

Oracle PL/SQL Language Pocket Reference: A Guide To Oracle's PL/SQL Language Fundamentals

The first edition of "Oracle PL/SQL Programming" quickly became an indispensable reference for both novice and experienced PL/SQL developers. This new edition covers Oracle8 and includes chapters on Oracle8 object types, object views, collections, and external procedures. It also covers new datatypes and functions, and contains new chapters on tuning, tracing, and debugging PL/SQL programs. The companion diskette contains an online Windows-based tool offering access to more than 100 files of source code and documentation prepared by the authors.

For the past ten years, O'Reilly's Oracle PL/SQL Programming has been the bestselling book on PL/SQL, Oracle's powerful procedural language. Packed with examples and helpful recommendations, the book has helped everyone--from novices to experienced developers, and from Oracle Forms developers to database administrators--make the most of PL/SQL. The fourth edition is a comprehensive update, adding significant new content and extending coverage to include the very latest Oracle version, Oracle Database 10g Release 2. It describes such new features as the PL/SQL optimizing compiler, conditional compilation, compile-time warnings, regular expressions, set operators for nested tables, nonsequential collections in FORALL, the programmer-defined quoting mechanism, the ability to backtrace an exception to a line number, a variety of new built-in packages, and support for IEEE 754 compliant floating-point numbers. The new edition adds brand-new chapters on security (including encryption, row-level security, fine-grained auditing, and application contexts), file, email, and web I/O (including the built-in packages DBMS_OUTPUT, UTL_FILE, UTL_MAIL, UTL_SMTP, and UTL_HTTP) and globalization and localization. Co-authored by the world's foremost PL/SQL authority, Steven Feuerstein, this classic reference provides language syntax, best practices, and extensive code, ranging from simple examples to complete applications--making it a must-have on your road to PL/SQL mastery. A companion web site contains many more examples and additional technical content for enhanced learning.

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The fourth edition of this popular pocket guide provides quick-reference information that will help you use Oracle's PL/SQL language, including the newest Oracle Database 11g features. It's a companion to Steven Feuerstein and Bill Pribyl's bestselling Oracle PL/SQL Programming. This concise guide boils down the most vital PL/SQL information into an accessible summary of: Fundamental language elements (e.g., block structure, datatypes, declarations) Statements for program control, cursor management, and exception handling Records, procedures, functions, triggers, and packages Calling PL/SQL functions in SQL Compilation options, object-oriented features, collections, and Java integration The new edition describes such Oracle Database 11g elements as PL/SQL's function result cache, compound triggers, the CONTINUE statement, the SIMPLE_INTEGER datatype, and improvements to native compilation, regular expressions, and compiler optimization (including intra-unit inlining). In addition, this book now includes substantial new sections on Oracle's built-in functions and packages. When you need answers quickly, the Oracle PL/SQL Language Pocket Reference will save you hours of frustration.

Beginning PL/SQL

Learning Oracle PL/SQL

Oracle PL/SQL CD Bookshelf

Guide to Oracle8i Features

Mastering Oracle PL/SQL

The authors have revised and updated this bestseller to include both the Oracle8i and new Oracle9i Internet-savvy database products.

Readers get the complete text of the following books on CD-ROM: "Oracle PL/SQL Programming, Advanced PL/SQL Programming, Oracle Web Applications, Oracle Built-in Packages, Oracle Developer's Workbook, Oracle PL/SQL Pocket Reference, Oracle Built-ins Pocket Reference", and "Oracle PL/SQL Programming: A Guide to Oracle 8i Features".

Introducing the latest PL/SQL features of Oracle8i, this detailed manual discusses autonomous transactions, invoker rights, native dynamic SQL, system-level database access control, and other valuable topics and provides one hundred files of reusable source code and examples on diskette. Original. (Intermediate)

Oracle RMAN Pocket Reference is a handy guide for DBAs who intend to use Oracle Recovery Manager for database backup and recovery. Because Recovery Manager (RMAN) is a relatively new tool, many DBAs are just becoming familiar with it. They will welcome a timely book that explains clearly and concisely how to use RMAN for backup and recovery tasks that are infrequent, yet extremely vital. The first portion of the book is primarily task-oriented. After a short section on RMAN architecture, shows (in checklist style) how to perform common backup and recovery tasks such as: Implementing a recovery catalog Creating and running RMAN scripts Configuring input/output channels Taking a full database backup Backing up tablespaces and datafiles Taking incremental backups Recovering lost datafiles The second portion of the book consists of a handy syntax reference to the many RMAN commands. Having a quick reference to RMAN commands is a great convenience to DBAs who otherwise, often under the pressure of a recovery situation, would have to wade through Oracle's online documentation.

