

# Projeto de Banco de Dados

Turma A-1

Conteúdo Views, Sequences, Sinônimos e Grants

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Baseado no material oficial de distribuição da Oracle

- A database view is a *logical* or *virtual table* based on a query.
- It is useful to think of a *view* as a stored query.
- Views are created through use of a CREATE VIEW command that incorporates use of the SELECT statement.
- Views are queried just like tables.

```
CREATE VIEW employee_parking
 (parking_space, last_name,
    first_name, ssn) AS
SELECT emp_parking_space,
 emp_last_name, emp_first_name,
 emp_ssn
FROM employee
ORDER BY emp_parking_space;
View Created.
```

```
SELECT *
FROM employee_parking;
```

PARKING_SPACE	LAST_NAME	FIRST_NAME	SSN
1	Bordoloi	Bijoy	999666666
3	Joyner	Suzanne	999555555
32	Zhu	Waiman	999444444
more rows are	displayed		

 Notice that the only columns in the query are those defined as part of the view.

- Additionally, we have renamed the columns in the view so that they are slightly different than the column names in the underlying employee table.
- Further, the rows are sorted by parking\_space column even though there is no ORDER BY in the SELECT command used to access the view.

### **CREATING A VIEW**

#### CREATE VIEW Syntax

CREATE [OR REPLACE] [FORCE|NOFORCE] VIEW <view name> [(column alias name...)] AS <query> [WITH [CHECK OPTION] [READ ONLY] [CONSTRAINT]];

- The OR REPLACE option is used to create a view that already exists. This option is useful
  for modifying an existing view without having to drop or grant the privileges that system users
  have acquired with respect to the view.
- If you attempt to create a view that already exists without using the OR REPLACE option, Oracle will return the ORA-00955: name is already used by an existing object error message and the CREATE VIEW command will fail.

### **CREATING A VIEW**

- The FORCE option allows a view to be created even if a base table that the view references does not already exist.
- This option is used to create a view prior to the actual creation of the base tables and accompanying data. Before such a view can be queried, the base tables must be created and data must be loaded into the tables. This option can also be used if a system user does not currently have the privilege to create a view.
- The NOFORCE option is the opposite of FORCE and allows a system user to create a view if they have the required permissions to create a view, and if the tables from which the view is created already exist. This is the default option.

### **CREATING A VIEW**

- The WITH READ ONLY option allows creation of a view that is read-only. You cannot use the DELETE, INSERT, or UPDATE commands to modify data for the view.
- The WITH CHECK OPTION clause allows rows that can be selected through the view to be updated. It also enables the specification of constraints on values.
- The CONSTRAINT clause is used in conjunction with the WITH CHECK OPTION clause to enable a database administrator to assign a unique name to the CHECK OPTION. If the DBA omits the CONSTRAINT clause, Oracle will automatically assign the constraint a system-generated name that will not be very meaningful.

```
CREATE VIEW empview7 AS
SELECT emp_ssn, emp_first_name, emp_last_name
FROM employee
WHERE emp_dpt_number=7;
View created.
```

A simple query of the empview7 shows the following data.

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- It is also possible to create a view that has exactly the same structure as an existing database table.
- The view named dept\_view shown next has exactly the same structure as department table.

CREATE VIEW dept\_view AS SELECT \* FROM department; View created.

- We can recreate the view by using the OR REPLACE clause to create a view that is *read-only* by specifying a WITH READ ONLY clause.
- The new version of dept\_view will restrict data manipulation language operations on the view to the use of the SELECT command.

CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW dept\_view AS SELECT \*

FROM department WITH READ ONLY CONSTRAINT vw\_dept\_view\_read\_only; View created.

#### <u>FUNCTIONS AND VIEWS – A JOIN VIEW</u>

- In addition to specifying columns from existing tables, you can use single row functions consisting of number, character, date, and group functions as well as expressions to create additional columns in views.
- This can be extremely useful because the system user will have access to data without having to understand how to use the underlying functions.

```
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW dept_salary

(name, min_salary, max_salary, avg_salary) AS

SELECT d.dpt_name, MIN(e.emp_salary),

MAX(e.emp_salary), AVG(e.emp_salary)

FROM employee e, department d

WHERE e.emp_dpt_number=d.dpt_no

GROUP BY d.dpt_name;

View created.

SELECT *

FROM dept_salary;

NAME MIN_SALARY MAX_SALARY AVG_SALARY
```

INAIVIL	WIIN_SALAN I	WAX_SALAN I	AVG_SALAN
Admin and Records	25000	43000	31000
Headquarters	55000	55000	55000
Production	25000	43000	34000

## **VIEW STABILITY**

- A view does not actually store any data.
   The data needed to support queries of a view are retrieved from the underlying database tables and displayed to a result table whenever a view is queried. The result table is only stored temporarily.
- If a table that underlies a view is dropped, then the view is no longer valid.
   Attempting to query an invalid view will produce an ORA-04063: view
   "VIEW\_NAME" has errors error message.

