

# Oracle 12c New Features For Developers



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#### Session Objectives

- Learn new Oracle 12c features that are geared to developers
- Know how existing database features have been improved in Oracle
- Become aware of some DBA-oriented features that impact developers





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#### "Recent" Releases

Oracle 11g R1 August 2007

Oracle 11g R2 September 2009

Oracle 12c R1 June 2013

Oracle 12c R1.0.2 June 2014



## Oracle 12c – Exciting DBA Stuff

- Oracle In-Memory Database
- Multi-tenant Architecture: (first architecture change to Oracle since V6 in 1988!)
  - Container Database (CDB)
  - Pluggable Database(s) (PDB)
- Performance Improvements:
  - Improved optimization
  - Enhanced Statistics & New Histograms
  - "Heat" maps
  - Adaptive Execution Plans
- More cool stuff (review OOW announcements...)



#### Oracle 12c New Features

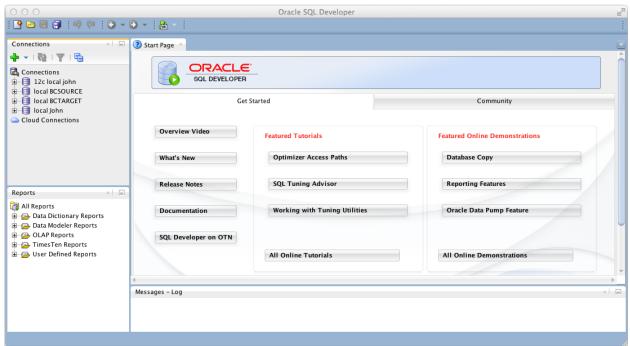
- SELECT improvements: Top-n & Pagination, pattern matching, outer join improvements
- Table definition improvements: expanded columns, identity columns, default improvements, invisible columns
- PL/SQL in WITH clause
- Temporal Validity
- Online DML operations
- Truncate CASCADE
- EBR improvements
- JSON in the database (12.1.0.2)





#### New SQL Developer

- Oracle SQL Developer 4.0 is now available for download
- Many new features & supports Oracle 12c (still a couple of "wrinkles" ...)







#### **Top-N & Pagination**

 Oracle 12c adds "top-n" type queries and paginated queries

– FETCH FIRST/LAST nn ROWS

FIRST/LAST n PERCENT ROWS

- OFFSET nn ROWS

 Optimizer uses analytics under the covers to make this work





## Top-N: Base Query

#### Original query; note row sequence

select ename, sal	from e	emp order	by s	al desc;
ENAME	SAL			
KING	5000			
FORD	3000			
SCOTT	3000			
JONES	2975			
BLAKE	2850			
CLARK	2450			
ALLEN	1600			
TURNER	1500			
MILLER	1300			
WARD	1250			
*** more ***				
SMITH	800			



#### Top-N: Using Rownum

 Original query uses "rownum" – note sequence of data (oops, wrong rows…)

```
select ename, sal from emp
where rownum < 5 order by sal desc;
--
ENAME SAL
-----
JONES 2975
ALLEN 1600
WARD 1250
SMITH 800
```

- Note: use of rownum, RANK, or DENSE\_RANK in dynamic view (select from (subquery)) may be used to get correct rows.



#### Top-N: First nn ROWS

 Here the first five rows (by value) are selected; note no need for analytics

```
select ename, sal from emp
    order by sal desc
    fetch first 5 rows only;
ENAME
                    SAL
                  5000
KING
SCOTT
                  3000
                  3000
FORD
                  2975
JONES
BLAKE
                  2850
```





#### **Pagination**

 The OFFSET clause may start processing at a given row; when (optionally) paired with FETCH allows pagination in query

```
select ename, sal from emp
   order by sal desc
   offset 2 rows
   fetch first 5 rows only;
ENAME
                   SAL
FORD
                  3000
                  2975
JONES
                  2850
BLAKE
                  2450
CLARK
                  1600
ALLEN
```





## Top-N: Percentage

 Top-N may use a percentage rather than a number of rows





#### **Matching Patterns**

- Enhanced ability to use Regular Expressions enabled by Oracle 12c's MATCH\_RECOGNIZE
- Using syntax similar to the MODEL clause and Analytics; rows may be compared to other rows using Regular Expressions (beyond capabilities of LAG/LEAD)





## MATCH\_RECOGNIZE

MATCH\_RECOGNIZE includes:

– PARTITION Segregate data

ORDER BY
 Order with partitions

MEASURES
 Define output columns

AFTER Return single/multiple rows

PATTERN Define regular expression

DEFINE Specify expression tags





## Sample MATCH\_RECOGNIZE

 The code on the following pages creates a report illustrating sales patterns for a specific product over time





#### Sample Code 1

 SELECT uses query in from clause to aggregate SH.SALES data by prod\_id and day (truncated time\_id)

```
select * from
  (select prod_id, trunc(time_id) time_id,
      sum(amount_sold) amount_sold from sh.sales
      where prod_id = 148
          and extract(year from time_id) in (2000,2001)
          group by prod_id, trunc(time_id))
```





#### Sample Code 2

```
match recognize (
   partition by prod id
   order by time id
   measures to char(strt.time id, 'yyyy-mm-dd') as
start date,
   to char(last(down.time id), 'yyyy-mm-dd') as bottom date,
   to char(last(up.time_id) ,'yyyy-mm-dd') as end_date,
   last(round(down.amount sold)) as bottom amt,
   last(round(up.amount sold)) as end amt
   --one row per match
   after match skip to last up
   pattern (strt down+ up+)
   define
     down as down.amount sold < prev(down.amount sold),</pre>
     up as up.amount sold > prev(up.amount sold)
   ) matcher
order by matcher.prod id, matcher.start date
```



#### Results

- Here are the results and a sample of the data to see what happened
- Two result rows:

148 2000-01-18	2000-01-23	2000-01-27	1191	1333
148 2000-01-27	2000-02-02	2000-02-14	887	2148

Matching base data rows:

148 18-JAN-00	2229
148 23-JAN-00	1191
148 27-JAN-00	1333
148 02-FEB-00	887
148 14-FEB-00	2148





## Outer Join Improvements

- Oracle 12c expands the use of the "traditional" Oracle Outer Join syntax (+) to make it more useful
- The (+) notation to create null rows may now be used for multiple tables & columns





#### Outer Join Example

```
select region_name, country_name, department_name, city,
count(employee_id) nbr_emps
from hr.regions r, hr.countries c, hr.locations l,
    hr.departments d, hr.employees e
where r.region_id = c.region_id(+)
and c.country_id = l.country_id(+)
and l.location_id = d.location_id(+)
and d.department_id = e.department_id(+)
group by region_name,country_name,department_name, city
order by region_name,country_name,department_name, city
```





#### **CROSS & OUTER APPLY**

- Oracle 12c adds the ability to JOIN values in a generated table collection to regular tables using correlated column values:
  - CROSS APPLY

- OUTER APPLY

Join table to generated collection when values match

Join table to generated collection when values match and create matches for non-match rows too





#### Example APPLY - Setup

```
create or replace type name table type
       as table of varchar2(100);
create or replace function department employees
(in department id varchar2)
   return name table type
is
  mynames name table type;
begin
  select cast(collect(last name || ', ' || first name)
                    as name table type)
     into mynames
     from hr.employees
     where department id = in department id;
  return mynames;
end;
```





#### Example APPLY

```
select *
  from hr.departments d
       cross apply
       department employees (d.department id) dept emps;
select *
  from hr.departments d
       outer apply
       department employees (d.department id) dept emps;
select department name
      , department employees (department id) deptemps
  from hr.departments;
```





#### LATERAL Inline Views

- Lateral inline views introduce a new keyword allowing correlated references to other tables in a join
  - Correlated tables appear to the left of the inline view in the query's FROM list
  - Correlation names may be used anywhere within the inline view a correlation name usually occurs
     (e.g. SELECT, FROM, WHERE, ...)





#### **Example Lateral Inline View**

 Here is an example using a lateral inline view; this syntax would fail without the "LATERAL" keyword





#### New Column Sizes

- Oracle 12c increases the maximum size of three data types to 32,767 (4,000 before)
  - VARCHAR2
  - NVARCHAR2
  - RAW
- Not default: DBA sets max\_sql\_string\_size
   EXTENDED (COMPATIBLE must be 12.0.0.0.0+)
- Stored out of line as SECUREFILE CLOB when > 4k
- Now matches PL/SQL variables





## **Identity Columns**

- Oracle has had SEQUENCES for years; the IDENTITY column allows use of a SEQUENCE as part of a column definition (much like some competitor databases)
  - Use "GENERATED AS IDENTITY" clause
  - Default starts with 1 increments by 1
  - May set values using START WITH and INCREMENT BY
  - IDENTITY column resets if table is dropped and recreated





## **Identity Example 1**

```
create table id test1
(id number generated as identity,
col1 varchar2(10));
insert into id test1 (col1) values ('A');
insert into id test1 (col1) values ('B');
insert into id test1 (col1) values ('C');
select * from id test1;
 ID COL1
         1 A
         2 B
         3 C
```





## **Identity Example 2**

```
create table id test1
(id number generated as identity (
      start with 10 increment by 11),
col1 varchar2(10));
insert into id test1 (col1) values ('A');
insert into id test1 (col1) values ('B');
insert into id test1 (col1) values ('C');
select * from id test1;
 ID COL1
        10 A
        21 B
        32 C
```





#### Session-Specific Sequence

 CREATE SEQUENCE now offers a SESSION parameter causing a sequence to be reset in each session where it is used

```
create sequence session_sample_seq
  start with 1 increment by 1
  session;
```

- Rows in Global Temporary Tables exist either for the life of the session or transaction
- While particularly useful for GTTs; sessionspecific sequences are NOT limited to GTTs





#### **Enhanced Column DEFAULT**

- Oracle 12c enhances the capabilities of column default settings
  - Columns may be set to a default when NULL values are INSERTed
  - Column default values may be based upon a SEQUENCE (.nextval or .currval)





#### **Example Defaults**

```
drop sequence default test seq;
drop table default test;
create sequence default test seq start with 1 increment by 1;
create table default test
(id number default default test seq.nextval not null,
coll varchar2(10),
col2 varchar2(10)default on null 'N/A' not null);
insert into default test (col1,col2) values ('A',null);
insert into default test (col1) values ('B');
insert into default test (col1,col2) values ('C','test');
select * from default test;
 ID
           COL1
                      COL<sub>2</sub>
         1 A
                      N/A
                     N/A
         2 B
         3 C
                     test
```





#### Invisible Columns

- Columns may be marked "INVISIBLE" in CREATE/ALTER table
- Invisible columns do not appear in SQL\*Plus DESCRIBE or SQL Developer column display (does show in SQL Developer table column list)
- Invisible columns may be inserted into or omitted from INSERT statements
- When made visible columns appear at end of table (why?? See next page)





#### COL\$ View

- What happens when a column is marked invisible?
- The database marks column number to 0

- Col# is set to 0
- Property is set to x'40000020'





## Invisible Column Example 1

```
drop table invisible test;
create table invisible test (
 id number,
 coll varchar2(10),
 col2 varchar2(10) invisible,
 col3 varchar2(10));
desc invisible test;
Name Null Type
ID
          NUMBER
COL1
          VARCHAR2 (10)
COL3
          VARCHAR2 (10)
```





# Invisible Column Example 2

```
insert into invisible test
(col1,col2,col3) values (1,'a','a');
insert into invisible test
(col1,col3) values (2,'b');
insert into invisible test values (3,'c');
select * from invisible test;
alter table invisible test modify col2 visible;
desc invisible test;
Name Null Type
ID
          NUMBER
COL1
          VARCHAR2 (10)
COL3
          VARCHAR2 (10)
COL2
          VARCHAR2 (10)
```





#### PL/SQL in WITH

- Oracle 12c allows definition of PL/SQL Functions and Procedures using SQL's Common Table Expression (WITH)
  - Defining PL/SQL locally reduces SQL-PL/SQL context-switching costs
  - Local PL/SQL overrides stored PL/SQL with the same name
  - Local PL/SQL is not stored in the database
  - Local PL/SQL is part of the same source code as the SQL that uses it
  - PL/SQL Result Cache no use in Local PL/SQL



# Example PL/SQL in WITH

```
with function times 42 (inval number)
 return number
as
begin
  return inval * 42;
end;
select channel id,count(*) nbr rows,
       sum(quantity_sold) qtysold,
       sum(times_42(cust_id)) cust42
  from sh.sales
  group by channel id
  order by channel id
```





#### PL/SQL UDF

- Oracle 12c allows functions to be defined using "PRAGMA UDF" to specify that a function will be used in SELECTS (behaving similar to function in WITH)
- This optimizes code for use within a SELECT or other SQL

Probably not a good option for functions also used from PL/SQL!





# Example PL/SQL UDF

```
create or replace function times_42(inval number)
  return number
as
   pragma udf;
begin
  return inval * 42;
end;
/
```





# **Temporal Validity**

- Oracle 12c adds options to CREATE TABLE, ALTER TABLE, and SELECT allowing use of time dimensions in conjunction with FLASHBACK QUERY
  - Periods are defined using TIMESTAMP columns
  - CREATE/ALTER TABLE's PERIOD clause specifies period starting and ending times
  - SELECT statements AS OF PERIOD FOR clause allows selection of rows falling within periods





# Temporal Validity Example

```
CREATE TABLE temporal emp test(
  employee id NUMBER,
 last name VARCHAR2(50),
  start time TIMESTAMP,
 end time TIMESTAMP,
  PERIOD FOR my time period (start time, end time));
INSERT INTO temporal emp test
      VALUES (1000, 'King', '01-Jan-10', '30-Jun-11');
INSERT INTO temporal emp test
      VALUES (1001, 'Manzo', '01-Jan-11', '30-Jun-11');
INSERT INTO temporal emp test
      VALUES (1002, 'Li', '01-Jan-12', null);
SELECT * from temporal emp test AS OF PERIOD
      FOR my_time_period TO_TIMESTAMP('01-Jun-10');
SELECT * from temporal emp test VERSIONS PERIOD FOR
      my time period BETWEEN TO TIMESTAMP('01-Jun-10')
                          AND TO TIMESTAMP('02-Jun-10');
```





#### Online DDL

- Some DDL statements may be performed ONLINE in Oracle 12c, eliminating the DML lock from earlier releases
  - DROP INDEX ... ONLINE
  - ALTER INDEX ... UNUSABLE ONLINE
  - ALTER TABLE ... SET UNUSED ... ONLINE ..
  - ALTER TABLE ... DROP ... ONLINE
  - ALTER TABLE ...MOVE PARTITION ... ONLINE
  - ALTER TABLE ...MOVE SUBPARTITION .... ONLINE



#### TRUNCATE ... CASCADE

 Oracle 12c's TRUNCATE statement allows the use of CASCADE to eliminate values in tables that are referentially connected

TRUNCATE TABLE ID\_TEST1 CASCADE;

-Child table referential security must specify "ON DELETE CASCADE" or statement will fail





## UTL CALL STACK

- Oracle has provided PL/SQL debug aids for a long time; perhaps your shop uses one: dbms\_utility.format\_call\_stack, dbms\_utility.format\_error\_backtrace, or dbms\_utility.format\_error\_stack
- Oracle 12c adds UTL\_CALL\_STACK providing greater insight into the stack





# UTL CALL STACK Functions

- See documentation for a complete list of subprograms – here are a few:
  - CONCATENATE\_SUBPROGRAM
     Concatenated unit name
  - DYNAMIC\_DEPTHNumber of subprograms on call stack
  - LEXICAL\_DEPTHLexical nesting level of subprogram
  - UNIT\_LINELine number in backtrace unit





# Using UTL CALL\_STACK

```
create or replace procedure Print Call Stack
As
   DEPTH pls integer := UTL CALL STACK.dynamic depth();
   procedure printheaders is
    /* more code */
   procedure print is
     begin
      printheaders;
      for stunit in reverse 1..DEPTH loop
       dbms output.put_line(
        rpad( UTL CALL STACK.lexical depth(stunit), 10 )
        || rpad( stunit, 7)
        || rpad(to char(UTL CALL STACK.unit line(stunit),
             1991), 9)
        | UTL CALL STACK.concatenate subprogram
      end loop;
    /* more code */
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```



# Anatomy of Test Package

 The example package illustrates code nested within code:

```
package body TestPkg is
  procedure proc_a is
  procedure proc_b is
    procedure proc_c is
    procedure proc_d is
    Print_Call_Stack();
```



## UTL CALL STACK Results

```
begin TestPkg.proc a; end;
Error report -
ORA-06501: PL/SQL: program error
ORA-06512: at "JOHN.TESTPKG", line 11
ORA-06512: at "JOHN.TESTPKG", line 14
ORA-06512: at "JOHN.TESTPKG", line 17
ORA-06512: at "JOHN.TESTPKG", line 20
ORA-06512: at line 1
06501. 00000 - "PL/SQL: program error"
*Cause: This is an internal error message. An error has
been detected in a PL/SQL program.
*Action: Contact Oracle Support Services
TESTPKG.PROC A
TESTPKG.PROC A.PROC B
TESTPKG.PROC A.PROC B.PROC C
TESTPKG.PROC A.PROC B.PROC C.PROC D
PRINT CALL STACK
PRINT CALL STACK.PRINT
```





# 12c (12.1.0.2) and JSON

- 12c patch-set 2 (12.1.0.2) adds JSON data
- JSON documents are stored as VARCHAR2, CLOB, or BLOB data type
- JSON data works with all existing Oracle features including SQL and Analytics
- 12c supports path-based queries of JSON data stored in the database, JSON Path Language, and JSON Path Expressions
- JSON is used in SQL via SQL/JSON views
- JSON documents may be indexed



#### **JSON-XML** Similarities

- JSON is text only, just like XML and thus is an excellent vehicle for data interchange— JSON and XML are both plain text
- JSON and XML are "human readable" and "self-describing"
- JSON and XML are hierarchical (data sets nested within data sets)
- JSON and XML offer validation capability;
   XML's is more mature and capable today





#### JSON-XML Dissimilarities

- XML is verbose, JSON is shorter
- JSON does not end tags, required in XML
- JSON is quicker to read and write
- Reading XML documents requires "walking the DOM" – JSON does not
- JSON works more easily and is faster than XML when working with AJAX
- XML documents must be tested for "wellformed"-ness before processing





#### XML File

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<myBooks>
  <book>
   <name>Learning XML</name>
   <author>Eric T. Ray</author>
   <publisher>O'Reilly</publisher>
  </book>
  <book>
   <name>XML Bible</name>
   <author>Elliotte Rusty Harold</author>
    <publisher>IDG Books/publisher>
  </book>
  <book>
   <name>XML by Example
   <author>Sean McGrath</author>
  </book>
</myBooks>
```



#### JSON File

```
{"myBooks":
     "name": "Learning XML",
     "author": "Eric T. Ray",
     "publisher": "O'Reilly"
     },
     "name": "XML Bible",
     "author": "Elliotte Rusty Harold",
     "publisher":"IDG Books"
     },
     "name": "XML by Example",
     "author": "Sean McGrath",
     "publisher": "Prentice-Hall"
```



#### Oracle as JSON Data Store

- JSON documents are stored in the database using existing data types
  - VARCHAR2, CLOB and BLOB for character mode JSON
  - External JSON data sources accessible through external tables
  - JSON in file system (also HDFS) can be accessed via external tables





#### JSON SQL

- JSON content is accessible from SQL via new operators
  - JSON\_VALUE Used to query a scalar value from a JSON document
  - JSON\_TABLE Used to query JSON document and create relational-style columns
  - JSON\_EXISTS Used in query to see if JSON path exists in document IS JSON Used to validate JSON, usually in CHECK constraint
- JSON operators use JSON Path language to navigate JSON objects



#### JSON Check Constraint





#### JSON and DML

```
insert into deptj values
(sys guid(),
 '{"departments":{
   "DEPTNO": 10, "DNAME": "ACCOUNTING", "LOC": "NEW YORK",
    "deptemps": [
                  { "EMPNO": 7782,
                    "ENAME": "CLARK",
                    "JOB": "MANAGER",
                    "MGR": 7839,
                    "HIREDATE": "09-JUN-81",
                    "pay": {
                           "SAL": 2450,
                           "COMM": null},
                    "DEPTNO": "10"
                   },
                   /* more */
```





# Simple JSON Query

```
select dept_info
from deptj;
DEPT INFO
{"departments":{
 "DEPTNO": 10,
 "DNAME": "ACCOUNTING",
 "LOC": "NEW YORK",
 "deptemps": [
                 "EMPNO": 7782,
                 "ENAME": "CLARK",
  **** more ****
```





# Query with JSON\_VALUE

```
select json_value(dept_info, '$.departments.DNAME')
from deptj;
DNAME
------
ACCOUNTING
RESEARCH
SALES
OPERATIONS
```





# Query with JSON\_TABLE

```
select dname, ename, job, sal
from deptj, json table(dept info,'$.departments'
            columns (dname varchar2(15) path '$.DNAME'
            ,nested path '$.deptemps[*]'
              columns (ename varchar2(20) path '$.ENAME'
               ,job varchar2(20) path '$.JOB'
                 ,nested path '$.pay'
                  columns (sal number path '$.SAL')
));
DNAME
              ENAME
                        JOB
                                          SAL
                                          2450
ACCOUNTING
             CLARK
                        MANAGER
ACCOUNTING
             KING
                                          5000
                        PRESIDENT
**** more ****
```





# **EBR** Improvements

- Time does not permit detailed EBR coverage
- Edition-Based Redefinition made its debut in Oracle 11g and provides an ability to significantly reduce downtime due to changes in PL/SQL and/or SQL
- Oracle 12c removes some limitations present in 11gR2 implementation of EBR:
  - Public Synonyms may point to editioned objects
  - Materialized Views, Types, and Virtual Columns may reference editioned objects





#### **EBR & Materialized Views**

- CREATE/ALTER MATERIALIZED VIEW now add the ability to specify use with editioning:
  - UNUSABLE BEFORE
    - CURRENT EDITION
    - EDITION XXX
  - UNUSABLE BEGINNING
    - CURRENT EDITION
    - EDITION XXX
    - NULL EDITION





# EBR & Types

- CREATE/ALTER TYPE now add the ability to specify use with editioning:
  - UNUSABLE BEFORE
    - CURRENT EDITION
    - EDITION XXX
  - UNUSABLE BEGINNING
    - CURRENT EDITION
    - EDITION XXX
    - NULL EDITION





#### **EBR & Virtual Columns**

- Non-editioned Virtual Columns may depend upon editioned objects
  - May specify expression is to be resolved by searching the specified edition:
    - CURRENT EDITION
    - EDITION XXX
    - NULL EDITION
  - May use UNUSABLE EDITION or UNUSABLE BEGINNING clause (see previous page) to limit Virtual Columns "visibility" into editions





#### Wrapping it all Up

- Oracle 12c has added significant new functionality to the already robust Oracle database environment; release 12.1.0.2 adds even more
- Oracle 12c represents the first major architectural change to Oracle since Version 6
- With the release of Oracle 12c it's probably time for your shop to finally move to 11g R2
- While an emphasis is sometimes placed on the features of Oracle that support the Data Base Administrator, this paper shows many Developer-oriented features of great usefulness
- I am still actively testing the new features presented here (and some others); your mileage may vary; watch for future editions of this talk or blog posts for more





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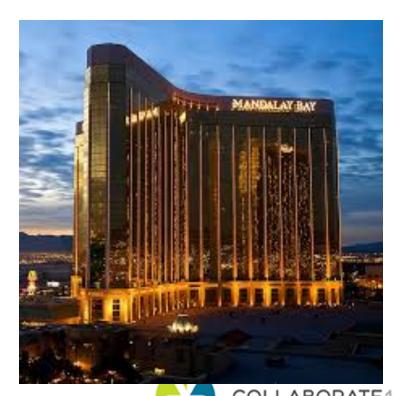






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