A Practice Solutions

Practice 1: Solutions

PL/SQL Basics

- 1. What are the four key areas of the basic PL/SQL block? What happens in each area? Header section: Names the program unit and identifies it as a procedure, function, or package; also identifies any parameters that the code may use Declarative section: Area used to define variables, constants, cursors, and exceptions; starts with the keyword IS or AS Executable section: Main processing area of the PL/SQL program; starts with the keyword BEGIN Exception handler section: Optional error handling section; starts with the keyword EXCEPTION
- 2. What is a variable and where is it declared?

Variables are used to store data during PL/SQL block execution. You can declare variables in the declarative part of any PL/SQL block, subprogram, or package. Declarations allocate storage space for a value, specify its data type, and name the storage location so that you can reference it. Declarations can also assign an initial value and impose the NOT NULL constraint on the variable.

```
Syntax: variable_name datatype[(size)][:= initial_value];
```

3. What is a constant and where is it declared?

Constants are variables that never change. Constants are declared and assigned a value in the declarative section, before the executable section.

Syntax: constant_name CONSTANT datatype[(size)] := initial value;

- 4. What are the different modes for parameters and what does each mode do? There are three parameter modes: IN, OUT, and IN OUT. IN is the default and it means a value is passed into the program. The OUT mode indicates that the subprogram is passing a value generated in the subprogram out to the calling environment. The IN OUT mode means that a value is passed into the subprogram. The subprogram may change the value and pass the value out to the calling environment.
- 5. How does a function differ from a procedure?

 A function must execute a RETURN statement that returns a value. Functions are called differently than procedures. They are called as an expression embedded within another command. Procedures are called as statements.
- 6. What are the two main components of a PL/SQL package? The package body and package specification
 - a. In what order are they defined?First the package specification and then the package body
 - Are both required?
 No, only a package specification is required. A specification can exist without a body, but a body cannot exist as valid without the specification.

7. How does the syntax of a SELECT statement used within a PL/SQL block differ from a SELECT statement issued in SQL*Plus?

The INTO clause is required with a SELECT statement that is in a PL/SQL subprogram.

8. What is a record?

A record is a composite type that has internal components, which can be manipulated individually. Use the RECORD data type to treat related but dissimilar data as a logical unit.

9. What is an index-by table?

Index-by tables are a data structure declared in a PL/SQL block. It is similar to an array and made of two components, the index and the data field. The data field is a column of a scalar or record data type, which stores the INDEX BY table elements.

10. How are loops implemented in PL/SQL?

Looping constructs are used to repeat a statement or sequence of statements multiple times. PL/SQL has three looping constructs:

- Basic loops that perform repetitive actions without overall conditions
- FOR loops that perform iterative control of actions based on a count
- WHILE loops that perform iterative control of actions based on a condition
- 11. How is branching logic implemented in PL/SQL?

You can change the logical flow of statements within the PL/SQL block with a number of control structures. Branching logic is implemented within PL/SQL by using the conditional IF statement or CASE expressions.

Cursor Basics

12. What is an explicit cursor?

The Oracle server uses work areas, called private SQL areas, to execute SQL statements and to store processing information. You can use PL/SQL cursors to name a private SQL area and access its stored information. Use explicit cursors to individually process each row returned by a multiple-row SELECT statement.

13. Where do you define an explicit cursor?

A cursor is defined in the declarative section.

14. Name the five steps for using an explicit cursor.

Declare, Open, Fetch, Test for existing rows, and Close

15. What is the syntax used to declare a cursor?

CURSOR cursor name IS SELECT statement

16. What does the FOR UPDATE clause do within a cursor definition?

The FOR UPDATE clause locks the rows selected in the SELECT statement definition of the cursor.

- 17. What command opens an explicit cursor? **OPEN cursor name**;
- 18. What command closes an explicit cursor? **CLOSE cursor name**;
- 19. Name five implicit actions that a cursor FOR loop provides.

Declares a record structure to match the select list of the cursor; opens the cursor, fetches from the cursor, exits the loop when the fetch returns no row, and closes the cursor

20. Describe what the following cursor attributes do:

%ISOPEN: Returns a Boolean value indicating whether the cursor is open **%FOUND:** Returns a Boolean value indicating whether the last fetch returned a value

%NOTFOUND: Returns a Boolean value indicating whether the last fetch did not return a value

%ROWCOUNT: Returns an integer indicating the number of rows fetched so far

Exceptions

21. An exception occurs in your PL/SQL block which is enclosed in another PL/SQL block. What happens to this exception?

Control is passed to the exception handler. If the exception is handled in the inner block, processing continues to the outer block. If the exception is not handled in the inner block, an exception is raised in the outer block and control is passed to the exception handler of the outer block. If neither the inner nor the outer block traps the exception, the program ends unsuccessfully.

- 22. An exception handler is mandatory within a PL/SQL subprogram. (True/False) **False**
- 23. What syntax do you use in the exception handler area of a subprogram? **EXCEPTION**

```
WHEN named_exception THEN
    statement[s];

WHEN others THEN
    statement[s];
```

END;

24. How do you code for a NO_DATA_FOUND error?

EXCEPTION

WHEN no_data_found THEN
 statement[s];

END;

25. Name three types of exceptions.

User-defined, Oracle server predefined, and Oracle server non-predefined

26. To associate an exception identifier with an Oracle error code, what pragma do you use and where?

Use the PRAGMA EXCEPTION_INIT and place the PRAGMA EXCEPTION_INIT in the declarative section.

27. How do you explicitly raise an exception?

Use the RAISE statement or the raise application error procedure.

28. What types of exceptions are implicitly raised?

All Oracle server exceptions (predefined and non-predefined) are automatically raised.

29. What does the RAISE_APPLICATION_ERROR procedure do?

Enables you to issue user-defined error messages from subprograms.

Dependencies

- 30. Which objects can a procedure or function directly reference?

 Table, view, sequence, procedure, function, package specification, object specification, and collection type
- 31. What are the two statuses that a schema object can have and where are they recorded?

 The user_objects dictionary view contains a column called status. Its values are VALID and INVALID.
- 32. The Oracle server automatically recompiles invalid procedures when they are called from the same ______. To avoid compile problems with remote database calls, we can use the _____ model instead of the timestamp model.

 database signature
- 33. What data dictionary contains information on direct dependencies? user_dependencies
- 34. What script do you run to create the views deptree and ideptree? You use the utldtree.sql script.

- 35. What does the deptree_fill procedure do and what are the arguments that you need to provide?
 - The deptree_fill procedure populates the deptree and ideptree views to display a tabular representation of all dependent objects, direct and indirect. You pass the object type, object owner, and object name to the deptree_fill procedure.
- 36. What does the dbms_output package do?

 The dbms_output package enables you to send messages from stored procedures, packages, and triggers.
- 37. How do you write "This procedure works." from within a PL/SQL program by using dbms_output?

 DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('This procedure works.');
- 38. What does dbms_sql do and how does this compare with Native Dynamic SQL? dbms_sql enables you to embed dynamic DML, DDL, and DCL statements within a PL/SQL program. Native dynamic SQL allows you to place dynamic SQL statements directly into PL/SQL blocks. Native dynamic SQL in PL/SQL is easier to use than dbms sql, requires much less application code, and performs better.

Practice 2: Solutions

1. Determine the output of the following code snippet.

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
BEGIN

UPDATE orders SET order_status = order_status;
FOR v_rec IN ( SELECT order_id FROM orders )
LOOP
    IF SQL%ISOPEN THEN
        DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('TRUE - ' || SQL%ROWCOUNT);
    ELSE
        DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('FALSE - ' || SQL%ROWCOUNT);
    END IF;
END LOOP;
END;
//
```

Execute the code from the lab_02_01.sql file. It will show FALSE - 105 for each row fetched.

2. Modify the following snippet of code to make better use of the FOR UPDATE clause and improve the performance of the program.

```
DECLARE
   CURSOR cur_update
    IS SELECT * FROM customers
    WHERE credit_limit < 5000 FOR UPDATE;
BEGIN
   FOR v_rec IN cur_update
   LOOP
    IF v_rec IS NOT NULL THEN
        UPDATE customers
        SET credit_limit = credit_limit + 200
        WHERE customer_id = v_rec.customer_id;
    END IF;
   END LOOP;
END;
/</pre>
```

Modify the file lab 02 02.sql file as shown below:

```
DECLARE
   CURSOR cur_update
   IS SELECT * FROM customers
   WHERE credit_limit < 5000 FOR UPDATE;
BEGIN
   FOR v_rec IN cur_update
    LOOP
        UPDATE customers
        SET credit_limit = credit_limit + 200
        WHERE CURRENT OF cur_update;
    END LOOP;
END;
//</pre>
```

Alternatively, you can execute the code from the sol 02 02.sql file.

1. Create a package specification that defines subtypes, which can be used for the warranty_period field of the product_information table. Name this package MY_TYPES. The type needs to hold the month and year for a warranty period.

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PACKAGE mytypes
IS
TYPE typ_warranty
IS RECORD (month POSITIVE, year PLS_INTEGER);
SUBTYPE warranty IS typ_warranty; -- based on RECORD type
END mytypes;
/
```

4. Create a package named SHOW_DETAILS that contains two subroutines. The first subroutine should show order details for the given order_id. The second subroutine should show customer details for the given customer_id, including the customer Id, first name, phone numbers, credit limit, and email address.

Both the subroutines should use the cursor variable to return the necessary details.

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PACKAGE show_details AS

TYPE rt_order IS REF CURSOR RETURN orders%ROWTYPE;

TYPE typ_cust_rec IS RECORD
  (cust_id NUMBER(6), cust_name VARCHAR2(20),
   custphone customers.phone_numbers%TYPE,
   credit NUMBER(9,2), cust_email VARCHAR2(30));

TYPE rt_cust IS REF CURSOR RETURN typ_cust_rec;

PROCEDURE get order(p orderid IN NUMBER, p cv order IN OUT rt order);
```

```
PROCEDURE get cust(p custid IN NUMBER, p cv cust IN OUT rt cust);
END show details;
CREATE OR REPLACE PACKAGE BODY show details AS
PROCEDURE get order
  (p orderid IN NUMBER, p cv order IN OUT rt order)
IS
BEGIN
 OPEN p cv order FOR
    SELECT * FROM order
      WHERE order id = p orderid;
-- CLOSE p cv order
END;
PROCEDURE get cust
  (p_custid IN NUMBER, p_cv_cust IN OUT rt_cust)
IS
BEGIN
 OPEN p_cv_cust FOR
    SELECT customer id, cust first name, phone numbers, credit limit,
           cust email FROM customers
      WHERE customer id = p custid;
-- CLOSE p_cv_cust
END;
END;
```

Alternatively, you can execute the code from the sol 02 04.sql file.

Practice 3: Solutions

Collection Analysis

1. Examine the following definitions. Run the lab_03_01.sql script to create these objects.

```
CREATE TYPE typ item AS OBJECT --create object
 (prodid NUMBER(5),
 price
         NUMBER (7,2)
CREATE TYPE typ item nst -- define nested table type
 AS TABLE OF typ item
CREATE TABLE POrder ( -- create database table
    ordid NUMBER(5),
     supplier NUMBER(5),
    requester
                NUMBER (4),
     ordered
                DATE,
     items typ item nst)
     NESTED TABLE items STORE AS item stor tab
@lab 03 01
```

2. The code shown below generates an error. Run the lab_03_02.sql script to generate and view the error.

```
BEGIN
-- Insert an order
INSERT INTO pOrder
(ordid, supplier, requester, ordered, items)
VALUES (1000, 12345, 9876, SYSDATE, NULL);
-- insert the items for the order created
INSERT INTO TABLE (SELECT items
FROM pOrder
WHERE ordid = 1000)
VALUES(typ_item(99, 129.00));
END;
/
@lab_03_02
```

Why is the error occurring?

The error: ORA-22908: reference to NULL table value is resulting from setting the table columns to NULL.

How can you fix the error?

Always use a nested table's default constructor to initialize it:

```
TRUNCATE TABLE pOrder;
-- A better approach is to avoid setting the table
-- column to NULL, and instead, use a nested table's
-- default constructor to initialize
BEGIN
 -- Insert an order
  INSERT INTO porder
    (ordid, supplier, requester, ordered, items)
    VALUES (1000, 12345, 9876, SYSDATE,
            typ item nst(typ item(99, 129.00)));
END;
-- However, if the nested table is set to NULL, you can
-- use an UPDATE statement to set its value.
BEGIN
 -- Insert an order
  INSERT INTO porder
    (ordid, supplier, requester, ordered, items)
   VALUES (1000, 12345, 9876, SYSDATE, null);
  -- Once the nested table is set to null, use the update
 -- update statement
 UPDATE pOrder
    SET items = typ item nst(typ item(99, 129.00))
    WHERE ordid = 1000
END;
```

3. Examine the following code. This code produces an error. Which line causes the error, and how do you fix it? (**Note:** You can run the lab_03_03.sql script to view the error output).

```
DECLARE
  TYPE credit card typ
  IS VARRAY(100) OF VARCHAR2(30);
         credit card typ := credit card typ();
  v visa credit card typ := credit card typ();
  v am credit_card_typ;
  v disc credit card typ := credit card typ();
  v dc
         credit card typ := credit card typ();
BEGIN
  v mc.EXTEND;
  v visa.EXTEND;
 v am.EXTEND;
  v disc.EXTEND;
  v dc.EXTEND;
END;
```

This causes an ORA-06531: Reference to uninitialized collection. To fix it, initialize the v_am variable by using the same technique as the others:

```
DECLARE
 TYPE credit card typ
  IS VARRAY(100) OF VARCHAR2(30);
  v mc
         credit card typ := credit card typ();
  v visa credit card typ := credit card typ();
         credit_card_typ := credit_card_typ();
  v_disc credit_card_typ := credit card typ();
  v dc
         credit card typ := credit card typ();
BEGIN
  v mc.EXTEND;
  v visa.EXTEND;
 v am.EXTEND;
  v disc.EXTEND;
  v dc.EXTEND;
END;
```

In the following practice exercises, you will implement a nested table column in the CUSTOMERS table and write PL/SQL code to manipulate the nested table.

4. Create a nested table to hold credit card information.

Create an object type called typ cr card. It should have the following specification:

```
card_type VARCHAR2(25)
card_num NUMBER
```

Create a nested table type called typ_cr_card_nst that is a table of typ_cr_card.

```
CREATE TYPE typ_cr_card AS OBJECT --create object
  (card_type VARCHAR2(25),
    card_num NUMBER);
/
CREATE TYPE typ_cr_card_nst -- define nested table type
    AS TABLE OF typ_cr_card;
/
```

Add a column to the CUSTOMERS table called credit_cards. Make this column a nested table of type typ_cr_card_nst. You can use the following syntax:

```
ALTER TABLE customers ADD credit_cards typ_cr_card_nst NESTED TABLE credit_cards STORE AS c_c_store_tab;
```

5. Create a PL/SQL package that manipulates the credit_cards column in the CUSTOMERS table.

Open the lab_03_05.sql file. It contains the package specification and part of the package body. Complete the code so that the package:

- Inserts credit card information (the credit card name and number for a specific customer.)
- Displays credit card information in an unnested format.

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PACKAGE credit_card_pkg
IS

PROCEDURE update_card_info
    (p_cust_id NUMBER, p_card_type VARCHAR2, p_card_no VARCHAR2);

PROCEDURE display_card_info
    (p_cust_id NUMBER);
END credit_card_pkg; -- package spec
/
```

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PACKAGE BODY credit card pkg
 PROCEDURE update card info
    (p cust id NUMBER, p card type VARCHAR2, p card no VARCHAR2)
    v card info typ cr card nst;
    i INTEGER;
 BEGIN
    SELECT credit cards
      INTO v card info
      FROM customers
     WHERE customer id = p cust id;
    IF v card info.EXISTS(1) THEN -- cards exist, add more
      i := v card info.LAST;
      v card info.EXTEND(1);
      v card info(i+1) := typ_cr_card(p_card_type, p_card_no);
      UPDATE customers
        SET credit cards = v card info
        WHERE customer id = p cust id;
    ELSE -- no cards for this customer yet, construct one
      UPDATE customers
        SET credit cards = typ cr card nst
           (typ cr card(p card type, p card no))
        WHERE customer_id = p_cust_id;
    END IF;
 END update card info;
  PROCEDURE display card info
    (p cust id NUMBER)
    v card info typ cr card nst;
    i INTEGER;
 BEGIN
    SELECT credit cards
      INTO v card info
     FROM customers
     WHERE customer id = p_cust_id;
    IF v card info.EXISTS(1) THEN
      FOR idx IN v card info.FIRST..v card info.LAST LOOP
     DBMS OUTPUT.PUT('Card Type: ' | | v card info(idx).card type | | ' ');
    DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('/ Card No: ' || v card info(idx).card num );
     END LOOP;
    ELSE
      DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE ('Customer has no credit cards.');
    END IF;
 END display card info;
END credit card pkg; -- package body
```

6. Test your package with the following statements and output:

```
SET SERVEROUT ON
EXECUTE credit card pkg.display card info(120)
Customer has no credit cards.
PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.
EXECUTE credit card pkg.update card info -
    (120, 'Visa', 11111111)
PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.
SELECT credit cards
FROM customers
WHERE customer id = 120;
CREDIT CARDS (CARD TYPE, CARD NUM)
______
TYP CR CARD NST(TYP CR CARD('Visa', 11111111))
EXECUTE credit card pkg.display card info(120)
Card Type: Visa / Card No: 11111111
PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.
EXECUTE credit card pkg.update card info -
    (120, 'MC', 2323232323)
PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.
EXECUTE credit card pkg.update card info -
    (120, 'DC', 444444)
PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.
EXECUTE credit card pkg.display card info(120)
Card Type: Visa / Card No: 11111111
Card Type: MC / Card No: 2323232323
Card Type: DC / Card No: 4444444
PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.
```

7. Write a SELECT statement against the CREDIT_CARDS column to unnest the data. Use the TABLE expression.

For example, if the SELECT statement returns:

```
SELECT credit cards
FROM customers
WHERE customer id = 120;
CREDIT_CARDS (CARD_TYPE, CARD_NUM)
_____
TYP_CR_CARD_NST(TYP_CR_CARD('Visa', 11111111), TYP CR CARD('MC',
2323232323), TYP CR CARD('DC', 4444444))
-- Use the table expression so that the result is:
CUSTOMER ID CUST LAST NAME CARD TYPE CARD NUM
_____
                  Visa
MC
     120 Higgins
                                 11111111
     120 Higgins
                                2323232323
     120 Higgins
                    DC
                                444444
```

```
SELECT c1.customer_id, c1.cust_last_name, c2.*
FROM customers c1, TABLE(c1.credit_cards) c2
WHERE customer_id = 120;
```

Practice 4: Solutions

1. An external C routine definition is created for you. The .c file is stored in the \$HOME/labs directory on the database server. This function returns the tax amount based on the total sales figure passed to it as a parameter. The name of the .c file is named as calc_tax.c. The shared object filename is calc_tax.so. The function is defined as:

```
calc_tax(n)
  int n;
{
    int tax;
    tax=(n*8)/100;
    return(tax);
}
```

a. Create a calc_tax.so file using the following command:

```
cc -shared -o calc_tax.so calc_tax.c
```

b. Copy the file calc_tax.so to \$ORACLE_HOME/bin directory using the following command:

```
cp calc_tax.so $ORACLE_HOME/bin
```

c. Log in to SQL*Plus. Create the library object. Name the library object c_code and define its path as:

```
CREATE OR REPLACE LIBRARY c code AS '$ORACLE HOME/bin/calc tax.so';
```

d. Create a function named call_c to publish the external C routine. This fuction has one numeric parameter and it returns a binary integer. Identify the AS LANGUAGE, LIBRARY, and NAME clauses of the function.

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION call_c
(x BINARY_INTEGER)
RETURN BINARY_INTEGER
AS LANGUAGE C
LIBRARY c_code
NAME "calc_tax";
/
```

e. Create a procedure to call the <code>call_c</code> function created in the the previous step. Name this procedure <code>c_output</code>. It has one numeric parameter. Include a <code>DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE</code> statement so that you can view the results returned from your C function.

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE c_output
   (p_in IN BINARY_INTEGER)
IS
   i BINARY_INTEGER;
BEGIN
   i := call_c(p_in);
   DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('The total tax is: ' || i);
END c_output;
/
```

f. Set the serveroutput ON.

SET SERVEROUTPUT ON

g. Execute the c output procedure.

```
EXECUTE c_output(1000000)
The total tax is: 8000
PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.
```

2. A Java method definition is created for you. The method accepts a 16-digit credit card number as the argument and returns the formatted credit card number (4 digits followed by a space). The .java file is stored in your \$HOME/labs directory. The name of the .class file is FormatCreditCardNo.class. The method is defined as:

```
public class FormatCreditCardNo
{
  public static final void formatCard(String[] cardno)
  {
   int count=0, space=0;
   String oldcc=cardno[0];
   String[] newcc= {""};
   while (count<16)
   {
   newcc[0]+= oldcc.charAt(count);
   space++;
   if (space ==4)
    { newcc[0]+=" "; space=0; }
   count++;
   }
   cardno[0]=newcc [0];
  }
}</pre>
```

a. Load the .java source file. From the operating system, type:

```
loadjava -user oe/oe FormatCreditCardNo.java
```

b. Publish the Java class method by defining a PL/SQL procedure named CCFORMAT. This procedure accepts one IN OUT parameter.

Use the following definition for the NAME parameter:

```
NAME 'FormatCreditCardNo.formatCard(java.lang.String[])';
```

Create a file named ccformat.sql and enter the following code.

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE ccformat
(x IN OUT VARCHAR2)
AS LANGUAGE JAVA
NAME 'FormatCreditCardNo.formatCard(java.lang.String[])';
/
```

Save ccformat.sql.

c. Execute the Java class method. Define a SQL*Plus variable, intialize it, run the ccformat.sql file and use the execute command to execute the ccformat procedure. Finally, print the SQL*Plus variable.

Practice 5: Solutions

- 1. Create a PL/SQL server page to display order information. The name of the procedure that you are creating is show orders.
 - a. Open the lab 05 01.psp file. This file contains some HTML code.
 - b. At the top of the file, include these directives:

```
<%@ page language="PL/SQL" %>
<%@ plsql procedure="show_orders" %>
```

c. Use the following SQL statement to retrieve the order details. Place the following statement in the FOR loop:

```
SELECT order_id, order_mode, customer_id, order_status,
order_total, call_c(order_total) tax, sales_rep_id
FROM orders
ORDER BY order_id;
```

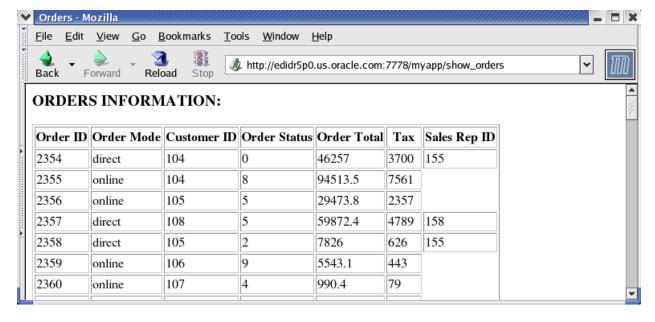
d. Load the PSP file from \$HOME/labs, type:

```
loadpsp -replace -user oe/oe lab_05_01.psp
```

Note: If the HTTP Server is not started, please start it using the following command:

```
opmnctl startall
```

e. From your browser, request the <code>show_orders</code> PSP as shown below.



Open sol 05 01.psp to see the modified code.

2. Create a PL/SQL server page to display the following customer information:

```
CUSTOMER_ID
CUST_FIRST_NAME
CUST_LAST_NAME
CREDIT_LIMIT
CUST_EMAIL
```

The name of the procedure is SHOW_CUST and you need to pass the CUSTOMER_ID as the parameter.

- a. Open the lab 05 02a.psp file. This file contains some HTML code.
- b. At the top of the file, include these directives:

```
<%@ page language="PL/SQL" %>
<%@ plsql procedure="show_cust" %>
<%@ plsql parameter="custid" %> type="NUMBER" default="101" %>
```

c. Place the parameter as shown in the following command:

```
Following are the details for the Customer ID <%= custid %>
```

d. Use the following SQL statement to retrieve customer information. Place this statement in the FOR loop within the lab 05 02a.psp file.

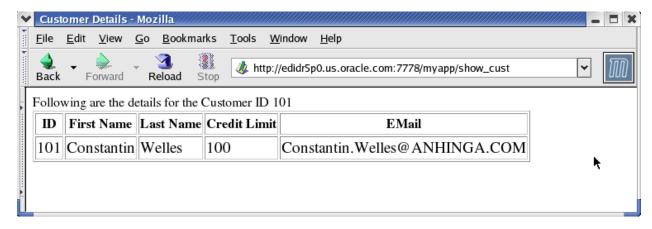
```
SELECT * FROM customers WHERE customer_id = custid;
```

Note: You can access the sol 05 02a.psp file for the modified code.

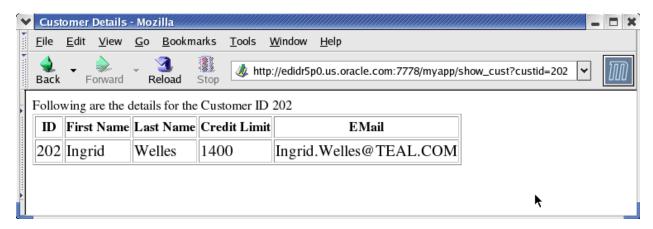
e. Load the PSP file from \$HOME/labs, type:

```
loadpsp -replace -user oe/oe lab_05_02a.psp
```

f. From the browser, request the show_cust PSP. By default it will show details for CUSTOMER_ID 101 because that is the specified default value.



g. To see details for other customers, pass the parameter as shown below.



h. To create an HTML form for calling the PSP, open lab_05_02b.psp and add the highlighted details.

```
<%@ page language="PL/SQL" %>

<%@ plsql procedure="show_cust_call" %>

<%@ plsql parameter="custid" %> type="NUMBER" default="101" %>

<HTML>

<BODY>

<form method="POST" action="show_cust">

Enter the Customer ID:

<input type="text" name="custid">

<input type="text" name="custid">

<input type="submit" value="Submit">

</form>

</BODY>
</HTML>
```

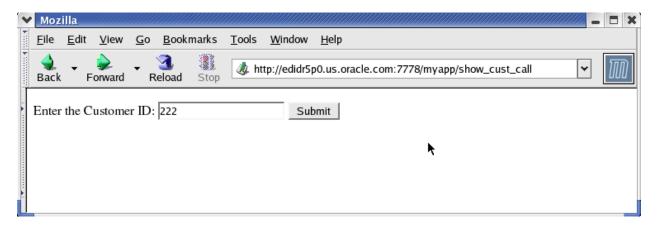
i. Save the PSP file.

Note: You can access the sol 05 02b.psp file for the modified code.

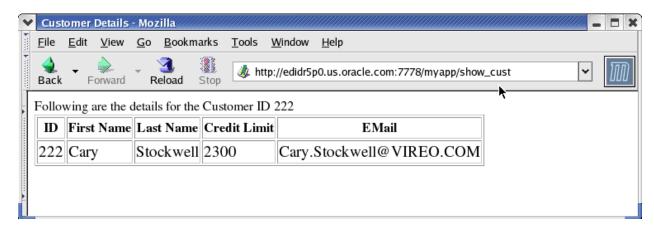
j. Load the PSP file from \$HOME/labs, and enter:

```
loadpsp -replace -user oe/oe lab 05 02b.psp
```

k. From the browser, request show_cust_call PSP. Enter the Customer ID and click the Submit button.



1. Note that the form in turn calls the show cust PSP and then displays the details.



Practice 6: Solutions

In this practice you will define an application context and security policy to implement the policy: "Sales Representatives can see their own order information only in the ORDERS table." You will create sales representative IDs to test the success of your implementation.

Examine the definition of the ORDERS table, and the sales representative's data:

1. Examine, then run the lab 06 01.sql script.

This script will create the sales representative's ID accounts with appropriate privileges to access the database:

```
CONNECT /AS sysdba
CREATE USER sr153 IDENTIFIED BY oracle
 DEFAULT TABLESPACE USERS
 TEMPORARY TABLESPACE TEMP
QUOTA UNLIMITED ON USERS;
CREATE USER sr154 IDENTIFIED BY oracle
 DEFAULT TABLESPACE USERS
TEMPORARY TABLESPACE TEMP
QUOTA UNLIMITED ON USERS;
. . .
CREATE USER sr163 IDENTIFIED BY oracle
DEFAULT TABLESPACE USERS
TEMPORARY TABLESPACE TEMP
OUOTA UNLIMITED ON USERS;
GRANT create session
    , alter session
  TO sr153, sr154, sr155, sr156, sr158, sr159,
   sr160, sr161, sr163;
GRANT SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE ON
 oe.orders TO sr153, sr154, sr155, sr156, sr158,
                  sr159, sr160, sr161, sr163;
GRANT SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE ON
 oe.order items TO sr153, sr154, sr155, sr156, sr158,
                  sr159, sr160, sr161, sr163;
CREATE PUBLIC SYNONYM orders FOR oe.orders;
CREATE PUBLIC SYNONYM orders FOR oe.order items;
CONNECT oe/oe
```

```
@lab 06 01.sql
```

2. Set up an application context:

Connect to the database as SYSDBA before creating this context.

Create an application context named sales orders ctx.

Associate this context to the oe.sales orders pkg.

```
CONNECT /AS sysdba

CREATE CONTEXT sales_orders_ctx

USING oe.sales_orders_pkg;
```

3. Connect as OE/OE.

Examine this package specification:

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PACKAGE sales_orders_pkg
IS
PROCEDURE set_app_context;
FUNCTION the_predicate
(p_schema VARCHAR2, p_name VARCHAR2)
RETURN VARCHAR2;
END sales_orders_pkg; -- package spec
/
```

Create this package specification and then the package body in the OE schema.

When you create the package body, set up two constants as follows:

```
c_context CONSTANT VARCHAR2(30) := 'SALES_ORDER_CTX';
c_attrib CONSTANT VARCHAR2(30) := 'SALES_REP';
```

Use these constants in the SET_APP_CONTEXT procedure to set the application context to the current user.

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PACKAGE BODY sales orders pkg
  c context CONSTANT VARCHAR2 (30) := 'SALES ORDERS CTX';
 c attrib CONSTANT VARCHAR2(30) := 'SALES REP';
PROCEDURE set_app_context
    v user VARCHAR2(30);
BEGIN
  SELECT user INTO v user FROM dual;
  DBMS SESSION.SET CONTEXT
    (c context, c attrib, v user);
END set app context;
FUNCTION the predicate
(p schema VARCHAR2, p name VARCHAR2)
RETURN VARCHAR2
IS
 v context value VARCHAR2(100) :=
     SYS CONTEXT(c context, c attrib);
  v restriction VARCHAR2(2000);
BEGIN
 IF v context value LIKE 'SR%' THEN
    v restriction :=
     'SALES REP ID =
      SUBSTR(''' || v context value || ''', 3, 3)';
    v restriction := null;
 END IF;
 RETURN v restriction;
END the predicate;
END sales orders pkg; -- package body
```

4. Connect as SYSDBA and define the policy.

```
Use DBMS RLS.ADD POLICY to define the policy.
```

Use these specifications for the parameter values:

```
object_schema OE
object_name ORDERS
policy_name OE_ORDERS_ACCESS_POLICY
function_schema OE
policy_function SALES_ORDERS_PKG.THE_PREDICATE
statement_types SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE
update_check FALSE,
enable TRUE);
```

```
CONNECT /as sysdba

DECLARE
BEGIN
   DBMS_RLS.ADD_POLICY (
   'OE',
   'ORDERS',
   'OE_ORDERS_ACCESS_POLICY',
   'OE',
   'SALES_ORDERS_PKG.THE_PREDICATE',
   'SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE',
   FALSE,
   TRUE);
END;
//
```

5. Connect as SYSDBA and create a logon trigger to implement fine-grained access control. You can call the trigger SET_ID_ON_LOGON. This trigger causes the context to be set as each user is logged on.

```
CONNECT /as sysdba

CREATE OR REPLACE TRIGGER set_id_on_logon
AFTER logon on DATABASE
BEGIN
oe.sales_orders_pkg.set_app_context;
END;
/
```

6. Test the fine-grained access implementation. Connect as your SR user and query the ORDERS table. For example, your results should match:

Note

During debugging, you may need to disable or remove some of the objects created for this lesson.

If you need to disable the logon trigger, issue the command:

```
ALTER TRIGGER set_id_on_logon DISABLE;
```

If you need to remove the policy you created, issue the command:

```
EXECUTE DBMS_RLS.DROP_POLICY('OE', 'ORDERS',-
'OE ORDERS ACCESS POLICY')
```

Practice 7: Solutions

1. In this exercise, you will pin the fine-grained access package created in Lesson 6.

Note: If you have not completed practice 6, run the following files in the \$HOME/soln folder:

```
@sol_06_02.sql
@sol_06_03.sql
@sol_06_04.sql
@sol_06_05.sql
```

Using the DBMS SHARED POOL. KEEP procedure, pin your SALES ORDERS PKG.

```
EXECUTE sys.dbms_shared_pool.keep('SALES_ORDERS_PKG')
```

Execute the DBMS_SHARED_POOL.SIZES procedure to see the objects in the shared pool that are larger than 500 kilobytes.

