Controlling PL/SQL Flow of Execution

You can change the logical flow of statements using conditional IF statements and loop control structures.

Conditional IF statements:

- IF-THEN-END IF
- IF-THEN-ELSE-END IF
- IF-THEN-ELSIF-END IF



IF Statements

Syntax

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

Simple IF statement:

Set the manager ID to 22 if the employee name is Osborne.

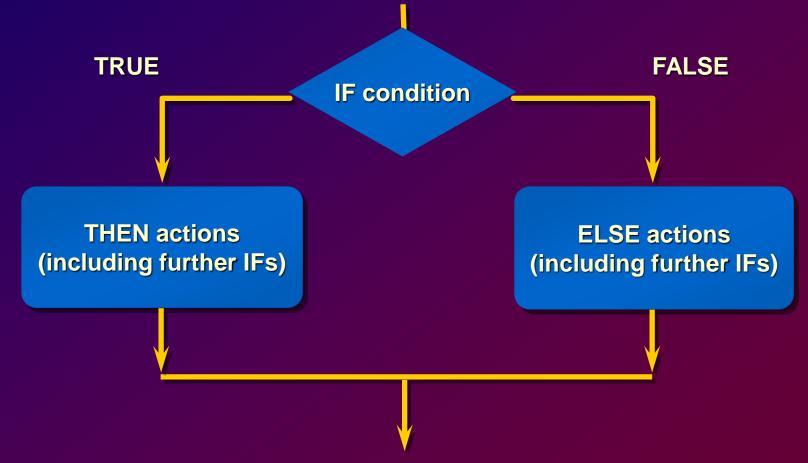
```
IF v_ename = 'OSBORNE' THEN
  v_mgr := 22;
END IF;
```

Simple IF Statements

Set the job title to Salesman, the department number to 35, and the commission to 20% of the current salary if the last name is Miller.

```
IF v_ename = 'MILLER' THEN
  v_job := 'SALESMAN';
  v_deptno := 35;
  v_new_comm := sal * 0.20;
END IF;
. . .
```

IF-THEN-ELSE Statement Execution Flow

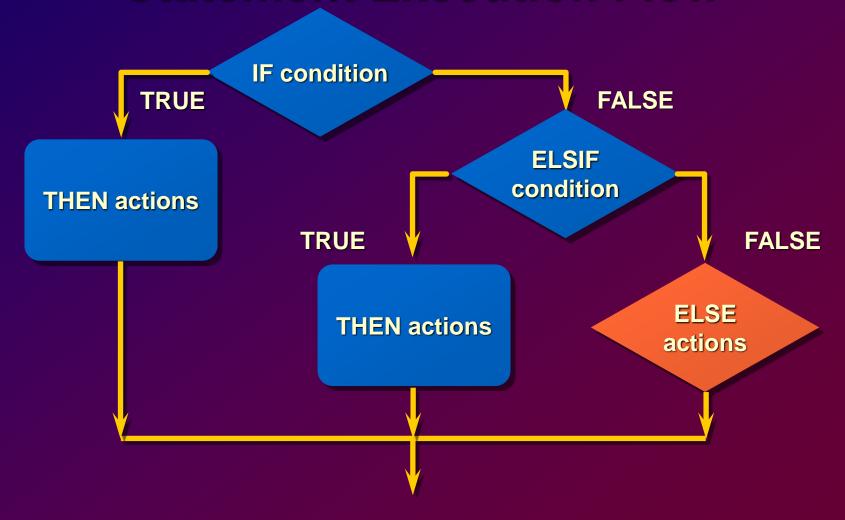


IF-THEN-ELSE Statements

Set a flag for orders where there are fewer than five days between order date and ship date.

```
...
IF v_shipdate - v_orderdate < 5 THEN
  v_ship_flag := 'Acceptable';
ELSE
  v_ship_flag := 'Unacceptable';
END IF;
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IF-THEN-ELSIF Statement Execution Flow



IF-THEN-ELSIF Statements

For a given value, calculate a percentage of that value based on a condition.

```
. . .
IF v_start > 100 THEN
    v_start := 2 * v_start;
ELSIF v_start >= 50 THEN
    v_start := .5 * v_start;
ELSE
    v_start := .1 * v_start;
END IF;
. . .
```

Building Logical Conditions

- You can handle null values with the IS NULL operator.
- Any arithmetic expression containing a null value evaluates to NULL.
- Concatenated expressions with null values treat null values as an empty string.

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

Boolean Conditions

What is the value of V_FLAG in each case?

```
v_flag := v_reorder_flag AND v_available_flag;
```

V_REORDER_FLAG	V_AVAILABLE_FLAG	V_FLAG
TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
TRUE	FALSE	FALSE
NULL	TRUE	NULL
NULL	FALSE	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



Basic Loop

Syntax

```
LOOP -- delimiter

statement1; -- statements

EXIT [WHEN condition]; -- EXIT statement

END LOOP; -- delimiter
```

```
where: condition is a Boolean variable or expression (TRUE, FALSE, or NULL);
```

Basic Loop

```
DECLARE
  v_ordid   item.ordid%TYPE := 601;
  v_counter   NUMBER(2) := 1;
BEGIN
  LOOP
    INSERT INTO item(ordid, itemid)
       VALUES(v_ordid, v_counter);
    v_counter := v_counter + 1;
    EXIT WHEN v_counter > 10;
END LOOP;
END;
```

FOR Loop

Syntax

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

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

FOR Loop

Guidelines

- Reference the counter within the loop only; it is undefined outside the loop.
- Use an expression to reference the existing value of a counter.
- Do not reference the counter as the target of an assignment.

FOR Loop

Insert the first 10 new line items for order number 601.

```
DECLARE
  v_ordid   item.ordid%TYPE := 601;
BEGIN
  FOR i IN 1..10 LOOP
    INSERT INTO item(ordid, itemid)
      VALUES(v_ordid, i);
  END LOOP;
END;
```

WHILE Loop

Syntax

```
WHILE condition LOOP Condition is statement1; evaluated at the statement2; beginning of each iteration.

END LOOP;
```

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

WHILE Loop

```
ACCEPT p new order PROMPT 'Enter the order number: '
ACCEPT p items -
  PROMPT 'Enter the number of items in this order: '
DECLARE
v count NUMBER(2) := 1;
BEGIN
  WHILE v count <= &p items LOOP
    INSERT INTO item (ordid, itemid)
    VALUES (&p new order, v count);
    v count := v count + 1;
  END LOOP;
  COMMIT;
END;
```

Nested Loops and Labels

- Nest loops to multiple levels.
- Use labels to distinguish between blocks and loops.
- Exit the outer loop with the EXIT statement referencing the label.

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;
```