# Oracle PL/SQL Advanced

**Features** 





## **Training Notes**

- Course contains Lingaro PL/SQL Standard rules
  - Rule is indicated by blue stars
  - More stars means more important rule





## **Training Agenda**

- Performance and Tuning
- Other Compilation Flags
- Schema Created Types
- Cursor Variables
- Dynamic SQL
- PL/SQL in Data Warehouse
- Miscellany PL/SQL Features
- Profiling and Tracing



## **Topic Agenda**

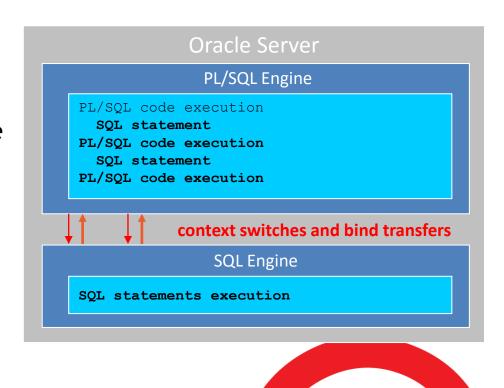
#### Performance and Tuning

- Code Tuning
  - Context Switches
  - Bulk Binds
  - Data Type Conversion
  - Constraint Issues
  - PL/SQL Engine Data Types
  - Smaller Executable Sections
  - Comparing SQL with PL/SQL
  - NOCOPY Hint
  - Rephrasing Conditional Statements
- Compilation Flags
  - Compilation Code Type
  - Intraunit Inlining
  - PL/SQL Compiler Optimizer
- Avoiding Memory Overhead



#### **Context Switches**

- PL/SQL engine needs SQL engine to execute SQL statements
- Before and after SQL execution between SQL and PL/SQL engines
  - context is switched
  - bind variables transferred (if used)
- Switch generates cost
  - Can be in loops
- Less switches save performance
- One SQL in PL/SQL
  - Often not possible
  - Not always optimal
  - Can be overkill



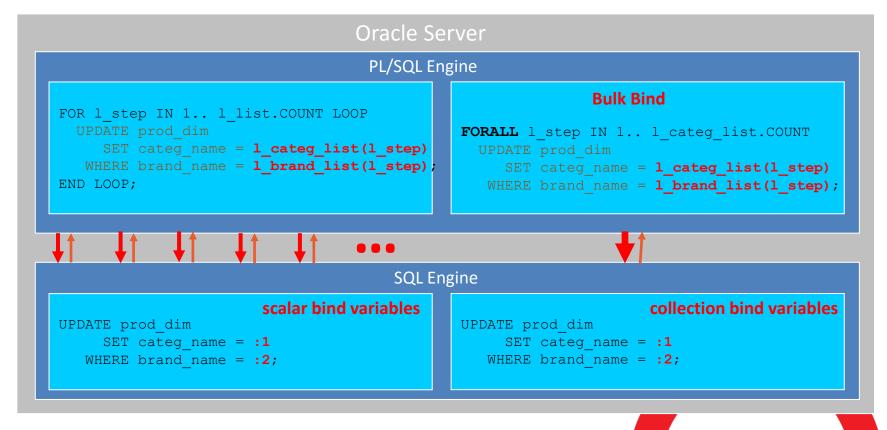
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#### **Bulk Binds**

- Use bulk binds to reduce context switches between engines  $\star$

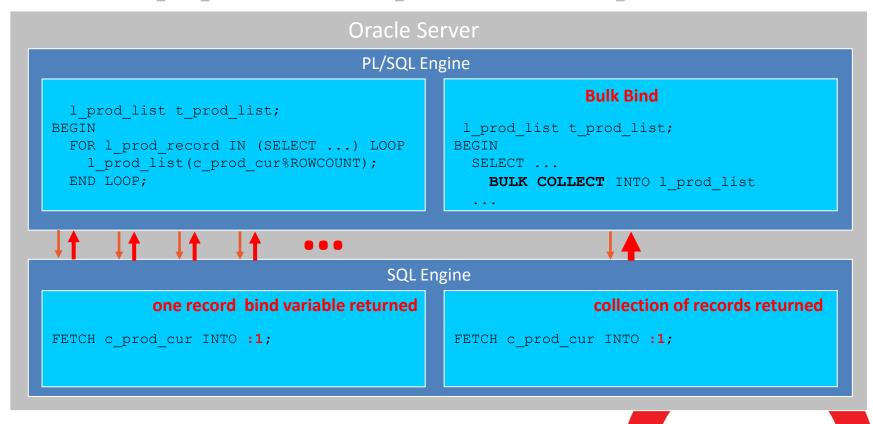
**FORALL** keyword



#### **Bulk Binds**

- BULK COLLECT keyword
- Used to fill collection in one step

TYPE t prod list IS TABLE OF prod dim%ROWTYPE INDEX BY PLS INTEGER;



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#### **Data Type Conversion**

- Avoid implicit data type conversion
- - PL/SQL performs implicit conversions between structurally different data types.
  - Example: When assigning a PLS INTEGER variable to a NUMBER variable

```
DECLARE
 1 num NUMBER;
BEGIN
 l_num := l num + 15.0; ← not converted
 1 num := 1 num + 15; ← implicit converted
END;
```

Use explicit conversion if conversion is needed

```
DECLARE
 l date DATE;
BEGIN
 l date := TO DATE('10-JUN-2014', 'DD-MON-YYYY');
 1 date := '10-JUN-2014';     ← implicit converted
END;
```

#### **Constraint Issues**

- NOT NULL constraints are checked on each assignment
  - Remove NOT NULL from variable declaration
  - Test NULL only ones on the end

```
DECLARE
    1_tot_sales NUMBER NOT NULL := 0;
BEGIN
    LOOP
    ...
    1_tot_sales := 1_tot_sales + ...;
    ...
END LOOP

IF 1_tot_sales IS NOT NULL THEN
    pro_update_sales(in_tot_sales => 1_tot_sales);
    ...
END;
```

#### **Constraint Issues**

- SIMPLE\_INTEGER
  - Is a predefined subtype
  - Does not include a null value
  - Range from -2147483648 to 2147483648
  - Eliminates the overhead of overflow checking
  - Is allowed anywhere in PL/SQL where the PLS\_INTEGER type
  - Up to 10 times faster when compared with the PLS\_INTEGER
  - Use it instead of PLS\_INTEGER but only if this issue is not a problem

Beware of silent overflow

```
l_cnt SIMPLE_INTEGER; \leftarrow PLS-00218: ... NOT NULL must have an initialization assignment l cnt := NULL; \leftarrow PLS-00382: expression is of wrong type
```

PLS\_INTEGER is checking range constraint

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#### **PL/SQL Engine Data Types**

- Use PL/SQL only types instead of SQL supported types
  - BOOLEAN instead of VARCHAR2 (1)
  - PLS INTEGER or SIMLE INTEGER instead of INTEGER or NUMBER
  - BINARY\_FLOAT and BINARY\_DOUBLE instead of NUMBER
  - RECORD instead of OBJECT
  - TABLE OF ... INDEX BY associated arrays instead of TABLE OF collections
- Are faster and more efficient in PL/SQL engine than SQL types
- Require less memory
- Modified by machine arithmetic faster than library arithmetic
- Exception variables used as SQL statement bind variables
  - To avoid implicit type conversion

#### **Smaller Executable Sections**

#### Modularizing Your Code

- Limit the number of lines between a BEGIN and END to 60 (without comments).
- Place business process and rule discrete chunks separately.
- Avoid code redundancy.
- Reuse code whenever possible.
- Use packaged programs to keep each executable section small.
- Use local procedures and functions to hide process logic.
- Use a functions to hide formulas and business rules.



#### Comparing SQL with PL/SQL

- SQL
  - Accesses data using SQL engine in the database less context switches
  - Treats data as sets best for processing large number of rows
  - Can be not enough if logic is complicated but use SQL if possible and efficient

```
MODEL, PIVOT, UNPIVOT clauses

Analytical functions

ROLLUP, CUBE, GROUPING SETS clauses

DML Error logging

MERGE, multitable INSERT, RETURNING clause
```

- SQL engine functions are more efficient than from "standard" package
- Never use PL/SQL for action which SQL can do

```
FOR l_record IN (SELECT ... FROM source_fct WHERE ...) LOOP INSERT INTO destination_(ct (...) VALUES l_record; END LOOP
```

```
SQL> INSERT INTO destination_fct (...)
SQL> SELECT ... FROM source_fct WHERE ...;
```

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#### Comparing SQL with PL/SQL

- PL/SQL benefits
  - Provides procedural capabilities
  - Has additional functionalities
    - ✓ Dynamic SQL,
    - ✓ Exception handling
  - Has more flexibility built into the language so can be used to
    - ✓ Complex SQL logic simplification,
    - ✓ SQL statement retry,
    - ✓ Fine grained security,
    - ✓ Automate correlated actions,
    - ✓ Implement diagnostic and logging
  - Use PL/SQL when

SQL can't do it at all - e.g. dynamic SQL needed SQL is to complicated or inefficient

- Avoid SQL inside loops
- COMMIT and ROLLBACK are better from API layer



#### Comparing SQL with PL/SQL

- PL/SQL benefit example
  - Avoid each execution parse CPU load using bind variables \*\* \*\*



```
SQL> INSERT INTO task prc (taks skid, taks name, ...)
      VALUES ( 421, LOAD TABLE', ...);
```

```
PROCEDURE pro add task (in skid IN NUMBER,
                        in name IN VARCHAR2, ...)
IS
BEGIN
  INSERT INTO task prc (taks skid, taks name, ...)
    VALUES (in skid, in name, ...);
END;
pro add task(in skid => 421,
             in name => 'LOAD TABLE',
             ...);
```

