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## Practice Solutions

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**Practice 1**

Before you begin this practice, ensure that you have seen both the viewlets on *iSQL\*Plus* usage.

The `labs` folder is the working directory where you can 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 *iSQL\*Plus*. Provide login details. The instructor will provide the necessary information.
- b. Type the following code in the workspace.

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
BEGIN
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(' Hello World ');
END;
```

- c. Click the Execute button.

- d. You should see the following output:

```
Hello World  
PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.
```

- e. Click the Save Script button. Select the folder in which you want to save the file. Enter `lab_01_02_soln.sql` for the file name and click the Save button.

**Practice 2**

**Note:** Use *iSQL\*Plus* for this practice.

## 1. Identify valid and invalid identifiers:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| a. today                                | <b>Valid</b>                                 |
| b. last_name                            | <b>Valid</b>                                 |
| c. today's_date                         | <b>Invalid</b> – character ‘’ is not allowed |
| d. Number_of_days_in_February_this_year | <b>Invalid</b> – Too long                    |
| e. Isleap\$year                         | <b>Valid</b>                                 |
| f. #number                              | <b>Invalid</b> – Cannot start with ‘#’       |
| g. NUMBER#                              | <b>Valid</b>                                 |
| h. number1to7                           | <b>Valid</b>                                 |

## 2. Identify valid and invalid variable declaration and initialization:

- |                     |                          |                |
|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| a. number_of_copies | PLS_INTEGER;             | <b>Valid</b>   |
| b. PRINTER_NAME     | constant VARCHAR2(10);   | <b>Invalid</b> |
| c. deliver_to       | VARCHAR2(10) := Johnson; | <b>Invalid</b> |
| d. by_when          | DATE := SYSDATE + 1;     | <b>Valid</b>   |

*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 quotes.*

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

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
DECLARE
fname VARCHAR2(20);
lname VARCHAR2(15) DEFAULT 'fernandez';
BEGIN
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE( FNAME || ' ' || 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 fname variable is not declared.

**a. The block will execute successfully and print “fernandez.”**

4. Create an anonymous block. In *iSQL\*Plus*, load the script lab\_01\_02\_soln.sql, which you created in exercise 2 of practice 1 by following these instructions:

Click the Load Script button.

Browse to select the lab\_01\_02\_soln.sql file. Click the Load 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
today DATE:=SYSDATE;
```

2. Variable `tomorrow` of type `today`. Use `%TYPE` attribute to declare this variable.

```
tomorrow today%TYPE;
```

- b. In the executable section initialize the variable `tomorrow` 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
tomorrow:=today +1;
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(' Hello World ');
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('TODAY IS : '|| today);
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('TOMORROW IS : ' || tomorrow);
END;
```

- c. Execute and save your script as `lab_02_04_soln.sql`. Follow the instructions in step 2 e) of practice 1 to save the file. Sample output is as follows:

```
Hello World
TODAY IS : 12-JAN-04
TOMORROW IS : 13-JAN-04
PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.
```

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 basic_percent NUMBER
VARIABLE 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.

```
:basic_percent:=45;
:pf_percent:=12;
```

c. Terminate the PL/SQL block with “/” and display the value of the bind variables by using the PRINT command.

```
/
PRINT basic_percent
PRINT pf_percent
```

OR

```
PRINT
```

d. Execute and Save your script as lab\_02\_05\_soln.sql. Sample output is as follows:

```
Hello World
TODAY IS : 12-JAN-04
TOMORROW IS : 13-JAN-04
PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.
```

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**PF\_PERCENT**

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**Practice 3**

**Note:** Use *iSQL\*Plus* for this practice.

