
Preface

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Profile**Before You Begin This Course**

Before you begin this course, you should have thorough knowledge of SQL and knowledge of any procedural programming language. Required prerequisite is *Oracle Database 10g: SQL Fundamentals*.

How This Course Is Organized

Oracle Database 10g: PL/SQL Fundamentals is an instructor-led course featuring lectures and hands-on exercises. Online demonstrations and practice sessions reinforce the concepts and skills that are introduced.

Related Publications

Additional Publications

- System release bulletins
- Installation and user's guides
- read.me files
- International Oracle User's Group (IOUG) articles
- *Oracle Magazine*

Typographic Conventions

Following are two lists of typographical conventions that are used specifically within text or within code.

Typographic Conventions Within Text

Convention	Object or Term	Example
Uppercase	Commands, functions, column names, PL/SQL objects, schemas	Use the SELECT command to view information stored in the LAST_NAME column of the employees table.
Lowercase,	Filenames, variables, table names, usernames, passwords	where: <i>role</i> is the name of the role italic
Initial cap	Trigger and button names	Assign a When-Validate-Item trigger to the ORD block. Choose Cancel.
Italic	Books, names of courses and manuals, and emphasized words or phrases	For more information on the subject, see <i>Oracle9i Server SQL Language Reference Manual</i> . Do <i>not</i> save changes to the database.
Quotation marks	Lesson module titles referenced within a course	This subject is covered in Lesson 3, “Working with Objects.”

Typographic Conventions (continued)**Typographic Conventions Within Code**

Convention	Object or Term	Example
Uppercase	Commands, functions	<code>SELECT userid FROM emp;</code>
Lowercase,	Syntax variables	<code>CREATE ROLE <i>role</i>;</code>
Initial cap	Forms triggers	Form module: ORD Trigger level: S_ITEM.QUANTITY item Trigger name: When-Validate-Item . . .
Lowercase	Column names, table names, filenames, PL/SQL objects	. . . <code>OG_ACTIVATE_LAYER (OG_GET_LAYER (<i>'prod_pie_layer'</i>))</code> . . . <code>SELECT last_name FROM emp;</code>
Bold	Text that must be entered by a user	<code>DROP USER scott;</code>