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This preface introduces you to the Oracle Database JDBC Developer’s Guide discussing the intended audience, structure, and conventions of this document. A list of related Oracle documents is also provided.

Audience

The Oracle Database JDBC Developer’s Guide is intended for developers of Java Database Connectivity (JDBC)-based applications and applets. This book can be read by anyone with an interest in JDBC programming, but assumes at least some prior knowledge of the following:

- Java
- Oracle PL/SQL
- Oracle databases

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- **Oracle Database Java Developer’s Guide**
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- **Oracle Database JPublisher User’s Guide**
  This book describes how to use the Oracle JPublisher utility to translate object types and other user-defined types to Java classes. If you are developing JDBC applications that use object types, VARRAY types, nested table types, or object reference types, then JPublisher can generate custom Java classes to map to them.

The following OC4J documents, for Oracle Application Server releases, are also available from the Oracle Java Platform group:

- **Oracle Application Server Containers for J2EE User’s Guide**
  This book provides some overview and general information for OC4J; primer chapters for servlets, JSP pages, and EJBs; and general configuration and deployment instructions.

- **Oracle Containers for J2EE Support for JavaServer Pages Developer’s Guide**
  This book provides information for JSP developers who want to run their pages in OC4J. It includes a general overview of JSP standards and programming considerations, as well as discussion of Oracle value-added features and steps for getting started in the OC4J environment.

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- **Oracle Containers for J2EE Servlet Developer’s Guide**
  This book provides information for servlet developers regarding use of servlets and the servlet container in OC4J. It also documents relevant OC4J configuration files.

- **Oracle Containers for J2EE Services Guide**
  This book provides information about basic Java services supplied with OC4J, such as JTA, JNDI, and the Oracle Application Server Java Object Cache.

- **Oracle Containers for J2EE Enterprise JavaBeans Developer’s Guide**
  This book provides information about the EJB implementation and EJB container in OC4J.

The following documents are from the Oracle Server Technologies group:
The following documents from the Oracle Application Server group may also be of some interest:

- Oracle Application Server Administrator’s Guide
- Oracle Fusion Middleware Administrator’s Guide for Oracle HTTP Server
- Oracle Fusion Middleware Performance Guide
- Oracle Fusion Middleware Application Globalization Guide
- Oracle Fusion Middleware Administrator’s Guide for Oracle Web Cache
- Oracle Fusion Middleware Upgrade Planning Guide

The following are available from the JDeveloper group:

- Oracle JDeveloper online help

Printed documentation is available for sale in the Oracle Store at: [http://oraclestore.oracle.com/](http://oraclestore.oracle.com/)

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If you already have a user name and password for OTN, then you can go directly to the documentation section of the OTN Web site at [http://otn.oracle.com/documentation/](http://otn.oracle.com/documentation/)

The following resources are available from Sun Microsystems:

- jdbc-interest discussion group for JDBC

To subscribe, send an e-mail to listserv@java.sun.com with the following line in the body of the message:

```
subscribe jdbc-interest yourlastname yourfirstname
```

We recommend that you request only the daily digest of the posted e-mails. To do this add the following line to the message body as well:

```
set jdbc-interest digest
```
Conventions

This section describes the conventions used in the text and code examples of this documentation set. It describes:

- Conventions in Text
- Conventions in Code Examples
- Conventions for Windows Operating Systems

Conventions in Text

We use various conventions in text to help you more quickly identify special terms. The following table describes those conventions and provides examples of their use.

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<td><strong>Bold</strong></td>
<td>Bold typeface indicates terms that are defined in the text or terms that appear in a glossary, or both.</td>
<td>When you specify this clause, you create an index-organized table.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><em>Italic</em></td>
<td>Italic typeface indicates book titles or emphasis.</td>
<td><em>Oracle Database</em> Ensure that the recovery catalog and target database do not reside on the same disk.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>UPPERCASE monospace (fixed-width) font</strong></td>
<td>Uppercase monospace typeface indicates elements supplied by the system. Such elements include parameters, privileges, data types, RMAN keywords, SQL keywords, SQL*Plus or utility commands, packages and methods, as well as system-supplied column names, database objects and structures, user names, and roles.</td>
<td>You can specify this clause only for a NUMBER column. You can back up the database by using the BACKUP command. Query the <code>TABLE_NAME</code> column in the <code>USER_TABLES</code> data dictionary view. Use the <code>DBMS_STATS.GENERATE_STATS</code> procedure.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>lowercase monospace (fixed-width) font</strong></td>
<td>Lowercase monospace typeface indicates executables, filenames, directory names, and sample user-supplied elements. Such elements include computer and database names, net service names, and connect identifiers, as well as user-supplied database objects and structures, column names, packages and classes, user names and roles, program units, and parameter values. <strong>Note:</strong> Some programmatic elements use a mixture of <strong>UPPERCASE</strong> and lowercase. Enter these elements as shown.</td>
<td>Enter <code>sqlplus</code> to start SQL*Plus. The password is specified in the <code>orapwd</code> file. Back up the datafiles and control files in the <code>/disk1/oracle/dbs</code> directory. The <code>department_id</code>, <code>department_name</code>, and <code>location_id</code> columns are in the <code>hr.departments</code> table. Set the <code>QUERY_REWRITE_ENABLED</code> initialization parameter to <code>true</code>. Connect as <code>oe</code> user. The <code>JRepUtil</code> class implements these methods.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>lowercase italic monospace (fixed-width) font</strong></td>
<td>Lowercase italic monospace font represents placeholders or variables.</td>
<td>You can specify the <code>parallel_clause</code>. Run <code>old_release.SQL</code> where <code>old_release</code> refers to the release you installed prior to upgrading.</td>
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Conventions in Code Examples

Code examples illustrate Java, SQL, and command-line statements. Examples are displayed in a monospace (fixed-width) font and separated from normal text as shown in this example:
The following table describes typographic conventions used in code examples and provides examples of their use.

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<td>[ ]</td>
<td>Brackets enclose one or more optional items. Do not enter the brackets.</td>
<td>DECIMAL (digits [ , precision ])</td>
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<tr>
<td>{ }</td>
<td>Braces enclose two or more items, one of which is required. Do not enter the braces.</td>
<td>(ENABLE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>A vertical bar represents a choice of two or more options within brackets or braces. Enter one of the options. Do not enter the vertical bar.</td>
<td>[ENABLE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>...</td>
<td>Horizontal ellipsis points indicate either:</td>
<td>CREATE TABLE ... AS subquery;</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- That we have omitted parts of the code that are not directly related to the example</td>
<td>SELECT col1, col2, ..., coln FROM employees;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- That you can repeat a portion of the code</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>.</td>
<td>Vertical ellipsis points indicate that we have omitted several lines of code not directly related to the example.</td>
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<tr>
<td>.</td>
<td></td>
<td>NAME</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>/fs1/dbs/tbs_01.dbf</td>
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<td>/fs1/dbs/tbs_02.dbf</td>
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<td>9 rows selected.</td>
</tr>
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<td>Other notation</td>
<td>You must enter symbols other than brackets, braces, vertical bars, and ellipsis points as shown.</td>
<td>acctbal NUMBER(11,2);</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>acct CONSTANT NUMBER(4) := 3;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Italics</td>
<td>Italicized text indicates placeholders or variables for which you must supply particular values.</td>
<td>CONNECT SYSTEM/system_password</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>DB_NAME = database_name</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UPPERCASE</td>
<td>Uppercase typeface indicates elements supplied by the system. We show these terms in uppercase in order to distinguish them from terms you define. Unless terms appear in brackets, enter them in the order and with the spelling shown. However, because these terms are not case sensitive, you can enter them in lowercase.</td>
<td>SELECT last_name, employee_id FROM employees;</td>
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<td></td>
<td>SELECT * FROM USER_TABLES;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>DROP TABLE hr.employees;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>lowercase</td>
<td>Lowercase typeface indicates programmatic elements that you supply. For example, lowercase indicates names of tables, columns, or files.</td>
<td>SELECT last_name, employee_id FROM employees;</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>sqlplus hr/hr</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>CREATE USER mjones IDENTIFIED BY ty3MU9;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Note: Some programmatic elements use a mixture of UPPERCASE and lowercase. Enter these elements as shown.</td>
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**Conventions for Windows Operating Systems**
The following table describes conventions for Windows operating systems and provides examples of their use.
**Convention** | **Meaning** | **Example** |
--- | --- | --- |
Choose Start > | How to start a program. | To start the Database Configuration Assistant, choose Start > Programs > Oracle - HOME_NAME > Configuration and Migration Tools > Database Configuration Assistant. |
File and directory names | File and directory names are not case sensitive. The following special characters are not allowed: left angle bracket (<), right angle bracket (>), colon (:), double quotation marks ("), slash (/), pipe (|), and dash (-). The special character backslash (\) is treated as an element separator, even when it appears in quotes. If the file name begins with \, then Windows assumes it uses the Universal Naming Convention. | c:\winnt"\system32 is the same as C:\WINNT\SYSTEM32 |
C:\> | Represents the Windows command prompt of the current hard disk drive. The escape character in a command prompt is the caret (^). Your prompt reflects the subdirectory in which you are working. Referred to as the command prompt in this manual. | C:\oracle\oradata> |
Special characters | The backslash (\) special character is sometimes required as an escape character for the double quotation mark (") special character at the Windows command prompt. Parentheses and the single quotation mark (') do not require an escape character. Refer to your Windows operating system documentation for more information on escape and special characters. | C:\>exp scott/tiger TABLES=emp QUERY="WHERE job='SALESMAN' and sal<1600" C:\>imp SYSTEM/password FROMUSER=scott TABLES=(emp, dept) |
HOME_NAME | Represents the Oracle home name. The home name can be up to 16 alphanumeric characters. The only special character allowed in the home name is the underscore. | C:\> net start OracleHOME_NAME\TNSListener |
In releases prior to Oracle8i release 8.1.3, when you installed Oracle components, all subdirectories were located under a top level ORACLE_HOME directory that by default used one of the following names:

- C:\orant for Windows NT
- C:\orawin98 for Windows 98

This release complies with Optimal Flexible Architecture (OFA) guidelines. All subdirectories are not under a top level ORACLE_HOME directory. There is a top level directory called ORACLE_BASE that by default is C:\oracle. If you install the latest Oracle release on a computer with no other Oracle software installed, then the default setting for the first Oracle home directory is C:\oracle\orann, where nn is the latest release number. The Oracle home directory is located directly under ORACLE_BASE.

All directory path examples in this guide follow OFA conventions.

Refer to Oracle Database Platform Guide for Microsoft Windows for additional information about OFA compliances and for information about installing Oracle products in non-OFA compliant directories.
What’s New

This chapter describes the new features in Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2) JDBC drivers.

New Features for Release 2 (11.2)

In this release, Oracle JDBC drivers support the following new features:

- SQLXML Support
- Timestamp and Time Zone improvement
- LOB Prefetching Support
- Zero-copy I/O for Oracle SecureFiles
- Setting Session Edition for a Connection
- Internet Protocol Version 6 Support (IPv6)
- PreparedStatement.getMetaData() Method
- Oracle RAC Fast Application Notification
- Universal Connection Pool
- OCI Client Result Cache Enhancement

SQLXML Support
This release of Oracle JDBC drivers provides a mapping interface to support the SQL/XML database data type. For more information about SQL/XML database data type, refer to "SQLXML Type" on page 3-7.

Timestamp and Time Zone improvement
This release of Oracle JDBC drivers provides a newly designed time zone cache to address the issues related to version incompatibility of time zones. For more information refer to "Overview of Classes oracle.sql.TIMESTAMP, oracle.sql.TIMESTAMPTZ, and oracle.sql.TIMESTAMPZ" on page 4-8.

LOB Prefetching Support
This release of Oracle JDBC drivers improves the performance of LOB operations by reducing the number of round trips to the database. For more information refer to "Prefetching LOB Data" on page 23-15.
Zero-copy I/O for Oracle SecureFiles

This release of JDBC drivers provides faster LOB operations by using zero-copy I/O framework. For more information refer to “Zero-Copy I/O for Oracle SecureFiles” on page 14-3.

Setting Session Edition for a Connection

Starting from this release of Oracle JDBC drivers, when you connect to the Database, you can specify the session edition in your code along with user name, password, System privileges, and connection identifier. For more information, refer to Oracle Database JDBC Java API Reference.

See Also: Oracle Database Advanced Application Developer’s Guide for more information about session editions

Internet Protocol Version 6 Support (IPv6)

This release of Oracle JDBC drivers supports Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) addresses. For more information refer to ”Internet Protocol Version 6 Support” on page 8-10.

Note: All the new System classes that are required for IPv6 support are loaded when Java is enabled during database initialization. So, if your application does not have any IPv6 addressing, then you do not need to change your code to use IPv6 functionality. However, if your application has either IPv6 only or both IPv6 and IPv4 addressing, then you should set the java.net.preferIPv6Addresses system property in the command line. This enables the Oracle JVM to load appropriate libraries. These libraries are loaded once and cannot be reloaded without restarting the Java process.

PreparedStatement.getMetaData() Method

Starting from Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2), JDBC drivers support obtaining the metadata of a SELECT statement without executing the PreparedStatement. This feature works even with the earlier database releases. For more information, please refer to “Interface oracle.jdbc.OraclePreparedStatement” on page 4-21.

Oracle RAC Fast Application Notification

Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2) introduces a simplified API for accessing Oracle RAC Fast Application Notification (FAN) events. This feature enables you to develop more responsive applications that take full advantage of Oracle Database high-availability features. For more information refer to ”Oracle RAC Fast Application Notification”.

Universal Connection Pool

Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2) includes Oracle Universal Connection Pool (UCP) for JDBC developers. The Oracle Universal Connection Pool (UCP) is a full-featured connection pool for managing database connections. Database-intensive Java applications use the connection pool to improve performance and better utilize system resources.

Note: Oracle Universal Connection Pool (UCP) for JDBC developers was introduced in Oracle Database 11.1.0.7 release.
OCI Client Result Cache Enhancement
The Oracle Call Interface (OCI) client result cache feature is enhanced in Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2). The client result cache now supports table annotations and caching on query with views. Also, the restriction causing the client cache to be disabled with database resident pooling is now removed. For more information refer to "Client Result Cache" on page 6-1.

See Also: Oracle Universal Connection Pool for JDBC Developer’s Guide
Part I

Overview

The chapters in this part introduce the concept of Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) and provide an overview of the Oracle implementation of JDBC. This part provides basic information about installation and configuration of the Oracle client with reference to JDBC drivers. This part also covers the basic steps in creating and running any JDBC application.

Part I contains the following chapters:

- Chapter 1, "Introducing JDBC"
- Chapter 2, "Getting Started"

See Also:

- Oracle Database JDBC Java API Reference
Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) is a Java standard that provides the interface for connecting from Java to relational databases. The JDBC standard is defined by Sun Microsystems and implemented through the standard java.sql interfaces. This allows individual providers to implement and extend the standard with their own JDBC drivers. JDBC is based on the X/Open SQL Call Level Interface (CLI). JDBC 4.0 complies with the SQL 2003 standard.

This chapter provides an overview of the Oracle implementation of JDBC, covering the following topics:

- Overview of Oracle JDBC Drivers
- Environments and Support
- Feature List

**Overview of Oracle JDBC Drivers**

In addition to supporting the standard JDBC application programming interfaces (APIs), Oracle drivers have extensions to support Oracle-specific data types and to enhance performance.

Oracle provides the following JDBC drivers:

- Thin driver
  - It is a pure Java driver used on the client-side, without an Oracle client installation. It can be used with both applets and applications.
- Oracle Call Interface (OCI) driver
  - It is used on the client-side with an Oracle client installation. It can be used only with applications.
- Server-side Thin driver
  - It is functionally similar to the client-side Thin driver. However, it is used for code that runs on the database server and needs to access another session either on the same server or on a remote server on any tier.
- Server-side internal driver
  - It is used for code that runs on the database server and accesses the same session. That is, the code runs and accesses data from a single Oracle session.

*Figure 1–1* illustrates the architecture of Oracle JDBC drivers and Oracle Database.
Overview of Oracle JDBC Drivers

This section covers the following topics:
- Common Features of Oracle JDBC Drivers
- Choosing the Appropriate Driver
- Feature Differences Between JDBC OCI and Thin Drivers

Common Features of Oracle JDBC Drivers

The server-side and client-side Oracle JDBC drivers provide the same basic functionality.

The JDBC Thin and OCI drivers support Java Development Kit (JDK) 1.5 and 1.6. The server-side internal drivers support only JDK 1.5. All the JDBC drivers support the following standards and features:
- Same syntax and APIs
- Same Oracle extensions
- Full support for multithreaded applications

Oracle JDBC drivers implement the standard `java.sql` interfaces. You can access the Oracle-specific features, in addition to the standard features, by using the `oracle.jdbc` package.

JDBC Thin Driver

The JDBC Thin driver is a pure Java, Type IV driver that can be used in applications and applets. It is platform-independent and does not require any additional Oracle software on the client-side. The JDBC Thin driver communicates with the server using SQL*Net to access Oracle Database.

The JDBC Thin driver allows a direct connection to the database by providing an implementation of SQL*Net on top of Java sockets. The driver supports the TCP/IP protocol and requires a TNS listener on the TCP/IP sockets on the database server.
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JDBC OCI Driver

The JDBC OCI driver is a Type II driver used with Java applications. It requires an Oracle client installation and, therefore, is Oracle platform-specific. It supports all installed Oracle Net adapters, including interprocess communication (IPC), named pipes, TCP/IP, and Internetwork Packet Exchange/Sequenced Packet Exchange (IPX/SPX).

The JDBC OCI driver, written in a combination of Java and C, converts JDBC invocations to calls to OCI using native methods to call C-entry points. These calls communicate with the database using SQL*Net.

The JDBC OCI driver uses the OCI libraries, C-entry points, Oracle Net, core libraries, and other necessary files on the client computer where it is installed.

OCI is an API that enables you to create applications that use the native procedures or function calls of a third-generation language to access Oracle Database and control all phases of the SQL statement processing.

See Also: Chapter 6, "Features Specific to JDBC OCI Driver"

JDBC Server-Side Thin Driver

The JDBC server-side Thin driver offers the same functionality as the JDBC Thin driver that runs on the client-side. However, the JDBC server-side Thin driver runs inside Oracle Database and accesses a remote database or a different session on the same database.

This driver is useful in the following scenarios:

- Accessing a remote database server from an Oracle Database instance acting as a middle tier
- Accessing an Oracle Database session from inside another, such as from a Java stored procedure

The use of JDBC Thin driver from a client application or from inside a server does not affect the code.

See Also: Chapter 5, "Features Specific to JDBC Thin"

JDBC Server-Side Internal Driver

The JDBC server-side internal driver supports any Java code that runs inside Oracle Database, such as in a Java stored procedure, and must access the same database. It lets the Oracle Java Virtual Machine (Oracle JVM) to communicate directly with the SQL engine. This driver supports only JDK 1.5.

The JDBC server-side internal driver, the Oracle JVM, the database, and the SQL engine all run within the same address space, and therefore, the issue of network round-trips is irrelevant. The programs access the SQL engine by using function calls.

Note: The server-side internal driver does not support the cancel and setQueryTimeout methods of the Statement class.

The JDBC server-side internal driver is fully consistent with the client-side drivers and supports the same features and extensions.

See Also: Chapter 5, "Features Specific to JDBC Thin"
Choosing the Appropriate Driver

Consider the following when choosing a JDBC driver for your application or applet:

- In general, unless you need OCI-specific features, such as support for non-TCP/IP networks, use the JDBC Thin driver.
- If you want maximum portability and performance, then use the JDBC Thin driver. You can connect to Oracle Database from either an application or an applet using the JDBC Thin driver.
- If you want to use Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) over Secure Sockets Layer (SSL), then use the JDBC Thin driver.
- If you are writing a client application for an Oracle client environment and need OCI-driver-specific features, such as support for non-TCP/IP networks, then use the JDBC OCI driver.
- If you are writing an applet, then you must use the JDBC Thin driver.
- For code that runs in the database server and needs to access a remote database or another session within the same database instance, use the JDBC server-side Thin driver.
- If your code runs inside the database server and needs to access data locally within the session, then use the JDBC server-side internal driver to access that server.

Feature Differences Between JDBC OCI and Thin Drivers

Table 1–1 lists the features that are specific either to the JDBC OCI or JDBC Thin driver in Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2).

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Note:

- The OCI optimized fetch and client-side object cache features are internal to the JDBC OCI driver and are not applicable to the JDBC Thin driver.
- Some JDBC OCI driver features, inherited from the OCI library, are not available in the Thin JDBC driver.

Environments and Support

This section provides a brief discussion of the following topics:

- Supported JDK and JDBC Versions
- JNI and Java Environments
- JDBC and IDEs

**Supported JDK and JDBC Versions**
In Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2), all the JDBC drivers are compatible with JDK 1.5. The JDBC Thin and OCI drivers also support JDK 1.6. All versions of JDK earlier than 1.5 are no longer supported. Support for JDK 1.5 and 1.6 is provided through the ojdbc5.jar and ojdbc6.jar files, respectively.

*See Also: “Version Compatibility for Oracle JDBC Drivers” on page 2-1*

**JNI and Java Environments**
The JDBC OCI driver uses the standard Java Native Interface (JNI) to call OCI C libraries. You can use the JDBC OCI driver with Java Virtual Machines (JVMs) other than that of Sun Microsystems, in particular, with Microsoft and IBM JVMs.

**JDBC and IDEs**
The Oracle JDeveloper Suite provides developers with a single, integrated set of products to build, debug, and deploy component-based database applications for the Internet. The Oracle JDeveloper environment contains integrated support for JDBC, including the JDBC Thin driver and the native OCI driver. The database component of Oracle JDeveloper uses the JDBC drivers to manage the connection between the application running on the client and the server.

**Feature List**

*Table 1–2 lists the features and the versions in which they were first supported for each of the three Oracle JDBC drivers: server-side internal driver, JDBC OCI driver, and JDBC Thin driver.*

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Note:

- In the table, NA means that the feature is not applicable for the corresponding Oracle JDBC driver.
- The ConnectionCacheImpl connection cache feature is deprecated since Oracle Database 10g and Implicit Connection Cache replaces this.
Getting Started

This chapter discusses the compatibility of Oracle Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) driver versions, database versions, and Java Development Kit (JDK) versions. It also describes the basics of testing a client installation and configuration and running a simple application. This chapter contains the following sections:

- Version Compatibility for Oracle JDBC Drivers
- Verification of a JDBC Client Installation
- Basic Steps in JDBC
- Sample: Connecting, Querying, and Processing the Results
- Stored Procedure Calls in JDBC Programs
- Processing SQL Exceptions

Version Compatibility for Oracle JDBC Drivers

This section discusses the general JDBC version compatibility issues.

Backward Compatibility

The JDBC drivers are certified to work with the currently supported versions of Oracle Database. For example, the JDBC Thin drivers in Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2) are certified to work with the 10.2.x, 10.1.x, 9.2.x, and 9.0.1.x Oracle Database releases. However, they are not certified to work with older, unsupported database releases, such as 8.0.x and 7.x.

Forward Compatibility

Existing and supported JDBC drivers are certified to work with Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2).

Note:

- In Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2), Oracle JDBC drivers no longer support JDK 1.4.x or earlier versions.
- You can find a complete, up-to-date list of supported databases at [http://www.oracle.com/technology/tech/java/sqlj.jdbc/htdocs/jdbc_faq.html](http://www.oracle.com/technology/tech/java/sqlj.jdbc/htdocs/jdbc_faq.html).
Verification of a JDBC Client Installation

To verify a JDBC client installation, you must do all of the following:

- Check the Installed Directories and Files
- Check the Environment Variables
- Ensure that the Java Code Can Be Compiled and Run
- Determine the Version of the JDBC Driver
- Test JDBC and the Database Connection

Installation of an Oracle JDBC driver is platform-specific. Follow the installation instructions for the driver you want to install in your platform-specific documentation.

This section describes the steps for verifying an Oracle client installation of the JDBC drivers, assuming that you have already installed the driver of your choice.

If you have installed the JDBC Thin driver, then no further installation on the client computer is necessary.

**Note:** The JDBC Thin driver requires a TCP/IP listener to be running on the computer where the database is installed.

If you have installed the JDBC Oracle Call Interface (OCI) driver, then you must also install the Oracle client software. This includes Oracle Net and the OCI libraries.

Check the Installed Directories and Files

Installing the Oracle Java products creates, among other things, the following directories:

- `ORACLE_HOME/jdbc`
- `ORACLE_HOME/jlib`

Check whether or not the following directories and files have been created and populated in the `ORACLE_HOME/jdbc` directory:

- demo
  This directory contains a compressed file, `demo.zip` or `demo.tar`. When you uncompress this compressed file, the `samples` directory and the `Samples-Readme.txt` file are created. The `samples` directory contains sample programs, including examples of how to use JDBC escape syntax and Oracle SQL syntax, PL/SQL blocks, streams, user-defined types, additional Oracle type extensions, and Oracle performance extensions.

- doc
  This directory contains the `javadoc.zip` file, which is the Oracle JDBC application programming interface (API) documentation.

- lib
  The `lib` directory contains the following required Java classes:
  - `orai18n.jar` and `orai18n-mapping.jar`
    Contain classes for globalization and multibyte character sets support
  - `ojdbc5.jar`, `ojdbc5_g.jar`, `ojdbc6.jar`, and `ojdbc6_g.jar`
Contain the JDBC driver classes for use with JDK 1.5 and JDK 1.6

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**Note:**

- Since Oracle Database 11g Release 1 (11.1), support for a version of JDK earlier than version 1.5 has been removed. Also, the ojdbc14.jar and classes12.jar files are no longer shipped. Instead, you can use the ojdbc5.jar and ojdbc6.jar files, which are shipped with Oracle Database 11g.

- If you are using JSE 6 and later, then there is no need to explicitly load the JDBC driver. This means that the Java run-time loads the driver when needed and you need *not* include Class.forName("oracle.jdbc.OracleDriver") or new oracle.jdbc.OracleDriver() in your code. But if you are using J2SE 5.0, then you need to load the JDBC driver explicitly.

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- **Readme.txt**

  This file contains late-breaking and release-specific information about the drivers, which may not have been included in other documentation on the product.

Check whether or not the following directories have been created and populated in the ORACLE_HOME / jlib directory:

- **jta.jar and jndi.jar**

  These files contain classes for the Java Transaction API (JTA) and the Java Naming and Directory Interface (JNDI). These are required only if you are using JTA features for distributed transaction management or JNDI features for naming services.

  **Note:** These files can also be obtained from the Sun Microsystems Web site. However, it is recommended that you use the versions supplied by Oracle, which have been tested with the Oracle drivers.

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- **ons.jar**

  This JAR file contains classes for Oracle Notification Services. This file is required if you use Fast Application Notification (FAN) to notify other processes about configuration and service level information.

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**Check the Environment Variables**

This section describes the environment variables that must be set for the JDBC OCI driver and the JDBC Thin driver, focusing on the Sun Solaris, Linux, and Microsoft Windows platforms.

You must set the `CLASSPATH` environment variable for your installed JDBC OCI or Thin driver. Include the following in the `CLASSPATH` environment variable:

```
ORACLE_HOME/jdbc/11.1/lib/ojdbc5.jar
ORACLE_HOME/jlib/orai18n.jar
```
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**Note:** If you use the JTA features and the JNDI features, then you must specify jta.jar and jndi.jar in your CLASSPATH environment variable.

### JDBC OCI Driver

If you are installing the JDBC OCI driver, then you must also set the following value for the library path environment variable:

- On Sun Solaris or Linux, set the `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` environment variable as follows:

  ```
  ORACLE_HOME/lib
  ```

  This directory contains the `libocijdbc11.so` shared object library.

  **Note:** If you are running a 32-bit Java Virtual Machine (JVM) against a 64-bit client or database, then you must also add `ORACLE_HOME/lib32` to the `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` environment variable.

- On Microsoft Windows, set the `PATH` environment variable as follows:

  ```
  ORACLE_HOME/bin
  ```

  This directory contains the `ocijdbc11.dll` dynamic link library.

All of the JDBC OCI demonstration programs can be run in the Instant Client mode by including the JDBC OCI Instant Client data shared library on the library path environment variable.

**See Also:** Chapter 6, "Features Specific to JDBC OCI Driver"

### JDBC Thin Driver

If you are installing the JDBC Thin driver, then you do not have to set any other environment variables. However, to use the JDBC server-side Thin driver, you need to set permission.

**Setting Permission for the Server-Side Thin Driver**

The JDBC server-side Thin driver opens a socket for its connection to the database. Because Oracle Database enforces the Java security model, a check is performed for a `SocketPermission` object.

To use the JDBC server-side Thin driver, the connecting user must be granted the appropriate permission. The following is an example of how the permission can be granted for the user SCOTT:

```sql
CREATE ROLE jdbcthin;
CALL dbms_java.grant_permission('JDBCTHIN', 'java.net.SocketPermission', '*', 'connect');
GRANT jdbcthin TO SCOTT;
```

Note that `JDBCTHIN` in the `grant_permission` call must be in uppercase. The asterisk (*) is a pattern. You can restrict the user by granting permission to connect to only specific computers or ports.

**See Also:** Oracle Database Java Developer’s Guide
Ensure that the Java Code Can Be Compiled and Run

To further ensure that Java is set up properly on your client system, go to the samples directory under the ORACLE_HOME/jdbc/demo directory. Now, type the following commands on the command line, one after the other, to see if the Java compiler and the Java interpreter run without error:

javac

java

Each of the preceding commands should display a list of options and parameters and then exit. Ideally, verify that you can compile and run a simple test program, such as jdbc/demo/samples/generic/SelectExample.

Determine the Version of the JDBC Driver

You can determine the version of the JDBC driver that you installed, by calling the getDriverVersion method of the OracleDatabaseMetaData class.

The following sample code shows how to determine the driver version:

```java
import java.sql.*;
import oracle.jdbc.*;
import oracle.jdbc.pool.OracleDataSource;

class JDBCVersion
{
    public static void main (String args[]) throws SQLException
    {
        OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
        ods.setURL("jdbc:oracle:thin:scott/tiger@<host>:<port>:<service>");
        Connection conn = ods.getConnection();
        // Create Oracle DatabaseMetaData object
        DatabaseMetaData meta = conn.getMetaData();
        // gets driver info:
        System.out.println("JDBC driver version is " + meta.getDriverVersion());
    }
}
```

You can also determine the version of the JDBC driver by executing the following commands:

- java -jar ojdbc5.jar
- java -jar ojdbc6.jar

Test JDBC and the Database Connection

The samples directory contains sample programs for a particular Oracle JDBC driver. One of the programs, JdbcCheckup.java, is designed to test JDBC and the database connection. The program queries for the user name, password, and the name of the database to which you want to connect. The program connects to the database, queries for the string "Hello World", and prints it to the screen.

Go to the samples directory, and compile and run the JdbcCheckup.java program. If the results of the query print without error, then your Java and JDBC installations are correct.
Although JdbcCheckup.java is a simple program, it demonstrates several important functions by performing the following:

- Imports the necessary Java classes, including JDBC classes
- Creates a DataSource instance
- Connects to the database
- Runs a simple query
- Prints the query results to your screen

The JdbcCheckup.java program, which uses the JDBC OCI driver, is as follows:

```java
/*
 * This sample can be used to check the JDBC installation.
 * Just run it and provide the connect information. It will select
 * "Hello World" from the database.
 */

// You need to import the java.sql and JDBC packages to use JDBC
import java.sql.*;
import oracle.jdbc.*;
import oracle.jdbc.pool.OracleDataSource;

// We import java.io to be able to read from the command line
import java.io.*;

class JdbcCheckup
{
    public static void main(String args[]) throws SQLException, IOException
    {
        // Prompt the user for connect information
        System.out.println("Please enter information to test connection to the database");
        String user;
        String password;
        String database;
        user = readEntry("user: ");
        int slash_index = user.indexOf('/');
        if (slash_index != -1)
        {
            password = user.substring(slash_index + 1);
            user = user.substring(0, slash_index);
        }
        else
        {
            password = readEntry("password: ");
            database = readEntry("database(a TNSNAME entry): ");
        }

        System.out.print("Connecting to the database... ");
        System.out.flush();
        System.out.println("Connecting...");
        // Open an OracleDataSource and get a connection
        OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
        ods.setURL("jdbc:oracle:oci:0" + database);
        ods.setUser(user);
        ods.setPassword(password);
        Connection conn = ods.getConnection();
        System.out.println("connected.");
    }
}
```
Basic Steps in JDBC

After verifying the JDBC client installation, you can start creating your JDBC applications. When using Oracle JDBC drivers, you must include certain driver-specific information in your programs. This section describes, in the form of a tutorial, where and how to add the information. The tutorial guides you through the steps to create code that connects to and queries a database from the client.

You must write code to perform the following tasks:

1. Importing Packages
2. Opening a Connection to a Database
3. Creating a Statement Object
4. Running a Query and Retrieving a Result Set Object
5. Processing the Result Set Object
6. Closing the Result Set and Statement Objects
7. Making Changes to the Database

```java
// Create a statement
Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();

// Do the SQL 'Hello World' thing
ResultSet rset = stmt.executeQuery("select 'Hello World' from dual");

while (rset.next())
    System.out.println(rset.getString(1));

// close the result set, the statement and the connection
rset.close();
stmt.close();
conn.close();
System.out.println("Your JDBC installation is correct.");
}

// Utility function to read a line from standard input
static String readEntry(String prompt)
{
    try
    {
        StringBuffer buffer = new StringBuffer();
        System.out.print(prompt);
        System.out.flush();
        int c = System.in.read();
        while (c != '\n' && c != -1)
        {
            buffer.append((char)c);
            c = System.in.read();
        }
        return buffer.toString().trim();
    }
    catch(IOException e)
    {
        return "";
    }
}
```
8. Committing Changes

9. Closing the Connection

Note: You must supply Oracle driver-specific information for the first three tasks, which allow your program to use the JDBC application programming interface (API) to access a database. For the other tasks, you can use standard JDBC Java code, as you would for any Java application.

Importing Packages

Regardless of which Oracle JDBC driver you use, include the import statements shown in Table 2–1 at the beginning of your program.

Table 2–1 Import Statements for JDBC Driver

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<td>import java.math.*;</td>
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<td>import oracle.jdbc.*;</td>
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<td>import oracle.sql.*;</td>
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The Oracle packages listed as optional provide access to the extended functionality provided by Oracle JDBC drivers, but are not required for the example presented in this section.

Note: It is better to import only the classes your application needs, rather than using the wildcard asterisk (*). This guide uses the asterisk (*) for simplicity, but this is not the recommended way of importing classes and interfaces.

Opening a Connection to a Database

First, you must create an OracleDataSource instance. Then, open a connection to the database using the OracleDataSource.getConnection method. The properties of the retrieved connection are derived from the OracleDataSource instance. If you set the URL connection property, then all other properties, including TNSEntryName, DatabaseName, ServiceName, ServerName, PortNumber, Network Protocol, and driver type are ignored.

Specifying a Database URL, User Name, and Password

The following code sets the URL, user name, and password for a data source:

OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
ods.setURL(url);
ods.setUser(user);
ods.setPassword(password);

The following example connects user scott with password tiger to a database with service orcl through port 1521 of the host myhost, using the JDBC Thin driver:
OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
ods.setURL(url);
ods.setUser('scott');
ods.setPassword('tiger');
Connection conn = ods.getConnection();

Note: The user name and password specified in the arguments override any user name and password specified in the URL.

Specifying a Database URL that Includes User Name and Password
The following example connects user scott with password tiger to a database host whose Transparent Network Substrate (TNS) entry is myTNSEntry, using the JDBC Oracle Call Interface (OCI) driver. In this case, the URL includes the user name and password and is the only input parameter.

String url = "jdbc:oracle:oci:scott/tiger@myTNSEntry")
ods.setURL(url);
Connection conn = ods.getConnection();

If you want to connect using the Thin driver, then you must specify the port number. For example, if you want to connect to the database on the host myhost that has a TCP/IP listener on port 1521 and the service identifier is orcl, then provide the following code:

String URL = "jdbc:oracle:thin:scott/tiger@//myhost:1521/orcl")
ods.setURL(URL);
Connection conn = ods.getConnection();

See Also: Chapter 8, "Data Sources and URLs"

Creating a Statement Object
Once you connect to the database and, in the process, create a Connection object, the next step is to create a Statement object. The createStatement method of the JDBC Connection object returns an object of the JDBC Statement type. To continue the example from the previous section, where the Connection object conn was created, here is an example of how to create the Statement object:

Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();

Running a Query and Retrieving a Result Set Object
To query the database, use the executeQuery method of the Statement object. This method takes a SQL statement as input and returns a JDBC ResultSet object.
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Note:
- The method used to execute a Statement object depends on the type of SQL statement being executed. If the Statement object represents a SQL query returning a ResultSet object, the executeQuery method should be used. If the SQL is known to be a DDL statement or a DML statement returning an update count, the executeUpdate method should be used. If the type of the SQL statement is not known, the execute method should be used.
- In case of a standard JDBC driver, if the SQL string being executed does not return a ResultSet object, then the executeQuery method throws a SQLException exception. In case of an Oracle JDBC driver, the executeQuery method does not throw a SQLException exception even if the SQL string being executed does not return a ResultSet object.

To continue the example, once you create the Statement object stmt, the next step is to run a query that returns a ResultSet object with the contents of the ename column of a table of employees named EMP:

```java
ResultSet rset = stmt.executeQuery("SELECT ename FROM emp");
```

### Processing the Result Set Object

Once you run your query, use the `next()` method of the ResultSet object to iterate through the results. This method steps through the result set row by row, detecting the end of the result set when it is reached.

To pull data out of the result set as you iterate through it, use the appropriate `getXXX` methods of the ResultSet object, where `XXX` corresponds to a Java data type.

For example, the following code will iterate through the ResultSet object, `rset`, from the previous section and will retrieve and print each employee name:

```java
while (rset.next())
    System.out.println(rset.getString(1));
```

The `next()` method returns `false` when it reaches the end of the result set. The employee names are materialized as Java `String` values.

### Closing the Result Set and Statement Objects

You must explicitly close the ResultSet and Statement objects after you finish using them. This applies to all ResultSet and Statement objects you create when using Oracle JDBC drivers. The drivers do not have finalizer methods. The cleanup routines are performed by the `close` method of the ResultSet and Statement classes. If you do not explicitly close the ResultSet and Statement objects, serious memory leaks could occur. You could also run out of cursors in the database. Closing both the result set and the statement releases the corresponding cursor in the database. If you close only the result set, then the cursor is not released.

For example, if your ResultSet object is `rset` and your Statement object is `stmt`, then close the result set and statement with the following lines of code:

```java
rset.close();
```
When you close a `Statement` object that a given `Connection` object creates, the connection itself remains open.

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**Note:** Typically, you should put close statements in a `finally` clause.

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### Making Changes to the Database

#### DML Operations

To perform DML (Data Manipulation Language) operations, such as INSERT or UPDATE operations, you can create either a `Statement` object or a `PreparedStatement` object. `PreparedStatement` objects enable you to run a statement with varying sets of input parameters. The `prepareStatement` method of the JDBC `Connection` object lets you define a statement that takes variable bind parameters and returns a JDBC `PreparedStatement` object with your statement definition.

Use the `setXXX` methods on the `PreparedStatement` object to bind data to the prepared statement to be sent to the database.

**See Also:** "The setObject and setOracleObject Methods" on page 11-11 and "Other setXXX Methods" on page 11-11

The following example shows how to use a prepared statement to run INSERT operations that add two rows to the EMP table.

```java
// Prepare to insert new names in the EMP table
PreparedStatement pstmt = null;
try{
    pstmt = conn.prepareStatement("insert into EMP (EMPNO, ENAME) values (?, ?)");

    // Add LESLIE as employee number 1500
    pstmt.setInt (1, 1500);          // The first ? is for EMPNO
    pstmt.setString (2, "LESLIE");  // The second ? is for ENAME
    // Do the insertion
    pstmt.execute ();

    // Add MARSHA as employee number 507
    pstmt.setInt (1, 507);           // The first ? is for EMPNO
    pstmt.setString (2, "MARSHA");  // The second ? is for ENAME
    // Do the insertion
    pstmt.execute ();
}
finally{
    if(pstmt!=null)
        // Close the statement
        pstmt.close();
}
```
DDL Operations

To perform data definition language (DDL) operations, you can create either a Statement object or a PreparedStatement object. The following example shows how to create a table in the database using a Statement object.

```java
//create table EMP with columns EMPNO and ENAME
String query;
Statement stmt=null;
try{
    query="create table EMP " +
            "(EMPNO int, " +
            "ENAME varchar(50))";
    stmt = conn.createStatement();
    stmt.executeUpdate(query);
}
finally{
    //close the Statement object
    stmt.close();
}
```

If your code involves reexecuting a DDL operation, then, before reexecuting the statement, you must prepare it again. The following example shows how to prepare your DDL statements before any reexecution:

```java
//
PreparedStatement pstmt = null;
PreparedStatement tstmt = null;
try{
    pstmt = conn.prepareStatement("insert into EMP (EMPNO, ENAME) values (?, ?)"");
    // Add LESLIE as employee number 1500
    pstmt.setInt (1, 1500);          // The first ? is for EMPNO
    pstmt.setString (2, "LESLIE");   // The second ? is for ENAME
    // Do the insertion
    pstmt.executeUpdate();

    tstmt = conn.prepareStatement("truncate table EMP");
    tstmt.executeUpdate();

    // Add MARSHA as employee number 507
    pstmt.setInt (1, 507);           // The first ? is for EMPNO
    pstmt.setString (2, "MARSHA");   // The second ? is for ENAME
    // Do the insertion
    pstmt.executeUpdate();

    tstmt.close();
    tstmt = conn.prepareStatement("truncate table EMP");
    tstmt.executeUpdate();
}
finally{
    if(pstmt!=null)
        // Close the statement
        pstmt.close();
}
Committing Changes

By default, data manipulation language (DML) operations are committed automatically as soon as they are run. This is known as the auto-commit mode. However, you can disable auto-commit mode with the following method call on the Connection object:

```java
conn.setAutoCommit(false);
```

**See Also:** "Disabling Auto-Commit Mode" on page C-1.

If you disable the auto-commit mode, then you must manually commit or roll back changes with the appropriate method call on the Connection object:

```java
conn.commit();
```

or:

```java
conn.rollback();
```

A COMMIT or ROLLBACK operation affects all DML statements run since the last COMMIT or ROLLBACK.

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**Note:**

- If the auto-commit mode is disabled and you close the connection without explicitly committing or rolling back your last changes, then an implicit COMMIT operation is run.
- Any data definition language (DDL) operation always causes an implicit COMMIT. If the auto-commit mode is disabled, then this implicit COMMIT will commit any pending DML operations that had not yet been explicitly committed or rolled back.

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Changing Commit Behavior

When a transaction updates the database, it generates a redo entry corresponding to this update. Oracle Database buffers this redo in memory until the completion of the transaction. When you commit the transaction, the Log Writer (LGWR) process writes the redo entry for the commit to disk, along with the accumulated redo entries of all changes in the transaction. By default, Oracle Database writes the redo to disk before the call returns to the client. This behavior introduces latency in the commit because the application must wait for the redo entry to be persisted on disk.

If your application requires very high transaction throughput and you are willing to trade commit durability for lower commit latency, then you can change the behavior of the default COMMIT operation, depending on the needs of your application. You can change the behavior of the COMMIT operation with the following options:

- **WAIT**
- **NOWAIT**
- **WRITEBATCH**
- **WRITEIMMED**
These options let you control two different aspects of the commit phase:

- Whether the COMMIT call should wait for the server to process it or not. This is achieved by using the WAIT or NOWAIT option.
- Whether the Log Writer should batch the call or not. This is achieved by using the WRITEIMMED or WRITEBATCH option.

You can also combine different options together. For example, if you want the COMMIT call to return without waiting for the server to process it and also the log writer to process the commits in batch, then you can use the NOWAIT and WRITEBATCH options together. For example:

```java
((OracleConnection)conn).commit(
    EnumSet.of(
        OracleConnection.CommitOption.WRITEBATCH,
        OracleConnection.CommitOption.NOWAIT));
```

**Note:** you cannot use the WAIT and NOWAIT options together because they have opposite meanings. If you do so, then the JDBC driver will throw an exception. The same applies to the WRITEIMMED and WRITEBATCH options.

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**Closing the Connection**

You must close the connection to the database after you have performed all the required operations and no longer require the connection. You can close the connection by using the close method of the Connection object, as follows:

```java
conn.close();
```

**Note:** Typically, you should put close statements in a finally clause.

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**Sample: Connecting, Querying, and Processing the Results**

The steps in the preceding sections are illustrated in the following example, which uses the Oracle JDBC Thin driver to create a data source, connects to the database, creates a Statement object, runs a query, and processes the result set.

Note that the code for creating the Statement object, running the query, returning and processing the ResultSet object, and closing the statement and connection uses the standard JDBC API.

```java
import java.sql.Connection;
import java.sql.ResultSet;
import java.sql.Statement;
import java.sql.SQLException;
import oracle.jdbc.pool.OracleDataSource;
```
class JdbcTest
{
    public static void main (String args []) throws SQLException
    {

        OracleDataSource ods = null;
        Connection conn = null;
        Statement stmt = null;
        ResultSet rset = null;

        // Create DataSource and connect to the local database
        ods = new OracleDataSource();
        ods.setURL("jdbc:oracle:thin:@//myhost:1521/orcl");
        ods.setUser("scott");
        ods.setPassword("tiger");
        conn = ods.getConnection();

        try
        {
            // Query the employee names
            stmt = conn.createStatement ();
            rset = stmt.executeQuery ("SELECT ename FROM emp");

            // Print the name out
            while (rset.next ())
                System.out.println (rset.getString (1));
        }

        finally{
            if(rset!=null) rset.close();
            if(stmt!=null) stmt.close();
            if(conn!=null) conn.close();
        }
    }
}

If you want to adapt the code for the OCI driver, then replace the call to the
OracleDataSource.setURL method with the following:
ods.setURL("jdbc:oracle:oci:@MyHostString");

where, MyHostString is an entry in the TNSNAMES.ORA file.

**Stored Procedure Calls in JDBC Programs**

This section describes how Oracle JDBC drivers support the following kinds of stored procedures:

- **PL/SQL Stored Procedures**
- **Java Stored Procedures**

**PL/SQL Stored Procedures**

Oracle JDBC drivers support the processing of PL/SQL stored procedures and
anonymous blocks. They support PL/SQL block syntax and most of JDBC escape
syntax. The following PL/SQL calls would work with any Oracle JDBC driver:
// JDBC escape syntax
CallableStatement cs1 = conn.prepareCall
    ( "{call proc (?,?)}" ) ; // stored proc
CallableStatement cs2 = conn.prepareCall
    ( "(? = call func (?,?))" ) ; // stored func

// PL/SQL block syntax
CallableStatement cs3 = conn.prepareCall
    ( 'begin proc (?,?); end;' ) ; // stored proc
CallableStatement cs4 = conn.prepareCall
    ( 'begin ? := func(?(?); end;' ) ; // stored func

As an example of using the Oracle syntax, here is a PL/SQL code snippet that creates a
stored function. The PL/SQL function gets a character sequence and concatenates a
suffix to it:

create or replace function foo (val1 char)
return char as
begin
  return val1 || 'suffix';
end;

The function invocation in your JDBC program should look like the following:

OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
ods.setURL("jdbc:oracle:oci:@<hoststring>".Transparent);
ods.setUser("scott");
ods.setPassword("tiger");
Connection conn = ods.getConnection();

CallableStatement cs = conn.prepareCall ("begin ? := foo(?); end;");
cs.registerOutParameter(1,Types.CHAR);
cs.setString(2, "aa");
    cs.executeUpdate();
    String result = cs.getString(1);

Java Stored Procedures

You can use JDBC to call Java stored procedures through the SQL and PL/SQL
engines. The syntax for calling Java stored procedures is the same as the syntax for
calling PL/SQL stored procedures, presuming they have been properly published.
That is, you have written call specifications to publish them to the Oracle data
dictionary. Applications can call Java stored procedures using the Native Java Interface
for direct invocation of static Java methods.

Processing SQL Exceptions

To handle error conditions, Oracle JDBC drivers throw SQL exceptions, producing
instances of the java.sql.SQLException class or its subclass. Errors can originate
either in the JDBC driver or in the database itself. Resulting messages describe the
error and identify the method that threw the error. Additional run-time information
can also be appended.

JDBC 3.0 defines only a single exception, SQLException. However, there are large
categories of errors and it is useful to distinguish them. Therefore, in JDBC 4.0, a set of
subclasses of the SQLException exception is introduced to identify the different
categories of errors. To know more about this feature, see Support for JDBC 4.0
Standard on page 3-6.
Basic exception handling can include retrieving the error message, retrieving the error code, retrieving the SQL state, and printing the stack trace. The SQLException class includes functionality to retrieve all of this information, when available.

**See Also:**
- Appendix D, "JDBC Error Messages"
- Oracle Database Error Messages

## Retrieving Error Information
You can retrieve basic error information with the following methods of the SQLException class:

- getMessage
- getErrorCode
- getSQLState

The following example prints output from a getMessage method call:

```java
try {
} catch(SQLException e) {
    System.out.println('exception: ' + e.getMessage());
}
```

This would print the output, such as the following, for an error originating in the JDBC driver:

```java
exception: Invalid column type
```

### Note:
Error message text is available in alternative languages and character sets supported by Oracle.

## Printing the Stack Trace
The SQLException class provides the printStackTrace() method for printing a stack trace. This method prints the stack trace of the throwable object to the standard error stream. You can also specify a java.io.PrintStream object or java.io.PrintWriter object for output.

The following code fragment illustrates how you can catch SQL exceptions and print the stack trace.

```java
try {
} catch(SQLException e) { e.printStackTrace(); }
```

To illustrate how the JDBC drivers handle errors, assume the following code uses an incorrect column index:

```java
// Iterate through the result and print the employee names
// of the code
try {
    while (rset.next ())
        System.out.println (rset.getString (5));  // incorrect column index
} catch(SQLException e) { e.printStackTrace (); }
```
Assuming the column index is incorrect, running the program would produce the following error text:

java.sql.SQLException: Invalid column index
at oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleResultSetImpl.getDate(OracleResultSetImpl.java:1556)
at Employee.main(Employee.java:41)
This part includes chapters that discuss the different Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) versions that Oracle Database 11g supports. It also includes chapters that cover features specific to JDBC Thin driver, JDBC Oracle Call Interface (OCI) driver, and the server-side internal driver.

Part II contains the following chapters:

- Chapter 3, "JDBC Standards Support"
- Chapter 4, "Oracle Extensions"
- Chapter 5, "Features Specific to JDBC Thin"
- Chapter 6, "Features Specific to JDBC OCI Driver"
- Chapter 7, "Server-Side Internal Driver"
The Oracle Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) drivers support different versions of the JDBC standard features. In Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2), Oracle JDBC drivers have been enhanced to provide support for the JDBC 4.0 standards. These features are provided through the oracle.jdbc and oracle.sql packages. These packages support Java Development Kit (JDK) releases 1.5 and 1.6. This chapter discusses the JDBC standards support in Oracle JDBC drivers. It contains the following sections:

- Support for JDBC 2.0 Standard
- Support for JDBC 3.0 Standard
- Support for JDBC 4.0 Standard

### Support for JDBC 2.0 Standard

Standard JDBC 2.0 features are supported by JDK 1.2 and later versions. There are three areas to consider:

- Support for data types, such as objects, arrays, and large objects (LOBs). This is handled through the standard java.sql package.
- Support for standard features, such as result set enhancements and update batching. This is handled through standard objects, such as Connection, ResultSet, and PreparedStatement, under JDK 1.2.x and later.
- Support for extended features, such as features of the JDBC 2.0 optional package, also known as the standard extension application programming interface (API), including data sources, connection pooling, and distributed transactions.

This section covers the following topics:

- Data Type Support
- Standard Feature Support
- Extended Feature Support
- Standard versus Oracle Performance Enhancement APIs

**Note:** Versions of JDK earlier than 1.5 are no longer supported. The package oracle.jdbc2 has been removed.
Data Type Support

Oracle JDBC fully supports JDK 1.5 and JDK 1.6, which includes standard JDBC 2.0 functionality through implementation of interfaces in the standard `java.sql` package. These interfaces are implemented as appropriate by classes in the `oracle.sql` and `oracle.jdbc` packages.

Standard Feature Support

In a JDK 1.5 environment, using the JDBC classes in `ojdbc5.jar`, JDBC 2.0 features, such as scrollable result sets, updatable result sets, and update batching, are supported through methods specified by standard JDBC 2.0 interfaces.

Extended Feature Support

Features of the JDBC 2.0 optional package, including data sources, connection pooling, and distributed transactions, are supported in a JDK 1.2.x or later environment.

The standard `javax.sql` package and classes that implement its interfaces are included in the Java Archive (JAR) files packaged with Oracle Database.

Standard versus Oracle Performance Enhancement APIs

The following performance enhancements are available under JDBC 2.0, which had previously been available only as Oracle extensions:

- Update batching
- Fetch size or row prefetching

In each case, you have the option of using the standard model or the Oracle model. Oracle recommends that you use the JDBC standard model whenever possible. Do not, however, try to mix usage of the standard model and Oracle model within a single application for either of these features.

See Also:

- "Update Batching" on page 23-1
- "Fetch Size" on page 17-4

Support for JDBC 3.0 Standard

Standard JDBC 3.0 features are supported by JDK 1.4 and later versions. Table 3–1 lists the JDBC 3.0 features supported by Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2) and gives references to a detailed discussion of each feature.

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The following JDBC 3.0 features supported by Oracle JDBC drivers are covered in this section:

- **Transaction Savepoints**
- **Retrieval of Auto-Generated Keys**
- **JDBC 3.0 LOB Interface Methods**
- **Result Set Holdability**

### Transaction Savepoints

The JDBC 3.0 specification supports **savepoints**, which offer finer demarcation within transactions. Applications can set a savepoint within a transaction and then roll back all work done after the savepoint. Savepoints relax the atomicity property of transactions. A transaction with a savepoint is atomic in the sense that it appears to be a single unit outside the context of the transaction, but code operating within the transaction can preserve partial states.

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**Note:** Savepoints are supported for local transactions only. Specifying a savepoint within a global transaction causes a SQLException exception to be thrown.

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### Creating a Savepoint

You create a savepoint using the `Connection.setSavepoint` method, which returns a `java.sql.Savepoint` instance.

A savepoint is either named or unnamed. You specify the name of a savepoint by supplying a string to the `setSavepoint` method. If you do not specify a name, then the savepoint is assigned an integer ID. You retrieve a name using the `getSavepointName` method. You retrieve an ID using the `getSavepointId` method.

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**Note:** Attempting to retrieve a name from an unnamed savepoint or attempting to retrieve an ID from a named savepoint throws a SQLException exception.

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### Rolling Back to a Savepoint

You roll back to a savepoint using the `Connection.rollback(Savepoint svpt)` method. If you try to roll back to a savepoint that has been released, then a SQLException exception is thrown.
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Releasing a Savepoint
You remove a savepoint using the `Connection.releaseSavepoint(Savepoint svpt)` method.

Checking Savepoint Support
You query if savepoints are supported by your database by calling the `oracle.jdbc.OracleDatabaseMetaData.supportsSavepoints` method, which returns `true` if savepoints are available, `false` otherwise.

Savepoint Notes
When using savepoints, you must consider the following:

- After a savepoint has been released, attempting to reference it in a rollback operation will cause a `SQLException` exception to be thrown.
- When a transaction is committed or rolled back, all savepoints created in that transaction are automatically released and become invalid.
- Rolling a transaction back to a savepoint automatically releases and makes invalid any savepoints created after the savepoint in question.

Retrieval of Auto-Generated Keys
Many database systems automatically generate a unique key field when a row is inserted. Oracle Database provides the same functionality with the help of sequences and triggers. JDBC 3.0 introduces the retrieval of auto-generated keys feature that enables you to retrieve such generated values. In JDBC 3.0, the following interfaces are enhanced to support the retrieval of auto-generated keys feature:

- `java.sql.DatabaseMetaData`
- `java.sql.Connection`
- `java.sql.Statement`

These interfaces provide methods that support retrieval of auto-generated keys. However, this feature is supported only when `INSERT` statements are processed. Other data manipulation language (DML) statements are processed, but without retrieving auto-generated keys.

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**Note:** The Oracle server-side internal driver does not support the retrieval of auto-generated keys feature.

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**java.sql.Statement**
If key columns are not explicitly indicated, then Oracle JDBC drivers cannot identify which columns need to be retrieved. When a column name or column index array is used, Oracle JDBC drivers can identify which columns contain auto-generated keys that you want to retrieve. However, when the `Statement.RETURN_GENERATED_KEYS` integer flag is used, Oracle JDBC drivers cannot identify these columns. When the integer flag is used to indicate that auto-generated keys are to be returned, the `ROWID` pseudo column is returned as key. The `ROWID` can be then fetched from the `ResultSet` object and can be used to retrieve other columns.

**Sample Code**
The following code illustrates retrieval of auto-generated keys:
/** SQL statements for creating an ORDERS table and a sequence for generating the
 * ORDER_ID.
 *  * CREATE TABLE ORDERS (ORDER_ID NUMBER, CUSTOMER_ID NUMBER, ISBN NUMBER,
 * DESCRIPTION NCHAR(5))
 *  * CREATE SEQUENCE SEQ01 INCREMENT BY 1 START WITH 1000
 */

String cols[] = {"ORDER_ID", "DESCRIPTION"};

// Create a PreparedStatement for inserting a row into the ORDERS table.
OraclePreparedStatement pstmt = (OraclePreparedStatement)
conn.prepareStatement("INSERT INTO ORDERS (ORDER_ID, CUSTOMER_ID, ISBN,
DESCRIPTION) VALUES (SEQ01.NEXTVAL, 101,
96643502, ?)", cols);
char c[] = {'a', '内', 'b'};
String s = new String(c);
pstmt.setNString(1, s);
pstmt.executeUpdate();
ResultSet rset = pstmt.getGeneratedKeys();

In the preceding example, a sequence, SEQ01, is created to generate values for the
ORDER_ID column starting from 1000 and incrementing by 1 each time the sequence
is processed to generate the next value. An OraclePreparedStatement object is
created to insert a row into the ORDERS table.

Limitations
Auto-generated keys are implemented using the DML returning clause. So, they are
subjected to the following limitations:

■ You cannot combine auto-generated keys with batch update.
■ You need to access the ResultSet object returned from getGeneratedKeys
method by position only and no bind variable names should be used as columns
in the ResultSet object.

JDBC 3.0 LOB Interface Methods

Table 3–2 and Table 3–3 show the conversions between Oracle proprietary methods
and JDBC 3.0 standard methods.

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<td>setBytes(long pos, byte[] bytes, int offset, int len)</td>
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<tr>
<td>getBinaryOutputStream(long pos)</td>
<td>setBinaryStream(long pos)</td>
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<td>trim (long len)</td>
<td>truncate(long len)</td>
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Support for JDBC 4.0 Standard

The JDBC 4.0 standard support is provided by JDK 1.6 and later versions. Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2) JDBC drivers provide support for the JDBC 4.0 standard.

### Note:

- You need to have the ojdbc6.jar in your classpath environment variable in order to have JDBC 4.0 standard support.
- The JDBC 4.0 specification defines the `getClientInfo` and `setClientInfo` methods to get and set client information. The 11.2 Oracle JDBC drivers do not define any client information, so any call to these methods throws a `SQLClientInfoException` exception.
- The JDBC 4.0 specification defines the `java.sql.Connection.createArrayOf` factory method to create `java.sql.Array` objects. The `createArrayOf` method accepts the name of the array element type as one of the arguments, where the array type is anonymous. Oracle database supports only named array types, not anonymous array types. So, the 11.2 Oracle JDBC drivers do not and cannot support the `createArrayOf` method. You must use the Oracle specific `createARRAY` method to create an array type. For more information about the `createArrayOf` method, refer to "Creating ARRAY Objects" on page 16-5.
- This document provides only an overview of these new features. For detailed information about these features, see "Java 2 Platform, Standard Edition (JSE) 6.0 specification" at http://java.sun.com/javase/6/docs/
Some of the features available in Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2) JDBC drivers are the following:

- **Wrapper Pattern Support**
- **SQLXML Type**
- **Enhanced Exception Hierarchy and SQLException**
- **The RowId Data Type**
- **LOB Creation**
- **National Language Character Set Support**

### Wrapper Pattern Support

Wrapper pattern is a common coding pattern used in Java applications to provide extensions beyond the traditional JDBC API that are specific to a data source. You may need to use these extensions to access the resources that are wrapped as proxy class instances representing the actual resources. JDBC 4.0 introduces the `Wrapper` interface that describes a standard mechanism to access these wrapped resources represented by their proxy, to permit direct access to the resource delegates.

The `Wrapper` interface provides the following two methods:

- `public boolean isWrapperFor(Class<?> iface) throws SQLException;`
- `public <T> T unwrap(Class<T> iface) throws SQLException;`

The other JDBC 4.0 interfaces, except those that represent SQL data, all implement this interface. These include `Connection`, `Statement` and its subtypes, `ResultSet`, and the metadata interfaces.

### See Also:

http://java.sun.com/javase/6/docs/api/java/sql/Wrapper.html

### SQLXML Type

One of the most important updates in JDBC 4.0 standard is the support for the XML data type, defined by the SQL 2003 standard. Now JDBC offers a mapping interface to support the SQL/XML database data type, that is, `java.sql.SQLXML`. This new JDBC interface defines Java native bindings for XML, thus making handling of any database XML data easier and more efficient.

#### Note:

- You also need to include the `xdb.jar` and `xmlparserv2.jar` files in the `classpath` environment variable to use SQLXML type data, if they are not already present in the `classpath`.
- SQLXML is not supported in `CachedRowset` objects.

You can create an instance of XML by calling the `createSQLXML` method in `java.sql.Connection` interface. This method returns an empty XML object.

The `PreparedStatement`, `CallableStatement`, and `ResultSet` interfaces have been extended with the appropriate getter and setter methods in the following way:
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- PreparedStatement: The method setSQLXML have been added
- CallableStatement: The methods getSQLXML and setSQLXML have been added
- ResultSet: The method getSQLXML have been added

The oracle.jdbc.getObjectReturnsXMLType Property

In Oracle Database 10g and earlier versions of Oracle Database 11g, Oracle JDBC drivers supported the Oracle SQL XML type (XMLType) through an Oracle proprietary extension. XML values were represented by instances of the oracle.xdb.XMLType class and the SQL XMLType values were read and set through the JDBC standard getobject, setObject, and updateObject methods.

The JDBC standard requires the getobject method to return an instance of java.sql.SQLXML type when called on a SQL XML type column. But, the earlier versions of Oracle JDBC drivers return an instance of oracle.xdb.XMLType. This does not conform to the JDBC standard.

The current release of Oracle JDBC drivers conform to the JDBC standard with the introduction of a new connection property, oracle.jdbc.getObjectReturnsXMLType. If you set this property to false, then the getobject method returns an instance of java.sql.SQLXML type. You can achieve this by using the following command line option while compiling your program with javac:

-Doracle.jdbc.getObjectReturnsXMLType=false

If you depend on the existing Oracle proprietary support for SQL XMLType using oracle.xdb.XMLType, then you can change the value of this property back to true by using the following command line option:

-Doracle.jdbc.getObjectReturnsXMLType=true

The value of the oracle.jdbc.getObjectReturnsXMLType property is a String representing a boolean value of either true or false. If the value of this property is true, then the getobject method returns oracle.xdb.XMLType instances, when called for a SQL XMLType column. This is the default value of the oracle.jdbc.getObjectReturnsXMLType property. If the value of this property is false, then the getobject method returns java.sql.SQLXML instances. This is the standard JDBC-compliant mode.

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Note: The oracle.jdbc.getObjectReturnsXMLType property affects only the result of the getobject method. All other methods conform to the JDBC 4.0 standard regardless of the value of the property.

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Example

Example 3–1 Accessing SQLXML Data

The following example shows how to create an instance of XML from a String, write the XML data into the Database, and then retrieve the XML data from the Database.

```java
import java.sql.*;
import java.util.Properties;
import oracle.jdbc.pool.OracleDataSource;
```
public class SQLXMLTest
{

public static void main(String[] args)
{

Connection conn = null;
Statement stmt = null;
ResultSet rs = null;
PreparedStatement ps = null;

String xml = "<?xml version="1.0"?>
"+"<oldjoke>
"+"<burns>"+"Say <quote>goodnight</quote>, Gracie.</burns>\n"+"<allen>"+"<quote>Goodnight, Gracie.</quote></allen>\n"+"<applause/>\n"+"</oldjoke>";

try
{

OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
ods.setURL("jdbc:oracle:thin:@//localhost:1521/orcl");
ods.setUser("scott");
ods.setPassword("tiger");
conn = ods.getConnection();

ps = conn.prepareStatement("insert into x values (?, ?)");
ps.setString(1, "string to string");
SQLXML x = conn.createSQLXML();
x.setString(xml);
ps.setSQLXML(2, x);
ps.execute();
x.free();
stmt = conn.createStatement();
rs = stmt.executeQuery("select * from x");
while (rs.next())
{

System.out.println(rs.getString(1) + "\n" + rs.getSQLXML(2).getString());
}

rs.close();
ps.close();
}

catch (SQLException e){e.printStackTrace();}
}

Note: Calling a setter method with an empty XML throws SQLException. The getter methods never return an empty XML.
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See Also:  JSR 173: Streaming API for XML at:
http://www.jcp.org/aboutJava/communityprocess/first/jsr173/

Enhanced Exception Hierarchy and SQLException

JDBC 3.0 defines only a single exception, SQLException. However, there are large categories of errors and it is useful to distinguish them. This feature provides subclasses of the SQLException class to identify the different categories of errors. The primary distinction is between permanent errors and transient errors. Permanent errors are a result of the correct operation of the system and will always occur. Transient errors are the result of failures, including timeouts, of some part of the system and may not reoccur.

JDBC 4.0 adds additional exceptions to represent transient and permanent errors and the different categories of these errors.

Also, the SQLException class and its subclasses are enhanced to provide support for the J2SE chained exception functionality.

The RowId Data Type

JDBC 4.0 provides the java.sql.RowId data type to represent SQL ROWID values. You can retrieve a RowId value using the getter methods defined in the ResultSet and CallableStatement interfaces. You can also use a RowId value in a parameterized PreparedStatement to set a parameter with a RowId object or in an updatable result set to update a column with a specific RowId value.

A RowId object is valid until the identified row is not deleted. A RowId object may also be valid for the following:

- The duration of the transaction in which it is created
- The duration of the session in which it is created
- An undefined duration where by it is valid forever

The lifetime of the RowId object can be determined by calling the DatabaseMetaData.getRowIdLifetime method.

LOB Creation

In JDBC 4.0, the Connection interface has been enhanced to provide support for the creation of BLOB, CLOB, and NCLOB objects. The interface provides the createBlob, createClob, and createNClob methods that enable you to create Blob, Clob, and NClob objects.

The created large objects (LOBs) do not contain any data. You can add or retrieve data to or from these objects by calling the APIs available in the java.sql.Blob, java.sql.Clob, and java.sql.NClob interfaces. You can either retrieve the entire content or a part of the content from these objects. The following code snippet illustrates how to retrieve 100 bytes of data from a BLOB object starting at offset 200:

```java
...
Connection con = DriverManager.getConnection(url, props);
Blob aBlob = con.createBlob();
// Add data to the BLOB object.
aBlob.setBytes(...);
...
// Retrieve part of the data from the BLOB object.
```
InputStream is = aBlob.getBinaryStream(200, 100);
...

You can also pass LOBs as input parameters to a PreparedStatement object by using the setBlob, setClob, and setNClob methods. You can use the updateBlob, updateClob, and updateNClob methods to update a column value in an updatable result set.

These LOBs are temporary LOBs and can be used for any purpose for which temporary LOBs should be used. To make the storage permanent in the database, these LOBs must be written to a table.

See Also: "Working With Temporary LOBs" on page 14-8

Temporary LOBs remain valid for at least the duration of the transaction in which they are created. This may result in unwarranted use of memory during a long running transaction. You can release LOBs by calling their free method, as follows:

...  
Clob aClob = con.createClob();
int numWritten = aClob.setString(1, val);
aClob.free();
...

National Language Character Set Support

JDBC 4.0 introduces the NCHAR, NVARCHAR, LONGNVARCHAR, and NCLOB JDBC types to access the national character set types. These types are similar to the CHAR, VARCHAR, LONGVARCHAR, and CLOB types, except that the values are encoded using the national character set.
Oracle provides Java classes and interfaces that extend the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) standard implementation, enabling you to access and manipulate Oracle data types and use Oracle performance extensions. This chapter provides an overview of the classes and interfaces provided by Oracle that extend the JDBC standard implementation. It also describes some of the key support features of the extensions.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- Overview of Oracle Extensions
- Features of the Oracle Extensions
- Oracle JDBC Packages
- Oracle Character Data Types Support
- Additional Oracle Type Extensions
- DML Returning
- Accessing PL/SQL Index-by Tables

**Note:** This chapter focuses on type extensions, as opposed to performance extensions, which are discussed in detail in Chapter 23, "Performance Extensions".

### Overview of Oracle Extensions

Beyond standard features, Oracle JDBC drivers provide Oracle-specific type extensions and performance extensions. These extensions are provided through the following Java packages:

- `oracle.sql` provides classes that represent SQL data in Oracle format
- `oracle.jdbc` provides interfaces to support database access and updates in Oracle type formats

**See Also:** "Oracle JDBC Packages" on page 4-5

### Features of the Oracle Extensions

The Oracle extensions to JDBC include a number of features that enhance your ability to work with Oracle Databases. These include the following:
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Oracle Database 11g Release 1 (11.1) introduced new JDBC methods, `startup` and `shutdown`, in the `oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection` interface that enable you to start up and shut down an Oracle Database instance. You also have support for the Database Change Notification feature of Oracle Database. These new features are discussed in detail in "Database Administration".

Support for Oracle Data Types

One of the features of the Oracle JDBC extensions is the type support in the `oracle.sql` package. This package includes classes that are an exact representation of the data in Oracle format. Keep the following important points in mind when you use `oracle.sql` types in your program:

- For numeric type of data, the conversion to standard Java types does not guarantee to retain full precision due to limitations of the data conversion process. Use the `BigDecimal` type to minimize any data loss issues.
- For certain data types, the conversion to standard Java types can be dependent on the system settings and your program may not run as expected. This is a known limitation while converting data from `oracle.sql` types to standard Java types.
- If the functionalities of your program is limited to reading data from one table and writing the same to another table, then for numeric and date data, `oracle.sql` types are slightly faster as compared to standard Java types. But, if your program involves even a simple data manipulation operation like compare or print, then standard Java types are faster.
- `oracle.sql.CHAR` is not an exact representation of the data in Oracle format. `oracle.sql.CHAR` is constructed from `java.lang.String`. There is no advantage of using `oracle.sql.CHAR` because `java.lang.String` is always faster and represents the same character sets, excluding a couple of desupported character sets.

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**Note:** Oracle strongly recommends you to use standard Java types and convert any existing `oracle.sql` type of data to standard Java types. Internally, the Oracle JDBC drivers strive to maximize the performance of Java standard types. `oracle.sql` types are supported only for backward compatibility and their use is discouraged.
Support for Oracle Objects

Oracle JDBC supports the use of structured objects in the database, where an object data type is a user-defined type with nested attributes. For example, a user application could define an Employee object type, where each Employee object has a firstname attribute (character string), a lastname attribute (character string), and an employeenumber attribute (integer).

Oracle JDBC supports Oracle object data types. When you work with Oracle object data types in a Java application, you must consider the following:

- How to map between Oracle object data types and Java classes
- How to store Oracle object attributes in corresponding Java objects
- How to convert attribute data between SQL and Java formats
- How to access data

Oracle objects can be mapped either to the weak java.sql.Struct type or to strongly typed customized classes. These strong types are referred to as custom Java classes, which must implement either the standard java.sql.SQLData interface or the Oracle extension oracle.sql.ORAData interface. Each interface specifies methods to convert data between SQL and Java.

See Also:
- Package oracle.sql on page 4-5
- "Oracle Character Data Types Support" on page 4-9
- "Additional Oracle Type Extensions" on page 4-13

Note: The ORAData interface has replaced the CustomDatum interface. The latter interface is desupported since Oracle Database release 11.1.

Oracle recommends the use of the Oracle JPublisher utility to create custom Java classes to correspond to your Oracle objects. Oracle JPublisher performs this task seamlessly with command-line options and can generate either SQLData or ORAData interface implementations.

For SQLData interface implementations, a type map defines the correspondence between Oracle object data types and Java classes. Type maps are objects that specify which Java class corresponds to each Oracle object data type. Oracle JDBC uses these type maps to determine which Java class to instantiate and populate when it retrieves Oracle object data from a result set.

Note: Oracle recommends using the ORAData interface, instead of the SQLData interface, in situations where portability is not a concern. The ORAData interface works more easily and flexibly in conjunction with other features of the Oracle platform offerings using Java.

JPublisher automatically defines getXXX methods of the custom Java classes, which retrieve data into your Java application.
See Also:
- Chapter 13, "Working with Oracle Object Types"
- Oracle Database JPublisher User’s Guide.

Support for Schema Naming

Oracle object data type classes have the ability to accept and return fully qualified schema names. A fully qualified schema name has this syntax:

```
{[schema_name].}[sql_type_name]
```

Where, `schema_name` is the name of the schema and `sql_type_name` is the SQL type name of the object. `schema_name` and `sql_type_name` are separated by a period (.).

To specify an object type in JDBC, use its fully qualified name. It is not necessary to enter a schema name if the type name is in the current naming space, that is, the current schema. Schema naming follows these rules:

- Both the schema name and the type name may or may not be within quotation marks. However, if the SQL type name has a period in it, such as CORPORATE.EMPLOYEE, the type name must be quoted.
- The JDBC driver looks for the first period in the object name that is not within quotation marks and uses the string before the period as the schema name and the string following the period as the type name. If no period is found, then the JDBC driver takes the current schema as default. That is, you can specify only the type name, without indicating a schema, instead of specifying the fully qualified name if the object type name belongs to the current schema. This also explains why you must put the type name within quotation marks if the type name has a dot in it.

For example, assume that user Scott creates a type called `person.address` and then wants to use it in his session. Scott may want to skip the schema name and pass in `person.address` to the JDBC driver. In this case, if `person.address` is not within quotation marks, then the period will be detected and the JDBC driver will mistakenly interpret `person` as the schema name and `address` as the type name.

- JDBC passes the object type name string to the database unchanged. That is, the JDBC driver will not change the character case even if the object type name is within quotation marks.

For example, if `scott.PersonType` is passed to the JDBC driver as an object type name, then the JDBC driver will pass the string to the database unchanged. As another example, if there is white space between characters in the type name string, then the JDBC driver will not remove the white space.

DML Returning

Oracle Database supports the use of the `RETURNING` clause with data manipulation language (DML) statements. This enables you to combine two SQL statements into one. Both the Oracle JDBC Oracle Call Interface (OCI) driver and the Oracle JDBC Thin driver support DML returning.

See Also: "DML Returning" on page 4-25
Accessing PL/SQL Index-by Tables

Oracle JDBC drivers enable JDBC applications to make PL/SQL calls with index-by table parameters. Oracle JDBC drivers support PL/SQL index-by tables of scalar data types.

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**Note:** Index-by tables of PL/SQL records are not supported.

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**See Also:** "Accessing PL/SQL Index-by Tables" on page 4-28

Oracle JDBC Packages

This section describes the following Java packages, which support the Oracle JDBC extensions:

- Package oracle.sql
- Package oracle.jdbc

Package oracle.sql

The `oracle.sql` package supports direct access to data in SQL format. This package consists primarily of classes that provide Java mappings to SQL data types and their support classes. Essentially, the classes act as Java containers for SQL data. Each of the `oracle.sql.*` data type classes extends `oracle.sql.Datum`, a superclass that encapsulates functionality common to all the data types. Some of the classes are for JDBC 2.0-compliant data types. These classes implement standard JDBC 2.0 interfaces in the `java.sql` package, as well as extending the `oracle.sql.Datum` class.

The `LONG` and `LONG RAW` SQL types and `REF CURSOR` type category have no `oracle.sql.*` classes. Use standard JDBC functionality for these types. For example, retrieve `LONG` or `LONG RAW` data as input streams using the standard JDBC result set and callable statement methods `getBinaryStream` and `getCharacterStream`. Use the `getCursor` method for `REF CURSOR` types.

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**Note:** Oracle recommends the use of standard JDBC types or Java types whenever possible. The types in the package `oracle.sql.*` are provided primarily for backward compatibility or for support of a few Oracle specific features such as `OPAQUE`, `OraData`, `TIMESTAMP TZ`, and so on.

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General `oracle.sql.*` Data Type Support

Each of the Oracle data type classes provides, among other things, the following:

- Data storage as Java byte arrays for SQL data
- A `getBytes()` method, which returns the SQL data as a byte array
- A `toJdbc()` method that converts the data into an object of a corresponding Java class as defined in the JDBC specification

The JDBC driver does not convert Oracle-specific data types that are not part of the JDBC specification, such as `BFILE`. The driver returns the object in the corresponding `oracle.sql.*` format.
- Appropriate xxxValue methods to convert SQL data to Java type. For example, stringValue, intValue, booleanValue, dateValue, and bigDecimalValue

- Additional conversion methods, getXXX and setXXX, as appropriate, for the functionality of the data type, such as methods in the large object (LOB) classes that get the data as a stream and methods in the REF class that get and set object data through the object reference.

**Overview of Class oracle.sql.STRUCT**

oracle.sql.STRUCT class is the Oracle implementation of java.sql.Struct interface. This class is a value class and you should not change the contents of the class after construction. This class, as with all oracle.sql.* data type classes, is a subclass of the oracle.sql.Datum class.

If you want to create a STRUCT object in JDK 1.5, then use the createStruct method of the oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection interface. The signature of this factory method for creating STRUCT objects is as follows:

```java
Struct createStruct (String typeName, Object[] attributes) throws SQLException
```

If you want to create a STRUCT object in JDK 1.6, then you can use the standard java.sql.createStruct method.

You should use the JDBC standard type, java.sql.Struct, and the JDBC standard methods in preference to using oracle.sql.STRUCT. If you want your code to be more portable, then you must use the standard type because only the Oracle JDBC drivers will use instances of oracle.sql.STRUCT type.

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**Note:** Oracle strongly recommends using JDBC standard features in your code, where possible.

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**See Also:** Oracle Database JDBC Java API Reference

**Overview of Class oracle.sql.REF**

The oracle.sql.REF class is the generic class that supports Oracle object references. This class, as with all oracle.sql.* data type classes, is a subclass of the oracle.sql.Datum class.

The REF class has methods to retrieve and pass object references. However, selecting an object reference retrieves only a pointer to an object. This does not materialize the object itself. But the REF class also includes methods to retrieve and pass the object data. You cannot create REF objects in your JDBC application. You can only retrieve existing REF objects from the database.

You should use the JDBC standard type, java.sql.Ref, and the JDBC standard methods in preference to using oracle.sql.REF. If you want your code to be more portable, then you must use the standard type because only the Oracle JDBC drivers will use instances of oracle.sql.REF type.

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**Note:** Oracle strongly recommends using JDBC standard features in your code, where possible.
See Also:  *Oracle Database JDBC Java API Reference*

**Overview of Class oracle.sql.ARRAY**
The `oracle.sql.ARRAY` class supports Oracle collections, either VARRAYs or nested tables. If you select either a VARRAY or a nested table from the database, then the JDBC driver materializes it as an object of the `ARRAY` class. The structure of the data is equivalent in either case. The `oracle.sql.ARRAY` class extends the `oracle.sql.Datum` class and implements the standard JDBC 2.0 `java.sql.Array` interface.

**Note:** You should use the JDBC standard type, `java.sql.Array`, and the JDBC standard methods in preference to using `oracle.sql.ARRAY`. If you want your code to be more portable, then you must use the standard type because only the Oracle JDBC drivers will use instances of `oracle.sql.ARRAY` type.

Oracle strongly recommends using JDBC standard features in your code, where possible.

You can use the `setARRAY` method of the `OraclePreparedStatement` or `OracleCallableStatement` interface to pass an `ARRAY` as an input parameter to a prepared statement. Similarly, you can use the `createARRAY` method of the `OracleConnection` interface to create an `ARRAY` object to pass it to a prepared statement or callable statement, perhaps to insert into the database.

See Also:  "Overview of Collection Functionality" on page 16-3

**Overview of Classes oracle.sql.BLOB, oracle.sql.CLOB, oracle.sql.BFILE**
Binary large objects (BLOBs), character large objects (CLOBs), and binary files (BFILEs) are for data items that are too large to store directly in a database table. Instead, the database table stores a locator that points to the location of the actual data.

**Note:**

- The `oracle.sql.BLOB` and `oracle.sql.CLOB` classes implement the standard JDBC types `java.sql.Blob` and `java.sql.Clob` respectively. You should use the JDBC standard types, and the JDBC standard methods in preference to using the Oracle extensions. If you want your code to be more portable, then you must use the standard type because only the Oracle JDBC drivers will use instances of Oracle extensions.

Oracle strongly recommends use of JDBC standard features where possible.

- `oracle.sql.BFILE` is an Oracle proprietary extension and there is no JDBC standard equivalent.

The `oracle.sql` package supports these data types in several ways:

- BLOBs point to large unstructured binary data items and are supported by the `oracle.sql.BLOB` class.

- CLOBs point to large character data items and are supported by the `oracle.sql.CLOB` class.
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- BFILEs point to the content of external files (operating system files) and are supported by the `oracle.sql.BFILE` class. BFiles are read-only.

You can select a BLOB, CLOB, or BFILE locator from the database using a standard `SELECT` statement. However, you receive only the locator, and not the data. Additional steps are necessary to retrieve the data.

See Also: Chapter 14, "Working with LOBs and BFILEs".

Overview of Classes `oracle.sql.DATE`, `oracle.sql.NUMBER`, and `oracle.sql.RAW`

These classes hold primitive SQL data types in Oracle native representation. In most cases, these types are not used internally by the drivers and you should use the standard JDBC types instead.

Because Java `Double` and `Float` NaN values do not have an equivalent Oracle `NUMBER` representation, a `NullPointerException` is thrown whenever a `Double.NaN` value or a `Float.NaN` value is converted into an Oracle `NUMBER` using the `oracle.sql.NUMBER` class. For instance, the following code throws a `NullPointerException`:

```java
oracle.sql.NUMBER n = new oracle.sql.NUMBER(Double.NaN);
System.out.println(n.doubleValue());  // throws NullPointerException
```

Overview of Classes `oracle.sql.TIMESTAMP`, `oracle.sql.TIMESTAMPTZ`, and `oracle.sql.TIMESTAMPLTZ`

The JDBC drivers support the following date/time data types:

- `TIMESTAMP` (`TIMESTAMP`)
- `TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE` (`TIMESTAMPTZ`)
- `TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE` (`TIMESTAMPLTZ`)

The JDBC drivers allow conversions between `DATE` and date/time data types. For example, you can access a `TIMESTAMPTZ` column as a `DATE` value.

The JDBC drivers support the most popular time zone names used in the industry as well as most of the time zone names defined in the JDK. Time zones are specified by using the `java.util.TimeZone` class.

Note:

- Do not use `TimeZone.getTimeZone` to create time zone objects. The Oracle time zone data types support more time zone names than JDK.
- If a result set contains a `TIMESTAMPLTZ` column followed by a `LONG` column, then reading the `LONG` column results in an error.

The following code shows how the `TimeZone` and `Calendar` objects are created for `US_PACIFIC`, which is a time zone name not defined in JDK:

```java
TimeZone tz = TimeZone.getDefault();
tz.setID("US_PACIFIC");
GregorianCalendar gcal = new GregorianCalendar(tz);
```

The following Java classes represent the SQL date/time types:

- `oracle.sql.TIMESTAMP`
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- oracle.sql.TIMESTAMP
- oracle.sql.TIMESTAMP

Before accessing TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE data, call the
OracleConnection.setSessionTimeZone(String regionName) method to
set the session time zone. When this method is called, the JDBC driver sets the session
time zone of the connection and saves the session time zone so that any TIMESTAMP
WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE data accessed through JDBC can be adjusted using the
session time zone.

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**Note:** TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE and TIMESTAMP WITH
LOCAL TIME ZONE types can be represented as standard
java.sql.Timestamp type. The byte representation of TIMESTAMP
WITH TIME ZONE and TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE
types to java.sql.Timestamp is straight forward. This is because
the internal format of TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE and
TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE data types is GMT, and
java.sql.Timestamp type objects internally use a milliseconds
time value that is the number of milliseconds since EPOCH. However,
the String representation of these data types requires time zone
information that is obtained dynamically from the server and cached
on the client side.

In earlier versions of JDBC drivers, the cache of time zone was shared
across different connections. This used to cause problems sometimes
due to incompatibility in various time zones. Starting from Oracle
database 11.2 version of JDBC drivers, the time zone cache is based on
the time zone version supplied by the database. This newly designed
cache avoids any issues related to version incompatibility of time
zones.

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**Overview of Class oracle.sql.OPAQUE**

The oracle.sql.OPAQUE class gives you the name and characteristics of the OPAQUE
type and any attributes. The OPAQUE type provides access only to the uninterrupted
bytes of the instance.

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**Note:** There is minimal support for the OPAQUE type.

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**Package oracle.jdbc**

The interfaces of the oracle.jdbc package define the Oracle extensions to the
interfaces in java.sql. These extensions provide access to Oracle SQL-format data
and other Oracle-specific functionality, including Oracle performance enhancements.

**See Also:** "The oracle.jdbc Package" on page 4-19

**Oracle Character Data Types Support**

Oracle character data types include the SQL CHAR and NCHAR data types. The
following sections describe how these data types can be accessed using the
oracle.sql.* classes:

- SQL CHAR Data Types
- SQL NCHAR Data Types
Class oracle.sql.CHAR

SQL CHAR Data Types
The SQL CHAR data types include CHAR, VARCHAR2, and CLOB. These data types let you store character data in the database character set encoding scheme. The character set of the database is established when you create the database.

SQL NCHAR Data Types
The SQL NCHAR data types were created for Globalization Support. The SQL NCHAR data types include NCHAR, NVARCHAR2, and NCLOB. These data types allow you to store Unicode data in the database NCHAR character set encoding. The NCHAR character set, which never changes, is established when you create the database.

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**Note:** Because the UnicodeStream class is deprecated in favor of the CharacterStream class, the setUnicodeStream and getUnicodeStream methods are not supported for NCHAR data type access. Use the setCharacterStream method and the getCharacterStream method if you want to use stream access.

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The usage of SQL NCHAR data types is similar to that of the SQL CHAR data types. JDBC uses the same classes and methods to access SQL NCHAR data types that are used for the corresponding SQL CHAR data types. Therefore, there are no separate, corresponding classes defined in the oracle.sql package for SQL NCHAR data types. Similarly, there is no separate, corresponding constant defined in the oracle.jdbc.OracleTypes class for SQL NCHAR data types.

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**Note:** For JDK 1.5, a JDBC program must call the setFormOfUse method for those columns that specifically need national-language characters.

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The following code shows how to access SQL NCHAR data:

```java
//
// Table TEST has the following columns:
// - NUMBER
// - NVARCHAR2
// - NCHAR
//
// oracle.jdbc.OraclePreparedStatement pstmt =
// (oracle.jdbc.OraclePreparedStatement)
// conn.prepareStatement("insert into TEST values(?, ?, ?)");
//
// oracle.jdbc.OraclePreparedStatement.FORM_NCHAR should be used for all NCHAR,
// NVARCHAR2 and NCLOB data types.
//
pstmt.setInt(1, 1);                    // NUMBER column
pstmt.setNString(2, myUnicodeString1);  // NVARCHAR2 column
pstmt.setNString(3, myUnicodeString2);  // NCHAR column
pstmt.executeUpdate();
```

Note: Because the UnicodeStream class is deprecated in favor of the CharacterStream class, the setUnicodeStream and getUnicodeStream methods are not supported for NCHAR data type access. Use the setCharacterStream method and the getCharacterStream method if you want to use stream access.

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**Note:** For JDK 1.5, a JDBC program must call the setFormOfUse method for those columns that specifically need national-language characters.
Class oracle.sql.CHAR

The oracle.sql.CHAR class is used by Oracle JDBC in handling and converting character data. This class provides the Globalization Support functionality to convert character data. This class has two key attributes: Globalization Support character set and the character data. The Globalization Support character set defines the encoding of the character data. It is a parameter that is always passed when a CHAR object is constructed. Without the Globalization Support character set information, the data bytes in the CHAR object are meaningless. The oracle.sql.CHAR class is used for both SQL CHAR and SQL NCHAR data types.

Note: In versions of Oracle JDBC drivers prior to 10g release 1 (10.1), there were performance advantages to using the oracle.SQL.CHAR. Starting from Oracle Database 10g, there are no longer any such advantages. In fact, optimum performance is achieved using the java.lang.String. All Oracle JDBC drivers handle all character data in the Java UCS2 character set. Using the oracle.sql.CHAR does not prevent conversions between the database character set and UCS2 character set.

The only remaining use of the oracle.sql.CHAR class is to handle character data in the form of raw bytes encoded in an Oracle Globalization Support character set. All character data retrieved from Oracle Database should be accessed using the java.lang.String class. When processing byte data from another source, you can use an oracle.sql.CHAR to convert the bytes to java.lang.String.

To convert an oracle.sql.CHAR, you must provide the data bytes and an oracle.sql-characterSet instance that represents the Globalization Support character set used to encode the data bytes.

The CHAR objects that are Oracle object attributes are returned in the database character set.

JDBC application code rarely needs to construct CHAR objects directly, because the JDBC driver automatically creates CHAR objects, when it is needed to create them on those rare occasions.

To construct a CHAR object, you must provide character set information to the CHAR object by way of an instance of the CharacterSet class. Each instance of this class represents one of the Globalization Support character sets that Oracle supports. A CharacterSet instance encapsulates methods and attributes of the character set, mainly involving functionality to convert to or from other character sets.

Constructing an oracle.sql.CHAR Object

Follow these general steps to construct a CHAR object:

1. Create a CharacterSet object by calling the static CharacterSet.make method.

   This method is a factory for the character set instance. The make method takes an integer as input, which corresponds to a character set ID that Oracle supports. For example:

   ```java
   int oracleId = CharacterSet.JA16SJIS_CHARSET; // this is character set ID,
   // 832

   ... CharacterSet mycharset = CharacterSet.make(oracleId);
   ```
Each character set that Oracle supports has a unique, predefined Oracle ID.

2. Construct a CHAR object.

Pass a string, or the bytes that represent the string, to the constructor along with the `CharacterSet` object that indicates how to interpret the bytes based on the character set. For example:

```java
String mystring = "teststring";
...
CHAR mychar = new CHAR(teststring, mycharset);
```

There are multiple constructors for `CHAR`, which can take a `String`, a byte array, or an object as input along with the `CharacterSet` object. In the case of a `String`, the string is converted to the character set indicated by the `CharacterSet` object before being placed into the `CHAR` object.

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**Note:**

- The `CharacterSet` object cannot be a null value.
- The `CharacterSet` class is an abstract class, therefore it has no constructor. The only way to create instances is to use the `make` method.
- The server recognizes the special value `CharacterSet.DEFAULT_CHARSET` as the database character set. For the client, this value is not meaningful.
- Oracle does not intend or recommend that users extend the `CharacterSet` class.

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**oracle.sql.CHAR Conversion Methods**

The `CHAR` class provides the following methods for translating character data to strings:

- `getString`

  This method converts the sequence of characters represented by the `CHAR` object to a string, returning a Java `String` object. If you enter an invalid Oracle ID, then the character set will not be recognized and the `getString` method will throw a `SQLException` exception.

- `toString`

  This method is identical to the `getString` method. But if you enter an invalid Oracle ID, then the character set will not be recognized and the `toString` method will return a hexadecimal representation of the `CHAR` data and will *not* throw a `SQLException` exception.

- `getStringWithReplacement`

  This method is identical to the `getString` method, except a default replacement character replaces characters that have no Unicode representation in the `CHAR` object character set. This default character varies from character set to character set, but is often a question mark (`?`).

The database server and the client, or application running on the client, can use different character sets. When you use the methods of the `CHAR` class to transfer data between the server and the client, the JDBC drivers must convert the data from the
server character set to the client character set or vice versa. To convert the data, the drivers use Globalization Support.

See Also: Chapter 19, "Globalization Support"

### Additional Oracle Type Extensions

Oracle JDBC drivers support the Oracle-specific `BFILE` and `ROWID` data types and `REF CURSOR` types, which are not part of the standard JDBC specification. This section describes the `ROWID` and `REF CURSOR` type extensions. The `ROWID` is supported as a Java string, and `REF CURSOR` types are supported as JDBC result sets.

This section covers the following topics:

- Oracle `ROWID` Type
- Oracle `REF CURSOR` Type Category
- Oracle `BINARY_FLOAT` and `BINARY_DOUBLE` Types
- Oracle `SYS.ANYTYPE` and `SYS.ANYDATA` Types
- The `oracle.jdbc` Package

#### Oracle `ROWID` Type

A `ROWID` is an identification tag unique for each row of an Oracle Database table. The `ROWID` can be thought of as a virtual column, containing the ID for each row.

The `oracle.sql.ROWID` class is supplied as a container for `ROWID` SQL data type.

`ROWIDs` provide functionality similar to the `getCursorName` method specified in the `java.sql.ResultSet` interface and the `setCursorName` method specified in the `java.sql.Statement` interface.

If you include the `ROWID` pseudo-column in a query, then you can retrieve the `ROWIDs` with the result set `getString` method. You can also bind a `ROWID` to a `PreparedStatement` parameter with the `setString` method. This enables in-place updating, as in the example that follows.

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**Note:** Use the `oracle.sql.ROWID` class, only when you are using J2SE 1.5. For JSE 6, you should use the standard `java.sql.RowId` interface instead.

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**Example**

The following example shows how to access and manipulate `ROWID` data:

```java
Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
// Query the employee names with "FOR UPDATE" to lock the rows.
// Select the `ROWID` to identify the rows to be updated.
ResultSet rset =
    stmt.executeQuery("SELECT ename, rowid FROM emp FOR UPDATE");
```

**Note:** The following example works only with JSE 6.
// Prepare a statement to update the ENAME column at a given ROWID

PreparedStatement pstmt =
    conn.prepareStatement("UPDATE emp SET ename = ? WHERE rowid = ?");

// Loop through the results of the query
while (rset.next())
{
    String ename = rset.getString(1);
    RowId rowid = rset.getRowID(2); // Get the ROWID as a String
    pstmt.setString(1, ename.toLowerCase());
    pstmt.setRowID(2, rowid); // Pass ROWID to the update statement
    pstmt.executeUpdate(); // Do the update
}

**Oracle REF CURSOR Type Category**

A cursor variable holds the memory location of a query work area, rather than the contents of the area. Declaring a cursor variable creates a pointer. In SQL, a pointer has the data type REF x, where REF is short for REFERENCE and x represents the entity being referenced. A REF CURSOR, then, identifies a reference to a cursor variable. Because many cursor variables might exist to point to many work areas, REF CURSOR can be thought of as a category or data type specifier that identifies many different types of cursor variables.

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**Note:** REF CURSOR instances are not scrollable.

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To create a cursor variable, begin by identifying a type that belongs to the REF CURSOR category. For example:

DECLARE TYPE DeptCursorTyp IS REF CURSOR

Then, create the cursor variable by declaring it to be of the type DeptCursorTyp:

dept_cv DeptCursorTyp -- declare cursor variable

REF CURSOR, then, is a category of data types, rather than a particular data type.

Stored procedures can return cursor variables of the REF CURSOR category. This output is equivalent to a database cursor or a JDBC result set. A REF CURSOR essentially encapsulates the results of a query.

In JDBC, a REF CURSOR is materialized as a ResultSet object and can be accessed as follows:

1. Use a JDBC callable statement to call a stored procedure. It must be a callable statement, as opposed to a prepared statement, because there is an output parameter.

2. The stored procedure returns a REF CURSOR.

3. The Java application casts the callable statement to an Oracle callable statement and uses the getCursor method of the OracleCallableStatement class to materialize the REF CURSOR as a JDBC ResultSet object.

4. The result set is processed as requested.
Important: The cursor associated with a REF CURSOR is closed whenever the statement object that produced the REF CURSOR is closed.

Unlike in past releases, the cursor associated with a REF CURSOR is not closed when the result set object in which the REF CURSOR was materialized is closed.

Example
This example shows how to access REF CURSOR data.

```java
import oracle.jdbc.*;
...
CallableStatement cstmt;
ResultSet cursor;

// Use a PL/SQL block to open the cursor
cstmt = conn.prepareCall
    ("begin open ? for select ename from emp; end; ");

cstmt.registerOutParameter(1, OracleTypes.CURSOR);
cstmt.execute();
cursor = ((OracleCallableStatement)cstmt).getCursor(1);

// Use the cursor like a standard ResultSet
while (cursor.next ())
    {System.out.println (cursor.getString(1));}
```

In the preceding example:
- A CallableStatement object is created by using the prepareCall method of the connection class.
- The callable statement implements a PL/SQL procedure that returns a REF CURSOR.
- As always, the output parameter of the callable statement must be registered to define its type. Use the type code OracleTypes.CURSOR for a REF CURSOR.
- The callable statement is run, returning the REF CURSOR.
- The CallableStatement object is cast to OracleCallableStatement to use the getCursor method, which is an Oracle extension to the standard JDBC API, and returns the REF CURSOR into a ResultSet object.

Oracle BINARY_FLOAT and BINARY_DOUBLE Types
The Oracle BINARY_FLOAT and BINARY_DOUBLE types are used to store IEEE 574 float and double data. These correspond to the Java float and double scalar types with the exception of negative zero and NaN.

See Also: Oracle Database SQL Language Reference

If you include a BINARY_DOUBLE column in a query, then the data is retrieved from the database in the binary format. Also, the getDouble method will return the data in the binary format. In contrast, for a NUMBER data type column, the number bits are returned and converted to the Java double data type.
A call to the JDBC standard `setDouble(int, double)` method of the `PreparedStatement` interface converts the Java `double` argument to Oracle `NUMBER` style bits and send them to the database. In contrast, the `setBinaryDouble(int, double)` method of the `oracle.jdbc.OraclePreparedStatement` interface converts the data to the internal binary bits and sends them to the database.

You must ensure that the data format used matches the type of the target parameter of the `PreparedStatement` interface. This will result in correct data and least use of CPU. If you use `setBinaryDouble` for a `NUMBER` parameter, then the binary bits are sent to the server and converted to `NUMBER` format. The data will be correct, but server CPU load will be increased. If you use `setDouble` for a `BINARY_DOUBLE` parameter, then the data will first be converted to `NUMBER` bits on the client and sent to the server, where it will be converted back to binary format. This will increase the CPU load on both client and server and can result in data corruption as well.

The `SetFloatAndDoubleUseBinary` connection property when set to `true` causes the JDBC standard APIs, `setFloat(int, float)`, `setDouble(int, double)`, and all the variations, to send internal binary bits instead of `NUMBER` bits.

**Note:** Although this section largely discusses `BINARY_DOUBLE`, the same is true for `BINARY_FLOAT` as well.

### Oracle SYS.ANYTYPE and SYS.ANYDATA Types

Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2) provides a Java interface to access the `SYS.ANYTYPE` and `SYS.ANYDATA` Oracle types.

**See Also:** For information about these Oracle types, refer Oracle Database PL/SQL Packages and Types Reference

An instance of the `SYS.ANYTYPE` type contains a type description of any SQL type, persistent or transient, named or unnamed, including object types and collection types. You can use the `oracle.sql.TypeDescriptor` class to access the `SYS.ANYTYPE` type. An `ANYTYPE` instance can be retrieved from a PL/SQL procedure or a SQL `SELECT` statement where `SYS.ANYTYPE` is used as a column type. To retrieve an `ANYTYPE` instance from the database, use the `getObject` method. This method returns an instance of the `TypeDescriptor`.

The retrieved `ANYTYPE` instance could be any of the following:

- Transient object type
- Transient predefined type
- Persistent object type
- Persistent predefined type

**Note:** The Oracle representation for the SQL `FLOAT`, `DOUBLE PRECISION`, and `REAL` data types use the Oracle `NUMBER` representation. The `BINARY_FLOAT` and `BINARY_DOUBLE` data types can be regarded as proprietary types.
Additional Oracle Type Extensions

Example 4–1  Accessing SYS.ANYTYPE Type
The following code snippet illustrates how to retrieve an instance of ANYTYPE from the database:

```java
ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("select anytype_column from my_table");
TypeDescriptor td = (TypeDescriptor)rs.getObject(1);
short typeCode = td.getInternalTypeCode();
if(typeCode == TypeDescriptor.TYPECODE_OBJECT)
{
    // check if it's a transient type
    if(td.isTransientType())
    {
        AttributeDescriptor[] attributes =
            ((StructDescriptor)td).getAttributesDescriptor();
        for(int i=0; i<attributes.length; i++)
        {
            System.out.println(attributes[i].getAttributeName());
        }
    } else
    {
        System.out.println(td.getTypeName());
    }
}
...
```

Example 4–2  Creating a Transient Object Type Through PL/SQL and Retrieving Through JDBC
This example provides a code snippet illustrating how to retrieve a transient object type through JDBC.

```java
OracleCallableStatement cstmt = (OracleCallableStatement)conn.prepareCall
    ("BEGIN ? := transient_obj_type (); END;");
cstmt.registerOutParameter(1,OracleTypes.OPAQUE,"SYS.ANYTYPE");
cstmt.execute();
TypeDescriptor obj = (TypeDescriptor)cstmt.getObject(1);
if(!obj.isTransient())
    System.out.println("This must be a JDBC bug");
cstmt.close();
return obj;
...
```

Example 4–3  Calling a PL/SQL Stored Procedure That Takes an ANYTYPE as IN Parameter
The following code snippet illustrates how to call a PL/SQL stored procedure that takes an ANYTYPE as IN parameter:

```java
CallableStatement cstmt = conn.prepareCall("BEGIN ? := dumpanytype(?); END;");
cstmt.registerOutParameter(1,OracleTypes.VARCHAR);
// obj is the instance of TypeDescriptor that you have retrieved
cstmt.setObject(2,obj);
cstmt.execute();
String str = (String)cstmt.getObject(1);
...
```

The oracle.sql.ANYDATA class enables you to access SYS.ANYDATA instances from the database. An instance of this class can be obtained from any valid instance of
oracle.sql.Datum class. The convertDatum factory method takes an instance of Datum and returns an instance of ANYDATA. The syntax for this factory method is as follows:

```java
public static ANYDATA convertDatum(Datum datum) throws SQLException
```

The following is sample code for creating an instance of oracle.sql.ANYDATA:

```java
// struct is a valid instance of oracle.sql.STRUCT that either comes from the
// database or has been constructed in Java.
ANYDATA myAnyData = ANYDATA.convertDatum(struct);
```

**Example 4–4  Accessing an Instance of ANYDATA from the Database**

```java
...// anydata_table has been created as:
// CREATE TABLE anydata_tab (data SYS.ANYDATA)
Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("select data from my_anydata_tab");
while(rs.next())
{
    ANYDATA anydata = (ANYDATA)rs.getObject(1);
    if(!anydata.isNull())
    {
        TypeDescriptor td = anydata.getTypeDescriptor();
        if(td.getTypeCode() == OracleType.TYPECODE_OBJECT)
            STRUCT struct = (STRUCT)anydata.accessDatum();
    }
}
...
```

**Example 4–5  Inserting an Object as ANYDATA in a Database Table**

Consider the following table and object type definition:

```sql
CREATE TABLE anydata_tab ( id NUMBER, data SYS.ANYDATA)
CREATE OR REPLACE TYPE employee AS OBJECT ( empno NUMBER, ename VARCHAR2(10) )
```

To create an instance of the EMPLOYEE SQL object type and to insert it into anydata_tab:

```java
PreparedStatement pstmt = conn.prepareStatement("insert into anydata_table values
(?,?)");
StructDescriptor sd =
StructDescriptor.createDescriptor("EMPLOYEE",(OracleConnection)conn);
Object[] objattr = new Object[2];
objattr[0] = new BigDecimal(1120);
objattr[1] = new String("Papageno");
STRUCT myEmployeeStr = new STRUCT(sd,conn,objattr);
ANYDATA anyda = ANYDATA.convertDatum(myEmployeeStr);
pstmt.setInt(1,123);
pstmt.setObject(2,anyda);
pstmt.executeUpdate();
...
Example 4–6 Selecting an ANYDATA Column from a Database Table

...  
Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();  
ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("select data from anydata_table");  
while(rs.next())  
{  
    ANYDATA obj = (ANYDATA)rs.getObject(1);  
    TypeDescriptor td = obj.getTypeDescriptor();  
}  
rs.close();  
stmt.close();  
...

The oracle.jdbc Package

The interfaces of the oracle.jdbc package define the Oracle extensions to the interfaces in java.sql. These extensions provide access to SQL-format data as described in this chapter. They also provide access to other Oracle-specific functionality, including Oracle performance enhancements.

For the oracle.jdbc package, Table 4–1 lists key interfaces and classes used for connections, statements, and result sets.

Table 4–1 Key Interfaces and Classes of the oracle.jdbc Package

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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Interface or Class</th>
<th>Key Functionality</th>
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<tr>
<td>OracleDriver</td>
<td>Class</td>
<td>Implements java.sql.Driver</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OracleConnection</td>
<td>Interface</td>
<td>Provides methods to start and stop an Oracle Database instance and to return Oracle statement objects and methods to set Oracle performance extensions for any statement run in the current connection. Implements java.sql.Connection.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| OracleStatement       | Interface          | Provides methods to set Oracle performance extensions for individual statement.  
                        | Is a supertype of OraclePreparedStatement and OracleCallableStatement.  
                        | Implements java.sql.Statement.                                                  |
| OraclePreparedStatement | Interface        | Provides setXXX methods to bind oracle.sql.* types into a prepared statement.  
                        | Provides getMetaData method to get the metadata from the prepared statements without executing the SELECT statements.  
                        | Implements java.sql.PreparedStatement.  
                        | Extends OracleStatement.                                                        |
                        |                    | Is a supertype of OracleCallableStatement.                                         |
This section covers the following topics:

- Interface oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection
- Interface oracle.jdbc.OracleStatement
- Interface oracle.jdbc.OraclePreparedStatement
- Interface oracle.jdbc.OracleCallableStatement
- Interface oracle.jdbc.OracleResultSet
- Interface oracle.jdbc.OracleResultSetMetaData
- Class oracle.jdbc.OracleTypes

Interface oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection
This interface extends standard JDBC connection functionality to create and return Oracle statement objects, set flags and options for Oracle performance extensions, support type maps for Oracle objects, and support client identifiers.

In Oracle Database 11g Release 1 (11.1), new methods had been added to this interface that enable the starting up and shutting down of an Oracle Database instance. Also, for
better visibility and clarity, all connection properties are defined as constants in the OracleConnection interface.

This interface also defines factory methods for constructing oracle.sql data values like DATE and NUMBER. Remember the following points while using factory methods:

- All code that constructs instances of the oracle.sql types should use the Oracle extension factory methods. For example, ARRAY, BFILE, DATE, INTERVALDS, NUMBER, STRUCT, TIME, TIMESTAMP, and so on.
- All code that constructs instances of the standard types should use the JDBC 4.0 standard factory methods. For example, CLOB, BLOB, NCLOB, and so on.
- There are no factory methods for CHAR, JAVA_STRUCT, ArrayDescriptor, and StructDescriptor. These types are for internal driver use only.

**Note:** Prior to Oracle Database 11g Release 1 (11.1), you had to construct ArrayDescriptors and StructDescriptors for passing as arguments to the ARRAY and STRUCT class constructors. The new ARRAY and Struct factory methods do not have any descriptor arguments. The driver still uses descriptors internally, but you do not need to create them.

**Client Identifiers**

In a connection pooling environment, the client identifier can be used to identify the lightweight user using the database session currently. A client identifier can also be used to share the Globally Accessed Application Context between different database sessions. The client identifier set in a database session is audited when database auditing is turned on.

**See Also:** Oracle Database Advanced Application Developer’s Guide and Oracle Database JDBC Java API Reference

**Interface oracle.jdbc.OracleStatement**

This interface extends standard JDBC statement functionality and is the superinterface of the OraclePreparedStatement and OracleCallableStatement classes. Extended functionality includes support for setting flags and options for Oracle performance extensions on a statement-by-statement basis, as opposed to the OracleConnection interface that sets these on a connectionwide basis.

**Interface oracle.jdbc.OraclePreparedStatement**

This interface extends the OracleStatement interface and extends standard JDBC prepared statement functionality. Also, the oracle.jdbc.OraclePreparedStatement interface is extended by the OracleCallableStatement interface. Extended functionality consists of the following:

- setXXX methods for binding oracle.sql.* types and objects to prepared statements
- getMetaData method to get the metadata from the prepared statements without executing the SELECT statements
- Methods to support Oracle performance extensions on a statement-by-statement basis
Additional Oracle Type Extensions

**Note:** Do not use the `PreparedStatement` interface to create a trigger that refers to a `:NEW` or `:OLD` column. Use `Statement` instead. Using `PreparedStatement` will cause execution to fail with the message `java.sql.SQLException: Missing IN or OUT parameter at index:: 1`.

**Interface oracle.jdbc.OracleCallableStatement**

This interface extends the `OraclePreparedStatement` interface, which extends the `OracleStatement` interface and incorporates standard JDBC callable statement functionality.

**Note:** Do not use the `CallableStatement` interface to create a trigger that refers to a `:NEW` or `:OLD` column. Use `Statement` instead; using `CallableStatement` will cause execution to fail with the message `java.sql.SQLException: Missing IN or OUT parameter at index:: 1`.

**Note:**

- The `setXXX(String,...)` and `registerOutParameter(String,...)` methods can be used only if all binds are procedure or function parameters only. The statement can contain no other binds and the parameter binds must be indicated with a question mark (?) and not `:XX.`
- If you are using `setXXX(int,...)` or `setXXXAtName(String,...)` method, then any output parameter is bound with `registerOutParameter(int,...)` and not `registerOutParameter(String,...), which is for named parameter notation.

**Interface oracle.jdbc.OracleResultSet**

This interface extends standard JDBC result set functionality, implementing `getXXX` methods for retrieving data into `oracle.sql.*` objects.

**Interface oracle.jdbc.OracleResultSetMetaData**

This interface extends standard JDBC result set metadata functionality to retrieve information about Oracle result set objects.

**See Also:** "Using Result Set Metadata Extensions" on page 11-14

**Class oracle.jdbc.OracleTypes**

The `OracleTypes` class defines constants that JDBC uses to identify SQL types. Each variable in this class has a constant integer value. The `oracle.jdbc.OracleTypes` class duplicates the type code definitions of the standard Java `java.sql.Types` class and contains these additional type codes for Oracle extensions:

- `OracleTypes.BFILE`
- `OracleTypes.ROWID`
- OracleTypes.CURSOR (for REF CURSOR types)
- OracleTypes.CHAR_BYTES (for calling setNull and setCHAR methods on the same column)

As in java.sql.Types, all the variable names are in uppercase text.

JDBC uses the SQL types identified by the elements of the OracleTypes class in two main areas: registering output parameters and in the setNull method of the PreparedStatement class.

**OracleTypes and Registering Output Parameters**

The type codes in java.sql.Types or oracle.jdbc.OracleTypes identify the SQL types of the output parameters in the registerOutParameter method of the java.sql.CallableStatement and oracle.jdbc.OracleCallableStatement interfaces.

These are the forms that the registerOutputParameter method can take for the CallableStatement and OracleCallableStatement interfaces:

- cs.registerOutParameter(int index, int sqlType);
- cs.registerOutParameter(int index, int sqlType, String sql_name);
- cs.registerOutParameter(int index, int sqlType, int scale);

In these signatures, index represents the parameter index, sqlType is the type code for the SQL data type, sql_name is the name given to the data type, for user-defined types, when sqlType is a STRUCT, REF, or ARRAY type code, and scale represents the number of digits to the right of the decimal point, when sqlType is a NUMERIC or DECIMAL type code.

The following example uses a CallableStatement interface to call a procedure named charout, which returns a CHAR data type. Note the use of the OracleTypes.CHAR type code in the registerOutParameter method.

```java
CallableStatement cs = conn.prepareCall("BEGIN charout (?); END; ");
cs.registerOutParameter(1, OracleTypes.CHAR);
cs.execute();
System.out.println("Out argument is: " + cs.getString(1));
```

The next example uses a CallableStatement interface to call structout, which returns a STRUCT data type. The form of registerOutParameter requires you to specify the type code, Types.STRUCT or OracleTypes.STRUCT, as well as the SQL name, EMPLOYEE.

The example assumes that no type mapping has been declared for the EMPLOYEE type, so it is retrieved into a STRUCT data type. To retrieve the value of EMPLOYEE as an oracle.sql.STRUCT object, the statement object cs is cast to OracleCallableStatement and the Oracle extension getSTRUCT method is invoked.

```java
CallableStatement cs = conn.prepareCall("BEGIN structout (?); END; ");
cs.registerOutParameter(1, OracleTypes.STRUCT, "EMPLOYEE");
cs.execute();

// get the value into a STRUCT because it
// is assumed that no type map has been defined
STRUCT emp = ((OracleCallableStatement)cs).getSTRUCT(1);
```
OracleTypes and the setNull Method

The type codes in Types and OracleTypes identify the SQL type of the data item, which the setNull method sets to NULL. The setNull method can be found in the java.sql.PreparedStatement and oracle.jdbc.OraclePreparedStatement interfaces.

These are the forms that the setNull method can take for the PreparedStatement and OraclePreparedStatement objects:

```
ps.setNull(int index, int sqlType);
ps.setNull(int index, int sqlType, String sql_name);
```

In these signatures, index represents the parameter index, sqlType is the type code for the SQL data type, and sql_name is the name given to the data type, for user-defined types, when sqlType is a STRUCT, REF, or ARRAY type code. If you enter an invalid sqlType, a ParameterTypeConflict exception is thrown.

The following example uses a prepared statement to insert a null value into the database. Note the use of OracleTypes.NUMERIC to identify the numeric object set to NULL. Alternatively, Types.NUMERIC can be used.

```
PreparedStatement pstmt =
    conn.prepareStatement ("INSERT INTO num_table VALUES (?)");
pstmt.setNull (1, OracleTypes.NUMERIC);
pstmt.executeUpdate();
```

In this example, the prepared statement inserts a NULL STRUCT object of type EMPLOYEE into the database.

```
PreparedStatement pstmt = conn.prepareStatement
                     ("INSERT INTO employee_table VALUES (?)");
pstmt.setNull (1, OracleTypes.STRUCT, "EMPLOYEE");
pstmt.executeUpdate();
```

You can also use the OracleTypes.CHAR_BYTES type with the setNull method, if you also want to call the setCHAR method on the same column. For example:

```
ps.setCHAR(n, aCHAR);
ps.addBatch();
ps.setNull(n, OracleTypes.CHAR_BYTES);
ps.addBatch();
```

In this preceding example, any other type, apart from the OracleTypes.CHAR_BYTES type, will cause extra round trips to the Database. Alternatively, you can also write your code without using the setNull method. For example, you can also write your code as shown in the following example:

```
ps.setCHAR(n, null);
```

Method getJavaSqlConnection

The getJavaSqlConnection method of the oracle.sql.* classes returns java.sql.Connection. This method is available for the following Oracle data type classes:
The following code snippet shows the `getJavaSqlConnection` method in the `ARRAY` class:

```java
public class ARRAY {
    java.sql.Connection getJavaSqlConnection()
    throws SQLException;
    ...
}
```

**DML Returning**

The DML returning feature provides more functionality compared to retrieval of auto-generated keys. It can be used to retrieve not only auto-generated keys, but also other columns or values that the application may use.

**Note:**

- The server-side internal driver does not support DML returning and retrieval of auto-generated keys.
- You cannot use both DML returning and retrieval of auto-generated keys in the same statement.

The following sections explain the support for DML returning:

- **Oracle-Specific APIs**
- **Running DML Returning Statements**
- **Example of DML Returning**
- **Limitations of DML Returning**

**See Also:** "Retrieval of Auto-Generated Keys" on page 3-4
Oracle-Specific APIs

The OraclePreparedStatement interface is enhanced with Oracle-specific application programming interfaces (APIs) to support DML returning. The registerReturnParameter and getReturnType methods have been added to the oracle.jdbc.OraclePreparedStatement interface, to register parameters that are returned and data retrieved by DML returning.

The registerReturnParameter method is used to register the return parameter for DML returning. The method throws a SQLException instance if an error occurs. You must pass a positive integer specifying the index of the return parameter. You also must specify the type of the return parameter. You can also specify the maximum bytes or characters of the return parameter. This method can be used only with char or RAW types. You can also specify the fully qualified name of a SQL structure type.

| Note: | If you do not know the maximum size of the return parameters, then you should use registerReturnParameter(int paramIndex, int externalType), which picks the default maximum size. If you know the maximum size of return parameters, using registerReturnParameter(int paramIndex, int externalType, int maxSize) can reduce memory consumption. |

The getReturnType method fetches the data returned from DML returning and returns it as a ResultSet object. The method throws a SQLException exception if an error occurs.

| Note: | The Oracle-specific APIs for the DML returning feature are in ojdbc5.jar for Java Development Kit (JDK) 1.5 and in ojdbc6.jar for JDK 1.6. |

Running DML Returning Statements

Before running a DML returning statement, the JDBC application must call one or more of the registerReturnParameter methods. The method provides the JDBC drivers with information, such as type and size, of the return parameters. The DML returning statement is then processed using one of the standard JDBC APIs, executeUpdate or execute. You can then fetch the returned parameters as a ResultSet object using the getReturnType method of the oracle.jdbc.OraclePreparedStatement interface.

In order to read the values in the ResultSet object, the underlying Statement object must be open. When the underlying Statement object is closed, the returned ResultSet object is also closed. This is consistent with ResultSet objects that are retrieved by processing SQL query statements.

When a DML returning statement is run, the concurrency of the ResultSet object returned by the getReturnType method must be CONCUR_READ_ONLY and the type of the ResultSet object must be TYPE_FORWARD_ONLY or TYPE_SCROLL_INSENSITIVE.

Example of DML Returning

This section provides two code examples of DML returning.

The following code example illustrates the use of DML returning. In this example, assume that the maximum size of the name column is 100 characters. Because the
maximum size of the name column is known, the `registerReturnParameter(int paramIndex, int externalType, int maxSize)` method is used.

```java
... OraclePreparedStatement pstmt = (OraclePreparedStatement)conn.prepareStatement("delete from tabl where age < ? returning name into ?"); pstmt.setInt(1,18);
/** register returned parameter
 * in this case the maximum size of name is 100 chars
 */
pstmt.registerReturnParameter(2, OracleTypes.VARCHAR, 100);
// process the DML returning statement
count = pstmt.executeUpdate();
if (count>0) {
    ResultSet rset = pstmt.getReturnResultSet(); //rest is not null and not empty
    while(rset.next())
    {
        String name = rset.getString(1);
        ...
    }
}
...
```

The following code example also illustrates the use of DML returning. However, in this case, the maximum size of the return parameters is not known. Therefore, the `registerReturnParameter(int paramIndex, int externalType)` method is used.

```java
... OraclePreparedStatement pstmt = (OraclePreparedStatement)conn.prepareStatement("insert into lobtab values (100, empty_clob()) returning col1, col2 into ?, ?");
// register return parameters
pstmt.registerReturnParameter(1, OracleTypes.INTEGER);
pstmt.registerReturnParameter(2, OracleTypes.CLOB);
// process the DML returning SQL statement
pstmt.executeUpdate();
ResultSet rset = pstmt.getReturnResultSet();
int r;
CLOB clob;
if (rset.next())
{
    r = rset.getInt(1);
    System.out.println(r);
    clob = (CLOB)rset.getClob(2);
    ...
}
...
```

**Limitations of DML Returning**

When using DML returning, be aware of the following:

- It is unspecified what the `getReturnResultSet` method returns when it is invoked more than once. You should not rely on any specific action in this regard.
The ResultSet objects returned from the execution of DML returning statements do not support the ResultSetMetaData type. Therefore, the applications must know the information of return parameters before running DML returning statements.

Streams are not supported with DML returning.

DML returning cannot be combined with batch update.

You cannot use both the auto-generated key feature and the DML returning feature in a single SQL DML statement. For example, the following is not allowed:

```java
...
PreparedStatement pstmt = conn.prepareStatement('insert into orders (?, ?, ?) returning order_id into ?');
pstmt.setInt(1, seq01.NEXTVAL);
pstmt.setInt(2, 100);
pstmt.setInt(3, 966431502);
pstmt.registerReturnParam(4, OracleTypes.INTEGER);
pstmt.executeUpdate;
ResultSet rset = pstmt.getGeneratedKeys;
...```

### Accessing PL/SQL Index-by Tables

Oracle JDBC drivers enable JDBC applications to make PL/SQL calls with index-by table parameters. This section covers the following topics:

- **Overview**
- **Binding IN Parameters**
- **Receiving OUT Parameters**
- **Type Mappings**

#### Note:
Index-by tables of PL/SQL records are not supported.

#### Overview

Oracle JDBC drivers support PL/SQL index-by tables of scalar data types. Table 4–2 displays the supported scalar types and the corresponding JDBC type codes.

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<th>PL/SQL Types</th>
<th>JDBC Types</th>
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<tr>
<td>BINARY_INTEGER</td>
<td>NUMERIC</td>
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<tr>
<td>NATURAL</td>
<td>NUMERIC</td>
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<tr>
<td>NATURALN</td>
<td>NUMERIC</td>
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<tr>
<td>PL$ _integer</td>
<td>NUMERIC</td>
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<td>STRING</td>
<td>VARCHAR</td>
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</table>
Typical Oracle JDBC input binding, output registration, and data access methods do not support PL/SQL index-by tables. This chapter introduces additional methods to support these types.

The OraclePreparedStatement and OracleCallableStatement classes define the additional methods. These methods include the following:

- setPlsqlIndexTable
- registerIndexTableOutParameter
- getOraclePlsqlIndexTable
- getPlsqlIndexTable

These methods handle PL/SQL index-by tables as IN, OUT, or IN OUT parameters, including function return values.

**See Also:** Oracle Database PL/SQL Language Reference

### Binding IN Parameters

To bind a PL/SQL index-by table parameter in the IN parameter mode, use the setPlsqlIndexTable method defined in the OraclePreparedStatement and OracleCallableStatement classes.

```java
synchronized public void setPlsqlIndexTable (int paramIndex, Object arrayData, int maxLen, int curLen, int elemSqlType, int elemMaxLen) throws SQLException
```

Table 4–3 describes the arguments of the setPlsqlIndexTable method.

**Table 4–3 Arguments of the setPlsqlIndexTable Method**

<table>
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<th>Argument</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>int paramIndex</td>
<td>Indicates the parameter position within the statement.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Object arrayData</td>
<td>Is an array of values to be bound to the PL/SQL index-by table parameter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>int maxLen</td>
<td>Specifies the maximum table length of the index-by table bind value that</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>defines the maximum possible curLen for batch updates. For standalone</td>
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<td></td>
<td>binds, maxLen should use the same value as curLen. This argument is required.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>int curLen</td>
<td>Specifies the actual size of the index-by table bind value in arrayData.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>If the curLen value is smaller than the size of arrayData, then only the</td>
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<td></td>
<td>curLen number of table elements is passed to the database. If the curLen</td>
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<td></td>
<td>value is larger than the size of arrayData, then the entire arrayData is</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>sent to the database.</td>
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<tr>
<td>int elemSqlType</td>
<td>Specifies the index-by table element type based on the values defined in</td>
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<td>the OracleTypes class.</td>
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<td>int elemMaxLen</td>
<td>Specifies the index-by table element maximum length in case the element</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>type is CHAR, VARCHAR, or RAW. This value is ignored for other types.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note:** Oracle JDBC does not support RAW, DATE, and PL/SQL RECORD as element types.
The following code example uses the setPlsqlIndexTable method to bind an index-by table as an IN parameter:

```java
// Prepare the statement
OracleCallableStatement procin = (OracleCallableStatement) conn.prepareCall ('begin procin (?); end;');

// index-by table bind value
int[] values = { 1, 2, 3 };

// maximum length of the index-by table bind value. This value defines the maximum possible 'currentLen' for batch updates. For standalone binds, 'maxLen' should be the same as "currentLen".
int maxLen = values.length;

// actual size of the index-by table bind value
int currentLen = values.length;

// index-by table element type
int elemSqlType = OracleTypes.NUMBER;

// index-by table element length in case the element type is CHAR, VARCHAR or RAW. This value is ignored for other types.
int elemMaxLen = 0;

// set the value
procin.setPlsqlIndexTable (1, values, maxLen, currentLen, elemSqlType, elemMaxLen);

// execute the call
procin.execute();
```

Receiving OUT Parameters

This section describes how to register a PL/SQL index-by table as an OUT parameter. In addition, it describes how to access the OUT bind values in various mapping styles.

**Note:** The methods described in this section apply to function return values and the IN OUT parameter mode as well.

**Registering the OUT Parameters**

To register a PL/SQL index-by table as an OUT parameter, use the registerIndexTableOutParameter method defined in the OracleCallableStatement class.

```java
synchronized public void registerIndexTableOutParameter
(int paramIndex, int maxLen, int elemSqlType,
 int elemMaxLen) throws SQLException
```

Table 4–4 describes the arguments of the registerIndexTableOutParameter method.
The following code example uses the registerIndexTableOutParameter method to register an index-by table as an OUT parameter:

```
// maximum length of the index-by table value. This
// value defines the maximum table size to be returned.
int maxLen = 10;

// index-by table element type
int elemSqlType = OracleTypes.NUMBER;

// index-by table element length in case the element type
// is CHAR, VARCHAR or FIXED_CHAR. This value is ignored for other
// types
int elemMaxLen = 0;

// register the return value
funcnone.registerIndexTableOutParameter
   (1, maxLen, elemSqlType, elemMaxLen);
```

**Accessing the OUT Parameter Values**

To access the OUT bind value, the OracleCallableStatement class defines multiple methods that return the index-by table values in different mapping styles. There are three mapping choices available in JDBC drivers:

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<td>getPlsqlIndexTable(int)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Oracle mappings</td>
<td>getOraclePlsqlIndexTable(int)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Java primitive type mappings</td>
<td>getPlsqlIndexTable(int, Class)</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

**Type Mappings**

This section covers the following topics:

- **JDBC Default Mappings**
- **Oracle Mappings**
- **Java Primitive Type Mappings**

**JDBC Default Mappings**

The getPlsqlIndexTable(int) method returns index-by table elements using the JDBC default mappings. The syntax for this method is the following:

```
public Object getPlsqlIndexTable (int paramIndex)
```
throws SQLException

Table 4–5 describes the argument of the `getPlsqlIndexTable` method.

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<th>Argument</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>int paramIndex</td>
<td>This argument indicates the parameter position within the statement.</td>
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</table>

The return value is a Java array. The elements of this array are of the default Java type corresponding to the SQL type of the elements. For example, for an index-by table with elements of `NUMERIC` type code, the element values are mapped to `BigDecimal` by Oracle JDBC driver, and the `getPlsqlIndexTable` method returns a `BigDecimal[]` array. For a JDBC application, you must cast the return value to `BigDecimal[]` to access the table element values.

The following code example uses the `getPlsqlIndexTable` method to return index-by table elements with JDBC default mapping:

```java
// access the value using JDBC default mapping
BigDecimal[] values =
    (BigDecimal[]) procout.getPlsqlIndexTable(1);

// print the elements
for (int i=0; i<values.length; i++)
    System.out.println(values[i].intValue());
```

Oracle Mappings

The `getOraclePlsqlIndexTable` method returns index-by table elements using Oracle mapping.

```java
public Datum[] getOraclePlsqlIndexTable(int paramIndex)
    throws SQLException
```

Table 4–6 describes the argument of the `getOraclePlsqlIndexTable` method.

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<th>Argument</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>int paramIndex</td>
<td>Indicates the parameter position within the statement.</td>
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</table>

The return value is an `oracle.sql.Datum` array, and the elements in the array are of the default `Datum` type corresponding to the SQL type of the element. For example, the element values of an index-by table of numeric elements are mapped to the `oracle.sql.NUMBER` type in Oracle mapping, and the `getOraclePlsqlIndexTable` method returns an `oracle.sql.Datum` array that contains `oracle.sql.NUMBER` elements.

The following code example uses the `getOraclePlsqlIndexTable` method to access the elements of a PL/SQL index-by table `OUT` parameter, using Oracle mapping:

```java
// Prepare the statement
OracleCallableStatement procout = (OracleCallableStatement)
    conn.prepareCall("begin procout (?); end; ");
```
// run the call
procout.execute();

// access the value using Oracle JDBC mapping
Datum[] outvalues = procout.getOraclePlsqlIndexTable (1);

// print the elements
for (int i=0; i<outvalues.length; i++)
    System.out.println (outvalues[i].intValue());

Java Primitive Type Mappings
The `getPlsqlIndexTable(int, Class)` method returns index-by table elements in Java primitive types. The return value is a Java array. The syntax for this method is the following:
synchronized public Object getPlsqlIndexTable
    (int paramIndex, Class primitiveType) throws SQLException
Table 4–7 describes the arguments of the `getPlsqlIndexTable` method.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Argument</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>int paramIndex</td>
<td>Indicates the parameter position within the statement.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Class primitiveType</td>
<td>Specifies a Java primitive type to which the index-by table elements are to be converted. For example, if you specify <code>java.lang.Integer.TYPE</code>, the return value is an <code>int</code> array. The following are the possible values of this parameter: <code>java.lang.Integer.TYPE</code> <code>java.lang.Long.TYPE</code> <code>java.lang.Float.TYPE</code> <code>java.lang.Double.TYPE</code> <code>java.lang.Short.TYPE</code></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The following code example uses the `getPlsqlIndexTable` method to access the elements of a PL/SQL index-by table of numbers. In the example, the second parameter specifies `java.lang.Integer.TYPE` and the return value of the `getPlsqlIndexTable` method is an `int` array.

OracleCallableStatement funcnone = (OracleCallableStatement) conn.prepareCall("begin ? := funcnone; end;");

// maximum length of the index-by table value. This
// value defines the maximum table size to be returned.
int maxLen = 10;

// index-by table element type
int elemSqlType = OracleTypes.NUMBER;

// index-by table element length in case the element type
// is CHAR, VARCHAR or RAW. This value is ignored for other
// types
int elemMaxLen = 0;

// register the return value
funcnone.registerIndexTableOutParameter (1, maxLen,
elemSqlType, elemMaxLen);

// execute the call
funcnone.execute();

// access the value as a Java primitive array.
int[] values = (int[])
    funcnone.getPlsqlIndexTable(1, java.lang.Integer.TYPE);

// print the elements
for (int i=0; i<values.length; i++)
    System.out.println(values[i]);
This chapter introduces the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) Thin client and covers the features supported only by the JDBC Thin driver. It also provides basic information about working with Oracle JDBC applets. This following topics are covered in this chapter:

- **Overview of JDBC Thin Client**
- **Additional Features Supported**
- **JDBC in Applets**

## Overview of JDBC Thin Client

The JDBC Thin client is a pure Java, Type IV driver. It is lightweight and easy to install. It provides high performance, comparable to the performance provided by the JDBC Oracle Call Interface (OCI) driver. The JDBC Thin driver is written entirely in Java, and therefore, it is platform-independent. Also, this driver does not require any additional Oracle software on the client-side.

The JDBC Thin driver communicates with the server using TTC, a protocol developed by Oracle to access data from Oracle Database. It can be used for application servers as well as for applets. The driver allows a direct connection to the database by providing an implementation of TCP/IP that implements Oracle Net and TTC on top of Java sockets. Both of these protocols are lightweight implementation versions of their counterparts on the server. The Oracle Net protocol runs over TCP/IP only.

The JDBC Thin driver can be used on both the client-side and the server-side. On the client-side, drivers can be used in Java applications or Java applets that run either on the client or in the middle tier of a three-tier configuration. On the server-side, this driver is used to access a remote Oracle Database instance or another session on the same database.

## Additional Features Supported

The JDBC Thin driver supports all standard JDBC features. The JDBC Thin driver also provides support for the following additional features:

- **Support for Applets**
- **Default Support for Native XA**
Support for Applets

The JDBC Thin driver is the only Oracle JDBC driver that provides support for applets. This driver can be downloaded along with the Java applet that is being run in a browser.

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**Note:** When the JDBC Thin driver is used with an applet, the browser used on the client-side must have the capability to support Java sockets.

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The HTTP protocol, which is usually used for communication over a network, is stateless. However, the JDBC Thin driver is not stateless. Therefore, the initial HTTP request to download the applet and the JDBC Thin driver is stateless. After the JDBC Thin driver establishes the database connection, the communication between the browser and the database is stateful and in a two-tier configuration.

**See Also:** "JDBC in Applets"

Default Support for Native XA

Similar to the JDBC OCI driver, the JDBC Thin driver also provides support for Native XA. However, the JDBC Thin driver provides support for Native XA by default. This is unlike the case of the JDBC OCI driver, in which the support for Native XA is not enabled by default.

**See Also:** "Native-XA in Oracle JDBC Drivers" on page 29-19

JDBC in Applets

You can use only the Oracle JDBC Thin driver for an applet. This section describes what you must do to connect an applet to a database. This description includes how to use the Connection Manager feature of Oracle Database, or signed applets if you are connecting to a database that is running on a different host from the Web server. It also describes how your applet can connect to a database through a firewall. The section concludes with how to package and deploy the applet.

The following topics are covered:

- Connecting to the Database Through the Applet
- Connecting to a Database on a Different Host Than the Web Server
- Using Applets with Firewalls
- Packaging Applets
- Specifying an Applet in an HTML Page

Connecting to the Database Through the Applet

The most common task of an applet using the JDBC driver is to connect to and query a database. Because of applet security restrictions, unless particular steps are taken, an applet can open TCP/IP sockets only to the host from which it was downloaded. This is the host on which the Web server is running. This means that without these steps, your applet can connect only to a database that is running on the same host as the Web server.
If your database and Web server are running on the same host, then there is no issue and no special steps are required. You can connect to the database as you would from an application.

As with connecting from an application, there are two ways in which you can specify the connection information to the driver. You can provide it in the form of `host:port:sid` or in the form of TNS keyword-value syntax.

For example, if the database to which you want to connect resides on host `prodHost`, at port `1521`, and system identifier (SID) `ORCL`, and you want to connect with user name `scott` and password `tiger`, then use either of the two following connection strings:

- **Using `host:port:sid` syntax:**
  ```java
  String connString="jdbc:oracle:thin:@prodHost:1521:ORCL";
  OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
  ods.setURL(connString);
  ods.setUser("scott");
  ods.setPassword("tiger");
  Connection conn = ods.getConnection();
  ```

- **Using TNS keyword-value syntax:**
  ```java
  String connString = "jdbc:oracle:thin:@(description=(address_list=(address=(protocol=tcp)(port=1521)(host=prodHost)))(connect_data=(INSTANCE_NAME=ORCL)))";
  OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
  ods.setURL(connString);
  ods.setUser("scott");
  ods.setPassword("tiger");
  Connection conn = ods.getConnection();
  ```

If you use the TNS keyword-value pair to specify the connection information to the JDBC Thin driver, then you must declare the protocol as TCP.

However, a Web server and database server both require many resources. You seldom find both servers running on the same computer. Usually, your applet connects to a database on a host other than the one on which the Web server runs. If you want your applet to connect to a database running on a different computer, then you have the following options:

- Use the Oracle Connection Manager on the host computer. The applet can connect to the Connection Manager, which connects to a database on another computer.
- Use signed applets, which can request socket connection privileges to other computers.

Your applet can also take advantage of the data encryption and integrity checksum features of the Advanced Security option of Oracle Database.

**Connecting to a Database on a Different Host Than the Web Server**

If you are connecting to a database on a host other than the one on which the Web server is running, then you must overcome applet security restrictions. You can do this in the following ways:

- **Using the Oracle Connection Manager**
- **Using Signed Applets**
Using the Oracle Connection Manager

The Oracle Connection Manager is a lightweight, highly scalable program that can receive Oracle Net packets and retransmit them to a different server. To a client running Oracle Net, the Connection Manager looks exactly like a database server. An applet that uses the JDBC Thin driver can connect to a Connection Manager running on the Web server host and have the Connection Manager redirect the Oracle Net packets to an Oracle server running on a different host.

Figure 5–1 illustrates the relationship between the applet, the Oracle Connection Manager, and the database.

Figure 5–1 Applet, Connection Manager, and Database Relationship

Using the Oracle Connection Manager requires two steps:

- Install and run the Connection Manager.
- Write the connection string that targets the Connection Manager.

Installing and Running the Oracle Connection Manager

You must install the Connection Manager, available on the Oracle distribution media, onto the Web server host.

On the Web server host, create a CMAN.ORA file in the ORACLE_HOME/NET8/ADMIN directory. The options you can declare in a CMAN.ORA file include firewall and connection pooling support.

Here is an example of a very simple CMAN.ORA file. Replace web-server-host with the name of your Web server host. The fourth line in the file indicates that the Connection Manager is listening on port 1610. You must use the same port number in your connection string for JDBC.

```cman = (ADDRESS_LIST =
 (ADDRESS = (PROTOCOL=TCP)
 (HOST=web-server-host)
 (PORT=1610)))

CMAN_PROFILE = (parameter_list =
 (MAXIMUM_RELAYS=512)
 (LOG_LEVEL=1)
 (TRACING=YES)
 (RELAY_STATISTICS=YES)
 (SHOW_TNS_INFO=YES)
 (USE_ASYNC_CALL=YES)
 (AUTHENTICATION_LEVEL=0)
 )
```

After you create the file, start the Connection Manager at the operating system prompt with the following command:

```cmct1 start```

Using the Oracle Connection Manager
To use your applet, you must now write the connection string for it.

**Writing the URL that Targets the Connection Manager**
The following text describes how to write the URL in your applet, so that the applet connects to the Connection Manager and the Connection Manager connects with the database. In the URL, you specify an address list that lists the protocol, port, and name of the Web server host on which the Connection Manager is running, followed by the protocol, port, and name of the host on which the database is running.

The following example describes the configuration illustrated in Figure 5–1. The Web server on which the Connection Manager is running is on host `webHost` and is listening on port 1610. The database to which you want to connect is running on host `oraHost`, listening on port 1521, and SID `ORCL`. You write the URL in TNS keyword-value format:

```java
String myURL = 
    "jdbc:oracle:thin:@(description=(address_list=
        (address=(protocol=tcp)(port=1610)(host=webHost))
        (address=(protocol=tcp)(port=1521)(host=oraHost)))
        (connect_data=(INSTANCE_NAME=orcl))
        (source_route=yes))";
OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
ods.setURL(myURL);
ods.setUser("scott");
ods.setPassword("tiger");
Connection conn = ods.getConnection();
```

The first element in the `address_list` entry represents the connection to the Connection Manager. The second element represents the database to which you want to connect. The order in which you list the addresses is important.

When your applet uses a URL, such as the preceding one, it will function exactly as if it were connected directly to the database on the host `oraHost`.

**Connecting Through Multiple Connection Managers**
Your applet can reach its target database even if it first has to go through multiple Connection Managers. For example, if the Connection Managers form a proxy chain. To do this, add the addresses of the Connection Managers to the address list, in the order that you plan to access them. The database listener should be the last address on this list.

**Using Signed Applets**
In a Java Development Kit (JDK) 1.2.x-based or later browser, an applet can request socket connection privileges and connect to a database running on a different host than the Web server host. Starting from Netscape 4.0, you perform this by signing your applet, that is, writing a signed applet. You must follow these steps:

1. Sign the applet. For information about the steps you must follow to sign an applet, refer to [http://java.sun.com](http://java.sun.com)
2. Include applet code that asks for appropriate privileges before opening a socket.
   If you are using Netscape, then your code would include a statement like this:

   ```java
   netscape.security.PrivilegeManager.enablePrivilege("UniversalConnect");
   OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
   ```
ods.setURL("jdbc:oracle:thin:scott/tiger@dlsun511:1721:orcl");
Connection conn = ods.getConnection();

3. You must obtain an object-signing certificate. Refer to a site that provides information about obtaining and installing a certificate.

For information about the Java Security API, including signed applet examples, see the following Sun Microsystems site:
http://java.sun.com/security

Using Applets with Firewalls

Under standard circumstances, an applet that uses the JDBC Thin driver cannot access the database through a firewall. In general, the purpose of a firewall is to prevent unauthorized clients from reaching the server. In the case of applets trying to connect to the database, the firewall prevents the opening of a TCP/IP socket to the database.

In general, firewalls are rule-based. They have a list of rules that define which clients can connect, and which cannot. Firewalls compare the host name of the client with the rules and, based on this comparison, either grant the client access or deny access. If the host name lookup fails, then the firewall tries again. This time, the firewall extracts the IP address of the client and compares it to the rules. The firewall is designed to do this so that users can specify rules that include host names as well as IP addresses.

You can solve the firewall issue by using an Oracle Net-compliant firewall and connection strings that comply with the firewall configuration. Oracle Net-compliant firewalls are available from many leading vendors.

An unsigned applet can access only the same host from which it is downloaded. In this case, the Oracle Net-compliant firewall must be installed on that host. In contrast, a signed applet can connect to any host. In this case, the firewall on the target host controls the access.

Connecting through a firewall requires two steps, as described in the following sections:

- Configuring a Firewall for Applets that use the JDBC Thin Driver
- Writing a URL to Connect Through a Firewall

Configuring a Firewall for Applets that use the JDBC Thin Driver

The instructions in this section assume that you are running an Oracle Net-compliant firewall.

Java applets do not have access to the local system. Because of the security limitations, applets cannot access the host name or environment variables on the local system. As a result, the JDBC Thin driver cannot access the host name on which it is running. The firewall cannot be provided with the host name. To allow requests from JDBC Thin clients to go through the firewall, you must do the following to the list of firewall rules:

- Add the IP address, and not the host name, of the host on which the JDBC applet is running.
- Ensure that the host name, "__jdbc__", never appears in the firewall rules. This host name has been hard-coded as a false host name inside the driver to force an IP address lookup. If you do enter this host name in the list of rules, then every applet using the JDBC Thin driver will be able to go through your firewall.
Writing a URL to Connect Through a Firewall

To write a URL that enables you to connect through a firewall, you must specify the name of the firewall host and the name of the database host to which you want to connect.

For example, if you want to connect to a database on host `oraHost`, listening on port 1521, with SID `ORCL`, and you are going through a firewall on host `fireWallHost`, listening on port 1610, then use the following URL:

```java
OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
ods.setURL("jdbc:oracle:thin:@(description=(address_list=" +
    "{address=(protocol=tcp)(host=<firewall-host>)(port=1610))" +
    "{address=(protocol=tcp)(host=oraHost)(port=1521))" +
    "{source_route=yes}" +
    "{connect_data=(SERVICE_NAME=orcl)})")");
ods.setUser("scott");
ods.setPassword("tiger");
Connection conn = ods.getConnection();
```

The first element in the `address_list` represents the connection to the firewall. The second element represents the database to which you want to connect. Note that the order in which you specify the addresses is important.

You can also write the preceding URL in the following format:

```java
String connString =
    "jdbc:oracle:thin:@example.us.oracle.com:1521:orcl";
OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
ods.setURL(connString);
ods.setUser("scott");
ods.setPassword("tiger");
Connection conn = ods.getConnection();
```

Note: To connect through a firewall, you cannot specify the URL in `host:port:sid` syntax. For example, a URL specified as follows will not work:

```java
String connString =
    "jdbc:oracle:thin:@example.us.oracle.com:1521:orcl";
OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
ods.setURL(connString);
ods.setUser("scott");
ods.setPassword("tiger");
Connection conn = ods.getConnection();
```

When your applet uses a URL similar to the preceding URL, it will act as if it were connected to the database on host `oraHost`. 
Packaging Applets

After you have coded your applet, you must package it and make it available to users. To package an applet, you will need your applet class files and the JDBC driver class files contained in the ojdbc5.jar or ojdbc6.jar files.

Follow these steps:

1. Move the JDBC driver classes file ojdbc5.jar or ojdbc6.jar to an empty directory.
   
   If your applet connects to a database with a non-US7ASCII and non-WE8ISO8859P1 character set and uses Oracle object types, then also move the orai18n.jar file to the same directory.

2. Add your applet classes files to the directory and any other files that the applet may require.

3. Zip the applet classes and driver classes together into a single ZIP or Java Archive (JAR) file. The single ZIP file should contain the following:
   
   - Class files from the ojdbc5.jar or ojdbc6.jar files and required class files from the orai18n.jar files, if the applet requires Globalization Support
   - Your applet classes

4. Ensure that the ZIP or JAR file is not compressed.

You can now make the applet available to users. One way to do this is to add the APPLET tag to the HTML page from which the applet will be run. For example:

```
<APPLET WIDTH=500 HEIGHT=200 CODE=JdbcApplet ARCHIVE=JdbcApplet.zip CODEBASE=Applet_Samples>
</APPLET>
```

Specifying an Applet in an HTML Page

The APPLET tag specifies an applet that runs in the context of an HTML page. The APPLET tag can have the following attributes: CODE, ARCHIVE, CODEBASE, WIDTH, and HEIGHT. These attributes are described in the following sections:

- CODE, HEIGHT, and WIDTH
- CODEBASE
- ARCHIVE

CODE, HEIGHT, and WIDTH

The HTML page that runs the applet must have an APPLET tag with an initial width and height to specify the size of the applet display area. You use the HEIGHT and WIDTH attributes to specify the size, measured in pixels. This size should not count any windows or dialog boxes that the applet opens.

The APPLET tag must also specify the name of the file that contains the compiled applet. Specify the file name with the CODE attribute. Any path specified must be relative to the base URL of the applet. The path cannot be absolute.
In the following example, JdbcApplet.class is the name of the compiled applet:

```html
<APPLET CODE="JdbcApplet" WIDTH=500 HEIGHT=200>
</APPLET>
```

If you use this form of the CODE attribute, then the classes for the applet and the JDBC Thin driver must be in the same directory as the HTML page.

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**Note:** Do not include the file name extension, .class, in the CODE attribute.

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**CODEBASE**

The CODEBASE attribute is optional. It specifies the base URL of the applet, that is, the name of the directory that contains the code of the applet. If it is not specified, then the URL of the document is used. This means that the classes for the applet and the JDBC Thin driver must be in the same directory as the HTML page. For example, if the current directory is my_Dir:

```html
<APPLET WIDTH=500 HEIGHT=200 CODE=JdbcApplet CODEBASE=".">
</APPLET>
```

The attribute, CODEBASE="." , indicates that the applet resides in the current directory, my_Dir.

Now, consider that the value of CODEBASE is set to Applet_Samples, as follows:

```html
<APPLET WIDTH=500 HEIGHT=200 CODE=JdbcApplet CODEBASE="Applet_Samples">
</APPLET>
```

This would indicate that the applet resides in the my_Dir/Applet_Samples directory.

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**ARCHIVE**

The ARCHIVE attribute is optional. It specifies the name of the archive file that contains the applet classes and resources the applet needs. Oracle recommends using an archive file, which saves many extra round-trips to the server.

The archive file will be preloaded. If you have more than one archive file in the list, separate them with commas. In the following example, the class files are stored in the archive file, JdbcApplet.zip:

```html
<APPLET CODE="JdbcApplet" ARCHIVE="JdbcApplet.zip" WIDTH=500 HEIGHT=200>
</APPLET>
```

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**Note:** Version 3.0 browsers do not support the ARCHIVE attribute.
This chapter introduces the features specific to the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) Oracle Call Interface (OCI) driver. It also describes the OCI Instant Client. This chapter contains the following sections:

- OCI Connection Pooling
- Client Result Cache
- Transparent Application Failover
- OCI Native XA
- OCI Instant Client
- Instant Client Light (English)

**OCI Connection Pooling**

The OCI connection pooling feature is an Oracle-designed extension. The connection pooling provided by the JDBC OCI driver enables applications to have multiple logical connections, all of which are using a small set of physical connections. Each call on a logical connection is routed on to the physical connection that is available at the given time.

**See Also:** Chapter 24, "OCI Connection Pooling"

**Client Result Cache**

Client result cache feature enables client-side caching of SQL query result sets in client memory. In this way, OCI applications can use client memory to take advantage of the client result cache to improve response times of repetitive queries.

**See Also:** Oracle Call Interface Programmer's Guide

This section covers the following topics:

- Benefits of Client Result Cache
- Usage Guidelines in JDBC

**Benefits of Client Result Cache**

The benefits of the OCI client-side result set cache are the following:
The JDBC OCI client-side result set cache is completely transparent to OCI applications and its cache of result set data is kept consistent with any session or database changes that affect its result set.

Since the result cache is on the client-side, a cache hit causes SQL query execute and fetch calls to be processed locally, instead of making server round trips. This can result in huge performance savings for server resources, for example, server CPU and server I/O.

The result cache on JDBC OCI client is per-process, so multiple client sessions can simultaneously use matching cached result sets.

The result cache on JDBC OCI client minimizes the need for each OCI application to have its own custom result set cache.

The result cache on JDBC OCI client uses OCI client memory that is cheaper than server memory.

Usage Guidelines in JDBC

You can enable result caching in the following two ways:

- **RESULT_CACHE_MODE Parameter**
- **Table Annotations**
- **SQL Hints**

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**Note:**

- You must use JDBC statement caching or cache statements at the application level when using the JDBC OCI client result cache. For more information on JDBC statement caching, refer to "Statement and Result Set Caching".

- The SQL hints take precedence over the session parameter `RESULT_CACHE_MODE` and table annotations. The table annotation `FORCE` takes precedence over session parameter.

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**RESULT_CACHE_MODE Parameter**

You can use the `RESULT_CACHE_MODE` parameter to decide the result cache mode across tables in your queries. Use this clause with the `ALTER SESSION` and `ALTER SYSTEM` statements, or inside the server parameter file (`init.ora`) to determine result caching. You can set the `RESULT_CACHE_MODE` parameter to control whether the SQL query result cache is used for all queries, or only for the queries that are annotated with the result cache hint using SQL hints or table annotations.

**Table Annotations**

You can use table annotations to enable result caching without making changes to the code. The `ALTER TABLE` and `CREATE TABLE` statements enable you to annotate tables with result cache mode. The syntax is:

```sql
CREATE|ALTER TABLE [<schema>.]<table> ... [RESULT_CACHE (MODE {FORCE|DEFAULT})]
```

Following example shows how to use table annotations with `CREATE TABLE` statements:

```sql
CREATE TABLE foo (a NUMBER, b VARCHAR2(20)) RESULT_CACHE (MODE FORCE);
```
Following example shows how to use table annotations with \texttt{ALTER \ TABLE} statements:
\begin{verbatim}
ALTER TABLE foo RESULT_CACHE (MODE DEFAULT);
\end{verbatim}

\textbf{SQL Hints}

You can use SQL hints to specify the queries to be cached by annotating the queries with a \texttt{/*+ result\_cache */} or \texttt{/*+ no\_result\_cache */} hint. For example, look at the following code snippet:

\begin{verbatim}
String query = "select /*+ result_cache */ * from emp where empno < : 1";
(oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection)conn).setImplicitCachingEnabled(true);
(oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection)conn).setStatementCacheSize(10);
PreparedStatement pstmt;
ResultSet rs;
for (int j = 0 ; j < 10 ; j++ )
{
 pstmt = conn.prepareStatement (query);
pstmt.setInt(1,7500);
rs = pstmt.executeQuery();
while (rs.next( ) )
{     // see the values
    rs.close;
pstmt.close( ) ;
}
}
\end{verbatim}

In the preceding example, the client result cache hint \texttt{/*+ result\_cache */} is annotated to the actual query, that is, \texttt{select * from emp where empno < : 1}. So, the first execution of the query goes to the database and the result set is cached for the remaining nine executions of the query. This improves the performance of your application significantly. This is primarily useful for read-only data.

Following are some more examples of SQL hints. All the following examples assume that the \texttt{dept} table is annotated for result caching by using the following command:
\begin{verbatim}
ALTER TABLE dept result_cache (MODE FORCE);
\end{verbatim}

\textbf{Examples}

- \begin{verbatim}
SELECT * FROM emp
\end{verbatim}
The result set will not be cached.

- \begin{verbatim}
SELECT * FROM dept
\end{verbatim}
The result set will be cached.

- \begin{verbatim}
SELECT /*+ result_cache */ empno FROM emp
\end{verbatim}
The result set will be cached.

- \begin{verbatim}
SELECT /*+ no_result_cache */ deptno FROM dept
\end{verbatim}
The result set will not be cached.

- \begin{verbatim}
SELECT /*+ result_cache */ * FROM dept
\end{verbatim}
The result set will be cached though query hint is not necessary.
- SELECT e.ename FROM emp e, dept d WHERE e.deptno = d.deptno
  The result set will not be cached because neither is a query hint available nor are all the tables annotated as FORCE.

**Note:** For information about usage guidelines, Client cache consistency, Deployment Time settings, Client cache Statistics, Validation of client result cache, and OCI Client Result Cache and Server Result Cache, refer to the *Oracle Call Interface Programmer's Guide*.

### Transparent Application Failover

The Transparent Application Failover feature of JDBC OCI driver enables you to automatically reconnect to a database if the database instance to which the connection is made goes down. The new database connection, though created by a different node, is identical to the original.

**See Also:** Chapter 28, "Transparent Application Failover"

### OCI Native XA

The JDBC OCI driver also provides a feature called Native XA. This feature enables to use native APIs to send XA commands. The native APIs provide high performance gains as compared to non-native APIs.

**See Also:** "OCI Native XA" on page 29-20

### OCI Instant Client

This section covers the following topics:
- Overview of Instant Client
- Benefits of Instant Client
- JDBC OCI Instant Client Installation Process
- Usage of Instant Client
- Patching Instant Client Shared Libraries
- Regeneration of Data Shared Library and ZIP files
- Database Connection Names for OCI Instant Client
- Environment Variables for OCI Instant Client

#### Overview of Instant Client

The Instant Client feature makes it extremely easy to deploy OCI, Oracle C++ Call Interface (OCCI), Open Database Connectivity (ODBC), and JDBC-OCI based customer applications, by eliminating the need for an Oracle home. The storage space requirement of a JDBC OCI application running in the Instant Client mode is significantly reduced compared to the same application running on a full client-side installation. The Instant Client shared libraries occupy only about one-fourth the disk space used by a full client installation.
Table 6–1 shows the Oracle client-side files required to deploy a JDBC OCI application. Library names of release 11.2 are used in the table. The number part of library names will change in future releases to agree with the release.

Table 6–1  OCI Instant Client Shared Libraries

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Note: To provide Native XA functionality, you must copy the JDBC XA class library. On UNIX systems, this library, libheteroxa11.so, is located in the ORACLE_HOME/jdbc/lib directory. On Microsoft Windows, this library, heteroxa11.dll, is located in the ORACLE_HOME\bin directory.

Benefits of Instant Client

The benefits of Instant Client are the following:

- Installation involves copying a small number of files.
- The number of required files and the total disk storage on the Oracle client-side are significantly reduced.
- There is no loss of functionality or performance for applications deployed with the Instant Client.
- It is simple for independent software vendors to package applications.

JDBC OCI Instant Client Installation Process

The Instant Client libraries can be installed by choosing the Instant Client option from Oracle Universal Installer. The Instant Client libraries can also be downloaded from the Oracle Technology Network Web site. The installation process is as follows:

1. Download and install the Instant Client shared libraries and Oracle JDBC class libraries to a directory, such as instantclient.

2. Set the library path environment variable to the directory from Step 1. For example, on UNIX systems, set the LD_LIBRARY_PATH environment variable to instantclient. On Microsoft Windows, set the PATH environment variable to locate the instantclient directory.

3. Add the full path names of the JDBC class libraries to the CLASSPATH environment variable.

After completing these steps you are ready to run the JDBC OCI application.

The JDBC OCI application operates in the Instant Client mode when the OCI and JDBC shared libraries are accessible through the library path environment variable. In the Instant Client mode, there is no dependency on the ORACLE_HOME and none of the
other code and data files provided in ORACLE_HOME is needed by JDBC OCI, except for the tnsnames.ora file.

Instant Client can be also installed from Oracle Universal Installer by selecting the Instant Client option. The Instant Client files should always be installed in an empty directory. As with the OTN installation, you must set the LD_LIBRARY_PATH environment variable to the Instant Client directory to operate in the Instant Client mode.

If you have done a complete client installation by choosing the Admin option, then the Instant Client shared libraries are also installed. The location of the Instant Client shared libraries and JDBC class libraries in a full client installation is:

On Linux or UNIX systems:
- libociei.so library is in $ORACLE_HOME/instantclient
- libclnstsh.so.11.2, libocijdbc11.so, and libnnz11.so are in $ORACLE_HOME/lib
- The JDBC class libraries are in $ORACLE_HOME/jdbc/lib

On Microsoft Windows:
- oraociei11.dll library is in ORACLE_HOME\instantclient
- oci.dll, ocijdbc11.dll, and orannzsbb11.dll are in ORACLE_HOME\bin
- The JDBC class libraries are in ORACLE_HOME\jdbc\lib

By copying these files to a different directory, setting the library path to locate this directory, and adding the path names of the JDBC class libraries to the CLASSPATH environment variable, you can enable running the JDBC OCI application in the Instant Client mode.
Usage of Instant Client

Usage of Instant Client

Instant Client is a deployment feature and should be used for running production applications. For development, a full installation is necessary to access demonstration programs and so on. In general, all JDBC OCI functionality is available to an application being run in the Instant Client mode, except that the Instant Client mode is for client-side operation only. Therefore, server-side external procedures cannot operate in the Instant Client mode.

Patching Instant Client Shared Libraries

Patching Instant Client Shared Libraries

Because Instant Client is a deployment feature, the emphasis has been on reducing the number and size of files required to run a JDBC OCI application. Therefore, all files needed to patch Instant Client shared libraries are not available in an Instant Client deployment. An ORACLE_HOME based full client installation is needed to patch the Instant Client shared libraries. The opatch utility will take care of patching the Instant Client shared libraries.

Note: On Microsoft Windows, you cannot patch the shared libraries.
After applying the patch in an `ORACLE_HOME` environment, copy the files listed in Table 6-1, "OCI Instant Client Shared Libraries" to the instant client directory as described in "JDBC OCI Instant Client Installation Process".

Instead of copying individual files, you can generate Instant Client ZIP files for OCI, OCCI, JDBC, and SQL*Plus as described in "Regeneration of Data Shared Library and ZIP files". Then, you can copy the ZIP files to the target computer and unzip them as described in "JDBC OCI Instant Client Installation Process".

The `opatch` utility stores the patching information of the `ORACLE_HOME` installation in `libclnstsh.so.11.2`. This information can be retrieved by the following command:

```
 genezi -v
```

Note that if the computer from where Instant Client is deployed does not have the `genezi` utility, then it must be copied from the `ORACLE_HOME/bin` directory on the computer that has the `ORACLE_HOME` installation.

**Regeneration of Data Shared Library and ZIP files**

The OCI Instant Client Data Shared Library, `libociei.so`, can be regenerated by performing the following steps in an Administrator Installation of `ORACLE_HOME`:

```
mkdir -p $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/install/instantclient/light
cd $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/lib
make -f ins_rdbms.mk libociei
```

A new version of the `libociei.so` Data Shared Library based on the current files in the `ORACLE_HOME` is then placed in the `ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/install/instantclient` directory.

Note that the location of the regenerated Data Shared Library, `libociei.so`, is different from that of the original Data Shared Library, `libociei.so`, which is located in the `ORACLE_HOME/instantclient` directory.

The preceding steps also generate Instant Client ZIP files for OCI, OCCI, JDBC, and SQL*Plus.

Regeneration of data shared library and ZIP files is not available on Microsoft Windows platforms.

**Database Connection Names for OCI Instant Client**

All Oracle Net naming methods that do not require the `ORACLE_HOME` or `TNS_ADMIN` environment variables to locate configuration files, such as `tnsnames.ora` or `sqlnet.ora`, work in the Instant Client mode. In particular, the connection string can be specified in the following formats:

- A Thin-style connection string of the form:

  ```
  host:port:service_name
  ```

  For example:

  ```
  url="jdbc:oracle:oci:8://example.com:5521:bjava21"
  ```

- A SQL connection URL string of the form:

  ```
  //host:[port]/[service name]
  ```

  For example:
As an Oracle Net keyword-value pair. For example:

```java
url="jdbc:oracle:oci:@(DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp)
                    (HOST=dlsun242) (PORT=5521))
                    (CONNECT_DATA=(SERVICE_NAME=bjava21)))"
```

Naming methods that require TNS_ADMIN to locate configuration files continue to work if the TNS_ADMIN environment variable is set.

**See Also:** Oracle Database Net Services Administrator’s Guide for more information about connection formats

If the TNS_ADMIN environment variable is not set and TNSNAMES entries, such as inst1, are used, then the ORACLE_HOME environment variable must be set and the configuration files are expected to be in the $ORACLE_HOME/network/admin directory.

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**Note:** In this case, the ORACLE_HOME environment variable is used only for locating Oracle Net configuration files. No other component of Client Code Library uses the value of the ORACLE_HOME environment variable.

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The empty connection string is not supported. However, an alternate way to use the empty connection string is to set the TWO_TASK environment variable on UNIX systems, or the LOCAL variable on Microsoft Windows, to either a tnsnames.ora entry or an Oracle Net keyword-value pair. If TWO_TASK or LOCAL is set to a tnsnames.ora entry, then the tnsnames.ora file must be loaded by the TNS_ADMIN or ORACLE_HOME setting.

**Example**

Consider that the listener.ora file on the database server contains the following information:

```
LISTENER = (ADDRESS_LIST=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp)
               (HOST=server6) (PORT=1573)))

SID_LIST_LISTENER = (SID_DESC=(SID_NAME=rdbms3)
                      (GLOBAL_DBNAME=rdbms3.server6.us.alchemy.com)
                      (ORACLE_HOME=/home/dba/rdbms3/oracle))
```

You can connect to this server in one of the following ways:

```java
url = "jdbc:oracle:oci:@(DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp)
                      (HOST=server6) (PORT=1573))
                      (CONNECT_DATA=(SERVICE_NAME=rdbms3.server6.us.alchemy.com)))"
```

or:

```java
url = "jdbc:oracle:oci:@//server6:1573/rdbms3.server6.us.alchemy.com"
```

Alternatively, you can set the TWO_TASK environment variable to any of the connection strings and connect to the database server without specifying the connection string along with the sqlplus command. For example, set the TWO_TASK environment in one of the following ways:

```bash
setenv TWO_TASK "(DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp) (HOST=server6) (PORT=1573))"
```
Now, you can connect to the database server using the following URL:

```
url = "jdbc:oracle:oci:@"
```

The connection string can also be stored in the `tnsnames.ora` file. For example, consider that the `tnsnames.ora` file contains the following:

```
conn_str = (DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp)(HOST=server6)(PORT=1573))
   (CONNECT_DATA=(SERVICE_NAME=rdbms3.server6.us.alchemy.com)))
```

If this `tnsnames.ora` file is located in the `/home/webuser/instantclient` directory, then you can set the `TNS_ADMIN` environment variable (or `LOCAL` on Microsoft Windows) as follows:

```
setenv TNS_ADMIN /home/webuser/instantclient
```

Now, you can connect as follows:

```
url = "jdbc:oracle:oci:@conn_str"
```

If this `tnsnames.ora` file is located in the `/network/server6/home/dba/oracle/network/admin` directory in the Oracle home, then instead of using `TNS_ADMIN` to locate the `tnsnames.ora` file, you can set the `ORACLE_HOME` environment variable as follows:

```
setenv ORACLE_HOME /network/server6/home/dba/oracle
```

Now, you can connect with either of the `conn_str` connection strings, as specified previously.

