

Summary of the Fix for Package Function Visibility

The Problem

Ora2Pg couldn't tell which package functions were public (declared in the SPEC) and which were private (only inside the BODY).

Because of that, it ended up creating standalone PostgreSQL functions for everything — both public and private ones.

Now, Ora2Pg did try to handle visibility by adding a “REVOKE ALL ...” line, but since it didn’t know which ones were actually public or private, it commented those lines out with “--”.

So the user had to manually go and uncomment the REVOKE lines for private helper functions after conversion.

This was messy as private functions were getting exposed in PostgreSQL, breaking the package encapsulation and also creating a security risk.

The Fix – Two Pass Approach

I fixed this using a simple two-pass method, kind of like using a guest list.

Pass 1 – Build the guest list (change made in _convert_package)

When Ora2Pg parses the PACKAGE SPEC, it now goes through and collects all the names of the functions and procedures declared there.

These are considered public, and I store them in a hash called self->{package_public}.

This acts like a guest list of routines that are allowed to stay public.

Pass 2 – Check the list (in `_convert_function`)

Later, when each function is being converted:

- I removed the old commented-out revoke code.
- Added a new if-check that acts like a “bouncer”.

If the function is on the guest list (public), nothing happens.

If it's not on the list (private), it automatically adds:

`REVOKE ALL ON FUNCTION ... FROM PUBLIC;`

So now private functions are still created (so public ones can call them), but they're not exposed to the outside anymore.

No manual fixing needed , Ora2Pg now handles it correctly on its own.

Code Changes

1. Collecting public routines (in `convert_package`)

Collect public function/procedure names from the SPEC

```
MY $PUB_DECL = $GLOB_DECLARE;
$SELF->_REMOVE_COMMENTS($PUB_DECL);
$SELF->{PACKAGE_PUBLIC}{LC($PNAME)} ||= {};
WHILE ($PUB_DECL =~ /\B(PROCEDURE|FUNCTION)\s+([^\s()]+)\B/g) {
    MY $N = $2;
    $N =~ s/^.*//;
    $N =~ s://"g;
    NEXT IF (!$N);
    $SELF->{PACKAGE_PUBLIC}{LC($PNAME)}{LC($N)} = 1;
}
```

2. Applying the REVOKE logic (in `convert_function`)

Generate REVOKE only for private routines inside packages

```
IF ($PNAME) {  
    MY $PKG_LC = LC($PNAME);  
    MY $FN_LC = LC($FCT_DETAIL{NAME});  
    IF (!EXISTS $SELF->{PACKAGE_PUBLIC}{$PKG_LC}{$FN_LC}) {  
        $REVOKE = "REVOKE ALL ON $TYPE $NAME $FCT_DETAIL{ARGS} FROM PUBLIC;\n";  
        $REVOKE .= "REVOKE ALL ON $TYPE $NAME$AT_SUFFIX $FCT_DETAIL{ARGS} FROM  
        PUBLIC;\n" IF ($AT_SUFFIX);  
    }  
}
```

Result

Before the fix:

- Ora2Pg didn't know public vs private functions.
- REVOKE lines were commented out.
- Private helper functions were exposed.

After the fix:

- Ora2Pg detects public vs private correctly.
- REVOKE is automatically added for private routines.
- Package encapsulation is preserved.
- No manual edits needed after export.

Summary

Now Ora2Pg behaves more like Oracle packages, public APIs stay open, private helper routines stay internal.

This fix makes the conversion cleaner, safer, and fully automatic.

SCREENSHOTS

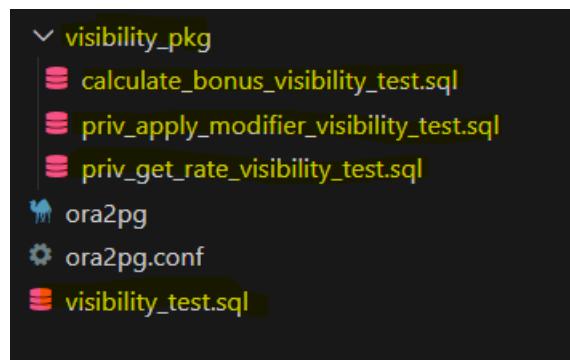
BEFORE MAKING THE FIX IN ORA2PG CODEBASE:

1. visibility_test.sql -- TESTCASE

```
visibility_test.sql
1  CREATE OR REPLACE PACKAGE visibility_pkg AS
2    FUNCTION calculate_bonus (p_salary IN NUMBER) RETURN NUMBER;
3  END visibility_pkg;
4 /
5
6  CREATE OR REPLACE PACKAGE BODY visibility_pkg AS
7    FUNCTION priv_get_rate RETURN NUMBER IS
8      BEGIN
9        RETURN 0.10;
10    END;
11
12   FUNCTION priv_apply_modifier (p_base_rate IN NUMBER) RETURN NUMBER IS
13     v_modifier NUMBER := 1.0;
14   BEGIN
15     RETURN p_base_rate * v_modifier;
16   END;
17
18   FUNCTION calculate_bonus (p_salary IN NUMBER) RETURN NUMBER IS
19     v_rate NUMBER;
20   BEGIN
21     v_rate := priv_apply_modifier(priv_get_rate());
22     RETURN p_salary * v_rate;
23   END;
24 END visibility_pkg;
25 /
26
```

2. MIGRATION BY CURRENT ORA2PG:

```
GIN PS C:\Users\anand\OneDrive\Desktop\Learning--docker\oraclepostgres--together\ora2pg-25.0\scripts\testfinal\config\new\new\edgecases\implicitcursorattributesbugs\refcursortest\packagetest\privatetest> ora2pg -o visibility_test.sql -c ora2pg.conf
END [2025-11-09 09:42:33] [=====] 1/1 packages (100.0%) end of output.
```



visibility_test.sql

```
=====
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```

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```

```
SET
```

```
CLIENT_ENCODING TO 'UTF8';
```

```
\SET ON_ERROR_STOP
```

ON

DROP SCHEMA IF
EXISTS VISIBILITY_PKG CASCADE;
CREATE SCHEMA IF
NOT EXISTS VISIBILITY_PKG;

\I

VISIBILITY_PKG/PRIV_GET_RATE_VISIBILITY_TEST.SQL

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VISIBILITY_PKG/PRIV_APPLY_MODIFIER_VISIBILITY_TEST.SQL

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VISIBILITY_PKG/CALCULATE_BONUS_VISIBILITY_TEST.SQL

visibility_pkg\priv_get_rate_visibility_test.sql

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SET

```
CLIENT_ENCODING TO 'UTF8';  
  
SET SEARCH_PATH =  
  
VISIBILITY_PKG, PUBLIC;
```

CREATE OR REPLACE

```
FUNCTION VISIBILITY_PKG.PRIV_GET_RATE()
```

```
RETURNS BIGINT AS
```

```
$BODY$
```

```
BEGIN
```

```
    RETURN 5; -- THE ACTUAL BONUS RATE
```

```
END;
```

```
$BODY$
```

```
LANGUAGE PLPGSQL
```

```
SECURITY DEFINER;
```

```
-- REVOKE ALL ON
```

```
FUNCTION VISIBILITY_PKG.PRIV_GET_RATE() FROM PUBLIC;
```

visibility_pkg\priv_apply_modifier_visibility_test.sql

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SET

CLIENT_ENCODING TO 'UTF8';

SET SEARCH_PATH =

VISIBILITY_PKG, PUBLIC;

CREATE OR REPLACE

FUNCTION VISIBILITY_PKG.PRIV_APPLY_MODIFIER(P_BASE_RATE BIGINT)

RETURNS BIGINT AS

\$BODY\$

DECLARE

V_MODIFIER BIGINT := 2.0; -- EXAMPLE MODIFIER

BEGIN

-- THIS PRIVATE FUNCTION CALLS ANOTHER

PRIVATE FUNCTION

RETURN P_BASE_RATE * V_MODIFIER;

END;

\$BODY\$

LANGUAGE PLPGSQL

SECURITY DEFINER

STABLE;

-- REVOKE ALL ON

FUNCTION VISIBILITY_PKG.PRIV_APPLY_MODIFIER(P_BASE_RATE BIGINT) FROM PUBLIC;

visibility_pkg\calculate_bonus_visibility_test.sql

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SET

CLIENT_ENCODING TO 'UTF8';

SET SEARCH_PATH =

VISIBILITY_PKG, PUBLIC;

CREATE OR REPLACE

FUNCTION VISIBILITY_PKG.CALCULATE_BONUS(P_SALARY BIGINT)

RETURNS BIGINT AS

\$BODY\$

DECLARE

V_RATE BIGINT;

BEGIN

-- PUBLIC CALLS LEVEL 1 PRIVATE

V_RATE :=

VISIBILITY_PKG.PRIV_APPLY_MODIFIER(

VISIBILITY_PKG.PRIV_GET_RATE()

); -- CALLS BOTH PRIVATE FUNCTIONS INDIRECTLY

```
RETURN P_SALARY * V_RATE;  
END;  
$BODY$
```

LANGUAGE PLPGSQL
SECURITY DEFINER
STABLE;

-- REVOKE ALL ON

FUNCTION VISIBILITY_PKG.CALCULATE_BONUS(**P_SALARY BIGINT**) **FROM PUBLIC;**

