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Introduction

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Lesson Objectives

After completing this lesson, you should be able to do the following:

- Discuss the goals of the course
- Identify the available environments that can be used in this course
- Describe the HR database schema that is used in the course
- Review the basic features of SQL Developer
- List the available appendices, documentation, and other resources

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Lesson Aim

This lesson gives you a high-level overview of the course and its flow. You learn about the database schema and the tables that the course uses. You are also introduced to different products in the Oracle 11g grid infrastructure.

Course Objectives

After completing this course, you should be able to do the following:

- Identify the programming extensions that PL/SQL provides to SQL
- Write PL/SQL code to interface with the database
- Design PL/SQL anonymous blocks that execute efficiently
- Use PL/SQL programming constructs and conditional control statements
- Handle run-time errors
- Describe stored procedures and functions

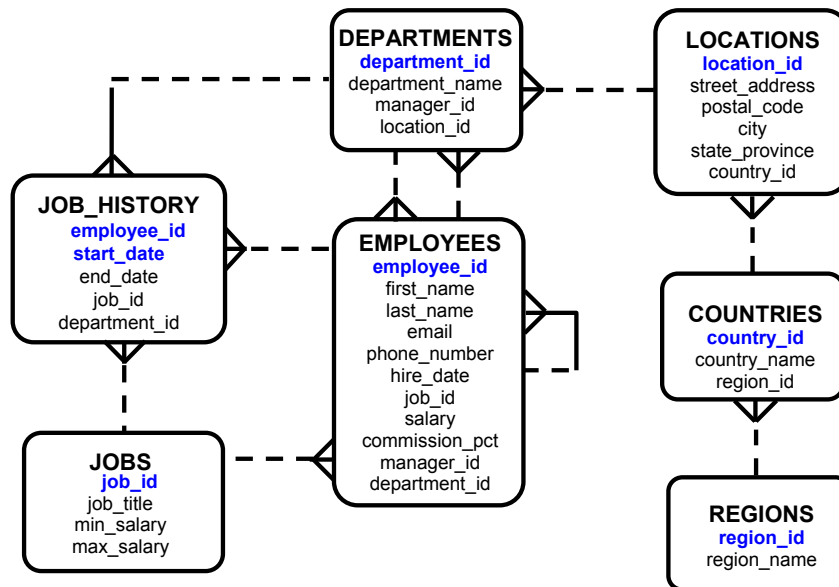
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Course Objectives

This course presents the basics of PL/SQL. You learn about PL/SQL syntax, blocks, and programming constructs and about the advantages of integrating SQL with those constructs. You learn how to write PL/SQL program units and execute them efficiently. In addition, you learn how to use SQL Developer as a development environment for PL/SQL. You also learn how to design reusable program units, such as procedures and functions.

Human Resources (HR) Schema for This Course



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Human Resources (HR) Schema Description

The Human Resources (HR) schema is part of the Oracle Sample Schemas that can be installed in an Oracle database. The practice sessions in this course use data from the HR schema.

Table Descriptions

- **REGIONS** contains rows that represent a region such as Americas, Asia, and so on.
- **COUNTRIES** contains rows for countries, each of which is associated with a region.
- **LOCATIONS** contains the specific address of a specific office, warehouse, or production site of a company in a particular country.
- **DEPARTMENTS** shows details about the departments in which employees work. Each department may have a relationship representing the department manager in the **EMPLOYEES** table.
- **EMPLOYEES** contains details about each employee working for a department. Some employees may not be assigned to any department.
- **JOBS** contains the job types that can be held by each employee.
- **JOB_HISTORY** contains the job history of the employees. If an employee changes departments within a job or changes jobs within a department, then a new row is inserted into this table with the old job information of the employee.

Course Agenda

Day 1:

1. Introduction
1. Introduction to PL/SQL
2. Declaring PL/SQL Variables
3. Writing Executable Statements
4. Interacting with the Oracle Database Server
5. Writing Control Structures

Day 2:

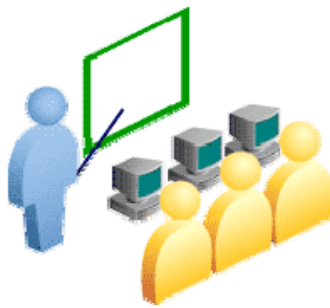
6. Working with Composite Data Types
7. Using Explicit Cursors
8. Handling Exceptions
9. Creating Stored Procedures and Functions

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Class Account Information

- Cloned HR account IDs are set up for you.
- Your account IDs are ora41-ora60.
- The password matches your account ID.
- Each machine is assigned one account.
- The instructor has a separate ID.



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Appendixes Used in This Course

- Appendix A: Practice Solutions
- Appendix B: Table Descriptions and Data
- Appendix C: Using SQL Developer
- Appendix D: Using SQL*Plus
- Appendix E: Using JDeveloper
- Appendix F: REF Cursors
- Additional Practices
- Additional Practice Solutions

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PL/SQL Development Environments

This course setup provides the following tools for developing PL/SQL code:

- Oracle SQL Developer (used in this course)
- Oracle SQL*Plus
- Oracle JDeveloper IDE

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PL/SQL Development Environments

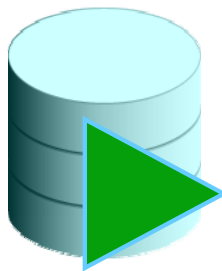
Oracle provides several tools that can be used to write PL/SQL code. Some of the development tools that are available for use in this course:

- **Oracle SQL Developer:** A graphical tool
- **Oracle SQL*Plus:** A window or command-line application
- **Oracle JDeveloper:** A window-based integrated development environment (IDE)

Note: The code and screen examples presented in the course notes were generated from output in the SQL Developer environment.

What Is Oracle SQL Developer?

- Oracle SQL Developer is a free graphical tool that enhances productivity and simplifies database development tasks.
- You can connect to any target Oracle database schema using standard Oracle database authentication.
- You will use SQL Developer in this course.



SQL Developer

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What Is Oracle SQL Developer?

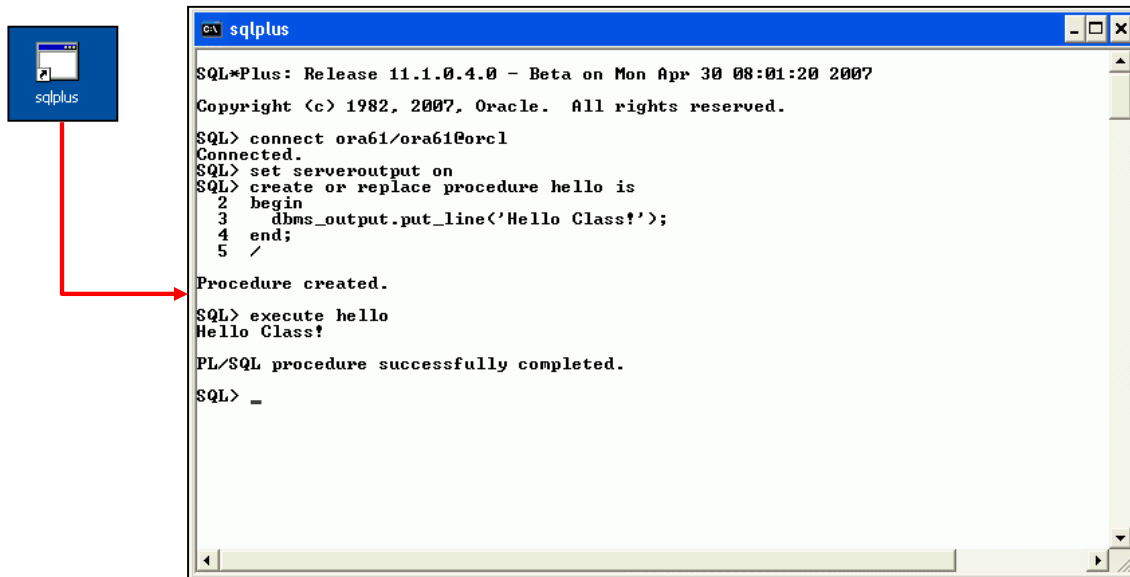
Oracle SQL Developer is a free graphical tool designed to improve your productivity and simplify the development of everyday database tasks. With just a few clicks, you can easily create and maintain stored procedures, test SQL statements, and view optimizer plans.

SQL Developer, the visual tool for database development, simplifies the following tasks:

- Browsing and managing database objects
- Executing SQL statements and scripts
- Editing and debugging PL/SQL statements
- Creating reports

You can connect to any target Oracle database schema using standard Oracle database authentication. When connected, you can perform operations on objects in the database.

Coding PL/SQL in SQL*Plus



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Coding PL/SQL in SQL*Plus

Oracle SQL*Plus is a graphical user interface (GUI) or command-line application that enables you to submit SQL statements and PL/SQL blocks for execution and receive the results in an application or a command window.

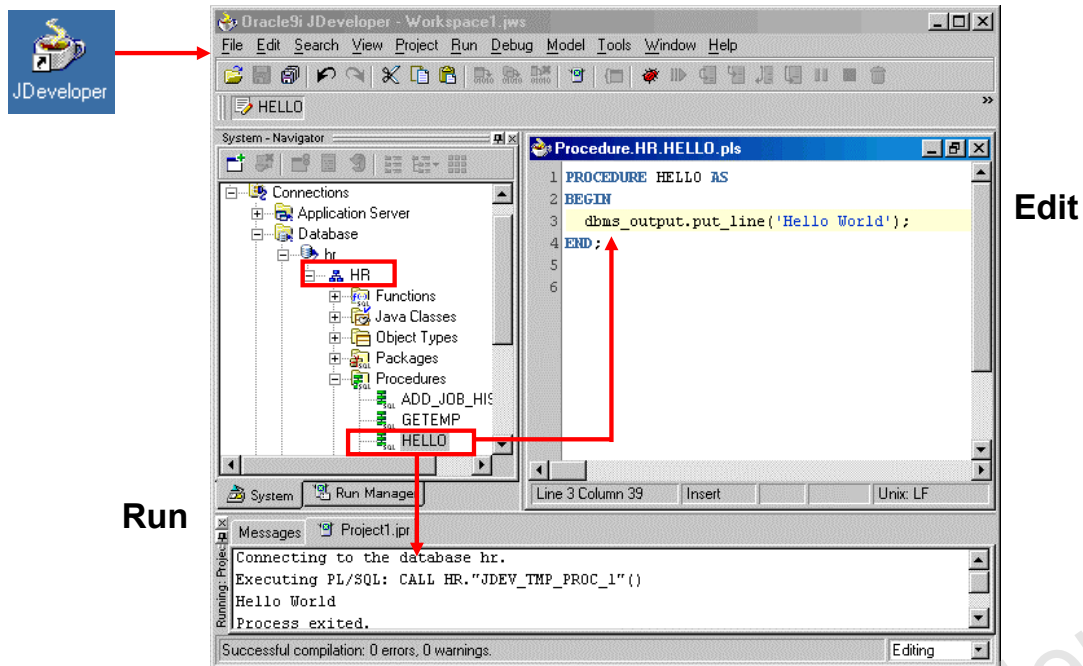
SQL*Plus is:

- Shipped with the database
- Installed on a client and on the database server system
- Accessed from an icon or the command line

When coding PL/SQL subprograms using SQL*Plus, remember the following:

- You create subprograms by using the CREATE SQL statement.
- You execute subprograms by using either an anonymous PL/SQL block or the EXECUTE command.
- If you use the DBMS_OUTPUT package procedures to print text to the screen, you must first execute the SET SERVEROUTPUT ON command in your session.

Coding PL/SQL in Oracle JDeveloper



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Coding PL/SQL in Oracle JDeveloper

Oracle JDeveloper allows developers to create, edit, test, and debug PL/SQL code by using a sophisticated GUI. Oracle JDeveloper is a part of Oracle Developer Suite and is also available as a separate product.

When coding PL/SQL in JDeveloper, consider the following:

- You first create a database connection to enable JDeveloper to access a database schema owner for the subprograms.
- You can then use the JDeveloper context menus on the Database connection to create a new subprogram construct using the built-in JDeveloper Code Editor. The JDeveloper Code Editor provides an excellent environment for PL/SQL development, with features such as the following:
 - Different colors for syntactical components of the PL/SQL language
 - Code insight to rapidly locate procedures and functions in supplied packages
- You invoke a subprogram by using a Run command on the context menu for the named subprogram. The output appears in the JDeveloper Log Message window, as shown in the lower portion of the screenshot.

Note: JDeveloper provides color-coding syntax in the JDeveloper Code Editor and is sensitive to PL/SQL language constructs and statements.

Starting SQL Developer and Creating a Database Connection

The screenshot illustrates the process of starting SQL Developer and creating a database connection, with five numbered steps:

- 1**: The SQL Developer 1.2 icon is shown in the top left corner.
- 2**: The 'New Connection' option is selected in the 'Connections' pane on the left.
- 3**: The 'New / Select Database Connection' dialog box is displayed, showing the configuration for a new connection named 'ora42'. The configuration includes: Username: ora42, Password: ****, Save Password: checked, Role: default, Connection Type: Basic (selected), Hostname: localhost, Port: 1521, and SID (selected) with value 'orcl'.
- 4**: The 'Test' button is clicked to verify the connection.
- 5**: The 'Connect' button is clicked to establish the connection.

The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Status : Success'.

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To create a database connection, perform the following steps:

1. Double-click <your_path>\sqldeveloper\sqldeveloper.exe.
2. On the Connections tabbed page, right-click Connections and select New Connection.
3. Enter the connection name, username, password, host name, and SID for the database you want to connect to.
4. Click Test to make sure that the connection has been set correctly.
5. Click Connect.

On the basic tabbed page, at the bottom, enter the following options:

- **Hostname:** Host system for the Oracle database
- **Port:** Listener port
- **SID:** Database name
- **Service name:** Network service name for a remote database connection

If you select the Save Password check box, the password is saved to an XML file. So, after you close the SQL Developer connection and open it again, you will not be prompted for the password.

Creating Schema Objects

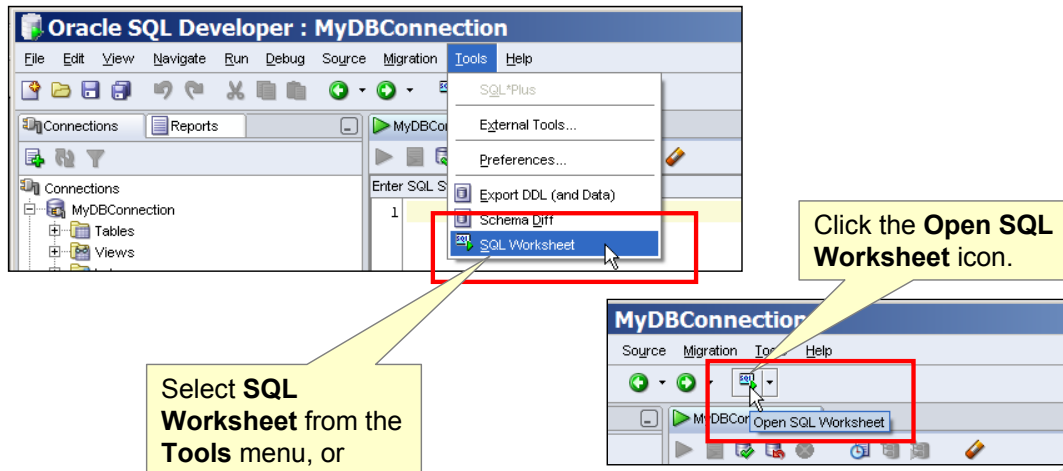
- You can create any schema object in SQL Developer using one of the following methods:
 - Executing a SQL statement in the SQL Worksheet
 - Using the context menu
- Edit the objects using an edit dialog box or one of the many context-sensitive menus.
- View the DDL for adjustments such as creating a new object or editing an existing schema object.

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Using the SQL Worksheet

- Use the SQL Worksheet to enter and execute SQL, PL/SQL, and SQL *Plus statements.
- Specify any actions that can be processed by the database connection associated with the worksheet.



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Using the SQL Worksheet

When you connect to a database, a SQL Worksheet window for that connection is automatically opened. You can use the SQL Worksheet to enter and execute SQL, PL/SQL, and SQL*Plus statements. The SQL Worksheet supports SQL*Plus statements to a certain extent. SQL*Plus statements that are not supported by the SQL Worksheet are ignored and not passed to the database.

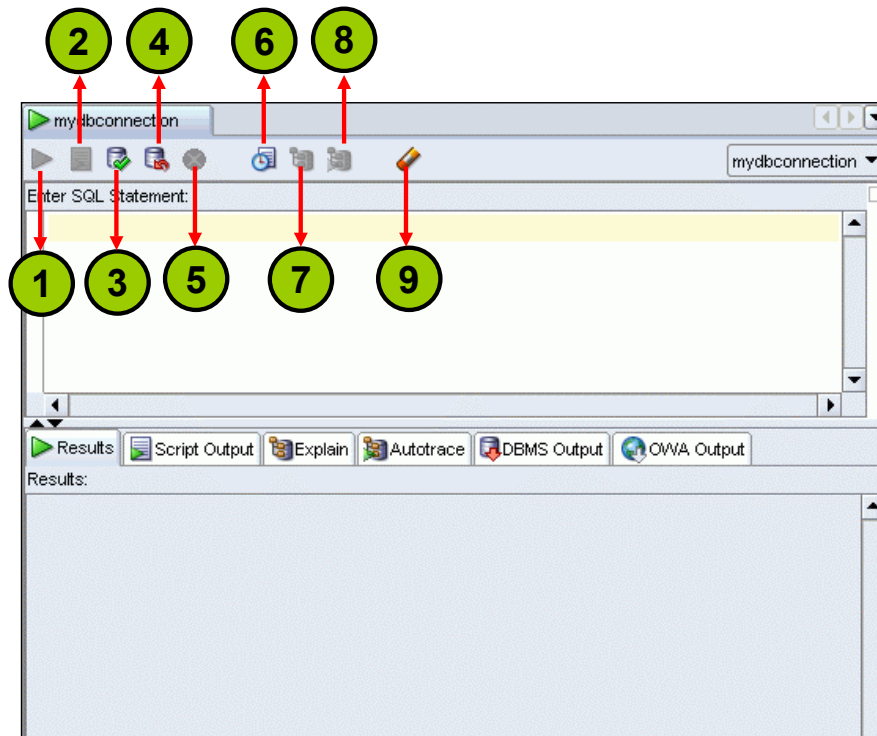
You can specify any actions that can be processed by the database connection associated with the worksheet, such as:

- Creating a table
- Inserting data
- Creating and editing a trigger
- Selecting data from a table
- Saving the selected data to a file

You can display a SQL Worksheet by using any of the following:

- Select **Tools > SQL Worksheet**.
- Click the **Open SQL Worksheet** icon.

Using the SQL Worksheet



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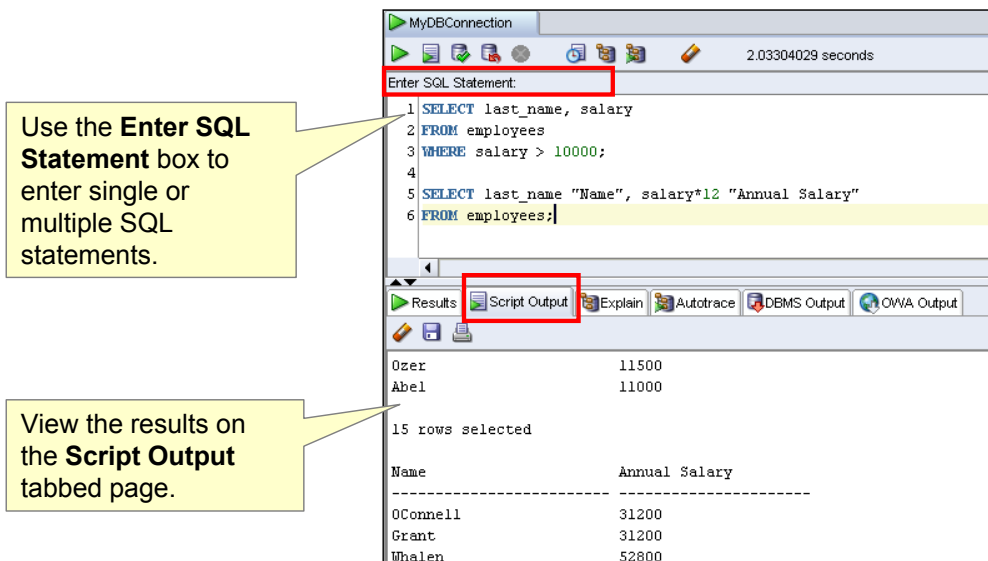
Using the SQL Worksheet (continued)

You may want to use the shortcut keys or icons to perform certain tasks such as executing a SQL statement, running a script, and viewing the history of SQL statements that you have executed. You can use the SQL Worksheet toolbar that contains icons to perform the following tasks:

1. **Execute Statement:** Executes the statement at the cursor in the Enter SQL Statement box. You can use bind variables in the SQL statements, but not substitution variables.
2. **Run Script:** Executes all statements in the Enter SQL Statement box using the Script Runner. You can use substitution variables in the SQL statements, but not bind variables.
3. **Commit:** Writes any changes to the database and ends the transaction
4. **Rollback:** Discards any changes to the database, without writing them to the database, and ends the transaction
5. **Cancel:** Stops the execution of any statements currently being executed
6. **SQL History:** Displays a dialog box with information about SQL statements that you have executed
7. **Execute Explain Plan:** Generates the execution plan, which you can see by clicking the Explain tab
8. **Autotrace:** Generates trace information for the statement
9. **Clear:** Erases the statement or statements in the Enter SQL Statement box

Executing SQL Statements

Use the Enter SQL Statement box to enter single or multiple SQL statements.



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Executing SQL Statements

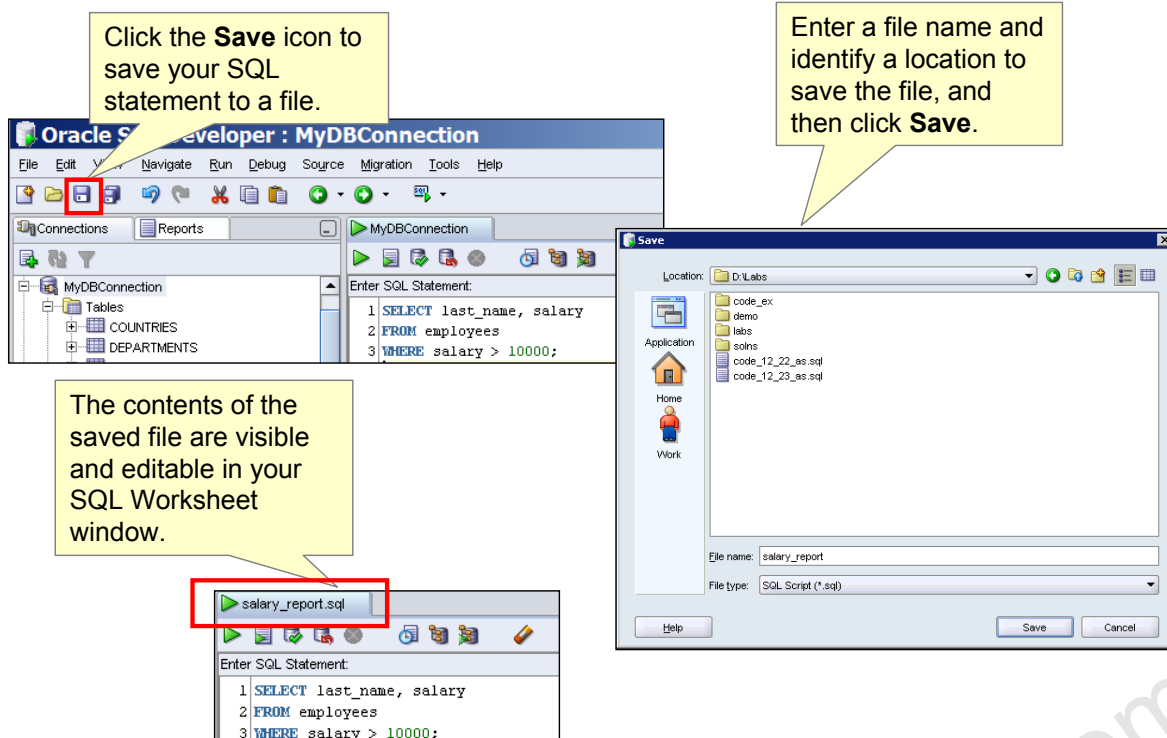
In the SQL Worksheet, you can use the Enter SQL Statement box to enter a single or multiple SQL statements. For a single statement, the semicolon at the end is optional.

When you enter the statement, the SQL keywords are automatically highlighted. To execute a SQL statement, ensure that your cursor is within the statement and click the **Execute Statement** icon. Alternatively, you can press the **F9** key.

To execute multiple SQL statements and see the results, click the **Run Script** icon. Alternatively, you can press the **F5** key.

In the example in the slide, because there are multiple SQL statements, the first statement is terminated with a semicolon. The cursor is in the first statement and, therefore, when the statement is executed, results corresponding to the first statement are displayed in the Results box.

Saving SQL Scripts



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Saving SQL Scripts

You can save your SQL statements from the SQL Worksheet into a text file. To save the contents of the Enter SQL Statement box, follow these steps:

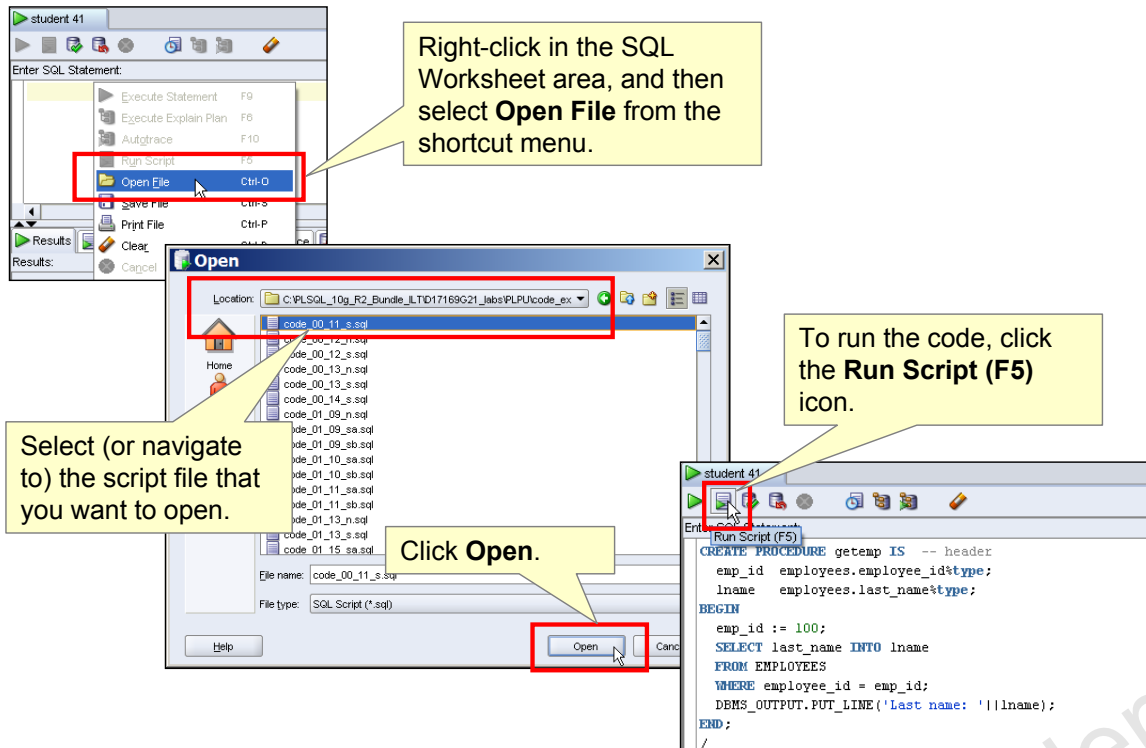
1. Click the Save icon or use the **File > Save** menu item.
2. In the Windows Save dialog box, enter a file name and the location where you want the file saved.
3. Click Save.

After you save the contents to a file, the Enter SQL Statement window displays a tabbed page of your file contents. You can have multiple files open at once. Each file displays as a tabbed page.

Script Pathing

You can select a default path to look for scripts and to save scripts. Under **Tools > Preferences > Database > Worksheet Parameters**, enter a value in the **Select default path to look for scripts** field.

Executing Saved Script Files: Method 1



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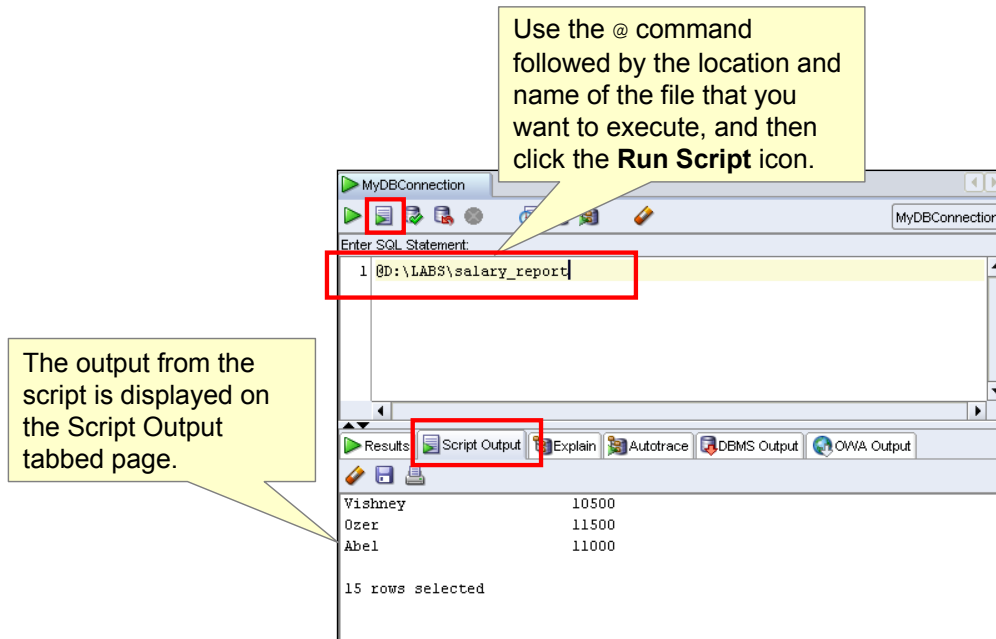
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Executing Saved Script Files: Method 1

You can open and execute a script file in the SQL Worksheet area as follows:

1. Right-click in the SQL Worksheet area, and then select **Open File** from the pop-up menu. The **Open** dialog box is displayed.
2. In the **Open** dialog box, select (or navigate to) the script file that you want to open.
3. Click **Open**. The code of the script file is displayed in the SQL Worksheet area.
4. To run the code, click **Run Script (F5)** on the SQL Worksheet toolbar.

Executing Saved SQL Scripts: Method 2



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Executing Saved Script Files: Method 2

To run a saved SQL script, perform the following steps:

1. In the Enter SQL Statement window, use the @ command, followed by the location and name of the file that you want to run.
2. Click the **Run Script** icon.

The results from running the file are displayed on the Script Output tabbed page. You can also save the script output by clicking the Save icon on the Script Output tabbed page. The Windows File Save dialog box appears and you can identify a name and location for your file.

Oracle 11g SQL and PL/SQL Documentation

- *Oracle Database New Features Guide 11g Release 1 (11.1)*
- *Oracle Database Advanced Application Developer's Guide 11g Release 1 (11.1)*
- *Oracle Database PL/SQL Language Reference 11g Release 1 (11.1)*
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Summary

In this lesson, you should have learned how to:

- Discuss the goals of the course
- Identify the available environments that can be used in this course
- Describe the HR database schema that is used in the course
- Review the basic features of SQL Developer
- List the available appendices, documentation, and other resources

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Practice I Overview: Getting Started

This practice covers the following topics:

- Starting SQL Developer
- Creating a new database connection
- Browsing the HR schema tables
- Setting some SQL Developer preference

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Practice I: Overview

In this practice, you use SQL Developer to execute SQL statements to examine data in the HR schema. You also create a simple anonymous block. Optionally, you can experiment by creating and executing the PL/SQL code in SQL*Plus.

Note: All written practices use SQL Developer as the development environment. Although it is recommended that you use SQL Developer, you can also use the SQL*Plus or JDeveloper environments that are available in this course.

Practice I

This is the first of many practices in this course. The solutions (if you require them) can be found in Appendix A. Practices are intended to cover most of the topics that are presented in the corresponding lesson.

1. Start up SQL Developer using the user ID and password that are provided to you by the instructor such as `oraxx` where `xx` is the number assigned to your PC.
2. Create a database connection using the following information:
 - a. Connection Name: `MyDBConnection`.
 - b. Username: `oraxx` where `xx` is the number assigned to your PC by the instructor.
 - c. Password: `oraxx` where `xx` is the number assigned to your PC by the instructor.
 - d. Hostname: Enter the host name for your PC.
 - e. Port: `1521`
 - f. SID: `ORCL`
3. Test the new connection. If the Status is Success, connect to the database using this new connection.
 - a. Double-click the `MyDBConnection` icon on the Connections tabbed page.
 - b. Click the Test button in the New/Select Database Connection window. If the status is Success, click the Connect button.
4. Browse the structure of the `EMPLOYEES` table and display its data.
 - a. Expand the `MyDBConnection` connection by clicking the plus sign next to it.
 - b. Expand the Tables icon by clicking the plus sign next to it.
 - c. Display the structure of the `EMPLOYEES` table.
5. Browse the `EMPLOYEES` table and display its data.
6. Use the SQL Worksheet to select the last names and salaries of all employees whose annual salary is greater than \$10,000. Use both the Execute Statement (F9) and the Run Script icon (F5) icons to execute the `SELECT` statement. Review the results of both methods of executing the `SELECT` statements in the appropriate tabs.

Note: Take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the data, or consult Appendix B, which provides the description and data for all tables in the HR schema that you will use in this course.
7. In the SQL Developer menu, navigate to Tools > Preferences. The Preferences window is displayed.
8. Click the Worksheet Parameters option under the Database option. In the “Select default path to look for scripts” text box, specify the `D:\labs\PLSF` folder. This folder contains the solutions scripts, code examples scripts, and any labs or demos used in this course.

Practice I (continued)

9. Familiarize yourself with the labs folder on the D:\ drive:
 - a. Right-click the SQL Worksheet area, and then select Open File from the shortcut menu. The Open window is displayed.
 - b. Ensure that the path that you set in a previous step is the default path that is displayed in the Open window.
 - c. How many subfolders do you see in the labs folder?
 - d. Navigate through the folders, and open a script file without executing the code.
 - e. Clear the displayed code in the SQL Worksheet area.

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Introduction to PL/SQL

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Objectives

After completing this lesson, you should be able to do the following:

- Explain the need for PL/SQL
- Explain the benefits of PL/SQL
- Identify the different types of PL/SQL blocks
- Output messages in PL/SQL

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Lesson Aim

This lesson introduces PL/SQL and PL/SQL programming constructs. You learn about the benefits of PL/SQL.

About PL/SQL

PL/SQL:

- Stands for “Procedural Language extension to SQL”
- Is Oracle Corporation’s standard data access language for relational databases
- Seamlessly integrates procedural constructs with SQL



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About PL/SQL

Structured Query Language (SQL) is the primary language used to access and modify data in relational databases. There are only a few SQL commands, so you can easily learn and use them. Consider an example:

```
SELECT first_name, department_id, salary FROM employees;
```

The SQL statement shown above is simple and straightforward. However, if you want to alter any data that is retrieved in a conditional manner, you soon encounter the limitations of SQL. Consider a slightly modified problem statement: For every employee retrieved, check the department ID and the salary. Depending on the department’s performance and also the employee’s salary, you may want to provide varying bonuses to the employees.

Looking at the problem, you know that you have to execute the preceding SQL statement, collect the data, and apply logic to the data. One solution is to write a SQL statement for each department to give bonuses to the employees in that department. Remember that you also have to check the salary component before deciding the bonus amount. This makes it a little complicated. You now feel that it would be much easier if you had conditional statements. PL/SQL is designed to meet such requirements. It provides a programming extension to the already-existing SQL.

About PL/SQL

PL/SQL:

- Provides a block structure for executable units of code. Maintenance of code is made easier with such a well-defined structure.
- Provides procedural constructs such as:
 - Variables, constants, and data types
 - Control structures such as conditional statements and loops
 - Reusable program units that are written once and executed many times

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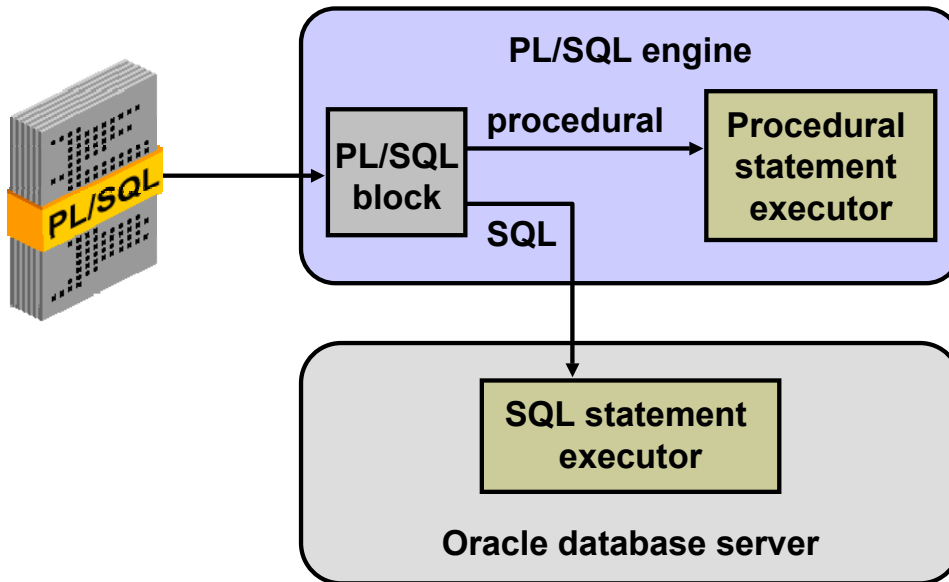
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About PL/SQL (continued)

PL/SQL defines a block structure for writing code. Maintaining and debugging the code is made easier with such a structure. One can easily understand the flow and execution of the program unit.

PL/SQL offers modern software engineering features such as data encapsulation, exception handling, information hiding, and object orientation. It brings state-of-the-art programming to the Oracle server and toolset. PL/SQL provides all the procedural constructs that are available in any third-generation language (3GL).

PL/SQL Environment



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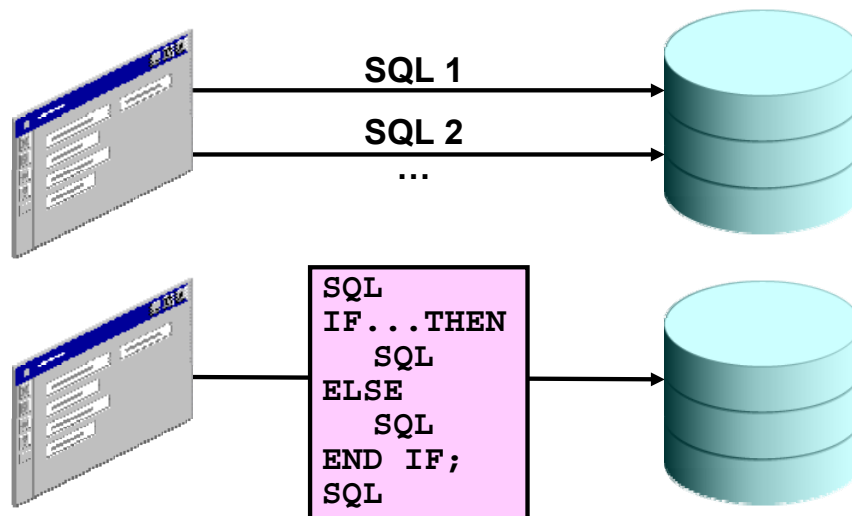
PL/SQL Environment

The slide shows the PL/SQL execution environment in the Oracle database server. A PL/SQL block contains procedural statements and SQL statements. When you submit the PL/SQL block to the server, the PL/SQL engine first parses the block. The PL/SQL engine identifies the procedural statements and the SQL statements. It passes the procedural statements to the procedural statement executor and the SQL statements to the SQL statement executor individually.

The diagram in the slide shows the PL/SQL engine within the database server. The Oracle application development tools can also contain a PL/SQL engine. The tool passes the blocks to its local PL/SQL engine. Therefore, all procedural statements are executed locally and only the SQL statements are executed in the database. The engine used depends on where the PL/SQL block is being invoked from.

Benefits of PL/SQL

- Integration of procedural constructs with SQL
- Improved performance



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Benefits of PL/SQL

Integration of procedural constructs with SQL: The most important advantage of PL/SQL is the integration of procedural constructs with SQL. SQL is a nonprocedural language. When you issue a SQL command, your command tells the database server *what* to do. However, you cannot specify *how* to do it. PL/SQL integrates control statements and conditional statements with SQL, giving you better control of your SQL statements and their execution. Earlier in this lesson, you saw an example of the need for such integration.

Improved performance: Without PL/SQL, you would not be able to logically combine SQL statements as one unit. If you have designed an application containing forms, you may have many different forms with fields in each form. When a form submits the data, you may have to execute a number of SQL statements. SQL statements are sent to the database one at a time. This results in many network trips and one call to the database for each SQL statement, thereby increasing network traffic and reducing performance (especially in a client/server model).

With PL/SQL, you can combine all these SQL statements into a single program unit. The application can send the entire block to the database instead of sending the SQL statements one at a time. This significantly reduces the number of database calls. As the slide illustrates, if the application is SQL intensive, you can use PL/SQL blocks to group SQL statements before sending them to the Oracle database server for execution.

Benefits of PL/SQL

- Modularized program development
- Integration with Oracle tools
- Portability
- Exception handling

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Benefits of PL/SQL (continued)

Modularized program development: A basic unit in all PL/SQL programs is the block. Blocks can be in a sequence or they can be nested in other blocks. Modularized program development has the following advantages:

- You can group logically related statements within blocks.
- You can nest blocks inside larger blocks to build powerful programs.
- You can break your application into smaller modules. If you are designing a complex application, PL/SQL allows you to break down the application into smaller, manageable, and logically related modules.
- You can easily maintain and debug the code.

In PL/SQL, modularization is implemented using procedures, functions, and packages, which are discussed in the lesson titled “Creating Stored Procedures and Functions.”

Integration with tools: The PL/SQL engine is integrated in Oracle tools such as Oracle Forms, Oracle Reports, and so on. When you use these tools, the locally available PL/SQL engine processes the procedural statements; only the SQL statements are passed to the database.

Benefits of PL/SQL (continued)

Portability: PL/SQL programs can run anywhere an Oracle server runs, irrespective of the operating system and the platform. You do not need to customize them to each new environment. You can write portable program packages and create libraries that can be reused in different environments.

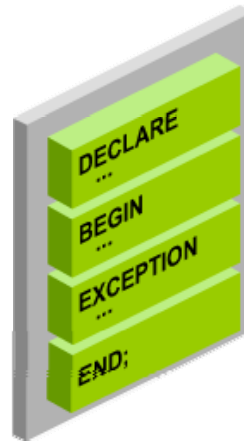
Exception handling: PL/SQL enables you to handle exceptions efficiently. You can define separate blocks for dealing with exceptions. You learn more about exception handling in the lesson titled “Handling Exceptions.”

PL/SQL shares the same data type system as SQL (with some extensions) and uses the same expression syntax.

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PL/SQL Block Structure

- DECLARE (optional)
 - Variables, cursors, user-defined exceptions
- BEGIN (mandatory)
 - SQL statements
 - PL/SQL statements
- EXCEPTION (optional)
 - Actions to perform when errors occur
- END; (mandatory)



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PL/SQL Block Structure

The slide shows a basic PL/SQL block. A PL/SQL block consists of three sections:

- **Declarative (optional):** The declarative section begins with the keyword DECLARE and ends when the executable section starts.
- **Executable (required):** The executable section begins with the keyword BEGIN and ends with END. This section essentially needs to have at least one statement. Observe that END is terminated with a semicolon. The executable section of a PL/SQL block can, in turn, include any number of PL/SQL blocks.
- **Exception handling (optional):** The exception section is nested within the executable section. This section begins with the keyword EXCEPTION.

PL/SQL Block Structure (continued)

In a PL/SQL block, the keywords `DECLARE`, `BEGIN`, and `EXCEPTION` are not terminated by a semicolon. However, the keyword `END`, all SQL statements, and PL/SQL statements must be terminated with a semicolon.

Section	Description	Inclusion
Declarative (<code>DECLARE</code>)	Contains declarations of all variables, constants, cursors, and user-defined exceptions that are referenced in the executable and exception sections	Optional
Executable (<code>BEGIN ...</code> <code>END</code>)	Contains SQL statements to retrieve data from the database; contains PL/SQL statements to manipulate data in the block	Mandatory
Exception (<code>EXCEPTION</code>)	Specifies the actions to perform when errors and abnormal conditions arise in the executable section	Optional

Block Types

Anonymous

```
[DECLARE]

BEGIN
    --statements

[EXCEPTION]

END;
```

Procedure

```
PROCEDURE name
IS
BEGIN
    --statements

[EXCEPTION]

END;
```

Function

```
FUNCTION name
RETURN datatype
IS
BEGIN
    --statements
    RETURN value;
[EXCEPTION]

END;
```

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Block Types

A PL/SQL program comprises one or more blocks. These blocks can be entirely separate or nested within another block. There are three types of blocks that make up a PL/SQL program. They are:

- Anonymous blocks
- Procedures
- Functions

Anonymous blocks: Anonymous blocks are unnamed blocks. They are declared inline at the point in an application where they are to be executed and are compiled each time the application is executed. These blocks are not stored in the database. They are passed to the PL/SQL engine for execution at run time. Triggers in Oracle Developer components consist of such blocks. These anonymous blocks get executed at run time because they are inline. If you want to execute the same block again, you have to rewrite the block. You are unable to invoke or call the block that you wrote earlier because blocks are anonymous and do not exist after they are executed.

Block Types (continued)

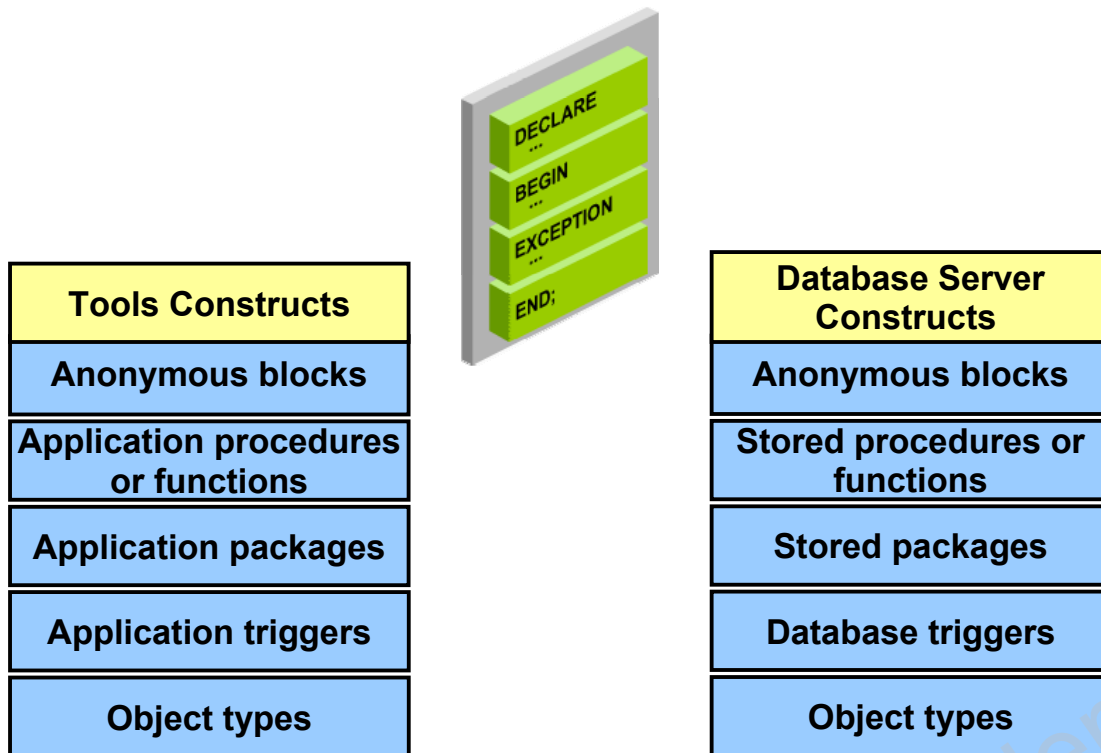
Subprograms: Subprograms are complementary to anonymous blocks. They are named PL/SQL blocks that are stored in the database. Because they are named and stored, you can invoke them whenever you want (depending on your application). You can declare them either as procedures or as functions. You typically use a procedure to perform an action and a function to compute and return a value.

You can store subprograms at the server or application level. Using Oracle Developer components (Forms, Reports), you can declare procedures and functions as part of the application (a form or report) and call them from other procedures, functions, and triggers within the same application whenever necessary.

Note: A function is similar to a procedure, except that a function must return a value.

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Program Constructs



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Program Constructs

The following table outlines a variety of PL/SQL program constructs that use the basic PL/SQL block. The program constructs are available based on the environment in which they are executed.

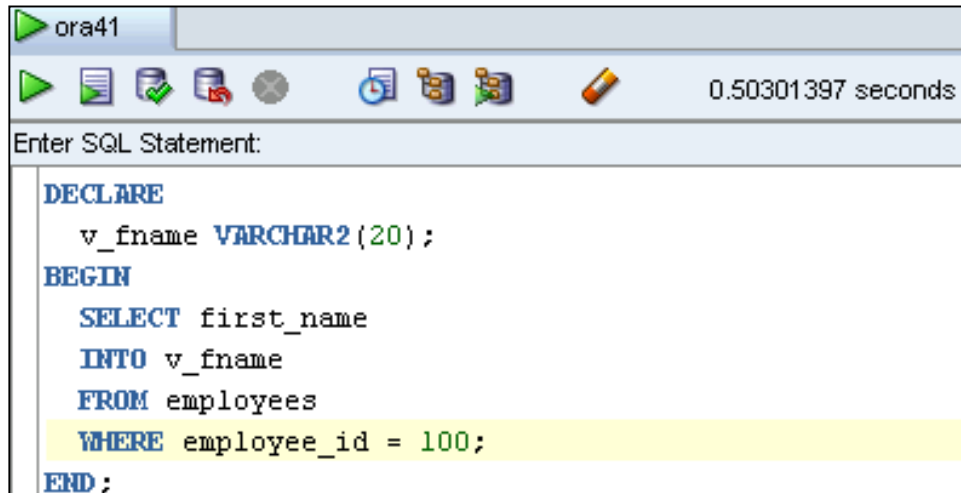
Program Construct	Description	Availability
Anonymous blocks	Unnamed PL/SQL blocks that are embedded within an application or are issued interactively	All PL/SQL environments
Application procedures or functions	Named PL/SQL blocks stored in an Oracle Forms Developer application or shared library; can accept parameters and can be invoked repeatedly by name	Oracle Developer tools components (for example, Oracle Forms Developer, Oracle Reports)
Stored procedures or functions	Named PL/SQL blocks stored in the Oracle server; can accept parameters and can be invoked repeatedly by name	Oracle server or Oracle Developer tools
Packages (application or stored)	Named PL/SQL modules that group related procedures, functions, and identifiers	Oracle server and Oracle Developer tools components (for example, Oracle Forms Developer)

Program Constructs (continued)

Program Construct	Description	Availability
Database triggers	PL/SQL blocks that are associated with a database table and are fired automatically when triggered by various events	Oracle server or any Oracle tool that issues the DML
Application triggers	PL/SQL blocks that are associated either with a database table or system events. They are fired automatically when triggered by a DML or a system event respectively.	Oracle Developer tools components (for example, Oracle Forms Developer)
Object types	User-defined composite data types that encapsulate a data structure along with the functions and procedures needed to manipulate the data	Oracle server and Oracle Developer tools

Create an Anonymous Block

Enter the anonymous block in the SQL Developer workspace:

A screenshot of the SQL Developer workspace. The title bar shows 'ora41'. The toolbar contains icons for running, saving, undo, redo, and other standard database operations. A timer in the top right corner shows '0.50301397 seconds'. The main text area is labeled 'Enter SQL Statement:' and contains the following PL/SQL code:

```
DECLARE
    v_fname VARCHAR2(20);
BEGIN
    SELECT first_name
    INTO v_fname
    FROM employees
    WHERE employee_id = 100;
END;
```

The 'WHERE' clause is highlighted in yellow.

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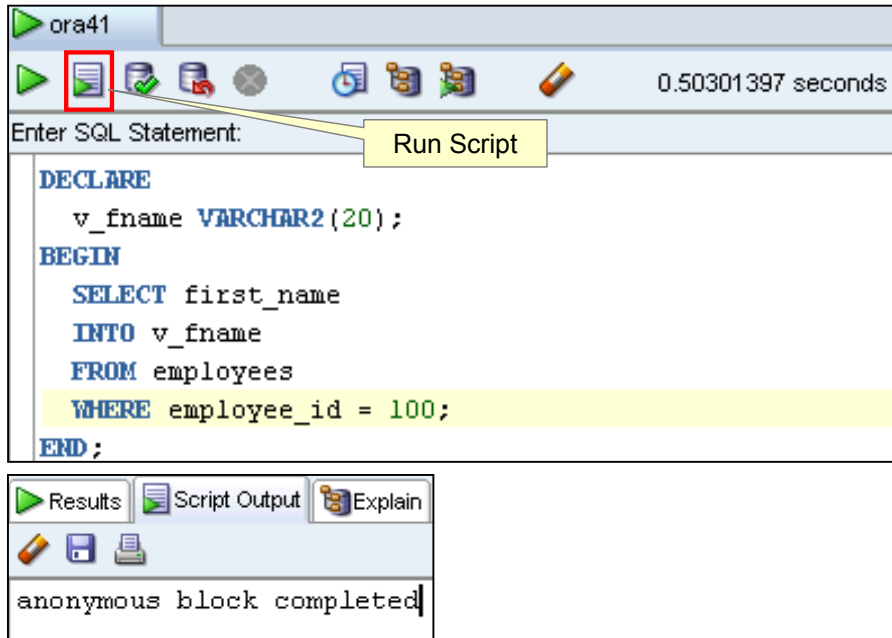
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Create an Anonymous Block

To create an anonymous block by using SQL Developer, enter the block in the workspace (as shown in the slide). The block has the declarative section and the executable section. You need not pay attention to the syntax of statements in the block; you learn the syntax later in the course. The anonymous block gets the `first_name` of the employee whose `employee_id` is 100, and stores it in a variable called `v_fname`.

Execute an Anonymous Block

Click the Run Script button to execute the anonymous block:



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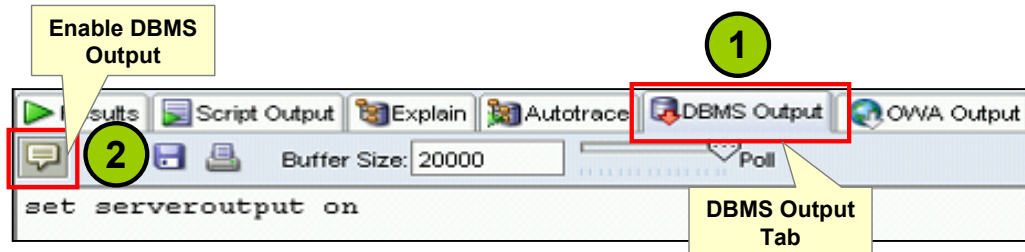
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Execute an Anonymous Block

Click the Run Script button to execute the anonymous block in the workspace. Note that the message “anonymous block completed” is displayed in the Script Output window after the block is executed.

Test the Output of a PL/SQL Block

- Enable output in SQL Developer by clicking the Enable DBMS Output button on the DBMS Output tab:



- Use a predefined Oracle package and its procedure:
 - DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE

```
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(' The First Name of the  
Employee is ' || v_fname);  
...
```

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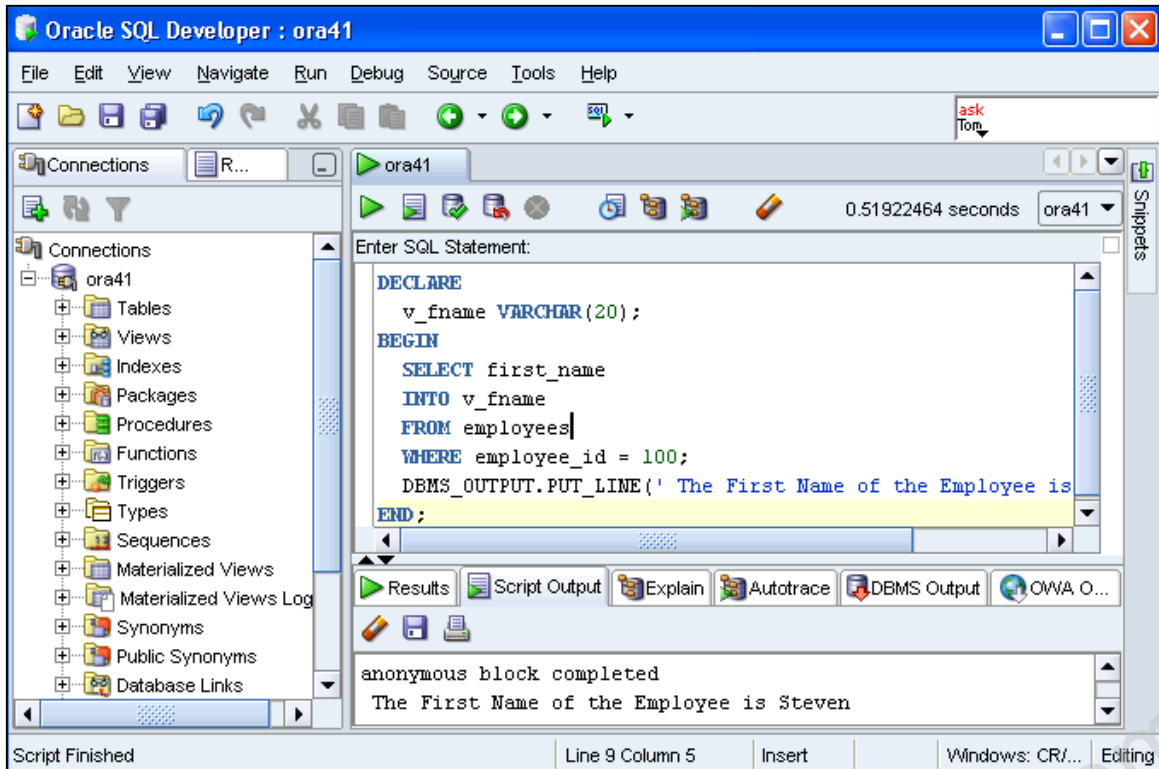
Test the Output of a PL/SQL Block

In the example shown in the previous slide, a value is stored in the `v_fname` variable. However, the value has not been printed. You now learn how to print the value.

PL/SQL does not have built-in input or output functionality. Therefore, you need to use predefined Oracle packages for input and output. To generate output, you must:

- Enable output in SQL Developer by clicking the Enable Output button on the DBMS Output tab. This will, in turn, execute the `SET SERVEROUTPUT ON` command, which is displayed in the window. To enable output in SQL*Plus, you must explicitly issue the `SET SERVEROUTPUT ON` command.
- Use the `PUT_LINE` procedure of the `DBMS_OUTPUT` package to display the output. Pass the value that has to be printed as argument to this procedure (as shown in the slide). The procedure then outputs the argument.

Test the Output of a PL/SQL Block



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Test the Output of a PL/SQL Block (continued)

The slide shows the output of the PL/SQL block after the inclusion of the code for generating output.

Quiz

A PL/SQL block *must* consist of the following three sections:

- A Declarative section which begins with the keyword `DECLARE` and ends when the executable section starts.
- An Executable section which begins with the keyword `BEGIN` and ends with `END`.
- An Exception handling section which begins with the keyword `EXCEPTION` and is nested within the executable section.

1. True
2. False

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Answer: 2

A PL/SQL block consists of three sections:

- **Declarative (optional):** The optional declarative section begins with the keyword `DECLARE` and ends when the executable section starts.
- **Executable (required):** The required executable section begins with the keyword `BEGIN` and ends with `END`. This section essentially needs to have at least one statement. Observe that `END` is terminated with a semicolon. The executable section of a PL/SQL block can, in turn, include any number of PL/SQL blocks.
- **Exception handling (optional):** The optional exception section is nested within the executable section. This section begins with the keyword `EXCEPTION`.

Summary

In this lesson, you should have learned how to:

- Integrate SQL statements with PL/SQL program constructs
- Describe the benefits of PL/SQL
- Differentiate between PL/SQL block types
- Output messages in PL/SQL

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Summary

PL/SQL is a language that has programming features that serve as an extension to SQL. SQL, which is a nonprocedural language, is made procedural with PL/SQL programming constructs. PL/SQL applications can run on any platform or operating system on which an Oracle server runs. In this lesson, you learned how to build basic PL/SQL blocks.

Practice 1: Overview

This practice covers the following topics:

- Identifying the PL/SQL blocks that execute successfully
- Creating and executing a simple PL/SQL block

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Practice 1: Overview

This practice reinforces the basics of PL/SQL covered in this lesson.

- Exercise 1 is a paper-based exercise in which you identify PL/SQL blocks that execute successfully.
- Exercise 2 involves creating and executing a simple PL/SQL block.

Practice 1

The `labs` folder will be your working directory. You can save your scripts in the `labs` folder. Please take the instructor's help to locate the `labs` folder for this course. The solutions for all practices are in the `soln` folder.

1. Which of the following PL/SQL blocks execute successfully?

- a.

```
BEGIN
END;
```
- b.

```
DECLARE
amount INTEGER(10);
END;
```
- c.

```
DECLARE
BEGIN
END;
```
- d.

```
DECLARE
amount INTEGER(10);
BEGIN
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(amount);
END;
```

2. Create and execute a simple anonymous block that outputs "Hello World." Execute and save this script as `lab_01_02_soln.sql`.

2 Declaring PL/SQL Variables

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Objectives

After completing this lesson, you should be able to do the following:

- Recognize valid and invalid identifiers
- List the uses of variables
- Declare and initialize variables
- List and describe various data types
- Identify the benefits of using the %TYPE attribute
- Declare, use, and print bind variables

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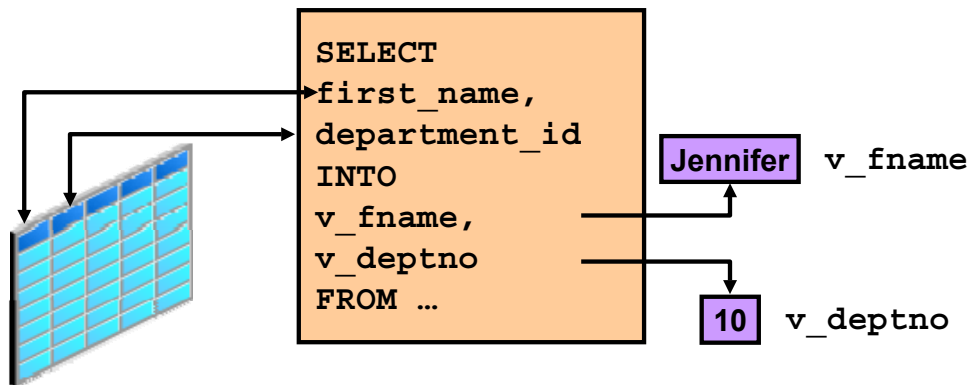
Lesson Aim

You have already learned about basic PL/SQL blocks and their sections. In this lesson, you learn about valid and invalid identifiers. You learn how to declare and initialize variables in the declarative section of a PL/SQL block. The lesson describes the various data types. You also learn about the %TYPE attribute and its benefits.

Use of Variables

Variables can be used for:

- Temporary storage of data
- Manipulation of stored values
- Reusability



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Use of Variables

With PL/SQL, you can declare variables and then use them in SQL and procedural statements.

Variables are mainly used for storage of data and manipulation of stored values. Consider the PL/SQL statement shown in the slide. The statement retrieves the `first_name` and `department_id` from the table. If you have to manipulate the `first_name` or the `department_id`, then you have to store the retrieved value. Variables are used to temporarily store the value. You can use the value stored in these variables for processing and manipulating the data. Variables can store any PL/SQL object, such as variables, types, cursors, and subprograms.

Reusability is another advantage of declaring variables. After the variables are declared, you can use them repeatedly in an application by referring to them multiple times in various statements.

Requirements for Variable Names

A variable name:

- Must start with a letter
- Can include letters or numbers
- Can include special characters (such as \$, _, and #)
- Must contain no more than 30 characters
- Must not include reserved words



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Requirements for Variable Names

The rules for naming a variable are listed in the slide.

Handling Variables in PL/SQL

Variables are:

- Declared and initialized in the declarative section
- Used and assigned new values in the executable section
- Passed as parameters to PL/SQL subprograms
- Used to hold the output of a PL/SQL subprogram

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Handling Variables in PL/SQL

You can use variables in the following ways.

- **Declare and initialize them in the declaration section:** You can declare variables in the declarative part of any PL/SQL block, subprogram, or package. Declarations allocate storage space for a value, specify its data type, and name the storage location so that you can reference it. Declarations can also assign an initial value and impose the NOT NULL constraint on the variable. Forward references are not allowed. You must declare a variable before referencing it in other statements, including other declarative statements.
- **Use them and assign new values to them in the executable section:** In the executable section, the existing value of the variable can be replaced with the new value.
- **Pass them as parameters to PL/SQL subprograms:** Subprograms can take parameters. You can pass variables as parameters to subprograms.
- **Use them to hold the output of a PL/SQL subprogram:** Variables can be used to hold the value that is returned by a function.

Declaring and Initializing PL/SQL Variables

Syntax:

```
identifier [CONSTANT] datatype [NOT NULL]  
[:= | DEFAULT expr];
```

Examples:

```
DECLARE  
  v_hiredate      DATE;  
  v_deptno        NUMBER(2) NOT NULL := 10;  
  v_location      VARCHAR2(13) := 'Atlanta';  
  c_comm          CONSTANT NUMBER := 1400;
```

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Declaring and Initializing PL/SQL Variables

You must declare all PL/SQL identifiers in the declaration section before referencing them in the PL/SQL block. You have the option of assigning an initial value to a variable (as shown in the slide). You do not need to assign a value to a variable in order to declare it. If you refer to other variables in a declaration, be sure that they are already declared separately in a previous statement.

In the syntax:

<i>identifier</i>	Is the name of the variable
CONSTANT	Constrains the variable so that its value cannot change (Constants must be initialized.)
<i>data type</i>	Is a scalar, composite, reference, or LOB data type (This course covers only scalar, composite, and LOB data types.)
NOT NULL	Constrains the variable so that it must contain a value (NOT NULL variables must be initialized.)
<i>expr</i>	Is any PL/SQL expression that can be a literal expression, another variable, or an expression involving operators and functions

Note: In addition to variables, you can also declare cursors and exceptions in the declarative section. You learn about declaring cursors in the lesson titled “Using Explicit Cursors” and about exceptions in the lesson titled “Handling Exceptions.”

Declaring and Initializing PL/SQL Variables

1

```
DECLARE
  v_myName VARCHAR2(20);
BEGIN
  DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('My name is: ' || v_myName);
  v_myName := 'John';
  DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('My name is: ' || v_myName);
END;
/
```

2

```
DECLARE
  v_myName VARCHAR2(20) := 'John';
BEGIN
  v_myName := 'Steven';
  DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('My name is: ' || v_myName);
END;
/
```

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Declaring and Initializing PL/SQL Variables (continued)

Examine the two code blocks in the slide.