If `tnsnames.ora` can be located by `TNS_ADMIN` or `ORACLE_HOME`, then `TWO_TASK` can be set to:

```
setenv TWO_TASK conn_str
```

You can then connect with the following URL:

```
url = "jdbc:oracle:oci:@"
```

---

**Environment Variables for OCI Instant Client**

The `ORACLE_HOME` environment variable no longer determines the location of the NLS, CORE, and error message files. An OCI-only application does not require the `ORACLE_HOME` environment variable to be set. However, if the variable is set, then it does not have an impact on the operation of the OCI driver. OCI driver always obtains its data from the Data Shared Library. If the Data Shared Library is not available, only then the `ORACLE_HOME` environment variable is used and a full client installation is
assumed. Even though the ORACLE_HOME environment variable is not required to be
set, if it is set, then it must be set to a valid operating system path name that identifies
a directory.

Environment variables ORA_NLS10 and ORA_NLS Profiles33 are ignored in the
Instant Client mode.

In the Instant Client mode, if the ORA_TZFILE variable is not set, then the larger, the
default, timezone_lrg.n.dat file from the Data Shared Library is used. If the smaller
timezone.n.dat file is to be used from the Data Shared Library, then set the ORA_
TZFILE environment variable to the name of the file without any absolute or relative
path names. That is:

On UNIX systems:

setenv ORA_TZFILE timezone_n.dat

On Microsoft Windows:

set ORA_TZFILE timezone_n.dat

In the examples above, n is the time zone data file version number.

If the OCI driver is not operating in the Instant Client mode because of nonavailability
of the Data Shared Library, then the ORA_TZFILE variable, if set, names a complete
path name, as it does in previous Oracle Database releases.

If TNSNAMES entries are used, then, as mentioned earlier, the TNS_ADMIN directory
must contain the TNSNAMES configuration files, and if TNS_ADMIN is not set, then the
ORACLE_HOME/network/admin directory must contain Oracle Net Services
configuration files.

Instant Client Light (English)

The lightweight version of Instant Client is called Instant Client Light (English). Instant
Client Light is the short name. Instant Client Light is a significantly smaller
version of Instant Client. This reduces the disk space requirements of the client
installation by about 63 MB. This is achieved by the lightweight Data Shared Library,
libociicus.so on UNIX systems, which is 4 MB in size and a subset of the data
shared library, libociiei.so, which is 67 MB in size.

The lightweight data shared library supports only a few character sets and error
messages that are only in English. Therefore, the name Instant Client Light (English).
Instant Client Light is designed for applications that require English-only error
messages and use either US7ASCII, WE8DEC, or one of the Unicode character sets.

Table 6–2 lists the names of the data shared libraries for Instant Client and Instant
Client Light (English) on different platforms. The table also specifies the size of each
data shared library in parentheses following the library file name.

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<td>Sun Solaris</td>
<td>libociiei.so (67 MB)</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Linux</td>
<td>libociiei.so (67 MB)</td>
<td>libociicus.so (4 MB)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Microsoft Windows</td>
<td>oraociie11.dll (85 MB)</td>
<td>oraociicus11.dll (15 MB)</td>
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</table>

This section covers the following topics:
Globalization Settings

The NLS_LANG setting determines the language, territory, and character set as language_territory.characterset. In Instant Client Light, language can only be American, territory can be any that is supported, and characterset can be any one of the following:

- Single-byte
  - US7ASCII
  - WE8DEC
  - WE8MSWIN1252
  - WE8ISO8859P1

- Unicode
  - UTF8
  - AL16UTF16
  - AL32UTF8

Specifying character set or national character set other than those listed as the client or server character set or setting the language in NLS_LANG on the client will throw one of the following errors:

- ORA-12734
- ORA-12735
- ORA-12736
- ORA-12737

With Instant Client Light, the error messages obtained are only in English. Therefore, the valid values for the NLS_LANG setting are of the type:

American_territory.characterset

where, territory can be any valid and supported territory and characterset can be any one the previously listed character sets.

Instant Client Light can operate with the OCI environment handles created in the OCI_UTF16 mode.

See Also: Oracle Database Globalization Support Guide for more information about NLS settings.

Operation

To operate in the Instant Client Light mode, an application must set the LD_LIBRARY_PATH environment variable in UNIX systems or the PATH environment variable in Microsoft Windows to a location containing the client and data shared libraries. OCI applications by default look for the OCI Data Shared Library, liboci11.so in the LD_LIBRARY_PATH environment variable in UNIX systems or the oraociei11.dll Data Shared Library in the PATH environment variable in
Microsoft Windows, to determine if the application should operate in the Instant Client mode. In case this library is not found, then OCI tries to load the Instant Client Light Data Shared Library, `libociicus.so` in UNIX systems or `libociicus11.dll` in Microsoft Windows. If this library is found, then the application operates in the Instant Client Light mode. Otherwise, a non-Instant Client mode is assumed.

**Installation**

Instant Client Light can be installed in one of the following ways:

- **From OTN**
  You can download the required file from
  

  For Instant Client Light, instead of downloading and expanding the Basic package, download and unzip the Basic Light package. The `instantclient_11_2` directory in which the lightweight libraries are unzipped should be empty before unzipping the files.

- **From Client Admin Install**
  Instead of copying `libociei.so` or `oraociei11.dll` from the `ORACLE_HOME/instantclient` directory, copy `libociicus.so` or `oraociic10.dll` from the `ORACLE_HOME/instantclient/light` directory. That is, the Instant Client directory on the `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` environment variable, in UNIX systems, should contain the Instant Client Light Data Shared Library, `libociicus.so`, instead of the larger OCI Instant Client Data Shared Library, `libociei.so`. In Microsoft Windows, the `PATH` environment variable should contain `oraociicus11.dll` instead of `oraociei11.dll`.

- **From Oracle Universal Installer**
  If the Instant Client option is selected from Oracle Universal Installer, then `libociei.so` (or `oraociei11.dll` on Microsoft Windows) is installed in the base directory of the installation which is going to be placed on the `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` environment variable. This is so that Instant Client Light is not enabled by default. The Instant Client Light Data Shared Library, `libociicus.so` (or `oraociicus11.dll` on Microsoft Windows), is installed in the `light` subdirectory of the base directory. Therefore, to operate in the Instant Client Light mode, the OCI Data Shared Library, `libociei.so` (or `oraociei11.dll` on Windows) must be deleted or renamed and the Instant Client Light Data Shared Library must be copied from the `light` subdirectory to the base directory of the installation.

  For example, if Oracle Universal Installer has installed the Instant Client in `my_oraic_11_1` directory on the `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` environment variable, then one would need to do the following to operate in the Instant Client Light mode:

  ```
  cd my_oraic_11_1
  rm libociei.so
  mv light/libociicus.so .
  ```
Note: All the Instant Client files should always be copied or installed in an empty directory. This is to ensure that no incompatible binaries exist in the installation.
This chapter covers the following topics:

- Overview of the Server-Side Internal Driver
- Connecting to the Database
- Session and Transaction Context
- Testing JDBC on the Server
- Loading an Application into the Server

Overview of the Server-Side Internal Driver

The server-side internal driver is intrinsically tied to Oracle Database and to the Oracle Java Virtual Machine (Oracle JVM). The driver runs as part of the same process as the Database. It also runs within the default session, the same session in which the Oracle JVM was started. Each Oracle JVM session has a single implicit native connection to the Database session in which it exists. This connection is conceptual and is not a Java object. It is an inherent aspect of the session and cannot be opened or closed from within the JVM.

The server-side internal driver is optimized to run within the database server and provide direct access to SQL data and PL/SQL subprograms on the local database. The entire JVM operates in the same address space as the database and the SQL engine. Access to the SQL engine is a function call. This enhances the performance of your Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) applications and is much faster than running a remote Oracle Net call to access the SQL engine.

The server-side internal driver supports the same features, application programming interfaces (APIs), and Oracle extensions as the client-side drivers. This makes application partitioning very straightforward. For example, if you have a Java application that is data-intensive, then you can easily move it into the database server for better performance, without having to modify the application-specific calls.

Connecting to the Database

As described in the preceding section, the server-side internal driver runs within a default session. Therefore, you are already connected. There are two methods to access the default connection:

- Use the `OracleDataSource.getConnection` method, with any of the following forms as the URL string:
  - `jdbc:oracle:kprb`
Connecting to the Database

- jdbc:default:connection
- jdbc:oracle:kprb:
- jdbc:default:connection:

Use the Oracle-specific defaultConnection method of the OracleDriver class.

Using defaultConnection is generally recommended.

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**Note:** You are no longer required to register the OracleDriver class for connecting with the server-side internal driver.

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### Connecting with the OracleDriver Class defaultConnection Method

The defaultConnection method of the oracle.jdbc.OracleDriver class is an Oracle extension and always returns the same connection object. Even if you call this method multiple times, assigning the resulting connection object to different variable names, then only a single connection object is reused.

You need *not* include a connection string in the defaultConnection call. For example:

```java
import java.sql.*;
import oracle.jdbc.*;

class JDBCConnection {
    public static Connection connect() throws SQLException {
        Connection conn = null;
        try {
            // connect with the server-side internal driver
            conn = ora.defaultConnection();
        }
        catch (SQLException e) {...}
        return conn;
    }
}
```

Note that there is no `conn.close` call in the example. When JDBC code is running inside the target server, the connection is an implicit data channel, not an explicit connection instance as from a client. It should *not* be closed.

OracleDriver has a static variable to store a default connection instance. The method OracleDriver.defaultConnection returns this default connection instance if the connection exists and is not closed. Otherwise, it creates a new, open instance and stores it in the static variable and returns it to the caller.

Typically, you should use the OracleDriver.defaultConnection method. This method is faster and uses less resources. Java stored procedures should be carefully written. For example, to close statements before the end of each call.

Typically, you should not close the default connection instance because it is a single instance that can be stored in multiple places, and if you close the instance, each would become unusable. If it is closed, a later call to the OracleDriver.defaultConnection method gets a new, open instance.
**Connecting with the OracleDataSource.getConnection Method**

To connect to the internal server connection from code that is running within the target server, you can use the `OracleDataSource.getConnection` method with either of the following URLs:

```java
OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
ods.setURL("jdbc:oracle:kprb");
Connection conn = ods.getConnection();
```

or:

```java
OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
ods.setURL("jdbc:default:connection");
Connection conn = ods.getConnection();
```

or:

```java
OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
ods.setURL("jdbc:oracle:kprb:");
Connection conn = ods.getConnection();
```

or:

```java
OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
ods.setURL("jdbc:default:connection:");
Connection conn = ods.getConnection();
```

Any user name or password you include in the URL is ignored in connecting to the default server connection.

The `OracleDataSource.getConnection` method returns a new `java.sql.Connection` object every time you call it. The fact that `OracleDataSource.getConnection` returns a new connection object every time you call it is significant if you are working with object maps or type maps. A type map is associated with a specific `Connection` object and with any state that is part of the object. If you want to use multiple type maps as part of your program, then you can call `getConnection` to create a new `Connection` object for each type map.

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**Note:** Although the `OracleDataSource.getConnection` method returns a new object every time you call it, it does not create a new database connection every time. They all utilize the same implicit native connection and share the same session state, in particular, the local transaction.

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**Session and Transaction Context**

The server-side driver operates within a default session and default transaction context. The default session is the session in which the JVM was started. In effect, you are already connected to the database on the server. This is different from the client-side where there is no default session. You must explicitly connect to the database.

Auto-commit mode is disabled in the server. You must manage transaction `COMMIT` and `ROLLBACK` operations explicitly by using the appropriate methods on the connection object:

```java
conn.commit();
```

or:
conn.rollback();

---

**Note:** As a best practice, it is recommended not to commit or rollback a transaction inside the server.

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**Testing JDBC on the Server**

Almost any JDBC program that can run on a client can also run on the server. All the programs in the *samples* directory can be run on the server, with only minor modifications. Usually, these modifications concern only the connection statement.

Consider the following code fragment which obtains a connection to a database:

```java
ods.setUrl("jdbc:oracle:oci:@(DESCRIPTION=
  (ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=TCP)(HOST=cluster_alias)
  (PORT=1521))
  (CONNECT_DATA=(SERVICE_NAME=service_name)))");
ods.setUser("scott");
ods.setPassword("tiger");
Connection conn = ods.getConnection();
```

We can modify this code fragment for use in the server-side internal driver. In the server-side internal driver, no user, password, or database information is necessary. For the connection statement, you use:

```java
ods.setUrl("jdbc:oracle:kprb:@");
Connection conn = ods.getConnection();
```

However, the most convenient way to get a connection is to call the `OracleDriver.defaultConnection` method, as follows:

```java
Connection conn = OracleDriver.defaultConnection();
```

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**Loading an Application into the Server**

When loading an application into the server, you can load `.class` files that you have already compiled on the client or you can load `.java` source files and have them automatically compiled on the server.

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**Using the Loadjava Utility**

You can use the `loadjava` utility to load your files. You can either specify source file names on the command line or put the files into a Java Archive (JAR) file and specify the JAR file name on the command line.

The `loadjava` script, which runs the actual utility, is in the `bin` directory in your Oracle home. This directory should already be in your path once Oracle has been installed.

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**Note:** The `loadjava` utility supports compressed files.
Loading Class Files into the Server
Consider a case where you have the following three class files in your application: Foo1.class, Foo2.class, and Foo3.class. Each class is written into its own class schema object in the server.

You can load the class files using the default JDBC Oracle Call Interface (OCI) driver in the following ways:

- Specifying the individual class file names, as follows:
  \[ \text{loadjava} -\text{user} \text{ scott}\ Foo1.class \text{ Foo2.class}\ Foo3.class \]
  Password: \textit{password}

- Specifying the class file names using a wildcard, as follows:
  \[ \text{loadjava} -\text{user} \text{ scott}\ Foo*.class \]
  Password: \textit{password}

- Specifying a JAR file that contains the class files, as follows:
  \[ \text{loadjava} -\text{user} \text{ scott}\ Foo.jar \]
  Password: \textit{password}

You can load the files using the JDBC Thin driver, as follows:

\[ \text{loadjava} -\text{thin} -\text{user} \text{ scott}@\text{localhost}:1521:ORCL\ Foo.jar \]
Password: \textit{password}

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**Note:** Because the server-side embedded JVM uses Java Development Kit (JDK) 1.5, it is advisable to compile classes under JDK 1.5, if they will be loaded into the server. This will catch incompatibilities during compilation, instead of at run time.

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Loading Source Files into the Server
If you enable the \texttt{loadjava} -\texttt{resolve} option when loading a .java source file, then the server-side compiler will compile your application as it is loaded, resulting in both a source schema object for the original source code and one or more class schema objects for the compiled output.

If you do not specify \texttt{-resolve}, then the source is loaded into a source schema object without any compilation. In this case, however, the source is implicitly compiled the first time an attempt is made to use a class defined in the source.

For example, run \texttt{loadjava} as follows to load and compile \texttt{Foo.java}, using the default JDBC OCI driver:

\[ \text{loadjava} -\text{user} \text{ scott}\ -\text{resolve} \text{ Foo.java} \]
Password: \textit{password}

Or, use the following command to load using the JDBC Thin driver:

\[ \text{loadjava} -\text{thin} -\text{user} \text{ scott}@\text{localhost}:1521:ORCL -\text{resolve} \text{ Foo.java} \]
Password: \textit{password}

Either of these will result in appropriate class schema objects being created in addition to the source schema object.
You can also use the JVM command-line option to load your files. The command-line interface to Oracle JVM is analogous to using the JDK or JRE shell commands. You can:

- Use the standard \-classpath syntax to indicate where to find the classes to load
- Set the system properties by using the standard \-D syntax

The interface is a PL/SQL function that takes a string (VARCHAR2) argument, parses it as a command-line input and if it is properly formed, runs the indicated Java method in Oracle JVM. To do this, PL/SQL package DBMS_JAVA provides the following functions:

- runjava
  You can use the runjava function in the following way:
  
  FUNCTION runjava(cmdline VARCHAR2) RETURN VARCHAR2;

- runjava_in_current_session
  You can use the runjava_in_current_session function in the following way:

  FUNCTION runjava_in_current_session(cmdline VARCHAR2) RETURN VARCHAR2;

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**Note:** Oracle generally recommends compiling source on the client, whenever possible, and loading the .class files instead of the source files into the server.

**See Also:** Oracle Database Java Developer’s Guide

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**Using the JVM Command-Line**

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**Note:** Starting with Oracle 11g release 1 (11.1), there is a just-in-time (JIT) compiler for Oracle JVM environment. A JIT compiler for Oracle JVM enables much faster execution because the JIT compiler uses advanced techniques as compared to the old Native compiler and compiles dynamically generated code. Unlike the old Native compiler, the JIT compiler does not require a C compiler. It is enabled without the support of any plug-ins.

For more information, refer to Oracle Database Java Developer’s Guide.
This part consists of chapters that discuss the use of data sources and URLs to connect to the database. It also includes chapters that discuss the security features supported by the Oracle Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) Oracle Call Interface (OCI) and Thin drivers, Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) support in JDBC Thin driver, and middle-tier authentication through proxy connections.

Part III contains the following chapters:

- Chapter 8, "Data Sources and URLs"
- Chapter 9, "JDBC Client-Side Security Features"
- Chapter 10, "Proxy Authentication"
This chapter discusses connecting applications to databases using Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) data sources, as well as the URLs that describe databases. This chapter contains the following sections:

- Data Sources
- Database URLs and Database Specifiers

**Data Sources**

Data sources are standard, general-use objects for specifying databases or other resources to use. The JDBC 2.0 extension application programming interface (API) introduced the concept of data sources. For convenience and portability, data sources can be bound to Java Naming and Directory Interface (JNDI) entities, so that you can access databases by logical names.

The data source facility provides a complete replacement for the previous JDBC DriverManager facility. You can use both facilities in the same application, but it is recommended that you transition your application to data sources.

This section covers the following topics:

- Overview of Oracle Data Source Support for JNDI
- Features and Properties of Data Sources
- Creating a Data Source Instance and Connecting
- Creating a Data Source Instance, Registering with JNDI, and Connecting
- Supported Connection Properties
- Using Roles for SYS Login
- Configuring Database Remote Login
- Bequeath Connection and SYS Logon
- Properties for Oracle Performance Extensions

**Overview of Oracle Data Source Support for JNDI**

The JNDI standard provides a way for applications to find and access remote services and resources. These services can be any enterprise services. However, for a JDBC application, these services would include database connections and services.
JNDI allows an application to use logical names in accessing these services, removing vendor-specific syntax from application code. JNDI has the functionality to associate a logical name with a particular source for a desired service.

All Oracle JDBC data sources are JNDI-referenceable. The developer is not required to use this functionality, but accessing databases through JNDI logical names makes the code more portable.

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**Note:** Using JNDI functionality requires the jndi.jar file to be in the CLASSPATH environment variable. This file is included with the Java products on the installation CD. You must add it to the CLASSPATH environment variable separately. You can also obtain it from the Sun Microsystems Web site, but it is advisable to use the version from Oracle, because it has been tested with the Oracle drivers.

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**Features and Properties of Data Sources**

By using the data source functionality with JNDI, you do not need to register the vendor-specific JDBC driver class name and you can use logical names for URLs and other properties. This ensures that the code for opening database connections is portable to other environments.

**The DataSource Interface and Oracle Implementation**

A JDBC data source is an instance of a class that implements the standard javax.sql.DataSource interface:

```java
public interface DataSource
{
    Connection getConnection() throws SQLException;
    Connection getConnection(String username, String password) throws SQLException;
    ...
}
```

Oracle implements this interface with the OracleDataSource class in the oracle.jdbc.pool package. The overloaded getConnection method returns a connection to the database.

To use other values, you can set properties using appropriate setter methods. For alternative user names and passwords, you can also use the getConnection method that takes these parameters as input. This would take priority over the property settings.

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**Note:** The OracleDataSource class and all subclasses implement the java.io.Serializable and javax.naming.Referenceable interfaces.

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**Properties of DataSource**

The OracleDataSource class, as with any class that implements the DataSource interface, provides a set of properties that can be used to specify a database to connect to. These properties follow the JavaBeans design pattern.
Table 8–1 and Table 8–2 list OracleDataSource properties. The properties in Table 8–1 are standard properties according to the Sun Microsystems specification. The properties in Table 8–2 are Oracle extensions.

**Note:** Oracle does not implement the standard `roleName` property.

### Table 8–1 Standard Data Source Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>databaseName</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Name of the particular database on the server. Also known as the SID in Oracle terminology.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dataSourceName</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Name of the underlying data source class. For connection pooling, this is an underlying pooled connection data source class. For distributed transactions, this is an underlying XA data source class.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>description</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Description of the data source.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>networkProtocol</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Network protocol for communicating with the server. For Oracle, this applies only to the JDBC Oracle Call Interface (OCI) drivers and defaults to <code>tcp</code>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>password</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Password for the connecting user.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>portNumber</td>
<td>int</td>
<td>Number of the port where the server listens for requests</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>serverName</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Name of the database server</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>user</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Name for the login</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note:** For security reasons, there is no `getPassword()` method.

### Table 8–2 Oracle Extended Data Source Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>connectionCacheName</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Specifies the name of the cache. This cannot be changed after the cache has been created.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>connectionCacheProperties</td>
<td><code>java.util.Properties</code></td>
<td>Specifies properties for implicit connection cache.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>connectionCachingEnabled</td>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td>Specifies whether implicit connection cache is in use.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>connectionProperties</td>
<td><code>java.util.Properties</code></td>
<td>Specifies the connection properties.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>driverType</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Specifies Oracle JDBC driver type. It can be one of oci, thin, or kprb.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>fastConnectionFailoverEnabled</td>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td>Specifies whether Fast Connection Failover is in use.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>implicitCachingEnabled</td>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td>Specifies whether the implicit statement connection cache is enabled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>loginTimeout</td>
<td>int</td>
<td>Specifies the maximum time in seconds that this data source will wait while attempting to connect to a database.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>logWriter</td>
<td><code>java.io.PrintWriter</code></td>
<td>Specifies the log writer for this data source.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Use the `setConnectionProperties` method to set the properties of the connection and the `setConnectionCacheProperties` method to set the properties of the connection cache.

For more information about the properties of the connection refer to "Supported Connection Properties" on page 8-7.

For more information about the properties of the connection cache refer to "Connection Cache Properties" on page 21-8.

If you are using the server-side internal driver, that is, the `driverType` property is set to `kprb`, then any other property settings are ignored.

If you are using the JDBC Thin or OCI driver, then note the following:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>maxStatements</code></td>
<td>int</td>
<td>Specifies the maximum number of statements in the application cache.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>serviceName</code></td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Specifies the database service name for this data source.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>tnsEntry</code></td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Specifies the TNS entry name. The TNS entry name corresponds to the TNS entry specified in the tnsnames.ora configuration file.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>url</code></td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Specifies the URL of the database connection string. Provided as a convenience, it can help you migrate from an older Oracle Database. You can use this property in place of the Oracle <code>tnsEntry</code> and <code>driverType</code> properties and the standard <code>portNumber</code>, <code>networkProtocol</code>, <code>serverName</code>, and <code>databaseName</code> properties.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>nativeXA</code></td>
<td>Boolean</td>
<td>Allows an OracleXADatasource using the Native XA feature with the OCI driver, to access Oracle pre-8.1.6 databases and later. If the <code>tnsEntry</code> property is not set when using the Native XA feature, then a SQLException with error code ORA-17207 is thrown.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>ONSConfiguration</code></td>
<td>String</td>
<td>Specifies the ONS configuration string that is used to remotely subscribe to FAN/ONS events.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note:**

- This table omits properties that supported the deprecated connection cache based on `OracleConnectionCache`.
- Because Native XA performs better than Java XA, use Native XA whenever possible.
A URL setting can include settings for user and password, as in the following example, in which case this takes precedence over individual user and password property settings:

```
jdbc:oracle:thin:scott/tiger@localhost:1521:orcl
```

Settings for user and password are required, either directly through the URL setting or through the `getConnection` call. The user and password settings in a `getConnection` call take precedence over any property settings.

If the `url` property is set, then any `tnsEntry`, `driverType`, `portNumber`, `networkProtocol`, `serverName`, and `databaseName` property settings are ignored.

If the `tnsEntry` property is set, which presumes the `url` property is not set, then any `databaseName`, `serverName`, `portNumber`, and `networkProtocol` settings are ignored.

If you are using an OCI driver, which presumes the `driverType` property is set to `oci`, and the `networkProtocol` is set to `ipc`, then any other property settings are ignored.

Also, note that `getConnectionCacheName()` will return the name of the cache only if the `ConnectionCacheName` property of the data source is set after caching is enabled on the data source.

**Creating a Data Source Instance and Connecting**

This section shows an example of the most basic use of a data source to connect to a database, without using JNDI functionality. Note that this requires vendor-specific, hard-coded property settings.

Create an `OracleDataSource` instance, initialize its connection properties as appropriate, and get a connection instance, as in the following example:

```java
OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
ods.setDriverType("oci");
ods.setServerName("dlsun999");
ods.setNetworkProtocol("tcp");
ods.setDatabaseName("816");
ods.setPortNumber(1521);
ods.setUser("scott");
ods.setPassword("tiger");
Connection conn = ods.getConnection();
```

Or, optionally, override the user name and password, as follows:

```
Connection conn = ods.getConnection("bill", "lion");
```

**Creating a Data Source Instance, Registering with JNDI, and Connecting**

This section exhibits JNDI functionality in using data sources to connect to a database. Vendor-specific, hard-coded property settings are required only in the portion of code that binds a data source instance to a JNDI logical name. From that point onward, you can create portable code by using the logical name in creating data sources from which you will get your connection instances.
Initialize Data Source Properties
Create an `OracleDataSource` instance, and then initialize its properties as appropriate, as in the following example:

```java
OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
ods.setDriverType("oci");
ods.setServerName("dlsun999");
ods.setNetworkProtocol("tcp");
ods.setDatabaseName("816");
ods.setPortNumber(1521);
ods.setUser("scott");
ods.setPassword("tiger");
```

Register the Data Source
Once you have initialized the connection properties of the `OracleDataSource` instance `ods`, as shown in the preceding example, you can register this data source instance with JNDI, as in the following example:

```java
Context ctx = new InitialContext();
ctx.bind("jdbc/sampledb", ods);
```

Calling the JNDI `InitialContext()` constructor creates a Java object that references the initial JNDI naming context. System properties, which are not shown, instruct JNDI which service provider to use.

The `ctx.bind` call binds the `OracleDataSource` instance to a logical JNDI name. This means that anytime after the `ctx.bind` call, you can use the logical name `jdbc/sampledb` in opening a connection to the database described by the properties of the `OracleDataSource` instance `ods`. The logical name `jdbc/sampledb` is logically bound to this database.

The JNDI namespace has a hierarchy similar to that of a file system. In this example, the JNDI name specifies the subcontext `jdbc` under the root naming context and specifies the logical name `sampledb` within the `jdbc` subcontext.

The `Context` interface and `InitialContext` class are in the standard `javax.naming` package.

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**Note:** The JDBC 2.0 Specification requires that all JDBC data sources be registered in the `jdbc` naming subcontext of a JNDI namespace or in a child subcontext of the `jdbc` subcontext.

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Open a Connection
To perform a lookup and open a connection to the database logically bound to the JNDI name, use the logical JNDI name. Doing this requires casting the lookup result, which is otherwise a Java `Object`, to `OracleDataSource` and then using its `getConnection` method to open the connection.

Here is an example:

```java
OracleDataSource odsconn = (OracleDataSource)ctx.lookup("jdbc/sampledb");
Connection conn = odsconn.getConnection();
```
**Supported Connection Properties**

For a detailed list of connection properties that Oracle JDBC drivers support, see the Javadoc.

**Using Roles for SYS Login**

To specify the role for the SYS login, use the `internal_logon` connection property. To log on as SYS, set the `internal_logon` connection property to `SYSDBA` or `SYSOPER`.

For a bequeath connection, we can get a connection as SYS by setting the `internal_logon` property. For a remote connection, we need additional password file setting procedures.

**Configuring Database Remote Login**

Before the JDBC Thin driver can connect to the database as SYSDBA, you must configure the user, because Oracle Database security system requires a password file for remote connections as an administrator. Perform the following:

1. Set a password file on the server-side or on the remote database, using the `orapwd` password utility. You can add a password file for user sys as follows:
   - In UNIX
     ```
     orapwd file=$ORACLE_HOME/dbs/orapw entries=200
     Enter password: password
     ```
   - In Microsoft Windows
     ```
     orapwd file=%ORACLE_HOME%\database\PWDsid_name.ora entries=200
     Enter password: password
     ```

   *file* must be the name of the password file. *password* is the password for the user SYS. It can be altered using the `ALTER USER` statement in SQL Plus. You should set *entries* to a value higher than the number of entries you expect.

   The syntax for the password file name is different on Microsoft Windows and UNIX.

   **See Also:** *Oracle Database Administrator’s Guide*

2. Enable remote login as sysdba. This step grants SYSDBA and SYSOPER system privileges to individual users and lets them connect as themselves.

   Stop the database, and add the following line to `init.service_name.ora`, in UNIX, or `init.ora`, in Microsoft Windows:
   ```
   remote_login_passwordfile=exclusive
   ```

   The `init.service_name.ora` file is located at `ORACLE_HOME/dbs/` and also at `ORACLE_HOME/admin/db_name/pfile/`. Ensure that you keep the two files synchronized.

   The `init.ora` file is located at `%ORACLE_BASE%/ADMIN/db_name/pfile/`.

3. Change the password for the SYS user. This is an optional step.

   ```plaintext
   PASSWORD sys
   ```
Changing password for sys
New password: password
Retype new password: password

4. Verify whether SYS has the SYSDBA privilege.

   SQL> select * from v$pfile_users;
   USERNAME         | SYSDB | SYSS
   -----------------|-------|------
   SYS              | TRUE  | TRUE

5. Restart the remote database.

Example 8–1 Using SYS Login To Make a Remote Connection

```java
/** case of remote connection using sys **/
import java.sql.*;
import oracle.jdbc.*;
import oracle.jdbc.pool.*;
// create an OracleDataSource
OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
// set connection properties
java.util.Properties prop = new java.util.Properties();
prop.put("user", "sys");
prop.put("password", "sys");
prop.put("internal_logon", "sysdba");
ods.setConnectionProperties(prop);
// set the url
// the url can use oci driver as well as:
// url = "jdbc:oracle:oci8:@inst1"; the inst1 is a remote database
String url = "jdbc:oracle:thin:@//myHost:1521/service_name";
ods.setURL(url);
// get the connection
Connection conn = ods.getConnection();
...
```

Bequeath Connection and SYS Logon

The following example illustrates how to use the internal_logon and SYSDBA arguments to specify the SYS login. This example works regardless of the database's national-language settings of the database.

```java
/** Example of bequeath connection **/
import java.sql.*;
import oracle.jdbc.*;
import oracle.jdbc.pool.*;

// create an OracleDataSource instance
OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();

// set necessary properties
java.util.Properties prop = new java.util.Properties();
prop.put("user", "sys");
prop.put("password", "sys");
prop.put("internal_logon", "sysdba");
ods.setConnectionProperties(prop);

// the url for bequeath connection
String url = "jdbc:oracle:oci8:@";
```
ods.setURL(url);

// retrieve the connection
Connection conn = ods.getConnection();
...

### Properties for Oracle Performance Extensions

Some of the connection properties are for use with Oracle performance extensions. Setting these properties is equivalent to using corresponding methods on the OracleConnection object, as follows:

- Setting the `defaultRowPrefetch` property is equivalent to calling `setDefaultRowPrefetch`.
- Setting the `remarksReporting` property is equivalent to calling `setRemarksReporting`.

**See Also**: "Reporting Database MetaData TABLE_REMARKS" on page 23-20

- Setting the `defaultBatchValue` property is equivalent to calling `setDefaultExecuteBatch`

**See Also**: "Oracle Update Batching" on page 23-3

### Example

The following example shows how to use the `put` method of the `java.util.Properties` class, in this case, to set Oracle performance extension parameters.

```java
//import packages and register the driver
import java.sql.*;
import java.math.*;
import oracle.jdbc.*;
import oracle.jdbc.pool.OracleDataSource;

//specify the properties object
java.util.Properties info = new java.util.Properties();
info.put ('user', 'scott');
info.put ('password', 'tiger');
info.put ('defaultRowPrefetch', "20");
info.put ('defaultBatchValue', "5");

//specify the datasource object
OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
ods.setURL("jdbc:oracle:thin:@//myhost:1521/orcl");
ods.setUser('scott');
ods.setPassword('tiger');
ods.setConnectionProperties(info);
```

### Database URLs and Database Specifiers

Database URLs are strings. The complete URL syntax is:

```
jdbc:oracle:driver_type:[username/password]@database_specifier
```
Database URLs and Database Specifiers

The first part of the URL specifies which JDBC driver is to be used. The supported driver_type values are thin, oci, and kprb.

The remainder of the URL contains an optional user name and password separated by a slash, an @, and the database specifier, which uniquely identifies the database to which the application is connected. Some database specifiers are valid only for the JDBC Thin driver, some only for the JDBC OCI driver, and some for both.

Internet Protocol Version 6 Support
This release of Oracle JDBC drivers supports Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) addresses in the JDBC URL and machine names that resolve to IPv6 addresses. IPv6 is a new Network layer protocol designed by the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) to replace the current version of Internet Protocol, Internet Protocol Version 4 (IPv4). The primary benefit of IPv6 is a large address space, derived from the use of 128-bit addresses. IPv6 also improves upon IPv4 in areas such as routing, network autoconfiguration, security, quality of service, and so on.

If you want to use a literal IPv6 address in a URL, then you should enclose the literal address enclosed in a left bracket ([) and a right bracket (]). For example: [2001:0db8:7654:3210:FEDC:BA98:7654:3210]. So, a JDBC URL, using a IPv6 address will look like the following:

```java
(CONNECT_DATA=(SERVICE_NAME=sales.example.com))
```

Note: All the new System classes that are required for IPv6 support are loaded when Java is enabled during database initialization. So, if your application does not have any IPv6 addressing, then you do not need to change your code to use IPv6 functionality. However, if your application has either IPv6 only or both IPv6 and IPv4 addressing, then you should set the java.net.preferIPv6Addresses system property in the command line. This enables the Oracle JVM to load appropriate libraries. These libraries are loaded once and cannot be reloaded without restarting the Java process. For more information about this system property, refer to Oracle Database Java Developer's Guide.

Database Specifiers
Table 8–3, shows the possible database specifiers, listing which JDBC drivers support each specifier.
Thin-style Service Name Syntax

Thin-style service names are supported only by the JDBC Thin driver. The syntax is:

@//host_name:port_number/service_name

For example:

jdbc:oracle:thin:scott/tiger@//myhost:1521/myservicename

TNSNames Alias Syntax

You can find the available TNSNAMES entries listed in the tnsnames.ora file on the client computer from which you are connecting. On Windows, this file is located in the ORACLE_HOME\NETWORK\ADMIN directory. On UNIX systems, you can find it in the

Note:  The JDBC Thin driver supports only the TCP/IP protocol.
ORACLE_HOME directory or the directory indicated in your TNS_ADMIN environment variable.

For example, if you want to connect to the database on host myhost as user scott with password tiger that has a TNSNAMES entry of MyHostString, then write the following:

```
OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
ods.setTNSEntryName("MyTNSAlias");
ods.setUser("scott");
ods.setPassword("tiger");
ods.setDriverType("oci");
Connection conn = ods.getConnection();
```

The oracle.net.tns_admin system property must be set to the location of the tnsnames.ora file so that the JDBC Thin driver can locate the tnsnames.ora file. For example:

```
System.setProperty("oracle.net.tns_admin", "c:\\Temp");
String url = "jdbc:oracle:thin:@tns_entry";
```

**Note:** When using TNSNames with the JDBC Thin driver, you must set the oracle.net.tns_admin property to the directory that contains your tnsnames.ora file.

```
java -Doracle.net.tns_admin=$ORACLE_HOME/network/admin
```

**LDAP Syntax**

An example of database specifier using the Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) syntax is as follows:

```
"jdbc:oracle:thin:@ldap://ldap.example.com:7777/sales,cn=OracleContext,dc=com"
```

When using SSL, change this to:

```
"jdbc:oracle:thin:@ldaps://ldap.example.com:7777/sales,cn=OracleContext,dc=com"
```

**Note:** The JDBC Thin driver can use LDAP over SSL to communicate with Oracle Internet Directory if you substitute ldaps: for ldap: in the database specifier. The LDAP server must be configured to use SSL. If it is not, then the connection attempt will hang.

The JDBC Thin driver supports failover of a list of LDAP servers during the service name resolution process, without the need for a hardware load balancer. Also, client-side load balancing is supported for connecting to LDAP servers. A list of space separated LDAP URLs syntax is used to support failover and load balancing.

When a list of LDAP URLs is specified, both failover and load balancing are enabled by default. The oracle.net.ldap_loadbalance connection property can be used to disable load balancing, and the oracle.net.ldap_failover connection property can be used to disable failover.

An example, which uses failover, but with client-side load balancing disabled, is as follows:
Properties prop = new Properties();
String url =
    "jdbc:oracle:thin:@ldap://ldap1.example.com:3500/cn=salesdept,cn=OracleContext,dc=com/salesdb " +
    "ldap://ldap2.example.com:3500/cn=salesdept,cn=OracleContext,dc=com/salesdb " +
    "ldap://ldap3.example.com:3500/cn=salesdept,cn=OracleContext,dc=com/salesdb";

    prop.put("oracle.net.ldap_loadbalance", "OFF");
    OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
    ods.setURL(url);
    ods.setConnectionProperties(prop);

    The JDBC Thin driver supports LDAP nonanonymous bind. A set of JNDI environment properties, which contains authentication information, can be specified for a data source. If a LDAP server is configured as not allowing anonymous bind, then authentication information must be provided to connect to the LDAP server. The following example shows a simple clear-text password authentication:

    String url =
    "jdbc:oracle:thin:@ldap://ldap.example.com:7777/sales,cn=salesdept,cn=OracleContext,dc=com";
    Properties prop = new Properties();
    prop.put("java.naming.security.authentication", "simple");
    prop.put("java.naming.security.principal","cn=salesdept,cn=OracleContext,dc=com");
    prop.put("java.naming.security.credentials", "mysecret");
    OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
    ods.setURL(url);
    ods.setConnectionProperties(prop);

    Since JDBC passes down the three properties to JNDI, the authentication mechanism chosen by client is consistent with how these properties are interpreted by JNDI. For example, if the client specifies authentication information without explicitly specifying the java.naming.security.authentication property, then the default authentication mechanism is "simple". Please refer to relevant JNDI documentation for details.
This chapter discusses support in the Oracle Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) Oracle Call Interface (OCI) and JDBC Thin drivers for login authentication, data encryption, and data integrity, particularly, with respect to features of the Oracle Advanced Security option.

Oracle Advanced Security, previously known as the Advanced Networking Option (ANO) or Advanced Security Option (ASO), provides industry standards-based data encryption, data integrity, third-party authentication, single sign-on, and access authorization. In 11g release 2 (11.2), both the JDBC OCI and thin drivers support all the Oracle Advanced Security features. Earlier releases of the JDBC drivers did not support some of the ASO features.

**Note:** This discussion is not relevant to the server-side internal driver because all communication through server-side internal driver is completely internal to the server.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- **Support for Oracle Advanced Security**
- **Support for Login Authentication**
- **Support for Strong Authentication**
- **Support for OS Authentication**
- **Support for Data Encryption and Integrity**
- **Support for SSL**
- **Support for Kerberos**
- **Support for RADIUS**
- **Secure External Password Store**

### Support for Oracle Advanced Security

Oracle Advanced Security provides the following security features:

- **Data Encryption**

  Sensitive information communicated over enterprise networks and the Internet can be protected by using encryption algorithms, which transform information into a form that can be deciphered only with a decryption key. Some of the supported encryption algorithms are RC4, DES, 3DES, and AES.
To ensure data integrity during transmission, Oracle Advanced Security generates a cryptographically secure message digest, using MD5 or SHA-1 hashing algorithms, and includes it with each message sent across a network. This protects the communicated data from attacks, such as data modification, deleted packets, and replay attacks.

### Strong Authentication

To ensure network security in distributed environments, it is necessary to authenticate the user and check his credentials. Password authentication is the most common means of authentication. Oracle Advanced Security enables strong authentication with Oracle authentication adapters, which support various third-party authentication services, including SSL with digital certificates. Oracle Advanced Security supports the following industry-standard authentication methods:

- Kerberos
- Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service (RADIUS)
- Secure Sockets Layer (SSL)

**Tip:** Oracle Database Advanced Security Administrator’s Guide

### JDBC OCI Driver Support for Oracle Advanced Security

If you are using the JDBC OCI driver, which presumes you are running from a computer with an Oracle client installation, then support for Oracle Advanced Security and incorporated third-party features is fairly similar to the support provided by in any Oracle client situation. Your use of Advanced Security features is determined by related settings in the sqlnet.ora file on the client computer.

Starting from Oracle Database 11g Release 1 (11.1), the JDBC OCI driver attempts to use external authentication if you try connecting to a database without providing a password. The following are some examples using the JDBC OCI driver to connect to a database without providing a password:

#### SSL Authentication

**Example 9–1 Using SSL authentication to connect to the database.**

```java
import java.sql.*;
import java.util.Properties;

public class test
{
    public static void main( String [] args ) throws Exception
    {
        String url = "jdbc:oracle:oci:@" + "(DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcps)(HOST=stadh25)(PORT=1529))" + "(CONNECT_DATA=(SERVICE_NAME=mydatabaseinstance)))";
        Driver driver = new oracle.jdbc.OracleDriver();
        Properties props = new Properties();
        Connection conn = driver.connect( url, props );
        conn.close();
    }
}
```

**Tip:** Oracle Database Advanced Security Administrator’s Guide
Using Data Source

Example 9–2 uses a data source to connect to the database.

Example 9–2 Using a Data Source to Connect to the Database

```java
import java.sql.*;
import javax.sql.*;
import java.util.Properties;
import oracle.jdbc.pool.*;

public class testpool {
    public static void main( String args ) throws Exception {
        String url = "jdbc:oracle:oci:@" + "(DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcps)(HOST=stadh25)(PORT=1529))" + "(CONNECT_DATA=(SERVICE_NAME=mydatabaseinstance)))";
        OracleConnectionPoolDataSource ocpds = new OracleConnectionPoolDataSource();
        ocpds.setURL(url);
        PooledConnection pc = ocpds.getPooledConnection();
        Connection conn = pc.getConnection();
    }
}
```

JDBC Thin Driver Support for Oracle Advanced Security

The JDBC Thin driver cannot assume the existence of an Oracle client installation or the presence of the `sqlnet.ora` file. Therefore, it uses a Java approach to support Oracle Advanced Security. Java classes that implement Oracle Advanced Security are included in the `ojdbc5.jar` and `ojdbc6.jar` files. Security parameters for encryption and integrity, usually set in `sqlnet.ora`, are set using a Java `Properties` object or through system properties.

Support for Login Authentication

Basic login authentication through JDBC consists of user names and passwords, as with any other means of logging in to an Oracle server. Specify the user name and password through a Java properties object or directly through the `getConnection` method call. This applies regardless of which client-side Oracle JDBC driver you are using, but is irrelevant if you are using the server-side internal driver, which uses a special direct connection and does not require a user name or password.

Starting with 11g release 1 (11.1), the Oracle JDBC Thin driver implements a challenge-response protocol to authenticate the user.

Support for Strong Authentication

Oracle Advanced Security enables Oracle Database users to authenticate externally. External authentication can be with RADIUS, KERBEROS, Certificate-Based Authentication, Token Cards, and Smart Cards. This is called strong authentication. Oracle JDBC drivers provide support for the following strong authentication methods:

- Kerberos
- RADIUS
- SSL (certificate-based authentication)
Support for OS Authentication

Operating System (OS) authentication allows Oracle to pass control of user authentication to the operating system. It allows the users to connect to the database by authenticating their OS user name in the database. No password is associated with the account since it is assumed that OS authentication is sufficient. In other words, the server delegates the authentication to the client OS. You need to perform the following steps to achieve this:

- Use the following command to check the value of the Oracle OS_AUTHENT_PREFIX initialization parameter:

  SQL> SHOW PARAMETER os_authent_prefix
  NAME                                 TYPE        VALUE
  ------------------------------------ ----------- ------------------------------
  os_authent_prefix                    string      ops$
  SQL>

- Add the following line in the t_init1.ora file:

  REMOTE_OS_AUTHENT = TRUE

When a connection is attempted from the local database server, the OS user name is passed to the Oracle server. If the user name is recognized, the Oracle server accepts the connection; otherwise, the connection is rejected.

Configuration Steps for Linux

The configuration steps necessary to set up OS authentication on Linux are the following:

1. Use the following commands to create an OS user w_rose:

   # useradd w_rose
   # passwd w_rose
   Changing password for w_rose
   New password: password
   Retype new password: password

2. Use the following command to create a database user to allow an OS authenticated connection:

   CREATE USER ops$w_rose IDENTIFIED EXTERNALLY;
   GRANT CONNECT TO ops$w_rose;

3. Use the following commands to test the OS authentication connection:

   su - w_rose
   export ORACLE_HOME=/u01/app/oracle/product/10.1.0/db_1
   export PATH=$PATH:$ORACLE_HOME/bin
   export ORACLE_SID=DEV1
   sqlplus /

   SQL*Plus: Release 10.1.0.3.0 - Production on Wed Jun 7 08:41:15 2006
Configuration Steps for Windows

The configuration steps necessary to set up OS authentication on Windows are the following:

1. Create a local user, say, \textit{w\_rose}, using the Computer Management dialog box. For this you have to do the following:
   
   1. Click \texttt{Start}.
   2. From the Start menu, select \texttt{Programs}, then select \texttt{Administrative Tools} and then select \texttt{Computer Management}.
   3. Expand Local Users and Groups by clicking on the Plus ("+") sign.
   4. Click \texttt{Users}.
   5. Select \texttt{New User} from the Action menu.
   6. Enter details of the user in the New User dialog box and click \texttt{Create}.

   \textbf{Note:} The preceding steps are only for creating a local user. Domain users can be created in Active Directory.

2. Use the following command to create a database user to allow an OS authenticated connection:

   \begin{verbatim}
   CREATE USER "OPS$yourdomain.com\p_floyd" IDENTIFIED EXTERNALLY;
   GRANT CONNECT TO "OPS$yourdomain.com\p_floyd";
   \end{verbatim}

   \textbf{Note:} When you create the database user in Windows environment, the user name should be in the following format:

   \texttt{<OS\_authentication\_prefix\_parameter>\$\langle\texttt{DOMAIN}\rangle\textbackslash\langle\texttt{OS\_user\_name}\rangle}

   When using a Windows server, there is an additional consideration. The following option must be set in the \texttt{%ORACLE\_HOME%\network\admin\sqlnet.ora} file:

   \begin{verbatim}
   SQLNET.AUTHENTICATION\_SERVICES= (NTS)
   \end{verbatim}

3. Use the following commands to test the OS authentication connection:

   \begin{verbatim}
   C:\> set ORACLE\_SID=DB11G
   C:\> sqlplus /
   SQL\*Plus: Release 11.2.0.1.0 - Production on Thu July 12 11:47:01 2007
   \end{verbatim}
JDBC Code Using OS Authentication

Now that you have set up OS authentication to connect to the database, you can use the following JDBC code for connecting to the database:

```java
String url = "jdbc:oracle:thin:@oracleserver.mydomain.com:5521:dbja"
Driver driver = new oracle.jdbc.OracleDriver();
DriverManager.registerDriver(driver);
Properties props = new Properties();
Connection conn = DriverManager.getConnection( url, props);
```

The preceding code assumes that it is executed by `p_floyd` on the client machine. The JDBC drivers retrieve the OS user name from the `user.name` system property that is set by the JVM. As a result, the following thin driver-specific error no longer exists:

ORA-17443=Null user or password not supported in THIN driver

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**Note:** By default, the JDBC driver retrieves the OS user name from the `user.name` system property, which is set by the JVM. If the JDBC driver is unable to retrieve this system property or if you want to override the value of this system property, then you can use the `OracleConnection.CONNECTION_PROPERTY_THIN_VSESSION_OSUSER` connection property. For more information, see Oracle Javadoc at


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Support for Data Encryption and Integrity

You can use Oracle Advanced Security data encryption and integrity features in your Java database applications, depending on related settings in the server. When using the JDBC OCI driver, set parameters as you would in any Oracle client situation. When using the Thin driver, set parameters through a Java properties object.

Encryption is enabled or disabled based on a combination of the client-side encryption-level setting and the server-side encryption-level setting. Similarly, integrity is enabled or disabled based on a combination of the client-side integrity-level setting and the server-side integrity-level setting.

Encryption and integrity support the same setting levels, REJECTED, ACCEPTED, REQUESTED, and REQUIRED. Table 9-1 shows how these possible settings on the client-side and server-side combine to either enable or disable the feature. By default, remote OS authentication (through TCP) is disabled in the database for security reasons.
Table 9–1  Client/Server Negotiations for Encryption or Integrity

<table>
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<tr>
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<th>Client Rejected</th>
<th>Client Accepted (default)</th>
<th>Client Requested</th>
<th>Client Required</th>
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<tr>
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<td>OFF</td>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>connection fails</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Server Accepted (default)</td>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>ON</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Server Requested</td>
<td>OFF</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>ON</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Server Required</td>
<td>connection fails</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>ON</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 9–1 shows, for example, that if encryption is requested by the client, but rejected by the server, it is disabled. The same is true for integrity. As another example, if encryption is accepted by the client and requested by the server, it is enabled. And, again, the same is true for integrity.

See Also: Oracle Database Advanced Security Administrator’s Guide

Note: The term checksum still appears in integrity parameter names, but is no longer used otherwise. For all intents and purposes, checksum and integrity are synonymous.

This section covers the following topics:

- JDBC OCI Driver Support for Encryption and Integrity
- JDBC Thin Driver Support for Encryption and Integrity
- Setting Encryption and Integrity Parameters in Java

**JDBC OCI Driver Support for Encryption and Integrity**

If you are using the JDBC OCI driver, which presumes an Oracle-client setting with an Oracle client installation, then you can enable or disable data encryption or integrity and set related parameters as you would in any Oracle client situation, through settings in the SQLNET.ORA file on the client.

To summarize, the client parameters are shown in Table 9–2:
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Table 9–2  OCI Driver Client Parameters for Encryption and Integrity

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter Description</th>
<th>Parameter Name</th>
<th>Possible Settings</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Client encryption level</td>
<td>SQLNET.ENCRYPTION_CLIENT</td>
<td>REJECTED, ACCEPTED, REQUESTED, REQUIRED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Client encryption selected list</td>
<td>SQLNET.ENCRYPTION_TYPES_CLIENT</td>
<td>RC4_40, RC4_56, DES, DES40, AES128, AES192, AES256, 3DES112, 3DES168 (see Note)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Client integrity level</td>
<td>SQLNET.CRYPTO_CHECKSUM_CLIENT</td>
<td>REJECTED, ACCEPTED, REQUESTED, REQUIRED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Client integrity selected list</td>
<td>SQLNET.CRYPTO_CHECKSUM_TYPES_CLIENT</td>
<td>MD5, SHA-1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note: For the Oracle Advanced Security domestic edition only, settings of RC4_128 and RC4_256 are also possible.

See Also: Oracle Database Advanced Security Administrator’s Guide

JDBC Thin Driver Support for Encryption and Integrity

The JDBC Thin driver support for data encryption and integrity parameter settings parallels the JDBC OCI driver support discussed in the preceding section. Corresponding parameters can be set through a Java properties object that you would then be used when opening a database connection.

Table 9–3 lists the parameter information for the JDBC Thin driver. These parameters are defined in the oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection interface.

Table 9–3  Thin Driver Client Parameters for Encryption and Integrity

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter Name</th>
<th>Parameter Type</th>
<th>Possible Settings</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CONNECTIONPROPERTY_THIN_NET_ENCRYPTIONLEVEL</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>REJECTED, ACCEPTED, REQUESTED, REQUIRED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CONNECTIONPROPERTY_THIN_NET_ENCRYPTIONTYPES</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>AES256, AES192, AES128, 3DES168, 3DES112, DES56C, DES40C, RC4_256, RC4_128, RC4_40, RC4_56</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CONNECTIONPROPERTY_THIN_NET_CHECKSUMLEVEL</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>REJECTED, ACCEPTED, REQUESTED, REQUIRED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CONNECTIONPROPERTY_THIN_NET_CHECKSUMTYPES</td>
<td>String</td>
<td>MD5, SHA1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Setting Encryption and Integrity Parameters in Java

Use a Java properties object, that is, an instance of `java.util.Properties`, to set
the data encryption and integrity parameters supported by the JDBC Thin driver.

The following example instantiates a Java properties object, uses it to set each of the
parameters in Table 9–3, and then uses the properties object in opening a connection to
the database:

```
Properties prop = new Properties();
prop.setProperty(OracleConnection.CONNECTION_PROPERTY_THIN_NET_ENCRYPTION_LEVEL,
"REQUIRED");
prop.setProperty(OracleConnection.CONNECTION_PROPERTY_THIN_NET_ENCRYPTION_TYPES,
"( DES40C )");
prop.setProperty(OracleConnection.CONNECTION_PROPERTY_THIN_NET_CHECKSUM_LEVEL,
"REQUESTED");
prop.setProperty(OracleConnection.CONNECTION_PROPERTY_THIN_NET_CHECKSUM_TYPES,
"( MD5 )");
OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
ods.setProperties(prop);
ods.setURL("jdbc:oracle:thin:@localhost:1521:main");
Connection conn = ods.getConnection();
...
```

The parentheses around the values encryption type and checksum type allow for lists
of values. When multiple values are supplied, the server and the client negotiate to
determine which value is to be actually used.

Example

Example 9–3 is a complete class that sets data encryption and integrity parameters
before connecting to a database to perform a query.

```
Note: In the example, the string "REQUIRED" is retrieved
dynamically through functionality of the AnoServices and
Service classes. You have the option of retrieving the strings in
this manner or including them in the software code as shown in the
previous examples.
```

Before running this example, you must turn on encryption in the sqlnet.ora file.
For example, the following lines will turn on AES256, AES192, and AES128 for the
encryption and MD5 and SHA1 for the checksum:

```
SQLNET.ENCRYPTION_SERVER = ACCEPTED
SQLNET.CRYPTO_CHECKSUM_SERVER = ACCEPTED
```

Note:

- Because Oracle Advanced Security support for the Thin driver
  is incorporated directly into the JDBC classes JAR file, there is
  only one version, not separate domestic and export editions.
  Only parameter settings that would be suitable for an export
  edition are possible.
- The letter C in DES40C and DES56C refers to Cipher Block
  Chaining (CBC) mode.
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Example 9–3 Setting Data Encryption and Integrity Parameters

class DemoAESAndSHA1
{
    static final String USERNAME= "scott";
    static final String PASSWORD= "tiger";
    static final String URL =
        "jdbc:oracle:thin:@(DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp)(HOST=WXYZ)(PORT=5561))"
        + "(CONNECT_DATA=(SERVICE_NAME=mydatabaseinstance))")

    public static final void main(String[] argv)
    {
        DemoAESAndSHA1 demo = new DemoAESAndSHA1();
        try
        {
            demo.run();
        }
        catch(SQLException ex)
        {
            ex.printStackTrace();
        }
    }

    void run() throws SQLException
    {
        OracleDriver dr = new OracleDriver();
        Properties prop = new Properties();

        // We require the connection to be encrypted with either AES256 or AES192.
        // If the database doesn't accept such a security level, then the connection
        // attempt will fail.
        prop.setProperty(OracleConnection.CONNECTION_PROPERTY_THIN_NET_ENCRYPTION_LEVEL, AnoServices.ANO_REQUIRED);
        prop.setProperty(OracleConnection.CONNECTION_PROPERTY_THIN_NET_ENCRYPTION_TYPES, "(" + AnoServices.ENCRYPTION_AES256 + ", " + AnoServices.ENCRYPTION_AES192 + ")");

        // We also require the use of the SHA1 algorithm for data integrity checking.
        prop.setProperty(OracleConnection.CONNECTION_PROPERTY_THIN_NET_CHECKSUM_LEVEL, AnoServices.ANO_REQUIRED);
        prop.setProperty(OracleConnection.CONNECTION_PROPERTY_THIN_NET_CHECKSUM_TYPES, "(" + AnoServices.CHECKSUM_SHA1 + ")");

        OracleConnection oraConn = (OracleConnection)dr.connect(DemoAESAndSHA1.URL, prop);
        System.out.println("Connection created! Encryption algorithm is: " + oraConn.getEncryptionAlgorithmName() + ", data
            integrity algorithm is: " + oraConn.getDataIntegrityAlgorithmName());
        oraConn.close();
}
Oracle Database 11g provides support for the Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) protocol. SSL is a widely used industry standard protocol that provides secure communication over a network. SSL provides authentication, data encryption, and data integrity. It provides a secure enhancement to the standard TCP/IP protocol, which is used for Internet communication.

SSL uses digital certificates that comply with the X.509v3 standard for authentication and a public and private key pair for encryption. SSL also uses secret key cryptography and digital signatures to ensure privacy and integrity of data. When a network connection over SSL is initiated, the client and server perform an SSL handshake that includes the following steps:

- Client and server negotiate about the cipher suites to use. This includes deciding on the encryption algorithms to be used for data transfer.
- Server sends its certificate to the client, and the client verifies that the certificate was signed by a trusted certification authority (CA). This step verifies the identity of the server.
- If client authentication is required, the client sends its own certificate to the server, and the server verifies that the certificate was signed by a trusted CA.
- Client and server exchange key information using public key cryptography. Based on this information, each generates a session key. All subsequent communications between the client and the server is encrypted and decrypted by using this set of session keys and the negotiated cipher suite.

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**Note:** In Oracle Database 11g Release 1 (11.1), SSL authentication is supported in the thin driver. So, you do not need to provide a user name/password pair if you are using SSL authentication.

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**SSL Terminology**

The following terms are commonly used in the SSL context:

- **certificate**: A certificate is a digitally signed document that binds a public key with an entity. The certificate can be used to verify that the public key belongs to that individual.
- **certification authority**: A certification authority (CA), also known as certificate authority, is an entity which issues digitally signed certificates for use by other parties.
- **cipher suite**: A cipher suite is a set of cryptographic algorithms and key sizes used to encrypt data sent over an SSL-enabled network.
- **private key**: A private key is a secret key, which is never transmitted over a network. The private key is used to decrypt a message that has been encrypted using the corresponding public key. It is also used to sign certificates. The certificate is verified using the corresponding public key.
- **public key**: A public key is an encryption key that can be made public or sent by ordinary means such as an e-mail message. The public key is used for encrypting
the message sent over SSL. It is also used to verify a certificate signed by the corresponding private key.

- **wallet**: A wallet is a password-protected container that is used to store authentication and signing credentials, including private keys, certificates, and trusted certificates required by SSL.

**Java Version of SSL**

The Java Secure Socket Extension (JSSE) provides a framework and an implementation for a Java version of the SSL and TLS protocols. JSSE provides support for data encryption, server and client authentication, and message integrity. It abstracts the complex security algorithms and handshaking mechanisms and simplifies application development by providing a building block for application developers, which they can directly integrate into their applications. JSSE is integrated into Java Development Kit (JDK) 1.4 and later, and supports SSL version 2.0 and 3.0.

Oracle strongly recommends that you have a clear understanding of the Java™ Secure Socket Extension (JSSE) framework by Sun Microsystems before using SSL in the Oracle JDBC drivers.

The JSSE standard application programming interface (API) is available in the `javax.net`, `javax.net.ssl`, and `javax.security.cert` packages. These packages provide classes for creating and configuring sockets, server sockets, SSL sockets, and SSL server sockets. The packages also provide a class for secure HTTP connections, a public key certificate API compatible with JDK1.1-based platforms, and interfaces for key and trust managers.

SSL works the same way, as in any networking environment, in Oracle Database 11g. This section covers the following:

- **Managing Certificates and Wallets**
- **Keys and certificates containers**

**Managing Certificates and Wallets**

To establish an SSL connection with a JDBC client, Thin or OCI, Oracle database server sends its certificate, which is stored in its wallet. The client may or may not need a certificate or wallet depending on the server configuration.

The Oracle JDBC Thin driver uses the JSSE framework to create an SSL connection. It uses the default provider (`SunJSSE`) to create an SSL context. However you can provide your own provider.

You do not need a certificate for the client, unless the `SSL_CLIENT_AUTHENTICATION` parameter is set on the server.

**Keys and certificates containers**

Java clients can use multiple types of containers such as Oracle wallets, JKS, PKCS12, and so on, as long as a provider is available. For Oracle wallets, `OraclePKI` provider must be used because the PKCS12 support provided by `SunJSSE` provider does not support all the features of PKCS12. In order to use `OraclePKI` provider, the following JARs are required:

- `oraclepki.jar`
- `osdt_cert.jar`
- `osdt_core.jar`
All these JAR files should be under $ORACLE_HOME/jlib directory.

**Support for Kerberos**

Since Oracle Database 11g Release 1 (11.1) support for Kerberos has been introduced. Kerberos is a network authentication protocol that provides the tools of authentication and strong cryptography over the network. Kerberos helps you secure your information systems across your entire enterprise by using secret-key cryptography. The Kerberos protocol uses strong cryptography so that a client or a server can prove its identity to its server or client across an insecure network connection. After a client and server have used Kerberos to prove their identity, they can also encrypt all of their communications to assure privacy and data integrity as they go about their business.

The Kerberos architecture is centered around a trusted authentication service called the key distribution center, or KDC. Users and services in a Kerberos environment are referred to as principals; each principal shares a secret, such as a password, with the KDC. A principal can be a user such as scott or a database server instance.

**Configuring Windows to Use Kerberos**

A good Kerberos client providing klist, kinit, and other tools, can be found at the following link:


This client also provides a nice GUI.

You need to make the following changes to configure Kerberos on your Windows machine:

1. Right-click the My Computer icon on your desktop.
2. Select Properties. The System Properties dialog box is displayed.
3. Select the Advanced tab.
4. Click Environment Variables. The Environment Variables dialog box is displayed.
5. Click New to add a new user variable. The New User Variable dialog box is displayed.
6. Enter KRB5CCNAME in the Variable name field.
7. Enter FILE:C:\Documents and Settings\<user_name>\krb5cc in the Variable value field.
8. Click OK to close the New User Variable dialog box.
9. Click OK to close the Environment Variables dialog box.
10. Click OK to close the System Properties dialog box.

---

**Note:** C:\WINDOWS\krb5.ini file has the same content as krb5.conf file.

**Configuring Oracle Database to Use Kerberos**

Perform the following steps to configure Oracle Database to use Kerberos:

1. Use the following command to connect to the database:

   SQL> connect system
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Enter password: password

2. Use the following commands to create a user CLIENT@US.ORACLE.COM that is identified externally:

   SQL> create user "CLIENT@US.ORACLE.COM" identified externally;
   SQL> grant create session to "CLIENT@US.ORACLE.COM";

3. Use the following commands to connect to the database as sysdba and dismount it:

   SQL> connect / as sysdba
   SQL> shutdown immediate;

4. Add the following line to $T_WORK/t_init1.ora file:

   OS_AUTHENT_PREFIX="" 

5. Use the following command to restart the database:

   SQL> startup pfile=init1.ora

6. Modify the sqlnet.ora file to include the following lines:

   names.directory_path = (tnsnames)
   #Kerberos
   sqlnet.authentication_services = (beq,kerberos5)
   sqlnet.authentication_kerberos5_service = dbji
   sqlnet.kerberos5_conf = /home/Jdbc/Security/kerberos/krb5.conf
   sqlnet.kerberos5_keytab = /home/Jdbc/Security/kerberos/dbji.oracleserver
   sqlnet.kerberos5_conf_mit = true
   sqlnet.kerberos_cc_name = /tmp/krb5cc_5088
   # logging (optional):
   trace_level_server=16
   trace_directory_server=/scratch/sqlnet/

7. Use the following commands to verify that you can connect through SQL*Plus:

   > kinit client
   > klist
   Ticket cache: FILE:/tmp/krb5cc_5088
   Default principal: client@US.ORACLE.COM
   Valid starting     Expires            Service principal
   06/22/06 07:13:29  06/22/06 17:13:29  krbtgt/US.ORACLE.COM@US.ORACLE.COM

   Kerberos 4 ticket cache: /tmp/tkt5088
   klist: You have no tickets cached
   > sqlplus
   /@$(DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp)(HOST=oracleserver.mydomain.com)(PORT=5529))
   (CONNECT_DATA=(SERVICE_NAME=mydatabaseinstance)))'

---

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Code Example

This following example demonstrates the new Kerberos authentication feature that is part of Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2) JDBC thin driver. This demo covers two scenarios:

- In the first scenario, the OS maintains the user name and credentials. The credentials are stored in the cache and the driver retrieves the credentials before trying to authenticate to the server. This scenario is in the module connectWithDefaultUser().

  Note: 1. Before you run this part of the demo, use the following command to verify that you have valid credentials:

  > /usr/kerberos/bin/kinit client

  where, the password is welcome.

  2. Use the following command to list your tickets:

  > /usr/kerberos/bin/klist

- The second scenario covers the case where the application wants to control the user credentials. This is the case of the application server where multiple web users have their own credentials. This scenario is in the module connectWithSpecificUser().

  Note: To run this demo, you need to have a working setup, that is, a Kerberos server up and running, and an Oracle database server that is configured to use Kerberos authentication. You then need to change the URLs used in the example to compile and run it.

Example 9–4 Using Kerberos Authentication to Connect to the Database

```java
import com.sun.security.auth.module.Krb5LoginModule;
import java.io.IOException;
import java.security.PrivilegedExceptionAction;
import java.sql.Connection;
import java.sql.ResultSet;
import java.sql.SQLException;
import java.util.HashMap;
import java.util.Properties;
import javax.security.auth.Subject;
import javax.security.auth.callback.Callback;
import javax.security.auth.callback.CallbackHandler;
import javax.security.auth.callback.PasswordCallback;
```

Note: For information about using Kerberos, refer to the following web sites

import javax.security.auth.callback.UnsupportedCallbackException;

import oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection;
import oracle.jdbc.OracleDriver;
import oracle.net.ano.AnoServices;

public class KerberosJdbcDemo
{
    String url = "jdbc:oracle:thin:@(DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp)" + 
            "(HOST=oracleserver.mydomain.com)(PORT=5561))(CONNECT_DATA=" + 
            "(SERVICE_NAME=mydatabaseinstance)))";

    public static void main(String[] arv)
    {
        /* If you see the following error message [Mechanism level: Could not load *
        * configuration file c:\winnt\krb5.ini (The system cannot find the path *
        * specified) it’s because the JVM cannot locate your kerberos config file. *
        * You have to provide the location of the file. For example, on Windows, *
        * the MIT Kerberos client uses the config file: C:\WINDOWS\krb5.ini: */
        // System.setProperty("java.security.krb5.conf","C:\\WIN\krb5.ini");

        System.setProperty("java.security.krb5.conf","/home/Jdbc/Security/kerberos/krb5.config");

        KerberosJdbcDemo kerberosDemo = new KerberosJdbcDemo();
        try
        {
            System.out.println("Attempt to connect with the default user:");
            kerberosDemo.connectWithDefaultUser();
        }
        catch (Exception e)
        {
            e.printStackTrace();
        }

        try
        {
            System.out.println("Attempt to connect with a specific user:");
            kerberosDemo.connectWithSpecificUser();
        }
        catch (Exception e)
        {
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
    }

    void connectWithDefaultUser() throws SQLException
    {
        OracleDriver driver = new OracleDriver();
        Properties prop = new Properties();

        prop.setProperty(OracleConnection.CONNECTION_PROPERTY_THIN_NET_AUTHENTICATION_ SERVICES, "(*AnoServices.AUTHENTICATION_KERBEROS5*)");
        prop.setProperty(OracleConnection.CONNECTION_PROPERTY_THIN_NET_AUTHENTICATION_ KRBS_MUTUAL, "true");

        /* If you get the following error [Unable to obtain Principal Name for *
        * authentication] although you know that you have the right TGT in your
* credential cache, then it's probably because the JVM can't locate your * cache.
*
* Note that the default location on windows is "C:\Documents and Settings\krb5cc_username*.
*/

// prop.setProperty(OracleConnection.CONNECTION_PROPERTY_THIN_NET_AUTHENTICATION_KRB5_CC_NAME,
/*
On linux:
> which kinit
/usr/kerberos/bin/kinit
> ls -l /etc/krb5.conf
lrwxrwxrwX 1 root root 47 Jun 22 06:56 /etc/krb5.conf ->
/home/Jdbc/Security/kerberos/krb5.conf

> kinit client
Password for client@US.ORACLE.COM:
> klist
Ticket cache: FILE:/tmp/krb5cc_5088
Default principal: client@US.ORACLE.COM

Valid starting Expires Service principal
11/02/06 09:25:11 11/02/06 19:25:11 krbtgt/US.ORACLE.COM@US.ORACLE.COM

Kerberos 4 ticket cache: /tmp/tkt5088
klist: You have no tickets cached
*/
prop.setProperty(OracleConnection.CONNECTION_PROPERTY_THIN_NET_AUTHENTICATION_KRB5_CC_NAME,
"/tmp/krb5cc_5088");
Connection conn = driver.connect(url, prop);
String auth = ((OracleConnection) conn).getAuthenticationAdaptorName();
System.out.println("Authentication adaptor=" + auth);
printUserName(conn);
conn.close();
}

void connectWithSpecificUser() throws Exception
{
    Subject specificSubject = new Subject();

    // This first part isn't really meaningful to the sake of this demo. In
    // a real world scenario, you have a valid "specificSubject" Subject that
    // represents a valid user that has valid Kerberos credentials.
    Krb5LoginModule krb5Module = new Krb5LoginModule();
    HashMap sharedState = new HashMap();
    HashMap options = new HashMap();
    options.put("doNotPrompt", "false");
    options.put("useTicketCache", "false");
    options.put("principal", "client@US.ORACLE.COM");

    krb5Module.initialize(specificSubject, new Krb5CallbackHandler(), sharedState, options);
    boolean retLogin = krb5Module.login();
    krb5Module.commit();
if(!retLogin)
    throw new Exception("Kerberos5 adaptor couldn't retrieve credentials (TGT) from the cache");

    // to use the TGT from the cache:
    // options.put("useTicketCache","true");
    // options.put("doNotPrompt","true");
    // options.put("ticketCache","C:\\Documents and Settings\\user\\krb5cc");
    // krb5Module.initialize(specificSubject,null,sharedState,options);

    // Now we have a valid Subject with Kerberos credentials. The second scenario
    // really starts here:
    // execute driver.connect(...) on behalf of the Subject 'specificSubject':
    Connection conn =
    (Connection)Subject.doAs(specificSubject, new PrivilegedExceptionAction()
    {
        public Object run()
        {
            Connection con = null;
            Properties prop = new Properties();
            prop.setProperty(AnoServices.AUTHENTICATION_PROPERTY_SERVICES,
            "(" + AnoServices.AUTHENTICATION_KERBEROS5 + ")");
            try
            {
                OracleDriver driver = new OracleDriver();
                con = driver.connect(url, prop);
            } catch (Exception except)
            {
                except.printStackTrace();
            }
            return con;
        }
    });

    String auth = ((OracleConnection)conn).getAuthenticationAdaptorName();
    System.out.println("Authentication adaptor="+auth);
    printUserName(conn);
    conn.close();
}

void printUserName(Connection conn) throws SQLException
{
    Statement stmt = null;
    try
    {
        stmt = conn.createStatement();
        ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("select user from dual");
        while(rs.next())
        {
            System.out.println("User is:"+rs.getString(1));
            rs.close();
        }
    } finally
    {
        if(stmt != null)
            stmt.close();
    }
}
class KrbCallbackHandler implements CallbackHandler
{
    public void handle(Callback[] callbacks) throws IOException,
                UnsupportedCallbackException
    {
        for (int i = 0; i < callbacks.length; i++)
        {
            if (callbacks[i] instanceof PasswordCallback)
            {
                PasswordCallback pc = (PasswordCallback)callbacks[i];
                System.out.println("set password to 'welcome'");
                pc.setPassword(new String("welcome").toCharArray());
            } else
            {
                throw new UnsupportedCallbackException(callbacks[i],
                                                        "Unrecognized Callback");
            }
        }
    }
}

Support for RADIUS

Since Oracle Database 11g Release 1 (11.1), support for Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service (RADIUS) has been introduced. RADIUS is a client/server security protocol that is most widely known for enabling remote authentication and access. Oracle Advanced Security uses this standard in a client/server network environment to enable use of any authentication method that supports the RADIUS protocol. RADIUS can be used with a variety of authentication mechanisms, including token cards and smart cards. This section contains the following sections:

- Configuring Oracle Database to Use RADIUS
- Code Example

Configuring Oracle Database to Use RADIUS

Perform the following steps to configure Oracle Database to use RADIUS:

1. Use the following command to connect to the database:

   SQL> connect system

   Enter password: password

2. Use the following commands to create a new user aso from within a database:

   SQL> create user aso identified externally;
   SQL> grant create session to aso;

3. Use the following commands to connect to the database as sysdba and dismount it:

   SQL> connect / as sysdba
   SQL> shutdown immediate;

4. Add the following lines to the t_init1.ora file:

   os_authent_prefix = ""
Note: Once the test is over, you need to revert the preceding changes made to the t_init1.ora file.

5. Use the following command to restart the database:

   SQL> startup pfile=?/work/t_init1.ora

6. Modify the sqlnet.ora file so that it contains only these lines:

   sqlnet.authentication_services = ( beq, radius)
   sqlnet.radius_authentication = <RADUIUS_SERVER_HOST_NAME>
   sqlnet.radius_authentication_port = 1812
   sqlnet.radius_authentication_timeout = 120
   sqlnet.radius_secret=/home/Jdbc/Security/radius/radius_key
   # logging (optional):
   trace_level_server=16
   trace_directory_server=/scratch/sqlnet/

7. Use the following command to verify that you can connect through SQL*Plus:

   >sqlplus
   'aso/1234@(DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp)(HOST=oracleserver.mydomain.com)(PORT=5529))(CONNECT_DATA=(SERVICE_NAME=mydatabaseinstance)))'

**Code Example**

This example demonstrates the new RADIUS authentication feature that is a part of Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2) JDBC thin driver. You need to have a working setup, that is, a RADIUS server up and running, and an Oracle database server that is configured to use RADIUS authentication. You then need to change the URLs given in the example to compile and run it.

**Example 9-5 Using RADIUS Authentication to Connect to the Database**

```java
import java.sql.Connection;
import java.sql.ResultSet;
import java.sql.SQLException;
import java.sql.Statement;
import java.util.Properties;
import oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection;
import oracle.jdbc.OracleDriver;
import oracle.net.ano.AnoServices;

public class RadiusJdbcDemo
{
    String url = "jdbc:oracle:thin:@(DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp)"+
                  "(HOST=oracleserver.mydomain.com)(PORT=5561))(CONNECT_DATA=" +
                  "(SERVICE_NAME=mydatabaseinstance))");

    public static void main(String[] arv)
    {
        RadiusJdbcDemo radiusDemo = new RadiusJdbcDemo();
        try
        {
            radiusDemo.connect();
        }
        catch (Exception e)
        {
```
Secure External Password Store

As an alternative for large-scale deployments where applications use password credentials to connect to databases, it is possible to store such credentials in a
client-side Oracle wallet. An Oracle wallet is a secure software container that is used to store authentication and signing credentials.

Storing database password credentials in a client-side Oracle wallet eliminates the need to embed user names and passwords in application code, batch jobs, or scripts. This reduces the risk of exposing passwords in the scripts and application code, and simplifies maintenance because you do not need to change your code each time user names and passwords change. In addition, if you do not have to change the application code, then it also becomes easier to enforce password management policies for these user accounts.

You can set the `oracle.net.wallet_location` connection property to specify the wallet location. The JDBC driver can then retrieve the user name and password pair from this wallet.

**See Also:** Oracle Database Advanced Security Administrator’s Guide for information about configuring your client to use secure external password store and for information about managing credentials in it.
Oracle Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) provides proxy authentication, also called N-tier authentication. This feature is supported through both the JDBC Oracle Call Interface (OCI) driver and the JDBC Thin driver. This chapter contains the following sections:

- About Proxy Authentication
- Types of Proxy Connections
- Creating Proxy Connections
- Closing a Proxy Session
- Caching Proxy Connections
- Limitations of Proxy Connections

**Note:** Oracle Database supports proxy authentication functionality in three tiers only. It does not support it across multiple middle tiers.

### About Proxy Authentication

Proxy authentication is the process of using a middle tier for user authentication. You can design a middle tier server to proxy clients in a secure fashion by using the following three forms of proxy authentication:

- The middle tier server authenticates itself with the database server and a client. In this case, an application user or another application, authenticates itself with the middle tier server. Client identities can be maintained all the way through to the database.

- The client, that is, a database user, is not authenticated by the middle tier server. The client's identity and database password are passed through the middle tier server to the database server for authentication.

- The client, that is, a global user, is authenticated by the middle tier server, and passes either a Distinguished name (DN) or a Certificate through the middle tier for retrieving the client's user name.

**Note:** Operations done on behalf of a client by a middle tier server can be audited. For more information, refer to *Oracle Database Security Guide.*
Types of Proxy Connections

See Also:  "Creating Proxy Connections" on page 10-3

In all cases, an administrator must authorize the middletier server to proxy a client, that is, to act on behalf of the client. Suppose, the middletier server initially connects to the database as user scott and activates a proxy connection as user jeff, and then issues the following statement to authorize the middletier server to proxy a client:

ALTER USER jeff GRANT CONNECT THROUGH scott;

You can also:

- Specify roles that the middle tier is permitted to activate when connecting as the client. For example,

      CREATE ROLE role1;
      GRANT SELECT ON emp TO role1;
      ALTER USER jeff GRANT CONNECT THROUGH scott ROLE role1;

      The role clause limits the access only to those database objects that are mentioned in the list of the roles. The list of roles can be empty.

- Find the users who are currently authorized to connect through a middle tier by querying the PROXY_USERS data dictionary view.

- Disallow a proxy connection by using the REVOKE CONNECT THROUGH clause of ALTER USER statement.

Note:  In this chapter, a JDBC connection to a database is a user session in the database and vice versa.

You need to use the different fields and methods present in the oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection interface to set up the different types of proxy connections.

Types of Proxy Connections

You can create proxy connections using any one of the following options:

- USER NAME

      This is done by supplying the user name or the password or both. The SQL statement for specifying authentication using password is:

      ALTER USER jeff GRANT CONNECT THROUGH scott AUTHENTICATED USING password;

      In this case, jeff is the user name and scott is the proxy for jeff.

      The password option exists for additional security. Having no authenticated clause implies default authentication, which is using only the user name without the password. The SQL statement for specifying default authentication is:

      ALTER USER jeff GRANT CONNECT THROUGH scott

- DISTINGUISHED NAME

      This is a global name in lieu of the password of the user being proxied for. An example of the corresponding SQL statement using a distinguished name is:

      CREATE USER jeff IDENTIFIED GLOBALLY AS
      'CN=jeff,OU=americas,O=oracle,L=redwoodshores,ST=ca,C=us';
Creating Proxy Connections

The string that follows the identified globally as clause is the distinguished name. It is then necessary to authenticate using this distinguished name. The corresponding SQL statement to specify authentication using distinguished name is:

```
ALTER USER jeff GRANT CONNECT THROUGH scott AUTHENTICATED USING DISTINGUISHED NAME;
```

- **CERTIFICATE**

This is a more encrypted way of passing the credentials of the user, who is to be proxied, to the database. The certificate contains the distinguished name encoded in it. One way of generating the certificate is by creating a wallet and then decoding the wallet to get the certificate. The wallet can be created using `runutl mkwallet`. It is then necessary to authenticate using the generated certificate. The SQL statement for specifying authentication using certificate is:

```
ALTER USER jeff GRANT CONNECT THROUGH scott AUTHENTICATED USING CERTIFICATE;
```

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**Note:** The use of certificates for proxy authentication will be desupported in future Oracle Database releases.

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**Note:**

- All the options can be associated with roles.
- When opening a new proxied connection, a new session is started on the database server. Along with this session a new local transaction is created.

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Creating Proxy Connections

A user, say `jeff`, has to connect to the database through another user, say `scott`. The proxy user, `scott`, should have an active authenticated connection. A proxy session is then created on this active connection, with the driver issuing a command to the server to create a session for the user, `jeff`. The server returns the new session ID, and the driver sends a session switch command to switch to this new session.

The JDBC OCI and Thin driver switch sessions in the same manner. The drivers permanently switch to the new session, `jeff`. As a result, the proxy session, `scott`, is not available until the new session, `jeff`, is closed.

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**Note:** You can use the `isProxySession` method from the `oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection` interface to check if the current session associated with your connection is a proxy session. This method returns `true` if the current session associated with the connection is a proxy session.

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A new proxy session is opened by using the following method from the `oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection` interface:

```
void openProxySession(int type, java.util.Properties prop) throws SQLException
```
Where,

- **type** is the type of the proxy session and can have the following values:
  - `OracleConnection.PROXYTYPE_USER_NAME`
    This type is used for specifying the user name.
  - `OracleConnection.PROXYTYPE_DISTINGUISHED_NAME`
    This type is used for specifying the distinguished name of the user.
  - `OracleConnection.PROXYTYPE_CERTIFICATE`
    This type is used for specifying the proxy certificate.

