

# Using Multiple Cursors

## What Will I Learn?

In this lesson, you will learn to:

- Explain the need for using multiple cursors to produce multi-level reports
- Create PL/SQL code to declare and manipulate multiple cursors within nested loops
- Create PL/SQL code to declare and manipulate multiple cursors using parameters

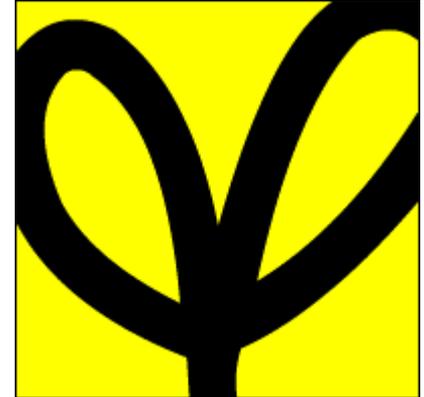


## Why Learn It?

In real-life programs you often need to declare and use two or more cursors in the same PL/SQL block. Often these cursors are related to each other by parameters.

One common example is the need for multi-level reports in which each level of the report uses rows from a different cursor.

This lesson does not introduce new concepts or syntax. It shows more powerful uses for the concepts and syntax that you already know.



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### A Sample Problem Statement



You need to produce a report that lists each department as a sub-heading, immediately followed by a listing of the employees in that department, followed by the next department, and so on.

You need two cursors, one for each of the two tables. The cursor based on `EMPLOYEES` is opened several times, once for each department.



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## Problem Solution: Step 1

Declare two cursors, one for each table, plus associated record structures.

```
DECLARE
  CURSOR c_dept IS
    SELECT department_id, department_name
       FROM departments
       ORDER BY department_name;
  CURSOR c_emp (p_deptid NUMBER) IS
    SELECT first_name, last_name
       FROM employees
       WHERE department_id = p_deptid
       ORDER BY last_name;
  v_deptrec   c_dept%ROWTYPE;
  v_emprec    c_emp%ROWTYPE;
```

Why is cursor `c_emp` declared with a parameter?



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## Problem Solution: Step 2

Open the `c_dept` cursor and fetch and display the DEPARTMENTS rows in the usual way.

```
DECLARE
  CURSOR c_dept IS .....;
  CURSOR c_emp (p_deptid NUMBER) IS .....;
  v_deptrec    c_dept%ROWTYPE;
  v_emprec     c_emp%ROWTYPE;
BEGIN
  OPEN c_dept;
  LOOP
    FETCH c_dept INTO v_deptrec;
    EXIT WHEN c_dept%NOTFOUND;
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(v_deptrec.department_name);
  END LOOP;
  CLOSE c_dept;
END;
```



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### Problem Solution: Step 3

After each `DEPARTMENTS` row has been fetched and displayed, you need to fetch and display the `EMPLOYEES` in that department.

To do this, you open the `EMPLOYEES` cursor, fetch and display its rows in a nested loop, and close the cursor.

Then, you do the same for the next `DEPARTMENTS` row. And so on.

The next slide shows the code for this.



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```
DECLARE
  CURSOR c_dept IS .....;
  CURSOR c_emp (p_deptid NUMBER) IS .....;
  v_deptrec    c_dept%ROWTYPE;
  v_emprec     c_emp%ROWTYPE;
BEGIN
  OPEN c_dept;
  LOOP
    FETCH c_dept INTO v_deptrec;
    EXIT WHEN c_dept%NOTFOUND;
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(v_deptrec.department_name);
    OPEN c_emp (v_deptrec.department_id);
    LOOP
      FETCH c_emp INTO v_emprec;
      EXIT WHEN c_emp%NOTFOUND;
      DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(v_emprec.last_name || ' ' ||
        v_emprec.first_name);
    END LOOP;
    CLOSE c_emp;
  END LOOP;
  CLOSE c_dept;
END;
```



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## A Second Example

You need to produce a report that lists each location in which your departments are situated, followed by the departments in that location.

Again, you need two cursors, one for each of the two tables. The cursor based on `DEPARTMENTS` will be opened several times, once for each location.

The next slide shows the code needed to produce this report.



# Tell Me/Show Me

```
DECLARE
  CURSOR c_loc IS SELECT * FROM locations;
  CURSOR c_dept (p_locid NUMBER) IS
    SELECT * FROM departments WHERE location_id = p_locid;
  v_locrec    c_loc%ROWTYPE;
  v_deptrec   c_dept%ROWTYPE;
BEGIN
  OPEN c_loc;
  LOOP
    FETCH c_loc INTO v_locrec;
    EXIT WHEN c_loc%NOTFOUND;
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(v_locrec.city);
    OPEN c_dept (v_locrec.location_id);
    LOOP
      FETCH c_dept INTO v_deptrec;
      EXIT WHEN c_dept%NOTFOUND;
      DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(v_deptrec.department_name);
    END LOOP;
    CLOSE c_dept;
  END LOOP;
  CLOSE c_loc;
END;
```



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## Using FOR Loops with Multiple Cursors

You can use FOR loops (and other cursor techniques, such as FOR UPDATE) with multiple cursors, just as you can with single cursors.

```
DECLARE
  CURSOR c_loc IS SELECT * FROM locations;
  CURSOR c_dept (p_locid NUMBER) IS
    SELECT * FROM departments WHERE location_id = p_locid;
BEGIN
  FOR v_locrec IN c_loc
  LOOP
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(v_locrec.city);
    FOR v_deptrec IN c_dept (v_locrec.location_id)
    LOOP
      DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(v_deptrec.department_name);
    END LOOP;
  END LOOP;
END;
```



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## A Final Example

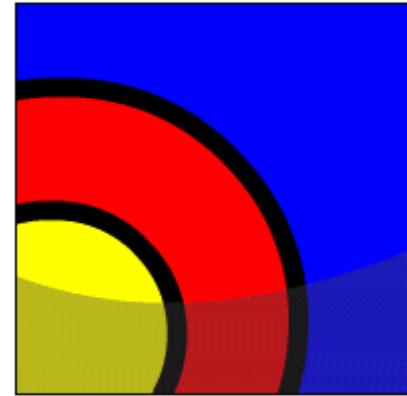
List all employees in all departments, and give a salary increase to some of them:

```
DECLARE
  CURSOR c_dept IS SELECT * FROM my_departments;
  CURSOR c_emp (p_dept_id NUMBER) IS
    SELECT * FROM my_employees WHERE department_id = p_dept_id
    FOR UPDATE NOWAIT;
BEGIN
  FOR v_deptrec IN c_dept LOOP
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(v_deptrec.department_name);
    FOR v_emprec IN c_emp (v_deptrec.department_id) LOOP
      DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(v_emprec.last_name);
      IF v_deptrec.location_id = 1700 AND v_emprec.salary < 10000
        THEN UPDATE my_employees SET salary = salary * 1.1
          WHERE CURRENT OF c_emp;
      END IF;
    END LOOP;
  END LOOP;
END;
```

## Summary

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## Try It/Solve It

The exercises in this lesson cover the following topic:

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