#### **Guidance For Warehouse PL/SQL Code**

- 1. Use SQL whenever you can
- 2. When SQL can't do the job use PL/SQL but SQL within it
- 3. If 1 and 2 won't do COLLECTIONS and BULK PROCESSING
- 4. Still can't do it? Consider pipelined functions or Java



# Code Tuning NOCOPY Hint

- IN OUT parameters are delivered into subprograms as copy
- Use NOCOPY to avoid copy and additional memory costs
- Argument will be partially modified after subprogram error

```
DECLARE
   TYPE t prod list IS TABLE OF prod dim%ROWTYPE INDEX BY PLS INTEGER;
   l prod list t prod list;
   PROCEDURE pro map prod(in out prod list IN OUT NOCOPY t prod list)
BEGIN
  SELECT *
    INTO 1 prod list;
   FROM prod dim
    WHERE
 pro map prod(in out prod list => 1 prod list)
  FORALL 1 step IN 1.. 1 prod list.COUNT
    UPDATE SET ROW = 1 prod list(l step)
      WHERE prod skid = 1 prod list(l step).prod skid;
END;
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```

#### **Rephrasing Conditional Statements**

- In logical expressions, PL/SQL stops evaluating the expression
  - as soon as the result is determined
  - order of evaluation is from left to right
- Put logical expression parts in correct order

```
mostly TRUE
IF (l_categ_cnt > 10) OR (l_sales_target_amt IS NOT NULL) THEN
...
END IF;

mostly FALSE
IF (l_sales_tot < 5000) AND fn_cust_valid_ind(cust_skid) THEN
...
END IF;</pre>
```

#### **Rephrasing Conditional Statements**

Use the ELSIF syntax for mutually exclusive clauses

```
IF (l_acct_mgr = 145)
THEN
   process_acct_145;
ELSIF (l_acct_mgr = 147) THEN
   pro_prcss_acct_147;
ELSIF (l_acct_mgr = 148) THEN
   pro_prcss_acct_148;
ELSIF (l_acct_mgr = 149) THEN
   pro_prcss_acct_149;
END IF;
```

```
IF (l_acct_mgr = 145) THEN
   pro_prcss_acct_145;
END IF;
IF (l_acct_mgr = 147) THEN
   pro_prcss_acct_147;
END IF;
IF (l_acct_mgr = 148) THEN
   pro_prcss_acct_148;
END IF;
IF (l_acct_mgr = 149) THEN
   pro_prcss_acct_149;
END IF;
```



## **Function Result Caching**

- Add DETERMINISTIC keyword into function if function
  - Is slow
  - Executed many times e.g. for each row from in query
  - Returns limited number of values
  - Return same value if used same parameter value deterministic
- Returned values will be cached and reused on session

```
FUNCTION fn factorial (in val INTEGER) RETURN NUMBER DETERMINISTIC IS
```

- RESULT\_CACHE keyword uses cache shared between sessions
  - Can be more efficient if function results are shared between session
  - Can be used even results are queried from table inside function
  - Can be problematic if result cache is to small or to excessive used

```
FUNCTION fn_tax(in_salary NUMBER)
RETURN NUMBER RESULT CACHE RELIES ON (tax pct prc) IS
```

- BEWARE!
  - Incorrect cachce usage can lead to wrong results or performance problems

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Get from database dictionary

```
SQL> SELECT name, type,

plsql_code_type, plsql_optimize_level

plsql_debug, plsql_warnings, nls_length_semantics

plsql_ccflags, plscope_settings

FROM user_plsql_object_settings;
```

```
• ALTER SESSION SET flags_parameter = value;
ALTER ... COMPILE;
```

```
ALTER ... COMPILE flags_parameter = value REUSE SETTING;

PLSQL_CODE_TYPE = INTERPRETED|NATIVE

PLSQL_OPTIMIZE_LEVEL = 0|1|2|3

PLSQL_DEBUG = TRUE;

PLSQL_WARNINGS = 'ENABLE:SEVERE', 'DISABLE:PERFORMANCE', 'ERROR:05003';

NLS_LENGTH_SEMANTICS = 'CHAR';

PLSQL_CCFLAGS = 'platform:ADW3U'

PLSCOPE SETTINGS='IDENTIFIERS:ALL';
```

To recompile procedure without flags modification

```
SQL> ALTER PROCEDURE pro load tbl COMPILE REUSE SETTINGS;
```

#### **Compilation Code Type - PLSQL\_CODE\_TYPE parameter**

#### INTERPRETED

- Used by default
- Units are compiled to PL/SQL bytecode format
- Bytecode interpreter overhead during execution
- Faster compilation good for development environment

#### NATIVE

- PLSQL CODE TYPE = NATIVE
- Units are compiled to platform native CPU code
- Execution up to 60% faster (extremely faster if not contains SQLs)
- No improvement for SQL and low for complex mathematical expressions
- Compilation takes longer
- No debugging symbols generated
- Use native compilations on production servers if
  - ✓ Unit have complex logic but almost no SQL statements
  - ✓ Beware of context switches

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#### **Intraunit Inlining**

- Replacing local subprogram call with subprogram body
- Intelligent PL/SQL compiler decision to inline if subprogram
  - Contains small static logic
  - Less parameterized
  - Frequently used
- Less subprogram call overhead but larger main body
- Performance better up to 30%
- Part of PL/SQL compiler optimizer
- PLSQL\_OPTIMIZE\_LEVEL = 0 or 1
  - Turned off
- PLSQL\_OPTIMIZE\_LEVEL = 2
  - Used only when inline directive statement is used just before subprogram call

```
PRAGMA INLINE (pro_unit, 'YES');
pro_unit(...);
```

- PLSQL\_OPTIMIZE\_LEVEL = 3
  - Automatically used



# **Compilation Flags**PL/SQL Compiler Optimizer

- Code modification during compilation to gain better performance
- PLSQL\_OPTIMIZE\_LEVEL = 0
  - no modification
- PLSQL\_OPTIMIZE\_LEVEL = 1
  - elimination of redundant and unnecessary computations and exceptions
    1\_dead\_var := 0; ← e.g. remove not used later variable assignment from loop
  - not move source code out of its original source order
- PLSQL\_OPTIMIZE\_LEVEL = 2
  - restructure source code, refactoring code relatively far from its original look
- PLSQL\_OPTIMIZE\_LEVEL = 3
  - automatic inlining before code optimization



#### **Compiler Optimization Example - Before**

```
PROCEDURE pro small (in num2)
IS
  1 num1 NUMBER;
  1 num3 NUMBER;
  PROCEDURE pro touch (in out x IN OUT NUMBER,
                        in y IN NUMBER)
  IS
  BEGIN
    IF (in y > 0) THEN
      in out x := in out x * in out x;
    END IF;
  END;
BEGIN
  l num1 := in num2;
  FOR 1 step IN 1..10 LOOP
    pro touch (in out x \Rightarrow 1 \text{ num1}, in y \Rightarrow -17);
    1 num3 := 1 num1 * in num2;
  END LOOP;
END pro small;
```

#### **Compiler Optimization Example - Steps**

#### After inlining

```
l_num1 := in_num2;
FOR l_step IN 1..10 LOOP
    IF (-17 > 0) THEN
        l_num1 := l_num1 * l_num1;
        END IF;
        l_num3 := l_num1 * in_num2;
END LOOP;
```

#### Optimization steps

```
1 \text{ num1} := in \text{ num2};
FOR 1 step IN 1..10 LOOP ...
     IF false THEN
       1 num1 := 1 num1 * 1 num1;
     END IF;
     1 num3 := 1 num1 * in num2;
END LOOP;
1 \text{ num1} := in \text{ num2};
FOR 1 step IN 1..10 LOOP ...
  1 num3 := 1 num1 * in num2;
END LOOP;
l num1 := in num2;
1 num3 := 1 num1 * in num2;
FOR 1 step IN 1..10 LOOP ...
END LOOP;
1 num3 := in num2 * in num2;
```

## **Avoiding Memory Overhead**



- Declare VARCHAR2 variables of 4000 or more characters
  - It save memory oracle allocates exactly is needed during assignment
  - Less then 4000 characters declaration allocate full length at variable initialization
- Group related subprograms into packages
- Pin large units in the shared pool

```
SQL> SELECT owner, name, type, sharable_mem
        FROM v$db_object_cache
        WHERE kept='NO' AND sharable_mem > 10000;
...
SQL> exec dbms_shared_pool.keep('pkg_appl_log','P');
```

P - Package, Procedure or Function. This is the default value. T - Type. R - Trigger. Q - Sequence. C - Cursor

Apply Advice of Compiler Warnings



## **Topic Agenda**

### Other Compilation Flags

- Compilation Time Warnings
- Conditional Compilation



## **Compilation Time Warnings**

- Disabled by default
  - Only error messages generated during compilation
- Enabled per unit before or during compilation

5000-5999 for severe 6000-6249 for informational 7000-7249 for performance

Displayed same way as error messages

```
SQL> SHOW ERRORS
SQL> SELECT ... FROM user_errors ...
```

Example

**PLW**-07203: Parameter 'IO\_TBL' may benefit from use of the NOCOPY compiler hint

## **Compilation Time Warnings**

- Benefits
  - Make programs more robust and avoid problems at run time
  - Identify potential performance problems
  - Identify factors that produce undefined results
- Anonymous blocks do not produce any warnings
- DBMS\_WARNING

Scenario	Subprograms to Use
Set warnings	ADD_WARNING_SETTING_CAT (procedure) ADD_WARNING_SETTING_NUM (procedure)
Query warnings	GET_WARNING_SETTING_CAT (function) GET_WARNING_SETTING_NUM (function) GET_WARNING_SETTING_STRING (function)
Replace warnings	SET_WARNING_SETTING_STRING (procedure)
Get the warnings' categories names	GET_CATEGORY (function)



# **Conditional Compilation Concept**

- Uses preprocessor before compilation
  - Preprocessor produces different source code variants conditionally
- Multiple versions of the same program in one source e.g.
  - For different platform (Fastlane, ADW)
  - For different environment (DEV, QA, UAT, PROD)
  - For different Oracle Database versions (10g,11g,11gr2,12c)
- Source code must include preprocessor control tokens \$if, \$then, \$else, \$elsif, \$end, \$\$, \$error
- Conditions can use compiler flags or static constants