```

DECLARE
  weight      NUMBER(3) := 600;
  message     VARCHAR2(255) := 'Product 10012';
BEGIN
  DECLARE
    weight     NUMBER(3) := 1;
    message    VARCHAR2(255) := 'Product 11001';
    new_locn   VARCHAR2(50) := 'Europe';
  BEGIN
    weight := weight + 1;
    new_locn := 'Western ' || new_locn;
  END;
  weight := weight + 1;
  message := message || ' is in stock';
  new_locn := 'Western ' || new_locn;
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 `weight` at position 1 is:

**2**

**The data type is NUMBER.**

b. The value of `new_locn` at position 1 is:

**Western Europe**

**The data type is VARCHAR2.**

c. The value of `weight` at position 2 is:

**601**

**The data type is NUMBER.**

d. The value of `message` at position 2 is:

**Product 10012 is in stock.**

**The data type is VARCHAR2.**

e. The value of `new_locn` at position 2 is:

**Illegal because `new_locn` is not visible outside the subblock.**

```

DECLARE
    customer          VARCHAR2(50) := 'Womansport';
    credit_rating      VARCHAR2(50) := 'EXCELLENT';
BEGIN
    DECLARE
        customer       NUMBER(7) := 201;
        name           VARCHAR2(25) := 'Unisports';
    BEGIN
        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 `customer` in the nested block is:  
**201**  
**The data type is NUMBER.F**
- b. The value of `name` in the nested block is:  
**Unisports**  
**The data type is VARCHAR2.**
- c. The value of `credit_rating` in the nested block is:  
**GOOD**  
**The data type is VARCHAR2.**
- d. The value of `customer` in the main block is:  
**Womansport**  
**The data type is VARCHAR2.**
- e. The value of `name` in the main block is:  
**name is not visible in the main block and you would see an error.**
- f. The value of `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 Lesson 2. 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 basic_percent NUMBER
-- VARIABLE pf_percent NUMBER

```

- b. Use multiple line comments in the executable section to comment the lines that assign values to the bind variables.

```

/* :basic_percent:=45;
:pf_percent:=12; */

```



- c. Declare two variables: fname of type VARCHAR2 and size 15, and emp\_sal of type NUMBER and size 10.

```
fname VARCHAR2(15);
emp_sal NUMBER(10);
```

- d. Include the following SQL statement in the executable section:

```
SELECT first_name, salary INTO fname, 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 ' || 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 bind 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 : ' || emp_sal);
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('YOUR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS PF:
' || emp_sal*basic_percent/100*pf_percent/100);
```

- g. Execute and save your script as lab\_03\_03\_soln.sql. Sample output is as follows:

```
Hello John
YOUR SALARY IS : 8200
YOUR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS PF: 442.8
PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.
```

4. Accept a value at run time using the substitution variable. In this practice, you will modify the script lab\_03\_04.sql to accept user input.
- Load the script lab\_03\_04.sql file.
  - Include the PROMPT command to prompt the user with the following message: “Please enter your employee number.”

```
ACCEPT empno PROMPT 'Please enter your employee number: '
```

- c. Modify the declaration of the empno variable to accept the user input.

```
empno NUMBER(6) := &empno;
```

- d. Modify the select statement to include the substitution variable empno.

```
SELECT first_name, salary INTO fname, emp_sal
FROM employees WHERE employee_id=empno;
```

- e. Execute and save this script as lab\_03\_04\_soln.sql. Sample output is as follows:

### Input Required

Cancel Continue

Please enter your employee number:

**Enter 100 and click the Continue button.**

Hello Steven  
 YOUR SALARY IS : 24000  
 YOUR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS PF: 1296  
 PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.

5. Execute the script lab\_03\_05.sql. This script creates a table called employee\_details.
- The employee and employee\_details tables have the same data. You will update the data in the employee\_details table. Do not update or change the data in the employees table.
  - Open the script lab\_03\_05b.sql and observe the code in the file. Note that the code accepts the employee number and the department number from the user.

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
SET VERIFY OFF
ACCEPT emp_id PROMPT 'Please enter your employee number';
ACCEPT emp_deptid PROMPT 'Please enter the department number for which
salary revision is being done';

DECLARE
    emp_authorization NUMBER(5);
    emp_id NUMBER(5):=&emp_id;
    emp_deptid NUMBER(6):=&emp_deptid;
    no_such_employee EXCEPTION;
...

```

- c. You use this as the skeleton script to develop the application, which was discussed in the lesson titled “Introduction.”

**Practice 4**

**Note:** Use *iSQL\*Plus* for this practice.

1. Create a PL/SQL block that selects the maximum department ID in the `departments` table and stores it in the `max_deptno` variable. Display the maximum department ID.
  - a. Declare a variable `max_deptno` of type `NUMBER` in the declarative section.

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
DECLARE
    max_deptno    NUMBER;
```

