Practices for Lesson 7: Working with Composite Data Types

Chapter 7

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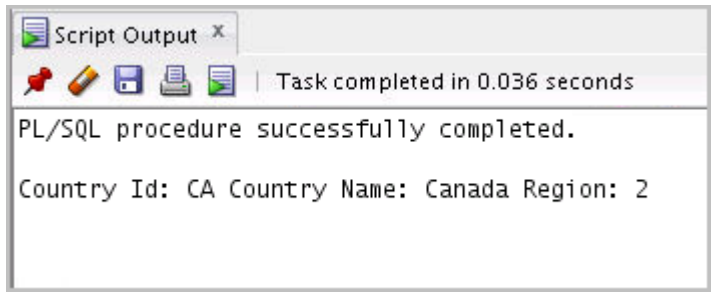
Note: If you have executed the code examples for this lesson, make sure that you execute the following code before starting this practice:

```
DROP table retired_emps;
DROP table empl;
```

1. Write a PL/SQL block to print information about a given country.
   a. Declare a PL/SQL record based on the structure of the `COUNTRIES` table.
   b. Declare a variable `v_countryid`. Assign `CA` to `v_countryid`.
   c. In the declarative section, use the `%ROWTYPE` attribute and declare the `v_country_record` variable of type `countries`.
   d. In the executable section, get all the information from the `COUNTRIES` table by using `v_countryid`. Display selected information about the country. The sample output is as follows:



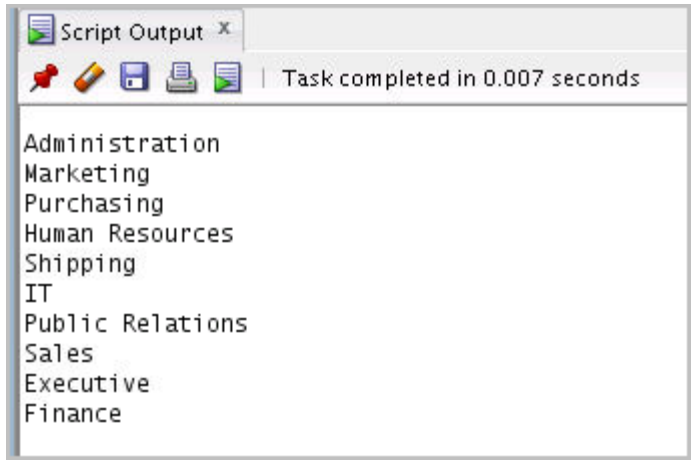
   e. You may want to execute and test the PL/SQL block for countries with the IDs DE, UK, and US.
2. Create a PL/SQL block to retrieve the names of some departments from the `DEPARTMENTS` table and print each department name on the screen, incorporating an associative array. Save the script as `lab_07_02_soln.sql`.
   a. Declare an `INDEX BY` table `dept_table_type` of type `departments.department_name`. Declare a variable `my_dept_table` of type `dept_table_type` to temporarily store the names of the departments.
   b. Declare two variables: `f_loop_count` and `v_deptno` of type `NUMBER`. Assign 10 to `f_loop_count` and 0 to `v_deptno`.
   c. Using a loop, retrieve the names of 10 departments and store the names in the associative array. Start with `department_id` 10. Increase `v_deptno` by 10 for every loop iteration. The following table shows the `department_id` for which you should retrieve the `department_name`.

DEPARTMENT_ID	DEPARTMENT_NAME
10	**Administration**
20	**Marketing**
30	**Purchasing**
40	**Human Resources**

50	Shipping
60	IT
70	Public Relations
80	Sales
90	Executive
100	Finance

d. Using another loop, retrieve the department names from the associative array and display them.

e. Execute and save your script as `lab_07_02_soln.sql`. The output is as follows:



3. Modify the block that you created in Task 2 to retrieve all information about each department from the `DEPARTMENTS` table and display the information. Use an associative array with the `INDEX BY` table of records method.

