

Practice 1

Note: You can find table descriptions and sample data in Appendix B, “Table Descriptions and Data.” Click the Save Script button to save your subprograms as .sql files in your local file system.

Remember to enable SERVEROUTPUT if you have previously disabled it.

1. Create and invoke the ADD_JOB procedure and consider the results.
 - a. Create a procedure called ADD_JOB to insert a new job into the JOBS table. Provide the ID and title of the job using two parameters.
 - b. Compile the code; invoke the procedure with IT_DBA as job ID and Database Administrator as job title. Query the JOBS table to view the results.

JOB_ID	JOB_TITLE	MIN_SALARY	MAX_SALARY
IT_DBA	Database Administrator		

- c. Invoke your procedure again, passing a job ID of ST_MAN and a job title of Stock Manager. What happens and why?
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2. Create a procedure called UPD_JOB to modify a job in the JOBS table.
 - a. Create a procedure called UPD_JOB to update the job title. Provide the job ID and a new title using two parameters. Include the necessary exception handling if no update occurs.
 - b. Compile the code; invoke the procedure to change the job title of the job ID IT_DBA to Data Administrator. Query the JOBS table to view the results.

JOB_ID	JOB_TITLE	MIN_SALARY	MAX_SALARY
IT_DBA	Data Administrator		

Also check the exception handling by trying to update a job that does not exist. (You can use the job ID IT_WEB and the job title Web Master.)

3. Create a procedure called DEL_JOB to delete a job from the JOBS table.
 - a. Create a procedure called DEL_JOB to delete a job. Include the necessary exception handling if no job is deleted.
 - b. Compile the code; invoke the procedure using job ID IT_DBA. Query the JOBS table to view the results.

no rows selected

Also, check the exception handling by trying to delete a job that does not exist. (Use the IT_WEB job ID.) You should get the message that you used in the exception-handling section of the procedure as output.

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4. Create a procedure called GET_EMPLOYEE to query the EMPLOYEES table, retrieving the salary and job ID for an employee when provided with the employee ID.
 - a. Create a procedure that returns a value from the SALARY and JOB_ID columns for a specified employee ID. Compile the code and remove the syntax errors.
 - b. Execute the procedure using host variables for the two OUT parameters, one for the salary and the other for the job ID. Display the salary and job ID for employee ID 120.

SALARY
8000

JOB
ST_MAN

- c. Invoke the procedure again, passing an EMPLOYEE_ID of 300. What happens and why?

Practice 2

1. Create and invoke the GET_JOB function to return a job title.
 - a. Create and compile a function called GET_JOB to return a job title.
 - b. Create a VARCHAR2 host variable called TITLE, allowing a length of 35 characters. Invoke the function with SA_REP job ID to return the value in the host variable. Print the host variable to view the result.

TITLE
Sales Representative

2. Create a function called GET_ANNUAL_COMP to return the annual salary computed from an employee's monthly salary and commission passed as parameters.
 - a. Develop and store the function GET_ANNUAL_COMP, accepting parameter values for monthly salary and commission. Either or both values passed can be NULL, but the function should still return a non-NULL annual salary. Use the following basic formula to calculate the annual salary:

$$(\text{salary} * 12) + (\text{commission_pct} * \text{salary} * 12)$$
 - b. Use the function in a SELECT statement against the EMPLOYEES table for employees in department 30.

EMPLOYEE_ID	LAST_NAME	Annual Compensation
114	Raphaely	132000
115	Khoo	37200
116	Baida	34800
117	Tobias	33600
118	Himuro	31200
119	Colmenares	30000

6 rows selected.

3. Create a procedure, ADD_EMPLOYEE, to insert a new employee into the EMPLOYEES table. The procedure should call a VALID_DEPTID function to check whether the department ID specified for the new employee exists in the DEPARTMENTS table.
 - a. Create a function VALID_DEPTID to validate a specified department ID and return a BOOLEAN value of TRUE if the department exists.
 - b. Create the procedure ADD_EMPLOYEE to add an employee to the EMPLOYEES table. The row should be added to the EMPLOYEES table if the VALID_DEPTID function returns TRUE; otherwise, alert the user with an appropriate message. Provide the following parameters (with defaults specified in parentheses): first_name, last_name, email, job (SA_REP), mgr (145), sal (1000), comm (0), and deptid (30). Use the EMPLOYEES_SEQ sequence to set the employee_id column, and set hire_date to TRUNC(SYSDATE).
 - c. Call ADD_EMPLOYEE for the name Jane Harris in department 15, leaving other parameters with their default values. What is the result?
 - d. Add another employee named Joe Harris in department 80, leaving remaining parameters with their default values. What is the result?