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
EXECUTE sys.dbms_shared_pool.sizes(500)
```

2. Open the lab_07_02.sql file and examine the package (the package body is shown below):

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PACKAGE BODY credit card pkg
 PROCEDURE update card info
    (p_cust_id NUMBER, p_card_type VARCHAR2, p_card_no VARCHAR2)
 IS
   v card info typ cr card nst;
   i INTEGER;
 BEGIN
   SELECT credit cards
      INTO v card info
      FROM customers
     WHERE customer_id = p_cust_id;
   IF v card info.EXISTS(1) THEN -- cards exist, add more
      i := v_card info.LAST;
     v card info.EXTEND(1);
     v card info(i+1) := typ cr card(p card type, p card no);
     UPDATE customers
        SET credit cards = v card info
        WHERE customer id = p cust id;
         -- no cards for this customer yet, construct one
     UPDATE customers
        SET credit_cards = typ_cr_card_nst
            (typ cr card(p card type, p card no))
        WHERE customer id = p cust id;
   END IF;
 END update card info;
-- continued on next page
```

```
-- continued from previous page.
  PROCEDURE display card info
    (p cust id NUMBER)
    v card info typ cr card nst;
    i INTEGER;
 BEGIN
    SELECT credit cards
      INTO v card info
      FROM customers
     WHERE customer id = p cust id;
    IF v card info.EXISTS(1) THEN
      FOR idx IN v card info.FIRST..v card info.LAST LOOP
          DBMS OUTPUT.PUT('Card Type: ' || v card info(idx).card type
           || " ');
        DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('/ Card No: ' ||
           v card info(idx).card num );
      END LOOP;
    ELSE
      DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('Customer has no credit cards.');
    END IF;
 END display card info;
END credit card pkg; -- package body
```

This code needs to be improved. The following issues exist in the code:

- The local variables use the INTEGER data type.
- The same SELECT statement is run in the two procedures.
- The same IF v card info.EXISTS(1) THEN statement is in the two procedures.

3. To improve the code, make the following modifications:

Change the local INTEGER variables to use a more efficient data type.

Move the duplicated code into a function. The package specification for the modification is:

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PACKAGE credit_card_pkg

IS

FUNCTION cust_card_info

(p_cust_id NUMBER, p_card_info IN OUT typ_cr_card_nst)

RETURN BOOLEAN;

PROCEDURE update_card_info

(p_cust_id NUMBER, p_card_type VARCHAR2, p_card_no VARCHAR2);

PROCEDURE display_card_info

(p_cust_id NUMBER);

END credit_card_pkg; -- package spec

/
```

Have the function return TRUE if the customer has credit cards. The function should return FALSE if the customer does not have credit cards. Pass into the function an uninitialized nested table. The function places the credit card information into this uninitialized parameter.

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PACKAGE credit_card_pkg
IS

FUNCTION cust_card_info
    (p_cust_id NUMBER, p_card_info IN OUT typ_cr_card_nst)
    RETURN BOOLEAN;

PROCEDURE update_card_info
    (p_cust_id NUMBER, p_card_type VARCHAR2, p_card_no VARCHAR2);

PROCEDURE display_card_info
    (p_cust_id NUMBER);

END credit_card_pkg; -- package spec
/
-- continued on next page
```

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PACKAGE BODY credit card pkg
 FUNCTION cust card info
    (p cust id NUMBER, p card info IN OUT typ cr card nst )
   RETURN BOOLEAN
    v card info exists BOOLEAN;
 BEGIN
    SELECT credit cards
      INTO p card info
      FROM customers
      WHERE customer id = p cust id;
    IF p card info.EXISTS(1) THEN
      v card info exists := TRUE;
   ELSE
      v card info exists := FALSE;
   END IF;
   RETURN v card info exists;
 END cust card info;
  PROCEDURE update card info
    (p cust id NUMBER, p card type VARCHAR2, p card no VARCHAR2)
    v card info typ cr card nst;
    i PLS INTEGER;
 BEGIN
    IF cust card info(p cust id, v card info) THEN
      -- cards exist, add more
      i := v card info.LAST;
      v card info.EXTEND(1);
      v card info(i+1) := typ cr card(p card type, p card no);
      UPDATE customers
        SET credit cards = v card info
        WHERE customer id = p cust id;
    ELSE -- no cards for this customer yet, construct one
      UPDATE customers
        SET credit cards = typ cr card nst
           (typ_cr_card(p_card_type, p_card_no))
        WHERE customer id = p cust id;
    END IF;
 END update card info;
-- continued on next page
```

```
PROCEDURE display card info
    (p cust id NUMBER)
  TS
    v card info typ cr card nst;
    i PLS INTEGER;
 BEGIN
    IF cust card info(p cust id, v card info) THEN
      FOR idx IN v card info.FIRST..v card info.LAST LOOP
          DBMS OUTPUT.PUT('Card Type: ' ||
          v card info(idx).card type || ' ');
        DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('/ Card No: ' ||
          v card info(idx).card num );
      END LOOP;
    ELSE
      DBMS OUTPUT.PUT LINE('Customer has no credit cards.');
   END IF;
 END display_card_info;
END credit card pkg; -- package body
```

4. Test your modified code with the following data:

5. Open the lab_07_05a.sql file. It contains the modified code from the previous question #3.

You need to modify the UPDATE_CARD_INFO procedure to return information (using the RETURNING clause) about the credit cards being updated. Assume that this information will be used by another application developer in your team, who is writing a graphical reporting utility on customer credit cards, after a customer's credit card information is changed.

Modify the code to use the RETURNING clause to find information about the row affected by the UPDATE statements.

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PACKAGE credit_card_pkg
IS

FUNCTION cust_card_info
    (p_cust_id NUMBER, p_card_info IN OUT typ_cr_card_nst )
    RETURN BOOLEAN;

PROCEDURE update_card_info
    (p_cust_id NUMBER, p_card_type VARCHAR2,
        p_card_no VARCHAR2, o_card_info OUT typ_cr_card_nst);

PROCEDURE display_card_info
    (p_cust_id NUMBER);

END credit_card_pkg; -- package spec
/
```

```
... only the update card info procedure is changed in the body
PROCEDURE update card info
    (p cust id NUMBER, p card type VARCHAR2,
    p card no VARCHAR2, o card info OUT typ cr card nst)
    v card info typ cr card nst;
    i PLS INTEGER;
    IF cust card info(p cust id, v card info) THEN
     -- cards exist, add more
      i := v card info.LAST;
      v card info.EXTEND(1);
      v card info(i+1) := typ_cr_card(p_card_type, p_card_no);
      UPDATE customers
        SET credit cards = v card info
        WHERE customer id = p cust id
       RETURNING credit cards INTO o card info;
    ELSE -- no cards for this customer yet, construct one
      UPDATE customers
        SET credit cards = typ cr card nst
            (typ cr card(p card type, p card no))
        WHERE customer id = p cust id
        RETURNING credit cards INTO o card info;
    END IF;
END update card info;
```