1. The `v_myName` variable is declared in the declarative section of the block. This variable can be accessed in the executable section of the same block. A value `John` is assigned to the variable in the executable section. String literals must be enclosed in single quotation marks. If your string has a quotation mark as in "Today's Date", then the string would be "Today"s Date" (two single quotation marks between "y" and "s"). " := " is the assignment operator. The `PUT_LINE` procedure is invoked by passing the `v_myName` variable. The value of the variable is concatenated with the string 'My name is: '. The output of this anonymous block is:

```
anonymous block completed
My name is:
My name is: John
```

2. In the second block, the `v_myName` variable is declared and initialized in the declarative section. `v_myName` holds the value `John` after initialization. This value is manipulated in the executable section of the block. The output of this anonymous block is:

```
anonymous block completed
My name is: Steven
```

Delimiters in String Literals

```
DECLARE
    v_event VARCHAR2(15);
BEGIN
    v_event := q'!Father's day!';
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('3rd Sunday in June is :
    ' || v_event );
    v_event := q'[Mother's day]';
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('2nd Sunday in May is :
    ' || v_event );
END;
/
```

```
anonymous block completed
3rd Sunday in June is : Father's day
2nd Sunday in May is : Mother's day
```

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Delimiters in String Literals

If your string contains an apostrophe (identical to a single quotation mark), you must double the quotation mark, as in the following example:

```
v_event VARCHAR2(15) := 'Father''s day';
```

The first quotation mark acts as the escape character. This makes your string complicated, especially if you have SQL statements as strings. You can specify any character that is not present in the string as delimiter. The slide shows how to use the `q'` notation to specify the delimiter. The example uses `!` and `[` as delimiters. Consider the following example:

```
v_event := q'!Father's day!';
```

You can compare this with the first example on this notes page. You start the string with `q'` if you want to use a delimiter. The character following the notation is the delimiter used. Enter your string after specifying the delimiter, close the delimiter, and close the notation with a single quotation mark. The following example shows how to use `[` as a delimiter:

```
v_event := q'[Mother's day]';
```


Types of Variables

- PL/SQL variables:
 - Scalar
 - Composite
 - Reference
 - Large object (LOB)
- Non-PL/SQL variables: Bind variables

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Types of Variables

Every PL/SQL variable has a data type, which specifies a storage format, constraints, and a valid range of values. PL/SQL supports five data type categories—scalar, composite, reference, large object (LOB), and object—that you can use to declare variables, constants, and pointers.

- **Scalar data types:** Scalar data types hold a single value. The value depends on the data type of the variable. For example, the `v_myName` variable in the example in the section “Declaring and Initializing PL/SQL Variables” (in this lesson) is of type `VARCHAR2`. Therefore, `v_myName` can hold a string value. PL/SQL also supports Boolean variables.
- **Composite data types:** Composite data types contain internal elements that are either scalar or composite. `RECORD` and `TABLE` are examples of composite data types.
- **Reference data types:** Reference data types hold values, called *pointers*, that point to a storage location.
- **LOB data types:** LOB data types hold values, called *locators*, that specify the location of large objects (such as graphic images) that are stored outside the table.

Non-PL/SQL variables include host language variables declared in precompiler programs, screen fields in Forms applications, and host variables. You learn about host variables later in this lesson.

For more information about LOBs, see the *PL/SQL User's Guide and Reference*.

Types of Variables

TRUE



25-JAN-01

Snow White
Long, long ago,
in a land far, far away,
there lived a princess called
Snow White. . .

256120.08



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Types of Variables (continued)

The slide illustrates the following data types:

- TRUE represents a Boolean value.
- 25-JAN-01 represents a DATE.
- The image represents a BLOB.
- The text in the callout can represent a VARCHAR2 data type or a CLOB.
- 256120.08 represents a NUMBER data type with precision and scale.
- The film reel represents a BFILE.
- The city name *Atlanta* represents a VARCHAR2 data type.

Guidelines for Declaring and Initializing PL/SQL Variables

- Follow naming conventions.
- Use meaningful identifiers for variables.
- Initialize variables designated as NOT NULL and CONSTANT.
- Initialize variables with the assignment operator (:=) or the DEFAULT keyword:

```
v_myName VARCHAR2(20) := 'John';
```

```
v_myName VARCHAR2(20) DEFAULT 'John';
```

- Declare one identifier per line for better readability and code maintenance.

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Guidelines for Declaring and Initializing PL/SQL Variables

Here are some guidelines to follow when you declare PL/SQL variables.


- Follow naming conventions—for example, name to represent a variable and c_name to represent a constant. Similarly, to name a variable, you can use v_fname.
- Use meaningful and appropriate identifiers for variables. For example, consider using salary and sal_with_commission instead of salary1 and salary2.
- If you use the NOT NULL constraint, you must assign a value when you declare the variable.
- In constant declarations, the CONSTANT keyword must precede the type specifier. The following declaration names a constant of NUMBER type and assigns the value of 50,000 to the constant. A constant must be initialized in its declaration; otherwise, you get a compilation error. After initializing a constant, you cannot change its value.

```
sal CONSTANT NUMBER := 50000.00;
```

Guidelines for Declaring PL/SQL Variables

- Avoid using column names as identifiers.

```
DECLARE
    employee_id NUMBER(6);
BEGIN
    SELECT    employee_id
    INTO      employee_id
    FROM      employees
    WHERE     last_name = 'Kochhar';
END;
/
```



- Use the NOT NULL constraint when the variable must hold a value.

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Guidelines for Declaring PL/SQL Variables

- Initialize the variable to an expression with the assignment operator (: =) or with the DEFAULT reserved word. If you do not assign an initial value, the new variable contains NULL by default until you assign a value. To assign or reassign a value to a variable, you write a PL/SQL assignment statement. It is good programming practice to initialize all variables.
- Two objects can have the same name only if they are defined in different blocks. Where they coexist, you can qualify them with labels and use them.
- Avoid using column names as identifiers. If PL/SQL variables occur in SQL statements and have the same name as a column, the Oracle server assumes that it is the column that is being referenced. Although the code example in the slide works, code that is written using the same name for a database table and a variable is not easy to read or maintain.
- Impose the NOT NULL constraint when the variable must contain a value. You cannot assign nulls to a variable defined as NOT NULL. The NOT NULL constraint must be followed by an initialization clause.

```
pincode VARCHAR2(15) NOT NULL := 'Oxford';
```

Scalar Data Types

- Hold a single value
- Have no internal components

TRUE

25-JAN-01

The soul of the lazy man
desires, and he has nothing;
but the soul of the diligent
shall be made rich.

256120.08

Atlanta

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Scalar Data Types

PL/SQL provides a variety of predefined data types. For instance, you can choose from integer, floating point, character, Boolean, date, collection, and LOB types. This lesson covers the basic types that are used frequently in PL/SQL programs.

A scalar data type holds a single value and has no internal components. Scalar data types can be classified into four categories: number, character, date, and Boolean. Character and number data types have subtypes that associate a base type to a constraint. For example, `INTEGER` and `POSITIVE` are subtypes of the `NUMBER` base type.

For more information about scalar data types (as well as a complete list), see the *PL/SQL User's Guide and Reference*.

Base Scalar Data Types

- CHAR [(maximum_length)]
- VARCHAR2 (maximum_length)
- NUMBER [(precision, scale)]
- BINARY_INTEGER
- PLS_INTEGER
- BOOLEAN
- BINARY_FLOAT
- BINARY_DOUBLE

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Base Scalar Data Types

Data Type	Description
CHAR [(maximum_length)]	Base type for fixed-length character data up to 32,767 bytes. If you do not specify a maximum length, the default length is set to 1.
VARCHAR2 (maximum_length)	Base type for variable-length character data up to 32,767 bytes. There is no default size for VARCHAR2 variables and constants.
NUMBER [(precision, scale)]	Number having precision <i>p</i> and scale <i>s</i> . The precision <i>p</i> can range from 1 through 38. The scale <i>s</i> can range from -84 through 127.
BINARY_INTEGER	Base type for integers between -2,147,483,647 and 2,147,483,647

Base Scalar Data Types (continued)

Data Type	Description
PLS_INTEGER	Base type for signed integers between –2,147,483,647 and 2,147,483,647. PLS_INTEGER values require less storage and are faster than NUMBER values. In Oracle Database 10g, the PLS_INTEGER and BINARY_INTEGER data types are identical. The arithmetic operations on PLS_INTEGER and BINARY_INTEGER values are faster than on NUMBER values.
BOOLEAN	Base type that stores one of the three possible values used for logical calculations: TRUE, FALSE, and NULL
BINARY_FLOAT	Represents floating-point number in IEEE 754 format. It requires 5 bytes to store the value.
BINARY_DOUBLE	Represents floating-point number in IEEE 754 format. It requires 9 bytes to store the value.

Base Scalar Data Types

- DATE
- TIMESTAMP
- TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE
- TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE
- INTERVAL YEAR TO MONTH
- INTERVAL DAY TO SECOND

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Base Scalar Data Types (continued)

Data Type	Description
DATE	Base type for dates and times. DATE values include the time of day in seconds since midnight. The range for dates is between 4712 B.C. and A.D. 9999.
TIMESTAMP	The TIMESTAMP data type, which extends the DATE data type, stores the year, month, day, hour, minute, second, and fraction of second. The syntax is <code>TIMESTAMP [(precision)]</code> , where the optional parameter <code>precision</code> specifies the number of digits in the fractional part of the seconds field. To specify the precision, you must use an integer in the range 0–9. The default is 6.
TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE	The TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE data type, which extends the TIMESTAMP data type, includes a time-zone displacement. The time-zone displacement is the difference (in hours and minutes) between local time and Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), formerly known as Greenwich Mean Time. The syntax is <code>TIMESTAMP [(precision)] WITH TIME ZONE</code> , where the optional parameter <code>precision</code> specifies the number of digits in the fractional part of the seconds field. To specify the precision, you must use an integer in the range 0–9. The default is 6.

Base Scalar Data Types (continued)

Data Type	Description
TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE	<p>The <code>TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE</code> data type, which extends the <code>TIMESTAMP</code> data type, includes a time-zone displacement. The time-zone displacement is the difference (in hours and minutes) between local time and Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), formerly known as Greenwich Mean Time. The syntax is <code>TIMESTAMP[(precision)] WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE</code>, where the optional parameter <code>precision</code> specifies the number of digits in the fractional part of the seconds field. You cannot use a symbolic constant or variable to specify the precision; you must use an integer literal in the range 0–9. The default is 6.</p> <p>This data type differs from <code>TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE</code> in that when you insert a value into a database column, the value is normalized to the database time zone, and the time-zone displacement is not stored in the column. When you retrieve the value, the Oracle server returns the value in your local session time zone.</p>
INTERVAL YEAR TO MONTH	<p>You use the <code>INTERVAL YEAR TO MONTH</code> data type to store and manipulate intervals of years and months. The syntax is <code>INTERVAL YEAR[(precision)] TO MONTH</code>, where <code>precision</code> specifies the number of digits in the years field. You cannot use a symbolic constant or variable to specify the precision; you must use an integer literal in the range 0–4. The default is 2.</p>
INTERVAL DAY TO SECOND	<p>You use the <code>INTERVAL DAY TO SECOND</code> data type to store and manipulate intervals of days, hours, minutes, and seconds. The syntax is <code>INTERVAL DAY[(precision1)] TO SECOND[(precision2)]</code>, where <code>precision1</code> and <code>precision2</code> specify the number of digits in the days field and seconds field, respectively. In both cases, you cannot use a symbolic constant or variable to specify the precision; you must use an integer literal in the range 0–9. The defaults are 2 and 6, respectively.</p>

Declaring Scalar Variables

Examples:

```
DECLARE
  v_emp_job          VARCHAR2(9);
  v_count_loop       BINARY_INTEGER := 0;
  v_dept_total_sal    NUMBER(9,2) := 0;
  v_orderdate         DATE := SYSDATE + 7;
  c_tax_rate          CONSTANT NUMBER(3,2) := 8.25;
  v_valid             BOOLEAN NOT NULL := TRUE;
  ...
```

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Declaring Scalar Variables

The examples of variable declaration shown in the slide are defined as follows.

- **v_emp_job:** Variable to store an employee job title
- **v_count_loop:** Variable to count the iterations of a loop; initialized to 0
- **v_dept_total_sal:** Variable to accumulate the total salary for a department; initialized to 0
- **v_orderdate:** Variable to store the ship date of an order; initialized to one week from today
- **c_tax_rate:** Constant variable for the tax rate (which never changes throughout the PL/SQL block); set to 8.25
- **v_valid:** Flag to indicate whether a piece of data is valid or invalid; initialized to TRUE

%TYPE Attribute

- Is used to declare a variable according to:
 - A database column definition
 - Another declared variable
- Is prefixed with:
 - The database table and column names
 - The name of the declared variable

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%TYPE Attribute

PL/SQL variables are usually declared to hold and manipulate data stored in a database. When you declare PL/SQL variables to hold column values, you must ensure that the variable is of the correct data type and precision. If it is not, a PL/SQL error occurs during execution. If you have to design large subprograms, this can be time consuming and error prone.

Rather than hard-coding the data type and precision of a variable, you can use the %TYPE attribute to declare a variable according to another previously declared variable or database column. The %TYPE attribute is most often used when the value stored in the variable is derived from a table in the database. When you use the %TYPE attribute to declare a variable, you should prefix it with the database table and column name. If you refer to a previously declared variable, prefix the variable name of the previously declared variable to the variable being declared.

%TYPE Attribute (continued)

Advantages of the %TYPE Attribute

- You can avoid errors caused by data type mismatch or wrong precision.
- You can avoid hard coding the data type of a variable.
- You need not change the variable declaration if the column definition changes. If you have already declared some variables for a particular table without using the %TYPE attribute, the PL/SQL block may throw errors if the column for which the variable is declared is altered. When you use the %TYPE attribute, PL/SQL determines the data type and size of the variable when the block is compiled. This ensures that such a variable is always compatible with the column that is used to populate it.

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Declaring Variables with the %TYPE Attribute

Syntax

```
identifier      table.column_name%TYPE;
```

Examples

```
...  
  emp_lname      employees.last_name%TYPE;  
...
```

```
...  
  balance        NUMBER(7,2);  
  min_balance    balance%TYPE := 1000;  
...
```

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Declaring Variables with the %TYPE Attribute

Declare variables to store the last name of an employee. The `emp_lname` variable is defined to be of the same data type as the `last_name` column in the `employees` table. The `%TYPE` attribute provides the data type of a database column.

Declare variables to store the balance of a bank account, as well as the minimum balance, which is 1,000. The `min_balance` variable is defined to be of the same data type as the `balance` variable. The `%TYPE` attribute provides the data type of a variable.

A NOT NULL database column constraint does not apply to variables that are declared using `%TYPE`. Therefore, if you declare a variable using the `%TYPE` attribute that uses a database column defined as NOT NULL, you can assign the NULL value to the variable.

Declaring Boolean Variables

- Only the TRUE, FALSE, and NULL values can be assigned to a Boolean variable.
- Conditional expressions use the logical operators AND and OR and the unary operator NOT to check the variable values.
- The variables always yield TRUE, FALSE, or NULL.
- Arithmetic, character, and date expressions can be used to return a Boolean value.

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Declaring Boolean Variables

With PL/SQL, you can compare variables in both SQL and procedural statements. These comparisons, called Boolean expressions, consist of simple or complex expressions separated by relational operators. In a SQL statement, you can use Boolean expressions to specify the rows in a table that are affected by the statement. In a procedural statement, Boolean expressions are the basis for conditional control. NULL stands for a missing, inapplicable, or unknown value.

Examples

```
emp_sal1 := 50000;  
emp_sal2 := 60000;
```

The following expression yields TRUE:

```
emp_sal1 < emp_sal2
```

Declare and initialize a Boolean variable:

```
DECLARE  
  flag BOOLEAN := FALSE;  
BEGIN  
  flag := TRUE;  
END;  
/
```

Bind Variables

Bind variables are:

- Created in the environment
- Also called *host* variables
- Created with the `VARIABLE` keyword
- Used in SQL statements and PL/SQL blocks
- Accessed even after the PL/SQL block is executed
- Referenced with a preceding colon

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Bind Variables

Bind variables are variables that you create in a host environment. For this reason, they are sometimes called *host* variables.

Uses of Bind Variables

Bind variables are created in the environment and not in the declarative section of a PL/SQL block. Variables declared in a PL/SQL block are available only when you execute the block. After the block is executed, the memory used by the variable is freed. However, bind variables are accessible even after the block is executed. Therefore, when created, bind variables can be used and manipulated by multiple subprograms. They can be used in SQL statements and PL/SQL blocks just like any other variable. These variables can be passed as run-time values into or out of PL/SQL subprograms.

Creating Bind Variables

To create a bind variable in SQL Developer, use the `VARIABLE` command.

For example, you declare a variable of type `NUMBER` and `VARCHAR2` as follows:

```
VARIABLE return_code NUMBER
VARIABLE return_msg  VARCHAR2(30)
```

SQL Developer can reference the bind variable and can display its value through the `PRINT` command.

Bind Variables (continued)

Example

You can reference a bind variable in a PL/SQL program by preceding the variable with a colon:

```
VARIABLE b_result NUMBER
BEGIN
    SELECT (SALARY*12) + NVL(COMMISSION_PCT,0) INTO :b_result
    FROM employees WHERE employee_id = 144;
END;
/
PRINT b_result

b_result
-----
30000
```

Note: If you are creating a bind variable of the NUMBER type, you cannot specify the precision and scale. However, you can specify the size for character strings. An Oracle NUMBER is stored in the same way regardless of the dimension. The Oracle server uses the same number of bytes to store 7, 70, and .0734. It is not practical to calculate the size of the Oracle number representation from the number format, so the code always allocates the bytes needed. With character strings, the size is required from the user so that the required number of bytes can be allocated.

Printing Bind Variables

Example:

```
VARIABLE b_emp_salary NUMBER
BEGIN
  SELECT salary INTO :b_emp_salary
  FROM employees WHERE employee_id = 178;
END;
/
PRINT b_emp_salary
SELECT first_name, last_name FROM employees
WHERE salary=:b_emp_salary;
```

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Printing Bind Variables

In SQL*Plus, you can display the value of a bind variable by using the PRINT command.

When you execute the PL/SQL block shown in the slide, you see the following output when the PRINT command executes:

b_emp_salary

7000

b_emp_salary is a bind variable. You can now use this variable in any SQL statement or PL/SQL program. Note the SQL statement that uses the bind variable. The output of the SQL statement is:

FIRST_NAME

LAST_NAME

Oliver

Tuvault

Sarath

Sewall

Kimberely

Grant

Note: To display all bind variables, use the PRINT command without a variable.

Printing Bind Variables

Example:

```
VARIABLE b_emp_salary NUMBER
SET AUTOPRINT ON
DECLARE
  v_empno NUMBER(6) := &empno;
BEGIN
  SELECT salary INTO :b_emp_salary
  FROM employees WHERE employee_id = v_empno;
END;
```

Output:

7000

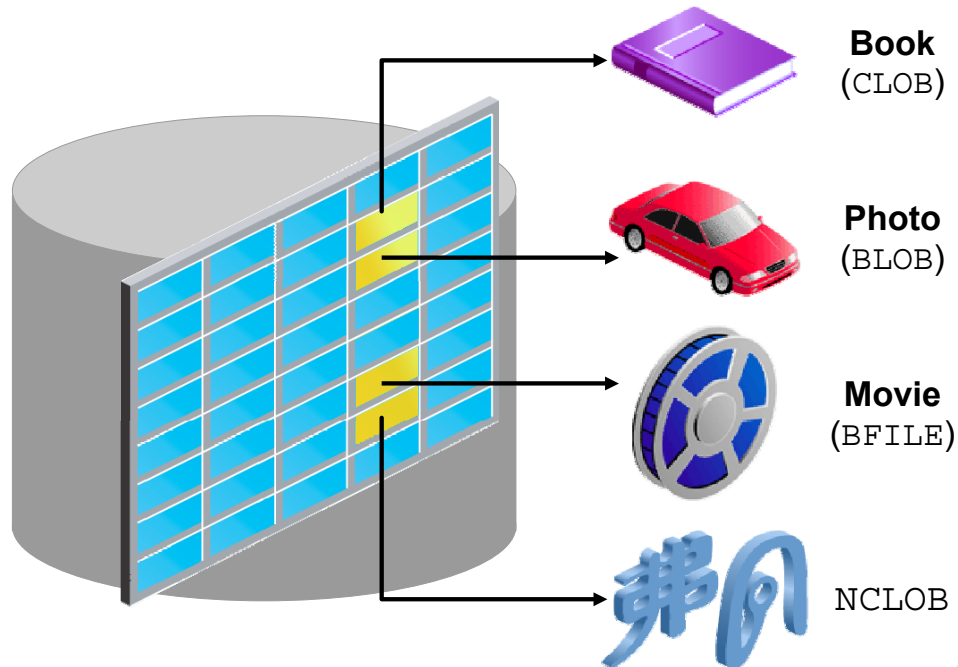
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Printing Bind Variables (continued)

Use the SET AUTOPRINT ON command to automatically display the bind variables used in a successful PL/SQL block.

LOB Data Type Variables



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LOB Data Type Variables

Large objects (LOBs) are meant to store a large amount of data. A database column can be of the LOB category. With the LOB category of data types (BLOB, CLOB, and so on), you can store blocks of unstructured data (such as text, graphic images, video clips, and sound wave forms) of up to 128 terabytes depending on database block size. LOB data types allow efficient, random, piecewise access to the data and can be attributes of an object type.

- The character large object (CLOB) data type is used to store large blocks of character data in the database.
- The binary large object (BLOB) data type is used to store large unstructured or structured binary objects in the database. When you insert or retrieve such data into or from the database, the database does not interpret the data. External applications that use this data must interpret the data.
- The binary file (BFILE) data type is used to store large binary files. Unlike other LOBs, BFILES are not stored in the database. BFILES are stored outside the database. They could be operating system files. Only a pointer to the BFILE is stored in the database.
- The national language character large object (NCLOB) data type is used to store large blocks of single-byte or fixed-width multibyte NCHAR unicode data in the database.

Composite Data Types

TRUE	23-DEC-98	ATLANTA	
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PL/SQL table structure

1	SMITH
2	JONES
3	NANCY
4	TIM

↑
↑
VARIABLE2
PLS_INTEGER

PL/SQL table structure

1	5000
2	2345
3	12
4	3456

↑
↑
NUMBER
PLS_INTEGER

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Composite Data Types

A scalar type has no internal components. A composite type has internal components that can be manipulated individually. Composite data types (also known as *collections*) are: TABLE, RECORD, NESTED TABLE, and VARRAY types.

Use the TABLE data type to reference and manipulate collections of data as a whole object. Use the RECORD data type to treat related but dissimilar data as a logical unit.

NESTED TABLE and VARRAY data types are covered in the course titled *Oracle Database 11g: Develop PL/SQL Program Units*.

Quiz

The %TYPE attribute:

1. Is used to declare a variable according to a database column definition
2. Is used to declare a variable according to a collection of columns in a database table or view
3. Is used to declare a variable according the definition of another declared variable
4. Is prefixed with the database table and column names or the name of the declared variable

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Answer: 1, 3, 4

The %TYPE Attribute

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Rather than hard-coding the data type and precision of a variable, you can use the %TYPE attribute to declare a variable according to another previously declared variable or database column. The %TYPE attribute is most often used when the value stored in the variable is derived from a table in the database. When you use the %TYPE attribute to declare a variable, you should prefix it with the database table and column name. If you refer to a previously declared variable, prefix the variable name of the previously declared variable to the variable being declared. The benefit of %TYPE is that you do not have to change the variable if the column is altered. Also, if the variable is used in any calculations, you need not worry about its precision.

The %ROWTYPE Attribute

The %ROWTYPE attribute is used to declare a record that can hold an entire row of a table or view. You learn about this attribute in the lesson titled *“Working with Composite Data Types.”*

Summary

In this lesson, you should have learned how to:

- Recognize valid and invalid identifiers
- Declare variables in the declarative section of a PL/SQL block
- Initialize variables and use them in the executable section
- Differentiate between scalar and composite data types
- Use the `%TYPE` attribute
- Use bind variables

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Summary

An anonymous PL/SQL block is a basic, unnamed unit of a PL/SQL program. It consists of a set of SQL or PL/SQL statements to perform a logical function. The declarative part is the first part of a PL/SQL block and is used for declaring objects such as variables, constants, cursors, and definitions of error situations called *exceptions*.

In this lesson, you learned how to declare variables in the declarative section. You saw some of the guidelines for declaring variables. You learned how to initialize variables when you declare them.

The executable part of a PL/SQL block is the mandatory part and contains SQL and PL/SQL statements for querying and manipulating data. You learned how to initialize variables in the executable section and also how to use them and manipulate the values of variables.

Practice 2: Overview

This practice covers the following topics:

- Determining valid identifiers
- Determining valid variable declarations
- Declaring variables within an anonymous block
- Using the %TYPE attribute to declare variables
- Declaring and printing a bind variable
- Executing a PL/SQL block

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Practice 2: Overview

Exercises 1, 2, and 3 are paper based.

Practice 2

1. Identify valid and invalid identifier names:

- a. today
- b. last_name
- c. today's_date
- d. Number_of_days_in_February_this_year
- e. Isleap\$year
- f. #number
- g. NUMBER#
- h. number1to7

2. Identify valid and invalid variable declaration and initialization:

- a. number_of_copies PLS_INTEGER;
- b. printer_name constant VARCHAR2(10);
- c. deliver_to VARCHAR2(10):=Johnson;
- d. by_when DATE:= CURRENT_DATE+1;

3. Examine the following anonymous block and choose the appropriate statement.

```
DECLARE
    v_fname VARCHAR2(20);
    v_lname VARCHAR2(15) DEFAULT 'fernandez';
BEGIN
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(v_fname || ' ' || v_lname);
END;
/
```

- a. The block executes successfully and prints “fernandez”.
 - b. The block returns an error because the fname variable is used without initializing.
 - c. The block executes successfully and prints “null fernandez”.
 - d. The block returns an error because you cannot use the DEFAULT keyword to initialize a variable of type VARCHAR2.
 - e. The block returns an error because the v_fname variable is not declared.
4. Create an anonymous block. In SQL Developer, load the lab_01_02_soln.sql script, which you created in question 2 of practice 1.
- a. Add a declarative section to this PL/SQL block. In the declarative section, declare the following variables:
 - 1. Variable v_today of type DATE. Initialize today with SYSDATE.
 - 2. Variable v_tomorrow of type today. Use %TYPE attribute to declare this variable.
 - b. In the executable section, initialize the tomorrow variable with an expression, which calculates tomorrow's date (add one to the value in today). Print the value of today and tomorrow after printing “Hello World.”

Practice 2 (continued)

- c. Execute and save this script as `lab_02_04_soln.sql`. Sample output is as follows:

```
anonymous block completed
Hello World
TODAY IS : 16-MAY-07
TOMORROW IS : 17-MAY-07
```

5. Edit the `lab_02_04_soln.sql` script.
 - a. Add code to create two bind variables.
Create bind variables `b_basic_percent` and `b_pf_percent` of type `NUMBER`.
 - b. In the executable section of the PL/SQL block, assign the values 45 and 12 to `b_basic_percent` and `b_pf_percent`, respectively.
 - c. Terminate the PL/SQL block with `"/` and display the value of the bind variables by using the `PRINT` command.
 - d. Execute and save your script file as `lab_02_05_soln.sql`. Sample output is as follows:

```
anonymous block completed
Hello World
TODAY IS : 16-MAY-07
TOMORROW IS : 17-MAY-07
```

```
basic_percent
```

```
--
```

```
45
```

```
pf_percent
```

```
--
```

```
12
```


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Writing Executable Statements

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Objectives

After completing this lesson, you should be able to do the following:

- Identify lexical units in a PL/SQL block
- Use built-in SQL functions in PL/SQL
- Describe when implicit conversions take place and when explicit conversions have to be dealt with
- Write nested blocks and qualify variables with labels
- Write readable code with appropriate indentation
- Use sequences in PL/SQL expressions

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Lesson Aim

You have learned how to declare variables and write executable statements in a PL/SQL block. In this lesson, you learn how lexical units make up a PL/SQL block. You learn to write nested blocks. You also learn about the scope and visibility of variables in nested blocks and about qualifying variables with labels.

Lexical Units in a PL/SQL Block

Lexical units:

- Are building blocks of any PL/SQL block
- Are sequences of characters including letters, numerals, tabs, spaces, returns, and symbols
- Can be classified as:
 - Identifiers: `v_fname`, `c_percent`
 - Delimiters: `;`, `,`, `+`, `-`
 - Literals: `John`, `428`, `True`
 - Comments: `--`, `/* */`

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Lexical Units in a PL/SQL Block

Lexical units include letters, numerals, special characters, tabs, spaces, returns, and symbols.

- **Identifiers:** Identifiers are the names given to PL/SQL objects. You have learned to identify valid and invalid identifiers. Recall that keywords cannot be used as identifiers.

Quoted identifiers:

- Make identifiers case sensitive
- Include characters such as spaces
- Use reserved words

Examples:

```
"begin date" DATE;  
"end date"    DATE;  
"exception thrown" BOOLEAN DEFAULT TRUE;
```

All subsequent usage of these variables should have double quotation marks. However, use of quoted identifiers is not recommended.

- **Delimiters:** Delimiters are symbols that have special meaning. You have already learned that the semicolon (`;`) is used to terminate a SQL or PL/SQL statement. Therefore, `;` is an example of a delimiter.

For more information, refer to the *PL/SQL User's Guide and Reference*.

Lexical Units in a PL/SQL Block (continued)

- **Delimiters (continued)**

Delimiters are simple or compound symbols that have special meaning in PL/SQL.

Simple symbols

Symbol	Meaning
+	Addition operator
-	Subtraction/negation operator
*	Multiplication operator
/	Division operator
=	Equality operator
@	Remote access indicator
;	Statement terminator

Compound symbols

Symbol	Meaning
< >	Inequality operator
!=	Inequality operator
	Concatenation operator
--	Single-line comment indicator
/*	Beginning comment delimiter
*/	Ending comment delimiter
:=	Assignment operator

Note: This is only a subset and not a complete list of delimiters.

- **Literals:** Any value that is assigned to a variable is a literal. Any character, numeral, Boolean, or date value that is not an identifier is a literal. Literals are classified as:
 - **Character literals:** All string literals have the data type CHAR or VARCHAR2 and are, therefore, called character literals (for example, John, and 12C).
 - **Numeric literals:** A numeric literal represents an integer or real value (for example, 428 and 1.276).
 - **Boolean literals:** Values that are assigned to Boolean variables are Boolean literals. TRUE, FALSE, and NULL are Boolean literals or keywords.
- **Comments:** It is good programming practice to explain what a piece of code is trying to achieve. When you include the explanation in a PL/SQL block, the compiler cannot interpret these instructions. There should be a way in which you can indicate that these instructions need not be compiled. Comments are mainly used for this purpose. Any instruction that is commented is not interpreted by the compiler.
 - Two hyphens (--) are used to comment a single line.
 - The beginning and ending comment delimiters (/* and */) are used to comment multiple lines.

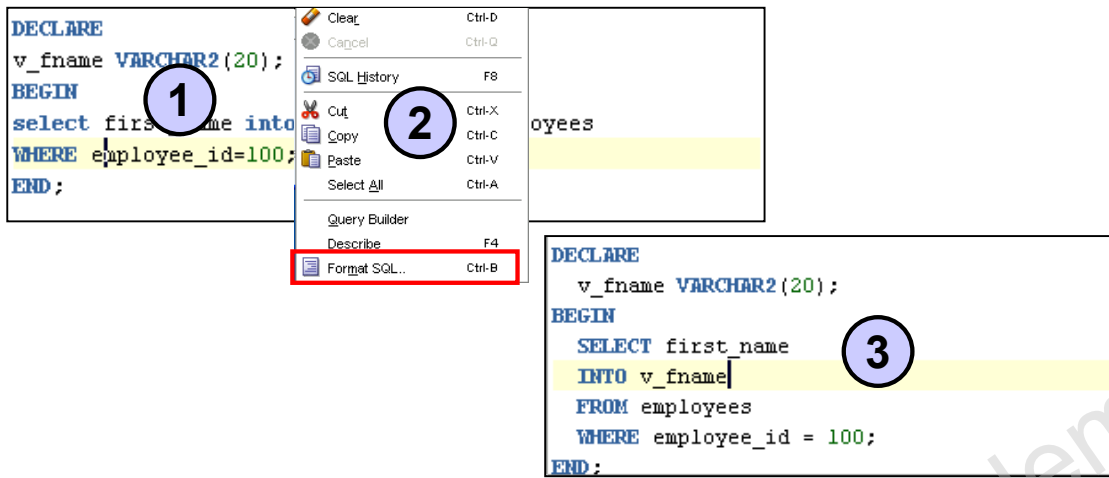
PL/SQL Block Syntax and Guidelines

- Literals

- Character and date literals must be enclosed in single quotation marks.
- Numbers can be simple values or in scientific notation.

```
name := 'Henderson';
```

- Statements can span several lines.



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PL/SQL Block Syntax and Guidelines

A literal is an explicit numeric, character string, date, or Boolean value that is not represented by an identifier.

- Character literals include all the printable characters in the PL/SQL character set: letters, numerals, spaces, and special symbols.
- Numeric literals can be represented either by a simple value (for example, -32.5) or in scientific notation (for example, $2E5$ means $2 * 10^5 = 200,000$).

A statement can span several lines (as shown in example 3 in the slide).

You can format an unformatted SQL statement (as shown in example 1 in the slide) by using the Format SQL option of the shortcut menu provided in SQL Developer. Right-click the active SQL worksheet and, in the shortcut menu that appears, select Format SQL (as shown in example 2).

Commenting Code

- Prefix single-line comments with two hyphens (--).
- Place multiple-line comments between the symbols /* and */.

Example:

```
DECLARE
...
v_annual_sal NUMBER (9,2);
BEGIN
/* Compute the annual salary based on the
   monthly salary input from the user */
v_annual_sal := monthly_sal * 12;
--The following line displays the annual salary
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(v_annual_sal);
END;
/
```

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Commenting Code

You should comment code to document each phase and to assist debugging. Comment the PL/SQL code with two hyphens (--) if the comment is on a single line, or enclose the comment between the symbols /* and */ if the comment spans several lines.

Comments are strictly informational and do not enforce any conditions or behavior on logic or data. Well-placed comments are extremely valuable for code readability and future code maintenance. In the example in the slide, the lines enclosed within /* and */ indicate a comment that explains the following code.

SQL Functions in PL/SQL

- Available in procedural statements:
 - Single-row functions
- Not available in procedural statements:
 - DECODE
 - Group functions

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SQL Functions in PL/SQL

SQL provides several predefined functions that can be used in SQL statements. Most of these functions (such as single-row number and character functions, data type conversion functions, and date and time-stamp functions) are valid in PL/SQL expressions.

The following functions are not available in procedural statements:

- DECODE
- Group functions: AVG, MIN, MAX, COUNT, SUM, STDDEV, and VARIANCE

Group functions apply to groups of rows in a table and are, therefore, available only in SQL statements in a PL/SQL block. The functions mentioned here are only a subset of the complete list.

SQL Functions in PL/SQL: Examples

- Get the length of a string:

```
v_desc_size INTEGER(5);  
v_prod_description VARCHAR2(70):='You can use this  
product with your radios for higher frequency';  
  
-- get the length of the string in prod description  
v_desc_size:= LENGTH(v_prod_description);
```

- Get the number of months an employee has worked:

```
v_tenure:= MONTHS_BETWEEN (CURRENT_DATE, v_hiredate);
```

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SQL Functions in PL/SQL: Examples

You can use SQL functions to manipulate data. These functions are grouped into the following categories:

- Number
- Character
- Conversion
- Date
- Miscellaneous

Using Sequences in PL/SQL Expressions

Starting in 11g:

```
DECLARE
    v_new_id NUMBER;
BEGIN
    v_new_id := my_seq.NEXTVAL;
END;
/
```

Before 11g:

```
DECLARE
    v_new_id NUMBER;
BEGIN
    SELECT my_seq.NEXTVAL INTO v_new_id FROM Dual;
END;
/
```

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Accessing Sequence Values

In Oracle Database 11g, you can use the NEXTVAL and CURRVAL pseudo-columns in any PL/SQL context where an expression of NUMBER data type may legally appear. Although the old style of using a SELECT statement to query a sequence is still valid, it is recommended that you do not use it.

Before Oracle Database 11g, you were forced to write a SQL statement in order to use a sequence object value in a PL/SQL subroutine. Typically, you would write a SELECT statement to reference the pseudo-columns of NEXTVAL and CURRVAL to obtain a sequence number. This method created a usability problem.

In Oracle Database 11g, the limitation of forcing you to write a SQL statement to retrieve a sequence value is lifted. With the sequence enhancement feature:

- Sequence usability is improved
- Less typing is required by the developer
- The resulting code is clearer

Data Type Conversion

- Converts data to comparable data types
- Is of two types:
 - Implicit conversion
 - Explicit conversion
- Functions:
 - TO_CHAR
 - TO_DATE
 - TO_NUMBER
 - TO_TIMESTAMP

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Data Type Conversion

In any programming language, converting one data type to another is a common requirement. PL/SQL can handle such conversions with scalar data types. Data type conversions can be of two types:

Implicit conversions: PL/SQL attempts to convert data types dynamically if they are mixed in a statement. Consider the following example:

```
DECLARE
  v_salary NUMBER(6) := 6000;
  v_sal_hike VARCHAR2(5) := '1000';
  v_total_salary v_salary%TYPE;
BEGIN
  v_total_salary := v_salary + v_sal_hike;
END;
/
```

In this example, the `sal_hike` variable is of the `VARCHAR2` type. When calculating the total salary, PL/SQL first converts `sal_hike` to `NUMBER` and then performs the operation. The result is of the `NUMBER` type.

Implicit conversions can be between:

- Characters and numbers
- Characters and dates

Data Type Conversion (continued)

Explicit conversions: To convert values from one data type to another, use built-in functions. For example, to convert a CHAR value to a DATE or NUMBER value, use TO_DATE or TO_NUMBER, respectively.

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Data Type Conversion

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```
date_of_joining DATE:= '02-Feb-2000';
```

2

```
date_of_joining DATE:= 'February 02,2000';
```

3

```
date_of_joining DATE:= TO_DATE('February  
02,2000','Month DD, YYYY');
```

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Data Type Conversion (continued)

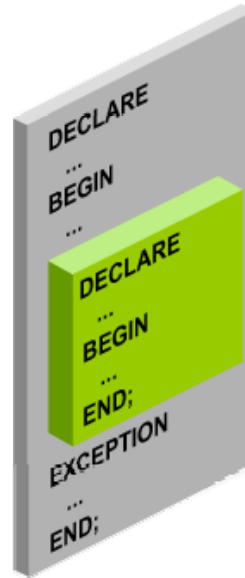
Note the three examples of implicit and explicit conversions of the DATE data type in the slide:

1. Because the string literal being assigned to `date_of_joining` is in the default format, this example performs implicit conversion and assigns the specified date to `date_of_joining`.
2. PL/SQL returns an error because the date that is being assigned is not in the default format.
3. The `TO_DATE` function is used to explicitly convert the given date in a particular format and assign it to the DATE data type variable `date_of_joining`.

Nested Blocks

PL/SQL blocks can be nested.

- An executable section (BEGIN ... END) can contain nested blocks.
- An exception section can contain nested blocks.



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Nested Blocks

Being procedural gives PL/SQL the ability to nest statements. You can nest blocks wherever an executable statement is allowed, thus making the nested block a statement. If your executable section has code for many logically related functionalities to support multiple business requirements, you can divide the executable section into smaller blocks. The exception section can also contain nested blocks.

Nested Blocks: Example

```
DECLARE
  v_outer_variable VARCHAR2(20):='GLOBAL VARIABLE';
BEGIN
  DECLARE
    v_inner_variable VARCHAR2(20):='LOCAL VARIABLE';
  BEGIN
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(v_inner_variable);
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(v_outer_variable);
  END;
  DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(v_outer_variable);
END;
```

```
anonymous block completed
LOCAL VARIABLE
GLOBAL VARIABLE
GLOBAL VARIABLE
```

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Nested Blocks (continued)

The example shown in the slide has an outer (parent) block and a nested (child) block. The `v_outer_variable` variable is declared in the outer block and the `v_inner_variable` variable is declared in the inner block.

`v_outer_variable` is local to the outer block but global to the inner block. When you access this variable in the inner block, PL/SQL first looks for a local variable in the inner block with that name. There is no variable with the same name in the inner block, so PL/SQL looks for the variable in the outer block. Therefore, `v_outer_variable` is considered to be the global variable for all the enclosing blocks. You can access this variable in the inner block as shown in the slide. Variables declared in a PL/SQL block are considered local to that block and global to all its subblocks.

`v_inner_variable` is local to the inner block and is not global because the inner block does not have any nested blocks. This variable can be accessed only within the inner block. If PL/SQL does not find the variable declared locally, it looks upward in the declarative section of the parent blocks. PL/SQL does not look downward in the child blocks.

Variable Scope and Visibility

```
DECLARE
  v_father_name VARCHAR2(20):='Patrick';
  v_date_of_birth DATE:='20-Apr-1972';
BEGIN
  DECLARE
    v_child_name VARCHAR2(20):='Mike';
    v_date_of_birth DATE:='12-Dec-2002';
  BEGIN
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Father's Name: ' || v_father_name);
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Date of Birth: ' || v_date_of_birth);
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Child's Name: ' || v_child_name);
  END;
  DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Date of Birth: ' || v_date_of_birth);
END;
/
```

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Variable Scope and Visibility

The output of the block shown in the slide is as follows:

```
anonymous block completed
Father's Name: Patrick
Date of Birth: 12-DEC-02
Child's Name: Mike
Date of Birth: 20-APR-72
```

Examine the date of birth that is printed for father and child.

The *scope* of a variable is the portion of the program in which the variable is declared and is accessible.

The *visibility* of a variable is the portion of the program where the variable can be accessed without using a qualifier.

Scope

- The `v_father_name` and `v_date_of_birth` variables are declared in the outer block. These variables have the scope of the block in which they are declared and are accessible. Therefore, the scope of these variables is limited to the outer block.

Variable Scope and Visibility (continued)

Scope (continued)

- The `v_child_name` and `v_date_of_birth` variables are declared in the inner block or the nested block. These variables are accessible only within the nested block and are not accessible in the outer block. When a variable is out of scope, PL/SQL frees the memory used to store the variable; therefore, these variables cannot be referenced.

Visibility

- The `v_date_of_birth` variable declared in the outer block has scope even in the inner block. However, this variable is not visible in the inner block because the inner block has a local variable with the same name.
 1. Examine the code in the executable section of the PL/SQL block. You can print the father's name, the child's name, and the date of birth. Only the child's date of birth can be printed here because the father's date of birth is not visible.
 2. The father's date of birth is visible here and, therefore, can be printed.

You cannot have variables with the same name in a block. However, you can declare variables with the same name in two different blocks (nested blocks). The two items represented by the identifiers are distinct; changes in one do not affect the other.

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Qualify an Identifier

```
BEGIN <<outer>>
DECLARE
  v_father_name VARCHAR2(20):='Patrick';
  v_date_of_birth DATE:='20-Apr-1972';
BEGIN
  DECLARE
    v_child_name VARCHAR2(20):='Mike';
    v_date_of_birth DATE:='12-Dec-2002';
  BEGIN
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Father's Name: ' || v_father_name);
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Date of Birth: '
                          || outer.v_date_of_birth);
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Child's Name: ' || v_child_name);
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Date of Birth: ' || v_date_of_birth);
  END;
END;
END outer;
```

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Qualify an Identifier

A qualifier is a label given to a block. You can use a qualifier to access the variables that have scope but are not visible. Examine the code: You can now print the father's date of birth and the child's date of birth in the inner block. The outer block is labeled `outer`. You can use this label to access the `v_date_of_birth` variable declared in the outer block.

Because labeling is not limited to the outer block, you can label any block. The output of the code in the slide is the following:

```
anonymous block completed
Father's Name: Patrick
Date of Birth: 20-APR-72
Child's Name: Mike
Date of Birth: 12-DEC-02
```

Determining Variable Scope: Example

```
BEGIN <<outer>>
DECLARE
  v_sal      NUMBER(7,2) := 60000;
  v_comm     NUMBER(7,2) := v_sal * 0.20;
  v_message  VARCHAR2(255) := ' eligible for commission';
BEGIN
  DECLARE
    v_sal      NUMBER(7,2) := 50000;
    v_comm     NUMBER(7,2) := 0;
    v_total_comp NUMBER(7,2) := v_sal + v_comm;
  BEGIN
    v_message := 'CLERK not' || v_message;
    ① → outer.v_comm := v_sal * 0.30;
    END;
    ② → v_message := 'SALESMAN' || v_message;
  END;
END outer;
/
```

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Determining Variable Scope: Example

Evaluate the PL/SQL block in the slide. Determine each of the following values according to the rules of scoping:

1. Value of `x` at position 1
2. Value of `v_total_comp` at position 2
3. Value of `v_comm` at position 1
4. Value of `outer.v_comm` at position 1
5. Value of `v_comm` at position 2
6. Value of `v_message` at position 2

Answers: Determining Variable Scope

1. Value of `v_message` at position 1: CLERK not eligible for commission
2. Value of `v_total_comp` at position 2: Error, `v_total_comp` not visible here as it is defined inside the inner block.
3. Value of `v_comm` at position 1: 0
4. Value of `outer.v_comm` at position 1: 12000
5. Value of `v_comm` at position 2: 15000
6. Value of `v_message` at position 2: SALESMANCLERK not eligible for commission

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Operators in PL/SQL

- Logical
- Arithmetic
- Concatenation
- Parentheses to control order of operations

Same as in SQL

- Exponential operator (**)

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Operators in PL/SQL

The operations in an expression are performed in a particular order depending on their precedence (priority). The following table shows the default order of operations from high priority to low priority:

Operator	Operation
**	Exponentiation
+, -	Identity, negation
*, /	Multiplication, division
+, -,	Addition, subtraction, concatenation
=, <, >, <=, >=, <>, !=, ~=, ^=, IS NULL, LIKE, BETWEEN, IN	Comparison
NOT	Logical negation
AND	Conjunction
OR	Inclusion

Operators in PL/SQL: Examples

- Increment the counter for a loop.

```
loop_count := loop_count + 1;
```

- Set the value of a Boolean flag.

```
good_sal := sal BETWEEN 50000 AND 150000;
```

- Validate whether an employee number contains a value.

```
valid := (empno IS NOT NULL);
```

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Operators in PL/SQL (continued)

When working with nulls, you can avoid some common mistakes by keeping in mind the following rules:

- Comparisons involving nulls always yield NULL.
- Applying the logical operator NOT to a null yields NULL.
- In conditional control statements, if the condition yields NULL, its associated sequence of statements is not executed.

Programming Guidelines

Make code maintenance easier by:

- Documenting code with comments
- Developing a case convention for the code
- Developing naming conventions for identifiers and other objects
- Enhancing readability by indenting

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Programming Guidelines

Follow programming guidelines shown in the slide to produce clear code and reduce maintenance when developing a PL/SQL block.

Code Conventions

The following table provides guidelines for writing code in uppercase or lowercase characters to help distinguish keywords from named objects.

Category	Case Convention	Examples
SQL statements	Uppercase	SELECT, INSERT
PL/SQL keywords	Uppercase	DECLARE, BEGIN, IF
Data types	Uppercase	VARCHAR2, BOOLEAN
Identifiers and parameters	Lowercase	v_sal, emp_cursor, g_sal, p_empno
Database tables and columns	Lowercase	employees, employee_id, department_id

Indenting Code

For clarity, indent each level of code.

```
BEGIN
  IF x=0 THEN
    y:=1;
  END IF;
END;
/
```

```
DECLARE
  deptno      NUMBER(4);
  location_id  NUMBER(4);
BEGIN
  SELECT  department_id,
          location_id
  INTO    deptno,
          location_id
  FROM    departments
  WHERE   department_name
          = 'Sales';

  ...
END;
/
```

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Indenting Code

For clarity and enhanced readability, indent each level of code. To show structure, you can divide lines by using carriage returns and you can indent lines by using spaces and tabs. Compare the following IF statements for readability:

```
IF x>y THEN max:=x;ELSE max:=y;END IF;
```

```
IF x > y THEN
  max := x;
ELSE
  max := y;
END IF;
```

Quiz

You can use most SQL single-row functions such as number, character, conversion, and date single-row functions in PL/SQL expressions.

1. True
2. False

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Answer: 1

SQL Functions in PL/SQL

SQL provides several predefined functions that can be used in SQL statements. Most of these functions (such as single-row number and character functions, data type conversion functions, and date and timestamp functions) are valid in PL/SQL expressions.

The following functions are not available in procedural statements:

- DECODE
- Group functions: AVG, MIN, MAX, COUNT, SUM, STDDEV, and VARIANCE

Group functions apply to groups of rows in a table and are, therefore, available only in SQL statements in a PL/SQL block. The functions mentioned here are only a subset of the complete list.

Summary

In this lesson, you should have learned how to:

- Identify lexical units in a PL/SQL block
- Use built-in SQL functions in PL/SQL
- Write nested blocks to break logically related functionalities
- Decide when to perform explicit conversions
- Qualify variables in nested blocks
- Use sequences in PL/SQL expressions

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Summary

Because PL/SQL is an extension of SQL, the general syntax rules that apply to SQL also apply to PL/SQL.

A block can have any number of nested blocks defined within its executable part. Blocks defined within a block are called subblocks. You can nest blocks only in the executable part of a block. Because the exception section is also a part of the executable section, it too can contain nested blocks. Ensure correct scope and visibility of the variables when you have nested blocks. Avoid using the same identifiers in the parent and child blocks.

Most of the functions available in SQL are also valid in PL/SQL expressions. Conversion functions convert a value from one data type to another. Comparison operators compare one expression to another. The result is always TRUE, FALSE, or NULL. Typically, you use comparison operators in conditional control statements and in the WHERE clause of SQL data manipulation statements. The relational operators enable you to compare arbitrarily complex expressions.

Practice 3: Overview

This practice covers the following topics:

- Reviewing scoping and nesting rules
- Writing and testing PL/SQL blocks

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Practice 3: Overview

Exercises 1 and 2 are paper based.

Practice 3

PL/SQL Block

```
DECLARE
  v_weight      NUMBER(3) := 600;
  v_message     VARCHAR2(255) := 'Product 10012';
BEGIN
  DECLARE
    v_weight     NUMBER(3) := 1;
    v_message    VARCHAR2(255) := 'Product 11001';
    v_new_locn   VARCHAR2(50) := 'Europe';
  BEGIN
    v_weight := v_weight + 1;
    v_new_locn := 'Western ' || v_new_locn;
  ① →
  END;
  v_weight := v_weight + 1;
  v_message := v_message || ' is in stock';
  v_new_locn := 'Western ' || v_new_locn;
  ② →
  END;
/
```

1. Evaluate the preceding PL/SQL block and determine the data type and value of each of the following variables according to the rules of scoping.
 - a. The value of `v_weight` at position 1 is:
 - b. The value of `v_new_locn` at position 1 is:
 - c. The value of `v_weight` at position 2 is:
 - d. The value of `v_message` at position 2 is:
 - e. The value of `v_new_locn` at position 2 is:

Practice 3 (continued)

Scope Example

```
DECLARE
    v_customer          VARCHAR2(50) := 'Womansport';
    v_credit_rating      VARCHAR2(50) := 'EXCELLENT';
BEGIN
    DECLARE
        v_customer       NUMBER(7) := 201;
        v_name           VARCHAR2(25) := 'Unisports';
    BEGIN
        v_credit_rating := 'GOOD';
        ...
    END;
    ...
END;
/
```

2. In the preceding PL/SQL block, determine the values and data types for each of the following cases.
 - a. The value of `v_customer` in the nested block is:
 - b. The value of `v_name` in the nested block is:
 - c. The value of `v_credit_rating` in the nested block is:
 - d. The value of `v_customer` in the main block is:
 - e. The value of `v_name` in the main block is:
 - f. The value of `v_credit_rating` in the main block is:

Practice 3 (continued)

3. Edit `lab_02_05_soln.sql`.
 - a. Use single-line comment syntax to comment the lines that create the bind variables.
 - b. Use multiple-line comments in the executable section to comment the lines that assign values to the bind variables.
 - c. Declare the `v_basic_percent` and `v_pf_percent` variables and initialize them to 45 and 12, respectively. Also, declare two variables: `v_fname` of type `VARCHAR2` and size 15, and `v_emp_sal` of type `NUMBER` and size 10.
 - d. Include the following SQL statement in the executable section:

```
SELECT first_name, salary
INTO v_fname, v_emp_sal FROM employees
WHERE employee_id=110;
```
 - e. Change the line that prints “Hello World” to print “Hello” and the first name. You can comment the lines that display the dates and print the bind variables, if you want to.
 - f. Calculate the contribution of the employee toward provident fund (PF). PF is 12% of the basic salary and basic salary is 45% of the salary. Use the local variables for the calculation. Try and use only one expression to calculate the PF. Print the employee’s salary and his contribution toward PF.
 - g. Execute and save your script as `lab_03_03_soln.sql`. Sample output is as follows:

```
anonymous block completed
Hello John
YOUR SALARY IS : 8200
YOUR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS PF:
442.8
```


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Objectives

After completing this lesson, you should be able to do the following:

- Determine the SQL statements that can be directly included in a PL/SQL executable block
- Manipulate data with DML statements in PL/SQL
- Use transaction control statements in PL/SQL
- Make use of the `INTO` clause to hold the values returned by a SQL statement
- Differentiate between implicit cursors and explicit cursors
- Use SQL cursor attributes

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Lesson Aim

In this lesson, you learn to embed standard SQL `SELECT`, `INSERT`, `UPDATE`, `DELETE`, and `MERGE` statements in PL/SQL blocks. You learn how to include data definition language (DDL) and transaction control statements in PL/SQL. You learn the need for cursors and differentiate between the two types of cursors. The lesson also presents the various SQL cursor attributes that can be used with implicit cursors.

SQL Statements in PL/SQL

- Retrieve a row from the database by using the `SELECT` command.
- Make changes to rows in the database by using DML commands.
- Control a transaction with the `COMMIT`, `ROLLBACK`, or `SAVEPOINT` command.

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SQL Statements in PL/SQL

In a PL/SQL block, you use SQL statements to retrieve and modify data from the database table. PL/SQL supports data manipulation language (DML) and transaction control commands. You can use DML commands to modify the data in a database table. However, remember the following points while using DML statements and transaction control commands in PL/SQL blocks:

- The `END` keyword signals the end of a PL/SQL block, not the end of a transaction. Just as a block can span multiple transactions, a transaction can span multiple blocks.
- PL/SQL does not directly support data definition language (DDL) statements, such as `CREATE TABLE`, `ALTER TABLE`, or `DROP TABLE`. PL/SQL supports early binding, which cannot happen if applications have to create database objects at run time by passing values. DDL statements cannot be directly executed. These statements are dynamic SQL statements. Dynamic SQL statements are built as character strings at run time and can contain placeholders for parameters. Therefore, you can use dynamic SQL to execute your DDL statements in PL/SQL. The details of working with dynamic SQL is covered in the course titled *Oracle Database 11g: Develop PL/SQL Program Units*.
- PL/SQL does not directly support data control language (DCL) statements, such as `GRANT` or `REVOKE`. You can use dynamic SQL to execute them.

SELECT Statements in PL/SQL

Retrieve data from the database with a `SELECT` statement.

Syntax:

```
SELECT  select_list
INTO    {variable_name[, variable_name]...
        | record_name}
FROM    table
[WHERE  condition];
```

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SELECT Statements in PL/SQL

Use the `SELECT` statement to retrieve data from the database.

<i>select_list</i>	List of at least one column; can include SQL expressions, row functions, or group functions
<i>variable_name</i>	Scalar variable that holds the retrieved value
<i>record_name</i>	PL/SQL record that holds the retrieved values
<i>table</i>	Specifies the database table name
<i>condition</i>	Is composed of column names, expressions, constants, and comparison operators, including PL/SQL variables and constants

Guidelines for Retrieving Data in PL/SQL

- Terminate each SQL statement with a semicolon (;).
- Every value retrieved must be stored in a variable by using the `INTO` clause.
- The `WHERE` clause is optional and can be used to specify input variables, constants, literals, and PL/SQL expressions. However, when you use the `INTO` clause, you should fetch only one row; using the `WHERE` clause is required in such cases.

SELECT Statements in PL/SQL (continued)

- Specify the same number of variables in the INTO clause as the number of database columns in the SELECT clause. Be sure that they correspond positionally and that their data types are compatible.
- Use group functions, such as SUM, in a SQL statement, because group functions apply to groups of rows in a table.

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SELECT Statements in PL/SQL

- The INTO clause is required.
- Queries must return only one row.

```
DECLARE
  v_fname VARCHAR2(25);
BEGIN
  SELECT first_name INTO v_fname
  FROM employees WHERE employee_id=200;
  DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(' First Name is : ' || v_fname);
END;
/
```

```
anonymous block completed
First Name is : Jennifer
```

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SELECT Statements in PL/SQL (continued)

INTO Clause

The INTO clause is mandatory and occurs between the SELECT and FROM clauses. It is used to specify the names of variables that hold the values that SQL returns from the SELECT clause. You must specify one variable for each item selected, and the order of the variables must correspond with the items selected.

Use the INTO clause to populate either PL/SQL variables or host variables.

Queries Must Return Only One Row

SELECT statements within a PL/SQL block fall into the ANSI classification of embedded SQL, for which the following rule applies: Queries must return only one row. A query that returns more than one row or no row generates an error.

PL/SQL manages these errors by raising standard exceptions, which you can handle in the exception section of the block with the NO_DATA_FOUND and TOO_MANY_ROWS exceptions. Include a WHERE condition in the SQL statement so that the statement returns a single row. You learn about exception handling later in the course.

SELECT Statements in PL/SQL (continued)

How to Retrieve Multiple Rows from a Table and Operate on the Data

A `SELECT` statement with the `INTO` clause can retrieve only one row at a time. If your requirement is to retrieve multiple rows and operate on the data, you can make use of explicit cursors. You get introduced to cursors later in this lesson and learn about explicit cursors in the lesson titled “Using Explicit Cursors.”

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Retrieving Data in PL/SQL: Example

Retrieve `hire_date` and `salary` for the specified employee.

```
DECLARE
  v_emp_hiredate    employees.hire_date%TYPE;
  v_emp_salary      employees.salary%TYPE;
BEGIN
  SELECT    hire_date, salary
  INTO      v_emp_hiredate, v_emp_salary
  FROM      employees
  WHERE     employee_id = 100;
END;
/
```

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Retrieving Data in PL/SQL

In the example in the slide, the `emp_hiredate` and `emp_salary` variables are declared in the declarative section of the PL/SQL block. In the executable section, the values of the `hire_date` and `salary` columns for the employee with the `employee_id` 100 are retrieved from the `employees` table. Next, they are stored in the `emp_hiredate` and `emp_salary` variables, respectively. Observe how the `INTO` clause, along with the `SELECT` statement, retrieves the database column values and stores them in the PL/SQL variables.

Note: The `SELECT` statement retrieves `hire_date` and then `salary`. The variables in the `INTO` clause must thus be in the same order. For example, if you exchange `emp_hiredate` and `emp_salary` in the statement in the slide, the statement results in an error.

Retrieving Data in PL/SQL

Return the sum of the salaries for all the employees in the specified department.

Example:

```
DECLARE
    v_sum_sal    NUMBER(10,2);
    v_deptno     NUMBER NOT NULL := 60;
BEGIN
    SELECT SUM(salary) -- group function
    INTO v_sum_sal FROM employees
    WHERE department_id = v_deptno;
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE ('The sum of salary is ' || v_sum_sal);
END;
```

```
anonymous block completed
The sum of salary is 28800
```

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Retrieving Data in PL/SQL (continued)

In the example in the slide, the `sum_sal` and `deptno` variables are declared in the declarative section of the PL/SQL block. In the executable section, the total salary for the employees in the department with the `department_id` 60 is computed using the SQL aggregate function `SUM`. The calculated total salary is assigned to the `sum_sal` variable.

Note: Group functions cannot be used in PL/SQL syntax. They are used in SQL statements within a PL/SQL block as shown in the example. You cannot use them as follows:

```
sum_sal := SUM(employees.salary);
```

Naming Conventions

```
DECLARE
  hire_date      employees.hire_date%TYPE;
  sysdate        hire_date%TYPE;
  employee_id    employees.employee_id%TYPE := 176;
BEGIN
  SELECT      hire_date, sysdate
  INTO        hire_date, sysdate
  FROM        employees
  WHERE       employee_id = employee_id;
END;
/
```

Error report:

ORA-01422: exact fetch returns more than requested number of rows

ORA-06512: at line 6

01422. 00000 - "exact fetch returns more than requested number of rows"

*Cause: The number specified in exact fetch is less than the rows returned.

*Action: Rewrite the query or change number of rows requested

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Naming Conventions

In potentially ambiguous SQL statements, the names of database columns take precedence over the names of local variables.

The example shown in the slide is defined as follows: Retrieve the hire date and today's date from the employees table for employee_id 176. This example raises an unhandled run-time exception because in the WHERE clause, the PL/SQL variable names are the same as the database column names in the employees table.

The following DELETE statement removes all employees from the employees table where the last name is not null (not just "King") because the Oracle server assumes that both occurrences of last_name in the WHERE clause refer to the database column:

```
DECLARE
  last_name VARCHAR2(25) := 'King';
BEGIN
  DELETE FROM employees WHERE last_name = last_name;
  . . .
```

Naming Conventions

- Use a naming convention to avoid ambiguity in the `WHERE` clause.
- Avoid using database column names as identifiers.
- Syntax errors can arise because PL/SQL checks the database first for a column in the table.
- The names of local variables and formal parameters take precedence over the names of database *tables*.
- The names of database table *columns* take precedence over the names of local variables.

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Naming Conventions (continued)

Avoid ambiguity in the `WHERE` clause by adhering to a naming convention that distinguishes database column names from PL/SQL variable names.

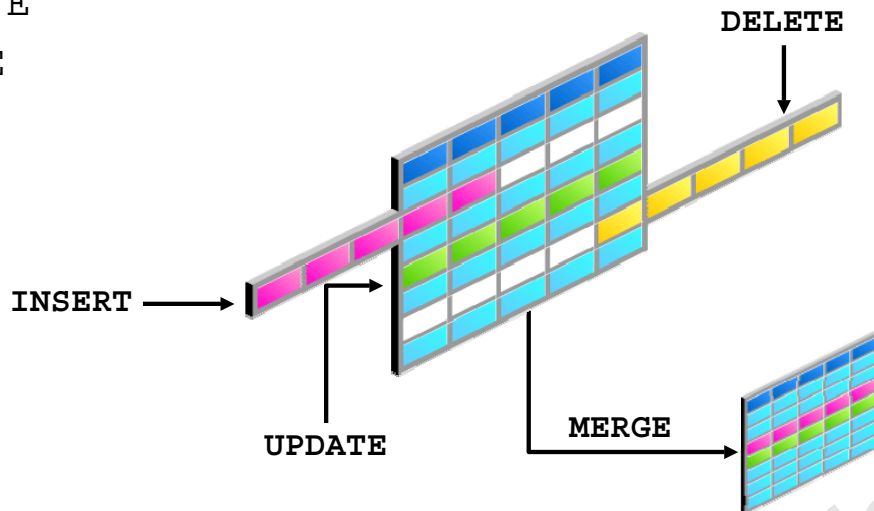
- Database columns and identifiers should have distinct names.
- Syntax errors can arise because PL/SQL checks the database first for a column in the table.

Note: There is no possibility of ambiguity in the `SELECT` clause because any identifier in the `SELECT` clause must be a database column name. There is no possibility of ambiguity in the `INTO` clause because identifiers in the `INTO` clause must be PL/SQL variables. There is the possibility of confusion only in the `WHERE` clause.

Using PL/SQL to Manipulate Data

Make changes to database tables by using DML commands:

- INSERT
- UPDATE
- DELETE
- MERGE



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Using PL/SQL to Manipulate Data

You manipulate data in the database by using the DML commands. You can issue the DML commands INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE and MERGE without restriction in PL/SQL. Row locks (and table locks) are released by including COMMIT or ROLLBACK statements in the PL/SQL code.

- The INSERT statement adds new rows to the table.
- The UPDATE statement modifies existing rows in the table.
- The DELETE statement removes rows from the table.
- The MERGE statement selects rows from one table to update or insert into another table. The decision whether to update or insert into the target table is based on a condition in the ON clause.

Note: MERGE is a deterministic statement. That is, you cannot update the same row of the target table multiple times in the same MERGE statement. You must have INSERT and UPDATE object privileges in the target table and the SELECT privilege on the source table.

Inserting Data: Example

Add new employee information to the `EMPLOYEES` table.

```
BEGIN
  INSERT INTO employees
    (employee_id, first_name, last_name, email,
     hire_date, job_id, salary)
  VALUES (employees_seq.NEXTVAL, 'Ruth', 'Cores',
           'RCORES', CURRENT_DATE, 'AD_ASST', 4000);
END;
/
```

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Inserting Data

In the example in the slide, an `INSERT` statement is used within a PL/SQL block to insert a record into the `employees` table. While using the `INSERT` command in a PL/SQL block, you can:

- Use SQL functions, such as `USER` and `CURRENT_DATE`
- Generate primary key values by using existing database sequences
- Derive values in the PL/SQL block

Note: The data in the `employees` table needs to remain unchanged. Even though the `employees` table is not read only, inserting, updating, and deleting are not allowed on this table to ensure consistency of output.

Updating Data: Example

Increase the salary of all employees who are stock clerks.

```
DECLARE
    sal_increase    employees.salary%TYPE := 800;
BEGIN
    UPDATE          employees
    SET              salary = salary + sal_increase
    WHERE            job_id = 'ST_CLERK';
END;
/
```

```
anonymous block completed
FIRST_NAME      SALARY
-----
Julia           4000
Irene           3500
James           3200
Steven          3000
```

...

```
Curtis          3900
Randall         3400
Peter           3300
```

20 rows selected

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Updating Data

There may be ambiguity in the SET clause of the UPDATE statement because, although the identifier on the left of the assignment operator is always a database column, the identifier on the right can be either a database column or a PL/SQL variable. Recall that if column names and identifier names are identical in the WHERE clause, the Oracle server looks to the database first for the name.

Remember that the WHERE clause is used to determine the rows that are affected. If no rows are modified, no error occurs (unlike the SELECT statement in PL/SQL).

Note: PL/SQL variable assignments always use :=, and SQL column assignments always use =.

Deleting Data: Example

Delete rows that belong to department 10 from the `employees` table.

```
DECLARE
    deptno    employees.department_id%TYPE := 10;
BEGIN
    DELETE FROM    employees
    WHERE    department_id = deptno;
END;
/
```

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Deleting Data

The `DELETE` statement removes unwanted rows from a table. If the `WHERE` clause is not used, all the rows in a table can be removed if there are no integrity constraints.

Merging Rows

Insert or update rows in the `copy_emp` table to match the `employees` table.

