Database Objects

| Object | Description |
|----------|--|
| Table | Basic unit of storage; composed of rows |
| View | Logically represents subsets of data from one or more tables |
| Sequence | Generates numeric values |
| Index | Improves the performance of some queries |
| Synonym | Gives alternative name to an object |

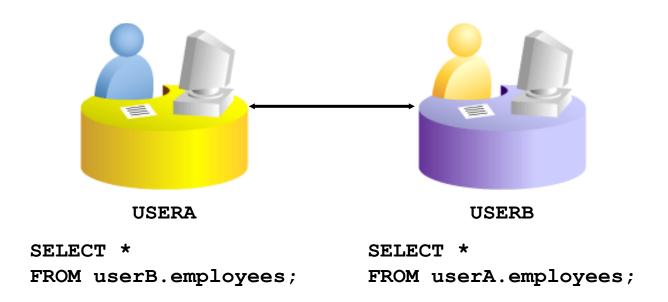
Naming Rules

Table names and column names must:

- Begin with a letter
- Be 1–30 characters long
- Contain only A–Z, a–z, 0–9, _, \$, and #
- Not duplicate the name of another object owned by the same user
- Not be an Oracle server—reserved word

Referencing Another User's Tables

- Tables belonging to other users are not in the user's schema.
- You should use the owner's name as a prefix to those tables.



DEFAULT Option

Specify a default value for a column during an insert.

```
... hire_date DATE DEFAULT SYSDATE, ...
```

- Literal values, expressions, or SQL functions are legal values.
- Another column's name or a pseudocolumn are illegal values.
- The default data type must match the column data type.

```
CREATE TABLE hire_dates

(id NUMBER(8),

hire date DATE DEFAULT SYSDATE);

CREATE TABLE succeeded.
```

Creating Tables

Create the table:

```
CREATE TABLE dept

(deptno NUMBER(2),
dname VARCHAR2(14),
loc VARCHAR2(13),
create_date DATE DEFAULT SYSDATE);

CREATE TABLE succeeded.
```

Confirm table creation:

```
DESCRIBE dept
```

Data Types

| Data Type | Description |
|---------------------|---|
| VARCHAR2(size) | Variable-length character data |
| CHAR(size) | Fixed-length character data |
| NUMBER (p,s) | Variable-length numeric data |
| DATE | Date and time values |
| LONG | Variable-length character data (up to 2 GB) |
| CLOB | Character data (up to 4 GB) |
| RAW and LONG RAW | Raw binary data |
| BLOB | Binary data (up to 4 GB) |
| BFILE | Binary data stored in an external file (up to 4 GB) |
| ROWID | A base-64 number system representing the unique address of a row in its table |

Datetime Data Types

You can use several datetime data types:

| Data Type | Description |
|---------------------------|--|
| TIMESTAMP | Date with fractional seconds |
| INTERVAL YEAR TO MONTH | Stored as an interval of years and months |
| INTERVAL DAY TO SECOND | Stored as an interval of days, hours, minutes, and seconds |



Including Constraints

- Constraints enforce rules at the table level.
- Constraints prevent the deletion of a table if there are dependencies.
- The following constraint types are valid:
 - NOT NULL
 - UNIQUE
 - PRIMARY KEY
 - FOREIGN KEY
 - CHECK



Defining Constraints

Syntax:

```
CREATE TABLE [schema.] table
    (column datatype [DEFAULT expr]
    [column_constraint],
    ...
    [table_constraint][,...]);
```

Column-level constraint syntax:

```
column [CONSTRAINT constraint_name] constraint_type,
```

Table-level constraint syntax:

```
column,...
[CONSTRAINT constraint_name] constraint_type
  (column, ...),
```

Defining Constraints

Example of a column-level constraint:

```
CREATE TABLE employees(

employee_id NUMBER(6)

CONSTRAINT emp_emp_id_pk PRIMARY KEY,

first_name VARCHAR2(20),

...);
```

Example of a table-level constraint:

```
CREATE TABLE employees(
employee_id NUMBER(6),
first_name VARCHAR2(20),
...
job_id VARCHAR2(10) NOT NULL,
CONSTRAINT emp_emp_id_pk
PRIMARY KEY (EMPLOYEE_ID));
```

UNIQUE Constraint

Defined at either the table level or the column level:

FOREIGN KEY Constraint

Defined at either the table level or the column level:

```
CREATE TABLE employees (
   employee id NUMBER(6),
   last name VARCHAR2 (25) NOT NULL,
   email
                 VARCHAR2 (25),
                NUMBER (8,2),
   salary
   commission pct NUMBER(2,2),
   hire date
                   DATE NOT NULL,
   department id NUMBER(4),
   CONSTRAINT emp_dept fk FOREIGN KEY (department id)
     REFERENCES departments (department id),
   CONSTRAINT emp email uk UNIQUE(email));
```

FOREIGN KEY Constraint: Keywords

- FOREIGN KEY: Defines the column in the child table at the table-constraint level
- REFERENCES: Identifies the table and column in the parent table
- ON DELETE CASCADE: Deletes the dependent rows in the child table when a row in the parent table is deleted
- ON DELETE SET NULL: Converts dependent foreign key values to null

CHECK Constraint

- Defines a condition that each row must satisfy
- The following expressions are not allowed:
 - References to CURRVAL, NEXTVAL, LEVEL, and ROWNUM pseudocolumns
 - Calls to SYSDATE, UID, USER, and USERENV functions
 - Queries that refer to other values in other rows

```
..., salary NUMBER(2)

CONSTRAINT emp_salary_min

CHECK (salary > 0),...
```

CREATE TABLE: Example

```
CREATE TABLE employees
   ( employee id NUMBER(6)
       CONSTRAINT
                    emp employee id PRIMARY KEY
   , first name VARCHAR2 (20)
   , last name VARCHAR2(25)
      CONSTRAINT
                    emp last name nn NOT NULL
          VARCHAR2 (25)
   , email
      CONSTRAINT
                    emp email nn NOT NULL
                    emp email uk
      CONSTRAINT
                                    UNIOUE
   , phone number VARCHAR2 (20)
   , hire date
                 DATE
      CONSTRAINT
                    emp hire date nn NOT NULL
   , job id VARCHAR2 (10)
      CONSTRAINT
                    emp job nn
                                   NOT NULL
                  NUMBER (8,2)
   , salary
       CONSTRAINT
                    commission pct NUMBER(2,2)
   , manager id NUMBER(6)
        CONSTRAINT emp manager fk REFERENCES
         employees (employee id)
   , department id NUMBER(4)
       CONSTRAINT emp dept fk REFERENCES
         departments (department id));
```

Violating Constraints

```
UPDATE employees
SET     department id = 55
WHERE department_id = 110;
```

```
Error starting at line 1 in command:

UPDATE employees

SET department_id = 55

WHERE department_id = 110

Error report:

SQL Error: ORA-02291: integrity constraint (ORA1.EMP_DEPT_FK) violated - parent key not found 02291. 00000 - "integrity constraint (%s.%s) violated - parent key not found"

*Cause: A foreign key value has no matching primary key value.
```

Department 55 does not exist.

Violating Constraints

You cannot delete a row that contains a primary key that is used as a foreign key in another table.

```
DELETE FROM departments
WHERE department_id = 60;
```

```
Error starting at line 1 in command:

DELETE FROM departments

WHERE department_id = 60

Error report:

SQL Error: ORA-02292: integrity constraint (ORA1.JHIST_DEPT_FK) violated - child record found 02292. 00000 - "integrity constraint (%s.%s) violated - child record found"

*Cause: attempted to delete a parent key value that had a foreign dependency.

*Action: delete dependencies first then parent or disable constraint.
```

Creating a Table Using a Subquery

DESCRIBE dept80

| Name | Null | Туре |
|--|----------|------------------------------------|
| EMPLOYEE_ID LAST_NAME ANNSAL HIRE_DATE | NOT NULL | NUMBER(6) VARCHAR2(25) NUMBER DATE |

ALTER TABLE Statement

Use the ALTER TABLE statement to:

- Add a new column
- Modify an existing column definition
- Define a default value for the new column
- Drop a column
- Rename a column
- Change table to read-only status

Read-Only Tables

You can use the ALTER TABLE syntax to:

- Put a table into read-only mode, which prevents DDL or DML changes during table maintenance
- Put the table back into read/write mode

```
ALTER TABLE employees READ ONLY;

-- perform table maintenance and then
-- return table back to read/write mode

ALTER TABLE employees READ WRITE;
```

Dropping a Table

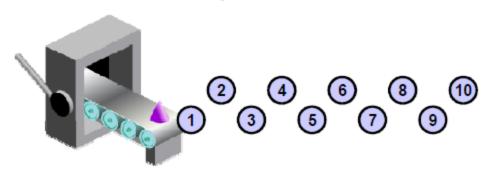
- Moves a table to the recycle bin
- Removes the table and all its data entirely if the PURGE clause is specified
- Invalidates dependent objects and removes object privileges on the table

DROP TABLE dept80; DROP TABLE dept80 succeeded.

Sequences

A sequence:

- Can automatically generate unique numbers
- Is a shareable object
- Can be used to create a primary key value
- Replaces application code
- Speeds up the efficiency of accessing sequence values when cached in memory



CREATE SEQUENCE Statement: Syntax

Define a sequence to generate sequential numbers automatically:

```
CREATE SEQUENCE [ schema. ] sequence
  [ { INCREMENT BY | START WITH } integer
  | { MAXVALUE integer | NOMAXVALUE }
  | { MINVALUE integer | NOMINVALUE }
  | { CYCLE | NOCYCLE }
  | { CACHE integer | NOCACHE }
  | { ORDER | NOORDER }
];
```

Creating a Sequence

- Create a sequence named DEPT_DEPTID_SEQ to be used for the primary key of the DEPARTMENTS table.
- Do not use the CYCLE option.

Using a Sequence

 Insert a new department named "Support" in location ID 2500:

 View the current value for the DEPT_DEPTID_SEQ sequence:

```
SELECT dept_deptid_seq.CURRVAL fROM dual;
```

SQL Column defaulting using a Sequence

- SQL syntax for column defaults allow
 <sequence>.nextval, <sequence>.currval as a
 SQL column defaulting expression for numeric columns,
 where <sequence> is an Oracle database sequence.
- The DEFAULT expression can include the sequence pseudocolumns CURRVAL and NEXTVAL, as long as the sequence exists and you have the privileges necessary to access it.

```
CREATE SEQUENCE s1 START WITH 1;

CREATE TABLE emp (a1 NUMBER DEFAULT s1.NEXTVAL NOT NULL, a2 VARCHAR2(10));

INSERT INTO emp (a2) VALUES ('john');

INSERT INTO emp (a2) VALUES ('mark');

SELECT * FROM emp;
```

Modifying a Sequence

Change the increment value, maximum value, minimum value, cycle option, or cache option:

```
ALTER SEQUENCE dept_deptid_seq
INCREMENT BY 20
MAXVALUE 999999
NOCACHE
NOCYCLE;
sequence DEPT_DEPTID_SEQ altered.
```

Synonyms

A synonym

- Is a database object
- Can be created to give an alternative name to a table or to an other database object
- Requires no storage other than its definition in the data dictionary
- Is useful for hiding the identity and location of an underlying schema object

Creating and Removing Synonyms

Create a shortened name for the DEPT_SUM_VU view:

```
CREATE SYNONYM d_sum

FOR dept_sum_vu;

synonym D_SUM created.
```

Drop a synonym:

DB_LINK

```
DROP SYNONYM d_sum;
synonym D_SUM dropped.
```

Synonym Information


```
SELECT *
FROM user_synonyms;
```

```
SYNONYM_NAME TABLE_OWNER TABLE_NAME DB_LINK

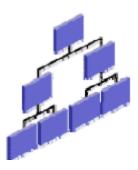
D_SUM DRA21 DEPT_SUM_VU (null)
```

VARCHAR2(128)

Indexes

An index:

- Is a schema object
- Can be used by the Oracle Server to speed up the retrieval of rows by using a pointer
- Can reduce disk input/output (I/O) by using a rapid path access method to locate data quickly
- Is dependent on the table that it indexes
- Is used and maintained automatically by the Oracle Server



How Are Indexes Created?

 Automatically: A unique index is created automatically when you define a PRIMARY KEY or UNIQUE constraint in a table definition.



 Manually: You can create unique or nonunique index on columns to speed up access to the rows.



Creating an Index

Create an index on one or more columns:

```
CREATE [UNIQUE] [BITMAP] INDEX index
ON table (column[, column]...);
```

 Improve the speed of query access to the LAST_NAME column in the EMPLOYEES table:

```
CREATE INDEX emp_last_name_idx
ON employees(last_name);
index EMP_LAST_NAME_IDX created.
```

CREATE INDEX with the CREATE TABLE Statement

```
CREATE TABLE NEW EMP
 (employee id NUMBER(6)
               PRIMARY KEY USING INDEX
               (CREATE INDEX emp id idx ON
              NEW EMP(employee id)),
 first name VARCHAR2(20),
 last name VARCHAR2(25));
table NEW_EMP created.
SELECT INDEX NAME, TABLE NAME
FROM USER INDEXES
WHERE TABLE NAME = 'NEW EMP';
  INDEX NAME I TABLE NAME
1 EMP_ID_IDX
         NEW EMP
```

Index Creation Guidelines

| Create an index when: | | |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| ✓ | A column contains a wide range of values | |
| ✓ | A column contains a large number of null values | |
| √ | One or more columns are frequently used together in a WHERE clause or a join condition | |
| ✓ | The table is large and most queries are expected to retrieve less than 2% to 4% of the rows in the table | |
| Do not create an index when: | | |
| X | The columns are not often used as a condition in the query | |
| × | The table is small or most queries are expected to retrieve more than 2% to 4% of the rows in the table | |
| × | The table is updated frequently | |
| X | The indexed columns are referenced as part of an expression | |

Example of Creating Multiple Indexes on the Same Set Of Columns

```
CREATE INDEX emp_id_name_ix1
ON employees(employee_id, first_name);

index EMP_ID_NAME_IX1 created.

ALTER INDEX emp_id_name_ix1 INVISIBLE;

index EMP_ID_NAME_IX1 altered.

CREATE BITMAP INDEX emp_id_name_ix2
ON employees(employee_id, first_name);

bitnap index EMP_ID_NAME_IX2 created.
```

Removing an Index

 Remove an index from the data dictionary by using the DROP INDEX command:

```
DROP INDEX index;
```

 Remove the emp_last_name_idx index from the data dictionary:

```
DROP INDEX emp_last_name_idx;
index EMP_LAST_NAME_IDX dropped.
```

 To drop an index, you must be the owner of the index or have the DROP ANY INDEX privilege.

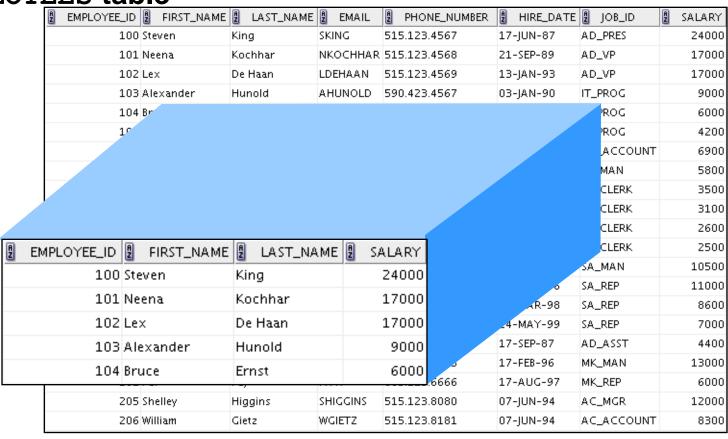
You can drop an index using the ONLINE keyword.

```
DROP INDEX emp indx ONLINE;
```

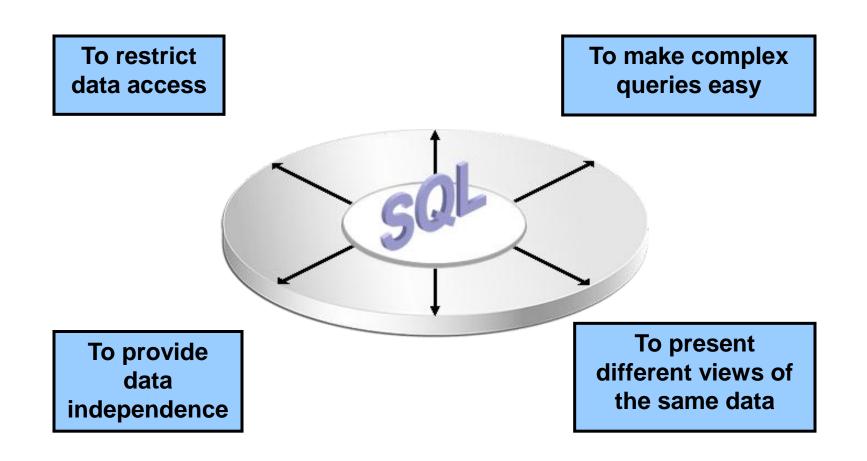
ONLINE: Specify ONLINE to indicate that DML operations on the table are allowed while dropping the index.

What Is a View?

EMPLOYEES table



Advantages of Views



Simple Views and Complex Views

| Feature | Simple Views | Complex Views |
|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Number of tables | One | One or more |
| Contain functions | No | Yes |
| Contain groups of data | No | Yes |
| DML operations through a view | Yes | Not always |

Creating a View

 Create the EMPVU80 view, which contains details of the employees in department 80:

```
CREATE VIEW empvu80

AS SELECT employee_id, last_name, salary
FROM employees
WHERE department_id = 80;

CREATE VIEW succeeded.
```

 Describe the structure of the view by using the SQL*Plus DESCRIBE command:

```
DESCRIBE empvu80
```

Creating a View

Create a view by using column aliases in the subquery:

Select the columns from this view by the given alias names.

Retrieving Data from a View



| | A | ID_NUMBER | NAME | A | ANN_SALARY |
|---|---|-----------|---------|---|------------|
| 1 | | 124 | Mourgos | | 69600 |
| 2 | | 141 | Rajs | | 42000 |
| 3 | | 142 | Davies | | 37200 |
| 4 | | 143 | Matos | | 31200 |
| 5 | | 144 | Vargas | | 30000 |

Modifying a View

 Modify the EMPVU80 view by using a CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW clause. Add an alias for each column name:

```
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW empvu80

(id_number, name, sal, department_id)

AS SELECT employee_id, first_name || ' '

|| last_name, salary, department_id

FROM employees

WHERE department_id = 80;

CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW succeeded.
```

 Column aliases in the CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW clause are listed in the same order as the columns in the subquery.

Creating a Complex View

Create a complex view that contains group functions to display values from two tables:

```
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW dept_sum_vu

(name, minsal, maxsal, avgsal)

AS SELECT d.department_name, MIN(e.salary),

MAX(e.salary), AVG(e.salary)

FROM employees e JOIN departments d

ON (e.department_id = d.department_id)

GROUP BY d.department_name;

CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW succeeded.
```

Using the WITH CHECK OPTION Clause

 You can ensure that DML operations performed on the view stay in the domain of the view by using the WITH CHECK OPTION clause:

```
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW empvu20
AS SELECT *
FROM employees
WHERE department_id = 20
WITH CHECK OPTION CONSTRAINT empvu20_ck;

CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW succeeded.
```

Any attempt to INSERT a row with a department_id
 other than 20, or to UPDATE the department number for
 any row in the view fails because it violates the WITH
 CHECK OPTION constraint.

Denying DML Operations

```
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW empvu10

(employee_number, employee_name, job_title)

AS SELECT employee_id, last_name, job_id

FROM employees

WHERE department_id = 10

WITH READ ONLY;

CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW succeeded.
```

Removing a View

You can remove a view without losing data because a view is based on underlying tables in the database.

```
DROP VIEW empvu80;

DROP VIEW empvu80 succeeded.
```

ALTER TABLE Statement

Use the ALTER TABLE statement to:

- Add a new column
- Modify an existing column
- Define a default value for the new column
- Drop a column

ALTER TABLE Statement

Use the ALTER TABLE statement to add, modify, or drop columns:

```
ALTER TABLE table

ADD (column datatype [DEFAULT expr]
[, column datatype]...);
```

```
ALTER TABLE table

MODIFY (column datatype [DEFAULT expr]

[, column datatype]...);
```

```
ALTER TABLE table
DROP (column [, column] ...);
```

Adding a Column

You use the ADD clause to add columns:

```
ALTER TABLE dept80
ADD (job_id VARCHAR2(9));

ALTER TABLE dept80 succeeded.
```

• The new column becomes the last column:

| | A | EMPLOYEE_ID | LAST_NAME | A | ANNSAL | A | HIRE_DATE | A | JOB_ID |
|---|---|-------------|-----------|---|--------|----|-----------|-----|--------|
| 1 | | 145 | Russell | | 14000 | 01 | -OCT-96 | (nu | III) |
| 2 | | 146 | Partners | | 13500 | 05 | -JAN-97 | (nu | III) |
| 3 | | 147 | Errazuriz | | 12000 | 10 | -MAR-97 | (nu | III) |
| 4 | | 148 | Cambrault | | 11000 | 15 | -OCT-99 | (nu | III) |
| 5 | | 149 | Zlotkey | | 10500 | 29 | -JAN-00 | (ทเ | ill) |

Modifying a Column

 You can change a column's data type, size, and default value.

```
ALTER TABLE dept80
MODIFY (last_name VARCHAR2(30));

ALTER TABLE dept80 succeeded.
```

A change to the default value affects only subsequent insertions to the table.

Dropping a Column

Use the DROP COLUMN clause to drop columns that you no longer need from the table:

```
ALTER TABLE dept80
DROP COLUMN job_id;

ALTER TABLE dept80 succeeded.
```

| | A | EMPLOYEE_ID | LAST_NAME | A | ANNSAL | A | HIRE_DATE |
|---|---|-------------|-----------|---|--------|-----|-----------|
| 1 | | 145 | Russell | | 14000 | 01- | -OCT-96 |
| 2 | | 146 | Partners | | 13500 | 05- | -JAN-97 |
| 3 | | 147 | Errazuriz | | 12000 | 10- | -MAR-97 |
| 4 | | 148 | Cambrault | | 11000 | 15- | -OCT-99 |
| 5 | | 149 | Zlotkey | | 10500 | 29- | -JAN-00 |

ON DELETE Clause

• Use the ON DELETE CASCADE clause to delete child rows when a parent key is deleted:

```
ALTER TABLE emp2 ADD CONSTRAINT emp_dt_fk
FOREIGN KEY (Department_id)
REFERENCES departments (department_id) ON DELETE CASCADE;
```

ALTER TABLE Emp2 succeeded.

 Use the ON DELETE SET NULL clause to set the child rows value to null when a parent key is deleted:

```
ALTER TABLE emp2 ADD CONSTRAINT emp_dt_fk
FOREIGN KEY (Department_id)
REFERENCES departments (department_id) ON DELETE SET NULL;
```

ALTER TABLE Emp2 succeeded.

Dropping a Constraint

Remove the manager constraint from the EMP2 table:

```
ALTER TABLE emp2
DROP CONSTRAINT emp_mgr_fk;
```

ALTER TABLE Emp2 succeeded.

Disabling Constraints

- Execute the DISABLE clause of the ALTER TABLE statement to deactivate an integrity constraint.
- Apply the CASCADE option to disable dependent integrity constraints.

```
ALTER TABLE emp2
DISABLE CONSTRAINT emp_dt_fk;
```

Cascading Constraints

Example:

```
ALTER TABLE emp2
DROP COLUMN employee_id CASCADE CONSTRAINTS;
```

ALTER TABLE Emp2 succeeded.

```
ALTER TABLE test1
DROP (col1_pk, col2_fk, col1) CASCADE CONSTRAINTS;
```

ALTER TABLE testl succeeded.

Using the FLASHBACK TABLE Statement

DROP TABLE emp2;

DROP TABLE emp2 succeeded.

SELECT original_name, operation, droptime FROM
recyclebin;

| 2 ORIGINAL_NAME | OPERATION | 2 DROPTIME |
|-----------------|-----------|---------------------|
| EMP2 | DROP | 2009-05-20:18:00:39 |

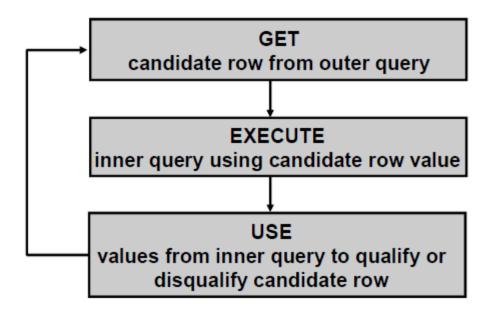
...

FLASHBACK TABLE emp2 TO BEFORE DROP;

FLASHBACK TABLE succeeded.

Correlated Subqueries

Correlated subqueries are used for row-by-row processing. Each subquery is executed once for every row of the outer query.



Using Correlated Subqueries

Find all employees who earn more than the average salary in their department.

```
SELECT last_name, salary, department_id

FROM employees outer_table

WHERE salary >

(SELECT AVG(salary)

FROM employees inner_table

WHERE inner_table.department_id =

outer_table.department_id);
```

Each time a row from the outer query is processed, the inner query is evaluated.

New Features Truncate Table

 When you truncate a parent table with child tables, you get:

ORA-02266: unique/primary keys in table referenced by enabled foreign keys

- In Oracle 12c, you can use: truncate table <Parent> cascade;
- Must have defined the FK as ON DELETE CASCADE.
- Otherwise ORA-14705: unique or primary keys referenced by enabled foreign keys in table will result

Enhanced DDL capabilities using ONLINE

- DDLs do not need lock.
- DML continues as usual
 - drop index i1 online
 - alter index i1 unusable online
 - alter table t1 set unused columns online
 - alter table t1 drop column c1 online

Top N Queries

First 10, second 10 rows, etc.
select ... from (select ... from ... order by ...) where rownum <= 10
12c way:

```
select *
from sales_fact
order by year, week, country, region, product
fetch first 10 rows only;
```

- Next 10 rows
 - offset 10 rows fetch first 10 rows only
 - offset 10 rows fetch first 0.1 percent rows only
 - offset 10 rows fetch first 0.1 percent rows with ties

Invisible Columns

```
SQL> create table t4 (col1 number, col2 number invisible);
SQL> desc t4
Name Null? Type
          NUMBER
COL1
                                                        SQL> set colinvisible on
SQL> insert into t4 values (1);
                                                        SQL> desc t4
1 row created.
                                                         Name
                                                                            Null?
                                                                                     Type
SQL> select * from t4;
                                                         COL1
                                                                                      NUMBER
      COL<sub>1</sub>
                                                         COL2 (INVISIBLE)
                                                                                      NUMBER
          1
                                                        SQL> create index in t4 on t4(col2);
                                                        Index created.
SQL> select col1, col2 from t4;
      COL<sub>1</sub>
                  COL<sub>2</sub>
         1
SQL> insert into t4 (col1,col2) values (2,2);
1 row created.
```

DEFAULT Values

```
SQL> create table t5 (col1 number, col2 number default on null o);
Table created.
SQL> desc t5
 Name
                  Null? Type
COL1
                            NUMBER
COL2
                   NOT NULL NUMBER
SQL> insert into t5 values (1, null);
SQL> insert into t5 values (2,2);
SQL> select * from t5;
      COL1
                 COL<sub>2</sub>
         1
                                                                   Defva
```

Identity columns

```
SQL> create table t9 (col1 number, col2 number generated by default as identity);
SQL> insert into t9 values (9,9);
SQL> insert into t9 values (10,default);
SQL> insert into t9 (col1) values (11);
SQL> select * from t9;
COL1 COL2
------
9 9
10 2
```