```
PLSQL_CCFLAGS = 'debug_mode:TRUE,platform:1';
```



### **Conditional Compilation**

#### **Code Example**

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
BEGIN
$IF ($$debug mode=TRUE) $THEN
  dbms output.put line('debug is set');
$ELSE
  dbms output.put line('debug is not set');
$END
$IF ($$platform=1) $THEN
  dbms output.put line('Fastlane code variant');
$ELSE
  dbms output.put line('ADW code variant');
$END
END;
```

## **Conditional Compilation**

#### **Static Expressions**

- Are determined during compilation time
- Conditions must use static expression containing
- Boolean static expressions:

```
TRUE, FALSE, NULL, IS NULL, IS NOT NULL > , < , >= , <= , = , <>, NOT, AND, OR
```

PLS\_INTEGER static expressions:

```
-2147483648 to 2147483647, NULL
```

VARCHAR2 static expressions include:

```
||, NULL, TO_CHAR
```

Static constants (usually in separate package):

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PACKAGE pkg_plsql_flags
IS
trace_level CONSTANT PLS_INTEGER := 2;
END;
```



## **Conditional Compilation**

#### **Static Expressions**

Oracle provided package with version static constants

```
SUBTYPE t_my_real IS

$IF (dbms_db_version.verion < 10) $THEN

NUMBER;

$ELSE

BINARY_DOUBLE;

$END
```

# Conditional Compilation \$\$ and \$ERROR

- \$\$ is used to reference flag value
- \$ERROR is used to produce preprocessor compilation error

```
SQL> ALTER SESSION SET PLSQL_CCFLAGS = 'trace_level:1';
```

```
$IF ($$trace_Level = 0) $THEN
...;
$ELSIF ($$trace_Level = 1) $THEN
...;
$ELSIF ($$trace_Level = 2) $THEN
...;
$ELSE
   $ERROR
    'Bad: '||$$trace_Level||' trace lvl'
$END
$END
```

## PL/Scope

- Collect information about identifiers declared and used
- Help in program analyze and understand
- Disabled by default
- Enabled per unit before or during compilation

```
PLSCOPE SETTINGS='identifiers:all';
```

Identifiers info displayed from database dictionary view

```
USER_IDENTIFIERS
```

```
NAME - identifier name

TYPE - identifier type e.g. CONSTANT, PACKAGE, RECORD ...

SIGNATURE - unique string to distinguish different but same name identifiers

OBJECT_NAME, OBJECT_TYPE - unit containing the identifier

USAGE - DEFINITION, CALL, DECLARATION, ASSIGNMENT, REFERENCE

USAGE_ID - identifier sequentially generated integer, unique within its program unit

USAGE_CONTEXT_ID - parent of this identifier appearance

LINE, COL - code location
```

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## PL/Scope - Query Examples

List the identifiers declared

```
SELECT name, signature, type
FROM user_identifiers
WHERE usage = 'DECLARATION'
ORDER BY object_type, usage_id;
```

List the identifiers declared as CURSOR

```
SELECT name, signature, object_name, type
FROM user_identifiers
WHERE usage = 'DECLARATION'
AND type = 'CURSOR'
ORDER BY object_type, usage_id
```

List the redundant identifiers not used inside the executable section

List the actions on a specific identifier

```
SELECT name, object_name, type, usage, line
FROM user_identifiers t
WHERE signature = 'C6DC4D2D5770696415F7EC524AFADAE4'
```

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# **Topic Agenda**

## **Schema Created Types**

- Overview
- Object
- Nested Table
- Varray
- Collections Additional Features



# **Stored Type**

#### **Overview**

Created, modified and dropped in database using DDL

```
SQL> CREATE OR REPLACE TYPE <name>
AS <SQL composite type declaration>;
```

Can only be composite type

```
OBJECT, TABLE, VARRAY
```

- Can be used as SQL type in table column
- Can be used as PL/SQL type (variable, parameter, function)
- Good to avoid type conversion between SQL and PLSQL
- Object privilege needed to use another schema type
- Can't be replaced or dropped if used in database
- Alter support for schema types is limited

#### **Overview**

- Oracle implementation of Object Oriented
  - Modeling
  - Programming
- High-level abstraction of real world entity
- Object class is created only as schema type
- Contains the data definition attributes
  - Similar to package variables
- Contains optional functions and procedures methods
  - Similar to package subprograms
  - Data structures along with the methods encapsulation
  - Predefined constructor method used to create object instance
    - √ Same name as type name
    - ✓ Can be replaced by custom constructor

### **Example**

- Interface
  - similar to package specification (and to RECORD type if has no methods)

```
CREATE OR REPLACE TYPE t_location_obj

AS OBJECT

(street_name VARCHAR2(60),
bldg_num INTEGER,
city_name VARCHAR2(30),
zip_code CHAR(10),
MEMBER FUNCTION fn_address RETURN VARCHAR2,
MEMBER PROCEDURE ...
/
```

- Implementation body
  - Needed if interface include methods declarations
  - Always can be replaced
  - Similar to package body

```
CREATE OR REPLACE TYPE BODY t_location_obj
IS

MEMBER FUNCTION fn_address RETURN VARCHAR2
IS
BEGIN
RETURN street_name || ' ' || bldg_num || CHR(10) ||
zip_code || ' ' || city_name;
END;
...
END;
/
```

#### Redefinition

In interface attributes and methods can be added, altered, dropped

Body can be simply replaced

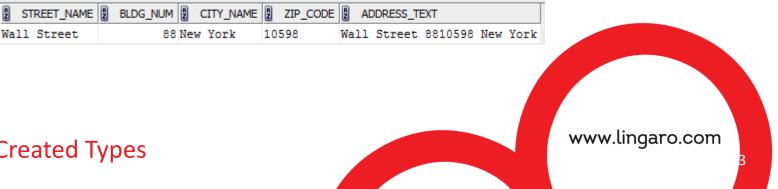
### **Usage**

- As table type
  - Create objects table

```
SQL> CREATE TABLE address obj prc OF t location obj;
SQL> INSERT INTO address obj prc (street name, bldg num, city name, zip code)
      VALUES ('Wall Street', 88, 'New York', '10598');
```

Access row object function methods

```
SQL> SELECT street name, bldg num, city name, zip code,
            obj.fn address() address text
       FROM address obj prc obj;
```



#### **Usage**

As column type

Use constructor to create object instance

Object column value display type/constructor identifier name

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM dept_prc; DEPT_NAME LOC_OBJ Marketing [CSGS.T_LOCATION_OBJ]
```

Access object column function methods

```
SQL> SELECT dept_name, d.loc_obj.fn_address() address_text
FROM dept_prc d;

DEPT_NAME 2 ADDRESS_TEXT
Marketing Wall Street 8810598 New York
```

### **Usage**

As object attribute type

```
SQL> CREATE OR REPLACE TYPE t_person_obj

AS OBJECT

(last_name VARCHAR2(20),
    first_name VARCHAR(20),
    birth_date DATE,
    address_obj t_location_obj,
    MEMBER FUNCTION fn_age RETURN INTEGER)

NOT FINAL;
/
```

Nested table can be collection of objects

```
SQL> CREATE OR REPLACE TYPE t_people_n AS TABLE OF t_person_obj;
/
```

Object attribute can be nested table

```
SQL> CREATE OR REPLACE TYPE t_bldg_obj

AS OBJECT

(flore_cnt INTEGER,

residents_n t_people_n,

address_obj t_location_obj);

/
```

#### **Usage**

- As PL/SQL type in
  - Variables, parameters and returned by functions
  - Object type can't be declared in PL/SQL
  - Use constructor to create new object instance
  - Can use object PL/SQL variable as bind variable in SQL command

```
DECLARE
  l address obj t location obj;
  PROCEDURE pro add address (in address obj t location obj)
  FUNCTION fn address (...) RETURN t location obj
BEGIN
  1 address obj := t location obj(street name => 'Wall Street', bldg num => 88,
                                    city name => 'New York', zip code => '10598',
                                    cntry name => 'USA');
  pro add address(l address obj);
  1 address obj.pro set(in street name => 1 address obj.street name,
                         in bldg num \Rightarrow 11,
                         ...);
  UPDATE address obj prc
     SET ROW = 1 address obj
    WHERE ...
```

#### **Inheritance**

- Object can inherit attributes and methods from parent
  - If parent is NOT FINALE (like t\_person\_obj from previous example)

```
SQL> CREATE OR REPLACE TYPE t person obj
    AS OBJECT
      (last name VARCHAR2(20),
      first name VARCHAR(20),
      birth date DATE,
       address obj t location obj,
       MEMBER FUNCTION fn age RETURN INTEGER)
    NOT FINAL;
SQL> CREATE OR REPLACE TYPE t employee obj
     UNDER t person obj
       (start date DATE,
        salary amt NUMBER);
SQL> CREATE OR REPLACE TYPE t customer obj
     UNDER t person obj
       (disc pct NUMBER,
        credt limit amt NUMBER);
```

#### **Polimorfizm**

```
SQL> CREATE TABLE cntrt_prc
          (cntrt_skid INTEGER,
          start_date DATE,
          person_obj t_person_obj);
```

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM cntrt_prc;