Practice 3

1. Create a package specification and body called JOB_PKG, containing a copy of your ADD_JOB, UPD_JOB, and DEL_JOB procedures as well as your GET_JOB function.

Tip: Consider saving the package specification and body in two separate files (for example, p3q1_s.sql and p3q1_b.sql for the package specification and body, respectively). Include a SHOW ERRORS after the CREATE PACKAGE statement in each file. Alternatively, place all code in one file.

Note: Use the code in your previously saved script files when creating the package.

- a. Create the package specification including the procedures and function headings as public constructs.

Note: Consider whether you still need the stand-alone procedures and functions you just packaged.

- b. Create the package body with the implementations for each of the subprograms.
- c. Invoke your ADD_JOB package procedure by passing the values IT_SYSAN and SYSTEMS ANALYST as parameters.
- d. Query the JOBS table to see the result.

JOB_ID	JOB_TITLE	MIN_SALARY	MAX_SALARY
IT_SYSAN	Systems Analyst		

2. Create and invoke a package that contains private and public constructs.
 - a. Create a package specification and package body called EMP_PKG that contains your ADD_EMPLOYEE and GET_EMPLOYEE procedures as public constructs, and include your VALID_DEPTID function as a private construct.
 - b. Invoke the EMP_PKG.GET_EMPLOYEE procedure, using department ID 15 for employee Jane Harris with e-mail JAHARRIS. Because department ID 15 does not exist, you should get an error message as specified in the exception handler of your procedure.
 - c. Invoke the GET_EMPLOYEE package procedure by using department ID 80 for employee David Smith with e-mail DASMITH.

Practice 4

1. Copy and modify the code for the EMP_PKG package that you created in Practice 3, Exercise 2, and overload the ADD_EMPLOYEE procedure.
 - a. In the package specification, add a new procedure called ADD_EMPLOYEE that accepts three parameters: the first name, last name, and department ID. Save and compile the changes.
 - b. Implement the new ADD_EMPLOYEE procedure in the package body so that it formats the e-mail address in uppercase characters, using the first letter of the first name concatenated with the first seven letters of the last name. The procedure should call the existing ADD_EMPLOYEE procedure to perform the actual INSERT operation using its parameters and formatted e-mail to supply the values. Save and compile the changes.
 - c. Invoke the new ADD_EMPLOYEE procedure using the name Samuel Joplin to be added to department 30.
2. In the EMP_PKG package, create two overloaded functions called GET_EMPLOYEE.
 - a. In the specification, add a GET_EMPLOYEE function that accepts the parameter called emp_id based on the employees.employee_id%TYPE type, and a second GET_EMPLOYEE function that accepts the parameter called family_name of type employees.last_name%TYPE. Both functions should return an EMPLOYEES%ROWTYPE. Save and compile the changes.
 - b. In the package body, implement the first GET_EMPLOYEE function to query an employee by his or her ID, and the second to use the equality operator on the value supplied in the family_name parameter. Save and compile the changes.
 - c. Add a utility procedure PRINT_EMPLOYEE to the package that accepts an EMPLOYEES%ROWTYPE as a parameter and displays the department_id, employee_id, first_name, last_name, job_id, and salary for an employee on one line, using DBMS_OUTPUT. Save and compile the changes.
 - d. Use an anonymous block to invoke the EMP_PKG.GET_EMPLOYEE function with an employee ID of 100 and family name of 'Joplin'. Use the PRINT_EMPLOYEE procedure to display the results for each row returned.
3. Because the company does not frequently change its departmental data, you improve performance of your EMP_PKG by adding a public procedure INIT_DEPARTMENTS to populate a private PL/SQL table of valid department IDs. Modify the VALID_DEPTID function to use the private PL/SQL table contents to validate department ID values.
 - a. In the package specification, create a procedure called INIT_DEPARTMENTS with no parameters.
 - b. In the package body, implement the INIT_DEPARTMENTS procedure to store all department IDs in a private PL/SQL index-by table named valid_departments containing BOOLEAN values. Use the department_id column value as the index to create the entry in the index-by table to indicate its presence, and assign the entry a value of TRUE. Declare the valid_departments variable and its type definition boolean_tabtype before all procedures in the body.