- **prop** is the property value of the proxy session and can have the following values:
  - `PROXY_USER_NAME`
    This property value should be used with the type
    `OracleConnection.PROXYTYPE_USER_NAME`. The value should be a `java.lang.String`.
  - `PROXY_DISTINGUISHED_NAME`
    This property value should be used with the type
    `OracleConnection.PROXYTYPE_DISTINGUISHED_NAME`. The value should be a `java.lang.String`.
  - `PROXY_CERTIFICATE`
    This property value should be used with the type
    `OracleConnection.PROXYTYPE_CERTIFICATE`. The value is a `byte[]` array that contains the certificate.
  - `PROXY_ROLES`
    This property value can be used with the following types:
    - `OracleConnection.PROXYTYPE_USER_NAME`
    - `OracleConnection.PROXYTYPE_DISTINGUISHED_NAME`
    - `OracleConnection.PROXYTYPE_CERTIFICATE`
    The value should be a `java.lang.String`.
  - `PROXY_SESSION`
    This property value is used with the `close` method to close the proxy session.

*See Also:* [Closing a Proxy Session](#) on page 10-5

- `PROXY_USER_PASSWORD`
  This property value should be used with the type
  `OracleConnection.PROXYTYPE_USER_NAME`. The value should be a `java.lang.String`.

The following code snippet shows the use of the `openProxySession` method:

```java
java.util.Properties prop = new java.util.Properties();
prop.put(OracleConnection.PROXY_USER_NAME, "jeff");
String[] roles = {'role1', 'role2'};
prop.put(OracleConnection.PROXY_ROLES, roles);
conn.openProxySession(OracleConnection.PROXYTYPE_USER_NAME, prop);
```
Closing a Proxy Session

You can close the proxy session opened with the OracleConnection.openProxySession method by passing the OracleConnection.PROXY_SESSION parameter to the OracleConnection.close method in the following way:

OracleConnection.close(OracleConnection.PROXY_SESSION);

This is similar to closing a proxy session on a non-cached connection. The standard close method must be called explicitly to close the connection itself. If the close method is called directly, without closing the proxy session, then both the proxy session and the connection are closed. This can be achieved in the following way:

OracleConnection.close(OracleConnection.INVALID_CONNECTION);

See Also: Chapter 21, "Implicit Connection Caching"

Caching Proxy Connections

Proxy connections, like standard connections, can be cached. Caching proxy connections enhances the performance. To cache a proxy connection, you need to create a connection using one of the getConnection methods on a cache enabled OracleDataSource object.

See Also: Chapter 21, "Implicit Connection Caching"

A proxy connection may be cached in the connection cache using the connection attributes feature of the connection cache. Connection attributes are name/value pairs that are user-defined and help tag a connection before returning it to the connection cache for reuse. When the tagged connection is retrieved, it can be directly used without having to do a round-trip to create or close a proxy session. Implicit connection cache supports caching of any user/password authenticated connection. Therefore, any user authenticated proxy connection can be cached and retrieved.

It is recommended that proxy connections should not be closed without applying the connection attributes. If a proxy connection is closed without applying the connection attributes, the connection is returned to the connection cache for reuse, but cannot be retrieved. The connection caching mechanism does not remember or reset session state.

A proxy connection can be removed from the connection cache by closing the connection directly.

See Also: "Closing a Proxy Session" on page 10-5

Limitations of Proxy Connections

Closing a proxy connection automatically closes every SQL Statement created by the proxy connection, during the proxy session or prior to the proxy session. This may cause unexpected consequences on application pooling or statement caching. The following code samples explain this limitation of proxy connections:

Example 1

....
public void displayName(String N) // Any function using the Proxy feature
{
Properties props = new Properties();
props.put("PROXY_USER_NAME", proxyUser);
c.openProxySession(OracleConnection.PROXYTYPE_USER_NAME, props);

......
c.close(OracleConnection.PROXY_SESSION);
}

public static void main (String args[]) throws SQLException
{
    ............
    PreparedStatement pstmt = conn.prepareStatement("SELECT empname FROM EMP WHERE empno = ?");
pstmt.setString(1, "28959");
    ResultSet rs = pstmt.executeQuery();
    while (rs.next())
    {
        displayName(rs.getString(1));
        if (rs.isClosed() // The ResultSet is already closed while closing the connection!
            {
            throw new Exception("Your ResultSet has been prematurely closed!
            Your Statement object is also dead now.");
        }
    }
    }
}

In the preceding example, when you close the proxy connection in the displayName method, then the PreparedStatement object and the ResultSet object also get closed. So, if you do not check the status of the ResultSet object inside loop, then the loop will fail when the next method is called for the second time.

Example 2

....
PreparedStatement pstmt = conn.prepareStatement("SELECT empname FROM EMP WHERE empno = ?");
pstmt.setString(1, "28959");
    ResultSet rs = pstmt.executeQuery();
    while (rs.next())
    {
        ....
    }

Properties props = new Properties();
props.put("PROXY_USER_NAME", proxyUser);

    conn.openProxySession(OracleConnection.PROXYTYPE_USER_NAME, props);
    ........
    conn.close(OracleConnection.PROXY_SESSION);

    // Try to use the PreparedStatement again
    pstmt.setString(1, "28960");
    // This line of code will fail because the Statement is already closed while closing the connection!
    rs = pstmt.executeQuery();

In the preceding example, the PreparedStatement object and the ResultSet object work fine before opening the proxy connection. But, if you try to execute the same PreparedStatement object after closing the proxy connection, then the statement fails.
Part IV

Data Access and Manipulation

This part provides a chapter that discusses about accessing and manipulating Oracle data. It also includes chapters that provide information about Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) support for user-defined object types, large object (LOB) and binary file (BFILE) locators and data, object references, and Oracle collections, such as nested tables. This part also provides chapters that discuss the result set functionality in JDBC, JDBC row sets, and globalization support provided by Oracle JDBC drivers.

Part IV contains the following chapters:

- Chapter 11, "Accessing and Manipulating Oracle Data"
- Chapter 12, "Java Streams in JDBC"
- Chapter 13, "Working with Oracle Object Types"
- Chapter 14, "Working with LOBs and BFILEs"
- Chapter 15, "Using Oracle Object References"
- Chapter 16, "Working with Oracle Collections"
- Chapter 17, "Result Set"
- Chapter 18, "JDBC RowSets"
- Chapter 19, "Globalization Support"
This chapter describes data access in `oracle.sql.*` formats, as opposed to standard Java formats. Using `oracle.sql.*` formats involves casting your result sets and statements to `OracleResultSet`, `OracleStatement`, `OraclePreparedStatement`, and `OracleCallableStatement`, as appropriate, and using the `getOracleObject`, `setOracleObject`, `getXXX`, and `setXXX` methods of these classes, where `XXX` corresponds to the types in the `oracle.sql` package.

This chapter covers the following topics:

- Data Type Mappings
- Data Conversion Considerations
- Result Set and Statement Extensions
- Comparison of Oracle get and set Methods to Standard JDBC
- Using Result Set Metadata Extensions
- Using SQL CALL and CALL INTO Statements

### Data Type Mappings

The Oracle JDBC drivers support standard JDBC types as well as Oracle-specific data types. This section documents standard and Oracle-specific SQL-Java default type mappings. This section contains the following topics:

- Table of Mappings
- Notes Regarding Mappings

### Table of Mappings

Table 11–1 shows the default mappings between SQL data types, JDBC type codes, standard Java types, and Oracle extended types.

The SQL Data Types column lists the SQL types that exist in Oracle Database 11g. The JDBC Type Codes column lists data type codes supported by the JDBC standard and defined in the `java.sql.Types` class or by Oracle in the `oracle.jdbc.OracleTypes` class. For standard type codes, the codes are identical in these two classes.

The Standard Java Types column lists standard types defined in the Java language. The Oracle Extension Java Types column lists the `oracle.sql.*` Java types that correspond to each SQL data type in the database. These are Oracle extensions that let you retrieve all SQL data in the form of a `oracle.sql.*` Java type.
Note: In general, the Oracle JDBC drivers are optimized to manipulate SQL data using the standard JDBC types. In a few specialized cases, it may be advantageous to use the Oracle extension classes that are available in the oracle.sql package. But, Oracle strongly recommends to use the standard JDBC types instead of Oracle extensions, whenever possible. For more information about when to use Oracle extension, refer to “Standard Types Versus Oracle Types” on page 11-4.

See Also: "Package oracle.sql" on page 4-5 for more information on Oracle extensions.

Table 11–1  Default Mappings Between SQL Types and Java Types

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<td>oracle.sql.ROWID</td>
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<td>java.sql.Types.NCLOB</td>
<td>java.sql.NClob</td>
<td>oracle.sql.NCLOB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NCHAR</td>
<td>java.sql.Types.NCHAR</td>
<td>java.lang.String</td>
<td>oracle.sql.CHAR</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Oracle Extensions:**

| BFILE           | oracle.jdbc.OracleTypes.BFILE | NA                  | oracle.sql.BFILE            |
| REF CURSOR      | oracle.jdbc.OracleTypes.CURSOR | java.sql.ResultSet  | oracle.jdbc.OracleResultSet |
| TIMESTAMP       | oracle.jdbc.OracleTypes.TIME  | java.sql.Timestamp  | oracle.sql.TIMESTAMP        |
| TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE | oracle.jdbc.OracleTypes.TIME STAMP | java.sql.Timestamp | oracle.sql.TIMESTAMP TZ     |
| TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE | oracle.jdbc.OracleTypes.TIME STAMPLTZ | java.sql.Timestamp | oracle.sql.TIMESTAMP LTZ    |

**Note:** For database versions, such as 8.1.7, which do not support the TIMESTAMP data type, TIMESTAMP is mapped to DATE.

**See Also:**

- "Valid SQL-JDBC Data Type Mappings" on page A-1
- Chapter 4, "Oracle Extensions"

### Notes Regarding Mappings

This section provides further detail regarding mappings for NUMBER and user-defined types.

**NUMBER Types**

For the different type codes that an Oracle NUMBER value can correspond to, call the getter routine that is appropriate for the size of the data for mapping to work properly. For example, call `getByte` to get a Java tinyint value for an item \( x \), where \(-128 < x < 128\).

**User-Defined Types**

User-defined types, such as objects, object references, and collections, map by default to weak Java types, such as `java.sql.Struct`, but alternatively can map to strongly typed custom Java classes. Custom Java classes can implement one of two interfaces:

- The standard `java.sql.SQLData`
- The Oracle-specific `oracle.sql.ORADate`
Data Conversion Considerations

When JDBC programs retrieve SQL data into Java, you can use standard Java types, or you can use types of the oracle.sql package. This section covers the following topics:

- Standard Types Versus Oracle Types
- Converting SQL NULL Data
- Testing for NULLs

Standard Types Versus Oracle Types

The Oracle data types in oracle.sql store data in the same bit format as used by the database. In versions of the Oracle JDBC drivers prior to Oracle Database 10g, the Oracle data types were generally more efficient. The Oracle Database 10g JDBC drivers were substantially updated. As a result, in most cases the standard Java types are preferred to the data types in oracle.sql.*. In particular, java.lang.String is much more efficient than oracle.sql.CHAR.

In general, Oracle recommends that you use the Java standard types. The exceptions to this are:

- Use the oracle.sql.OraData rather than the java.sql.SqlData if the OraData functionality better suits your needs.
- Use oracle.sql.NUMBER rather than java.lang.Double if you need to retain the exact values of floating point numbers. Oracle NUMBER is a decimal representation and Java Double and Float are binary representations. Conversion from one format to the other can result in slight variations in the actual value represented. Additionally, the range of values that can be represented using the two formats is different.
- Use oracle.sql.NUMBER rather than java.math.BigDecimal when performance is critical and you are not manipulating the values, just reading and writing them.
- Use oracle.sql.DATE or oracle.sql.TIMESTAMP rather than java.sql.Date or java.sql.Timestamp if you are using a JDK version earlier than JDK 1.6 or require maximum performance. You can also use the oracle.sql data type if you want to read many date values, and compute or display only a small percentage.

Note: Due to a bug in all versions of Java prior to JDK 1.6, construction of java.lang.Date and java.lang.Timestamp objects is slow, especially in multithreaded environments. This bug is fixed in JDK 1.6.

- Use oracle.sql.CHAR only when you have data from some external source, which has been represented in an Oracle character set encoding. In all other cases, you should use java.lang.String.
■ **STRUCT**, **ARRAY**, **BLOB**, **CLOB**, **REF**, and **ROWID** are all the implementation classes of the corresponding JDBC standard interface types. So, there is no benefit of using the Oracle extension types as they are identical to the JDBC standard types.

■ **BFILE**, **TIMESTAMPTZ**, and **TIMESTAMPZ** have no representation in the JDBC standard. You must use these Oracle extensions.

■ In all other cases, you should use the standard JDBC type rather than the Oracle extensions.

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**Note:** If you convert an oracle.sql data type to a Java standard data type, then the benefits of using the oracle.sql data type are lost.

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**Converting SQL NULL Data**

Java represents a SQL NULL datum by the Java value `null`. Java data types fall into two categories: primitive types, such as `byte`, `int`, and `float`, and object types, such as class instances. The primitive types cannot represent `null`. Instead, they store `null` as the value zero, as defined by the JDBC specification. This can lead to ambiguity when you try to interpret your results.

In contrast, Java object types can represent `null`. The Java language defines an object container type corresponding to every primitive type that can represent `null`. The object container types must be used as the targets for SQL data to detect SQL NULL without ambiguity.

**Testing for NULLs**

You cannot use a relational operator to compare NULL values with each other or with other values. For example, the following SELECT statement does not return any row even if the `COMM` column contains one or more NULL values.

```java
PreparedStatement pstmt = conn.prepareStatement("SELECT * FROM EMP WHERE COMM = ?");
pstmt.setNull(1, java.sql.Types.VARCHAR);
```

The next example shows how to compare values for equality when some return values might be NULL. The following code returns all the `ENAMES` from the `EMP` table that are NULL, if there is no value of 100 for `COMM`.

```java
PreparedStatement pstmt = conn.prepareStatement("SELECT ENAME FROM EMP WHERE COMM =? OR ((COMM IS NULL) AND (? IS NULL))");
pstmt.setBigDecimal(1, new BigDecimal(100));
pstmt.setNull(2, java.sql.Types.VARCHAR);
```

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**Result Set and Statement Extensions**

The JDBC `Statement` object returns an `OracleResultSet` object, typed as a `java.sql.ResultSet`. If you want to apply only standard JDBC methods to the object, then keep it as a `ResultSet` type. However, if you want to use the Oracle extensions on the object, then you must cast it to `OracleResultSet`. All of the Oracle Result Set extensions are in the `oracle.jdbc.OracleResultSet` interface and all the Statement extensions are in the `oracle.jdbc.OracleStatement` interface.

For example, assuming you have a standard `Statement` object `stmt`, do the following if you want to use only standard JDBC `ResultSet` methods:
ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("SELECT * FROM emp");

If you need the extended functionality provided by the Oracle extensions to JDBC, you can select the results into a standard ResultSet variable and then cast that variable to OracleResultSet later.

Key extensions to the result set and statement classes include the getOracleObject and setOracleObject methods, used to access and manipulate data in oracle.sql.* formats.

Comparison of Oracle get and set Methods to Standard JDBC

This section describes get and set methods, particularly the JDBC standard getObject and setObject methods and the Oracle-specific getOracleObject and setOracleObject methods, and how to access data in oracle.sql.* format compared with Java format.

Although there are specific getXXX methods for all the Oracle SQL types, you can use the general get methods for convenience or simplicity, or if you are not certain in advance what type of data you will receive.

This section covers the following topics:

- Standard getObject Method
- Oracle getOracleObject Method
- Summary of getObject and getOracleObject Return Types
- Other getXXX Methods
- Data Types For Returned Objects from getObject and getXXX
- The setObject and setOracleObject Methods
- Other setXXX Methods

Note: You cannot qualify a column name with a table name and pass it as a parameter to the getXXX method. For example:

```
ResultSet rset = stmt.executeQuery("SELECT emp.deptno, dept.deptno FROM emp, dept");
rset.getInt("emp.deptno");
```

The getInt method in the preceding code will throw an exception. To uniquely identify the columns in the getXXX method, you can either use column index or specify column aliases in the query and use these aliases in the getXXX method.

Standard getobject Method

The standard getObject method of a result set or callable statement has a return type of java.lang.Object. The class of the object returned is based on its SQL type, as follows:

- For SQL data types that are not Oracle-specific, getObject returns the default Java type corresponding to the SQL type of the column, following the mapping in the JDBC specification.
- For Oracle-specific data types, getObject returns an object of the appropriate oracle.sql.* class, such as oracle.sql.ROWID.
For Oracle database objects, `getObject` returns a Java object of the class specified in your type map. Type maps specify a mapping from database named types to Java classes. The `getObject(parameter_index)` method uses the default type map of the connection. The `getObject(parameter_index, map)` enables you to pass in a type map. If the type map does not provide a mapping for a particular Oracle object, then `getObject` returns an `oracle.sql.STRUCT` object.

**Oracle getOracleObject Method**

If you want to retrieve data from a result set or callable statement as an `oracle.sql.*` object, then you must follow a special process. For a Result Set, you must cast the Result Set itself to `oracle.jdbc.OracleResultSet` and then call `getOracleObject` instead of `getObject`. The same applies to CallableStatement and `oracle.jdbc.OracleCallableStatement`.

The return type of `getOracleObject` is `oracle.sql.Datum`. The actual returned object is an instance of the appropriate `oracle.sql.*` class. The method signature is:

```java
public oracle.sql.Datum getOracleObject(int parameter_index)
```

When you retrieve data into a `Datum` variable, you can use the standard Java `instanceof` operator to determine which `oracle.sql.*` type it really is.

**Example: Using getOracleObject with a Result Set**

The following example creates a table that contains a column of CHAR data and a column containing a BFILE locator. A `SELECT` statement retrieves the contents of the table as a result set. The `getOracleObject` then retrieves the CHAR data into the `char_datum` variable and the BFILE locator into the `bfile_datum` variable. Note that because `getOracleObject` returns a `Datum` object, the return values must be cast to CHAR and BFILE, respectively.

```java
stmt.executeUpdate("CREATE TABLE bfile_table (x VARCHAR2 (30), b BFILE)"");
stmt.executeUpdate("INSERT INTO bfile_table VALUES ('one', BFILENAME ('TEST_DIR', 'file1'))");
ResultSet rset = stmt.executeQuery("SELECT * FROM bfile_table");
while(rset.next()) {
   CHAR char_datum = (CHAR) ((OracleResultSet)rset).getOracleObject(1);
   BFILE bfile_datum = (BFILE) ((OracleResultSet)rset).getOracleObject(2);
   ...
}
```

**Example: Using getOracleObject in a Callable Statement**

The following example creates a table that contains a column of CHAR data and a column containing a BFILE locator. A `SELECT` statement retrieves the contents of the table as a result set. The `getOracleObject` then retrieves the CHAR data into the `char_datum` variable and the BFILE locator into the `bfile_datum` variable. Note that because `getOracleObject` returns a `Datum` object, the return values must be cast to CHAR and BFILE, respectively.

```java
OracleCallableStatement cstmt = (OracleCallableStatement) conn.prepareCall("begin myGetDate (?, ?); end;" );
cstmt.setString(1, "SCOTT") ;
cstmt.registerOutParameter(2, Types.DATE) ;
cstmt.execute () ;
```
DATE date = (DATE) ((OracleCallableStatement)cstmt).getOracleObject (2);
...

**Summary of getobject and getOracleObject Return Types**

Table 11–2 lists the underlying return types for the getobject and getOracleObject methods for each Oracle SQL type.

Keep in mind the following when you use these methods:

- getobject always returns data into a java.lang.Object instance
- getOracleObject always returns data into an oracle.sql.Datum instance

You must cast the returned object to use any special functionality.

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<td>LONG</td>
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<td>INTERVAL DAY TO SECOND</td>
<td>oracle.sql.INTERVALDS</td>
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<td>oracle.sql.INTERVALYM</td>
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Other getXXX Methods

Standard JDBC provides a getXXX for each standard Java type, such as getByte, getInt, getFloat, and so on. Each of these returns exactly what the method name implies.

In addition, the OracleResultSet and OracleCallableStatement classes provide a full complement of getXXX methods corresponding to all the oracle.sql.* types. Each getXXX method returns an oracle.sql.XXX object. For example, getROWID returns an oracle.sql.ROWID object.
There is no performance advantage in using the specific `getXXX` methods. However, they do save you the trouble of casting, because the return type is specific to the object being returned.

This section covers the following topics:

- Return Types of `getXXX` Methods
- Special Notes about `getXXX` Methods

**Return Types of `getXXX` Methods**

Refer to the Java doc to know the return types for each `getXXX` method and also which are Oracle extensions under Java Development Kit (JDK) 1.6. You must cast the returned object to `OracleResultSet` or `OracleCallableStatement` to use methods that are Oracle extensions.

**Special Notes about `getXXX` Methods**

This section provides additional details about some `getXXX` methods.

**getBigDecimal**

JDBC 2.0 simplified method signatures for the `getBigDecimal` method. The previous input signatures were:

(int columnIndex, int scale) or (String columnName, int scale)

The simplified input signature is:

(int columnIndex) or (String columnName)

The `scale` parameter, used to specify the number of digits to the right of the decimal, is no longer necessary. The Oracle JDBC drivers retrieve numeric values with full precision.

**getBoolean**

Because there is no `BOOLEAN` database type, when you use `getBoolean` a data type conversion always occurs. The `getBoolean` method is supported only for numeric columns. When applied to these columns, `getBoolean` interprets any zero value as `false` and any other value as `true`. When applied to any other sort of column, `getBoolean` raises the exception `java.lang.NumberFormatException`.

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**Data Types For Returned Objects from `getObject` and `getXXX`**

The return type of `getObject` is `java.lang.Object`. The returned value is an instance of a subclass of `java.lang.Object`. Similarly, the return type of `getOracleObject` is `oracle.sql.Datum`, and the class of the returned value is a subclass of `oracle.sql.Datum`. You typically cast the returned object to the appropriate class to use particular methods and functionality of that class.

In addition, you have the option of using a specific `getXXX` method instead of the generic `getObject` or `getOracleObject` methods. The `getXXX` methods enable you to avoid casting, because the return type of `getXXX` corresponds to the type of object returned. For example, the return type of `getCLOB` is `oracle.sql.CLOB`, as opposed to `java.lang.Object`. 
Example of Casting Return Values
This example assumes that you have fetched data of the NUMBER type as the first column of a result set. Because you want to manipulate the NUMBER data without losing precision, cast your result set to OracleResultSet and use getOracleObject to return the NUMBER data in oracle.sql.* format. If you do not cast your result set, then you have to use getObject, which returns your numeric data into a Java Float and loses some of the precision of your SQL data.

The getOracleObject method returns an oracle.sql.NUMBER object into an oracle.sql.Datum return variable unless you cast the output. Cast the getOracleObject output to oracle.sql.NUMBER if you want to use a NUMBER return variable and any of the special functionality of that class.

```
NUMBER x = (NUMBER)ors.getOracleObject(1);
```

The setObject and setOracleObject Methods
Just as there is a standard getObject and Oracle-specific getOracleObject in result sets and callable statements, there are also standard setObject and Oracle-specific setOracleObject methods in OraclePreparedStatement and OracleCallableStatement. The setOracleObject methods take oracle.sql.* input parameters.

To bind standard Java types to a prepared statement or callable statement, use the setObject method, which takes a java.lang.Object as input. The setObject method does support a few of the oracle.sql.* types. However, the method has been implemented so that you can enter instances of the oracle.sql.* classes that correspond to the following JDBC standard types: Blob, Clob, Struct, Ref, and Array.

To bind oracle.sql.* types to a prepared statement or callable statement, use the setOracleObject method, which takes a subclass of oracle.sql.Datum as input. To use setOracleObject, you must cast your prepared statement or callable statement to OraclePreparedStatement or OracleCallableStatement.

Example of Using setObject and setOracleObject
For a prepared statement, the setOracleObject method binds the oracle.sql.CHAR data represented by the charVal variable to the prepared statement. To bind the oracle.sql.* data, the prepared statement must be cast to OraclePreparedStatement. Similarly, the setObject method binds the Java String data represented by the variable strVal.

```
PreparedStatement ps= conn.prepareStatement("text_of_prepared_statement");
((OraclePreparedStatement)ps).setOracleObject(1, charVal);
ps.setObject(2, strVal);
```

Other setXXX Methods
As with the getXXX methods, there are several specific setXXX methods. Standard setXXX methods are provided for binding standard Java types, and Oracle-specific setXXX methods are provided for binding Oracle-specific types.

Similarly, there are two forms of the setNull method:

- `void setNull(int parameterIndex, int sqlType)`

  This is specified in the standard java.sql.PreparedStatement interface. This signature takes a parameter index and a SQL type code defined by the
java.sql.Types or oracle.jdbc.OracleTypes class. Use this signature to set an object other than a REF, ARRAY, or STRUCT to NULL.

- void setNull(int parameterIndex, int sqlType, String sql_type_name)

With JDBC 2.0, this signature is also specified in the standard java.sql.PreparedStatement interface. This method takes a SQL type name in addition to a parameter index and a SQL type code. Use this method when the SQL type code is java.sql.Types.REF, ARRAY, or STRUCT. If the type code is other than REF, ARRAY, or STRUCT, then the given SQL type name is ignored.

Similarly, the registerOutParameter method has a signature for use with REF, ARRAY, or STRUCT data:

void registerOutParameter
    (int parameterIndex, int sqlType, String sql_type_name)

Binding Oracle-specific types using the appropriate setXXX methods, instead of the methods used for binding standard Java types, may offer some performance advantage.

This section covers the following topics:

- Input Data Binding
- Method setFixedCHAR for Binding CHAR Data into WHERE Clauses

Input Data Binding

There are three way to bind data for input:

- Direct binding where the data itself is placed in a bind buffer
- Stream binding where the data is streamed
- LOB binding where a temporary lob is created, the data placed in the LOB using the LOB APIs, and the bytes of the LOB locator are placed in the bind buffer

The three kinds of binding have some differences in performance and have an impact on batching. Direct binding is fast and batching is fine. Stream binding is slower, may require multiple round trips, and turns batching off. LOB binding is very slow and requires many round trips. Batching works, but might be a bad idea. They also have different size limits, depending on the type of the SQL statement.

For SQL parameters, the length of standard parameter types, such as RAW and VARCHAR2, is fixed by the size of the target column. For PL/SQL parameters, the size is limited to a fixed number of bytes, which is 32766.

In Oracle Database 10g release 2 (10.2), certain changes were made to the setString, setCharacterStream, setAsciiStream, setBytes, and setBinaryStream methods of PreparedStatement. The original behavior of these APIs were:

- setString: Direct bind of characters
- setCharacterStream: Stream bind of characters
- setAsciiStream: Stream bind of bytes
- setBytes: Direct bind of bytes
- setBinaryStream: Stream bind of bytes
Starting from Oracle Database 10g release 2 (10.2), automatic switching between binding modes, based on the data size and on the type of the SQL statement is provided.

**setBytes and setBinaryStream**
For SQL, direct bind is used for size up to 2000 and stream bind for larger.
For PL/SQL direct bind is used for size up to 32766 and LOB bind is used for larger.

**setString, setCharacterStream, and setAsciiStream**
For SQL, direct bind is used up to 32766 Java characters and stream bind is used for larger. This is independent of character set.
For PL/SQL, you must be careful about the byte size of the character data in the database character set or the national character set depending on the setting of the form of use parameter. Direct bind is used for data where the byte length is less than 32766 and LOB bind is used for larger.
For fixed length character sets, multiply the length of the Java character data by the fixed character size in bytes and compare that to the restrictive values. For variable length character sets, there are three cases based on the Java character length, as follows:
- If character length is less than 32766 divided by the maximum character size, then direct bind is used.
- If character length is greater than 32766 divided by the minimum character size, then LOB bind is used.
- If character length is in between and if the actual length of the converted bytes is less than 32766, then direct bind is used, else LOB bind is used.

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**Note:** When a PL/SQL procedure is embedded in a SQL statement, the binding action is different. Refer to "Data Interface for LOBs" on page 14-3 for more information.

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The server-side internal driver has the following additional limitations:
- **setString, setCharacterStream, and setASCIIStream** APIs are not supported for SQL CLOB columns when the data size in characters is over 4000 bytes
- **setBytes and setBinaryStream** APIs are not supported for SQL BLOB columns when the data size is over 2000 bytes

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**Important:** Do not use these APIs with the server-side internal driver, without careful checking of the data size in client code.

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**See Also:** JDBC Release Notes for further discussion and possible workarounds

**Method setFixedCHAR for Binding CHAR Data into WHERE Clauses**
CHAR data in the database is padded to the column width. This leads to a limitation in using the *setCHAR* method to bind character data into the *WHERE* clause of a *SELECT* statement. The character data in the *WHERE* clause must also be padded to the column.
width to produce a match in the `SELECT` statement. This is especially troublesome if you do not know the column width.

To remedy this, Oracle has added the `setFixedCHAR` method to the `OraclePreparedStatement` class. This method runs a non-padded comparison.

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**Note:**

- Remember to cast your prepared statement object to `OraclePreparedStatement` to use the `setFixedCHAR` method.
- There is no need to use `setFixedCHAR` for an `INSERT` statement. The database always automatically pads the data to the column width as it inserts it.

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**Example**

The following example demonstrates the difference between the `setCHAR` and `setFixedCHAR` methods.

```java
/* Schema is :
create table my_table (col1 char(10));
insert into my_table values ('JDBC');
*/
PreparedStatement pstmt = conn.prepareStatement
   ('select count(*) from my_table where col1 = ?
   ');
pstmt.setString (1, "JDBC");  // Set the Bind Value
runQuery (pstmt);             // This will print " No of rows are 0"
CHAR ch = new CHAR("JDBC      ", null);
((OraclePreparedStatement)pstmt).setCHAR(1, ch); // Pad it to 10 bytes
runQuery (pstmt);             // This will print "No of rows are 1"
((OraclePreparedStatement)pstmt).setFixedCHAR(1, "JDBC");
runQuery (pstmt);             // This will print "No of rows are 1"

void runQuery (PreparedStatement ps)
{
   // Run the Query
   ResultSet rs = pstmt.executeQuery ();
   while (rs.next())
      System.out.println("No of rows are " + rs.getInt(1));
   rs.close();
   rs = null;
}

Using Result Set Metadata Extensions

The `oracle.jdbc.OracleResultSetMetaData` interface is JDBC 2.0-compliant but does not implement the `getSchemaName` and `getTableName` methods because Oracle Database does not make this feasible.
The following code snippet uses several of the methods in the `OracleResultSetMetadata` interface to retrieve the number of columns from the EMP table and the numerical type and SQL type name of each column:

```java
databaseMetaData = conn.getMetaData();
resultSet = dbmd.getTables("", "SCOTT", "EMP", null);

while (resultSet.next())
{
    OracleResultSetMetaData orsmd = ((OracleResultSet)rset).getMetaData();
    int numColumns = orsmd.getColumnCount();
    System.out.println("Num of columns = " + numColumns);
    for (int i=0; i<numColumns; i++)
    {
        System.out.print ("Column Name=" + orsmd.getColumnName (i+1));
        System.out.print (" Type= " + orsmd.getColumnType (i + 1));
        System.out.println (" Type Name=" + orsmd.getColumnTypeName (i + 1));
    }
}
```

The program returns the following output:

```
Num of columns = 5
Column Name=TABLE_CAT Type=12 Type Name=VARCHAR2
Column Name=TABLE_SCHEM Type=12 Type Name=VARCHAR2
Column Name=TABLE_NAME Type=12 Type Name=VARCHAR2
Column Name=TABLE_TYPE Type=12 Type Name=VARCHAR2
Column Name=TABLE_REMARKS Type=12 Type Name=VARCHAR2
```

### Using SQL CALL and CALL INTO Statements

You can use the CALL statement to execute a routine from within SQL.

**Note:** A routine is a procedure or a function that is standalone or is defined within a type or package. You must have the EXECUTE privilege on the standalone routine or on the type or package in which the routine is defined. Refer to the "Oracle Database SQL Language Reference" for more information about using the CALL statement.

You can execute a routine in two ways:

- By issuing a call to the routine itself by name or by using the `routine_clause`
- By using an `object_access_expression` inside the type of an expression

You can specify one or more arguments to the routine, if the routine takes arguments. You can use positional, named, or mixed notation for argument.

### CALL INTO Statement

The INTO clause applies only to calls to functions. You can use the following types of variables with this clause:

- Host variable
- Indicator variable
Pl/SQL Blocks

The basic unit in PL/SQL is a block. All PL/SQL programs are made up of blocks, which can be nested within each other. A PL/SQL block has three parts: a declarative part, an executable part, and an exception-handling part. You get the following advantages by using PL/SQL blocks in your application:

- Better performance
- Higher productivity
- Full portability
- Tight integration with Oracle
- Tight security
This chapter describes how the Oracle Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) drivers handle Java streams for several data types. Data streams enable you to read LONG column data of up to 2 gigabytes (GB). Methods associated with streams let you read the data incrementally.

This chapter covers the following topics:

- Overview of Java Streams
- Streaming LONG or LONG RAW Columns
- Streaming CHAR, VARCHAR, or RAW Columns
- Streaming LOBs and External Files
- Data Streaming and Multiple Columns
- Streaming and Row Prefetching
- Closing a Stream
- Notes and Precautions on Streams

Overview of Java Streams

Oracle JDBC drivers support the manipulation of data streams in either direction between server and client. The drivers support all stream conversions: binary, ASCII, and Unicode. Following is a brief description of each type of stream:

- Binary
  Used for RAW bytes of data, and corresponds to the getBinaryStream method

- ASCII
  Used for ASCII bytes in ISO-Latin-1 encoding, and corresponds to the getAsciiStream method

- Unicode
  Used for Unicode bytes with the UTF-16 encoding, and corresponds to the getUnicodeStream method

The getBinaryStream, getAsciiStream, and getUnicodeStream methods return the bytes of data in an InputStream object.

See Also: Chapter 14, "Working with LOBs and BFILEs"
Streaming LONG or LONG RAW Columns

When a query selects one or more LONG or LONG RAW columns, the JDBC driver transfers these columns to the client in streaming mode. In streaming mode, the JDBC driver does not read the column data from the network for LONG or LONG RAW columns, until required. The column data remains in the network communications channel until the your code calls a getXXX method to read the column data. Even after the call, the column data is read only as needed to populate return value from the getXXX call. Because the column data remains in the communications channel, the streaming mode interferes with all other use of the connection. Any use of the connection, other than reading the column data, will discard the column data from the channel. While the streaming mode makes efficient use of memory and minimizes network round trips, it interferes with many other database operations.

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**Note:** Oracle recommends avoiding LONG and LONG RAW columns. Use LOB instead.

To access the data in a LONG column, you can get the column as a Java InputStream object and use the read method of the InputStream object. As an alternative, you can get the data as a String or byte array. In this case, the driver will do the streaming for you.

You can get LONG and LONG RAW data with any of the three stream types. The driver performs conversions for you, depending on the character set of the database and the driver.

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**Note:** Do not create tables with LONG columns. Use large object (LOB) columns, CLOB, NCLOB, and BLOB, instead. LONG columns are supported only for backward compatibility. Oracle recommends that you convert existing LONG columns to LOB columns. LOB columns are subject to far fewer restrictions than LONG columns.

This section covers the following topics:

- Streaming LONG or LONG RAW Columns
- Streaming CHAR, VARCHAR, or RAW Columns
- Streaming LOBs and External Files
- Data Streaming and Multiple Columns
- Closing a Stream
- Notes and Precautions on Streams

**LONG RAW Data Conversions**

A call to getBinaryStream returns RAW data. A call to getAsciiStream converts the RAW data to hexadecimal and returns the ASCII representation. A call to getUnicodeStream converts the RAW data to hexadecimal and returns the Unicode characters.

**LONG Data Conversions**

When you get LONG data with getAsciiStream, the drivers assume that the underlying data in the database uses an US7ASCII or WE8ISO8859P1 character set. If
the assumption is true, then the drivers return bytes corresponding to ASCII characters. If the database is not using an US7ASCII or WE8ISO8859P1 character set, a call to getAsciiStream returns meaningless information.

When you get LONG data with getUnicodeStream, you get a stream of Unicode characters in the UTF-16 encoding. This applies to all underlying database character sets that Oracle supports.

When you get LONG data with getBinaryStream, there are two possible cases:

- If the driver is JDBC OCI and the client character set is not US7ASCII or WE8ISO8859P1, then a call to getBinaryStream returns UTF-8. If the client character set is US7ASCII or WE8ISO8859P1, then the call returns a US7ASCII stream of bytes.

- If the driver is JDBC Thin and the database character set is not US7ASCII or WE8ISO8859P1, then a call to getBinaryStream returns UTF-8. If the server-side character set is US7ASCII or WE8ISO8859P1, then the call returns a US7ASCII stream of bytes.

Tip: Chapter 19, "Globalization Support" and "Data Streaming and Multiple Columns" on page 12-7

Note: Receiving LONG or LONG RAW columns as a stream requires you to pay special attention to the order in which you retrieve columns from the database.

Table 12–1 summarizes LONG and LONG RAW data conversions for each stream type.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Data type</th>
<th>BinaryStream</th>
<th>AsciiStream</th>
<th>UnicodeStream</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>LONG</td>
<td>Bytes representing characters in Unicode UTF-8. The bytes can represent characters in US7ASCII or WE8ISO8859P1 if the database character set is US7ASCII or WE8ISO8859P1.</td>
<td>Bytes representing characters in ISO-Latin-1 (WE8ISO8859P1) encoding</td>
<td>Bytes representing characters in Unicode UTF-16 encoding</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LONG RAW</td>
<td>unchanged data</td>
<td>ASCII representation of hexadecimal bytes</td>
<td>Unicode representation of hexadecimal bytes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Streaming Example for LONG RAW Data

One of the features of a getXXXStream method is that it enables you to fetch data incrementally. In contrast, getBytes fetches all the data in one call. This section contains two examples of getting a stream of binary data. The first version uses the getBinaryStream method to obtain LONG RAW data, and the second version uses the getBytes method.

Getting a LONG RAW Data Column with getBinaryStream

This example writes the contents of a LONG RAW column to a file on the local file system. In this case, the driver fetches the data incrementally.

The following code creates the table that stores a column of LONG RAW data associated with the name LESLIE:

```sql
-- SQL code:
```
create table streamexample (NAME varchar2 (256), GIFDATA long raw);
insert into streamexample values ('LESLIE', '00010203040506070809');

The following Java code snippet writes the data from the LONG RAW column into a file called leslie.gif:

```
ResultSet rset = stmt.executeQuery
  ("select GIFDATA from streamexample where NAME='LESLIE'");

// get first row
if (rset.next())
{
  // Get the GIF data as a stream from Oracle to the client
  InputStream gif_data = rset.getBinaryStream (1);
  try
  {
    FileOutputStream file = null;
    file = new FileOutputStream ("leslie.gif");
    int chunk;
    while ((chunk = gif_data.read()) != -1)
      file.write(chunk);
  }
  catch (Exception e)
  {
    String err = e.toString();
    System.out.println(err);
  }
  finally
  {
    if file != null()
      file.close();
  }
}
```

In this example, the InputStream object returned by the call to getBinaryStream reads the data directly from the database connection.

### Getting a LONG RAW Data Column with getBytes

This example gets the content of the GIFDATA column with getBytes instead of getBinaryStream. In this case, the driver fetches all the data in one call and stores it in a byte array. The code snippet is as follows:

```
ResultSet rset2 = stmt.executeQuery
  ("select GIFDATA from streamexample where NAME='LESLIE'");

// get first row
if (rset2.next())
{
  // Get the GIF data as a stream from Oracle to the client
  byte[] bytes = rset2.getBytes(1);
  try
  {
    FileOutputStream file = null;
    file = new FileOutputStream ("leslie2.gif");
    file.write(bytes);
  }
  catch (Exception e)
  {
    String err = e.toString();
    System.out.println(err);
  }
}
Avoiding Streaming for LONG or LONG RAW

The JDBC driver automatically streams any LONG and LONG RAW columns. However, there may be situations where you want to avoid data streaming. For example, if you have a very small LONG column, then you may want to avoid returning the data incrementally and, instead, return the data in one call.

To avoid streaming, use the defineColumnType method to redefine the type of the LONG column. For example, if you redefine the LONG or LONG RAW column as VARCHAR or VARBINARY type, then the driver will not automatically stream the data.

If you redefine column types with defineColumnType, then you must declare the types of the columns in the query. If you do not declare the types of the columns, then executeQuery will fail. In addition, you must cast the Statement object to oracle.jdbc.OracleStatement.

As an added benefit, using defineColumnType saves the OCI and KPRB drivers a database round-trip when running the query. Without defineColumnType, these JDBC drivers must request the data types of the column types. The JDBC Thin driver derives no benefit from defineColumnType, because it always uses the minimum number of round-trips.

Using the example from the previous section, the Statement object stmt is cast to OracleStatement and the column containing LONG RAW data is redefined to be of the type VARBINARY. The data is not streamed. Instead, it is returned in a byte array. The code snippet is as follows:

```java
//cast the statement stmt to an OracleStatement
oracle.jdbc.OracleStatement ostmt = (oracle.jdbc.OracleStatement)stmt;

//redefine the LONG column at index position 1 to VARBINARY
ostmt.defineColumnType(1, Types.VARBINARY);

// Do a query to get the images named 'LESLIE'
ResultSet rset = ostmt.executeQuery
   ("select GIFDATA from streamexample where NAME='LESLIE'");

// The data is not streamed here
rset.next();
byte [] bytes = rset.getBytes(1);
```
Streaming CHAR, VARCHAR, or RAW Columns

If you use the defineColumnType Oracle extension to redefine a CHAR, VARCHAR, or RAW column as a LONGVARCHAR or LONGVARBINARY, then you can get the column as a stream. The program will behave as if the column were actually of type LONG or LONG RAW. Note that there is not much point to this, because these columns are usually short.

If you try to get a CHAR, VARCHAR, or RAW column as a data stream without redefining the column type, then the JDBC driver will return a Java InputStream, but no real streaming occurs. In the case of these data types, the JDBC driver fully fetches the data into an in-memory buffer during a call to the executeQuery method or the next method. The getXXXStream entry points return a stream that reads data from this buffer.

Streaming LOBs and External Files

The term large object (LOB) refers to a data item that is too large to be stored directly in a database table. Instead, a locator is stored in the database table, which points to the location of the actual data. External files are managed similarly. The JDBC drivers can support the following types through the use of streams:

- Binary large object (BLOB)
  For unstructured binary data
- Character large object (CLOB)
  For character data
- National Character large object (NCLOB)
  For national character data
- Binary file (BFILE)
  For external files

LOBs and BFILEs behave differently from the other types of streaming data described in this chapter. Instead of storing the actual data in the table, a locator is stored. The actual data can be manipulated using this locator, including reading and writing the data as a stream. Even when streaming, only the necessary bits of data move across the network. By contrast, when streaming a LONG or LONG RAW, all the data always moves across the network.

Streaming BLOBs, CLOBs, and NCLOBs

When a query fetches one or more BLOB, CLOB, or NCLOB columns, the JDBC driver transfers the data to the client. This data can be accessed as a stream. To manipulate BLOB, CLOB, or NCLOB data from JDBC, use methods in the Oracle extension classes oracle.sql.BLOB, oracle.sql.CLOB and oracle.sql.NCLOB. These classes provide specific functionality, such as reading from the BLOB, CLOB, or NCLOB into an input stream, writing from an output stream into a BLOB, CLOB, or NCLOB, determining the length of a BLOB, CLOB, or NCLOB, and closing a BLOB, CLOB, or NCLOB.

See Also: "Data Interface for LOBs" on page 14-3
Streaming BFILEs

An external file, or BFILE, is used to store a locator to a file outside the database. The file can be stored somewhere on the file system of the data server. The locator points to the actual location of the file.

When a query fetches one or more BFILE columns, the JDBC driver transfers the file to the client as required. The data can be accessed as a stream. To manipulate BFILE data from JDBC, use methods in the Oracle extension class `oracle.sql.BFILE`. This class provides specific functionality, such as reading from the BFILE into an input stream, writing from an output stream into a BFILE, determining the length of a BFILE, and closing a BFILE.

Data Streaming and Multiple Columns

If a query fetches multiple columns and one of the columns contains a data stream, then the contents of the columns following the stream column are not available until the stream has been read, and the stream column is no longer available once any following column is read. Any attempt to read a column beyond a streaming column closes the streaming column.

See Also: "Streaming Data Precautions" on page 12-8

Streaming Example with Multiple Columns

Consider the following code:

```java
ResultSet rset = stmt.executeQuery
    ("select DATECOL, LONGCOL, NUMBERCOL from TABLE");
while rset.next()
{
    // get the date data
    java.sql.Date date = rset.getDate(1);

    // get the streaming data
    InputStream is = rset.getAsciiStream(2);
    // Open a file to store the gif data
    FileOutputStream file = new FileOutputStream ("ascii.dat");
    // Loop, reading from the ascii stream and write to the file
    int chunk;
    while ((chunk = is.read ()) != -1)
        file.write(chunk);
    // Close the file
    file.close();

    // get the number column data
    int n = rset.getInt(3);
}
```

The incoming data for each row has the following shape:

```
<a date><the characters of the long column><a number>
```

As you process each row of the result set, you must complete any processing of the stream column before reading the number column.

Tip: "Streaming LOBs and External Files" on page 12-6
**Bypassing Streaming Data Columns**

There may be situations where you want to avoid reading a column that contains streaming data. If you do not want to read such data, then call the `close` method of the stream object. This method discards the stream data and enables the driver to continue reading data from all the columns that contain non-streaming data and follow the column containing streaming data. Even though you are intentionally discarding the stream, it is a good programming practice to retrieve the columns in the same order as in the `SELECT` statement.

In the following example, the stream data in the `LONG` column is discarded and the data from only the `DATE` and `NUMBER` column is recovered:

```java
ResultSet rset = stmt.executeQuery
    ("select DATECOL, LONGCOL, NUMBERCOL from TABLE");

while rset.next()
{
    // get the date
    java.sql.Date date = rset.getDate(1);

    // access the stream data and discard it with close()
    InputStream is = rset.getAsciiStream(2);
    is.close();

    // get the number column data
    int n = rset.getInt(3);
}
```

**Closing a Stream**

You can discard the data from a stream at any time by calling the `close` method. It is a good programming practice to close the stream when you no longer need it.

**See Also:**  "Bypassing Streaming Data Columns" on page 12-8 and "Streaming Data Precautions" on page 12-8

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**Note:**  Closing a stream has little performance effect on a LONG or LONG RAW column. All of the data still move across the network and the driver must read the bits from the network.

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**Notes and Precautions on Streams**

This section discusses several cautionary issues regarding the use of streams:

- Streaming Data Precautions
- Using Streams to Avoid Limits on `setBytes` and `setString`
- Streaming and Row Prefetching

**Streaming Data Precautions**

This section describes some of the precautions you must take to ensure that you do not accidentally discard or lose your stream data. The drivers automatically discard stream data if you perform any JDBC operation that communicates with the database, other than reading the current stream. Two common precautions are:
Use the stream data after you access it.

To recover the data from a column containing a data stream, it is not enough to fetch the column. You must immediately process the contents of the column. Otherwise, the contents will be discarded when you fetch the next column.

Call the stream column in the same order as in the `SELECT` statement.

If your query fetches multiple columns, the database sends each row as a set of bytes representing the columns in the `SELECT` order. If one of the columns contains stream data, then the database sends the entire data stream before proceeding to the next column.

If you do not use the order as in the `SELECT` statement to access data, then you can lose the stream data. That is, if you bypass the stream data column and access data in a column that follows it, then the stream data will be lost. For example, if you try to access the data for the `NUMBER` column before reading the data from the stream data column, then the JDBC driver first reads then discards the streaming data automatically. This can be very inefficient if the `LONG` column contains a large amount of data.

If you try to access the `LONG` column later in the program, then the data will not be available and the driver will return a "Stream Closed" error.

The later point is illustrated in the following example:

```java
ResultSet rset = stmt.executeQuery
    ("select DATECOL, LONGCOL, NUMBERCOL from TABLE");
while rset.next()
{
    int n = rset.getInt(3);  // This discards the streaming data
    InputStream is = rset.getAsciiStream(2);
    // Raises an error: stream closed.
}
```

If you get the stream but do not use it before you get the `NUMBER` column, then the stream still closes automatically:

```java
ResultSet rset = stmt.executeQuery
    ("select DATECOL, LONGCOL, NUMBERCOL from TABLE");
while rset.next()
{
    InputStream is = rset.getAsciiStream(2); // Get the stream
    int n = rset.getInt(3);
    // Discards streaming data and closes the stream
}
int c = is.read(); // c is -1: no more characters to read-stream closed
```

### Using Streams to Avoid Limits on setBytes and setString

Starting from Oracle Database 10g, the size limit of the data that is used with the `setBytes` and `setString` methods, have been increased significantly. Any Java `byte` array can be passed to `setBytes`, and any Java `String` can be passed to `setString`. The JDBC driver automatically switches to using `setBinaryStream` or `setCharacterStream` or to using `setBytesForBlob` or `setStringForClob`, depending on the size of the data, whether the statement is SQL or PL/SQL, and the driver used.

There are some limitation with earlier versions of Oracle Database and in the server-side internal driver.
See Also: "Data Interface for LOBs" on page 14-3 and release notes for details

Streaming and Row Prefetching

If the JDBC driver encounters a column containing a data stream, then row fetch size is set back to one. Row fetch size is an Oracle performance enhancement that allows multiple rows of data to be retrieved with each trip to the database.
Working with Oracle Object Types

This chapter describes the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) support for user-defined object types. It discusses functionality of the generic, weakly typed `oracle.sql.STRUCT` class, as well as how to map to custom Java classes that implement either the JDBC standard `SQLData` interface or the Oracle `ORAData` interface.

The following topics are covered:

- Mapping Oracle Objects
- Using the Default `STRUCT` Class for Oracle Objects
- Creating and Using Custom Object Classes for Oracle Objects
- Object-Type Inheritance
- Using JPublisher to Create Custom Object Classes
- Describing an Object Type

See Also: Oracle Database Object-Relational Developer’s Guide

Mapping Oracle Objects

Oracle object types provide support for composite data structures in the database. For example, you can define a `Person` type that has the attributes `name` of `CHAR` type, `phoneNumber` of `CHAR` type, and `employeeNumber` of `NUMBER` type.

Oracle provides tight integration between its Oracle object features and its JDBC functionality. You can use a standard, generic JDBC type to map to Oracle objects, or you can customize the mapping by creating custom Java type definition classes.

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**Note:** In this book, Java classes that you create to map to Oracle objects will be referred to as custom Java classes or, more specifically, custom object classes. This is as opposed to custom references classes, which are Java classes that map to object references, and custom collection classes, which are Java classes that map to Oracle collections.

Custom object classes can implement either a standard JDBC interface or an Oracle extension interface to read and write data. JDBC materializes Oracle objects as instances of particular Java classes. Two main steps in using JDBC to access Oracle objects are:

1. Creating the Java classes for the Oracle objects
2. Populating these classes. You have the following options:
   - Let JDBC materialize the object as a *STRUCT* object.
   - Explicitly specify the mappings between Oracle objects and Java classes.
     This includes customizing your Java classes for object data. The driver then
     must be able to populate instances of the custom object classes that you
     specify. This imposes a set of constraints on the Java classes. To satisfy these
     constraints, you can define your classes to implement either the JDBC
     standard *java.sql.SQLData* interface or the Oracle extension
     *oracle.sql.ORAData* interface.

     You can use the Oracle JPublisher utility to generate custom Java classes.

     **Note:** When you use the *SQLData* interface, you must use a Java
     type map to specify your SQL-Java mapping, unless weakly typed
     *java.sql.Struct* objects will suffice.

### Using the Default *STRUCT* Class for Oracle Objects

If you choose not to supply a custom Java class for your SQL-Java mapping for an
Oracle object, then Oracle JDBC materializes the object as an object that implements
the *java.sql.Struct* interface.

You would typically want to use *STRUCT* objects, instead of custom Java objects, in
situations where you do not know the actual SQL type. For example, your Java
application might be a tool to manipulate arbitrary object data within the database, as
opposed to being an end-user application. You can select data from the database into
*STRUCT* objects and create *STRUCT* objects for inserting data into the database.
*STRUCT* objects completely preserve data, because they maintain the data in SQL
format. Using *STRUCT* objects is more efficient and more precise in situations where
you do not need the information in an application specific form.

This section covers the following topics:
- Retrieving *STRUCT* Objects and Attributes
- Creating *STRUCT* Objects
- Binding *STRUCT* Objects into Statements
- *STRUCT* Automatic Attribute Buffering

### *STRUCT* Class Functionality

This section discusses standard versus Oracle-specific features of the
*oracle.sql.STRUCT* class, introduces *STRUCT* descriptors, and lists methods of the
*STRUCT* class to give an overview of its functionality.

#### Standard *java.sql.Struct* Methods

If your code must conform with standard JDBC 2.0, then use a *java.sql.Struct*
instance and use the following standard methods:

- `getAttributes(map)`

  This method retrieves the values of the attributes, using entries in the specified
type map to determine the Java classes to use in materializing any attribute that is
a structured object type. The Java types for other attribute values would be the
same as for a `getObject` call on data of the underlying SQL type.
Retrieving STRUCT Objects and Attributes

This section discusses how to retrieve and manipulate Oracle objects and their attributes, using either Oracle-specific features or JDBC 2.0 standard features.

Note: The JDBC driver seamlessly handles embedded objects, that is, STRUCT objects that are attributes of STRUCT objects, in the same way that it typically handles objects. When the JDBC driver retrieves an attribute that is an object, it follows the same rules of conversion by using the type map, if it is available, or by using default mapping.

Retrieving an Oracle Object as a java.sql.Struct Object

Alternatively, in the preceding example, you can use standard JDBC functionality, such as `getObject`, to retrieve an Oracle object from the database as an instance of `java.sql.Struct`. Because `getObject` returns a `java.lang.Object`, you must cast the output of the method to `Struct`. For example:

```java
ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("SELECT * FROM struct_table");
java.sql.Struct jdbcStruct = (java.sql.Struct)rs.getObject(1);
```

Retrieving Attributes as oracle.sql Types

If you want to retrieve Oracle object attributes from a STRUCT or Struct instance as oracle.sql types, then use the `getOracleAttributes` method of the `oracle.sql.STRUCT` class, as follows:

```java
oracle.sql.Datum[] attrs = oracleSTRUCT.getOracleAttributes();
```

or:

```java
oracle.sql.Datum[] attrs = ((oracle.sql.STRUCT)jdbcStruct).getOracleAttributes();
```

Retrieving Attributes as Standard Java Types

If you want to retrieve Oracle object attributes as standard Java types from a STRUCT or Struct instance, use the standard `getAttributes` method:

```java
Object[] attrs = jdbcStruct.getAttributes();
```
Creating STRUCT Objects

For information about creating STRUCT objects, refer to "Overview of Class oracle.sql.STRUCT" on page 4-6.

Binding STRUCT Objects into Statements

To bind an oracle.sql.STRUCT object to a prepared statement or callable statement, you can either use the standard setObject method (specifying the type code), or cast the statement object to an Oracle statement type and use the Oracle extension setOracleObject method. For example:

```java
PreparedStatement ps = conn.prepareStatement("text_of_prepared_statement");
STRUCT mySTRUCT = new STRUCT (...);
ps.setObject(1, mySTRUCT, Types.STRUCT);
```

or:

```java
PreparedStatement ps = conn.prepareStatement("text_of_prepared_statement");
STRUCT mySTRUCT = new STRUCT (...);
((OraclePreparedStatement)ps).setOracleObject(1, mySTRUCT);
```

STRUCT Automatic Attribute Buffering

Oracle JDBC driver furnishes public methods to enable and disable buffering of STRUCT attributes.

**See Also:** "ARRAY Automatic Element Buffering" on page 16-4

The following methods are included with the oracle.sql.STRUCT class:

- public void setAutoBuffering(boolean enable)
- public boolean getAutoBuffering()

The setAutoBuffering(boolean) method enables or disables auto-buffering. The getAutoBuffering method returns the current auto-buffering mode. By default, auto-buffering is disabled.

It is advisable to enable auto-buffering in a JDBC application when the STRUCT attributes will be accessed more than once by the getAttributes and getArray methods, presuming the ARRAY data is able to fit into the Java Virtual Machine (JVM) memory without overflow.

**Note:** Buffering the converted attributes may cause the JDBC application to consume a significant amount of memory.

When you enable auto-buffering, the oracle.sql.STRUCT object keeps a local copy of all the converted attributes. This data is retained so that subsequent access of this information does not require going through the data format conversion process.
Creating and Using Custom Object Classes for Oracle Objects

If you want to create custom object classes for your Oracle objects, then you must define entries in the type map that specify the custom object classes that the drivers will instantiate for the corresponding Oracle objects.

You must also provide a way to create and populate instances of the custom object class from the Oracle object and its attribute data. The driver must be able to read from a custom object class and write to it. In addition, the custom object class can provide `getXXX` and `setXXX` methods corresponding to the attributes of the Oracle object, although this is not necessary. To create and populate the custom classes and provide these read/write capabilities, you can choose between the following interfaces:

- The JDBC standard `SQLData` interface
- The `ORAData` and `ORADataFactory` interfaces provided by Oracle

The custom object class you create must implement one of these interfaces. The `ORAData` interface can also be used to implement the custom reference class corresponding to the custom object class. However, if you are using the `SQLData` interface, then you can use only weak reference types in Java, such as `java.sql.Ref` or `oracle.sql.REF`. The `SQLData` interface is for mapping SQL objects only.

As an example, assume you have an Oracle object type, `EMPLOYEE`, in the database that consists of two attributes: `Name`, which is of the `CHAR` type and `EmpNum`, which is of the `NUMBER` type. You use the type map to specify that the `EMPLOYEE` object should map to a custom object class that you call `JEmployee`. You can implement either the `SQLData` or `ORAData` interface in the `JEmployee` class.

You can create custom object classes yourself, but the most convenient way to create them is to use the Oracle JPublisher utility to create them for you. JPublisher supports the standard `SQLData` interface as well as the Oracle-specific `ORAData` interface, and is able to generate classes that implement either one.

See Also: "Using JPublisher to Create Custom Object Classes" on page 13-27 and "Object-Type Inheritance" on page 13-15

This section covers the following topics:

- Relative Advantages of `ORAData` versus `SQLData`
- Understanding Type Maps for `SQLData` Implementations
- Creating Type Map and Defining Mappings for a `SQLData` Implementation
- Reading and Writing Data with a `SQLData` Implementation
- Understanding the `ORAData` Interface
- Reading and Writing Data with a `ORAData` Implementation
- Additional Uses for `ORAData`

Relative Advantages of ORAData versus SQLData

In deciding which of the two interface implementations to use, you need to consider the advantages of `ORAData` and `SQLData`.

The `SQLData` interface is for mapping SQL objects only. The `ORAData` interface is more flexible, enabling you to map SQL objects as well as any other SQL type for which you want to customize processing. You can create a `ORAData` object from any
data type found in Oracle Database. This could be useful, for example, for serializing RAW data in Java.

**Advantages of ORAData**
The advantages of ORAData are:

- It does not require an entry in the type map for the Oracle object.
- It has awareness of Oracle extensions.
- You can construct an ORAData from an oracle.sql.STRUCT. This is more efficient because it avoids unnecessary conversions to native Java types.
- You can obtain the corresponding Datum object from the ORAData object, using the toDatum method.
- It provides better performance. ORAData works directly with Datum types, which is the internal format used by the driver to hold Oracle objects.

**Advantages of SQLData**
SQLData is a JDBC standard that makes your code portable.

**Understanding Type Maps for SQLData Implementations**
If you use the SQLData interface in a custom object class, then you must create type map entries that specify the custom object class to use in mapping the Oracle object type to Java. You can either use the default type map of the connection object or a type map that you specify when you retrieve the data from the result set. The `getObject` method of the `ResultSet` interface has a signature that lets you specify a type map. You can use either of the following:

```java
rs.getObject(int columnIndex);
rs.getObject(int columnIndex, Map map);
```

See Also:  "Creating and Using Custom Object Classes for Oracle Objects" on page 13-5

When using a SQLData implementation, if you do not include a type map entry, then the object will map to the oracle.sql.STRUCT class by default. ORAData implementations, by contrast, have their own mapping functionality so that a type map entry is not required. When using an ORAData implementation, use the Oracle getORAData method instead of the standard `getObject` method.

The type map relates a Java class to the SQL type name of an Oracle object. This one-to-one mapping is stored in a hash table as a keyword-value pair. When you read data from an Oracle object, the JDBC driver considers the type map to determine which Java class to use to materialize the data from the Oracle object type. When you write data to an Oracle object, the JDBC driver gets the SQL type name from the Java class by calling the `getSQLTypeName` method of the `SQLData` interface. The actual conversion between SQL and Java is performed by the driver.

The attributes of the Java class that corresponds to an Oracle object can use either Java native types or Oracle native types to store attributes.
Creating Type Map and Defining Mappings for a SQLData Implementation

When using a SQLData implementation, the JDBC applications programmer is responsible for providing a type map, which must be an instance of a class that implements the standard java.util.Map interface.

You have the option of creating your own class to accomplish this, but the standard java.util.Hashtable class meets the requirement.

Hashtable and other classes used for type maps implement a put method that takes keyword-value pairs as input, where each key is a fully qualified SQL type name and the corresponding value is an instance of a specified Java class.

A type map is associated with a connection instance. The standard java.sql.Connection interface and the Oracle-specific oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection interface include a getTypeMap method. Both return a Map object.

This section covers the following topics:

- Adding Entries to an Existing Type Map
- Creating a New Type Map
- Materializing Object Types not Specified in the Type Map

Adding Entries to an Existing Type Map

When a connection instance is first established, the default type map is empty. You must populate it.

Perform the following general steps to add entries to an existing type map:

1. Use the getTypeMap method of your OracleConnection object to return the type map object of the connection. The getTypeMap method returns a java.util.Map object. For example, presuming an OracleConnection instance oraconn:

   java.util.Map myMap = oraconn.getTypeMap();

2. Use the put method of the type map to add map entries. The put method takes two arguments: a SQL type name string and an instance of a specified Java class that you want to map to.

   myMap.put(sqlTypeName, classObject);

   The sqlTypeName is a string that represents the fully qualified name of the SQL type in the database. The classObject is the Java class object to which you want to map the SQL type. Get the class object with the Class.forName method, as follows:

   myMap.put(sqlTypeName, Class.forName(className));

   For example, if you have a PERSON SQL data type defined in the CORPORATE database schema, then map it to a Person Java class defined as Person with this statement:

       myMap.put("PERSON", Class.forName("com.example.Person"));

Note: If the type map in the OracleConnection instance has not been initialized, then the first call to getTypeMap returns an empty map.
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myMap.put("CORPORATE.PERSON", Class.forName("Person"));
oraconn.setTypeMap(newMap);

The map has an entry that maps the PERSON SQL data type in the CORPORATE database to the Person Java class.

**Note:** SQL type names in the type map must be all uppercase, because that is how Oracle Database stores SQL names.

Creating a New Type Map

Perform the following general steps to create a new type map. This example uses an instance of java.util.Hashtable, which extends java.util.Dictionary and implements java.util.Map.

1. Create a new type map object.
   
   HashTable newMap = new Hashtable();

2. Use the put method of the type map object to add entries to the map. For example, if you have an EMPLOYEE SQL type defined in the CORPORATE database, then you can map it to an Employee class object defined by Employee.java, as follows:
   
   newMap.put("CORPORATE.EMPLOYEE", class.forName("Employee"));

3. When you finish adding entries to the map, you must use the setTypeMap method of the OracleConnection object to overwrite the existing type map of the connection. For example:
   
   oracconn.setTypeMap(newMap);

   In this example, the setTypeMap method overwrites the original map of the oracconn connection object with newMap.

   **Note:** The default type map of a connection instance is used when mapping is required but no map name is specified, such as for a result set getobject call that does not specify the map as input.

Materializing Object Types not Specified in the Type Map

If you do not provide a type map with an appropriate entry when using a getobject call, then the JDBC driver will materialize an Oracle object as an instance of the oracle.sql.STRUCT class. If the Oracle object type contains embedded objects and they are not present in the type map, then the driver will materialize the embedded objects as instances of oracle.sql.STRUCT as well. If the embedded objects are present in the type map, then a call to the getAttributes method will return embedded objects as instances of the specified Java classes from the type map.

Reading and Writing Data with a SQLData Implementation

This section describes how to read data from an Oracle object or write data to an Oracle object if your corresponding Java class implements SQLData.
Reading SQLData Objects from a Result Set

The following text summarizes the steps to read data from an Oracle object into your Java application when you choose the SQLData implementation for your custom object class.

These steps assume you have already defined the Oracle object type, created the corresponding custom object class, updated the type map to define the mapping between the Oracle object and the Java class, and defined a statement object \texttt{stmt}.

1. Query the database to read the Oracle object into a JDBC result set.

   \begin{verbatim}
   ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("SELECT emp_col FROM personnel");
   \end{verbatim}

   The PERSONNEL table contains one column, \texttt{EMP\_COL}, of SQL type \texttt{EMP\_OBJECT}. This SQL type is defined in the type map to map to the Java class \texttt{Employee}.

2. Use the \texttt{getObject} method of your result set to populate an instance of your custom object class with data from one row of the result set. The \texttt{getObject} method returns the user-defined SQLData object because the type map contains an entry for \texttt{Employee}.

   \begin{verbatim}
   if (rs.next())
   Employee emp = (Employee)rs.getObject(1);
   \end{verbatim}

   Note that if the type map did not have an entry for the object, then \texttt{getObject} would return an \texttt{oracle.sql.STRUCT} object. Cast the output to type \texttt{STRUCT}, because the \texttt{getObject} method signature returns the generic \texttt{java.lang.Object} type.

   \begin{verbatim}
   if (rs.next())
   STRUCT empstruct = (STRUCT)rs.getObject(1);
   \end{verbatim}

   The \texttt{getObject} method calls \texttt{readSQL}, which, in turn, calls \texttt{readXXX} from the SQLData interface.

\begin{center}
\textbf{Note:} If you want to avoid using the defined type map, then use the \texttt{getSTRUCT} method. This method always returns a \texttt{STRUCT} object, even if there is a mapping entry in the type map.
\end{center}

3. If you have get methods in your custom object class, then use them to read data from your object attributes. For example, if \texttt{EMPLOYEE} has the attributes \texttt{EmpName} of type \texttt{CHAR} and \texttt{EmpNum} of type \texttt{NUMBER}, then provide a \texttt{getEmpName} method that returns a Java \texttt{String} and a \texttt{getEmpNum} method that returns an \texttt{int} value. Then call them in your Java application, as follows:

   \begin{verbatim}
   String empname = emp.getEmpName();
   int empnumber = emp.getEmpNum();
   \end{verbatim}

Retrieving SQLData Objects from a Callable Statement OUT Parameter

Consider you have a \texttt{CallableStatement} instance, \texttt{cs}, that calls a PL/SQL function \texttt{GETEMPLOYEE}. The program passes an employee number to the function. The function returns the corresponding Employee object. To retrieve this object you do the following:

1. Prepare a \texttt{CallableStatement} to call the \texttt{GETEMPLOYEE} function, as follows:

   \begin{verbatim}
   CallableStatement ocs = conn.prepareCall("{ ? = call GETEMPLOYEE(?) }");
   \end{verbatim}
2. Declare the `empnumber` as the input parameter to `GETEMPLOYEE`. Register the `SQLData` object as the `OUT` parameter, with the type code `OracleTypes.STRUCT`. Then, run the statement. This can be done as follows:

```java
    cs.setInt(2, empnumber);
    cs.registerOutParameter(1, OracleTypes.STRUCT, "EMP_OBJECT");
    cs.execute();
```

3. Use the `getObject` method to retrieve the employee object.

```java
    Employee emp = (Employee)cs.getObject(1);
```

   If there is no type map entry, then `getObject` would return a `java.sql.Struct` object.

   ```java
    Struct emp = cs.getObject(1);
   ```

### Passing SQLData Objects to a Callable Statement as an IN Parameter

Suppose you have a PL/SQL function `addEmployee(?)` that takes an `Employee` object as an `IN` parameter and adds it to the `PERSONNEL` table. In this example, `emp` is a valid `Employee` object.

1. Prepare a `CallableStatement` to call the `addEmployee(?)` function.

   ```java
   CallableStatement cs =
       conn.prepareCall("\{ call addEmployee(?) \}");
   ```

2. Use `setObject` to pass the `emp` object as an `IN` parameter to the callable statement. Then, call the statement.

   ```java
   cs.setObject(1, emp);
   cs.execute();
   ```

### Writing Data to an Oracle Object Using a SQLData Implementation

The following text describes the steps in writing data to an Oracle object from your Java application when you choose the `SQLData` implementation for your custom object class.

This description assumes you have already defined the Oracle object type, created the corresponding Java class, and updated the type map to define the mapping between the Oracle object and the Java class.

1. If you have `set` methods in your custom object class, then use them to write data from Java variables in your application to attributes of your Java data type object.

   ```java
   emp.setEmpName(empname);
   emp.setEmpNum(empnumber);
   ```

2. Prepare a statement that updates an Oracle object in a row of a database table, as appropriate, using the data provided in your Java data type object.

   ```java
   PreparedStatement pstmt = conn.prepareStatement
       ("INSERT INTO PERSONNEL VALUES (?)");
   ```

3. Use the `setObject` method of the prepared statement to bind your Java data type object to the prepared statement.

   ```java
   pstmt.setObject(1, emp);
   ```

4. Run the statement, which updates the database.
Understanding the ORAData Interface

One of the choices in making an Oracle object and its attribute data available to Java applications is to create a custom object class that implements the `oracle.sql.ORAData` and `oracle.sql.ORADataFactory` interfaces. The `ORAData` and `ORADataFactory` interfaces are supplied by Oracle and are not a part of the JDBC standard.

Note: The JPublisher utility supports the generation of classes that implement the `ORAData` and `ORADataFactory` interfaces.

Understanding ORAData Features
The `ORAData` interface has the following advantages:

- It supports Oracle extensions to the standard JDBC types.
- It does not require a type map to specify the names of the Java custom classes you want to create.
- It provides better performance. ORAData works directly with Datum types, the internal format the driver uses to hold Oracle objects.

The `ORAData` and `ORADataFactory` interfaces do the following:

- The `toDatum` method of the `ORAData` class transforms the data into an `oracle.sql.*` representation.
- `ORADataFactory` specifies a `create` method equivalent to a constructor for your custom object class. It creates and returns an `ORAData` instance. The JDBC driver uses the `create` method to return an instance of the custom object class to your Java application or applet. It takes as input an `oracle.sql.Datum` object and an integer indicating the corresponding SQL type code as specified in the `OracleTypes` class.

`ORAData` and `ORADataFactory` have the following definitions:

```java
public interface ORAData {
    Datum toDatum (OracleConnection conn) throws SQLException;
}

public interface ORADataFactory {
    ORAData create (Datum d, int sql_Type_Code) throws SQLException;
}
```

Where `conn` represents the Connection object, `d` represents an object of type `oracle.sql.Datum` and `sql_Type_Code` represents the SQL type code of the `Datum` object.

Retrieving and Inserting Object Data
The JDBC drivers provide the following methods to retrieve and insert object data as instances of `ORAData`.

You can retrieve the object data in one of the following ways:
Use the following `getORAData` method of the Oracle-specific `OracleResultSet` class:

```
ors.getORAData (int col_index, ORADataFactory factory);
```

This method takes as input the column index of the data in your result set and a `ORADataFactory` instance. For example, you can implement a `getORAFactory` method in your custom object class to produce the `ORADataFactory` instance to input to `getORAData`. The type map is not required when using Java classes that implement `ORAData`.

Use the standard `getObject(index, map)` method specified by the `ResultSet` interface to retrieve data as instances of `ORAData`. In this case, you must have an entry in the type map that identifies the factory class to be used for the given object type and its corresponding SQL type name.

You can insert object data in one of the following ways:

Use the following `setORAData` method of the Oracle-specific `OraclePreparedStatement` class:

```
ops.setORAData (int bind_index, ORAData custom_obj);
```

This method takes as input the parameter index of the bind variable and the name of the object containing the variable.

Use the standard `setObject` method specified by the `PreparedStatement` interface. You can also use this method, in its different forms, to insert `ORAData` instances without requiring a type map.

The following sections describe the `getORAData` and `setORAData` methods.

To continue the example of an Oracle object `EMPLOYEE`, you might have something like the following in your Java application:

```
ORAData datum = ors.getORAData(1, Employee.getORAFactory());
```

In this example, `ors` is an Oracle result set, `getORAData` is a method in the `OracleResultSet` class used to retrieve a `ORAData` object, and the `EMPLOYEE` is in column 1 of the result set. The static `Employee.getORAFactory` method will return a `ORADataFactory` to the JDBC driver. The JDBC driver will call `create()` from this object, returning to your Java application an instance of the `Employee` class populated with data from the result set.

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**Note:**

- `ORAData` and `ORADataFactory` are defined as separate interfaces so that different Java classes can implement them if you wish.
- To use the `ORAData` interface, your custom object classes must import `oracle.sql.*`.

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**Reading and Writing Data with a ORAData Implementation**

This section describes how to read data from an Oracle object or write data to an Oracle object if your corresponding Java class implements `ORAData`. 

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Reading Data from an Oracle Object Using a ORAData Implementation

The following text summarizes the steps in reading data from an Oracle object into your Java application. These steps apply whether you implement ORAData manually or use JPublisher to produce your custom object classes.

These steps assume you have already defined the Oracle object type, created the corresponding custom object class or had JPublisher create it for you, and defined a statement object stmt.

1. Query the database to read the Oracle object into a result set, casting it to an Oracle result set.

```java
OracleResultSet ors = (OracleResultSet)stmt.executeQuery
("SELECT Emp_col FROM PERSONNEL");
```

Where PERSONNEL is a one-column table. The column name is Emp_col of type Employee_object.

2. Use the getORAData method of your Oracle result set to populate an instance of your custom object class with data from one row of the result set. The getORAData method returns an oracle.sql.ORAData object, which you can cast to your specific custom object class.

```java
if (ors.next())
    Employee emp = (Employee)ors.getORAData(1, Employee.getORAFactory());

or:

if (ors.next())
    ORAData datum = ors.getORAData(1, Employee.getORAFactory());
```

This example assumes that Employee is the name of your custom object class and ors is the name of your OracleResultSet object.

In case you do not want to use getORAData, the JDBC drivers let you use the getObject method of a standard JDBC ResultSet to retrieve ORAData data. However, you must have an entry in the type map that identifies the factory class to be used for the given object type and its corresponding SQL type name.

For example, if the SQL type name for your object is EMPLOYEE, then the corresponding Java class is Employee, which will implement ORAData. The corresponding Factory class is EmployeeFactory, which will implement ORADataFactory.

Use this statement to declare the EmployeeFactory entry for your type map:

```java
map.put ("EMPLOYEE", Class.forName ("EmployeeFactory"));
```

Then use the form of getObject where you specify the map object:

```java
Employee emp = (Employee) rs.getObject (1, map);
```

If the default type map of the connection already has an entry that identifies the factory class to be used for the given object type and its corresponding SQL type name, then you can use this form of getObject:

```java
Employee emp = (Employee) rs.getObject (1);
```

3. If you have get methods in your custom object class, then use them to read data from your object attributes into Java variables in your application. For example, if EMPLOYEE has EmpName of type CHAR and EmpNum of type NUMBER, provide a
getEmpName method that returns a Java String and a getEmpNum method that returns an integer. Then call them in your Java application as follows:

```java
String empname = emp.getEmpName();
int empnumber = emp.getEmpNum();
```

**Note:** Alternatively, you can fetch data using a callable statement object. The OracleCallableStatement class also has a getORAData method.

### Writing Data to an Oracle Object Using a ORAData Implementation

The following text summarizes the steps in writing data to an Oracle object from your Java application. These steps apply whether you implement ORAData manually or use JPublisher to produce your custom object classes.

These steps assume you have already defined the Oracle object type and created the corresponding custom object class.

**Note:** The type map is not used when you are performing database INSERT and UPDATE operations.

1. If you have set methods in your custom object class, then use them to write data from Java variables in your application to attributes of your Java data type object.

   ```java
   emp.setEmpName(empname);
   emp.setEmpNum(empnumber);
   ```

2. Write an Oracle prepared statement that updates an Oracle object in a row of a database table, as appropriate, using the data provided in your Java data type object.

   ```java
   OraclePreparedStatement opstmt = conn.prepareStatement
   ("UPDATE PERSONNEL SET Employee = ? WHERE Employee.EmpNum = 28959);"
   This assumes conn is your Connection object.

3. Use the setORAData method of the Oracle prepared statement to bind your Java data type object to the prepared statement.

   ```java
   opstmt.setORAData(1, emp);
   ```

   The setORAData method calls the toDatum method of the custom object class instance to retrieve an oracle.sql.STRUCT object that can be written to the database.

   In this step you could also use the setObject method to bind the Java data type. For example:

   ```java
   opstmt.setObject(1,emp);
   ```

   **Note:** You can use your Java data type objects as either IN or OUT bind variables.
Additional Uses for ORAData

The ORAData interface offers far more flexibility than the SQLData interface. The SQLData interface is designed to let you customize the mapping of only Oracle object types to Java types of your choice. Implementing the SQLData interface lets the JDBC driver populate fields of a custom Java class instance from the original SQL object data, and the reverse, after performing the appropriate conversions between Java and SQL types.

The ORAData interface goes beyond supporting the customization of Oracle object types to Java types. It lets you provide a mapping between Java object types and any SQL type supported by the oracle.sql package.

It may be useful to provide custom Java classes to wrap oracle.sql.* types and perhaps implement customized conversions or functionality as well. The following are some possible scenarios:

- Performing encryption and decryption or validation of data
- Performing logging of values that have been read or are being written
- Parsing character columns, such as character fields containing URL information, into smaller components
- Mapping character strings into numeric constants
- Making data into more desirable Java formats, such as mapping a DATE field to java.util.Date format
- Customizing data representation, for example, data in a table column is in feet but you want it represented in meters after it is selected
- Serializing and deserializing Java objects

For example, use ORAData to store instances of Java objects that do not correspond to a particular SQL object type in the database in columns of SQL type RAW. The create method in ORADataFactory would have to implement a conversion from an object of type oracle.sql.RAW to the desired Java object. The toDatum method in ORAData would have to implement a conversion from the Java object to an oracle.sql.RAW object. This can be done, for example, by using Java serialization.

Upon retrieval, the JDBC driver transparently retrieves the raw bytes of data in the form of an oracle.sql.RAW and calls the create method of ORADataFactory to convert the oracle.sql.RAW object to the desired Java class.

When you insert the Java object into the database, you can simply bind it to a column of type RAW to store it. The driver transparently calls the ORAData.toDatum method to convert the Java object to an oracle.sql.RAW object. This object is then stored in a column of type RAW in the database.

Support for the ORAData interfaces is also highly efficient because the conversions are designed to work using oracle.sql.* formats, which happen to be the internal formats used by the JDBC drivers. Moreover, the type map, which is necessary for the SQLData interface, is not required when using Java classes that implement ORAData.

See Also: "Understanding the ORAData Interface" on page 13-11

Object-Type Inheritance

Object-type inheritance allows a new object type to be created by extending another object type. The new object type is then a subtype of the object type from which it
extends. The subtype automatically inherits all the attributes and methods defined in the supertype. The subtype can add attributes and methods and overload or override methods inherited from the supertype.

Object-type inheritance introduces **substitutability**. Substitutability is the ability of a slot declared to hold a value of type T in addition to any subtype of type T. Oracle JDBC drivers handle substitutability transparently.

A database object is returned with its most specific type without losing information. For example, if the STUDENT_T object is stored in a PERSON_T slot, Oracle JDBC driver returns a Java object that represents the STUDENT_T object.

This section covers the following topics:

- Creating Subtypes
- Implementing Customized Classes for Subtypes
- Retrieving Subtype Objects
- Creating Subtype Objects
- Sending Subtype Objects
- Accessing Subtype Data Fields
- Inheritance Metadata Methods

### Creating Subtypes

Create custom object classes if you want to have Java classes that explicitly correspond to the Oracle object types. If you have a hierarchy of object types, you may want a corresponding hierarchy of Java classes.

The most common way to create a database subtype in JDBC is to run a SQL CREATE TYPE command using the `execute` method of the `java.sql.Statement` interface. For example, you want to create a type inheritance hierarchy as depicted in the following diagram:

```
Persona_T
  |
  |
STUDENT_T
  |
  |
PARTTIMESTUDENT_T
```

The JDBC code for this can be as follows:

```java
Statement s = conn.createStatement();
s.execute("CREATE TYPE Person_T (SSN NUMBER, name VARCHAR2(30),
  address VARCHAR2(255))");
s.execute("CREATE TYPE Student_T UNDER Person_t (deptid NUMBER,
  major VARCHAR2(100))");
s.execute("CREATE TYPE PartTimeStudent_t UNDER Student_t (numHours NUMBER)");
```

In the following code, the `foo` member procedure in type ST is overloaded and the member procedure `print` overwrites the copy it inherits from type T.
CREATE TYPE T AS OBJECT (...,
    MEMBER PROCEDURE foo(x NUMBER),
    MEMBER PROCEDURE Print(),
    ...
    NOT FINAL;

CREATE TYPE ST UNDER T (...,
    MEMBER PROCEDURE foo(x DATE),  <-- overload "foo"
    OVERRIDING MEMBER PROCEDURE Print(),  <-- override "print"
    STATIC FUNCTION bar(...) ...
    ...
);  

Once the subtypes have been created, they can be used as both columns of a base table as well as attributes of a object type.

See Also: Oracle Database Object-Relational Developer's Guide

Implementing Customized Classes for Subtypes

In most cases, a customized Java class represents a database object type. When you create a customized Java class for a subtype, the Java class can either mirror the database object type hierarchy or not.

You can use either the ORAData or SQLData solution in creating classes to map to the hierarchy of object types.

This section covers the following topics:

- Use of ORAData for Type Inheritance Hierarchy
- Use of SQLData for Type Inheritance Hierarchy
- JPublisher Utility

Use of ORAData for Type Inheritance Hierarchy

Oracle recommends customized mappings, where Java classes implement the oracle.sql.ORAData interface. ORAData mapping requires the JDBC application to implement the ORAData and ORADataFactory interfaces. The class implementing the ORADataFactory interface contains a factory method that produces objects. Each object represents a database object.

The hierarchy of the class implementing the ORAData interface can mirror the database object type hierarchy. For example, the Java classes mapping to PERSON_T and STUDENT_T are as follows:

Person.java using ORAData

Code for the Person.java class which implements the ORAData and ORADataFactory interfaces:

```java
class Person implements ORAData, ORADataFactory {
    static final Person _personFactory = new Person();

    public NUMBER ssn;
    public CHAR name;
    public CHAR address;

    public static ORADataFactory getORADataFactory() {
        ...
return _personFactory;
}

public Person () {}

public Person(NUMBER ssn, CHAR name, CHAR address)
{
    this.ssn = ssn;
    this.name = name;
    this.address = address;
}

class Student extends Person
{
    static final Student _studentFactory = new Student ();
    public NUMBER deptid;
    public CHAR major;

    public static ORADataFactory getORADataFactory()
    {
        return _studentFactory;
    }

    public Student () {}

    public Student (NUMBER ssn, CHAR name, CHAR address,
                   NUMBER deptid, CHAR major)
    {
        super (ssn, name, address);
        this.deptid = deptid;
        this.major = major;
    }

    public Datum toDatum(OracleConnection c) throws SQLException
    {
        StructDescriptor sd =
            StructDescriptor.createDescriptor("SCOTT.STUDENT_T", c);
        Object [] attributes = { ssn, name, address, deptid, major };
        return new STRUCT(sd, c, attributes);
    }

    public ORAData create(Datum d, int sqlType) throws SQLException
    {
        if (d == null) return null;
        Object [] attributes = ((STRUCT) d).getOracleAttributes();
        return new Person((NUMBER) attributes[0],
                           (CHAR) attributes[1],
                           (CHAR) attributes[2],
                           (NUMBER) attributes[3],
                           (CHAR) attributes[4]);
    }
}

Student.java extending Person.java

Code for the Student.java class, which extends the Person.java class:

class Student extends Person
{
    static final Student _studentFactory = new Student ();

    public NUMBER deptid;
    public CHAR major;

    public static ORADataFactory getORADataFactory()
    {
        return _studentFactory;
    }

    public Student () {}

    public Student (NUMBER ssn, CHAR name, CHAR address,
                   NUMBER deptid, CHAR major)
    {
        super (ssn, name, address);
        this.deptid = deptid;
        this.major = major;
    }

    public Datum toDatum(OracleConnection c) throws SQLException
    {
        StructDescriptor sd =
            StructDescriptor.createDescriptor("SCOTT.STUDENT_T", c);
        Object [] attributes = { ssn, name, address, deptid, major };
        return new STRUCT(sd, c, attributes);
    }
}
Object [] attributes = { ssn, name, address, deptid, major }; 
return new STRUCT(sd, c, attributes);
}

public CustomDatum create(Datum d, int sqlType) throws SQLException 
{
    if (d == null) return null;
    Object [] attributes = ((STRUCT) d).getOracleAttributes();
    return new Student((NUMBER) attributes[0],
                       (CHAR) attributes[1],
                       (CHAR) attributes[2],
                       (NUMBER) attributes[3],
                       (CHAR) attributes[4]);
}
}

Customized classes that implement the ORADat interface do not have to mirror the
database object type hierarchy. For example, you could have declared the Student
class without a superclass. In this case, Student would contain fields to hold the
inherited attributes from PERSON_T as well as the attributes declared by STUDENT_T.