CNTRT_SKID START_DATE PERSON_OBJ

10 2014.08.13 00:13 [CSGS.T_CUSTOMER_OBJ]

11 2014.08.13 00:14 [CSGS.T_EMPLOYEE_OBJ]
```



### **REF and DEREF keywords**

- Use REF keyword is used to define pointer to object
  - Enables referencing the same object in many places
  - Can be used in table columns type and PL/SQL type
- Use REF and DEREF SQL functions to convert pointer in both directions

```
SQL> CREATE OR REPLACE TYPE t dept obj
     AS OBJECT
       (dept name VARCHAR2(100),
        parent dept obj ref REF t dept obj);
DECLARE
                                       SQL> CREATE TABLE dept prc OF t dept obj;
  l dept obj t dept obj;
  l dept obj ref REF t dept obj;
                                       SQL> INSERT INTO dept prc (dept name)
BEGIN
                                              VALUES ('DEPT 1');
  SELECT REF (d)
    INTO 1 dept obj ref
                                       SQL> INSERT INTO dept prc (dept name)
    FROM dept prc d
                                              VALUES ('DEPT 2');
   WHERE d.dept name='DEPT 1';
  UPDATE dept prc d
     SET d.parent dept obj ref = 1 dept obj ref
  WHERE d.dept name='DEPT 2';
  SELECT DEREF(d.parent dept obj ref)
    INTO 1 dept obj
    FROM dept prc d
   WHERE d.dept name='DEPT 2';
END;
```

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#### **Other Features**

- Method types (keywords before MEMBER)
  - STATIC invoked on the object type, not its instances
  - CONSTRUCTOR custom constructor used to create object instance
  - OVERRIDING to redefine inherited method
  - NOT INSTANTIABLE placeholder implemented in child objects
     To put instances in order for comparisons or sorting:
  - ORDER returns object instances order value
  - MAP returns value to position instance relative to another instance zero - same position, negative - before position, positive - after position

• SELF keyword - to object self reference



#### **Overview**

Unbounded Collection of scalar or composite elements

```
SQL> CREATE OR REPLACE TYPE t_address_list_n IS TABLE OF t_location_obj;

/

DECLARE

TYPE t_num_list IS TABLE OF NUMBER;

TYPE t_dept_list IS TABLE OF dept_prc%ROWTYPE;

TYPE t_person_list IS TABLE OF t_person_obj;

l_num_list t_num_list;

l_address_list t_address_list_n;

l_dept_list t_dept_list;

...
```

- If contains objects and used in column then create nested table
  - Nested table data are stored out of line

```
SQL> CREATE TABLE cust_prc
(cust_skid NUMBER,
address_list t_address_list_n, ...)

NESTED TABLE address_list STORE AS cust_address_list_n;
```

Has predefined methods

COUNT DELETE EXISTS FIRST LAST PRIOR NEXT EXTEND TRIM

### **Usage in SQL**

Insert row with nested rows

Quering

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM cust_prc;

30 CSGS.T_ADDRESS_LIST_N([CSGS.T_LOCATION_OBJ], [CSGS.T_LOCATION_OBJ])

SQL> SELECT c.cust_skid, a.street_name, a.bldg_num

FROM cust_prc c, TABLE(c.address_list) a;

30 Wall Street 99

30 Wall Street 99
```

#### Piecewise DML

```
INSERT INTO TABLE(SELECT c.address_list FROM cust_prc c WHERE cust_skid = 30)
    VALUES (t_location_obj(...));

UPDATE TABLE(SELECT c.address_list FROM cust_prc c WHERE cust_skid = 30) al
    SET al.cntry_name = 'UNITED STATES'
WHERE al.cntry_name = 'USA';

DELETE TABLE(SELECT c.address_list FROM cust_prc c WHERE cust_skid = 30) al
    WHERE al.cntry_name = 'POLAND';
```

### Usage in PL/SQL

Must be initialized by constructor or BULK COLLECT INTO clause

```
Index kev
                                                                  Collection element
  l num list t num list := t num list
                                                                  'Wall Street' | 99 | . . .
    (1, 5, 35, -23, 0, -330);
                                                                  'Wall Street' | 22 | . . .
  l num list2 t num list;
  l address list t address list n;
BEGIN
  l address list := t address list n(
    t location obj(street name => 'Wall Street', bldg num => 99,
                    city name => 'New York', zip code => '10598',
                    cntry name => 'USA'),
    t location obj(street name => 'Wall Street', bldg num => 22,
                    city name => 'New York', zip code => '10598',
                    cntry name => 'USA'));
  SELECT d.loc obj.bldg num BULK COLLECT INTO 1 num list2
    FROM dept prc d WHERE ...
```

Collection indexes are automatically assigned

during initialization and during EXTEND method execution

during initialization starting from 1

Increased by 1



### Usage in PL/SQL

Looping on

```
FOR l_step IN 1.. l_address_list.COUNT LOOP

IF (l_address_list(l_step).EXISTS) THEN

l_city_name := l_address_list(l_step);

...

END IF;

...

END LOOP;
...
```

Increase size and append element

```
...
l_address_list.EXTEND;
l_address_list(l_address_list.LAST) := t_location_obj(...);
...
```

Decrease size by removing last 2 elements

```
l_address_list.TRIM(2);
...
```

## **VARRAY**

#### **VARRAY vs Nested Table**

Has limited number of collection elements

```
SQL> CREATE OR REPLACE TYPE t_address_array IS TABLE(35) OF t_location_obj;
/
```

Has additional predefined method - LIMIT - to get defined bound

```
EXIT WHEN (l_step > l_address_array.LIMIT)
...
```

- If nested in table column stored inline if size < 4000 bytes</li>
  - Otherwise stored as LOB
  - LOB storage always can be declared

```
SQL> CREATE TABLE dept_email_prc ( ... email_list t_email_array)

VARRAY email_list STORE AS LOB dept_emails_prc_lob;
```



## Collections

#### **Additional Features**

- Multiset operations
  - Generate collection as result of set operation on 2 collections

```
MULTISET UNION
MULTISET EXCEPT
MULTISET INTERSEC
```

In SQL

```
SELECT collection1_column MULTISET UNION collection2_column FROM ...
```

- IN PL/SQL

```
l_collection3 := l_collection1 MULTISET UNION l_collection2;
```

Multiset Comparison

```
SELECT ...

WHERE collection1_column SUBMULTISET OF collection2_column

OR t_table_type(...) MEMBER OF collection1_column;
```

Type filter

```
SELECT ...

WHERE VALUE(table_alias) IS OF (t_type_name);
```

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#### **Additional Features**

- VALUE function can be also used to:
  - return object

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM address_obj_prc a; Wall Street 88 New York 10598 (null)

SQL> SELECT VALUE(a) FROM address_obj_prc a; VALUE(A)

- update object in table

SQL> UPDATE address_obj_prc a SET VALUE(a) = t_location_obj(...) WHERE ...
```

- COLLECT function aggregates data into a collection
- CAST function converts collection type

```
SQL> SELECT CAST(COLLECT(column) AS t_collection1_type)

INTO l_collection1_variable

FROM ...
```

Convert query results into collection

```
SQL> SELECT CAST(MULTISET( SELECT ... ) AS t_collection1_type)

INTO l_collection1_variable

FROM ...
```

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## Collections

#### **Additional Features**

- Multilevel Collection Types
  - Nested table of nested table type
  - Nested table of varray type
  - Varray of nested table type
  - Varray of varray type
  - Nested table or varray of object that has an attribute as nested table or varray type
- Increasing element size or precision

```
SQL> CREATE TYPE t_email_array AS VARRAY(10) OF VARCHAR2(80);
   /
SQL> ALTER TYPE t_email_array MODIFY ELEMENT TYPE VARCHAR2(100) CASCADE;
```

### Increasing VARRAY Limit Size

```
SQL> ALTER TYPE t_email_array MODIFY LIMIT 100 INVALIDATE;
```



# **Topic Agenda**

## **Cursor Variables**

- Declare
- Using



## **Declare**

- Cursor variable is like static cursor but
  - query is assigned during opening not declaration
  - Query can be changed after close and reopen cursor variable

## Strong type REF CURSOR

- Can by assigned only to query with the same columns as selected record type
- This is checked during compilation

```
TYPE t_c_prod_cur IS REF CURSOR RETURN prod_dim%ROWTYPE;
```

#### Cursor variable

```
l_c_prod_cur t_c_prod_cur;
```

#### Week type is predefined

```
l_c_cur sys_refcursor;
```

- It is very flexible variable cane be assigned to any query
- Incorrect query assignment is not checked during compilation
- It can lead to FETCH runtime errors



# **Usage**

- Assign Query with cursor variable in OPEN statement
- FETCH and CLOSE statements are the same as for static cursor

After CLOSE variable can be used to different query

```
TYPE t categ rec (skid NUMBER,
                    name VARCHAR2);
  TYPE t categ cur IS REF CURSOR RETURN t categ rec;
 1 categ cur t categ cur;
  l_categ_rec t categ rec;
BEGIN
  OPEN 1 prod cur FOR
    SELECT prod skid, categ name
      FROM prod dim;
  LOOP
    FETCH 1 prod cur INTO 1 categ rec;
  END LOOP
  CLOSE 1 prod cur;
  OPEN 1 prod cur FOR
    SELECT categ skid, categ name
      FROM categ dim;
  . . .
```

# **Usage**

Query can be chosen conditionally

```
IF (l_income_target > in_income_target_limit) THEN
   OPEN l_income_cur FOR
   SELECT categ_name,
        SUM(sales_amt) - SUM(all_costs_amt) AS income_amt
   FROM ...
   GROUP BY categ_name
   ...

