

Title: ~~new~~ Cursors (All types: Implicit, Explicit, Cursor for loop, Parametrized Cursor)

Problem Statement:

Write PL/SQL block of code using parametrized cursor, that will merge data available in the newly created table

Objectives:

- a) Understand the types of cursors
- b) Understand how to use cursors with PL/SQL block.

Theory: Related Concept:

CURSOR:

1) For the processing of any SQL statement database needs to allocate memory. This memory is called context data area.

The context area is a part of PGA (Process Global Area) & is allocated on the Oracle server.

2) There are two types of cursors

1) Implicit Cursors - defined by ORACLE implicitly

2) Explicit Cursors - user defined cursors which are defined in declaration section of PL/SQL block.

3) General syntax for CURSOR:

DECLARE

cursor cursor_name IS select stat. @ query;

BEGIN

Open cursor_name;

Fetch cursor_name into list of +vars;

close cursor_name;

END;



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4) Explicit Cursor Attributes

1) `%FOUND`: returns true/false on the basis of previous record

2) `%NOTFOUND`: Inverse of `FOUND`.

3) `%ISOPEN`: this attribute is used to determine whether/not the associated cursor is open.

4) `%ROWCOUNT`: returns number of rows fetched by the cursor.

5) CURSOR Fetch Loops:

1) Simple loop:

Loop

Fetch cursorname into list-of-vars;

EXIT WHEN cursorname.%NOTFOUND

seq. of statements

END LOOP;

2) While loop:

FETCH cursorname INTO list-of-vars;

WHILE cursorname.%FOUND LOOP

seq. of statements

FETCH cursorname INTO list-of-vars;

END LOOP;

3) Cursor FOR loop:

FOR varname IN cursorname LOOP

-- implicit fetch is done here

-- cursorname.%NOTFOUND is also implicitly checked

-- process the fetched records

seq. of statements

END LOOP;

Testcases & outputs.

- Two tables are used

New.Emp & O.Emp

~~Now~~ cursor is used to update O.Emp table with new employees.

- Output screenshots are separately attached.

Conclusion:

In this assignment I have learned about PL/SQL cursors & their usecases. Also learned ^{theory} behind them. I implemented cursors in mysql programming language.