```
BEGIN
MERGE INTO copy_emp c
  USING employees e
  ON (e.employee_id = c.empno)
  WHEN MATCHED THEN
    UPDATE SET
      c.first_name      = e.first_name,
      c.last_name       = e.last_name,
      c.email           = e.email,
      . . .
  WHEN NOT MATCHED THEN
    INSERT VALUES(e.employee_id, e.first_name, e.last_name,
      . . ., e.department_id);
END;
/
```

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Merging Rows

The `MERGE` statement inserts or updates rows in one table by using data from another table. Each row is inserted or updated in the target table depending on an equijoin condition.

The example shown matches the `employee_id` in the `copy_emp` table to the `employee_id` in the `employees` table. If a match is found, the row is updated to match the row in the `employees` table. If the row is not found, it is inserted into the `copy_emp` table.

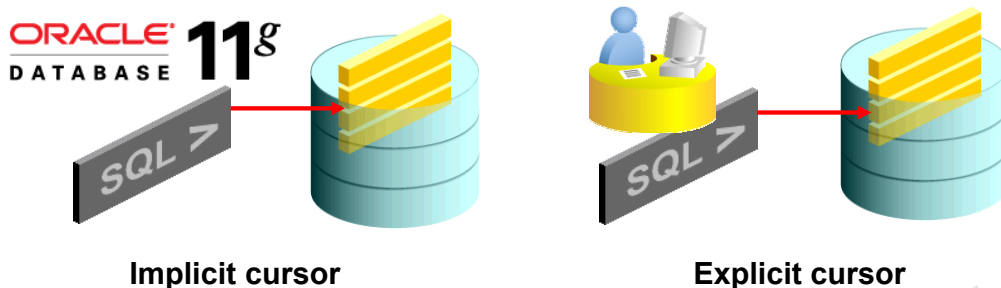
The complete example of using `MERGE` in a PL/SQL block is shown on the next page.

Merging Rows (continued)

```
BEGIN
MERGE INTO copy_emp c
  USING employees e
  ON (e.employee_id = c.empno)
  WHEN MATCHED THEN
    UPDATE SET
      c.first_name      = e.first_name,
      c.last_name       = e.last_name,
      c.email           = e.email,
      c.phone_number    = e.phone_number,
      c.hire_date       = e.hire_date,
      c.job_id          = e.job_id,
      c.salary          = e.salary,
      c.commission_pct  = e.commission_pct,
      c.manager_id      = e.manager_id,
      c.department_id   = e.department_id
  WHEN NOT MATCHED THEN
    INSERT VALUES(e.employee_id, e.first_name, e.last_name,
      e.email, e.phone_number, e.hire_date, e.job_id,
      e.salary, e.commission_pct, e.manager_id,
      e.department_id);
END;
/
```

SQL Cursor

- A cursor is a pointer to the private memory area allocated by the Oracle server. It is used to handle the result set of a **SELECT** statement.
- There are two types of cursors: Implicit and explicit.
 - **Implicit:** Created and managed internally by the Oracle server to process SQL statements
 - **Explicit:** Declared explicitly by the programmer



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SQL Cursor

You have already learned that you can include SQL statements that return a single row in a PL/SQL block. The data retrieved by the SQL statement should be held in variables using the **INTO** clause.

Where Does the Oracle Server Process SQL Statements?

The Oracle server allocates a private memory area called the *context area* for processing SQL statements. The SQL statement is parsed and processed in this area. Information required for processing and information retrieved after processing are all stored in this area. You have no control over this area because it is internally managed by the Oracle server.

A cursor is a pointer to the context area. However, this cursor is an implicit cursor and is automatically managed by the Oracle server. When the executable block issues a SQL statement, PL/SQL creates an implicit cursor.

Types of Cursors

There are two types of cursors:

- **Implicit:** An *implicit cursor* is created and managed by the Oracle server. You do not have access to it. The Oracle server creates such a cursor when it has to execute a SQL statement.

SQL Cursor (continued)

Types of Cursors (continued)

- **Explicit:** As a programmer, you may want to retrieve multiple rows from a database table, have a pointer to each row that is retrieved, and work on the rows one at a time. In such cases, you can declare cursors explicitly depending on your business requirements. A cursor that is declared by programmers is called an *explicit cursor*. You declare such a cursor in the declarative section of a PL/SQL block.

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SQL Cursor Attributes for Implicit Cursors

Using SQL cursor attributes, you can test the outcome of your SQL statements.

SQL%FOUND	Boolean attribute that evaluates to TRUE if the most recent SQL statement returned at least one row
SQL%NOTFOUND	Boolean attribute that evaluates to TRUE if the most recent SQL statement did not return even one row
SQL%ROWCOUNT	An integer value that represents the number of rows affected by the most recent SQL statement

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SQL Cursor Attributes for Implicit Cursors

SQL cursor attributes enable you to evaluate what happened when an implicit cursor was last used. Use these attributes in PL/SQL statements but not in SQL statements.

You can test the **SQL%ROWCOUNT**, **SQL%FOUND**, and **SQL%NOTFOUND** attributes in the executable section of a block to gather information after the appropriate DML command executes. PL/SQL does not return an error if a DML statement does not affect rows in the underlying table. However, if a **SELECT** statement does not retrieve any rows, PL/SQL returns an exception.

Observe that the attributes are prefixed with **SQL**. These cursor attributes are used with implicit cursors that are automatically created by PL/SQL and for which you do not know the names. Therefore, you use **SQL** instead of the cursor name.

The **SQL%NOTFOUND** attribute is opposite to **SQL%FOUND**. This attribute may be used as the exit condition in a loop. It is useful in **UPDATE** and **DELETE** statements when no rows are changed because exceptions are not returned in these cases.

You learn about explicit cursor attributes later in the course.

SQL Cursor Attributes for Implicit Cursors

Delete rows that have the specified employee ID from the `employees` table. Print the number of rows deleted.

Example:

```
DECLARE
  v_rows_deleted VARCHAR2(30)
  v_empno employees.employee_id%TYPE := 176;
BEGIN
  DELETE FROM employees
  WHERE employee_id = v_empno;
  v_rows_deleted := (SQL%ROWCOUNT ||
                    ' row deleted. ');
  DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE (v_rows_deleted);
END;
```

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SQL Cursor Attributes for Implicit Cursors (continued)

The example in the slide deletes a row with `employee_id` 176 from the `employees` table. Using the `SQL%ROWCOUNT` attribute, you can print the number of rows deleted.

Quiz

When using the `SELECT` statement in PL/SQL, the `INTO` clause is required and queries can return one or more row.

1. True
2. False

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Answer: 2

INTO Clause

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Use the `INTO` clause to populate either PL/SQL variables or host variables.

Queries Must Return Only One Row

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PL/SQL manages these errors by raising standard exceptions, which you can handle in the exception section of the block with the `NO_DATA_FOUND` and `TOO_MANY_ROWS` exceptions. Include a `WHERE` condition in the SQL statement so that the statement returns a single row. You learn about exception handling later in the course.

Summary

In this lesson, you should have learned how to:

- Embed DML statements, transaction control statements, and DDL statements in PL/SQL
- Use the `INTO` clause, which is mandatory for all `SELECT` statements in PL/SQL
- Differentiate between implicit cursors and explicit cursors
- Use SQL cursor attributes to determine the outcome of SQL statements

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Summary

The DML commands and transaction control statements can be used in PL/SQL programs without restriction. However, the DDL commands cannot be used directly.

A `SELECT` statement in a PL/SQL block can return only one row. It is mandatory to use the `INTO` clause to hold the values retrieved by the `SELECT` statement.

A cursor is a pointer to the memory area. There are two types of cursors. Implicit cursors are created and managed internally by the Oracle server to execute SQL statements. You can use SQL cursor attributes with these cursors to determine the outcome of the SQL statement. Explicit cursors are declared by programmers.

Practice 4: Overview

This practice covers the following topics:

- Selecting data from a table
- Inserting data into a table
- Updating data in a table
- Deleting a record from a table

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Practice 4

1. Create a PL/SQL block that selects the maximum department ID in the `departments` table and stores it in the `v_max_deptno` variable. Display the maximum department ID.
 - a. Declare a variable, `v_max_deptno`, of type `NUMBER` in the declarative section.
 - b. Start the executable section with the `BEGIN` keyword and include a `SELECT` statement to retrieve the maximum `department_id` from the `departments` table.
 - c. Display `v_max_deptno` and end the executable block.
 - d. Execute and save your script as `lab_04_01_soln.sql`. Sample output is as follows:

```
anonymous block completed
The maximum department_id is : 270
```

2. Modify the PL/SQL block you created in step 1 to insert a new department in the `departments` table.
 - a. Load the `lab_04_01_soln.sql` script. Declare two variables:
`v_dept_name` of type `departments.department_name`
`v_dept_id` of type `NUMBER`
Assign "Education" to `v_dept_name` in the declarative section.
 - b. You have already retrieved the current maximum department ID from the `departments` table. Add 10 to it and assign the result to `v_dept_id`.
 - c. Include an `INSERT` statement to insert data into the `department_name`, `department_id`, and `location_id` columns of the `departments` table. Use values in `v_dept_name` and `v_dept_id` for `department_name` and `department_id`, respectively, and use `NULL` for `location_id`.
 - d. Use the SQL attribute `SQL%ROWCOUNT` to display the number of rows that are affected.
 - e. Execute a `SELECT` statement to check whether the new department is inserted. You can terminate the PL/SQL block with `/"` and include the `SELECT` statement in your script.
 - f. Execute and save your script as `lab_04_02_soln.sql`. Sample output is as follows:

```
anonymous block completed
The maximum department_id is : 280
SQL%ROWCOUNT gives 1
```

DEPARTMENT_ID	DEPARTMENT_NAME	MANAGER_ID	LOCATION_ID
280	Education	(null)	(null)

Practice 4 (continued)

3. In step 2, you set `location_id` to `NULL`. Create a PL/SQL block that updates the `location_id` to 3000 for the new department. Use the local variable `v_dept_id` to update the row.

Note: Skip step (a) if you have not started a new session for this practice.

- a. If you have started a new session, delete the department that you have added to the `departments` table and execute the `lab_04_02_soln.sql` script.
- b. Start the executable block with the `BEGIN` keyword. Include the `UPDATE` statement to set the `location_id` to 3000 for the new department (`v_dept_id = 280`).
- c. End the executable block with the `END` keyword. Terminate the PL/SQL block with `"/` and include a `SELECT` statement to display the department that you updated.
- d. Finally, include a `DELETE` statement to delete the department that you added.
- e. Execute and save your script as `lab_04_03_soln.sql`. Sample output is as follows:

```
anonymous block completed
```

DEPARTMENT_ID	DEPARTMENT_NAME	MANAGER_ID	LOCATION_ID
-----	-----	-----	-----
280	Education		3000

```
1 rows selected
```

```
1 rows deleted
```

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Writing Control Structures

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Objectives

After completing this lesson, you should be able to do the following:

- Identify the uses and types of control structures
- Construct an `IF` statement
- Use `CASE` statements and `CASE` expressions
- Construct and identify loop statements
- Use guidelines when using conditional control structures

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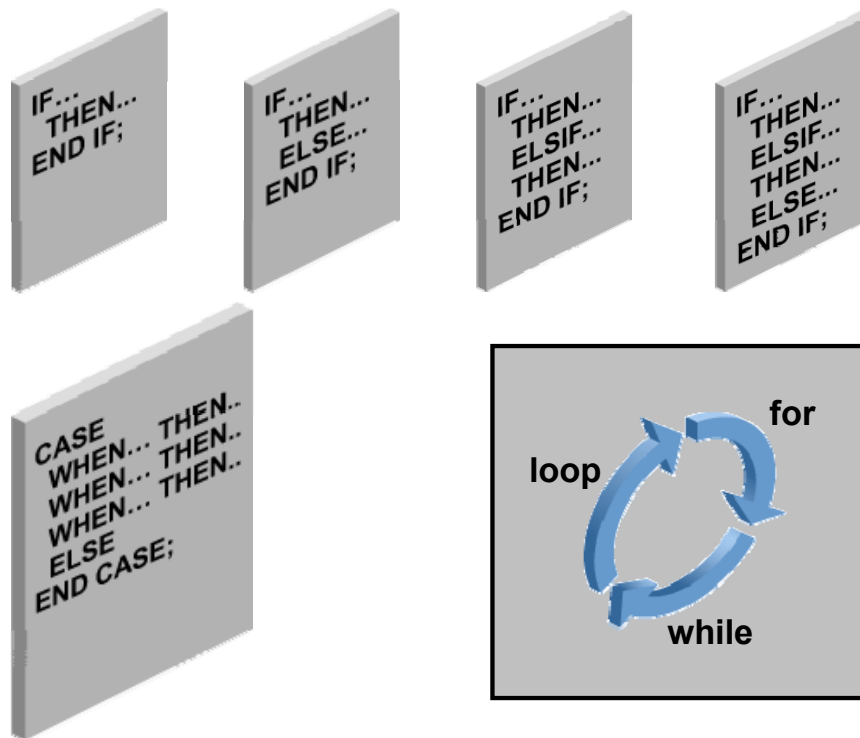
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Lesson Aim

You have learned to write PL/SQL blocks containing declarative and executable sections. You have also learned to include expressions and SQL statements in the executable block.

In this lesson, you learn how to use control structures such as `IF` statements, `CASE` expressions, and `LOOP` structures in a PL/SQL block.

Controlling Flow of Execution



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Controlling Flow of Execution

You can change the logical flow of statements within the PL/SQL block with a number of control structures. This lesson addresses four types of PL/SQL control structures: conditional constructs with the IF statement, CASE expressions, LOOP control structures, and the CONTINUE statement.

IF Statement

Syntax:

```
IF condition THEN
    statements;
[ELSIF condition THEN
    statements;]
[ELSE
    statements;]
END IF;
```

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IF Statement

The structure of the PL/SQL IF statement is similar to the structure of IF statements in other procedural languages. It allows PL/SQL to perform actions selectively based on conditions.

In the syntax:

<i>condition</i>	Is a Boolean variable or expression that returns TRUE, FALSE, or NULL
THEN	Introduces a clause that associates the Boolean expression with the sequence of statements that follows it
<i>statements</i>	Can be one or more PL/SQL or SQL statements. (They may include further IF statements containing several nested IF, ELSE, and ELSIF statements.) The statements in the THEN clause are executed only if the condition in the associated IF clause evaluates to TRUE.

IF Statement (continued)

In the syntax:

ELSIF	Is a keyword that introduces a Boolean expression (If the first condition yields FALSE or NULL, the ELSIF keyword introduces additional conditions.)
ELSE	Introduces the default clause that is executed if and only if none of the earlier predicates (introduced by IF and ELSIF) are TRUE. The tests are executed in sequence so that a later predicate that might be true is preempted by an earlier predicate that is true.
END IF	END IF marks the end of an IF statement

Note: ELSIF and ELSE are optional in an IF statement. You can have any number of ELSIF keywords but only one ELSE keyword in your IF statement. END IF marks the end of an IF statement and must be terminated by a semicolon.

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Simple IF Statement

```
DECLARE
  v_myage  number:=31;
BEGIN
  IF v_myage < 11
  THEN
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(' I am a child ');
  END IF;
END;
/
```

anonymous block completed

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Simple IF Statement

The slide shows an example of a simple IF statement with the THEN clause. The v_myage variable is initialized to 31. The condition for the IF statement returns FALSE because v_myage is not less than 11. Therefore, the control never reaches the THEN clause. Now add code to this example to see the use of ELSE and ELSIF.

An IF statement can have multiple conditional expressions related with logical operators such as AND, OR, and NOT. Here is an example:

```
IF (myfirstname='Christopher' AND v_myage <11)
...
```

The condition uses the AND operator and therefore evaluates to TRUE only if both conditions are evaluated as TRUE. There is no limitation on the number of conditional expressions. However, these statements must be related with appropriate logical operators.

IF THEN ELSE Statement

```
DECLARE
v_myage  number:=31;
BEGIN
IF v_myage < 11
THEN
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(' I am a child ');
ELSE
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(' I am not a child ');
END IF;
END;
/
```

```
anonymous block completed
I am not a child
```

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IF THEN ELSE Statement

An ELSE clause is added to the code in the previous slide. The condition has not changed and, therefore, still evaluates to FALSE. Recall that the statements in the THEN clause are executed only if the condition returns TRUE. In this case, the condition returns FALSE and the control moves to the ELSE statement. The output of the block is shown in the slide.

IF ELSIF ELSE Clause

```
DECLARE
  v_myage number:=31;
BEGIN
  IF v_myage < 11 THEN
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(' I am a child ');
  ELSIF v_myage < 20 THEN
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(' I am young ');
  ELSIF v_myage < 30 THEN
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(' I am in my twenties');
  ELSIF v_myage < 40 THEN
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(' I am in my thirties');
  ELSE
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(' I am always young ');
  END IF;
END;
/
```

```
anonymous block completed
I am in my thirties
```

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IF ELSIF ELSE Clause

The IF clause now contains multiple ELSIF clauses and an ELSE clause. Notice that the ELSIF clauses can have conditions, unlike the ELSE clause. The condition for ELSIF should be followed by the THEN clause, which is executed if the condition of the ELSIF returns TRUE. When you have multiple ELSIF clauses, if the first condition is FALSE or NULL, the control shifts to the next ELSIF clause. Conditions are evaluated one by one from the top. If all conditions are FALSE or NULL, the statements in the ELSE clause are executed. The final ELSE clause is optional.

NULL Value in IF Statement

```
DECLARE
  v_myage  number;
BEGIN
  IF v_myage < 11 THEN
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(' I am a child ');
  ELSE
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(' I am not a child ');
  END IF;
END;
/
```

```
anonymous block completed
I am not a child
```

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NULL Value in IF Statement

In the example shown in the slide, the variable `v_myage` is declared but not initialized. The condition in the IF statement returns NULL rather than TRUE or FALSE. In such a case, the control goes to the ELSE statement.

Guidelines

- You can perform actions selectively based on conditions that are being met.
- When writing code, remember the spelling of the keywords:
 - ELSIF is one word.
 - END IF is two words.
- If the controlling Boolean condition is TRUE, the associated sequence of statements is executed; if the controlling Boolean condition is FALSE or NULL, the associated sequence of statements is passed over. Any number of ELSIF clauses are permitted.
- Indent the conditionally executed statements for clarity.

CASE Expressions

- A CASE expression selects a result and returns it.
- To select the result, the CASE expression uses expressions. The value returned by these expressions is used to select one of several alternatives.

```
CASE selector
  WHEN expression1 THEN result1
  WHEN expression2 THEN result2
  ...
  WHEN expressionN THEN resultN
  [ELSE resultN+1]
END;
/
```

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CASE Expressions

A CASE expression returns a result based on one or more alternatives. To return the result, the CASE expression uses a *selector*, which is an expression whose value is used to return one of several alternatives. The selector is followed by one or more WHEN clauses that are checked sequentially. The value of the selector determines which result is returned. If the value of the selector equals the value of a WHEN clause expression, that WHEN clause is executed and that result is returned.

PL/SQL also provides a searched CASE expression, which has the form:

```
CASE
  WHEN search_condition1 THEN result1
  WHEN search_condition2 THEN result2
  ...
  WHEN search_conditionN THEN resultN
  [ELSE resultN+1]
END;
```

A searched CASE expression has no selector. Furthermore, its WHEN clauses contain search conditions that yield a Boolean value rather than expressions that can yield a value of any type.

CASE Expressions: Example

```
SET VERIFY OFF
DECLARE
    v_grade CHAR(1) := UPPER('&grade');
    appraisal VARCHAR2(20);
BEGIN
    appraisal := CASE v_grade
        WHEN 'A' THEN 'Excellent'
        WHEN 'B' THEN 'Very Good'
        WHEN 'C' THEN 'Good'
        ELSE 'No such grade'
    END;
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE ('Grade: ' || v_grade || '
                          Appraisal ' || appraisal);
END;
/
```

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CASE Expressions: Example

In the example in the slide, the CASE expression uses the value in the `v_grade` variable as the expression. This value is accepted from the user by using a substitution variable. Based on the value entered by the user, the CASE expression returns the value of the `appraisal` variable based on the value of the `v_grade` value. The output of the example is as follows when you enter a or A for `v_grade`:

```
anonymous block completed
Grade: A   Appraisal Excellent
```

Searched CASE Expressions

```
DECLARE
    v_grade CHAR(1) := UPPER('&grade');
    appraisal VARCHAR2(20);
BEGIN
    appraisal := CASE
        WHEN v_grade = 'A' THEN 'Excellent'
        WHEN v_grade IN ('B','C') THEN 'Good'
        ELSE 'No such grade'
    END;
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE ('Grade: ' || v_grade || '
                          Appraisal ' || appraisal);
END;
/
```

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Searched CASE Expressions

In the previous example, you saw a single test expression that was the `v_grade` variable. The `WHEN` clause compared a value against this test expression.

In searched CASE statements, you do not have a test expression. Instead, the `WHEN` clause contains an expression that results in a Boolean value. The same example is rewritten in this slide to show searched CASE statements.

The output of the example is as follows when you enter a or A for `v_grade`:

```
anonymous block completed
Grade: A   Appraisal Excellent
```

CASE Statement

```
DECLARE
  v_deptid NUMBER;
  v_deptname VARCHAR2(20);
  v_emps NUMBER;
  v_mngid NUMBER:= 108;
BEGIN
  CASE v_mngid
    WHEN 108 THEN
      SELECT department_id, department_name
      INTO v_deptid, v_deptname FROM departments
      WHERE manager_id=108;
      SELECT count(*) INTO v_emps FROM employees
      WHERE department_id=v_deptid;
    WHEN 200 THEN
      ...
    END CASE;
  DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE ('You are working in the ' || deptname ||
  ' department. There are ' || v_emps || ' employees in this
  department');
END;
/
```

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CASE Statement

Recall the use of the IF statement. You may include *n* number of PL/SQL statements in the THEN clause and also in the ELSE clause. Similarly, you can include statements in the CASE statement. The CASE statement is more readable compared to multiple IF and ELSIF statements.

How a CASE Expression Differs from a CASE Statement

A CASE expression evaluates the condition and returns a value, whereas a CASE statement evaluates the condition and performs an action. A CASE statement can be a complete PL/SQL block.

- CASE statements end with END CASE;
- CASE expressions end with END;

The output of the slide code example is as follows:

```
anonymous block completed
You are working in the Finance department. There are 6 employees in this department
```

Handling Nulls

When working with nulls, you can avoid some common mistakes by keeping in mind the following rules:

- Simple comparisons involving nulls always yield `NULL`.
- Applying the logical operator `NOT` to a null yields `NULL`.
- If the condition yields `NULL` in conditional control statements, its associated sequence of statements is not executed.

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Handling Nulls

Consider the following example:

```
x := 5;
y := NULL;
...
IF x != y THEN -- yields NULL, not TRUE
  -- sequence_of_statements_that_are_not_executed
END IF;
```

You may expect the sequence of statements to execute because `x` and `y` seem unequal. But nulls are indeterminate. Whether or not `x` is equal to `y` is unknown. Therefore, the `IF` condition yields `NULL` and the sequence of statements is bypassed.

```
a := NULL;
b := NULL;
...
IF a = b THEN -- yields NULL, not TRUE
  -- sequence_of_statements_that_are_not_executed
END IF;
```

In the second example, you may expect the sequence of statements to execute because `a` and `b` seem equal. But, again, equality is unknown, so the `IF` condition yields `NULL` and the sequence of statements is bypassed.

Logic Tables

Build a simple Boolean condition with a comparison operator.

AND	TRUE	FALSE	NULL	OR	TRUE	FALSE	NULL	NOT	
TRUE	TRUE	FALSE	NULL	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	FALSE
FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	NULL	FALSE	TRUE
NULL	NULL	FALSE	NULL	NULL	TRUE	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL

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Logic Tables

You can build a simple Boolean condition by combining number, character, and date expressions with comparison operators.

You can build a complex Boolean condition by combining simple Boolean conditions with the logical operators AND, OR, and NOT. The logical operators are used to check the Boolean variable values and return TRUE, FALSE, or NULL. In the logic tables shown in the slide:

- FALSE takes precedence in an AND condition, and TRUE takes precedence in an OR condition
- AND returns TRUE only if both of its operands are TRUE
- OR returns FALSE only if both of its operands are FALSE
- NULL AND TRUE always evaluates to NULL because it is not known whether the second operand evaluates to TRUE

Note: The negation of NULL (NOT NULL) results in a null value because null values are indeterminate.

Boolean Conditions

What is the value of `flag` in each case?

```
flag := reorder_flag AND available_flag;
```

REORDER_FLAG	AVAILABLE_FLAG	FLAG
TRUE	TRUE	? (1)
TRUE	FALSE	? (2)
NULL	TRUE	? (3)
NULL	FALSE	? (4)

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Boolean Conditions

The AND logic table can help you evaluate the possibilities for the Boolean condition in the slide.

Answers

1. TRUE
2. FALSE
3. NULL
4. FALSE

Iterative Control: LOOP Statements

- Loops repeat a statement (or sequence of statements) multiple times.
- There are three loop types:
 - Basic loop
 - FOR loop
 - WHILE loop



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Iterative Control: LOOP Statements

PL/SQL provides several facilities to structure loops to repeat a statement or sequence of statements multiple times. Loops are mainly used to execute statements repeatedly until an exit condition is reached. It is mandatory to have an exit condition in a loop; otherwise, the loop is infinite.

Looping constructs are the second type of control structure. PL/SQL provides the following types of loops:

- Basic loop that performs repetitive actions without overall conditions
- FOR loops that perform iterative actions based on a count
- WHILE loops that perform iterative actions based on a condition

Note: An EXIT statement can be used to terminate loops. A basic loop must have an EXIT. The cursor FOR LOOP (which is another type of FOR LOOP) is discussed in the lesson titled “Using Explicit Cursors.”

Basic Loops

Syntax:

```
LOOP
  statement1;
  . . .
  EXIT [WHEN condition];
END LOOP;
```

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Basic Loops

The simplest form of a LOOP statement is the basic loop, which encloses a sequence of statements between the LOOP and END LOOP keywords. Each time the flow of execution reaches the END LOOP statement, control is returned to the corresponding LOOP statement above it. A basic loop allows execution of its statements at least once, even if the EXIT condition is already met upon entering the loop. Without the EXIT statement, the loop would be infinite.

EXIT Statement

You can use the EXIT statement to terminate a loop. Control passes to the next statement after the END LOOP statement. You can issue EXIT either as an action within an IF statement or as a stand-alone statement within the loop. The EXIT statement must be placed inside a loop. In the latter case, you can attach a WHEN clause to enable conditional termination of the loop. When the EXIT statement is encountered, the condition in the WHEN clause is evaluated. If the condition yields TRUE, the loop ends and control passes to the next statement after the loop. A basic loop can contain multiple EXIT statements, but it is recommended that you have only one EXIT point.

Basic Loops

Example:

```
DECLARE
  v_countryid    locations.country_id%TYPE := 'CA';
  v_loc_id       locations.location_id%TYPE;
  v_counter      NUMBER(2) := 1;
  v_new_city     locations.city%TYPE := 'Montreal';
BEGIN
  SELECT MAX(location_id) INTO v_loc_id FROM locations
  WHERE country_id = v_countryid;
  LOOP
    INSERT INTO locations(location_id, city, country_id)
    VALUES((v_loc_id + v_counter), v_new_city, v_countryid);
    v_counter := v_counter + 1;
    EXIT WHEN v_counter > 3;
  END LOOP;
END;
/
```

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Basic Loops (continued)

The basic loop example shown in the slide is defined as follows:

Insert three new location IDs for the CA country code and the city of Montreal.

Note: A basic loop allows execution of its statements until the EXIT WHEN condition is met. If the condition is placed in the loop so that it is not checked until after the loop statements, the loop executes at least once. However, if the exit condition is placed at the top of the loop (before any of the other executable statements) and if that condition is true, the loop exits and the statements never execute.

WHILE Loops

Syntax:

```
WHILE condition LOOP
    statement1;
    statement2;
    . . .
END LOOP;
```

Use the WHILE loop to repeat statements while a condition is TRUE.

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WHILE Loops

You can use the WHILE loop to repeat a sequence of statements until the controlling condition is no longer TRUE. The condition is evaluated at the start of each iteration. The loop terminates when the condition is FALSE or NULL. If the condition is FALSE or NULL at the start of the loop, no further iterations are performed. Thus, it is possible that none of the statements inside the loop are executed.

In the syntax:

<i>condition</i>	Is a Boolean variable or expression (TRUE, FALSE, or NULL)
<i>statement</i>	Can be one or more PL/SQL or SQL statements

If the variables involved in the conditions do not change during the body of the loop, the condition remains TRUE and the loop does not terminate.

Note: If the condition yields NULL, the loop is bypassed and control passes to the next statement.

WHILE Loops: Example

```
DECLARE
  v_countryid  locations.country_id%TYPE := 'CA';
  v_loc_id     locations.location_id%TYPE;
  v_new_city   locations.city%TYPE := 'Montreal';
  v_counter    NUMBER := 1;
BEGIN
  SELECT MAX(location_id) INTO v_loc_id FROM locations
  WHERE country_id = v_countryid;
  WHILE v_counter <= 3 LOOP
    INSERT INTO locations(location_id, city, country_id)
    VALUES((v_loc_id + v_counter), v_new_city, v_countryid);
    v_counter := v_counter + 1;
  END LOOP;
END;
/
```

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WHILE Loops (continued)

In the example in the slide, three new location IDs for the CA country code and the city Montreal are added.

With each iteration through the WHILE loop, a counter (`v_counter`) is incremented. If the number of iterations is less than or equal to the number 3, then the code within the loop is executed and a row is inserted into the `locations` table. After the `v_counter` exceeds the number of new locations for this city and country, the condition that controls the loop evaluates to FALSE and the loop terminates.

FOR Loops

- Use a `FOR` loop to shortcut the test for the number of iterations.
- Do not declare the counter; it is declared implicitly.

```
FOR counter IN [REVERSE]
    lower_bound..upper_bound LOOP
    statement1;
    statement2;
    . . .
END LOOP;
```

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FOR Loops

`FOR` loops have the same general structure as the basic loop. In addition, they have a control statement before the `LOOP` keyword to set the number of iterations that PL/SQL performs.

In the syntax:

<i>counter</i>	Is an implicitly declared integer whose value automatically increases or decreases (decreases if the <code>REVERSE</code> keyword is used) by 1 on each iteration of the loop until the upper or lower bound is reached
<code>REVERSE</code>	Causes the counter to decrement with each iteration from the upper bound to the lower bound Note: The lower bound is still referenced first.
<i>lower_bound</i>	Specifies the lower bound for the range of counter values
<i>upper_bound</i>	Specifies the upper bound for the range of counter values

Do not declare the counter. It is declared implicitly as an integer.

FOR Loops (continued)

Note: The sequence of statements is executed each time the counter is incremented, as determined by the two bounds. The lower bound and upper bound of the loop range can be literals, variables, or expressions, but they must evaluate to integers. The bounds are rounded to integers; that is, $11/3$ and $8/5$ are valid upper or lower bounds. The lower bound and upper bound are inclusive in the loop range. If the lower bound of the loop range evaluates to a larger integer than the upper bound, the sequence of statements is not executed.

For example, the following statement is executed only once:

```
FOR i IN 3..3
LOOP
    statement1;
END LOOP;
```

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FOR Loops: Example

```
DECLARE
  v_countryid  locations.country_id%TYPE := 'CA';
  v_loc_id     locations.location_id%TYPE;
  v_new_city   locations.city%TYPE := 'Montreal';
BEGIN
  SELECT MAX(location_id) INTO v_loc_id
    FROM locations
   WHERE country_id = v_countryid;
  FOR i IN 1..3 LOOP
    INSERT INTO locations(location_id, city, country_id)
      VALUES((v_loc_id + i), v_new_city, v_countryid );
  END LOOP;
END;
/
```

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FOR Loops (continued)

You have already learned how to insert three new locations for the CA country code and the city Montreal by using the basic loop and the WHILE loop. This slide shows you how to achieve the same by using the FOR loop.

...

LOCATION_ID	STREET_ADDRESS	POSTAL_CODE	CITY
1901			Montreal
1902			Montreal
1903			Montreal
1000	1297 Via Cola di Rie	00989	Roma
1100	93091 Calle della Testa	10934	Venice
1200	2017 Shinjuku-ku	1689	Tokyo
1300	9450 Kamiya-cho	6823	Hiroshima

...

3000	Murtenstrasse 921	3095	Bern
3100	Pieter Breughelstraat 837	3029SK	Utrecht
3200	Mariano Escobedo 9991	11932	Mexico City
26 rows selected			

FOR Loops

Guidelines

- Reference the counter within the loop only; it is undefined outside the loop.
- Do not reference the counter as the target of an assignment.
- Neither loop bound should be NULL.

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FOR Loops (continued)

The slide lists the guidelines to follow when writing a FOR loop.

Note: The lower and upper bounds of a LOOP statement do not need to be numeric literals. They can be expressions that convert to numeric values.

Example:

```
DECLARE
  v_lower  NUMBER := 1;
  v_upper  NUMBER := 100;
BEGIN
  FOR i IN v_lower..v_upper LOOP
    ...
  END LOOP;
END;
```

Guidelines for Loops

- Use the basic loop when the statements inside the loop must execute at least once.
- Use the `WHILE` loop if the condition must be evaluated at the start of each iteration.
- Use a `FOR` loop if the number of iterations is known.

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Guidelines for Loops

A basic loop allows execution of its statement at least once, even if the condition is already met upon entering the loop. Without the `EXIT` statement, the loop would be infinite.

You can use the `WHILE` loop to repeat a sequence of statements until the controlling condition is no longer `TRUE`. The condition is evaluated at the start of each iteration. The loop terminates when the condition is `FALSE`. If the condition is `FALSE` at the start of the loop, no further iterations are performed.

`FOR` loops have a control statement before the `LOOP` keyword to determine the number of iterations that PL/SQL performs. Use a `FOR` loop if the number of iterations is predetermined.

Nested Loops and Labels

- You can nest loops to multiple levels.
- Use labels to distinguish between blocks and loops.
- Exit the outer loop with the `EXIT` statement that references the label.

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Nested Loops and Labels

You can nest `FOR`, `WHILE`, and basic loops within one another. The termination of a nested loop does not terminate the enclosing loop unless an exception was raised. However, you can label loops and exit the outer loop with the `EXIT` statement.

Label names follow the same rules as other identifiers. A label is placed before a statement, either on the same line or on a separate line. White space is insignificant in all PL/SQL parsing except inside literals. Label basic loops by placing the label before the word `LOOP` within label delimiters (`<<label>>`). In `FOR` and `WHILE` loops, place the label before `FOR` or `WHILE`.

If the loop is labeled, the label name can be included (optionally) after the `END LOOP` statement for clarity.

Nested Loops and Labels

```
...
BEGIN
  <<Outer_loop>>
  LOOP
    v_counter := v_counter+1;
    EXIT WHEN v_counter>10;
    <<Inner_loop>>
    LOOP
      ...
      EXIT Outer_loop WHEN total_done = 'YES';
      -- Leave both loops
      EXIT WHEN inner_done = 'YES';
      -- Leave inner loop only
      ...
    END LOOP Inner_loop;
    ...
  END LOOP Outer_loop;
END;
/
```

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Nested Loops and Labels (continued)

In the example in the slide, there are two loops. The outer loop is identified by the label <<Outer_Loop>> and the inner loop is identified by the label <<Inner_Loop>>. The identifiers are placed before the word LOOP within label delimiters (<<label>>). The inner loop is nested within the outer loop. The label names are included after the END LOOP statements for clarity.

PL/SQL CONTINUE Statement

- Definition
 - Adds the functionality to begin the next loop iteration
 - Provides programmers with the ability to transfer control to the next iteration of a loop
 - Uses parallel structure and semantics to the EXIT statement
- Benefits
 - Eases the programming process
 - May see a small performance improvement over the previous programming workarounds to simulate the CONTINUE statement



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PL/SQL CONTINUE Statement

The CONTINUE statement enables you to transfer control within a loop back to a new iteration or to leave the loop. Many other programming languages have this functionality. With the Oracle Database 11g release, PL/SQL also offers this functionality. Before the Oracle Database 11g release, you could code a workaround using Boolean variables and conditional statements to simulate the CONTINUE programmatic functionality. In some cases, the workarounds are less efficient.

The CONTINUE statement offers you a simplified means to control loop iterations. It may be more efficient than previous coding workarounds.

The CONTINUE statement is commonly used to filter data inside a loop body before the main processing begins.

PL/SQL CONTINUE Statement: Example

```
DECLARE
  v_total SIMPLE_INTEGER := 0;
BEGIN
  FOR i IN 1..10 LOOP
    ① v_total := v_total + i;
      dbms_output.put_line
        ('Total is: ' || v_total);
      CONTINUE WHEN i > 5;
    ② v_total := v_total + i;
      dbms_output.put_line
        ('Out of Loop Total is:
        ' || v_total);
    END LOOP;
  END;
  /
```

```
anonymous block completed
Total is: 1
Out of Loop Total is:
2
Total is: 4
Out of Loop Total is:
6
Total is: 9
Out of Loop Total is:
12
Total is: 16
Out of Loop Total is:
20
Total is: 25
Out of Loop Total is:
30
Total is: 36
Total is: 43
Total is: 51
Total is: 60
Total is: 70
```

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PL/SQL CONTINUE Statement: Example

The first TOTAL assignment is executed for each of the 10 iterations of the loop.

The second TOTAL assignment is executed for the first five iterations of the loop. The CONTINUE statement transfers control within a loop back to a new iteration, so for the last five iterations of the loop, the second TOTAL assignment is not executed.

The end result of the TOTAL variable is 70.

PL/SQL CONTINUE Statement: Example

```
DECLARE
  v_total NUMBER := 0;
BEGIN
  <<BeforeTopLoop>>
  FOR i IN 1..10 LOOP
    v_total := v_total + 1;
    dbms_output.put_line
      ('Total is: ' || v_total);
    FOR j IN 1..10 LOOP
      CONTINUE BeforeTopLoop WHEN i + j > 5;
      v_total := v_total + 1;
    END LOOP;
  END LOOP;
END two_loop;
```

```
anonymous block completed
Total is: 1
Total is: 6
Total is: 10
Total is: 13
Total is: 15
Total is: 16
Total is: 17
Total is: 18
Total is: 19
Total is: 20
```

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PL/SQL CONTINUE Statement: Example (continued)

You can use the CONTINUE statement to jump to the next iteration of an outer loop. Give the outer loop a label to identify where the CONTINUE statement should go.

The CONTINUE statement in the innermost loop terminates that loop whenever the WHEN condition is true (just like the EXIT keyword). After the innermost loop is terminated by the CONTINUE statement, control transfers to the next iteration of the outermost loop labeled BeforeTopLoop in this example.

When this pair of loops completes, the value of the TOTAL variable is 20.

You can also use the CONTINUE statement inside an inner block of code, which does not contain a loop as long as the block is nested inside an appropriate outer loop.

Restrictions

- The CONTINUE statement cannot appear outside a loop at all—this generates a compiler error.
- You cannot use the CONTINUE statement to pass through a procedure, function, or method boundary—this generates a compiler error.

Quiz

There are three types of loops: Basic, FOR, and WHILE.

1. True
2. False

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Answer: 1

Loop Types

PL/SQL provides the following types of loops:

- Basic loop that performs repetitive actions without overall conditions
- FOR loops that perform iterative actions based on a count
- WHILE loops that perform iterative actions based on a condition

Summary

In this lesson, you should have learned how to change the logical flow of statements by using the following control structures:

- Conditional (`IF` statement)
- `CASE` expressions and `CASE` statements
- Loops:
 - Basic loop
 - `FOR` loop
 - `WHILE` loop
- `EXIT` statement
- `CONTINUE` statement

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Summary

A language can be called a programming language only if it provides control structures for the implementation of the business logic. These control structures are also used to control the flow of the program. PL/SQL is a programming language that integrates programming constructs with SQL.

A conditional control construct checks for the validity of a condition and performs an action accordingly. You use the `IF` construct to perform a conditional execution of statements.

An iterative control construct executes a sequence of statements repeatedly, as long as a specified condition holds `TRUE`. You use the various loop constructs to perform iterative operations.

Practice 5: Overview

This practice covers the following topics:

- Performing conditional actions by using `IF` statements
- Performing iterative steps by using `LOOP` structures

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Practice 5: Overview

In this practice, you create PL/SQL blocks that incorporate loops and conditional control structures. The exercises test your understanding of writing various `IF` statements and `LOOP` constructs.

Practice 5

1. Execute the command in the `lab_05_01.sql` file to create the `messages` table. Write a PL/SQL block to insert numbers into the `messages` table.
 - a. Insert the numbers 1 to 10, excluding 6 and 8.
 - b. Commit before the end of the block.
 - c. Execute a `SELECT` statement to verify that your PL/SQL block worked.
You should see the following output:

```
anonymous block completed
RESULTS
-----
1
2
3
4
5
7
9
10

8 rows selected
```

2. Execute the `lab_05_02.sql` script. This script creates an `emp` table that is a replica of the `employees` table. It alters the `emp` table to add a new column, `stars`, of `VARCHAR2` data type and size 50. Create a PL/SQL block that inserts an asterisk in the `stars` column for every \$1,000 of the employee's salary. Save your script as `lab_05_02_soln.sql`.
 - a. In the declarative section of the block, declare a variable `v_empno` of type `emp.employee_id` and initialize it to 176. Declare a variable `v_asterisk` of type `emp.stars` and initialize it to `NULL`. Create a variable `sal` of type `emp.salary`.
 - b. In the executable section, write logic to append an asterisk (*) to the string for every \$1,000 of the salary amount. For example, if the employee earns \$8,000, the string of asterisks should contain eight asterisks. If the employee earns \$12,500, the string of asterisks should contain 13 asterisks.
 - c. Update the `stars` column for the employee with the string of asterisks. Commit before the end of the block.

Practice 5 (continued)

- d. Display the row from the emp table to verify that your PL/SQL block executed successfully.
- e. Execute and save your script as lab_05_02_soln.sql. The following should be the output:

```
anonymous block completed
EMPLOYEE_ID      SALARY      STARS
-----
176              8600      *****

1 rows selected
```

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Working with Composite Data Types

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Objectives

After completing this lesson, you should be able to do the following:

- Create user-defined PL/SQL records
- Create a record with the %ROWTYPE attribute
- Create an INDEX BY table
- Create an INDEX BY table of records
- Describe the differences among records, tables, and tables of records

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Lesson Aim

You have already been introduced to composite data types. In this lesson, you learn more about composite data types and their uses.

Composite Data Types

- Can hold multiple values (unlike scalar types)
- Are of two types:
 - PL/SQL records
 - PL/SQL collections
 - INDEX BY tables or associative arrays
 - Nested table
 - VARRAY

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Composite Data Types

You have learned that variables of scalar data type can hold only one value, whereas a variable of composite data type can hold multiple values of scalar data type or composite data type.

There are two types of composite data types:

- **PL/SQL records:** Records are used to treat related but dissimilar data as a logical unit. A PL/SQL record can have variables of different types. For example, you can define a record to hold employee details. This involves storing an employee number as NUMBER, a first name and a last name as VARCHAR2, and so on. By creating a record to store employee details, you create a logical collective unit. This makes data access and manipulation easier.
- **PL/SQL collections:** Collections are used to treat data as a single unit. Collections are of three types:
 - INDEX BY tables or associative arrays
 - Nested table
 - VARRAY

Why Use Composite Data Types?

You have all the related data as a single unit. You can easily access and modify the data. Data is easier to manage, relate, and transport if it is composite. An analogy is having a single bag for all your laptop components rather than a separate bag for each component.

Composite Data Types

- Use PL/SQL records when you want to store values of different data types but only one occurrence at a time.
- Use PL/SQL collections when you want to store values of the same data type.

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Composite Data Types (continued)

If both PL/SQL records and PL/SQL collections are composite types, how do you choose which one to use?

Use PL/SQL records when you want to store values of different data types that are logically related. If you create a record to hold employee details, indicate that all the values stored are related because they provide information about a particular employee.

Use PL/SQL collections when you want to store values of the same data type. Note that this data type can also be of the composite type (such as records). You can define a collection to hold the first names of all employees. You may have stored n names in the collection; however, name 1 is not related to name 2. The relation between these names is only that they are employee names. These collections are similar to arrays in programming languages such as C, C++, and Java.

PL/SQL Records

- Must contain one or more components (called *fields*) of any scalar, RECORD, or INDEX BY table data type
- Are similar to structures in most third-generation languages (including C and C++)
- Are user defined and can be a subset of a row in a table
- Treat a collection of fields as a logical unit
- Are convenient for fetching a row of data from a table for processing

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PL/SQL Records

A record is a group of related data items stored in fields, each with its own name and data type.

- Each record defined can have as many fields as necessary.
- Records can be assigned initial values and can be defined as NOT NULL.
- Fields without initial values are initialized to NULL.
- The DEFAULT keyword can also be used when defining fields.
- You can define RECORD types and declare user-defined records in the declarative part of any block, subprogram, or package.
- You can declare and reference nested records. One record can be the component of another record.

%ROWTYPE Attribute

- Declare a variable according to a collection of columns in a database table or view.
- Prefix %ROWTYPE with the database table or view.
- Fields in the record take their names and data types from the columns of the table or view.

Syntax:

```
DECLARE  
    identifier reference%ROWTYPE;
```

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%ROWTYPE Attribute

You have learned that %TYPE is used to declare a variable of a column type. The variable has the same data type and size as the table column. The benefit of %TYPE is that you do not have to change the variable if the column is altered. Also, if the variable is used in any calculations, you need not worry about its precision.

The %ROWTYPE attribute is used to declare a record that can hold an entire row of a table or view. The fields in the record take their names and data types from the columns of the table or view. The record can also store an entire row of data fetched from a cursor or cursor variable.

The slide shows the syntax for declaring a record. In the syntax:

<i>identifier</i>	Is the name chosen for the record as a whole
<i>reference</i>	Is the name of the table, view, cursor, or cursor variable on which the record is to be based (The table or view must exist for this reference to be valid.)

In the following example, a record is declared using %ROWTYPE as a data type specifier:

```
DECLARE  
    emp_record employees%ROWTYPE;  
    ...
```

%ROWTYPE Attribute (continued)

The `emp_record` record has a structure consisting of the following fields, each representing a column in the `employees` table.

Note: This is not code but simply the structure of the composite variable.

```
(employee_id      NUMBER(6),
 first_name       VARCHAR2(20),
 last_name        VARCHAR2(20),
 email            VARCHAR2(20),
 phone_number     VARCHAR2(20),
 hire_date        DATE,
 salary           NUMBER(8,2),
 commission_pct   NUMBER(2,2),
 manager_id       NUMBER(6),
 department_id    NUMBER(4))
```

To reference an individual field, use dot notation:

```
record_name.field_name
```

For example, you reference the `commission_pct` field in the `emp_record` record as follows:

```
emp_record.commission_pct
```

You can then assign a value to the record field:

```
emp_record.commission_pct:= .35;
```

Assigning Values to Records

You can assign a list of common values to a record by using the `SELECT` or `FETCH` statement. Make sure that the column names appear in the same order as the fields in your record. You can also assign one record to another if both have the same corresponding data types. A record of type `employees%ROWTYPE` and a user-defined record type having analogous fields of the `employees` table will have the same data type. Therefore, if a user-defined record contains fields similar to the fields of a `%ROWTYPE` record, you can assign that user-defined record to the `%ROWTYPE` record.

Advantages of Using the %ROWTYPE Attribute

- The number and data types of the underlying database columns need not be known—and, in fact, might change at run time.
- The %ROWTYPE attribute is useful when retrieving a row with the `SELECT *` statement.

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Advantages of Using %ROWTYPE

The advantages of using the %ROWTYPE attribute are listed in the slide. Use the %ROWTYPE attribute when you are not sure about the structure of the underlying database table.

The main advantage of using %ROWTYPE is that it simplifies maintenance. Using %ROWTYPE ensures that the data types of the variables declared with this attribute change dynamically when the underlying table is altered. If a DDL statement changes the columns in a table, then the PL/SQL program unit is invalidated. When the program is recompiled, it will automatically reflect the new table format.

The %ROWTYPE attribute is particularly useful when you want to retrieve an entire row from a table. In the absence of this attribute, you would be forced to declare a variable for each of the columns retrieved by the `SELECT` statement.

Creating a PL/SQL Record

Syntax:

1 `TYPE type_name IS RECORD
 (field_declaration [, field_declaration]...);`

2 `identifier type_name;`

field_declaration:

`field_name {field_type | variable%TYPE
 | table.column%TYPE | table%ROWTYPE}
 [[NOT NULL] {:= | DEFAULT} expr]`

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Creating a PL/SQL Record

PL/SQL records are user-defined composite types. To use them:

1. Define the record in the declarative section of a PL/SQL block. The syntax for defining the record is shown in the slide.
2. Declare (and optionally initialize) the internal components of this record type.

In the syntax:

<i>type_name</i>	Is the name of the RECORD type (This identifier is used to declare records.)
<i>field_name</i>	Is the name of a field within the record
<i>field_type</i>	Is the data type of the field (It represents any PL/SQL data type except REF CURSOR. You can use the %TYPE and %ROWTYPE attributes.)
<i>expr</i>	Is the <i>field_type</i> or an initial value

The NOT NULL constraint prevents assigning nulls to those fields. Be sure to initialize the NOT NULL fields.

REF CURSOR is covered in the appendix titled “REF Cursors.”

Creating a PL/SQL Record: Example

Declare variables to store the name, job, and salary of a new employee.

```
DECLARE
  type t_rec is record
    (v_sal number(8),
     v_minsal number(8) default 1000,
     v_hire_date employees.hire_date%type,
     v_rec1 employees%rowtype);
  v_myrec t_rec;
BEGIN
  v_myrec.v_sal := v_myrec.v_minsal + 500;
  v_myrec.v_hire_date := sysdate;
  SELECT * INTO v_myrec.v_rec1
    FROM employees WHERE employee_id = 100;
  DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(v_myrec.v_rec1.last_name || ' ' ||
    to_char(v_myrec.v_hire_date) || ' ' || to_char(v_myrec.v_sal));
END;
```

```
anonymous block completed
King 16-FEB-09 1500
```

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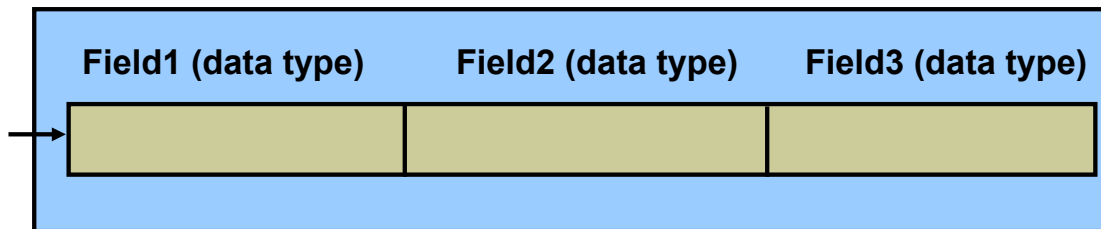
Creating a PL/SQL Record (continued)

Field declarations used in defining a record are like variable declarations. Each field has a unique name and a specific data type. There are no predefined data types for PL/SQL records, as there are for scalar variables. Therefore, you must create the record type first and then declare an identifier using that type.

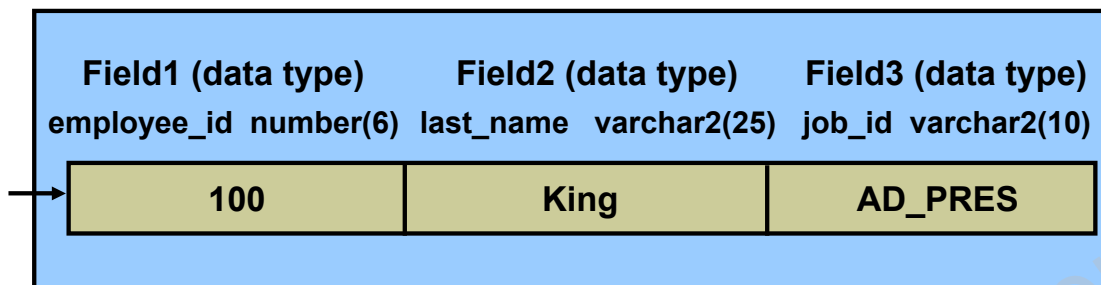
In the example in the slide, a record type (`t_rec`) is defined. In the next step, a record (`v_myrec`) of the `t_rec` type is declared.

Note: You can add the NOT NULL constraint to any field declaration to prevent assigning nulls to that field. Remember that the fields declared as NOT NULL must be initialized.

PL/SQL Record Structure



Example:



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PL/SQL Record Structure

Fields in a record are accessed with the name of the record. To reference or initialize an individual field, use dot notation:

```
record_name.field_name
```

For example, you reference the `job_id` field in the `emp_record` record as follows:

```
emp_record.job_id
```

You can then assign a value to the record field:

```
emp_record.job_id := 'ST_CLERK';
```

In a block or subprogram, user-defined records are instantiated when you enter the block or subprogram. They cease to exist when you exit the block or subprogram.

%ROWTYPE Attribute: Example

```
DECLARE
  v_employee_number number:= 124;
  v_emp_rec    employees%ROWTYPE;
BEGIN
  SELECT * INTO v_emp_rec FROM employees
  WHERE  employee_id = v_employee_number;
  INSERT INTO retired_emps(empno, ename, job, mgr,
                          hiredate, leavedate, sal, comm, deptno)
  VALUES (v_emp_rec.employee_id, v_emp_rec.last_name,
          v_emp_rec.job_id, v_emp_rec.manager_id,
          v_emp_rec.hire_date, SYSDATE,
          v_emp_rec.salary, v_emp_rec.commission_pct,
          v_emp_rec.department_id);
END;
/
```

EMPNO	ENAME	JOB	MGR	HIREDATE	LEAVEDATE	SAL	COMM	DEPTNO
1	124 Mourgos	ST_MAN	100	16-NOV-99	16-FEB-09	5800	(null)	50

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%ROWTYPE Attribute: Example

An example of the %ROWTYPE attribute is shown in the slide. If an employee is retiring, information about that employee is added to a table that holds information about retired employees. The user supplies the employee number. The record of the employee specified by the user is retrieved from the employees table and stored in the emp_rec variable, which is declared using the %ROWTYPE attribute.

The CREATE statement that creates the retired_emps table is:

```
CREATE TABLE retired_emps
  (EMPNO      NUMBER(4), ENAME      VARCHAR2(10),
   JOB        VARCHAR2(9), MGR       NUMBER(4),
   HIREDATE   DATE, LEAVEDATE  DATE,
   SAL        NUMBER(7,2), COMM     NUMBER(7,2),
   DEPTNO     NUMBER(2))
```

The record that is inserted into the retired_emps table is shown in the slide.

Inserting a Record by Using %ROWTYPE

```
...  
DECLARE  
    v_employee_number number:= 124;  
    v_emp_rec retired_emps%ROWTYPE;  
BEGIN  
    SELECT employee_id, last_name, job_id, manager_id,  
           hire_date, hire_date, salary, commission_pct,  
           department_id INTO v_emp_rec FROM employees  
    WHERE employee_id = v_employee_number;  
    INSERT INTO retired_emps VALUES v_emp_rec;  
END;  
/  
SELECT * FROM retired_emps;
```

	EMPNO	ENAME	JOB	MGR	HIREDATE	LEAVEDATE	SAL	COMM	DEPTNO
1	124	Mourgos	ST_MAN	100	16-NOV-99	16-NOV-99	5800	(null)	50

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Inserting a Record by Using %ROWTYPE

Compare the INSERT statement in the previous slide with the INSERT statement in this slide. The emp_rec record is of type retired_emps. The number of fields in the record must be equal to the number of field names in the INTO clause. You can use this record to insert values into a table. This makes the code more readable.

Examine the SELECT statement in the slide. You select hire_date twice and insert the hire_date value in the leavedate field of retired_emps. No employee retires on the hire date. The inserted record is shown in the slide. (You will see how to update this in the next slide.)

Updating a Row in a Table by Using a Record

```
SET VERIFY OFF
DECLARE
    v_employee_number number := 124;
    v_emp_rec retired_emps%ROWTYPE;
BEGIN
    SELECT * INTO v_emp_rec FROM retired_emps;
    v_emp_rec.leavedate := CURRENT_DATE;
    UPDATE retired_emps SET ROW = v_emp_rec WHERE
        empno = v_employee_number;
END;
/
SELECT * FROM retired_emps;
```

	EMPNO	ENAME	JOB	MGR	HIREDATE	LEAVEDATE	SAL	COMM	DEPTNO
1	124	Mourgos	ST_MAN	100	16-NOV-99	16-FEB-09	5800	(null)	50

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Updating a Row in a Table by Using a Record

You have learned to insert a row by using a record. This slide shows you how to update a row by using a record. The ROW keyword is used to represent the entire row. The code shown in the slide updates the leavedate of the employee. The record is updated as shown in the slide.

INDEX BY Tables or Associative Arrays

- Are PL/SQL structures with two columns:
 - Primary key of integer or string data type
 - Column of scalar or record data type
- Are unconstrained in size. However, the size depends on the values that the key data type can hold.

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INDEX BY Tables or Associative Arrays

INDEX BY tables are composite types (collections) and are user defined. INDEX BY tables can store data using a primary key value as the index, where the key values are not necessarily sequential. INDEX BY tables are sets of key-value pairs.

INDEX BY tables have only two columns:

- A column of integer or string type that acts as the primary key. The key can be numeric, either `BINARY_INTEGER` or `PLS_INTEGER`. The `BINARY_INTEGER` and `PLS_INTEGER` keys require less storage than `NUMBER`. They are used to represent mathematical integers in a compact form and to implement arithmetic operations by using machine arithmetic. Arithmetic operations on these data types are faster than `NUMBER` arithmetic. The key can also be of type `VARCHAR2` or one of its subtypes. The examples in this course use the `PLS_INTEGER` data type for the key column.
- A column of scalar or record data type to hold values. If the column is of scalar type, it can hold only one value. If the column is of record type, it can hold multiple values.

The INDEX BY tables are unconstrained in size. However, the key in the `PLS_INTEGER` column is restricted to the maximum value that a `PLS_INTEGER` can hold. Note that the keys can be both positive and negative. The keys in INDEX BY tables are not necessarily in sequence.

Creating an INDEX BY Table

Syntax:

```
TYPE type_name IS TABLE OF
    {column_type | variable%TYPE
    | table.column%TYPE} [NOT NULL]
    | table%ROWTYPE
    [INDEX BY PLS_INTEGER | BINARY_INTEGER
    | VARCHAR2(<size>)];
identifier    type_name;
```

Declare an INDEX BY table to store the last names of employees:

```
...
TYPE ename_table_type IS TABLE OF
    employees.last_name%TYPE
    INDEX BY PLS_INTEGER;
...
ename_table ename_table_type;
```

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Creating an INDEX BY Table

There are two steps involved in creating an INDEX BY table.

1. Declare a TABLE data type.
2. Declare a variable of that data type.

In the syntax:

<i>type_name</i>	Is the name of the TABLE type (It is a type specifier used in subsequent declarations of the PL/SQL table identifiers.)
<i>column_type</i>	Is any scalar or composite data type such as VARCHAR2, DATE, NUMBER, or %TYPE (You can use the %TYPE attribute to provide the column data type.)
<i>identifier</i>	Is the name of the identifier that represents an entire PL/SQL table

Creating an INDEX BY Table (continued)

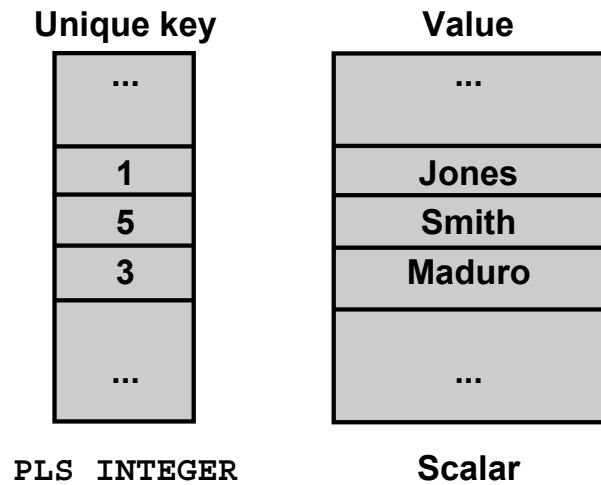
The NOT NULL constraint prevents nulls from being assigned to the PL/SQL table of that type. Do not initialize the INDEX BY table.

INDEX BY tables can have the element of any scalar type.

INDEX BY tables are not automatically populated when you create them. You must programmatically populate the INDEX BY tables in your PL/SQL programs and then use them.

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INDEX BY Table Structure



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INDEX BY Table Structure

Like the size of a database table, the size of an INDEX BY table is unconstrained. That is, the number of rows in an INDEX BY table can increase dynamically so that your INDEX BY table grows as new rows are added.

INDEX BY tables can have one column and a unique identifier to that column, neither of which can be named. The column can belong to any scalar or record data type. The primary key is either a number or a string. You cannot initialize an INDEX BY table in its declaration. An INDEX BY table is not populated at the time of declaration. It contains no keys or values. An explicit executable statement is required to populate the INDEX BY table.

Creating an INDEX BY Table

```
DECLARE
  TYPE ename_table_type IS TABLE OF
    employees.last_name%TYPE
    INDEX BY PLS_INTEGER;
  TYPE hiredate_table_type IS TABLE OF DATE
    INDEX BY PLS_INTEGER;
  ename_table          ename_table_type;
  hiredate_table       hiredate_table_type;
BEGIN
  ename_table(1)       := 'CAMERON';
  hiredate_table(8)    := SYSDATE + 7;
  IF ename_table.EXISTS(1) THEN
    INSERT INTO ...
    ...
END;
/
```

	ENAME	HIREDT
1	CAMERON	23-FEB-09

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Creating an INDEX BY Table

The example in the slide creates two INDEX BY tables.

Use the key of the INDEX BY table to access an element in the table.

Syntax:

`INDEX_BY_table_name(index)`

Here, `index` belongs to type `PLS_INTEGER`.

The following example shows how to reference the third row in an INDEX BY table called `ename_table`:

`ename_table(3)`

The magnitude range of a `PLS_INTEGER` is $-2,147,483,647$ through $2,147,483,647$, so the primary key value can be negative. Indexing does not need to start with 1.

Note: The `exists(i)` method returns `TRUE` if a row with index *i* is returned. Use the `exists` method to prevent an error that is raised in reference to a nonexistent table element.

Using INDEX BY Table Methods

The following methods make INDEX BY tables easier to use:

- EXISTS
- COUNT
- FIRST
- LAST
- PRIOR
- NEXT
- DELETE

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Using INDEX BY Table Methods

An INDEX BY table method is a built-in procedure or function that operates on a PL/SQL table and is called by using dot notation.

Syntax: `table_name.method_name[(parameters)]`

Method	Description
EXISTS (<i>n</i>)	Returns TRUE if the <i>n</i> th element in a PL/SQL table exists
COUNT	Returns the number of elements that a PL/SQL table currently contains
FIRST	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Returns the first (smallest) index number in a PL/SQL table• Returns NULL if the PL/SQL table is empty
LAST	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Returns the last (largest) index number in a PL/SQL table• Returns NULL if the PL/SQL table is empty
PRIOR (<i>n</i>)	Returns the index number that precedes index <i>n</i> in a PL/SQL table
NEXT (<i>n</i>)	Returns the index number that succeeds index <i>n</i> in a PL/SQL table
DELETE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DELETE removes all elements from a PL/SQL table.• DELETE (<i>n</i>) removes the <i>n</i>th element from a PL/SQL table.• DELETE (<i>m</i>, <i>n</i>) removes all elements in the range <i>m</i> ... <i>n</i> from a PL/SQL table.

INDEX BY Table of Records

Define an INDEX BY table variable to hold an entire row from a table.