**ORADatFactory Implementation**
The JDBC application uses the factory class in querying the database to return
instances of Person or its subclasses, as in the following example:

```java
ResultSet rset = stmt.executeQuery ("select person from tab1");
while (rset.next())
{
    Object s = rset.getORAData (1, PersonFactory.getORADataFactory());
    ...
}
```

A class implementing the ORADatFactory interface should be able to produce
instances of the associated custom object type, as well as instances of any subtype, or
at least all the types you expect to support.

In the following example, the PersonFactory.getORADataFactory method
returns a factory that can handle PERSON_T, STUDENT_T, and PARTTIMESTUDENT_T
objects, by returning person, student, or parttimestudent Java instances.

class PersonFactory implements ORADatFactory
{
    static final PersonFactory _factory = new PersonFactory ();

    public static ORADatFactory getORADataFactory()
    {
        return _factory;
    }

    public ORADat create(Datum d, int sqlType) throws SQLException
    {
        STRUCT s = (STRUCT) d;
        if (s.getSQLTypeName ().equals (“SCOTT.PERSON_T”))
            return Person.getORADataFactory ().create (d, sqlType);
        else if (s.getSQLTypeName ().equals (“SCOTT.STUDENT_T”))
            return Student.getORADataFactory ().create(d, sqlType);
        else if (s.getSQLTypeName ().equals (“SCOTT.PARTTIMESTUDENT_T”))
            return ParttimeStudent.getORADataFactory ().create(d, sqlType);
        else
            return null;
    }
}
The following example assumes a table `tabl1`, such as the following:

```sql
CREATE TABLE tabl1 (idx NUMBER, person PERSON_T);
INSERT INTO tabl1 VALUES (1, PERSON_T (1000, 'Scott', '100 Oracle Parkway'));
INSERT INTO tabl1 VALUES (2, STUDENT_T (1001, 'Peter', '200 Oracle Parkway', 101, 'CS'));
INSERT INTO tabl1 VALUES (3, PARTTIMESTUDENT_T (1002, 'David', '300 Oracle Parkway', 102, 'EE'));
```

**Use of SQLData for Type Inheritance Hierarchy**

The customized classes that implement the `java.sql.SQLData` interface can mirror the database object type hierarchy. The `readSQL` and `writeSQL` methods of a subclass typically call the corresponding superclass methods to read or write the superclass attributes before reading or writing the subclass attributes. For example, the Java classes mapping to `PERSON_T` and `STUDENT_T` are as follows:

**Person.java using SQLData**

Code for the `Person.java` class, which implements the `SQLData` interface:

```java
import java.sql.*;

public class Person implements SQLData {
    private String sql_type;
    public int ssn;
    public String name;
    public String address;

    public Person () {}

    public String getSQLTypeName() throws SQLException {
        return sql_type;
    }

    public void readSQL(SQLInput stream, String typeName) throws SQLException {
        sql_type = typeName;
        ssn = stream.readInt();
        name = stream.readString();
        address = stream.readString();
    }

    public void writeSQL(SQLOutput stream) throws SQLException {
        stream.writeInt (ssn);
        stream.writeString (name);
        stream.writeString (address);
    }
}
```

**Student.java extending Student.java**

Code for the `Student.java` class, which extends the `Person.java` class:

```java
import java.sql.*;

public class Student extends Person {
}
```
{  
  private String sql_type;
  public int deptid;
  public String major;

  public Student () { super(); }

  public String getSQLTypeName() throws SQLException { return sql_type; }

  public void readSQL(SQLInput stream, String typeName) throws SQLException {
    super.readSQL (stream, typeName);    // read supertype attributes
    sql_type = typeName;
    deptid = stream.readInt();
    major = stream.readString();
  }

  public void writeSQL(SQLOutput stream) throws SQLException {
    super.writeSQL (stream);        // write supertype attributes
    stream.writeInt (deptid);
    stream.writeString (major);
  }
}

Although not required, it is recommended that the customized classes, which implement the SQLData interface, mirror the database object type hierarchy. For example, you could have declared the Student class without a superclass. In this case, Student would contain fields to hold the inherited attributes from PERSON_T as well as the attributes declared by STUDENT_T.

**Student.java using SQLData**

Code for the Student.java class, which does not extend the Person.java class, but implements the SQLData interface directly:

```java
import java.sql.*;

public class Student implements SQLData {

  private String sql_type;

  public int ssn;
  public String name;
  public String address;
  public int deptid;
  public String major;

  public Student () {}

  public String getSQLTypeName() throws SQLException { return sql_type; }

  public void readSQL(SQLInput stream, String typeName) throws SQLException {
    sql_type = typeName;
    ssn = stream.readInt();
    name = stream.readString();
    address = stream.readString();
    deptid = stream.readInt();
    major = stream.readString();
  }

  public void writeSQL(SQLOutput stream) throws SQLException {
    super.writeSQL (stream);        // write supertype attributes
    stream.writeInt (deptid);
    stream.writeString (major);
  }
}
```
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```java
public void writeSQL(SQLOutput stream) throws SQLException {
    stream.writeInt(ssn);
    stream.writeString(name);
    stream.writeString(address);
    stream.writeInt(deptid);
    stream.writeString(major);
}
```

**JPublisher Utility**

Even though you can manually create customized classes that implement the `SQLData`, `ORAData`, and `ORADataFactory` interfaces, it is recommended that you use Oracle JPublisher to automatically generate these classes. The customized classes generated by Oracle JPublisher that implement the `SQLData`, `ORAData`, and `ORADataFactory` interfaces, can mirror the inheritance hierarchy.

**See Also:**
- "Using JPublisher to Create Custom Object Classes" on page 13-27
- Oracle Database JPublisher User’s Guide

**Retrieving Subtype Objects**

In a typical JDBC application, a subtype object is returned as one of the following:

- A query result
- A PL/SQL `OUT` parameter
- A type attribute

You can use either the default mapping or the `SQLData` mapping or the `ORAData` mapping to retrieve a subtype.

**Using Default Mapping**

By default, a database object is returned as an instance of the `oracle.sql.STRUCT` class. This instance may represent an object of either the declared type or subtype of the declared type. If the `STRUCT` class represents a subtype object in the database, then it contains the attributes of its supertype as well as those defined in the subtype.

Oracle JDBC driver returns database objects in their most specific type. The JDBC application can use the `getSQLTypeName` method of the `STRUCT` class to determine the SQL type of the `STRUCT` object. The following code shows this:

```java
// tab1.person column can store PERSON_T, STUDENT_T and PARTTIMESTUDENT_T objects
ResultSet rset = stmt.executeQuery("select person from tab1");
while (rset.next())
{
    oracle.sql.STRUCT s = (oracle.sql.STRUCT) rset.getObject(1);
    if (s != null)
        System.out.println(s.getSQLTypeName());    // print out the type name which
        // may be SCOTT.PERSON_T, SCOTT.STUDENT_T or SCOTT.PARTTIMESTUDENT_T
}
```
Using SQLData Mapping

With SQLData mapping, the JDBC driver returns the database object as an instance of the class implementing the SQLData interface.

To use SQLData mapping in retrieving database objects, do the following:

1. Implement the container classes that implement the SQLData interface for the desired object types.
2. Populate the connection type map with entries that specify what custom Java type corresponds to each Oracle object type.
3. Use the getObject method to access the SQL object values.

The JDBC driver checks the type map for an entry match. If one exists, then the driver returns the database object as an instance of the class implementing the SQLData interface.

The following code shows the whole SQLData customized mapping process:

```java
// The JDBC application developer implements Person.java for PERSON_T,
// Student.java for STUDENT_T
// and ParttimeStudent.java for PARTTIMESTUDENT_T.
Connection conn = ...; // make a JDBC connection

// obtains the connection typemap
java.util.Map map = conn.getTypeMap();

// populate the type map
map.put("SCOTT.PERSON_T", Class.forName("Person"));
map.put("SCOTT.STUDENT_T", Class.forName("Student"));
map.put("SCOTT.PARTTIMESTUDENT_T", Class.forName("ParttimeStudent"));

// tab1.person column can store PERSON_T, STUDENT_T and PARTTIMESTUDENT_T objects
ResultSet rset = stmt.executeQuery("select person from tab1");
while (rset.next())
{
    // "s" is instance of Person, Student or ParttimeStudent
    Object s = rset.getObject(1);
    if (s != null)
    {
        if (s instanceof Person)
            System.out.println("This is a Person");
        else if (s instanceof Student)
            System.out.println("This is a Student");
        else if (s instanceof ParttimeStudent)
            System.out.println("This is a ParttimeStudent");
        else
            System.out.println("Unknown type");
    }
}
```

The JDBC drivers check the connection type map for each call to the following:

- `getObject` method of the `java.sql.ResultSet` and `java.sql.CallableStatement` interfaces
- `getAttribute` method of the `java.sql.Struct` interface
- `getArray` method of the `java.sql.Array` interface
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- getValue method of the oracle.sql.REF interface

Using ORAData Mapping

With ORAData mapping, the JDBC driver returns the database object as an instance of the class implementing the ORAData interface.

Oracle JDBC driver needs to be informed of what Java class is mapped to the Oracle object type. The following are the two ways to inform Oracle JDBC drivers:

- The JDBC application uses the getORAData(int idx, ORADataFactory f) method to access database objects. The second parameter of the getORAData method specifies an instance of the factory class that produces the customized class. The getORAData method is available in the OracleResultSet and OracleCallableStatement classes.

- The JDBC application populates the connection type map with entries that specify what custom Java type corresponds to each Oracle object type. The getObject method is used to access the Oracle object values.

The second approach involves the use of the standard getObject method. The following code example demonstrates the first approach:

```java
// tab1.person column can store both PERSON_T and STUDENT_T objects
Resultset rset = stmt.executeQuery("select person from tab1");
while (rset.next())
{
    Object s = rset.getORAData (1, PersonFactory.getORADataFactory());
    if (s != null)
    {
        if (s instanceof Person)
            System.out.println("This is a Person");
        else if (s instanceof Student)
            System.out.println("This is a Student");
        else if (s instanceof ParttimeStudent)
            System.out.println("This is a ParttimeStudent");
        else
            System.out.println("Unknown type");
    }
}
```

Creating Subtype Objects

There are cases where JDBC applications create database subtype objects with JDBC drivers. These objects are sent either to the database as bind variables or are used to exchange information within the JDBC application.

With customized mapping, the JDBC application creates either SQLData- or ORAData-based objects, depending on the approach you choose, to represent database subtype objects. With default mapping, the JDBC application creates STRUCT objects to represent database subtype objects. All the data fields inherited from the supertype as well as all the fields defined in the subtype must have values. The following code demonstrates this:

```java
Connection conn = ... // make a JDBC connection
StructDescriptor desc = StructDescriptor.createDescriptor("SCOTT.PARTTIMESTUDENT", conn);
Object[] attrs = {
    new Integer(1234), "Scott", "500 Oracle Parkway", // data fields defined in
    // PERSON_T
```
new Integer(102), "CS", // data fields defined in
    // STUDENT_T
new Integer(4)           // data fields defined in
    // PARTTIMESTUDENT_T
);

STRUCT s = new STRUCT (desc, conn, attrs);

s is initialized with data fields inherited from PERSON_T and STUDENT_T, and data
fields defined in PARTTIMESTUDENT_T.

Sending Subtype Objects

In a typical JDBC application, a Java object that represents a database object is sent to
the databases as one of the following:

- A data manipulation language (DML) bind variable
- A PL/SQL IN parameter
- An object type attribute value

The Java object can be an instance of the STRUCT class or an instance of the class
implementing either the SQLData or ORAData interface. Oracle JDBC driver will
convert the Java object into the linearized format acceptable to the database SQL
engine. Binding a subtype object is the same as binding a standard object.

Accessing Subtype Data Fields

While the logic to access subtype data fields is part of the customized class, this logic
for default mapping is defined in the JDBC application itself. The database objects are
returned as instances of the oracle.sql.STRUCT class. The JDBC application needs
to call one of the following access methods in the STRUCT class to access the data
fields:

- Object[] getAttribute()
- oracle.sql.Datum[] getOracleAttribute()

Subtype Data Fields from the getAttribute Method

The getAttribute method of the java.sql.Struct interface is used in JDBC 2.0
to access object data fields. This method returns a java.lang.Object array, where
each array element represents an object attribute. You can determine the individual
element type by referencing the corresponding attribute type in the JDBC conversion
matrix. For example, a SQL NUMBER attribute is converted to a
java.math.BigDecimal object. The getAttribute method returns all the data
fields defined in the supertype of the object type as well as data fields defined in
the subtype. The supertype data fields are listed first followed by the subtype data fields.

Subtype Data Fields from the getOracleAttribute Method

The getOracleAttribute method is an Oracle extension method and is more
efficient than the getAttribute method. The getOracleAttribute method
returns an oracle.sql.Datum array to hold the data fields. Each element in the
oracle.sql.Datum array represents an attribute. You can determine the individual
element type by referencing the corresponding attribute type in the Oracle conversion
matrix. For example, a SQL NUMBER attribute is converted to an
oracle.sql.NUMBER object. The getOracleAttribute method returns all the
attributes defined in the supertype of the object type, as well as attributes defined in
the subtype. The supertype data fields are listed first followed by the subtype data fields.

The following code shows the use of the `getAttribute` method:

```java
// tab1.person column can store PERSON_T, STUDENT_T and PARTIMESTUDENT_T objects
ResultSet rset = stmt.executeQuery("select person from tab1");
while (rset.next())
{
    oracle.sql.STRUCT s = (oracle.sql.STRUCT) rset.getObject(1);
    if (s != null)
    {
        String sqlname = s.getSQLTypeName();

        Object[] attrs = s.getAttribute();

        if (sqlname.equals("SCOTT.PERSON")
        {
            System.out.println("ssn=\"+((BigDecimal)attrs[0]).intValue());
            System.out.println("name=\"+((String)attrs[1]));
            System.out.println("address=\"+((String)attrs[2]));
        }
        else if (sqlname.equals("SCOTT.STUDENT")
        {
            System.out.println("ssn=\"+((BigDecimal)attrs[0]).intValue());
            System.out.println("name=\"+((String)attrs[1]));
            System.out.println("address=\"+((String)attrs[2]));
            System.out.println("deptid=\"+((BigDecimal)attrs[3]).intValue());
            System.out.println("major=\"+((String)attrs[4]));
        }
        else if (sqlname.equals("SCOTT.PARTTIMESTUDENT")
        {
            System.out.println("ssn=\"+((BigDecimal)attrs[0]).intValue());
            System.out.println("name=\"+((String)attrs[1]));
            System.out.println("address=\"+((String)attrs[2]));
            System.out.println("deptid=\"+((BigDecimal)attrs[3]).intValue());
            System.out.println("major=\"+((String)attrs[4]));
            System.out.println("numHours=\"+((BigDecimal)attrs[5]).intValue());
        }
        else
            throw new Exception("Invalid type name: "+sqlname);
    }
}
rset.close();
stmt.close();
conn.close();
```

**Inheritance Metadata Methods**

Oracle JDBC drivers provide a set of metadata methods to access inheritance properties. The inheritance metadata methods are defined in the `oracle.sql.StructDescriptor` and `oracle.jdbc.StructMetaData` classes.

The `StructMetaData` class provides inheritance metadata methods for subtype attributes. The `getMetaData` method of the `StructDescriptor` class returns an instance of `StructMetaData` of the type. The `StructMetaData` class contains the following inheritance metadata methods:
Using JPublisher to Create Custom Object Classes

A convenient way to create custom object classes, as well as other kinds of custom Java classes, is to use the Oracle JPublisher utility. It generates a full definition for a custom Java class, which you can instantiate to hold the data from an Oracle object. JPublisher-generated classes include methods to convert data from SQL to Java and from Java to SQL, as well as getter and setter methods for the object attributes.

This section covers the following topics:

- JPublisher Functionality
- JPublisher Type Mappings

See Also: Oracle Database JPublisher User’s Guide.

JPublisher Functionality

You can direct JPublisher to create custom object classes that implement either the SQLData interface or the ORAData interface, according to how you set the JPublisher type mappings.

If you use the ORAData interface, then JPublisher will also create a custom reference class to map to object references for the Oracle object type. If you use the SQLData interface, then JPublisher will not produce a custom reference class. You would use standard java.sql.Ref instances instead.

If you want additional functionality, you can subclass the custom object class and add features as desired. When you run JPublisher, there is a command-line option for specifying both a generated class name and the name of the subclass you will implement. For the SQL-Java mapping to work properly, JPublisher must know the subclass name, which is incorporated into some of the functionality of the generated class.

Note: Hand-editing the JPublisher-generated class, instead of subclassing it, is not recommended. If you hand-edit this class and later have to re-run JPublisher for some reason, you would have to re-implement your changes.

JPublisher Type Mappings

JPublisher offers various choices for how to map user-defined types and their attribute types between SQL and Java. This section lists categories of SQL types and the mapping options available for each category.

Categories of SQL Types

JPublisher categorizes SQL types into the following groups, with corresponding JPublisher options as specifies:

- User-defined types (UDT)

  This includes Oracle objects, references, and collections. You use the JPublisher -usertypes option to specify the type-mapping implementation for UDTs, either a standard SQLData implementation or an Oracle-specific ORAData implementation.

- Numeric types
This includes anything stored in the database as the NUMBER SQL type. You use the JPublisher -numbertypes option to specify type-mapping for numeric types.

- Large object (LOB) types
  This includes the SQL types, BLOB and CLOB. You use the JPublisher -lobtypes option to specify type-mapping for LOB types.

- Built-in types
  This includes anything stored in the database as a SQL type not covered by the preceding categories. For example, CHAR, VARCHAR2, LONG, and RAW. You use the JPublisher -builtintypes option to specify type-mapping for built-in types.

**Type-Mapping Modes**

JPublisher defines the following type-mapping modes, two of which apply to numeric types only:

- **JDBC mapping (setting jdbc)**
  Uses standard default mappings between SQL types and Java native types. For a custom object class, uses a SQLData implementation.

- **Oracle mapping (setting oracle)**
  Uses corresponding oracle.sql types to map to SQL types. For a custom object, reference, or collection class, uses a ORAData implementation.

- **Object-JDBC mapping (setting objectjdbc)**
  Is an extension of the JDBC mapping. Where relevant, object-JDBC mapping uses numeric object types from the standard java.lang package, such as java.lang.Integer, Float, and Double, instead of primitive Java types, such as int, float, and double. The java.lang types are nullable, while the primitive types are not.

- **BigDecimal mapping (setting bigdecimal)**
  Uses java.math.BigDecimal to map to all numeric attributes. This is appropriate if you are dealing with large numbers but do not want to map to the oracle.sql.NUMBER class.

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**Note:** Using BigDecimal mapping can significantly degrade performance.

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**Mapping the Oracle object type to Java**

Use the JPublisher -usertypes option to determine how JPublisher will implement the custom Java class that corresponds to a Oracle object type:

- A setting of -usertypes=oracle, which is the default setting, instructs JPublisher to create a ORAData implementation for the custom object class. This will also result in JPublisher producing a ORAData implementation for the corresponding custom reference class.

- A setting of -usertypes=jdbc instructs JPublisher to create a SQLData implementation for the custom object class. No custom reference class can be created. You must use java.sql.Ref or oracle.sql.REF for the reference type.
Mapping Attribute Types to Java

If you do not specify mappings for the attribute types of the Oracle object type, then JPublisher uses the following defaults:

- For numeric attribute types, the default mapping is object-JDBC.
- For LOB attribute types, the default mapping is Oracle.
- For built-in type attribute types, the default mapping is JDBC.

If you want alternate mappings, then use the -numbertypes, -lobtypes, and -builtintypes options, as necessary, depending on the attribute types you have and the mappings you desire.

If an attribute type is itself an Oracle object type, then it will be mapped according to the -usertypes setting.

Important: Be aware that if you specify an SQLData implementation for the custom object class and want the code to be portable, then you must be sure to use portable mappings for the attribute types. The defaults for numeric types and built-in types are portable, but for LOB types you must specify -lobtypes=jdbc.

Summary of SQL Type Categories and Mapping Settings

Table 13–1 summarizes JPublisher categories for SQL types, the mapping settings relevant for each category, and the default settings.

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Describing an Object Type

Oracle JDBC includes functionality to retrieve information about a structured object type regarding its attribute names and types. This is similar conceptually to retrieving information from a result set about its column names and types, and in fact uses an almost identical method.

This section covers the following topics:

- Functionality for Getting Object Metadata
Steps for Retrieving Object Metadata

Functionality for Getting Object Metadata

The `oracle.sql.StructDescriptor` class includes functionality to retrieve metadata about a structured object type. The `StructDescriptor` class has a `getMetaData` method with the same functionality as the standard `getMetaData` method available in result set objects. It returns a set of attribute information, such as attribute names and types. Call this method on a `StructDescriptor` object to get metadata about the Oracle object type that the `StructDescriptor` object describes.

The signature of the `StructDescriptor` class `getMetaData` method is the same as the signature specified for `getMetaData` in the standard `ResultSet` interface. The signature is as follows:

```java
ResultSetMetaData getMetaData() throws SQLException
```

However, this method actually returns an instance of `oracle.jdbc.StructMetaData`, a class that supports structured object metadata in the same way that the standard `java.sql.ResultSetMetaData` interface specifies support for result set metadata.

The following method is also supported by `StructMetaData`:

```java
String getOracleColumnClassName(int column) throws SQLException
```

This method returns the fully qualified name of the `oracle.sql.Datum` subclass whose instances are manufactured if the `OracleResultSet` class `getOracleObject` method is called to retrieve the value of the specified attribute. For example, `oracle.sql.NUMBER`.

To use the `getOracleColumnClassName` method, you must cast the `ResultSetMetaData` object, which that was returned by the `getMetaData` method, to `StructMetaData`.

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**Note:** In all the preceding method signatures, `column` is something of a misnomer. Where you specify a value of 4 for `column`, you really refer to the fourth attribute of the object.

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Steps for Retrieving Object Metadata

Use the following steps to obtain metadata about a structured object type:

1. Create or acquire a `StructDescriptor` instance that describes the relevant structured object type.
2. Call the `getMetaData` method on the `StructDescriptor` instance.
3. Call the metadata getter methods, `getColumnName`, `getColumnType`, and `getColumnTypeName`, as desired.

**Note:** If one of the structured object attributes is itself a structured object, repeat steps 1 through 3.
Example
The following method shows how to retrieve information about the attributes of a structured object type. This includes the initial step of creating a StructDescriptor instance.

```java
// Print out the ADT's attribute names and types
void getAttributeInfo (Connection conn, String type_name) throws SQLException {
    // get the type descriptor
    StructDescriptor desc = StructDescriptor.createDescriptor (type_name, conn);

    // get type metadata
    ResultSetMetaData md = desc.getMetaData ();

    // get # of attrs of this type
    int numAttrs = desc.length ();

    // temporary buffers
    String attr_name;
    int attr_type;
    String attr_typeName;

    System.out.println ("Attributes of "+type_name+" :");
    for (int i=0; i<numAttrs; i++)
    {
        attr_name = md.getColumnName (i+1);
        attr_type = md.getColumnType (i+1);
        System.out.println (" index"+(i+1)+" name="+attr_name+" type="+attr_type);
        // drill down nested object
        if (attrType == OracleTypes.STRUCT)
        {
            attr_typeName = md.getColumnTypeName (i+1);

            // recursive calls to print out nested object metadata
            getAttributeInfo (conn, attr_typeName);
        }
    }
}
```
This chapter describes how to use Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) to access and manipulate large objects (LOB) using either the data interface or the locator interface.

In previous releases, Oracle JDBC drivers required Oracle extensions to standard JDBC types to perform many operations in the Oracle Database. JDBC 3.0 reduced the requirement of using Oracle extensions and JDBC 4.0 nearly eliminated this limitation. Refer to the Javasoft Javadoc for the java.sql and javax.sql packages, and to the Oracle JDBC Javadoc for details on Oracle extensions.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- The LOB Data Types
- Oracle SecureFiles
- Data Interface for LOBs
- LOB Locator Interface
- Working With Temporary LOBs
- Opening Persistent LOBs with the Open and Close Methods
- Working with BFILEs

The LOB Data Types

Prior to Oracle Database 10g, the maximum size of a LOB was 2^32 bytes. This restriction has been removed since Oracle Database 10g, and the maximum size is limited to the size of available physical storage.

See Also: Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer’s Guide

The Oracle database supports the following four LOB data types:

- Binary large object (BLOB)
  This data type is used for unstructured binary data.

- Character large object (CLOB)
  This data type is used for character data.

- National character large object (NCLOB)
  This data type is used for national character data.

- BFILE
This data type is used for large binary data objects stored in operating system files, outside of database tablespaces.

BLOBs, CLOBs, and NCLOBs are stored persistently in a database tablespace and all operations performed on these data types are under transaction control.

BFILE is an Oracle proprietary data type that provides read-only access to data located outside the database tablespaces on tertiary storage devices, such as hard disks, network mounted file systems, CD-ROMs, PhotoCDs, and DVDs. BFILE data is not under transaction control and is not stored by database backups.

The PL/SQL language supports the LOB data types and the JDBC interface allows passing IN parameters to PL/SQL procedures or functions, and retrieval of OUT parameters or returns. PL/SQL uses value semantics for all data types including LOBs, but reference semantics only for BFILE.

### Oracle SecureFiles

Oracle Database 11g Release 1 (11.1) introduced Oracle SecureFiles, a completely new storage for LOBs.

**See Also:** *Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer’s Guide*

Following Features of Oracle SecureFiles are transparently available to JDBC programs through the existing APIs:

- SecureFile compression enables users to compress data to save disk space.
- SecureFile encryption introduces a new encryption facility that allows for random reads and writes of the encrypted data.
- Deduplication enables Oracle database to automatically detect duplicate LOB data and conserve space by storing only one copy of data.
- LOB data path optimization includes logical cache above storage layer and new caching modes.
- High performance space management.

The `setLobOptions` and `getLobOptions` APIs are described in the PL/SQL Packages and Types Reference, and may be accessed from JDBC through callable statements.

Following Features of Oracle SecureFiles are implemented in the database through updation to the existing APIs:

- `isSecureFile` Method
- Zero-Copy I/O for Oracle SecureFiles

**isSecureFile Method**

Starting from Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2), you can check whether or not your BLOB or CLOB data uses Oracle SecureFile storage. To achieve this, use the following method from `oracle.sql.BLOB` or `oracle.sql.CLOB` class:

```java
public boolean isSecureFile() throws SQLException
```

If this method returns `true`, then your data uses SecureFile storage.
Zero-Copy I/O for Oracle SecureFiles
With the release of Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2) JDBC Drivers, the performance of Oracle SecureFiles operations is greatly improved because Oracle Net Services now uses zero-copy I/O framework for better buffer management.

Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2) introduces a new connection property `oracle.net.useZeroCopyIO`. This property can be used to enable or disable the zero-copy I/O protocol. This connection property is defined as the following constant: `OracleConnection.CONNECTION_PROPERTY_THIN_NET_USE_ZERO_COPY_IO`. If you want to disable the zero-copy I/O framework, then set the value of this connection property to `false`. By default, the value of this connection property is `true`.

Data Interface for LOBs
This section describes the following topics:
- **Streamlined Mechanism**
- **Input**
- **Output**
- **CallableStatement and IN OUT Parameter**
- **Size Limitations**

Streamlined Mechanism
The Oracle 11.2 drivers provide a streamlined mechanism for writing and reading the entire LOB contents. This is referred to as the data interface. The data interface uses standard JDBC methods such as `getString` and `setBytes` to read and write LOB data. It is simpler to code and faster in many cases. Unlike the standard `java.sql.Blob`, `java.sql.Clob`, and `java.sql.NClob` interfaces, it does not provide random access capability and cannot access data beyond 2147483648 elements.

Input
In Oracle Database 11g release 2 (11.2), the `getBytes`, `setBinaryStream`, `setString`, `setCharacterStream`, and `setAsciiStream` methods of `PreparedStatement` are extended to enhance the ability to work with `BLOB`, `CLOB`, and `NCLOB` target columns.

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**Note:** This enhancement does not affect the `BFILE` data because it is read-only.

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For the JDBC Oracle Call Interface (OCI) and Thin drivers, there is no limitation on the size of the `byte` array or `String`, and no limitation on the length specified for the stream functions, except the limits imposed by the Java language.

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**Note:** In Java, the array size is limited to positive Java `int` or 2147483648 elements.
For the server-side internal driver there is currently a limitation of 4000 bytes for operations on SQL statements, such as an `INSERT` statement. This limitation does not apply for PL/SQL statements. There is a simple workaround for an `INSERT` statement, where it is wrapped in a PL/SQL block in the following way:

```
BEGIN
  INSERT id, c INTO clob_tab VALUES(?,?);
END;
```

You must bear in mind the following automatic switching of the input mode for large data:

- There are three input modes as follows:
  - **Direct binding**
    
    This binding is limited in size but most efficient. It places the data for all input columns inline in the block of data sent to the server. All data, including multiple executions of a batch, is sent in a single network operation.
  
  - **Stream binding**
    
    This binding places data at the end. It limits batch size to one and may require multiple round trips to complete.
  
  - **LOB binding**
    
    This binding creates a temporary LOB, copies data to the LOB, and binds the LOB locator. The temporary LOB is automatically freed after execution. The operation to create the temporary LOB and then to writing to the LOB requires multiple round trips. The input of the locators may be batched.

- For SQL statements:
  - The `setBytes` and `setBinaryStream` methods use direct binding for data less than 4001 bytes.
  
  - The `setBytes` and `setBinaryStream` methods use stream binding for data larger than 4000 bytes.
  
  - In JDBC 4.0 has introduced new forms of the `setAsciiStream`, `setBinaryStream`, and `setCharacterStream` methods. The form, where the methods take a long argument as length, uses LOB binding for length larger than 2147483648. The form, where the length is not specified, always uses LOB binding.
  
  - The `setString`, `setCharacterStream`, and `setAsciiStream` methods use direct binding for data smaller than 32767 characters.
  
  - The `setString`, `setCharacterStream`, and `setAsciiStream` methods use stream binding for data larger than 32766 characters.
  
  - The new form of `setCharacterStream` method, which takes a long argument for length, uses LOB binding for length larger than 2147483647, in JDBC 4.0. The form, where the length is not specified, always uses LOB binding.

- **PL/SQL statements**
  
  - The `setBytes` and `setBinaryStream` methods use direct binding for data less than 32767 bytes.
The `setBytes` and `setBinaryStream` methods use LOB binding for data larger than 32766 bytes.

- The `setString`, `setCharacterStream`, and `setAsciiStream` methods use direct binding for data smaller than 32767 bytes in the database character set.

**Note:** If the underlying Database is Oracle Database release 10.x, then this data size limit is 32512 bytes, though you are working with 11g release 2 (11.2) JDBC drivers.

The automatic switching of the input mode for large data has impact on certain programs. Previously, you used to get ORA-17157 errors for attempts to use `setString` method for `String` values larger than 32766 characters. Now, depending on the type of the target parameter, an error may occur while the statement is executed or the operation may succeed.

Another impact is that the automatic switching may result in additional server-side parsing to adapt to the change in the parameter type. This would result in a performance effect, if the data sizes vary above and below the limit for repeated executions of the statement. Switching to the stream modes will effect batching as well.

**Forcing conversion to LOB**

The `setBytesForBlob` and `setStringForClob` methods, present in the `oracle.jdbc.OraclePreparedStatement` interface, use LOB binding for any data size.

The `SetBigStringTryClob` connection property of Oracle Database 10 g Release 1 (10.1) is no longer used or needed.

**Output**

The `getBytes`, `getBinaryStream`, `getString`, `getCharacterStream`, and `getAsciiStream` methods of `ResultSet` and `CallableStatement` are extended to work with `BLOB`, `CLOB`, and `BFILE` columns or `OUT` parameters. These methods work for any LOB of length less than 2147483648.

**Note:** The `getString` and `getNString` methods cannot be used for retrieving BLOB column values. For more information about `getNString` method, refer to New Methods for National Character Set Type Data in JDK 1.6 on page 19-4.

The data interface operates by accessing the LOB locators within the driver and is transparent to application programming. It works with any supported version of the database, that is, Oracle Database 9.2 and later. For database version 11.1 or later, LOB
prefetching may be used to reduce or eliminate any additional database round trips required. For more information, refer to LOB prefetching on page 14-7.

BLOB or CLOB data can be read and written using the same streaming mechanism as for LONG RAW and LONG data. BFILE data can be read using the same streaming mechanism. To read, use defineColumnType(nn, Types.LONGVARBINARY) or defineColumnType(nn, Types.LONGVARCHAR) method on the column. This produces a direct stream on the data as if it were a LONG RAW or LONG column. This technique is limited to Oracle Database 10g release 1 (10.1) and later.

CallableStatement and IN OUT Parameter

It is a PL/SQL requirement that the Java types used as input and output for an IN OUT parameter must be the same. The automatic switching of types done by the extensions described in this chapter may cause problems with this.

Consider that you have an IN OUT CLOB parameter of a stored procedure and you wish to use setString method for setting the value for this parameter. For any IN and OUT parameter, the binds must be of the same type. The automatic switching of the input mode will cause problems unless you are sure of the data sizes. For example, if it is known that neither the input nor output data will ever be larger than 32766 bytes, then you could use setString method for the input parameter and register the OUT parameter as Types.VARCHAR and use getString method for the output parameter.

A better solution is to change the stored procedure to have separate IN and OUT parameters. That is, if you have:

```
CREATE PROCEDURE clob_proc( c IN OUT CLOB );
```

then, change it to:

```
CREATE PROCEDURE clob_proc( c_in IN CLOB, c_out OUT CLOB );
```

Another workaround is to use a container block to make the call. The clob_proc procedure can be wrapped with a Java String to use for the prepareCall statement, as follows:

```
"DECLARE c_temp; BEGIN c_temp := ?; clob_proc( c_temp); ? := c_temp; END;"
```

In either case, you may use the setString method on the first parameter and the registerOutParameter method with Types.CLOB on the second.

Size Limitations

Be aware of the effect on the performance of the Java memory management system due to creation of very large byte array or String. Read the information provided by your Java virtual machine (JVM) vendor about the impact of very large data elements on memory management, and consider using the stream interfaces instead.

LOB Locator Interface

Locators are small data structures, which contain information that may be used to access the actual data of the LOB. In a database table, the locator is stored directly in the table, while the data may be in the table or in separate storage. It is common to use separate tablespaces for large LOBs.
In JDBC 4.0, LOBs should be read or written using the interfaces `java.sql.Blob`, `java.sql.Clob`, and `java.sql.NClob`. These provide random access to the data in the LOB.

The Oracle implementation classes `oracle.sql.BLOB`, `oracle.sql.CLOB`, and `oracle.sql.NCLOB` store the locator and access the data with it. The `oracle.sql.BLOB` and `oracle.sql.CLOB` classes implement the `java.sql.Blob` and `java.sql.Clob` interfaces respectively. In ojdbc6.jar, `oracle.sql.NCLOB` implements `java.sql.NClob`, but in ojdbc5.jar, it implements the `java.sql.Clob` interface.

In Oracle Database 11g, the Oracle JDBC drivers support the JDBC 4.0 `java.sql.NClob` interface in ojdbc6.jar, which is compiled with JDK 1.6 and must be used with JRE 6 or greater. The drivers support the JDBC 3.0 standard in ojdbc5.jar, which must be used with JRE 5 or greater.

In contrast, `oracle.sql.BFILE` is an Oracle extension, without a corresponding `java.sql` interface.

Certain Oracle extensions, such as some of the read and write methods present in the `oracle.sql.CLOB` and `oracle.sql.BLOB` interfaces, in earlier Oracle Database releases are no longer necessary and are deprecated. You should port your application to the standard JDBC 3.0 interface or to JDBC 4.0 interface, if you are using JDK 1.6 or above, and ojdbc6.jar.

**See Also:** The Javadoc for more details

**LOB prefetching**

For Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2) JDBC drivers, the number of round trips is reduced by prefetching the metadata such as the LOB length and the chunk size as well as the beginning of the LOB data along with the locator during regular fetch operations. If you select LOB columns into a result set, a new capability in the server and JDBC drivers allow some or all of the data to be prefetched to the client, when the locator is fetched. Subsequent read API calls will get the data from the prefetch buffers without any need to make database round trips.

The prefetch size is specified in bytes for BLOBs and in characters for CLOBs. It can be specified by setting the connection property `oracle.jdbc.defaultLobPrefetchSize`. The value of this property can be overridden in the following two ways:

- At the statement level: by using the `oracle.jdbc.OracleStatement.setLobPrefetchSize(int)` method
- At the column level: by using the form of `defineColumnType` method that takes `length` as argument

The default prefetch size is 4000.

**Note:** Be aware of the possible memory consumption while setting large LOB prefetch sizes in combination with a large row prefetch size and a large number of LOB columns.

**See Also:** The Javadoc for more details
New LOB APIs in JDBC 4.0

Starting from Oracle Database 11g Release 1 (11.1), there is a new interface `java.sql.NClob`. The Oracle drivers implement the `oracle.sql.NCLOB` interface in both `ojdbc5.jar` and `ojdbc6.jar`. In `ojdbc6.jar`, it is declared to implement `java.sql.NClob`, whereas in `ojdbc5.jar`, it only extends the `oracle.sql.CLOB` interface.

The Oracle drivers implement the new factory methods, `createBlob`, `createClob`, and `createNClob` in the `java.sql.Connection` interface to create temporary LOBs.

Starting from JDK 1.6, the `java.sql.Blob`, `java.sql.Clob`, and `java.sql.NClob` interfaces have a new method `free` to free an LOB and release the associated resources. The Oracle drivers use this method to free an LOB, if it is a temporary LOB.

Working With Temporary LOBs

You can use temporary LOBs to store transient data. The data is stored in temporary table space rather than regular table space. You should free temporary LOBs after you no longer need them. If you do not, then the space the LOB consumes in temporary table space will not be reclaimed.

You can insert temporary LOBs into a table. When you do this, a permanent copy of the LOB is created and stored.

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**Note:** Inserting a temporary LOB may be preferable in some situations. For example, when the LOB data is relatively small and the overhead of copying the data is less than the cost of a database round trip to retrieve the empty locator. Remember that the data is initially stored in the temporary table space on the server and then moved into permanent storage.

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You can create a temporary LOB with the static method `createTemporary`, defined in both the `oracle.sql.BLOB` and `oracle.sql.CLOB` classes. You free a temporary LOB with the `freeTemporary` method.

You can also create a temporary LOB by using the connection factory methods available in JDBC 4.0. For more information, refer to "LOB Creation" on page 3-10.

You can test whether a LOB is temporary or not by calling the `isTemporary` method. If the LOB was created by calling the `createTemporary` method, then the `isTemporary` method returns `true`, else it returns `false`.

You can free a temporary LOB by calling the `freeTemporary` method. Free any temporary LOBs before ending the session or call.
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Notes:
- If you do not free a temporary LOB, then it will make the storage used by that LOB in the database unavailable. Frequent failure to free temporary LOBs will result in filling up temporary table space with unavailable LOB storage.
- When fetching data from a ResultSet with columns that are temporary LOBs, use getClob or getBlob methods instead of getString or getBytes.
- The JDBC 4.0 method free, present in java.sql.Blob, java.sql.Clob, and java.sql.NClob interfaces, supercedes the freeTemporary method.

Creating Temporary NCLOBs in JDK 1.5
You create temporary national character large objects (NCLOBs) using a variant of the createTemporary method.

Creating Temporary NCLOBs in JDK 1.6
JDBC 4.0 supports NCLOBs directly. You can use the standard factory method of java.sql.Connection interface to create an NCLOB.

Opening Persistent LOBs with the Open and Close Methods
This section discusses how to open and close your LOBs. The JDBC implementation of this functionality is provided using the following methods of oracle.sql.BLOB and oracle.sql.CLOB interfaces:

Note: You do not have to necessarily open and close your LOBs. You may choose to open and close them for performance reasons.

See Also: Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide

- void open (int mode)
- void close()
- boolean isOpen()

If you do not wrap LOB operations inside an Open/Close call operation, then each modification to the LOB will implicitly open and close the LOB, thereby firing any triggers on a domain index. Note that in this case, any domain indexes on the LOB will become updated as soon as LOB modifications are made. Therefore, domain LOB indexes are always valid and may be used at any time within the same transaction.

If you wrap your LOB operations inside the Open/Close call operation, then triggers will not be fired for each LOB modification. Instead, the trigger on domain indexes will be fired at the Close call. For example, you might design your application so that domain indexes are not be updated until you call the close method. However, this means that any domain indexes on the LOB will not be valid in-between the Open/Close calls.
You open a LOB by calling the open or open(int) method. You may then read and write the LOB without any triggers associated with that LOB firing. When you finish accessing the LOB, close the LOB by calling the close method. When you close the LOB, any triggers associated with the LOB will fire.

You can check if a LOB is open or closed by calling the isOpen method. If you open the LOB by calling the open (int) method, then the value of the argument must be either MODE_READONLY or MODE_READWRITE, as defined in the oracle.sql.BLOB and oracle.sql.CLOB classes. If you open the LOB with MODE_READONLY, then any attempt to write to the LOB will result in a SQL exception.

Note:
- An error occurs if you commit the transaction before closing all LOBs that were opened by the transaction. The openness of the open LOBs is discarded, but the transaction is successfully committed. Hence, all the changes made to the LOB and non-LOB data in the transaction are committed, but the triggers for domain indexing are not fixed.
- The open and close methods apply only to persistent LOBs. The close method is not similar to the free or freeTemporary methods used for temporary LOBs. The free and freeTemporary methods release storage and make a LOB unusable. On the other hand, the close method indicates to the database that a modification on a LOB is complete, and triggers should be fired and indexes should be updated. A LOB is still usable after a call to the close method.

Working with BFILEs

This section describes how to read data from BFILEs, using file locators. This section covers the following topics:
- Retrieving BFILE Locators
- Writing to BFILES

Retrieving BFILE Locators

The BFILE data type and oracle.sql.BFILE classes are Oracle proprietary. So, there is no standard interface for them. You must use Oracle extensions for this type of data.

If you have a standard JDBC result set or callable statement object that includes BFILE locators, then you can access the locators by using the standard result set getObject method. This method returns an oracle.sql.BFILE object.

You can also access the locators by casting your result set to OracleResultSet or your callable statement to OracleCallableStatement and using the getOracleObject or getBFILE method.

Note: If you are using getObject or getOracleObject methods, then remember to cast the output, as necessary.

Once you have a locator, you can access the BFILE data via the API in oracle.sql.BFILE. These APIs are similar to the read methods of the java.sql.BLOB interface.
Writing to BFILES

You cannot write data to the contents of the BFILE, but you can use an instance of `oracle.sql.BFILE` as input to a SQL statement or to a PL/SQL procedure. You can achieve this by performing one of the following:

- Use the standard `setObject` method.
- Cast the statement to `OraclePreparedStatement` or `OracleCallableStatement`, and use the `setOracleObject` or `setBFILE` method. These methods take the parameter index and an `oracle.sql.BFILE` object as input.

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**Note:**

- There is no standard `java.sql` interface for BFILES.
- Use the `getBFILE` methods in the `OracleResultSet` and `OracleCallableStatement` classes to retrieve an `oracle.sql.BFILE` object. The `setBFILE` methods in `OraclePreparedStatement` and `OracleCallableStatement` interfaces accept `oracle.sql.BFILE` object as an argument. Use these methods to write to a BFILE.
- Oracle recommends that you use the `getBFILE`, `setBFILE`, and `updateBFILE` methods instead of the `getBfile`, `setBfile`, and `updateBfile` methods. For example, use the `setBFILE` method instead of the `setBfile` method.

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BFILES are read-only. The body of the data resides in the operating system (OS) file system and can be written to using only OS tools and commands. You can create a BFILE for an existing external file by executing the appropriate SQL statement either from JDBC or by using any other way to execute SQL. However, you cannot create an OS file that a BFILE would refer to by SQL or JDBC. Those are created only externally by a process that has access to server file systems.

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**Note:**

- The code examples present in this chapter, in the earlier versions of this guide, have been removed in favor of references to the sample code available for download on OTN.
- You can download the `demo.zip` file from the following link for complete working programs:
  
This chapter describes the standard Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) that let you access and manipulate object references.

This section discusses the following topics:

- Oracle Extensions for Object References
- Retrieving and Passing an Object Reference
- Accessing and Updating Object Values Through an Object Reference
- Custom Reference Classes with JPublisher

**Oracle Extensions for Object References**

Oracle supports the use of references to database objects. Oracle JDBC provides support for object references as:

- Columns in a `SELECT` clause
- IN or OUT bind variables
- Attributes in an Oracle object
- Elements in a collection type object

In SQL, an object reference (`REF`) is strongly typed. For example, a reference to an `EMPLOYEE` object would be defined as an `EMPLOYEE REF`, not just a `REF`.

When you select an object reference, be aware that you are retrieving only a pointer to an object, not the object itself. You have the choice of materializing the reference as a `java.sql.Ref` instance for portability, or materializing it as an instance of a custom Java class that you have created in advance, which is strongly typed. Custom Java classes used for object references are referred to as *custom reference classes* and must implement the `oracle.sql.ORAData` interface.

You can retrieve a `REF` instance through a result set or callable statement object, and pass an updated `REF` instance back to the database through a prepared statement or callable statement object. The `REF` class includes functionality to get and set underlying object attribute values, and get the SQL base type name of the underlying object.

Custom reference classes include this same functionality, as well as having the advantage of being strongly typed. This can help you find coding errors during compilation that might not otherwise be discovered until run time.
Retrieving and Passing an Object Reference

This section discusses JDBC functionality for retrieving and passing object references. It covers the following topics:

- Retrieving an Object Reference from a Result Set
- Retrieving an Object Reference from a Callable Statement
- Passing an Object Reference to a Prepared Statement

Retrieving an Object Reference from a Result Set

To demonstrate how to retrieve object references, the following example first defines an Oracle object type `ADDRESS`, which is then referenced in the `PEOPLE` table:

```sql
create type ADDRESS as object
    (street_name VARCHAR2(30),
    house_no NUMBER);
create table PEOPLE
    (col1 VARCHAR2(30),
    col2 NUMBER,
    col3 REF ADDRESS);
```

The `ADDRESS` object type has two attributes: a street name and a house number. The `PEOPLE` table has three columns: a column for character data, a column for numeric data, and a column containing a reference to an `ADDRESS` object.

To retrieve an object reference, follow these general steps:

1. Use a standard SQL `SELECT` statement to retrieve the reference from a database table `REF` column.
2. Use `getRef` to get the address reference from the result set into a `REF` object.
3. Let `Address` be the Java custom class corresponding to the SQL object type `ADDRESS`.
4. Add the correspondence between the Java class `Address` and the SQL type `ADDRESS` to your type map.

Note:

- If you are using the `oracle.sql.ORData` interface for custom object classes, then you will presumably use `ORData` for corresponding custom reference classes as well. However, if you are using the standard `java.sql.SQLData` interface for custom object classes, then you can only use weak Java types for references. The `SQLData` interface is for mapping SQL object types only.
- You can create and retrieve `REF` objects in your JDBC application only by running SQL statements. There is no JDBC-specific functionality for creating and retrieving `REF` objects.
- You cannot have a reference to an array, even though arrays, like objects, are structured types.
5. Use the `getObject` method to retrieve the contents of the `Address` reference. Cast the output to `Address`.

The `PEOPLE` database table is defined earlier in this section. The code for the preceding steps, except the step of adding `Address` to the type map, is as follows:

```java
ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("SELECT col3 FROM PEOPLE");
while (rs.next())
{
    REF ref = rs.getRef(1);
    Address a = (Address) ref.getObject();
}
```

**Note:** In the preceding code, `stmt` is a previously defined statement object.

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### Retrieving an Object Reference from a Callable Statement

To retrieve an object reference as an `OUT` parameter in PL/SQL blocks, you must register the bind type for your `OUT` parameter.

1. Cast your callable statement to `OracleCallableStatement`, as follows:

```java
OracleCallableStatement ocs = 
    (OracleCallableStatement) conn.prepareCall("{? = call func()}");
```

2. Register the `OUT` parameter with the following form of the `registerOutParameter` method:

```java
ocs.registerOutParameter (int param_index, int sql_type, String sql_type_name);
```

   *param_index* is the parameter index and *sql_type* is the SQL type code. The *sql_type_name* is the name of the structured object type that this reference is used for. For example, if the `OUT` parameter is a reference to an `ADDRESS` object, then `ADDRESS` is the *sql_type_name* that should be passed in.

3. Run the call, as follows:

```java
ocs.execute();
```

### Passing an Object Reference to a Prepared Statement

Pass an object reference to a prepared statement in the same way as you would pass any other SQL type. Use either the `setObject` method or the `setREF` method of a prepared statement object.

Use a prepared statement to update an address reference based on `ROWID`, as follows:

```java
PreparedStatement pstmt = 
    conn.prepareStatement("update PEOPLE set ADDR_REF = ? where ROWID = ?");
pstmt.setRef (1, addr_ref);
pstmt.setRowId (2, rowid);
```

### Accessing and Updating Object Values Through an Object Reference

You can use the `Ref` object `setObject` method to update the value of an object in the database through an object reference. To do this, you must first retrieve the reference to the database object and create a Java object that corresponds to the database object.
For example, you can use the code in "Retrieving and Passing an Object Reference" on page 15-2, to retrieve the reference to a database ADDRESS object, as follows:

```java
ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("SELECT col3 FROM PEOPLE");
if (rs.next())
{
    Ref ref = rs.getRef(1);
    Address a = (Address)ref.getObject();
}
```

Then, you can create a Java Address object that corresponds to the database ADDRESS object. Use the setObject method of the Ref interface to set the value of the database object, as follows:

```java
Address addr = new Address(...);
ref.setObject(addr);
```

Here, the setValue method updates the database ADDRESS object immediately.

Custom Reference Classes with JPublisher

This chapter primarily describes the functionality of the java.sql.Ref class, but it is also possible to access Oracle object references through custom Java classes or, more specifically, custom reference classes.

Custom reference classes offer all the functionality described earlier in this chapter, as well as the advantage of being strongly typed. A custom reference class must satisfy three requirements:

- It must implement the oracle.sql.ORADATA interface. Note that the standard JDBC SQLData interface, which is an alternative for custom object classes, is not intended for custom reference classes.
- It, or a companion class, must implement the oracle.sql.ORADATAFactory interface, for creating instances of the custom reference class.
- It must provide a way to refer to the object data. JPublisher accomplishes this by using an oracle.sql.REF attribute.

You can create custom reference classes yourself, but the most convenient way to produce them is through the Oracle JPublisher utility. If you use JPublisher to generate a custom object class to map to an Oracle object and you specify that JPublisher use a ORADATA implementation, then JPublisher will also generate a custom reference class that implements ORADATA and ORADATAFactory and includes an oracle/sql.REF attribute. The ORADATA implementation will be used if the JPublisher -usertypes mapping option is set to oracle, which is the default.

Custom reference classes are strongly typed. For example, if you define an Oracle object EMPLOYEE, then JPublisher can generate an Employee custom object class and an EmployeeRef custom reference class. Using EmployeeRef instances instead of generic oracle/sql.REF instances makes it easier to catch errors during compilation instead of at run time. For example, if you accidentally assign some other kind of object reference into an EmployeeRef variable.

Be aware that the standard SQLData interface supports only SQL object mappings. For this reason, if you instruct JPublisher to implement the standard SQLData interface in creating a custom object class, then JPublisher will not generate a custom reference class. In this case, your only option is to use standard java.sql.Ref instances or oracle/sql.REF instances to map to your object references.
See Also:

- "Using JPublisher to Create Custom Object Classes" on page 13-27
- *Oracle Database JPublisher User’s Guide*
Working with Oracle Collections

This chapter describes Oracle extensions to standard Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) that let you access and manipulate Oracle collections, which map to Java arrays, and their data. The following topics are discussed:

- Oracle Extensions for Collections
- Overview of Collection Functionality
- ARRAY Performance Extension Methods
- Creating and Using Arrays
- Using a Type Map to Map Array Elements
- Custom Collection Classes with JPublisher

Oracle Extensions for Collections

An Oracle collection, either a variable array (VARRAY) or a nested table in the database, maps to an array in Java. JDBC 2.0 arrays are used to materialize Oracle collections in Java. The terms collection and array are sometimes used interchangeably. However, collection is more appropriate on the database side and array is more appropriate on the JDBC application side.

Oracle supports only named collections, where you specify a SQL type name to describe a type of collection. JDBC enables you to use arrays as any of the following:

- Columns in a SELECT clause
- IN or OUT bind variables
- Attributes in an Oracle object
- Elements of other arrays

This section covers the following topics:

- Choices in Materializing Collections
- Creating Collections
- Creating Multilevel Collection Types

Choices in Materializing Collections

In your application, you have the choice of materializing a collection as an instance of the oracle.sql.ARRAY class, which is weakly typed, or materializing it as an instance of a custom Java class that you have created in advance, which is strongly typed. Custom Java classes used for collections are referred to as custom collection
classes. A custom collection class must implement the Oracle `oracle.sql.ORAData` interface. In addition, the custom class or a companion class must implement `oracle.sql.ORADataFactory`. The standard `java.sql.SQLData` interface is for mapping SQL object types only.

The `oracle.sql.ARRAY` class implements the standard `java.sql.Array` interface.

The `ARRAY` class includes functionality to retrieve the array as a whole, retrieve a subset of the array elements, and retrieve the SQL base type name of the array elements. However, you cannot write to the array, because there are no setter methods.

Custom collection classes, as with the `ARRAY` class, enable you to retrieve all or part of the array and get the SQL base type name. They also have the advantage of being strongly typed, which can help you find coding errors during compilation that might not otherwise be discovered until run time.

Furthermore, custom collection classes produced by JPublisher offer the feature of being writable, with individually accessible elements.

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**Note:** There is no difference in the code between accessing VARRAYs and accessing nested tables. `ARRAY` class methods can determine if they are being applied to a VARRAY or nested table, and respond by taking the appropriate actions.

**See Also:** For more information about custom collection classes, see "Custom Collection Classes with JPublisher" on page 16-13.

### Creating Collections

Because Oracle supports only named collections, you must declare a particular VARRAY type name or nested table type name. VARRAY and nested table are not types themselves, but categories of types.

A SQL type name is assigned to a collection when you create it using the SQL `CREATE TYPE` statement:

```
CREATE TYPE <sql_type_name> AS <datatype>;
```

A VARRAY is an array of varying size. It has an ordered set of data elements, and all the elements are of the same data type. Each element has an index, which is a number corresponding to the position of the element in the VARRAY. The number of elements in a VARRAY is the size of the VARRAY. You must specify a maximum size when you declare the VARRAY type. For example:

```
CREATE TYPE myNumType AS VARRAY(10) OF NUMBER;
```

This statement defines `myNumType` as a SQL type name that describes a VARRAY of NUMBER values that can contain no more than 10 elements.

A nested table is an unordered set of data elements, all of the same data type. The database stores a nested table in a separate table which has a single column, and the type of that column is a built-in type or an object type. If the table is an object type, then it can also be viewed as a multi-column table, with a column for each attribute of the object type. You can create a nested table as follows:

```
CREATE TYPE myNumList AS TABLE OF integer;
```

This statement identifies `myNumList` as a SQL type name that defines the table type used for the nested tables of the type `INTEGER`. 
Creating Multilevel Collection Types

The most common way to create a new multilevel collection type in JDBC is to pass the SQL CREATE TYPE statement to the execute method of the java.sql.Statement class. The following code creates a one-level nested table, first_level, and a two-level nested table, second_level:

```java
Connection conn = .... // make a database connection
Statement stmt = conn.createStatement(); // open a database cursor
stmt.execute("CREATE TYPE first_level AS TABLE OF NUMBER"); // create a nested table of number
stmt.execute("CREATE TYPE second_level AS TABLE OF first_level"); // create a two-levels nested table
... // other operations here
stmt.close(); // release the resource
conn.close(); // close the database connection
```

Once the multilevel collection types have been created, they can be used as both columns of a base table as well as attributes of a object type.

Overview of Collection Functionality

You can obtain collection data in an array instance through a result set or callable statement and pass it back as a bind variable in a prepared statement or callable statement.

The oracle.sql.ARRAY class, which implements the standard java.sql.Array interface, provides the necessary functionality to access and update the data of an Oracle collection.

This section covers Array Getter and Setter Methods. Use the following result set, callable statement, and prepared statement methods to retrieve and pass collections as Java arrays.

Result Set and Callable Statement Getter Methods

The OracleResultSet and OracleCallableStatement classes support getARRAY and getArray methods to retrieve ARRAY objects as output parameters, either as oracle.sql.ARRAY instances or java.sql.Array instances. You can also use the getObject method. These methods take as input a String column name or int column index.

Prepared and Callable Statement Setter Methods

The OraclePreparedStatement and OracleCallableStatement classes support setARRAY and setArray methods to take updated ARRAY objects as bind variables and pass them to the database. You can also use the setObject method. These methods take as input a String parameter name or int parameter index as well as an oracle.sql.ARRAY instance or a java.sql.Array instance.

ARRAY Performance Extension Methods

This section discusses the following topics:

- Accessing oracle.sql.ARRAY Elements as Arrays of Java Primitive Types
- ARRAY Automatic Element Buffering
- ARRAY Automatic Indexing

**Accessing oracle.sql.ARRAY Elements as Arrays of Java Primitive Types**

The `oracle.sql.ARRAY` class contains methods that return array elements as Java primitive types. These methods allow you to access collection elements more efficiently than accessing them as `Datum` instances and then converting each `Datum` instance to its Java primitive value.

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**Note:** These specialized methods of the `oracle.sql.ARRAY` class are restricted to numeric collections.

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Each method using the first signature returns collection elements as an `XXX[]`, where `XXX` is a Java primitive type. Each method using the second signature returns a slice of the collection containing the number of elements specified by `count`, starting at the index location.

**ARRAY Automatic Element Buffering**

Oracle JDBC driver provides public methods to enable and disable buffering of `ARRAY` contents.

The following methods are included with the `oracle.sql.ARRAY` class:

- `setAutoBuffering`
- `getAutoBuffering`

It is advisable to enable auto-buffering in a JDBC application when the `ARRAY` elements will be accessed more than once by the `getAttributes` and `getArray` methods, presuming the `ARRAY` data is able to fit into the Java Virtual Machine (JVM) memory without overflow.

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**Important:** Buffering the converted elements may cause the JDBC application to consume a significant amount of memory.

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When you enable auto-buffering, the `oracle.sql.ARRAY` object keeps a local copy of all the converted elements. This data is retained so that a second access of this information does not require going through the data format conversion process.

**ARRAY Automatic Indexing**

If an array is in auto-indexing mode, then the array object maintains an index table to hasten array element access.

The `oracle.sql.ARRAY` class contains the following methods to support automatic array-indexing:

- `setAutoIndexing`
- `getAutoIndexing`

By default, auto-indexing is not enabled. For a JDBC application, enable auto-indexing for `ARRAY` objects if random access of array elements may occur through the `getArray` and `getResultSet` methods.
Creating and Using Arrays

This section discusses how to create array objects and how to retrieve and pass collections as array objects, including the following topics.

- Creating ARRAY Objects
- Retrieving an Array and Its Elements
- Passing Arrays to Statement Objects

Creating ARRAY Objects

This section describes how to create ARRAY objects. This section covers the following topics:

- Steps in Creating ARRAY Objects
- Creating Multilevel Collections

Steps in Creating ARRAY Objects

Starting from Oracle Database 11g Release 1 (11.1), you can use the createARRAY factory method of oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection interface to create an array object. The factory method for creating arrays has been defined as follows:

```java
public ARRAY createARRAY(java.lang.String typeName, java.lang.Object elements) throws SQLException
```

where, `typeName` is the name of the SQL type of the created object and `elements` is the elements of the created object.

Perform the following to create an array:

1. Create a collection with the `CREATE TYPE` statement as follows:
   ```sql
   CREATE TYPE elements AS varray(22) OF NUMBER(5,2);
   ```

   The two possibilities for the contents of `elements` are:
   - An array of Java primitives. For example, `int[]`.
   - An array of Java objects, such as `xxx[]`, where `xxx` is the name of a Java class. For example, `Integer[]`.

2. Construct the ARRAY object by passing the Java string specifying the user-defined SQL type name of the array and a Java object containing the individual elements you want the array to contain.
   ```java
   ARRAY array = oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection.createARRAY(sql_type_name, elements);
   ```
Creating Multilevel Collections
As with single-level collections, the JDBC application can create an oracle.sql.ARRAY instance to represent a multilevel collection, and then send the instance to the database. The same createARRAY factory method you use to create single-level collections, can be used to create multilevel collections as well. To create a single-level collection, the elements are a one dimensional Java array, while to create a multilevel collection, the elements can be either an array of oracle.sql.ARRAY[] elements or a nested Java array or the combinations.

The following code shows how to create collection types with a nested Java array:

```java
// prepare the multilevel collection elements as a nested Java array
int[][][] elements = { {{1}, {1, 2}}, {{2}, {2, 3}}, {{3}, {3, 4}} };

// create the ARRAY using the factory method
ARRAY array = oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection.createARRAY(sql_type_name, elements);
```

Retrieving an Array and Its Elements
This section first discusses how to retrieve an ARRAY instance as a whole from a result set, and then how to retrieve the elements from the ARRAY instance. This section covers the following topics:

- Retrieving the Array
- Data Retrieval Methods
- Comparing the Data Retrieval Methods
- Retrieving Elements of a Structured Object Array According to a Type Map
- Retrieving a Subset of Array Elements
- Retrieving Array Elements into an oracle.sql.Datum Array
- Accessing Multilevel Collection Elements

Retrieving the Array
You can retrieve a SQL array from a result set by casting the result set to OracleResultSet and using the getARRAY method, which returns an oracle.sql.ARRAY object. If you want to avoid casting the result set, then you can get the data with the standard getObject method specified by the java.sql.ResultSet interface and cast the output to oracle.sql.ARRAY.

Data Retrieval Methods
Once you have an ARRAY object, you can retrieve the data using one of these three overloaded methods of the oracle.sql.ARRAY class:

- getArray
- getOracleArray
- getResultSet

Oracle also provides methods that enable you to retrieve all the elements of an array, or a subset.
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getOracleArray

The `getOracleArray` method is an Oracle-specific extension that is not specified in the standard `Array` interface. The `getOracleArray` method retrieves the element values of the array into a `Datum[]` array. The elements are of the `oracle.sql.*` data type corresponding to the SQL type of the data in the original array.

For an array of structured objects, this method will use `oracle.sql.STRUCT` instances for the elements.

Oracle also provides a `getOracleArray(index, count)` method to get a subset of the array elements.

getResultSet

The `getResultSet` method returns a result set that contains elements of the array designated by the `ARRAY` object. The result set contains one row for each array element, with two columns in each row. The first column stores the index into the array for that element, and the second column stores the element value. In the case of VARRAYs, the index represents the position of the element in the array. In the case of nested tables, which are by definition unordered, the index reflects only the return order of the elements in the particular query.

Oracle recommends using `getResultSet` when getting data from nested tables. Nested tables can have an unlimited number of elements. The `ResultSet` object returned by the method initially points at the first row of data. You get the contents of the nested table by using the `next` method and the appropriate `getXXX` method. In contrast, `getArray` returns the entire contents of the nested table at one time.

The `getResultSet` method uses the default type map of the connection to determine the mapping between the SQL type of the Oracle object and its corresponding Java data type. If you do not want to use the default type map of the connection, another version of the method, `getResultSet(map)`, enables you to specify an alternate type map.

Oracle also provides the `getResultSet(index, count)` and `getResultSet(index, count, map)` methods to retrieve a subset of the array elements.

getArray

The `getArray` method is a standard JDBC method that returns the array elements as a `java.lang.Object`, which you can cast as appropriate. The elements are converted to the Java types corresponding to the SQL type of the data in the original array.

Oracle also provides a `getArray(index, count)` method to retrieve a subset of the array elements.

Comparing the Data Retrieval Methods

If you use `getOracleArray` to return the array elements, then the use by that method of `oracle.sql.Datum` instances avoids the expense of data conversion from SQL to Java. The non-character data inside the instance of a `Datum` class or any of its subclass remains in raw SQL format.
If you use `getResultSet` to return an array of primitive data types, then the JDBC driver returns a `ResultSet` object that contains, for each element, the index into the array for the element and the element value. For example:

```java
ResultSet rset = intArray.getResultSet();
```

In this case, the result set contains one row for each array element, with two columns in each row. The first column stores the index into the array and the second column stores the element value.

If the elements of an array are of a SQL type that maps to a Java type, then `getArray` returns an array of elements of this Java type. The return type of the `getArray` method is `java.lang.Object`. Therefore, the result must be cast before it can be used.

```java
BigDecimal[] values = (BigDecimal[]) intArray.getArray();
```

Here `intArray` is an `oracle.sql.ARRAY`, corresponding to a VARRAY of type `NUMBER`. The `values` array contains an array of elements of type `java.math.BigDecimal`, because the SQL `NUMBER` data type maps to Java `BigDecimal`, by default, according to Oracle JDBC drivers.

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**Note:** Using `BigDecimal` is a resource-intensive operation in Java. Because Oracle JDBC maps numeric SQL data to `BigDecimal` by default, using `getArray` may impact performance, and is not recommended for numeric collections.

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### Retrieving Elements of a Structured Object Array According to a Type Map

By default, if you are working with an array whose elements are structured objects, and you use `getArray` or `getResultSet`, then the Oracle objects in the array will be mapped to their corresponding Java data types according to the default mapping. This is because these methods use the default type map of the connection to determine the mapping.

However, if you do not want default behavior, then you can use the `getArray(map)` or `getResultSet(map)` method to specify a type map that contains alternate mappings. If there are entries in the type map corresponding to the Oracle objects in the array, then each object in the array is mapped to the corresponding Java type specified in the type map. For example:

```java
Object[] object = (Object[]) objArray.getArray(map);
```

Where `objArray` is an `oracle.sql.ARRAY` object and `map` is a `java.util.Map` object.

If the type map does not contain an entry for a particular Oracle object, then the element is returned as an `oracle.sql.STRUCT` object.

The `getResultSet(map)` method behaves similarly to the `getArray(map)` method.

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**See Also:**  "Using a Type Map to Map Array Elements" on page 16-12

### Retrieving a Subset of Array Elements

If you do not want to retrieve the entire contents of an array, then you can use signatures of `getArray`, `getResultSet`, and `getOracleArray` that let you retrieve a subset. To retrieve a subset of the array, pass in an index and a count to indicate
where in the array you want to start and how many elements you want to retrieve. As previously described, you can specify a type map or use the default type map for your connection to convert to Java types. For example:

```java
Object object = arr.getArray(index, count, map);
Object object = arr.getArray(index, count);
```

Similar examples using `getResultSet` are:

```java
ResultSet rset = arr.getResultSet(index, count, map);
ResultSet rset = arr.getResultSet(index, count);
```

A similar example using `getOracleArray` is:

```java
Datum[] arr = arr.getOracleArray(index, count);
```

Where `arr` is an `oracle.sql.ARRAY` object, `index` is type `long`, `count` is type `int`, and `map` is a `java.util.Map` object.

**Note:** There is no performance advantage in retrieving a subset of an array, as opposed to the entire array.

### Retrieving Array Elements into an `oracle.sql.Datum` Array

Use `getOracleArray` to return an `oracle.sql.Datum[]` array. The elements of the returned array will be of the `oracle.sql.*` type that correspond to the SQL data type of the elements of the original array. For example:

```java
Datum[] arraydata[] = arr.getOracleArray();
```

`arr` is an `oracle.sql.ARRAY` object.

The following example assumes that a connection object `conn` and a statement object `stmt` have already been created. In the example, an array with the SQL type name `NUM_ARRAY` is created to store a VARRAY of `NUMBER` data. The `NUM_ARRAY` is in turn stored in a table `VARRAY_TABLE`.

A query selects the contents of the `VARRAY_TABLE`. The result set is cast to `OracleResultSet`; `getARRAY` is applied to it to retrieve the array data into `my_array`, which is an `oracle.sql.ARRAY` object.

Because `my_array` is of type `oracle.sql.ARRAY`, you can apply the methods `getSQLTypeName` and `getBaseType` to it to return the name of the SQL type of each element in the array and its integer code.

The program then prints the contents of the array. Because the contents of `NUM_ARRAY` are of the SQL data type `NUMBER`, the elements of `my_array` are of the type, `BigDecimal`. Before you can use the elements, they must first be cast to `BigDecimal`. In the `for` loop, the individual values of the array are cast to `BigDecimal` and printed to standard output.

```java
stmt.executeQuery("CREATE TYPE num_varray AS VARRAY(10) OF NUMBER(12, 2)");
stmt.executeUpdate("CREATE TABLE varray_table (col1 num_varray)");
stmt.executeUpdate("INSERT INTO varray_table VALUES (num_varray(100, 200))");
```

```java
ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("SELECT * FROM varray_table");
ARRAY my_array = ((OracleResultSet)rs).getARRAY(1);
```

```java
// return the SQL type names, integer codes,
// and lengths of the columns
System.out.println("Array is of type " + array.getSQLTypeName());
```
System.out.println("Array element is of type code " + array.getBaseType());
System.out.println("Array is of length " + array.length());

// get Array elements
BigDecimal[] values = (BigDecimal[]) my_array.getArray();

for (int i=0; i<values.length; i++)
{
    BigDecimal out_value = (BigDecimal) values[i];
    System.out.println(">> index " + i + " = " + out_value.intValue());
}

Note that if you use getResultSet to obtain the array, then you must would first get
the result set object, and then use the next method to iterate through it. Notice the use
of the parameter indexes in the getInt method to retrieve the element index and the
element value.

ResultSet rset = my_array.getResultSet();
while (rset.next())
{
    // The first column contains the element index and the
    // second column contains the element value
    System.out.println(">> index " + rset.getInt(1)+" = " + rset.getInt(2));
}

Accessing Multilevel Collection Elements

The oracle.sql.ARRAY class provides three methods, which are overloaded, to
access collection elements. The JDBC drivers extend these methods to support
multilevel collections. These methods are:

- getArray method
- getOracleArray method
- getResultSet method

The getArray method returns a Java array that holds the collection elements. The
array element type is determined by the collection element type and the JDBC default
conversion matrix.

For example, the getArray method returns a java.math.BigDecimal array for
collection of SQL NUMBER. The getOracleArray method returns a Datum array that
holds the collection elements in Datum format. For multilevel collections, the
getArray and getOracleArray methods both return a Java array of
oracle.sql.ARRAY elements.

The getResultSet method returns a ResultSet object that wraps the multilevel
collection elements. For multilevel collections, the JDBC applications use the
getObject, getARRAY, or getArray method of the ResultSet class to access the
collection elements as instances of oracle.sql.ARRAY.

The following code shows how to use the getOracleArray, getArray, and
getResultSet methods:

Connection conn = ...; // make a JDBC connection
Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
ResultSet rset = stmt.executeQuery("select col2 from tab2 where idx=1");

while (rset.next())
{
    ARRAY varray3 = (ARRAY) rset.getObject(1);
Object varrayElems = varray1.getArray (1);
// access array elements of "varray3"
Datum[] varray3Elems = (Datum[]) varrayElems;

for (int i=0; i<varray3Elems.length; i++)
{
    ARRAY varray2 = (ARRAY) varray3Elems[i];
    Datum[] varray2Elems = varray2.getOracleArray();
    // access array elements of "varray2"

    for (int j=0; j<varray2Elems.length; j++)
    {
        ARRAY varray1 = (ARRAY) varray2Elems[j];
        ResultSet varray1Elems = varray1.getResultSet();
        // access array elements of "varray1"

        while (varray1Elems.next())
            System.out.println ("idx="+varray1Elems.getInt(1)+" value="+varray1Elems.getInt(2));
    }
}
}
}

rset.close ();
stmt.close ();
conn.close ();

Passing Arrays to Statement Objects

This section discusses how to pass arrays to prepared statement objects or callable statement objects.

Passing an Array to a Prepared Statement
Pass an array to a prepared statement as follows.

**Note:** you can use arrays as either **IN** or **OUT** bind variables.

1. Define the array that you want to pass to the prepared statement as an `oracle.sql.ARRAY` object.

   ```java
   ARRAY array = oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection.createARRAY(sql_type_name, elements);
   ```

   `sql_type_name` is a Java string specifying the user-defined SQL type name of the array and `elements` is a `java.lang.Object` containing a Java array of the elements.

2. Create a `java.sql.PreparedStatement` object containing the SQL statement to be run.

3. Cast your prepared statement to `OraclePreparedStatement`, and use `setARRAY` to pass the array to the prepared statement.

   ```java
   (OraclePreparedStatement)stmt.setARRAY(parameterIndex, array);
   ```

   `parameterIndex` is the parameter index and `array` is the `oracle.sql.ARRAY` object you constructed previously.

4. Run the prepared statement.
Passing an Array to a Callable Statement

To retrieve a collection as an OUT parameter in PL/SQL blocks, perform the following to register the bind type for your OUT parameter.

1. Cast your callable statement to OracleCallableStatement, as follows:

   ```java
   OracleCallableStatement ocs = (OracleCallableStatement)conn.prepareCall("(? =
call func())");
   ```

2. Register the OUT parameter with the following form of the registerOutParameter method:

   ```java
   ocs.registerOutParameter
   (int param_index, int sql_type, string sql_type_name);
   ```

   *param_index* is the parameter index, *sql_type* is the SQL type code, and *sql_type_name* is the name of the array type. In this case, the *sql_type* is OracleTypes.ARRAY.

3. Run the call, as follows:

   ```java
   ocs.execute();
   ```

4. Get the value, as follows:

   ```java
   oracle.sql.ARRAY array = ocs.getARRAY(1);
   ```

Using a Type Map to Map Array Elements

If your array contains Oracle objects, then you can use a type map to associate the objects in the array with the corresponding Java class. If you do not specify a type map, or if the type map does not contain an entry for a particular Oracle object, then each element is returned as an oracle.sql.STRUCT object.

If you want the type map to determine the mapping between the Oracle objects in the array and their associated Java classes, then you must add an appropriate entry to the map.

The following example illustrates how you can use a type map to map the elements of an array to a custom Java object class. In this case, the array is a nested table. The example begins by defining an EMPLOYEE object that has a name attribute and employee number attribute. EMPLOYEE_LIST is a nested table type of EMPLOYEE objects. Then an EMPLOYEE_TABLE is created to store the names of departments within a corporation and the employees associated with each department. In the EMPLOYEE_TABLE, the employees are stored in the form of EMPLOYEE_LIST tables.

```sql
stmt.execute("CREATE TYPE EMPLOYEE AS OBJECT
          (EmpName VARCHAR2(50), EmpNo INTEGER))");

stmt.execute("CREATE TYPE EMPLOYEE_LIST AS TABLE OF EMPLOYEE");

stmt.execute("CREATE TABLE EMPLOYEE_TABLE (DeptName VARCHAR2(20),
          Employees EMPLOYEE_LIST) NESTED TABLE Employees STORE AS ntable1");

stmt.execute("INSERT INTO EMPLOYEE_TABLE VALUES ("SALES", EMPLOYEE_LIST
          (EMPLOYEE('Susan Smith', 123), EMPLOYEE('Scott Tiger', 124)))");
```

If you want to retrieve all the employees belonging to the SALES department into an array of instances of the custom object class EmployeeObj, then you must add an entry to the type map to specify mapping between the EMPLOYEE SQL type and the EmployeeObj custom object class.
To do this, first create your statement and result set objects, then select the `EMPLOYEE_LIST` associated with the `SALES` department into the result set. Cast the result set to `OracleResultSet` so you can use the `getARRAY` method to retrieve the `EMPLOYEE_LIST` into an `ARRAY` object (employeeArray in the following example).

The `EmployeeObj` custom object class in this example implements the `SQLData` interface.

```java
Statement s = conn.createStatement();
OracleResultSet rs = (OracleResultSet)s.executeQuery
    ("SELECT Employees FROM employee_table WHERE DeptName = 'SALES' ");

// get the array object
ARRAY employeeArray = ((OracleResultSet)rs).getARRAY(1);
```

Now that you have the `EMPLOYEE_LIST` object, get the existing type map and add an entry that maps the `EMPLOYEE` SQL type to the `EmployeeObj` Java type.

```java
// add type map entry to map SQL type
// 'EMPLOYEE' to Java type "EmployeeObj"
Map map = conn.getTypeMap();
map.put("EMPLOYEE", Class.forName("EmployeeObj");
```

Next, retrieve the SQL `EMPLOYEE` objects from the `EMPLOYEE_LIST`. To do this, call the `getArray` method of the `employeeArray` array object. This method returns an array of objects. The `getArray` method returns the `EMPLOYEE` objects into the `employees` object array.

```java
// Retrieve array elements
Object[] employees = (Object[]) employeeArray.getArray();
```

Finally, create a loop to assign each of the `EMPLOYEE` SQL objects to the `EmployeeObj` Java object `emp`.