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- c. In the body, create an initialization block that calls the `INIT_DEPARTMENTS` procedure to initialize the table. Save and compile the changes.
4. Change `VALID_DEPTID` validation processing to use the private PL/SQL table of department IDs.
 - a. Modify `VALID_DEPTID` to perform its validation by using the PL/SQL table of department ID values. Save and compile the changes.
 - b. Test your code by calling `ADD_EMPLOYEE` using the name James Bond in department 15. What happens?
 - c. Insert a new department with ID 15 and name Security, and commit the changes.
 - d. Test your code again, by calling `ADD_EMPLOYEE` using the name James Bond in department 15. What happens?
 - e. Execute the `EMP_PKG.INIT_DEPARTMENTS` procedure to update the internal PL/SQL table with the latest departmental data.
 - f. Test your code by calling `ADD_EMPLOYEE` using the employee name James Bond, who works in department 15. What happens?
 - g. Delete employee James Bond and department 15 from their respective tables, commit the changes, and refresh the department data by invoking the `EMP_PKG.INIT_DEPARTMENTS` procedure.
5. Reorganize the subprograms in the package specification and the body so that they are in alphabetical sequence.
 - a. Edit the package specification and reorganize subprograms alphabetically. In *iSQL*Plus*, load and compile the package specification. What happens?
 - b. Edit the package body and reorganize all subprograms alphabetically. In *iSQL*Plus*, load and compile the package specification. What happens?
 - c. Fix the compilation error using a forward declaration in the body for the offending subprogram reference. Load and re-create the package body. What happens?

If you have time, complete the following exercise:

6. Wrap the `EMP_PKG` package body and re-create it.
 - a. Query the data dictionary to view the source for the `EMP_PKG` body.
 - b. Start a command window and execute the `WRAP` command-line utility to wrap the body of the `EMP_PKG` package. Give the output file name a `.plb` extension.
Hint: Copy the file (which you saved in step 5c) containing the package body to a file called `emp_pkb_b.sql`.
 - c. Using *iSQL*Plus*, load and execute the `.plb` file containing the wrapped source.
 - d. Query the data dictionary to display the source for the `EMP_PKG` package body again. Are the original source code lines readable?

Practice 5

1. Create a procedure called `EMPLOYEE_REPORT` that generates an employee report in a file in the operating system, using the `UTL_FILE` package. The report should generate a list of employees who have exceeded the average salary of their departments.
 - a. Your program should accept two parameters. The first parameter is the output directory. The second parameter is the name of the text file that is written.
Note: Use the directory location value `UTL_FILE`. Add an exception-handling section to handle errors that may be encountered when using the `UTL_FILE` package.
 - b. Invoke the program, using the second parameter with a name such as `sal_rptxx.txt` where `xx` represents your user number (for example, 01, 15, and so on). The following is a sample output from the report file:

```
Employees who earn more than average salary:
REPORT GENERATED ON 26-FEB-04
Hartstein                20          $13,000.00
Raphaely                 30          $11,000.00
Marvis                   40          $6,500.00
. . .
*** END OF REPORT ***
```

Note: The data displays the employee's last name, department ID, and salary. Ask your instructor to provide instructions on how to obtain the report file from the server using the `Putty PSFTP` utility.

2. Create a new procedure called `WEB_EMPLOYEE_REPORT` that generates the same data as the `EMPLOYEE_REPORT`.
 - a. First execute `SET SERVEROUTPUT ON`, and then execute `http.print('hello')` followed by executing `OWA_UTIL.SHOWPAGE`. The exception messages generated can be ignored.
 - b. Write the `WEB_EMPLOYEE_REPORT` procedure using the `HTP` package to generate an `HTML` report of employees with a salary greater than the average for their departments. If you know `HTML`, create an `HTML` table; otherwise, create simple lines of data.
Hint: Copy the cursor definition and the `FOR` loop from the `EMPLOYEE_REPORT` procedure for the basic structure for your Web report.
 - c. Execute the procedure using `iSQL*Plus` to generate the `HTML` data into a server buffer, and execute the `OWA_UTIL.SHOWPAGE` procedure to display contents of the buffer. Remember that `SERVEROUTPUT` should be `ON` before you execute the code.
 - d. Create an `HTML` file called `web_employee_report.htm` containing the output result text that you select and copy from the opening `<HTML>` tag to the closing `</HTML>` tag. Paste the copied text into the file and save it to disk. Double-click the file to display the results in your default browser.

Practice 5 (continued)

3. Your boss wants to run the employee report frequently. You create a procedure that uses the DBMS_SCHEDULER package to schedule the EMPLOYEE_REPORT procedure for execution. You should use parameters to specify a frequency, and an optional argument to specify the number of minutes after which the scheduled job should be terminated.
 - a. Create a procedure called SCHEDULE_REPORT that provides the following two parameters:
 - interval to specify a string indicating the frequency of the scheduled job
 - minutes to specify the total life in minutes (default of 10) for the scheduled job, after which it is terminated. The code divides the duration by the quantity (24×60) when it is added to the current date and time to specify the termination time.