```
DECLARE
  TYPE dept_table_type IS TABLE OF
    departments%ROWTYPE
    INDEX BY VARCHAR2(20);
  dept_table dept_table_type;
  -- Each element of dept_table is a record
  . . .
```

```
anonymous block completed
Administration
```

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INDEX BY Table of Records

At any particular time, an INDEX BY table declared as a table of scalar data type can store the details of only one column in a database table. There is often a need to store all the columns retrieved by a query. The INDEX BY table of records offers a solution to this. Because only one table definition is needed to hold information about all the fields of a database table, the table of records greatly increases the functionality of INDEX BY tables.

Referencing a Table of Records

In the example in the slide, you can refer to fields in the dept_table record because each element of the table is a record.

Syntax:

```
table(index).field
```

Example:

```
dept_table(IT).location_id := 1400;
```

location_id represents a field in dept_table.

INDEX BY Table of Records (continued)

Referencing a Table of Records (continued)

You can use the %ROWTYPE attribute to declare a record that represents a row in a database table. The differences between the %ROWTYPE attribute and the composite data type PL/SQL record include the following:

- PL/SQL record types can be user defined, whereas %ROWTYPE implicitly defines the record.
- PL/SQL records enable you to specify the fields and their data types while declaring them. When you use %ROWTYPE, you cannot specify the fields. The %ROWTYPE attribute represents a table row with all the fields based on the definition of that table.
- User-defined records are static. %ROWTYPE records are dynamic because they are based on a table structure. If the table structure changes, the record structure also picks up the change.

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INDEX BY Table of Records: Example

```
DECLARE
    TYPE emp_table_type IS TABLE OF
        employees%ROWTYPE INDEX BY PLS_INTEGER;
    my_emp_table emp_table_type;
    max_count    NUMBER(3) := 104;
BEGIN
    FOR i IN 100..max_count
    LOOP
        SELECT * INTO my_emp_table(i) FROM employees
        WHERE employee_id = i;
    END LOOP;
    FOR i IN my_emp_table.FIRST..my_emp_table.LAST
    LOOP
        DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(my_emp_table(i).last_name);
    END LOOP;
END;
/
```

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INDEX BY Table of Records: Example

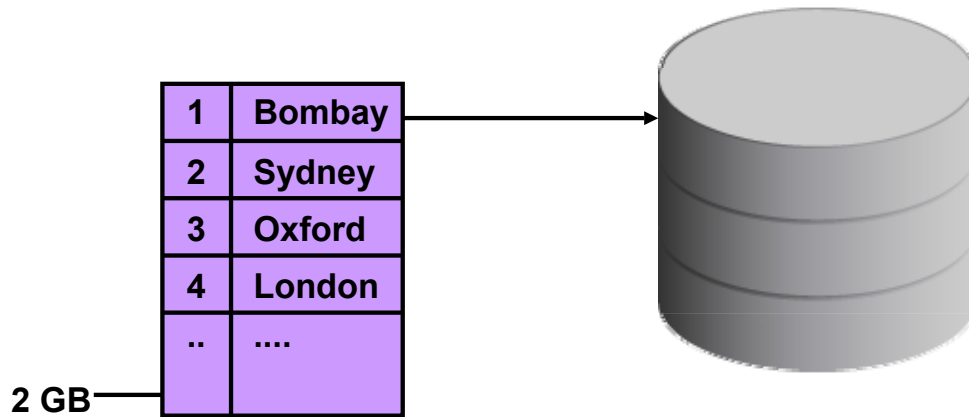
The example in the slide declares an INDEX BY table of records `emp_table_type` to temporarily store the details of employees whose employee IDs are between 100 and 104. Using a loop, the information of the employees from the `EMPLOYEES` table is retrieved and stored in the INDEX BY table. Another loop is used to print the last names from the INDEX BY table. Note the use of the `first` and `last` methods in the example.

Note: The slide demonstrates one way to work with INDEX BY table of records; however, you can do the same more efficiently using cursors. Cursors will be explained later in the lesson titled “Using Explicit Cursors.”

The results of the code example is as follows:

```
anonymous block completed
King
Kochhar
De Haan
Hunold
Ernst
```

Nested Tables



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Nested Tables

The functionality of nested tables is similar to that of INDEX BY tables; however, there are differences in the nested table implementation. The nested table is a valid data type in a schema-level table, but an INDEX BY table is not. The key cannot be a negative value (unlike in the INDEX BY table). Though we are referring to the first column as key, there is no key in a nested table. There is a column with numbers in sequence that is considered as the key column. Elements can be deleted from anywhere in a nested table, leaving a sparse table with nonsequential keys. The rows of a nested table are not in any particular order. When you retrieve values from a nested table, the rows are given consecutive subscripts starting from 1. Nested tables can be stored in the database (unlike INDEX BY tables).

Syntax

```
TYPE type_name IS TABLE OF
    {column_type | variable%TYPE
    | table.column%TYPE} [NOT NULL]
    | table.%ROWTYPE
```

Starting with Oracle Database 10g, nested tables can be compared for equality. You can check whether an element exists in a nested table and also whether a nested table is a subset of another.

Nested Tables (continued)

Example:

```
TYPE location_type IS TABLE OF locations.city%TYPE;  
offices location_type;
```

If you do not initialize a nested table, it is automatically initialized to NULL. You can initialize the `offices` nested table by using a constructor:

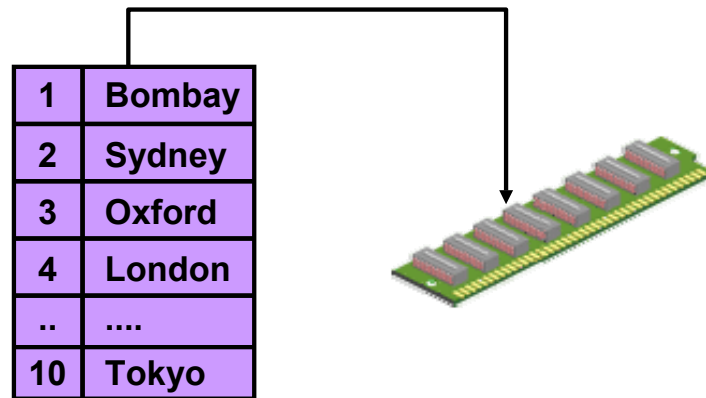
```
offices := location_type('Bombay', 'Tokyo','Singapore',  
    'Oxford');
```

Complete example:

```
DECLARE  
    TYPE location_type IS TABLE OF locations.city%TYPE;  
    offices location_type;  
    table_count NUMBER;  
BEGIN  
    offices := location_type('Bombay', 'Tokyo','Singapore',  
        'Oxford');  
    FOR i in 1.. offices.count() LOOP  
        DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(offices(i));  
    END LOOP;  
END;  
/
```

```
anonymous block completed  
Bombay  
Tokyo  
Singapore  
Oxford
```

VARRAY



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VARRAY

A variable-size array (VARRAY) is similar to a PL/SQL table, except that a VARRAY is constrained in size. A VARRAY is valid in a schema-level table. Items of VARRAY type are called VARRAYs. VARRAYs have a fixed upper bound. You have to specify the upper bound when you declare them. This is similar to arrays in the C language. The maximum size of a VARRAY is 2 GB, as in nested tables. The distinction between a nested table and a VARRAY is the physical storage mode. The elements of a VARRAY are stored inline with the table's data unless the size of the VARRAY is greater than 4 KB. Contrast that with nested tables, which are always stored out-of-line. You can create a VARRAY type in the database by using SQL.

Example:

```
TYPE location_type IS VARRAY(3) OF locations.city%TYPE;  
offices location_type;
```

The size of this VARRAY is restricted to 3. You can initialize a VARRAY by using constructors. If you try to initialize the VARRAY with more than three elements, a "Subscript outside of limit" error message is displayed.

Quiz

Use the %ROW attribute in the following situations:

1. When you are not sure about the structure of the underlying database table
2. When you want to retrieve an entire row from a table
3. When you want to declare a variable according to another previously declared variable or database column

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Answer: 1, 2

Advantages of Using the %ROWTYPE Attribute

Use the %ROWTYPE attribute when you are not sure about the structure of the underlying database table.

The main advantage of using %ROWTYPE is that it simplifies maintenance. Using %ROWTYPE ensures that the data types of the variables declared with this attribute change dynamically when the underlying table is altered. If a DDL statement changes the columns in a table, the PL/SQL program unit is invalidated. When the program is recompiled, it will automatically reflect the new table format.

The %ROWTYPE attribute is particularly useful when you want to retrieve an entire row from a table. In the absence of this attribute, you would be forced to declare a variable for each of the columns retrieved by the SELECT statement.

Summary

In this lesson, you should have learned how to:

- Define and reference PL/SQL variables of composite data types
 - PL/SQL record
 - INDEX BY table
 - INDEX BY table of records
- Define a PL/SQL record by using the `%ROWTYPE` attribute

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Summary

A PL/SQL record is a collection of individual fields that represent a row in a table. By using records, you can group the data into one structure and then manipulate this structure as one entity or logical unit. This helps reduce coding and keeps the code easy to maintain and understand.

Like PL/SQL records, the table is another composite data type. INDEX BY tables are objects of TABLE type and look similar to database tables but with a slight difference. INDEX BY tables use a primary key to give you array-like access to rows. The size of an INDEX BY table is unconstrained. INDEX BY tables store a key and a value pair. The key column can be an integer or a string; the column that holds the value can be of any data type.

The key for the nested tables cannot have a negative value, unlike the case with INDEX BY tables. The key must also be in a sequence.

Variable-size arrays (VARRAYs) are similar to PL/SQL tables, except that a VARRAY is constrained in size.

Practice 6: Overview

This practice covers the following topics:

- Declaring INDEX BY tables
- Processing data by using INDEX BY tables
- Declaring a PL/SQL record
- Processing data by using a PL/SQL record

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Practice 6: Overview

In this practice, you define, create, and use INDEX BY tables and a PL/SQL record.

Practice 6

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 `countryid`. Display selected information about the country. Sample output is as follows.

```
anonymous block completed
Country Id: CA Country Name: Canada Region: 2
```

- e. You may want to execute and test the PL/SQL block for the countries with the IDs DE, UK, US.
2. Create a PL/SQL block to retrieve the name of some departments from the `departments` table and print each department name on the screen, incorporating an `INDEX BY` table. Save the script as `lab_06_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 name of the departments.
 - b. Declare two variables: `loop_count` and `deptno` of type `NUMBER`. Assign 10 to `loop_count` and 0 to `deptno`.
 - c. Using a loop, retrieve the name of 10 departments and store the names in the `INDEX BY` table. Start with `department_id` 10. Increase `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 `INDEX BY` table.

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

Practice 6 (continued)

- d. Using another loop, retrieve the department names from the INDEX BY table and display them.
- e. Execute and save your script as `lab_06_02_soln.sql`. The output is as follows:

```
anonymous block completed  
Administration  
Marketing  
Purchasing  
Human Resources  
Shipping  
IT  
Public Relations  
Sales  
Executive  
Finance
```

Practice 6 (continued)

3. Modify the block that you created in question 2 to retrieve all information about each department from the `departments` table and display the information. Use an `INDEX BY` table of records.
 - a. Load the `lab_06_02_soln.sql` script.
 - b. You have declared the `INDEX BY` table to be of type `departments.department_name`. Modify the declaration of the `INDEX BY` table, to temporarily store the number, name, and location of 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 `INDEX BY` table.
 - d. Using another loop, retrieve the department information from the `INDEX BY` table and display the information. Sample output is as follows.

anonymous block completed

```
Department Number: 10 Department Name: Administration Manager Id: 200
Location Id: 1700
Department Number: 20 Department Name: Marketing Manager Id: 201
Location Id: 1800
Department Number: 30 Department Name: Purchasing Manager Id: 114
Location Id: 1700
Department Number: 40 Department Name: Human Resources Manager Id:
203 Location Id: 2400
Department Number: 50 Department Name: Shipping Manager Id: 121
Location Id: 1500
Department Number: 60 Department Name: IT Manager Id: 103 Location
Id: 1400
Department Number: 70 Department Name: Public Relations Manager Id:
204 Location Id: 2700
Department Number: 80 Department Name: Sales Manager Id: 145 Location
Id: 2500
Department Number: 90 Department Name: Executive Manager Id: 100
Location Id: 1700
Department Number: 100 Department Name: Finance Manager Id: 108
Location Id: 1700
```

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Using Explicit Cursors

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Objectives

After completing this lesson, you should be able to do the following:

- Distinguish between implicit and explicit cursors
- Discuss the reasons for using explicit cursors
- Declare and control explicit cursors
- Use simple loops and cursor `FOR` loops to fetch data
- Declare and use cursors with parameters
- Lock rows with the `FOR UPDATE` clause
- Reference the current row with the `WHERE CURRENT OF` clause

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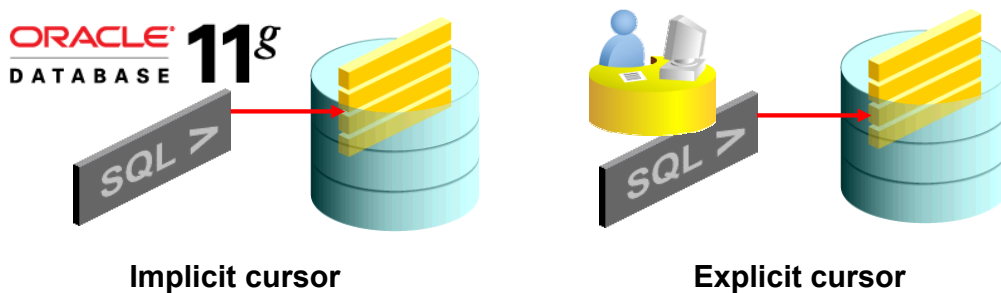
Lesson Aim

You have learned about implicit cursors that are automatically created by PL/SQL when you execute a SQL `SELECT` or DML statement. In this lesson, you learn about explicit cursors. You learn to differentiate between implicit and explicit cursors. You also learn to declare and control simple cursors as well as cursors with parameters.

Cursors

Every SQL statement executed by the Oracle server has an associated individual cursor:

- Implicit cursors: Declared and managed by PL/SQL for all DML and PL/SQL `SELECT` statements
- Explicit cursors: Declared and managed by the programmer



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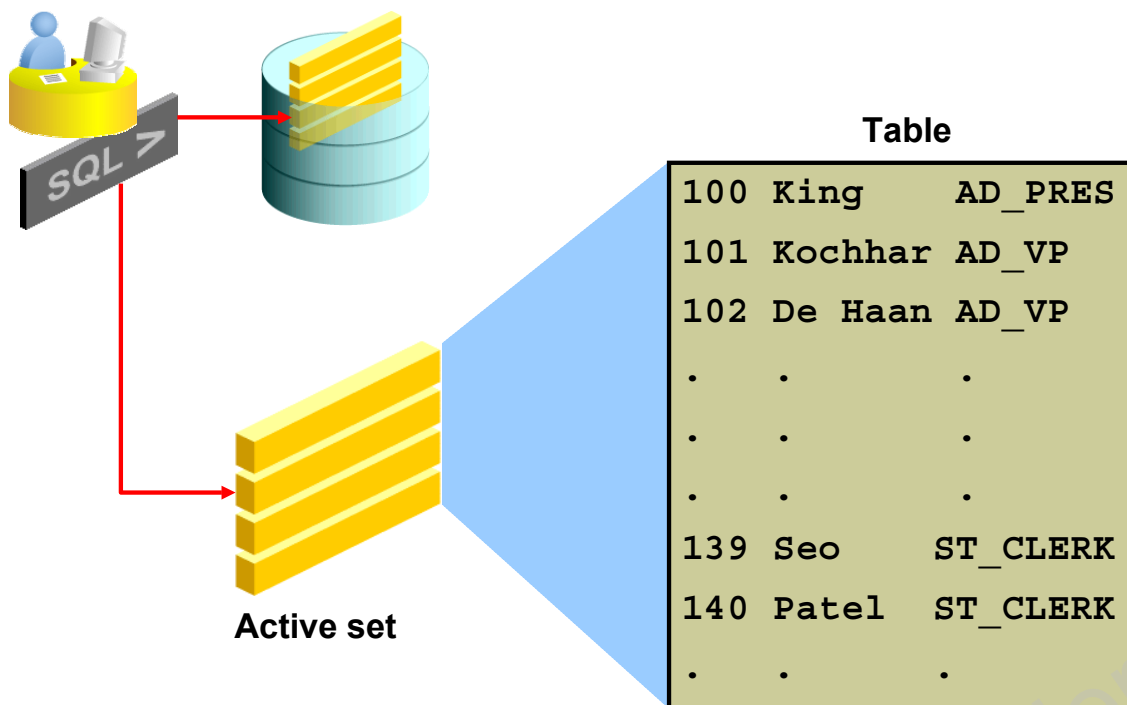
Cursors

The Oracle server uses work areas (called *private SQL areas*) to execute SQL statements and to store processing information. You can use explicit cursors to name a private SQL area and to access its stored information.

Cursor Type	Description
Implicit	Implicit cursors are declared by PL/SQL implicitly for all DML and PL/SQL <code>SELECT</code> statements.
Explicit	For queries that return more than one row, explicit cursors are declared and managed by the programmer and manipulated through specific statements in the block's executable actions.

The Oracle server implicitly opens a cursor to process each SQL statement that is not associated with an explicitly declared cursor. Using PL/SQL, you can refer to the most recent implicit cursor as the SQL cursor.

Explicit Cursor Operations



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Explicit Cursor Operations

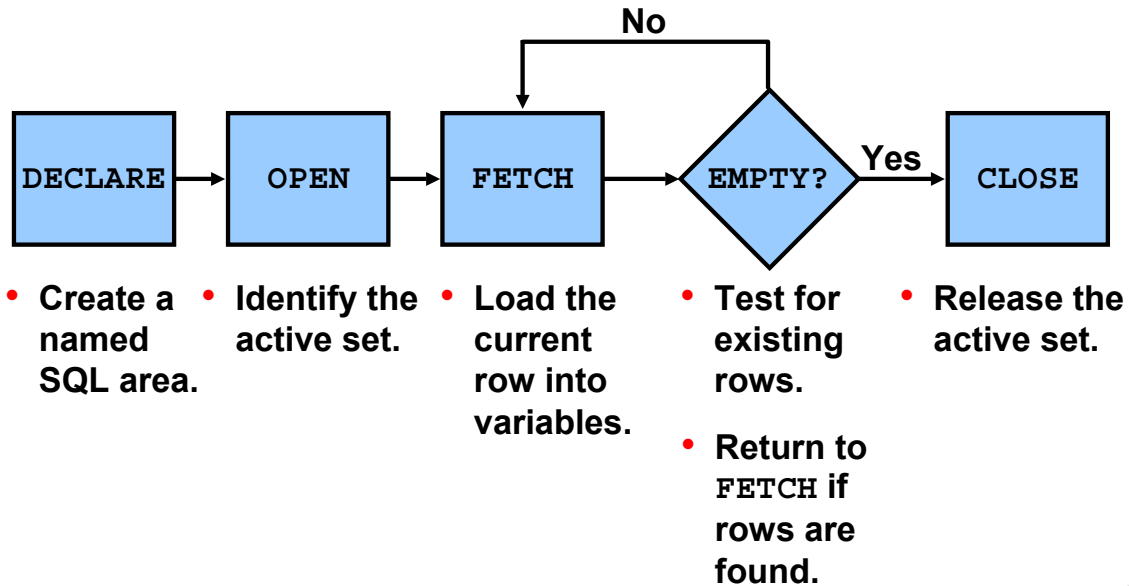
You declare explicit cursors in PL/SQL when you have a `SELECT` statement that returns multiple rows. You can process each row returned by the `SELECT` statement.

The set of rows returned by a multiple-row query is called the *active set*. Its size is the number of rows that meet your search criteria. The diagram in the slide shows how an explicit cursor “points” to the current row in the active set. This enables your program to process the rows one at a time.

Explicit cursor functions:

- Can perform row-by-row processing beyond the first row returned by a query
- Keep track of the row that is currently being processed
- Enable the programmer to manually control explicit cursors in the PL/SQL block

Controlling Explicit Cursors



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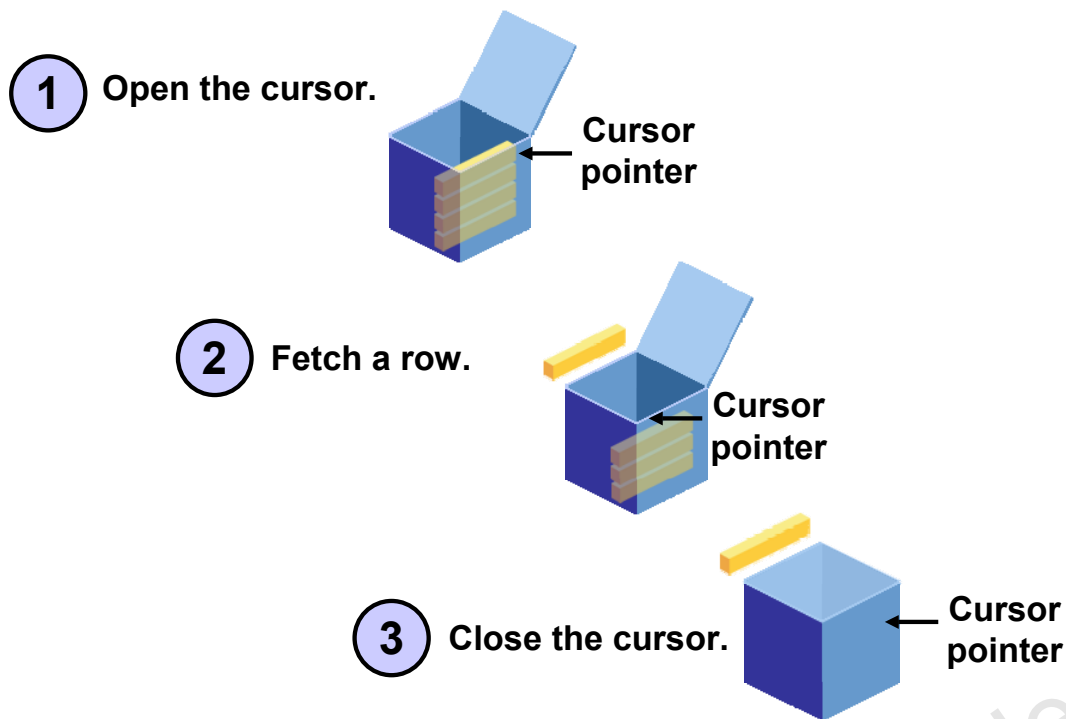
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Controlling Explicit Cursors

Now that you have a conceptual understanding of cursors, review the steps to use them.

1. In the declarative section of a PL/SQL block, declare the cursor by naming it and defining the structure of the query to be associated with it.
2. Open the cursor.
The **OPEN** statement executes the query and binds any variables that are referenced. Rows identified by the query are called the *active set* and are now available for fetching.
3. Fetch data from the cursor.
In the flow diagram shown in the slide, after each fetch you test the cursor for any existing row. If there are no more rows to process, you must close the cursor.
4. Close the cursor.
The **CLOSE** statement releases the active set of rows. It is now possible to reopen the cursor to establish a fresh active set.

Controlling Explicit Cursors



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Controlling Explicit Cursors (continued)

A PL/SQL program opens a cursor, processes rows returned by a query, and then closes the cursor. The cursor marks the current position in the active set.

1. The **OPEN** statement executes the query associated with the cursor, identifies the active set, and positions the cursor at the first row.
2. The **FETCH** statement retrieves the current row and advances the cursor to the next row until there are no more rows or a specified condition is met.
3. The **CLOSE** statement releases the cursor.

Declaring the Cursor

Syntax:

```
CURSOR cursor_name IS  
    select_statement;
```

Examples:

```
DECLARE  
    CURSOR c_emp_cursor IS  
        SELECT employee_id, last_name FROM employees  
        WHERE department_id =30;
```

```
DECLARE  
    v_locid NUMBER:= 1700;  
    CURSOR c_dept_cursor IS  
        SELECT * FROM departments  
        WHERE location_id = v_locid;  
    ...
```

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Declaring the Cursor

The syntax to declare a cursor is shown in the slide. In the syntax:

cursor_name Is a PL/SQL identifier
select_statement Is a SELECT statement without an INTO clause

The active set of a cursor is determined by the SELECT statement in the cursor declaration. It is mandatory to have an INTO clause for a SELECT statement in PL/SQL. However, note that the SELECT statement in the cursor declaration cannot have an INTO clause. That is because you are only defining a cursor in the declarative section and not retrieving any rows into the cursor.

Note

- Do not include the INTO clause in the cursor declaration because it appears later in the FETCH statement.
- If processing rows in a specific sequence is required, use the ORDER BY clause in the query.
- The cursor can be any valid SELECT statement, including joins, subqueries, and so on.

Declaring the Cursor (continued)

The `c_emp_cursor` cursor is declared to retrieve the `employee_id` and `last_name` columns for those employees working in the department with a `department_id` of 30.

The `c_dept_cursor` cursor is declared to retrieve all the details for the department with the `location_id` 1700. Note that a variable is used while declaring the cursor. These variables are considered bind variables, which must be visible when you are declaring the cursor. These variables are examined only once at the time the cursor opens. You have learned that explicit cursors are used when you have to retrieve and operate on multiple rows in PL/SQL. However, this example shows that you can use the explicit cursor even if your `SELECT` statement returns only one row.

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Opening the Cursor

```
DECLARE
  CURSOR c_emp_cursor IS
    SELECT employee_id, last_name FROM employees
    WHERE department_id =30;
  ...
BEGIN
  OPEN c_emp_cursor;
```

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Opening the Cursor

The OPEN statement executes the query associated with the cursor, identifies the active set, and positions the cursor pointer at the first row. The OPEN statement is included in the executable section of the PL/SQL block.

OPEN is an executable statement that performs the following operations:

1. Dynamically allocates memory for a context area
2. Parses the SELECT statement
3. Binds the input variables (sets the values for the input variables by obtaining their memory addresses)
4. Identifies the active set (the set of rows that satisfy the search criteria). Rows in the active set are not retrieved into variables when the OPEN statement is executed. Rather, the FETCH statement retrieves the rows from the cursor to the variables.
5. Positions the pointer to the first row in the active set

Note: If a query returns no rows when the cursor is opened, PL/SQL does not raise an exception. You can find out the number of rows returned with an explicit cursor by using the <cursor_name>%ROWCOUNT attribute.

Fetching Data from the Cursor

```
DECLARE
  CURSOR c_emp_cursor IS
    SELECT employee_id, last_name FROM employees
    WHERE department_id =30;
  v_empno employees.employee_id%TYPE;
  v_lname employees.last_name%TYPE;
BEGIN
  OPEN c_emp_cursor;
  FETCH c_emp_cursor INTO v_empno, v_lname;
  DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE( v_empno || ' ' || v_lname);
END;
/
```

```
anonymous block completed
114 Raphaely
```

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Fetching Data from the Cursor

The **FETCH** statement retrieves the rows from the cursor one at a time. After each fetch, the cursor advances to the next row in the active set. You can use the **%NOTFOUND** attribute to determine whether the entire active set has been retrieved.

Consider the example shown in the slide. Two variables, **empno** and **lname**, are declared to hold the fetched values from the cursor. Examine the **FETCH** statement.

You have successfully fetched the values from the cursor to the variables. However, there are six employees in department 30, but only one row was fetched. To fetch all rows, you must use loops. In the next slide, you see how a loop is used to fetch all the rows.

The **FETCH** statement performs the following operations:

1. Reads the data for the current row into the output PL/SQL variables
2. Advances the pointer to the next row in the active set

Fetching Data from the Cursor (continued)

You can include the same number of variables in the `INTO` clause of the `FETCH` statement as there are columns in the `SELECT` statement; be sure that the data types are compatible. Match each variable to correspond to the columns positionally. Alternatively, you can also define a record for the cursor and reference the record in the `FETCH INTO` clause. Finally, test to see whether the cursor contains rows. If a fetch acquires no values, there are no rows left to process in the active set and no error is recorded.

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Fetching Data from the Cursor

```
DECLARE
  CURSOR c_emp_cursor IS
    SELECT employee_id, last_name FROM employees
    WHERE department_id =30;
  v_empno employees.employee_id%TYPE;
  v_lname employees.last_name%TYPE;
BEGIN
  OPEN c_emp_cursor;
  LOOP
    FETCH c_emp_cursor INTO v_empno, v_lname;
    EXIT WHEN c_emp_cursor%NOTFOUND;
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE( v_empno || ' ' || v_lname);
  END LOOP;
END;
/
```

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Fetching Data from the Cursor (continued)

Observe that a simple LOOP is used to fetch all the rows. Also, the cursor attribute %NOTFOUND is used to test for the exit condition. The output of the PL/SQL block is:

```
anonymous block completed
114 Raphaely
115 Khoo
116 Baida
117 Tobias
118 Himuro
119 Colmenares
```

Closing the Cursor

```
...  
  LOOP  
    FETCH c_emp_cursor INTO empno, lname;  
    EXIT WHEN c_emp_cursor%NOTFOUND;  
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE( v_empno || ' ' || v_lname);  
  END LOOP;  
  CLOSE c_emp_cursor;  
END;  
/
```

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Closing the Cursor

The CLOSE statement disables the cursor, releases the context area, and “undefines” the active set. Close the cursor after completing the processing of the FETCH statement. You can reopen the cursor if required. A cursor can be reopened only if it is closed. If you attempt to fetch data from a cursor after it has been closed, then an INVALID_CURSOR exception will be raised.

Note: Although it is possible to terminate the PL/SQL block without closing cursors, you should make it a habit to close any cursor that you declare explicitly to free up resources.

There is a maximum limit on the number of open cursors per session, which is determined by the OPEN_CURSORS parameter in the database parameter file. (OPEN_CURSORS = 50 by default.)

Cursors and Records

Process the rows of the active set by fetching values into a PL/SQL record.

```
DECLARE
  CURSOR c_emp_cursor IS
    SELECT employee_id, last_name FROM employees
    WHERE department_id =30;
  v_emp_record  c_emp_cursor%ROWTYPE;
BEGIN
  OPEN c_emp_cursor;
  LOOP
    FETCH c_emp_cursor INTO v_emp_record;
    EXIT WHEN c_emp_cursor%NOTFOUND;
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE( v_emp_record.employee_id
                          || ' ' || v_emp_record.last_name);
  END LOOP;
  CLOSE c_emp_cursor;
END;
```

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Cursors and Records

You have already seen that you can define records that have the structure of columns in a table. You can also define a record based on the selected list of columns in an explicit cursor. This is convenient for processing the rows of the active set, because you can simply fetch into the record. Therefore, the values of the row are loaded directly into the corresponding fields of the record.

```
anonymous block completed
114 Raphaely
115 Khoo
116 Baida
117 Tobias
118 Himuro
119 Colmenares
```

Cursor FOR Loops

Syntax:

```
FOR record_name IN cursor_name LOOP
    statement1;
    statement2;
    . . .
END LOOP;
```

- The cursor FOR loop is a shortcut to process explicit cursors.
- Implicit open, fetch, exit, and close occur.
- The record is implicitly declared.

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Cursor FOR Loops

You have learned to fetch data from cursors by using simple loops. You now learn to use a cursor FOR loop, which processes rows in an explicit cursor. It is a shortcut because the cursor is opened, a row is fetched once for each iteration in the loop, the loop exits when the last row is processed, and the cursor is closed automatically. The loop itself is terminated automatically at the end of the iteration where the last row is fetched.

In the syntax:

record_name

Is the name of the implicitly declared record

cursor_name

Is a PL/SQL identifier for the previously declared cursor

Guidelines

- Do not declare the record that controls the loop; it is declared implicitly.
- Test the cursor attributes during the loop, if required.
- Supply the parameters for a cursor, if required, in parentheses following the cursor name in the FOR statement.

Cursor FOR Loops

```
DECLARE
  CURSOR c_emp_cursor IS
    SELECT employee_id, last_name FROM employees
    WHERE department_id =30;
BEGIN
  FOR emp_record IN c_emp_cursor
  LOOP
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE( emp_record.employee_id
      || ' ' || emp_record.last_name);
  END LOOP;
END;
/
```

```
anonymous block completed
114 Raphaely
115 Khoo
116 Baida
117 Tobias
118 Himuro
119 Colmenares
```

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Cursor FOR Loops (continued)

The example that was used to demonstrate the usage of a simple loop to fetch data from cursors is rewritten to use the cursor FOR loop.

The `emp_record` is the record that is implicitly declared. You can access the fetched data with this implicit record (as shown in the slide). Observe that no variables are declared to hold the fetched data using the `INTO` clause. The code does not have `OPEN` and `CLOSE` statements to open and close the cursor, respectively.

Explicit Cursor Attributes

Use explicit cursor attributes to obtain status information about a cursor.

Attribute	Type	Description
%ISOPEN	Boolean	Evaluates to TRUE if the cursor is open
%NOTFOUND	Boolean	Evaluates to TRUE if the most recent fetch does not return a row
%FOUND	Boolean	Evaluates to TRUE if the most recent fetch returns a row; complement of %NOTFOUND
%ROWCOUNT	Number	Evaluates to the total number of rows returned so far

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Explicit Cursor Attributes

As with implicit cursors, there are four attributes for obtaining status information about a cursor. When appended to the cursor variable name, these attributes return useful information about the execution of a cursor manipulation statement.

Note: You cannot reference cursor attributes directly in a SQL statement.

%ISOPEN Attribute

- Fetch rows only when the cursor is open.
- Use the %ISOPEN cursor attribute before performing a fetch to test whether the cursor is open.

Example:

```
IF NOT c_emp_cursor%ISOPEN THEN
    OPEN c_emp_cursor;
END IF;
LOOP
    FETCH c_emp_cursor...
```

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%ISOPEN Attribute

- You can fetch rows only when the cursor is open. Use the %ISOPEN cursor attribute to determine whether the cursor is open.
- Fetch rows in a loop. Use cursor attributes to determine when to exit the loop.
- Use the %ROWCOUNT cursor attribute to do the following:
 - Process an exact number of rows
 - Fetch the rows in a loop and determine when to exit the loop

Note: %ISOPEN returns the status of the cursor: TRUE if open and FALSE if not.

%ROWCOUNT and %NOTFOUND: Example

```
DECLARE
  CURSOR c_emp_cursor IS SELECT employee_id,
    last_name FROM employees;
  v_emp_record  c_emp_cursor%ROWTYPE;
BEGIN
  OPEN c_emp_cursor;
  LOOP
    FETCH c_emp_cursor INTO v_emp_record;
    EXIT WHEN c_emp_cursor%ROWCOUNT > 10 OR
              c_emp_cursor%NOTFOUND;
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE( v_emp_record.employee_id
                          || ' ' || v_emp_record.last_name);
  END LOOP;
  CLOSE c_emp_cursor;
END ; /
```

```
anonymous block completed
198 OConnell
199 Grant
200 Whalen
201 Hartstein
202 Fay
203 Mavris
204 Baer
205 Higgins
206 Gietz
100 King
```

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%ROWCOUNT and %NOTFOUND: Example

The example in the slide retrieves the first ten employees one by one. This example shows how %ROWCOUNT and %NOTFOUND attributes can be used for exit conditions in a loop.

Cursor FOR Loops Using Subqueries

There is no need to declare the cursor.

```
BEGIN
  FOR emp_record IN (SELECT employee_id, last_name
    FROM employees WHERE department_id =30)
  LOOP
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE( emp_record.employee_id
      || ' ' || emp_record.last_name);
  END LOOP;
END;
/
```

```
anonymous block completed
114 Raphaely
115 Khoo
116 Baida
117 Tobias
118 Himuro
119 Colmenares
```

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Cursor FOR Loops Using Subqueries

Note that there is no declarative section in this PL/SQL block. The difference between the cursor FOR loops using subqueries and the cursor FOR loop lies in the cursor declaration. If you are writing cursor FOR loops using subqueries, you need not declare the cursor in the declarative section. You have to provide the SELECT statement that determines the active set in the loop itself.

The example that was used to illustrate a cursor FOR loop is rewritten to illustrate a cursor FOR loop using subqueries.

Note: You cannot reference explicit cursor attributes if you use a subquery in a cursor FOR loop because you cannot give the cursor an explicit name.

Cursors with Parameters

Syntax:

```
CURSOR cursor_name
  [(parameter_name datatype, ...)]
IS
  select_statement;
```

- Pass parameter values to a cursor when the cursor is opened and the query is executed.
- Open an explicit cursor several times with a different active set each time.

```
OPEN cursor_name(parameter_value, ....) ;
```

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Cursors with Parameters

You can pass parameters to a cursor. This means that you can open and close an explicit cursor several times in a block, returning a different active set on each occasion. For each execution, the previous cursor is closed and reopened with a new set of parameters.

Each formal parameter in the cursor declaration must have a corresponding actual parameter in the OPEN statement. Parameter data types are the same as those for scalar variables, but you do not give them sizes. The parameter names are for references in the query expression of the cursor.

In the syntax:

<i>cursor_name</i>	Is a PL/SQL identifier for the declared cursor
<i>parameter_name</i>	Is the name of a parameter
<i>datatype</i>	Is the scalar data type of the parameter
<i>select_statement</i>	Is a SELECT statement without the INTO clause

The parameter notation does not offer greater functionality; it simply allows you to specify input values easily and clearly. This is particularly useful when the same cursor is referenced repeatedly.

Cursors with Parameters

```
DECLARE
  CURSOR c_emp_cursor (deptno NUMBER) IS
    SELECT employee_id, last_name
    FROM employees
    WHERE department_id = deptno;
  ...
BEGIN
  OPEN c_emp_cursor (10);
  ...
  CLOSE c_emp_cursor;
  OPEN c_emp_cursor (20);
  ...
```

```
anonymous block completed
200 Whalen
201 Hartstein
202 Fay
```

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Cursors with Parameters (continued)

Parameter data types are the same as those for scalar variables, but you do not give them sizes. The parameter names are for reference in the cursor's query. In the following example, a cursor is declared and is defined with one parameter:

```
DECLARE
  CURSOR c_emp_cursor(deptno NUMBER) IS SELECT ...
```

The following statements open the cursor and return different active sets:

```
OPEN c_emp_cursor(10);
OPEN c_emp_cursor(20);
```

You can pass parameters to the cursor that is used in a cursor FOR loop:

```
DECLARE
  CURSOR c_emp_cursor(p_deptno NUMBER, p_job VARCHAR2) IS
    SELECT ...
BEGIN
  FOR emp_record IN c_emp_cursor(10, 'Sales') LOOP ...
```

FOR UPDATE Clause

Syntax:

```
SELECT ...  
FROM      ...  
FOR UPDATE [OF column_reference] [NOWAIT | WAIT n];
```

- Use explicit locking to deny access to other sessions for the duration of a transaction.
- Lock the rows *before* the update or delete.

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FOR UPDATE Clause

If there are multiple sessions for a single database, there is the possibility that the rows of a particular table were updated after you opened your cursor. You see the updated data only when you reopen the cursor. Therefore, it is better to have locks on the rows before you update or delete rows. You can lock the rows with the FOR UPDATE clause in the cursor query.

In the syntax:

<i>column_reference</i>	Is a column in the table against which the query is performed (A list of columns may also be used.)
NOWAIT	Returns an Oracle server error if the rows are locked by another session

The FOR UPDATE clause is the last clause in a SELECT statement, even after ORDER BY (if it exists). When querying multiple tables, you can use the FOR UPDATE clause to confine row locking to particular tables. FOR UPDATE OF *col_name(s)* locks rows only in tables that contain *col_name(s)*.

FOR UPDATE Clause (continued)

The `SELECT . . . FOR UPDATE` statement identifies the rows that are to be updated or deleted, and then locks each row in the result set. This is useful when you want to base an update on the existing values in a row. In that case, you must make sure that the row is not changed by another session before the update.

The optional `NOWAIT` keyword tells the Oracle server not to wait if requested rows have been locked by another user. Control is immediately returned to your program so that it can do other work before trying again to acquire the lock. If you omit the `NOWAIT` keyword, the Oracle server waits until the rows are available.

Example:

```
DECLARE
  CURSOR c_emp_cursor IS
    SELECT employee_id, last_name, FROM employees
    WHERE department_id = 80 FOR UPDATE OF salary NOWAIT;
  ...
```

If the Oracle server cannot acquire the locks on the rows it needs in a `SELECT FOR UPDATE` operation, it waits indefinitely. Use `NOWAIT` to handle such situations. If the rows are locked by another session and you have specified `NOWAIT`, opening the cursor results in an error. You can try to open the cursor later. You can use `WAIT` instead of `NOWAIT`, specify the number of seconds to wait, and determine whether the rows are unlocked. If the rows are still locked after *n* seconds, an error is returned.

It is not mandatory for the `FOR UPDATE OF` clause to refer to a column, but it is recommended for better readability and maintenance.

WHERE CURRENT OF Clause

Syntax:

```
WHERE CURRENT OF cursor ;
```

- Use cursors to update or delete the current row.
- Include the FOR UPDATE clause in the cursor query to lock the rows first.
- Use the WHERE CURRENT OF clause to reference the current row from an explicit cursor.

```
UPDATE employees  
  SET    salary = ...  
  WHERE CURRENT OF c_emp_cursor;
```

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WHERE CURRENT OF Clause

The WHERE CURRENT OF clause is used in conjunction with the FOR UPDATE clause to refer to the current row in an explicit cursor. The WHERE CURRENT OF clause is used in the UPDATE or DELETE statement, whereas the FOR UPDATE clause is specified in the cursor declaration. You can use the combination for updating and deleting the current row from the corresponding database table. This enables you to apply updates and deletes to the row currently being addressed, without the need to explicitly reference the row ID. You must include the FOR UPDATE clause in the cursor query so that the rows are locked on OPEN.

In the syntax:

cursor Is the name of a declared cursor (The cursor must have been declared with the FOR UPDATE clause.)

Cursors with Subqueries: Example

```
DECLARE
  CURSOR my_cursor IS
    SELECT t1.department_id, t1.department_name,
           t2.staff
    FROM   departments t1, (SELECT department_id,
                                   COUNT(*) AS staff
                            FROM employees
                            GROUP BY department_id) t2
    WHERE  t1.department_id = t2.department_id
    AND    t2.staff >= 3;
  ...
```

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Cursors with Subqueries

A subquery is a query (usually enclosed by parentheses) that appears within another SQL statement. When evaluated, the subquery provides a value or set of values to the outer query. Subqueries are often used in the WHERE clause of a SELECT statement. They can also be used in the FROM clause, creating a temporary data source for that query.

In the example in the slide, the subquery creates a data source consisting of department numbers and the number of employees in each department (known by the alias STAFF). A table alias, t2, refers to this temporary data source in the FROM clause. When this cursor is opened, the active set contains the department number, department name, and total number of employees working for those departments that have three or more employees.

Quiz

Implicit cursors are declared by PL/SQL implicitly for all DML and PL/SQL `SELECT` statements. The Oracle server implicitly opens a cursor to process each SQL statement that is not associated with an explicitly declared cursor.

1. True
2. False

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Answer: 1

Summary

In this lesson, you should have learned how to:

- Distinguish cursor types:
 - Implicit cursors are used for all DML statements and single-row queries.
 - Explicit cursors are used for queries of zero, one, or more rows.
- Create and handle explicit cursors
- Use simple loops and cursor `FOR` loops to handle multiple rows in the cursors
- Evaluate the cursor status by using the cursor attributes
- Use the `FOR UPDATE` and `WHERE CURRENT OF` clauses to update or delete the current fetched row

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Summary

The Oracle server uses work areas to execute SQL statements and store processing information. You can use a PL/SQL construct called a *cursor* to name a work area and access its stored information. There are two kinds of cursors: implicit and explicit. PL/SQL implicitly declares a cursor for all SQL data manipulation statements, including queries that return only one row. For queries that return more than one row, you must explicitly declare a cursor to process the rows individually.

Every explicit cursor and cursor variable has four attributes: `%FOUND`, `%ISOPEN`, `%NOTFOUND`, and `%ROWCOUNT`. When appended to the cursor variable name, these attributes return useful information about the execution of a SQL statement. You can use cursor attributes in procedural statements but not in SQL statements.

Use simple loops or cursor `FOR` loops to operate on the multiple rows fetched by the cursor. If you are using simple loops, you have to open, fetch, and close the cursor; however, cursor `FOR` loops do this implicitly. If you are updating or deleting rows, lock the rows by using a `FOR UPDATE` clause. This ensures that the data you are using is not updated by another session after you open the cursor. Use a `WHERE CURRENT OF` clause in conjunction with the `FOR UPDATE` clause to reference the current row fetched by the cursor.

Practice 7: Overview

This practice covers the following topics:

- Declaring and using explicit cursors to query rows of a table
- Using a cursor `FOR` loop
- Applying cursor attributes to test the cursor status
- Declaring and using cursors with parameters
- Using the `FOR UPDATE` and `WHERE CURRENT OF` clauses

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Practice 7: Overview

In this practice, you apply your knowledge of cursors to process a number of rows from a table and populate another table with the results using a cursor `FOR` loop. You also write a cursor with parameters.

Practice 7

1. Run the `lab_07_01.sql` script to create the `top_salaries` table.
2. Create a PL/SQL block that does the following:
 - a. In the declarative section, declare a variable `v_deptno` of type `NUMBER` and assign a value that holds department ID.
 - b. Declare a cursor, `c_emp_cursor`, that retrieves the `last_name`, `salary`, and `manager_id` of the employees working in the department specified in `v_deptno`.
 - c. In the executable section, use the cursor FOR loop to operate on the data retrieved. If the salary of the employee is less than 5,000 and if the manager ID is either 101 or 124, display the message `<<last_name>> Due for a raise`. Otherwise, display the message `<<last_name>> Not due for a raise`.
 - d. Test the PL/SQL block for the following cases:

Department ID	Message
10	Whalen Due for a raise
20	Hartstein Not Due for a raise Fay Not Due for a raise
50	Weiss Not Due for a raise Fripp Not Due for a raise Kaufling Not Due for a raise Vollman Not Due for a raise. OConnell Due for a raise Grant Due for a raise
80	Russell Not Due for a raise Partners Not Due for a raise Errazuriz Not Due for a raise Cambrault Not Due for a raise . . . Livingston Not Due for a raise Johnson Not Due for a raise

3. Write a PL/SQL block that declares and uses cursors with parameters.
In a loop, use a cursor to retrieve the department number and the department name from the `departments` table for a department whose `department_id` is less than 100. Pass the department number to another cursor as a parameter to retrieve from the `employees` table the details of employee last name, job, hire date, and salary of those employees whose `employee_id` is less than 120 and who work in that department.
 - a. In the declarative section, declare a cursor `dept_cursor` to retrieve `department_id` and `department_name` for those departments with `department_id` less than 100. Order by `department_id`.
 - b. Declare another cursor `emp_cursor` that takes the department number as parameter and retrieves `last_name`, `job_id`, `hire_date`, and `salary` of those employees whose `employee_id` is less than 120 and who work in that department.

Practice 7 (continued)

3. (continued)

- c. Declare variables to hold the values retrieved from each cursor. Use the %TYPE attribute while declaring variables.
- d. Open the dept_cursor, use a simple loop, and fetch values into the variables declared. Display the department number and department name.
- e. For each department, open emp_cursor by passing the current department number as a parameter. Start another loop and fetch the values of emp_cursor into variables and print all the details retrieved from the employees table.
Note: You may want to print a line after you have displayed the details of each department. Use appropriate attributes for the exit condition. Also, determine whether a cursor is already open before opening the cursor.
- f. Close all the loops and cursors, and then end the executable section. Execute the script.

The sample output is as follows:

```
anonymous block completed
Department Number : 10  Department Name : Administration
-----
Department Number : 20  Department Name : Marketing
-----
Department Number : 30  Department Name : Purchasing
Raphaely      PU_MAN      07-DEC-94      11000
Khoo          PU_CLERK     18-MAY-95       3100
Baida         PU_CLERK     24-DEC-97       2900
Tobias        PU_CLERK     24-JUL-97       2800
Himuro        PU_CLERK     15-NOV-98       2600
Colmenares    PU_CLERK     10-AUG-99       2500
-----
Department Number : 40  Department Name : Human Resources
-----
Department Number : 50  Department Name : Shipping
-----
Department Number : 60  Department Name : IT
Humold        IT_PROG      03-JAN-90       9000
Ernst         IT_PROG      21-MAY-91       6000
Austin        IT_PROG      25-JUN-97       4800
Pataballa     IT_PROG      05-FEB-98       4800
Lorentz       IT_PROG      07-FEB-99       4200
-----
Department Number : 70  Department Name : Public Relations
-----
Department Number : 80  Department Name : Sales
-----
Department Number : 90  Department Name : Executive
King          AD_PRES      17-JUN-87      24000
Kochhar       AD_VP        21-SEP-89      17000
De Haan       AD_VP        13-JAN-93      17000
```

Practice 7 (continued)

If you have time, complete the following exercise:

4. Create a PL/SQL block that determines the top n salaries of the employees.
 - a. Execute the `lab_07_01.sql` script to create a new table, `top_salaries`, for storing the salaries of the employees.
 - b. In the declarative section, declare a variable `v_num` of type `NUMBER` that holds a number n representing the number of top n earners from the `employees` table. For example, to view the top five salaries, enter 5. Declare another variable `sal` of type `employees.salary`. Declare a cursor, `c_emp_cursor`, that retrieves the salaries of employees in descending order.
 - c. In the executable section, open the loop and fetch top n salaries and insert them into `top_salaries` table. You can use a simple loop to operate on the data. Also, try and use `%ROWCOUNT` and `%FOUND` attributes for the exit condition.

Note: Make sure you add an exit condition to avoid having an infinite loop.

- d. After inserting into the `top_salaries` table, display the rows with a `SELECT` statement. The output shown represents the five highest salaries in the `employees` table.

SALARY
24000
17000
14000
13500
13000

- e. Test a variety of special cases, such as `v_num = 0` or where `v_num` is greater than the number of employees in the `employees` table. Empty the `top_salaries` table after each test.

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Handling Exceptions

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Objectives

After completing this lesson, you should be able to do the following:

- Define PL/SQL exceptions
- Recognize unhandled exceptions
- List and use different types of PL/SQL exception handlers
- Trap unanticipated errors
- Describe the effect of exception propagation in nested blocks
- Customize PL/SQL exception messages

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Lesson Aim

You have learned to write PL/SQL blocks with a declarative section and an executable section. All the SQL and PL/SQL code that must be executed is written in the executable block.

So far it has been assumed that the code works satisfactorily if you take care of compile-time errors. However, the code may cause some unanticipated errors at run time. In this lesson, you learn how to deal with such errors in the PL/SQL block.

Example of an Exception

```
DECLARE
  v_lname VARCHAR2(15);
BEGIN
  SELECT last_name INTO v_lname
  FROM employees
  WHERE first_name='John';
  DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE ('John's last name is : '
                        || v_lname);
END;
```

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Example of an Exception

Consider the example shown in the slide. There are no syntax errors in the code, which means you must be able to successfully execute the anonymous block. The `SELECT` statement in the block retrieves the last name of John. You see the following output when you execute the code:

```
Error report:
ORA-01422: exact fetch returns more than requested number of rows
ORA-06512: at line 4
01422. 00000 - "exact fetch returns more than requested number of rows"
*Cause:      The number specified in exact fetch is less than the rows returned.
*Action:     Rewrite the query or change number of rows requested
```

The code does not work as expected. You expected the `SELECT` statement to retrieve only one row; however, it retrieves multiple rows. Such errors that occur at run time are called *exceptions*. When an exception occurs, the PL/SQL block is terminated. You can handle such exceptions in your PL/SQL block.

Example of an Exception

```
DECLARE
  v_lname VARCHAR2(15);
BEGIN
  SELECT last_name INTO v_lname
  FROM employees
  WHERE first_name='John';
  DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE ('John's last name is : '
                        || v_lname);

EXCEPTION
  WHEN TOO_MANY_ROWS THEN
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE (' Your select statement
    retrieved multiple rows. Consider using a
    cursor. ');

END;
/
```

```
anonymous block completed
Your select statement retrieved multiple
rows. Consider using a cursor.
```

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Example of an Exception (continued)

You have written PL/SQL blocks with a declarative section (beginning with the `DECLARE` keyword) and an executable section (beginning and ending with the `BEGIN` and `END` keywords, respectively). For exception handling, you include another optional section called the *exception section*. This section begins with the `EXCEPTION` keyword. If present, this is the last section in a PL/SQL block. Examine the `EXCEPTION` section of the code in the slide. You need not pay attention to the syntax and statements; you learn about them later in the lesson.

The code in the previous slide is rewritten to handle the exception that occurred. The output of the code is shown in the slide above.

Unlike earlier, the PL/SQL program does not terminate abruptly. When the exception is raised, the control shifts to the exception section and all the statements in the exception section are executed. The PL/SQL block terminates with normal, successful completion.

Handling Exceptions with PL/SQL

- An exception is a PL/SQL error that is raised during program execution.
- An exception can be raised:
 - Implicitly by the Oracle server
 - Explicitly by the program
- An exception can be handled:
 - By trapping it with a handler
 - By propagating it to the calling environment

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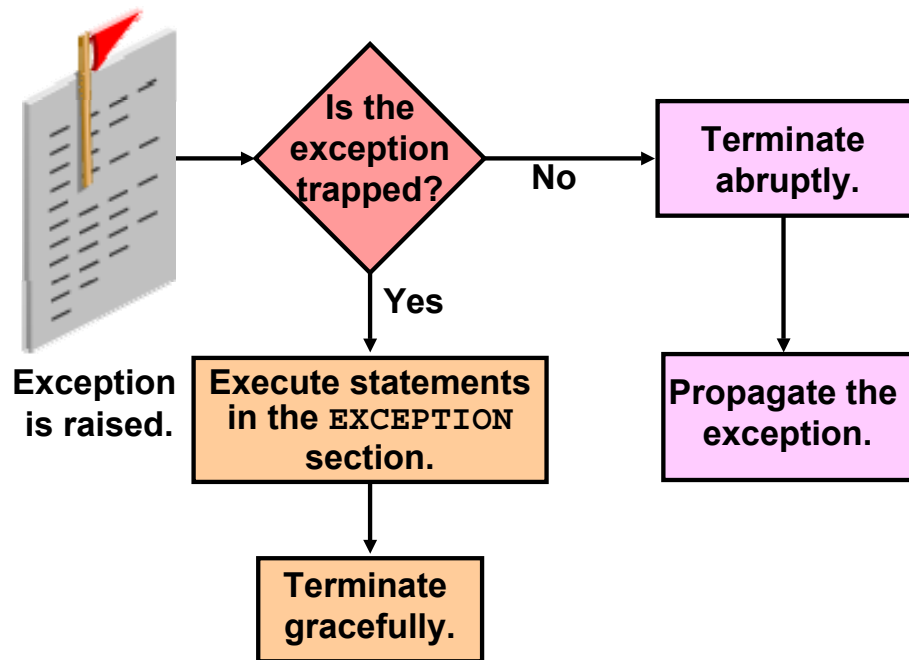
Handling Exceptions with PL/SQL

An exception is an error in PL/SQL that is raised during the execution of a block. A block always terminates when PL/SQL raises an exception, but you can specify an exception handler to perform final actions before the block ends.

Two Methods for Raising an Exception

- An Oracle error occurs and the associated exception is raised automatically. For example, if the error ORA-01403 occurs when no rows are retrieved from the database in a `SELECT` statement, PL/SQL raises the exception `NO_DATA_FOUND`. These errors are converted into predefined exceptions.
- Depending on the business functionality your program implements, you may have to explicitly raise an exception. You raise an exception explicitly by issuing the `RAISE` statement in the block. The raised exception may be either user-defined or predefined. There are also some non-predefined Oracle errors. These errors are any standard Oracle errors that are not predefined. You can explicitly declare exceptions and associate them with the non-predefined Oracle errors.

Handling Exceptions



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Handling Exceptions

Trapping an Exception

Include an `EXCEPTION` section in your PL/SQL program to trap exceptions. If the exception is raised in the executable section of the block, processing then branches to the corresponding exception handler in the exception section of the block. If PL/SQL successfully handles the exception, the exception does not propagate to the enclosing block or to the calling environment. The PL/SQL block terminates successfully.

Propagating an Exception

If the exception is raised in the executable section of the block and there is no corresponding exception handler, then the PL/SQL block terminates with failure and the exception is propagated to an enclosing block or to the calling environment. The calling environment can be any application (such as SQL*Plus that invokes the PL/SQL program).

Exception Types

- Predefined Oracle server
 - Non-predefined Oracle server
- Implicitly raised**
- User-defined
- Explicitly raised**

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Exception Types

There are three types of exceptions.

Exception	Description	Directions for Handling
Predefined Oracle Server error	One of approximately 20 errors that occur most often in PL/SQL code	You need not declare these exceptions. They are predefined by the Oracle server and are raised implicitly.
Non-predefined Oracle Server error	Any other standard Oracle Server error	You need to declare these within the declarative section; the Oracle server will raise the error implicitly, and you can catch for the error in the exception handler.
User-defined error	A condition that the developer determines is abnormal	Declare in the declarative section and raise explicitly.

Note: Some application tools with client-side PL/SQL (such as Oracle Developer Forms) have their own exceptions.

Trapping Exceptions

Syntax:

```
EXCEPTION
  WHEN exception1 [OR exception2 . . .] THEN
    statement1;
    statement2;
    . . .
  [WHEN exception3 [OR exception4 . . .] THEN
    statement1;
    statement2;
    . . .]
  [WHEN OTHERS THEN
    statement1;
    statement2;
    . . .]
```

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Trapping Exceptions

You can trap any error by including a corresponding handler within the exception-handling section of the PL/SQL block. Each handler consists of a WHEN clause, which specifies an exception name, followed by a sequence of statements to be executed when that exception is raised. You can include any number of handlers within an EXCEPTION section to handle specific exceptions. However, you cannot have multiple handlers for a single exception.

In the syntax:

<i>exception</i>	Is the standard name of a predefined exception or the name of a user-defined exception declared within the declarative section
<i>statement</i>	Is one or more PL/SQL or SQL statements
OTHERS	Is an optional exception-handling clause that traps any exceptions that have not been explicitly handled

Trapping Exceptions (continued)

WHEN OTHERS Exception Handler

The exception-handling section traps only those exceptions that are specified; any other exceptions are not trapped unless you use the OTHERS exception handler. This traps any exception not yet handled. For this reason, OTHERS may be used, and if used it must be the last exception handler that is defined.

```
WHEN NO_DATA_FOUND THEN
    statement1;
...
WHEN TOO_MANY_ROWS THEN
    statement1;
...
WHEN OTHERS THEN
    statement1;
```

Consider the preceding example. If the NO_DATA_FOUND exception is raised by the program, the statements in the corresponding handler are executed. If the TOO_MANY_ROWS exception is raised, the statements in the corresponding handler are executed. However, if some other exception is raised, the statements in the OTHERS exception handler are executed.

The OTHERS handler traps all the exceptions that are not already trapped. Some Oracle tools have their own predefined exceptions that you can raise to cause events in the application. The OTHERS handler also traps these exceptions.

Guidelines for Trapping Exceptions

- The `EXCEPTION` keyword starts the exception-handling section.
- Several exception handlers are allowed.
- Only one handler is processed before leaving the block.
- `WHEN OTHERS` is the last clause.

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Guidelines for Trapping Exceptions

- Begin the exception-handling section of the block with the `EXCEPTION` keyword.
- Define several exception handlers, each with its own set of actions, for the block.
- When an exception occurs, PL/SQL processes only one handler before leaving the block.
- Place the `OTHERS` clause after all other exception-handling clauses.
- You can have only one `OTHERS` clause.
- Exceptions cannot appear in assignment statements or SQL statements.

Trapping Predefined Oracle Server Errors

- Reference the predefined name in the exception-handling routine.
- Sample predefined exceptions:
 - NO_DATA_FOUND
 - TOO_MANY_ROWS
 - INVALID_CURSOR
 - ZERO_DIVIDE
 - DUP_VAL_ON_INDEX

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Trapping Predefined Oracle Server Errors

Trap a predefined Oracle server error by referencing its predefined name within the corresponding exception-handling routine.

For a complete list of predefined exceptions, see the *PL/SQL User's Guide and Reference*.

Note: PL/SQL declares predefined exceptions in the STANDARD package.

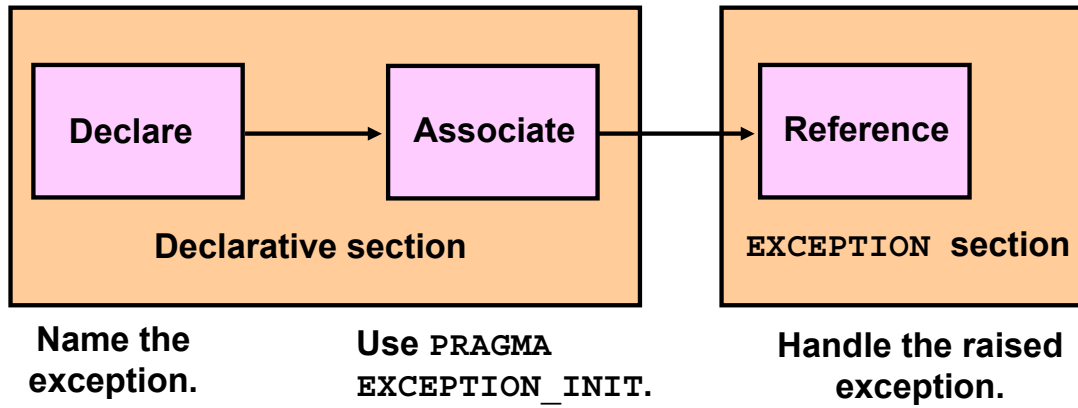
Predefined Exceptions

Exception Name	Oracle Server Error Number	Description
ACCESS_INTO_NULL	ORA-06530	Attempted to assign values to the attributes of an uninitialized object
CASE_NOT_FOUND	ORA-06592	None of the choices in the WHEN clauses of a CASE statement are selected, and there is no ELSE clause.
COLLECTION_IS_NULL	ORA-06531	Attempted to apply collection methods other than EXISTS to an uninitialized nested table or VARRAY
CURSOR_ALREADY_OPEN	ORA-06511	Attempted to open an already open cursor
DUP_VAL_ON_INDEX	ORA-00001	Attempted to insert a duplicate value
INVALID_CURSOR	ORA-01001	Illegal cursor operation occurred.
INVALID_NUMBER	ORA-01722	Conversion of character string to number fails.
LOGIN_DENIED	ORA-01017	Logging on to the Oracle server with an invalid username or password
NO_DATA_FOUND	ORA-01403	Single row SELECT returned no data.
NOT_LOGGED_ON	ORA-01012	PL/SQL program issues a database call without being connected to the Oracle server.
PROGRAM_ERROR	ORA-06501	PL/SQL has an internal problem.
ROWTYPE_MISMATCH	ORA-06504	Host cursor variable and PL/SQL cursor variable involved in an assignment have incompatible return types.

Predefined Exceptions (continued)

Exception Name	Oracle Server Error Number	Description
STORAGE_ERROR	ORA-06500	PL/SQL ran out of memory, or memory is corrupted.
SUBSCRIPT_BEYOND_COUNT	ORA-06533	Referenced a nested table or VARRAY element by using an index number larger than the number of elements in the collection
SUBSCRIPT_OUTSIDE_LIMIT	ORA-06532	Referenced a nested table or VARRAY element by using an index number that is outside the legal range (for example, -1)
SYS_INVALID_ROWID	ORA-01410	The conversion of a character string into a universal ROWID fails because the character string does not represent a valid ROWID.
TIMEOUT_ON_RESOURCE	ORA-00051	Time-out occurred while the Oracle server was waiting for a resource.
TOO_MANY_ROWS	ORA-01422	Single-row SELECT returned more than one row.
VALUE_ERROR	ORA-06502	Arithmetic, conversion, truncation, or size-constraint error occurred.
ZERO_DIVIDE	ORA-01476	Attempted to divide by zero

Trapping Non-Predefined Oracle Server Errors



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Trapping Non-Predefined Oracle Server Errors

Non-predefined exceptions are similar to predefined exceptions; however, they are not defined as PL/SQL exceptions in the Oracle server. They are standard Oracle errors. You create exceptions with standard Oracle errors by using the `PRAGMA EXCEPTION_INIT` function. Such exceptions are called non-predefined exceptions.

You can trap a non-predefined Oracle server error by declaring it first. The declared exception is raised implicitly. In PL/SQL, `PRAGMA EXCEPTION_INIT` tells the compiler to associate an exception name with an Oracle error number. That enables you to refer to any internal exception by name and to write a specific handler for it.

Note: `PRAGMA` (also called *pseudoinstructions*) is the keyword that signifies that the statement is a compiler directive, which is not processed when the PL/SQL block is executed. Rather, it directs the PL/SQL compiler to interpret all occurrences of the exception name within the block as the associated Oracle server error number.

Non-Predefined Error

To trap Oracle server error number -01400
("cannot insert NULL"):

```
DECLARE
  e_insert_excep EXCEPTION; ← ①
  PRAGMA EXCEPTION_INIT(e_insert_excep, -01400); ← ②
BEGIN
  INSERT INTO departments
    (department_id, department_name) VALUES (280, NULL);
EXCEPTION
  WHEN e_insert_excep THEN ← ③
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('INSERT OPERATION FAILED');
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(SQLERRM);
END;
/
```

```
anonymous block completed
INSERT OPERATION FAILED
ORA-01400: cannot insert NULL into ("ORA41"."DEPARTMENTS"."DEPARTMENT_NAME")
```

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Non-Predefined Error

1. Declare the name of the exception in the declarative section.

Syntax:

```
exception EXCEPTION;
```

In the syntax, *exception* is the name of the exception.

2. Associate the declared exception with the standard Oracle server error number using the PRAGMA EXCEPTION_INIT function.

Syntax:

```
PRAGMA EXCEPTION_INIT(exception, error_number);
```

In the syntax, *exception* is the previously declared exception and *error_number* is a standard Oracle server error number.

3. Reference the declared exception within the corresponding exception-handling routine.

Example

The example in the slide tries to insert the value NULL for the `department_name` column of the `departments` table. However, the operation is not successful because `department_name` is a NOT NULL column. Note the following line in the example:

```
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(SQLERRM);
```

The `SQLERRM` function is used to retrieve the error message. You learn more about `SQLERRM` in the next few slides.

Functions for Trapping Exceptions

- **SQLCODE:** Returns the numeric value for the error code
- **SQLERRM:** Returns the message associated with the error number

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Functions for Trapping Exceptions

When an exception occurs, you can identify the associated error code or error message by using two functions. Based on the values of the code or the message, you can decide which subsequent actions to take.

SQLCODE returns the Oracle error number for internal exceptions. **SQLERRM** returns the message associated with the error number.

Function	Description
SQLCODE	Returns the numeric value for the error code (You can assign it to a NUMBER variable.)
SQLERRM	Returns character data containing the message associated with the error number

SQLCODE Values: Examples

SQLCODE Value	Description
0	No exception encountered
1	User-defined exception
+100	NO_DATA_FOUND exception
<i>negative number</i>	Another Oracle server error number

Functions for Trapping Exceptions

```
DECLARE
    error_code      NUMBER;
    error_message    VARCHAR2(255);
BEGIN
    ...
EXCEPTION
    ...
    WHEN OTHERS THEN
        ROLLBACK;
        error_code := SQLCODE ;
        error_message := SQLERRM ;
        INSERT INTO errors (e_user, e_date, error_code,
            error_message) VALUES (USER,SYSDATE,error_code,
            error_message);
END;
/
```

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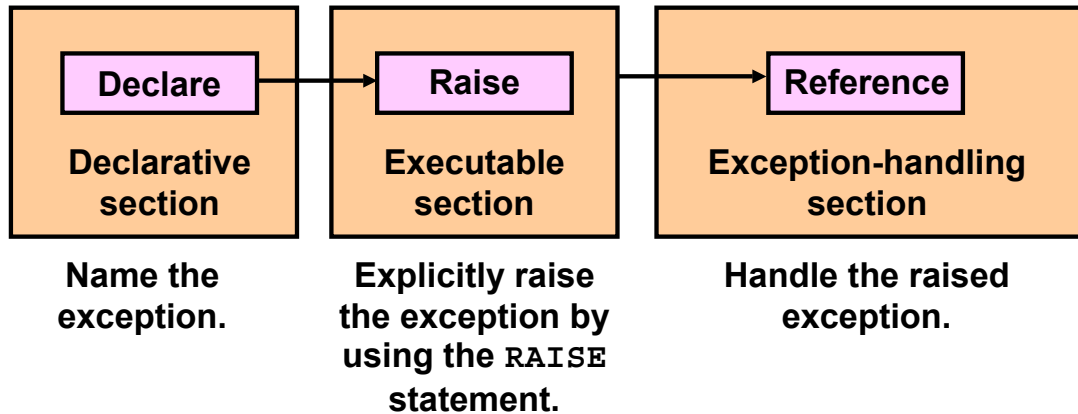
Functions for Trapping Exceptions (continued)

When an exception is trapped in the WHEN OTHERS exception handler, you can use a set of generic functions to identify those errors. The example in the slide illustrates the values of SQLCODE and SQLERRM assigned to variables, and then those variables being used in a SQL statement.

You cannot use SQLCODE or SQLERRM directly in a SQL statement. Instead, you must assign their values to local variables and then use the variables in the SQL statement, as shown in the following example:

```
DECLARE
    err_num NUMBER;
    err_msg VARCHAR2(100);
BEGIN
    ...
EXCEPTION
    ...
    WHEN OTHERS THEN
        err_num := SQLCODE;
        err_msg := SUBSTR(SQLERRM, 1, 100);
        INSERT INTO errors VALUES (err_num, err_msg);
END;
/
```

Trapping User-Defined Exceptions



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Trapping User-Defined Exceptions

PL/SQL enables you to define your own exceptions depending on the requirements of your application. For example, you may prompt the user to enter a department number. Define an exception to deal with error conditions in the input data. Check whether the department number exists. If it does not, then you may have to raise the user-defined exception.

PL/SQL exceptions must be:

- Declared in the declarative section of a PL/SQL block
- Raised explicitly with `RAISE` statements
- Handled in the `EXCEPTION` section

Trapping User-Defined Exceptions

```
DECLARE
  v_deptno NUMBER := 500;
  v_name VARCHAR2(20) := 'Testing';
  e_invalid_department EXCEPTION;
BEGIN
  UPDATE departments
  SET department_name = v_name
  WHERE department_id = v_deptno;
  IF SQL % NOTFOUND THEN
    RAISE e_invalid_department;
  END IF;
  COMMIT;
EXCEPTION
  WHEN e_invalid_department THEN
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('No such department id.');
```

```
anonymous block completed
No such department id.
```

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Trapping User-Defined Exceptions (continued)

You trap a user-defined exception by declaring it and raising it explicitly.

1. Declare the name of the user-defined exception within the declarative section.

Syntax:

```
exception EXCEPTION;
```

In the syntax, *exception* is the name of the exception.

2. Use the RAISE statement to raise the exception explicitly within the executable section.

Syntax:

```
RAISE exception;
```

In the syntax, *exception* is the previously declared exception.

3. Reference the declared exception within the corresponding exception-handling routine.

Example

This block updates the `department_name` of a department. The user supplies the department number and the new name. If the supplied department number does not exist, no rows are updated in the `departments` table. Raise an exception and print a message for the user that an invalid department number was entered.

Note: Use the RAISE statement by itself within an exception handler to raise the same exception again and propagate it back to the calling environment.

Propagating Exceptions in a Subblock

Subblocks can handle an exception or pass the exception to the enclosing block.

