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### **Before You Begin This Course**

Before you begin this course, you should have thorough knowledge of SQL, SQL\*Plus, and working experience developing applications with PL/SQL. Required prerequisites are *Oracle Database 10g: Develop PL/SQL Program Units* or *Oracle Database 10g: Program with PL/SQL*.

### **How This Course Is Organized**

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

## Related Publications

### Oracle Publications

Title	Part Number
<i>Oracle Database Concepts 10g Release 1 (10.1)</i>	B10743-01
<i>Oracle Database SQL Reference Release 1 (10.1)</i>	B10759-01
<i>PL/SQL Packages and Types Reference 10g Release 1 (10.1)</i>	B10802-01
<i>PL/SQL User's Guide and Reference 10g Release 1 (10.1)</i>	B10807-01
<i>Oracle Database Application Developer's Guide - Fundamentals 10g Release 1 (10.1)</i>	B10795-01
<i>Oracle Database Application Developer's Guide - Object-Relational Features 10g Release 1 (10.1)</i>	B10799-01
<i>Oracle Database Performance Tuning Guide 10g Release 1 (10.1)</i>	B10752-01

### Additional Publications

- System release bulletins
- Installation and User's guides
- *read.me* files
- International Oracle User's Group (IOUG) articles
- *Oracle Magazine*
- OTN (<http://otn.oracle.com/>)

## Typographic Conventions

The following are two lists of typographical conventions 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 <code>SELECT</code> command to view information stored in the <code>CUST_LAST_NAME</code> column of the <code>CUSTOMERS</code> table.
Lowercase	File names, syntax variables, usernames, passwords	<b>where:</b> <i>role</i> is the name of the role italic to be created.
Initial cap	Trigger and button names	Assign a <code>When-Validate-Item</code> trigger to the <code>ORD</code> block. Click <code>Cancel</code> .
Italic	Books, names of courses and manuals, and emphasized words or phrases	For more information on the subject, see <i>Oracle Database Concepts 10g Release 1</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 7, “Performance and Tuning.”

## Typographic Conventions (continued)

### Typographic Conventions within Code

Convention	Object or Term	Example
Uppercase	Commands, functions	SELECT customer_id FROM customers;
Lowercase, italic	Syntax variables	CREATE ROLE <i>rolename</i> ;
Initial cap	Forms triggers	Form module: ORD Trigger level: S_ITEM.QUANTITY item Trigger name: When-Validate-Item . . .
Lowercase	Column names, table names, filenames,	. . . SELECT cust_last_name, cust_email FROM customers;
	PL/SQL objects	EXECUTE dbms_output.put_line('a')
Bold	Text that must be entered by a user	<b>SQLDBA&gt; CREATE USER oe</b> <b>2&gt; IDENTIFIED BY oe;</b>