Master SQL Fundamentals

Murach's Oracle SQL and PL SQL for Developers

Oracle PL / SQL For Dummies

Oracle PL/SQL Best Practices

TOAD Pocket Reference for Oracle

Introduce the latest version of the fundamental SQL language used in all relational databases today with Casteel's ORACLE 12C: SQL, 3E. Much more than a study guide, this edition helps those who have only a basic knowledge of databases master the latest SQL and Oracle concepts and techniques. Learners gain a strong understanding of how to use Oracle 12c SQL most effectively as they prepare for the first exam in the Oracle Database Administrator or Oracle Developer Certification Exam paths. This edition initially focuses on creating database objects, including tables, constraints, indexes, sequences, and more. The author then

explores data query techniques, such as row filtering, joins, single-row functions, aggregate functions, subqueries, and views, as well as advanced query topics. ORACLE 12C: SQL, 3E introduces the latest features and enhancements in 12c, from enhanced data types and invisible columns to new CROSS and OUTER APPLY methods for joins. To help readers transition to further studies, appendixes introduce SQL tuning, compare Oracle's SQL syntax with other databases, and overview Oracle connection interface tools: SQL Developer and SQL Plus. Readers can trust ORACLE 12C: SQL, 3E to provide the knowledge for Oracle certification testing and the solid foundation for pursuing a career as a successful database administrator or developer. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Be more productive with the Oracle PL/SQL language. The fifth edition of this popular pocket reference puts the syntax of specific PL/SQL language elements right at your fingertips, including features added in Oracle Database 12c. Whether you're a developer or database administrator, when you need answers quickly, the Oracle PL/SQL Language Pocket Reference will save you hours of frustration with concise summaries of: Fundamental language elements, such as block structure, datatypes, and declarations Statements for program control, cursor management, and exception handling Records, procedures, functions, triggers, and packages Execution of PL/SQL functions in SQL Compilation options, object-oriented features, collections, and Java integration This handy pocket reference is a perfect companion to Steven Feuerstein and Bill Pribyl's bestselling Oracle PL/SQL Programming.

Written by one of the world's leading experts on the Oracle PL/SQL language, this text offers extensive exercises in all skill levels covering major features of the language. Also provides a primer to the PL/SQL language.

Explores Oracle's implementation of SQL and explains how to perform tasks including querying time-based data, implementing conditional logic in queries, writing queries, and joining data from two or more tables.

Oracle SQL Tuning Pocket Reference

Oracle PL/SQL for DBAs

Oracle PL/SQL Language Pocket Reference, 4/E

A Developer's Workbook

Pocket Reference

Find tips for creating efficient PL/SQL code If you know a bit about SQL, this book will make PL/SQL programming painless! The Oracle has spoken—you need to get up to speed on PL/SQL programming, right? We predict it'll be a breeze with this book! You'll find out about code structures, best practices, and code naming standards, how to use conditions and loops, where to place PL/SQL code in system projects, ways to manipulate data, and more. Discover how to Write efficient, easy-to-maintain code Test and debug PL/SQL routines Integrate SQL and PL/SQL Apply PL/SQL best practices Use new features introduced in Oracle 9i and 10g

A comprehensive handbook covering the essential of Procedural Language extensions to Structured Query Language (PL/SQL) covers a wide range of tips and techniques for insuring coding style consistency and coding approaches for the best performance of PL/SQL programs and furnishes information on data structures, functions, procedures, and more. Original. (Intermediate)

If you have mastered the fundamentals of the PL/SQL language and are now looking for an in-depth, practical guide to solving real problems with PL/SQL stored procedures, then this is the book for you.

Murach's Oracle SQL and PL: SQL for Developers By Joel Murac

MySQL Stored Procedure Programming

Oracle PL/SQL kurz & gut

Practical Solutions

Oracle PL/SQL Language Pocket Reference

Oracle and PL/SQL Recipes

Focused squarely on the language topics of special concern to DBAs, this text contains a quick tour of the PL/SQL language, extensive coverage of security topics, and methods for DBAs to improve query and database performance with cursors and table functions.