```
DECLARE
    . . .
    e_no_rows      exception;
    e_integrity    exception;
    PRAGMA EXCEPTION_INIT (e_integrity, -2292);
BEGIN
    FOR c_record IN emp_cursor LOOP
        BEGIN
            SELECT ...
            UPDATE ...
            IF SQL%NOTFOUND THEN
                RAISE e_no_rows;
            END IF;
        END;
    END LOOP;
EXCEPTION
    WHEN e_integrity THEN ...
    WHEN e_no_rows THEN ...
END;
/
```

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Propagating Exceptions in a Subblock

When a subblock handles an exception, it terminates normally. Control resumes in the enclosing block immediately after the subblock's END statement.

However, if a PL/SQL raises an exception and the current block does not have a handler for that exception, the exception propagates to successive enclosing blocks until it finds a handler. If none of these blocks handle the exception, an unhandled exception in the host environment results.

When the exception propagates to an enclosing block, the remaining executable actions in that block are bypassed.

One advantage of this behavior is that you can enclose statements that require their own exclusive error handling in their own block, while leaving more general exception handling to the enclosing block.

Note in the example that the exceptions (no_rows and integrity) are declared in the outer block. In the inner block, when the no_rows exception is raised, PL/SQL looks for the exception to be handled in the subblock. Because the exception is not handled in the subblock, the exception propagates to the outer block, where PL/SQL finds the handler.

RAISE_APPLICATION_ERROR Procedure

Syntax:

```
raise_application_error (error_number,  
                        message[, {TRUE | FALSE}]);
```

- You can use this procedure to issue user-defined error messages from stored subprograms.
- You can report errors to your application and avoid returning unhandled exceptions.

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RAISE_APPLICATION_ERROR Procedure

Use the RAISE_APPLICATION_ERROR procedure to communicate a predefined exception interactively by returning a nonstandard error code and error message. With RAISE_APPLICATION_ERROR, you can report errors to your application and avoid returning unhandled exceptions.

In the syntax:

<i>error_number</i>	Is a user-specified number for the exception between –20,000 and –20,999
<i>message</i>	Is the user-specified message for the exception; is a character string up to 2,048 bytes long
TRUE FALSE	Is an optional Boolean parameter (If TRUE, the error is placed on the stack of previous errors. If FALSE, which is the default, the error replaces all previous errors.)

RAISE_APPLICATION_ERROR Procedure

- Used in two different places:
 - Executable section
 - Exception section
- Returns error conditions to the user in a manner consistent with other Oracle server errors

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RAISE_APPLICATION_ERROR Procedure (continued)

The `RAISE_APPLICATION_ERROR` procedure can be used in either the executable section or the exception section of a PL/SQL program, or both. The returned error is consistent with how the Oracle server produces a predefined, non-predefined, or user-defined error. The error number and message are displayed to the user.

RAISE_APPLICATION_ERROR Procedure

Executable section:

```
BEGIN
...
DELETE FROM employees
WHERE manager_id = v_mgr;
IF SQL%NOTFOUND THEN
    RAISE_APPLICATION_ERROR(-20202,
        'This is not a valid manager');
END IF;
...
```

Exception section:

```
...
EXCEPTION
    WHEN NO_DATA_FOUND THEN
        RAISE_APPLICATION_ERROR (-20201,
            'Manager is not a valid employee.');
```

```
END;
/
```

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RAISE_APPLICATION_ERROR Procedure (continued)

The slide shows that the RAISE_APPLICATION_ERROR procedure can be used in both the executable and the exception sections of a PL/SQL program.

Here is another example of using the RAISE_APPLICATION_ERROR procedure:

```
DECLARE
    e_name EXCEPTION;
BEGIN
    ...
    DELETE FROM employees
    WHERE last_name = 'Higgins';
    IF SQL%NOTFOUND THEN RAISE e_name;
    END IF;
EXCEPTION
    WHEN e_name THEN
        RAISE_APPLICATION_ERROR (-20999, 'This is not a valid
last name');    ...
END;
/
```

Quiz

You can trap any error by including a corresponding handler within the exception-handling section of the PL/SQL block.

1. True
2. False

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Answer: 1

You can trap any error by including a corresponding handler within the exception-handling section of the PL/SQL block. Each handler consists of a `WHEN` clause, which specifies an exception name, followed by a sequence of statements to be executed when that exception is raised. You can include any number of handlers within an `EXCEPTION` section to handle specific exceptions. However, you cannot have multiple handlers for a single exception.

Summary

In this lesson, you should have learned how to:

- Define PL/SQL exceptions
- Add an `EXCEPTION` section to the PL/SQL block to deal with exceptions at run time
- Handle different types of exceptions:
 - Predefined exceptions
 - Non-predefined exceptions
 - User-defined exceptions
- Propagate exceptions in nested blocks and call applications

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Summary

In this lesson, you learned how to deal with different types of exceptions. In PL/SQL, a warning or error condition at run time is called an exception. Predefined exceptions are error conditions that are defined by the Oracle server. Non-predefined exceptions can be any standard Oracle server errors. User-defined exceptions are exceptions specific to your application. The `PRAGMA EXCEPTION_INIT` function can be used to associate a declared exception name with an Oracle server error.

You can define exceptions of your own in the declarative section of any PL/SQL block. For example, you can define an exception named `INSUFFICIENT_FUNDS` to flag overdrawn bank accounts.

When an error occurs, an exception is raised. Normal execution stops and transfers control to the exception-handling section of your PL/SQL block. Internal exceptions are raised implicitly (automatically) by the run-time system; however, user-defined exceptions must be raised explicitly. To handle raised exceptions, you write separate routines called exception handlers.

Practice 8: Overview

This practice covers the following topics:

- Handling named exceptions
- Creating and invoking user-defined exceptions

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Practice 8: Overview

In this practice, you create exception handlers for specific situations.

Practice 8

1. The purpose of this practice is to show the usage of predefined exceptions. Write a PL/SQL block to select the name of the employee with a given salary value.
 - a. Delete all records in the `messages` table.
 - b. In the declarative section, declare two variables: `v_ename` of type `employees.last_name` and `v_emp_sal` of type `employees.salary`. Initialize the latter to 6000.
 - c. In the executable section, retrieve the last names of employees whose salaries are equal to the value in `v_emp_sal`.
Note: Do not use explicit cursors.
If the salary entered returns only one row, insert into the `messages` table the employee's name and the salary amount.
 - d. If the salary entered does not return any rows, handle the exception with an appropriate exception handler and insert into the `messages` table the message "No employee with a salary of <salary>."
 - e. If the salary entered returns more than one row, handle the exception with an appropriate exception handler and insert into the `messages` table the message "More than one employee with a salary of <salary>."
 - f. Handle any other exception with an appropriate exception handler and insert into the `messages` table the message "Some other error occurred."
 - g. Display the rows from the `messages` table to check whether the PL/SQL block has executed successfully. Sample output is as follows:

RESULTS

More than one employee with a salary of 6000

2. The purpose of this practice is to show how to declare exceptions with a standard Oracle server error. Use the Oracle server error `ORA-02292` (integrity constraint violated - child record found).
 - a. In the declarative section, declare an exception `e_childrecord_exists`. Associate the declared exception with the standard Oracle server error `-02292`.
 - b. In the executable section, display "Deleting department 40...." Include a `DELETE` statement to delete the department with `department_id` 40.

Practice 8 (continued)

- c. Include an exception section to handle the `e_childrecord_exists` exception and display the appropriate message. Sample output is as follows:

```
anonymous block completed
Deleting department 40.....
Cannot delete this department.
  There are employees in this department (child records exist.)
```

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Creating Stored Procedures and Functions

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Objectives

After completing this lesson, you should be able to do the following:

- Differentiate between anonymous blocks and subprograms
- Create a simple procedure and invoke it from an anonymous block
- Create a simple function
- Create a simple function that accepts a parameter
- Differentiate between procedures and functions

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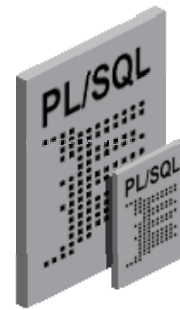
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Lesson Aim

You have learned about anonymous blocks. This lesson introduces you to named blocks, which are also called *subprograms*. Procedures and functions are PL/SQL subprograms. In the lesson, you learn to differentiate between anonymous blocks and subprograms.

Procedures and Functions

- Are named PL/SQL blocks
- Are called PL/SQL subprograms
- Have block structures similar to anonymous blocks:
 - Optional declarative section (without the `DECLARE` keyword)
 - Mandatory executable section
 - Optional section to handle exceptions



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Procedures and Functions

Until this point, anonymous blocks are the only examples of PL/SQL code covered in this course. As the name indicates, *anonymous* blocks are unnamed executable PL/SQL blocks. Because they are unnamed, they can be neither reused nor stored for later use.

Procedures and functions are named PL/SQL blocks. They are also known as *subprograms*. These subprograms are compiled and stored in the database. The block structure of the subprograms is similar to the structure of anonymous blocks. Subprograms can be declared not only at the schema level but also within any other PL/SQL block. A subprogram contains the following sections:

Declarative section: Subprograms can have an optional declarative section. However, unlike anonymous blocks, the declarative section of a subprogram does not start with the `DECLARE` keyword. The optional declarative section follows the `IS` or `AS` keyword in the subprogram declaration.

Executable section: This is the mandatory section of the subprogram, which contains the implementation of the business logic. Looking at the code in this section, you can easily determine the business functionality of the subprogram. This section begins and ends with the `BEGIN` and `END` keywords, respectively.

Exception section: This is an optional section that is included to handle exceptions.

Differences Between Anonymous Blocks and Subprograms

Anonymous Blocks	Subprograms
Unnamed PL/SQL blocks	Named PL/SQL blocks
Compiled every time	Compiled only once
Not stored in the database	Stored in the database
Cannot be invoked by other applications	Named and, therefore, can be invoked by other applications
Do not return values	Subprograms called functions must return values.
Cannot take parameters	Can take parameters

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Differences Between Anonymous Blocks and Subprograms

The table in the slide not only shows the differences between anonymous blocks and subprograms, but also highlights the general benefits of subprograms.

Anonymous blocks are not persistent database objects. They are compiled and executed only once. They are not stored in the database for reuse. If you want to reuse them, you must rerun the script that creates the anonymous block, which causes recompilation and execution. Procedures and functions are compiled and stored in the database in a compiled form. They are recompiled only when they are modified. Because they are stored in the database, any application can make use of these subprograms based on appropriate permissions. The calling application can pass parameters to the procedures if the procedure is designed to accept parameters. Similarly, a calling application can retrieve a value if it invokes a function or a procedure.

Procedure: Syntax

```
CREATE [OR REPLACE] PROCEDURE procedure_name
  [(argument1 [mode1] datatype1,
    argument2 [mode2] datatype2,
    . . .)]
IS|AS
procedure_body;
```

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Procedure: Syntax

The slide shows the syntax for creating procedures. In the syntax:

- | | |
|-----------------------|---|
| <i>procedure_name</i> | Is the name of the procedure to be created |
| <i>argument</i> | Is the name given to the procedure parameter. Every argument is associated with a mode and data type. You can have any number of arguments separated by commas. |
| <i>mode</i> | Mode of argument:
IN (default)
OUT
IN OUT |
| <i>datatype</i> | Is the data type of the associated parameter. The data type of parameters cannot have explicit size; instead, use %TYPE. |
| <i>Procedure_body</i> | Is the PL/SQL block that makes up the code |

The argument list is optional in a procedure declaration. You learn about procedures in detail in the course titled *Oracle Database 11g: Develop PL/SQL Program Units*.

Procedure: Example

```
...  
CREATE TABLE dept AS SELECT * FROM departments;  
CREATE PROCEDURE add_dept IS  
  v_dept_id dept.department_id%TYPE;  
  v_dept_name dept.department_name%TYPE;  
BEGIN  
  v_dept_id:=280;  
  v_dept_name:='ST-Curriculum';  
  INSERT INTO dept(department_id,department_name)  
  VALUES(v_dept_id,v_dept_name);  
  DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(' Inserted ' || SQL%ROWCOUNT  
  || ' row ');  
END;
```

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Procedure: Example

Examine the code in the slide. The `add_dept` procedure inserts a new department with department ID 280 and department name ST-Curriculum. The procedure declares two variables, `dept_id` and `dept_name`, in the declarative section. The declarative section of a procedure starts immediately after the procedure declaration and does not begin with the `DECLARE` keyword. The procedure uses the implicit cursor attribute or the `SQL%ROWCOUNT` SQL attribute to verify whether the row was successfully inserted. `SQL%ROWCOUNT` should return 1 in this case.

Note: When you create any object (such as a table, procedure, function, and so on), the entries are made to the `user_objects` table. When the code in the slide is executed successfully, you can check the `user_objects` table by issuing the following command:

```
SELECT object_name,object_type FROM user_objects;
```

OBJECT_NAME	OBJECT_TYPE
DEPT	TABLE
TOP_SALARIES	TABLE
ADD_DEPT	PROCEDURE

Procedure: Example (continued)

The source of the procedure is stored in the `user_source` table. You can check the source for the procedure by issuing the following command:

```
SELECT * FROM user_source WHERE name='ADD_DEPT';
```

NAME	TYPE	LINE	TEXT
ADD_DEPT	PROCEDURE	1	PROCEDURE add_dept IS
ADD_DEPT	PROCEDURE	2	dept_id dept.department_id%TYPE;
ADD_DEPT	PROCEDURE	3	dept_name dept.department_name%TYPE;
ADD_DEPT	PROCEDURE	4	BEGIN
ADD_DEPT	PROCEDURE	5	dept_id:=280;
ADD_DEPT	PROCEDURE	6	dept_name:='ST-Curriculum';
ADD_DEPT	PROCEDURE	7	INSERT INTO dept(department_id,department_name)
ADD_DEPT	PROCEDURE	8	VALUES(dept_id,dept_name);
ADD_DEPT	PROCEDURE	9	DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Inserted ' SQL%ROWCOUNT ' row ');
ADD_DEPT	PROCEDURE	10	END;

Invoking the Procedure

```
BEGIN
  add_dept;
END;
/
SELECT department_id, department_name FROM dept
WHERE department_id=280;
```

```
anonymous block completed
  Inserted 1 row

DEPARTMENT_ID      DEPARTMENT_NAME
-----
280                ST-Curriculum

1 rows selected
```

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Invoking the Procedure

The slide shows how to invoke a procedure from an anonymous block. You have to include the call to the procedure in the executable section of the anonymous block. Similarly, you can invoke the procedure from any application, such as a Forms application, a Java application, and so on. The `SELECT` statement in the code checks to see whether the row was successfully inserted.

You can also invoke a procedure with the SQL statement `CALL <procedure_name>`.

Function: Syntax

```
CREATE [OR REPLACE] FUNCTION function_name
  [(argument1 [mode1] datatype1,
    argument2 [mode2] datatype2,
    . . .)]
RETURN datatype
IS|AS
function_body;
```

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Function: Syntax

The slide shows the syntax for creating a function. In the syntax:

<i>function_name</i>	Is the name of the function to be created
<i>argument</i>	Is the name given to the function parameter (Every argument is associated with a mode and data type. You can have any number or arguments separated by a comma. You pass the argument when you invoke the function.)
<i>mode</i>	Is the type of parameter (Only IN parameters should be declared.)
<i>datatype</i>	Is the data type of the associated parameter
RETURN <i>datatype</i>	Is the data type of the value returned by the function
<i>function_body</i>	Is the PL/SQL block that makes up the function code

The argument list is optional in the function declaration. The difference between a procedure and a function is that a function must return a value to the calling program. Therefore, the syntax contains *return_type*, which specifies the data type of the value that the function returns. A procedure may return a value via an OUT or IN OUT parameter.

Function: Example

```
CREATE FUNCTION check_sal RETURN Boolean IS
v_dept_id employees.department_id%TYPE;
v_empno    employees.employee_id%TYPE;
v_sal      employees.salary%TYPE;
v_avg_sal  employees.salary%TYPE;
BEGIN
    v_empno:=205;
    SELECT salary,department_id INTO v_sal,v_dept_id FROM
employees
    WHERE employee_id= v_empno;
    SELECT avg(salary) INTO v_avg_sal FROM employees WHERE
department_id=v_dept_id;
    IF v_sal > v_avg_sal THEN
        RETURN TRUE;
    ELSE
        RETURN FALSE;
    END IF;
EXCEPTION
    WHEN NO_DATA_FOUND THEN
        RETURN NULL;
END;
```

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Function: Example

The `check_sal` function is written to determine whether the salary of a particular employee is greater than or less than the average salary of all employees working in the same department. The function returns `TRUE` if the salary of the employee is greater than the average salary of employees in the department; if not, it returns `FALSE`. The function returns `NULL` if a `NO_DATA_FOUND` exception is thrown.

Note that the function checks for the employee with the employee ID 205. The function is hard-coded to check for this employee ID only. If you want to check for any other employees, you must modify the function itself. You can solve this problem by declaring the function so that it accepts an argument. You can then pass the employee ID as parameter.

Invoking the Function

```
BEGIN
  IF (check_sal IS NULL) THEN
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('The function returned
      NULL due to exception');
  ELSIF (check_sal) THEN
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Salary > average');
  ELSE
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Salary < average');
  END IF;
END;
/
```

```
anonymous block completed
Salary > average
```

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Invoking the Function

You include the call to the function in the executable section of the anonymous block. The function is invoked as a part of a statement. Remember that the `check_sal` function returns `Boolean` or `NULL`. Thus the call to the function is included as the conditional expression for the `IF` block.

Note: You can use the `DESCRIBE` command to check the arguments and return type of the function, as in the following example:

```
DESCRIBE check_sal;
```

Passing a Parameter to the Function

```
DROP FUNCTION check_sal;
CREATE FUNCTION check_sal(p_empno employees.employee_id%TYPE)
RETURN Boolean IS
    v_dept_id employees.department_id%TYPE;
    v_sal      employees.salary%TYPE;
    v_avg_sal  employees.salary%TYPE;
BEGIN
    SELECT salary,department_id INTO v_sal,v_dept_id FROM employees
        WHERE employee_id=p_empno;
    SELECT avg(salary) INTO v_avg_sal FROM employees
        WHERE department_id=v_dept_id;
    IF v_sal > v_avg_sal THEN
        RETURN TRUE;
    ELSE
        RETURN FALSE;
    END IF;
EXCEPTION
    ...
```

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Passing a Parameter to the Function

Remember that the function was hard-coded to check the salary of the employee with the employee ID 205. The code shown in the slide removes that constraint because it is rewritten to accept the employee number as a parameter. You can now pass different employee numbers and check for the employee's salary.

You learn more about functions in the course titled *Oracle Database 11g: Develop PL/SQL Program Units*.

The output of the code example in the slide is as follows:

```
DROP FUNCTION check_sal succeeded.
FUNCTION check_sal Compiled.
```

Invoking the Function with a Parameter

```
BEGIN
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Checking for employee with id 205');
IF (check_sal(205) IS NULL) THEN
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('The function returned
  NULL due to exception');
ELSIF (check_sal(205)) THEN
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Salary > average');
ELSE
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Salary < average');
END IF;
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Checking for employee with id 70');
IF (check_sal(70) IS NULL) THEN
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('The function returned
  NULL due to exception');
ELSIF (check_sal(70)) THEN
...
END IF;
END;
/
```

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Invoking the Function with a Parameter

The code in the slide invokes the function twice by passing parameters. The output of the code is as follows:

```
anonymous block completed
Checking for employee with id 205
Salary > average
Checking for employee with id 70
The function returned NULL due to exception
```

Quiz

Subprograms:

1. Are named PL/SQL blocks and can be invoked by other applications
2. Are compiled only once
3. Are stored in the database
4. Do not have to return values if they are functions
5. Can take parameters

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Answer: 1, 2, 3, 5

Summary

In this lesson, you should have learned how to:

- Create a simple procedure
- Invoke the procedure from an anonymous block
- Create a simple function
- Create a simple function that accepts parameters
- Invoke the function from an anonymous block

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Summary

You can use anonymous blocks to design any functionality in PL/SQL. However, the major constraint with anonymous blocks is that they are not stored and, therefore, cannot be reused.

Instead of creating anonymous blocks, you can create PL/SQL subprograms. Procedures and functions are called subprograms, which are named PL/SQL blocks. Subprograms express reusable logic by virtue of parameterization. The structure of a procedure or a function is similar to the structure of an anonymous block. These subprograms are stored in the database and are, therefore, reusable.

Practice 9: Overview

This practice covers the following topics:

- Converting an existing anonymous block to a procedure
- Modifying the procedure to accept a parameter
- Writing an anonymous block to invoke the procedure

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Practice 9

1. Load the `lab_02_04_soln.sql` script that you created for exercise 4 of practice 2.
 - a. Modify the script to convert the anonymous block to a procedure called `greet`.
 - b. Enable DBMS Output if needed using the DBMS Output tab in SQL Developer, and then execute the script to create the procedure.
 - c. Save your script as `lab_09_01_soln.sql`.
 - d. Click the Clear button to clear the workspace.
 - e. Create and execute an anonymous block to invoke the `greet` procedure. Sample output is as follows:

```
anonymous block completed
Hello World
TODAY IS : 30-MAY-07
TOMORROW IS : 31-MAY-07
```

2. Load the `lab_09_01_soln.sql` script.
 - a. Drop the `greet` procedure by issuing the following command:
`DROP PROCEDURE greet`
 - b. Modify the procedure to accept an argument of type `VARCHAR2`. Call the argument `p_name`.
 - c. Print Hello *<name>* instead of printing Hello World.
 - d. Save your script as `lab_09_02_soln.sql`.
 - e. Execute the script to create the procedure.
 - f. Create and execute an anonymous block to invoke the `greet` procedure with a parameter. Sample output is as follows:

```
anonymous block completed
Hello Neema
TODAY IS : 30-MAY-07
TOMORROW IS : 31-MAY-07
```

A Practice Solutions

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General Notes:

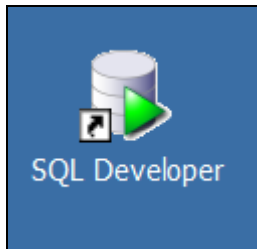
- Save all your lab files at the following location: D:\labs\PLSF\labs.
- Enter your SQL statements in a SQL Worksheet. To save a script in SQL Developer, from the **File** menu, select **Save As** or right-click in the SQL Worksheet and select **Save file** to save your SQL statement as a lab_<lessonno>_<stepno>.sql script. To modify an existing script, use **File > Open** to open the script file, make changes and then make sure you use **Save As** to save it with a different filename.
- To run the query, click the **Execute Statement** icon (or press F9) in the SQL Worksheet. For DML and DDL statements, use the **Run Script** icon (or press F5).
- After you have executed a saved script, make sure that you do not enter your next query in the same worksheet. Open a new worksheet.

Practice I

This is the first of many practices in this course. The solutions (if you require them) can be found in Appendix A. Practices are intended to cover most of the topics that are presented in the corresponding lesson.

1. Start up SQL Developer using the user ID and password that are provided to you by the instructor such as oraxx where xx is the number assigned to your PC.

Click the SQL Developer icon on your desktop.



2. Create a database connection using the following information:
 - a. Connection Name: MyDBConnection.
 - b. Username: oraxx where xx is the number assigned to your PC by the instructor.
 - c. Password: oraxx where xx is the number assigned to your PC by the instructor.
 - d. Hostname: Enter the host name for your PC.
 - e. Port: 1521
 - f. SID: ORCL

Right-click the Connections icon on the Connections tabbed page, and then select the New Database Connection option from the shortcut menu. The New/Select Database Connection window is displayed. Use the preceding information provided to create the new database connection.

Note: To display the properties of the newly created connection, right-click the connection name, and then select Properties from the shortcut menu. Substitute the username, password, host name, and service name with the appropriate information as provided by your instructor. The following is a sample of the newly created database connection for student ora41:

New / Select Database Connection

Connection Name	Connection Details
MyDBConnection	<p>Username: ora41</p> <p>Password: *****</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Save Password</p> <p>Oracle Access MySQL SQLServer</p> <p>Role: default</p> <p>Connection Type: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Basic <input type="radio"/> TNS <input type="radio"/> Advanced</p> <p>Hostname: eg5883.us.oracle.com</p> <p>Port: 1521</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> SID: orcl</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Service name</p>

Status:

Help Save Clear Test Connect Cancel

3. Test the new connection. If the Status is Success, connect to the database using this new connection.
 - a. Double-click the MyDBConnection icon on the Connections tabbed page.
 - b. Click the Test button in the New/Select Database Connection window. If the status is Success, click the Connect button.

New / Select Database Connection

Connection Name	Connection Details
MyDBConnection	<p>Username: ora41</p> <p>Password: *****</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Save Password</p> <p>Oracle Access MySQL SQLServer</p> <p>Role: default</p> <p>Connection Type: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Basic <input type="radio"/> TNS <input type="radio"/> Advanced</p> <p>Hostname: eg5883.us.oracle.com</p> <p>Port: 1521</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> SID: orcl</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Service name</p>

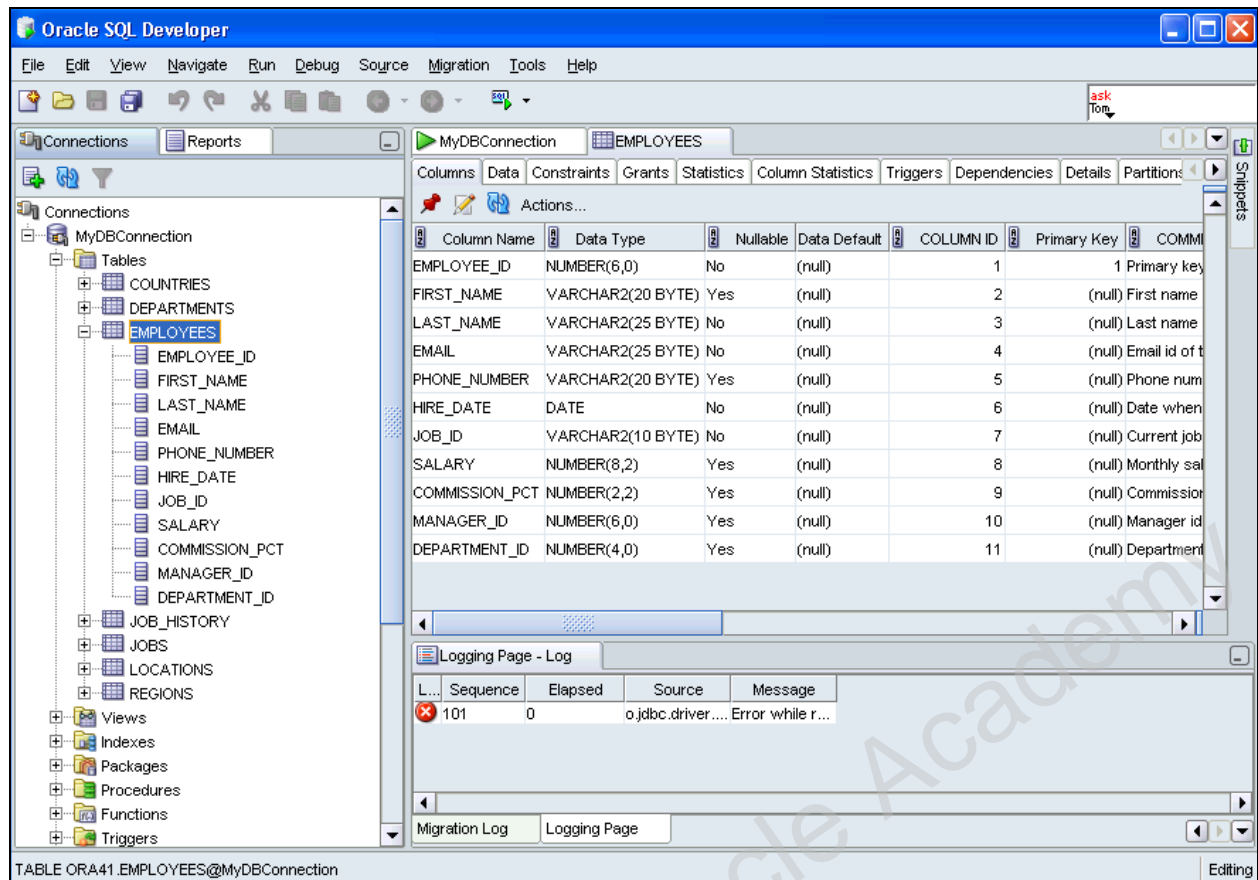
Status : Success

Help Save Clear Test Connect

4. Browse the structure of the EMPLOYEES table and display its data.

- Expand the MyDBConnection connection by clicking the plus sign next to it.
- Expand the Tables icon by clicking the plus sign next to it.
- Display the structure of the EMPLOYEES table.

Double-click the EMPLOYEES table. The Columns tab displays the columns in the EMPLOYEES table as follows:



- Browse the EMPLOYEES table and display its data.

To display the employees' data, click the Data tab. The EMPLOYEES table data is displayed as follows:

The screenshot shows the Oracle SQL Developer interface. The title bar reads 'Oracle SQL Developer : TABLE ORA41.EMPLOYEES@MyDBConnection'. The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Navigate, Run, Debug, Source, Migration, Tools, and Help. The toolbar contains various icons for file operations and execution. The 'Connections' pane on the left shows a tree structure with 'MyDBConnection' expanded, revealing tables like COUNTRIES, DEPARTMENTS, EMPLOYEES, EMPLOYEE_ID, FIRST_NAME, LAST_NAME, EMAIL, PHONE_NUMBER, HIRE_DATE, JOB_ID, SALARY, COMMISSION_PCT, MANAGER_ID, DEPARTMENT_ID, JOB_HISTORY, JOBS, LOCATIONS, and REGIONS. The main window displays the 'EMPLOYEES' table with columns: EMPLOYEE_ID, FIRST_NAME, LAST_NAME, EMAIL, PHONE_NUMBER, and HIRE_DATE. The data is fetched from 55 rows. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Fetching Rows: 55' and 'Editing'.

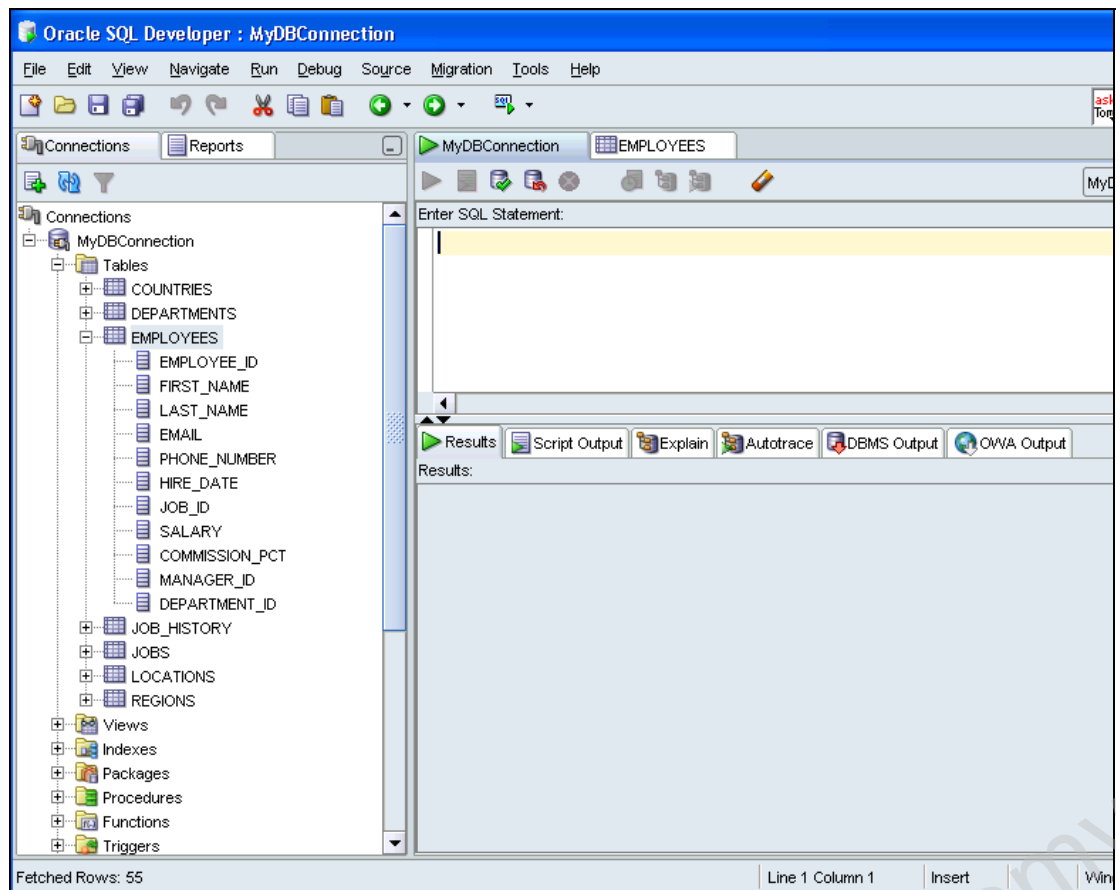
EMPLOYEE_ID	FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME	EMAIL	PHONE_NUMBER	HIRE_DATE
1	Donald	OConnell	DOCONN...	650.507.9833	21-JUN-99
2	Douglas	Grant	DGRANT	650.507.9844	13-JAN-00
3	Jennifer	Whalen	JWHALEN	515.123.4444	17-SEP-87
4	Michael	Hartstein	MHARTS...	515.123.5555	17-FEB-96
5	Pat	Fay	PFAY	603.123.6666	17-AUG-97
6	Susan	Mavris	SMAVRIS	515.123.7777	07-JUN-94
7	Hermann	Baer	HBAER	515.123.8888	07-JUN-94
8	Shelley	Higgins	SHIGGINS	515.123.8080	07-JUN-94
9	William	Gietz	WGIEZT	515.123.8181	07-JUN-94
10	Steven	King	SKING	515.123.4567	17-JUN-87
11	Neena	Kochhar	NKOCHH...	515.123.4568	21-SEP-89
12	Lex	De Haan	LDEHAAN	515.123.4569	13-JAN-93
13	Alexander	Hunold	AHUNOLD	590.423.4567	03-JAN-90
14	Bruce	Ernst	BERNST	590.423.4568	21-MAY-91
15	David	Austin	DAUSTIN	590.423.4569	25-JUN-97
16	Valli	Pataballa	VPATAB...	590.423.4560	05-FEB-98
17	Diana	Lorentz	DLORENTZ	590.423.5567	07-FEB-99
18	Nancy	Greenberg	NGREENBE	515.124.4569	17-AUG-94
19	Daniel	Faviet	DFAVIET	515.124.4169	16-AUG-94
20	John	Chen	JCHEN	515.124.4269	28-SEP-97

6. Use the SQL Worksheet to select the last names and salaries of all employees whose annual salary is greater than \$10,000. Use both the Execute Statement (F9) and the Run Script icon (F5) icons to execute the SELECT statement. Review the results of both methods of executing the SELECT statements in the appropriate tabs.

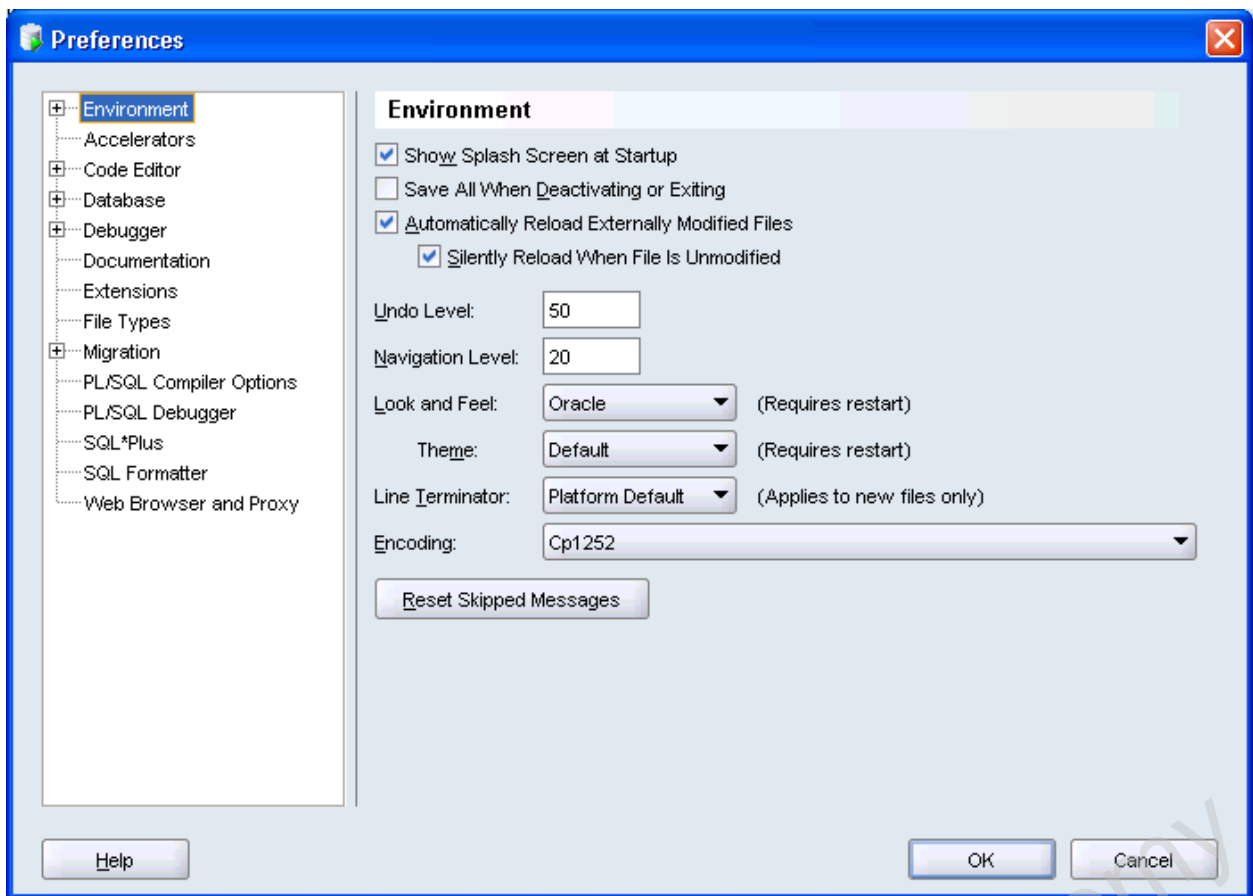
Note: Take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the data, or consult Appendix B, which provides the description and data for all tables in the HR schema that you will use in this course.

Display the SQL Worksheet using any of the following two methods:

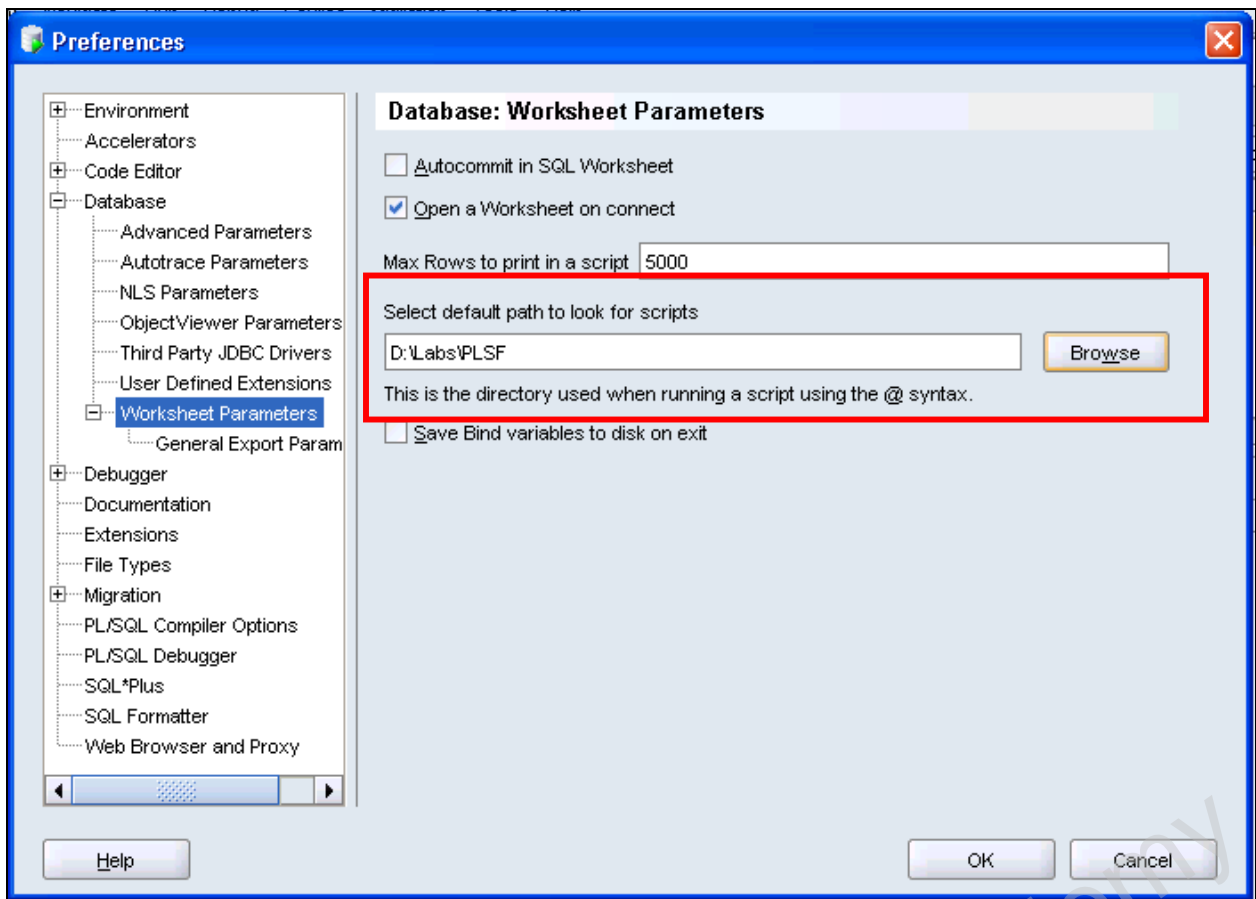
- a. **Select Tools > SQL Worksheet or click the Open SQL Worksheet icon. The Select Connection window is displayed. Select the new MyDBConnection from the Connection drop-down list (if not already selected), and then click OK.**
- b. **Click the Open SQL Worksheet icon on the toolbar.**



7. In the SQL Developer menu, navigate to Tools > Preferences. The Preferences window is displayed.



8. Click the Worksheet Parameters option under the Database option. In the “Select default path to look for scripts” text box, specify the D:\labs\PLSF folder. This folder contains the solutions scripts, code examples scripts, and any labs or demos used in this course. Click OK when done to accept the new setting.



9. Familiarize yourself with the labs folder on the D:\ drive:
 - a. Right-click the SQL Worksheet area, and then select Open File from the shortcut menu. The Open window is displayed.
 - b. Ensure that the path that you set in a previous step is the default path that is displayed in the Open window.
 - c. How many subfolders do you see in the labs folder?
 - d. Navigate through the folders, and open a script file without executing the code.
 - e. Clear the displayed code in the SQL Worksheet area.

No formal solutions.

Practice 1: Introduction to PL/SQL

The labs folder is the working directory where you save your scripts. Ask your instructor for help in locating the labs folder for this course. The solutions for all practices are in the soln folder.

1. Which of the following PL/SQL blocks execute successfully?

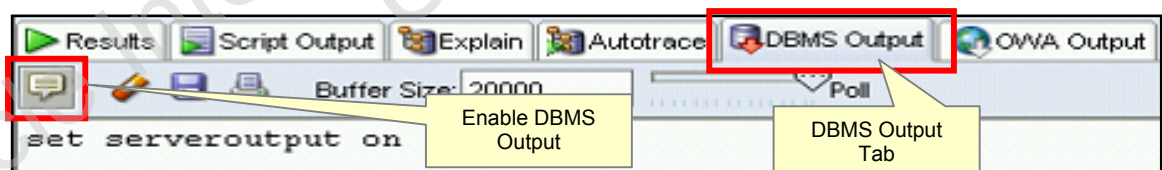
- a. BEGIN
END;
- b. DECLARE
amount INTEGER(10);
END;
- c. DECLARE
BEGIN
END;
- d. DECLARE
amount INTEGER(10);
BEGIN
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(amount);
END;

*The block in **a** does not execute because the executable section does not have any statements. The block in **b** does not have the mandatory executable section that begins with the **BEGIN** keyword.*

*The block in **c** has all the necessary parts but the executable section does not have any statements.*

2. Create and execute a simple anonymous block that outputs “Hello World.” Execute and save this script as lab_01_02_soln.sql.

- a. Start SQL Developer. The instructor will provide the necessary information.
- b. Enable output in SQL Developer by clicking the Enable DBMS Output button on the DBMS Output tab.



- c. Enter the following code in the workspace.

```
BEGIN
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(' Hello World ');
END;
```

- d. Click the Run Script button.
- e. You should see the following output in the Script Output tab:

```
anonymous block completed
Hello World
```

- f. Click the Save button. Select the folder in which you want to save the file. Enter lab_01_02_soln.sql as the file name and click the Save button.

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Practice 2: Declaring PL/SQL Variables

1. Identify valid and invalid identifiers:

- | | |
|---|--|
| a. today | Valid |
| b. last_name | Valid |
| c. today's_date | Invalid – character “'” not allowed |
| d. Number_of_days_in_February_this_year | Invalid – Too long |
| e. Isleap\$year | Valid |
| f. #number | Invalid – Cannot start with “#” |
| g. NUMBER# | Valid |
| h. number1to7 | Valid |

2. Identify valid and invalid variable declaration and initialization:

- | | | |
|---------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| a. number_of_copies | PLS_INTEGER; | Valid |
| b. PRINTER_NAME | constant VARCHAR2(10); | Invalid |
| c. deliver_to | VARCHAR2(10):=Johnson; | Invalid |
| d. by_when | DATE:= CURRENT_DATE+1; | Valid |

*The declaration in **b** is invalid because constant variables must be initialized during declaration.*

*The declaration in **c** is invalid because string literals should be enclosed within single quotation marks.*

3. Examine the following anonymous block and choose the appropriate statement.

```
DECLARE
  v_fname VARCHAR2(20);
  v_lname VARCHAR2(15) DEFAULT 'fernandez';
BEGIN
  DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(v_fname || ' ' || v_lname);
END;
```

- The block executes successfully and prints “fernandez”.
 - The block produces an error because the fname variable is used without initializing.
 - The block executes successfully and prints “null fernandez”.
 - The block produces an error because you cannot use the DEFAULT keyword to initialize a variable of type VARCHAR2.
 - The block produces an error because the v_fname variable is not declared.
- a. The block will execute successfully and print “fernandez”**
4. Create an anonymous block. In SQL Plus, load the lab_01_02_soln.sql script, which you created in exercise 2 of practice 1 by following these instructions:

Select File > Open.

Browse to select the lab_01_02_soln.sql file. Click the Open button. Your workspace will now have the code in the .sql file.

- a. Add declarative section to this PL/SQL block. In the declarative section, declare the following variables:

1. Variable `today` of type `DATE`. Initialize `today` with `SYSDATE`.

```
DECLARE
    v_today DATE:=SYSDATE;
```

2. Variable `tomorrow` of type `today`. Use the `%TYPE` attribute to declare this variable.

```
v_tomorrow v_today%TYPE;
```

- b. In the executable section, initialize the `tomorrow` variable with an expression, which calculates tomorrow's date (add one to the value in `today`). Print the value of `today` and `tomorrow` after printing "Hello World."

```
BEGIN
    v_tomorrow:=v_today +1;
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(' Hello World ');
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('TODAY IS : ' || v_today);
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('TOMORROW IS : ' || v_tomorrow);
END;
```

- c. Execute and save your script as `lab_02_04_soln.sql`. Follow the instructions in step 2 f) of practice 1 to save the file. Sample output is as follows (the values of `today` and `tomorrow` will be different to reflect your current `today`'s and `tomorrow`'s date):

```
anonymous block completed
Hello World
TODAY IS : 09-MAY-07
TOMORROW IS : 10-MAY-07
```

5. Edit the lab_02_04_soln.sql script.

a. Add code to create two bind variables.

Create bind variables basic_percent and pf_percent of type NUMBER.

```
VARIABLE b_basic_percent NUMBER  
VARIABLE b_pf_percent NUMBER
```

b. In the executable section of the PL/SQL block, assign the values 45 and 12 to basic_percent and pf_percent, respectively.

```
:b_basic_percent:=45;  
:b_pf_percent:=12;
```

c. Terminate the PL/SQL block with “/” and display the value of the bind variables by using the PRINT command.

```
/  
PRINT b_basic_percent  
PRINT b_pf_percent
```

OR

```
PRINT
```

d. Execute and save your script as lab_02_05_soln.sql. Sample output is as follows:

```
anonymous block completed  
Hello World  
TODAY IS : 16-MAY-07  
TOMORROW IS : 17-MAY-07  
  
basic_percent  
--  
45  
  
pf_percent  
--  
12
```

Practice 3: Writing Executable Statements

```
DECLARE
  v_weight      NUMBER(3) := 600;
  v_message     VARCHAR2(255) := 'Product 10012';
BEGIN
  DECLARE
    v_weight      NUMBER(3) := 1;
    v_message     VARCHAR2(255) := 'Product 11001';
    v_new_locn    VARCHAR2(50) := 'Europe';
  BEGIN
    v_weight := v_weight + 1;
    v_new_locn := 'Western ' || v_new_locn;
1 →
  END;
  v_weight := v_weight + 1;
  v_message := v_message || ' is in stock';
  v_new_locn := 'Western ' || v_new_locn;
2 →
END;
/
```

1. Evaluate the preceding PL/SQL block and determine the data type and value of each of the following variables according to the rules of scoping.

- a. The value of `v_weight` at position 1 is:

2

The data type is NUMBER.

- b. The value of `v_new_locn` at position 1 is:

Western Europe

The data type is VARCHAR2.

- c. The value of `v_weight` at position 2 is:

601

The data type is NUMBER.

- d. The value of `v_message` at position 2 is:

Product 10012 is in stock.

The data type is VARCHAR2.

- e. The value of `v_new_locn` at position 2 is:

Illegal because `v_new_locn` is not visible outside the subblock.

```

DECLARE
    v_customer      VARCHAR2(50) := 'Womansport';
    v_credit_rating  VARCHAR2(50) := 'EXCELLENT';
BEGIN
    DECLARE
        v_customer      NUMBER(7) := 201;
        v_name          VARCHAR2(25) := 'Unisports';
    BEGIN
        v_credit_rating := 'GOOD';
        ...
    END;
    ...
END;

```

2. In the preceding PL/SQL block, determine the values and data types for each of the following cases.

- a. The value of `v_customer` in the nested block is:
201
The data type is NUMBER.
- b. The value of `v_name` in the nested block is:
Unisports
The data type is VARCHAR2.
- c. The value of `v_credit_rating` in the nested block is:
GOOD
The data type is VARCHAR2.
- d. The value of `v_customer` in the main block is:
Womansport
The data type is VARCHAR2.
- e. The value of `v_name` in the main block is:
name is not visible in the main block and you would see an error.
- f. The value of `v_credit_rating` in the main block is:
GOOD
The data type is VARCHAR2.

3. Use the same session that you used to execute the practices in the lesson titled “Declaring PL/SQL Variables.” If you have opened a new session, then execute `lab_02_05_soln.sql`. Edit `lab_02_05_soln.sql`.

- a. Use single-line comment syntax to comment the lines that create the bind variables.

```

-- VARIABLE b_basic_percent NUMBER
-- VARIABLE b_pf_percent NUMBER

```

- b. Use multiple-line comments in the executable section to comment the lines that assign values to the bind variables.

```
/*:b_basic_percent:=45;  
:b_pf_percent:=12;*/
```

- c. Declare variables: fname of type VARCHAR2 and size 15, and emp_sal of type NUMBER and size 10.

```
DECLARE  
  v_basic_percent NUMBER:=45;  
  v_pf_percent NUMBER:=12;  
  v_fname VARCHAR2(15);  
  v_emp_sal NUMBER(10);
```

- d. Include the following SQL statement in the executable section:

```
SELECT first_name, salary INTO v_fname, v_emp_sal  
FROM employees WHERE employee_id=110;
```

- e. Change the line that prints “Hello World” to print “Hello” and the first name. You can comment the lines that display the dates and print the bind variables, if you want to.

```
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(' Hello '|| v_fname);
```

- f. Calculate the contribution of the employee towards provident fund (PF). PF is 12% of the basic salary, and the basic salary is 45% of the salary. Use the local variables for the calculation. Try to use only one expression to calculate the PF. Print the employee’s salary and his contribution toward PF.

```
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('YOUR SALARY IS : '||v_emp_sal);  
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('YOUR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS PF:  
  '||v_emp_sal*v_basic_percent/100*v_pf_percent/100);  
END;
```

- g. Execute and save your script as lab_03_03_soln.sql. Sample output is as follows:

```
anonymous block completed  
Hello John  
YOUR SALARY IS : 8200  
YOUR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS PF:  
442.8
```

Practice 4: Interacting with the Oracle Server

1. Create a PL/SQL block that selects the maximum department ID in the `departments` table and stores it in the `v_max_deptno` variable. Display the maximum department ID.
 - a. Declare a variable `v_max_deptno` of type `NUMBER` in the declarative section.

```
DECLARE
    v_max_deptno NUMBER;
```

- b. Start the executable section with the `BEGIN` keyword and include a `SELECT` statement to retrieve the maximum `department_id` from the `departments` table.

```
BEGIN
    SELECT MAX(department_id) INTO v_max_deptno FROM departments;
```

- c. Display `v_max_deptno` and end the executable block.

```
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('The maximum department_id is : ' || v_max_deptno);
END;
```

- d. Execute and save your script as `lab_04_01_soln.sql`. Sample output is as follows:

```
anonymous block completed
The maximum department_id is : 270
```

2. Modify the PL/SQL block you created in step 1 to insert a new department into the `departments` table.
 - a. Load the `lab_04_01_soln.sql` script. Declare two variables:
`v_dept_name` of type `departments.department_name`.
`v_dept_id` of type `NUMBER`.
Assign `'Education'` to `v_dept_name` in the declarative section.

```
v_dept_name departments.department_name%TYPE:= 'Education';
v_dept_id NUMBER;
```

- b. You have already retrieved the current maximum department number from the `departments` table. Add 10 to it and assign the result to `dept_id`.

```
v_dept_id := 10 + v_max_deptno;
...
```

- c. Include an INSERT statement to insert data into the department_name, department_id, and location_id columns of the departments table. Use values in dept_name and dept_id for department_name and department_id, respectively, and use NULL for location_id.

```
...  
INSERT INTO departments (department_id, department_name, location_id)  
VALUES (v_dept_id,v_dept_name, NULL);
```

- d. Use the SQL attribute SQL%ROWCOUNT to display the number of rows that are affected.

```
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE (' SQL%ROWCOUNT gives ' || SQL%ROWCOUNT);  
...
```

- e. Execute a SELECT statement to check whether the new department is inserted. You can terminate the PL/SQL block with "/" and include the SELECT statement in your script.

```
...  
/  
SELECT * FROM departments WHERE department_id= 280;
```

- f. Execute and save your script as lab_04_02_soln.sql. Sample output is as follows:

```
anonymous block completed  
The maximum department_id is : 270  
SQL%ROWCOUNT gives 1
```

DEPARTMENT_ID	DEPARTMENT_NAME	MANAGER_ID	LOCATION_ID
280	Education	(null)	(null)

3. In step 2, you set location_id to NULL. Create a PL/SQL block that updates the location_id to 3000 for the new department. Use the local variable v_dept_id to update the row.

- a. If you have started a new session, delete the department that you have added to the departments table and execute the lab_04_02_soln.sql script.

```
DELETE FROM departments WHERE department_id=280;
```

- b. Start the executable block with the BEGIN keyword. Include the UPDATE statement to set the location_id to 3000 for the new department (dept_id=280).

```
BEGIN  
UPDATE departments SET location_id=3000 WHERE  
department_id=280;
```

- c. End the executable block with the END keyword. Terminate the PL/SQL block with “/” and include a SELECT statement to display the department that you updated.

```
END;  
/  
SELECT * FROM departments WHERE department_id=280;
```

- d. Include a DELETE statement to delete the department that you added.

```
DELETE FROM departments WHERE department_id=280;
```

- e. Execute and save your script as lab_04_03_soln.sql. Sample output is as follows:

```
anonymous block completed  
DEPARTMENT_ID DEPARTMENT_NAME MANAGER_ID LOCATION_ID  
-----  
280           Education           3000  
  
1 rows selected  
  
1 rows deleted
```


Practice 5: Writing Control Structures

1. Execute the command in the `lab_05_01.sql` file to create the `messages` table. Write a PL/SQL block to insert numbers into the `messages` table.
 - a. Insert the numbers 1 through 10, excluding 6 and 8.
 - b. Commit before the end of the block.

```
BEGIN
FOR i in 1..10 LOOP
  IF i = 6 or i = 8 THEN
    null;
  ELSE
    INSERT INTO messages(results)
    VALUES (i);
  END IF;
END LOOP;
COMMIT;
END;
/
```

- c. Execute a `SELECT` statement to verify that your PL/SQL block worked.

```
SELECT * FROM messages;
```

You should see the following output:

```
anonymous block completed
RESULTS
-----
1
2
3
4
5
7
9
10

8 rows selected
```

2. Execute the `lab_05_02.sql` script. This script creates an `emp` table that is a replica of the `employees` table. It alters the `emp` table to add a new column, `stars`, of `VARCHAR2` data type and size 50. Create a PL/SQL block that inserts an asterisk in the `stars` column for every \$1000 of the employee's salary. Save your script as `lab_05_02_soln.sql`.
 - a. In the declarative section of the block, declare a variable `v_empno` of type `emp.employee_id` and initialize it to 176. Declare a variable `v_asterisk` of type `emp.stars` and initialize it to `NULL`. Create a variable `sal` of type

emp.salary.

```
DECLARE
  v_empno      emp.employee_id%TYPE := 176;
  v_asterisk    emp.stars%TYPE := NULL;
  v_sal         emp.salary%TYPE;
```

- b. In the executable section, write logic to append an asterisk (*) to the string for every \$1,000 of the salary. For example, if the employee earns \$8,000, the string of asterisks should contain eight asterisks. If the employee earns \$12,500, the string of asterisks should contain 13 asterisks.

```
SELECT NVL(ROUND(salary/1000), 0) INTO v_sal
FROM emp WHERE employee_id = v_empno;

FOR i IN 1..v_sal
  LOOP
    v_asterisk := v_asterisk || '*';
  END LOOP;
```

- c. Update the stars column for the employee with the string of asterisks. Commit before the end of the block.

```
UPDATE emp SET stars = v_asterisk
WHERE employee_id = v_empno;
COMMIT;
```

- d. Display the row from the emp table to verify whether your PL/SQL block has executed successfully.

```
SELECT employee_id, salary, stars
FROM emp WHERE employee_id = 176;
```

- e. Execute and save your script as lab_05_02_soln.sql. The output is as follows:

```
anonymous block completed
EMPLOYEE_ID      SALARY      STARS
-----
176              8600      *****
1 rows selected
```

Practice 6: 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 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. Sample output is as follows:

```
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;
```

```
anonymous block completed
Country Id: CA Country Name: Canada Region: 2
```

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

2. Create a PL/SQL block to retrieve the name of some departments from the departments table and print each department name on the screen, incorporating an INDEX BY table. Save the script as lab_06_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 name of the departments.

```
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: loop_count and deptno of type NUMBER. Assign 10 to loop_count and 0 to deptno.

```
loop_count    NUMBER (2) :=10;
deptno        NUMBER (4) :=0;
```

- c. Using a loop, retrieve the name of 10 departments and store the names in the INDEX BY table. 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 INDEX BY table.

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

```

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 INDEX BY table 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_06_02_soln.sql. The output is as follows:

```

anonymous block completed
Administration
Marketing
Purchasing
Human Resources
Shipping
IT
Public Relations
Sales
Executive
Finance

```

3. Modify the block that you created in exercise 2 to retrieve all information about each department from the departments table and display the information. Use an INDEX BY table of records.
 - a. Load the lab_06_02_soln.sql script.
 - b. You have declared the INDEX BY table to be of type departments.department_name. Modify the declaration of the INDEX BY table, to temporarily store the number, name, and location of all the departments. Use the %ROWTYPE attribute.

```

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 INDEX BY table.

```

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 INDEX BY table and display the information. Sample output is as follows:

```

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;

```

```

anonymous block completed
Department Number: 10 Department Name: Administration Manager Id: 200 Location Id: 1700
Department Number: 20 Department Name: Marketing Manager Id: 201 Location Id: 1800
Department Number: 30 Department Name: Purchasing Manager Id: 114 Location Id: 1700
Department Number: 40 Department Name: Human Resources Manager Id: 203 Location Id: 2400
Department Number: 50 Department Name: Shipping Manager Id: 121 Location Id: 1500
Department Number: 60 Department Name: IT Manager Id: 103 Location Id: 1400
Department Number: 70 Department Name: Public Relations Manager Id: 204 Location Id: 2700
Department Number: 80 Department Name: Sales Manager Id: 145 Location Id: 2500
Department Number: 90 Department Name: Executive Manager Id: 100 Location Id: 1700
Department Number: 100 Department Name: Finance Manager Id: 108 Location Id: 1700

```

Practice 7: Using Explicit Cursors

1. Run the `lab_07_01.sql` script to create the `top_salaries` table.
2. Create a PL/SQL block that does the following:
 - a. In the declarative section, declare a variable `v_deptno` of type `NUMBER` and assign a value that holds the department ID.

```
DECLARE
v_deptno    NUMBER := 10;
```

- b. Declare a cursor, `c_emp_cursor`, that retrieves the `last_name`, `salary`, and `manager_id` of the employees working in the department specified in `v_deptno`.

```
CURSOR c_emp_cursor IS
SELECT      last_name, salary, manager_id
FROM        employees
WHERE       department_id = v_deptno;
```

- c. In the executable section, use the cursor FOR loop to operate on the data retrieved. If the salary of the employee is less than 5,000 and if the manager ID is either 101 or 124, display the message “<<*last_name*>> Due for a raise.” Otherwise, display the message “<<*last_name*>> Not due for a raise.”

```
BEGIN
FOR emp_record IN c_emp_cursor
LOOP
IF emp_record.salary < 5000 AND (emp_record.manager_id=101 OR
emp_record.manager_id=124) THEN
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE (emp_record.last_name || ' Due for a raise');
ELSE
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE (emp_record.last_name || ' Not Due for a
raise');
END IF;
END LOOP;
END;
```

- d. Test the PL/SQL block for the following cases:

Department ID	Message
10	Whalen Due for a raise
20	Hartstein Not Due for a raise Fay Not Due for a raise
50	Weiss Not Due for a raise Fripp Not Due for a raise Kaufling Not Due for a raise Vollman Not Due for a raise. OConnell Due for a raise Grant Due for a raise
80	Russell Not Due for a raise Partners Not Due for a raise Errazuriz Not Due for a raise Cambrault Not Due for a raise . . . Livingston Not Due for a raise Johnson Not Due for a raise

- Write a PL/SQL block, which declares and uses cursors with parameters.
In a loop, use a cursor to retrieve the department number and the department name from the departments table for a department whose department_id is less than 100. Pass the department number to another cursor as a parameter to retrieve from the employees table the details of employee last name, job, hire date, and salary of those employees whose employee_id is less than 120 and who work in that department.

- a. In the declarative section, declare a cursor `c_dept_cursor` to retrieve `department_id`, and `department_name` for those departments with `department_id` less than 100. Order by `department_id`.

```
DECLARE
  CURSOR c_dept_cursor IS
    SELECT department_id, department_name
    FROM   departments
    WHERE  department_id < 100
    ORDER BY department_id;
```

- b. Declare another cursor `c_emp_cursor` that takes the department number as parameter and retrieves `last_name`, `job_id`, `hire_date`, and `salary` of those employees with `employee_id` of less than 120 and who work in that department.

```
CURSOR c_emp_cursor(v_deptno NUMBER) IS
  SELECT last_name, job_id, hire_date, salary
  FROM   employees
  WHERE  department_id = v_deptno
  AND    employee_id < 120;
```

- c. Declare variables to hold the values retrieved from each cursor. Use the `%TYPE` attribute while declaring variables.

```
v_current_deptno departments.department_id%TYPE;
v_current_dname  departments.department_name%TYPE;
v_ename employees.last_name%TYPE;
v_job employees.job_id%TYPE;
v_hiredate employees.hire_date%TYPE;
v_sal employees.salary%TYPE;
```

- d. Open `c_dept_cursor`, use a simple loop, and fetch values into the variables declared. Display the department number and department name.

```
BEGIN
  OPEN c_dept_cursor;
  LOOP
    FETCH c_dept_cursor INTO v_current_deptno, v_current_dname;
    EXIT WHEN c_dept_cursor%NOTFOUND;
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE ('Department Number : ' ||
v_current_deptno || ' Department Name : ' || v_current_dname);
```

- e. For each department, open `c_emp_cursor` by passing the current department number as a parameter. Start another loop and fetch the values of `emp_cursor` into variables and print all the details retrieved from the `employees` table.

Note: You may want to print a line after you have displayed the details of each department. Use appropriate attributes for the exit condition. Also, check whether a cursor is already open before opening the cursor.

```
IF c_emp_cursor%ISOPEN THEN
    CLOSE c_emp_cursor;
END IF;
OPEN c_emp_cursor (v_current_deptno);
LOOP
    FETCH c_emp_cursor INTO v_ename,v_job,v_hiredate,v_sal;
    EXIT WHEN c_emp_cursor%NOTFOUND;
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE (v_ename || ' ' || v_job
                          || ' ' || v_hiredate || ' ' || v_sal);
END LOOP;
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('-----');
-----
                        CLOSE c_emp_cursor;
```

f. Close all the loops and cursors, and end the executable section. Execute the script.

```
END LOOP;
    CLOSE c_dept_cursor;
END;
```

The sample output is as follows:

anonymous block completed			
Department Number : 10 Department Name : Administration			

Department Number : 20 Department Name : Marketing			

Department Number : 30 Department Name : Purchasing			
Raphaely	PU_MAN	07-DEC-94	11000
Khoo	PU_CLERK	18-MAY-95	3100
Baida	PU_CLERK	24-DEC-97	2900
Tobias	PU_CLERK	24-JUL-97	2800
Himuro	PU_CLERK	15-NOV-98	2600
Colmenares	PU_CLERK	10-AUG-99	2500

Department Number : 40 Department Name : Human Resources			

Department Number : 50 Department Name : Shipping			

Department Number : 60 Department Name : IT			
Hunold	IT_PROG	03-JAN-90	9000
Ernst	IT_PROG	21-MAY-91	6000
Austin	IT_PROG	25-JUN-97	4800
Pataballa	IT_PROG	05-FEB-98	4800
Lorentz	IT_PROG	07-FEB-99	4200

Department Number : 70 Department Name : Public Relations			

Department Number : 80 Department Name : Sales			

Department Number : 90 Department Name : Executive			
King	AD_PRES	17-JUN-87	24000
Kochhar	AD_VP	21-SEP-89	17000
De Haan	AD_VP	13-JAN-93	17000

If you have time, complete the following practice:

4. Create a PL/SQL block that determines the top n salaries of the employees.
 - a. Execute the lab_07_01.sql script to create a new table, top_salaries, for storing the salaries of the employees.
 - b. In the declarative section, declare a variable v_num of type NUMBER that holds a number n representing the number of top n earners from the employees table. For example, to view the top five salaries, enter 5. Declare another variable sal of type employees.salary. Declare a cursor, c_emp_cursor, that retrieves the salaries of employees in descending order. Remember that the salaries should not be duplicated.

