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## Course 261: Introduction to Oracle10g, Hands-On (5 days)

### Course Description...

The Structured Query Language (SQL) is the standard data access language used by Oracle and every relational database management product. This course deals with the basics of SQL needed by application developers for the retrieval of sets of data. The structure of the SELECT statement and more advanced clauses are discussed along with Oracle's standard functions. Various types of subqueries are constructed to support complex data extraction. The maintenance of table data with standard SQL Data Manipulation Language commands: INSERT, UPDATE, and DELETE are covered, showing the various constructions of each statement. Workshops use a command line processor for the generation and presentation of SQL statements.

The participant also learns to create tables and build views upon them. The implementation of business rules, with declarative constraints, is also covered.

In addition, the student is also exposed to Oracle's database language, PL/SQL (Procedural Language extensions for SQL). Application developers use it for stored procedures, functions, triggers, and even front-end code environments such as Oracle Developer Suite (FORMS, REPORTS) and PSP pages. In the Oracle world, this is the language used for database interactions.

### Learning Objectives...

- How to present statements to Oracle via front-end command line processors
- Retrieving data with the SELECT command
- Accessing more than one table using JOIN syntax
- Issuing functions to format and structure data
- Reading aggregate information with Group Functions
- Maintaining table data with INSERT, DELETE and UPDATE SQL statements
- Creating tables and adding constraints
- Simplify data retrieval with Views
- Using Oracle10g features: Regular Expressions, PURGE tables, etc.
- PL/SQL: The basic block – embedded statement construct of the language
- How to define variables and other memory structures
- Calling functions and other code
- Debugging and Testing techniques



- Maintaining data using transactional control
- Using EXCEPTION processing to handle errors and manage the application process flow
- New datatypes and quoting mechanisms in Oracle10g

## **Who should attend...**

Audience includes all application developers, both front-end coders and those specializing in server-side programs. Typical job functions include: programmers, system analysts, support personnel, and application designers.

## **Prerequisites...**

Knowledge of relational theory is a plus.

**See next page for a detailed course outline...**



## Course Outline...

### Introduction and Overview

- What is SQL
- ANSI Definitions and Oracle Enhancements

### Unit 1: Presenting Statements to Oracle

- The command line processor
- SQL\*Plus
- SQL\*Plus Worksheet
- iSQL\*Plus
- Third Party Products
  - TOAD
  - SQL Navigator

### Unit 2: The Basic SELECT Statement

- The Select List
- The From Clause

### Unit 3: Restricting and Sorting the Rows

- The Where Clause
- The Order By Clause

### Unit 4: Single Row Functions

- Concept of a Function
- Basic Server Datatypes
- The NULL Value
- Numeric Functions
- Character Functions
- Date Functions
- Other Functions

### Unit 5: Accessing Multiple Tables

- Concept of a Join
  - Basic Oracle Syntax
- Outer Joins
  - Oracle Syntax
  - ANSI Syntax
- Other Joins

### Unit 6: Set Operators

- UNION
- INTERSECT
- MINUS



## **Unit 7: Aggregating Information with Group Functions**

- Definition
- Types
- The GROUP BY Clause
- The HAVING Clause

## **Unit 8: Subqueries**

- Definition and Structure
- Simple Subqueries
- Correlated Subqueries

## **Unit 9: Data Manipulation Language (DML) Commands**

- INSERTING
- UPDATING
- DELETING
- MERGING

## **Unit 10: Creating and Altering Tables**

- The CREATE TABLE statement
- ALTERing tables

## **Unit 11: Creating Constraints**

- Business Rules: The state of the data
- Mandatory columns
- Primary keys
- Unique constraint
- Foreign keys
- CHECK constraint

## **Unit 12: Creating and Using Views**

- Definition and reasons to use
- The CREATE VIEW statement
- Using views

## **Unit 13: PL/SQL Overview**

- The role of PL/SQL in the Oracle environment
- The block structure
- Forms of execution
  - Anonymous blocks
  - Stored code
- Development environments
  - Oracle's SQL\*Plus products
  - 3rd party products



## Unit 14: PL/SQL Basics

- Declaring variables
- Datatypes
  - Storable datatypes
  - Programmatic datatypes
  - Anchoring
- Record definitions
  - Table records

## Unit 15: Executable Statements

- Built-in functions
- Process flow control
- Nesting blocks
- Scope and visibility
  - Naming conventions

## Unit 16: Debugging and Testing

- Compiler processing and messages
- Creating the test environment

## Unit 17: Interacting with the Oracle Server

- Reading Data
  - SELECT INTO
  - Explicit cursors
  - The Cursor FOR LOOP statement
- Issuing DML statements
  - Implicit cursors
  - Using records
- Transactional control
  - Locking
  - SELECT FOR UPDATE
  - COMMIT, ROLLBACK

## Unit 18: Course Summary

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