Explores the interactive environment used for Oracle development and administration, covering topics including features, menus, defaults, shortcut keys, and SQL tuning.

Discusses the command line SQL and PL/SQL language interface and reporting tool, providing information about its syntax and format elements.

Die vierte Auflage dieser beliebten Taschenreferenz liefert Ihnen die wichtigsten Informationen, die Sie für die Arbeit mit Oracle PL/SQL benötigen, und deckt jetzt auch die neuen Features von Oracle Database 11g ab. Das Buch bietet eine Zusammenfassung der Sprachelemente und Funktionen von PL/SQL und behandelt unter anderem folgende Themen: - Blockstruktur, Bezeichner, Variablen, Datentypen und Deklarationen - Anweisungen zur Ablaufsteuerung, zur Cursor-Verwaltung und zum Exception-Handling - Aufruf von PL/SQL-Funktionen in SQL - Datensätze, Prozeduren, Funktionen, Trigger und Packages - Kompilationsoptionen, objektorientierte Features und Collections

Learning SQL

Programming with Packages

From Novice to Professional

The Definitive Guide

Oracle PL/SQL Built-ins Pocket Reference

Toad is an enormously popular interactive environment tool for Oracle development and administration. It allows developers to build, test, debug, and format their

code via an easy-to-use graphical user interface, available in both freeware and commercial versions. Toad makes developers far more productive; using Toad, you'll find that program changes that once took hours can now be completed in minutes. Toad allows developers to browse their database tables, procedures, and object types; use code templates; and show errors. It also simplifies database administration by providing a way for DBAs to graphically browse and change database characteristics. Updated for Toad Versions 8.0 and 8.5, this pocket book is packed with quick-reference material: Toad feature and menu summaries, shortcut keys, suggested changes to Toad defaults, productivity tips and tricks, and more. The book includes concise discussions of all the basic Toad components: the SQL Editor, Procedure Editor, SQL Modeler, Schema Browser, Project Manager, and Debugger. The second edition includes coverage of new SQL Editor features, improvements in usability, and new tools such as CodeXpert (a robust code analyzer and advisor) and Script Debugger (the only tool available that provides real-time debugging of SQL*Plus scripts). It also provides helpful hints on using Toad to perform database administration and SQL tuning and optimization. Whether you're a new or experienced Toad user, you'll find this quick reference an indispensable companion to the product and its online help files.

Annotation This pocket reference condenses the most vital information from Oracle PL/SQL programming into an accessible quick reference that summarises the basics of PL/SQL - block structure, fundamental language elements, data structures, control statements, and use of procedures, functions and packages.

Beginning PL/SQL is a fast-paced and blissfully short introduction to Oracle's PL/SQL language. PL/SQL is the built-in language that every Oracle developer and database administrator simply must know. The book shows readers how to apply object-oriented PL/SQL to production applications. No other book on PL/SQL does this. It gives the reader practical advice on what works and what doesn't, and advises on the performance tradeoffs between doing work in SQL versus in PL/SQL. This book gets readers up-to-speed on the core of the language without wasting time on esoteric and seldom used syntax.

