.

```
SELECT last-name, Salary - RANK()
 Salary - RANK
 FROM employees
 WHERE C = 3;
```

4. Construct an inline view from the Oracle database that lists the last name, salary, department ID, and maximum salary for each department. Hint: One query will need to calculate maximum salary by department ID.

```
SELECT l.last-name, e.Salary, e.department_id,
 m.max
 FROM department
 JOIN AS max-Salary FROM employee
```

5. Create a query that will return the staff members of Global Fast Foods ranked by salary from lowest to highest.

```
SELECT name, salary
 salary ASC AS rank - by salary
 FROM global-fast-foods.staff;
```

## Indexes and Synonyms

1. What is an index and what is it used for?

An index is a database object that improves the speed of data retrieval of a table. It works like a book index access without scanning the whole table.

2. What is a ROWID, and how is it used?

ROWID is a unique address of a row in a table. It's used to locate rows quickly.

3. When will an index be created automatically?

An index is automatically created when a column is declared as primary key or unique constraint.

4. Create a nonunique index (foreign key) for the DJs on Demand column (cd\_number) in the D\_TRACK\_LISTINGS table. Use the Oracle Application Express SQL Workshop Data Browser to confirm that the index was created.

Create Index dj\_cd\_index

On - d - track - listings.

5. Use the join statement to display the indexes and uniqueness that exist in the data dictionary for the DJs on Demand D\_SONGS table.

Select index\_name, table\_name, uniqueness  
FROM user\_indexes

WHERE table\_name = 'D\_SONGS';

6. Use a SELECT statement to display the index\_name, table\_name, and uniqueness from the data dictionary USER\_INDEXES for the DJs on Demand D\_EVENTS table.

Select index\_name, table\_name, uniqueness  
FROM user\_indexes  
WHERE table\_name = 'D\_EVENTS';

7. Write a query to create a synonym called dj\_tracks for the DJs on Demand d\_track\_listings table.

Create SYNONYM dj\_tracks FOR d\_tracks;

Using;

8. Create a function-based index for the last\_name column in DJs on Demand D\_PARTNERS table that makes it possible not to have to capitalize the table name for searches. Write a SELECT statement that would use this index.

CREATE INDEX partners\_lname\_idx;  
ON d\_partners(UPPER(last\_name));  
SELECT \* FROM d\_partners;  
WHERE UPPE(last\_name);

9. Create a synonym for the O\_TRACK\_LISTINGS table. Confirm that it has been created by querying the data dictionary.

CREATE SYNONYM dj\_tracks FOR o\_track\_listings  
FROM user. Synonym will be synonym\_name:DJ\_tracks;

10. Drop the synonym that you created in question

Drop SYNONYM dj\_tracks.

| Evaluation Procedure | Marks awarded |
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| Query(5)             | 5             |
| Execution (5)        | 5             |
| Viva(5)              | 5             |
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