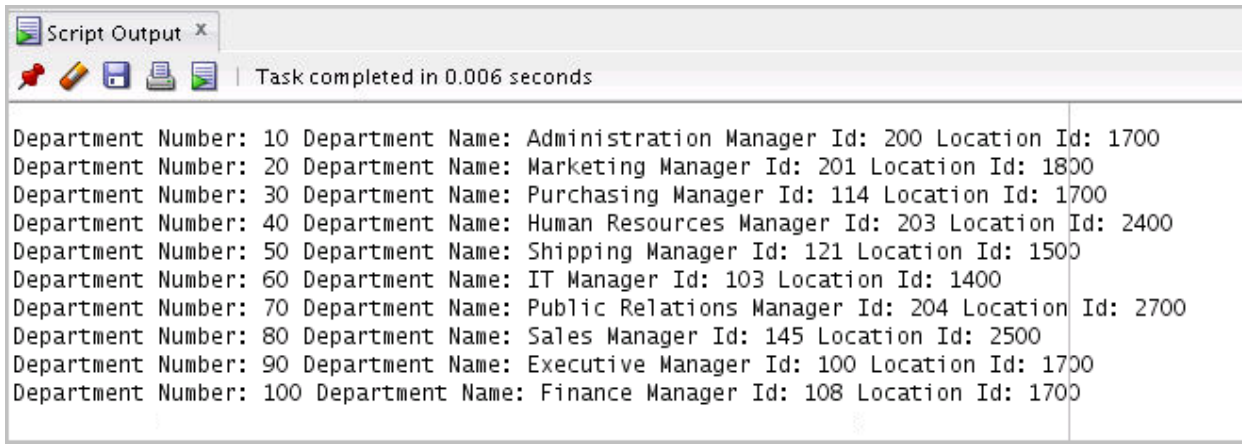
   a. Load the `lab_07_02_soln.sql` script.

   b. You have declared the associative array to be of type `departments.department_name`. Modify the declaration of the associative array to temporarily store the number, name, and location of all the departments. Use the `%ROWTYPE` attribute.

   c. Modify the `SELECT` statement to retrieve all department information currently in the `DEPARTMENTS` table and store it in the associative array.

   d. Using another loop, retrieve the department information from the associative array and display the information.

The sample output is as follows:



Solution 7: Working with Composite Data Types

1. Write a PL/SQL block to print information about a given country.
   a. Declare a PL/SQL record based on the structure of the `COUNTRIES` table.
   b. Declare a variable `v_countryid`. Assign `CA` to `v_countryid`.

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON

SET VERIFY OFF
DECLARE
  v_countryid varchar2(20):= 'CA';
```

   c. In the declarative section, use the `%ROWTYPE` attribute and declare the `v_country_record` variable of type `countries`.

```
 v_country_record countries%ROWTYPE;
```

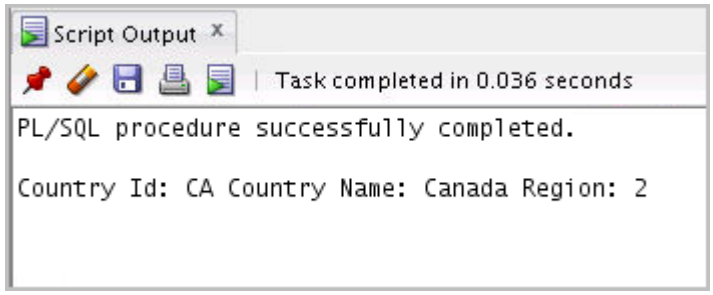
   d. In the executable section, get all the information from the `COUNTRIES` table by using `v_countryid`. Display selected information about the country.