This pocket reference provides quick-reference information that will help you use Oracle Corporation's extensive set of built-in functions and packages, including those new to Oracle8. Oracle's PL/SQL language is a programming language providing procedural extensions to the SQL relational database language and to an ever-growing number of Oracle development tools. Among the most useful constructs in the PL/SQL language are the built-in functions and packages. Built-in functions are constructs that operate on certain types of data (e.g., numeric, character) to return a result. By using functions, you can minimize the coding you need to do in your programs. Functions are described in detail in Steven Feuerstein's Oracle PL/SQL Programming; this comprehensive guide to building applications with PL/SQL has become the bible for PL/SQL developers who have raved about its completeness, readability, and practicality. Built-in functions fall into several major categories: **Character functions:** Operate on character data. Examples include CONCAT (concatenates two strings into one), LENGTH (returns the length of a string), and REPLACE (replaces a character sequence in a string with a different set of characters). **Date functions:** Operate on dates and supplement the DATE datatype. Examples include SYSDATE (returns the current date and time in the Oracle Server) and LAST_DAY (returns the last day in the month of the specified date). **Numeric functions:** Operate on numeric data. Examples include CEIL (returns the smallest integer greater than or equal to the specified number) and POWER (returns a number raised to a particular power). **LOB functions:** Operate on large object data. Examples include EMPTY_BLOB (returns an empty locator of the binary large object type) and EMPTY_CLOB (returns an empty locator of the character large object type). **Conversion functions:** Perform explicit conversions of different types of data. Examples include TO_CHAR (converts a number or date to a string) and TO_NUMBER (converts a string to a number). **Miscellaneous functions.** Examples include GREATEST (returns the greatest of the specified list of values) and UID (returns the user ID of the current Oracle session). **Built-in packages** (collections of PL/SQL objects, such as functions, procedures, and data structures) greatly expand the scope of the PL/SQL language. These packages are described in detail in Feuerstein's and Beresiewicz's book, Oracle Built-in Packages. Built-in packages are built by Oracle Corporation and stored directly in the Oracle database. The functionality of the built-ins is available from any programming environment that can call PL/SQL stored procedures, including Visual Basic, Oracle Developer/2000, Oracle Application Server (for Web-based development), and, of course, the Oracle database itself. Built-in packages extend the capabilities and power of PL/SQL in many significant ways. For example: DBMS_SQL executes dynamically constructed SQL statements and PL/SQL blocks of code. DBMS_PIPE communicates between different Oracle sessions through a pipe in the RDBMS shared memory. DBMS_JOB submits and manages regularly scheduled jobs for execution inside the database. DBMS_LOB accesses and manipulates Oracle8's large objects (LOBs) from within PL/SQL programs. The book shows how to call all of the commonly used built-in functions and packages. For packages, it also shows the RESTRICT REFERENCES pragmas (needed if you call packages from a SQL statement), as well as the exceptions, constants, and data structures defined in the packages.

Oracle PL/SQL Language Pocket Reference

Oracle PL/SQL Language Pocket Reference, 4th Edition

A Guide to Oracle's PL/SQL Language Fundamentals

Advanced Oracle PL/SQL

Sams Teach Yourself SQL in 10 Minutes

Demonstrates how to construct and properly build PL/SQL packages, providing a full-use shareware version of PL/Vision and a library of dozens of packages written by the author on the companion disk. Original. (Advanced).

Oracle PL/SQL Language Pocket Reference A Guide to Oracle's PL/SQL Language Fundamentals"O'Reilly Media, Inc."

The implementation of stored procedures in MySQL 5.0 a huge milestone -- one that is expected to lead to widespread enterprise adoption of the already extremely popular MySQL database. If you are serious about building the web-based database applications of the future, you need to get up to speed quickly on how stored procedures work -- and how to build them the right way. This book, destined to be the bible of stored procedure development, is a resource that no real MySQL programmer can afford to do without. In the decade since MySQL burst on the scene, it has become the dominant open source database, with capabilities and performance rivaling those of commercial RDBMS offerings like Oracle and SQL Server. Along with Linux and PHP, MySQL is at the heart of millions of applications. And now, with support for stored procedures, functions, and triggers in MySQL 5.0, MySQL offers the programming power needed for true enterprise use. MySQL's new procedural language has a straightforward syntax, making it easy to write simple programs. But it's not so easy to write secure, easily maintained, high-performance, and bug-free programs. Few in the MySQL world have substantial experience yet with stored procedures, but Guy Harrison and Steven Feuerstein have decades of combined expertise. In MySQL Stored Procedure Programming, they put that hard-won experience to good use. Packed with code examples and covering everything from language basics to application building to advanced tuning and best practices, this highly readable book is the one-stop guide to MySQL development. It consists of four major sections: MySQL stored programming fundamentals -- tutorial, basic statements, SQL in stored programs, and error handling Building MySQL stored programs -- transaction handling, built-in functions, stored functions, and triggers MySQL stored programs in applications -- using stored programs with PHP, Java, Perl, Python, and .NET (C# and VB.NET) Optimizing MySQL stored programs -- security, basic and advanced SQL tuning, optimizing stored program code, and programming best practices A companion web site contains many thousands of lines of code, that you can put to use immediately. Guy Harrison is Chief Architect of Database Solutions at Quest Software and a frequent speaker and writer on MySQL topics. Steven Feuerstein is the author of Oracle PL/SQL Programming, the classic reference for Oracle stored programming for more than ten years. Both have decades of experience as database developers, and between them they have authored a dozen books. Explains how to use Structured Query Language to work within a relational database system, including information retrieval, security, data manipulation, and user management.