When the procedure creates a job, with the name of EMPSAL_REPORT by calling DBMS_SCHEDULER.CREATE_JOB, the job should be enabled and scheduled for the PL/SQL block to start immediately. You must schedule an anonymous block to invoke the EMPLOYEE_REPORT procedure so that the file name can be updated with a new time, each time the report is executed. The EMPLOYEE_REPORT is given the directory name supplied by your instructor for task 1, and the file name parameter is specified in the following format: sal_rptxx_hh24-mi-ss.txt, where xx is your assigned user number and hh24-mi-ss represents the hours, minutes, and seconds.

Use the following local PL/SQL variable to construct a PL/SQL block:

```
plsql_block VARCHAR2(200) :=
'BEGIN' ||
' EMPLOYEE_REPORT(''UTL_FILE'', ' ||
''sal_rptxx_' || to_char(sysdate, 'HH24-MI-S') || '.txt'); ' ||
'END;';
```

This code is provided to help you because it is a nontrivial PL/SQL string to construct. In the PL/SQL block, **xx** is your student number.

- b. Test the SCHEDULE_REPORT procedure by executing it with a parameter specifying a frequency of every 2 minutes and a termination time 10 minutes after it starts.
Note: You must connect to the database server by using PSFTP to check whether your files are created.
- c. During and after the process, you can query the job_name and enabled columns from the USER_SCHEDULER_JOBS table to check if the job still exists.
Note: This query should return no rows after 10 minutes have elapsed.

Practice 6

1. Create a package called `TABLE_PKG` that uses Native Dynamic SQL to create or drop a table, and to populate, modify, and delete rows from the table.
 - a. Create a package specification with the following procedures:

```
PROCEDURE make(table_name VARCHAR2, col_specs VARCHAR2)
PROCEDURE add_row(table_name VARCHAR2, values VARCHAR2,
  cols VARCHAR2 := NULL)
PROCEDURE upd_row(table_name VARCHAR2, values VARCHAR2,
  conditions VARCHAR2 := NULL)
PROCEDURE del_row(table_name VARCHAR2,
  conditions VARCHAR2 := NULL);
PROCEDURE remove(table_name VARCHAR2)
```

Ensure that subprograms manage optional default parameters with NULL values.
 - b. Create the package body that accepts the parameters and dynamically constructs the appropriate SQL statements that are executed using Native Dynamic SQL, except for the `remove` procedure that should be written using the `DBMS_SQL` package.
 - c. Execute the package `MAKE` procedure to create a table as follows:

```
make('my_contacts', 'id number(4), name varchar2(40)');
```
 - d. Describe the `MY_CONTACTS` table structure.
 - e. Execute the `ADD_ROW` package procedure to add the following rows:

```
add_row('my_contacts', '1, 'Geoff Gallus'', 'id, name');
add_row('my_contacts', '2, 'Nancy'', 'id, name');
add_row('my_contacts', '3, 'Sunitha Patel'', 'id, name');
add_row('my_contacts', '4, 'Valli Pataballa'', 'id, name');
```
 - f. Query the `MY_CONTACTS` table contents.
 - g. Execute the `DEL_ROW` package procedure to delete a contact with ID value 1.
 - h. Execute the `UPD_ROW` procedure with following row data:

```
upd_row('my_contacts', 'name='Nancy Greenberg'', 'id=2');
```
 - i. Select the data from the `MY_CONTACTS` table again to view the changes.
 - j. Drop the table by using the `remove` procedure and describe the `MY_CONTACTS` table.
2. Create a `COMPILE_PKG` package that compiles the PL/SQL code in your schema.
 - a. In the specification, create a package procedure called `MAKE` that accepts the name of a PL/SQL program unit to be compiled.
 - b. In the body, the `MAKE` procedure should call a private function named `GET_TYPE` to determine the PL/SQL object type from the data dictionary, and return the type name (use `PACKAGE` for a package with a body) if the object exists; otherwise, it should return a NULL. If the object exists, `MAKE` dynamically compiles it with the `ALTER` statement.
 - c. Use the `COMPILE_PKG.MAKE` procedure to compile the `EMPLOYEE_REPORT` procedure, the `EMP_PKG` package, and a nonexistent object called `EMP_DATA`.