```
BEGIN
 SELECT *
 INTO   v_country_record
 FROM   countries
 WHERE country_id = UPPER(v_countryid);

 DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE ('Country Id: ' ||
     v_country_record.country_id ||
     ' Country Name: ' || v_country_record.country_name
     || ' Region: ' || v_country_record.region_id);

END;
```

   The sample output after performing all the above steps is as follows:



   e. You may want to execute and test the PL/SQL block for countries with the IDs DE, UK, and US.

2. Create a PL/SQL block to retrieve the names of some departments from the DEPARTMENTS table and print each department name on the screen, incorporating an associative array. Save the script as lab_07_02_soln.sql.
   a. Declare an INDEX BY table dept_table_type of type departments.department_name. Declare a variable my_dept_table of type dept_table_type to temporarily store the names of the departments.

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON

DECLARE
   TYPE dept_table_type is table of
     departments.department_name%TYPE
   INDEX BY PLS_INTEGER;
   my_dept_table   dept_table_type;
```

   b. Declare two variables: f_loop_count and v_deptno of type NUMBER. Assign 10 to f_loop_count and 0 to v_deptno.

```
   f_loop_count    NUMBER (2):=10;
   v_deptno        NUMBER (4):=0;
```

   c. Using a loop, retrieve the names of 10 departments and store the names in the associative array. Start with department_id 10. Increase v_deptno by 10 for every iteration of the loop. The following table shows the department_id for which you should retrieve the department_name and store in the associative array.

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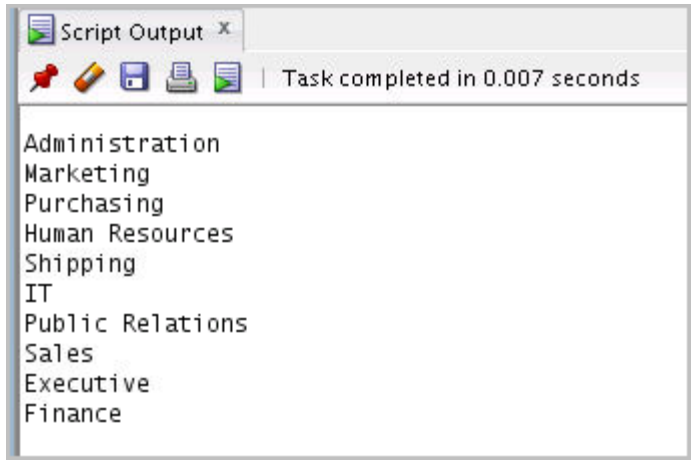
```
BEGIN
  FOR i IN 1..f_loop_count
  LOOP
        v_deptno:=v_deptno+10;
   SELECT department_name
   INTO my_dept_table(i)
   FROM departments
   WHERE department_id = v_deptno;
  END LOOP;
```

d. Using another loop, retrieve the department names from the associative array and display them.

```
FOR i IN 1..f_loop_count
  LOOP
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE (my_dept_table(i));
  END LOOP;
END;
```

e. Execute and save your script as `lab_07_02_soln.sql`. The output is as follows:



3. Modify the block that you created in Task 2 to retrieve all information about each department from the `DEPARTMENTS` table and display the information. Use an associative array with the `INDEX BY` table of records method.

   a. Load the `lab_07_02_soln.sql` script.

   b. You have declared the associative array to be of the `departments.department_name` type. Modify the declaration of the associative array to temporarily store the number, name, and location of all the departments. Use the `%ROWTYPE` attribute.

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON

DECLARE
   TYPE dept_table_type is table of departments%ROWTYPE
    INDEX BY PLS_INTEGER;
```

```
   my_dept_table    dept_table_type;
   f_loop_count        NUMBER (2):=10;
   v_deptno          NUMBER (4):=0;
```

c. Modify the `SELECT` statement to retrieve all department information currently in the `DEPARTMENTS` table and store it in the associative array.

```
BEGIN
  FOR i IN 1..f_loop_count
  LOOP
   v_deptno := v_deptno + 10;
   SELECT *
   INTO my_dept_table(i)
   FROM departments
   WHERE department_id = v_deptno;
  END LOOP;
```

d. Using another loop, retrieve the department information from the associative array and display the information.

```
FOR i IN 1..f_loop_count
  LOOP
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE ('Department Number: ' ||
my_dept_table(i).department_id
     || ' Department Name: ' || my_dept_table(i).department_name
     || ' Manager Id: '||  my_dept_table(i).manager_id
     || ' Location Id: ' || my_dept_table(i).location_id);
  END LOOP;
END;
```

The sample output is as follows: