

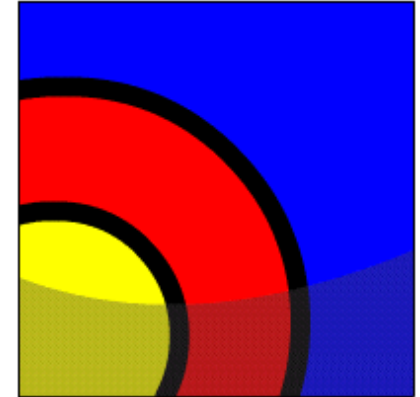
Manipulating Data in PL/SQL



What Will I Learn?

In this lesson, you will learn to:

- Construct and execute PL/SQL statements that manipulate data with DML statements
- Describe when to use implicit or explicit cursors in PL/SQL
- Create PL/SQL code to use SQL implicit cursor attributes to evaluate cursor activity





Why Learn It?

In the previous lesson, you learned that you can include `SELECT` statements that return a single row in a PL/SQL block. The data retrieved by the `SELECT` statement must be held in variables using the `INTO` clause.



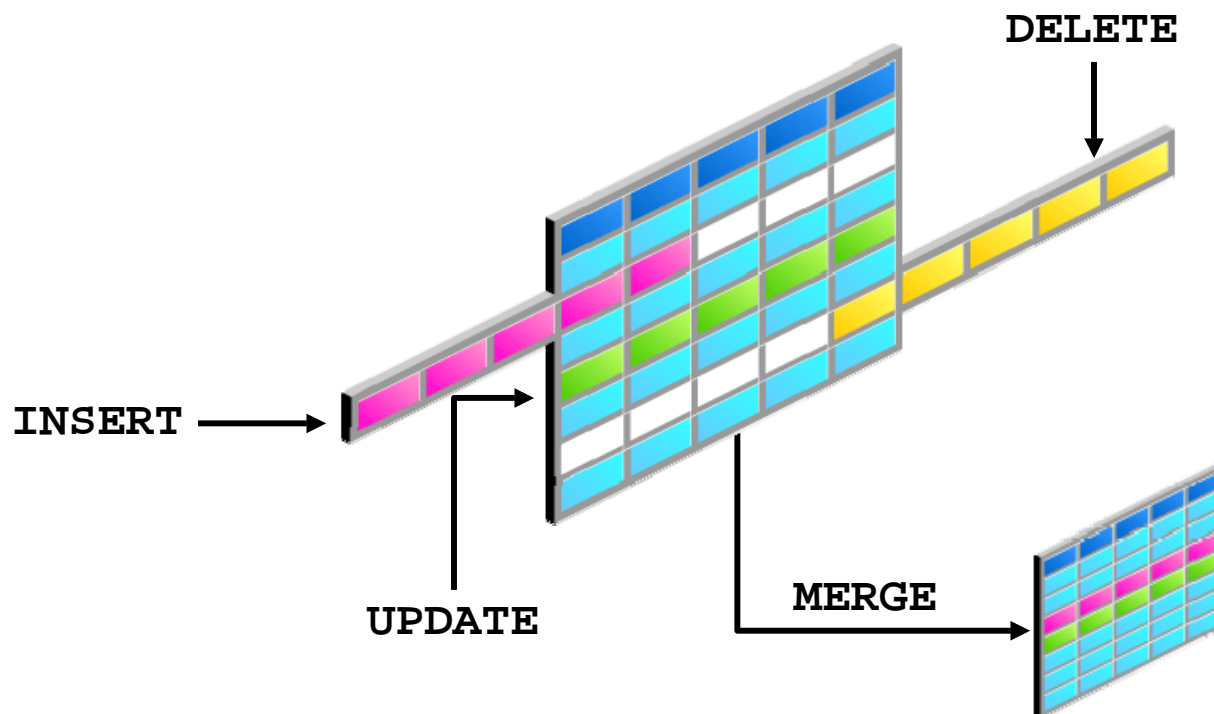
In this lesson, you learn how to include data manipulation language (DML) statements, such as `INSERT`, `UPDATE`, `DELETE`, and `MERGE` in PL/SQL blocks.

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Manipulating Data Using PL/SQL

Make changes to data by using DML commands within your PLSQL block:

- INSERT
- UPDATE
- DELETE
- MERGE





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Manipulating Data Using PL/SQL (continued)

- You manipulate data in the database by using the DML commands.
- You can issue the DML commands—INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE, and MERGE—without restriction in PL/SQL. Row locks (and table locks) are released by including COMMIT or ROLLBACK statements in the PL/SQL code.
 - The INSERT statement adds new rows to the table.
 - The UPDATE statement modifies existing rows in the table.
 - The DELETE statement removes rows from the table.
 - The MERGE statement selects rows from one table to update and/or insert into another table. The decision whether to update or insert into the target table is based on a condition in the ON clause.
- **Note:** MERGE is a deterministic statement—that is, you cannot update the same row of the target table multiple times in the same MERGE statement. You must have INSERT and UPDATE object privileges in the target table and the SELECT privilege in the source table.



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Inserting Data

The `INSERT` statement adds new row(s) to a table.

Example: Add new employee information to the `COPY_EMP` table.

```
BEGIN
  INSERT INTO copy_emp
    (employee_id, first_name, last_name, email,
     hire_date, job_id, salary)
  VALUES (99, 'Ruth', 'Cores',
           'RCORES', SYSDATE, 'AD_ASST', 4000);
END;
```

One new row is added to the `COPY_EMP` table.



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Updating Data

The `UPDATE` statement modifies existing row(s) in a table.