- b. Start the executable section with the keyword `BEGIN` and include a `SELECT` statement to retrieve the maximum `department_id` from the `departments` table.

```
BEGIN
    SELECT MAX(department_id) INTO max_deptno FROM departments;
```

- c. Display `max_deptno` and end the executable block.

```
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('The maximum department_id is : ' || max_deptno);
END;
```

- d. Execute and save your script as `lab_04_01_soln.sql`. Sample output is as follows:

```
The maximum department_id is : 270
PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.
```

2. Modify the PL/SQL block you created in exercise 1 to insert a new department into the `departments` table.

- a. Load the script `lab_04_01_soln.sql`. Declare two variables:  
`dept_name` of type `departments.department_name`.  
 Bind variable `dept_id` of type `NUMBER`.  
 Assign 'Education' to `dept_name` in the declarative section.

```
VARIABLE dept_id NUMBER
...
dept_name departments.department_name%TYPE:= 'Education';
```

- 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`.

```
:dept_id := 10 + 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, dept\_id for department\_name, department\_id and use NULL for location\_id.

```
...
INSERT INTO departments (department_id, department_name, location_id)
VALUES (:dept_id,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 if 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=:dept_id;
```

- f. Execute and save your script as lab\_04\_02\_soln.sql. Sample output is as follows:

The maximum department\_id is : 270  
 SQL%ROWCOUNT gives 1  
 PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.

DEPARTMENT_ID	DEPARTMENT_NAME	MANAGER_ID	LOCATION_ID
280	Education		

3. In exercise 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 bind variable dept\_id to update the row.

**Note:** Skip step a if you have not started a new iSQL\*Plus session for this practice.

- a. If you have started a new iSQL\*Plus session, delete the department that you have added to the departments table and execute the script lab\_04\_02\_soln.sql.

```
DELETE FROM departments WHERE department_id=280;
```

- b. Start the executable block with the keyword `BEGIN`. Include the `UPDATE` statement to set the `location_id` to 3000 for the new department. Use the bind variable `dept_id` in your `UPDATE` statement.

```
BEGIN
  UPDATE departments SET location_id=3000 WHERE
    department_id=:dept_id;
```

- c. End the executable block with the keyword `END`. 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=:dept_id;
```

- d. Include a `DELETE` statement to delete the department that you added.

```
DELETE FROM departments WHERE department_id=:dept_id;
```

- e. Execute and save your script as `lab_04_03_soln.sql`. Sample output is as follows:

PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.

DEPARTMENT_ID	DEPARTMENT_NAME	MANAGER_ID	LOCATION_ID
280	Education		3000

1 row deleted.

4. Load the script `lab_03_05b.sql` to the *iSQL\*Plus* workspace.
- a. Observe that the code has nested blocks. You will see the declarative section of the outer block. Look for the comment “INCLUDE EXECUTABLE SECTION OF OUTER BLOCK HERE” and start an executable section.

```
BEGIN
```

- b. Include a single `SELECT` statement, which retrieves the `employee_id` of the employee working in the “Human Resources” department. Use the `INTO` clause to store the retrieved value in the variable `emp_authorization`.

```
SELECT employee_id into emp_authorization FROM
  employee_details WHERE department_id=(SELECT department_id
    FROM departments WHERE department_name='Human Resources');
```

- c. Save your script as `lab_04_04_soln.sql`.

**Practice 5**

1. Execute the command in the file `lab_05_01.sql` 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.

```
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:

RESULTS
1
2
3
4
5
7
9
10

8 rows selected.

2. Execute the script `lab_05_02.sql`. 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. Use the `DEFINE` command to define a variable called `empno` and initialize it to 176.

```
SET VERIFY OFF
DEFINE empno = 176
```

- b. Start the declarative section of the block and pass the value of empno to the PL/SQL block through an *iSQL*\*Plus substitution variable. Declare a variable asterisk of type emp.stars and initialize it to NULL. Create a variable sal of type emp.salary.