ELSE
   OPEN l_sales_cur FOR
   SELECT sub_categ_name,
        SUM(sales_amt) - SUM(basic_costs_amt) AS income_amt
   FROM ...
   GROUP BY sub_categ_name
   ...
```

Cursor can pass trough REF CURSOR type parameter

```
PROCEDURE pro_open_prod(out_prod_cur OUT t_prod_cur) ...

PROCEDURE pro_check_prod(in_prod_cur IN t_prod_cur) ...

pro_open_prod(l_prod_cur);

pro_check_prod(l_prod_cur);

Cursor Variable

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```

## **Considerations**

CURSOR function produces REF cursor from query

- Cursor parameters are good for performance
  - Sharing pointer to same results set between many subprograms
  - Saving memory and CPU
- Cursor variable not need to be closed before reopen
- Cannot be
  - Declared as a public construct of a package
  - Used with FOR ... LOOP
  - Used as parameter to subprogram in different database is not possible
  - Used to lock rows using FOR UPDATE clause
  - Stored in the database
  - Used to specify data type for column or collection attribute
  - Assigned the NULL value

# **Topic Agenda**

## **Dynamic SQL**

- Overview
- Dynamic Cursor Variable
- EXECUTE IMMEDIATE



## **Overview**

- Used if SQL text is full or partially unknown before runtime
- Enable to execute SQL code generated by application code
- Compilation is done during runtime (runtime error prone)
- Can lead to problems with
  - Security
  - Performance
  - Reliability
  - Manageability
- Is very flexible can remove business logic hardcoding
- Can be used to run unsupported SQL in PL/SQL (like DDL,DCL)
- Dynamic PL/SQL is also available



# **Dynamic Cursor Variable**

- Assign text variable or expression during OPEN ... FOR
- Only week type is supported

Using bind variables

#### **Overview**

- This is native dynamic SQL and PL/SQL statement
  - Better then DBMS\_SQL
  - Easier to use
  - Better performance
  - More features
  - Extensions in new database versions
  - Can execute all kind of SQL statements dynamically

### Syntax

Is used as implicit cursor

```
EXECUTE IMMEDIATE l_sql_stml;
dbms_output.put_line('Number of rows processed is ' || SQL%ROWCOUNT);
```

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### **Usage**

DDL or DCL in PL/SQL code

Dynamic one row result query

Dynamic INSERT

```
EXECUTE IMMEDIATE 'INSERT INTO ' || l_tbl_name ||
' SELECT ...';
```

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### **Usage**

Bind variables can be used in queries and DMLs

- Use bind variables to minimalize parse CPU costs
- Use bind variables to minimalize SQL injection security traits
- Number of bind variables can't be changed dynamically
- Bind variables are assigned by position not by name

### **Usage**

- Dynamic PL/SQL
  - Execute anonymous block generated at runtime by application
  - Most flexible
  - Possible to change PL/SQL expressions and subprograms names at runtime
  - Most problematic
  - Can use bind variables to send values from and to dynamic block

### **Usage**

- Bulk bindings with dynamic code
  - Can be used only with collection type declared in schema e.g.

```
SQL> CREATE OR REPLACE TYPE t_num_list IS TABLE OF NUMNER;
   /
DECLARE
   l_num_list t_num_list;
```

Dynamic query

```
EXECUTE IMMEDIATE 'SELECT prod_skid

FROM ' || in_tbl_name || '

WHERE ' || in_filtr

BULK COLLECT INTO l_num_list;
```

Dynamic PL/SQL

```
EXECUTE IMMEDIATE 'DECLARE

l_num_list2 t_num_list;

BEGIN

l_num_list2 := :1;

...

:2 := l_num_list2;

END;';

USING IN OUT l_tax_pct, l_amt, l_tax;
```

## DBMS\_SQL

- Do not use DBMS\_SQL to execute dynamic c
   de
   t
   √
  - Has poor performance
  - Is too complicated and creates large code
  - Has less features and supporting less data types
- Has only one advantage over EXECUTE IMMEDIATE
  - Binding variables by name not position
  - So number od columns and bind variables can change dynamically

```
v_cur_hdl := DBMS_SQL.OPEN_CURSOR;
v_stmt_str := 'SELECT ename, sal FROM emp WHERE job = :g_jobname';
DBMS_SQL.PARSE(v_cur_hdl,v_stmt_str,DBMS_SQL.NATIVE);
DBMS_SQL.BIND_VARIABLE(v_cur_hdl, 'g_jobname', 'SALESMAN');
DBMS_SQL.DEFINE_COLUMN(v_cur_hdl, 1, v_name, 200);
DBMS_SQL.DEFINE_COLUMN(v_cur_hdl, 2, v_salary);
v_rows_processed := DBMS_SQL.EXECUTE(v_cur_hdl);
LOOP
    IF DBMS_SQL.FETCH_ROWS(v_cur_hdl) > 0 THEN
        DBMS_SQL.COLUMN_VALUE(v_cur_hdl, 1, v_name);
        DBMS_SQL.COLUMN_VALUE(v_cur_hdl, 2, v_salary);
    ELSE
        EXIT;
END IF;
END LOOP;
DBMS_SQL.CLOSE_CURSOR(v_cur_hdl);
```

## **Topic Agenda**

### PL/SQL in Data Warehouse

- Error Logging
- RETURNING clause
- Using Bulk Binding
  - BULK COLLECT INTO
  - FORALL
  - Using SAVE EXCEPTIONS
- Pipelined Functions
- Parallel Execution



## **Error Logging**

- By default when DML statement fails
  - Whole statement is rolled back
  - Even only 1 from 10 000 000 records makes problem with e.g. NOT NULL
  - It is time and server resources consuming to repeat whale operation
- Use error log table to continue execution after error

```
dbms_errorlog.create_error_log(dml_table_name => 'desttbl');

desc err$_desttbl
   ORA_ERR_NUMBER$
   NUMBER ORA_ERR_MESG$
   ORA_ERR_ROWID$
   ORA_ERR_OPTYP$ - I,U,D
   ORA_ERR_TAG$
   data columns ...
```

Use LOG ERRORS INTO clause during DML statement

```
INSERT INTO desttbl

SELECT * FROM srcetbl

LOG ERRORS INTO err$_desttbl ('INSERT') REJECT LIMIT UNLIMITED;
```

### **RETURNING** clause

- Can be added to DML statement
- Works like SELECT clause included in DML
- DML can return processed rows using INTO clause

```
BEGIN

UPDATE prod_dim

SET categ_name = l_categ_name

WHERE prod_skid = l_prod_skid;

RETRUNING sub_brand_name, brand_name

INTO l_sub_brand_name, l_brand_name;
```

Can return many rows if BULK COLLECT INTO used

```
BEGIN

UPDATE prod_dim

SET categ_name = l_new_categ_name

WHERE categ_name = l_old_categ_name

RETRUNING sub_brand_name, brand_name

BULK COLLECT INTO l two name list n;
```

Can return rows in EXECUTE IMMEDIATE but without BULK COLLECT

```
EXECUTE IMMEDIATE 'DELETE table_prc WHERE id = :1

RETURNING salary_amt INTO :2'

USING l_id RETURNING l_salary_amt;
```

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# Using Bulk Binding BULK COLLECT INTO

- Used to send collection from SQL to PL/SQL engine
- Collection of records type bind variable needed

```
TYPE t_rec_list IS TABLE OF table_prc%ROWTYPE INDEX BY PLS_INTEGER; l_rec_list t_rec_list;
```

Collection of scalar type bind variables also used

```
TYPE t_num_list IS TABLE OF NUMBER INDEX BY PLS_INTEGER;

TYPE t_name_list IS TABLE OF VARCHAR2(100) INDEX BY PLS_INTEGER;

l_num_list t_num_list;

l_name_list t_name_list;
```

- Can be used in SELECT, RETURNING, FETCH
  - Implicit cursor query

```
BEGIN
...
SELECT * FROM table_prc
BULK COLLECT INTO l_rec_list
WHERE ...;

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```

# Using Bulk Binding BULK COLLECT INTO

- DML with RETURNING clause (described before)
- FETCH from static cursor and cursor variable

```
BEGIN
...

FETCH c_table_prc_cur

BULK COLLECT INTO l_rec_list LIMIT l_rec_limit;
```

EXECUTE IMMEDIATE with dynamic multirow query

```
BEGIN
...

EXECUTE IMMEDIATE 'SELECT * FROM table_prc'
BULK COLLECT INTO l_rec_list;
```

EXECUTE IMMEDIATE with DML BULK RETURNING clause not working

```
BEGIN
...

EXECUTE IMMEDIATE 'DELETE table_prc ...