Example: Increase the salary of all employees who are stock clerks.

```
DECLARE
    v_sal_increase    employees.salary%TYPE := 800;
BEGIN
    UPDATE            copy_emp
        SET            salary = salary + v_sal_increase
        WHERE          job_id = 'ST_CLERK';
END;
```



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Deleting Data

The DELETE statement removes row(s) from a table.

Example: Delete rows that belong to department 10 from the COPY_EMP table.

```
DECLARE
    v_deptno    employees.department_id%TYPE := 10;
BEGIN
    DELETE FROM    copy_emp
        WHERE    department_id = v_deptno;
END;
```




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Merging Rows

The MERGE statement selects rows from one table to update and/or insert into another table. Insert or update rows in the `copy_emp` table to match the `employees` table.

```
BEGIN
  MERGE INTO copy_emp c
    USING employees e
    ON (e.employee_id = c.employee_id)
  WHEN MATCHED THEN
    UPDATE SET
      c.first_name      = e.first_name,
      c.last_name       = e.last_name,
      c.email           = e.email,
      . . .
  WHEN NOT MATCHED THEN
    INSERT VALUES(e.employee_id, e.first_name, ...e.department_id);
END;
```



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Getting Information From a Cursor

Look again at the `DELETE` statement in this PL/SQL block.

```
DECLARE
    v_deptno    employees.department_id%TYPE := 10;
BEGIN
    DELETE FROM    copy_emp
        WHERE    department_id = v_deptno;
END;
```

It would be useful to know how many `COPY_EMP` rows were deleted by this statement.

To obtain this information, we need to understand cursors.



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What is a Cursor?

Every time an SQL statement is about to be executed, the Oracle server allocates a private memory area to store the SQL statement and the data that it uses. This memory area is called an implicit cursor.

Because this memory area is automatically managed by the Oracle server, you have no direct control over it. However, you can use predefined PL/SQL variables, called implicit cursor attributes, to find out how many rows were processed by the SQL statement.



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Implicit and Explicit Cursors

There are two types of cursors:

- Implicit cursors: Defined automatically by Oracle for all SQL data manipulation statements, and for queries that return only one row. An implicit cursor is always automatically named "SQL."
- Explicit cursors: Defined by the PL/SQL programmer for queries that return more than one row. (Covered in a later lesson.)



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Cursor Attributes for Implicit Cursors

Cursor attributes are automatically declared variables that allow you to evaluate what happened when a cursor was last used. Attributes for implicit cursors are prefaced with “SQL.” Use these attributes in PL/SQL statements, but not in SQL statements. Using cursor attributes, you can test the outcome of your SQL statements.

SQL%FOUND	Boolean attribute that evaluates to TRUE if the most recent SQL statement returned at least one row
SQL%NOTFOUND	Boolean attribute that evaluates to TRUE if the most recent SQL statement did not return even one row
SQL%ROWCOUNT	An integer value that represents the number of rows affected by the most recent SQL statement



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Using Implicit Cursor Attributes: Example 1

Delete rows that have the specified employee ID from the `copy_emp` table. Print the number of rows deleted.

```
DECLARE
    v_deptno copy_emp.department_id%TYPE := 50;
BEGIN
    DELETE FROM copy_emp
        WHERE department_id = v_deptno;
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(SQL%ROWCOUNT ||
                          ' rows deleted.');
```

```
END;
```



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Using Implicit Cursor Attributes: Example 2

Update several rows in the `COPY_EMP` table. Print the number of rows updated.

```
DECLARE
    v_sal_increase    employees.salary%TYPE := 800;
BEGIN
    UPDATE            copy_emp
        SET            salary = salary + v_sal_increase
        WHERE          job_id = 'ST_CLERK';
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(SQL%ROWCOUNT ||
                          ' rows updated.');
```

END;



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Using Implicit Cursor Attributes: Good Practice Guideline

Look at this code, which creates a table and then executes a PL/SQL block. What value is inserted into RESULTS?

```
CREATE TABLE results (num_rows NUMBER(4));

BEGIN
    UPDATE      copy_emp
        SET      salary = salary + 100
        WHERE     job_id = 'ST_CLERK';
    INSERT INTO results (num_rows)
        VALUES (SQL%ROWCOUNT);
END;
```


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Terminology

Key terms used in this lesson include:

INSERT

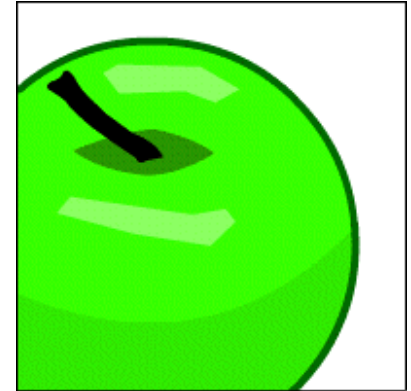
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MERGE

Implicit cursors

Explicit cursors

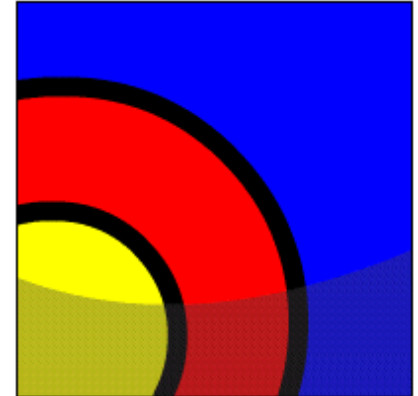




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Try It/Solve It

The exercises in this lesson cover the following topics:

- Executing PL/SQL statements that manipulate data with DML statements
- Describing when to use implicit or explicit cursors in PL/SQL
- Using SQL implicit cursor attributes in PL/SQL