```
DECLARE
  empno          emp.employee_id%TYPE := TO_NUMBER(&empno);
  asterisk       emp.stars%TYPE := NULL;
  sal            emp.salary%TYPE;
```

- c. In the executable section, write logic to append an asterisk (\*) to the string for every \$1000 of the salary. For example, if the employee earns \$8000, the string of asterisks should contain eight asterisks. If the employee earns \$12500, the string of asterisks should contain 13 asterisks.

```
BEGIN
  SELECT NVL(ROUND(salary/1000), 0) INTO sal
  FROM emp WHERE employee_id = empno;

  FOR i IN 1..sal
    LOOP
      asterisk := asterisk || '*';
    END LOOP;
```

- d. Update the stars column for the employee with the string of asterisks. Commit before the end of the block.

```
UPDATE emp SET stars = asterisk
WHERE employee_id = empno;
COMMIT;
END;
```

- e. 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=&empno;
```

- f. Execute and save your script as lab\_05\_02\_soln.sql. The output is as follows:

EMPLOYEE_ID	SALARY	STARS
176	8600	*****

3. Load the script `lab_04_04_soln.sql`, which you created in exercise 4 of Practice 4.
  - a. Look for the comment “INCLUDE SIMPLE IF STATEMENT HERE” and include a simple IF statement to check if the values of `emp_id` and `emp_authorization` are the same.

```
IF (emp_id=emp_authorization) THEN
```

- b. Save your script as `lab_05_03_soln.sql`.



**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. Use the `DEFINE` command to define a variable `countryid`. Assign CA to `countryid`. Pass the value to the PL/SQL block through an `iSQL*Plus` substitution variable.

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
SET VERIFY OFF
DEFINE countryid = CA
```

- c. In the declarative section, use the `%ROWTYPE` attribute and declare the variable `country_record` of type `countries`.

```
DECLARE
country_record countries%ROWTYPE;
```

- 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:

```
BEGIN
SELECT      *
  INTO country_record
  FROM countries
 WHERE      country_id = UPPER('&countryid');

DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE ('Country Id: ' || country_record.country_id ||
' Country Name: ' || country_record.country_name
|| ' Region: ' || country_record.region_id);

END;
```

Country Id: CA Country Name: Canada Region: 2  
PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.

- 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.

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
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 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..loop_count
LOOP
    deptno:=deptno+10;
    SELECT department_name
    INTO my_dept_table(i)
    FROM departments
    WHERE department_id = deptno;
END LOOP;

```

- d. Using another loop, retrieve the department names from the INDEX BY table and display them.

```

FOR i IN 1..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:

```

Administration
Marketing
Purchasing
Human Resources
Shipping
IT
Public Relations
Sales
Executive
Finance
PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.

```

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 script lab\_06\_02\_soln.sql.
  - 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.

```

SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
DECLARE
    TYPE dept_table_type is table of departments%ROWTYPE
    INDEX BY PLS_INTEGER;
    my_dept_table dept_table_type;
    loop_count      NUMBER (2):=10;
    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..loop_count
    LOOP
        deptno := deptno + 10;
        SELECT *
        INTO my_dept_table(i)
        FROM departments
        WHERE department_id = 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..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;

```

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  
 PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.

4. Load the script lab\_05\_03\_soln.sql.
  - a. Look for the comment “DECLARE AN INDEX BY TABLE OF TYPE VARCHAR2(50). CALL IT `ename_table_type`” and include the declaration.

```

TYPE ename_table_type IS TABLE OF
  VARCHAR2(50) INDEX BY PLS_INTEGER;
  
```

- b. Look for the comment “DECLARE A VARIABLE `ename_table` OF TYPE `ename_table_type`” and include the declaration.

```

ename_table      ename_table_type;
  
```

- c. Save your script as lab\_06\_04\_soln.sql.

## Practice 7

1. Create a PL/SQL block that determines the top  $n$  salaries of the employees.
  - a. Execute the script lab\_07\_01.sql to create a new table, top\_salaries, for storing the salaries of the employees.
  - b. Accept a number  $n$  from the user where  $n$  represents the number of top  $n$  earners from the employees table. For example, to view the top five salaries, enter 5.  
**Note:** Use the DEFINE command to define a variable p\_num to provide the value for  $n$ . Pass the value to the PL/SQL block through an *iSQL\*Plus* substitution variable.