# INSERTING, UPDATING, AND DELETING TABLE ROWS THROUGH VIEWS

- You can insert a row if the view in use is one that is updateable (not read-only).
- A view is updateable if the INSERT command does not violate any constraints on the underlying tables.
- This rule concerning constraint violations also applies to UPDATE and DELETE commands.

CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW dept\_view AS SELECT dpt\_no, dpt\_name FROM department;

INSERT INTO dept\_view VALUES (18, 'Department 18'); INSERT INTO dept\_view VALUES (19, 'Department 20');

SELECT \*
FROM dept\_view;
DPT\_NO DPT\_NAME

- 7 Production
- 3 Admin and Records
- 1 Headquarters
- 18 Department 18
- 19 Department 20

#### **More Examples**

DELETE dept\_view

WHERE dpt\_no = 18 OR dpt\_no = 19;

2 rows deleted.

#### **CREATING A VIEW WITH ERRORS**

- If there are no syntax errors in a CREATE VIEW statement, Oracle will create a view even if the view-defining query refers to a non-existent table or an invalid column of an existing table.
- The view will also be created even if the system user does not have privileges to access the tables which a view references.
- The new view will be unusable and is categorized as "created with errors."
- In order to create such a view, the system user must use the FORCE option of the CREATE VIEW command.

#### **CREATING A VIEW WITH ERRORS**

 In the CREATE VIEW command shown below, the table named divisions does not exist and the view is created with errors. Oracle returns an appropriate warning message.

```
CREATE FORCE VIEW div_view AS

SELECT *

FROM divisions;

Warning: View created with compilation errors.
```

 If we now create a table named divisions, a query of the invalid div\_view view will execute, and the view is automatically recompiled and becomes valid.

# **DROPPING VIEW**

 A DBA or view owner can drop a view with the DROP VIEW command. The following command drops a view named dept\_view.

```
DROP VIEW dept_view;
View dropped.
```

# **A Summary of VIEW Facts**

- A view does not store data, but a view does display data through a SELECT query as if the data were stored in the view.
- A view definition as provided by the CREATE VIEW statement is stored in the database. Further, Oracle develops what is termed an "execution plan" that is used to "gather up" the data that needs to be displayed by a view. This execution plan is also stored in the database.
- A view can simplify data presentation as well as provide a kind of data security by limiting access to data based on a "need to know."

# **A Summary of VIEW Facts**

- A view can display data from more than one table.
- Views can be used to update the underlying tables.
   Views can also be limited to read-only access.
- Views can change the appearance of data. For example, a view can be used to rename columns from tables without affecting the base table.
- A view that has columns from more than one table cannot be modified by an INSERT, DELETE, or UPDATE command if a grouping function, GROUP BY clause is part of the view definition.

# **A Summary of VIEW Facts**

- A view cannot reference the nextval and currval pseudocolumns created through the use of sequences.
- A row cannot be inserted in a view in which the base table has a column with the NOT NULL or other constraint that cannot be satisfied by the new row data.

 A synonym is an alias, that is, a form of shorthand used to simplify the task of referencing a database object.

- Creating Synonyms
- The general form of the CREATE SYNONYM command is:

```
CREATE [PUBLIC] SYNONYM synonym_name FOR object_name;
```

- There are two categories of synonyms, public and private.
- A public synonym can be accessed by any system user.
- The individual creating a public synonym does not own the synonym – rather, it will belong to the PUBLIC user group that exists within Oracle.
- Private synonyms, on the other hand, belong to the system user that creates them and reside in that user's schema.

- A system user can grant the privilege to use private synonyms that they own to other system users.
- In order to create synonyms, you will need to have the CREATE SYNONYM privilege.
- This privilege will be granted to you by the DBA.
- You must have the CREATE PUBLIC SYNONYM privilege in order to create public synonyms.