RETURNING * BULK COLLECT INTO :1

RETURNING BULK COLLECT 1_rec_list;
```

# Using Bulk Binding FORALL

- Similar to FOR loop but executed on SQL engine ones
- Only one DML statement can be nested inside loop
- Implicit cursor attributes
  - SQL%FOUND: refers to the last execution of the nested statement
  - SQL%NOTFOUND: refers to the last execution of the nested statement
  - SQL%ROWCOUNT: total number of rows affected by the whole bulk operation

#### Syntax

```
FORALL index IN
[
   lower_bound..upper_bound |
   INDICES OF indexing_collection |
   VALUES OF indexing_collection
]
[SAVE EXCEPTIONS]
DML statement
[RETURNING ... BULK COLLECT INTO ...];
```

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# Using Bulk Binding FORALL

On dense collection

```
DECLARE
   TYPE t_task_list IS TABLE OF tasks_prc%ROWTYPE;
   l_task_list t_task_list := t_task_list();
BEGIN
   FOR l_step IN 1 .. 1000 LOOP
        l_task_list.extend;
        l_task_list_task_list.LAST).id := l_step;
        l_task_list(l_task_list.LAST).desc := 'Task: ' || TO_CHAR(l_step);
        END LOOP;

FORALL l_step IN 1..l_task_list.COUNT
        UPDATE task_prc
        SET desc = l_task_list(l_step)
        WHERE id = l_step;
```

On sparse collection

```
-- Make collection sparse.

l_task_list.DELETE(301);

l_task_list.DELETE(601);

l_task_list.DELETE(901);

FORALL l_step IN INDICES OF l_task_list

INSERT INTO task_prc VALUES l_task_list(i)

END;
```

# Using Bulk Binding FORALL

Values of one collection as index pointers to another

Using SQL%BULK\_ROWCOUNT instead of SQL%ROWCOUNT

```
FORALL ...;
FOR l_step IN l_task_list.FIRST..l_task_list.LAST LOOP
   dbms_output.put_line
   ('Element: ' || l_task_list(i) ||
        ' Rows: ' || SQL%BULK_ROWCOUNT(l_step));
END LOOP;
```

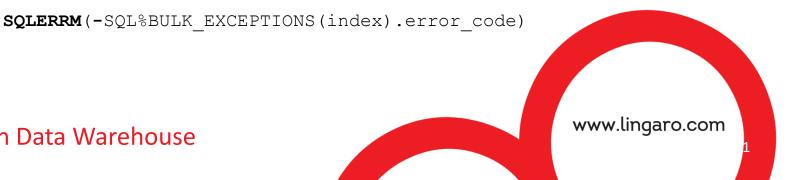
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### **Using Bulk Binding FORALL Exceptions**

- By default when DML statement fails
  - Whole statement is rolled back like in outside FORALL DML without and error logging
- Add SAVE EXCEPTIONS keyword into FORALL statement
  - Exceptions are saved in the %BULK\_EXCEPTIONS cursor attribute
  - Attribute is a collection of records with two fields:

Field	Definition		
_	Holds the iteration of the FORALL statement where the exception was raised		
ERROR_CODE Holds the corresponding Oracle error code			

- Values always refer to the most recently executed FORALL statement
- To convert error code to message use SQLERRM function with sign



# **Using Bulk Binding**

### **FORALL Exceptions**

```
DECLARE
  TYPE t num list IS TABLE OF NUMBER;
  l num list t num list := t num list(100,0,110,300,0,199,200,0,400);
  e bulk err EXCEPTION;
  PRAGMA EXCEPTION INIT(e bulk err, -24381 ); ← ORA-24381: error(s) in array DML
BEGIN
  FORALL 1 step IN 1 num list.FIRST.. 1 num list.LAST
    SAVE EXCEPTIONS
    DELETE FROM orders fct
      WHERE order tot amt < 500000/l num list(l step);
EXCEPTION WHEN bulk errors THEN
  dbms output.put line('Errors count: ' | | SQL%BULK EXCEPTIONS.COUNT);
  FOR 1 step in 1..SQL%BULK EXCEPTIONS.COUNT LOOP
    dbms output.put line(
      TO_CHAR(SQL%BULK_EXCEPTIONS(l_step).ERROR INDEX) || ' / ' ||
      SQLERRM(-SQL%BULK EXCEPTIONS(1 step).ERROR CODE));
  END LOOP;
END;
```

### **Table Function**

Creation

```
CREATE OR REPLACE TYPE t_sales_obj IS OBJECT (...);

CREATE OR REPLACE TYPE t_sales_tbl_n IS TABLE OF t_sales_obj;

CREATE FUNCTION fn_sales_tbl(in_rows INTEGER) RETURN t_sales_tbl_n

IS

l_sales_tbl t_sales_tbl_n := t_sales_tbl_n();

BEGIN

FOR l_step IN 1..in_rows LOOP

l_sales_tbl.EXTEND;

l_sales_tbl(l_sales_tbl.LAST) := t_sales_tbl_n(...);

END LOOP;

RETURN l_sales_tbl;

END;.
```

Is used in query FROM clause

```
SELECT ... FROM TABLE(fn_sales_tbl(...));
```

- Useful if source of query can't be table or view
- Keeps all collection in memory
- Large memory used when processing large volume

#### **Overview**

- No need to build all collection before return outside
- Build and pipe collection elements outside one by one
- Keeps only small number of elements in memory e.g. one
- Good to process large volume
- Example

```
CREATE FUNCTION fn_sales_tbl(in_rows IN PLS_INTEGER)

RETURN t_sales_tbl_n PIPELINED

IS

l_sales_obj t_sales_obj;

BEGIN

FOR l_step IN 1..in_rows LOOP

...

l_sales_obj := t_sales_obj(...);

PIPE ROW (l_sales_obj);

END LOOP;

RETURN;

END;

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```

# Pipelined Table Function Ref Cursor

- Source of function data can be static or ref cursor
- Ref cursor can be used as pipelined function parameter
  - So we have collection of rows on input and on output

```
CREATE PACKAGE pkg ref cur IS
  TYPE t ref cur IS REF CURSOR RETURN sales fct%ROWTYPE;
END;
CREATE FUNCTION fn sales tbl(in ref cur IN pkg ref cur.t ref cur)
  RETURN t sales tbl n PIPELINED
  l sales srce sales fct%ROWTYPE;
BEGIN
  LOOP
    FETCH in ref cur INTO 1 sales srce rec;
    PIPE ROW (1 sales obj);
  EXIT WHEN in ref cur%NOTFOUND;
  END LOOP;
  RETURN;
END;
```

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# Pipelined Table Function NO\_DATA\_NEEDED Exception

 Raised when not all rows returned by PIPE ROW are consumed by external query which uses pipelined function

```
SELECT ... FROM TABLE(fn_sales_tbl(...)) WHERE ROWNUM < 5;
```

- Terminate function to cleanup resources and avoid next PIPE
- Do not terminate external query
- Can be handled to customize clean operation

```
EXCEPTION

WHEN NO_DATA_NEEDED THEN

pkg_sales.pro_clean_up;

RAISE NO_DATA_NEEDED;
```

Do not handle this exception in OTHERS

It treating NO\_DATA\_NEEDED as an unexpected error



#### **Returned Rows Cardinality**

- Oracle SQL Optimizer do not know returned rows cardinality
- Always assumes 8168 rows (when default block size is used)
- Cardinality can be customized by using
  - CARDINALITY hint (9i+): Undocumented
  - OPT\_ESTIMATE hint (10g+): Undocumented
  - Extensible Optimizer (9i+): Below
- Extensible optimizer requires cardinality parameter in function

```
FUNCTION get_tab_ptf (in_cardinality IN INTEGER DEFAULT 1, ...)

RETURN t_sales_tbl_n PIPELINED ...
```

- Parameter isn't used anywhere in the function itself
- Create function statistics handling object type (next slide)
- Let Oracle use this type to provide function returned rows cardinality

```
SQL> ASSOCIATE STATISTICS WITH FUNCTIONS fn_sales_tbl USING t_pipelined_stats;
```

Provide cardinality during function invocation

```
SELECT ...
FROM TABLE(fn_sales_tbl(in_cardinality => 10, ...));
```

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### **Extensible Optimizer Object Type Example**

```
CREATE OR REPLACE TYPE BODY t pipelined stats AS
 STATIC FUNCTION ODCIGETINTERfaces (out interfaces OUT SYS.ODCIObjectList)
   RETURN NUMBER
 IS
 BEGIN
   out interfaces := SYS.ODCIObjectList(SYS.ODCIObject('SYS', 'ODCISTATS2'));
   RETURN ODCIConst.success;
 END ODCIGetInterfaces:
 STATIC FUNCTION ODCIStatsTableFunction(
                 in args IN SYS.ODCIArgDescList,
                 in cardinality IN INTEGER)
   RETURN NUMBER
 TS
 BEGIN
   out stats := SYS.ODCITabFuncStats();
   out stats.num rows := in cardinality;
   RETURN ODCIConst.success;
 END ODCIStatsTableFunction;
END;
```

#### **Implicit Shadow Type**

 Pipelined (unlike regular table functions) can base on record and table types defined in a package specification.

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PACKAGE pkg_sales IS

TYPE t_sales_rec IS RECORD ( ... );

TYPE t_sales_tbl IS TABLE OF t_sales_rec;

FUNCTION fn_sales_tbl(...) RETURN t_sales_tbl PIPELINED;

END;
```

- In this situation Oracle implicitly creates object types
  - To support the types required by the pipelined table function
  - This shadow types uses system generated names



# Pipelined Table Function ETL Pipelines

- Can be used in ETL transformation pipelines
- One function is source for another
- Step 1 function can get data from external table

```
PROCEDURE pro_load_data IS
BEGIN

EXECUTE IMMEDIATE 'ALTER SESSION ENABLE PARALLEL DML';

EXECUTE IMMEDIATE 'TRUNCATE TABLE dest_fct';

INSERT /*+ APPEND PARALLEL(t4, 5) */

INTO dest_fct t4

SELECT /*+ PARALLEL(t3, 5) */ *

FROM TABLE(fn_step_2(CURSOR(
SELECT /*+ PARALLEL(t2, 5) */ *

FROM TABLE(fn_step_1(CURSOR(
SELECT /*+ PARALLEL(t1, 5) */ *

FROM source_ext t1))) t2))) t3;

COMMIT;

END load_data;
```

# Parallel Execution PARALLEL\_ENABLE

- By default functions are executed serially
- Add PARALLEL\_ENABLE to your function
  - This tells Oracle that function do not share any session data
  - So many parallel slaves can run function independently in parallel query

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```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION fn_factorial(in_val INTEGER)
   RETURN INTEGER PARALLEL_ENABLE
IS
   l_minus1 PLS_INTEGER;
BEGIN
   l_minus1 := in_val - 1;
   IF (l_minus1 > 0)
   THEN
     RETURN in_val * fn_factorial(l_minus1);
   END IF;
   RETURN in_val;
END;
//
```