Practice 6 (continued)

3. Add a procedure to the `COMPILE_PKG` that uses the `DBMS_METADATA` to obtain a DDL statement that can regenerate a named PL/SQL subprogram, and writes the DDL to a file by using the `UTL_FILE` package.
 - a. In the package specification, create a procedure called `REGENERATE` that accepts the name of a PL/SQL component to be regenerated. Declare a public `VARCHAR2` variable called `dir` initialized with the directory alias value `'UTL_FILE'`. Compile the specification.
 - b. In the package body, implement the `REGENERATE` procedure so that it uses the `GET_TYPE` function to determine the PL/SQL object type from the supplied name. If the object exists, then obtain the DDL used to create the component using the procedure `DBMS_METADATA.GET_DDL`, which must be provided with the object name in uppercase text. Save the DDL statement in a file by using the `UTL_FILE.PUT` procedure. Write the file in the directory path stored in the public variable called `dir` (from the specification). Construct a file name (in lowercase characters) by concatenating the `USER` function, an underscore, and the object name with a `.sql` extension. For example: `ora1_myobject.sql`. Compile the body.
 - c. Execute the `COMPILE_PKG.REGENERATE` procedure by using the name of the `TABLE_PKG` created in the first task of this practice.
 - d. Use Putty FTP to get the generated file from the server to your local directory. Edit the file to insert a `/` terminator character at the end of a `CREATE` statement (if required). Cut and paste the results into the `iSQL*Plus` buffer and execute the statement.

Practice 7

1. Update EMP_PKG with a new procedure to query employees in a specified department.
 - a. In the specification, declare a procedure `get_employees`, with its parameter called `dept_id` based on the `employees.department_id` column type. Define an index-by PL/SQL type as a `TABLE OF EMPLOYEES%ROWTYPE`.
 - b. In the body of the package, define a private variable called `emp_table` based on the type defined in the specification to hold employee records. Implement the `get_employees` procedure to bulk fetch the data into the table.
 - c. Create a new procedure in the specification and body, called `show_employees`, that does not take arguments and displays the contents of the private PL/SQL table variable (if any data exists).
Hint: Use the `print_employee` procedure.
 - d. Invoke the `emp_pkg.get_employees` procedure for department 30, and then invoke `emp_pkg.show_employees`. Repeat this for department 60.
2. Your manager wants to keep a log whenever the `add_employee` procedure in the package is invoked to insert a new employee into the `EMPLOYEES` table.
 - a. First, load and execute the script
`E:\labs\PLPU\labs\lab_07_02_a.sql` to create a log table called `LOG_NEWEMP`, and a sequence called `log_newemp_seq`.
 - b. In the package body, modify the `add_employee` procedure, which performs the actual `INSERT` operation, to have a local procedure called `audit_newemp`. The `audit_newemp` procedure must use an autonomous transaction to insert a log record into the `LOG_NEWEMP` table. Store the `USER`, the current time, and the new employee name in the log table row. Use `log_newemp_seq` to set the `entry_id` column.
Note: Remember to perform a `COMMIT` operation in a procedure with an autonomous transaction.
 - c. Modify the `add_employee` procedure to invoke `audit_emp` before it performs the insert operation.
 - d. Invoke the `add_employee` procedure for these new employees: Max Smart in department 20 and Clark Kent in department 10. What happens?
 - e. Query the two `EMPLOYEES` records added, and the records in `LOG_NEWEMP` table. How many log records are present?
 - f. Execute a `ROLLBACK` statement to undo the insert operations that have not been committed. Use the same queries from Exercise 2e: the first to check whether the employee rows for Smart and Kent have been removed, and the second to check the log records in the `LOG_NEWEMP` table. How many log records are present? Why?

Practice 7 (continued)

If you have time, complete the following exercise:

3. Modify the EMP_PKG package to use AUTHID of CURRENT_USER and test the behavior with any other student.

Note: Verify whether the LOG_NEWEMP table exists from Exercise 2 in this practice.

- a. Grant EXECUTE privilege on your EMP_PKG package to another student.
- b. Ask the other student to invoke your add_employee procedure to insert employee `Jaco Pastorius` in department 10. Remember to prefix the package name with the owner of the package. The call should operate with definer's rights.
- c. Now, execute a query of the employees in department 10. In which user's employee table did the new record get inserted?
- d. Modify your package EMP_PKG specification to use an AUTHID CURRENT_USER. Compile the body of EMP_PKG.
- e. Ask the same student to execute the add_employee procedure again, to add employee `Joe Zawinal` in department 10.
- f. Query your employees in department 10. In which table was the new employee added?
- g. Write a query to display the records added in the LOG_NEWEMP tables. Ask the other student to query his or her own copy of the table.

Practice 8

1. Answer the following questions:
 - a. Can a table or a synonym be invalidated?
 - b. Consider the following dependency example:

The stand-alone procedure MY_PROC depends on the MY_PROC_PACK package procedure. The MY_PROC_PACK procedure's definition is changed by recompiling the package body. The MY_PROC_PACK procedure's declaration is not altered in the package specification.