```java
// Each array element is mapped to EmployeeObj object.
for (int i=0; i<employees.length; i++)
{
    EmployeeObj emp = (EmployeeObj) employees[i];
    ...
}
```

**Custom Collection Classes with JPublisher**

This chapter primarily describes the functionality of the `oracle.sql.ARRAY` class, but it is also possible to access Oracle collections through custom Java classes or, more specifically, custom collection classes.

You can create custom collection classes yourself, but the most convenient way is to use the Oracle JPublisher utility. Custom collection classes generated by JPublisher offer all the functionality described earlier in this chapter, as well as the following advantages:

- They are strongly typed. This can help you find coding errors during compilation that might not otherwise be discovered until run time.
- They can be changeable, or mutable. Custom collection classes produced by JPublisher, unlike the `ARRAY` class, allow you to get and set individual elements using the `getElement` and `setElement` methods.

A custom collection class must satisfy three requirements:
It must implement the `oracle.sql.ORData` interface. Note that the standard JDBC `SQLData` interface, which is an alternative for custom object classes, is not intended for custom collection classes.

It, or a companion class, must implement the `oracle.sql.ORDataFactory` interface, for creating instances of the custom collection class.

It must have a means of storing the collection data. Typically it will directly or indirectly include an `oracle.sql.ARRAY` attribute for this purpose.

A JPublisher-generated custom collection class implements `ORData` and `ORDataFactory` and indirectly includes an `oracle.sql.ARRAY` attribute. The custom collection class will have an `oracle.jpub.runtime.MutableArray` attribute. The `MutableArray` class has an `oracle.sql.ARRAY` attribute.

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**Note:** When you use JPublisher to create a custom collection class, you must use the `ORData` implementation. This will be true if the JPublisher `-usertypes` mapping option is set to `oracle`, which is the default.

You cannot use a `SQLData` implementation for a custom collection class. Setting the `-usertypes` mapping option to `jdbc` is invalid.

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As an example of custom collection classes being strongly typed, if you define an Oracle collection `MYVARRAY`, then JPublisher can generate a `MyVarray` custom collection class. Using `MyVarray` instances, instead of generic `oracle.sql.ARRAY` instances, makes it easier to catch errors during compilation instead of at run time. For example, if you accidentally assign some other kind of array into a `MyVarray` variable.

If you do not use custom collection classes, then you would use standard `java.sql.Array` instances, or `oracle.sql.ARRAY` instances, to map to your collections.

**See Also:**

- "Using JPublisher to Create Custom Object Classes" on page 13-27
- *Oracle Database JPublisher User’s Guide*
Standard Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) features in Java Development Kit (JDK) include enhancements to result set functionality, such as processing forward or backward, positioning relatively or absolutely, seeing changes to the database made internally or externally, and updating result set data and then copying the changes to the database.

This chapter discusses the following topics:

- Oracle JDBC Implementation Overview for Result Set Support
- Resultset Limitations and Downgrade Rules
- Avoiding Update Conflicts
- Fetch Size
- Refetching Rows
- Viewing Database Changes Made Internally and Externally

### Oracle JDBC Implementation Overview for Result Set Support

This section discusses key aspects of the Oracle JDBC implementation of result set support for scrollability, through use of a client-side cache, and for updatability, through use of ROWIDs.

It is permissible for customers to implement their own client-side caching mechanism, and Oracle provides an interface to use in doing so.

### Oracle JDBC Implementation for Result Set Scrollability

Because the underlying server does not support scrollable cursors, Oracle JDBC must implement scrollability in a separate layer.

It is important to be aware that this is accomplished by using a client-side memory cache to store rows of a scrollable result set.

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**Important:** Because all rows of any scrollable result set are stored in the client-side cache, a situation, where the result set contains many rows, many columns, or very large columns, might cause the client-side Java Virtual Machine (JVM) to fail. Do not specify scrollability for a large result set.
Oracle JDBC Implementation for Result Set Updatability

To support updatability, Oracle JDBC uses ROWID to uniquely identify database rows that appear in a result set. For every query into an updatable result set, Oracle JDBC driver automatically retrieves the ROWID along with the columns you select.

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**Note:** Client-side caching is not required by updatability in and of itself. In particular, a forward-only updatable result set will not require a client-side cache.

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Resultset Limitations and Downgrade Rules

Some types of result sets are not feasible for certain kinds of queries. If you specify an unfeasible result set type or concurrency type for the query you run, then the JDBC driver follows a set of rules to determine the best feasible types to use instead.

The actual result set type and concurrency type are determined when the statement is run, with the driver issuing a SQLWarning on the statement object if the desired result set type or concurrency type is not feasible. The SQLWarning object will contain the reason why the requested type was not feasible. Check for warnings to verify whether you received the type of result set that you requested.

Result Set Limitations

The following limitations are placed on queries for enhanced result sets. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in the JDBC driver choosing an alternative result set type or concurrency type.

To produce an updatable result set:

- A query can select from only a single table and cannot contain any join operations.
  
  In addition, for inserts to be feasible, the query must select all non-nullable columns and all columns that do not have a default value.

- A query cannot use `SELECT *`.
  
  However, there is a workaround for this.

- A query must select table columns only.
  
  It cannot select derived columns or aggregates, such as the `SUM` or `MAX` of a set of columns.

To produce a scroll-sensitive result set:

- A query cannot use `SELECT *`.
  
  However, there is a workaround for this.

- A query can select from only a single table.

Scrollable and updatable result sets cannot have any column as Stream. When the server has to fetch a Stream column, it reduces the fetch size to one and blocks all columns following the Stream column until the Stream column is read. As a result, columns cannot be fetched in bulk and scrolled through.

Workaround

As a workaround for the `SELECT *` limitation, you can use table aliases, as shown in the following example:

```
SELECT t.* FROM TABLE t ...
```
Avoiding Update Conflicts

Result Set Downgrade Rules
If the specified result set type or concurrency type is not feasible, then Oracle JDBC driver uses the following rules in choosing alternate types:

- If the specified result set type is `TYPE_SCROLL_SENSITIVE`, but the JDBC driver cannot fulfill that request, then the driver attempts a downgrade to `TYPE_SCROLL_INSENSITIVE`.
- If the specified or downgraded result set type is `TYPE_SCROLL_INSENSITIVE`, but the JDBC driver cannot fulfill that request, then the driver attempts a downgrade to `TYPE_FORWARD_ONLY`.
- If the specified concurrency type is `CONCUR_UPDATABLE`, but the JDBC driver cannot fulfill that request, then the JDBC driver attempts a downgrade to `CONCUR_READ_ONLY`.

**Note:** Any manipulations of the result set type and concurrency type by the JDBC driver are independent of each other.

Verifying Result Set Type and Concurrency Type
After a query has been run, you can verify the result set type and concurrency type that the JDBC driver actually used, by calling methods on the result set object.

- `int getType() throws SQLException`  
  This method returns an `int` value for the result set type used for the query. `ResultSet.TYPE_FORWARD_ONLY`, `ResultSet.TYPE_SCROLL_SENSITIVE`, or `ResultSet.TYPE_SCROLL_INSENSITIVE` are the possible values.

- `int getConcurrency() throws SQLException`  
  This method returns an `int` value for the concurrency type used for the query. `ResultSet.CONCUR_READ_ONLY` or `ResultSet.CONCUR_UPDATABLE` are the possible values.

Avoiding Update Conflicts
It is important to be aware of the following facts regarding updatable result sets with the JDBC drivers:

- The drivers do not enforce write locks for an updatable result set.
- The drivers do not check for conflicts with a result set `DELETE` or `UPDATE` operation.

A conflict will occur if you try to perform a `DELETE` or `UPDATE` operation on a row updated by another committed transaction.
Oracle JDBC drivers use the ROWID to uniquely identify a row in a database table. As long as the ROWID is valid when a driver tries to send an UPDATE or DELETE operation to the database, the operation will be run.

The driver will not report any changes made by another committed transaction. Any conflicts are silently ignored and your changes will overwrite the previous changes.

To avoid such conflicts, use the Oracle FOR UPDATE feature when running the query that produces the result set. This will avoid conflicts, but will also prevent simultaneous access to the data. Only a single write lock can be held concurrently on a data item.

### Fetch Size

By default, when Oracle JDBC runs a query, it retrieves a result set of 10 rows at a time from the database cursor. This is the default Oracle row fetch size value. You can change the number of rows retrieved with each trip to the database cursor by changing the row fetch size value.

Standard JDBC also enables you to specify the number of rows fetched with each database round-trip for a query, and this number is referred to as the fetch size. In Oracle JDBC, the row-prefetch value is used as the default fetch size in a statement object. Setting the fetch size overrides the row-prefetch setting and affects subsequent queries run through that statement object.

Fetch size is also used in a result set. When the statement object run a query, the fetch size of the statement object is passed to the result set object produced by the query. However, you can also set the fetch size in the result set object to override the statement fetch size that was passed to it.

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**Note:** Changes made to the fetch size of a statement object after a result set is produced will have no affect on that result set.

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The result set fetch size, either set explicitly, or by default equal to the statement fetch size that was passed to it, determines the number of rows that are retrieved in any subsequent trips to the database for that result set. This includes any trips that are still required to complete the original query, as well as any refetching of data into the result set. Data can be refetched, either explicitly or implicitly, to update a scroll-sensitive or scroll-insensitive/updatable result set.

### Setting the Fetch Size

The following methods are available in all `Statement`, `PreparedStatement`, `CallableStatement`, and `ResultSet` objects for setting and getting the fetch size:

- `void setFetchSize(int rows) throws SQLException`
- `int getFetchSize() throws SQLException`

To set the fetch size for a query, call `setFetchSize` on the statement object prior to running the query. If you set the fetch size to `N`, then `N` rows are fetched with each trip to the database.

After you have run the query, you can call `setFetchSize` on the result set object to override the statement object fetch size that was passed to it. This will affect any subsequent trips to the database to get more rows for the original query, as well as affecting any later refetching of rows.
Presetting the Fetch Direction

The standard JDBC enables to pre-specify the direction, known as the fetch direction, for use in processing a result set. This allows the JDBC driver to optimize its processing. The following result set methods are specified:

- void setFetchDirection(int direction) throws SQLException
- int getFetchDirection() throws SQLException

Oracle JDBC drivers support only the forward preset value, which you can specify by entering the ResultSet.FETCH_FORWARD static constant value.

The values ResultSet.FETCH_REVERSE and ResultSet.FETCH_UNKNOWN are not supported. Attempting to specify them causes a SQL warning, and the settings are ignored.

Refetching Rows

The result set refreshRow method is supported for some types of result sets for refetching data. This consists of going back to the database to re-obtain the database rows that correspond to \( n \) rows in the result set, starting with the current row, where \( n \) is the fetch size. This lets you see the latest updates to the database that were made outside of your result set, subject to the isolation level of the enclosing transaction.

Because refetching re-obtains only rows that correspond to rows already in your result set, it does nothing about rows that have been inserted or deleted in the database since the original query. It ignores rows that have been inserted, and rows will remain in your result set even after the corresponding rows have been deleted from the database. When there is an attempt to refetch a row that has been deleted in the database, the corresponding row in the result set will maintain its original values.

Note: If you declare a TYPE_SCROLL_SENSITIVE Result Set based on a query with certain criteria and then externally update the row so that the column values no longer match the query criteria, the driver behaves as if the row has been deleted from the database and the row is not retrieved by the query issued. So, you do not see the updates to the particular row when you call the refreshRow method.

Following is the signature of the refreshRow method:

void refreshRow() throws SQLException

You must be at a valid current row when you call this method, not outside the row bounds and not at the insert-row.

The refreshRow method is supported for the following result set categories:

- scroll-sensitive/read-only
- scroll-sensitive/updatable
- scroll-insensitive/updatable

Note: Scroll-sensitive result set functionality is implemented through implicit calls to refreshRow.
Viewing Database Changes Made Internally and Externally

This section discusses the ability of a result set to view the following:

- Own changes of the result set, referred to as internal changes
- Changes made from elsewhere, either from your own transaction outside the result set, or from other committed transactions, referred to as external changes

**Note:** External changes are referred to as other's changes in the Sun Microsystems standard JDBC specification.

This section covers the following topics:

- Visibility versus Detection of External Changes
- Summary of Visibility of Internal and External Changes
- Oracle Implementation of Scroll-Sensitive Result Sets

Visibility versus Detection of External Changes

Regarding the changes made to an underlying database by external sources, there are two similar but distinct concepts with respect to visibility of the changes from your local result set:

- Visibility of changes
- Detection of changes

A "visible" change means that when you look at a row in the result set, you can see new data values from changes made by external sources, to the corresponding row in the database.

A "detected" change, however, means that the result set is aware that this is a new value since the result set was first populated.

Even when an Oracle result set sees new data, as with an external UPDATE in a scroll-sensitive result set, it has no awareness that this data has changed since the result set was populated. Such changes are not detected.

Summary of Visibility of Internal and External Changes

Table 17–1 summarizes how a result set object in the Oracle JDBC implementation can see changes made internally through the result set itself, and changes made externally to the underlying database from elsewhere in your transaction or from other committed transactions.

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Oracle Implementation of Scroll-Sensitive Result Sets

The Oracle implementation of scroll-sensitive result sets involves the concept of a window, with a window size that is based on the fetch size. The window size affects how often rows are updated in the result set.

Once you establish a current row by moving to a specified row, the window consists of the \( n \) rows in the result set starting with that row, where \( n \) is the fetch size being used by the result set. Note that there is no current row, and therefore no window, when a result set is first created. The default position is before the first row, which is not a valid current row.

As you move from row to row, the window remains unchanged as long as the current row stays within that window. However, once you move to a new current row outside the window, you redefine the window to be the \( N \) rows starting with the new current row.

Whenever the window is redefined, the \( N \) rows in the database corresponding to the rows in the new window are automatically refetched through an implicit call to the \textit{refreshRow} method, thereby updating the data throughout the new window.

So external updates are not instantaneously visible in a scroll-sensitive result set. They are only visible after the automatic refetches just described.

Note: Because this kind of refetching is not a highly efficient or optimized methodology, there are significant performance concerns. Consider carefully before using scroll-sensitive result sets as currently implemented. There is also a significant trade-off between sensitivity and performance. The most sensitive result set is one with a fetch size of 1, which would result in the new current row being refetched every time you move between rows. However, this would have a significant impact on the performance of your application.
Overview of JDBC RowSets

A RowSet is an object that encapsulates a set of rows from either java Database Connectivity (JDBC) result sets or tabular data sources. RowSets support component-based development models like JavaBeans, with a standard set of properties and an event notification mechanism.

RowSets were introduced in JDBC 2.0 through the optional packages. However, the implementation of RowSets was standardized in the JDBC RowSet Implementations Specification (JSR-114), which is available as non-optional package since Java Platform, Standard Edition (Java SE) 5.0. Java SE 6.0 RowSets contain more APIs supporting features like RowId, National Language Character sets, and so on. The Java SE Javadocs provide information about the standard interfaces and base classes for JDBC RowSet implementations.

See Also:

- JSR-114 specification at:
- Java SE 5.0 Javadoc at:
  [http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.5.0/docs/api/](http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.5.0/docs/api/)
- Java SE 6.0 Javadoc at:
  [http://java.sun.com/javase/6/docs/api/](http://java.sun.com/javase/6/docs/api/)

Note: In case of any conflict, the JSR-114 specification takes precedence over the JDK 5.0 Javadoc.

The JSR-114 specification includes implementation details for five types of RowSet:
Overview of JDBC RowSets

- CachedRowSet
- JdbcRowSet
- WebRowSet
- FilteredRowSet
- JoinRowSet

Oracle JDBC supports all five types of RowSets through the interfaces and classes present in the `oracle.jdbc.rowset` package. Since Oracle Database 11g Release 1 (11.1), RowSets support has been added in the server-side drivers. Therefore, starting from Oracle Database 11g Release 1 (11.1), RowSets support is uniform across all Oracle JDBC driver types. The standard Oracle JDBC Java Archive (JAR) files, for example, `ojdbc5.jar` and `ojdbc6.jar` contain the `oracle.jdbc.rowset` package.

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**Note:**
- The other JAR files with different file suffix names, for example, `ojdbc5_g.jar`, `ojdbc5dms.jar`, and so on also contain the `oracle.jdbc.rowset` package.
- In Oracle Database 10g release 2 (10.2), the implementation classes were packaged in the `ojdbc14.jar` file.
- Prior to Oracle Database 10g release 2 (10.2), the implementation classes were packaged in the `ocrs12.jar` file.
- Prior to Oracle Database 11g Release 1 (11.1), RowSets support was not available in the server-side drivers.

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To use the Oracle RowSet implementations, you need to import either the entire `oracle.jdbc.rowset` package or specific classes and interfaces from the package for the required RowSet type. For client-side usage, you also need to include the standard Oracle JAR files like `ojdbc5.jar` or `ojdbc6.jar` in the `CLASSPATH` environment variable.

**See Also:** "Check the Environment Variables" on page 2-3 for information about setting the `CLASSPATH` environment variable.

This section covers the following topics:
- RowSet Properties
- Events and Event Listeners
- Command Parameters and Command Execution
- Traversing RowSets

**RowSet Properties**

The `javax.sql.RowSet` interface provides a set of JavaBeans properties that can be altered to access the data in the data source through a single interface. Example of properties are connection string, user name, password, type of connection, and the query string.
For a complete list of properties and property descriptions, refer to the Java2 Platform, Standard Edition (J2SE) Javadoc for `javax.sql.RowSet` at http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.5.0/docs/api/javax/sql/RowSet.html

The interface provides standard accessor methods for setting and retrieving the property values. The following code illustrates setting some of the `RowSet` properties:

```java
... 
rowset.setUrl("jdbc:oracle:oci:@");
rowset.setUsername("SCOTT");
rowset.setPassword("TIGER");
rowset.setCommand("SELECT empno, ename, sal FROM emp");
... 
```

In this example, the URL, user name, password, and SQL query are set as the `RowSet` properties to retrieve the employee number, employee name, and salary of all the employees into the `RowSet` object.

**Events and Event Listeners**

RowSets support JavaBeans events. The following types of events are supported by the `RowSet` interface:

- **cursorMoved**
  
  This event is generated whenever there is a cursor movement. For example, when the `next` or `previous` method is called.

- **rowChanged**
  
  This event is generated when a row is inserted, updated, or deleted from the `RowSet`.

- **rowSetChanged**
  
  This event is generated when the whole `RowSet` is created or changed. For example, when the `execute` method is called.

An application component can implement a `RowSet` listener to listen to these `RowSet` events and perform desired operations when the event occurs. Application components, which are interested in these events, must implement the standard `javax.sql.RowSetListener` interface and register such listener objects with a `RowSet` object. A listener can be registered using the `RowSet.addRowSetListener` method and unregistered using the `RowSet.removeRowSetListener` method. Multiple listeners can be registered with the same `RowSet` object.

The following code illustrates the registration of a `RowSet` listener:

```java
... 
MyRowSetListener rowsetListener = new MyRowSetListener ();
// adding a rowset listener 
rowset.addRowSetListener (rowsetListener);
... 
```

The following code illustrates a listener implementation:

```java
public class MyRowSetListener implements RowSetListener
{
    public void cursorMoved(RowSetEvent event)
    {
        // action on cursor movement
    }
} 
```
public void rowChanged(RowSetEvent event)
{
    // action on change of row
}

public void rowSetChanged(RowSetEvent event)
{
    // action on changing of rowset
}
} // end of class MyRowSetListener

Applications that need to handle only selected events can implement only the required event handling methods by using the oracle.jdbc.rowset.OracleRowSetListenerAdapter class, which is an abstract class with empty implementation for all the event handling methods. In the following code, only the rowSetChanged event is handled, while the remaining events are not handled by the application:

...  
rowset.addRowSetListener(new oracle.jdbc.rowset.OracleRowSetListenerAdapter ()
{
    public void rowSetChanged(RowSetEvent event)
    {
        // your action for rowSetChanged
    }
}
});  
...  

Command Parameters and Command Execution

The command property of a RowSet object typically represents a SQL query string, which when processed would populate the RowSet object with actual data. Like in regular JDBC processing, this query string can take input or bind parameters. The javax.sql.RowSet interface also provides methods for setting input parameters to this SQL query. After the required input parameters are set, the SQL query can be processed to populate the RowSet object with data from the underlying data source. The following code illustrates this simple sequence:

...  
rowset.setCommand("SELECT ename, sal FROM emp WHERE empno = ?");  
    // setting the employee number input parameter for employee named "KING"
rowset.setInt(1, 7839);  
rowset.execute();  
...  

In the preceding example, the employee number 7839 is set as the input or bind parameter for the SQL query specified in the command property of the RowSet object. When the SQL query is processed, the RowSet object is filled with the employee name and salary information of the employee whose employee number is 7839.

Traversing RowSets

The javax.sql.RowSet interface extends the java.sql.ResultSet interface. The RowSet interface, therefore, provides cursor movement and positioning methods, which are inherited from the ResultSet interface, for traversing through data in a RowSet object. Some of the inherited methods are absolute, beforeFirst, afterLast, next, and previous.
The **RowSet** interface can be used just like a **ResultSet** interface for retrieving and updating data. The **RowSet** interface provides an optional way to implement a scrollable and updatable result set. All the fields and methods provided by the **ResultSet** interface are implemented in **RowSet**.

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**Note:** The Oracle implementation of **ResultSet** provides the scrollable and updatable properties of the `java.sql.ResultSet` interface.

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The following code illustrates how to scroll through a **RowSet**:

```java
/**
 * Scrolling forward, and printing the empno in
 * the order in which it was fetched.
 */
...
rowset.setCommand("SELECT empno, ename, sal FROM emp");
rowset.execute();
...
// going to the first row of the rowset
rowset.beforeFirst();
while (rowset.next())
    System.out.println("empno: " + rowset.getInt(1));
```

In the preceding code, the cursor position is initialized to the position before the first row of the **RowSet** by the **beforeFirst** method. The rows are retrieved in forward direction using the **next** method.

The following code illustrates how to scroll through a **RowSet** in the reverse direction:

```java
/**
 * Scrolling backward, and printing the empno in
 * the reverse order as it was fetched.
 */
//going to the last row of the rowset
rowset.afterLast();
while (rowset.previous())
    System.out.println("empno: " + rowset.getInt(1));
```

In the preceding code, the cursor position is initialized to the position after the last row of the **RowSet**. The rows are retrieved in reverse direction using the **previous** method of **RowSet**.

Inserting, updating, and deleting rows are supported by the **RowSet** feature as they are in the **Result Set** feature. In order to make the **RowSet** updatable, you must call the **setReadOnly(false)** and **acceptChanges** methods.

The following code illustrates the insertion of a row at the fifth position of a **RowSet**:

```java
...*/
rowset.setReadOnly(false); // Make rowset updatable
/**
 * Inserting a row in the 5th position of the rowset.
 */
// moving the cursor to the 5th position in the rowset
if (rowset.absolute(5))
    
```
rowset.moveToInsertRow ();
rowset.updateInt (1, 193);
rowset.updateString (2, "Ashok");
rowset.updateInt (3, 7200);

// inserting a row in the rowset
rowset.insertRow ();

// Synchronizing the data in RowSet with that in the database.
rowset.acceptChanges ();
}
...

In the preceding code, a call to the `absolute` method with a parameter 5 takes the
cursor to the fifth position of the RowSet and a call to the `moveToInsertRow` method
creates a place for the insertion of a new row into the RowSet. The `updateXXX`
methods are used to update the newly created row. When all the columns of the row
are updated, the `insertRow` is called to update the RowSet. The changes are
committed through `acceptChanges` method.

### CachedRowSet

A CachedRowSet is a RowSet in which the rows are cached and the RowSet is
disconnected, that is, it does not maintain an active connection to the database. The
`oracle.jdbc.rowset.OracleCachedRowSet` class is the Oracle implementation
of CachedRowSet. It can interoperate with the reference implementation of Sun
Microsystems. The `OracleCachedRowSet` class in the `ojdbc5.jar` and
`ojdbc6.jar` files implements the standard JSR-114 interface
`javax.sql.rowset.CachedRowSet`.

In the following code, an `OracleCachedRowSet` object is created and the connection
URL, user name, password, and the SQL query for the `RowSet`
object is set as
properties. The `RowSet` object is populated using the `execute` method. After the
`execute` method has been processed, the `RowSet` object can be used as a
`java.sql.ResultSet` object to retrieve, scroll, insert, delete, or update data.

```java
RowSet rowset = new OracleCachedRowSet();
rowset.setUrl("jdbc:oracle:oci:@");
rowset.setUsername("SCOTT");
rowset.setPassword("TIGER");
rowset.setCommand("SELECT empno, ename, sal FROM emp");
rowset.execute();
while (rowset.next ())
{
    System.out.println("empno: " + rowset.getInt (1));
    System.out.println("ename: " + rowset.getString (2));
    System.out.println("sal: " + rowset.getInt (3));
}
...
```

To populate a `CachedRowSet` object with a query, complete the following steps:

1. Instantiate `OracleCachedRowSet`.
2. Set the URL, which is the connection URL, Username, Password, and Command,
   which is the query string, properties for the `RowSet` object. You can also set the
   connection type, but it is optional.
3. Call the execute method to populate the CachedRowSet object. Calling execute runs the query set as a property on this RowSet.

```java
OracleCachedRowSet rowset = new OracleCachedRowSet();
rowset.setUrl("jdbc:oracle:oci:@");
rowset.setUsername("SCOTT");
rowset.setPassword("TIGER");
rowset.setCommand("SELECT empno, ename, sal FROM emp");
rowset.execute();
```

A CachedRowSet object can be populated with an existing ResultSet object, using the populate method. To do so, complete the following steps:

1. Instantiate OracleCachedRowSet.
2. Pass the already available ResultSet object to the populate method to populate the RowSet object.

   ```java
   // Executing a query to get the ResultSet object.
   ResultSet rset = pstmt.executeQuery();
   
   OracleCachedRowSet rowset = new OracleCachedRowSet();
   // the obtained ResultSet object is passed to the populate method
   // to populate the data in the rowset object.
   rowset.populate(rset);
   ```

In the preceding example, a ResultSet object is obtained by running a query and the retrieved ResultSet object is passed to the populate method of the CachedRowSet object to populate the contents of the result set into the CachedRowSet.

**Note:** Connection properties, like transaction isolation or the concurrency mode of the result set, and the bind properties cannot be set in the case where a pre-existent ResultSet object is used to populate theCachedRowSet object, because the connection or result set on which the property applies would have already been created.

The following code illustrates how an OracleCachedRowSet object is serialized to a file and then retrieved:

```java
// writing the serialized OracleCachedRowSet object
{
    FileOutputStream fileOutputStream = new FileOutputStream("emp_tab.dmp");
    ObjectOutputStream ostream = new ObjectOutputStream(fileOutputStream);
    ostream.writeObject(rowset);
    ostream.close();
    fileOutputStream.close();
}

// reading the serialized OracleCachedRowSet object
{
    FileInputStream fileInputStream = new FileInputStream("emp_tab.dmp");
    ObjectInputStream istream = new ObjectInputStream(fileInputStream);
    RowSet rowset1 = (RowSet) istream.readObject();
    istream.close();
    fileInputStream.close();
}
```
In the preceding code, a FileOutputStream object is opened for an emp_tab.dmp file, and the populated OracleCachedRowSet object is written to the file using ObjectOutputStream. The serialized OracleCachedRowSet object is retrieved using the FileInputStream and ObjectInputStream objects.

OracleCachedRowSet takes care of the serialization of non-serializable form of data like InputStream, OutputStream, binary large objects (BLOBs), and character large objects (CLOBs). OracleCachedRowSets also implements metadata of its own, which could be obtained without any extra server round-trip. The following code illustrates how you can obtain metadata for the RowSet:

```java
... ResultSetMetaData metaData = rowset.getMetaData(); int maxCol = metaData.getColumnCount(); for (int i = 1; i <= maxCol; ++i) 
    System.out.println('Column (' + i + ') ' + metaData.getColumnName(i)); ...
```

Because the OracleCachedRowSet class is serializable, it can be passed across a network or between Java Virtual Machines (JVMs), as done in Remote Method Invocation (RMI). Once the OracleCachedRowSet class is populated, it can move around any JVM, or any environment that does not have JDBC drivers. Committing the data in the RowSet requires the presence of JDBC drivers.

The complete process of retrieving the data and populating it in the OracleCachedRowSet class is performed on the server and the populated RowSet is passed on to the client using suitable architectures like RMI or Enterprise Java Beans (EJB). The client would be able to perform all the operations like retrieving, scrolling, inserting, updating, and deleting on the RowSet without any connection to the database. Whenever data is committed to the database, the acceptChanges method is called, which synchronizes the data in the RowSet to that in the database. This method makes use of JDBC drivers, which require the JVM environment to contain JDBC implementation. This architecture would be suitable for systems involving a Thin client like a Personal Digital Assistant (PDA).

After populating the CachedRowSet object, it can be used as a ResultSet object or any other object, which can be passed over the network using RMI or any other suitable architecture.

Some of the other key-features of CachedRowSet are the following:

- Cloning a RowSet
- Creating a copy of a RowSet
- Creating a shared copy of a RowSet

**CachedRowSet Constraints**

All the constraints that apply to an updatable result set are applicable here, except serialization, because OracleCachedRowSet is serializable. The SQL query has the following constraints:

- References only a single table in the database
- Contains no join operations
- Selects the primary key of the table it references

In addition, a SQL query should also satisfy the following conditions, if new rows are to be inserted:

- Selects all non-nullable columns in the underlying table
Selects all columns that do not have a default value

**Note:** The CachedRowSet cannot hold a large quantity of data, because all the data is cached in memory. Oracle, therefore, recommends against using OracleCachedRowSet with queries that could potentially return a large volume of data.

Connection properties like, transaction isolation and concurrency mode of the result set, cannot be set after populating the RowSet, because the properties cannot be applied to the connection after retrieving the data from the same.

## JdbcRowSet

A JdbcRowSet is a RowSet that wraps around a ResultSet object. It is a connected RowSet that provides JDBC interfaces in the form of a JavaBean interface. The Oracle implementation of JdbcRowSet is oracle.jdbc.rowset.OracleJDBCRowSet. The OracleJDBCRowSet class in ojdbc5.jar and ojdbc6.jar implements the standard JSR-114 interface javax.sql.rowset.JdbcRowSet.

Table 18–1 shows how the JdbcRowSet interface differs from CachedRowSet interface.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>RowSet Type</th>
<th>Serializable</th>
<th>Connected to Database</th>
<th>Movable Across JVMs</th>
<th>Synchronization of data to database</th>
<th>Presence of JDBC Drivers</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>JDBC</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cached</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

JdbcRowSet is a connected RowSet, which has a live connection to the database and all the calls on the JdbcRowSet are percolated to the mapping call in the JDBC connection, statement, or result set. A CachedRowSet does not have any connection to the database open.

JdbcRowSet requires the presence of JDBC drivers unlike a CachedRowSet, which does not require JDBC drivers during manipulation. However, both JdbcRowSet and CachedRowSet require JDBC drivers during population of the RowSet and while committing the changes of the RowSet.

The following code illustrates how a JdbcRowSet is used:

```java
... 
RowSet rowset = new OracleJDBCRowSet();
rowset.setUrl("java:oracle:oci:@");
rowset.setUsername("SCOTT");
rowset.setPassword("TIGER");
rowset.setCommand("SELECT empno, ename, sal FROM emp");
rowset.execute();
while (rowset.next())
{
    System.out.println("empno: " + rowset.getInt(1));
    System.out.println("ename: " + rowset.getString(2));
    System.out.println("sal: " + rowset.getInt(3));
}
...
```
In the preceding example, the connection URL, user name, password, and SQL query are set as properties of the RowSet object, the SQL query is processed using the `execute` method, and the rows are retrieved and printed by traversing through the data populated in the RowSet object.

**WebRowSet**

A WebRowSet is an extension to CachedRowSet. It represents a set of fetched rows or tabular data that can be passed between tiers and components in a way such that no active connections with the data source need to be maintained. The WebRowSet interface provides support for the production and consumption of result sets and their synchronization with the data source, both in Extensible Markup Language (XML) format and in disconnected fashion. This allows result sets to be shipped across tiers and over Internet protocols.

The Oracle implementation of WebRowSet is `oracle.jdbc.rowset.OracleWebRowSet`. This class, which is in the `ojdbc5.jar` and `ojdbc6.jar` files, implements the standard JSR-114 interface `javax.sql.rowset.WebRowSet`. This class also extends the `oracle.jdbc.rowset.OracleCachedRowSet` class. Besides the methods available in `OracleCachedRowSet`, the `OracleWebRowSet` class provides the following methods:

- `public OracleWebRowSet() throws SQLException`
  This is the constructor for creating an `OracleWebRowSet` object, which is initialized with the default values for an `OracleCachedRowSet` object, a default `OracleWebRowSetXmlReader`, and a default `OracleWebRowSetXmlWriter`.

- `public void writeXml(java.io.Writer writer) throws SQLException`
  `public void writeXml(java.io.OutputStream ostream) throws SQLException`
  These methods write the `OracleWebRowSet` object to the supplied `Writer` or `OutputStream` object in the XML format that conforms to the JSR-114 XML schema. In addition to the RowSet data, the properties and metadata of the RowSet are written.

- `public void writeXml(ResultSet rset, java.io.Writer writer) throws SQLException`
  `public void writeXml(ResultSet rset, java.io.OutputStream ostream) throws SQLException`
  These methods create an `OracleWebRowSet` object, populate it with the data in the given `ResultSet` object, and write it to the supplied `Writer` or `OutputStream` object in the XML format that conforms to the JSR-114 XML schema.

- `public void readXml(java.io.Reader reader) throws SQLException`
  `public void readXml(java.io.InputStream istream) throws SQLException`
  These methods read the `OracleWebRowSet` object in the XML format according to its JSR-114 XML schema, using the supplied `Reader` or `InputStream` object.

The Oracle WebRowSet implementation supports Java API for XML Processing (JAXP) 1.2. Both Simple API for XML (SAX) 2.0 and Document Object Model (DOM) JAXP-conforming XML parsers are supported. It follows the current JSR-114 W3C XML schema for WebRowSet from Sun Microsystems, which is at: [http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/jdbc/webrowset.xsd](http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/jdbc/webrowset.xsd)
Applications that use the `readXml(...)` methods should set one of the following two standard JAXP system properties before calling the methods:

- `javax.xml.parsers.SAXParserFactory`  
  This property is for a SAX parser.
- `javax.xml.parsers.DocumentBuilderFactory`  
  This property is for a DOM parser.

The following code illustrates the use of `OracleWebRowSet` for both writing and reading in XML format:

```java
import java.sql.*;
import java.io.*;
import oracle.jdbc.rowset.*;
...
String url = "jdbc:oracle:oci8:@";
Connection conn = DriverManager.getConnection(url,"scott","tiger");
Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
ResultSet rset = stmt.executeQuery("select * from emp");

// Create an OracleWebRowSet object and populate it with the ResultSet object
OracleWebRowSet wset = new OracleWebRowSet();
wset.populate(rset);

try {
    // Create a java.io.Writer object
    FileWriter out = new FileWriter("xml.out");

    // Now generate the XML and write it out
    wset.writeXml(out);
} catch (IOException exc) {
    System.out.println("Couldn't construct a FileWriter");
} System.out.println("XML output file generated.");

// Create a new OracleWebRowSet for reading from XML input
OracleWebRowSet wset2 = new OracleWebRowSet();

// Use Oracle JAXP SAX parser
System.setProperty("javax.xml.parsers.SAXParserFactory","oracle.xml.jaxp.JXSAXParserFactory");

try
```

See Also:
- JSR-114 specification at:  
- Java SE 5.0 Javadoc at:  
  [http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.5.0/docs/api/](http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.5.0/docs/api/)
- Java SE 6.0 Javadoc at:  
  [http://java.sun.com/javase/6/docs/api/](http://java.sun.com/javase/6/docs/api/)
{  
    // Use the preceding output file as input
    FileReader fr = new FileReader("xml.out");
    
    // Now read XML stream from the FileReader
    wset2.readXml(fr);
}  
catch (IOException exc)  
{  
    System.out.println("Couldn’t construct a FileReader");
}  
...
The following code example illustrates the use of OracleFilteredRowSet. Assume a table, test_table, with two NUMBER columns, col1 and col2. The code retrieves those rows from the table that have value of col1 between 50 and 100 and value of col2 between 100 and 200.

The predicate defining the filtering criteria is as follows:

```java
public class PredicateImpl implements Predicate {
    private int low[];
    private int high[];
    private int columnIndexes[];

    public PredicateImpl(int[] lo, int[] hi, int[] indexes) {
        low = lo;
        high = hi;
        columnIndexes = indexes;
    }

    public boolean evaluate(RowSet rs) {
        boolean result = true;
        for (int i = 0; i < columnIndexes.length; i++) {
            int columnValue = rs.getInt(columnIndexes[i]);
            if (columnValue < low[i] || columnValue > high[i]) {
                result = false;
            }
        }
        return result;
    }
}
```

The predicate defined in the preceding code is used for filtering content in an OracleFilteredRowSet object, as follows:

```java
OracleFilteredRowSet ofrs = new OracleFilteredRowSet();
int low[] = {50, 100};
int high[] = {100, 200};
int indexes[] = {1, 2};
ofrs.setCommand("select col1, col2 from test_table");
// set other properties on ofrs like usr/pwd ...
... ofrs.execute();
ofrs.setPredicate(new PredicateImpl(low, high, indexes));
// this will only get rows with col1 in (50,100) and col2 in (100,200)
while (ofrs.next()) {...}
...```

A JoinRowSet is an extension to WebRowSet that consists of related data from different RowSets. There is no standard way to establish a SQL JOIN between disconnected
RowSets without connecting to the data source. A JoinRowSet addresses this issue. The Oracle implementation of JoinRowSet is the oracle.jdbc.rowset.OracleJoinRowSet class. This class, which is in the ojdbc5.jar and ojdbc6.jar files, implements the standard JSR-114 interface javax.sql.rowset.JoinRowSet.

Any number of RowSet objects, which implement the Joinable interface, can be added to a JoinRowSet object, provided they can be related in a SQL JOIN. All five types of RowSet support the Joinable interface. The Joinable interface provides methods for specifying the columns based on which the JOIN will be performed, that is, the match columns.

A match column can be specified in the following ways:

- **Using the setMatchColumn method**

  This method is defined in the Joinable interface. It is the only method that can be used to set the match column before a RowSet object is added to a JoinRowSet object. This method can also be used to reset the match column at any time.

- **Using the addRowSet method**

  This is an overloaded method in JoinRowSet. Four of the five implementations of this method take a match column as a parameter. These four methods can be used to set or reset a match column at the time a RowSet object is being added to a JoinRowSet object.

In addition to the inherited methods, OracleJoinRowSet provides the following methods:

```
public void addRowSet(Joinable joinable) throws SQLException;
public void addRowSet(RowSet rowSet, int i) throws SQLException;
public void addRowSet(RowSet rowSet, String s) throws SQLException;
public void addRowSet(RowSet arowSet[], int an[]) throws SQLException;
public void addRowSet(RowSet arowSet[], String as[]) throws SQLException;
```

These methods are used to add a RowSet object to the OracleJoinRowSet object. You can pass one or more RowSet objects to be added to the OracleJoinRowSet object. You can also pass names or indexes of one or more columns, which need to be set as match column.

```
public Collection getRowSets() throws SQLException;
```

This method retrieves the RowSet objects added to the OracleJoinRowSet object. The method returns a java.util.Collection object that contains the RowSet objects.

```
public String[] getRowSetNames() throws SQLException;
```

This method returns a String array containing the names of the RowSet objects that are added to the OracleJoinRowSet object.

```
public boolean supportsCrossJoin();
public boolean supportsFullJoin();
public boolean supportsInnerJoin();
public boolean supportsLeftOuterJoin();
public boolean supportsRightOuterJoin();
```

These methods return a boolean value indicating whether the OracleJoinRowSet object supports the corresponding JOIN type.

```
public void setJoinType(int i) throws SQLException;
```

**Note:**

- The setMatchColumn method can be used to set the match column before a RowSet object is added to a JoinRowSet object. This method can also be used to reset the match column at any time.
- The addRowSet method can be used to set or reset a match column at the time a RowSet object is being added to a JoinRowSet object.
- The addRowSet methods take a match column as a parameter.
- The getRowSets method returns a java.util.Collection object.
- The getRowSetNames method returns a String array.
- The supports methods return a boolean value indicating whether the OracleJoinRowSet object supports the corresponding JOIN type.
This method is used to set the JOIN type on the OracleJoinRowSet object. It takes an integer constant as defined in the javax.sql.rowset.JoinRowSet interface that specifies the JOIN type.

```java
public int getJoinType() throws SQLException;
```

This method returns an integer value that indicates the JOIN type set on the OracleJoinRowSet object. This method throws a SQLException exception.

```java
public CachedRowSet toCachedRowSet() throws SQLException;
```

This method creates a CachedRowSet object containing the data in the OracleJoinRowSet object.

```java
public String getWhereClause() throws SQLException;
```

This method returns a String containing the SQL-like description of the WHERE clause used in the OracleJoinRowSet object. This method throws a SQLException exception.

The following code illustrates how OracleJoinRowSet is used to perform an inner join on two RowSets, whose data come from two different tables. The resulting RowSet contains data as if they were the result of an inner join on these two tables. Assume that there are two tables, an Order table with two NUMBER columns Order_id and Person_id, and a Person table with a NUMBER column Person_id and a VARCHAR2 column Name.

```java
// RowSet holding data from table Order
OracleCachedRowSet ocrsOrder = new OracleCachedRowSet();
...
ocrsOrder.setCommand("select order_id, person_id from order");
...
// Join on person_id column
ocrsOrder.setMatchColumn(2);
ocrsOrder.execute();

// Creating the JoinRowSet
OracleJoinRowSet ojrs = new OracleJoinRowSet();
ojrs.addRowSet(ocrsOrder);

// RowSet holding data from table Person
OracleCachedRowSet ocrsPerson = new OracleCachedRowSet();
...
ocrsPerson.setCommand("select person_id, name from person");
...
// do not set match column on this RowSet using setMatchColumn().
// use addRowSet() to set match column
ocrsPerson.execute();

// Join on person_id column, in another way
ojrs.addRowSet(ocrsPerson, 1);

// now we can go the JoinRowSet as usual
ojrs.beforeFirst();
while (!ojrs.next())
    System.out.println("order id = " + ojrs.getInt(1) + ", " + "person id = " +
    ojrs.getInt(2) + ", " + "person's name = " + ojrs.getString(3));
...
```
The Oracle Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) drivers provide globalization support, formerly known as National Language Support (NLS). Globalization support enables you retrieve data or insert data into a database in any character set that Oracle supports. If the clients and the server use different character sets, then the driver provides the support to perform the conversions between the database character set and the client character set.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- Providing Globalization Support
- NCHAR, NVARCHAR2, NCLOB and the defaultNChar Property in JDK 1.5
- New Methods for National Character Set Type Data in JDK 1.6

See Also:

- "Oracle Character Data Types Support" on page 4-9
- Oracle Database Globalization Support Guide
- Oracle Database Reference

Note:

- Starting from Oracle Database 10g, the NLS_LANG variable is no longer part of the JDBC globalization mechanism. The JDBC driver does not check NLS environment. So, setting it has no effect.
- The JDBC server-side internal driver provides complete globalization support and does not require any globalization extension files.
- JDBC 4.0 includes methods for reading and writing national character set values. You should use these methods when using JSE 6 or later.

Providing Globalization Support

The basic Java Archive (JAR) files, ojdbc5.jar and ojdbc6.jar, contain all the necessary classes to provide complete globalization support for:

- Oracle character sets for CHAR, VARCHAR, LONGVARCHAR, or CLOB data that is not being retrieved or inserted as a data member of an Oracle object or collection type.
CHAR or VARCHAR data members of object and collection for the character sets US7ASCII, WE8DEC, WE8ISO8859P1, WE8MSWIN1252, and UTF8.

To use any other character sets in CHAR or VARCHAR data members of objects or collections, you must include orai18n.jar in the CLASSPATH environment variable of your application.

Note: Previous releases depended on the nls_charset12.zip file. This file is now obsolete.

Compressing orai18n.jar

The orai18n.jar file contains many important character set and globalization support files. You can reduce the size of orai18n.jar using the built-in customization tool, as follows:

```
java -jar orai18n.jar -custom-charsets-jar [jar/zip_filename] -charset characterset_name [characterset_name ...]
```

For example, if you want to create a custom character set file, custom_orai18n_ja.jar, that includes the JA16SJIS and JA16EUC character sets, then issue the following command:

```
$ java -jar orai18n.jar -custom-charsets-jar custom_orai18n_ja.jar -charset JA16SJIS JA16EUC
```

The output of the command is as follows:

```
Added Character set : JA16SJIS
Added Character set : JA16EUC
```

If you do not specify a file name for your custom JAR/ZIP file, then a file with the name jdbc_orai18n_cs.jar is created in the current working directory. Also, for your custom JAR/ZIP file, you cannot specify a name that starts with orai18n.

If any invalid or unsupported character set name is specified in the command, then no output JAR/ZIP file will be created. If the custom JAR/ZIP file exists, then the file will not be updated or removed.

The custom character set JAR/ZIP does not accept any command. However, it prints the version information and the command that was used to generate the JAR/ZIP file. For example, you have jdbc_orai18n_cs.zip, the command that displays the information and the displayed information is as follows:

```
$ java -jar jdbc_orai18n_cs.jar
Oracle Globalization Development Kit - 11.2.X.X.X Release
This custom character set jar/zip file was created with the following command:
java -jar orai18n.jar -custom-charsets-jar jdbc_orai18n_cs.jar -charset WE8ISO8859P15
```

The limitation to the number of character sets that can be specified depends on that of the shell or command prompt of the operating system. It is certified that all supported character sets can be specified with the command.
NCHAR, NVARCHAR2, NCLOB and the defaultNChar Property in JDK 1.5

By default, the oracle.jdbc.OraclePreparedStatement interface treats the data type of all the columns in the same way as they are encoded in the database character set. However, since Oracle Database 10g, if you set the value of oracle.jdbc.defaultNChar system property to true, then JDBC treats all character columns as being national-language.

The default value of defaultNChar is false. If the value of defaultNChar is false, then you must call the setFormOfUse(<column_Index>, OraclePreparedStatement.FORM_NCHAR) method for those columns that specifically need national-language characters. For example:

```java
PreparedStatement pstmt =
conn.prepareStatement("insert into TEST values(?,?,?)");
pstmt.setFormOfUse(1, OraclePreparedStatement.FORM_NCHAR);
pstmt.setString(1, myUnicodeString1); // NCHAR column
pstmt.setFormOfUse(2, OraclePreparedStatement.FORM_NCHAR);
pstmt.setString(2, myUnicodeString2); // NVARCHAR2 column
```

If you want to set the value of defaultNChar to true, then specify the following at the command-line:

```shell
java -Doracle.jdbc.defaultNChar=true myApplication
```

If you prefer, then you can also specify defaultNChar as a connection property and access NCHAR, NVARCHAR2, or NCLOB data.

```java
Properties props = new Properties();
props.put(OracleConnection.CONNECTION_PROPERTY_DEFAULTNCHAR, "true");
// set URL, username, password, and so on.
...
Connection conn = DriverManager.getConnection(props);
```

If the value of defaultNChar is true, then you should call the setFormOfUse(<column_Index>, FORM_CHAR) for columns that do not need national-language characters. For example:

```java
PreparedStatement pstmt =
conn.prepareStatement("insert into TEST values(?,?,?)");
pstmt.setFormOfUse(3, OraclePreparedStatement.FORM_CHAR);
pstmt.setString(3, myString); // CHAR column
```

Note: If you are using a custom character set, then you need to perform the following so that JDBC supports the custom character set:

1. After creating the .nlt and .nlb files as part of the process of creating a custom character set, create .glb files for the newly created character set and also for the lxx0boot.nlt file using the following command:

   ```shell
   java -classpath $ORACLE_HOME/jlib/orai18n-tools.jar Ginstall <nlt file>
   ```

2. Add the generated files and $ORACLE_HOME/jlib/orai18n-mappings.jar into the classpath environment variable while executing the JDBC code that connects to the database with the custom character set.

For more information about creating a custom character set, refer to Oracle Database Globalization Support Guide.
New Methods for National Character Set Type Data in JDK 1.6

JDBC 4.0 introduces support for the following four additional SQL types to access the national character set types:

- NCHAR
- NVARCHAR
- LONGNVARCHAR
- NCLOB

These types are similar to the CHAR, VARCHAR, LONGVARCHAR, and CLOB types, except that the values are encoded using the national character set. The JDBC specification uses the String class to represent NCHAR, NVARCHAR, and LONGNVARCHAR data, and the NClob class to represent NCLOB values.

To retrieve a national character value, an application calls one of the following methods:

- getNString
- getNClob
- getNCharacterStream

Note:

- Always use java.lang.String for character data instead of oracle.sql.CHAR. CHAR is provided only for backward compatibility.
- You can also use the setObject method to access national character set types, but if the setObject method is used, then the target data type must be specified as Types.NCHAR, Types.NCLOB, Types.NVARCHAR, or Types.LONGNVARCHAR.

Note:  In Oracle Database, SQL strings are converted to the database character set. Therefore you need to keep in mind the following:

- In Oracle Database 10g release 1 (10.1) and earlier releases, JDBC drivers do not support any NCHAR literal (n'...') containing Unicode characters that are not representable in the database character set. All Unicode characters that are not representable in the database character set get corrupted.
- If an Oracle Database 10g release 2 (10.2) JDBC driver is connected to an Oracle Database 10g release 2 (10.2) database server, then all NCHAR literals (n'...') are converted to Unicode literals (u'...') and all non-ASCII characters are converted to their corresponding Unicode escape sequence. This is done automatically to prevent data corruption.
- If an Oracle Database 10g release 2 (10.2) JDBC driver is connected to an Oracle Database 10g release 1 (10.1) or earlier database server, then NCHAR literals (n'...') are not converted and any character that is not representable in the database character set gets corrupted.
To specify a value for a parameter marker of national character type, an application calls one of the following methods:

- `setNString`
- `setNCharacterStream`
- `setNClob`
- `setObject`

**Note:** You can use the `setFormOfUse` method to specify a national character value in JDK 1.6. But this practice is discouraged because this method will be deprecated in future release. So, Oracle recommends you to use the methods discussed in this section.

**Tip:** If the `setObject` method is used, then the target data type must be specified as `Types.NCHAR`, `Types.NCLOB`, `Types.NVARCHAR`, or `Types.LONGNVARCHAR`. 
This part consists of chapters that discuss the Oracle Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) features that enhance performance, such as Statement caching, implicit connection caching, run-time connection load balancing, and Oracle Call Interface (OCI) connection pooling. It also includes a chapter that provides information about Oracle performance extensions, such as update batching and row prefetching.

Part V contains the following chapters:

- Chapter 20, "Statement and Result Set Caching"
- Chapter 21, "Implicit Connection Caching"
- Chapter 22, "Run-Time Connection Load Balancing"
- Chapter 23, "Performance Extensions"
- Chapter 24, "OCI Connection Pooling"
- Chapter 25, "Oracle Advanced Queuing"
- Chapter 26, "Database Change Notification"
Statement and Result Set Caching

This chapter describes the benefits and use of Statement caching, an Oracle Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) extension.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- About Statement Caching
- Using Statement Caching
- Reusing Statements Objects
- Result Set Caching

**Note:** In Oracle9i Database 9.2.0 and later Releases, Oracle JDBC provides a new Statement cache interface and implementation, replacing the application programming interface (API) supported in Oracle9i Database release 1 (9.0.1). The previous API is now deprecated.

About Statement Caching

Statement caching improves performance by caching executable statements that are used repeatedly, such as in a loop or in a method that is called repeatedly. Starting from JDBC 3.0, JDBC standards define a statement-caching interface.

Statement caching can do the following:

- Prevent the overhead of repeated cursor creation
- Prevent repeated statement parsing and creation
- Reuse data structures in the client

This section covers the following topics:

- Basics of Statement Caching
- Implicit Statement Caching
- Explicit Statement Caching

**Note:** Oracle strongly recommends you use the implicit Statement cache. Oracle JDBC drivers are designed on the assumption that the implicit Statement cache is enabled. So, not using the Statement cache will have a negative impact on performance.
About Statement Caching

Basics of Statement Caching

Applications use the Statement cache to cache statements associated with a particular physical connection. The cache is associated with an OracleConnection object. OracleConnection includes methods to enable Statement caching. When you enable Statement caching, a statement object is cached when you call the close method.

Because each physical connection has its own cache, multiple caches can exist if you enable Statement caching for multiple physical connections. When you enable Statement caching on a connection cache, the logical connections benefit from the Statement caching that is enabled on the underlying physical connection. If you try to enable Statement caching on a logical connection held by a connection cache, then this will throw an exception.

There are two types of Statement caching: implicit and explicit. Each type of Statement cache can be enabled or disabled independent of the other. You can have either, neither, or both in effect. Both types of Statement caching share a single cache per connection.

Implicit Statement Caching

When you enable implicit Statement caching, JDBC automatically caches the prepared or callable statement when you call the close method of this statement object. The prepared and callable statements are cached and retrieved using standard connection object and statement object methods.

Plain statements are not implicitly cached, because implicit Statement caching uses a SQL string as a key and plain statements are created without a SQL string. Therefore, implicit Statement caching applies only to the OraclePreparedStatement and OracleCallableStatement objects, which are created with a SQL string. You cannot use implicit Statement caching with OracleStatement. When you create an OraclePreparedStatement or OracleCallableStatement, the JDBC driver automatically searches the cache for a matching statement. The match criteria are the following:

- The SQL string in the statement must be identical to one in the cache.
- The statement type must be the same, that is, prepared or callable.
- The scrollable type of result sets produced by the statement must be the same, that is, forward-only or scrollable.

If a match is found during the cache search, then the cached statement is returned. If a match is not found, then a new statement is created and returned. In either case, the statement, along with its cursor and state are cached when you call the close method of the statement object.

When a cached OraclePreparedStatement or OracleCallableStatement object is retrieved, the state and data information are automatically reinitialized and reset to default values, while metadata is saved. Statements are removed from the cache to conform to the maximum size using a Least Recently Used (LRU) algorithm.

Note: The JDBC driver does not clear metadata. However, although metadata is saved for performance reasons, it has no semantic impact. A statement that comes from the implicit cache appears as if it were newly created.
You can prevent a particular statement from being implicitly cached.

**See Also:** "Disabling Implicit Statement Caching for a Particular Statement" on page 20-6

### Explicit Statement Caching

Explicit Statement caching enables you to cache and retrieve selected prepared and callable statements. Explicit Statement caching relies on a key, an arbitrary Java `String` that you provide.

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**Note:** Plain statements cannot be cached.

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Because explicit Statement caching retains statement data and state as well as metadata, it has a performance edge over implicit Statement caching, which retains only metadata. However, you must be cautious when using this type of caching, because explicit Statement caching saves all three types of information for reuse and you may not be aware of what data and state are retained from prior use of the statements.

Implicit and explicit Statement caching can be differentiated on the following points:

- **Retrieving statements**
  
  In the case of implicit Statement caching, you take no special action to retrieve statements from a cache. Instead, whenever you call `prepareStatement` or `prepareCall`, JDBC automatically checks the cache for a matching statement and returns it if found. However, in the case of explicit Statement caching, you use specialized Oracle WithKey methods to cache and retrieve statement objects.

- **Providing key**
  
  Implicit Statement caching uses the SQL string of a prepared or callable statement as the key, requiring no action on your part. In contrast, explicit Statement caching requires you to provide a Java `String`, which it uses as the key.

- **Returning statements**
  
  During implicit Statement caching, if the JDBC driver cannot find a statement in cache, then it will automatically create one. However, during explicit Statement caching, if the JDBC driver cannot find a matching statement in cache, then it will return a `null` value.

Table 20–1 compares the different methods employed in implicit and explicit Statement caching.

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**Using Statement Caching**

This section discusses the following topics:
Enabling and Disabling Statement Caching

When using the OracleConnection API, implicit and explicit Statement caching can be enabled or disabled independent of one another. You can have either, neither, or both in effect.

Enabling Implicit Statement Caching

There are two ways to enable implicit Statement caching. The first method enables Statement caching on a nonpooled physical connection, where you need to explicitly specify the Statement size for every connection, using the setStatementCacheSize method. The second method enables Statement caching on a pooled logical connection. Each connection in the pool has its own Statement cache with the same maximum size that can be specified by setting the MaxStatementsLimit property.

Method 1

Perform the following steps:

- Call the OracleDataSource.setImplicitCachingEnabled(true) method on the connection to set the OracleDataSource property implicitCachingEnabled to true. For example:

  OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
  ...
  ods.setImplicitCachingEnabled(true);
  ...

- Call the OracleConnection.setStatementCacheSize method on the physical connection. The argument you supply is the maximum number of statements in the cache. For example, the following code specifies a cache size of ten statements:

  ((OracleConnection)conn).setStatementCacheSize(10);

Method 2

Perform the following steps:

- Set the OracleDataSource properties implicitCachingEnabled and connectionCachingEnabled to true. For example:

  OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
  ...
  ods.setConnectionCachingEnabled( true );
  ods.setImplicitCachingEnabled( true );
  ...

- Set the MaxStatementsLimit property to a positive integer on the connection cache, when using the connection cache. For example:

  Properties cacheProps = new Properties();
  ...
  cacheProps.put( "MaxStatementsLimit", "50" );
To determine whether implicit caching is enabled, call getImplicitCachingEnabled, which returns true if implicit caching is enabled, false otherwise.

**Note:** Enabling Statement caching enables both implicit and explicit Statement caching.

### Disabling Implicit Statement Caching
Disable implicit Statement caching by calling setImplicitCachingEnabled(false) on the connection or by setting the ImplicitCachingEnabled property to false.

### Enabling Explicit Statement Caching
To enable explicit Statement caching you must first set the Statement cache size. For setting the cache size, call OracleConnection.setStatementCacheSize method on the physical connection. The argument you supply is the maximum number of statements in the cache. An argument of 0 specifies no caching. To check the cache size, use the getStatementCacheSize method in the following way:

```java
System.out.println("Stmt Cache size is "+
        ((OracleConnection)conn).getStatementCacheSize());
```

The following code specifies a cache size of ten statements:

```java
((OracleConnection)conn).setStatementCacheSize(10);
```

Enable explicit Statement caching by calling setExplicitCachingEnabled(true) on the connection.

To determine whether explicit caching is enabled, call getExplicitCachingEnabled, which returns true if explicit caching is enabled, false otherwise.

**Note:**
- You enable implicit and explicit caching for a particular physical connection independently. Therefore, it is possible to do Statement caching both implicitly and explicitly during the same session.
- Implicit and explicit Statement caching share the same cache. Remember this when you set the statement cache size.

### Disabling Explicit Statement Caching
Disable explicit Statement caching by calling setExplicitCachingEnabled(false). Disabling caching or closing the cache purges the cache. The following example disables explicit Statement caching:

```java
((OracleConnection)conn).setExplicitCachingEnabled(false);
```

### Closing a Cached Statement
Perform the following to close a Statement and assure that it is not returned to the cache:
In J2SE 5.0

- Disable caching for that statement
  stmt.setDisableStatementCaching(true);
- Call the close method of the statement object
  stmt.close();

In JSE 6.0

stmt.setPoolable(false);
stmt.close();

Physically Closing a Cached Statement

With implicit Statement caching enabled, you cannot physically close statements manually. The close method of a statement object caches the statement instead of closing it. The statement is physically closed automatically under one of following three conditions:

- When the associated connection is closed
- When the cache reaches its size limit and the least recently used statement object is preempted from cache by the LRU algorithm
- If you call the close method on a statement for which Statement caching is disabled

Using Implicit Statement Caching

Once you enable implicit Statement caching, by default, all prepared and callable statements are automatically cached. Implicit Statement caching includes the following steps:

1. Enable implicit Statement caching.
2. Allocate a statement using one of the standard methods.
3. Disable implicit Statement caching for any particular statement you do not want to cache. This is an optional step.
4. Cache the statement using the close method.
5. Retrieve the implicitly cached statement by calling the appropriate standard prepare method.

Allocating a Statement for Implicit Caching

To allocate a statement for implicit Statement caching, use either the prepareStatement or prepareCall method as you would typically.

The following code allocates a new statement object called pstmt:

PreparedStatement pstmt = conn.prepareStatement
  ("UPDATE emp SET ename = ? WHERE rowid = ?");

Disabling Implicit Statement Caching for a Particular Statement

With implicit Statement caching enabled for a connection, by default, all callable and prepared statements of that connection are automatically cached. To prevent a particular callable or prepared statement from being implicitly cached, use the setDisableStatementCaching method of the statement object. You can manage
cache space by calling the `setDisableStatementCaching` method on any infrequently used statement.

The following code disables implicit Statement caching for `pstmt`:

```java
PreparedStatement pstmt = conn.prepareStatement("SELECT 1 from DUAL");
((OraclePreparedStatement)pstmt).setDisableStmtCaching(true);
pstmt.close();
```

**Note:** If you are using JSE 6, then you can disable Statement caching by using the standard JDBC 4.0 method `setPoolable`:

```java
PreparedStatement.setPoolable(false);
```

Use the following to check whether the `Statement` object is poolable:

```java
Statement.isPoolable();
```

### Implicitly Caching a Statement

To cache an allocated statement, call the `close` method of the statement object. When you call the `close` method on an `OraclePreparedStatement` or `OracleCallableStatement` object, the JDBC driver automatically puts this statement in cache, unless you have disabled caching for this statement.

The following code caches the `pstmt` statement:

```java
pstmt.close();
```

### Retrieving an Implicitly Cached Statement

To retrieve an implicitly cached statement, call either the `prepareStatement` or `prepareCall` method, depending on the statement type.

The following code retrieves `pstmt` from cache using the `prepareStatement` method:

```java
pstmt = conn.prepareStatement("UPDATE emp SET ename = ? WHERE rowid = ?");
```

**Table 20–2** describes the methods used to allocate statements and retrieve implicitly cached statements.

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<td>Performs a cache search that either finds and returns the desired cached <code>OraclePreparedStatement</code> object or allocates a new <code>OraclePreparedStatement</code> object if a match is not found.</td>
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<td><code>prepareCall</code></td>
<td>Performs a cache search that either finds and returns the desired cached <code>OracleCallableStatement</code> object or allocates a new <code>OracleCallableStatement</code> object if a match is not found.</td>
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**Example 20–1** provides a sample code that shows how to enable implicit statement caching.
Example 20–1 Using Implicit Statement Cache

```java
import java.sql.PreparedStatement;
import java.sql.ResultSet;
import java.sql.SQLException;
import java.util.Properties;
import javax.sql.DataSource;
import oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection;
import oracle.jdbc.pool.OracleDataSource;
public class TestJdbc {
    /**
     * Get a Connection, prepare a statement, execute a query, fetch the results,
     * close the connection.
     * @param ods the DataSource used to get the connection.
     */
    private static void doSQL( DataSource ods ) throws SQLException {
        final String SQL = "select username from all_users";
        OracleConnection conn = null;
        PreparedStatement ps = null;
        ResultSet rs = null;
        try {
            conn = (OracleConnection) ods.getConnection();
            System.out.println( "Connection:" + conn );
            System.out.println( "Connection getImplicitCachingEnabled:" + 
                    conn.getImplicitCachingEnabled() );
            System.out.println( "Connection getStatementCacheSize:" + 
                    conn.getStatementCacheSize() );
            ps = conn.prepareStatement( SQL );
            System.out.println( "PreparedStatement:" + ps );
            rs = ps.executeQuery();
            while ( rs.next() ) {
                String owner = rs.getString( 1 );
                System.out.println( owner );
            }
        } finally {
            if ( rs != null ) {
                rs.close();
            }
            if ( ps != null ) {
                ps.close();
                conn.close();
            }
        }
    }
    public static void main( String[] args ) {
        try {
            OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
            ods.setDriverType( "thin" );
            ods.setServerName( "localhost" );
            ods.setPortNumber( 1521 );
            ods.setServiceName( "orcl" );
        }
    }
}
```
Using Statement Caching

```java
ods.setUser( "scott" );
ods.setPassword( "tiger" );
ods.setConnectionCachingEnabled( true );
ods.setImplicitCachingEnabled( true );
Properties cacheProps = new Properties();
cacheProps.put( "InitialLimit", "1" );
cacheProps.put( "MinLimit", "1" );
cacheProps.put( "MaxLimit", "5" );
cacheProps.put( "MaxStatementsLimit", "50" );
ods.setConnectionCacheProperties( cacheProps );
System.out.println( "DataSource getImplicitCachingEnabled: " +
ods.getImplicitCachingEnabled();
for ( int i = 0; i < 5; i++ )
{
    doSQL( ods );
}
}
catch ( Exception ex )
{
    ex.printStackTrace();
}
}
```

Using Explicit Statement Caching

A prepared or callable statement can be explicitly cached when you enable explicit Statement caching. Explicit Statement caching includes the following steps:

1. Enable explicit Statement caching.
2. Allocate a statement using one of the standard methods.
3. Explicitly cache the statement by closing it with a key, using the `closeWithKey` method.
4. Retrieve the explicitly cached statement by calling the appropriate Oracle WithKey method, specifying the appropriate key.
5. Re-cache an open, explicitly cached statement by closing it again with the `closeWithKey` method. Each time a cached statement is closed, it is re-cached with its key.

Allocating a Statement for Explicit Caching

To allocate a statement for explicit Statement caching, use either the `createStatement`, `prepareStatement`, or `prepareCall` method as you would typically.

The following code allocates a new statement object called `pstmt`:

```java
PreparedStatement pstmt =
    conn.prepareStatement ("UPDATE emp SET ename = ? WHERE rowid = ?");
```

Explicitly Caching a Statement

To explicitly cache an allocated statement, call the `closeWithKey` method of the statement object, specifying a key. The key is an arbitrary Java `String` that you provide. The `closeWithKey` method caches a statement as is. This means the data, state, and metadata are retained and not cleared.

The following code caches the `pstmt` statement with the key "mykey":

```java
```
((OraclePreparedStatement)pstmt).closeWithKey ("mykey");

**Retrieving an Explicitly Cached Statement**
To recall an explicitly cached statement, call either the getStatementWithKey or getCallWithKey methods depending on the statement type.

If you retrieve a statement with a specified key, then the JDBC driver searches the cache for the statement, based on the specified key. If a match is found, then the matching statement is returned along with its state, data, and metadata. This information is as it was when the statement was last closed. If a match is not found, then the JDBC driver returns null.

The following code recalls pstmt from cache using the "mykey" key with the getStatementWithKey method. Recall that the pstmt statement object was cached with the "mykey" key.

pstmt = ((OracleConnection)conn).getStatementWithKey ("mykey");

If you call the creationState method on the pstmt statement object, then the method returns EXPLICIT.

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**Important:** When you retrieve an explicitly cached statement, ensure that you use the method that is appropriate for your statement type when specifying the key. For example, if you used the prepareStatement method to allocate a statement, then use the getStatementWithKey method to retrieve that statement from cache. The JDBC driver does not verify the type of statement it is returning.

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Table 20–3 describes the methods used to retrieve explicitly cached statements.

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<td>Specifies the key needed to retrieve a prepared statement from cache</td>
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<td>getCallWithKey</td>
<td>Specifies the key needed to retrieve a callable statement from cache</td>
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**Reusing Statements Objects**

The JDBC 3.0 specification introduces the feature of statement pooling that allows an application to reuse a PreparedStatement object in the same way as it uses a Connection object. The PreparedStatement objects can be reused by multiple logical connections in a transparent manner.

This section covers the following topics:

- Using a Pooled Statement
- Closing a Pooled Statement

**Note:** The Oracle JDBC Drivers use implicit statement caching to support statement pooling.
Reusing Statements Objects

Using a Pooled Statement

An application can find out whether a data source supports statement pooling by calling the isPoolable method from the Statement interface. If the return value is true, then the application knows that the PreparedStatement object is being pooled. The application can also request a statement to be pooled or not pooled by using the setPoolable method from the Statement interface.

Reusing of pooled statement should be completely transparent to the application, that is, the application code should remain the same whether a PreparedStatement object participates in statement pooling or not. If an application closes a PreparedStatement object, it must still call Connection.prepareStatement method in order to reuse it.

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**Note:** An application has no direct control over how statements are pooled. A pool of statements is associated with a PooledConnection object, whose behavior is determined by the properties of the ConnectionPoolDataSource object that produced it.

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Closing a Pooled Statement

An application closes a pooled statement exactly the same way it closes a nonpooled statement. Once a statement is closed, whether is it pooled or nonpooled, it is no longer available for use by the application and an attempt to reuse it causes an exception to be thrown. The only difference visible is that an application cannot directly close a physical statement that is being pooled. This is done by the pool manager. The method PooledConnection.closeAll closes all of the statements open on a given physical connection, which releases the resources associated with those statements.

The following methods can close a pooled statement:

- **close**

  This java.sql.Statement interface method is called by an application. If the statement is being pooled, then it closes the logical statement used by the application but does not close the physical statement being pooled.

- **close**

  This java.sql.Connection interface method is called by an application. This method acts differently depending upon whether the connection using the statement is being pooled or not:

  - **Nonpooled connection**

    This method closes the physical connection and all statements created by that connection. This is necessary because the garbage collection mechanism is unable to detect when externally managed resources can be released.

  - **Pooled connection**

    This method closes the logical connection and the logical statements it returned, but leaves open the underlying PooledConnection object and any associated pooled statements

- **PooledConnection.closeAll**

  This method is called by the connection pool manager to close all of the physical statements being pooled by the PooledConnection object
Result Set Caching

Your applications sometime send repetitive queries to the database. To improve the response time of repetitive queries, results of queries, query fragments, and PL/SQL functions can be cached in memory. A result cache stores the results of queries shared across all sessions. When these queries are executed repeatedly, the results are retrieved directly from the cache memory.

You must annotate a query or query fragment with a result cache hint to indicate that results are to be stored in the query result cache.

The query result set can be cached in the following ways:

- **Server-side Cache**
- **Client Result Cache**

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**Note:**

- The server-side and client result set caches are most useful for read-only or read-mostly data. They may reduce performance for queries with highly dynamic results.
- Both server-side and client result set caches use memory. So, caching very large result sets can cause performance problems.

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**Server-side Cache**

Support for server-side Result Set caching has been introduced for both JDBC Thin and JDBC Oracle Call Interface (OCI) drivers since Oracle Database 11g Release 1 (11.1). The server-side result cache is used to cache the results of the current queries, query fragments, and PL/SQL functions in memory and then to use the cached results in future executions of the query, query fragment, or PL/SQL function. The cached results reside in the result cache memory portion of the SGA. A cached result is automatically invalidated whenever a database object used in its creation is successfully modified. The server-side caching can be of the following two types:

- **SQL Query Result Cache**
- **PL/SQL Function Result Cache**

**See Also:**

- *Oracle Database Performance Tuning Guide* for more information about SQL Query Result Cache
- *Oracle Database PL/SQL Language Reference* for more information about PL/SQL Function Result Cache

**Client Result Cache**

Since Oracle Database 11g Release 1 (11.1), support for client result cache has been introduced for JDBC OCI driver. The client result cache improves performance of applications by caching query result sets in a way that subsequent query executions can access the cached result set without fetching rows from the server. This eliminates many round-trips to the server for cached results and reduces CPU usage on the server. The client cache transparently keeps the result set consistent with any session state or database changes that can affect its cached result sets. This allows significant improvements in response time for frequent client SQL query executions and for fetching rows. The scalability on the server is increased since it expends less CPU time.
See Also:  Client Result Cache on page 6-1
Implicit Connection Caching

Connection caching, generally implemented in the middle tier, is a means of keeping and using the cache of physical database connections.

Note: Starting from Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2), this feature has been deprecated, and replaced with Universal Connection Pool (UCP) for JDBC. Oracle recommends that you take advantage of the new architecture, which is more powerful and offers better performance. Refer to the following link for more information


The implicit connection cache is an improved Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) 3.0-compliant connection cache implementation for DataSource. Java and Java2 Platform, Enterprise Edition (J2EE) applications benefit from transparent access to the cache, support for multiple users, and the ability to request connections based on user-defined profiles.

An application turns the implicit connection cache on by calling setConnectionCachingEnabled(true) on an OracleDataSource. After implicit caching is turned on, the first connection request to the OracleDataSource transparently creates a connection cache. There is no need for application developers to write their own cache implementations.

This chapter is divided into the following sections:

- The Implicit Connection Cache
- Using the Connection Cache
- Connection Attributes
- Connection Cache Properties
- Connection Cache Manager API
- Advanced Topics

Note: The concept of connection caching is not relevant to the server-side internal driver, where you always use the default connection. Connection caching is relevant only to the client-side JDBC drivers and the server-side Thin driver.
The Implicit Connection Cache

The connection caching architecture has been redesigned so that caching is transparently integrated into the data source architecture.

The connection cache uses the concept of physical connections and logical connections. Physical connections are the actual connections returned by the database and logical connections are containers used by the cache to manipulate physical connections. You can think of logical connections as handles. The caches always return logical connections, which implement the same interfaces as physical connections.

The implicit connection cache offers the following:

- Driver independence
  - Both the JDBC Thin and JDBC Oracle Call Interface (OCI) drivers support the implicit connection cache.

- Transparent access to the JDBC connection cache
  - After an application turns implicit caching on, it uses the standard `OracleDataSource` application programming interfaces (APIs) to get connections. With caching enabled, all connection requests are serviced from the connection cache.
  - When an application calls the `OracleConnection.close` method to close the logical connection, the physical connection is returned to the cache.

- Single cache per `OracleDataSource` instance
  - When connection caching is turned on, each cache-enabled `OracleDataSource` has exactly one cache associated with it. All connections obtained through that data source, no matter what user name and password are used, are returned to the cache. When an application requests a connection from the data source, the cache either returns an existing connection or creates a new connection with matching authentication information.

Note: Caches cannot be shared between `DataSource` instances. There is a one-to-one mapping between cache-enabled `DataSource` instances and caches.

- Heterogeneous user names and passwords per cache
  - Unlike the previous cache implementation, all connections obtained through the same data source are stored in a common cache, no matter what user name and password the connection requests.

- Support for JDBC 3.0 connection caching, including support for multiple users and the required cache properties

- Property-based configuration
  - Cache properties define the behavior of the cache. The supported properties set timeouts, the number of connections to be held in the cache, and so on. Using these properties, applications can reclaim and reuse abandoned connections. The implicit connection cache supports all the JDBC 3.0 connection cache properties.

- `OracleConnectionCacheManager`
  - The new `OracleConnectionCacheManager` class provides a rich set of administrative APIs that applications can use to manage the connection cache. Each virtual machine has one distinguished instance of
OracleConnectionCacheManager. Applications manage a cache through the single OracleConnectionCacheManager instance.

- User-defined connection attributes
  The implicit connection cache supports user-defined connection attributes that can be used to determine which connections are retrieved from the cache. Connection attributes can be thought of as labels whose semantics are defined by the application, not by the caching mechanism.

- Callback mechanism
  The implicit connection cache provides a mechanism for users to define cache behavior when a connection is returned to the cache, when handling abandoned connections, and when a connection is requested but none is available in the cache.

- Connect-time load balancing
  Implicit connection caching provides connect-time load balancing when a connection is first created by the application. The database listener distributes connection creation across Oracle Real Application Clusters instances that would perform the best at the time of connection creation.

  **See Also:** Oracle Real Application Clusters Administration and Deployment Guide

- Run-time connection load balancing
  Run-time connection load balancing of work requests uses Service Metrics to route work requests to an Oracle Real Application Clusters instance that offers the best performance. Selecting a connection from the cache based on service, to execute a work request, greatly increases the throughput and scalability.

  **See Also:** Chapter 22, "Run-Time Connection Load Balancing" and Oracle Real Application Clusters Administration and Deployment Guide

### Using the Connection Cache

This section discusses how applications use the implicit connection cache. It covers the following topics:

- Turning Caching On
- Opening a Connection
- Setting Connection Cache Name
- Setting Connection Cache Properties
- Closing a Connection
- Implicit Connection Cache Example

### Turning Caching On

An application turns the implicit connection cache on by calling
OracleDataSource.setConnectionCachingEnabled(true). After implicit caching is turned on, the first connection request to the OracleDataSource class transparently creates a connection cache.

Example 21–1 provides a sample code that uses the implicit connection cache.
Example 21–1 Using the Implicit Connection Cache

```java
// Example to show binding of OracleDataSource to JNDI, 
// then using implicit connection cache

import oracle.jdbc.pool.*; // import the pool package

Context ctx = new InitialContext(ht);
OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();

// Set DataSource properties
ods.setUser("Scott");
ods.setConnectionCachingEnabled(true); // Turns on caching
ctx.bind("MyDS", ods);
// ...
// Retrieve DataSource from the InitialContext
ods = (OracleDataSource) ctx. lookup("MyDS");

// Transparently create cache and retrieve connection
conn = ods.getConnection();
// ...
conn.close(); // return connection to the cache
// ...
ods.close(); // close datasource and clean up the cache
```

Opening a Connection

After you have turned connection caching on, whenever you retrieve a connection through the `OracleDataSource.getConnection` method, the JDBC drivers check to see if a connection is available in the cache.

The `getConnection` method checks if there are any free physical connections in the cache that match the specified criteria. If a match is found, then a logical connection is returned, wrapping the physical connection. If no physical connection match is found, then a new physical connection is created, wrapped in a logical connection, and returned.

There are four variations on `getConnection`, two that make no reference to the connection cache and two that specify which sort of connections the cache may return. The non-cache-specific `getConnection` methods behave in the standard manner.

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**Note:** When implicit connection cache is enabled, the connection returned by `OracleDataSource.getConnection` may not have the state reset. You must, therefore, reset all the connection states, such as auto-commit, batch size, prefetch size, transaction status, and transaction isolation, before putting the connection back into the cache.

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Setting Connection Cache Name

The `ConnectionCacheName` property of `OracleDataSource` is an optional property used by the Connection Cache Manager to manage a connection cache. You can set this property by calling the following method:

```java
public void synchronized setConnectionCacheName(String cacheName) throws SQLException
```
When this property is set, the name is used to uniquely identify the cache accessed by the cache-enabled OracleDataSource. If the property is not set, then a default cache name is created using the convention

**DataSourceName#HexRepresentationOfNumberOfCaches.**

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**Note:** The `getConnectionCacheName()` method will return the name of the connection cache only if the `setConnectionCacheName` method is called after the `setConnectionCachingEnabled` method is called.

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**Setting Connection Cache Properties**

You can fine-tune the behavior of the implicit connection cache using the `setConnectionCacheProperties` method to set various connection properties.

### See Also:

"Connection Cache Properties" on page 21-8

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**Note:**

- Before setting the cache-specific properties, you must enable caching on the data source; otherwise the `setConnectionCacheProperties` method will have no effect.
- Although these properties govern the behavior of the connection cache, they are set on the data source, and not on the connection or on the cache itself.

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**Closing a Connection**

An application returns a connection to the cache by calling the `close` method. There are two variants of the `close` method: one with no arguments and one that takes a `Connection` object as argument.

### Note:

- Applications must close connections to ensure that the connections are returned to the cache.
- When implicit connection cache is enabled, you must reset all the connection states, such as auto-commit, batch size, prefetch size, transaction status, and transaction isolation, before putting the connection back into the cache. This ensures that any subsequent connection retrieved from the cache will have its state reset.

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**Implicit Connection Cache Example**

Example 21–2 demonstrates creating a data source, setting its caching and data source properties, retrieving a connection, and closing that connection in order to return it to the cache.

**Example 21–2  Connection Cache Example**

```java
import java.sql.*;
import javax.sql.*;
import java.util.*;
```
Connection Attributes

Each connection obtained from a data source can have user-defined attributes. Attributes are specified by the application developer and are java.lang.Properties name and value pairs.

An application can use connection attributes to supply additional semantics to identify connections. For instance, an application may create an attribute named connection_type and then assign it the value payroll or inventory.

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**Note:** The semantics of connection attributes are entirely application-defined. The connection cache itself enforces no restrictions on the key or value of connection attributes.

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The methods that get and set connection attributes are found on the OracleConnection interface. This section covers the following topics:

- Getting Connections
- Setting Connection Attributes
- Checking Attributes of a Returned Connection
- Connection Attribute Example
Getting Connections

The first connection you retrieve has no attributes. You must set them. After you have set attributes on a connection, you can request the connection by specifying its attribute, using the specialized forms of the getConnection method:

- `getConnection(java.util.Properties cachedConnectionAttributes)`
  Requests a database connection that matches the specified `cachedConnectionAttributes`.

  **See Also:** For a discussion on connection attributes, see “Other Properties” on page 21-11.

- `getConnection(java.lang.String user, java.lang.String password, java.util.Properties cachedConnectionAttributes)`
  Requests a database connection from the implicit connection cache that matches the specified `user`, `password` and `cachedConnectionAttributes`. If null values are passed for `user` and `password`, the DataSource defaults are used.

Attribute Matching Rules

The rules for matching `connectionAttributes` come in two variations:

- **Basic**
  In this variation, the cache is searched to retrieve the connection that matches the attributes. The connection search mechanism as follows:

  1. If an exact match is found, the connection is returned to the caller.
  2. If an exact match is not found and the `ClosestConnectionMatch` data source property is set, then the connection with the closest match is returned. The closest matched connection is one that has the highest number of the original attributes matched. Note that the closest matched connection may match a subset of the original attributes, but does not have any attributes that are not part of the original list. For example, if the original list of attributes is A, B and C, then a closest match may have A and B set, but never a D.
  3. If none of the existing connections matches, a new connection is returned. The new connection is created using the user name and password set on the `DataSource`. If `getConnection(String, String, java.util.Properties)` is called, then the user name and password passed as arguments are used to open the new connection.

- **Advanced**
  In this variation, the attributes may be associated with weights. The connection search mechanism is similar to the basic `connectionAttributes` based search, except that the connections are searched not only based on the `connectionAttributes`, but also using a set of weights that are associated with the keys on the `connectionAttributes`. These weights are assigned to the keys as a one-time operation and is supported as a connection cache property, `AttributeWeights`.

Setting Connection Attributes

An application sets connection attributes using the following:

`applyConnectionAttributes(java.util.Properties connAttr)`
No validation is done on connAttr. Applying connection attributes is cumulative. Each time you call applyConnectionAttributes, the connAttr attribute you supply is added to those previously in force.

Checking Attributes of a Returned Connection

When an application requests a connection with specified attributes, it is possible that no match will be found in the connection cache. When this happens, the connection cache creates a connection with no attributes and returns it. The connection cache cannot create a connection with the requested attributes, because the Connection Cache manager is ignorant of the semantics of the attributes.

Note: If the closestConnectionMatch property has been set, then the cache manager looks for close attribute matches rather than exact matches.

For this reason, applications should always check the attributes of a returned connection. To do this, use the getUnMatchedConnectionAttributes method, which returns a list of any attributes that were not matched in retrieving the connection. If the return value of this method is null, you know that you must set all the connection attributes.

Connection Attribute Example

Example 21–3 illustrates using connection attributes.

Example 21–3 Using Connection Attributes

```java
java.util.Properties connAttr = new java.util.Properties();
connAttr.setProperty("connection_type", "payroll");

// retrieve connection that matches attributes
Connection conn = ds.getConnection(connAttr);
// Check to see which attributes weren't matched
unmatchedProp = ((OracleConnection)conn).getUnMatchedConnectionAttributes();
if (unmatchedProp != null)
{
    // apply attributes to the connection
    ((OracleConnection)conn).applyConnectionAttributes(connAttr);
}
// verify whether conn contains property after apply attributes
connProp = ((OracleConnection)conn).getConnectionAttributes();
listProperties (connProp);
```

Connection Cache Properties

The connection cache properties govern the characteristics of a connection cache. This section lists the supported connection cache properties. It covers the following topics:

- Limit Properties
- TIMEOUT Properties
- Other Properties
- Connection Property Example
Applications set cache properties in one of the following ways:

- Using the `OracleDataSource` method `setConnectionCacheProperties`
- When creating a cache using `OracleConnectionCacheManager`
- When reinitializing a cache using `OracleConnectionCacheManager`

**Limit Properties**

These properties control the size of the cache.