```
DECLARE
  v_num          NUMBER(3) := 5;
  v_sal          employees.salary%TYPE;
  CURSOR         c_emp_cursor IS
    SELECT       salary
    FROM         employees
    ORDER BY     salary DESC;
```

- c. In the executable section, open the loop and fetch top n salaries and insert them into the `top_salaries` table. You can use a simple loop to operate on the data. Also, try and use `%ROWCOUNT` and `%FOUND` attributes for the exit condition.

Note: Make sure you add an exit condition to avoid having an infinite loop.

```
BEGIN
  OPEN c_emp_cursor;
  FETCH c_emp_cursor INTO v_sal;
  WHILE c_emp_cursor%ROWCOUNT <= v_num AND c_emp_cursor%FOUND LOOP
    INSERT INTO top_salaries (salary)
      VALUES (v_sal);
    FETCH c_emp_cursor INTO v_sal;
  END LOOP;
  CLOSE c_emp_cursor;
END;
```

- d. After inserting into the `top_salaries` table, display the rows with a `SELECT` statement. The output shown represents the five highest salaries in the `employees` table.

```
/
SELECT * FROM top_salaries;
```

SALARY
24000
17000
14000
13500
13000

- e. Test a variety of special cases, such as `v_num = 0` or where `v_num` is greater than the number of employees in the `employees` table. Empty the `top_salaries` table after each test.

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Practice 8: Handling Exceptions

1. The purpose of this practice is to show the usage of predefined exceptions. Write a PL/SQL block to select the name of the employee with a given salary value.

- a. Delete all the records in the messages table.

```
DELETE FROM MESSAGES;  
SET VERIFY OFF
```

- b. In the declarative section, declare two variables: v_ename of type employees.last_name and v_emp_sal of type employees.salary. Initialize the latter to 6000.

```
DECLARE  
  v_ename employees.last_name%TYPE;  
  v_emp_sal employees.salary%TYPE := 6000;
```

- c. In the executable section, retrieve the last names of employees whose salaries are equal to the value in v_emp_sal.

Note: Do not use explicit cursors.

If the salary entered returns only one row, insert into the messages table the employee's name and the salary amount.

```
BEGIN  
  SELECT last_name  
  INTO    v_ename  
  FROM    employees  
  WHERE   salary = v_emp_sal;  
  INSERT INTO messages (results)  
  VALUES (v_ename || ' - ' || v_emp_sal);
```

- d. If the salary entered does not return any rows, handle the exception with an appropriate exception handler and insert into the messages table the message "No employee with a salary of <salary>."

```
EXCEPTION  
  WHEN no_data_found THEN  
    INSERT INTO messages (results)  
    VALUES ('No employee with a salary of ' || TO_CHAR(v_emp_sal));
```

- e. If the salary entered returns more than one row, handle the exception with an appropriate exception handler and insert into the messages table the message "More than one employee with a salary of <salary>."

```
WHEN too_many_rows THEN  
  INSERT INTO messages (results)  
  VALUES ('More than one employee with a salary of ' ||  
          TO_CHAR(v_emp_sal));
```

- f. Handle any other exception with an appropriate exception handler and insert into the messages table the message “Some other error occurred.”

```
WHEN others THEN
    INSERT INTO messages (results)
    VALUES ('Some other error occurred. ');
END;
```

- g. Display the rows from the messages table to check whether the PL/SQL block has executed successfully. Sample output is as follows:

```
/
SELECT * FROM messages;
```

RESULTS

More than one employee with a salary of 6000

2. The purpose of this practice is to show how to declare exceptions with a standard Oracle Server error. Use the Oracle server error ORA-02292 (integrity constraint violated – child record found).

- a. In the declarative section, declare an exception `e_childrecord_exists`. Associate the declared exception with the standard Oracle server error -02292.

```
DECLARE
    e_childrecord_exists EXCEPTION;
    PRAGMA EXCEPTION_INIT(e_childrecord_exists, -02292);
```

- b. In the executable section, display “Deleting department 40....” Include a DELETE statement to delete the department with the `department_id` 40.

```
BEGIN
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(' Deleting department 40..... ');
    delete from departments where department_id=40;
```

- c. Include an exception section to handle the `e_childrecord_exists` exception and display the appropriate message. Sample output is as follows:

```
EXCEPTION
    WHEN e_childrecord_exists THEN
        DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(' Cannot delete this department. There are
employees in this department (child records exist.) ');
END;
```

```
anonymous block completed
Deleting department 40.....
Cannot delete this department.
  There are employees in this department (child records exist.)
```

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Practice 9: Creating Stored Procedures and Functions

1. Load the lab_02_04_soln.sql script that you created for exercise 4 of practice 2.
 - a. Modify the script to convert the anonymous block to a procedure called greet.

```
CREATE PROCEDURE greet IS
    today DATE:=SYSDATE;
    tomorrow today%TYPE;
    ...
```

- b. Enable DBMS Output if needed using the DBMS Output tab in SQL Developer, and then execute the script to create the procedure.
 - c. Save this script as lab_09_01_soln.sql.
 - d. Click the Clear button to clear the workspace.
 - e. Create and execute an anonymous block to invoke the greet procedure. Sample output is as follows:

```
BEGIN
    greet;
END;
```

```
anonymous block completed
Hello World
TODAY IS : 30-MAY-07
TOMORROW IS : 31-MAY-07
```

2. Load the lab_09_01_soln.sql script.
 - a. Drop the greet procedure by issuing the following command:

```
DROP PROCEDURE greet
```

- b. Modify the procedure to accept an argument of type VARCHAR2. Call the argument p_name.

```
CREATE PROCEDURE greet(p_name VARCHAR2) IS
    today DATE:=SYSDATE;
    tomorrow today%TYPE;
```

- c. Print Hello <name> instead of printing Hello World.

```
BEGIN
    tomorrow:=today +1;
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(' Hello ' || p_name);
```

- d. Save your script as lab_09_02_soln.sql.

- e. Execute the script to create the procedure.
- f. Create and execute an anonymous block to invoke the greet procedure with a parameter. Sample output is as follows:

```
BEGIN
  greet('Neema');
END;
```

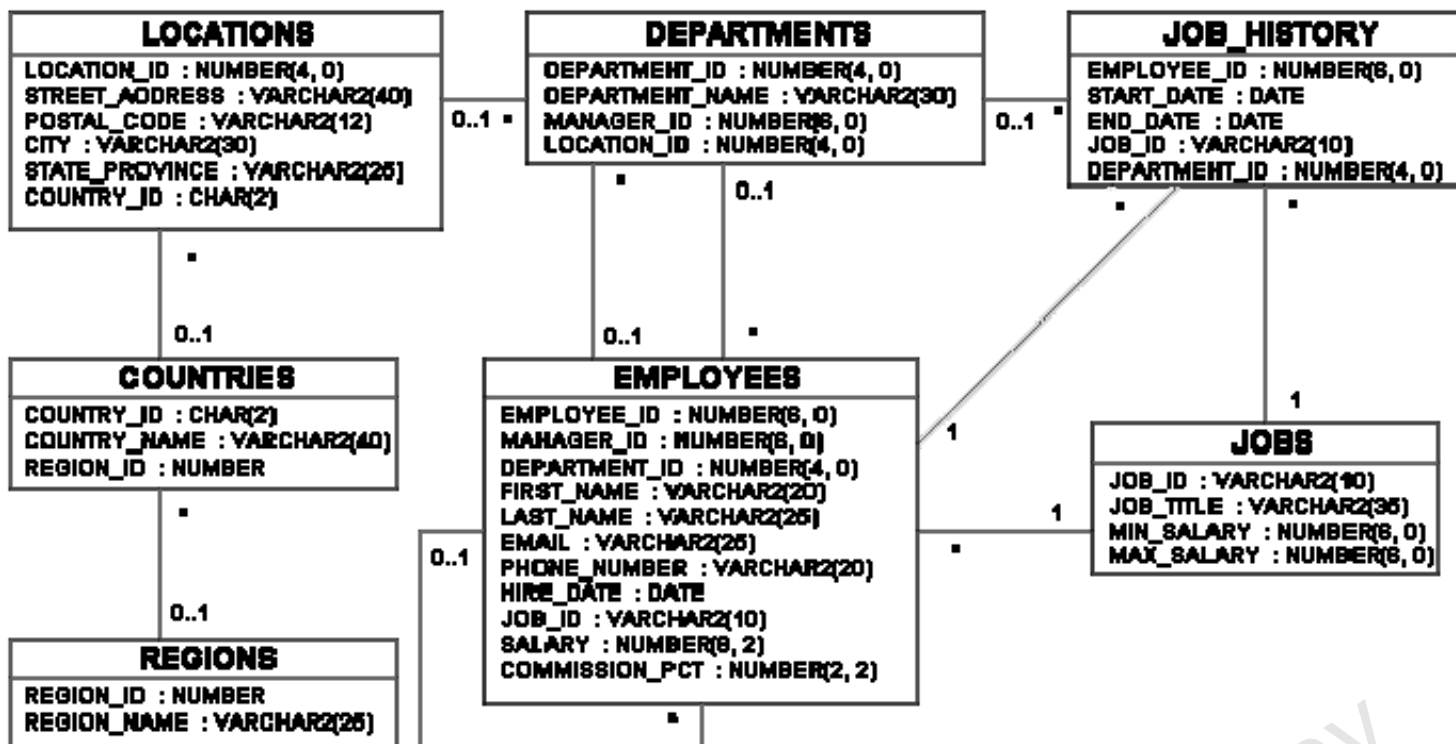
```
anonymous block completed
Hello Neema
TODAY IS : 30-MAY-07
TOMORROW IS : 31-MAY-07
```

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Table Descriptions
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ENTITY RELATIONSHIP DIAGRAM



Tables in the Schema

```
SELECT * FROM tab;
```

TNAME	TABTYPE	CLUSTERID
COUNTRIES	TABLE	
DEPARTMENTS	TABLE	
EMPLOYEES	TABLE	
EMP_DETAILS_VIEW	VIEW	
JOBS	TABLE	
JOB_HISTORY	TABLE	
LOCATIONS	TABLE	
REGIONS	TABLE	

8 rows selected.

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regions Table

```
DESCRIBE regions
```

Name	Null?	Type
REGION_ID	NOT NULL	NUMBER
REGION_NAME		VARCHAR2(25)

```
SELECT * FROM regions;
```

REGION_ID	REGION_NAME
1	Europe
2	Americas
3	Asia
4	Middle East and Africa

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countries Table

DESCRIBE countries

Name	Null?	Type
COUNTRY_ID	NOT NULL	CHAR(2)
COUNTRY_NAME		VARCHAR2(40)
REGION_ID		NUMBER

SELECT * FROM countries;

CO	COUNTRY_NAME	REGION_ID
AR	Argentina	2
AU	Australia	3
BE	Belgium	1
BR	Brazil	2
CA	Canada	2
CH	Switzerland	1
CN	China	3
DE	Germany	1
DK	Denmark	1
EG	Egypt	4
FR	France	1
HK	HongKong	3
IL	Israel	4
IN	India	3
CO	COUNTRY_NAME	REGION_ID
IT	Italy	1
JP	Japan	3
KW	Kuwait	4
MX	Mexico	2
NG	Nigeria	4
NL	Netherlands	1
SG	Singapore	3
UK	United Kingdom	1
US	United States of America	2
ZM	Zambia	4
ZW	Zimbabwe	4

25 rows selected.

locations Table

```
DESCRIBE locations;
```

Name	Null?	Type
LOCATION_ID	NOT NULL	NUMBER(4)
STREET_ADDRESS		VARCHAR2(40)
POSTAL_CODE		VARCHAR2(12)
CITY	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(30)
STATE_PROVINCE		VARCHAR2(25)
COUNTRY_ID		CHAR(2)

```
SELECT * FROM locations;
```

LOCATION_ID	STREET_ADDRESS	POSTAL_CODE	CITY	STATE_PROVINCE	CO
1000	1297 Via Cola di Rie	00989	Roma		IT
1100	93091 Calle della Testa	10934	Venice		IT
1200	2017 Shinjuku-ku	1689	Tokyo	Tokyo Prefecture	JP
1300	9450 Kamiya-cho	6823	Hiroshima		JP
1400	2014 Jabberwocky Rd	26192	Southlake	Texas	US
1500	2011 Interiors Blvd	99236	South San Francisco	California	US
1600	2007 Zagora St	50090	South Brunswick	New Jersey	US
1700	2004 Charade Rd	98199	Seattle	Washington	US
1800	147 Spadina Ave	M5V 2L7	Toronto	Ontario	CA
1900	6092 Boxwood St	YSW 9T2	Whitehorse	Yukon	CA
2000	40-5-12 Laogianggen	190518	Beijing		CN
2100	1298 Vileparle (E)	490231	Bombay	Maharashtra	IN
LOCATION_ID	STREET_ADDRESS	POSTAL_CODE	CITY	STATE_PROVINCE	CO
2400	8204 Arthur St		London		UK
2500	Magdalen Centre, The Oxford Science Park	OX9 9ZB	Oxford	Oxford	UK
2600	9702 Chester Road	09629850293	Stretford	Manchester	UK
2700	Schwanthalerstr. 7031	80925	Munich	Bavaria	DE
2800	Rua Frei Caneca 1360	01307-002	Sao Paulo	Sao Paulo	BR
2900	20 Rue des Corps-Saints	1730	Geneva	Geneve	CH
3000	Murtenstrasse 921	3095	Bern	BE	CH
3100	Pieter Breughelstraat 837	3029SK	Utrecht	Utrecht	NL
3200	Mariano Escobedo 9991	11932	Mexico City	Distrito Federal,	MX

23 rows selected.

departments Table

DESCRIBE departments

Name	Null?	Type
DEPARTMENT_ID	NOT NULL	NUMBER(4)
DEPARTMENT_NAME	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(30)
MANAGER_ID		NUMBER(6)
LOCATION_ID		NUMBER(4)

SELECT * FROM departments;

DEPARTMENT_ID	DEPARTMENT_NAME	MANAGER_ID	LOCATION_ID
10	Administration	200	1700
20	Marketing	201	1800
30	Purchasing	114	1700
40	Human Resources	203	2400
50	Shipping	121	1500
60	IT	103	1400
70	Public Relations	204	2700
80	Sales	145	2500
90	Executive	100	1700
100	Finance	108	1700
110	Accounting	205	1700
120	Treasury		1700
130	Corporate Tax		1700
140	Control And Credit		1700
DEPARTMENT_ID	DEPARTMENT_NAME	MANAGER_ID	LOCATION_ID
150	Shareholder Services		1700
160	Benefits		1700
170	Manufacturing		1700
180	Construction		1700
190	Contracting		1700
200	Operations		1700
210	IT Support		1700
220	NOC		1700
230	IT Helpdesk		1700
240	Government Sales		1700
250	Retail Sales		1700
260	Recruiting		1700
270	Payroll		1700

27 rows selected.

jobs Table

DESCRIBE jobs

Name	Null?	Type
JOB_ID	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(10)
JOB_TITLE	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(35)
MIN_SALARY		NUMBER(6)
MAX_SALARY		NUMBER(6)

SELECT * FROM jobs;

JOB_ID	JOB_TITLE	MIN_SALARY	MAX_SALARY
AD_PRES	President	20000	40000
AD_VP	Administration Vice President	15000	30000
AD_ASST	Administration Assistant	3000	6000
FI_MGR	Finance Manager	8200	16000
FI_ACCOUNT	Accountant	4200	9000
AC_MGR	Accounting Manager	8200	16000
AC_ACCOUNT	Public Accountant	4200	9000
SA_MAN	Sales Manager	10000	20000
SA_REP	Sales Representative	6000	12000
PU_MAN	Purchasing Manager	8000	15000
PU_CLERK	Purchasing Clerk	2500	5500
ST_MAN	Stock Manager	5500	8500
ST_CLERK	Stock Clerk	2000	5000
SH_CLERK	Shipping Clerk	2500	5500
JOB_ID	JOB_TITLE	MIN_SALARY	MAX_SALARY
IT_PROG	Programmer	4000	10000
MK_MAN	Marketing Manager	9000	15000
MK_REP	Marketing Representative	4000	9000
HR_REP	Human Resources Representative	4000	9000
PR_REP	Public Relations Representative	4500	10500

19 rows selected.

employees Table

DESCRIBE employees

Name	Null?	Type
EMPLOYEE_ID	NOT NULL	NUMBER(6)
FIRST_NAME		VARCHAR2(20)
LAST_NAME	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(25)
EMAIL	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(25)
PHONE_NUMBER		VARCHAR2(20)
HIRE_DATE	NOT NULL	DATE
JOB_ID	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(10)
SALARY		NUMBER(8,2)
COMMISSION_PCT		NUMBER(2,2)
MANAGER_ID		NUMBER(6)
DEPARTMENT_ID		NUMBER(4)

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employees Table (continued)

The headings for the `commission_pct`, `manager_id`, and `department_id` columns are set to `comm`, `mgrid`, and `deptid`, respectively, in the following screenshot to fit the table values across the page.

```
SELECT * FROM employees;
```

EMPLOYEE_ID	FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME	EMAIL	PHONE_NUMBER	HIRE_DATE	JOB_ID	SALARY	comm	mgrid	deptid
100	Steven	King	SKING	515.123.4567	17-JUN-87	AD_PRES	24000			90
101	Neena	Kochhar	NKOCHHAR	515.123.4568	21-SEP-89	AD_VP	17000		100	90
102	Lex	De Haan	LDEHAAN	515.123.4569	13-JAN-93	AD_VP	17000		100	90
103	Alexander	Hunold	AHUNOLD	590.423.4567	03-JAN-90	IT_PROG	9000		102	60
104	Bruce	Ernst	BERNST	590.423.4568	21-MAY-91	IT_PROG	6000		103	60
105	David	Austin	DAUSTIN	590.423.4569	25-JUN-97	IT_PROG	4800		103	60
106	Valli	Pataballa	VPATABAL	590.423.4560	05-FEB-98	IT_PROG	4800		103	60
107	Diana	Lorentz	DLORENTZ	590.423.5567	07-FEB-99	IT_PROG	4200		103	60
108	Nancy	Greenberg	NGREENBE	515.124.4569	17-AUG-94	FI_MGR	12000		101	100
109	Daniel	Faviet	DFAVET	515.124.4169	16-AUG-94	FI_ACCOUNT	9000		108	100
110	John	Chen	JCHEN	515.124.4269	28-SEP-97	FI_ACCOUNT	8200		108	100
111	Ismael	Sciarra	ISCIARRA	515.124.4369	30-SEP-97	FI_ACCOUNT	7700		108	100
112	Jose Manuel	Urman	JMURMAN	515.124.4469	07-MAR-98	FI_ACCOUNT	7800		108	100
113	Luis	Popp	LPOPP	515.124.4567	07-DEC-99	FI_ACCOUNT	6900		108	100
EMPLOYEE_ID	FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME	EMAIL	PHONE_NUMBER	HIRE_DATE	JOB_ID	SALARY	comm	mgrid	deptid
114	Den	Raphaely	DRAPHEAL	515.127.4561	07-DEC-94	PU_MAN	11000		100	30
115	Alexander	Khoo	AKHOO	515.127.4562	18-MAY-95	PU_CLERK	3100		114	30
116	Shelli	Baida	SBAIDA	515.127.4563	24-DEC-97	PU_CLERK	2900		114	30
117	Sigal	Tobias	STOBIAS	515.127.4564	24-JUL-97	PU_CLERK	2800		114	30
118	Guy	Himuro	GHIMURO	515.127.4565	15-NOV-98	PU_CLERK	2600		114	30
119	Karen	Colmenares	KCOLMENA	515.127.4566	10-AUG-99	PU_CLERK	2500		114	30
120	Matthew	Weiss	MWEISS	650.123.1234	18-JUL-96	ST_MAN	8000		100	50
121	Adam	Fripp	AFRIPP	650.123.2234	10-APR-97	ST_MAN	8200		100	50
122	Payam	Kaufling	PKAUFLIN	650.123.3234	01-MAY-95	ST_MAN	7900		100	50
123	Shanta	Vollman	SVOLLMAN	650.123.4234	10-OCT-97	ST_MAN	6500		100	50
124	Kevin	Mourgos	KMOURGOS	650.123.5234	16-NOV-99	ST_MAN	5800		100	50
125	Julia	Nayer	JNAYER	650.124.1214	16-JUL-97	ST_CLERK	3200		120	50
126	Irene	Mikkilineni	IMIKKILI	650.124.1224	28-SEP-98	ST_CLERK	2700		120	50
127	James	Landry	JLANDRY	650.124.1334	14-JAN-99	ST_CLERK	2400		120	50

employees Table (continued)

EMPLOYEE_ID	FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME	EMAIL	PHONE_NUMBER	HIRE_DATE	JOB_ID	SALARY	comm	mgrid	deptid
128	Steven	Markle	SMARKLE	650.124.1434	08-MAR-00	ST_CLERK	2200		120	50
129	Laura	Bissot	LBISSOT	650.124.5234	20-AUG-97	ST_CLERK	3300		121	50
130	Mozhe	Atkinson	MATKINSO	650.124.6234	30-OCT-97	ST_CLERK	2800		121	50
131	James	Marlow	JAMRLOW	650.124.7234	16-FEB-97	ST_CLERK	2500		121	50
132	TJ	Olson	TJOLSON	650.124.8234	10-APR-99	ST_CLERK	2100		121	50
133	Jason	Mallin	JMALLIN	650.127.1934	14-JUN-96	ST_CLERK	3300		122	50
134	Michael	Rogers	MROGERS	650.127.1834	26-AUG-98	ST_CLERK	2900		122	50
135	Ki	Gee	KGEE	650.127.1734	12-DEC-99	ST_CLERK	2400		122	50
136	Hazel	Philtanker	HPHILTAN	650.127.1634	06-FEB-00	ST_CLERK	2200		122	50
137	Renske	Ladwig	RLADWIG	650.121.1234	14-JUL-95	ST_CLERK	3600		123	50
138	Stephen	Stiles	SSTILES	650.121.2034	26-OCT-97	ST_CLERK	3200		123	50
139	John	Seo	JSEO	650.121.2019	12-FEB-98	ST_CLERK	2700		123	50
140	Joshua	Patel	JPATEL	650.121.1834	06-APR-98	ST_CLERK	2500		123	50
141	Trenna	Rajs	TRAJS	650.121.8009	17-OCT-95	ST_CLERK	3500		124	50
EMPLOYEE_ID	FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME	EMAIL	PHONE_NUMBER	HIRE_DATE	JOB_ID	SALARY	comm	mgrid	deptid
142	Curtis	Davies	CDAVES	650.121.2994	29-JAN-97	ST_CLERK	3100		124	50
143	Randall	Matos	RMATOS	650.121.2874	15-MAR-98	ST_CLERK	2600		124	50
144	Peter	Vargas	PVARGAS	650.121.2004	09-JUL-98	ST_CLERK	2500		124	50
145	John	Russell	JRUSSEL	011.44.1344.429268	01-OCT-96	SA_MAN	14000	.4	100	80
146	Karen	Partners	KPARTNER	011.44.1344.467268	05-JAN-97	SA_MAN	13500	.3	100	80
147	Alberto	Errazuriz	AERRAZUR	011.44.1344.429278	10-MAR-97	SA_MAN	12000	.3	100	80
148	Gerald	Cambrault	GCAMBRAU	011.44.1344.619268	15-OCT-99	SA_MAN	11000	.3	100	80
149	Elvi	Zlotkey	EZLOTKEY	011.44.1344.429018	29-JAN-00	SA_MAN	10500	.2	100	80
150	Peter	Tucker	PTUCKER	011.44.1344.129268	30-JAN-97	SA_REP	10000	.3	145	80
151	David	Bernstein	DBERNSTE	011.44.1344.345268	24-MAR-97	SA_REP	9500	.25	145	80
152	Peter	Hall	PHALL	011.44.1344.478968	20-AUG-97	SA_REP	9000	.25	145	80
153	Christopher	Olsen	COLSEN	011.44.1344.498718	30-MAR-98	SA_REP	8000	.2	145	80
154	Nanette	Cambrault	NCAMBRAU	011.44.1344.987668	09-DEC-98	SA_REP	7500	.2	145	80
155	Oliver	Tuvault	OTUVAULT	011.44.1344.486508	23-NOV-99	SA_REP	7000	.15	145	80
EMPLOYEE_ID	FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME	EMAIL	PHONE_NUMBER	HIRE_DATE	JOB_ID	SALARY	comm	mgrid	deptid
156	Janette	King	JKING	011.44.1345.429268	30-JAN-96	SA_REP	10000	.35	146	80
157	Patrick	Sully	PSULLY	011.44.1345.929268	04-MAR-96	SA_REP	9500	.35	146	80
158	Allan	McEwen	AMCEWEN	011.44.1345.829268	01-AUG-96	SA_REP	9000	.35	146	80
159	Lindsey	Smith	LSMITH	011.44.1345.729268	10-MAR-97	SA_REP	8000	.3	146	80
160	Louise	Doran	LDORAN	011.44.1345.629268	15-DEC-97	SA_REP	7500	.3	146	80
161	Sarath	Sewall	SSEWALL	011.44.1345.529268	03-NOV-98	SA_REP	7000	.25	146	80
162	Clara	Vishney	CVISHNEY	011.44.1346.129268	11-NOV-97	SA_REP	10500	.25	147	80
163	Danielle	Greene	DGREENE	011.44.1346.229268	19-MAR-99	SA_REP	9500	.15	147	80
164	Mattea	Marvins	MMARVINS	011.44.1346.329268	24-JAN-00	SA_REP	7200	.1	147	80
165	David	Lee	DLEE	011.44.1346.529268	23-FEB-00	SA_REP	6800	.1	147	80
166	Sundar	Ande	SANDE	011.44.1346.629268	24-MAR-00	SA_REP	6400	.1	147	80
167	Amit	Banda	ABANDA	011.44.1346.729268	21-APR-00	SA_REP	6200	.1	147	80
168	Lisa	Ozer	LOZER	011.44.1343.929268	11-MAR-97	SA_REP	11500	.25	148	80
169	Harrison	Bloom	HBLOOM	011.44.1343.829268	23-MAR-98	SA_REP	10000	.2	148	80

employees Table (continued)

EMPLOYEE_ID	FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME	EMAIL	PHONE_NUMBER	HIRE_DATE	JOB_ID	SALARY	comm	mgrid	deptid
170	Taylor	Fox	TFOX	011.44.1343.729268	24-JAN-98	SA_REP	9600	.2	148	80
171	William	Smith	WSMITH	011.44.1343.629268	23-FEB-99	SA_REP	7400	.15	148	80
172	Elizabeth	Bates	EBATES	011.44.1343.529268	24-MAR-99	SA_REP	7300	.15	148	80
173	Sundita	Kumar	SKUMAR	011.44.1343.329268	21-APR-00	SA_REP	6100	.1	148	80
174	Elen	Abel	EABEL	011.44.1644.429267	11-MAY-96	SA_REP	11000	.3	149	80
175	Alyssa	Hutton	AHUTTON	011.44.1644.429266	19-MAR-97	SA_REP	8800	.25	149	80
176	Jonathon	Taylor	JTAYLOR	011.44.1644.429265	24-MAR-98	SA_REP	8600	.2	149	80
177	Jack	Livingston	JLIVINGS	011.44.1644.429264	23-APR-98	SA_REP	8400	.2	149	80
178	Kimberely	Grant	KGRANT	011.44.1644.429263	24-MAY-99	SA_REP	7000	.15	149	
179	Charles	Johnson	CJOHNSON	011.44.1644.429262	04-JAN-00	SA_REP	6200	.1	149	80
180	Winston	Taylor	WTAYLOR	650.507.9876	24-JAN-98	SH_CLERK	3200		120	50
181	Jean	Fleaur	JFLEAUR	650.507.9877	23-FEB-98	SH_CLERK	3100		120	50
182	Martha	Sullivan	MSULLIVA	650.507.9878	21-JUN-99	SH_CLERK	2500		120	50
183	Girard	Geoni	GGEONI	650.507.9879	03-FEB-00	SH_CLERK	2800		120	50
EMPLOYEE_ID	FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME	EMAIL	PHONE_NUMBER	HIRE_DATE	JOB_ID	SALARY	comm	mgrid	deptid
184	Nandita	Sarchand	NSARCHAN	650.509.1876	27-JAN-96	SH_CLERK	4200		121	50
185	Alexis	Bull	ABULL	650.509.2876	20-FEB-97	SH_CLERK	4100		121	50
186	Julia	Dellinger	JDELLING	650.509.3876	24-JUN-98	SH_CLERK	3400		121	50
187	Anthony	Cabrio	ACABRIO	650.509.4876	07-FEB-99	SH_CLERK	3000		121	50
188	Kelly	Chung	KCHUNG	650.505.1876	14-JUN-97	SH_CLERK	3800		122	50
189	Jennifer	Dilly	JDILLY	650.505.2876	13-AUG-97	SH_CLERK	3600		122	50
190	Timothy	Gates	TGATES	650.505.3876	11-JUL-98	SH_CLERK	2900		122	50
191	Randall	Perkins	RPERKINS	650.505.4876	19-DEC-99	SH_CLERK	2500		122	50
192	Sarah	Bell	SBELL	650.501.1876	04-FEB-96	SH_CLERK	4000		123	50
193	Britney	Everett	BEVERETT	650.501.2876	03-MAR-97	SH_CLERK	3900		123	50
194	Samuel	McCain	SMCCAIN	650.501.3876	01-JUL-98	SH_CLERK	3200		123	50
195	Vance	Jones	VJONES	650.501.4876	17-MAR-99	SH_CLERK	2800		123	50
196	Alana	Walsh	AWALSH	650.507.9811	24-APR-98	SH_CLERK	3100		124	50
197	Kevin	Feeney	KFEENEY	650.507.9822	23-MAY-98	SH_CLERK	3000		124	50
EMPLOYEE_ID	FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME	EMAIL	PHONE_NUMBER	HIRE_DATE	JOB_ID	SALARY	comm	mgrid	deptid
198	Donald	OConnell	DOCONNEL	650.507.9833	21-JUN-99	SH_CLERK	2600		124	50
199	Douglas	Grant	DGRANT	650.507.9844	13-JAN-00	SH_CLERK	2600		124	50
200	Jennifer	Whalen	JWHALEN	515.123.4444	17-SEP-87	AD_ASST	4400		101	10
201	Michael	Hartstein	MHARTSTE	515.123.5555	17-FEB-96	MK_MAN	13000		100	20
202	Pat	Fay	PFAY	603.123.6666	17-AUG-97	MK_REP	6000		201	20
203	Susan	Mavris	SMAVRIS	515.123.7777	07-JUN-94	HR_REP	6500		101	40
204	Hermann	Baer	HBAER	515.123.8888	07-JUN-94	PR_REP	10000		101	70
205	Shelley	Higgins	SHIGGINS	515.123.8080	07-JUN-94	AC_MGR	12000		101	110
206	William	Gietz	WGIEZT	515.123.8181	07-JUN-94	AC_ACCOUNT	8300		205	110

107 rows selected.

job_history Table

```
DESCRIBE job_history
```

Name	Null?	Type
EMPLOYEE_ID	NOT NULL	NUMBER(6)
START_DATE	NOT NULL	DATE
END_DATE	NOT NULL	DATE
JOB_ID	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(10)
DEPARTMENT_ID		NUMBER(4)

```
SELECT * FROM job_history;
```

EMPLOYEE_ID	START_DAT	END_DATE	JOB_ID	deptid
102	13-JAN-93	24-JUL-98	IT_PROG	60
101	21-SEP-89	27-OCT-93	AC_ACCOUNT	110
101	28-OCT-93	15-MAR-97	AC_MGR	110
201	17-FEB-96	19-DEC-99	MK_REP	20
114	24-MAR-98	31-DEC-99	ST_CLERK	50
122	01-JAN-99	31-DEC-99	ST_CLERK	50
200	17-SEP-87	17-JUN-93	AD_ASST	90
176	24-MAR-98	31-DEC-98	SA_REP	80
176	01-JAN-99	31-DEC-99	SA_MAN	80
200	01-JUL-94	31-DEC-98	AC_ACCOUNT	90

10 rows selected.

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Using SQL Developer

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Objectives

After completing this appendix, you should be able to do the following:

- List the key features of Oracle SQL Developer
- Install Oracle SQL Developer 1.2.1
- Identify menu items of Oracle SQL Developer
- Create a database connection
- Manage database objects
- Use SQL Worksheet
- Save and Run SQL scripts
- Create and save reports
- Install and use Oracle SQL Developer 1.5.3

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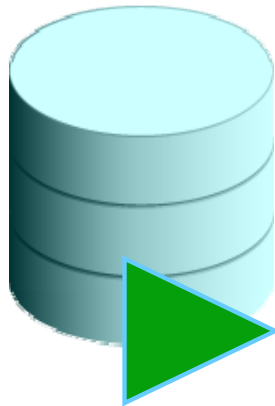
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Objectives

In this appendix, you are introduced to the graphical tool called SQL Developer. You learn how to use SQL Developer for your database development tasks. You learn how to use SQL Worksheet to execute SQL statements and SQL scripts.

What Is Oracle SQL Developer?

- Oracle SQL Developer is a graphical tool that enhances productivity and simplifies database development tasks.
- You can connect to any target Oracle database schema by using standard Oracle database authentication.



SQL Developer

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What Is Oracle SQL Developer?

Oracle SQL Developer is a free graphical tool designed to improve your productivity and simplify the development of everyday database tasks. With just a few clicks, you can easily create and debug stored procedures, test SQL statements, and view optimizer plans.

SQL Developer, the visual tool for database development, simplifies the following tasks:

- Browsing and managing database objects
- Executing SQL statements and scripts
- Editing and debugging PL/SQL statements
- Creating reports

You can connect to any target Oracle database schema by using standard Oracle database authentication. When connected, you can perform operations on objects in the database.

Note: The SQL Developer 1.2 release is called the *Migration release* because it tightly integrates with *Developer Migration Workbench* that provides users with a single point to browse database objects and data in third-party databases, and to migrate from these databases to Oracle. You can also connect to schemas for selected third-party (non-Oracle) databases such as MySQL, Microsoft SQL Server, and Microsoft Access, and you can view metadata and data in these databases.

Additionally, SQL Developer includes support for Oracle Application Express 3.0.1 (Oracle APEX).

Specifications of SQL Developer

- Developed in Java
- Supports Windows, Linux, and Mac OS X platforms
- Default connectivity by using the JDBC Thin driver
- Does not require an installer
 - Unzip the downloaded SQL Developer kit and double-click `sqldeveloper.exe` to start SQL Developer.
- Connects to Oracle Database version 9.2.0.1 and later
- Freely downloadable from the following link:
 - http://www.oracle.com/technology/products/database/sql_developer/index.html
- Needs JDK 1.5 installed on your system that can be downloaded from the following link:
 - http://java.sun.com/javase/downloads/index_jdk5.jsp

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Specifications of SQL Developer

Oracle SQL Developer is developed in Java leveraging the Oracle JDeveloper integrated development environment (IDE). Therefore, it is a cross-platform tool. The tool runs on Windows, Linux, and Mac operating system (OS) X platforms. You can install SQL Developer on the Database Server and connect remotely from your desktop, thus avoiding client/server network traffic.

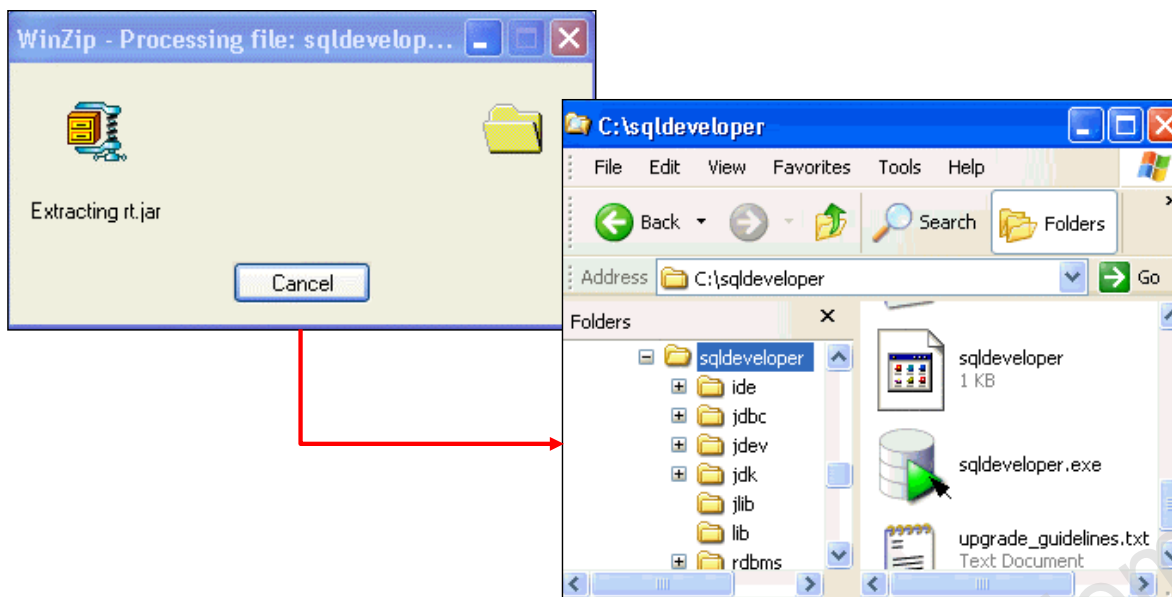
Default connectivity to the database is through the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) Thin driver, and therefore, no Oracle Home is required. SQL Developer does not require an installer and you need to simply unzip the downloaded file. With SQL Developer, users can connect to Oracle Databases 9.2.0.1 and later, and all Oracle database editions including Express Edition.

SQL Developer can be downloaded with the following packaging options:

- Oracle SQL Developer for Windows (option to download with or without JDK 1.5)
- Oracle SQL Developer for Multiple Platforms (you should have JDK 1.5 already installed)
- Oracle SQL Developer for Mac OS X platforms (you should have JDK 1.5 already installed)
- Oracle SQL Developer RPM for Linux (you should have JDK 1.5 already installed)

Installing SQL Developer

Download the Oracle SQL Developer kit and unzip into any directory on your machine.



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Installing SQL Developer

Oracle SQL Developer does not require an installer. To install SQL Developer, you need an unzip tool.

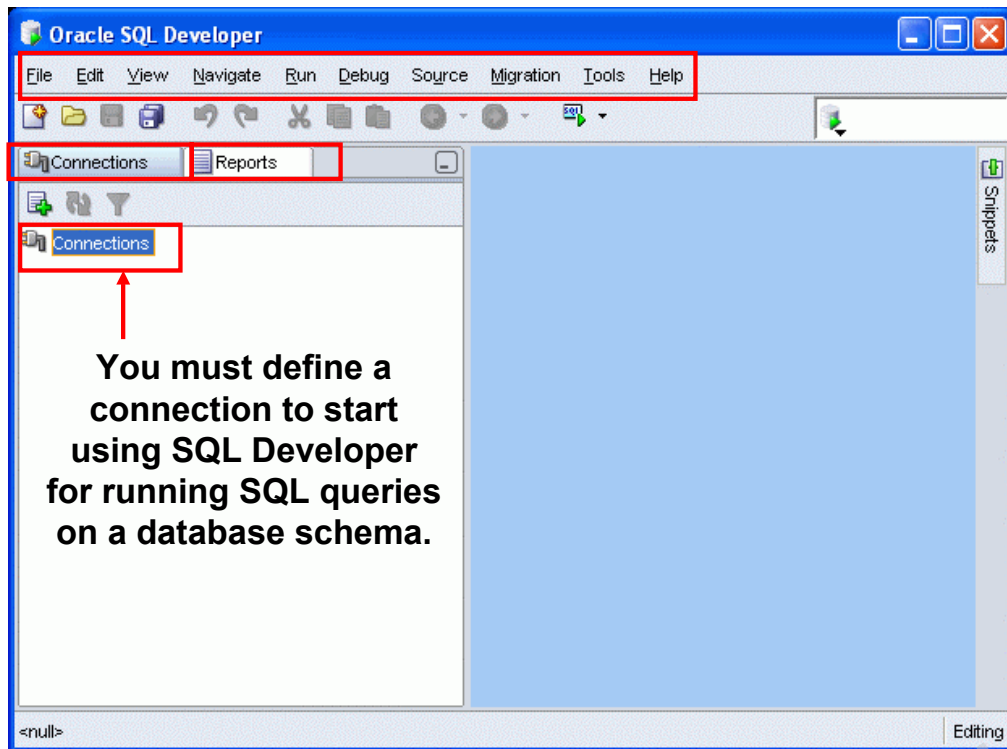
To install SQL Developer, perform the following steps:

1. Create a folder as <local drive>:\SQL Developer.
2. Download the SQL Developer kit from http://www.oracle.com/technology/products/database/sql_developer/index.html.
3. Unzip the downloaded SQL Developer kit into the folder created in step 1.

To start SQL Developer, go to <local drive>:\SQL Developer, and double-click `sqldeveloper.exe`.

Notes: SQL Developer 1.2 is already installed on the classroom machine. The installation kit for SQL Developer 1.5.3 is also on the classroom machine. You may use either version of SQL Developer in this course. Instructions for installing SQL Developer version 1.5.3 are available at the end of this appendix.

SQL Developer 1.2 Interface



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SQL Developer 1.2 Interface

SQL Developer has two main navigation tabs:

- **Connections Navigator:** By using this, you can browse database objects and users to which you have access.
- **Reports tab:** By using this tab, you can run predefined reports or create and add your own reports.

SQL Developer uses the left side for navigation to find and select objects, and the right side to display information about selected objects. You can customize many aspects of the appearance and behavior of SQL Developer by setting preferences. The following menus contain standard entries, plus entries for features specific to SQL Developer:

- **View:** Contains options that affect what is displayed in the SQL Developer interface
- **Navigate:** Contains options for navigating to panes and in the execution of subprograms
- **Run:** Contains the Run File and Execution Profile options that are relevant when a function or procedure is selected
- **Debug:** Contains options that are relevant when a function or procedure is selected for debugging
- **Source:** Contains options for use when you edit functions and procedures
- **Migration:** Contains options related to migrating third-party databases to Oracle
- **Tools:** Invokes SQL Developer tools such as SQL*Plus, Preferences, and SQL Worksheet

Note: You need to define at least one connection to be able to connect to a database schema and issue SQL queries or run procedures/functions.

Creating a Database Connection

- You must have at least one database connection to use SQL Developer.
- You can create and test connections for:
 - Multiple databases
 - Multiple schemas
- SQL Developer automatically imports any connections defined in the `tnsnames.ora` file on your system.
- You can export connections to an Extensible Markup Language (XML) file.
- Each additional database connection created is listed in the Connections Navigator hierarchy.

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Creating a Database Connection

A connection is a SQL Developer object that specifies the necessary information for connecting to a specific database as a specific user of that database. To use SQL Developer, you must have at least one database connection, which may be existing, created, or imported.

You can create and test connections for multiple databases and for multiple schemas.

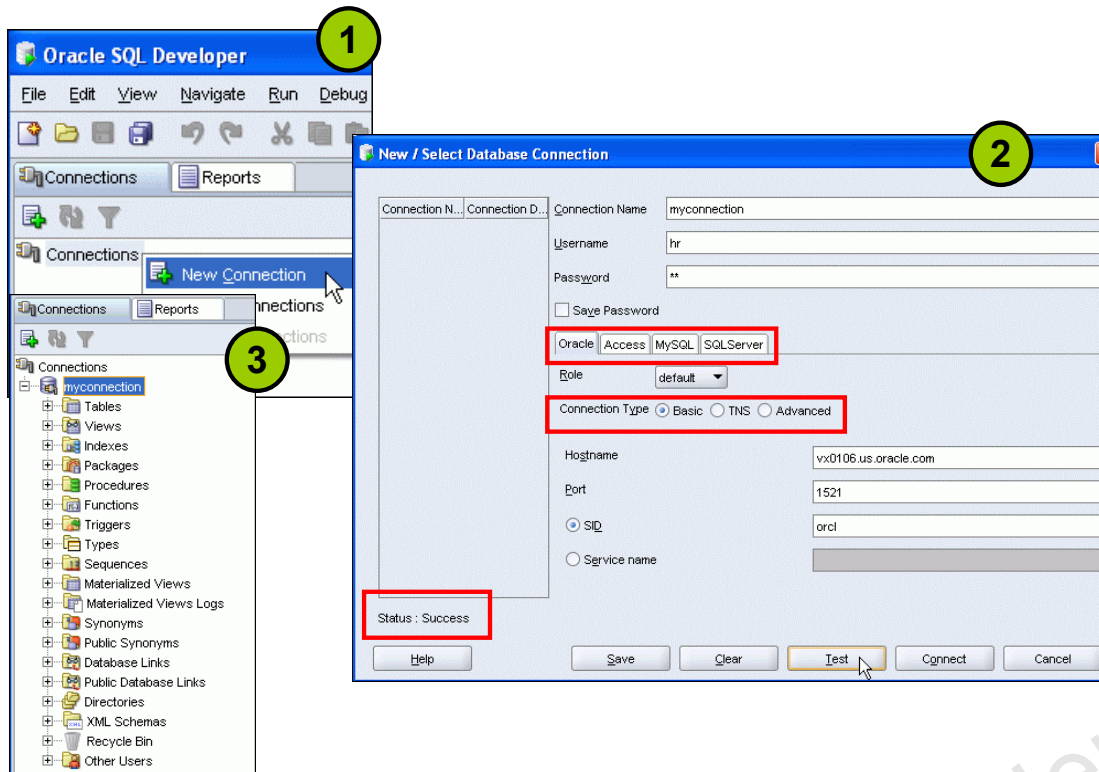
By default, the `tnsnames.ora` file is located in the `$ORACLE_HOME/network/admin` directory, but it can also be in the directory specified by the `TNS_ADMIN` environment variable or registry value. When you start SQL Developer and display the Database Connections dialog box, SQL Developer automatically imports any connections defined in the `tnsnames.ora` file on your system.

Note: On Windows, if the `tnsnames.ora` file exists but its connections are not being used by SQL Developer, define `TNS_ADMIN` as a system environment variable.

You can export connections to an XML file so that you can reuse it later.

You can create additional connections as different users to the same database or to connect to the different databases.

Creating a Database Connection



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Creating a Database Connection (continued)

To create a database connection, perform the following steps:

1. On the Connections tabbed page, right-click **Connections** and select **New Connection**.
2. In the New/Select Database Connection window, enter the connection name. Enter the username and password of the schema that you want to connect to.
 1. From the Role drop-down box, you can select either *default* or SYSDBA (you choose SYSDBA for the sys user or any user with database administrator privileges).
 2. You can select the connection type as:
 - **Basic:** In this type, enter hostname and SID for the database you want to connect to. Port is already set to 1521. Or you can also choose to enter the Service name directly if you use a remote database connection.
 - **TNS:** You can select any one of the database aliases imported from the tnsnames.ora file.
 - **Advanced:** You can define a custom Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) URL to connect to the database.
3. Click Test to ensure that the connection has been set correctly.
4. Click Connect.

Creating a Database Connection (continued)

If you select the Save Password check box, the password is saved to an XML file. So, after you close the SQL Developer connection and open it again, you are not prompted for the password.

3. The connection gets added in the Connections Navigator. You can expand the connection to view the database objects and view object definitions, for example, dependencies, details, statistics, and so on.

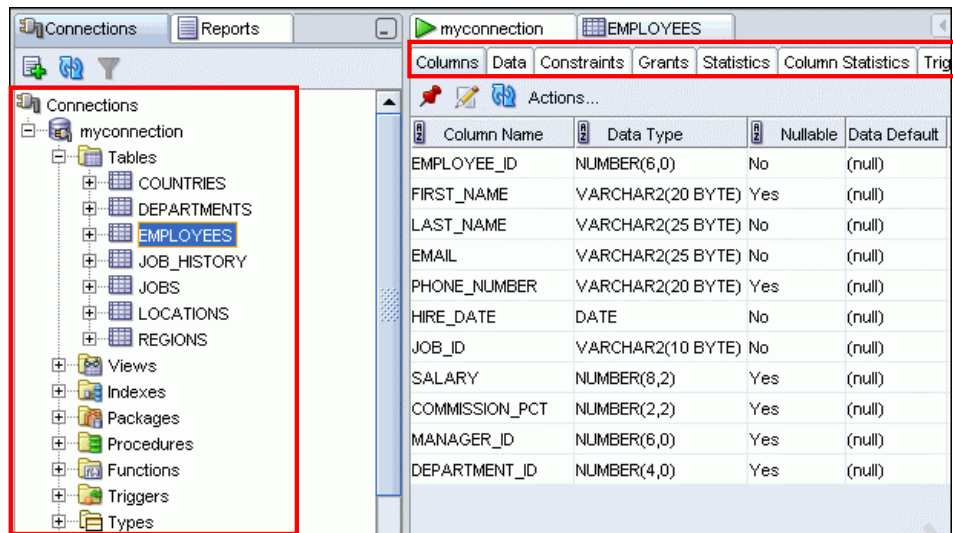
Note: From the same New/Select Database Connection window, you can define connections to non-Oracle data sources using the Access, MySQL, and SQL Server tabs. However, these connections are read-only connections that enable you to browse objects and data in that data source.

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Browsing Database Objects

Use the Connections Navigator to to:

- Browse through many objects in a database schema
- Review the definitions of objects at a glance



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Browsing Database Objects

After you create a database connection, you can use the Connections Navigator to browse through many objects in a database schema including Tables, Views, Indexes, Packages, Procedures, Triggers, and Types.

SQL Developer uses the left side for navigation to find and select objects, and the right side to display information about the selected objects. You can customize many aspects of the appearance of SQL Developer by setting preferences.

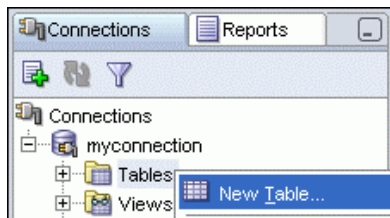
You can see the definition of the objects broken into tabs of information that is pulled out of the data dictionary. For example, if you select a table in the Navigator, the details about columns, constraints, grants, statistics, triggers, and so on are displayed on an easy-to-read tabbed page.

If you want to see the definition of the EMPLOYEES table as shown in the slide, perform the following steps:

1. Expand the Connections node in the Connections Navigator.
2. Expand Tables.
3. Click EMPLOYEES. By default, the Columns tab is selected. It shows the column description of the table. Using the Data tab, you can view the table data and also enter new rows, update data, and commit these changes to the database.

Creating a Schema Object

- SQL Developer supports the creation of any schema object by:
 - Executing a SQL statement in SQL Worksheet
 - Using the context menu
- Edit the objects by using an edit dialog or one of the many context-sensitive menus.
- View the data definition language (DDL) for adjustments such as creating a new object or editing an existing schema object.



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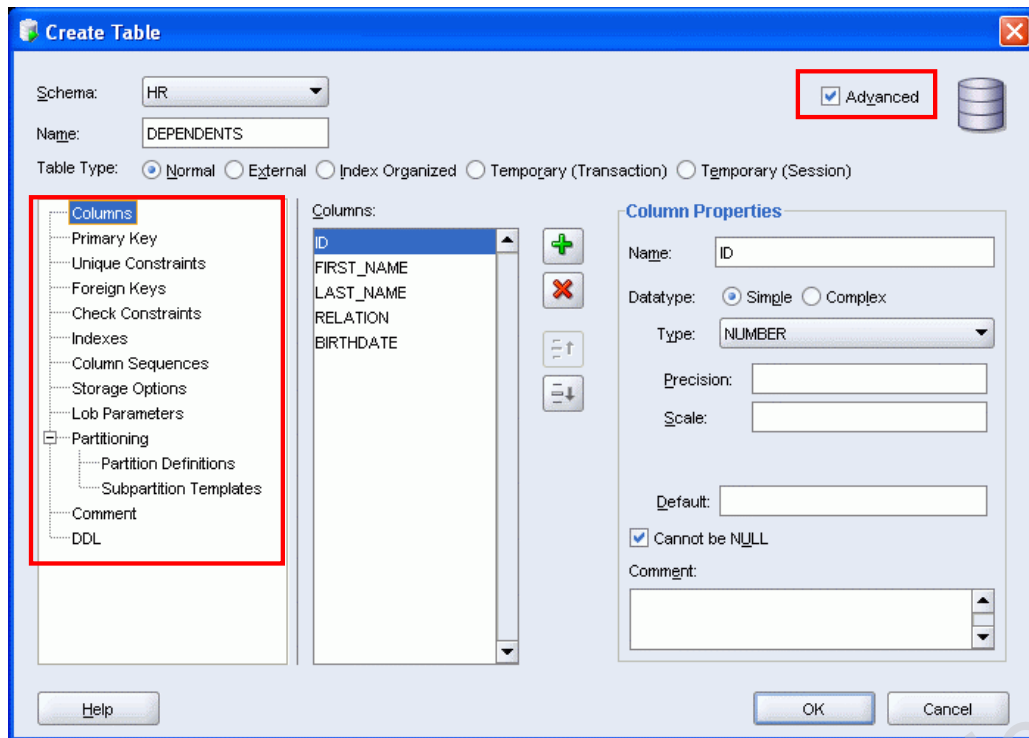
Creating a Schema Object

SQL Developer supports the creation of any schema object by executing a SQL statement in SQL Worksheet. Alternatively, you can create objects using the context menus. When created, you can edit the objects using an edit dialog or one of the many context-sensitive menus.

As new objects are created or existing objects are edited, the DDL for those adjustments is available for review. An Export DDL option is available if you want to create the full DDL for one or more objects in the schema.

The slide shows how to create a table using the context menu. To open a dialog box for creating a new table, right-click Tables and select New Table. The dialog boxes to create and edit database objects have multiple tabs, each reflecting a logical grouping of properties for that type of object.

Creating a New Table: Example



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Creating a New Table: Example

In the Create Table dialog box, if you do not select the Advanced check box, you can create a table quickly by specifying columns and some frequently used features.

If you select the Advanced check box, the Create Table dialog box changes to one with multiple options, in which you can specify an extended set of features while you create the table.

The example in the slide shows how to create the DEPENDENTS table by selecting the Advanced check box.

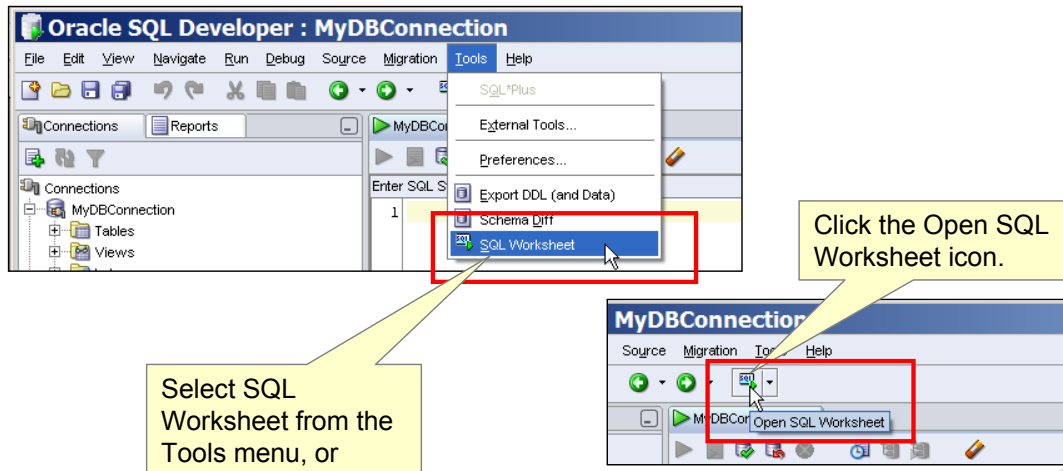
To create a new table, perform the following steps:

1. In the Connections Navigator, right-click Tables.
2. Select Create TABLE.
3. In the Create Table dialog box, select Advanced.
4. Specify column information.
5. Click OK.

Although it is not required, you should also specify a primary key by using the Primary Key tab in the dialog box. Sometimes, you may want to edit the table that you have created; to do so, right-click the table in the Connections Navigator and select Edit.

Using the SQL Worksheet

- Use the SQL Worksheet to enter and execute SQL, PL/SQL, and SQL *Plus statements.
- Specify any actions that can be processed by the database connection associated with the worksheet.



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Using the SQL Worksheet

When you connect to a database, a SQL Worksheet window for that connection automatically opens. You can use the SQL Worksheet to enter and execute SQL, PL/SQL, and SQL*Plus statements. The SQL Worksheet supports SQL*Plus statements to a certain extent. SQL*Plus statements that are not supported by the SQL Worksheet are ignored and not passed to the database.

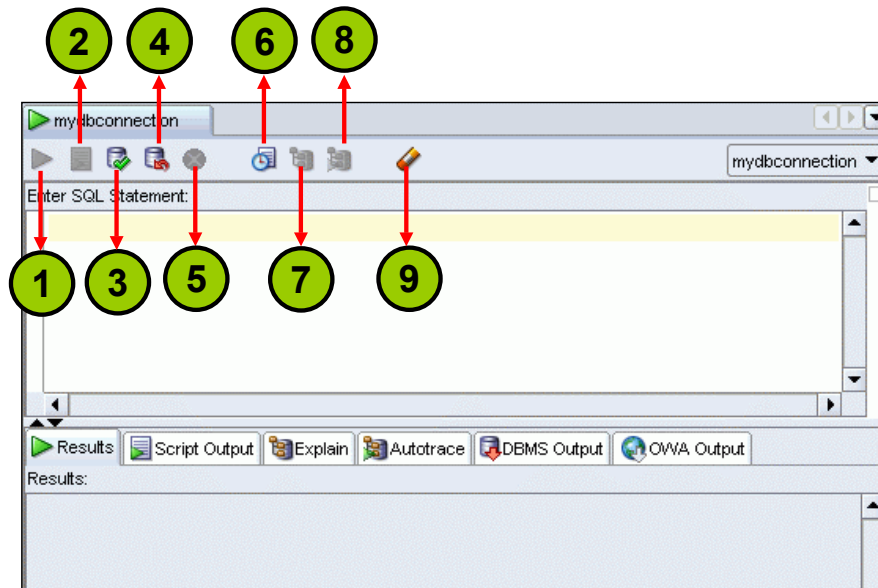
You can specify actions that can be processed by the database connection associated with the worksheet, such as:

- Creating a table
- Inserting data
- Creating and editing a trigger
- Selecting data from a table
- Saving the selected data to a file

You can display a SQL Worksheet by using one of the following:

- Select Tools > SQL Worksheet.
- Click the Open SQL Worksheet icon.

Using the SQL Worksheet



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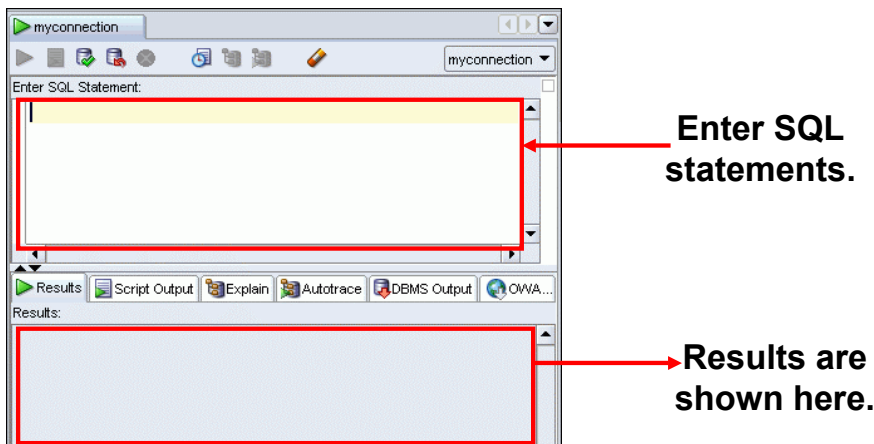
Using the SQL Worksheet (continued)

You may want to use the shortcut keys or icons to perform certain tasks such as executing a SQL statement, running a script, and viewing the history of SQL statements that you have executed. You can use the SQL Worksheet toolbar that contains icons to perform the following tasks:

1. **Execute Statement:** Executes the statement where the cursor is located in the Enter SQL Statement box. You can use bind variables in the SQL statements, but not substitution variables.
2. **Run Script:** Executes all statements in the Enter SQL Statement box by using the Script Runner. You can use substitution variables in the SQL statements, but not bind variables.
3. **Commit:** Writes any changes to the database and ends the transaction
4. **Rollback:** Discards any changes to the database, without writing them to the database, and ends the transaction
5. **Cancel:** Stops the execution of any statements currently being executed
6. **SQL History:** Displays a dialog box with information about SQL statements that you have executed
7. **Execute Explain Plan:** Generates the execution plan, which you can see by clicking the Explain tab
8. **Autotrace:** Generates trace information for the statement
9. **Clear:** Erases the statement or statements in the Enter SQL Statement box

Using the SQL Worksheet

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Using the SQL Worksheet (continued)

When you connect to a database, a SQL Worksheet window for that connection automatically opens. You can use the SQL Worksheet to enter and execute SQL, PL/SQL, and SQL*Plus statements. All SQL and PL/SQL commands are supported as they are passed directly from the SQL Worksheet to the Oracle database. SQL*Plus commands used in the SQL Developer have to be interpreted by the SQL Worksheet before being passed to the database.

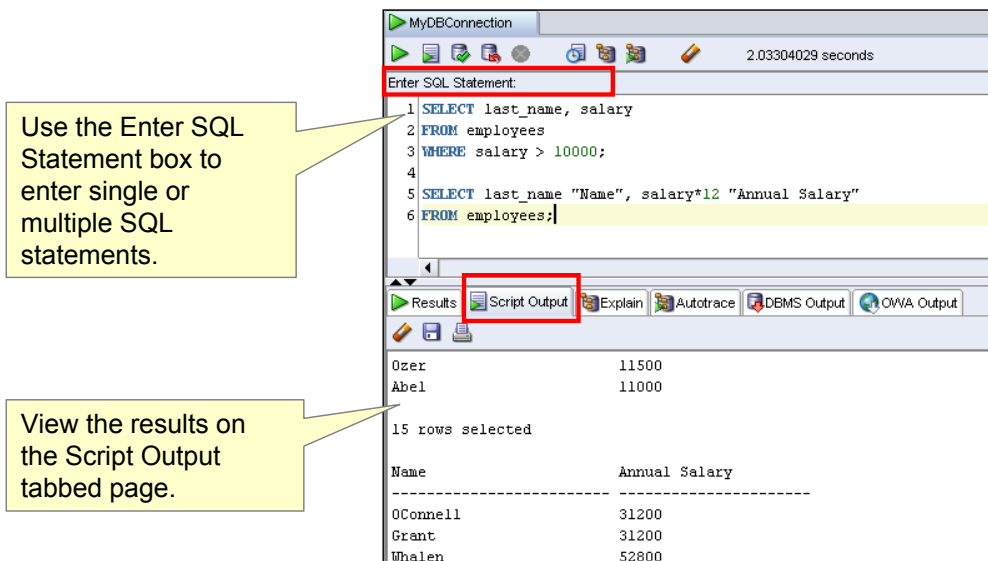
The SQL Worksheet currently supports a number of SQL*Plus commands. Commands not supported by the SQL Worksheet are ignored and are not sent to the Oracle database. Through the SQL Worksheet, you can execute SQL statements and some of the SQL*Plus commands.

You can display a SQL Worksheet by using any of the following two options:

- Select Tools > SQL Worksheet.
- Click the Open SQL Worksheet icon.

Executing SQL Statements

Use the Enter SQL Statement box to enter single or multiple SQL statements.



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Executing SQL Statements

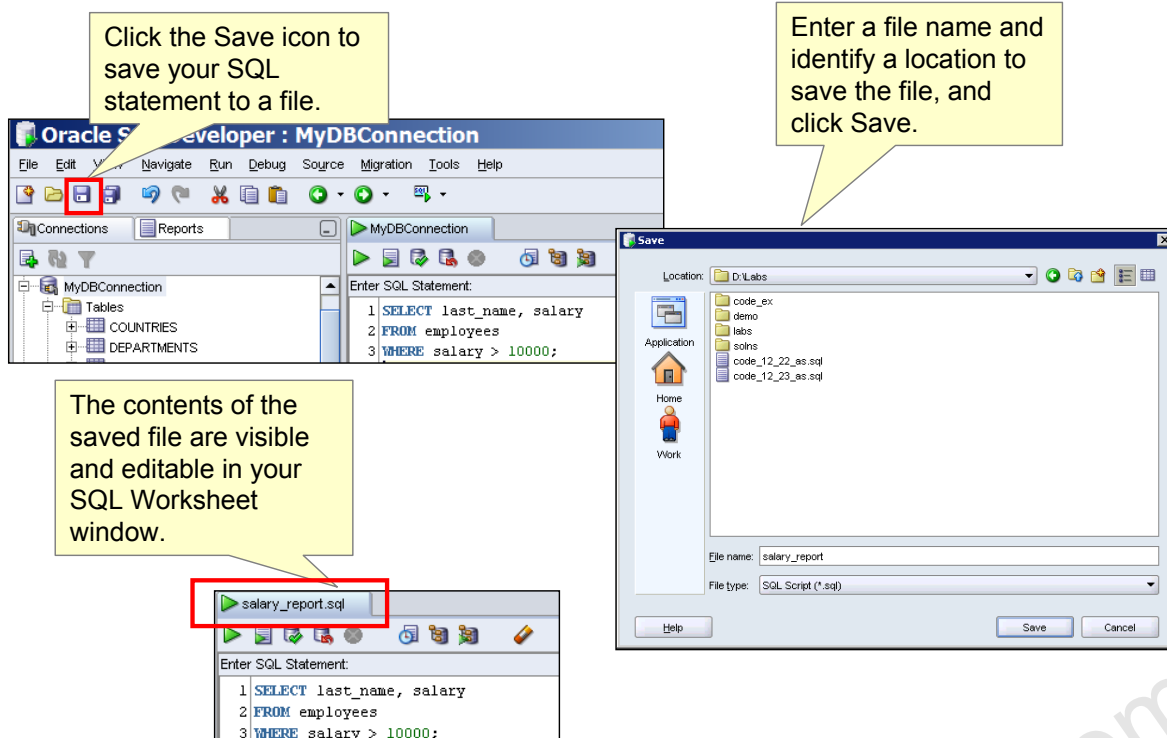
In the SQL Worksheet, you can use the Enter SQL Statement box to enter single or multiple SQL statements. For a single statement, the semicolon at the end is optional.

When you enter the statement, the SQL keywords are automatically highlighted. To execute a SQL statement, ensure that your cursor is within the statement and click the Execute Statement icon. Alternatively, you can press the F9 key.

To execute multiple SQL statements and see the results, click the Run Script icon. Alternatively, you can press the F5 key.

In the example in the slide, because there are multiple SQL statements, the first statement is terminated with a semicolon. The cursor is in the first statement, and therefore, when the statement is executed, results corresponding to the first statement are displayed in the Results box.

Saving SQL Scripts



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Saving SQL Scripts

You can save your SQL statements from the SQL Worksheet into a text file. To save the contents of the Enter SQL Statement box, follow these steps:

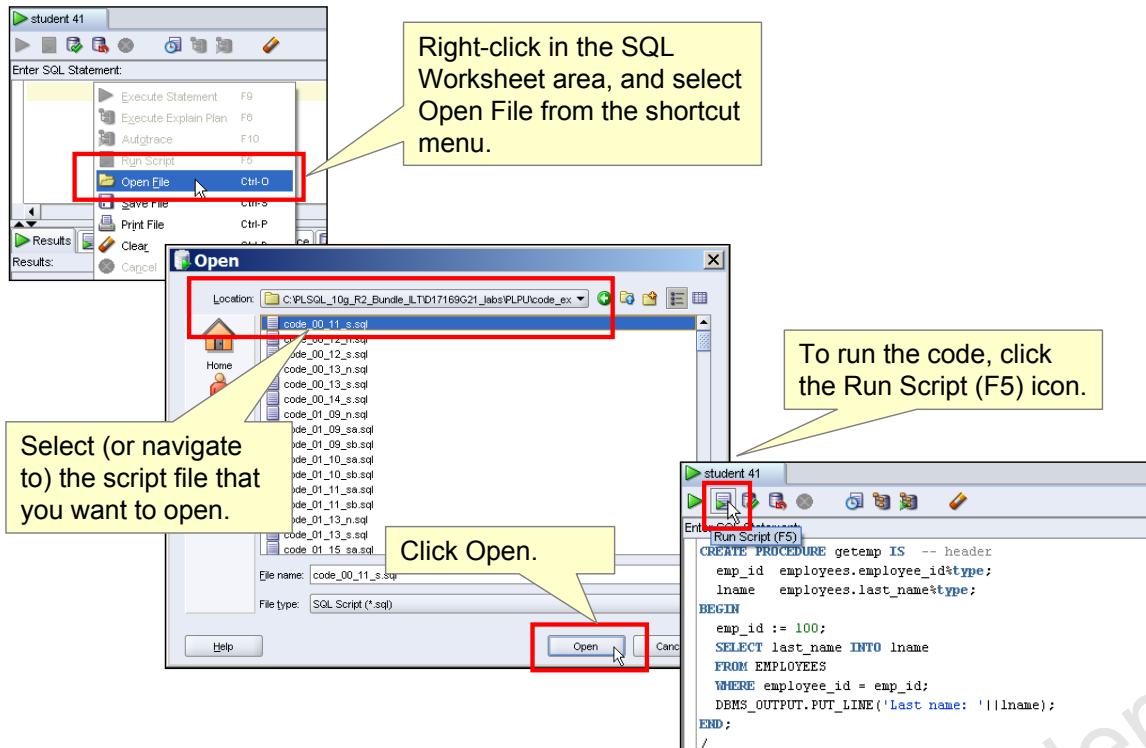
1. Click the Save icon or use the File > Save menu item.
2. In the Windows Save dialog box, enter a file name and the location where you want the file saved.
3. Click Save.

After you save the contents to a file, the Enter SQL Statement window displays a tabbed page of your file contents. You can have multiple files open at the same time. Each file displays as a tabbed page.

Script Pathing

You can select a default path to look for scripts and to save scripts. Under Tools > Preferences > Database > Worksheet Parameters, enter a value in the “Select default path to look for scripts” field.

Executing Saved Script Files: Method 1



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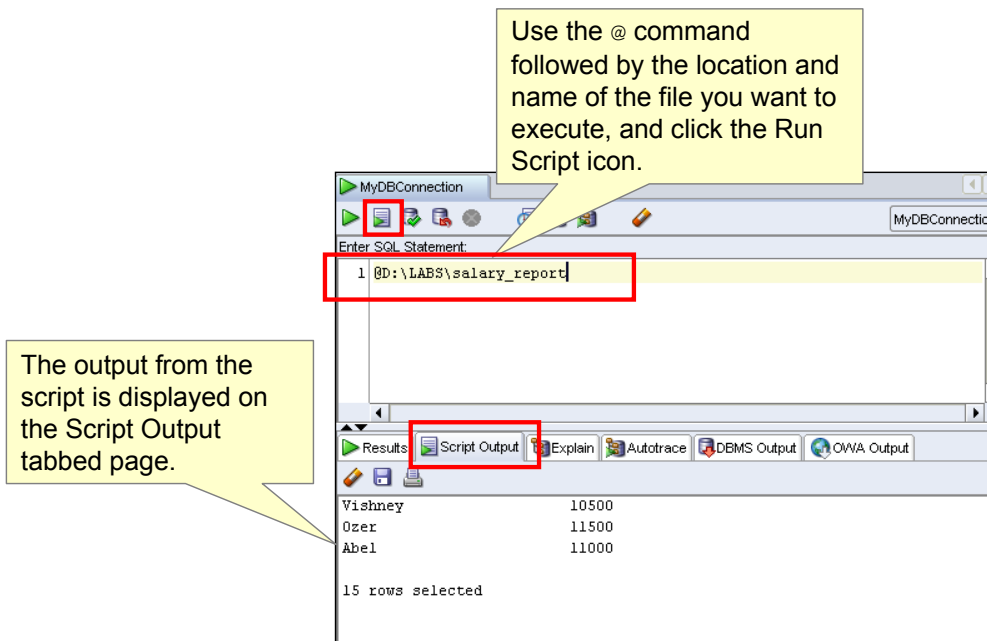
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Executing Saved Script Files: Method 1

To open a script file and display the code in the SQL Worksheet area, perform the following:

1. Right-click in the SQL Worksheet area, and select Open File from the menu. The Open dialog box is displayed.
2. In the Open dialog box, select (or navigate to) the script file that you want to open.
3. Click Open. The code of the script file is displayed in the SQL Worksheet area.
4. To run the code, click the Run Script (F5) icon on the SQL Worksheet toolbar.

Executing Saved Script Files: Method 2



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Executing Saved Script Files: Method 2

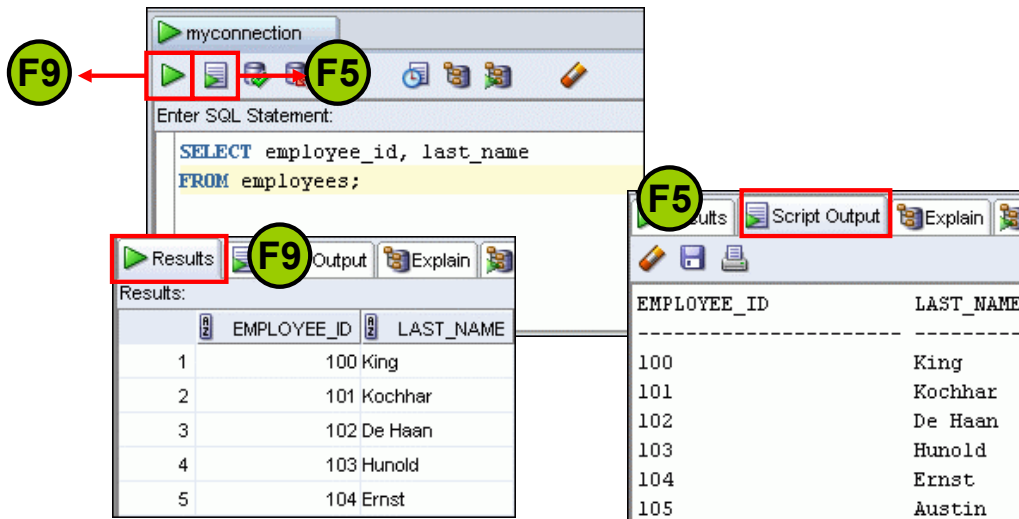
To run a saved SQL script, perform the following:

1. Use the @ command, followed by the location, and name of the file you want to run, in the Enter SQL Statement window.
2. Click the Run Script icon.

The results from running the file are displayed on the Script Output tabbed page. You can also save the script output by clicking the Save icon on the Script Output tabbed page. The Windows File Save dialog box appears and you can identify a name and location for your file.

Executing SQL Statements

Use the Enter SQL Statement box to enter single or multiple SQL statements.



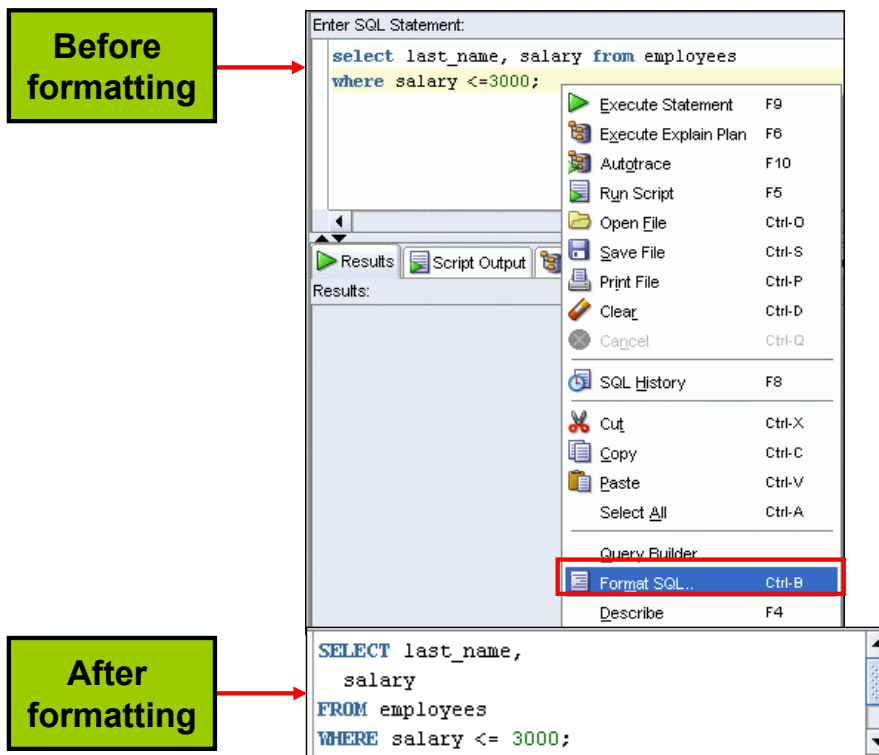
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Executing SQL Statements

The example in the slide shows the difference in output for the same query when the [F9] key or Execute Statement is used versus the output when [F5] or Run Script is used.

Formatting the SQL Code



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Formatting the SQL Code

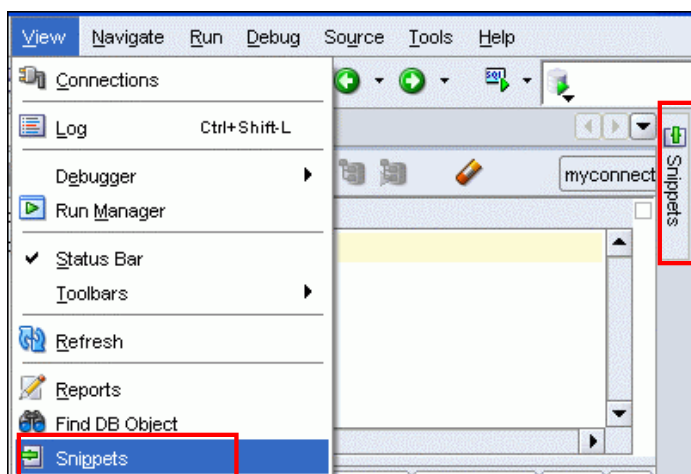
You may want to beautify the indentation, spacing, capitalization, and line separation of the SQL code. SQL Developer has a feature for formatting SQL code.

To format the SQL code, right-click in the statement area, and select Format SQL.

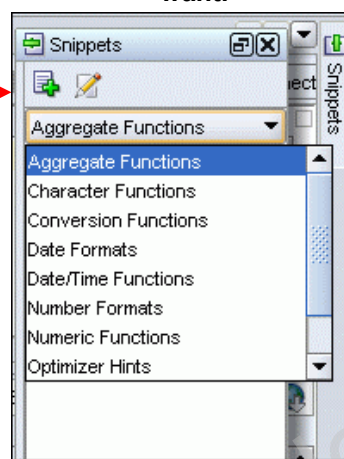
In the example in the slide, before formatting, the SQL code has the keywords not capitalized and the statement not properly indented. After formatting, the SQL code is beautified with the keywords capitalized and the statement properly indented.

Using Snippets

Snippets are code fragments that may be just syntax or examples.



When you place your cursor here, it shows the Snippets window. From the drop-down list, you can select the functions category you want.



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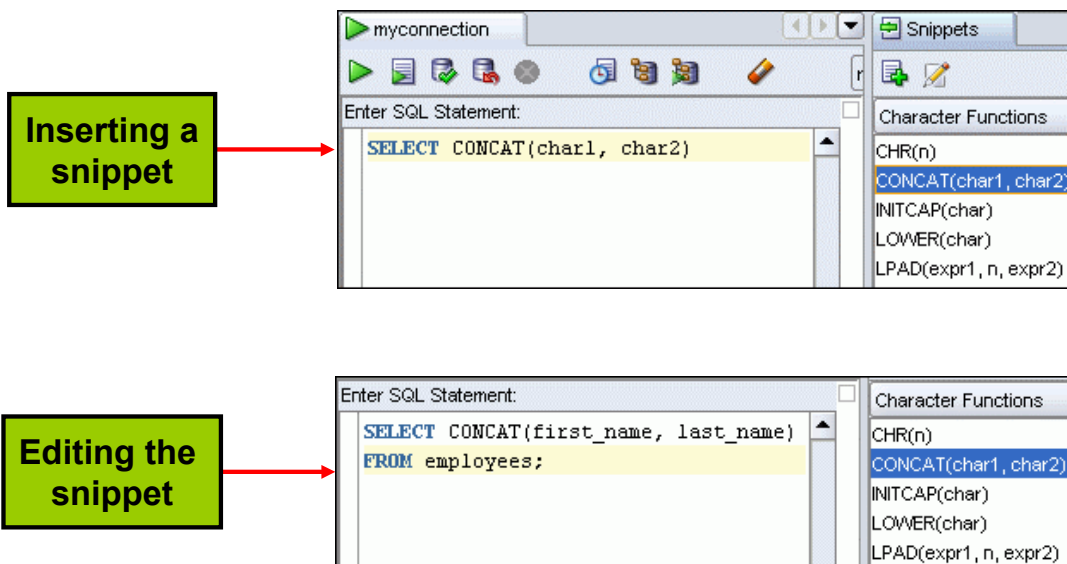
Using Snippets

You may want to use certain code fragments when you use the SQL Worksheet or create or edit a PL/SQL function or procedure. SQL Developer has the feature called Snippets. Snippets are code fragments such as SQL functions, Optimizer hints, and miscellaneous PL/SQL programming techniques. You can drag snippets into the Editor window.

To display Snippets, select View > Snippets.

The Snippets window is displayed at the right side. You can use the drop-down list to select a group. A Snippets button is placed in the right window margin, so that you can display the Snippets window if it becomes hidden.

Using Snippets: Example



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Using Snippets: Example

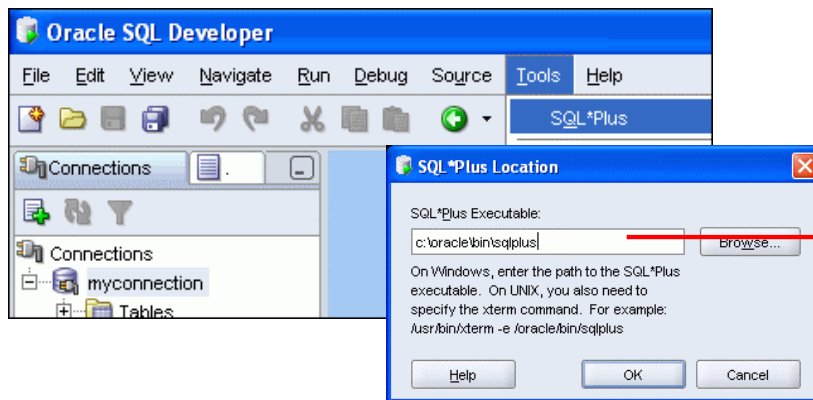
To insert a Snippet into your code in a SQL Worksheet or in a PL/SQL function or procedure, drag the snippet from the Snippets window into the desired place in your code. Then you can edit the syntax so that the SQL function is valid in the current context. To see a brief description of a SQL function in a tool tip, place the cursor over the function name.

The example in the slide shows that `CONCAT(char1, char2)` is dragged from the Character Functions group in the Snippets window. Then the `CONCAT` function syntax is edited and the rest of the statement is added as in the following:

```
SELECT CONCAT(first_name, last_name)
FROM employees;
```

Using SQL*Plus

- You can invoke the SQL*Plus command-line interface from SQL Developer.
- Close all the SQL Worksheets to enable the SQL*Plus menu option.



Provide the location of the `sqlplus.exe` file only the first time you invoke SQL*Plus.

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Using SQL*Plus

The SQL Worksheet supports most of the SQL*Plus statements. SQL*Plus statements must be interpreted by the SQL Worksheet before being passed to the database; any SQL*Plus statements that are not supported by the SQL Worksheet are ignored and not passed to the database. To display the SQL*Plus command window, from the Tools menu, select **SQL*Plus**. To use this feature, the system on which you use SQL Developer must have an Oracle home directory or folder, with a SQL*Plus executable under that location. If the location of the SQL*Plus executable is not already stored in your SQL Developer preferences, you are asked to specify its location.

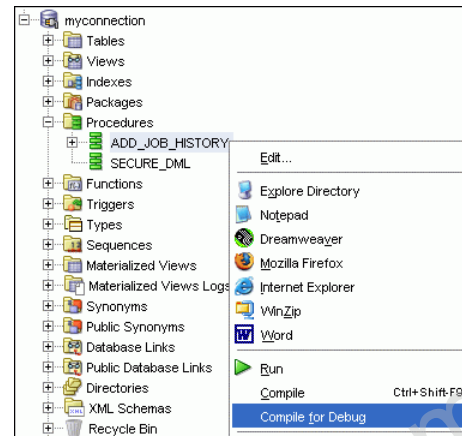
For example, some of the SQL*Plus statements that are not supported by SQL Worksheet are:

- append
- archive
- attribute
- break

For the complete list of SQL*Plus statements that are either supported or not supported by SQL Worksheet, refer to the *SQL*Plus Statements Supported and Not Supported in SQL Worksheet* topic in the SQL Developer online Help.

Debugging Procedures and Functions

- Use SQL Developer to debug PL/SQL functions and procedures.
- Use the Compile for Debug option to perform a PL/SQL compilation so that the procedure can be debugged.
- Use Debug menu options to set breakpoints, and to perform step into, step over tasks.



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Debugging Procedures and Functions

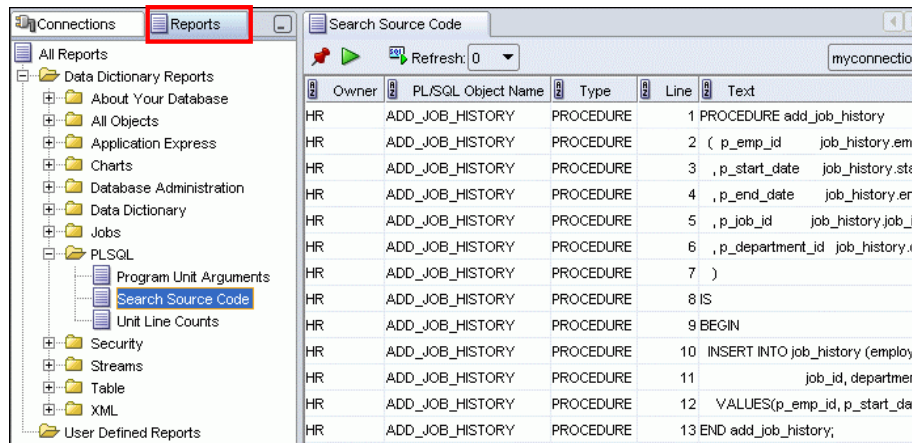
In SQL Developer, you can debug PL/SQL procedures and functions. Using the Debug menu options, you can perform the following debugging tasks:

- **Find Execution Point** goes to the next execution point.
- **Resume** continues execution.
- **Step Over** bypasses the next method and goes to the next statement after the method.
- **Step Into** goes to the first statement in the next method.
- **Step Out** leaves the current method and goes to the next statement.
- **Step to End of Method** goes to the last statement of the current method.
- **Pause** halts execution but does not exit, thus allowing you to resume execution.
- **Terminate** halts and exits the execution. You cannot resume execution from this point; instead, to start running or debugging from the beginning of the function or procedure, click the Run or Debug icon in the Source tab toolbar.
- **Garbage Collection** removes invalid objects from the cache in favor of more frequently accessed and more valid objects.

These options are also available as icons in the debugging toolbar.

Database Reporting

SQL Developer provides a number of predefined reports about the database and its objects.



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Database Reporting

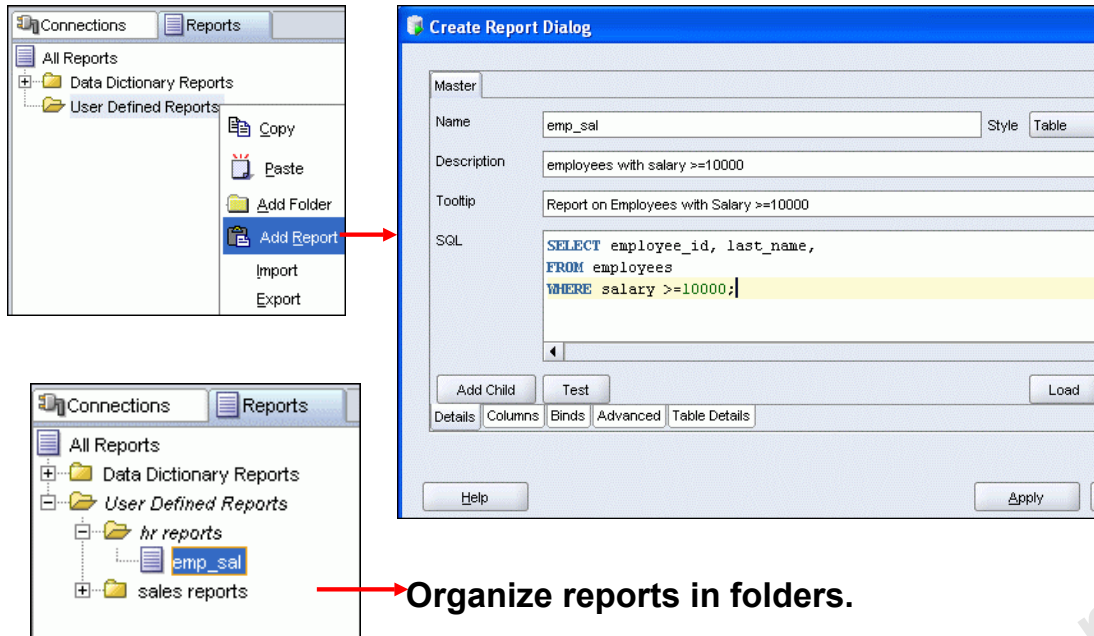
SQL Developer provides many reports about the database and its objects. These reports can be grouped into the following categories:

- About Your Database reports
- Database Administration reports
- Table reports
- PL/SQL reports
- Security reports
- XML reports
- Jobs reports
- Streams reports
- All Objects reports
- Data Dictionary reports
- User-Defined reports

To display reports, click the Reports tab at the left side of the window. Individual reports are displayed in tabbed panes at the right side of the window; and for each report, you can select (using a drop-down list) the database connection for which to display the report. For reports about objects, the objects shown are only those visible to the database user associated with the selected database connection, and the rows are usually ordered by Owner. You can also create your own user-defined reports.

Creating a User-Defined Report

Create and save user-defined reports for repeated use.



Organize reports in folders.

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Creating a User-Defined Report

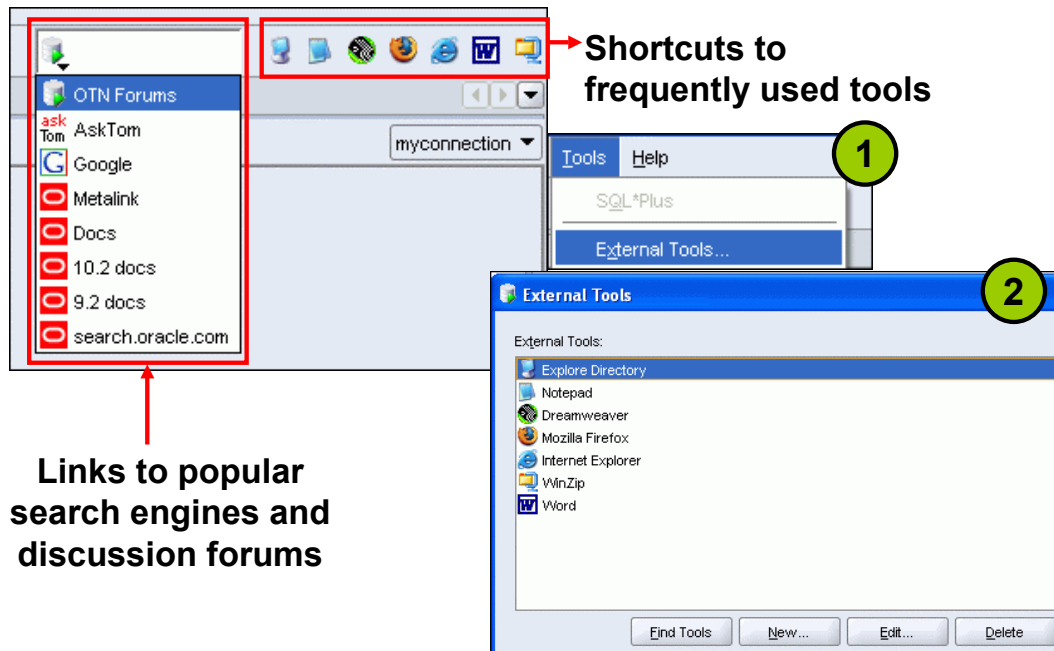
User-defined reports are reports created by SQL Developer users. To create a user-defined report, perform the following steps:

1. Right-click the User Defined Reports node under Reports, and select Add Report.
2. In the Create Report Dialog box, specify the report name and the SQL query to retrieve information for the report. Then, click Apply.

In the example in the slide, the report name is specified as `emp_sal`. An optional description is provided indicating that the report contains details of employees with `salary >= 10000`. The complete SQL statement for retrieving the information to be displayed in the user-defined report is specified in the SQL box. You can also include an optional tool tip to be displayed when the cursor stays briefly over the report name in the Reports navigator display.

You can organize user-defined reports in folders, and you can create a hierarchy of folders and subfolders. To create a folder for user-defined reports, right-click the User Defined Reports node or any folder name under that node and select Add Folder. Information about user-defined reports, including any folders for these reports, is stored in a file named `UserReports.xml` under the directory for user-specific information.

Search Engines and External Tools



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Search Engines and External Tools

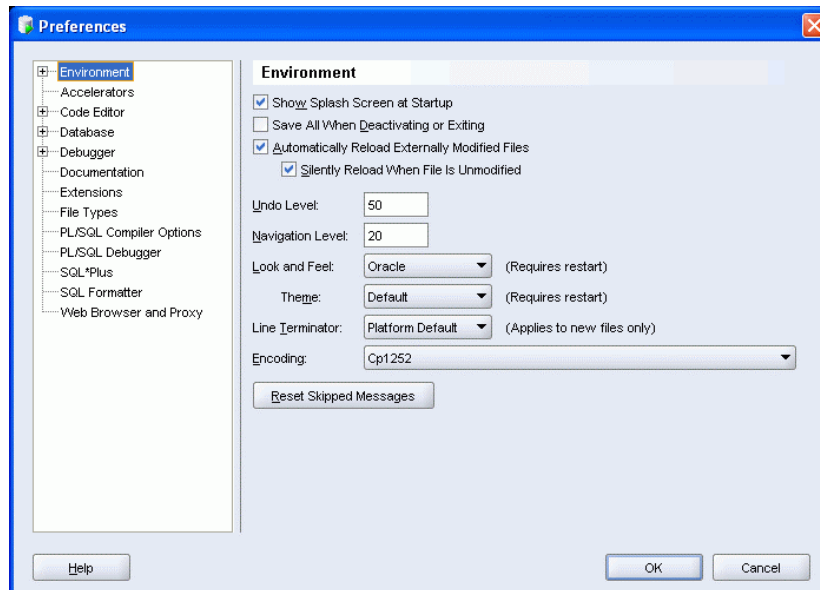
To enhance productivity of the SQL developers, SQL Developer has added quick links to popular search engines and discussion forums such as AskTom, Google, and so on. Also, you have shortcut icons to some of the frequently used tools such as Notepad, Microsoft Word, and Dreamweaver, available to you.

You can add external tools to the existing list or even delete shortcuts to tools that you do not use frequently. To do so, perform the following:

1. From the Tools menu, select External Tools.
2. In the External Tools dialog box, select New to add new tools. Select Delete to remove any tool from the list.

Setting Preferences

- Customize the SQL Developer interface and environment.
- In the Tools menu, select Preferences.



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Setting Preferences

You can customize many aspects of the SQL Developer interface and environment by modifying SQL Developer preferences according to your preferences and needs. To modify SQL Developer preferences, select Tools, then Preferences.

The preferences are grouped into the following categories:

- Environment
- Accelerators (Keyboard shortcuts)
- Code Editors
- Database
- Debugger
- Documentation
- Extensions
- File Types
- Migration
- PL/SQL Compilers
- PL/SQL Debugger, and so on.

Specifications of SQL Developer 1.5.3

- SQL Developer 1.5.3 is the first translation release, and is a patch to Oracle SQL Developer 1.5.
- New feature list is available at:
 - http://www.oracle.com/technology/products/database/sql_developer/files/newFeatures_v15.html
- Supports Windows, Linux, and Mac OS X platforms
- To install, unzip the downloaded SQL Developer kit, which includes the required minimum JDK (JDK1.5.0_06).
- To start, double-click `sqldeveloper.exe`
- Connects to Oracle Database version 9.2.0.1 and later
- Freely downloadable from the following link:
 - http://www.oracle.com/technology/products/database/sql_developer/index.html

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Specifications of SQL Developer 1.5.3

SQL Developer 1.5.3 is also available, as it is the latest version of the product that was available at the time of the release of this of course

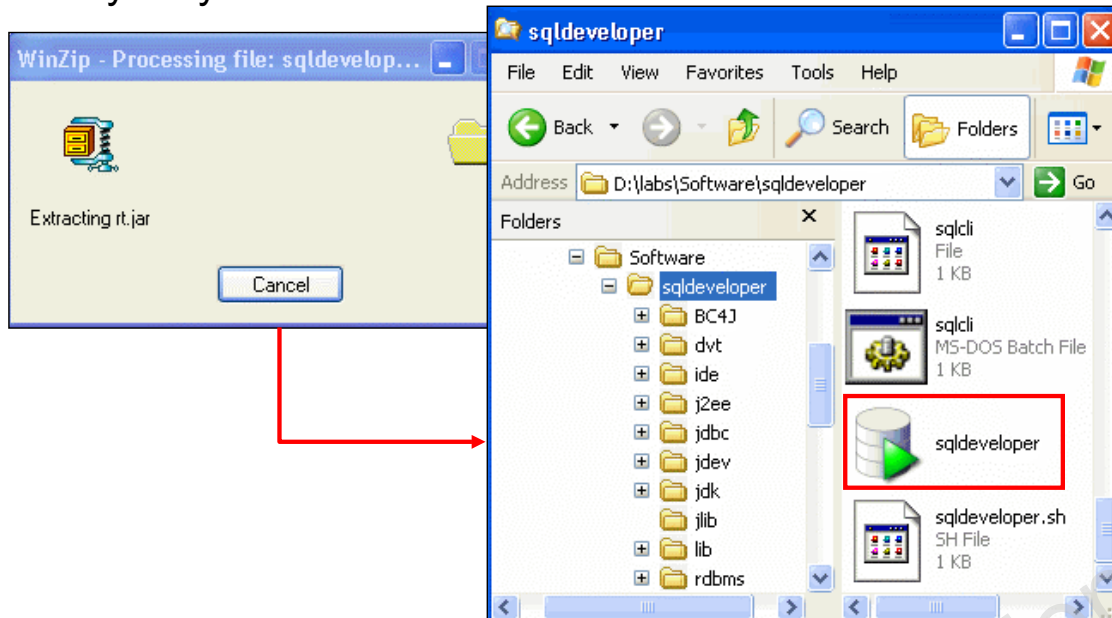
Like version 1.2, SQL Developer 1.5.3 is developed in Java leveraging the Oracle JDeveloper integrated development environment (IDE). Therefore, it is a cross-platform tool. The tool runs on Windows, Linux, and Mac operating system (OS) X platforms. You can install SQL Developer on the Database Server and connect remotely from your desktop, thus avoiding client/server network traffic.

Default connectivity to the database is through the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) Thin driver, and therefore, no Oracle Home is required. The JDBC drivers that are shipped with version 1.5.3 support 11g R1. Therefore, users will no longer be able to connect to an Oracle 8.1.7 database.

SQL Developer does not require an installer and you need to simply unzip the downloaded file. With SQL Developer, users can connect to Oracle Databases 9.2.0.1 and later, and all Oracle database editions including Express Edition.

Installing SQL Developer 1.5.3

Download the Oracle SQL Developer kit and unzip into any directory on your machine.



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Installing SQL Developer 1.5.3

Oracle SQL Developer does not require an installer. To install SQL Developer, you need an unzip tool.

To install SQL Developer, perform the following steps:

1. Create a folder. For example: <local drive>:\software
2. Download the SQL Developer kit from http://www.oracle.com/technology/products/database/sql_developer/index.html.
3. Unzip the downloaded SQL Developer kit into the folder created in step 1.

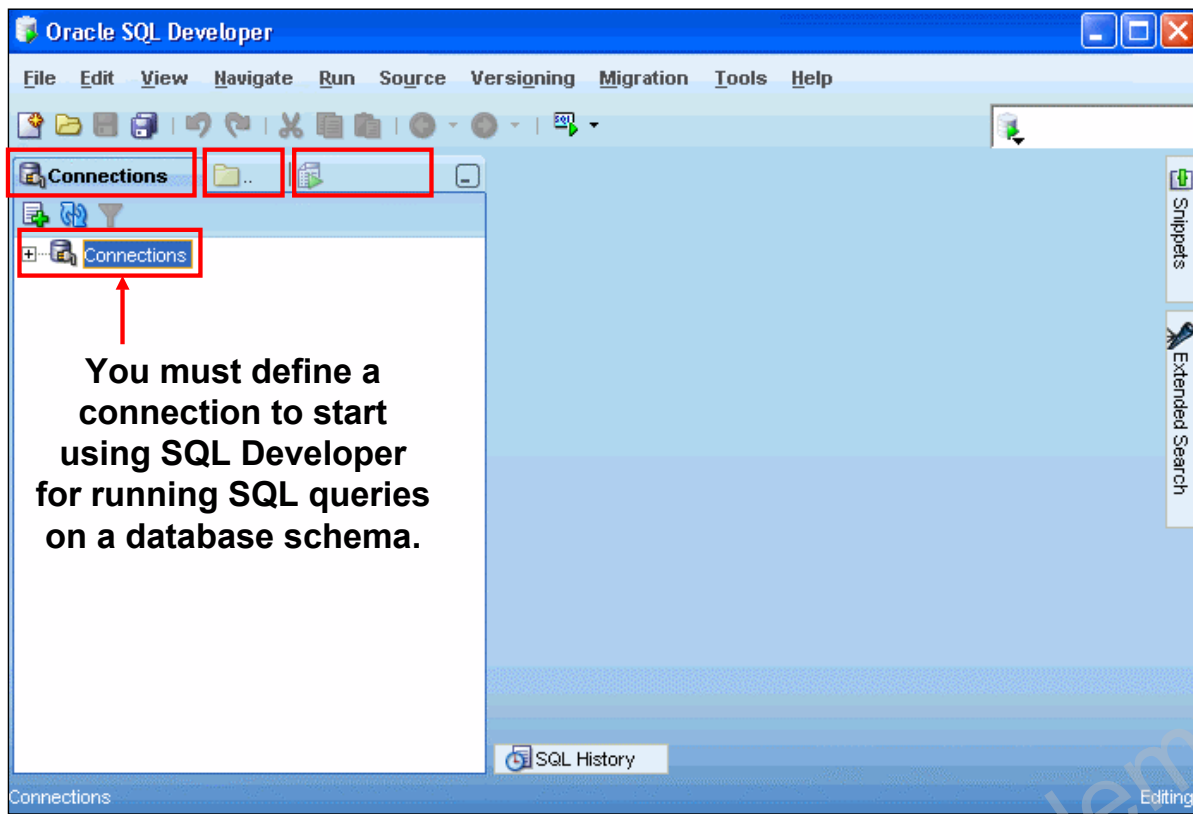
Starting SQL Developer

To start SQL Developer, go to <local drive>:\software\sqldeveloper, and double-click sqldeveloper.exe.

Notes:

- The SQL Developer 1.5.3 kit, named sqldeveloper-5783.zip, is located in is d:\labs\software on your classroom machine.
- When you open SQL Developer 1.5.3 for the first time, select **No** when prompted to migrate settings from a previous release.

SQL Developer 1.5.3 Interface



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SQL Developer 1.5.3 Interface

The SQL Developer 1.5.3 interface contains all of the features found in version 1.2, and also some additional features.

Version 1.5.3 contains three main navigation tabs, from left to right:

- **Connections tab:** By using this tab, you can browse database objects and users to which you have access.
- **Files tab:** Identified by the Files folder icon, this tab enables you to access files from your local machine without having to use the File > Open menu.
- **Reports tab:** Identified by the Reports icon, this tab enables you to run predefined reports or create and add your own reports.

General Navigation and Use

SQL Developer uses the left side for navigation to find and select objects, and the right side to display information about selected objects. You can customize many aspects of the appearance and behavior of SQL Developer by setting preferences.

The features and functions that have been covered previously in this lesson for version 1.2, such as Creating a Connection, Browsing Database Objects, Creating Schema Objects, Using the SQL Worksheet, Using Snippets, Creating Reports, and Setting Preferences, are equivalent in the 1.5.3 interface.

Note: As with version 1.2, you need to define at least one connection to be able to connect to a database schema and issue SQL queries or run procedures/functions.

SQL Developer 1.5.3 Interface (continued)

Menus

The following menus contain standard entries, plus entries for features specific to SQL Developer:

- **View:** Contains options that affect what is displayed in the SQL Developer interface
- **Navigate:** Contains options for navigating to panes and in the execution of subprograms
- **Run:** Contains the Run File and Execution Profile options that are relevant when a function or procedure is selected, and also debugging options.
- **Source:** Contains options for use when you edit functions and procedures
- **Versioning:** Provides integrated support for the following versioning and source control systems: CVS (Concurrent Versions System) and Subversion.
- **Migration:** Contains options related to migrating third-party databases to Oracle
- **Tools:** Invokes SQL Developer tools such as SQL*Plus, Preferences, and SQL Worksheet

Note: The Run menu also contains options that are relevant when a function or procedure is selected for debugging. These are the same options that are found in the Debug menu in version 1.2.

Summary

In this appendix, you should have learned how to use SQL Developer to do the following:

- Browse, create, and edit database objects
- Execute SQL statements and scripts in SQL Worksheet
- Create and save custom reports

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Summary

SQL Developer is a free graphical tool to simplify database development tasks. Using SQL Developer, you can browse, create, and edit database objects. You can use SQL Worksheet to run SQL statements and scripts. SQL Developer enables you to create and save your own special set of reports for repeated use.

Version 1.2 is the default version set up for this class. Version 1.5.3 is also available on the classroom machine for use with all code examples, demos, and practices.

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Using SQL*Plus

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Objectives

After completing this appendix, you should be able to do the following:

- Log in to SQL*Plus
- Edit SQL commands
- Format output using SQL*Plus commands
- Interact with script files

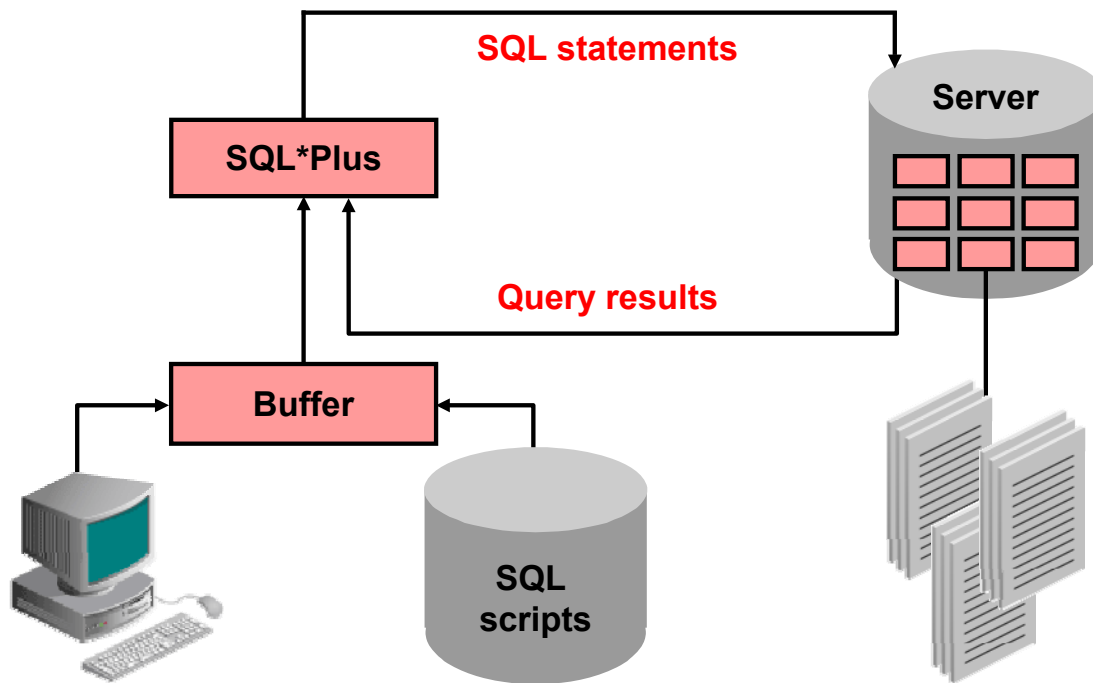
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Objectives

You might want to create `SELECT` statements that can be used again and again. This appendix also covers the use of SQL*Plus commands to execute SQL statements. You learn how to format output using SQL*Plus commands, edit SQL commands, and save scripts in SQL*Plus.

SQL and SQL*Plus Interaction



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SQL and SQL*Plus

SQL is a command language used for communication with the Oracle server from any tool or application. Oracle SQL contains many extensions. When you enter a SQL statement, it is stored in a part of memory called the *SQL buffer* and remains there until you enter a new SQL statement. SQL*Plus is an Oracle tool that recognizes and submits SQL statements to the Oracle9i Server for execution. It contains its own command language.

Features of SQL

- Can be used by a range of users, including those with little or no programming experience
- Is a nonprocedural language
- Reduces the amount of time required for creating and maintaining systems
- Is an English-like language

Features of SQL*Plus

- Accepts ad hoc entry of statements
- Accepts SQL input from files
- Provides a line editor for modifying SQL statements
- Controls environmental settings
- Formats query results into basic reports
- Accesses local and remote databases

Overview of SQL*Plus

- Log in to SQL*Plus.
- Describe the table structure.
- Edit your SQL statement.
- Execute SQL from SQL*Plus.
- Save SQL statements to files and append SQL statements to files.
- Execute saved files.
- Load commands from file to buffer to edit.

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SQL*Plus

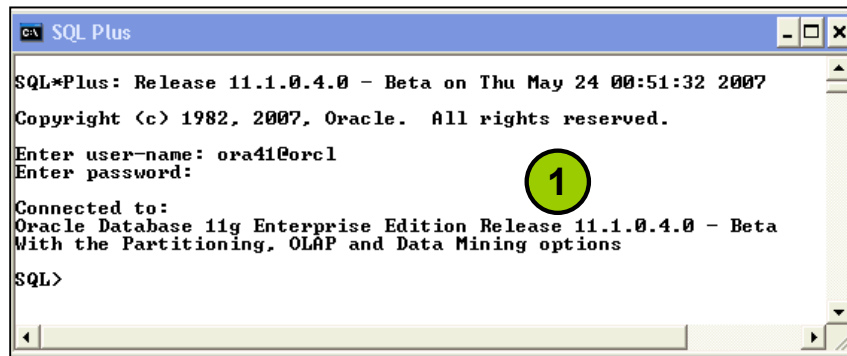
SQL*Plus is an environment in which you can:

- Execute SQL statements to retrieve, modify, add, and remove data from the database
- Format, perform calculations on, store, and print query results in the form of reports
- Create script files to store SQL statements for repeated use in the future

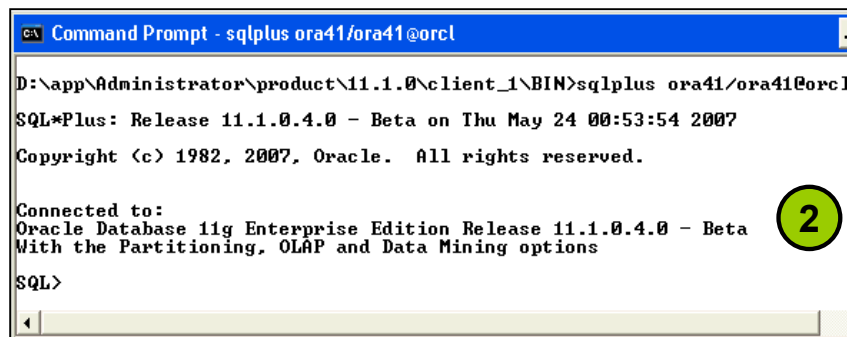
SQL*Plus commands can be divided into the following main categories:

Category	Purpose
Environment	Affect the general behavior of SQL statements for the session
Format	Format query results
File manipulation	Save, load, and run script files
Execution	Send SQL statements from the SQL buffer to the Oracle server
Edit	Modify SQL statements in the buffer
Interaction	Create and pass variables to SQL statements, print variable values, and print messages to the screen
Miscellaneous	Connect to the database, manipulate the SQL*Plus environment, and display column definitions

Logging In to SQL*Plus



```
sqlplus [username[/password[@database]]]
```



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Logging In to SQL*Plus

How you invoke SQL*Plus depends on which type of operating system or Windows environment you are running.

To log in from a Windows environment:

1. Select Start > Programs > Oracle > Application Development > SQL*Plus.
2. Enter the username, password, and database name.

To log in from a command-line environment:

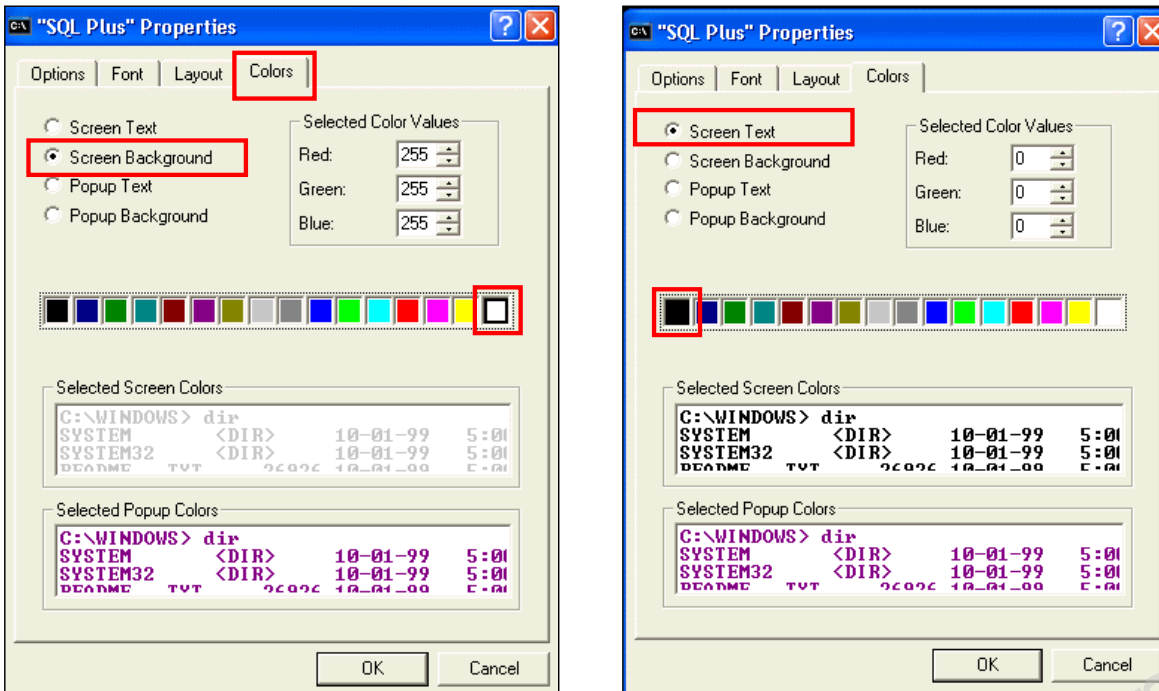
1. Log on to your machine.
2. Enter the `sqlplus` command shown in the slide.

In the syntax:

`username` Your database username
`password` Your database password (Your password is visible if you enter it here.)
`@database` The database connect string

Note: To ensure the integrity of your password, do not enter it at the operating system prompt. Instead, enter only your username. Enter your password at the password prompt.

Changing the Settings of SQL*Plus Environment



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Changing Settings of SQL*Plus Environment

You can optionally change the look of the SQL*Plus environment by using the SQL*Plus Properties dialog box.

In the SQL*Plus window, right-click the title bar and select Properties from the shortcut menu. You can then use the Colors tab of the SQL*Plus Properties dialog box to set Screen Background and Screen Text.

Displaying Table Structure

Use the SQL*Plus DESCRIBE command to display the structure of a table:

```
DESC[RIBE] tablename
```

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Displaying Table Structure

In SQL*Plus, you can display the structure of a table using the DESCRIBE command. The result of the command is a display of column names and data types as well as an indication if a column must contain data.

In the syntax:

tablename The name of any existing table, view, or synonym that is accessible to the user

To describe the DEPARTMENTS table, use this command:

```
SQL> DESCRIBE DEPARTMENTS
```

Name	Null?	Type
DEPARTMENT_ID	NOT NULL	NUMBER(4)
DEPARTMENT_NAME	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(30)
MANAGER_ID		NUMBER(6)
LOCATION_ID		NUMBER(4)

Displaying Table Structure

```
DESCRIBE departments
```

Name	Null?	Type
DEPARTMENT_ID	NOT NULL	NUMBER(4)
DEPARTMENT_NAME	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(30)
MANAGER_ID		NUMBER(6)
LOCATION_ID		NUMBER(4)

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Displaying Table Structure (continued)

The example in the slide displays the information about the structure of the DEPARTMENTS table. In the result:

Null?: Specifies whether a column must contain data (NOT NULL indicates that a column must contain data.)

Type: Displays the data type for a column

SQL*Plus Editing Commands

- A[PPEND] *text*
- C[HANGE] / *old* / *new*
- C[HANGE] / *text* /
- CL[EAR] BUFF[ER]
- DEL
- DEL *n*
- DEL *m n*

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SQL*Plus Editing Commands

SQL*Plus commands are entered one line at a time and are not stored in the SQL buffer.

Command	Description
A[PPEND] <i>text</i>	Adds <i>text</i> to the end of the current line
C[HANGE] / <i>old</i> / <i>new</i>	Changes <i>old</i> text to <i>new</i> in the current line
C[HANGE] / <i>text</i> /	Deletes <i>text</i> from the current line
CL[EAR] BUFF[ER]	Deletes all lines from the SQL buffer
DEL	Deletes current line
DEL <i>n</i>	Deletes line <i>n</i>
DEL <i>m n</i>	Deletes lines <i>m</i> to <i>n</i> inclusive

Guidelines

- If you press [Enter] before completing a command, SQL*Plus prompts you with a line number.
- You terminate the SQL buffer either by entering one of the terminator characters (semicolon or slash) or by pressing [Enter] twice. The SQL prompt then appears.

SQL*Plus Editing Commands

- I [NPUT]
- I [NPUT] *text*
- L [IST]
- L [IST] *n*
- L [IST] *m n*
- R [UN]
- *n*
- *n text*
- 0 *text*

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SQL*Plus Editing Commands (continued)

Command	Description
I [NPUT]	Inserts an indefinite number of lines
I [NPUT] <i>text</i>	Inserts a line consisting of <i>text</i>
L [IST]	Lists all lines in the SQL buffer
L [IST] <i>n</i>	Lists one line (specified by <i>n</i>)
L [IST] <i>m n</i>	Lists a range of lines (<i>m</i> to <i>n</i>) inclusive
R [UN]	Displays and runs the current SQL statement in the buffer
<i>n</i>	Specifies the line to make the current line
<i>n text</i>	Replaces line <i>n</i> with <i>text</i>
0 <i>text</i>	Inserts a line before line 1

Note: You can enter only one SQL*Plus command for each SQL prompt. SQL*Plus commands are not stored in the buffer. To continue a SQL*Plus command on the next line, end the first line with a hyphen (-).

Using LIST, n, and APPEND

```
LIST
 1  SELECT last_name
2*  FROM    employees
```

```
1
 1*  SELECT last_name
```

```
A , job_id
 1*  SELECT last_name, job_id
```

```
LIST
 1  SELECT last_name, job_id
2*  FROM    employees
```

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Using LIST, n, and APPEND

- Use the L[IST] command to display the contents of the SQL buffer. The asterisk (*) beside line 2 in the buffer indicates that line 2 is the current line. Any edits that you made apply to the current line.
- Change the number of the current line by entering the number (n) of the line that you want to edit. The new current line is displayed.
- Use the A[PPEND] command to add text to the current line. The newly edited line is displayed. Verify the new contents of the buffer by using the LIST command.

Note: Many SQL*Plus commands, including LIST and APPEND, can be abbreviated to just their first letter. LIST can be abbreviated to L; APPEND can be abbreviated to A.

Using the CHANGE Command

```
LIST
1* SELECT * from employees
```

```
c/employees/departments
1* SELECT * from departments
```

```
LIST
1* SELECT * from departments
```

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Using the CHANGE Command

- Use L[IST] to display the contents of the buffer.
- Use the C[HANGE] command to alter the contents of the current line in the SQL buffer. In this case, replace the employees table with the departments table. The new current line is displayed.
- Use the L[IST] command to verify the new contents of the buffer.

SQL*Plus File Commands

- `SAVE filename`
- `GET filename`
- `START filename`
- `@ filename`
- `EDIT filename`
- `SPOOL filename`
- `EXIT`

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SQL*Plus File Commands

SQL statements communicate with the Oracle server. SQL*Plus commands control the environment, format query results, and manage files. You can use the commands described in the following table:

Command	Description
<code>SAV[E] filename [.ext]</code> <code>[REP[LACE] APP[END]]</code>	Saves current contents of SQL buffer to a file. Use APPEND to add to an existing file; use REPLACE to overwrite an existing file. The default extension is <code>.sql</code> .
<code>GET filename [.ext]</code>	Writes the contents of a previously saved file to the SQL buffer. The default extension for the file name is <code>.sql</code> .
<code>STA[RT] filename [.ext]</code>	Runs a previously saved command file
<code>@ filename</code>	Runs a previously saved command file (same as START)
<code>ED[IT]</code>	Invokes the editor and saves the buffer contents to a file named <code>afiedt.buf</code>
<code>ED[IT] [filename [.ext]]</code>	Invokes the editor to edit the contents of a saved file
<code>SPO[OL]</code> <code>[filename [.ext] </code> <code>OFF OUT]</code>	Stores query results in a file. OFF closes the spool file. OUT closes the spool file and sends the file results to the printer.
<code>EXIT</code>	Quits SQL*Plus

Using the SAVE, START, and EDIT Commands

```
LIST
 1  SELECT last_name, manager_id, department_id
2*  FROM employees
```

```
SAVE my_query
Created file my_query
```

```
START my_query

LAST_NAME                MANAGER_ID DEPARTMENT_ID
-----
King                      100             90
Kochhar                    100             90
...
107 rows selected.
```

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Using the SAVE, START, and EDIT Commands

SAVE

Use the SAVE command to store the current contents of the buffer in a file. In this way, you can store frequently used scripts for use in the future.

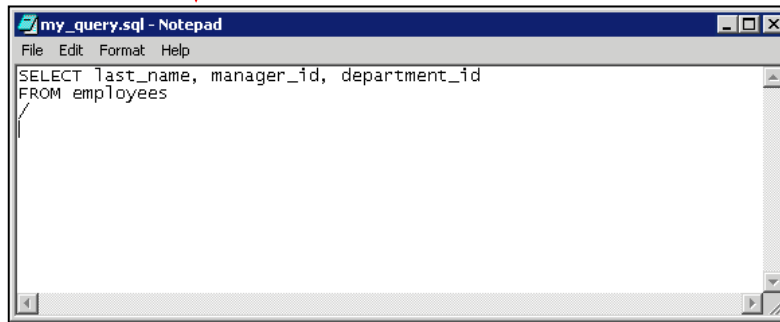
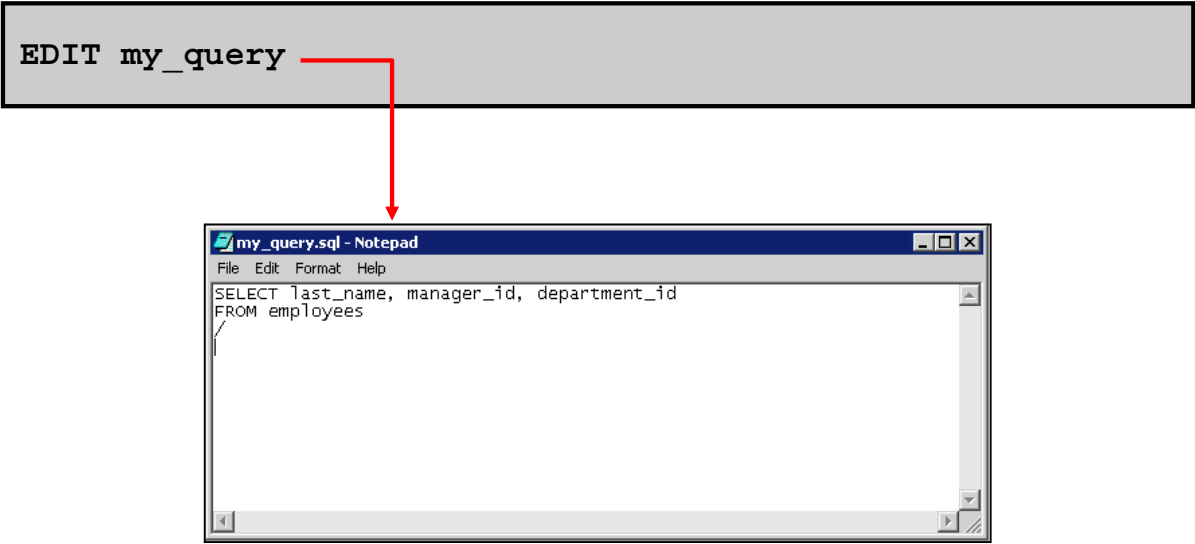
START

Use the START command to run a script in SQL*Plus. You can also, alternatively, use the symbol @ to run a script.

```
@my_query
```

Using the SAVE, START, and EDIT Commands

```
EDIT my_query
```



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Using the SAVE, START, and EDIT Commands (continued)

EDIT

Use the EDIT command to edit an existing script. This opens an editor with the script file in it. When you have made the changes, quit the editor to return to the SQL*Plus command line.

Note: The “/” is a delimiter that signifies the end of the statement. When encountered in a file, SQL*Plus runs the statement before this delimiter. The delimiter must be the first character of a new line immediately following the statement.

SERVEROUTPUT Command

- Use the `SET SERVEROUT[PUT]` command to control whether to display the output of stored procedures or PL/SQL blocks in SQL*Plus.
- The `DBMS_OUTPUT` line length limit is increased from 255 bytes to 32767 bytes.
- The default size is now unlimited.
- Resources are not preallocated when `SERVEROUTPUT` is set.
- Because there is no performance penalty, use `UNLIMITED` unless you want to conserve physical memory.

```
SET SERVEROUT[PUT] {ON | OFF} [SIZE {n | UNL[IMITED]}]  
[FOR[MAT] {WRA[PPED] | WOR[D_WRAPPED] | TRU[NCATED]}]
```

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SERVEROUTPUT Command

Most of the PL/SQL programs perform input and output through SQL statements, to store data in database tables or query those tables. All other PL/SQL I/O is done through APIs that interact with other programs. For example, the `DBMS_OUTPUT` package has procedures such as `PUT_LINE`. To see the result outside of PL/SQL requires another program, such as SQL*Plus, to read and display the data passed to `DBMS_OUTPUT`.

SQL*Plus does not display `DBMS_OUTPUT` data unless you first issue the SQL*Plus command `SET SERVEROUTPUT ON` as follows:

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
```

Note

- `SIZE` sets the number of bytes of the output that can be buffered within the Oracle Database server. The default is `UNLIMITED`. `n` cannot be less than 2000 or greater than 1,000,000.
- For additional information about `SERVEROUTPUT`, see the *SQL*Plus User's Guide and Reference*.

Using the SQL*Plus SPOOL Command

```
SPO[OL] [file_name[.ext] [CRE[ATE] | REP[LACE] |  
APP[END]] | OFF | OUT]
```

Option	Description
file_name[.ext]	Spools output to the specified file name
CRE[ATE]	Creates a new file with the name specified
REP[LACE]	Replaces the contents of an existing file. If the file does not exist, REPLACE creates the file.
APP[END]	Adds the contents of the buffer to the end of the file you specify
OFF	Stops spooling
OUT	Stops spooling and sends the file to your computer's standard (default) printer

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Using the SQL*Plus SPOOL Command

The SPOOL command stores query results in a file, or optionally sends the file to a printer. The SPOOL command has been enhanced. You can now append to, or replace an existing file, where previously you could only use SPOOL to create (and replace) a file. REPLACE is the default.

To spool output generated by commands in a script without displaying the output on the screen, use SET TERMOUT OFF. SET TERMOUT OFF does not affect output from commands that run interactively.

You must use quotation marks around file names containing white space. To create a valid HTML file using SPOOL APPEND commands, you must use PROMPT or a similar command to create the HTML page header and footer. The SPOOL APPEND command does not parse HTML tags. Set SQLPLUSCOMPAT[IBILITY] to 9.2 or earlier to disable the CREATE, APPEND and SAVE parameters.

Using the AUTOTRACE Command

- The AUTOTRACE command displays a report after the successful execution of SQL DML statements such as SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE.
- The report can now include execution statistics and the query execution path.

```
SET AUTOT[RACE] {ON | OFF | TRACE[ONLY]} [EXP[LAIN]]  
[STAT[ISTICS]]
```

```
SET AUTOTRACE ON  
-- The AUTOTRACE report includes both the optimizer  
-- execution path and the SQL statement execution  
-- statistics.
```

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Using the AUTOTRACE Command

EXPLAIN shows the query execution path by performing an EXPLAIN PLAN. STATISTICS displays SQL statement statistics. The formatting of your AUTOTRACE report may vary depending on the version of the server to which you are connected and the configuration of the server. The DBMS_XPLAN package provides an easy way to display the output of the EXPLAIN PLAN command in several, predefined formats.

Note

- For additional information about the package and subprograms, see the *Oracle Database PL/SQL Packages and Types Reference 11g* guide.
- For additional information about the EXPLAIN PLAN, see *Oracle Database SQL Reference 11g*.
- For additional information about Execution Plans and the statistics, see the *Oracle Database Performance Tuning Guide 11g*.

Summary

In this appendix, you should have learned how to use SQL*Plus as an environment to do the following:

- Execute SQL statements
- Edit SQL statements
- Format output
- Interact with script files

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Summary

SQL*Plus is an execution environment that you can use to send SQL commands to the database server and to edit and save SQL commands. You can execute commands from the SQL prompt or from a script file.

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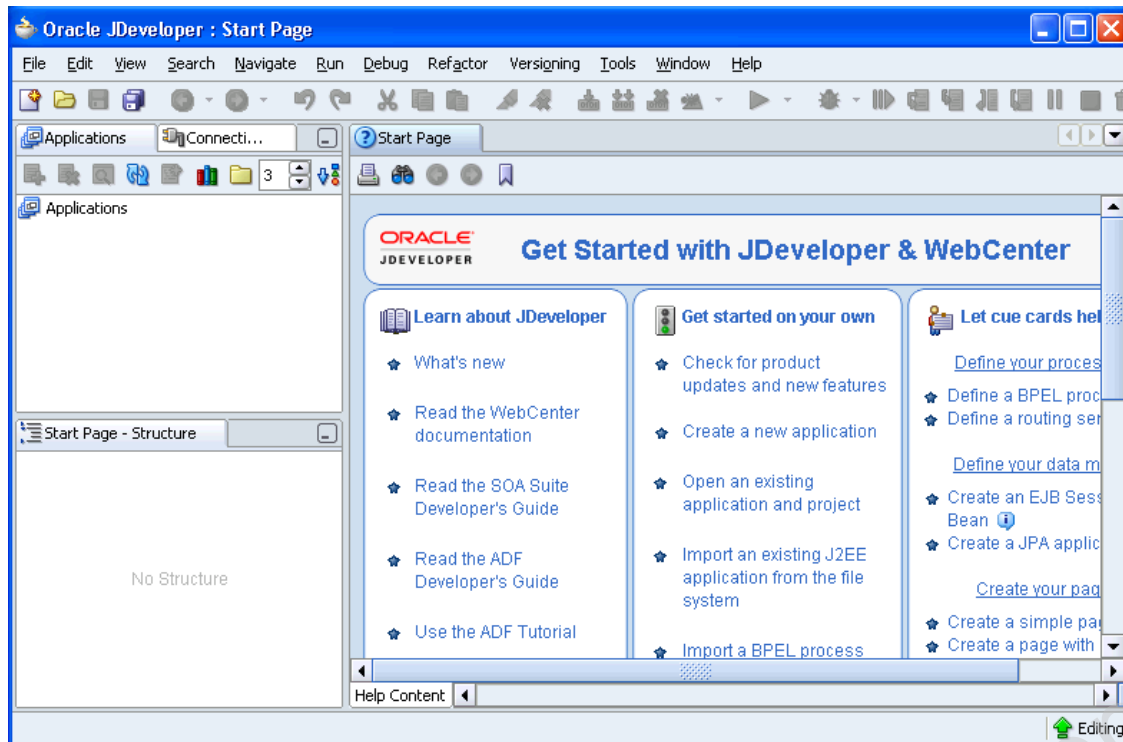
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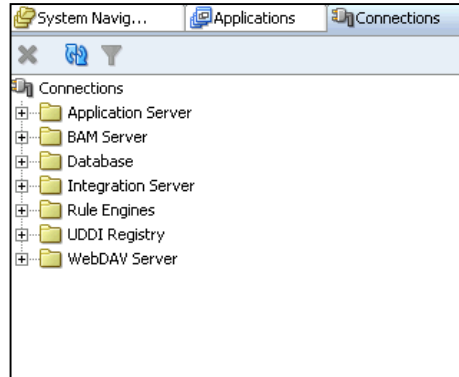
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Oracle JDeveloper

Oracle JDeveloper is an integrated development environment (IDE) for developing and deploying Java applications and Web services. It supports every stage of the software development life cycle (SDLC) from modeling to deploying. It has the features to use the latest industry standards for Java, XML, and SQL while developing an application.

Oracle JDeveloper 11g initiates a new approach to J2EE development with features that enable visual and declarative development. This innovative approach makes J2EE development simple and efficient.

Connection Navigator



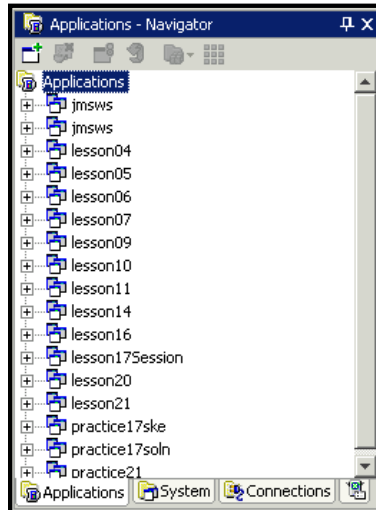
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Connection Navigator

Using Oracle JDeveloper, you can store the information necessary to connect to a database in an object called “connection.” A connection is stored as part of the IDE settings, and can be exported and imported for easy sharing among groups of users. A connection serves several purposes from browsing the database and building applications, all the way through to deployment.