- The three advantages to synonym usage.
  - First, a synonym provides what is termed *location transparency* because the synonym name hides the actual object name and object owner from the user of the synonym.
  - Second, you can create a synonym for a database object and then refer to the synonym in application code. The underlying object can be moved or renamed, and a redefinition of the synonym will allow the application code to continue to execute without errors.
- Third, a public synonym can be used to allow easy access to an object for all system users.

# **Dropping Synonyms**

• If you own a synonym, you have the right to drop (delete) the synonym. The DROP SYNONYM command is quite simple.

```
DROP SYNONYM synonym_name;
```

- In order to drop a public synonym you must include the PUBLIC keyword in the DROP SYNONYM command.
- In order to drop a public synonym, you must have the DROP PUBLIC SYNONYM privilege.

DROP PUBLIC SYNONYM synonym\_name;

# Renaming Synonyms

- Private synonyms can be renamed with the RENAME SYNONYM command.
- All existing references to the synonym are automatically updated.
- Any system user with privileges to use a synonym will retain those privileges if the synonym name is changed.
- The syntax of the RENAME SYNONYM command is like that for the RENAME command for any other database object such as a view or table.

```
RENAME old_synonym_name TO new_synonym_name;
```

# Renaming Synonyms

- The RENAME SYNONYM command only works for private synonyms.
- If we attempt to rename a public synonym such as the *tblspaces* synonym, Oracle will return an ORA-04043: *object tblspaces does not exist* error message as is shown here.

```
RENAME tblspaces TO ts;

ORA-04043: object TBLSPACES does not exist
```

# **SEQUENCES**

- Oracle provides the capability to generate sequences of unique numbers, and they are called sequences.
- Just like tables, views, indexes, and synonyms, a sequence is a type of database object.
- Sequences are used to generate unique, sequential integer values that are used as primary key values in database tables.
- The sequence of numbers can be generated in either ascending or descending order.

# **Creating Sequences**

 The syntax of the CREATE SEQUENCE command is fairly complex because it has numerous optional clauses.

```
CREATE SEQUENCE <sequence name>
[INCREMENT BY <number>]
[START WITH <start value number>]
[MAXVALUE <MAXIMUM VLAUE NUMBER>]
[NOMAXVALUE]
[MINVALUE <minimum value number>]
[CYCLE]
[NOCYCLE]
[CACHE <number of sequence value to cache>]
[NOCACHE]
[ORDER]
[NOORDER];
```

```
CREATE SEQUENCE order_number_sequence
INCREMENT BY 1
START WITH 1
MAXVALUE 10000000
MINVALUE 1
CYCLE
CACHE 10;
Sequence created.
```

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# **Accessing Sequence Values**

- Sequence values are generated through the use of two pseudocolumns named currval and nextval.
- A pseudocolumn behaves like a table column, but psuedocolumns are not actually stored in a table.
- We can select values from pseudocolumns but cannot perform manipulations on their values.
- The first time you select the nextval pseudocolumn, the initial value in the sequence is returned.
- Subsequent selections of the nextval pseudocolumn will cause the sequence to increment as specified by the INCREMENT BY clause and will return the newly generated sequence value.

# Accessing Sequence Values

• The *currval* pseudocolumn returns the current value of the sequence, which is the value returned by the last reference to nextval.

#### Example

```
CREATE TABLE sales_order (
   order_number NUMBER(9)

CONSTRAINT pk_sales_order PRIMARY KEY,
   order_amount NUMBER(9,2));
```

 The INSERT commands shown below insert three rows into the sales\_order table. The INSERT commands reference the order\_number\_sequence.nextval pseudocolumn.

```
INSERT INTO sales_order
VALUES(order_number_sequence.nextval,
  155.59 );
INSERT INTO sales_order
VALUES(order_number_sequence.nextval,
  450.00 );
INSERT INTO sales_order
VALUES(order_number_sequence.nextval,
  16.95);
```

```
SELECT *
FROM sales_order;
ORDER_NUMBER ORDER_AMOUNT
                    155.59
                       450
                     16.95
```

Use of currval.

 The order\_details table has a FOREIGN KEY reference to the sales\_order table through the order\_number column.

```
DELETE FROM sales_order;
INSERT INTO sales_order
    VALUES ( order_number_sequence.nextval, 200.00 );
INSERT INTO order_details
    VALUES ( order_number_sequence.currval, 1, 'End Table',1, 100.00);
INSERT INTO order_details
    VALUES ( order_number_sequence.currval, 2, 'Table Lamp',2, 50.00);
```

### Altering a Sequence

- A sequence is usually altered when it is desirable to set or eliminate the values of the MINVALUE or MAXVALUE parameters, or to change the INCREMENT BY value, or to change the number of cached sequence numbers.
- The ALTER SEQUENCE command shown here changes the MAXVALUE of the order\_number\_sequence to 200,000,000.