In this scenario, is the stand-alone procedure MY_PROC invalidated?
2. Create a tree structure showing all dependencies involving your add_employee procedure and your valid_deptid function.

Note: add_employee and valid_deptid were created in Lesson 2 ("Creating Stored Functions"). You can run the solution scripts for Practice 2 if you need to create the procedure and function.

 - a. Load and execute the utldtree.sql script, which is located in the E:\lab\PLPU\labs folder.
 - b. Execute the deptree_fill procedure for the add_employee procedure.
 - c. Query the IDEPTREE view to see your results.
 - d. Execute the deptree_fill procedure for the valid_deptid function.
 - e. Query the IDEPTREE view to see your results.

If you have time, complete the following exercise:

3. Dynamically validate invalid objects.
 - a. Make a copy of your EMPLOYEES table, called EMPS.
 - b. Alter your EMPLOYEES table and add the column TOTSAL with data type NUMBER(9,2).
 - c. Create and save a query to display the name, type, and status of all invalid objects.
 - d. In the compile_pkg (created in Practice 6 in the lesson titled "Dynamic SQL and Metadata"), add a procedure called recompile that recompiles all invalid procedures, functions, and packages in your schema. Use Native Dynamic SQL to ALTER the invalid object type and COMPILE it.
 - e. Execute the compile_pkg.recompile procedure.
 - f. Run the script file that you created in step 3c to check the status column value. Do you still have objects with an INVALID status?

Practice 9

1. Create a table called PERSONNEL by executing the script file E:\labs\PLPU\labs\lab_09_01.sql. The table contains the following attributes and data types:

Column Name	Data Type	Length
ID	NUMBER	6
last_name	VARCHAR2	35
review	CLOB	N/A
picture	BLOB	N/A

2. Insert two rows into the PERSONNEL table, one each for employee 2034 (whose last name is Allen) and for employee 2035 (whose last name is Bond). Use the empty function for the CLOB, and provide NULL as the value for the BLOB.
3. Examine and execute the script E:\labs\PLPU\labs\lab_09_03.sql. The script creates a table named REVIEW_TABLE. This table contains annual review information for each employee. The script also contains two statements to insert review details for two employees.
4. Update the PERSONNEL table.
 - a. Populate the CLOB for the first row, using this subquery in an UPDATE statement:

```
SELECT ann_review
FROM   review_table
WHERE  employee_id = 2034;
```
 - b. Populate the CLOB for the second row, using PL/SQL and the DBMS_LOB package. Use the following SELECT statement to provide a value for the LOB locator.

```
SELECT ann_review
FROM   review_table
WHERE  employee_id = 2035;
```

If you have time, complete the following exercise:

5. Create a procedure that adds a locator to a binary file into the PICTURE column of the COUNTRIES table. The binary file is a picture of the country flag. The image files are named after the country IDs. You need to load an image file locator into all rows in Europe region (REGION_ID = 1) in the COUNTRIES table. A DIRECTORY object called COUNTRY_PIC referencing the location of the binary files has to be created for you.
 - a. Add the image column to the COUNTRIES table using:

```
ALTER TABLE countries ADD (picture BFILE);
```

Alternatively, use the E:\labs\PLPU\labs\Lab_09_05_a.sql file.
 - b. Create a PL/SQL procedure called load_country_image that uses DBMS_LOB.FILEEXISTS to test if the country picture file exists. If the file exists, then set the BFILE locator for the file in the PICTURE column; otherwise, display a message that the file does not exist. Use the DBMS_OUTPUT package to report file size information for each image associated with the PICTURE column.
 - c. Invoke the procedure by passing the name of the directory object COUNTRY_PIC as a string literal parameter value.

Practice 10

1. The rows in the JOBS table store a minimum and maximum salary allowed for different JOB_ID values. You are asked to write code to ensure that employees' salaries fall in the range allowed for their job type, for insert and update operations.
 - a. Write a procedure called CHECK_SALARY that accepts two parameters, one for an employee's job ID string and the other for the salary. The procedure uses the job ID to determine the minimum and maximum salary for the specified job. If the salary parameter does not fall within the salary range of the job, inclusive of the minimum and maximum, then it should raise an application exception, with the message "Invalid salary <sal>. Salaries for job <jobid> must be between <min> and <max>". Replace the various items in the message with values supplied by parameters and variables populated by queries.
 - b. Create a trigger called CHECK_SALARY_TRG on the EMPLOYEES table that fires before an INSERT or UPDATE operation on each row. The trigger must call the CHECK_SALARY procedure to carry out the business logic. The trigger should pass the new job ID and salary to the procedure parameters.
2. Test the CHECK_SAL_TRG using the following cases:
 - a. Using your EMP_PKG.ADD_EMPLOYEE procedure, add employee Eleanor Beh to department 30. What happens and why?
 - b. Update the salary of employee 115 to \$2,000. In a separate update operation, change the employee job ID to HR_REP. What happens in each case?
 - c. Update the salary of employee 115 to \$2,800. What happens?
3. Update the CHECK_SALARY_TRG trigger to fire only when the job ID or salary values have actually changed.
 - a. Implement the business rule using a WHEN clause to check if the JOB_ID or SALARY values have changed.

