Database Programming
Three-Tier Architecture

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SQL in Programs

Embedded SQL:
• SQL code blocks embedded in host language
• Additional commands (cursors, etc.)
• pre-processed into host-language code (fct/proc calls)

Dynamic SQL:
• Dynamic SQL code blocks in host language
• Queries are dynamic (Parameters, etc.)

Database Connectivity:
• CLI (Call-Level Interface):
• Dynamic SQL interface for programs
• ODBC, OLEDB, JDBC
• ORM (Object Relational Mapping)
Programming in SQL: SQL/PSM

PSM (Persistent Stored Module)
• stored in database (stored procedure)
• can be called from host-languages and SQL
• parameterized/programmed SQL

Vendors have proprietary versions of SQL/PSM
Oracle: PL/SQL
DB2: SQL/PL
SQL Server: Transact-SQL

What we’ll do
Procedures and Functions

Procedure
• perform sequence of commands
• can include SQL, loops, conditionals, etc.
• can read through SQL statement one tuple at a time

Function
• like procedure but returns value
Function Example

create or replace function age_yr(year number)
    return number as
begin
    return extract(year from sysdate) - year;
end;
/

SELECT sid, age_yr(started)
FROM student;
create or replace procedure enroll(sid number, cid number, quarter varchar2, year number) as
begin
    INSERT INTO enrolled
    VALUES (sid, cid, quarter, year);
end;
/

call enroll(11035, 3201, 'Fall', 2015);
PL/SQL: variable declaration/assignment

```plsql
declare
    val number := 1;
begin
    val := 1 + 2 * 3;
    dbms_output.put_line(val);
end;
/
```

- drop declare keyword for procedure/function bodies
- declared variables need not have default values assigned
PL/SQL: assignment

• can assign values of SQL statements that return a single value to variable using SELECT … INTO:

```plsql
declare
    first_started number;
begin
    SELECT min(started) INTO first_started
    FROM student;
    dbms_output.put_line(first_started);
end;
/
```

• error message if SELECT returns no or multiple values or wrong type
PL/SQL: errors and exceptions

```
declare
    first_started number;
    sid number;
begin
    SELECT min(started) INTO first_started
    FROM student;
    SELECT SID INTO sid
    FROM student
    WHERE started = first_started;
    dbms_output.put_line(sid);
end;
```

• what if there are several students?
PL/SQL: errors and exceptions

```
declare
    first_started number;
    sid number;
begin
    SELECT min(started) INTO first_started
    FROM student;
    SELECT SID INTO sid
    FROM student
    WHERE started = first_started;
    dbms_output.put_line(sid);
exception
    when TOO_MANY_ROWS then
        dbms_output.put_line('Several students in first year');
end;
```
PL/SQL: exceptions

DUP_VAL_ON_INDEX
NO_DATA_FOUND
TIMEOUT_ON_RESOURCE
TOO_MANY_ROWS
VALUE_ERROR
ZERO-DIVIDE

WHEN OTHERS THEN

http://docs.oracle.com/cd/B10501_01/appdev.920/a96624/07_errs.htm
create or replace function city_count(cname varchar2) return number as
    cc number;
begin
    SELECT count(*) INTO cc
    FROM student
    WHERE city = cname;
    return cc;
end;
/

select distinct city, city_count('Chicago')
from student;
Simple Examples

• Write a procedure that deletes a student given by SID
• Write a procedure that deletes all students in a given year
• Given a course ID, a quarter and a year, calculate the number of students enrolled in the course at that time
• Given the name of a department, calculate the number of courses in the department
• For each student calculate how many courses they have enrolled in
• For each student calculate how many groups they are members of
PL/SQL: conditionals

```plsql
set serveroutput on;
begin
    if dbms_random.value(0,1) > 0.5 then
        dbms_output.put_line('Head');
    else
        dbms_output.put_line('Tails');
    end if;
end;
/
```

if then end if;
if then else end if;
if then elsif then end if
More Examples

• Write a function that for each course returns whether it is ‘GRD’ or ‘UGRD’
• For every student compute their standing: freshman (< 3 courses), sophomore (< 5 courses), junior (< 7 courses), senior (everybody else).
• Given a student ID, determine whether the student enrolled during the current year (create output: dbms_output)
• (Requires prereq structure) When a student enrolls in a course, only allow this if we the student has already enrolled in all the prerequisite courses (use trigger)
PL/SQL: loops

set serveroutput on;
declare
  i number := 1;
begin
  loop
    i := i + 1;
    exit when i >= 10;
    dbms_output.put_line(i);
  end loop;
end;
/
Loop Examples

• Write code that computes the Fibonacci numbers (up to some bound)
• Create a look-up table for the Fibonacci numbers
PL/SQL: cursors

set serveroutput on;
declare
cursor st_cursor IS
(SELECT sid
 FROM student);
st_id student.sid%type;
begin
  open st_cursor;
  loop
    fetch st_cursor INTO st_id;
    exit when st_cursor%notfound;
    dbms_output.put_line('Student ID: ' || st_id);
  end loop;
  close st_cursor;
end;
PL/SQL: cursors

```sql
set serveroutput on;
declare
cursor st_cursor IS
    (SELECT sid, lastname, firstname
     FROM student);
st_id student.sid%type;
ln student.lastname%type;
fn student.firstname%type;
begin
    open st_cursor;
    loop
        fetch st_cursor INTO st_id, ln, fn;
        exit when st_cursor%notfound;
        dbms_output.put_line('Student: ' || fn || ' ' || ln);
    end loop;
    close st_cursor;
end;
```
Cursor Examples

- Write a procedure that takes as input a course and department name and writes out the last year the course was offered (or a message that it has never been offered)
- Write a procedure that takes as input a course ID, cancels the course and sends a message “Dear FirstName LastName, your course Department CourseName has been cancelled” (can this be done in SQL?)
- Write a procedure that checks all student enrollments and drops graduate student enrollments in undergraduate classes and writes a warning message (sends email)
- Write a procedure that finds courses with the same name in the same department and cross-lists them: that is, we only keep the course with the largest CourseNr, delete all the others, and re-enroll students into the consolidated course (can this be done in SQL?)
Unnecessary loops

declare
cursor emp_cursor IS
  (SELECT emp_id, salary
   FROM employee);
  e employee.emp_id%type;
s employee.salary%type;
begin
  open emp_cursor;
  loop
    fetch emp_cursor INTO e,s;
    exit when emp_cursor%notfound;
    if s < 90000 then
      update employee
      set salary = s*1.1
      where emp_id = e;
    else
      update employee
      set salary = s*0.9
      where emp_id = e;
    end if;
  end loop;
  close emp_cursor;
end;
solution:

update employee
set salary =
    case when salary < 90000
        then salary * 1.1
        else salary * 0.9
    end;

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            update employee
            set salary = s*0.9
            where emp_id = e;
        end if;
    end loop;
    close emp_cursor;
end;

“The best performance improvement technique for cursors inside the database is not to use them.”

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