ALTER SEQUENCE order\_number\_sequence MAXVALUE 200000000; Sequence altered.

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## Viewing Sequence Properties

- You may need to review the names and properties of your sequences.
- You can do this by querying the USER\_SEQUENCES system view with a SELECT command. This view is part of the database's data dictionary.

```
SELECT * FROM USER_SEQUENCES;

SEQUENCE_NAME MIN_VAL MAX_VALUE INCRE C O CACHE_SIZE Last_N

ORDER_NUMBER_SEQUENCE 1 200000000 1 Y N 10 6
```

# **Dropping a Sequence**

- DROP SEQUENCE command is used to drop sequences that need to be recreated or are no longer needed.
- The general format is shown here along with an example that drops the order\_number\_sequence object.

```
DROP SEQUENCE <sequence name>;

DROP SEQUENCE order_number_sequence;

Sequence dropped.
```

### **Domains and Attributes**

- Domains constraints are data types
  - SQL: CREATE DOMAIN (not in Oracle)

```
CREATE DOMAIN

Colour CHAR(15)

CONSTRAINT checkCol

CHECK

(VALUE IN

('RED','Blue'...))
```

 Attributes are constrained by their domains

```
CREATE TABLE

Rainbow (

Rorder Int,

Rcolour Colour)
```

# Permissions and Privilege

- SQL uses privileges to control access to tables and other database objects
  - SELECT privilege
  - INSERT privilege
  - UPDATE privilege
  - DELETE privilege

- The owner (creator) of a database has all privileges on all objects in the database, and can grant these to others
- The owner (creator) of an object has all privileges on that object and can pass them on to others

# Privileges in SQL

```
GRANT <privileges>
   ON <object>
   TO <users>
[WITH GRANT OPTION]
```

<privileges> is a list of
 SELECT <columns>,
 INSERT <columns>,
 DELETE, and UPDATE
 <columns>, or simply ALL

- <users> is a list of user names or PUBLIC
- <object> is the name of a table or view (later)
- WITH GRANT OPTION means that the users can pass their privileges on to others

# Privileges Examples

GRANT ALL ON Employee
TO Manager
WITH GRANT OPTION

The user 'Manager' can do anything to the Employee table, and can allow other users to do the same (by using GRANT statements)

GRANT SELECT,

UPDATE(Salary) ON

Employee TO Finance

The user 'Finance' can view the entire Employee table, and can change Salary values, but cannot change other values or pass on their privilege

# Removing Privileges

 If you want to remove a privilege you have granted you use

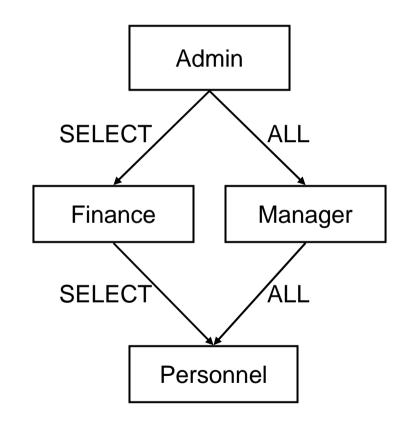
```
REVOKE <privileges>
ON <object>
FROM <users>
```

- If a user has the same privilege from other users then they keep it
- All privileges dependent on the revoked one are also revoked

# Removing Privileges

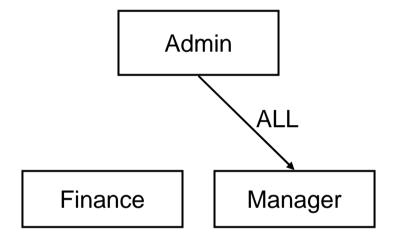
#### Example

- 'Admin' grants ALL privileges to 'Manager', and SELECT to 'Finance' with grant option
- 'Manager' grants ALL to Personnel
- 'Finance' grants SELECT to Personnel



# Removing Privileges

- Manager' revokes ALL from 'Personnel'
  - 'Personnel' still has SELECT privileges from 'Finance'
- 'Admin' revokes SELECT from 'Finance'
  - Personnel loses SELECT also



Personnel