Mastering Oracle SQL

Optimizing Oracle Code

RMAN Syntax and Procedures

Oracle RMAN Pocket Reference

Considered the best Oracle PL/SQL programming guide by the Oracle community, this definitive guide is precisely what you need to make the most of Oracle's powerful procedural language. The sixth edition describes the features and capabilities of PL/SQL up through Oracle Database 12c Release 1. Hundreds of thousands of PL/SQL developers have benefited from this book over the last twenty years; this edition continues that tradition. With extensive code examples and a lively sense of humor, this book explains language fundamentals, explores advanced coding techniques, and offers best practices to help you solve real-world problems. Get PL/SQL programs up and running quickly, with clear instructions for executing, tracing, testing, debugging, and managing code Understand new 12.1 features, including the ACCESSIBLE_BY clause, WITH FUNCTION and UDF pragma, BEQUEATH CURRENT_USER for views, and new conditional compilation directives Take advantage of extensive code samples, from easy-to-follow examples to reusable packaged utilities Optimize PL/SQL performance with features like the function result cache and Oracle utilities such as PL/Scope and the PL/SQL hierarchical profiler Build modular, easy-to-maintain PL/SQL applications using packages, procedures, functions, and triggers

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Updated for the latest database management systems -- including MySQL 6.0, Oracle 11g, and Microsoft's SQL Server 2008 -- this introductory guide will get you up and running with SQL quickly. Whether you need to write database applications, perform administrative tasks, or generate reports, Learning SQL, Second Edition, will help you easily master all the SQL fundamentals. Each chapter presents a self-contained lesson on a key SQL concept or technique, with numerous illustrations and annotated examples. Exercises at the end of each chapter let you practice the skills you learn. With this book, you will: Move quickly through SQL basics and learn several advanced features Use SQL data statements to generate, manipulate, and retrieve data Create database objects, such as tables, indexes, and constraints, using SQL schema statements Learn how data sets interact with queries, and understand the importance of subqueries Convert and manipulate data with SQL's built-in functions, and use conditional logic in data statements Knowledge of SQL is a must for interacting with data. With Learning SQL, you'll quickly learn how to put the power and flexibility of this language to work.

In this book, Steven Feuerstein, widely recognized as one of the world's experts on the Oracle PL/SQL language, distills his many years of programming, writing, and teaching about PL/SQL into a set of PL/SQL language "best practices"--rules for writing code that is readable, maintainable, and efficient. Too often, developers focus on simply writing programs that run without errors--and ignore the impact of poorly written code upon both system performance and their ability (and their colleagues' ability) to maintain that code over time. Oracle PL/SQL Best Practices is a concise, easy-to-use reference to

Feuerstein's recommendations for excellent PL/SQL coding. It answers the kinds of questions PL/SQL developers most frequently ask about their code: How should I format my code? What naming conventions, if any, should I use? How can I write my packages so they can be more easily maintained? What is the most efficient way to query information from the database? How can I get all the developers on my team to handle errors the same way? The book contains 120 best practices, divided by topic area. It's full of advice on the program development process, coding style, writing SQL in PL/SQL, data structures, control structures, exception handling, program and package construction, and built-in packages. It also contains a handy, pull-out quick reference card. As a helpful supplement to the text, code examples demonstrating each of the best practices are available on the O'Reilly web site. Oracle PL/SQL Best Practices is intended as a companion to O'Reilly's larger Oracle PL/SQL books. It's a compact, readable reference that you'll turn to again and again--a book that no serious developer can afford to be without.

Write Efficient SQL

Oracle SQL*Plus

Oracle PL/SQL Programming

Toad Pocket Reference for Oracle

SQL Pocket Guide

"Learning Oracle PL/SQL" introduces PL/SQL in a way that's useful to a variety of audiences: beginning programmers, new Oracle database administrators, and developers familiar with other databases who now need to learn Oracle. A consistent and understandable example application--the development of a library's electronic catalog system--runs through the chapters.

An interactive guide to Oracle's intensive query tool, SQL * Plus, discusses its powerful features, furnishes a syntax quick reference, and explains how to write and execute script files, generate reports, extract data from the database, utilize new administrative features, query data dictionary tables, and more. Original. (Intermediate)

Master the Underutilized Advanced Features of SQL and PL/SQL This hands-on guide from Oracle Press shows how to fully exploit lesser known but extremely useful SQL and PL/SQL features and how to effectively use both languages together. Written by a team of Oracle ACE Directors, Real-World SQL and PL/SQL: Advice from the Experts features best practices, detailed examples, and insider tips that clearly demonstrate how to write, troubleshoot, and implement code for a wide variety of practical applications. The book thoroughly explains underutilized SQL and PL/SQL functions and lays out essential development strategies. Data modeling, advanced analytics, database security, secure coding, and administration are covered in complete detail. Learn how to:

- Apply advanced SQL and PL/SQL tools and techniques
- Understand SQL and PL/SQL functionality and determine when to use which language
- Develop accurate data models and implement business logic
- Run PL/SQL in SQL and integrate complex datasets
- Handle PL/SQL instrumenting and profiling
- Use Oracle Advanced Analytics and Oracle R Enterprise
- Build and execute predictive queries
- Secure your data using encryption, hashing, redaction, and masking
- Defend against SQL injection and other code-based attacks
- Work with Oracle Virtual Private Database

Code examples in the book are available for download at www.MHPProfessional.com. TAG: For a complete list of Oracle Press titles, visit www.OraclePressBooks.com

Oracle PL/SQL Recipes is your go to book for PL/SQL programming solutions. It takes a task-oriented approach to PL/SQL programming that lets you quickly look up a specific task and see the pattern for a solution. Then it's as simple as modifying the pattern for your specific application and implementing it. And you ' re done and home for dinner. Oracle PL/SQL Recipes is another in Apress ' ongoing series of recipe books aimed at Oracle practitioners. The recipe format is ideal for the busy professional who just needs to get the job done. Covers the most common PL/SQL programming problems Presents solutions in ready-to-use format Stays short and to-the-point

Real World SQL and PL/SQL: Advice from the Experts

Covers Versions Through Oracle Database 12c

A Problem-Solution Approach

Oracle 12c: SQL

Building High-Performance Web Applications in MySQL

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This pocket guide presents the most crucial information about SQL in a compact and easily accessible format, covering the four commonly used SQL variants--Oracle, IBM DB2, Microsoft SQL Server, and MySQL. Topics include: Data manipulation statements (SELECT, DELETE, INSERT, UPDATE, MERGE) and transaction control statements (START TRANSACTION, SAVEPOINT, COMMIT, ROLLBACK). Common SQL functions (date, numeric, math, trigonometric, string, conversion, aggregate) Such topics as literals, NULLs, CASE expressions, datatype conversion, regular expressions, grouping and summarizing data, joining tables, and writing queries (hierarchical, recursive, union, flashback) and subqueries. Instead of presenting complex and confusing syntax diagrams, the book teaches by example, showing the SQL statements and options that readers are most like to use. All example

data is available on the O'Reilly web site. "If you need fast, accurate SQL information, with examples for multiple database engines, be sure to check out this book."--Chris Kempster, Senior DBA and author of SQL Server 2000 for the Oracle DBA, www.chriskempster.com

One of the most important challenges faced by Oracle database administrators and Oracle developers is the need to tune SQL statements so that they execute efficiently. Poorly tuned SQL statements are one of the leading causes of substandard database performance and poor response time. SQL statements that perform poorly result in frustration for users, and can even prevent a company from serving its customers in a timely manner. In this book, Mark Gurry shares his in-depth knowledge of Oracle's SQL statement optimizers. Mark's knowledge is the result of many hard-fought tuning battles during his many years of providing Oracle tuning services to clients. Mark provides insights into the workings of the rule-based optimizer that go well beyond what the rules tell you. Mark also provides solutions to many common problems that occur with both the rule-based and cost-based optimizers. In addition to the specific problem/solution scenarios for the optimizers, Mark provides a number of handy SQL tuning tips. He discusses the various optimizer hints, telling you when they can be used to good effect. Finally, Mark discusses the use of the DBMS_STATS package to manage database statistics, and the use of outlines to specify execution plans for SQL statements in third-party applications that you can't otherwise modify.