You can test your modified code with the following procedure (contained in lab_07_05b.sql):

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE test_credit_update_info
  (p_cust_id NUMBER, p_card_type VARCHAR2, p_card_no NUMBER)
IS
   v_card_info typ_cr_card_nst;
BEGIN
   credit_card_pkg.update_card_info
        (p_cust_id, p_card_type, p_card_no, v_card_info);
END test_credit_update_info;
/
```

Test your code with the following statements set in boldface:

6. In this exercise, you will test exception handling with the SAVED EXCEPTIONS clause.

Run the lab_07_06a.sql file to create a test table:

```
CREATE TABLE card_table (accepted_cards VARCHAR2(50) NOT NULL);
```

Open the lab 07 06b.sql file and run the contents:

```
DECLARE
  type typ_cards is table of VARCHAR2(50);
  v_cards typ_cards := typ_cards
  ( 'Citigroup Visa', 'Nationscard MasterCard',
    'Federal American Express', 'Citizens Visa',
    'International Discoverer', 'United Diners Club');

BEGIN
  v_cards.Delete(3);
  v_cards.Delete(6);
  FORALL j IN v_cards.first..v_cards.last
    SAVE EXCEPTIONS
    EXECUTE IMMEDIATE
  'insert into card_table (accepted_cards) values (:the_card)'
    USING v_cards(j);
//
```

Note the output: This returns an "Error in Array DML (at line 11)," which is not very informational. The cause of this error is: one or more rows failed in the DML.

6. (continued)

Open the lab 07 06c.sql file and run the contents:

```
DECLARE
 type typ cards is table of VARCHAR2(50);
 v cards typ cards := typ cards
  ( 'Citigroup Visa', 'Nationscard MasterCard',
    'Federal American Express', 'Citizens Visa',
    'International Discoverer', 'United Diners Club');
 bulk errors EXCEPTION;
  PRAGMA exception init (bulk errors, -24381);
BEGIN
 v cards.Delete(3);
 v cards.DELETE(6);
 FORALL j IN v cards.first..v cards.last
    SAVE EXCEPTIONS
    EXECUTE IMMEDIATE
   'insert into card table (accepted cards) values ( :the card)'
   USING v cards(j);
EXCEPTION
 WHEN bulk errors THEN
    FOR j IN 1..sql%bulk exceptions.count
    Dbms Output.Put Line (
      TO CHAR( sql%bulk exceptions(j).error index ) || ':
      ' || SQLERRM(-sql%bulk exceptions(j).error code) );
 END LOOP;
END;
```

Note the output:

```
ORA-22160: element at index [] does not exist PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.
```

Why is the output different?

The PL/SQL block raises the exception 22160 when it encounters an array element that was deleted. The exception is handled and the block completes successfully.

Practice 8: Solutions

In this exercise, you will profile the CREDIT CARD PKG package created in an earlier lesson.

1. Run the lab 08 01.sql script to create the CREDIT CARD PKG package.

```
@$HOME/labs/lab_08_01.sql
```

2. Run the proftab.sql script to create the profile tables under your schema.

```
@$HOME/labs/proftab.sql
```

3. Create a MY PROFILER procedure to:

Start the profiler

Run the application

```
EXECUTE credit_card_pkg.update_card_info - (130, 'AM EX', 1212121212)
```

Flush the profiler data

Stop the profiler

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE my profiler
(p comment1 IN VARCHAR2, p comment2 IN VARCHAR2)
TS
 v return code
                   NUMBER;
BEGIN
--start the profiler
 v return code:=DBMS PROFILER.START PROFILER
    (p comment1, p comment2);
 dbms output.put line
    ('Result from START: '||v return code);
-- now run a program...
 credit card pkg.update card info (130, 'AM EX', 121212121212);
--flush the collected data to the dictionary tables
 v return code := DBMS PROFILER.FLUSH DATA;
 dbms output.put line
    ('Result from FLUSH: '||v return code);
--stop profiling
 v return code := DBMS PROFILER.STOP PROFILER;
 dbms output.put line
    ('Result from STOP: '||v return code);
END;
```

4. Execute the MY_PROFILER procedure.

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON

EXECUTE my_profiler('Benchmark Run.' , 'This is the first run.')
```

5. Analyze the results of profiling in the PLSQL PROFILER tables.

In this exercise, you will trace the CREDIT_CARD_PKG package.

6. Enable the CREDIT_CARD_PKG for tracing by using the ALTER statement with the COMPILE DEBUG option.

```
ALTER PACKAGE credit_card_pkg COMPILE DEBUG BODY;
```

7. Start the trace session and trace all calls.

```
EXECUTE DBMS_TRACE.SET_PLSQL_TRACE(DBMS_TRACE.trace_all_calls)
```

8. Run the credit_card_pkg.update_card_info procedure with the following data:

```
EXECUTE credit_card_pkg.update_card_info - (135, 'DC', 987654321)
```

9. Disable tracing.

```
EXECUTE DBMS_TRACE.CLEAR_PLSQL_TRACE
```

10. Examine the trace information by querying the trace tables.