**InitialLimit**

Sets how many connections are created in the cache when it is created or reinitialized. When this property is set to an integer value greater than 0, creating or reinitializing the cache automatically creates the specified number of connections, filling the cache in advance of need.

Default: 0

**MaxLimit**

Sets the maximum number of connection instances the cache can hold. The default value is `Integer.MAX_VALUE`, meaning that there is no limit enforced by the connection cache, so that the number of connections is limited only by the number of database sessions configured for the database.

Default: `Integer.MAX_VALUE` (no limit)

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**Note:** If the number of concurrent connections exceeds the maximum number of sessions configured at the database server, then you will get `ORA-00018` error. To avoid this error, you must set a value for the `MaxLimit` property. This value should be less than the value of the `SESSIONS` parameter configured for the database.

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**MaxStatementsLimit**

Sets the maximum number of statements that a connection keeps open. When a cache has this property set, reinitializing the cache or closing the data source automatically closes all cursors beyond the specified `MaxStatementsLimit`.

Default: 0

**MinLimit**

Sets the minimum number of connections the cache maintains.

Default: 0
Note:

- Setting the `MinLimit` property does not initialize the cache to contain the minimum number of connections. To do this, use the `InitialLimit` property.
- When `InitialLimit` is greater than `MinLimit`, it is possible to have any number of connections specified by `InitialLimit` up to a value specified by `MaxLimit`. Therefore, `InitialLimit` does not depend on `MinLimit`.
- Connections can fall below the minimum limit set on the connection pool when JDBC Fast Connection Failover DOWN events are processed. The processing removes affected connections from the pool. `MinLimit` will be honored as requests to the connection pool increase and the number of connections get past the `MinLimit` value.

**TIMEOUT Properties**

These properties control the lifetime of an element in the cache.

**InactivityTimeout**

Sets the maximum time a physical connection can remain idle in a connection cache. An idle connection is one that is not active and does not have a logical handle associated with it. When `InactivityTimeout` expires, the underlying physical connection is closed. However, the size of the cache is not allowed to shrink below `minLimit`, if it has been set.

Default: 0 (no timeout in effect)

**TimeToLiveTimeout**

Sets the maximum time in seconds that a logical connection can remain open. When `TimeToLiveTimeout` expires, the logical connection is unconditionally closed, the relevant statement handles are canceled, and the underlying physical connection is returned to the cache for reuse.

Default: 0 (no timeout in effect)

See Also:  "Use Cases for TimeToLiveTimeout and AbandonedConnectionTimeout" on page 21-15

**AbandonedConnectionTimeout**

Sets the maximum time that a connection can remain unused before the connection is closed and returned to the cache. A connection is considered unused if it has not had SQL database activity.

When `AbandonedConnectionTimeout` is set, JDBC monitors SQL database activity on each logical connection. For example, when `stmt.execute` is called on the connection, a heartbeat is registered to convey that this connection is active. The heartbeats are set at each database execution. If a connection has been inactive for the specified amount of time, the underlying connection is reclaimed and returned to the cache for reuse.

Default: 0 (no timeout in effect)
PropertyCheckInterval
Sets the time interval at which the Connection Cache Manager inspects and enforces all specified cache properties. `PropertyCheckInterval` is set in seconds.
Default: 900 seconds

See Also: "Oracle Database Net Services Administrator’s Guide"

Other Properties

These properties control miscellaneous cache behavior.

AttributeWeights
`AttributeWeights` sets the weight for each attribute set on the connection.

See Also: "AttributeWeights" on page 21-13

ClosestConnectionMatch
`ClosestConnectionMatch` causes the connection cache to retrieve the connection with the closest approximation to the specified connection attributes.

See Also: "ClosestConnectionMatch" on page 21-13

ConnectionWaitTimeout
Specifies cache behavior when a connection is requested and there are already `MaxLimit` connections active. If `ConnectionWaitTimeout` is equal to zero, then each connection request waits for zero seconds, that is, `null` connection is returned immediately. If `ConnectionWaitTimeout` is greater than zero, then each connection request waits for the specified number of seconds or until a connection is returned to the cache. If no connection is returned to the cache before the timeout elapses, then the connection request returns `null`.
Default: zero

LowerThresholdLimit
Sets the lower threshold limit on the cache. The default is 20 percent of the `MaxLimit` on the connection cache. This property is used whenever a `releaseConnection()` cache callback method is registered.

ValidateConnection
Setting `ValidateConnection` to `true` causes the connection cache to test every connection it retrieves against the underlying database. If a valid connection cannot be retrieved, then an exception is thrown.
Default: `false`
Note: In Oracle Database 11g Release 1 (11.1) and later versions, there is a change in connection cache behavior. If both the ValidateConnection property and the Database CONNECT_TIMEOUT resource limit are enabled, then the connection cache may return a connection that exceeds the value set for the CONNECT_TIMEOUT limit, without throwing an exception. An exception is instead thrown at the next statement execution on this connection.

Oracle recommends not setting the CONNECT_TIMEOUT limit while enabling the ValidateConnection property.

Connection Property Example

Example 21–4 demonstrates how an application uses connection properties.

Example 21–4 Using Connection Properties

```java
import java.sql.*;
import javax.sql.*;
import java.util.*;
import javax.naming.*;
import javax.naming.spi.*;
import oracle.jdbc.*;
import oracle.jdbc.pool.*;
...
OracleDataSource ds = (OracleDataSource) ctx.lookup("...");
java.util.Properties prop = new java.util.Properties();
prop.setProperty("MinLimit", "5"); // the cache size is 5 at least
prop.setProperty("MaxLimit", "25");
prop.setProperty("InitialLimit", "3"); // create 3 connections at startup
prop.setProperty("InactivityTimeout", "1800"); // seconds
prop.setProperty("AbandonedConnectionTimeout", "900"); // seconds
prop.setProperty("MaxStatementsLimit", "10");
prop.setProperty("PropertyCheckInterval", "60"); // seconds

ds.setConnectionCacheProperties(prop); // set properties
Connection conn = ds.getConnection();
conn.dosomework();
java.util.Properties propList=ds.getConnectionCacheProperties(); // retrieve
```

Connection Cache Manager API

OracleConnectionCacheManager provides administrative APIs that the middle tier can use to manage available connection caches. This section provides an example of using the Connection Cache Manager.

Example of ConnectionCacheManager Use

Example 21–5 demonstrates the OracleConnectionCacheManager interface.

Example 21–5 Connection Cache Manager Example

```java
import java.sql.*;
import javax.sql.*;
import java.util.*;
import javax.naming.*;
import javax.naming.spi.*;
```
import oracle.jdbc.*;
import oracle.jdbc.pool.*;
...

// Get singleton ConnectionCacheManager instance
OracleConnectionCacheManager ocm =
OracleConnectionCacheManager.getConnectionCacheManagerInstance();
String cacheName = "foo";  // Look for a specific cache
// Use Cache Manager to check # of available connections
// and active connections
System.out.println(occm.getNumberOfAvailableConnections(cacheName) + " connections are available in cache " + cacheName);
System.out.println(occm.getNumberOfActiveConnections(cacheName) + " connections are active");
// Refresh all connections in cache
occm.refreshCache(cacheName, OracleConnectionCacheManager.REFRESH_ALL_CONNECTIONS);
// Reinitialize cache, closing all connections
java.util.Properties newProp = new java.util.Properties();
newProp.setProperty("MaxLimit", "50");
occm.reinitializeCache(cacheName, newProp);

Advanced Topics

This section discusses cache functionality that is useful for advanced users, but is not essential to understanding or using the implicit connection cache. This section covers the following topics:

- Attribute Weights and Connection Matching
- Connection Cache Callbacks

Attribute Weights and Connection Matching

There are two connection cache properties that enable the developer to specify which connections in the connection cache are accepted in response to a `getConnection` request. When you set the `ClosestConnectionMatch` property to `true`, you are telling the Connection Cache Manager to return connections that match only some of the attributes you have specified.

If you do not specify `attributeWeights`, then the Connection Cache Manager returns the connection that matches the highest number of attributes. If you specify `attributeWeights`, then you can control the priority the manager uses in matching attributes.

**ClosestConnectionMatch**

Setting `ClosestConnectionMatch` to `true` causes the connection cache to retrieve the connection with the closest approximation to the specified connection attributes. This can be used in combination with `AttributeWeights` to specify what is considered a closest match.

Default: `false`

**AttributeWeights**

Sets the weights for each `connectionAttribute`. This property is used when `ClosestConnectionMatch` is set to `true` to determine which attributes are given...
highest priority when searching for matches. An attribute with a high weight is given more importance in determining a match than an attribute with a low weight.

AttributeWeights contains a set of Strings representing key-value pairs. Each key/value pair sets the weights for each connectionAttribute for which the user intends to request a connection. Each String is in the format written by the java.util.Properties.Store(OutputStream, String) method, and thus can be read by the java.util.Properties.load(InputStream) method. The Key is a connectionAttribute and the Value is the weight. A weight must be an integer value greater than 0. The default weight is 1.

For example, TRANSACTION_ISOLATION could be assigned a weight of 10 and ROLE a weight of 5. If ClosestConnectionMatch is set to true, when a connectionAttribute based connection request is made on the cache, connections with a matching TRANSACTION_ISOLATION will be favored over connections with a matching ROLE.

Default: No AttributeWeights

Connection Cache Callbacks

The implicit connection cache offers a way for the application to specify callbacks to be called by the connection cache. Callback methods are supported with the OracleConnectionCacheCallback interface. This callback mechanism is useful to take advantage of the special knowledge of the application about particular connections, supplementing the default behavior when handling abandoned connections or when the cache is empty.

OracleConnectionCacheCallback is an interface that must be implemented by the user and registered with OracleConnection. The registration API is as follows:

```
public void registerConnectionCacheCallback(
    OracleConnectionCacheCallback cbk, Object usrObj, int cbkflag);
```

In this interface, cbk is the user implementation of the OracleConnectionCacheCallback interface. The usrObj parameter contains any parameters that the user wants supplied. This user object is passed back, unmodified, when the callback method is called. The cbkflag parameter specifies which callback method should be called. It must be one of the following values:

- OracleConnection.ABANDONED_CONNECTION_CALLBACK
- OracleConnection.RELEASE_CONNECTION_CALLBACK
- OracleConnection.ALL_CALLBACKS

When ALL_CALLBACKS is set, all the connection cache callback methods are called. For example,

```
// register callback, to invoke all callback methods
((OracleConnection)conn).registerConnectionCacheCallback(
    new UserConnectionCacheCallback(),
    new SomeUserObject(),
    OracleConnection.ALL_CALLBACKS);
```

An application can register a ConnectionCacheCallback on an OracleConnection. When a callback is registered, the connection cache calls the handleAbandonedConnection method of the callback before reclaiming the connection. If the callback returns true, then the connection is reclaimed. If the callback returns false, then the connection remains active.
The `UserConnectionCacheCallback` interface supports two callback methods to be implemented by the user, `releaseConnection` and `handleAbandonedConnection`.

**Use Cases for `TimeToLiveTimeout` and `AbandonedConnectionTimeout`**

The following are the use cases for the `TimeToLiveTimeout` and `AbandonedConnectionTimeout` timeout mechanisms when used with implicit connection cache. Note that these timeout mechanisms are applicable to the logical connection when it is retrieved from the connection cache.

- The application considers the connections completely stateless.
  
  When the connections are stateless, either of the timeout mechanisms can be used. The connections for which the timeout expires are put back into the connection cache for reuse. These connections are valid for reuse because there is no session state associated with them.

- The application maintains state on each connection, but has a cleanup routine that can render the connections stateless when they are returned to the connection cache.
  
  In this case, `TimeToLiveTimeout` cannot be used. There is no way for the connection cache to ensure that a connection returned to the cache is in a reusable condition.

  However, `AbandonedConnectionTimeout` can be used in this scenario, only if `OracleConnectionCacheCallback` is registered on the connection. The `handleAbandonedConnection` callback method is implemented by the application and ensures that the necessary cleanup is done. The connection is closed when the timeout processing invokes this callback method. The closing of this connection by the callback method causes the connection to be put back into the connection cache in a state where it is reusable.

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**Note:** Do not close the connection after calling `handleAbandonedConnection` method because the connection could be in an invalid state. JDBC internally knows how to reclaim a connection even when it is in an invalid state.

**See Also:** ["Connection Cache Callbacks"](page 21-14)

- The application maintains state on each connection, but has no control over the connection and, therefore, cannot ensure cleaning up of state for reuse of connections by other applications or users.

  The use of either of the timeout mechanisms is not recommended.
Oracle Database 11g provides the run-time connection load balancing feature. This chapter contains the following sections:

- Overview of Run-Time Connection Load Balancing
- Enabling Run-Time Connection Load Balancing

**Note:** Starting from Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2), this feature has been deprecated, and replaced with Universal Connection Pool (UCP) for JDBC. Oracle recommends that you take advantage of the new architecture, which is more powerful and offers better performance. Refer to the following link for more information:


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**Overview of Run-Time Connection Load Balancing**

In an Oracle Real Application Clusters environment, a connection could belong to any instance that provides the relevant service. In the best case, all instances perform equally well and randomly retrieving a connection from the cache is appropriate. However, when one instance performs better than others, random selection of a connection is inefficient. The run-time connection load balancing feature enables routing of work requests to an instance that offers the best performance, minimizing the need to relocate work.

Figure 22–1 illustrates run-time connection load balancing. When run-time connection load balancing is enabled on the implicit connection cache, the following steps occur:

1. A client requests a connection from the connection cache by calling the `getConnection` method on the `DataSource` object.
2. The run-time connection load balancing mechanism selects the connection that belongs to the best instance from the connection cache. In Figure 22–1, this could be either Instance1 or Instance2.
3. The client receives the connection that would process the work request with the best response time.
Connection retrieval based on the load balancing advisory is automatic. A request for a connection is serviced by selecting a connection based on the service goal as determined by the Load Balancing Advisory. The service goal determines whether the connection provides best service quality, that is, how efficiently a single transaction completes, or best throughput, that is, how efficiently an entire job or long-running query completes. The advisory is used by the connection cache as long as the events are posted by Oracle Real Application Clusters. When the events stop arriving, the connection cache reverts to random retrieval of connections from the cache.

Run-time connection load balancing relies on the Oracle Notification Service (ONS) infrastructure. It uses the same out-of-band ONS event mechanism that is used for Fast Connection Failover processing. As a result, run-time connection load balancing is enabled by default when Fast Connection Failover is enabled. There is no additional setup or configuration of ONS required to benefit from run-time connection load balancing.

See Also: "Using Fast Connection Failover" on page 27-2

Enabling Run-Time Connection Load Balancing

To enable and use run-time connection load balancing, you must configure the Oracle Real Application Clusters database in the following manner:

- The service goal must be set to one of the following:
  - DBMS_SERVICE.SERVICE_TIME
  - DBMS_SERVICE.THROUGHPUT
- The connection balancing goal must be set to SHORT.

These goals must be set when calling dbms_service.create_service or dbms_service.modify_service. The service goal can be set using the goal parameter, and the connection balancing goal can be set using the clb_goal parameter.
**Note:** You can set the connection balancing goal to LONG. However, this is mostly useful for closed workloads, that is, when the rate of completing work is equal to the rate of starting new work.

**See Also:** *Oracle Real Application Clusters Administration and Deployment Guide*
This chapter describes the Oracle performance extensions to the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) standard.

This chapter covers the following topics:

- Update Batching
- Additional Oracle Performance Extensions

Update Batching

You can reduce the number of round-trips to the database, thereby improving application performance, by grouping multiple UPDATE, DELETE, or INSERT statements into a single batch and having the whole batch sent to the database and processed in one trip. This is referred to as update batching.

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**Note:** The JDBC 2.0 specification refers to update batching as batch updates.
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This is especially useful with prepared statements, when you are repeating the same statement with different bind variables.

Oracle JDBC supports two distinct models for update batching:

- The standard model, implementing the JDBC 2.0 specification, which is referred to as standard update batching
- The Oracle-specific model, independent of the JDBC 2.0 specification, which is referred to as Oracle update batching

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**Note:** It is important to be aware that you cannot mix these models. In any single application, you can use one model or the other, but not both. Oracle JDBC driver will throw exceptions when you mix these.
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This section covers the following topics:

- Overview of Update Batching Models
- Oracle Update Batching
- Standard Update Batching
- Premature Batch Flush
Overview of Update Batching Models

This section compares and contrasts the general models and types of statements supported for standard update batching and Oracle update batching.

Oracle Model Versus Standard Model

Oracle update batching uses a batch value that typically results in implicit processing of a batch. The batch value is the number of operations you want to add to a batch for each trip to the database. As soon as that many operations have been added to the batch, the batch is processed. Note the following:

- You can set a default batch for the connection object, which applies to any prepared statement run in that connection.
- For any individual prepared statement object, you can set a statement batch value that overrides the connection batch value.
- You can choose to explicitly process a batch at any time, overriding both the connection batch value and the statement batch value.

Standard update batching is a manual, explicit model. There is no batch value. You manually add operations to the batch, and then, explicitly choose when to process the batch.

Note:

- Oracle recommends that you use JDBC standard features when possible. This recommendation applies to update batching as well. Oracle update batching is retained primarily for backwards compatibility.
- For both standard update batching and Oracle update batching, Oracle recommends you to keep the batch sizes in the general range of 50 to 100. This is because though the drivers support larger batches, they in turn result in a large memory footprint with no corresponding increase in performance. Very large batches usually result in a decline in performance compared to smaller batches.

Types of Statements Supported

As implemented by Oracle, update batching is intended for use with prepared statements, when you are repeating the same statement with different bind variables. Be aware of the following:

- Oracle update batching supports only prepared statement objects. For a callable statement, both the connection default batch value and the statement batch value are overridden with a value of 1. In an Oracle generic statement, there is no statement batch value, and the connection default batch value is overridden with a value of 1.
- To adhere to the JDBC 2.0 standard, Oracle implementation of standard update batching supports callable statements, without OUT parameters, and generic statements, as well as prepared statements. You can migrate standard update batching into an Oracle JDBC application without difficulty.
- You can batch only UPDATE, INSERT, or DELETE operations. Processing a batch that includes an operation that attempts to return a result set will cause an exception.
Oracle Update Batching

The Oracle update batching feature associates a batch value with each prepared statement object. With Oracle update batching, instead of the JDBC driver running a prepared statement each time the `executeUpdate` method is called, the driver adds the statement to a batch of accumulated processing requests. The driver will pass all the operations to the database for processing once the batch value is reached. For example, if the batch value is 10, then each batch of 10 operations will be sent to the database and processed in one trip.

A method in the `OracleConnection` class enables you to set a default batch value for the Oracle connection as a whole, and this batch value applies to any Oracle prepared statement in the connection. For any particular Oracle prepared statement, a method in the `OraclePreparedStatement` class enables you to set a statement batch value that overrides the connection batch value. You can also override both batch values by choosing to manually process the pending batch.

**Note:**

- Do not mix standard update batching with Oracle update batching in the same application. The JDBC driver will throw an exception when you mix these.
- Disable auto-commit mode if you use either update batching model. In case an error occurs while you are processing a batch, this provides you the option of committing or rolling back the operations that ran successfully prior to the error.

Oracle Update Batching Characteristics and Limitations

Note the following limitations and implementation details regarding Oracle update batching:

- By default, there is no statement batch value and the connection batch value is 1.
- Batch values between 5 and 30 tend to be the most effective. Setting a very high value might even have a negative effect. It is worth trying different values to verify the effectiveness for your particular application.
- Regardless of the batch value in effect, if any of the bind variables of an Oracle prepared statement is a stream type, then Oracle JDBC driver sets the batch value to 1 and sends any queued requests to the database for processing.
- Oracle JDBC driver automatically runs the `sendBatch` method of an Oracle prepared statement in any of the following circumstances:
  - The connection receives a `COMMIT` request, either as a result of calling the `commit` method or as a result of auto-commit mode.
  - The statement receives a `close` request.
  - The connection receives a `close` request.
The connection batch value will apply to statement objects created after this batch value was set.

Note that instead of calling the setDefaultExecuteBatch method, you can set the defaultBatchValue Java property if you use a Java Properties object in establishing the connection.

Setting the Statement Batch Value

Use the following steps to set the statement batch value for a particular Oracle prepared statement. This will override any connection batch value set using the setDefaultExecuteBatch method of the OracleConnection instance for the connection in which the statement is processed.

1. Write your prepared statement, and specify input values for the first row, as follows:

```java
PreparedStatement ps = conn.prepareStatement
  ("INSERT INTO dept VALUES (?,?,?)");
ps.setInt (1,12);
ps.setString (2,"Oracle");
ps.setString (3,"USA");
```

2. Cast your prepared statement to OraclePreparedStatement, and apply the setExecuteBatch method. In this example, the batch size of the statement is set to 2.

```java
((OraclePreparedStatement)ps).setExecuteBatch(2);
```

If you wish, insert the getExecuteBatch method at any point in the program to check the default batch value for the statement, as follows:

```java
System.out.println (" Statement Execute Batch Value = 
  ((OraclePreparedStatement)ps).getExecuteBatch());
```
3. If you send an execute-update call to the database at this point, then no data will
be sent to the database, and the call will return 0.

```java
// No data is sent to the database by this call to executeUpdate
System.out.println("Number of rows updated so far: "+ps.executeUpdate());
```

4. If you enter a set of input values for a second row and an execute-update, then the
number of batch calls to executeUpdate will be equal to the batch value of 2.
The data will be sent to the database, and both rows will be inserted in a single
round-trip.

```java
ps.setInt(1, 11);
ps.setString(2, "Applications");
ps.setString(3, "Indonesia");

int rows = ps.executeUpdate();
System.out.println("Number of rows updated now: "+rows);
```

### Checking the Batch Value

To check the overall connection batch value of an Oracle connection instance, use the
OracleConnection class `getDefaultExecuteBatch` method:

```java
Integer batch_val = ((OracleConnection)conn).getDefaultExecuteBatch();
```

To check the particular statement batch value of an Oracle prepared statement, use the
OraclePreparedStatement class `getExecuteBatch` method:

```java
Integer batch_val = ((OraclePreparedStatement)ps).getExecuteBatch();
```

**Note:** If no statement batch value has been set, then
`getExecuteBatch` will return the connection batch value.

### Overriding the Batch Value

If you want to process accumulated operations before the batch value in effect is
reached, then use the `sendBatch` method of the OraclePreparedStatement object.

For this example, presume you set the connection batch value to 20. This sets the
default batch value for all prepared statement objects associated with the connection to
20. You can accomplish this by casting your connection to OracleConnection and
applying the `setDefaultExecuteBatch` method for the connection, as follows:

```java
((OracleConnection)conn).setDefaultExecuteBatch (20);
```

Override the batch value as follows:

1. Write your prepared statement, specify input values for the first row, and then
process the statement, as follows:

```java
PreparedStatement ps =
    conn.prepareStatement("insert into dept values (?, ?, ?)");

ps.setInt (1, 32);
ps.setString (2, "Oracle");
```
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ps.setString (3, "USA");

System.out.println (ps.executeUpdate ());

The batch is not processed at this point. The ps.executeUpdate method returns 0.

2. If you enter a set of input values for a second operation and call executeUpdate again, then the data will still not be sent to the database, because the batch value in effect for the statement is the connection batch value, which is 20.

ps.setInt (1, 33);
ps.setString (2, "Applications");
ps.setString (3, "Indonesia");

// this batch is still not executed at this point
int rows = ps.executeUpdate ();

System.out.println ("Number of rows updated before calling sendBatch: " + rows);

Note that the value of rows in the println statement is 0.

3. If you apply the sendBatch method at this point, then the two previously batched operations will be sent to the database in a single round-trip. The sendBatch method also returns the total number of updated rows. This property of sendBatch is used by println to print the number of updated rows.

// Execution of both previously batched executes will happen
// at this point. The number of rows updated will be
// returned by sendBatch.
rows = ((OraclePreparedStatement)ps).sendBatch ();

System.out.println ("Number of rows updated by calling sendBatch: " + rows);

ps.close ();

Committing the Changes in Oracle Batching
After you process the batch, you must still commit the changes, presuming auto-commit is disabled as recommended.

Calling commit on the connection object in Oracle batching not only commits operations in batches that have been processed, but also issues an implicit sendBatch call to process all pending batches. So commit effectively commits changes for all operations that have been added to a batch.

Update Counts in Oracle Batching
In a nonbatching situation, the executeUpdate method of an OraclePreparedStatement object will return the number of database rows affected by the operation.

In an Oracle batching situation, this method returns the number of rows affected at the time the method is invoked, as follows:

- If an executeUpdate call results in the operation being added to the batch, then the method returns a value of 0, because nothing was written to the database yet.
If an `executeUpdate` call results in the batch value being reached and the batch being processed, then the method will return the total number of rows affected by all operations in the batch.

Similarly, the `sendBatch` method of an `OraclePreparedStatement` object returns the total number of rows affected by all operations in the batch.

**Example 23–1** illustrates the use of Oracle update batching.

**Example 23–1  Oracle Update Batching**

The following example illustrates how you use the Oracle update batching feature. It assumes you have imported the `oracle.driver.*` interfaces.

```java
...
OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
ods.setURL("jdbc:oracle:oci");
ods.setUser("scott");
ods.setPassword("tiger");

Connection conn = ods.getConnection();
conn.setAutoCommit(false);

PreparedStatement ps =
    conn.prepareStatement("insert into dept values (?, ?, ?)");

//Change batch size for this statement to 3
((OraclePreparedStatement)ps).setExecuteBatch (3);

ps.setInt(1, 23);
ps.setString(2, 'Sales');
ps.setString(3, 'USA');
ps.executeUpdate(); //JDBC queues this for later execution

ps.setInt(1, 24);
ps.setString(2, 'Blue Sky');
ps.setString(3, 'Montana');
ps.executeUpdate(); //JDBC queues this for later execution

ps.setInt(1, 25);
ps.setString(2, 'Applications');
ps.setString(3, 'India');
ps.executeUpdate(); //The queue size equals the batch value of 3
    //JDBC sends the requests to the database

ps.setInt(1, 26);
ps.setString(2, 'HR');
ps.setString(3, 'Mongolia');
ps.executeUpdate(); //JDBC queues this for later execution

((OraclePreparedStatement)ps).sendBatch(); // JDBC sends the queued request
conn.commit();

ps.close();
...
```
Error Reporting in Oracle Update Batching

If any one of the batched operations fails to complete successfully or attempts to return a result set during an `executeBatch` call, then the processing stops and a `java.sql.BatchUpdateException` is generated.

If the exception is raised, you can call the `getUpdateCounts` method on the `BatchUpdateException` object to retrieve the update count. This method returns an `int` array of update counts, just as the `executeBatch` method does.

In Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2), the integer array returned contains `n` `Statement.EXECUTE_FAILED` entries, where `n` is the size of the batch. However, this does not indicate where in the batch the error occurred. The only option you have is to roll back the transaction.

In Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2), the integer array returned contains `n` `Statement.SUCCESS_NO_INFO` entries, where `n` is the number of elements in the batch that have been successfully executed.

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**Note:** The execution of the batch always stops with the first element of the batch that generates an error.

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Standard Update Batching

JDBC standard update batching, unlike the Oracle update batching model, depends on explicitly adding statements to the batch using an `addBatch` method and explicitly processing the batch using an `executeBatch` method. In the Oracle model, you call `executeUpdate` as in a nonbatching situation, but whether an operation is added to the batch or the whole batch is processed is typically determined implicitly, depending on whether or not a predetermined batch value is reached.

**Note:**

- Do not mix standard update batching with Oracle update batching in the same application. Oracle JDBC driver will throw exceptions when these are mixed.
- Disable auto-commit mode if you use either update batching model. In case an error occurs while you are processing a batch, this provides you the option of committing or rolling back the operations that ran successfully prior to the error.

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Limitations in the Oracle Implementation of Standard Batching

This section discusses the limitations and implementation details regarding the Oracle implementation of standard update batching.

In Oracle JDBC applications, update batching is intended for use with prepared statements that are being processed repeatedly with different sets of bind values.
The Oracle implementation of standard update batching does not implement true batching for generic statements and callable statements. Even though Oracle JDBC supports the use of standard batching for Statement and CallableStatement objects, you are unlikely to see performance improvement.

**Adding Operations to the Batch**

When any statement object is first created, its statement batch is empty. Use the standard `addBatch` method to add an operation to the statement batch. This method is specified in the standard `java.sql.Statement`, `PreparedStatement`, and `CallableStatement` interfaces, which are implemented by the `oracle.jdbc.OracleStatement`, `OraclePreparedStatement`, and `OracleCallableStatement` interfaces, respectively.

For a `Statement` object, the `addBatch` method takes a Java String with a SQL operation as input. For example:

```java
...  
Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();

stmt.addBatch("INSERT INTO emp VALUES(1000, 'Joe Jones')");
stmt.addBatch("INSERT INTO dept VALUES(260, 'Sales')");
stmt.addBatch("INSERT INTO emp_dept VALUES(1000, 260)");
...  
```

At this point, three operations are in the batch.

**Note:** Remember, however, that in the Oracle implementation of standard update batching, you will probably see no performance improvement in batching generic statements.

For prepared statements, update batching is used to batch multiple runs of the same statement with different sets of bind parameters. For a `PreparedStatement` or `OraclePreparedStatement` object, the `addBatch` method takes no input. It simply adds the operation to the batch using the bind parameters last set by the appropriate `setXXX` methods. This is also true for `CallableStatement` or `OracleCallableStatement` objects, but remember that in the Oracle implementation of standard update batching, you will probably see no performance improvement in batching callable statements.

For example:

```java
...
PreparedStatement pstmt =
    conn.prepareStatement("INSERT INTO employees VALUES(?, ?)");

pstmt.setInt(1, 2000);
pstmt.setString(2, "Milo Mumford");
pstmt.addBatch();
pstmt.setInt(1, 3000);
pstmt.setString(2, "Sulu Simpson");
pstmt.addBatch();
...
```

At this point, two operations are in the batch.

Because a batch is associated with a single prepared statement object, you can batch only repeated runs of a single prepared statement, as in this example.
Processing the Batch
To process the current batch of operations, use the `executeBatch` method of the statement object. This method is specified in the standard `Statement` interface, which is extended by the standard `PreparedStatement` and `CallableStatement` interfaces.

Following is an example that repeats the prepared statement `addBatch` calls shown previously and then processes the batch:

```java
... 
PreparedStatement pstmt = 
    conn.prepareStatement("INSERT INTO employees VALUES(?, ?)");

pstmt.setInt(1, 2000);
pstmt.setString(2, "Milo Mumford");
pstmt.addBatch();

pstmt.setInt(1, 3000);
pstmt.setString(2, "Sulu Simpson");
pstmt.addBatch();

int[] updateCounts = pstmt.executeBatch();
...
```

Starting from Oracle Database 11g Release 1 (11.1), the `executeBatch` method has been improved so that when an error occurs in the middle of the batch execution, the `BatchUpdateExecution` exception that is thrown contains the position of the error in the batch. The `BatchUpdateExecution.getUpdateCounts` method returns an array of `int` containing the update counts for the updates that were executed successfully before this error occurred. So if an error occurs in the 5th element of the batch, then the size of the array returned is 4 and each value is `Statement.SUCCESS_NO_INFO`.

Committing the Changes in the Oracle Implementation of Standard Batching
After you process the batch, you must still commit the changes, presuming auto-commit is disabled as recommended.

Calling `commit`, commits nonbatched operations and batched operations for statement batches that have been processed, but for the Oracle implementation of standard batching, has no effect on pending statement batches that have not been processed.

Clearing the Batch
To clear the current batch of operations instead of processing it, use the `clearBatch` method of the statement object. This method is specified in the standard `Statement` interface, which is extended by the standard `PreparedStatement` and `CallableStatement` interfaces.

Keep the following things in mind:

- When a batch is processed, operations are performed in the order in which they were batched.
- After calling `addBatch`, you must call either `executeBatch` or `clearBatch` before a call to `executeUpdate`, otherwise there will be a SQL exception.
- A `clearBatch` or `executeBatch` call resets the statement batch to empty.
The statement batch is not reset to empty if the connection receives a ROLLBACK request. You must explicitly call clearBatch to reset it.

Note:

- If you are using Oracle update batching in Oracle Database 11g, then you do not have to clear your batches explicitly in the code after a rollback. However, it is OK to invoke clearBatch method after a rollback.
- If you are using Oracle update batching in an earlier release, then you have to invoke clearBatch method to clear your batches explicitly after a rollback.

Invoking clearBatch method after a rollback works for all releases.

- An executeBatch call closes the current result set of the statement object, if one exists.
- Nothing is returned by the clearBatch method.

Following is an example that repeats the prepared statement addBatch calls shown previously but then clears the batch under certain circumstances:

```java
PreparedStatement pstmt =
    conn.prepareStatement("INSERT INTO employees VALUES(?, ?)");
pstmt.setInt(1, 2000);
pstmt.setString(2, "Milo Mumford");
pstmt.addBatch();
pstmt.setInt(1, 3000);
pstmt.setString(2, "Sulu Simpson");
pstmt.addBatch();
if (...condition...) {
    int[] updateCounts = pstmt.executeBatch();
    ...
}
else {
    pstmt.clearBatch();
    ...
}
```

Update Counts in the Oracle Implementation of Standard Batching

If a statement batch is processed successfully, then the integer array, or update counts array, returned by the statement executeBatch call will always have one element for each operation in the batch. In the Oracle implementation of standard update batching, the values of the array elements are as follows:

- For a prepared statement batch, it is not possible to know the number of rows affected in the database by each individual statement in the batch. Therefore, all array elements have a value of -2. According to the JDBC 2.0 specification, a value of -2 indicates that the operation was successful but the number of rows affected is unknown.
For a generic statement batch, the array contains the actual update counts indicating the number of rows affected by each operation. The actual update counts can be provided only in the case of generic statements in the Oracle implementation of standard batching.

For a callable statement batch, the server always returns the value 1 as the update count, irrespective of the number rows affected by each operation.

In your code, upon successful processing of a batch, you should be prepared to handle either -2, 1, or true update counts in the array elements. For a successful batch processing, the array contains either all -2, 1, or all positive integers.

Example 23–2 illustrates the use of standard update batching.

**Example 23–2  Standard Update Batching**

This example combines the sample fragments in the previous sections, accomplishing the following steps:

1. Disabling auto-commit mode, which you should always do when using either update batching model
2. Creating a prepared statement object
3. Adding operations to the batch associated with the prepared statement object
4. Processing the batch
5. Committing the operations from the batch

```java
conn.setAutoCommit(false);
PreparedStatement pstmt =
    conn.prepareStatement("INSERT INTO employees VALUES(?, ?)");

pstmt.setInt(1, 2000);
pstmt.setString(2, "Milo Mumford");
pstmt.addBatch();

pstmt.setInt(1, 3000);
pstmt.setString(2, "Sulu Simpson");
pstmt.addBatch();

int[] updateCounts = pstmt.executeBatch();

conn.commit();

pstmt.close();
...
```

You can process the update counts array to determine if the batch processed successfully.

**Error Handling in the Oracle Implementation of Standard Batching**

If any one of the batched operations fails to complete successfully or attempts to return a result set during an `executeBatch` call, then the processing stops and a `java.sql.BatchUpdateException` is generated.

After a batch exception, the update counts array can be retrieved using the `getUpdateCounts` method of the `BatchUpdateException` object. This returns an `int` array of update counts, just as the `executeBatch` method does. In the Oracle
implementation of standard update batching, contents of the update counts array are as follows, after a batch is processed:

- For a prepared statement batch, it is not possible to know which operation failed. The array has one element for each operation in the batch, and each element has a value of -3. According to the JDBC 2.0 specification, a value of -3 indicates that an operation did not complete successfully. In this case, it was presumably just one operation that actually failed, but because the JDBC driver does not know which operation that was, it labels all the batched operations as failures.

You should always perform a ROLLBACK operation in this situation.

- For a generic statement batch or callable statement batch, the update counts array is only a partial array containing the actual update counts up to the point of the error. The actual update counts can be provided because Oracle JDBC cannot use true batching for generic and callable statements in the Oracle implementation of standard update batching.

For example, if there were 20 operations in the batch, the first 13 succeeded, and the 14th generated an exception, then the update counts array will have 13 elements, containing actual update counts of the successful operations.

You can either commit or roll back the successful operations in this situation, as you prefer.

In your code, upon failed processing of a batch, you should be prepared to handle either -3 or true update counts in the array elements when an exception occurs. For a failed batch processing, you will have either a full array of -3 or a partial array of positive integers.

**Intermixing Batched Statements and Nonbatched Statements**

You cannot call `executeUpdate` for regular, nonbatched processing of an operation if the statement object has a pending batch of operations.

However, you can intermix batched operations and nonbatched operations in a single statement object if you process nonbatched operations either prior to adding any operations to the statement batch or after processing the batch. Essentially, you can call `executeUpdate` for a statement object only when its update batch is empty. If the batch is non-empty, then an exception will be generated.

For example, it is valid to have a sequence, such as the following:

```java
//...
PreparedStatement pstmt =
    conn.prepareStatement("INSERT INTO employees VALUES(?, ?)");

pstmt.setInt(1, 2000);
pstmt.setString(2, "Milo Mumford");

int scount = pstmt.executeUpdate();   // OK; no operations in pstmt batch

pstmt.setInt(1, 3000);
pstmt.setString(2, "Sulu Simpson");
pstmt.addBatch();                    // Now start a batch

pstmt.setInt(1, 4000);
pstmt.setString(2, "Stan Leland");
pstmt.addBatch();

int[] bcounts = pstmt.executeBatch();
```
pstmt.setInt(1, 5000);
pstmt.setString(2, "Amy Feiner");

int scount = pstmt.executeUpdate();  // OK; pstmt batch was executed
...

Intermixing nonbatched operations on one statement object and batched operations on another statement object within your code is permissible. Different statement objects are independent of each other with regard to update batching operations. A COMMIT request will affect all nonbatched operations and all successful operations in processed batches, but will not affect any pending batches.

**Premature Batch Flush**

Premature batch flush happens due to a change in cached metadata. Cached metadata can be changed due to various reasons, such as the following:

- The initial bind was null and the following bind is not null.
- A scalar type is initially bound as string and then bound as scalar type or the reverse.

The premature batch flush count is summed to the return value of the next `executeUpdate` or `sendBatch` method.

The old functionality lost all these batch flush values which can be obtained now. To switch back to the old functionality, you can set the `AccumulateBatchResult` property to `false`, as follows:

```java
java.util.Properties info = new java.util.Properties();
info.setProperty("user", "SCOTT");
info.setProperty("passwd", "TIGER");
// other properties
...

// property: batch flush type
info.setProperty("AccumulateBatchResult", "false");

OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
ods.setConnectionProperties(info);
ods.setURL("jdbc:oracle:oci:@");
Connection conn = ods.getConnection();
```

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**Note:** The `AccumulateBatchResult` property is set to `true` by default.

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**Example 23–3** illustrates premature batch flushing.

```
Example 23–3  Premature Batch Flushing

((OraclePreparedStatement)pstmt).setExecuteBatch (2);

pstmt.setNull (1, OracleTypes.NUMBER);
pstmt.setString (2, "test11");
int count = pstmt.executeUpdate ();  // returns 0
/*
 * Premature batch flush happens here.
```
Additional Oracle Performance Extensions

In addition to update batching, Oracle JDBC drivers support the following extensions that improve performance by reducing round-trips to the database:

- Prefetching rows
  This reduces round-trips to the database by fetching multiple rows of data each time data is fetched. The extra data is stored in client-side buffers for later access by the client. The number of rows to prefetch can be set as desired.

- Specifying column types
  This avoids an inefficiency in the standard JDBC protocol for performing and returning the results of queries.

- Suppressing database metadata TABLE_REMARKS columns
  This avoids an expensive outer join operation.

Oracle provides several extensions to connection properties objects to support these performance extensions. These extensions enable you to set the remarksReporting flag and default values for row prefetching and update batching.

This section covers the following topics:

- Prefetching LOB Data
- Oracle Row-Prefetching Limitations
- Defining Column Types
- Reporting DatabaseMetaData TABLE_REMARKS

Prefetching LOB Data

For the JDBC drivers prior to Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2) JDBC drivers, if you want to retrieve LOB data in one round trip, then you have to fetch the data as VARCHAR2 type, that is, you have to use OracleTypes.VARCHAR or OracleTypes.LONGVARCHAR with the JDBC defineColumnType method. The limitation of this approach is that when LOB data is fetched as CHAR type, the locator cannot be fetched along with the data. So, if the application wants to get the LOB data at a later point of time, or if the application wants to perform other LOB operations, then one more round trip is required to get the LOB locator, as LOB locator is not available to the application.
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Note: Array operations on LOB locators are not supported in the JDBC APIs.

For Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2) JDBC drivers, the number of round trips is reduced by prefetching frequently used metadata, such as the LOB length and the chunk size as well as the beginning of the LOB data along with the locator during regular fetch operations. For small LOBs, the data may be totally prefetched in one single round trip, that is, the select parse, execution, and fetch occurs in one round trip, and performance is improved greatly. For large LOBs that are larger than 5 times the prefetch size, the performance improvement is not very significant as only the round trip for retrieving the chunk size is not needed.

defaultLobPrefetchSize Connection Property
Starting from Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2), there is a new connection property oracle.jdbc.defaultLobPrefetchSize that can be used to set the default LOB prefetch size for the connection. This connection property is defined as the following constant: OracleConnection.CONNECTION_PROPERTY_DEFAULT_LOB_PREFETCH_SIZE. The value of this property is used as the default LOB prefetch size for the current connection. The default value of this connection property is -1. If you want to change the default value at the statement level, then use the setLobPrefetchSize method defined in oracle.jdbc.OracleStatement interface. You can change the default value to:

- 1 to disable LOB prefetch for the current connection
- 0 to enable LOB prefetch for metadata only
- Any value greater than 0 to specify the number of bytes for BLOBs and the number of characters for CLOBs to be prefetched along with the locator during fetch operations

Use getLobPrefetchSize method defined in oracle.jdbc.OracleStatement interface to retrieve the LOB prefetch size.

You can also set the value of LOB prefetch size at the column level by using the defineColumnType method. The column-level value overrides any value that is set at the connection or statement level.

See Also: The JavaDoc for more information

Note: If LOB prefetch is not disabled at the connection level or statement level, it cannot be disabled at the column level.

Oracle Row-Prefetching Limitations

There is no maximum prefetch setting. The default value is 10. Larger or smaller values may be appropriate depending on the number of rows and columns expected from the query. You can set the default connection row-prefetch value using a Properties object.

When a statement object is created, it receives the default row-prefetch setting from the associated connection. Subsequent changes to the default connection row-prefetch setting will have no effect on the statement row-prefetch setting.

If a column of a result set is of data type LONG, LONG RAW or LOBs returned through the data interface, that is, the streaming types, then JDBC changes the statement
row-prefetch setting to 1, even if you never actually read a value of either of these types.

Setting the prefetch size can affect the performance of an application. Increasing the prefetch size will reduce the number of round-trips required to get all the data, but will increase memory usage. This will depend on the number and size of the columns in the query and the number of rows expected to be returned. It will also depend on the memory and CPU loading of the JDBC client machine. The optimum for a standalone client application will be different from a heavily loaded application server. The speed and latency of the network connection should also be considered.

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**Note:** Starting from Oracle Database 11g Release 1 (11.1), the Thin driver can fetch the first `prefetch_size` number of rows from the server in the very first round trip. This saves one roundtrip in SELECT statements.

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If you are migrating an application from earlier releases of Oracle JDBC drivers to 10g Release 1 (10.1) or later releases of Oracle JDBC drivers, then you should revisit the optimizations that you had done earlier, because the memory usage and performance characteristics may have changed substantially.

A common situation that you may encounter is, say, you have a query that selects a unique key. The query will return only zero or one row. Setting the prefetch size to 1 will decrease memory and CPU usage and cannot increase round-trips. However, you must be careful to avoid the error of requesting an extra fetch by writing `while(rs.next())` instead of `if(rs.next())`.

If you are using the JDBC Thin driver, then use the `useFetchSizeWithLongColumn` connection property, because it will perform `PARSE`, `EXECUTE`, and `FETCH` in a single round-trip.

Tuning of the prefetch size should be done along with tuning of memory management in your JVM under realistic loads of the actual application.

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**Note:**

- Do not mix the JDBC 2.0 fetch size application programming interface (API) and the Oracle row-prefetching API in your application. You can use one or the other, but not both.

- Be aware that setting the Oracle fetch size value can affect not only queries, but also explicitly refetching rows in a result set through the result set `refreshRow` method, which is relevant for scroll-sensitive/read-only, scroll-sensitive/updatable, and scroll-insensitive/updatable result sets, and the window size of a scroll-sensitive result set, affecting how often automatic refetches are performed. However, the Oracle fetch size value will be overridden by any setting of the fetch size.

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**See Also:** "Supported Connection Properties" on page 8-7

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**Defining Column Types**

The implementation of `defineColumnType` changed significantly since Oracle Database 10g. Previously, `defineColumnType` was used both as a performance optimization and to force data type conversion. In previous releases, all of the drivers
benefited from calls to defineColumnType. Starting from Oracle Database 10g, the JDBC Thin driver no longer needs the information provided. The JDBC Thin driver achieves maximum performance without calls to defineColumnType. The JDBC Oracle Call Interface (OCI) and server-side internal drivers still get better performance when the application uses defineColumnType.

If your code is used with both the JDBC Thin and OCI drivers, you can disable the defineColumnType method when using the Thin driver by setting the connection property disableDefineColumnType to true. Doing this makes defineColumnType have no effect. Do not set this connection property to true when using the JDBC OCI or server-side internal drivers.

You can also use defineColumnType to control how much memory the client-side allocates or to limit the size of variable-length data.

Follow these general steps to define column types for a query:

1. If necessary, cast your statement object to OracleStatement, OraclePreparedStatement, or OracleCallableStatement, as applicable.
2. If necessary, use the clearDefines method of your Statement object to clear any previous column definitions for this Statement object.
3. On each column, call the defineColumnType method of your Statement object, passing it these parameters:
   - Column index (integer)
   - Type code (integer)
     Use the static constants of the java.sql.Types class or oracle.jdbc.OracleTypes class, such as Types.INTEGER, Types.FLOAT, Types.VARCHAR, OracleTypes.VARCHAR, and OracleTypes.ROWID. Type codes for standard types are identical in these two classes.
   - Type name (string)
     For structured objects, object references, and arrays, you must also specify the type name. For example, Employee, EmployeeRef, or EmployeeArray.
   - Maximum field size (integer)
     Optionally specify a maximum data length for this column.
     You cannot specify a maximum field size parameter if you are defining the column type for a structured object, object reference, or array. If you try to include this parameter, it will be ignored.
   - Form of use (short)
     Optionally specify a form of use for the column. This can be OraclePreparedStatement.FORM_CHAR to use the database character set or OraclePreparedStatement.FORM_NCHAR to use the national character set. If this parameter is omitted, the default is FORM_CHAR.

For example, assuming stmt is an Oracle statement, use:

```
stmt.defineColumnType(column_index, typeCode);
```

If the column is VARCHAR or equivalent and you know the length limit:

```
stmt.defineColumnType(column_index, typeCode, max_size);
```
For an NVARCHAR column where the original maximum length is desired and conversion to the database character set is requested:

```java
stmt.defineColumnType(column_index, typeCode, 0,
        OraclePreparedStatement.FORM_CHAR);
```

For structured object, object reference, and array columns:

```java
stmt.defineColumnType(column_index, typeCode, typeName);
```

Set a maximum field size if you do not want to receive the full default length of the data. Calling the `setMaxFieldSize` method of the standard JDBC `Statement` class sets a restriction on the amount of data returned. Specifically, the size of the data returned will be the minimum of the following:

- The maximum field size set in `defineColumnType`
- The maximum field size set in `setMaxFieldSize`
- The natural maximum size of the data type

After you complete these steps, use the `executeQuery` method of the statement to perform the query.

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**Note:** It is no longer necessary to specify a data type for each column of the expected result set.

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**Example 23–4** illustrates the use of this feature. It assumes you have imported the `oracle.jdbc.*` interfaces.

**Example 23–4  Defining Column Types**

```java
OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
ods.setUser("scott");
ods.setPassword("tiger");
Connection conn = ods.getConnection();

Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
// Allocate only 2 chars for this column (truncation will happen)
((OracleStatement)stmt).defineColumnType(1, Types.VARCHAR, 2);
ResultSet rset = stmt.executeQuery("select ename from emp");
while (rset.next() )
    System.out.println(rset.getString(1));
stmt.close();
```

As this example shows, you must cast the `Statement` object, `stmt`, to `OracleStatement` in the invocation of the `defineColumnType` method. The `createStatement` method of the connection returns an object of type `java.sql.Statement`, which does not have the `defineColumnType` and `clearDefines` methods. These methods are provided only in the `OracleStatement` implementation.

The define-extensions use JDBC types to specify the desired types. The allowed define types for columns depend on the internal Oracle type of the column.

All columns can be defined to their natural JDBC types. In most cases, they can be defined to the `Types.CHAR` or `Types.VARCHAR` type code.
Table 23–1 lists the valid column definition arguments you can use in the defineColumnType method.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>If the column has Oracle SQL type:</th>
<th>You can use defineColumnType to define it as:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>NUMBER, VARNUM</td>
<td>BIGINT, TINYINT, SMALLINT, INTEGER, FLOAT, REAL, DOUBLE, NUMERIC, DECIMAL, CHAR, VARCHAR</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHAR, VARCHAR2</td>
<td>CHAR, VARCHAR</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LONG</td>
<td>CHAR, VARCHAR, LONGVARCHAR</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LONGRAW</td>
<td>LONGVARCHAR, VARBINARY, BINARY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RAW</td>
<td>VARBINARY, BINARY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE</td>
<td>DATE, TIME, TIMESTAMP, CHAR, VARCHAR</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ROWID</td>
<td>ROWID</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BLOB</td>
<td>VARBINARY, BINARY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CLOB</td>
<td>LONG, CHAR, VARCHAR</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

It is always valid to use defineColumnType with the original data type of the column.

### Reporting DatabaseMetaData TABLE_REMARKS

The getColumns, getProcedureColumns, getProcedures, and getTables methods of the database metadata classes are slow if they must report TABLE_REMARKS columns, because this necessitates an expensive outer join. For this reason, the JDBC driver does not report TABLE_REMARKS columns by default.

You can enable TABLE_REMARKS reporting by passing a true argument to the setRemarksReporting method of an OracleConnection object.

Equivalently, instead of calling setRemarksReporting, you can set the remarksReporting Java property if you use a Java Properties object in establishing the connection.

If you are using a standard java.sql.Connection object, you must cast it to OracleConnection to use setRemarksReporting.

Example 23–5 illustrates how to enable TABLE_REMARKS reporting.

**Example 23–5  TABLE_REMARKS Reporting**

Assuming conn is the name of your standard Connection object, the following statement enables TABLE_REMARKS reporting:

```java
( (oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection)conn ).setRemarksReporting(true);
```

### Considerations for getColumns

By default, the getColumns method does not retrieve information about the columns if a synonym is specified. To enable the retrieval of information if a synonym is specified, you must call the setIncludeSynonyms method on the connection as follows:

```java
( (oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleConnection)conn ).setIncludeSynonyms(true);
```
This will cause all subsequent `getColumns` method calls on the connection to include synonyms. This is similar to `setRemarksReporting`. Alternatively, you can set the `includeSynonyms` connection property. This is similar to the `remarksReporting` connection property.

However, bear in mind that if `includeSynonyms` is `true`, then the name of the object returned in the `table_name` column will be the synonym name, if a synonym exists. This is true even if you pass the table name to `getColumns`.

**Considerations for `getProcedures` and `getProcedureColumns` Methods**

According to JDBC versions 1.1 and 1.2, the methods `getProcedures` and `getProcedureColumns` treat the `catalog`, `schemaPattern`, `columnNamePattern`, and `procedureNamePattern` parameters in the same way. In the Oracle definition of these methods, the parameters are treated differently:

- **catalog**

  Oracle does not have multiple catalogs, but it does have packages. Consequently, the `catalog` parameter is treated as the package name. This applies both on input, which is the `catalog` parameter, and the output, which is the `catalog` column in the returned `ResultSet`. On input, the construct " ", which is an empty string, retrieves procedures and arguments without a package, that is, standalone objects. A `null` value means to drop from the selection criteria, that is, return information about both standalone and packaged objects. That is, it has the same effect as passing in the percent sign (%). Otherwise, the `catalog` parameter should be a package name pattern, with SQL wild cards, if desired.

- **schemaPattern**

  All objects within Oracle database must have a schema, so it does not make sense to return information for those objects without one. Thus, the construct " ", which is an empty string, is interpreted on input to mean the objects in the current schema, that is, the one to which you are currently connected. To be consistent with the behavior of the `catalog` parameter, `null` is interpreted to drop the schema from the selection criteria. That is, it has the same effect as passing in %. It can also be used as a pattern with SQL wild cards.

- **procedureNamePattern and columnNamePattern**

  The empty string (" ") does not make sense for either parameter, because all procedures and arguments must have names. Thus, the construct " ", will raise an exception. To be consistent with the behavior of other parameters, `null` has the same effect as passing in percent sign (%).
OCI Connection Pooling

The Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) Oracle Call Interface (OCI) driver connection pooling functionality is part of the JDBC client. This functionality is provided by the OracleOCIConnectionPool class.

A JDBC application can have multiple pools at the same time. Multiple pools can correspond to multiple application servers or pools to different data sources. The connection pooling provided by the JDBC OCI driver enables applications to have multiple logical connections, all using a small set of physical connections. Each call on a logical connection gets routed on to the physical connection that is available at the time of call.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- OCI Driver Connection Pooling: Background
- OCI Driver Connection Pooling and Shared Servers Compared
- Defining an OCI Connection Pool
- Connecting to an OCI Connection Pool
- Sample Code for OCI Connection Pooling
- Statement Handling and Caching
- JNDI and the OCI Connection Pool

Note: Use OCI connection pooling if you need session multiplexing. Otherwise, Oracle recommends using the implicit connection cache functionality.

OCI Driver Connection Pooling: Background

The Oracle JDBC OCI driver provides several transaction monitor capabilities, such as the fine-grained management of Oracle sessions and connections. It is possible for a high-end application server or transaction monitor to multiplex several sessions over fewer physical connections on a call-level basis, thereby achieving a high degree of scalability by pooling of connections and back-end Oracle server processes.

The connection pooling provided by the OracleOCIConnectionPool interface simplifies the session/connection separation interface hiding the management of the physical connection pool. The Oracle sessions are the OracleOCIConnection objects obtained from OracleOCIConnectionPool. The connection pool itself is usually configured with a much smaller shared pool of physical connections, translating to a back-end server pool containing an identical number of dedicated server processes.
Note that many more Oracle sessions can be multiplexed over this pool of fewer
shared connections and back-end Oracle processes.

**OCI Driver Connection Pooling and Shared Servers Compared**

In some ways, what OCI driver connection pooling offers on the middle tier is similar
to what shared server processes offer on the back end. OCI driver connection pooling
makes a dedicated server instance behaves as a shared instance by managing the
session multiplexing logic on the middle tier. Therefore, the pooling of dedicated
server processes and incoming connections into the dedicated server processes is
controlled by the OCI connection pool on the middle tier.

The main difference between OCI connection pooling and shared servers is that in the
case of shared servers, the connection from the client is typically to a dispatcher in the
data base instance. The dispatcher is responsible for directing the client request to an
appropriate shared server. On the other hand, the physical connection from the OCI
connection pool is established directly from the middle tier to the Oracle dedicated
server process in the back-end server pool.

Note that OCI connection pool is mainly beneficial only if the middle tier is
multithreaded. Each thread could maintain a session to the database. The actual
connections to the database are maintained by OracleOCIConnectionPool, and
these connections, including the pool of dedicated database server processes, are
shared among all the threads in the middle tier.

**Defining an OCI Connection Pool**

An OCI connection pool is created at the beginning of the application. Creating
connections from a pool is quite similar to creating connections using the
OracleDataSource class.

The oracle.jdbc.pool.OracleOCIConnectionPool class, which extends the
OracleDataSource class, is used to create OCI connection pools. From an
OracleOCIConnectionPool instance, you can obtain logical connection objects.
These connection objects are of the OracleOCIConnection class type. This class
implements the OracleConnection interface. The Statement objects you create
from the OracleOCIConnection instance have the same fields and methods as
OracleStatement objects you create from OracleConnection instances.

The following code shows header information for the OracleOCIConnectionPool
class:

```java
/*
 * @param us  ConnectionPool user-id.
 * @param p   ConnectionPool password
 * @param name  logical name of the pool. This needs to be one in the
tnsnames.ora configuration file.
 * @param config (optional)  Properties of the pool, if the default does not
 *    suffice. Default connection configuration is min =1, max=1,
 *    incr=0
 *    Please refer setPoolConfig for property names.

    Since this is optional, pass null if the default configuration
    suffices.

 * @return
 *
 * Notes: Choose a userid and password that can act as proxy for the users
```
in the getProxyConnection() method.

If config is null, then the following default values will take effect
CONNPOOL_MIN_LIMIT = 1
CONNPOOL_MAX_LIMIT = 1
CONNPOOL_INCREMENT = 0

*/

public synchronized OracleOCIConnectionPool
(String user, String password, String name, Properties config)
throws SQLException

/*
* This will use the user-id, password and connection pool name values set
LATER using the methods setUser, setPassword, setConnectionPoolName.

* @return

* Notes:

No OracleOCIConnection objects can be created on this class unless the methods setUser, setPassword, setPoolConfig are invoked.
When invoking the setUser, setPassword later, choose a userid and password that can act as proxy for the users
* in the getProxyConnection() method.
*/

public synchronized OracleOCIConnectionPool ()
throws SQLException

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**Importing the oracle.jdbc.pool and oracle.jdbc.oci Packages**

Before you create an OCI connection pool, import the following to have Oracle OCI connection pooling functionality:

```java
import oracle.jdbc.pool.*;
import oracle.jdbc.oci.*;
```

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**Creating an OCI Connection Pool**

The following code show how you create an instance of the OracleOCIConnectionPool class called cpool:

```java
OracleOCIConnectionPool cpool = new OracleOCIConnectionPool
("SCOTT", "TIGER", jdbc:oracle:oci:@(description=(address=(host=myhost)(protocol=tcp)(port=1521))\(connect_data=(INSTANCE_NAME=orcl)\))", poolConfig);
```

poolConfig is a set of properties that specify the connection pool. If poolConfig is null, then the default values are used. For example, consider the following:

- poolConfig.put (OracleOCIConnectionPool.CONNPOOL_MIN_LIMIT, "4");
- poolConfig.put (OracleOCIConnectionPool.CONNPOOL_MAX_LIMIT, "10");
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- poolConfig.put (OracleOCIConnectionPool.CONNPOOL_INCREMENT, "2");

As an alternative to the constructor call, you can create an instance of the OracleOCIConnectionPool class using individual methods to specify the user, password, and connection string.

OracleOCIConnectionPool cpool = new OracleOCIConnectionPool();
cpool.setUser("SCOTT");
cpool.setPassword("TIGER");
cpool.setURL("jdbc:oracle:oci:@(description=(address=(host=myhost)(protocol=tcp)(port=1521))(connect_data=(INSTANCE_NAME=orcl)))");
cpool.setPoolConfig(poolConfig);  // In case you want to specify a different configuration other than the default values.

Setting the OCI Connection Pool Parameters

The connection pool configuration is determined by the following OracleOCIConnectionPool class attributes:

- **CONNPOOL_MIN_LIMIT**
  Specifies the minimum number of physical connections that can be maintained by the pool.

- **CONNPOOL_MAX_LIMIT**
  Specifies the maximum number of physical connections that can be maintained by the pool.

- **CONNPOOL_INCREMENT**
  Specifies the incremental number of physical connections to be opened when all the existing ones are busy and a call needs one more connection; the increment is done only when the total number of open physical connections is less than the maximum number that can be opened in that pool.

- **CONNPOOL_TIMEOUT**
  Specifies how much time must pass before an idle physical connection is disconnected; this does not affect a logical connection.

- **CONNPOOL_NOWAIT**
  Specifies, if enabled, that an error is returned if a call needs a physical connection while the maximum number of connections in the pool are busy. If disabled, a call waits until a connection is available. Once this attribute is set to true, it cannot be reset to false.

You can configure all of these attributes dynamically. Therefore, an application has the flexibility of reading the current load, that is number of open connections and number of busy connections, and adjusting these attributes appropriately, using the setPoolConfig method.

**Note:** The default values for the CONNPOOL_MIN_LIMIT, CONNPOOL_MAX_LIMIT, and CONNPOOL_INCREMENT parameters are 1, 1, and 0, respectively.
The `setPoolConfig` method is used to configure OCI connection pool properties. The following is a typical example of how the `OracleOCIConnectionPool` class attributes can be set:

```java
java.util.Properties p = new java.util.Properties();
p.put(OracleOCIConnectionPool.CONNPOOL_MIN_LIMIT, "1");
p.put(OracleOCIConnectionPool.CONNPOOL_MAX_LIMIT, "5");
p.put(OracleOCIConnectionPool.CONNPOOL_INCREMENT, "2");
p.put(OracleOCIConnectionPool.CONNPOOL_TIMEOUT, "10");
p.put(OracleOCIConnectionPool.CONNPOOL_NOWAIT, "true");
cpool.setPoolConfig(p);
```

Observe the following rules when setting these attributes:

- **CONNPOOL_MIN_LIMIT**, **CONNPOOL_MAX_LIMIT**, and **CONNPOOL_INCREMENT** are mandatory.
- **CONNPOOL_MIN_LIMIT** must be a value greater than zero.
- **CONNPOOL_MAX_LIMIT** must be a value greater than or equal to **CONNPOOL_MIN_LIMIT** plus **CONNPOOL_INCREMENT**.
- **CONNPOOL_INCREMENT** must be a value greater than or equal to zero.
- **CONNPOOL_TIMEOUT** must be a value greater than zero.
- **CONNPOOL_NOWAIT** must be true or false.

**See Also:** *Oracle Call Interface Programmer’s Guide*

### Checking the OCI Connection Pool Status

To check the status of the connection pool, use the following methods from the `OracleOCIConnectionPool` class:

- **int getMinLimit()**
  
  Retrieves the minimum number of physical connections that can be maintained by the pool.

- **int getMaxLimit()**
  
  Retrieves the maximum number of physical connections that can be maintained by the pool.

- **int getConnectionIncrement()**
  
  Retrieves the incremental number of physical connections to be opened when all the existing ones are busy and a call needs a connection.

- **int setTimeout()**
  
  Retrieves the specified time (in seconds) that a physical connection in a pool can remain idle before it is disconnected; the age of a connection is based on the Least Recently Used (LRU) algorithm.

- **String getNoWait()**
  
  Retrieves if the **NOWAIT** property is enabled. It returns a string of "true" or "false".

- **int getPoolSize()**

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Retrieves the number of physical connections that are open. This should be used only as an estimate and for statistical analysis.

- `int getActiveSize()`

Retrieves the number of physical connections that are open and busy. This should be used only as an estimate and for statistical analysis.

- `boolean isPoolCreated()`

Retrieves if the pool has been created. The pool is actually created when `OracleOCIConnection(user, password, url, poolConfig)` is called or when `setUser`, `setPassword`, and `setURL` has been done after calling `OracleOCIConnection()`.

## Connecting to an OCI Connection Pool

The `OracleOCIConnectionPool` class, through a `getConnection` method call, creates an instance of the `OracleOCIConnection` class. This instance represents a connection.

Because the `OracleOCIConnection` class extends `OracleConnection` class, it has the functionality of this class too. Close the `OracleOCIConnection` objects once the user session is over, otherwise, they are closed when the pool instance is closed.

There are two ways of calling `getConnection`:

- `OracleConnection getConnection()`

  If you do not supply the user name and password, then the default user name and password used for the creation of the connection pool are used while creating the connection objects.

- `OracleConnection getConnection(String user, String password)`

  If you this method, you will get a logical connection identified with the specified user name and password, which can be different from that used for pool creation.

The following code shows the signatures of the overloaded `getConnection` method:

```java
public synchronized OracleConnection getConnection( )
throws SQLException

/**
 * For getting a connection to the database.
 */
public synchronized OracleConnection getConnection(String us, String p)
throws SQLException
```

As an enhancement to `OracleConnection`, the following new method is added into `OracleOCIConnection` as a way to change the password for the user:

```java
void passwordChange (String user, String oldPassword, String newPassword)
```
Sample Code for OCI Connection Pooling

The following code illustrates the use of OCI connection pooling in a sample application:

```java
import java.sql.DriverManager;
import java.sql.Connection;
import java.sql.PreparedStatement;
import java.sql.ResultSet;
import java.sql.SQLException;
import java.util.Properties;
import oracle.jdbc.OracleDriver;
import oracle.jdbc.pool.OracleOCIConnectionPool;

public class conPoolAppl extends Thread
{
    public static final String query = "SELECT object_name FROM all_objects WHERE rownum < 300";
    static public void main(String args[]) throws SQLException
    {
        int _maxCount = 10;
        Connection []conn = new Connection[_maxCount];
        try
        {
            DriverManager.registerDriver(new OracleDriver());

            String s = null;   //System.getProperty ("JDBC_URL");
            //String url = ( s == null ? "jdbc:oracle:oci8:@orcl" : s);
            String url = "jdbc:oracle:oci8:@orcl.rmmslang.com";

            OracleOCIConnectionPool cpool = new OracleOCIConnectionPool("scott",
                          "tiger", url, null);

            // Print out the default configuration for the OracleOCIConnectionPool
            System.out.println ("-- The default configuration for the
                                OracleOCIConnectionPool --");
            displayPoolConfig(cpool);

            //Set up the initial pool configuration
            Properties p1  = new Properties();
            p1.put (OracleOCIConnectionPool.CONNPOOL_MIN_LIMIT, Integer.toString(1));
            p1.put (OracleOCIConnectionPool.CONNPOOL_MAX_LIMIT, Integer.toString(_
                                maxCount));
            p1.put (OracleOCIConnectionPool.CONNPOOL_INCREMENT, Integer.toString(1));

            // Enable the initial configuration
            cpool.setPoolConfig(p1);

            Thread []t = new Thread[_maxCount];
            for (int i = 0; i < _maxCount; ++i)
            {
                conn[i] = cpool.getConnection("scott", "tiger");
                if ( conn[i] == null )
                {
                    System.out.println("Unable to create connection.");
                    return;
                }
                t[i] = new conPoolAppl (i, conn[i]);
                t[i].start ();
                //displayPoolConfig(cpool);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Sample Code for OCI Connection Pooling

```java
private static void doQuery (Connection conn) throws SQLException {
    PreparedStatement pstmt = null;
    ResultSet rs = null;

    // Code for doQuery ...
```

```java
public void run ()
{
    while (!m_startThread) Thread.yield ();
    try
    {
        doQuery (m_conn);
    }
    catch (SQLException ea)
    {
        System.out.println (** Thread id: * + m_threadId);  
        ea.printStackTrace ();
    }
} // end of run
```

```java
private static void doQuery (Connection conn) throws SQLException {
    PreparedStatement pstmt = null;
    ResultSet rs = null;

    // Code for doQuery ...
```

```java
} //end of main
```
Statement Handling and Caching

Statement caching is supported with OracleOCIConnectionPool. The caching improves performance by not having to open, parse, and close cursors. When OracleOCIConnection.prepareStatement("a_SQL_query") is processed, the statement cache is searched for a statement that matches the SQL query. If a match is found, then you can reuse the Statement object instead of incurring the cost of creating another Statement object. The cache size can be dynamically increased or decreased. The default cache size is zero.

Note: The OracleStatement object created from OracleOCIConnection has the same behavior as one that is created from OracleConnection.
JNDI and the OCI Connection Pool

The Java Naming and Directory Interface (JNDI) feature makes the properties of a Java object persist, therefore these properties can be used to construct a new instance of the object, such as cloning the object. The benefit is that the old object can be freed, and at a later time a new object with exactly the same properties can be created. The `InitialContext.bind` method makes the properties persist, either on file or in a database, while the `InitialContext.lookup` method retrieves the properties from the persistent store and creates a new object with these properties.

`OracleOCIConnectionPool` objects can be bound and looked up using the JNDI feature. No new interface calls in `OracleOCIConnectionPool` are necessary.
Oracle Advanced Queuing (AQ) provides database-integrated message queuing functionality. It is built on top of Oracle Streams and optimizes the functions of Oracle Database so that messages can be stored persistently, propagated between queues on different computers and databases, and transmitted using Oracle Net Services, HTTP, and HTTPS. Because Oracle AQ is implemented in database tables, all operational benefits of high availability, scalability, and reliability are also applicable to queue data. This chapter provides information about the Java interface to Oracle AQ.

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**Note:** In Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2), support for XMLType queues has been added. Till Oracle Database 11g Release 1 (11.1), supported queue types were RAW, ADT, and ANYDATA queue types.

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**See Also:** *Oracle Streams Advanced Queuing User's Guide*

This chapter covers the following topics:

- Functionality and Framework of Oracle Advanced Queuing
- Making Changes to the Database
- AQ Asynchronous Event Notification
- Creating Messages
- Enqueuing Messages
- Dequeuing Messages
- Examples: Enqueuing and Dequeuing

### Functionality and Framework of Oracle Advanced Queuing

The Oracle JDBC package `oracle.jdbc.aq` provides a fast Java interface to AQ. This package contains the following:

- Classes
  - `AQDequeueOptions` 
    Specifies the options available for the dequeue operation
  - `AQEnqueueOptions` 
    Specifies the options available for the enqueue operation
  - `AQFactory`
Is a factory class for AQ

- *AQNotificationEvent*
  Is created whenever a new message is enqueued in a queue for which you have registered your interest

**Interfaces**

- *AQAgent*
  Used to represent and identify a user of the queue or a producer or consumer of the message

- *AQMessage*
  Represents a message that is enqueued or dequeued

- *AQMessageProperties*
  Contains message properties such as Correlation, Sender, Delay and Expiration, Recipients, and Priority and Ordering

- *AQNotificationListener*
  Is a listener interface for receiving AQ notification events

- *AQNotificationRegistration*
  Represents your interest in being notified when a new message is enqueued in a particular queue

These classes and interfaces enable you to access an existing queue, create messages, and enqueue and dequeue messages.

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**Note:** Oracle JDBC drivers do not provide any API to create a queue. Queues must be created through the DBMS_AQADM PL/SQL package.

**See Also:** For more information about the APIs, refer to the Javadoc at [http://download.oracle.com/otn/utilities_drivers/jdbc/111060/doc/javadoc/index.html](http://download.oracle.com/otn/utilities_drivers/jdbc/111060/doc/javadoc/index.html)

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**Making Changes to the Database**

The code snippets used in this chapter assume that user SCOTT is connecting to the database. Therefore, in the database, you must grant the following privileges to SCOTT:

```
GRANT EXECUTE ON DBMS_AQ TO SCOTT;
GRANT EXECUTE ON DBMS_AQADM TO SCOTT;
GRANT AQ_ADMINISTRATOR_ROLE TO SCOTT;
GRANT ADMINISTER DATABASE TRIGGER TO SCOTT;
```

Before you start enqueuing and dequeuing messages, you must have queues in the Database. For this, you must perform the following:

1. Create a queue table in the following way:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_AQADM.CREATE_QUEUE_TABLE(
    QUEUE_TABLE =>'scott.RAW_SINGLE_QUEUE_TABLE',
```
2. Create a queue in the following way:

```sql
BEGIN
    DBMS_AQADM.CREATE_QUEUE(
        QUEUE_NAME => 'scott.RAW_SINGLE_QUEUE',
        QUEUE_TABLE => 'scott.RAW_SINGLE_QUEUE_TABLE',
    );
END;
```

3. Start the queue in the following way:

```sql
BEGIN
    DBMS_AQADM.START_QUEUE(
        'scott.RAW_SINGLE_QUEUE',
    );
END;
```

It is a good practice to stop the queue and remove the queue tables from the database. You can perform this in the following way:

1. Stop the queue in the following way:

```sql
BEGIN
    DBMS_AQADM.STOP_QUEUE(
        'scott.RAW_SINGLE_QUEUE',
    );
END;
```

2. Remove the queue tables from the database in the following way:

```sql
BEGIN
    DBMS_AQADM.DROP_QUEUE_TABLE(
        QUEUE_TABLE => 'scott.RAW_SINGLE_QUEUE_TABLE',
        FORCE => 'TRUE',
    );
END;
```

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**AQ Asynchronous Event Notification**

A JDBC application can do the following:

- Register to the AQ namespace and receive notification when an enqueue occurs. This can be performed in the following way:

```java
public AQNotificationRegistration registerForAQEvents(
    OracleConnection conn,
    String queueName) throws SQLException {
    Properties globalOptions = new Properties();
    String[] queueNameArr = new String[1];
    queueNameArr[0] = queueName;
    Properties[] opt = new Properties[1];
    opt[0] = new Properties();
    opt[0].setProperty(OracleConnection.NTF_AQ_PAYLOAD,"true");
    AQNotificationRegistration[] regArr =
        conn.registerAQNotification(queueNameArr, opt, globalOptions);
    AQNotificationRegistration reg = regArr[0];
    return reg;
}
```
Register subscriptions to database events and receive notifications when the events are triggered.

Registered clients are notified asynchronously when events are triggered or on an explicit AQ enqueue (or a new message is enqueued in a queue for which you have registered your interest). Clients do not need to be connected to a database.

The following code snippet shows how to subscribe to database events and receive notifications when the events are triggered:

class DemoAQRawQueueListener implements AQNotificationListener
{
    OracleConnection conn;
    String queueName;
    String typeName;
    int eventsCount = 0;

    public DemoAQRawQueueListener(String _queueName, String _typeName)
    throws SQLException
    {
        queueName = _queueName;
        typeName = _typeName;
        conn = (OracleConnection)DriverManager.getConnection
        (DemoAQRawQueue.URL, DemoAQRawQueue.USERNAME, DemoAQRawQueue.PASSWORD);
    }

    public void onAQNotification(AQNotificationEvent e)
    {
        try
        {
            AQDequeueOptions deqopt = new AQDequeueOptions();
            deqopt.setRetrieveMessageId(true);
            if(e.getConsumerName() != null)
            deqopt.setConsumerName(e.getConsumerName());
            if((e.getMessageProperties()).getDeliveryMode()
            == AQMessageProperties.MESSAGE_BUFFERED)
            {
                deqopt.setDeliveryMode(AQDequeueOptions.DEQUEUE_BUFFERED);
                deqopt.setVisibility(AQDequeueOptions.DEQUEUE_IMMEDIATE);
            }
            AQMessage msg = conn.dequeue(queueName,deqopt,typeName);
            byte[] msgId = msg.getMessageId();
            if(msgId != null)
            {
                String mesgIdStr = DemoAQRawQueue.byteBufferToHexString(msgId,20);
                System.out.println("ID of message dequeued = "+mesgIdStr);
            }
            System.out.println(msg.getMessageProperties().toString());
            byte[] payload = msg.getPayload();
            if(typeName.equals("RAW"))
            {
                String payloadStr = new String(payload,0,10);
                System.out.println("payload.length=",payload.length+",value=",payloadStr);
            }
        }
        catch(SQLException sqlex)
        {
            System.out.println(sqlex.getMessage());
        }
        eventsCount++;
Creating Messages

Before you enqueue a message, you must create the message. An instance of a class implementing the AQMessage interface represents an AQ message. An AQ message contains properties (metadata) and a payload (data). Perform the following to create an AQ message:

1. Create an instance of AQMessageProperties in the following way:
   ```java
   AQMessageProperties msgprop = AQFactory.createAQMessageProperties();
   ```

2. Set the property attributes in the following way:
   ```java
   msgprop.setCorrelation("mycorrelation");
   msgprop.setExceptionQueue("MY_EXCEPTION_QUEUE");
   msgprop.setExpiration(0);
   msgprop.setPriority(1);
   ```

3. Create the AQ message using the AQMessageProperties object in the following way:
   ```java
   AQMessage mesg = AQFactory.createAQMessage(msgprop);
   ```

4. Set the payload in the following way:
   ```java
   byte[] rawPayload = "Example_Payload".getBytes();
   mesg.setPayload(new oracle.sql.RAW(rawPayload));
   ```

AQ Message Properties

The properties of the AQ message are represented by an instance of the AQMessageProperties interface. You can set or get the following message properties:

- **Dequeue Attempts Count**: Specifies the number of attempts that have been made to dequeue the message. This property cannot be set.
- **Correlation**: Is an identifier supplied by the producer of the message at the time of enqueuing the message.
- **Delay**: Is the number of seconds for which the message is in the **WAITING** state. After the specified delay, the message is in the **READY** state and available for
dequeuing. Dequeuing a message by using the message ID (msgid) overrides the delay specification.

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**Note:** Delay is not supported with buffered messaging.

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- **Delivery Mode:** Specifies whether the message is a buffered message or a persistent message. This property cannot be set.
- **Enqueue Time:** Specifies the time at which the message was enqueued. This value is determined by the system and cannot be set by the user.
- **Exception Queue:** Specifies the name of the queue into which the message is moved if it cannot be processed successfully. Messages are moved in two cases:
  - The number of unsuccessful dequeue attempts has exceeded `max_retries`.
  - The message has expired.
- **Expiration:** Is the number of seconds during which the message is available for dequeuing, starting from when the message reaches the **READY** state. If the message is not dequeued before it expires, then it is moved to the exception queue in the **EXPIRED** state.
- **Message State:** Specifies the state of the message at the time of dequeuing the message. This property cannot be set.
- **Previous Queue Message ID:** Is the ID of the message in the last queue that generated the current message. When a message is propagated from one queue to another, this attribute identifies the ID of the queue from which it was last propagated. This property cannot be set.
- **Priority:** Specifies the priority of the message. It can be any integer including negative integers; the smaller the value, the higher the priority.
- **Recipient list:** Is a list of **AQAgent** objects that represent the recipients. The default recipients are the queue subscribers. This parameter is valid only for multiple-consumer queues.
- **Sender:** Is an identifier specified by the producer at the time of enqueuing the message. It is an instance of **AQAgent**.
- **Transaction group:** Specifies the transaction group of the message for transaction-grouped queues. It is set after a successful call to the `dequeueArray` method.

**AQ Message Payload**

Depending on the type of the queue, the payload of the AQ message can be specified using the `setPayload` method of the **AQMessage** interface. The following code snippet illustrates how to set the payload:

```java
byte[] rawPayload = 'Example_Payload'.getBytes();
mesg.setPayload(new oracle.sql.RAW(rawPayload));
```

You can retrieve the payload of an AQ message using the `getPayload` method or the appropriate `getXXXPayload` method in the following way:

```java
byte[] payload = mesg.getPayload();
```

These methods are defined in the **AQMessage** interface.
Example: Creating a Message and Setting a Payload

This section provides an example that illustrates how to create a message and set a payload.

Example 25–1  Creating a Message and Setting a Payload

This example shows how to Create an instance of AQMessageProperties, set the property attributes, create the AQ message, and set the payload.

```java
AQMessageProperties msgprop = AQFactory.createAQMessageProperties();
msgprop.setCorrelation("mycorrelation");
msgprop.setExceptionQueue("MY_EXCEPTION_QUEUE");
AQAgent ag = AQFactory.createAQAgent();
ag.setName("MY_SENDER_AGENT_NAME");
ag.setAddress("MY_SENDER_AGENT_ADDRESS");
msgprop.setSender(ag);
// handle multi consumer case:
if(recipients != null)
    msgprop.setRecipientList(recipients);
System.out.println(msgprop.toString());
AQMessage mesg = AQFactory.createAQMessage(msgprop);
byte[] rawPayload = "Example_Payload".getBytes();
mesg.setPayload(new oracle.sql.RAW(rawPayload));
```

Enqueuing Messages

After you create a message and set the message properties and payload, you can enqueue the message using the enqueue method of the OracleConnection interface. Before you enqueue the message, you can specify some enqueue options. The AQEnqueueOptions class enables you to specify the following enqueue options:

- **Delivery mode**: Specifies the delivery mode. Delivery mode can be set to either persistent (ENQUEUE_PERSISTENT) or buffered (ENQUEUE_BUFFERED).
- **Retrieve Message ID**: Specifies whether or not the message ID has to be retrieved from the server when the message has been enqueued. By default, the message ID is not retrieved.
- **Transformation**: Specifies a transformation that will be applied before enqueuing the message. The return type of the transformation function must match the type of the queue.
- **Visibility**: Specifies the transactional behavior of the enqueue request. The default value for this option is ENQUEUE_ON_COMMIT. It indicates that the enqueue operation is part of the current transaction. ENQUEUE_IMMEDIATE indicates that the enqueue operation is an autonomous transaction, which commits at the end of the operation. For buffered messaging, you must use ENQUEUE_IMMEDIATE.

The following code snippet illustrates how to set the enqueue options and enqueue the message:

```java
... AQEnqueueOptions opt = new AQEnqueueOptions();
opt.setRetrieveMessageId(true);
```
Dequeuing Messages

Enqueued messages can be dequeued using the `dequeue` method of the `OracleConnection` interface. Before you dequeue a message you must set the dequeue options. The `AQDequeueOptions` class enables you to specify the following dequeue options:

- **Condition**: Specifies a conditional expression based on the message properties, the message data properties, and PL/SQL functions. A dequeue condition is specified as a Boolean expression using syntax similar to the `WHERE` clause of a SQL query.

- **Consumer name**: If specified, only the messages matching the consumer name are accessed.

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**Note:** If the queue is a single-consumer queue, do not set this option.