```
DELETE FROM top_salaries;
DEFINE p_num = 5
```

- c. In the declarative section, declare two variables: num of type NUMBER to accept the substitution variable p\_num, sal of type employees.salary. Declare a cursor, emp\_cursor that retrieves the salaries of employees in descending order. Remember that the salaries should not be duplicated.

```
DECLARE
  num          NUMBER(3) := &p_num;
  sal          employees.salary%TYPE;
  CURSOR emp_cursor IS
    SELECT      distinct salary
    FROM        employees
    ORDER BY    salary DESC;
```

- d. 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.

```
BEGIN
  OPEN emp_cursor;
  FETCH emp_cursor INTO sal;
  WHILE emp_cursor%ROWCOUNT <= num AND emp_cursor%FOUND LOOP
    INSERT INTO top_salaries (salary)
      VALUES (sal);
    FETCH emp_cursor INTO sal;
  END LOOP;
  CLOSE emp_cursor;
END;
```

- e. 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

- f. Test a variety of special cases, such as  $n = 0$  or where  $n$  is greater than the number of employees in the `employees` table. Empty the `top_salaries` table after each test.

2. Create a PL/SQL block that does the following:

- a. Use the `DEFINE` command to define a variable `p_deptno` to provide the department ID.

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
SET VERIFY OFF
SET ECHO OFF
DEFINE p_deptno = 10
```

- b. In the declarative section, declare a variable `deptno` of type `NUMBER` and assign the value of `p_deptno`.

```
DECLARE
deptno      NUMBER := &p_deptno;
```

- c. Declare a cursor, `emp_cursor` that retrieves the `last_name`, `salary`, and `manager_id` of the employees working in the department specified in `deptno`.

```
CURSOR emp_cursor IS
SELECT      last_name, salary, manager_id
FROM        employees
WHERE       department_id = deptno;
```

- d. In the executable section use the cursor `FOR` loop to operate on the data retrieved. If the salary of the employee is less than 5000 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 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;

```

e. 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 Mourgas Not Due for a raise . . . Rajs Due for a raise
80	Russel Not Due for a raise Partners Not Due for a raise Errazuriz Not Due for a raise Cambrault 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 dept\_cursor to retrieve department\_id, department\_name for those departments with department\_id less than 100. Order by department\_id.

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
DECLARE
    CURSOR dept_cursor IS
        SELECT department_id, department_name
        FROM    departments
        WHERE department_id < 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 with employee\_id of less than 120 and who work in that department.

```
CURSOR 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.

```
current_deptno departments.department_id%TYPE;
current_dname  departments.department_name%TYPE;
ename         employees.last_name%TYPE;
job           employees.job_id%TYPE;
hiredate      employees.hire_date%TYPE;
sal           employees.salary%TYPE;
```

- d. Open the dept\_cursor, use a simple loop and fetch values into the variables declared. Display the department number and department name.

```
BEGIN
OPEN dept_cursor;
    LOOP
        FETCH dept_cursor INTO current_deptno, current_dname;
        EXIT WHEN dept_cursor%NOTFOUND;
        DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE ('Department Number : ' ||
current_deptno || ' Department Name : ' || current_dname);
```

- e. For each department, open the 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 if a cursor is already open before opening the cursor.

```

IF emp_cursor%ISOPEN THEN
    CLOSE emp_cursor;
END IF;
OPEN emp_cursor (current_deptno);
LOOP
    FETCH emp_cursor INTO  ename,job,hiredate,sal;
    EXIT WHEN emp_cursor%NOTFOUND;
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE (ename || ' ' || job || ' ' || hiredate
|| ' ' || sal);
END LOOP;
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('-----');
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('-----');
CLOSE emp_cursor;

```

f. Close all the loops and cursors, and end the executable section. Execute the script.

```

END LOOP;
    CLOSE dept_cursor;
END;

```

The sample output is as follows:

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

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Department Number : 70 Department Name : Public Relations

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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

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PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.

## 4. Load the script lab\_06\_04\_soln.sql.

- a. Look for the comment “DECLARE A CURSOR CALLED emp\_records TO HOLD salary, first\_name, and last\_name of employees” and include the declaration. Create the cursor such that it retrieves the salary, first\_name, and last\_name of employees in the department specified by the user (substitution variable emp\_deptid). Use the FOR UPDATE clause.

```
CURSOR emp_records IS SELECT salary,first_name,last_name
FROM employee_details WHERE department_id=emp_deptid
FOR UPDATE;
```

- b. Look for the comment “INCLUDE EXECUTABLE SECTION OF INNER BLOCK HERE” and start the executable block.

```
BEGIN
```

- c. Only employees working in the departments with department\_id 20, 60, 80,100, and 110 are eligible for raises this quarter. Check if the user has entered any of these department IDs. If the value does not match, display the message “SORRY, NO SALARY REVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES IN THIS DEPARTMENT.” If the value matches, open the cursor emp\_records.

```
IF (emp_deptid NOT IN (20,60,80,100,110)) THEN
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE ('SORRY, NO SALARY REVISIONS FOR
EMPLOYEES IN THIS DEPARTMENT');
ELSE
OPEN emp_records;
```

- d. Start a simple loop and fetch the values into emp\_sal, emp\_fname, and emp\_lname. Use %NOTFOUND for the exit condition.

```
LOOP
FETCH emp_records INTO emp_sal,emp_fname,emp_lname;
EXIT WHEN emp_records%NOTFOUND;
```

- e. Include a CASE expression. Use the following table as reference for the conditions in the WHEN clause of the CASE expression.

**Note:** In your CASE expressions use the constants such as c\_range1, c\_hike1 that are already declared.

salary	Hike percentage
< 6500	20
> 6500 < 9500	15
> 9500 <12000	8
>12000	3

For example, if the salary of the employee is less than 6500, then increase the salary by 20 percent. In every WHEN clause, concatenate the first\_name and last\_name of the employee and store it in the INDEX BY table. Increment the value in variable i so that you can store the string in the next location. Include an UPDATE statement with the WHERE CURRENT OF clause.

```

CASE
  WHEN emp_sal < c_range1 THEN
    ename_table(i) := emp_fname || ' ' || emp_lname;
    i := i + 1;
    UPDATE employee_details SET salary = emp_sal + (emp_sal * c_hike1)
    WHERE CURRENT OF emp_records;
  WHEN emp_sal < c_range2 THEN
    ename_table(i) := emp_fname || ' ' || emp_lname;
    i := i + 1;
    UPDATE employee_details SET salary = emp_sal + (emp_sal * c_hike2)
    WHERE CURRENT OF emp_records;
  WHEN (emp_sal < c_range3) THEN
    ename_table(i) := emp_fname || ' ' || emp_lname;
    i := i + 1;
    UPDATE employee_details SET salary = emp_sal + (emp_sal * c_hike3)
    WHERE CURRENT OF emp_records;
  ELSE
    ename_table(i) := emp_fname || ' ' || emp_lname;
    i := i + 1;
    UPDATE employee_details SET salary = emp_sal + (emp_sal * c_hike4)
    WHERE CURRENT OF emp_records;
END CASE;

```

- f. Close the loop. Use the %ROWCOUNT attribute and print the number of records that were modified. Close the cursor.

```

END LOOP;

DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE ('NUMBER OF RECORDS MODIFIED :
' || emp_records%ROWCOUNT);
CLOSE emp_records;

```

- g. Include a simple loop to print the names of all the employees whose salaries were revised.

**Note:** You already have the names of these employees in the INDEX BY table. Look for the comment “CLOSE THE INNER BLOCK” and include an END IF statement and an END statement.

```
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE ('The following employees'' salaries are updated');  
FOR i IN ename_table.FIRST..ename_table.LAST  
  LOOP  
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(ename_table(i));  
  END LOOP;  
END IF;  
END;
```

h. Save your script as lab\_07\_04\_soln.sql.

## Practice 8

1. The purpose of this example 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. Use the DEFINE command to define a variable sal and initialize it to 6000.

```
DELETE FROM MESSAGES;
SET VERIFY OFF
DEFINE sal = 6000
```

- b. In the declarative section declare two variables: ename of type employees.last\_name and emp\_sal of type employees.salary. Pass the value of the substitution variables to emp\_sal.

```
DECLARE
  ename      employees.last_name%TYPE;
  emp_sal    employees.salary%TYPE := &sal;
```

- c. In the executable section retrieve the last names of employees whose salaries are equal to the value in 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   ename
  FROM   employees
  WHERE  salary = emp_sal;
  INSERT INTO messages (results)
  VALUES (ename || ' - ' || 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(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(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;
```

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```
More than one employee with a salary of 6000
```

2. The purpose of this example 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 `childrecord_exists`. Associate the declared exception with the standard Oracle server error –02292.

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
DECLARE
    childrecord_exists EXCEPTION;
    PRAGMA EXCEPTION_INIT(childrecord_exists, -02292);
```

- b. In the executable section display “Deleting department 40.....”. Include a DELETE statement to delete the department with `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 `childrecord_exists` exception and display the appropriate message. Sample output is as follows:

```
EXCEPTION
    WHEN childrecord_exists THEN
        DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(' Cannot delete this department. There are
employees in this department (child records exist.)');
END;
```



Deleting department 40.....

Cannot delete this department. There are employees in this department  
(child records exist.)

PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.

3. Load the script lab\_07\_04\_soln.sql.

- a. Observe the declarative section of the outer block. Note that the `no_such_employee` exception is declared.
- b. Look for the comment “RAISE EXCEPTION HERE.” If the value of `emp_id` is not between 100 and 206, then raise the `no_such_employee` exception.

```
IF (emp_id NOT BETWEEN 100 AND 206) THEN
    RAISE no_such_employee;
END IF;
```

- c. Look for the comment “INCLUDE EXCEPTION SECTION FOR OUTER BLOCK” and handle the exceptions `no_such_employee` and `too_many_rows`. Display appropriate messages when the exceptions occur. The `employees` table has only one employee working in the HR department and therefore the code is written accordingly. The `too_many_rows` exception is handled to indicate that the select statement retrieves more than one employee working in the HR department.

```
EXCEPTION
    WHEN no_such_employee THEN
        DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE ('NO EMPLOYEE EXISTS WITH THE
        GIVEN EMPLOYEE NUMBER: PLEASE CHECK');

    WHEN TOO_MANY_ROWS THEN
        DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE (' THERE IS MORE THAN ONE
        EMPLOYEE IN THE HR DEPARTMENT. ');
```

- d. Close the outer block.

```
END;
```

- e. Save your script as lab\_08\_03\_soln.sql.
- f. Execute the script. Enter the employee number and the department number and observe the output. Enter different values and check for different conditions. The sample output for employee ID 203 and department ID 100 is as follows:

NUMBER OF RECORDS MODIFIED : 6

The following employees' salaries are updated

Nancy Greenberg

Daniel Faviet

John Chen

Ismael Sciarra

Jose Manuel Urman

Luis Popp

PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.

**Practice 9**

1. In *iSQL\*Plus*, load the script `lab_02_04_soln.sql` 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. 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 procedure `greet`. Sample output is as follows:

```
BEGIN
    greet;
END;
```

```
Hello World
TODAY IS : 20-JAN-04
TOMORROW IS : 21-JAN-04
PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.
```

2. Load the script `lab_09_01_soln.sql`.

- a. Drop the procedure `greet` by issuing the following command:

```
DROP PROCEDURE greet
```

- b. Modify the procedure to accept an argument of type `VARCHAR2`. Call the argument `name`.

```
CREATE PROCEDURE greet(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 ' || 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 procedure `greet` with a parameter. Sample output is as follows:

```
BEGIN  
  greet('Neema');  
END;
```

```
Hello Neema  
TODAY IS : 20-JAN-04  
TOMORROW IS : 21-JAN-04  
PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.
```