Title

Select a scalar value from a table into a pl local variable

Description

- Select a scalar value from a table into a PL/SQL local variable for further processing.
- The scalar value is a single value, such as a number, a string, or a date.
- The scalar value might be a column value or an expression result.
- The local variable type should be compatible with the selected value type.
- The SELECT INTO statement is an "exact fetch" statement.
 - "Exact fetch" means that the statement must return exactly one row.
 - Return no rows or many rows will raise exceptions.
 - Raise NO_DATA_FOUND exception if no rows are returned.
 - Raise TOO_MANY_ROWS exception if more than one row is returned.

Example

Select the number of employees from the employees table into a local variable $v_employees_count$.

Code Snippet

```
declare
    v_employees_count number;
begin
    select count(*) into v_employees_count from employees;
    dbms_output.put_line('The number of employees: ' || v_employees_count);
end;
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```