Applications - Navigator



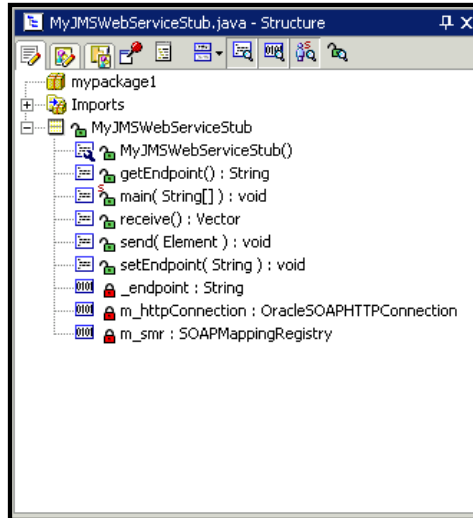
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Applications - Navigator

The Applications - Navigator gives you a logical view of your application and the data it contains. The Applications - Navigator provides an infrastructure that the different extensions can plug into and use to organize their data and menus in a consistent, abstract manner. While the Applications - Navigator can contain individual files (such as Java source files), it is designed to consolidate complex data. Complex data types such as entity objects, UML diagrams, EJB, or Web services appear in this navigator as single nodes. The raw files that make up these abstract nodes appear in the Structure window.

Structure Window



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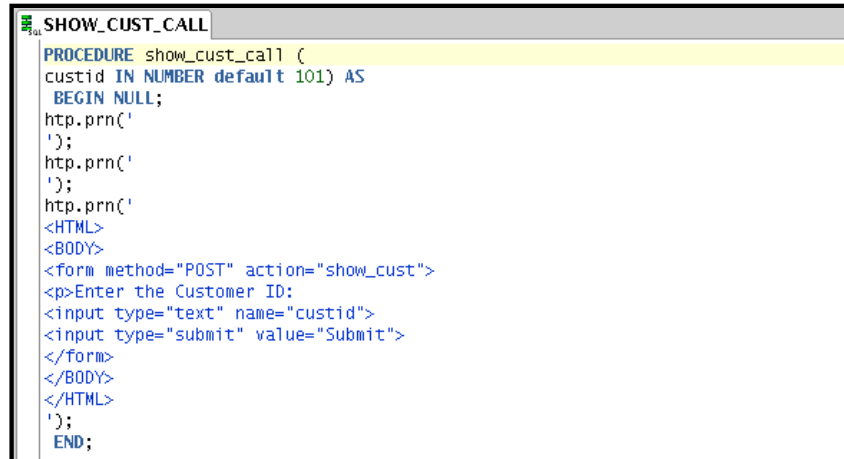
Structure Window

The Structure window offers a structural view of the data in the document currently selected in the active window of those windows that participate in providing structure: the navigators, the editors and viewers, and the Property Inspector.

In the Structure window, you can view the document data in a variety of ways. The structures available for display are based upon document type. For a Java file, you can view code structure, UI structure, or UI model data. For an XML file, you can view XML structure, design structure, or UI model data.

The Structure window is dynamic, tracking always the current selection of the active window (unless you freeze the window's contents on a particular view), as is pertinent to the currently active editor. When the current selection is a node in the navigator, the default editor is assumed. To change the view on the structure for the current selection, select a different structure tab.

Editor Window



```
SHOW_CUST_CALL  
PROCEDURE show_cust_call (  
  custid IN NUMBER default 101) AS  
  BEGIN NULL;  
  http.prn(''  
  ');  
  http.prn(''  
  ');  
  http.prn(''  
  <HTML>  
  <BODY>  
  <form method="POST" action="show_cust">  
  <p>Enter the Customer ID:  
  <input type="text" name="custid">  
  <input type="submit" value="Submit">  
  </form>  
  </BODY>  
  </HTML>  
  ');  
  END;
```

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Editor Window

You can view your project files all in one single editor window, you can open multiple views of the same file, or you can open multiple views of different files.

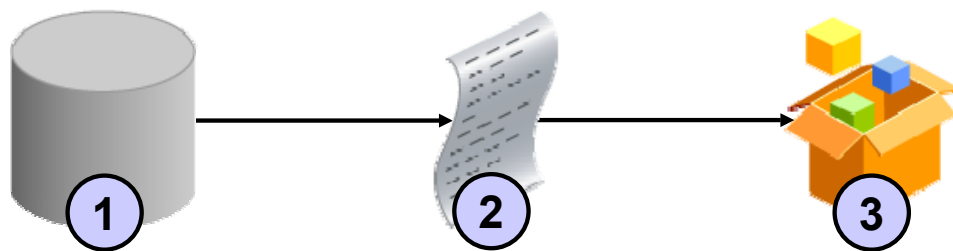
The tabs at the top of the editor window are the document tabs. Selecting a document tab gives that file focus, bringing it to the foreground of the window in the current editor.

The tabs at the bottom of the editor window for a given file are the editor tabs. Selecting an editor tab opens the file in that editor.

Deploying Java Stored Procedures

Before deploying Java stored procedures, perform the following steps:

1. Create a database connection.
2. Create a deployment profile.
3. Deploy the objects.



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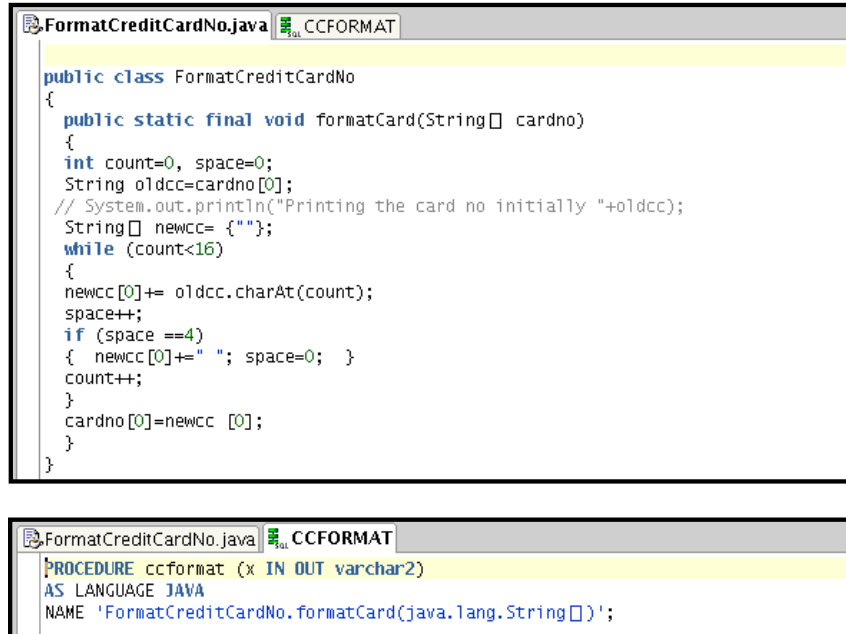
Deploying Java Stored Procedures

Create a deployment profile for Java stored procedures, and then deploy the classes and, optionally, any public static methods in JDeveloper using the settings in the profile.

Deploying to the database uses the information provided in the Deployment Profile Wizard and two Oracle Database utilities:

- `loadjava` loads the Java class containing the stored procedures to an Oracle database.
- `publish` generates the PL/SQL call-specific wrappers for the loaded public static methods. Publishing enables the Java methods to be called as PL/SQL functions or procedures.

Publishing Java to PL/SQL



The first screenshot shows a Java class named `FormatCreditCardNo` with a static method `formatCard` that takes a `String[]` array and formats it by inserting spaces every four characters. The second screenshot shows the equivalent PL/SQL procedure `ccformat` created in the `CCFORMAT` schema, which uses the `FormatCreditCardNo.formatCard` method.

```
public class FormatCreditCardNo
{
    public static final void formatCard(String[] cardno)
    {
        int count=0, space=0;
        String oldcc=cardno[0];
        // System.out.println("Printing the card no initially "+oldcc);
        String[] newcc= {" "};
        while (count<16)
        {
            newcc[0]+= oldcc.charAt(count);
            space++;
            if (space ==4)
            { newcc[0]+= " "; space=0; }
            count++;
        }
        cardno[0]=newcc [0];
    }
}
```

```
PROCEDURE ccformat (x IN OUT varchar2)
AS LANGUAGE JAVA
NAME 'FormatCreditCardNo.formatCard(java.lang.String[])';
```

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Publishing Java to PL/SQL

The slide shows the Java code and illustrates how to publish the Java code in a PL/SQL procedure.

Creating Program Units



```
TEST_JDEV  
FUNCTION "TEST_JDEV" RETURN VARCHAR2  
AS  
BEGIN  
    RETURN(' ');  
END;
```

Skeleton of the function

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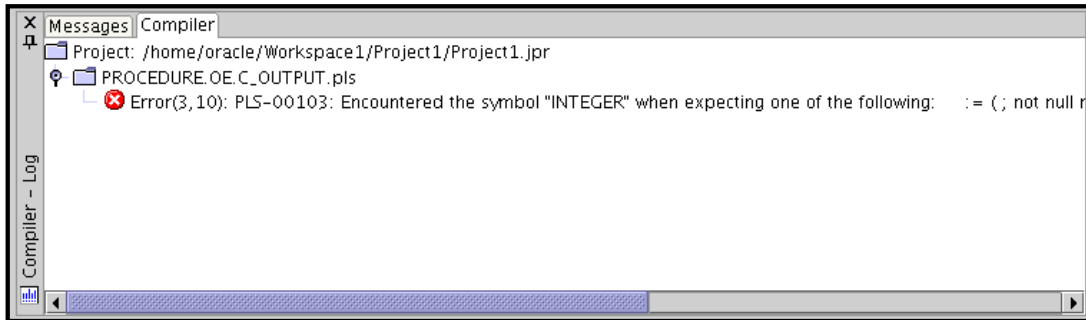
Creating Program Units

To create a PL/SQL program unit:

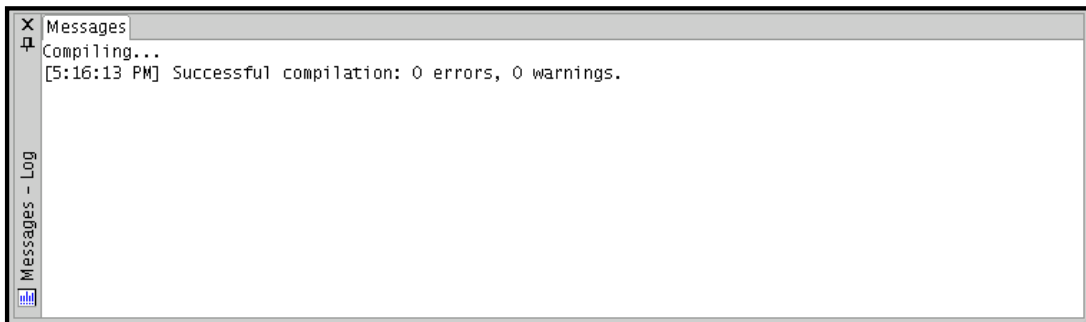
1. Select View > Connection Navigator.
2. Expand Database and select a database connection.
3. In the connection, expand a schema.
4. Right-click a folder corresponding to the object type (Procedures, Packages, Functions).
5. Choose “New PL/SQL object_type.” The Create PL/SQL dialog box appears for the function, package, or procedure.
6. Enter a valid name for the function, package, or procedure and click OK.

A skeleton definition is created and opened in the Code Editor. You can then edit the subprogram to suit your need.

Compiling



Compilation with errors



Compilation without errors

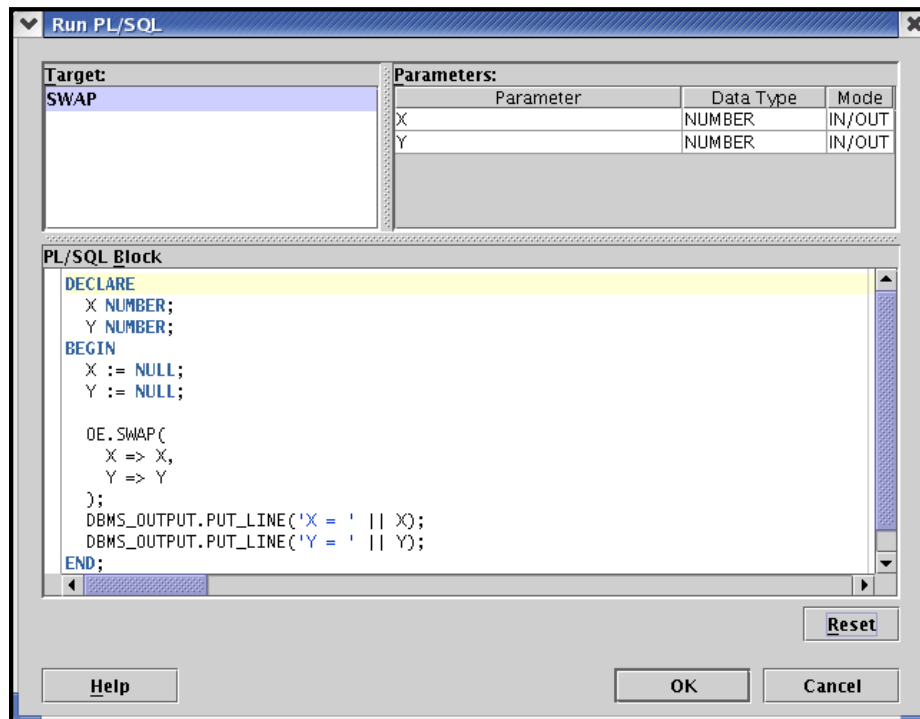
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Compiling

After editing the skeleton definition, you need to compile the program unit. Right-click the PL/SQL object that you need to compile in the Connection Navigator and then select Compile. Alternatively, you can also press [CTRL] + [SHIFT] + [F9] to compile.

Running a Program Unit



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Running a Program Unit

To execute the program unit, right-click the object and click Run. The Run PL/SQL dialog box appears. You may need to change the NULL values with reasonable values that are passed into the program unit. After you change the values, click OK. The output is displayed in the Message-Log window.

Dropping a Program Unit



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Dropping a Program Unit

To drop a program unit, right-click the object and select Drop. The Drop Confirmation dialog box appears; click Yes. The object is dropped from the database.

Debugging PL/SQL Programs

JDeveloper support two types of debugging:

- Local
- Remote

You need the following privileges to perform PL/SQL debugging:

- `DEBUG ANY PROCEDURE`
- `DEBUG CONNECT SESSION`

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Debugging PL/SQL Programs

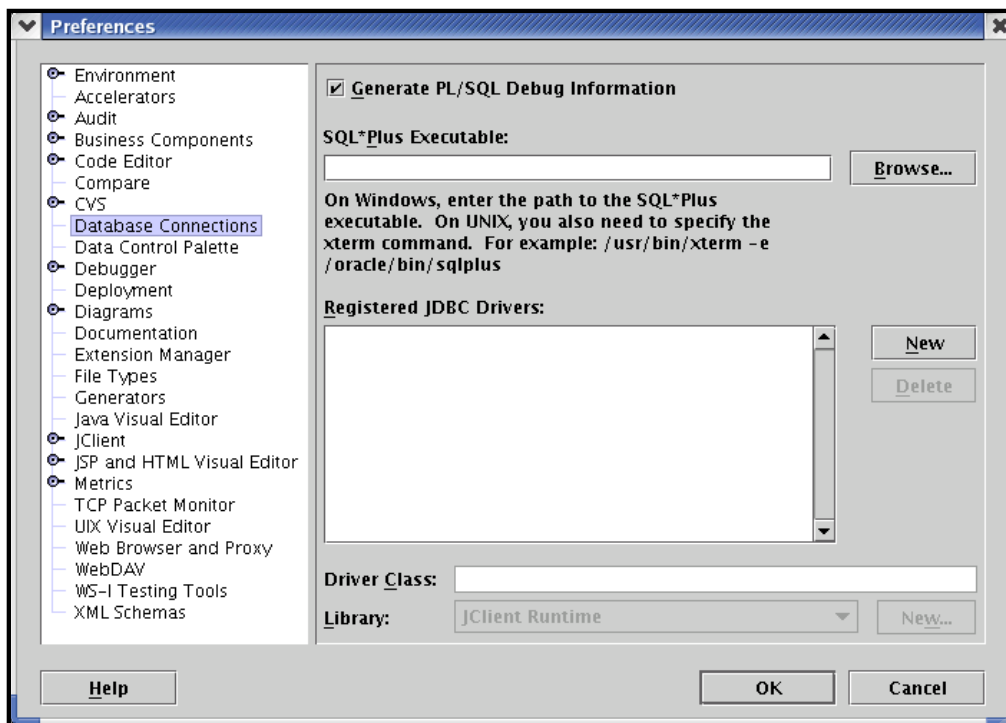
JDeveloper offers both local and remote debugging. A local debugging session is started by setting breakpoints in source files, and then starting the debugger. Remote debugging requires two JDeveloper processes: a debugger and a debuggee, which may reside on a different platform.

To debug a PL/SQL program, it must be compiled in `INTERPRETED` mode. You cannot debug a PL/SQL program that is compiled in `NATIVE` mode. This mode is set in the database's `init.ora` file.

PL/SQL programs must be compiled with the `DEBUG` option enabled. This option can be enabled using various ways. Using `SQL*Plus`, execute `ALTER SESSION SET PLSQL_DEBUG = true` to enable the `DEBUG` option. Then you can create or recompile the PL/SQL program you want to debug. Another way of enabling the `DEBUG` option is by using the following command in `SQL*Plus`:

```
ALTER <procedure, function, package> <name> COMPILE DEBUG;
```

Debugging PL/SQL Programs



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Debugging PL/SQL Programs (continued)

Before you start with debugging, make sure that the Generate PL/SQL Debug Information check box is selected. You can access the dialog box by using Tools > Preferences > Database Connections.

Instead of manually testing PL/SQL functions and procedures as you may be accustomed to doing from within SQL*Plus or by running a dummy procedure in the database, JDeveloper enables you to test these objects in an automatic way. With this release of JDeveloper, you can run and debug PL/SQL program units. For example, you can specify parameters being passed or return values from a function giving you more control over what is run and providing you output details about what was tested.

Note: The procedures or functions in the Oracle database can be either stand-alone or within a package.

Debugging PL/SQL Programs (continued)

To run or debug functions, procedures, and packages:

1. Create a database connection using the Database Wizard.
2. In the Navigator, expand the Database node to display the specific database username and schema name.
3. Expand the Schema node.
4. Expand the appropriate node depending on what you are debugging: procedure, function, or package body.
5. (Optional for debugging only) Select the function, procedure, or package that you want to debug and double-click to open it in the Code Editor.
6. (Optional for debugging only) Set a breakpoint in your PL/SQL code by clicking to the left of the margin.

Note: The breakpoint must be set on an executable line of code. If the debugger does not stop, the breakpoint may have not been set on an executable line of code (verify that the breakpoint was set correctly). Also, verify that the debugging PL/SQL prerequisites were met. In particular, make sure that the PL/SQL program is compiled in the INTERPRETED mode.

7. Make sure that either the Code Editor or the procedure in the Navigator is currently selected.
8. Click the Debug toolbar button, or, if you want to run without debugging, click the Run toolbar button.
9. The Run PL/SQL dialog box is displayed.
 - Select a target that is the name of the procedure or function that you want to debug. Note that the content in the Parameters and PL/SQL Block boxes change dynamically when the target changes.

Note: You will have a choice of target only if you choose to run or debug a package that contains more than one program unit.

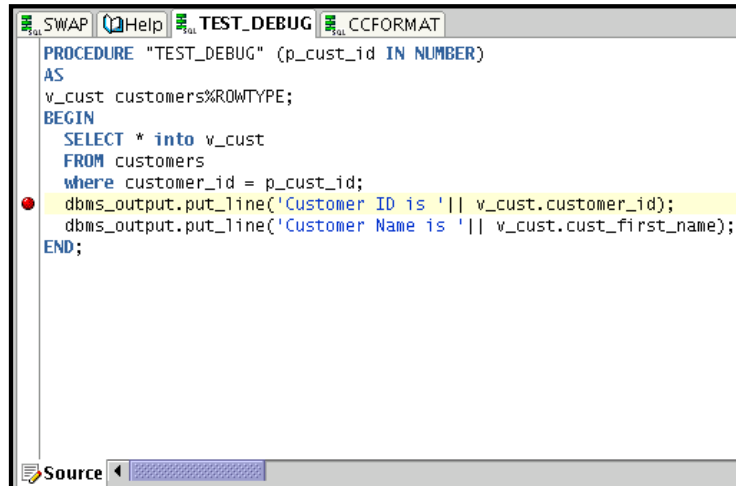
The Parameters box lists the target's arguments (if applicable).

The PL/SQL Block box displays code that was custom generated by JDeveloper for the selected target. Depending on what the function or procedure does, you may need to replace the NULL values with reasonable values so that these are passed into the procedure, function, or package. In some cases, you may need to write additional code to initialize values to be passed as arguments. In this case, you can edit the PL/SQL block text as necessary.

10. Click OK to execute or debug the target.
11. Analyze the output information displayed in the Log window.

In the case of functions, the return value is displayed. DBMS_OUTPUT messages is also displayed.

Setting Breakpoints



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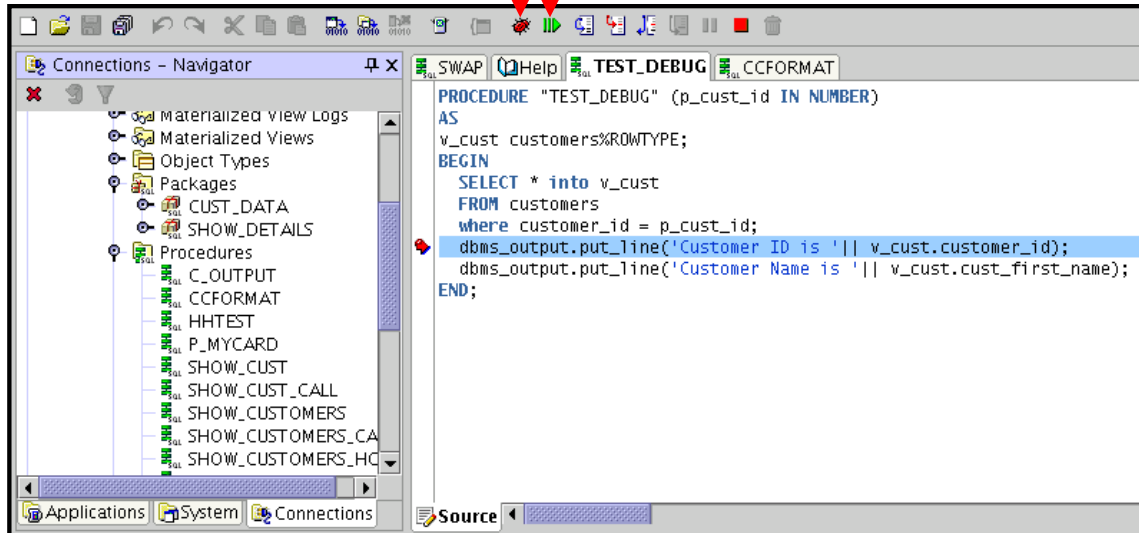
Setting Breakpoints

Using breakpoints, you can examine the values of the variables in your program. It is a trigger in a program that, when reached, pauses program execution allowing you to examine the values of some or all of the program variables. By setting breakpoints in potential problem areas of your source code, you can run your program until its execution reaches a location you want to debug. When your program execution encounters a breakpoint, the program pauses, and the debugger displays the line containing the breakpoint in the Code Editor. You can then use the debugger to view the state of your program. Breakpoints are flexible in that they can be set before you begin a program execution or at any time while you are debugging.

To set a breakpoint in the Code Editor, click the left margin next to a line of executable code. Breakpoints set on comment lines, blank lines, declaration, and any other non-executable lines of code are not verified by the debugger and are treated as invalid.

Stepping Through Code

Debug  Resume 



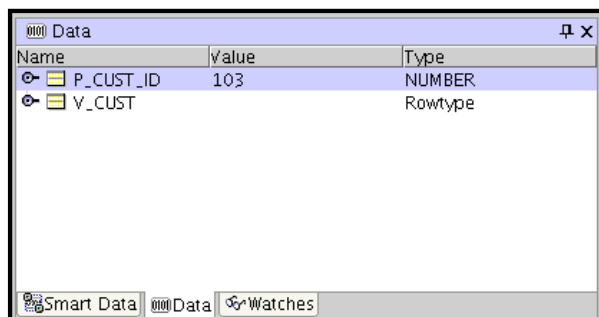
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Stepping Through Code

After setting the breakpoint, start the debugger by clicking the Debug icon. The debugger pauses the program execution at the point where the breakpoint is set. At this point, you can check the values of the variables. You can continue with the program execution by clicking the Resume icon. The debugger will then move on to the next breakpoint. After executing all the breakpoints, the debugger will stop the execution of the program and display the results in the Debugging – Log area.

Examining and Modifying Variables



Data window

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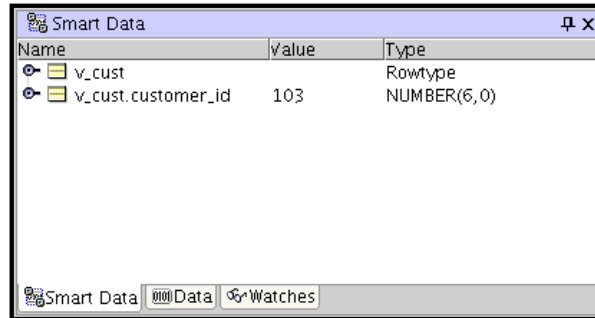
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Examining and Modifying Variables

When the debugging is ON, you can examine and modify the value of the variables using the Data, Smart Data, and Watches windows. You can modify program data values during a debugging session as a way to test hypothetical bug fixes during a program run. If you find that a modification fixes a program error, you can exit the debugging session, fix your program code accordingly, and recompile the program to make the fix permanent.

You use the Data window to display information about variables in your program. The Data window displays the arguments, local variables, and static fields for the current context, which is controlled by the selection in the Stack window. If you move to a new context, the Data window is updated to show the data for the new context. If the current program was compiled without debug information, you will not be able to see the local variables.

Examining and Modifying Variables



Smart Data window

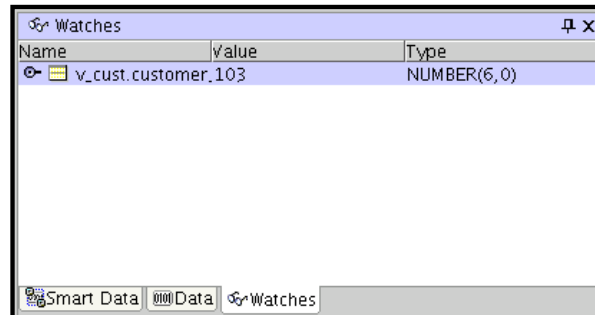
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Examining and Modifying Variables (continued)

Unlike the Data window that displays all the variables in your program, the Smart Data window displays only the data that is relevant to the source code that you are stepping through.

Examining and Modifying Variables



Watches window

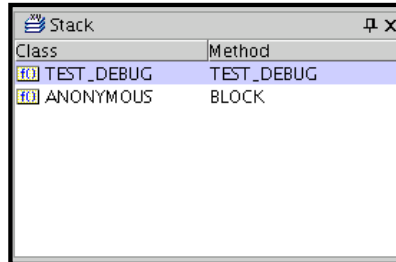
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Examining and Modifying Variables (continued)

Using a watch, you can monitor the changing values of variables or expressions as your program runs. After you enter a watch expression, the Watch window displays the current value of the expression. As your program runs, the value of the watch changes as your program updates the values of the variables in the watch expression.

Examining and Modifying Variables



Stack window

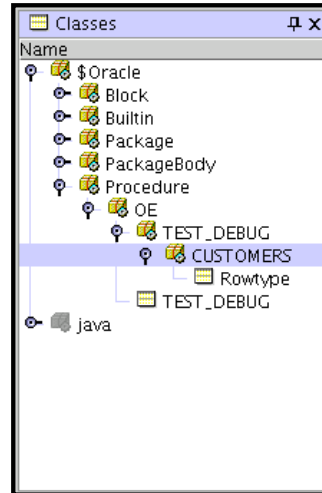
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Examining and Modifying Variables (continued)

You can activate the Stack window by using View > Debugger > Stack. It displays the call stack for the current thread. When you select a line in the Stack window, the Data window, Watch window, and all other windows are updated to show data for the selected class.

Examining and Modifying Variables



Classes window

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Examining and Modifying Variables (continued)

The Classes window displays all the classes that are currently being loaded to execute the program. If used with Oracle Java Virtual Machine (OJVM), it also shows the number of instances of a class and the memory used by those instances.



REF Cursors

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Cursor Variables

- Cursor variables are like C or Pascal pointers, which hold the memory location (address) of an item instead of the item itself.
- In PL/SQL, a pointer is declared as `REF X`, where `REF` is short for `REFERENCE` and `X` stands for a class of objects.
- A cursor variable has the data type `REF CURSOR`.
- A cursor is static, but a cursor variable is dynamic.
- Cursor variables give you more flexibility.

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Cursor Variables

Cursor variables are like C or Pascal pointers, which hold the memory location (address) of some item instead of the item itself. Thus, declaring a cursor variable creates a pointer, not an item. In PL/SQL, a pointer has the data type `REF X`, where `REF` is short for `REFERENCE` and `X` stands for a class of objects. A cursor variable has the `REF CURSOR` data type.

Like a cursor, a cursor variable points to the current row in the result set of a multirow query. However, cursors differ from cursor variables the way constants differ from variables. A cursor is static, but a cursor variable is dynamic because it is not tied to a specific query. You can open a cursor variable for any type-compatible query. This gives you more flexibility.

Cursor variables are available to every PL/SQL client. For example, you can declare a cursor variable in a PL/SQL host environment such as an OCI or Pro*C program, and then pass it as an input host variable (bind variable) to PL/SQL. Moreover, application development tools such as Oracle Forms and Oracle Reports, which have a PL/SQL engine, can use cursor variables entirely on the client side. The Oracle server also has a PL/SQL engine. You can pass cursor variables back and forth between an application and server through remote procedure calls (RPCs).

Using Cursor Variables

- You can use cursor variables to pass query result sets between PL/SQL stored subprograms and various clients.
- PL/SQL can share a pointer to the query work area in which the result set is stored.
- You can pass the value of a cursor variable freely from one scope to another.
- You can reduce network traffic by having a PL/SQL block open (or close) several host cursor variables in a single round-trip.

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Using Cursor Variables

You use cursor variables to pass query result sets between PL/SQL stored subprograms and various clients. Neither PL/SQL nor any of its clients owns a result set; they simply share a pointer to the query work area in which the result set is stored. For example, an OCI client, an Oracle Forms application, and the Oracle server can all refer to the same work area.

A query work area remains accessible as long as any cursor variable points to it. Therefore, you can pass the value of a cursor variable freely from one scope to another. For example, if you pass a host cursor variable to a PL/SQL block that is embedded in a Pro*C program, the work area to which the cursor variable points remains accessible after the block completes.

If you have a PL/SQL engine on the client side, calls from client to server impose no restrictions. For example, you can declare a cursor variable on the client side, open and fetch from it on the server side, then continue to fetch from it back on the client side. Also, you can reduce network traffic by having a PL/SQL block open (or close) several host cursor variables in a single round-trip.

A cursor variable holds a reference to the cursor work area in the PGA instead of addressing it with a static name. Because you address this area by a reference, you gain the flexibility of a variable.

Defining REF CURSOR Types

Define a REF CURSOR type:

```
Define a REF CURSOR type  
TYPE ref_type_name IS REF CURSOR [RETURN return_type];
```

Declare a cursor variable of that type:

```
ref_cv ref_type_name;
```

Example:

```
DECLARE  
TYPE DeptCurTyp IS REF CURSOR RETURN  
departments%ROWTYPE;  
dept_cv DeptCurTyp;
```

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Defining REF CURSOR Types

To define a REF CURSOR, you perform two steps. First, you define a REF CURSOR type, and then you declare cursor variables of that type. You can define REF CURSOR types in any PL/SQL block, subprogram, or package using the following syntax:

```
TYPE ref_type_name IS REF CURSOR [RETURN return_type];
```

where:

ref_type_name Is a type specifier used in subsequent declarations of cursor variables

return_type Represents a record or a row in a database table

In this example, you specify a return type that represents a row in the database table DEPARTMENT.

REF CURSOR types can be strong (restrictive) or weak (nonrestrictive). As the next example shows, a strong REF CURSOR type definition specifies a return type, but a weak definition does not:

```
DECLARE  
    TYPE EmpCurTyp IS REF CURSOR RETURN employees%ROWTYPE;    --  
strong  
    TYPE GenericCurTyp IS REF CURSOR;    -- weak
```


Defining REF CURSOR Types (continued)

Strong REF CURSOR types are less error prone because the PL/SQL compiler lets you associate a strongly typed cursor variable only with type-compatible queries. However, weak REF CURSOR types are more flexible because the compiler lets you associate a weakly typed cursor variable with any query.

Declaring Cursor Variables

After you define a REF CURSOR type, you can declare cursor variables of that type in any PL/SQL block or subprogram. In the following example, you declare the cursor variable DEPT_CV:

```
DECLARE

    TYPE DeptCurTyp IS REF CURSOR RETURN departments%ROWTYPE;
    dept_cv DeptCurTyp; -- declare cursor variable
```

Note: You cannot declare cursor variables in a package. Unlike packaged variables, cursor variables do not have persistent states. Remember, declaring a cursor variable creates a pointer, not an item. Cursor variables cannot be saved in the database; they follow the usual scoping and instantiation rules.

In the RETURN clause of a REF CURSOR type definition, you can use %ROWTYPE to specify a record type that represents a row returned by a strongly (not weakly) typed cursor variable, as follows:

```
DECLARE

    TYPE TmpCurTyp IS REF CURSOR RETURN employees%ROWTYPE;
    tmp_cv TmpCurTyp; -- declare cursor variable
    TYPE EmpCurTyp IS REF CURSOR RETURN tmp_cv%ROWTYPE;
    emp_cv EmpCurTyp; -- declare cursor variable
```

Likewise, you can use %TYPE to provide the data type of a record variable, as the following example shows:

```
DECLARE

    dept_rec departments%ROWTYPE; -- declare record variable
    TYPE DeptCurTyp IS REF CURSOR RETURN dept_rec%TYPE;
    dept_cv DeptCurTyp; -- declare cursor variable
```

In the final example, you specify a user-defined RECORD type in the RETURN clause:

```
DECLARE

    TYPE EmpRecTyp IS RECORD (
        empno NUMBER(4),
        ename VARCHAR2(10),
        sal    NUMBER(7,2));
    TYPE EmpCurTyp IS REF CURSOR RETURN EmpRecTyp;
    emp_cv EmpCurTyp; -- declare cursor variable
```

Cursor Variables As Parameters

You can declare cursor variables as the formal parameters of functions and procedures. In the following example, you define the REF CURSOR type EmpCurTyp, and then declare a cursor variable of that type as the formal parameter of a procedure:

```
DECLARE  
    TYPE EmpCurTyp IS REF CURSOR RETURN emp%ROWTYPE;  
    PROCEDURE open_emp_cv (emp_cv IN OUT EmpCurTyp) IS ...
```

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Using the OPEN-FOR, FETCH, and CLOSE Statements

- The OPEN-FOR statement associates a cursor variable with a multirow query, executes the query, identifies the result set, and positions the cursor to point to the first row of the result set.
- The FETCH statement returns a row from the result set of a multirow query, assigns the values of select-list items to corresponding variables or fields in the INTO clause, increments the count kept by %ROWCOUNT, and advances the cursor to the next row.
- The CLOSE statement disables a cursor variable.

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Using the OPEN-FOR, FETCH, and CLOSE Statements

You use three statements to process a dynamic multirow query: OPEN-FOR, FETCH, and CLOSE. First, you “open” a cursor variable “for” a multirow query. Then you “fetch” rows from the result set one at a time. When all the rows are processed, you “close” the cursor variable.

Opening the Cursor Variable

The OPEN-FOR statement associates a cursor variable with a multirow query, executes the query, identifies the result set, positions the cursor to point to the first row of the results set, then sets the rows-processed count kept by %ROWCOUNT to zero. Unlike the static form of OPEN-FOR, the dynamic form has an optional USING clause. At run time, bind arguments in the USING clause replace corresponding placeholders in the dynamic SELECT statement. The syntax is:

```
OPEN {cursor_variable | :host_cursor_variable} FOR
dynamic_string
    [USING bind_argument [, bind_argument]...];
```

where CURSOR_VARIABLE is a weakly typed cursor variable (one without a return type), HOST_CURSOR_VARIABLE is a cursor variable declared in a PL/SQL host environment such as an OCI program, and dynamic_string is a string expression that represents a multirow query.

Using the OPEN-FOR, FETCH, and CLOSE Statements (continued)

In the following example, the syntax declares a cursor variable and then associates it with a dynamic SELECT statement that returns rows from the employees table:

```
DECLARE
  TYPE EmpCurTyp IS REF CURSOR;  -- define weak REF CURSOR
  type
    emp_cv      EmpCurTyp;  -- declare cursor variable
    my_ename    VARCHAR2(15);
    my_sal      NUMBER := 1000;
BEGIN
  OPEN emp_cv FOR  -- open cursor variable
    'SELECT last_name, salary FROM employees WHERE salary >
      :s'
    USING my_sal;
  ...
END;
```

Any bind arguments in the query are evaluated only when the cursor variable is opened. Thus, to fetch rows from the cursor using different bind values, you must reopen the cursor variable with the bind arguments set to their new values.

Fetching from the Cursor Variable

The FETCH statement returns a row from the result set of a multirow query, assigns the values of select-list items to corresponding variables or fields in the INTO clause, increments the count kept by %ROWCOUNT, and advances the cursor to the next row. Use the following syntax:

```
FETCH {cursor_variable | :host_cursor_variable}
      INTO {define_variable[, define_variable]... | record};
```

Continuing the example, fetch rows from cursor variable EMP_CV into define variables MY_ENAME and MY_SAL:

```
LOOP
  FETCH emp_cv INTO my_ename, my_sal;  -- fetch next row
  EXIT WHEN emp_cv%NOTFOUND;  -- exit loop when last row is
    fetched
  -- process row
END LOOP;
```

For each column value returned by the query associated with the cursor variable, there must be a corresponding, type-compatible variable or field in the INTO clause. You can use a different INTO clause on separate fetches with the same cursor variable. Each fetch retrieves another row from the same result set. If you try to fetch from a closed or never-opened cursor variable, PL/SQL raises the predefined exception INVALID_CURSOR.

Using the OPEN-FOR, FETCH, and CLOSE Statements (continued)

Closing the Cursor Variable

The CLOSE statement disables a cursor variable. After that, the associated result set is undefined. Use the following syntax:

```
CLOSE {cursor_variable | :host_cursor_variable};
```

In this example, when the last row is processed, close the EMP_CV cursor variable:

```
LOOP
    FETCH emp_cv INTO my_ename, my_sal;
    EXIT WHEN emp_cv%NOTFOUND;
    -- process row
END LOOP;
CLOSE emp_cv; -- close cursor variable
```

If you try to close an already-closed or never-opened cursor variable, PL/SQL raises INVALID_CURSOR.

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Example of Fetching

```
DECLARE
    TYPE EmpCurTyp IS REF CURSOR;
    emp_cv    EmpCurTyp;
    emp_rec   employees%ROWTYPE;
    sql_stmt  VARCHAR2(200);
    my_job    VARCHAR2(10) := 'ST_CLERK';
BEGIN
    sql_stmt := 'SELECT * FROM employees
                WHERE job_id = :j';
    OPEN emp_cv FOR sql_stmt USING my_job;
    LOOP
        FETCH emp_cv INTO emp_rec;
        EXIT WHEN emp_cv%NOTFOUND;
        -- process record
    END LOOP;
    CLOSE emp_cv;
END;
/
```

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Example of Fetching

The example in the slide shows that you can fetch rows from the result set of a dynamic multirow query into a record. You first must define a REF CURSOR type, EmpCurTyp. You then define a cursor variable emp_cv, of the type EmpCurTyp. In the executable section of the PL/SQL block, the OPEN-FOR statement associates the cursor variable EMP_CV with the multirow query, sql_stmt. The FETCH statement returns a row from the result set of a multirow query and assigns the values of select-list items to EMP_REC in the INTO clause. When the last row is processed, close the EMP_CV cursor variable.

Additional Practices

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Additional Practices: Overview

These additional practices are provided as a supplement to the course *Oracle Database 11g: PL/SQL Fundamentals*. In these practices, you apply the concepts that you learned in the course.

These additional practices provide supplemental practice in declaring variables, writing executable statements, interacting with the Oracle server, writing control structures, and working with composite data types, cursors, and handle exceptions. The tables used in this portion of the additional practices include `employees`, `jobs`, `job_history`, and `departments`.

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Additional Practices 1 and 2

Note: These exercises can be used for extra practice for declaring variables and writing executable statements.

1. Evaluate each of the following declarations. Determine which of them are not legal and explain why.

a. DECLARE

```
name,dept    VARCHAR2 (14) ;
```

b. DECLARE

```
test         NUMBER (5) ;
```

c. DECLARE

```
MAXSALARY    NUMBER (7,2) = 5000 ;
```

d. DECLARE

```
JOINDATE     BOOLEAN := SYSDATE;
```

2. In each of the following assignments, determine the data type of the resulting expression.

a. email := firstname || to_char(empno);

b. confirm := to_date('20-JAN-1999', 'DD-MON-YYYY');

c. sal := (1000*12) + 500

d. test := FALSE;

e. temp := temp1 < (temp2/ 3);

f. var := sysdate;

Additional Practice 3

3. DECLARE

```
v_custid    NUMBER(4) := 1600;  
v_custname  VARCHAR2(300) := 'Women Sports Club';  
v_new_custid NUMBER(3) := 500;
```

BEGIN

DECLARE

```
v_custid    NUMBER(4) := 0;  
v_custname  VARCHAR2(300) := 'Shape up Sports Club';  
v_new_custid NUMBER(3) := 300;  
v_new_custname VARCHAR2(300) := 'Jansports Club';
```

BEGIN

```
v_custid := v_new_custid;  
v_custname := v_custname || ' ' || v_new_custname;
```

1

END;

2

```
v_custid := (v_custid *12) / 10;
```

END;

/

Evaluate the PL/SQL block given above and determine the data type and value of each of the following variables according to the rules of scoping:

- The value of `v_custid` at position 1 is:
- The value of `v_custname` at position 1 is:
- The value of `v_new_custid` at position 2 is:
- The value of `v_new_custname` at position 1 is:
- The value of `v_custid` at position 2 is:
- The value of `v_custname` at position 2 is:

Additional Practices 4 and 5

Note: These exercises can be used for extra practice when discussing how to interact with the Oracle server and write control structures

- Write a PL/SQL block to accept a year and check whether it is a leap year. For example, if the year entered is 1990, the output should be "1990 is not a leap year."

Hint: The year should be exactly divisible by 4 but not divisible by 100, or it should be divisible by 400.

Additional Practices 4 and 5

Test your solution with the following years:

1990	Not a leap year
2000	Leap year
1996	Leap year
1886	Not a leap year
1992	Leap year
1824	Leap year

```
anonymous block completed
1990 is not a leap year|
```

5. a. For the exercises below, you must create a temporary table to store the results. You can either create the table yourself or run the `lab_ap_05.sql` script that will create the table for you. Create a table named `TEMP` with the following three columns:

Column Name	NUM_STORE	CHAR_STORE	DATE_STORE
Key Type			
Nulls/Unique			
FK Table			
FK Column			
Data Type	Number	VARCHAR2	Date
Length	7, 2	35	

- b. Write a PL/SQL block that contains two variables, `V_MESSAGE` and `V_DATE_WRITTEN`. Declare `V_MESSAGE` as `VARCHAR2` data type with a length of 35 and `V_DATE_WRITTEN` as `DATE` data type. Assign the following values to the variables:

Variable	Contents
<code>V_MESSAGE</code>	This is my first PL/SQL program
<code>V_DATE_WRITTEN</code>	Current date

Store the values in appropriate columns of the `TEMP` table. Verify your results by querying the `TEMP` table.

NUM_STORE	CHAR_STORE	DATE_STORE
(null)	This is my first PLSQL Program	27-JUN-07

Additional Practices 6 and 7

6.
 - a. Store a department number in a substitution variable.
 - b. Write a PL/SQL block to print the number of people working in that department.

```
anonymous block completed
6 employee(s) work for department number 30
```

7. Write a PL/SQL block to declare a variable called `sal` to store the salary of an employee. In the executable part of the program, do the following:
 - a. Store an employee name in a substitution variable.
 - b. Store his or her salary in the `v_sal` variable.
 - c. If the salary is less than 3,000, give the employee a raise of 500 and display the message “<Employee Name>’s salary updated” in the window.
 - d. If the salary is more than 3,000, print the employee’s salary in the format, “<Employee Name> earns”
 - e. Test the PL/SQL block for the following last names:

LAST_NAME	SALARY
Pataballa	4800
Greenberg	12000
Ernst	6000

Additional Practice 8 and 9

8. Write a PL/SQL block to store the salary of an employee in a substitution variable. In the executable part of the program, do the following:
- Calculate the annual salary as salary * 12.
 - Calculate the bonus as indicated below:

A n n u a l S a l a r y	B o n u s
>= 20,000	2,000
19,999 - 10,000	1,000
<= 9,999	500

Display the amount of the bonus in the window in the following format:

“The bonus is \$.....”

- Test the PL/SQL for the following test cases:

SALARY	BONUS
5000	2000
1000	1000
15000	2000

Note: These exercises can be used for extra practice when discussing how to work with composite data types and cursors and how to handle exceptions.

9. a. Execute the lab_ap_09_a.sql script to create a temporary table called emp. Write a PL/SQL block to store an employee number, the new department number, and the percentage increase in the salary in substitution variables.
- b. Update the department ID of the employee with the new department number, and update the salary with the new salary. Use the emp table for the updates. After the update is complete, display the message “Update complete” in the window. If no matching records are found, display “No Data Found.” Test the PL/SQL block for the following test cases:

EMPLOYEE_ID	NEW_DEPARTMEN T_ID	% INCREASE	MESSAGE
100	20	2	Update Complete
10	30	5	No Data found
126	40	3	Update Complete

Additional Practices 10 and 11

10. Create a PL/SQL block to declare a cursor EMP_CUR to select the employee name, salary, and hire date from the employees table. Process each row from the cursor, and if the salary is greater than 15,000 and the hire date is later than 01-FEB-1988, display the employee name, salary, and hire date in the window in the format shown in the sample output below:

```
anonymous block completed
Kochhar earns 17000 and joined the organization on 21-SEP-89
De Haan earns 17000 and joined the organization on 13-JAN-93
```

11. Create a PL/SQL block to retrieve the last name and department ID of each employee from the EMPLOYEES table for those employees whose EMPLOYEE_ID is less than 114. With the values retrieved from the employees table, populate two PL/SQL tables, one to store the records of the employee last names and the other to store the records of their department IDs. Using a loop, retrieve the employee name information and the salary information from the PL/SQL tables and display it in the window, using DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE. Display these details for the first 15 employees in the PL/SQL tables.

```
anonymous block completed
Employee Name: King Department_id: 90
Employee Name: Kochhar Department_id: 90
Employee Name: De Haan Department_id: 90
Employee Name: Hunold Department_id: 60
Employee Name: Ernst Department_id: 60
Employee Name: Austin Department_id: 60
Employee Name: Pataballa Department_id: 60
Employee Name: Lorentz Department_id: 60
Employee Name: Greenberg Department_id: 100
Employee Name: Faviet Department_id: 100
Employee Name: Chen Department_id: 100
Employee Name: Sciarra Department_id: 100
Employee Name: Urman Department_id: 100
Employee Name: Popp Department_id: 100
Employee Name: Raphaely Department_id: 30
```

Additional Practices 12, 13, and 14

12. a. Create a PL/SQL block that declares a cursor called DATE_CUR. Pass a parameter of the DATE data type to the cursor and print the details of all the employees who have joined after that date.

```
DEFINE B_HIREDATE = 08-MAR-00
```

- b. Test the PL/SQL block for the following hire dates: 08-MAR-00, 25-JUN-97, 28-SEP-98, 07-FEB-99.

```
anonymous block completed
166 Ande 24-MAR-00
167 Banda 21-APR-00
173 Kumar 21-APR-00
```

13. Execute the lab_ap_09_a.sql script to re-create the emp table. Create a PL/SQL block to promote clerks who earn more than 3,000 to the job title SR CLERK and increase their salaries by 10%. Use the EMP table for this practice. Verify the results by querying the emp table.

Hint: Use a cursor with the FOR UPDATE and CURRENT OF syntaxes.

14. a. For the exercise below, you will require a table to store the results. You can create the analysis table yourself or run the lab_ap_14_a.sql script that creates the table for you. Create a table called analysis with the following three columns:

Column Name	ENAME	YEARS	SAL
Key Type			
Nulls/Unique			
FK Table			
FK Column			
Data Type	VARCHAR2	Number	Number
Length	20	2	8,2

- b. Create a PL/SQL block to populate the analysis table with the information from the employees table. Use a substitution variable to store an employee's last name.

Additional Practices 12, 13, and 14 (continued)

- c. Query the `employees` table to find out whether the number of years that the employee has been with the organization is greater than five; and if the salary is less than 3,500, raise an exception. Handle the exception with an appropriate exception handler that inserts the following values into the `analysis` table: employee last name, number of years of service, and the current salary. Otherwise display `Not due for a raise` in the window. Verify the results by querying the `analysis` table. Use the following test cases to test the PL/SQL block:

LAST_NAME	MESSAGE
Austin	Not due for a raise
Nayer	Due for a raise
Fripp	Not due for a raise
Khoo	Due for a raise

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Additional Practice Solutions

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Additional Practices 1 and 2: Solutions

1. Evaluate each of the following declarations. Determine which of them are *not* legal and explain why.

a. DECLARE

```
name,dept    VARCHAR2(14);
```

This is illegal because only one identifier per declaration is allowed.

b. DECLARE

```
test         NUMBER(5);
```

This is legal.

c. DECLARE

```
MAXSALARY    NUMBER(7,2) = 5000;
```

This is illegal because the assignment operator is wrong. It should be : =.

d. DECLARE

```
JOINDATE     BOOLEAN := SYSDATE;
```

This is illegal because there is a mismatch in the data types. A Boolean data type cannot be assigned a date value. The data type should be date.

2. In each of the following assignments, determine the data type of the resulting expression.

a. email := firstname || to_char(empno);

Character string

b. confirm := to_date('20-JAN-1999', 'DD-MON-YYYY');

Date

c. sal := (1000*12) + 500

Number

d. test := FALSE;

Boolean

e. temp := temp1 < (temp2/ 3);

Boolean

f. var := sysdate;

Date

Additional Practice 3: Solutions

3. DECLARE

```
    v_custid    NUMBER(4) := 1600;
    v_custname  VARCHAR2(300) := 'Women Sports
Club';
    v_new_custid    NUMBER(3) := 500;
BEGIN
DECLARE
    v_custid    NUMBER(4) := 0;
    v_custname  VARCHAR2(300) := 'Shape up Sports Club';
    v_new_custid    NUMBER(3) := 300;
    v_new_custname  VARCHAR2(300) := 'Jansports Club';
BEGIN
    v_custid := v_new_custid;
    v_custname := v_custname || ' ' || v_new_custname;
1 →
END;
    v_custid := (v_custid *12) / 10;
2 →
END;
```

Evaluate the PL/SQL block given above and determine the data type and value of each of the following variables, according to the rules of scoping:

- The value of `v_custid` at position 1 is:
300, and the data type is NUMBER
- The value of `v_custname` at position 1 is:
Shape up Sports Club Jansports Club, and the data type is VARCHAR2
- The value of `v_new_custid` at position 1 is:
500, and the data type is NUMBER (or INTEGER)
- The value of `v_new_custname` at position 1 is:
Jansports Club, and the data type is VARCHAR2
- The value of `v_custid` at position 2 is:
1920, and the data type is NUMBER
- The value of `v_custname` at position 2 is:
Women Sports Club, and the data type is VARCHAR2

Additional Practice 4: Solutions

4. Write a PL/SQL block to accept a year and check whether it is a leap year. For example, if the year entered is 1990, the output should be “1990 is not a leap year.”

Hint: The year should be exactly divisible by 4 but not divisible by 100, or it should be divisible by 400.

Test your solution with the following years:

1990	Not a leap year
2000	Leap year
1996	Leap year
1886	Not a leap year
1992	Leap year
1824	Leap year

DECLARE

`v_YEAR NUMBER(4) := &P_YEAR;`

`v_REMAINDER1 NUMBER(5,2);`

`v_REMAINDER2 NUMBER(5,2);`

`v_REMAINDER3 NUMBER(5,2);`

BEGIN

`v_REMAINDER1 := MOD(v_YEAR,4);`

`v_REMAINDER2 := MOD(v_YEAR,100);`

`v_REMAINDER3 := MOD(v_YEAR,400);`

`IF ((v_REMAINDER1 = 0 AND v_REMAINDER2 <> 0) OR
v_REMAINDER3 = 0) THEN`

`DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(v_YEAR || ' is a leap year');`

`ELSE`

`DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE (v_YEAR || ' is not a leap
year');`

`END IF;`

`END;`

`/`

Additional Practice 5: Solutions

5. a. For the following exercises, you will require a temporary table to store the results. You can either create the table yourself or run the `lab_ap_05.sql` script that will create the table for you. Create a table named `TEMP` with the following three columns:

Column Name	NUM_STORE	CHAR_STORE	DATE_STORE
Key Type			
Nulls/Unique			
FK Table			
FK Column			
Data Type	Number	VARCHAR2	Date
Length	7, 2	35	

```
CREATE TABLE temp
(num_store NUMBER(7,2),
char_store VARCHAR2(35),
date_store DATE);
```

- b. Write a PL/SQL block that contains two variables, `V_MESSAGE` and `V_DATE_WRITTEN`. Declare `V_MESSAGE` as `VARCHAR2` data type with a length of 35 and `V_DATE_WRITTEN` as `DATE` data type. Assign the following values to the variables:

Variable	Contents
<code>V_MESSAGE</code>	This is my first PL/SQL program
<code>V_DATE_WRITTEN</code>	Current date

Store the values in appropriate columns of the `TEMP` table. Verify your results by querying the `TEMP` table.

```
DECLARE
    V_MESSAGE VARCHAR2(35);
    V_DATE_WRITTEN DATE;
BEGIN
    V_MESSAGE := 'This is my first PLSQL Program';
    V_DATE_WRITTEN := SYSDATE;
    INSERT INTO temp (CHAR_STORE, DATE_STORE)
    VALUES (V_MESSAGE, V_DATE_WRITTEN);
END;
/
SELECT * FROM TEMP;
```

Additional Practices 6 and 7 Solutions

6. a. Store a department number in a substitution variable.

```
DEFINE P_DEPTNO = 30
```

- b. Write a PL/SQL block to print the number of people working in that department.

Hint: Enable DBMS_OUTPUT in SQL Developer

```
DECLARE
    V_HOWMANY NUMBER(3);
    V_DEPTNO DEPARTMENTS.department_id%TYPE :=
&P_DEPTNO;
BEGIN
    SELECT COUNT(*) INTO V_HOWMANY FROM employees
        WHERE department_id = V_DEPTNO;
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE (V_HOWMANY || ' employee(s) work
        for department number ' || V_DEPTNO);
END;
/
```

```
anonymous block completed
6 employee(s) work for department number 30
```

7. Write a PL/SQL block to declare a variable called sal to store the salary of an employee. In the executable part of the program, do the following:

- a. Store an employee name in a substitution variable:

```
DEFINE P_LASTNAME = Pataballa
```

- b. Store his or her salary in the sal variable

- c. If the salary is less than 3,000, give the employee a raise of 500 and display the message “<Employee Name>’s salary updated” in the window.

- d. If the salary is more than 3,000, print the employee’s salary in the format, “<Employee Name> earns”

- e. Test the PL/SQL block for the last names.

Note: “Undefine” the variable that stores the employee’s name at the end of the script.

LAST_NAME	SALARY
Pataballa	4800
Greenberg	12000
Ernst	6000

Additional Practices 7 and 8: Solutions

```
DECLARE
    V_SAL NUMBER(7,2);
    V_LASTNAME EMPLOYEES.LAST_NAME%TYPE;
BEGIN
    SELECT salary INTO V_SAL
    FROM employees WHERE last_name = INITCAP('&P_LASTNAME')
        FOR UPDATE of salary;
    V_LASTNAME := INITCAP('&P_LASTNAME');
    IF V_SAL < 3000 THEN
        UPDATE employees SET salary = salary + 500
        WHERE last_name = INITCAP('&P_LASTNAME') ;
        DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE (V_LASTNAME || ''s salary
        updated');
    ELSE
        DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE (V_LASTNAME || ' earns ' ||
        TO_CHAR(V_SAL));
    END IF;
END;
/
```

8. Write a PL/SQL block to store the salary of an employee in a substitution variable. In the executable part of the program, do the following:

- Calculate the annual salary as salary * 12.
- Calculate the bonus as indicated below:

Annual Salary	Bonus
>= 20,000	2,000
19,999–10,000	1,000
<= 9,999	500

- Display the amount of the bonus in the window in the following format:
“The bonus is \$.....”
- Test the PL/SQL for the following test cases:

SALARY	BONUS
5000	2000
1000	1000
15000	2000

Additional Practices 8 and 9: Solutions

```
DEFINE B_SALARY = 5000
DECLARE
  V_SAL  NUMBER(7,2) := &B_SALARY;
  V_BONUS  NUMBER(7,2);
  V_ANN_SALARY NUMBER(15,2);
BEGIN
  V_ANN_SALARY := V_SAL * 12;
  IF V_ANN_SALARY >= 20000 THEN
    V_BONUS := 2000;
  ELSIF V_ANN_SALARY <= 19999 AND V_ANN_SALARY >=10000 THEN
    V_BONUS := 1000;
  ELSE
    V_BONUS := 500;
  END IF;
  DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE ('The Bonus is $ ' ||
    TO_CHAR(V_BONUS));
END;
/
```

9. a. Execute the lab_ap_09_a.sql script to create a temporary table called emp. Write a PL/SQL block to store an employee number, the new department number, and the percentage increase in the salary in SQL*Plus substitution variables.

```
DEFINE B_EMPNO = 100
DEFINE B_NEW_DEPTNO = 10
DEFINE B_PER_INCREASE = 2
```

- b. Update the department ID of the employee with the new department number, and update the salary with the new salary. Use the emp table for the updates. After the update is complete, display the message “Update complete” in the window. If no matching records are found, display the message, “No Data Found.” Test the PL/SQL block for the following test cases.

EMPLOYEE_ID	NEW_DEPARTMENT_ID	% INCREASE	MESSAGE
100	20	2	Update Complete
10	30	5	No Data found
126	40	3	Update Complete

Additional Practices 9 and 10: Solutions

```
DECLARE
  V_EMPNO emp.EMPLOYEE_ID%TYPE := &B_EMPNO;
  V_NEW_DEPTNO emp.DEPARTMENT_ID%TYPE := & B_NEW_DEPTNO;
  V_PER_INCREASE NUMBER(7,2) := & B_PER_INCREASE;
BEGIN
  UPDATE emp
  SET department_id = V_NEW_DEPTNO,
      salary = salary + (salary *
  V_PER_INCREASE/100)
  WHERE employee_id = V_EMPNO;
  IF SQL%ROWCOUNT = 0 THEN
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE ('No Data Found');
  ELSE
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE ('Update Complete');
  END IF;
END;
/
```

10. Create a PL/SQL block to declare a cursor EMP_CUR to select the employee name, salary, and hire date from the employees table. Process each row from the cursor, and if the salary is greater than 15,000 and the hire date is later than 01-FEB-1988, display the employee name, salary, and hire date in the window.

```
DECLARE
  CURSOR C_EMP_CUR IS
    SELECT last_name,salary,hire_date FROM EMPLOYEES;
    V_ENAME VARCHAR2(25);
  V_SAL NUMBER(7,2);
  V_HIREDATE DATE;
BEGIN
  OPEN C_EMP_CUR;
  FETCH C_EMP_CUR INTO V_ENAME,V_SAL,V_HIREDATE;
  WHILE C_EMP_CUR%FOUND
  LOOP
    IF V_SAL > 15000 AND V_HIREDATE >=
      TO_DATE('01-FEB-1988','DD-MON-YYYY') THEN
      DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE (V_ENAME || ' earns '
      || TO_CHAR(V_SAL) || ' and joined the organization
      on '
      || TO_DATE(V_HIREDATE,'DD-Mon-YYYY'));
    END IF;
  END LOOP;
```

```
anonymous block completed
Kochhar earns 17000 and joined the organization on 21-SEP-89
De Haan earns 17000 and joined the organization on 13-JAN-93
```

Additional Practices 10 and 11: Solutions

```
        FETCH C_EMP_CUR INTO V_ENAME,V_SAL,V_HIREDATE;  
    END LOOP;  
    CLOSE C_EMP_CUR;  
END;  
/
```

11. Create a PL/SQL block to retrieve the last name and department ID of each employee from the employees table for those employees whose EMPLOYEE_ID is less than 114. With the values retrieved from the employees table, populate two PL/SQL tables, one to store the records of the employee last names and the other to store the records of their department IDs. Using a loop, retrieve the employee name information and the salary information from the PL/SQL tables and display it in the window, using DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE. Display these details for the first 15 employees in the PL/SQL tables.

DECLARE

```
    TYPE Table_Ename is table of employees.last_name%TYPE  
    INDEX BY BINARY_INTEGER;  
    TYPE Table_dept is table of  
    employees.department_id%TYPE  
    INDEX BY BINARY_INTEGER;  
    Tename Table_Ename;  
    Tdept Table_dept;  
    i BINARY_INTEGER :=0;  
    CURSOR Namedept IS SELECT last_name,department_id from  
    employees WHERE employee_id < 115;  
    TRACK NUMBER := 15;
```

BEGIN

```
    FOR emprec in Namedept  
    LOOP  
        i := i +1;  
        Tename(i) := emprec.last_name;  
        Tdept(i) := emprec.department_id;  
    END LOOP;
```

Additional Practices 11 and 12: Solutions

```
FOR i IN 1..TRACK
  LOOP
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE ('Employee Name: ' ||
      Tename(i) || ' Department_id: ' || Tdept(i));
  END LOOP;
END;
/
```

```
anonymous block completed
Employee Name: King Department_id: 90
Employee Name: Kochhar Department_id: 90
Employee Name: De Haan Department_id: 90
Employee Name: Hunold Department_id: 60
Employee Name: Ernst Department_id: 60
Employee Name: Austin Department_id: 60
Employee Name: Pataballa Department_id: 60
Employee Name: Lorentz Department_id: 60
Employee Name: Greenberg Department_id: 100
Employee Name: Faviet Department_id: 100
Employee Name: Chen Department_id: 100
Employee Name: Sciarra Department_id: 100
Employee Name: Urman Department_id: 100
Employee Name: Popp Department_id: 100
Employee Name: Raphaely Department_id: 30
```

12. a. Create a PL/SQL block that declares a cursor called C_DATE_CUR. Pass a parameter of the DATE data type to the cursor and print the details of all the employees who have joined after that date.

```
DEFINE B_HIREDATE = 08-MAR-00
```

- b. Test the PL/SQL block for the following hire dates: 08-MAR-00, 25-JUN-97, 28-SEP-98, 07-FEB-99.

```
DECLARE
  CURSOR C_DATE_CURSOR(JOIN_DATE DATE) IS
    SELECT employee_id,last_name,hire_date FROM
    employees
    WHERE HIRE_DATE >JOIN_DATE ;
  V_EMPNO    employees.employee_id%TYPE;
  V_ENAME    employees.last_name%TYPE;
  V_HIREDATE employees.hire_date%TYPE;
  V_HDATE    employees.hire_date%TYPE := '&B_HIREDATE';
```

Additional Practice 13: Solutions

12 b. (continued)

```
BEGIN
  OPEN C_DATE_CURSOR(V_HDATE);
  LOOP
    FETCH C_DATE_CURSOR INTO V_EMPNO,V_ENAME,V_HIREDATE;
    EXIT WHEN C_DATE_CURSOR%NOTFOUND;
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE (V_EMPNO || ' ' || V_ENAME || ' '
  ' || V_HIREDATE);
    END LOOP;
  END;
/
```

```
anonymous block completed
166 Ande 24-MAR-00
167 Banda 21-APR-00
173 Kumar 21-APR-00
```

- Execute the lab_ap_09_a.sql script to re-create the emp table. Create a PL/SQL block to promote clerks who earn more than 3,000 to the job title SR CLERK and increase their salaries by 10%. Use the emp table for this practice. Verify the results by querying on the emp table.

Hint: Use a cursor with the FOR UPDATE and CURRENT OF syntaxes.

```
DECLARE
  CURSOR C_Senior_Clerk IS
    SELECT employee_id,job_id FROM emp
    WHERE job_id = 'ST_CLERK' AND salary > 3000
    FOR UPDATE OF job_id;
BEGIN
  FOR Emrec IN C_Senior_Clerk
  LOOP
    UPDATE emp
    SET job_id = 'SR_CLERK',
    salary = 1.1 * salary
    WHERE CURRENT OF C_Senior_Clerk;
  END LOOP;
  COMMIT;
END;
/
SELECT * FROM emp;
```

Additional Practice 14: Solutions

14. a. For the following exercise, you must create a table to store the results. You can create the `analysis` table yourself or run the `lab_ap_14_a.sql` script that creates the table for you. Create a table called `analysis` with the following three columns:

Column Name	ENAME	YEARS	SAL
Key Type			
Nulls/Unique			
FK Table			
FK Column			
Data Type	VARCHAR2	Number	Number
Length	20	2	8,2

```
CREATE TABLE analysis
(ename Varchar2(20),
 years Number(2),
 sal Number(8,2));
```

- b. Create a PL/SQL block to populate the `analysis` table with the information from the `employees` table. Use a substitution variable to store an employee's last name.

```
DEFINE B_ENAME = Austin
```

- c. Query the `employees` table to find out whether the number of years that the employee has been with the organization is greater than five, and if the salary is less than 3,500, raise an exception. Handle the exception with an appropriate exception handler that inserts the following values into the `analysis` table: employee last name, number of years of service, and current salary. Otherwise display Not due for a raise in the window. Verify the results by querying the `analysis` table. Use the following test cases to test the PL/SQL block.

LAST_NAME	MESSAGE
Austin	Not due for a raise
Nayer	Due for a raise
Fripp	Not due for a raise
Khoo	Due for a raise

Additional Practice 14: Solutions (continued)

```
DECLARE
    E_DUE_FOR_RAISE EXCEPTION;
    V_HIREDATE EMPLOYEES.HIRE_DATE%TYPE;
    V_ENAME EMPLOYEES.LAST_NAME%TYPE := INITCAP( '&
B_ENAME' );
    V_SAL EMPLOYEES.SALARY%TYPE;
    V_YEARS NUMBER(2);
BEGIN
    SELECT LAST_NAME,SALARY,HIRE_DATE
    INTO   V_ENAME,V_SAL,V_HIREDATE
    FROM employees WHERE last_name =  V_ENAME;
    V_YEARS := MONTHS_BETWEEN(SYSDATE,V_HIREDATE)/12;
    IF V_SAL < 3500 AND V_YEARS > 5  THEN
        RAISE E_DUE_FOR_RAISE;
    ELSE
        DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE ('Not due for a raise');
    END IF;

EXCEPTION
    WHEN E_DUE_FOR_RAISE THEN
        INSERT INTO ANALYSIS(ENAME,YEARS,SAL)
            VALUES (V_ENAME,V_YEARS,V_SAL);
END;
/
```

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