#### Parallel Execution

#### **Pipelined Table Function**

- PARTITION BY clause needed in pipelined function
  - If parallelized by PARALLEL\_ENABLE keyword
  - Used to define workload partitioning to parallel slaves

```
PARALLEL_ENABLE (PARTITION parameter-name BY [{HASH | RANGE} (column-list) | ANY ])
[ORDER | CLUSTER] parameter-name BY (column-list)
```

- Weakly typed ref cursors can only use the PARTITION BY ANY clause
  - ✓ Random partitioning sometime wrong distribution and results order

```
CREATE FUNCTION fn_sales_tbl(in_week_cur IN SYS_REFCURSOR)

RETURN t_sales_tbl_n

PARALLEL_ENABLE(PARTITION in_week_cur BY ANY) PIPELINED

IS ...
```

Range or Hash partitioning

√ best advantage - same key value -> same function instance

```
PARTITION in ref cur BY RANGE (cust name, categ name)
```

### Parallel Execution

#### **Pipelined Table Function**

- RANGE vs HASH
  - HASH uses hash function do map key value to function instance
  - Range maps function instances to range of key values
  - HASH is quicker than RANGE and usually used with CLUSTER keyword
- Order streaming option
  - To get input records from parameter ref cursor in selected order
  - To avoid e.g. incomplete summary per key calculated inside function

```
... PARTITION in_ref_cur BY RANGE (cust_name, categ_name)

ORDER in_ref_cur BY (cust_name)
```

- CLUSTER option
  - Only guarantee to deliver same key value together
  - Not guarantee order of delivering key value records groups



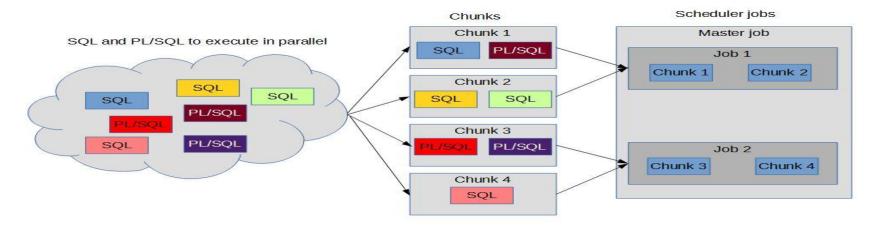
# Parallel Execution DBMS\_PARALLEL\_EXECUTE Purpose

- Enables data incremental parallel update in a large table
  - Group sets of rows in the table into smaller chunks.
  - Apply the desired UPDATE statement to the chunks in parallel,
     committing each time you have finished processing a chunk.
- Recommended when updating a lot of data
- Advantages
  - Lock only one set of rows at a time, for a relatively short time
  - You do not lose work if something fails before entire operation finishes
  - You reduce rollback space consumption
  - You improve performance



# Parallel Execution DBMS\_PARALLEL\_EXECUTE Overview

- Use only if Parallel DML is not enough
- Can execute SQL and PL/SQL code in parallel
- Uses background jobs similar to DBMS\_SCHEDULER but
  - Task (Master job) can be divided into many serial jobs (Job 1, Job2)



- Code or data is divided into chunks
- Chunks are distributed to jobs to load balance workload
- One job is executing chunks serially and sequentially

# Parallel Execution DBMS\_PARALLEL\_EXECUTE Example

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE pro updt salary ( in start rowid IN ROWID,
                                               in end rowid IN ROWID) IS
BEGIN
  UPDATE sales fct s
     SET s.salary = salary * 0.10
   WHERE s.rowid BETWEEN in start rowid AND in end rowid;
END;
dbms parallel execute.create task(task name => 'MyTask);
                                                       create chunks by rowid
dbms parallel execute.create chunks by rowid
                                                       create_chunks_by_number_col
 (task name => 'MyTask', table owner => USER,
                                                       create chunks by sql
  table name => 'SALES FCT', chunk size => 1000 );
dbms parallel execute.run task
  (task name => 'MyTask',
   sql stmt => 'BEGIN pro updt salary(:start id, :end id ); END; ',
   parallel level => 4 );
```

# **Topic Agenda**

### Miscellany PL/SQL Features

- Autonomous Transactions
- Calling a Java Class
- Mutating in Trigger



### **Autonomous Transaction**

#### **Overview**

- Leaving the calling transaction unfinished and unchanged
- Perform an independent transaction
- Return to the calling transaction without affecting it's state
- Cover all unit where defined
- Defined by adding on the beginning of declaration section
   PRAGMA AUTONOMOUS TRANSACTION;
- Available in
  - Stored procedure or function
  - Local procedure or function defined in a PL/SQL declaration block

```
PROCEDURE ...
IS
PRAGMA AUTONOMOUS_TRANSACTION;
```

- Packaged procedure or function
- Object type method
- Top-level anonymous block

```
DECLARE

PRAGMA AUTONOMOUS_TRANSACTION;
```

Trigger by using anonymous block



### **Autonomous Transaction**

#### Rules

- All SQL in pragma block and its subprograms belongs to it
- Pragma block must be finished by COMMIT or ROLLBACK

```
COMMIT;
END pro_appl_log;
```

- Exceptions raised in an autonomous transaction cause
  - a transaction-level rollback
  - not a statement-level rollback
- If called subprogram include pragma then have separate transaction
- Without pragma used
  - Only one transaction exist on database session in particular point of time
  - Commit or rollback in any PL/SQL code point finished old and start new transaction
  - All table modifications done in procedure is done on current session transaction
- Works almost like opening separate sub-session
  - Deadlock when attempts to access a resource held by the main transaction
  - Not see main transaction changes
  - Its modifications visible after commit

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## Calling a Java Class

#### Introduction

Oracle database can store Java classes and Java source

```
CREATE JAVA CLASS USING BFILE (java_dir, 'Agent.class')

/

CREATE JAVA SOURCE NAMED "Welcome"

AS public class Welcome {

  public static String welcome() {

    return "Welcome World"; } }

/

$ loadjava -u user/password@database [options]

file.java | file.class | file.jar | resourcefile | URL...
```

- Oracle provides many Java packages preinstalled
  - Can be used from our loaded java code e.g.

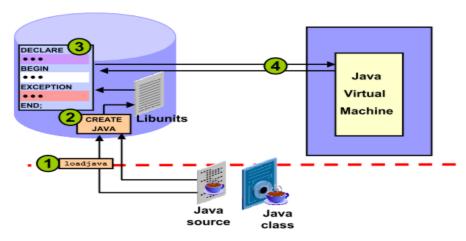
```
import java.sql.*;
import java.io.*;
import oracle.jdbc.*;
```

- DBMS\_JAVA Package Entry point for accessing RDBMS functionality from Java
- Documentation: Database Java Developer's Guide

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## Calling a Java Class

#### Calling Java Method From PL/SQL



Publish method as procedure, function or trigger with external body

Execute as PL/SQL unit



## Mutating

#### **Error**

- Oracle mutating error occurs during table DML when
  - PL/SQL function references table is used in SQL on the same table
  - trigger references the table that owns the trigger

```
"ORA-04091: table name is mutating, trigger/function may not see it."
```

- SQL statement can't see consistent snapshot of data
- To avoid this error in triggers
  - Don't use triggers
     use package subprograms or object-oriented methods
  - Use an "after" or "instead of" timings for statement level triggers
  - Use autonomous transactions
     Independent transaction not mutate tables
  - Use combination of row-level and statement-level triggers
    - √ Store rows processed info in collection from row level trigger
    - √ Use this info in statement level trigger
    - ✓ Global temporary table can be used instead of collection

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# Mutating Example

```
CREATE TABLE task_prc(id NUMBER(10), desc VARCHAR2(50));

CREATE TABLE task_audit(id NUMBER(10), actn VARCHAR2(10), tbl_id NUMBER(10), rec_cnt NUMBER(10), crtn_time TIMESTAMP);
```

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PACKAGE BODY pkg task AS
  PROCEDURE pro change (in id IN task prc.id%TYPE, in actn IN VARCHAR2) IS
    1 count NUMBER(10) := 0;
  BEGIN
    SELECT COUNT(*) INTO 1 count FROM task prc;
    INSERT INTO task audit(ID, actn, tbl id, rec cnt, crtn time)
      VALUES (task audit id seq.NEXTVAL, in actn, in id, 1 count, SYSTIMESTAMP);
 END;
END;
CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER task prc traiu
AFTER INSERT OR UPDATE ON task prc
FOR EACH ROW
BEGIN
  IF INSERTING THEN
   pkg task.pro change(in id => :new.id, in actn => 'INSERT');
 ELSE
   pkg task.pro change(in id => :new.id, in actn => 'UPDATE');
  END IF:
END;
INSERT INTO task prc(id, desc) VALUES (task audit id seq.NEXTVAL, 'ONE')
ORA-04091: table TASK PRC is mutating, trigger/function may
                                                                 see it
```

## **Mutating - Solution**

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PACKAGE BODY pkg task AS
  TYPE t change rec IS RECORD (
    ID task prc.ID%TYPE,
    actn task audit.actn%TYPE
  );
  TYPE t change tab IS TABLE OF t change rec;
  g change tab t change tab := t change tab();
  PROCEDURE pro change (in id IN task prc.id%TYPE, in actn IN VARCHAR2) IS
  BEGIN
    g change tab.EXTEND;
    g change tab(g change tab.LAST).id := in id;
    g change tab(q change tab.LAST).actn := in actn;
  END;
  PROCEDURE pro statement change IS
    l count NUMBER(10);
  BEGIN
    FOR i IN g change tab.first .. g change tab.last LOOP
       SELECT COUNT (*)
       INTO
             l count
       FROM
             task prc;
      INSERT INTO task audit (ID, actn, task id, rec cnt, crtn time)
      VALUES(task audit id seq.NEXTVAL, g change tab(i).actn, g change tab(i).id, l count, SYSTIMESTAMP);
    END LOOP;
    g change tab.delete;
 END;
END;
CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER task prc traiu
                                         All kind of table triggers can be
AFTER INSERT OR UPDATE ON task pro
                                         created as one Compound trigger
BEGIN
                                         e.g Statement and Row level triggers
  pkg task.pro stmt change;
END;
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```

