

# PL/SQL in Oracle 12c

Arup Nanda

*Longtime Oracle DBA*

# Agenda

- PL/SQL has evolved over the years
- Adoption is still bit challenged
  - Binding with Java
  - SQL to PL/SQL context switching is slow
- Notable PL/SQL features you should know
- Will not cover 11g new features
- Lots of demos
- Downloadable scripts

# Setup

```
begin
  for i in 1..100000 loop
    insert into accounts values (
      i,
      dbms_random.string('u',30),
      ltrim(to_char(dbms_random.value(100000000,999999999),'999999999')),
      sysdate - 30*365 - dbms_random.value(1,60*365),
      dbms_random.value(1,100000),
      dbms_random.value(1,10000),
      sysdate - dbms_random.value(1,365*5)
    );
  end loop;
end;
```

Table ACCOUNTS

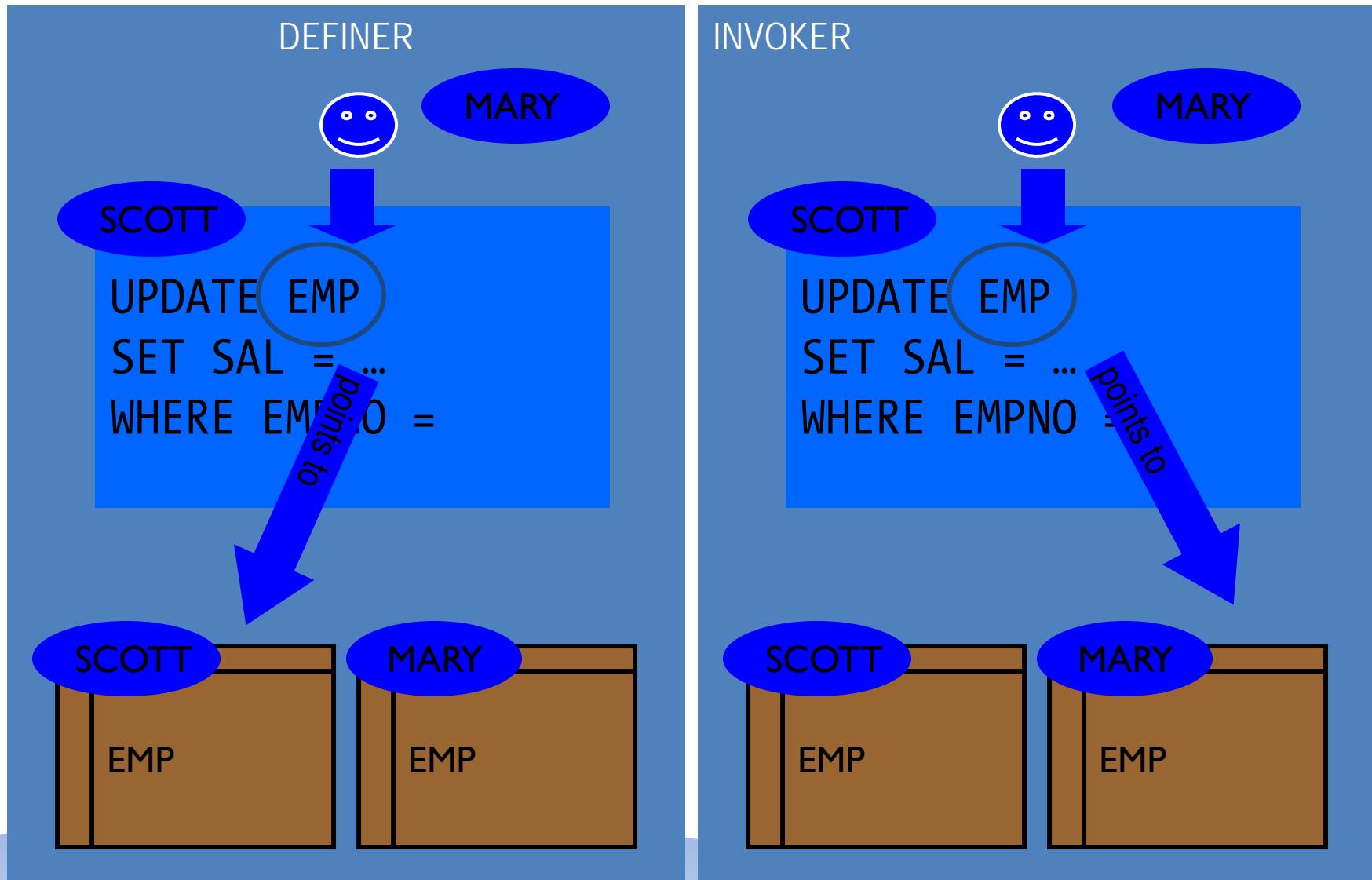
Name	Null?	Type
ACCNO		NUMBER
ACCNAME		VARCHAR2(30)
SSN		VARCHAR2(9)
BIRTHDAY		DATE
PRINCIPAL		NUMBER
INTEREST		NUMBER
CREATED_DT		DATE

# Result Caching

- PL/SQL Function
- Stores the results in result\_cache (a memory area)
- Returns the results when the function is called
  - (not re-executed)
  - When the underlying data hasn't changed

Get\_counts\_by\_birthyear\_v1.sql  
Get\_counts\_by\_birthyear\_v2.sql

# Invoker Rights



# Invoker Rights

```
CREATE PROCEDURE  
    UPDATE_EMP  
( P_EMPNO IN NUMBER,  
  P_SAL    IN NUMBER)  
AUTHID DEFINER  
IS  
BEGIN  
    UPDATE EMP  
    SET SAL = P_SAL  
    WHERE EMPNO = P_EMPNO;  
END;
```

```
CREATE PROCEDURE  
    UPDATE_EMP  
( P_EMPNO IN NUMBER,  
  P_SAL    IN NUMBER)  
AUTHID CURRENT_USER  
IS  
BEGIN  
    UPDATE EMP  
    SET SAL = P_SAL  
    WHERE EMPNO = P_EMPNO;  
END;
```



# Result Cache + Invoker

```
create or replace function get_counts_by_birthyear
(
    p_year_of_birth in varchar2
)
return pls_integer
result_cache
authid current_user
as
    l_cnt    pls_integer;
begin
    select count(1)
    into l_cnt
    from arup.accounts
    where to_char(birthday, 'yy') = p_year_of_birth;
    return l_cnt;
end;
/
```

*Schema qualification required*

*Get\_counts\_by\_birthyear\_v3.sql*

# Repeated Calculations

```
select  
    accno,  
    0.01 * principal +  
    0.02 * interest +  
    0.10 * (sysdate - created_dt) * 10 +  
    0.05 * (sysdate - birthday) * 10  
        as interest  
from accounts
```

# Inline Functions

```
create or replace function get_bonus_amount
(
    p_accno in accounts.accno%type
)
return number
is
    l_bonus          number;
begin
    select
        0.01 * principal +
        0.02 * interest +
        0.10 * (sysdate - created_dt) * 10 +
        0.05 * (sysdate - birthday) * 10
    into l_bonus
    from accounts
    where accno = p_accno;
    return l_bonus;
end;
/
```

*Repeated. Better be out of the code in a function*

[Get\\_bonus\\_amount\\_v1.sql](#)  
[Int1.sql](#)

# Inline Function

with

```
function get_bonus_amount
(p_accno in accounts.accno%type)
return number is
    l_bonus          number;
begin
    select
        0.01 * principal +
        0.02 * interest +
        0.10 * (sysdate - created_dt) * 10 +
        0.05 * (sysdate - birthday) * 10
    into l_bonus
    from accounts
    where accno = p_accno;
    return l_bonus;
end;
```

*Not a stored function*

```
select accno, get_bonus_amount (accno)
from accounts
where accno in (3,5,9);
```

*Get\_bonus\_amount\_v2.sql*

# Update

- SQL:

```
update table  
  set col1 = (with function ...)
```
- Will fail with ORA-32034: unsupported use of WITH clause
- Solution:

```
update /*+ WITH_PLSQL */ table  
  set col1 = (with function ...)
```

# Inline Functions

- No Schema changes required
  - Good for tightly controlled shops
- No SQL-PL/SQL context switching
- Function inlining
  - PL/SQL Optimization
- Watch out
  - No DETERMINISTIC function optimization

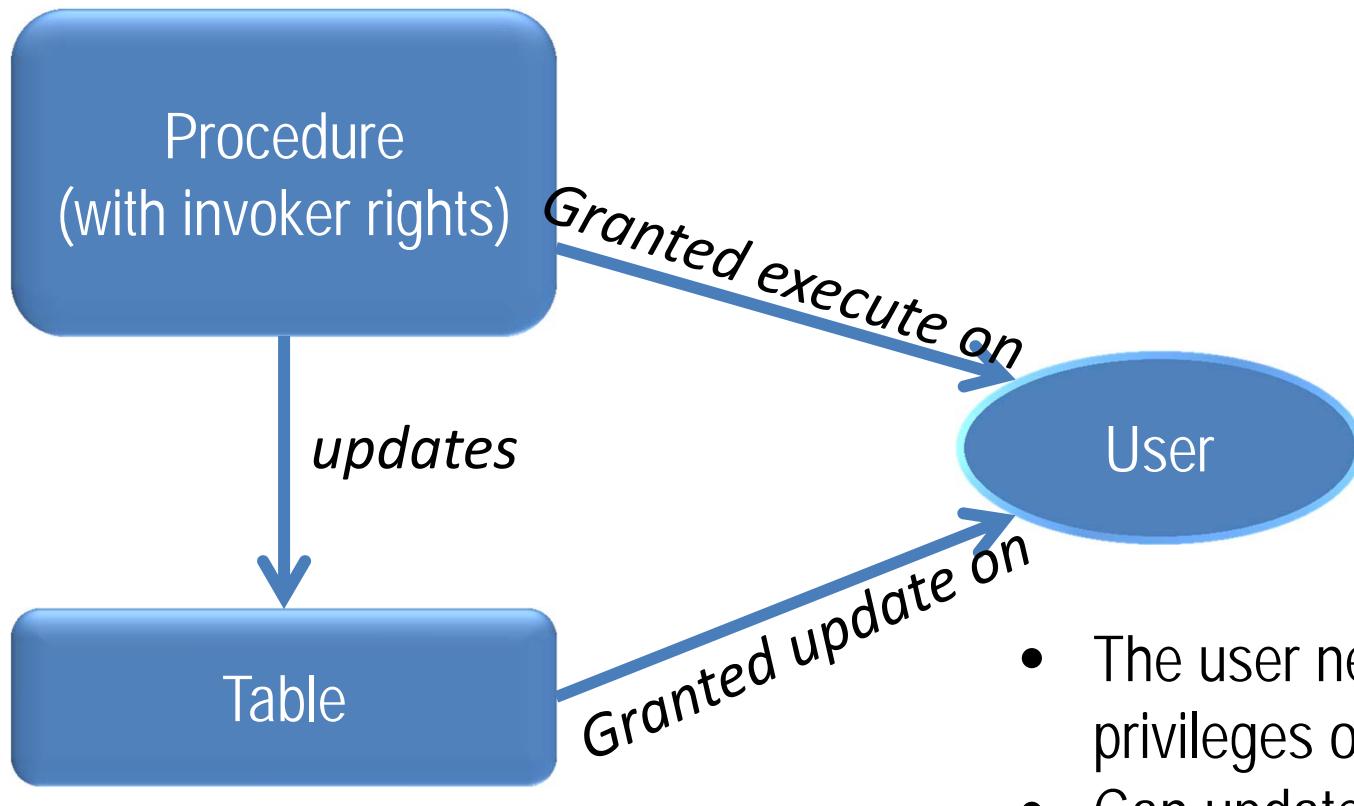
# Pragma UDF

- Pragmas
  - pragma autonomous\_transaction;
  - pragma exception\_init (deadlock\_detected, -60);
- Pragma UDF (user defined function)

```
create or replace function get_bonus_amount
(
    p_accno in accounts.accno%type
)
return number
is
    pragma UDF;
    l_bonus        number;
...
```

get\_bonus\_amountPragma\_udf\_v1.sql

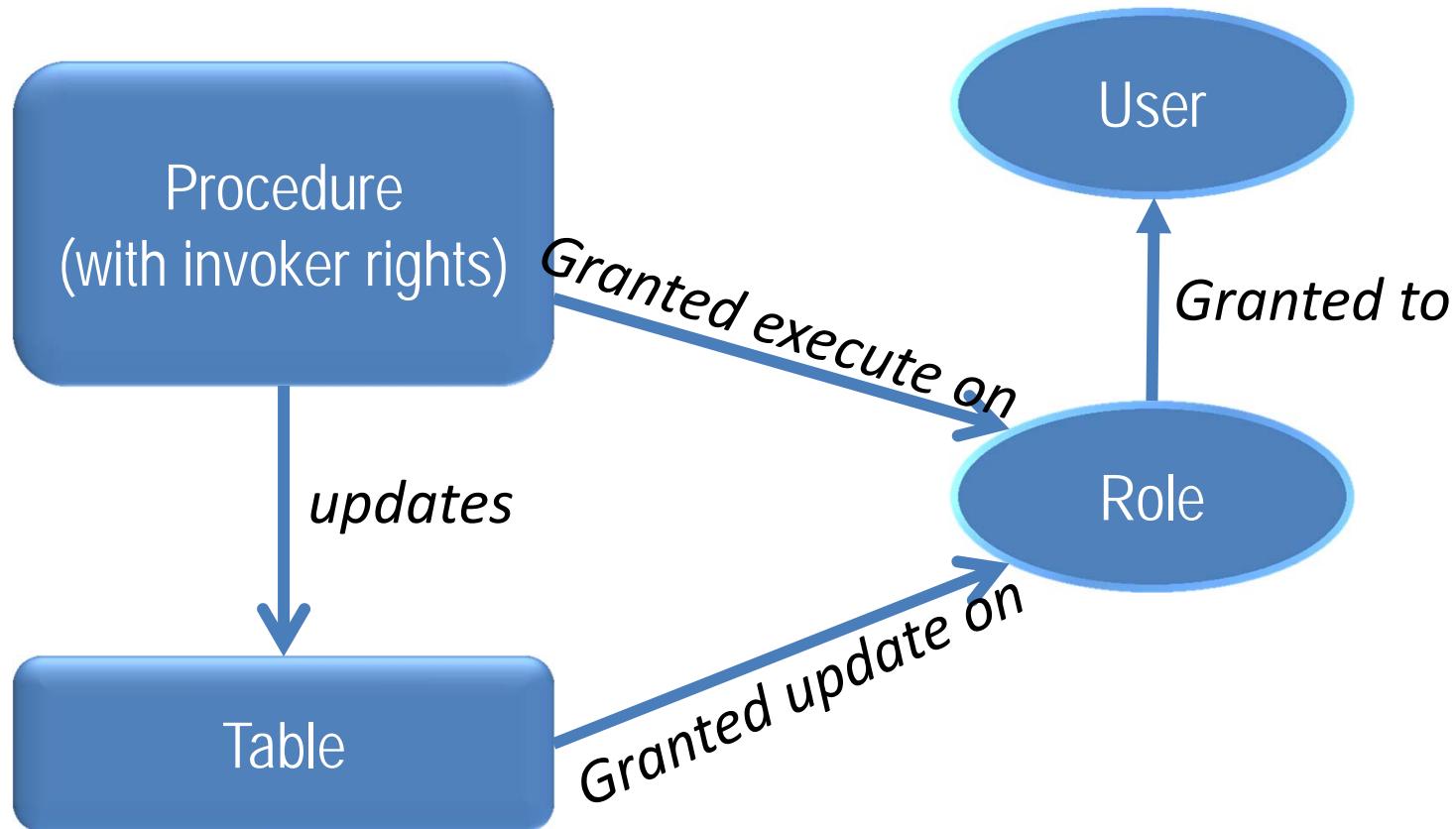
# Program Security



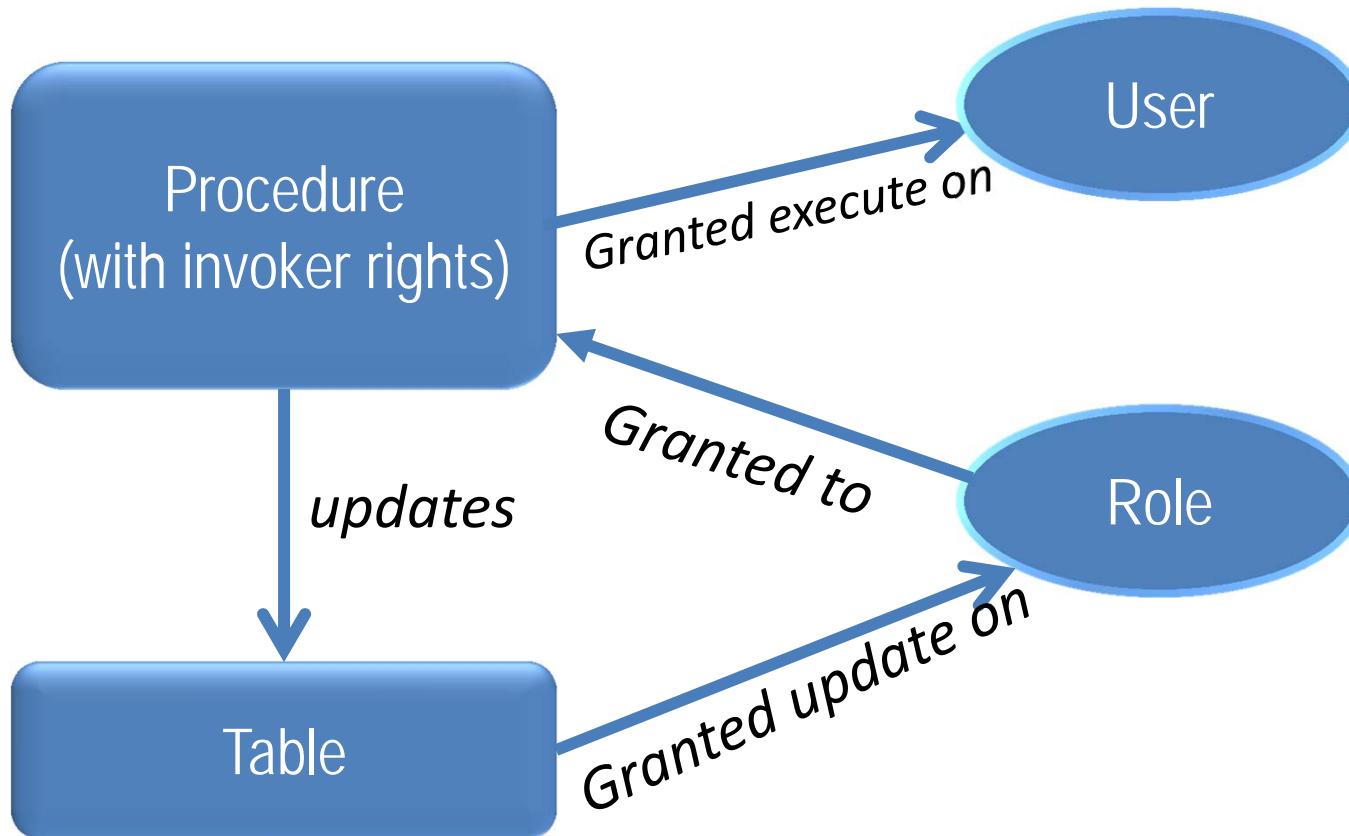
roles\_to\_proc\_trad.sql

- The user needs update privileges on the table
- Can update anything; not just what the procedure is capable of

# Will a role help?



# 12c Way



roles\_to\_proc\_12c.sql

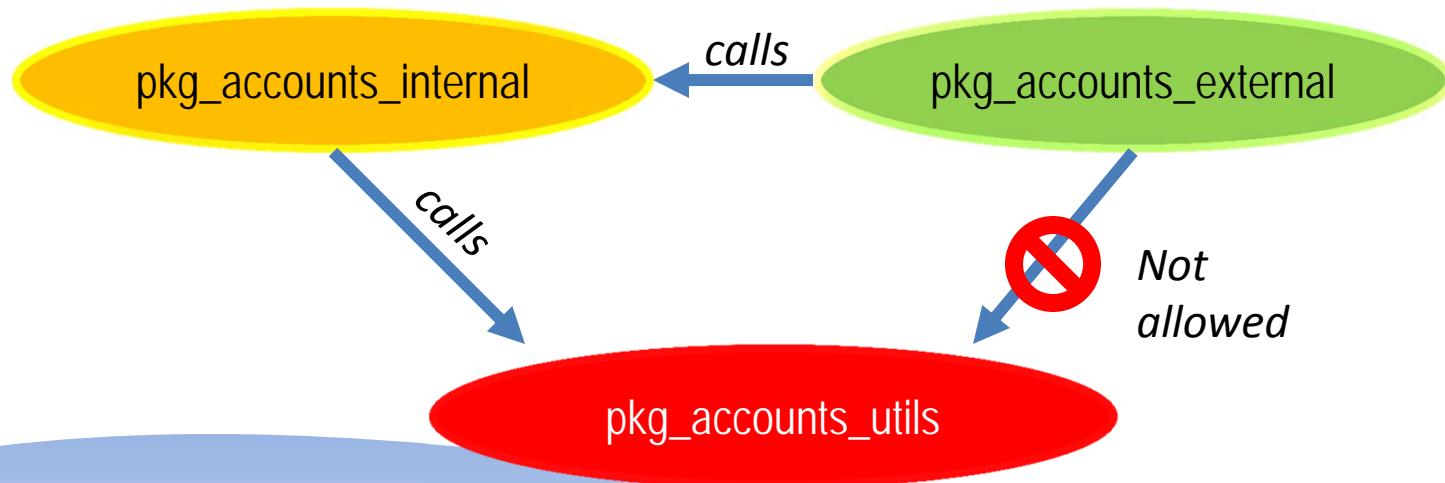
# Program Security

Traditional Approach	New Approach
Grant execute on procedure to SCOTT	Grant execute on procedure to SCOTT
Grant update on table to SCOTT	
	Grant update on table to role
	Grant role to procedure

`grant <role> to procedure <proc>`

# Code Whitelisting

- You have a utility package
  - pkg\_accounts\_utils
  - contains sensitive procedures
- You have an internal package that calls these utils
  - pkg\_accounts\_internal
- External package called by others
  - pkg\_accounts\_external



# Accessible By

- The package specification should have  
create or replace package pkg\_accounts\_utils  
**accessible by (pkg\_accounts\_internal)**  
is

```
procedure update_int (p_accno in accounts.accno%type,  
p_int_amt in accounts.interest%type);  
end;
```

- Others will get

PLS-00904: insufficient privilege to access object  
PKG\_ACCOUNTS\_UTILS

pkg\_accounts\_utils\_pks\_v1.sql  
pkg\_accounts\_utils\_pkv1.sql  
pkg\_accounts\_internal\_pks\_v1.sql  
pkg\_accounts\_internal\_pkv1.sql  
pkg\_accounts\_external\_pks\_v1.sql  
pkg\_accounts\_external\_pkv1.sql

# Collections in PL/SQL

- Using collections

```
function get_avg_int_acnolist
(
    p_int_table in <Collection>
)
return number is
```

- Parameter p\_int\_table had to be a database schema object

## PL/SQL Constructs

- Varray
- Nested Table

Records

PL/SQL Table Indexed by  
pls\_integer

# Package Collections

- Create a package spec (body not required)

```
create or replace package pkg_acc is
    type ty_rec_int is record (
        accno    number,
        interest number
    );
    type ty_tab_int is table of ty_rec_int index by pls_integer;
    rec_int    ty_tab_int;
end;
/
```

Pkg\_acc\_v1.sql

# Use Collections in Binds

- Function to compute average interest for a group of accounts

```
create or replace function get_avg_int_acnolist
  (p_int_table in pkg_acc.ty_tab_int)
return number is
  l_tot_int      number := 0;
  l_avg_int      number := 0;
  cnt            pls_integer := 0;
begin
  cnt := p_int_table.count;
  for i in 1..cnt loop
    l_tot_int := p_int_table(i).interest + l_tot_int;
  end loop;
  l_avg_int := l_tot_int / cnt;
  return l_avg_int;
End;
```

get\_avg\_int\_acnolist\_v1.sql

# More Binds

- Trying to find the average interest for 65 years and older customers
- Populate

```
select accno, interest
bulk collect into pkg_acc.rec_int
from accounts
where sysdate - birthday > 65*365;
```
- Example 1

```
select get_avg_int_acnolist(pkg_acc.rec_int)
into l_avg_int from dual;
```
- Example 2

```
execute immediate 'select get_avg_int_acnolist (:var1) from dual'
into l_avg_int
using pkg_acc.rec_int;
```
- Example 3

```
select avg(interest), count(1)
into l_avg_int, l_tot_accs
from table(pkg_acc.rec_int);
```

show\_avg\_int\_for\_65yrs\_v1.sql  
show\_avg\_int\_for\_65yrs\_v2.sql

# Boolean Binding

```
create or replace procedure show_boolean
(
    p_truth in boolean
) is
    l_val    varchar2(5);
begin
    l_val := 
        case p_truth
        when TRUE      then 'TRUE'
        when FALSE     then 'FALSE'
        else            'NULL'
    end;
    dbms_output.put_line ('The input was '||l_val);
end;
/
```

Show\_boolean\_v1.sql

# Boolean Binding

```
create or replace procedure show_truth
is
    c_null constant boolean := null;
begin
    execute immediate 'begin show_boolean(:param); end;' using true;
    execute immediate 'begin show_boolean(:param); end;' using false;
    execute immediate 'begin show_boolean(:param); end;' using
c_null;
end;
/
```

show\_truth\_v1.sql

# Predefined Directives

- In previous versions only a few directive were made available to you to display:
  - \$\$PLSQL\_UNIT
  - \$\$PLSQL\_LINE
- Now you can select two additional directives
  - \$\$PLSQL\_UNIT\_TYPE
  - \$\$PLSQL\_UNIT\_OWNER

demo\_proc1\_v1.sql  
demo\_proc2\_v1.sql

# Nested Codes

```
create or replace procedure depth_proc1 as
procedure depth_proc2 as
procedure depth_proc3 as
procedure depth_proc4 as
procedure depth_proc5 as
begin
    some_code_comes_here;
end;
begin
    depth_proc5;
end;
begin
    depth_proc4;
end;
begin
    depth_proc3;
end;
begin
    depth_proc2;
end;
```



# Call Stack

- Before 12c

```
create or replace procedure
display_call_stack
is
begin
    dbms_output.put_line(dbms_utility.format
    _call_stack);
end;
/
```

depth\_proc\_demo\_v1.sql  
display\_call\_stack\_v1.sql

# 12c Way

```
create or replace procedure display_call_stack
is
    l_dynamic_depth      pls_integer := utl_call_stack.dynamic_depth;
begin
    -- dbms_output.put_line(dbms_utility.format_call_stack);
    for i in reverse 1..l_dynamic_depth loop
        dbms_output.put_line (
            lpad(to_char(i,'99'),3)
            ||' '||
            utl_call_stack.owner(i)
            ||'.'||
            utl_call_stack.concatenate_subprogram (utl_call_stack.subprogram (i))
            ||' ('||
            utl_call_stack.unit_line(i)
            ||') '
        );
    end loop;
end;
```

display\_call\_stack\_v2.sql

# *Thank You!*

My Blog: [arup.blogspot.com](http://arup.blogspot.com)

My Tweeter: arupnanda