Note: Make sure that the condition handles the NULL in the OLD.column_name values if an INSERT operation is performed; otherwise, an insert operation will fail.
 - b. Test the trigger by executing the EMP_PKG.ADD_EMPLOYEE procedure with the following parameter values: first_name='Eleanor', last_name='Beh', email='EBEH', job='IT_PROG', sal=5000.
 - c. Update employees with the IT_PROG job by incrementing their salary by \$2,000. What happens?
 - d. Update the salary to \$9,000 for Eleanor Beh.

Hint: Use an UPDATE statement with a subquery in the WHERE clause. What happens?
 - e. Change the job of Eleanor Beh to ST_MAN using another UPDATE statement with a subquery. What happens?
4. You are asked to prevent employees from being deleted during business hours.
 - a. Write a statement trigger called DELETE_EMP_TRG on the EMPLOYEES table to prevent rows from being deleted during weekday business hours, which are from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - b. Attempt to delete employees with JOB_ID of SA_REP who are not assigned to a department.

Hint: This is employee Grant with ID 178.

Practice 11

1. Employees receive an automatic increase in salary if the minimum salary for a job is increased to a value larger than their current salary. Implement this requirement through a package procedure called by a trigger on the JOBS table. When you attempt to update minimum salary in the JOBS table and try to update the employees salary, the CHECK_SALARY trigger attempts to read the JOBS table, which is subject to change, and you get a mutating table exception that is resolved by creating a new package and additional triggers.
 - a. Update your EMP_PKG package (from Practice 7) by adding a procedure called SET_SALARY that updates the employees' salaries. The procedure accepts two parameters: the job ID for those salaries that may have to be updated, and the new minimum salary for the job ID. The procedure sets all the employee salaries to the minimum for their job if their current salary is less than the new minimum value.
 - b. Create a row trigger named UPD_MINSALARY_TRG on the JOBS table that invokes the procedure EMP_PKG.SET_SALARY, when the minimum salary in the JOBS table is updated for a specified job ID.
 - c. Write a query to display the employee ID, last name, job ID, current salary, and minimum salary for employees who are programmers, that is, their JOB_ID is 'IT_PROG'. Then update the minimum salary in the JOBS table to increase it by \$1,000. What happens?
2. To resolve the mutating table issue, you create a JOBS_PKG to maintain in memory a copy of the rows in the JOBS table. Then the CHECK_SALARY procedure is modified to use the package data rather than issue a query on a table that is mutating to avoid the exception. However, a BEFORE INSERT OR UPDATE statement trigger must be created on the EMPLOYEES table to initialize the JOBS_PKG package state before the CHECK_SALARY row trigger is fired.
 - a. Create a new package called JOBS_PKG with the following specification:

```
PROCEDURE initialize;
FUNCTION get_minsalary(jobid VARCHAR2) RETURN NUMBER;
FUNCTION get_maxsalary(jobid VARCHAR2) RETURN NUMBER;
PROCEDURE set_minsalary(jobid VARCHAR2,min_salary NUMBER);
PROCEDURE set_maxsalary(jobid VARCHAR2,max_salary NUMBER);
```
 - b. Implement the body of the JOBS_PKG, where:

You declare a private PL/SQL index-by table called jobs_tabtype that is indexed by a string type based on the JOBS.JOB_ID%TYPE.

You declare a private variable called jobstab based on the jobs_tabtype.

The INITIALIZE procedure reads the rows in the JOBS table by using a cursor loop, and uses the JOB_ID value for the jobstab index that is assigned its corresponding row. The GET_MINSALARY function uses a jobid parameter as an index to the jobstab and returns the min_salary for that element. The GET_MAXSALARY function uses a jobid parameter as an index to the jobstab and returns the max_salary for that element.

Practice 11 (continued)

The `SET_MINSALARY` procedure uses its `jobid` as an index to the `jobstab` to set the `min_salary` field of its element to the value in the `min_salary` parameter.