# **Topic Agenda**

### **Profiling and Tracing**

- Tracing
- Profiling



## **Tracing**

#### **Tracing Session**

- Used to better understand the program execution path
- Trace session steps
  - Enable specific subprograms for tracing (optional)

```
ALTER SESSION SET PLSQL_DEBUG = TRUE;

CREATE OR REPLACE ....

ALTER [PROCEDURE | FUNCTION | PACKAGE] name COMPILE DEBUG [BODY];
```

Start tracing session

```
dbms_trace.set_plsql_trace(trace_level => constant1 + constant2 ...);
```

- Run application to be traced
- Stop tracing session

```
dbms_trace.clear_plsql_trace;
```



## **Tracing**

#### **Options**

- trace\_level INTEGER parameter
  - Provided as sum of \_all\_ or \_enabled\_ version constants
  - Trace-level constants:

```
trace all calls
trace all sql
trace all exceptions
trace all lines
trace enabled calls
trace enabled sql
trace enabled exceptions
trace enabled lines
trace stop
trace pause
trace resume
```



## **Tracing**

#### **Display Trace Information**

```
event_seq -- unique sequence number within run
event_time -- timestamp
event_unit -- unit where the event happened
event_line -- line in the unit where event happened
event_proc_name -- if not empty, procedure where event happened
proc name -- if not empty, name of procedure called
```

PROC_NAME	PROC_LINE	EVENT_PROC_NAME	EVENT_COMMENT
PRO_LOAD_TBL	1		Procedure Call
FN_GET_PARM	1	PRO_LOAD_TBL	Procedure Call
PRO_ADD_LOG	11	PRO_LOAD_TBL	Procedure Call
PRO_GET_DATA	15	PRO_LOAD_TBL	Procedure Call
PRO_ADD_LOG	18	PRO_LOAD_TBL	Procedure Call
PRO_GET_DATA	15	PRO_LOAD_TBL	Procedure Call
PRO_ADD_LOG	18	PRO_LOAD_TBL	Procedure Call



### Hierarchical Profiler

#### **Overview**

- Used to identify hotspots and performance tuning
- Reports the execution profile of a PL/SQL program
  - Organized in tree of subprograms calls
  - Reports SQL and PL/SQL execution
  - Reports number of calls and time sped in execution
  - Reports subprogram and any sub-tree under subprogram
  - Provides subprogram level summaries

#### Benefits:

- Provides more information than a flat profiler (DBMS\_PROFILER)
- Can be used to understand the complex programs structure and flow



# Hierarchical Profiler Using

- Data Collection Component
  - Part of the PL/SQL engine
  - Step 1 turn on profiler data collecting into text file

```
BEGIN

DBMS_HPROF.START_PROFILING('PROFILE_DIR', 'pro_load_tbl.txt');
```

Step 2 - run profiled PL/SQL unit

```
pro_pload_tbl( ... );
```

Step 3 - turn off profiler data collecting

```
DBMS_HPROF.START_PROFILING('PROFILE_DIR', 'pro_load_tbl.txt');
END;
```

### **Hierarchical Profiler**

#### **Using**

- Data Analyzer method 1 inside database tables
  - Create tables

```
SQL> @?/rdbms/admin/dbmshptab.sql
```

Run analyze

Execute query reports on tables

Table	Description		
DBMSHP_RUNS	Contains top-level information for each run command		
DBMSHP_FUNCTION_INFO	Contains information on each function profiled		
DBMSHP_PARENT_CHILD_INFO	Contains parent-child profiler information		

# Hierarchical Profiler Using

Analyzer optional parameters

```
DBMS HPROF.ANALYZE (
 location
         IN VARCHAR2,
 filename
       IN VARCHAR2,
 summary mode IN BOOLEAN
                                DEFAULT FALSE,
 trace
               TN VARCHAR2
                                DEFAULT NULL,
 skip
               IN PLS INTEGER DEFAULT 0,
 collect
               IN PLS INTEGER DEFAULT NULL,
               IN VARCHAR2
 run comment
                                DEFAULT NULL ) RETURN NUMBER;
```

- summary\_mode: (TRUE) generate only top-level summary
- trace: analyze only the subtrees rooted at the specified trace entry
- skip: analyzes only the subtrees but ignores first "skip" invocations
- collect: number of invocations to "collect" starting from "skip" + 1



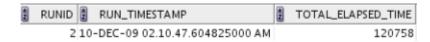


# Hierarchical Profiler

#### Using

#### Report Examples

SELECT runid, run\_timestamp, total\_elapsed\_time
FROM dbmshp\_runs WHERE runid = 2;



SELECT owner, module, type, function line#, namespace, calls FROM dbmshp function info WHERE runid = 2;

OWNER	MODULE	2 TYPE	LINE#	■ NAMESPACE	2 CALLS
(null)	(null)	(null)	anonymous_block	PLSQL	3
(null)	(null)	(null)	plsql_vm	PLSQL	3
OE	CREDIT_CARD_PKG	PACKAGE BODY	UPDATE_CARD_INFO	PLSQL	1
SYS	DBMS_HPROF	PACKAGE BODY	STOP_PROFILING	PLSQL	1
(null)	(null)	(null)	dyn_sql_exec_line5	SQL	1
OE	CREDIT_CARD_PKG	PACKAGE BODY	static_sql_exec_line21	SQL	1
OE	CREDIT_CARD_PKG	PACKAGE BODY	static_sql_exec_line9	SQL	1

# Hierarchical Profiler Using

- Data Analyzer method 2 HTML Report Generator
  - generate simple HTML reports directly from the raw profiler file
  - HTML reports can be browsed in any web browser
  - Navigational capabilities combined with the links
  - Analyze multilevel PL/SQL performance profile from one HTML report
  - plshprof command-line utility
    - ✓ On OS shell change current directory to row profiler file directory
    - ✓ HTML output will be generated to current directory

```
plshprof [option...] input_raw_file output_file_name
```

✓ The main output file name.html file and other html files will be generated.

Open main html file in web brawser



## Hierarchical Profiler

#### **Using**

Main HTML file

#### PL/SQL Elapsed Time (microsecs) Analysis

120758 microsecs (elapsed time) & 11 function calls

The PL/SQL Hierarchical Profiler produces a collection of reports that present information derived from the profiler's output log in a variety of formats. The following reports have been found to be the most generally useful as starting points for browsing:

- Function Elapsed Time (microsecs) Data sorted by Total Subtree Elapsed Time (microsecs)
- Function Elapsed Time (microsecs) Data sorted by Total Function Elapsed Time (microsecs)

#### In addition, the following reports are also available:

- · Function Elapsed Time (microsecs) Data sorted by Function Name
- Function Elapsed Time (microsecs) Data sorted by Total Descendants Elapsed Time (microsecs)
- Function Elapsed Time (microsecs) Data sorted by Total Function Call Count
- Function Elapsed Time (microsecs) Data sorted by Mean Subtree Elapsed Time (microsecs)
- Function Elapsed Time (microsecs) Data sorted by Mean Function Elapsed Time (microsecs)
- Function Elapsed Time (microsecs) Data sorted by Mean Descendants Elapsed Time (microsecs)
- Module Elapsed Time (microsecs) Data sorted by Total Function Elapsed Time (microsecs)



# Hierarchical Profiler

**Using** 

useful as starting points for browsing:

by \_ module

- Function Elapsed Time (microsecs) Data sorted by Total Subtree Elapsed Time (microsecs)
- Function Elapsed Time (microsecs) Data sorted by Total Function Elapsed Time (microsecs)

# Function Elapsed Time (microsecs) Data sorted by Total Subtree Elapsed Time (microsecs)

120758 microsecs (elapsed time) & 11 function calls

drill down

	Subtree	Ind%	Function	Ind%	Descendants	Ind%	Calls	Ind%	Function Name
	120758	100%	17	0.0%	120741	100%	3	27.3%	_plsql_vm
	120741	100%	1323	1.1%	119418	98.9%	3	27.3%	anonymous_block
	119292	98.8%	170	0.1%	119122	98.6%	1	9.1%	OE.CREDIT_CARD_PKG.UPDATE_CARD_INFO (Line 3)
	92954	77.0%	92954	77.0%	0	0.0%	1	9.1%	OE.CREDIT_CARD_PKGstatic_sql_exec_line9 (Line 9)
	26168	21.7%	26168	21.7%	0	0.0%	1	9.1%	OE.CREDIT_CARD_PKGstatic_sql_exec_line21 (Line 21)
	126	0.1%	126	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	9.1%	dyn_sql_exec_line5 (Line 5)
	θ	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	9.1%	SYS.DBMS_HPROF.STOP_PROFILING (Line 59)
- 1									

## **Training Agenda**

- Not included
  - Finding PL/SQL Code Information
  - Debugging PL/SQL Code
  - DBMS\_METADATA Package
  - Job Scheduler DBMS\_SCHEDULE
  - Manipulating LOB Data
  - XML Database Features



# **Q & A**



### **PL/SQL Resources**

Oracle Database Documentation Library

http://docs.oracle.com/cd/E11882 01/index.htm

Oracle Advanced PL/SQL Developer Professional Guide

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O'REILLY - Oracle PL/SQL Programming

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