```
PS C:\Users\anand\OneDrive\Desktop\learning--docker\oraclepostgres--together\ora2pg-25.0\scripts\testfinal\config\new\new new\edg
ases\implicitcursorattributesbugs\refcursortest\packagetest\privatetest\TEST> docker exec -it postgres-db psql -U user -d migrated_
db -f /tmp/visibility_test.sql
SET
SET
psql:/tmp/visibility_test.sql:13: NOTICE:  drop cascades to 3 other objects
DETAIL:  drop cascades to function visibility_pkg.priv_get_rate()
drop cascades to function visibility_pkg.priv_apply_modifier(bigint)
drop cascades to function visibility_pkg.calculate_bonus(bigint)
DROP SCHEMA
CREATE SCHEMA
SET
SET
CREATE FUNCTION
SET
SET
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SET
SET
CREATE FUNCTION
PS C:\Users\anand\OneDrive\Desktop\learning--docker\oraclepostgres--together\ora2pg-25.0\scripts\testfinal\config\new\new new\edg
ases\implicitcursorattributesbugs\refcursortest\packagetest\privatetest\TEST> |
```

CREATING A NEW USER FOR TESTING:

```
PS C:\Users\anand\OneDrive\Desktop\learning--docker\oraclepostgres--together\ora2pg-25.0\scripts\testfinal\config\new\new\new\edgecases\implicitcursorattributesbugs\refcursortest\packagetest\privatetest\TEST> docker exec -it postgres-db psql -U user -d migrated_db -c "CREATE ROLE test_user_2 LOGIN PASSWORD 'password';"  
CREATE ROLE  
PS C:\Users\anand\OneDrive\Desktop\learning--docker\oraclepostgres--together\ora2pg-25.0\scripts\testfinal\config\new\new\new\edgecases\implicitcursorattributesbugs\refcursortest\packagetest\privatetest\TEST> docker exec -it postgres-db psql -U user -d migrated_db -c "GRANT CONNECT ON DATABASE migrated_db TO test_user_2;"  
GRANT
```

CURRENT WRONG BEHAVIOUR

```
PS C:\Users\anand\OneDrive\Desktop\learning--docker\oraclepostgres--together\ora2pg-25.0\scripts\testfinal\config\new\new\edgecases\implicitcursorattributesbugs\refcursorsortest\packagetest\privatetest> docker exec -it postgres-db psql -U user -d migrated_db -c "GRANT USAGE ON SCHEMA visibility_pkg TO test_user_2;"  
GRANT  
PS C:\Users\anand\OneDrive\Desktop\learning--docker\oraclepostgres--together\ora2pg-25.0\scripts\testfinal\config\new\new\edgecases\implicitcursorattributesbugs\refcursorsortest\packagetest\privatetest> docker exec -it postgres-db psql -U user -d migrated_db -c "GRANT EXECUTE ON FUNCTION visibility_pkg.calculate_bonus(bigint) TO test_user_2;"  
GRANT  
PS C:\Users\anand\OneDrive\Desktop\Learning--docker\oraclepostgres--together\ora2pg-25.0\scripts\testfinal\config\new\new\edgecases\implicitcursorattributesbugs\refcursorsortest\packagetest\privatetest> docker exec -it postgres-db psql -U test_user_2 -d migrated_db -c "SELECT visibility_pkg.calculate_bonus(8);"  
calculate_bonus  
88  
(1 row)  
PS C:\Users\anand\OneDrive\Desktop\learning--docker\oraclepostgres--together\ora2pg-25.0\scripts\testfinal\config\new\new\edgecases\implicitcursorattributesbugs\refcursorsortest\packagetest\privatetest> docker exec -it postgres-db psql -U test_user_2 -d migrated_db -c "SELECT visibility_pkg.priv_get_rate();"  
priv_get_rate  
-----  
5  
(1 row)
```

It's because Ora2Pg doesn't know how to distinguish between private and public functions inside a package, so even though it injects a REVOKE statement, it ends up adding it to all functions and procedures. Since it can't risk revoking permissions from the public ones, it's forced to comment out those REVOKE lines, leaving it to the user to manually uncomment them later, which is messy and error-prone.

OUTPUT AFTER MY FIX:

Running ora2pg:

```
PS C:\Users\anand\OneDrive\Desktop\learning--docker\oraclepostgres--together\ora2pg-25.0\scripts\testfinal\config\new\new\edgecases\implicitcursorattributesbugs\refcursorsortest\packagetest\privatetest> ora2pg -o visibility_test.sql -c ora2pg.conf  
[2025-11-09 15:34:28] [=====] 1/1 packages (100.0%) end of output.  
PS C:\Users\anand\OneDrive\Desktop\Learning--docker\oraclepostgres--together\ora2pg-25.0\scripts\testfinal\config\new\new\edgecases\implicitcursorattributesbugs\refcursorsortest\packagetest\privatetest>
```

MIGRATED SQL GIVEN BY MODIFIED ORA2PG:

visibility_output.sql

```
=====  
=
```

```
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```

```
SET  
  
CLIENT_ENCODING TO 'UTF8';  
  
\SET ON_ERROR_STOP  
  
ON
```

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```

```
SET CLIENT_ENCODING TO 'UTF8';  
  
\SET ON_ERROR_STOP ON
```

```
-- ORACLE PACKAGE 'VISIBILITY_PKG' DECLARATION, PLEASE EDIT TO MATCH PostgreSQL  
SYNTAX.
```

```
DROP SCHEMA IF EXISTS VISIBILITY_PKG CASCADE;  
  
CREATE SCHEMA IF NOT EXISTS VISIBILITY_PKG;
```

```
\I /TMP/VISIBILITY_PKG/PRIV_GET_RATE_VISIBILITY_OUTPUT.SQL  
\I /TMP/VISIBILITY_PKG/PRIV_APPLY_MODIFIER_VISIBILITY_OUTPUT.SQL  
\I /TMP/VISIBILITY_PKG/CALCULATE_BONUS_VISIBILITY_OUTPUT.SQL
```

```
-- END OF ORACLE PACKAGE 'VISIBILITY_PKG' DECLARATION
```

visibility_pkg\priv_get_rate_visibility_test.sql

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```

```
SET CLIENT_ENCODING TO 'UTF8';  
SET SEARCH_PATH = VISIBILITY_PKG,PUBLIC;
```

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION VISIBILITY_PKG.PRIV_GET_RATE () RETURNS BIGINT AS  
$BODY$  
BEGIN  
    RETURN 5.00;  
END;  
$BODY$
```

```
LANGUAGE PLPGSQL
```

```
SECURITY DEFINER
```

```
STABLE;
```

```
REVOKE ALL ON FUNCTION VISIBILITY_PKG.PRIV_GET_RATE () FROM PUBLIC;
```

visibility_pkg\calculate_bonus_visibility_test.sql

```
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```

```
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```

```
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```

```
SET CLIENT_ENCODING TO 'UTF8';
```

```
SET SEARCH_PATH = VISIBILITY_PKG,PUBLIC;
```

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION VISIBILITY_PKG.CALCULATE_BONUS (P_SALARY BIGINT)
RETURNS BIGINT AS $BODY$
```

```
DECLARE
```

```
V_RATE BIGINT;
```

```
BEGIN
```

```
V_RATE := VISIBILITY_PKG.PRIV_APPLY_MODIFIER(VISIBILITY_PKG.PRIV_GET_RATE());
```

```
    RETURN P_SALARY * V_RATE;  
END;  
$BODY$  
LANGUAGE PLPGSQL  
SECURITY DEFINER  
STABLE;
```

visibility_pkg\priv_apply_modifier_visibility_output.sql

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```

```
SET CLIENT_ENCODING TO 'UTF8';  
SET SEARCH_PATH = VISIBILITY_PKG,PUBLIC;
```

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION VISIBILITY_PKG.PRIV_APPLY_MODIFIER (P_BASE_RATE  
BIGINT) RETURNS BIGINT AS $BODY$
```

```
DECLARE
```

```
    V_MODIFIER BIGINT := 2.0;
```

```
BEGIN  
    RETURN P_BASE_RATE * V_MODIFIER;  
END;  
$BODY$
```

LANGUAGE PLPGSQL

SECURITY DEFINER

STABLE;

```
REVOKE ALL ON FUNCTION VISIBILITY_PKG.PRIV_APPLY_MODIFIER (P_BASE_RATE BIGINT)  
FROM PUBLIC;
```

```
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calculate_bonus  
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(1 row)  
  
PS C:\Users\anand\OneDrive\Desktop\learning--docker\oraclepostgres--together\ora2pg-25.0\scripts\testfinal\config\new\new\edgecases\implicitcursorattributesbugs\refcursortest\packagetest\privatetest> docker exec -it postgres-db psql -U test_user_2 -d migrated_db -c "SELECT visibility_pkg.priv_get_rate();"  
ERROR: permission denied for function priv_get_rate  
PS C:\Users\anand\OneDrive\Desktop\learning--docker\oraclepostgres--together\ora2pg-25.0\scripts\testfinal\config\new\new\edgecases\implicitcursorattributesbugs\refcursortest\packagetest\privatetest>
```