The `SET_MAXSALARY` procedure uses its `jobid` as an index to the `jobstab` to set the `max_salary` field of its element to the value in the `max_salary` parameter.

- c. Copy the `CHECK_SALARY` procedure from Practice 10, Exercise 1a, and modify the code by replacing the query on the `JOBS` table with statements to set the local `minsal` and `maxsal` variables with values from the `JOBS_PKG` data by calling the appropriate `GET_*SALARY` functions. This step should eliminate the mutating trigger exception.
 - d. Implement a `BEFORE INSERT OR UPDATE` statement trigger called `INIT_JOBPKG_TRG` that uses the `CALL` syntax to invoke the `JOBS_PKG.INITIALIZE` procedure, to ensure that the package state is current before the DML operations are performed.
 - e. Test the code changes by executing the query to display the employees who are programmers, then issue an update statement to increase the minimum salary of the `IT_PROG` job type by 1000 in the `JOBS` table, followed by a query on the employees with the `IT_PROG` job type to check the resulting changes. Which employees' salaries have been set to the minimum for their job?
3. Because the `CHECK_SALARY` procedure is fired by the `CHECK_SALARY_TRG` before inserting or updating an employee, you must check if this still works as expected.
- a. Test this by adding a new employee using `EMP_PKG.ADD_EMPLOYEE` with the following parameters: (`'Steve'`, `'Morse'`, `'SMORSE'`, `sal => 6500`). What happens?
 - b. To correct the problem encountered when adding or updating an employee, create a `BEFORE INSERT OR UPDATE` statement trigger called `EMPLOYEE_INITJOBS_TRG` on the `EMPLOYEES` table that calls the `JOBS_PKG.INITIALIZE` procedure. Use the `CALL` syntax in the trigger body.
 - c. Test the trigger by adding employee Steve Morse again. Confirm the inserted record in the `employees` table by displaying the employee ID, first and last names, salary, job ID, and department ID.

Practice 12

1. Alter the `PLSQL_COMPILER_FLAGS` parameter to enable native compilation for your session, and compile any subprogram that you have written.
 - a. Execute the `ALTER SESSION` command to enable native compilation.
 - b. Compile the `EMPLOYEE_REPORT` procedure. What occurs during compilation?
 - c. Execute the `EMPLOYEE_REPORT` with the value `'UTL_FILE'` as the first parameter, and `'native_salrepXX.txt'` where `XX` is your student number.
 - d. Switch compilation to use interpreted compilation.
2. In the `COMPILE_PKG` (from Practice 6), add an overloaded version of the procedure called `MAKE`, which will compile a named procedure, function, or package.
 - a. In the specification, declare a `MAKE` procedure that accepts two string arguments, one for the name of the PL/SQL construct and the other for the type of PL/SQL program, such as `PROCEDURE`, `FUNCTION`, `PACKAGE`, or `PACKAGE BODY`.
 - b. In the body, write the `MAKE` procedure to call the `DBMS_WARNINGS` package to suppress the `PERFORMANCE` category. However, save the current compiler warning settings before you alter them. Then write an `EXECUTE IMMEDIATE` statement to compile the PL/SQL object using an appropriate `ALTER . . . COMPILER` statement with the supplied parameter values. Finally, restore the compiler warning settings that were in place for the calling environment before the procedure is invoked.
3. Write a new PL/SQL package called `TEST_PKG` containing a procedure called `GET_EMPLOYEES` that uses an `IN OUT` argument.
 - a. In the specification, declare the `GET_EMPLOYEES` procedure with two parameters: an input parameter specifying a department `ID`, and an `IN OUT` parameter specifying a PL/SQL table of employee rows.
Hint: You must declare a `TYPE` in the package specification for the PL/SQL table parameter's data type.
 - b. In the package body, implement the `GET_EMPLOYEES` procedure to retrieve all the employee rows for a specified department into the PL/SQL table `IN OUT` parameter.
Hint: Use the `SELECT ... BULK COLLECT INTO` syntax to simplify the code.
4. Use the `ALTER SESSION` statement to set the `PLSQL_WARNINGS` so that all compiler warning categories are enabled.
5. Recompile the `TEST_PKG` that you created two steps earlier (in Exercise 3). What compiler warnings are displayed, if any?
6. Write a PL/SQL anonymous block to compile the `TEST_PKG` package by using the overloaded `COMPILE_PKG.MAKE` procedure with two parameters. The anonymous block should display the current session warning string value before and after it invokes the `COMPILE_PKG.MAKE` procedure. Do you see any warning messages? Confirm your observations by executing the `SHOW ERRORS PACKAGE` command for the `TEST_PKG`.