- **Correlation**: Specifies a correlation criterion (or search criterion) for the dequeue operation.

- **Delivery Filter**: Specifies the type of message to be dequeued. You dequeue buffered messages only (DEQUEUE_BUFFERED) or persistent messages only (DEQUEUE_PERSISTENT), which is the default, or both (DEQUEUE_PERSISTENT_OR_BUFFERED).

- **Dequeue Message ID**: Specifies the message identifier of the message to be dequeued. This can be used to dequeue a unique message whose ID is known.

- **Dequeue mode**: Specifies the locking behavior associated with the dequeue operation. It can take one of the following values:
  - `DequeueMode.BROWSE`: Message is dequeued without acquiring any lock.
  - `DequeueMode.LOCKED`: Message is dequeued with a write lock that lasts for the duration of the transaction.
  - `DequeueMode.REMOVE`: (default) Message is dequeued and deleted. The message can be retained in the queue based on the retention properties.
  - `DequeueMode.REMOVE_NO_DATA`: Message is marked as updated or deleted.

- **Maximum Buffer Length**: Specifies the maximum number of bytes that will be allocated when dequeuing a message from a RAW queue. The default maximum is `DEFAULT_MAX_PAYLOAD_LENGTH` but it can be changed to any other nonzero value. If the buffer is not large enough to contain the entire message, then the exceeding bytes will be silently ignored.

- **Navigation**: Specifies the position of the message that will be retrieved. It can take one of the following values:
  - `NavigationOption.FIRST_MESSAGE`: The first available message matching the search criteria is dequeued.
  - `NavigationOption.NEXT_MESSAGE`: (default) The next available message matching the search criteria is dequeued. If the previous message belongs to a message group, then the next available message matching the search criteria in the message group is dequeued.
- **NavigationOption.NEXT_TRANSACTION**: Messages in the current transaction group are skipped, and the first message of the next transaction group is dequeued. This setting can be used *only* if message grouping is enabled for the queue.

- **Retrieve Message ID**: Specifies whether or not the message identifier of the dequeued message needs to be retrieved. By default, it is not retrieved.

- **Transformation**: Specifies a transformation that will be applied after dequeuing the message. The source type of the transformation must match the type of the queue.

**Note**: Transformations must be created in PL/SQL using `DBMS_TRANSFORM.CREATE_TRANSFORMATION(...)`. 

- **Visibility**: Specifies whether or not the message is dequeued as part of the current transaction. It can take one of the following values:
  - **VisibilityOption.ON_COMMIT**: (default) The dequeue operation is part of the current transaction.
  - **VisibilityOption.IMMEDIATE**: The dequeue operation is an autonomous transaction that commits at the end of the operation.

**Note**: The Visibility option is ignored in the `DequeueMode.BROWSE` dequeue mode. If the delivery filter is `DEQUEUE_BUFFERED` or `DEQUEUE_PERSISTENT_OR_BUFFERED`, then this option *must* be set to `VisibilityOption.IMMEDIATE`.

- **Wait**: Specifies the wait time for the dequeue operation, if none of the messages matches the search criteria. The default value is `DEQUEUE_WAIT_FOREVER` indicating that the operation waits forever. If set to `DEQUEUE_NO_WAIT`, then the operation does not wait. If a number is specified, then the dequeue operation waits for the specified number of seconds.

**Note**: If you use `DEQUEUE_WAIT_FOREVER`, then the dequeue operation will not return until a message that matches the search criterion is available in the queue. However, you can interrupt the dequeue operation by calling the `cancel` method on the `OracleConnection` object.

The following code snippet illustrates how to set the dequeue options and dequeue the message:

```java
AQDequeueOptions deqopt = new AQDequeueOptions();
deqopt.setRetrieveMessageId(true);
deqopt.setConsumerName(consumerName);
AQMessage msg = conn.dequeue(queueName, deqopt, queueType);
```

**Examples: Enqueuing and Dequeuing**

This section provides a few examples that illustrate how to enqueue and dequeue messages.
Example 25–2 illustrates how to enqueue a message, and Example 25–3 illustrates how to dequeue a message.

Example 25–2  Enqueuing a Single Message
This example illustrates how to obtain access to a queue, create a message, and enqueue it.

```java
AQMessageProperties msgprop = AQFactory.createAQMessageProperties();
msgprop.setPriority(1);
msgprop.setExceptionQueue("EXCEPTION_QUEUE");
msgprop.setExpiration(0);
AQAgent agent = AQFactory.createAQAgent();
agent.setName("AGENTNAME");
agent.setAddress("AGENTADDRESS");
msgprop.setSender(agent);
AQMessage msg = AQFactory.createAQMessage(msgprop);
msg.setPayload(buffer); // where buffer is a byte array (for a RAW queue)
AQEnqueueOptions options = new AQEnqueueOptions();
conn.enqueue("SCOTT.MY_QUEUE", options, msg);
```

Example 25–3  Dequeuing a Single Message
This example illustrates how to obtain access to a queue, set the dequeue options, and dequeue the message.

```java
AQDequeueOptions options = new AQDequeueOptions();
options.setDeliveryFilter(AQDequeueOptions.DeliveryFilter.BUFFERED);
AQMessage msg = conn.dequeue("SCOTT.MY_QUEUE", options, "RAW");
```
Generally, a middle-tier data cache duplicates some data from the back-end database server. Its goal is to avoid redundant queries to the database. However, this is efficient only when the data rarely changes in the database. The data cache has to be updated or invalidated when the data changes in the database. Starting from 11g Release 1 (11.1), Oracle JDBC drivers provide support for the Database Change Notification feature of Oracle Database. Using this functionality of the JDBC drivers, multitier systems can take advantage of the Database Change Notification feature to maintain a data cache as up-to-date as possible, by receiving invalidation events from the JDBC drivers.

The JDBC drivers can register SQL queries with the database and receive notifications in response to the following:

- DML or DDL changes on the objects associated with the queries
- DML or DDL changes that affect the result set

The notifications are published when the DML or DDL transaction commits (changes made in a local transaction do not generate any event until they are committed).

To use Oracle JDBC driver support for Database Change Notification, perform the following:

1. Registration: You first need to create a registration.
2. Query association: After you have created a registration, you can associate SQL queries with it. These queries are part of the registration.
3. Notification: Notifications are created in response to changes in tables or result set. Oracle database communicates these notifications to the JDBC drivers through a dedicated network connection and JDBC drivers convert these notifications to Java events.

Also, you need to grant the CHANGE NOTIFICATION privilege to the user. For example, if you connect to the database using the SCOTT user name, then you need to run the following command in the database:

grant change notification to scott;

This section describes the following topics:

- Creating a Registration
- Associating a Query with a Registration
- Notifying Database Change Events
- Deleting a Registration
Creating a Registration

Creating a registration is a one-time process and is done outside of the currently used transaction. The API for creating a registration in the server is executed in its own transaction and is committed immediately. You need a JDBC connection to create a registration, however, the registration is not attached to the connection. You can close the connection after creating a registration, and the registration survives. In an Oracle RAC environment, a registration is a persistent entity that exists on all nodes. If a node goes down, then the registration continues to exist and will be notified when the tables change.

There are two ways to create a registration:

- The JDBC-style of registration: Use the JDBC driver to create a registration on the server. The JDBC driver launches a new thread that listens to notifications from the server (through a dedicated channel) and converts these notification messages into Java events. The driver then notifies all the listeners registered with this registration.

- The PL/SQL-style of registration: If you want a PL/SQL stored procedure to handle the notifications, then create a PL/SQL-style registration. As in the JDBC-style of registration, the JDBC drivers enable you to attach statements (queries) to this registration. However, the JDBC drivers do not get notifications from the server because the notifications are handled by the PL/SQL stored procedure.

Note: There is no way to remove one particular object (table) from an existing registration. A workaround would be to either create a new registration without this object or ignore the events that are related to this object.

You can use the registerDatabaseChangeNotification method of the oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection interface to create a JDBC-style of registration. You can set certain registration options through the options parameter of this method. Table 26–1 lists some of the registration options that can be set. To set these options, use the java.util.Properties object. These options are defined in the oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection interface. The registration options have a direct impact on the notification events that the JDBC drivers will create. Example 26–1 illustrates how to use the Database Change Notification feature.

The registerDatabaseChangeNotification method creates a new database change registration in the database server with the given options. It returns a DatabaseChangeRegistration object, which can then be used to associate a statement with this registration. It also opens a listener socket that will be used by the database to send notifications.

Note: If a listener socket (created by a different registration) exists, then this socket will be used by the new database change registration as well.
Associating a Query with a Registration

Database Change Notification

If there exists a registration, then you can also use the 
getDatabaseChangeRegistration method to map the existing registration with a 
new DatabaseChangeRegistration object. This method is particularly useful if 
you have created a registration using PL/SQL and want to associate a statement with 
it.

See:  Refer to the Javadoc for more information about the APIs.

## Associating a Query with a Registration

After you have created a registration or mapped to an existing registration, you can 
associate a query with it. Like creating a registration, associating a query with a 
registration is a one-time process and is done outside of the currently used 
registration. The query will be associated even if the local transaction is rolled back.

You can associate a query with registration using the 
setDatabaseChangeRegistration method defined in the OracleStatement 
class. This method takes a DatabaseChangeRegistration object as parameter. The 
following code snippet illustrates how to associate a query with a registration:

```java
... 
// conn is a OracleConnection object. 
// prop is a Properties object containing the registration options. 
DatabaseChangeRegistration dcr = conn.registerDatabaseChangeNotification(prop); 
... 
```
Notifying Database Change Events

To receive database change notifications, attach a listener to the registration. When a database change event occurs, the database server notifies the JDBC driver. The driver then constructs a new Java event, identifies the registration to be notified, and notifies the listeners attached to the registration. The event contains the object ID of the database object that has changed and the type of operation that caused the change. Depending on the registration options, the event may also contain row-level detail information. The listener code can then use the event to make decisions about the data cache.

**Note:** The listener code must not slow down the JDBC notification mechanism. If the code is time-consuming, for example, if it refreshes the data cache by querying the database, then it needs to be executed within its own thread.

You can attach a listener to a registration using the `addListener` method. The following code snippet illustrates how to attach a listener to a registration:

```java
// conn is a OracleConnection object. 
// prop is a Properties object containing the registration options. 
DatabaseChangeRegistration dcr = conn.registerDatabaseChangeNotification(prop); 

// Attach the listener to the registration. 
// Note: DCNListener is a custom listener and not a predefined or standard 
// lsiener 
DCNListener list = new DCNListener(); 
dcr.addListener(list); 
```

Deleting a Registration

You need to explicitly unregister a registration to delete it from the server and release the resources in the driver. You can unregister a registration using a connection different from one that was used for creating it. To unregister a registration, you can use the `unregisterDatabaseChangeNotification` method defined in `oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection`.

You must pass the `DatabaseChangeRegistration` object as a parameter to this method. This method deletes the registration from the server and the driver and closes the listener socket.

If the registration was created outside of JDBC, say using PL/SQL, then you must pass the registration ID instead of the `DatabaseChangeRegistration` object. The
Deleting a Registration

Database Change Notification

Example

Example 26–1 illustrates how to use the Database Change Notification feature. In this example, the SCOTT user is connecting to the database. Therefore in the database you need to grant the following privilege to the user:

grant change notification to scott;

Example 26–1 Database Change Notification

```java
import java.sql.ResultSet;
import java.sql.SQLException;
import java.sql.Statement;
import java.util.Properties;
import oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection;
import oracle.jdbc.OracleDriver;
import oracle.jdbc.OracleStatement;
import oracle.jdbc.dcn.DatabaseChangeEvent;
import oracle.jdbc.dcn.DatabaseChangeListener;
import oracle.jdbc.dcn.DatabaseChangeRegistration;

public class DBChangeNotification
{
    static final String USERNAME= "scott";
    static final String PASSWORD= "tiger";
    static String URL;

    public static void main(String[] argv)
    {
        if(argv.length < 1)
        {
            System.out.println("Error: You need to provide the URL in the first argument.");
            System.out.println("  For example: > java -classpath .:ojdbc5.jar
DBChangeNotification "jdbc:oracle:thin: @(DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp)(HOST=yourhost.yourdomain.com)(PORT=1521))(CONNECT_DATA=(SERVICE_NAME=yourservicename)))");
            System.exit(1);
        }
        URL = argv[0];
        DBChangeNotification demo = new DBChangeNotification();
        try
        {
            demo.run();
        } catch(SQLException mainSQLException )
        {
            mainSQLException.printStackTrace();
        }
    }

    void run() throws SQLException
    {
        OracleConnection conn = connect();
    }
}
```

// first step: create a registration on the server:
Properties prop = new Properties();

// if connected through the VPN, you need to provide the TCP address of the
client.
// For example:

// Ask the server to send the ROWIDs as part of the DCN events (small
performance
// cost):
prop.setProperty(OracleConnection.DCN_NOTIFY_ROWIDS,"true");

// Set the DCN_QUERY_CHANGE_NOTIFICATION option for query registration with finer
granularity.
prop.setProperty(OracleConnection.DCN_QUERY_CHANGE_NOTIFICATION,"true");

// The following operation does a roundtrip to the database to create a new
// registration for DCN. It sends the client address (ip address and port)
that
// the server will use to connect to the client and send the notification
// when necessary. Note that for now the registration is empty (we haven’t
registered
// any table). This also opens a new thread in the drivers. This thread will
be
// dedicated to DCN (accept connection to the server and dispatch the events
to
// the listeners).
DatabaseChangeRegistration dcr =
conn.registerDatabaseChangeNotification(prop);

try
{
    // add the listener:
    DCNDemoListener list = new DCNDemoListener(this);
    dcr.addListener(list);

    // second step: add objects in the registration:
    Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
    // associate the statement with the registration:
    ((OracleStatement)stmt).setDatabaseChangeRegistration(dcr);
    ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("select * from dept where deptno='45' ");
    while (rs.next())
    
    String[] tableNames = dcr.getTables();
    for(int i=0;i<tableNames.length;i++)
        System.out.println(tableNames[i]+" is part of the registration.");
    rs.close();
    stmt.close();
}
catch(SQLException ex)
{
    // if an exception occurs, we need to close the registration in order
    // to interrupt the thread otherwise it will be hanging around.
    if(conn != null)
        conn.unregisterDatabaseChangeNotification(dcr);
    throw ex;
}
finally
{
try
{
    // Note that we close the connection!
    conn.close();
} catch(Exception innerex) { innerex.printStackTrace(); }

synchronized( this )
{
    // The following code modifies the dept table and commits:
    try
    {
        OracleConnection conn2 = connect();
        conn2.setAutoCommit(false);
        Statement stmt2 = conn2.createStatement();
        stmt2.executeUpdate("insert into dept (deptno,dname) values ('45','cool dept')", Statement.RETURN_GENERATED_KEYS);
        ResultSet autoGeneratedKey = stmt2.getGeneratedKeys();
        if(autoGeneratedKey.next())
            System.out.println("inserted one row with ROWID=",autoGeneratedKey.getString(1));
        stmt2.executeUpdate("insert into dept (deptno,dname) values ('50','fun dept')", Statement.RETURN_GENERATED_KEYS);
        autoGeneratedKey = stmt2.getGeneratedKeys();
        if(autoGeneratedKey.next())
            System.out.println("inserted one row with ROWID=",autoGeneratedKey.getString(1));
        stmt2.close();
        conn2.commit();
        conn2.close();
    } catch(SQLException ex) { ex.printStackTrace(); }

    // wait until we get the event
    try{ this.wait();} catch( InterruptedException ie ) {} 

    // At the end: close the registration (comment out these 3 lines in order
    // to leave the registration open).
    OracleConnection conn3 = connect();
    conn3.unregisterDatabaseChangeNotification(dcr);
    conn3.close();
}

/**
 * Creates a connection the database.
 */
OracleConnection connect() throws SQLException
{
    OracleDriver dr = new OracleDriver();
    Properties prop = new Properties();
    prop.setProperty("user",DBChangeNotification.USERNAME);
    prop.setProperty("password",DBChangeNotification.PASSWORD);
    return (OracleConnection)dr.connect(DBChangeNotification.URL,prop);
}
* DCN listener: it prints out the event details in stdout.

```java
class DCNDemoListener implements DatabaseChangeListener {
    DBChangeNotification demo;
    DCNDemoListener(DBChangeNotification dem) {
        demo = dem;
    }
    public void onDatabaseChangeNotification(DatabaseChangeEvent e) {
        Thread t = Thread.currentThread();
        System.out.println("DCNDemoListener: got an event ("+this+" running on thread "+t")");
        System.out.println(e.toString());
        synchronized (demo) {
            demo.notify();
        }
    }
}
```

This code will also work with Oracle Database 10g Release 2 (10.2). This code uses table registration. That is, when you register a SELECT query, what you register is the name of the tables involved and not the query itself. In other words, you might select one single row of a table and if another row is updated, you will be notified although the result of your query has not changed.

In this example, if you leave the registration open instead of closing it, then the database change notification thread continues to run. Now if you run a DML query that changes the SCOTT.DEPT table and commit it, say from SQL*Plus, then the Java program prints the notification.
Part VI
High Availability

This section provides information about the high-availability features of Oracle Database 11g. It discusses the Fast Connection Failover and Transparent Application Failover (TAF) features.

Part VI contains the following chapters:

- Chapter 27, "Fast Connection Failover"
- Chapter 28, "Transparent Application Failover"
Fast Connection Failover

The Fast Connection Failover mechanism depends on the implicit connection cache feature. As a result, for Fast Connection Failover to be available, implicit connection caching must be enabled.

Note: Starting from Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2), this feature has been deprecated, and replaced with Universal Connection Pool (UCP) for JDBC. Oracle recommends that you take advantage of the new architecture, which is more powerful and offers better performance. Refer to the following link for more information


This chapter is divided into the following sections:

- Overview of Fast Connection Failover
- Using Fast Connection Failover
- Understanding Fast Connection Failover
- Comparison of Fast Connection Failover and TAF

See Also: Chapter 21, "Implicit Connection Caching"

Overview of Fast Connection Failover

Fast Connection Failover offers a driver-independent way for your Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) application to take advantage of the connection failover facilities offered by Oracle Database 11g. The advantages of Fast Connection Failover include the following:

- Driver independence
  Fast Connection Failover supports both the JDBC Thin and JDBC Oracle Call Interface (OCI) drivers.

- Integration with implicit connection cache
  The two features work together synergistically to improve application performance and high availability.

- Integration with Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC)
This provides superior Real Application Clusters/high availability event notification mechanisms.

- Easy integration with application code

You only need to enable Fast Connection Failover and no further configuration is required.

**Fast Connection Failover Features**

When enabled, Fast Connection Failover provides the following:

- Rapid detection and cleanup of invalid cached connections, that is, DOWN event processing
- Load balancing of available connections, that is, UP event processing
- Run-time work request distribution to all active Oracle RAC instances

**Using Fast Connection Failover**

Applications manage Fast Connection Failover through *DataSource* instances.

This section covers the following topics:

- Fast Connection Failover Prerequisites
- Configuring ONS for Fast Connection Failover
- Enabling Fast Connection Failover
- Querying Fast Connection Failover Status

**Fast Connection Failover Prerequisites**

Fast Connection Failover is available under the following circumstances:

- The implicit connection cache is enabled.

  Fast Connection Failover works in conjunction with the JDBC connection caching mechanism. This helps applications manage connections to ensure high availability.

- The application uses service names to connect to the database.

  The application cannot use service identifiers.

- The underlying database has Oracle Database 11g Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) capability or Oracle Data Guard configured with either single instance Databases or Oracle RAC.

  If failover events are not propagated, then connection failover cannot occur.

- Oracle Notification Service (ONS) is configured and available on the node where JDBC is running.

  JDBC depends on ONS to propagate database events and notify JDBC of them.

- The Java Virtual Machine (JVM) in which your JDBC instance is running must have `oracle.ons.oraclehome` set to point to your `ORACLE_HOME`. 
Configuring ONS for Fast Connection Failover

In order for Fast Connection Failover to work, you must configure ONS correctly. ONS is shipped as part of Oracle Database 11g. For more information, refer to "Configuration of ONS" on page B-3.

Remote ONS Subscription

The advantages of remote ONS subscription are the following:

- Support for an All Java middle-tier stack
- No ONS daemon needed on the client computer and, therefore, no need to manage this process
- Simple configuration using the DataSource property

When using remote ONS subscription for Fast Connection Failover, the application invokes the following method on an OracleDataSource instance:

```java
setONSConfiguration(String remoteONSConfig)
```

The remoteONSConfig parameter is a list of name and value pairs of the form

```text
name=value
```

that are separated by a new line character (\n). name can be one of nodes, walletfile, or walletpassword. This parameter should specify at least the nodes ONS configuration attribute, which is a list of host:port pairs, each pair separated by comma (,). The hosts and ports denote the remote ONS daemons available on the Oracle RAC nodes.

See Also: "Configuration of ONS" on page B-3

SSL could be used in communicating with the ONS daemons when the walletfile attribute is specified as an Oracle wallet file. In such cases, if the walletpassword attribute is not specified, single sign-on (SSO) would be assumed.

Following are a few examples, assuming ods is an OracleDataSource instance:

```java
ods.setONSConfiguration("nodes=racnode1.example.com:4200,racnode2.example.com:4200 ");
ods.setONSConfiguration("nodes=racnode1:4200,racnode2:4200
walletfile=/mydir/Wallet
walletpassword=mypasswd");
ods.setONSConfiguration("nodes=racnode1:4200,racnode2:4200
walletfile=/mydir/conf/Wallet");
```

Enabling Fast Connection Failover

An application enables Fast Connection Failover by calling

```java
setFastConnectionFailoverEnabled(true)
```

on a DataSource instance, before retrieving any connections from that instance.

You cannot enable Fast Connection Failover when reinitializing a connection cache. You must enable it before using the OracleDataSource instance.

Example 27–1 illustrates how to enable Fast Connection Failover.

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**Note:** After a cache is Fast Connection Failover-enabled, you cannot disable Fast Connection Failover during the lifetime of that cache.
To enable Fast Connection Failover, you must perform the following:

- Configure and start ONS. If ONS is not correctly set up, then implicit connection cache creation fails and an `ONSException` is thrown at the first `getConnection` request.
- Set the `FastConnectionFailoverEnabled` property before making the first `getConnection` request to an `OracleDataSource`. When Fast Connection Failover is enabled, the failover applies to all connections in the connection cache. If your application explicitly creates a connection cache using the Connection Cache Manager, then you must first set `FastConnectionFailoverEnabled` before retrieving any connections.
- Use a service name rather than a service identifier when setting the `OracleDataSource url` property.

**Example 27–1  Enabling Fast Connection Failover**

```java
// declare datasource
ods.setUrl("jdbc:oracle:oci:@(DESCRIPTION=
  (ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=TCP)(HOST=cluster_alias)
    (PORT=1521))
  (CONNECT_DATA=(SERVICE_NAME=service_name)))");
ods.setUser("scott");
ods.setConnectionCachingEnabled(true);
ods.setFastConnectionFailoverEnabled(true);
ctx.bind("myDS", ods);
ds=(OracleDataSource) ctx.lookup("MyDS");
try {
ds.getConnection(); // transparently creates and accesses cache
  catch (SQLException SE { }
}
...
```

**Querying Fast Connection Failover Status**

An application determines if Fast Connection Failover is enabled by calling `OracleDataSource.getFastConnectionFailoverEnabled`, which returns true if failover is enabled, false otherwise.

**Understanding Fast Connection Failover**

After Fast Connection Failover is enabled, the mechanism is automatic; no application intervention is needed. This section discusses how a connection failover is presented to an application and what steps the application takes to recover.

This section covers the following topics:

- **What the Application Sees**
- **How It Works**

**What the Application Sees**

By the time an Oracle RAC service failure is propagated to the JDBC application, the database already rolls back the local transaction. The cache manager then cleans up all invalid connections. When an application holding an invalid connection tries to do
work through that connection, it is possible to receive SQLException, ORA-17008, Closed Connection.

When an application receives a Closed Connection error message, it should do the following:

1. Retry the connection request. This is essential, because the old connection is no longer open.
2. Replay the transaction. All work done before the connection was closed has been lost.

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**Note:** The application should not try to roll back the transaction. The transaction was already rolled back in the database by the time the application received the exception.

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**How It Works**

Under Fast Connection Failover, each connection in the cache maintains a mapping to a service, instance, database, and host name.

When a database generates an Oracle RAC event, that event is forwarded to the JVM in which JDBC is running. A daemon thread inside the JVM receives the Oracle RAC event and passes it on to the Connection Cache Manager. The Connection Cache Manager then throws SQL exceptions to the applications affected by the Oracle RAC event.

A typical failover scenario may work like the following:

1. A database instance fails, leaving several stale connections in the cache.
2. The Oracle RAC mechanism in the database generates an Oracle RAC event which is sent to the JVM containing JDBC.
3. The daemon thread inside the JVM finds all the connections affected by the Oracle RAC event, notifies them of the closed connection through SQL exceptions, and rolls back any open transactions.
4. Each individual connection receives a SQL exception and must retry.

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**Comparison of Fast Connection Failover and TAF**

Fast Connection Failover differs from Transparent Application Failover (TAF) in the following ways:

- **Application-level connection retries**
  Fast Connection Failover supports application-level connection retries. This gives the application control of responding to connection failovers. The application can choose whether to retry the connection or to rethrow the exception. TAF supports connection retries only at the OCI/Net layer.

- **Integration with the implicit connection cache**
  Fast Connection Failover is well-integrated with the implicit connection cache, which allows the Connection Cache Manager to manage the cache for high availability. For example, failed connections are automatically invalidated in the cache. TAF works at the network level on a per-connection basis, which means that the connection cache cannot be notified of failures.

- **Event-based**
Fast Connection Failover is based on the Oracle RAC event mechanism. This means that Fast Connection Failover is efficient and detects failures quickly for both active and inactive connections.

- Load-balancing support

Fast Connection Failover supports UP event load balancing of connections and run-time work request distribution across active Oracle RAC instances.

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**Note:** Oracle recommends *not* to use TAF and Fast Connection Failover in the same application.

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Overview of Transparent Application Failover

Transparent Application Failover (TAF) is a feature of the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) Oracle Call Interface (OCI) driver. It enables the application to automatically reconnect to a database, if the database instance to which the connection is made fails. In this case, the active transactions roll back.

When an instance to which a connection is established fails or is shut down, the connection on the client-side becomes stale and would throw exceptions to the caller trying to use it. TAF enables the application to transparently reconnect to a preconfigured secondary instance, creating a fresh connection, but identical to the connection that was established on the first original instance. That is, the connection properties are the same as that of the earlier connection. This is true regardless of how the connection was lost.

Note: TAF is always active and does not have to be set.

Failover Type Events

The following are possible failover events in the OracleOCIFailover interface:

- **FO_SESSION**
  Is equivalent to FAILOVER_MODE=SESSION in the tnsnames.ora file CONNECT_DATA flags. This means that only the user session is authenticated again on the server side, while open cursors in the OCI application need to be reprocessed.

- **FO_SELECT**
  Is equivalent to FAILOVER_MODE=SELECT in tnsnames.ora file CONNECT_DATA flags. This means that not only the user session is re-authenticated on the server side, but open cursors in the OCI can continue fetching. This implies that the client-side logic maintains fetch-state of each open cursor.

- **FO_NONE**
Is equivalent to $\text{FAILOVER\_MODE}=\text{NONE}$ in the $\text{tnsnames.ora}$ file $\text{CONNECT\_DATA}$ flags. This is the default, in which no failover functionality is used. This can also be explicitly specified to prevent failover from happening. Additionally, $\text{FO\_TYPE\_UNKNOWN}$ implies that a bad failover type was returned from the OCI driver.

- **FO\_BEGIN**
  Indicates that failover has detected a lost connection and failover is starting.

- **FO\_END**
  Indicates successful completion of failover.

- **FO\_ABORT**
  Indicates that failover was unsuccessful and there is no option of retrying.

- **FO\_REAUTH**
  Indicates that a user handle has been re-authenticated.

- **FO\_ERROR**
  Indicates that failover was temporarily unsuccessful, but it gives the application the opportunity to handle the error and retry failover. The usual method of error handling is to issue the $\text{sleep}$ method and retry by returning the value $\text{FO\_RETRY}$.

- **FO\_RETRY**
  Indicates that the application should retry failover.

- **FO\_EVENT\_UNKNOWN**
  Indicates a bad failover event.

### TAF Callbacks

TAF callbacks are used in the event of the failure of one database connection, and failover to another database connection. TAF callbacks are callbacks that are registered in case of failover. The callback is called during the failover to notify the JDBC application of events generated. The application also has some control of failover.

**Note:** The callback setting is optional.

### Java TAF Callback Interface

The $\text{OracleOCIFailover}$ interface includes the $\text{callbackFn}$ method, supporting the following types and events:

```java
public interface OracleOCIFailover{

  // Possible Failover Types
  public static final int FO_SESSION = 1;
  public static final int FO_SELECT  = 2;
  public static final int FO_NONE  = 3;

  // Possible Failover events registered with callback
  public static final int FO_BEGIN   = 1;
  public static final int FO_END     = 2;
  public static final int FO_ABORT   = 3;
}
```
public static final int FO_REAUTH = 4;
public static final int FO_ERROR = 5;
public static final int FO_RETRY = 6;
public static final int FO_EVENT_UNKNOWN = 7;

public int callbackFn (Connection conn,
   Object ctxt, // ANy thing the user wants to save
   int type, // One of the possible Failover Types
   int event ); // One of the possible Failover Events

Handling the FO_ERROR Event
In case of an error while failing over to a new connection, the JDBC application is able to retry failover. Typically, the application sleeps for a while and then it retries, either indefinitely or for a limited amount of time, by having the callback return FO_RETRY.

Handling the FO_ABORT Event
Callback registered should return the FO_ABORT event if the FO_ERROR event is passed to it.
Part VII

Transaction Management

This part provides information about transaction management in Oracle Java Database Connectivity (JDBC). It includes a chapter that discusses the Oracle JDBC implementation of distributed transactions.

Part VII contains the following chapter:

- Chapter 29, "Distributed Transactions"
This chapter discusses the Oracle Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) implementation of distributed transactions. These are multiphased transactions, often using multiple databases, which must be committed in a coordinated way. There is also related discussion of XA, which is a general standard, and not specific to Java, for distributed transactions.

The following topics are discussed:

- Overview of Distributed Transactions
- XA Components
- Error Handling and Optimizations
- Implementing a Distributed Transaction
- Native-XA in Oracle JDBC Drivers

For further introductory and general information about distributed transactions, refer to the Sun Microsystems specifications for the JDBC 2.0 Optional Package and the Java Transaction API (JTA).

Overview of Distributed Transactions

A distributed transaction, sometimes referred to as a global transaction, is a set of two or more related transactions that must be managed in a coordinated way. The transactions that constitute a distributed transaction might be in the same database, but more typically are in different databases and often in different locations. Each individual transaction of a distributed transaction is referred to as a transaction branch.

For example, a distributed transaction might consist of money being transferred from an account in one bank to an account in another bank. You would not want either transaction committed without assurance that both will complete successfully.

In the JDBC, distributed transaction functionality is built on top of connection pooling functionality. This distributed transaction functionality is also built upon the open XA standard for distributed transactions. XA is part of the X/Open standard and is not specific to Java.

JDBC is used to connect to database resources. However, to include all changes to multiple databases within a transaction, you must use the JDBC connections within a JTA global transaction. The process of including database SQL updates within a transaction is referred to as enlisting a database resource.

The section covers the following topics:
Overview of Distributed Transactions

- Distributed Transaction Components and Scenarios
- Distributed Transaction Concepts
- Switching Between Global and Local Transactions
- Oracle XA Packages

Distributed Transaction Components and Scenarios

In reading the remainder of the distributed transactions section, it will be helpful to keep the following points in mind:

- A distributed transaction system typically relies on an external transaction manager, such as a software component that implements standard JTA functionality, to coordinate the individual transactions.
  
  Many vendors offer XA-compliant JTA modules, including Oracle, which includes JTA in Oracle9i Application Server and Oracle Application Server 10g.

- XA functionality is usually isolated from a client application, being implemented instead in a middle-tier environment, such as an application server.
  
  In many scenarios, the application server and transaction manager will be together on the middle tier, possibly together with some of the application code as well.

- Discussion throughout this section is intended mostly for middle-tier developers.

- The term resource manager is often used in discussing distributed transactions. A resource manager is simply an entity that manages data or some other kind of resource. Wherever the term is used in this chapter, it refers to a database.

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**Note:** Using JTA functionality requires `jta.jar` to be in the `CLASSPATH` environment variable. This file is located at `ORACLE_HOME/jlib`. Oracle includes this file with the JDBC product. You can also obtain it from the Sun Microsystems Web site, but it is advisable to use the version from Oracle, because that has been tested with the Oracle drivers.

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Distributed Transaction Concepts

When you use XA functionality, the transaction manager uses XA resource instances to prepare and coordinate each transaction branch and then to commit or roll back all transaction branches appropriately.

XA functionality includes the following key components:

- **XA data sources**
  
  These are extensions of connection pool data sources and other data sources, and similar in concept and functionality.
  
  There will be one XA data source instance for each resource manager that will be used in the distributed transaction. You will typically create XA data source instances in your middle-tier software.

  XA data sources produce XA connections.

- **XA connections**
  
  These are extensions of pooled connections and similar in concept and functionality. An XA connection encapsulates a physical database connection.
Individual connection instances are temporary handles to these physical connections.

An XA connection instance corresponds to a single Oracle session, although the session can be used in sequence by multiple logical connection instances, as with pooled connection instances.

You will typically get an XA connection instance from an XA data source instance in your middle-tier software. You can get multiple XA connection instances from a single XA data source instance if the distributed transaction will involve multiple sessions in the same database.

XA connections produce OracleXAResource instances and JDBC connection instances.

- **XA resources**
  These are used by a transaction manager in coordinating the transaction branches of a distributed transaction.

  You will get one OracleXAResource instance from each XA connection instance, typically in your middle-tier software. There is a one-to-one correlation between OracleXAResource instances and XA connection instances. Equivalently, there is a one-to-one correlation between OracleXAResource instances and Oracle sessions.

  In a typical scenario, the middle-tier component will hand off OracleXAResource instances to the transaction manager, for use in coordinating distributed transactions.

  Because each OracleXAResource instance corresponds to a single Oracle session, there can be only a single active transaction branch associated with an OracleXAResource instance at any given time. However, there can be additional suspended transaction branches.

  Each OracleXAResource instance has the functionality to start, end, prepare, commit, or roll back the operations of the transaction branch running in the session with which the OracleXAResource instance is associated.

  The prepare step is the first step of a two-phase commit operation. The transaction manager will issue a PREPARE to each OracleXAResource instance. Once the transaction manager sees that the operations of each transaction branch have prepared successfully, it will issue a COMMIT to each OracleXAResource instance to commit all the changes.

- **Transaction IDs**
  These are used to identify transaction branches. Each ID includes a transaction branch ID component and a distributed transaction ID component. This is how a branch is associated with a distributed transaction. All OracleXAResource instances associated with a given distributed transaction would have a transaction ID that includes the same distributed transaction ID component.

  OracleXAResource.ORATRANSLOOSE
  Start a loosely coupled transaction with transaction ID xid.

### Switching Between Global and Local Transactions

Applications can share connections between local and global transactions. Applications can also switch connections between local transactions and global transactions.
A connection is always in one of the following modes:

- **NO_TXN**
  No transaction is actively using this connection.

- **LOCAL_TXN**
  A local transaction with auto-commit turned off or disabled is actively using this connection.

- **GLOBAL_TXN**
  A global transaction is actively using this connection.

Each connection switches automatically between these modes depending on the operations carried out on the connection. A connection is always in **NO_TXN** mode when it is instantiated.

**Note:** The modes are maintained internally by the JDBC drivers in association with Oracle Database.

Table 29–1 describes the connection mode transition rules.

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<tr>
<th>Current Mode</th>
<th>Switches to NO_TXN When</th>
<th>Switches to LOCAL_TXN When</th>
<th>Switches to GLOBAL_TXN When</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>NO_TXN</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>Auto-commit mode is false and an Oracle data manipulation language (DML) statement is run.</td>
<td>start is called on an XAResource obtained from the XAconnection that provided this connection.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LOCAL_TXN</td>
<td>Any of the following happens:</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NEVER</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- An Oracle data definition language (DDL) statement is run.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- commit is called.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- rollback is called, but without parameters.</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>GLOBAL_TXN</td>
<td>Within a global transaction open on this connection, end is called on an XAResource obtained from the XAconnection that provided this connection.</td>
<td>NEVER</td>
<td>NA</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

If none of these rules is applicable, then the mode does not change.

**Mode Restrictions on Operations**
The current connection mode restricts which operations are valid within a transaction.
- In the LOCAL_TXN mode, applications must not call start, prepare, commit, rollback, forget, or end on an XAResource. Doing so causes an XAException to be thrown.

- In the GLOBAL_TXN mode, applications must not call commit, rollback, rollback(Savepoint), setAutoCommit(true), or setSavepoint on a java.sql.Connection, and must not call OracleSetSavepoint or oracleRollback on an oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection. Doing so causes a SQLException to be thrown.

**Note:** This mode-restriction error checking is in addition to the standard error checking on the transaction and savepoint APIs.

### Oracle XA Packages

Oracle supplies the following three packages that have classes to implement distributed transaction functionality according to the XA standard:

- oracle.jdbc.xa
- oracle.jdbc.xa.client
- oracle.jdbc.xa.server

Classes for XA data sources, XA connections, and XA resources are in both the client package and the server package. An abstract class for each is in the top-level package. The OracleXid and OracleXAException classes are in the top-level oracle.jdbc.xa package, because their functionality does not depend on where the code is running.

In middle-tier scenarios, you will import OracleXid, OracleXAException, and the oracle.jdbc.xa.client package.

If you intend your XA code to run in the target Oracle Database, however, you will import the oracle.jdbc.xa.server package instead of the client package.

If code that will run inside a target database must also access remote databases, then do not import either package. Instead, you must fully qualify the names of any classes that you use from the client package to access a remote database or from the server package to access the local database. Class names are duplicated between these packages.

### XA Components

This section discusses the XA components, that is, the standard XA interfaces specified in the JDBC standard, and the Oracle classes that implement them. The following topics are covered:

- XADatasource Interface and Oracle Implementation
- XAConnection Interface and Oracle Implementation
- XAResource Interface and Oracle Implementation
- OracleXAResource Method Functionality and Input Parameters
- Xid Interface and Oracle Implementation
**XADatasource Interface and Oracle Implementation**

The `javax.sql.XADataSource` interface outlines standard functionality of XA data sources, which are factories for XA connections. The overloaded `getXAConnection` method returns an XA connection instance and optionally takes a user name and password as input:

```java
public interface XADataSource {
    XAConnection getXAConnection() throws SQLException;
    XAConnection getXAConnection(String user, String password)
        throws SQLException;
    ...
}
```

Oracle JDBC implements the `XADataSource` interface with the `OracleXADataSource` class, located both in the `oracle.jdbc.xa.client` package and the `oracle.jdbc.xa.server` package.

The `OracleXADataSource` classes also extend the `OracleConnectionPoolDataSource` class, which extends the `OracleDataSource` class, and therefore, include all the connection properties.

The `getXAConnection` methods of the `OracleXADataSource` class returns the Oracle implementation of XA connection instances, which are `OracleXAConnection` instances.

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**Note:** You can register XA data sources in Java Naming Directory and Interface (JNDI) using the same naming conventions as discussed previously for nonpooling data sources.

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**See Also:** For information about Fast Connection Failover, refer to *Oracle Universal Connection Pool for JDBC Developer’s Guide*.

**XAConnection Interface and Oracle Implementation**

An XA connection instance, as with a pooled connection instance, encapsulates a physical connection to a database. This would be the database specified in the connection properties of the XA data source instance that produced the XA connection instance.

Each XA connection instance also has the facility to produce the `OracleXAResource` instance that will correspond to it for use in coordinating the distributed transaction.

An XA connection instance is an instance of a class that implements the standard `javax.sql.XAConnection` interface:

```java
public interface XAConnection extends PooledConnection {
    javax.jta.xa.XAResource getXAResource() throws SQLException;
}
```

As you see, the `XAConnection` interface extends the `javax.sql.PooledConnection` interface, so it also includes the `getConnection`, `close`, `addConnectionEventListener`, and `removeConnectionEventListener` methods.
Oracle JDBC implements the XAConnection interface with the OracleXAConnection class, located both in the oracle.jdbc.xa.client package and the oracle.jdbc.xa.server package.

The OracleXAConnection classes also extend the OraclePooledConnection class.

The OracleXAConnection class getXAResource method returns the Oracle implementation of an OracleXAResource instance, which is an OracleXAResource instance. The getConnection method returns an OracleConnection instance.

A JDBC connection instance returned by an XA connection instance acts as a temporary handle to the physical connection, as opposed to encapsulating the physical connection. The physical connection is encapsulated by the XA connection instance.

The connection obtained from an XAConnection object behaves exactly like a regular connection, until it participates in a global transaction. At that time, auto-commit status is set to false. After the global transaction ends, auto-commit status is returned to the value it had before the global transaction. The default auto-commit status on a connection obtained from XAConnection is false in all releases prior to Oracle Database 10g. Starting from Oracle Database 10g, the default status is true.

Each time an XA connection instance getConnection method is called, it returns a new connection instance that exhibits the default behavior, and closes any previous connection instance that still exists and had been returned by the same XA connection instance. However, it is advisable to explicitly close any previous connection instance before opening a new one.

Calling the close method of an XA connection instance closes the physical connection to the database. This is typically performed in the middle tier.

**XAResource Interface and Oracle Implementation**

The transaction manager uses OracleXAResource instances to coordinate all the transaction branches that constitute a distributed transaction.

Each OracleXAResource instance provides the following key functionality, typically invoked by the transaction manager:

- It associates and disassociates distributed transactions with the transaction branch operating in the XA connection instance that produced this OracleXAResource instance. Essentially, it associates distributed transactions with the physical connection or session encapsulated by the XA connection instance. This is done through use of transaction IDs.

- It performs the two-phase commit functionality of a distributed transaction to ensure that changes are not committed in one transaction branch before there is assurance that the changes will succeed in all transaction branches.

**Note:**

- Because there must always be a one-to-one correlation between XA connection instances and OracleXAResource instances, an OracleXAResource instance is implicitly closed when the associated XA connection instance is closed.

- If a transaction is opened by a given OracleXAResource instance, then it must also be closed by the same OracleXAResource instance.
An OracleXAResource instance is an instance of a class that implements the standard javax.transaction.xa.XAResource interface. Oracle JDBC implements the XAResource interface with the OracleXAResource class, located both in the oracle.jdbc.xa.client package and the oracle.jdbc.xa.server package.

Oracle JDBC driver creates and returns an OracleXAResource instance whenever the getXAResource method of the OracleXAConnection class is called, and it is Oracle JDBC driver that associates an OracleXAResource instance with a connection instance and the transaction branch being run through that connection.

This method is how an OracleXAResource instance is associated with a particular connection and with the transaction branch being run in that connection.

**OracleXAResource Method Functionality and Input Parameters**

The OracleXAResource class has several methods to coordinate a transaction branch with the distributed transaction with which it is associated. This functionality usually involves two-phase commit operations.

A transaction manager, receiving OracleXAResource instances from a middle-tier component, such as an application server, typically invokes this functionality.

Each of these methods takes a transaction ID as input, in the form of an Xid instance, which includes a transaction branch ID component and a distributed transaction ID component. Every transaction branch has a unique transaction ID, but transaction branches belonging to the same global transaction have the same global transaction component as part of their transaction IDs.

**start**

Starts work on behalf of a transaction branch, associating the transaction branch with a distributed transaction.

```java
void start(Xid xid, int flags)
```

The flags parameter must be one or more of the following values:

- **XAResource.TMNFLAGS**
  
  Flag the start of a new transaction branch for subsequent operations in the session associated with this XA resource instance. This branch will have the transaction ID xid, which is an OracleXid instance created by the transaction manager. This will map the transaction branch to the appropriate distributed transaction.

- **XAResource.TMJOIN**
  
  Join subsequent operations in the session associated with this XA resource instance to the existing transaction branch specified by xid.

- **XAResource.TMRESUME**
  
  Resume the transaction branch specified by xid.

---

**Note:** A transaction branch can be resumed only if it had been suspended earlier.

- **OracleXAResource.ORATMSERIALIZABLE**
  
  Start a serializable transaction with transaction ID xid.

- **OracleXAResource.ORATMREADONLY**
Start a read-only transaction with transaction ID \texttt{xid}.

\begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{OracleXAResource.ORATMREADWRITE}
  
  Start a read/write transaction with transaction ID \texttt{xid}.

  \item \texttt{OracleXAResource.ORATRANSLOOSE}

  Start a loosely coupled transaction with transaction ID \texttt{xid}.
\end{itemize}

\texttt{TMNOSFLAGS}, \texttt{TMJOIN}, \texttt{TMRESUME}, \texttt{ORATMSERIALIZABLE}, \texttt{ORATMREADONLY}, and \texttt{ORATMREADWRITE} are defined as static members of the \texttt{XAResource} interface and \texttt{OracleXAResource} class. \texttt{ORATMSERIALIZABLE}, \texttt{ORATMREADONLY}, and \texttt{ORATMREADWRITE} are the isolation-mode flags. The default isolation behavior is \texttt{READ COMMITTED}.

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\textbf{Note:}

\begin{itemize}
  \item Instead of using the \texttt{start} method with \texttt{TMRESUME}, the transaction manager can cast to \texttt{OracleXAResource} and use the \texttt{resume(Xid xid)} method, an Oracle extension.
  
  \item If you use \texttt{TMRESUME}, then you must also use \texttt{TMNOMIGRATE}, as in \texttt{start(xid, XAResource.TMRESUME | OracleXAResource.TMNOMIGRATE)}. This prevents the application from receiving the error \texttt{ORA 1002: fetch out of sequence}.
  
  \item If you use the isolation-mode flags incorrectly, then an exception with code \texttt{XAER_INVAL} is raised. Furthermore, you cannot use isolation-mode flags when resuming a global transaction, because you cannot set the isolation level of an existing transaction. If you try to use the isolation-mode flags when resuming a transaction, then an external Oracle exception with code \texttt{ORA-24790} is raised.
  
  \item In order to avoid Error \texttt{ORA 1002: fetch out of sequence}, include the \texttt{TMNOMIGRATE} flag as part of the \texttt{start} method. For example:
    \begin{verbatim}
    start(xid, XAResource.TMSUSPEND | OracleXAResource.TMNOMIGRATE);
    \end{verbatim}

  \item All the flags defined in \texttt{OracleXAResource} are Oracle extensions. When writing a transaction manager that uses these flags, you should be mindful of this.
\end{itemize}

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Note that to create an appropriate transaction ID in starting a transaction branch, the transaction manager must know to which distributed transaction the transaction branch belongs. The mechanics of this are handled between the middle tier and transaction manager.

\textbf{end}

Ends work on behalf of the transaction branch specified by \texttt{xid}, disassociating the transaction branch from its distributed transaction.

\begin{verbatim}
void end(Xid xid, int flags)
\end{verbatim}

The \texttt{flags} parameter can have one of the following values:
- **XAResource.TMSUCCESS**
  This is to indicate that this transaction branch is known to have succeeded.

- **XAResource.TMFAIL**
  This is to indicate that this transaction branch is known to have failed.

- **XAResource.TMSUSPEND**
  This is to suspend the transaction branch specified by xid. By suspending transaction branches, you can have multiple transaction branches in a single session. Only one can be active at any given time, however. Also, this tends to be more expensive in terms of resources than having two sessions.

**TMSUCCESS, TMFAIL, and TMSUSPEND** are defined as static members of the XAResource interface and OracleXAResource class.

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**Note:**

- Instead of using the `end` method with TMSUSPEND, the transaction manager can cast to `OracleXAResource` and use the `suspend(Xid xid)` method, an Oracle extension.

- This XA functionality to suspend a transaction provides a way to switch between various transactions within a single JDBC connection. You can use the XA classes to accomplish this, even if you are not in a distributed transaction environment and would otherwise have no need for the XA classes.

- If you use TMSUSPEND, then you must also use TMNOMIGRATE, as in `end(xid, XAResource.TMSUSPEND | OracleXAResource.TMNOMIGRATE)`. This prevents the application from receiving the error ORA 1002: fetch out of sequence.

- In order to avoid Error ORA 1002: fetch out of sequence, include the TMNOMIGRATE flag as part of the end method. For example:

```java
end(xid, XAResource.TMSUSPEND | OracleXAResource.TMNOMIGRATE);
```

- All the flags defined in `OracleXAResource` are Oracle extensions. Any transaction manager that uses these flags should take heed of this.

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**prepare**

Prepares the changes performed in the transaction branch specified by xid. This is the first phase of a two-phase commit operation, to ensure that the database is accessible and that the changes can be committed successfully.

```java
int prepare(Xid xid)
```

This method returns an integer value as follows:

- **XAResource.XA_RDONLY**
  This is returned if the transaction branch runs only read-only operations such as SELECT statements.

- **XAResource.XA_OK**
This is returned if the transaction branch runs updates that are all prepared without error.

- NA (no value returned)

   No value is returned if the transaction branch runs updates and any of them encounters errors during preparation. In this case, an XA exception is thrown.

   XA_RDONLY and XA_OK are defined as static members of the XAResource interface and OracleXAResource class.

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**Note:**

- Always call the end method on a branch before calling the prepare method.

- If there is only one transaction branch in a distributed transaction, then there is no need to call the prepare method. You can call the OracleXAResource commit method without preparing first.

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**commit**

Commits prepared changes in the transaction branch specified by xid. This is the second phase of a two-phase commit and is performed only after all transaction branches have been successfully prepared.

```java
void commit(Xid xid, boolean onePhase)
```

Set the onePhase parameter as follows:

- true

   This is to use one-phase instead of two-phase protocol in committing the transaction branch. This is appropriate if there is only one transaction branch in the distributed transaction; the prepare step would be skipped.

- false

   This is to use two-phase protocol in committing the transaction branch.

---

**rollback**

Rolls back prepared changes in the transaction branch specified by xid.

```java
void rollback(Xid xid)
```

---

**forget**

Tells the resource manager to forget about a heuristically completed transaction branch.

```java
public void forget(Xid xid)
```

---

**recover**

The transaction manager calls this method during recovery to obtain the list of transaction branches that are currently in prepared or heuristically completed states.

```java
public Xid[] recover(int flag)
```
The resource manager returns zero or more xids for the transaction branches that are currently in a prepared or heuristically completed state. If an error occurs during the operation, then the resource manager throws the appropriate XAException.

Note: Values for flag other than TMSTARTRSCAN, TMENDRSCAN, or TMNOFLAGS, cause an exception to be thrown, otherwise flag is ignored.

To determine if two OracleXAResource instances correspond to the same resource manager, call the isSameRM method from one OracleXAResource instance, specifying the other OracleXAResource instance as input. In the following example, presume xares1 and xares2 are OracleXAResource instances:

```java
boolean sameRM = xares1.isSameRM(xares2);
```

Xid Interface and Oracle Implementation

The transaction manager creates transaction ID instances and uses them in coordinating the branches of a distributed transaction. Each transaction branch is assigned a unique transaction ID, which includes the following information:

- Format identifier
  
  A format identifier specifies a Java transaction manager. For example, there could be a format identifier ORCL. This field cannot be null. The size of a format identifier is 4 bytes.

- Global transaction identifier
  
  It is also known as a distributed transaction ID component. The size of a global transaction identifier is 64 bytes.

- Branch qualifier
  
  It is also known as transaction branch ID component. The size of a branch qualifier is 64 bytes.

The 64-byte global transaction identifier value will be identical in the transaction IDs of all transaction branches belonging to the same distributed transaction. However, the overall transaction ID is unique for every transaction branch.

AnXA transaction ID instance is an instance of a class that implements the standard javax.transaction.xa.Xid interface, which is a Java mapping of the X/Open transaction identifier XID structure.

Note: The recover method requires SELECT privilege on DBA_PENDING_TRANSACTIONS and EXECUTE privilege on SYS.DBMS_XA in Oracle database server. For database versions prior to Oracle Database 11g Release 1 (11.1), where an Oracle patch including a fix for bug 5945463 is not available, or it is infeasible to apply the patch for the particular application scenario, the recover method requires SYSDBA privilege. Regular use of SYSDBA privilege is a security risk. So, Oracle strongly recommends that you upgrade your Database or apply the fix for bug 5945463, if you need to use the recover method.
Oracle implements this interface with the `OracleXid` class in the `oracle.jdbc.xa` package. `OracleXid` instances are employed only in a transaction manager, transparent to application programs or an application server.

**Note:** Oracle does not require the use of `OracleXid` for `OracleXAResource` calls. Instead, use any class that implements the `javax.transaction.xa.Xid` interface.

A transaction manager may use the following in creating an `OracleXid` instance:

```java
public OracleXid(int fId, byte gId[], byte bId[]) throws XAException
```

- `fId` is an integer value for the format identifier,
- `gId[]` is a byte array for the global transaction identifier, and
- `bId[]` is a byte array for the branch qualifier.

The `Xid` interface specifies the following getter methods:

- `public int getFormatId()`
- `public byte[] getGlobalTransactionId()`
- `public type[] getBranchQualifier()`

## Error Handling and Optimizations

This section focuses on the functionality of XA exceptions and error handling and the Oracle optimizations in its XA implementation. It covers the following topics:

- XAException Classes and Methods
- Mapping Between Oracle Errors and XA Errors
- XA Error Handling
- Oracle XA Optimizations

The exception and error-handling discussion includes the standard XA exception class and the Oracle-specific XA exception class, as well as particular XA error codes and error-handling techniques.

### XAException Classes and Methods

XA methods throw XA exceptions, as opposed to general exceptions or `SQLExceptions`. An XA exception is an instance of the standard class `javax.transaction.xa.XAException` or a subclass.

An Oracle XAException is an instance that consists of an Oracle error portion and an XA error portion. Oracle provides the `oracle.jdbc.xa.OracleXAException` subclasses of the standard `javax.transaction.xa.XAException` class. An `OracleXAException` instance is constructed using one of the following constructors:

```java
public OracleXAException()

public OracleXAException(int error)
```

The error value is an error code that combines an Oracle SQL error value and an XA error value. The JDBC driver determines exactly how to combine the Oracle and XA error values.

The `OracleXAException` class has the following methods:
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- public int getOracleError()

  This method returns the Oracle SQL error code pertaining to the exception, a standard ORA error number or 0 if there is no Oracle SQL error.

- public int getXAError()

  This method returns the XA error code pertaining to the exception. XA error values are defined in the javax.transaction.xa.XAException class.

Mapping Between Oracle Errors and XA Errors

Oracle errors correspond to XA errors in OracleXAException instances as documented in Table 29–2.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Oracle Error Code</th>
<th>XA Error Code</th>
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<tr>
<td>ORA 3113</td>
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<tr>
<td>ORA 3114</td>
<td>XAException.XAER_RMFAIL</td>
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<tr>
<td>ORA 24756</td>
<td>XAException.XAER_NOTA</td>
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<td>ORA 24764</td>
<td>XAException.XA_HEURCOM</td>
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<td>ORA 24765</td>
<td>XAException.XA_HEURRB</td>
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<td>ORA 24766</td>
<td>XAException.XA_HEURMIX</td>
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<tr>
<td>ORA 24767</td>
<td>XAException.XA_RDONLY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA 25351</td>
<td>XAException.XA_RETRY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>all other ORA errors</td>
<td>XAException.XAER_RMERR</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

XA Error Handling

The following example uses the OracleXAException class to process an XA exception:

```java
try {
  ...
  Perform XA operations...
  ...
} catch(OracleXAException oxae) {
  int oraerr = oxae.getOracleError();
  System.out.println('Error ' + oraerr);
} catch(XAException xae) {
  ...Process generic XA exception...
}
```

In case the XA operations did not throw an Oracle-specific XA exception, the code drops through to process a generic XA exception.

Oracle XA Optimizations

Oracle JDBC has functionality to improve performance if two or more branches of a distributed transaction use the same database instance, meaning that the OracleXAResource instances associated with these branches are associated with the same resource manager.

In such a circumstance, the prepare method of only one of these OracleXAResource instances will return XA_OK or will fail. The rest will return XA_
RDONLY, even if updates are made. This allows the transaction manager to implicitly join all the transaction branches and commit or roll back, in case of failure, the joined transaction through the OracleXAResource instance that returned XA_OK or failed.

The transaction manager can use the OracleXAResource class isSameRM method to determine if two OracleXAResource instances are using the same resource manager. This way it can interpret the meaning of XA_RDONLY return values.

### Implementing a Distributed Transaction

This section provides an example of how to implement a distributed transaction using Oracle XA functionality. This section covers the following topics:

- Summary of Imports for Oracle XA
- Oracle XA Code Sample

### Summary of Imports for Oracle XA

You must import the following for Oracle XA functionality:

```java
import oracle.jdbc.xa.OracleXid;
import oracle.jdbc.xa.OracleXAException;
import oracle.jdbc.pool. *
import oracle.jdbc.xa.client. *
import javax.transaction.xa. *
```

The `oracle.jdbc.pool` package has classes for connection pooling functionality, some of which have XA-related classes as subclasses.

Alternatively, if the code will run inside Oracle Database and access that database for SQL operations, you must import `oracle.jdbc.xa.server` instead of `oracle.jdbc.xa.client`.

```java
import oracle.jdbc.xa.server. *
```

If your application must access another Oracle Database as part of an XA transaction using the server-side Thin driver, then your code can use the fully qualified names of the `oracle.xa.client` classes.

The `client` and `server` packages each have versions of the `OracleXADataSource`, `OracleXAConnection`, and `OracleXAResource` classes. Abstract versions of these three classes are in the top-level `oracle.jdbc.xa` package.

### Oracle XA Code Sample

This example uses a two-phase distributed transaction with two transaction branches, each to a separate database.

Note that for simplicity, this example combines code that would typically be in a middle tier with code that would typically be in a transaction manager, such as the OracleXAResource method invocations and the creation of transaction IDs.

For brevity, the specifics of creating transaction IDs and performing SQL operations are not shown here. The complete example is shipped with the product.

This example performs the following sequence:

1. Start transaction branch #1.
2. Start transaction branch #2.
3. Execute DML operations on branch #1.
4. Execute DML operations on branch #2.
5. End transaction branch #1.
6. End transaction branch #2.
7. Prepare branch #1.
8. Prepare branch #2.
9. Commit branch #1.
10. Commit branch #2.

// You need to import the java.sql package to use JDBC
import java.sql.*;
import javax.sql.*;
import oracle.jdbc.*;
import oracle.jdbc.pool.*;
import oracle.jdbc.xa.OracleXid;
import oracle.jdbc.xa.OracleXAException;
import oracle.jdbc.xa.client.*;
import javax.transaction.xa.*;

class XA4
{
    public static void main (String args [])
    throws SQLException
    {
        try
        {
            String URL1 = "jdbc:oracle:oci:@";
            // You can put a database name after the @ sign in the connection URL.
            String URL2 = "jdbc:oracle:thin:@(description=(address=(host=dlsun991)
            (protocol=tcp)(port=5521))(connect_data=(sid=rdbms2)))";
            // Create first DataSource and get connection
            OracleDataSource ods1 = new OracleDataSource();
            ods1.setURL(URL1);
            ods1.setUser("scott");
            ods1.setPassword("tiger");
            Connection conna = ods1.getConnection();

            // Create second DataSource and get connection
            OracleDataSource ods2 = new OracleDataSource();
            ods2.setURL(URL2);
            ods2.setUser("scott");
            ods2.setPassword("tiger");
            Connection connb = ods2.getConnection();

            // Prepare a statement to create the table
            Statement stmta = conna.createStatement();

            // Prepare a statement to create the table
            Statement stmtb = connb.createStatement();

            try
            {
                // Drop the test table
                stmta.execute ('drop table my_table');
            }
catch (SQLException e)
{
    // Ignore an error here
}

try
{
    // Create a test table
    stmta.execute("create table my_table (col1 int)");
} catch (SQLException e)
{
    // Ignore an error here too
}

try
{
    // Drop the test table
    stmtb.execute("drop table my_tab");
} catch (SQLException e)
{
    // Ignore an error here
}

try
{
    // Create a test table
    stmtb.execute("create table my_tab (col1 char(30))");
} catch (SQLException e)
{
    // Ignore an error here too
}

// Create XADataSource instances and set properties.
OracleXADataSource oxds1 = new OracleXADataSource();
oxds1.setURL("jdbc:oracle:oci:@");
oxds1.setUser("scott");
oxds1.setPassword("tiger");
OracleXADataSource oxds2 = new OracleXADataSource();
oxds2.setURL("jdbc:oracle:thin:@(description=(address=(host=dlsun991) (protocol=tcp) (port=5521)) (connect_data=(sid=rdbms2)))");
oxds2.setUser("scott");
oxds2.setPassword("tiger");

// Get XA connections to the underlying data sources
XAConnection pc1 = oxds1.getXAConnection();
XAConnection pc2 = oxds2.getXAConnection();

// Get the physical connections
Connection conn1 = pc1.getConnection();
Connection conn2 = pc2.getConnection();

// Get the XA resources
XAResource oxar1 = pc1.getXAResource();
XAResource oxar2 = pc2.getXAResource();
// Create the Xids With the Same Global Ids
Xid xid1 = createXid(1);
Xid xid2 = createXid(2);

// Start the Resources
oxar1.start (xid1, XAResource.TMNOFLAGS);
oxar2.start (xid2, XAResource.TMNOFLAGS);

// Execute SQL operations with conn1 and conn2
doSomeWork1 (conn1);
doSomeWork2 (conn2);

// END both the branches -- IMPORTANT
oxar1.end(xid1, XAResource.TMSUCCESS);
oxar2.end(xid2, XAResource.TMSUCCESS);

// Prepare the RMs
int prp1 = oxar1.prepare (xid1);
int prp2 = oxar2.prepare (xid2);

System.out.println("Return value of prepare 1 is " + prp1);
System.out.println("Return value of prepare 2 is " + prp2);

boolean do_commit = true;
if (((prp1 == XAResource.XA_OK) || (prp1 == XAResource.XA_RDONLY)))
do_commit = false;
if (((prp2 == XAResource.XA_OK) || (prp2 == XAResource.XA_RDONLY)))
do_commit = false;

System.out.println("do_commit is " + do_commit);
System.out.println("Is oxar1 same as oxar2 ? " + oxar1.isSameRM(oxar2));

if (prp1 == XAResource.XA_OK)
if (do_commit)
oxar1.commit (xid1, false);
else
oxar1.rollback (xid1);
if (prp2 == XAResource.XA_OK)
if (do_commit)
oxar2.commit (xid2, false);
else
oxar2.rollback (xid2);

// Close connections
conn1.close();
conn1 = null;
conn2.close();
conn2 = null;
pc1.close();
pc1 = null;
pc2.close();
pc2 = null;

ResultSet rset = stmta.executeQuery ("select col1 from my_table");
while (rset.next())
System.out.println("Col1 is " + rset.getInt(1));

ResultSet rset = stmta.executeQuery ("select col1 from my_table");
while (rset.next())
System.out.println("Col1 is " + rset.getInt(1));
In general, XA commands can be sent to the server in the following ways:

- Through non-native APIs
- Through native APIs

There is a huge performance difference between the two methods of sending XA commands to the server. The use of native APIs provide high performance gains as compared to the use of non-native APIs.
Prior to Oracle Database 10g, the Thin driver used non-native APIs to send XA commands to the server because Thin native APIs were not available. The non-native APIs use PL/SQL procedures, so they have the following disadvantages:

- They require different messages on the wire.
- They cause more round-trips to the database.
- They cause more cursors to remain open.
- They damage statement caching by occupying space in the Statement Cache.

Moreover, the implementation of non-native APIs is in the server. So, in order to solve any problem in sending XA commands, it requires a server patch. This creates a major issue because sometimes the patch requires restarting the server.

Starting from Oracle Database 10g, the Thin native APIs are available and are used to send XA commands, by default. Native APIs are more than 10 times faster than the non-native ones.

This section covers the following topics:

- OCI Native XA
- Thin Native XA

### OCI Native XA

Native XA is enabled through the use of the `tnsEntry` and `nativeXA` properties of the `OracleXADataSource` class.

**See Also:** Table 8–2, “Oracle Extended Data Source Properties” on page 8-3 for explanation of these properties.

**Note:** Currently, OCI Native XA does not work in a multithreaded environment. The OCI driver uses the C/XA library of Oracle to support distributed transactions, which requires that an XAConnection be obtained for each thread before resuming a global transaction.

### Configuration and Installation

On a Sun Solaris or Linux system, you need the shared libraries, `libheteroxa11.so` and `libheteroxa11_g.so`, to enable the Native XA feature. In order for the Native XA feature to work properly, these libraries must be installed and available in the Sun Solaris search path.

On a Microsoft Windows system, you need the `heteroxa11.dll` and `heteroxa11_g.dll` files to enable the Native XA feature. These files must be installed and available in the Windows DLL path for the Native XA feature to work properly.

**Note:** Libraries with the `_g` suffix are debug libraries.

### Exception Handling

When using the Native XA feature in distributed transactions, it is recommended that the application simply check for `XAException` or `SQLException`, rather than `OracleXAException` or `OracleSQLException`.
Native-XA Code Example

The following portion of code shows how to enable the Native XA feature:

```java
// Create a XADataSource instance
OracleXADataSource oxds = new OracleXADataSource();
oxds.setURL(url);

// Set the nativeXA property to use Native XA feature
oxds.setNativeXA(true);

// Set the tnsEntry property to an older DB as required
oxds.setTNSEntryName("ora805");
```

Thin Native XA

Like the JDBC OCI driver, the JDBC Thin driver also provides support for Native XA. However, the JDBC Thin driver provides support for Native XA by default. This is unlike the case of the JDBC OCI driver in which the support for Native XA is not enabled by default.

You can disable Native XA by calling `setNativeXA(false)` on the XA data source as follows:

```java
// Create a XADataSource instance
OracleXADataSource oxds = new OracleXADataSource();

// Disabling Native XA
oxds.setNativeXA(false);
```

For example, you may need to disable Native XA as a workaround for a bug in the Native XA code.
This part discusses the database management and diagnosability support in Oracle Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) drivers.

Part VIII contains the following chapters:

- Chapter 30, "Database Administration"
- Chapter 31, "Diagnosability in JDBC"
- Chapter 32, "JDBC DMS Metrics"
Starting from Oracle Database 11g Release 1 (11.1), two JDBC methods, `startup` and `shutdown`, has been added in the `oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection` interface, which enable you to start up and shut down an Oracle Database instance. This is similar to the way you would start up or shut down a database instance from SQL*Plus.

To use these methods, you must have a dedicated connection to the server. You cannot be connected to a shared server through a dispatcher.

To use the `startup` and `shutdown` methods, you must be connected as `SYSDBA` or `SYSOPER`. To connect as `SYSDBA` or `SYSOPER` with Oracle JDBC drivers, you need to set the `INTERNAL_LOGON` connection property accordingly.

To log on as `SYSDBA` with the JDBC Thin driver you must configure the server to use the password file. For example, to configure `system/manager` to connect as `SYSDBA` with the JDBC Thin driver, perform the following:

1. From the command line, type:
   
   ```
   orapwd file=$ORACLE_HOME/dbs/orapw entries=5
   Enter password: password
   ```

2. Connect to database as `SYSDBA` and run the following commands from SQL*Plus:
   
   ```
   GRANT SYSDBA TO system;
   PASSWORD system
   ```
   Changing password for system
   New password: password
   Retype new password: password

3. Edit `init.ora` and add the following line:
   
   ```
   REMOTE_LOGIN_PASSWORDFILE=EXCLUSIVE
   ```

4. Restart the database instance.

As opposed to the JDBC Thin driver, the JDBC OCI driver can connect as `SYSDBA` or `SYSOPER` locally without specifying a password file on the server.

To start a database instance using the `startup` method, the application must first connect to the database as a `SYSDBA` or `SYSOPER` in the `PRELIM_AUTH` mode, which is the only connection mode that is permitted when the database is down. You can do this by setting the connection property `PRELIM_AUTH` to `true`. In the `PRELIM_AUTH` mode, you can only start up a database instance that is down. You cannot run any SQL statements in this mode. The following code snippet shows how to start up a database instance that is down:

```java
OracleDataSource ds = new OracleDataSource();
```
Properties prop = new Properties();
prop.setProperty("user","sys");
prop.setProperty("password","manager");
prop.setProperty("internal_logon","sysdba");
prop.setProperty("prelim_auth","true");
ds.setConnectionProperties(prop);

ds.setURL("jdbc:oracle:thin:@(DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp)(HOST=XYZ.com)(PORT=1521))" + "(CONNECT_DATA=(SERVICE_NAME=rdbms.devplmt.XYZ.com)))");
OracleConnection conn = (OracleConnection)ds.getConnection();
conn.startup(OracleConnection.DatabaseStartupMode.NO_RESTRICTION);
conn.close();

The *startup* method takes a parameter that specifies the database startup option. *Table 30–1* lists the supported database startup options. These options are defined in the `oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection.DatabaseStartupMode` class.

The *startup* method only starts up a database instance. It neither mounts it nor opens it. For mounting and opening the database instance, you have to reconnect as SYSDBA or SYSOPER, without the PRELIM_AUTH mode. The following code snippet shows how to mount and open a database instance:

```java
OracleDataSource ds1 = new OracleDataSource();
Properties prop1 = new Properties();
prop1.setProperty("user","sys");
prop1.setProperty("password","manager");
prop1.setProperty("internal_logon","sysdba");
ds1.setConnectionProperties(prop1);
ds1.setURL(DB_URL);
OracleConnection conn1 = (OracleConnection)ds1.getConnection();
Statement stmt = conn1.createStatement();
stmt.executeUpdate("ALTER DATABASE MOUNT");
stmt.executeUpdate("ALTER DATABASE OPEN");
```

The *shutdown* method enables you to shut down an Oracle Database instance. To use this method, you must be connected to the database as a SYSDBA or SYSOPER. The following code snippet shows how to shut down a database instance:

```java
OracleDataSource ds2 = new OracleDataSource();
...
OracleConnection conn2 = (OracleConnection)ds2.getConnection();
conn2.shutdown(OracleConnection.DatabaseShutdownMode.IMMEDIATE);
```

**Note:** The *startup* method will start up the database using the server parameter file. Oracle JDBC drivers do not support database startup using the client parameter file.
Statement stmt1 = conn2.createStatement();
stmt1.executeUpdate("ALTER DATABASE CLOSE NORMAL");
stmt1.executeUpdate("ALTER DATABASE DISMOUNT");
stmt1.close();
conn2.shutdown(OracleConnection.DatabaseShutdownMode.FINAL);
conn2.close();

Like the startup method, the shutdown method also takes a parameter. In this case, 
the parameter specifies the database shutdown option. Table 30–2 lists the supported 
database shutdown options. These options are defined in the 
oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection.DatabaseShutdownMode class.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ABORT</td>
<td>Does not wait for current calls to complete or users to disconnect from the database.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FINAL</td>
<td>Shuts down the database.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IMMEDIATE</td>
<td>Does not wait for current calls to complete or users to disconnect from the database.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TRANSACTIONAL</td>
<td>Refuses new transactions and waits for active transactions to end.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TRANSACTIONAL_LOCAL</td>
<td>Refuses new local transactions and waits for active local transactions to end.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For shutdown options other than ABORT and FINAL, you must call the shutdown method again with the FINAL option to actually shut down the database.

**Note:** The shutdown(DatabaseShutdownMode.FINAL) method must be preceded by another call to the shutdown method with one of the following options: CONNECT, TRANSACTIONAL, TRANSACTIONAL_LOCAL, or IMMEDIATE. Otherwise, the call hangs.

A standard way to shut down the database is as follows:

1. Initiate shutdown by prohibiting further connections or transactions in the database. The shutdown option can be either CONNECT, TRANSACTIONAL, TRANSACTIONAL_LOCAL, or IMMEDIATE.
2. Dismount and close the database by calling the appropriate ALTER DATABASE command.
3. Finish shutdown using the FINAL option.

In special circumstances to shut down the database as fast as possible, the ABORT option can be used. This is the equivalent to SHUTDOWN ABORT in SQL*Plus.

**Complete Example**

Example 30–1 illustrates the use of the startup and shutdown methods.

**Example 30–1  Database Startup and Shutdown**

```java
import java.sql.Statement;
import java.util.Properties;
import oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection;
import oracle.jdbc.pool.OracleDataSource;
/**
 * To logon as sysdba, you need to create a password file for user "sys":
 */
```
* orapwd file=/path/orapwd password=password entries=300
* and add the following setting in init.ora:
* REMOTE_LOGIN_PASSWORDFILE=EXCLUSIVE
* then restart the database.
*/

public class DBStartup
{
    static final String DB_URL =
        "jdbc:oracle:thin:@(DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp)(HOST=XYZ.com)(PORT=1521))"
        + "(CONNECT_DATA=(SERVICE_NAME=rdbms.devplmt.XYZ.com))";

    public static void main(String[] argv) throws Exception
    {
        // Starting up the database:
        OracleDataSource ds = new OracleDataSource();
        Properties prop = new Properties();
        prop.setProperty("user","sys");
        prop.setProperty("password","manager");
        prop.setProperty("internal_logon","sysdba");
        prop.setProperty("prelim_auth","true");
        ds.setConnectionProperties(prop);
        ds.setURL(DB_URL);
        OracleConnection conn = (OracleConnection)ds.getConnection();
        conn.startup(OracleConnection.DatabaseStartupMode.NO_RESTRICTION);
        conn.close();

        // Mounting and opening the database
        OracleDataSource ds1 = new OracleDataSource();
        Properties prop1 = new Properties();
        prop1.setProperty("user","sys");
        prop1.setProperty("password","manager");
        prop1.setProperty("internal_logon","sysdba");
        ds1.setConnectionProperties(prop1);
        ds1.setURL(DB_URL);
        OracleConnection conn1 = (OracleConnection)ds1.getConnection();
        Statement stmt = conn1.createStatement();
        stmt.executeUpdate("ALTER DATABASE MOUNT");
        stmt.executeUpdate("ALTER DATABASE OPEN");
        stmt.close();
        conn1.close();

        // Shutting down the database
        OracleDataSource ds2 = new OracleDataSource();
        Properties prop = new Properties();
        prop.setProperty("user","sys");
        prop.setProperty("password","manager");
        prop.setProperty("internal_logon","sysdba");
        ds2.setConnectionProperties(prop);
        ds2.setURL(DB_URL);
        OracleConnection conn2 = (OracleConnection)ds2.getConnection();
        conn2.shutdown(OracleConnection.DatabaseShutdownMode.IMMEDIATE);
        Statement stmt1 = conn2.createStatement();
        stmt1.executeUpdate("ALTER DATABASE CLOSE NORMAL");
        stmt1.executeUpdate("ALTER DATABASE DISMOUNT");
        stmt1.close();
        conn2.shutdown(OracleConnection.DatabaseShutdownMode.FINAL);
        conn2.close();
    }
}
In Oracle Database 11g, the JDBC drivers have been enhanced by including new diagnosability features and improving existing diagnosability features. These features enable users to diagnose problems in the applications that use Oracle JDBC drivers and the problems in the drivers themselves. They also reduce the effort required to develop and maintain Java applications that access an Oracle Database instance using Oracle JDBC drivers.

Oracle JDBC drivers provide the following diagnosability features that enable users to identify and fix problems in their JDBC applications:

- **Logging**
- **Diagnosability Management**

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**Note:** The diagnosability features of the JDBC drivers are based on the standard `java.util.logging` framework and the `javax.management` MBean framework. Information about these standard frameworks is not covered in this document. Readers are advised to refer to the Sun Microsystems Web site to obtain information about these standard frameworks:

http://java.sun.com

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**Logging**

This feature logs information about events that occur when JDBC driver code runs. Events can include user-visible events, such as SQL exceptions, running of SQL statements, and detailed JDBC internal events, such as entry to and exit from internal JDBC methods. Users can enable this feature to log specific events or all the events.

Prior to Oracle Database 11g, JDBC drivers supported J2SE 2.0 and 3.0. These versions of J2SE did not include `java.util.logging`. Therefore, the logging feature provided by JDBC driver releases prior to Oracle Database 11g, differs from the `java.util.logging` framework.

In Oracle Database 11g, the JDBC drivers no longer support J2SE 2.0 and 3.0. Therefore, the logging feature of JDBC drivers makes full use of the standard `java.util.logging` package. The enhanced logging system makes effective use of log levels to enable users to restrict log output to things of interest. It logs specific classes of information more consistently, making it easier for the user to understand the log file.
This feature does not introduce new APIs or configuration files. Only new parameters are added to the existing standard `java.util.logging` configuration file. These parameters are identical in use to the existing parameters and are intrinsic to using `java.util.logging`.

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**Note:** Oracle does not guarantee the exact content of the generated logs. To a large extent the log content is dependent on the details of the implementation. The details of the implementation change with every release, and therefore, the exact content of the logs are likely to change from release to release.

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**Enabling and Using JDBC Logging**

Before you can start debugging your Java application, you must enable and configure JDBC logging. This section covers the steps you must perform to enable and use JDBC logging. It describes the following:

- Configuring the CLASSPATH
- Enabling Logging
- Configuring Logging
- Using Loggers
- An Example

**Configuring the CLASSPATH**

Oracle ships several JAR files for each version of the JDBC drivers. The optimized JAR files do not contain any logging code and, therefore, do not generate any log output when used. To get log output, you must use the debug JAR files, which are indicated with a "_g" in the file name, like `ojdbc5_g.jar` or `ojdbc6_g.jar`. The debug JAR file must be included in the CLASSPATH.

**Note:** Ensure that the debug JAR file, say `ojdbc5_g.jar` or `ojdbc6_g.jar`, is the only Oracle JDBC JAR file in the CLASSPATH.

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**Enabling Logging**

You can enable logging in the following ways:

- Setting a Java system property
  
  You can enable logging by setting the `oracle.jdbc.Trace` system property.
  ```java
  java -Doracle.jdbc.Trace=true ...
  ```
  
  Setting the system property enables global logging, which means that logging is enabled for the entire application. You can use global logging if you want to debug the entire application, or if you cannot or do not want to change the source code of the application.

- Programmatically
  
  You can programmatically enable or disable logging in the following way:
  
  First, get the `ObjectName` of the Diagnosability MBean. The `ObjectName` is `com.oracle.jdbc:type=diagnosability,name=<loader>`
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Here, loader is a unique name based on the class loader instance that loaded the
Oracle JDBC drivers.
The drivers can be loaded multiple times in a single VM. So,
there can be multiple MBeans, each with a unique name.

Note:

Now, write the following lines of code:
ClassLoader l = oracle.jdbc.OracleDriver.getClassLoader();
String loader = l.getName() + "@" + l.hashCode();
// compute the ObjectName
javax.management.ObjectName name = new
javax.management.ObjectName("com.oracle.jdbc:type=diagnosability,
name="+loader);
// get the MBean server
javax.management.MBeanServer mbs =
java.lang.management.ManagementFactory.getPlatformMBeanServer();
// find out if logging is enabled or not
System.out.println("LoggingEnabled = " + mbs.getAttribute(name,
"LoggingEnabled"));
// enable logging
mbs.setAttribute(name, new javax.management.Attribute("LoggingEnabled", true));
// disable logging
mbs.setAttribute(name, new javax.management.Attribute("LoggingEnabled",
false));

Note:
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If the same class loader loads the JDBC drivers multiple times,
then each subsequent MBean increments the value of the
l.hashCode() method, so as to create a unique name. It may be
problematic to identify which MBean is associated with which
JDBC driver instance.
If there is only one instance of the JDBC drivers loaded, then set
the name to "*".

Programmatic enabling and disabling of logging helps you to control what parts of
your application need to generate log output.
Enabling logging using either of the methods would only
generate a minimal log of serious errors. Usually this is not of much
use. To generate a more useful and detailed log, you must configure
java.util.logging.

Note:

Configuring Logging
To generate a useful and detailed log, you must configure java.util.logging. This
can be done either through a configuration file or programmatically.

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A sample configuration file, OracleLog.properties, is provided as part of the JDBC installation in the demo directory. It contains basic information about how to configure java.util.logging and provides some initial settings that you can start with. You may use this sample file as is, edit the file and use it, rename the file and edit it, or create an entirely new file of any name.

To use a configuration file, you must identify it to the Java run-time. This can be done by setting a system property. For example:

```
java -Djava.util.logging.config.file=/jdbc/demo/OracleLog.properties
```

It is read by the java.util.logging system. This file can reside anywhere. You can use both java.util.logging.config.file and oracle.jdbc.Trace at the same time.

```
java -Djava.util.logging.config.file=/jdbc/demo/OracleLog.properties
-Doracle.jdbc.Trace=true
```

You can use the default OracleLog.properties file. It may or may not get you the desired output. You can also create and use your own configuration file by following these steps:

1. Create a file named myConfig.properties. You can use any name you choose.
2. Insert the following lines of text in the file:

```
.level=SEVERE
oracle.jdbc.level=INFO
oracle.jdbc.handlers=java.util.logging.ConsoleHandler
java.util.logging.ConsoleHandler.level=INFO
java.util.logging.ConsoleHandler.formatter=java.util.logging.SimpleFormatter
```
3. Save the file.
4. Set the system property to use this configuration file.

```
java -Djava.util.logging.config.file=<filepath>/myConfig.properties ...
```

```
filepath
```

is the path of the folder where you have saved the myConfig.properties file.

You can also configure java.util.logging to dump the log output into a file. To do so, modify the configuration file as follows:

```
.level=SEVERE
oracle.jdbc.level=INFO
oracle.jdbc.handlers=java.util.logging.FileHandler
java.util.logging.FileHandler.level=INFO
java.util.logging.FileHandler.pattern=jdbc.log
java.util.logging.FileHandler.count=1
java.util.logging.FileHandler.formatter=java.util.logging.SimpleFormatter
```

This will generate exactly the same log output and save it in a file named jdbc.log in the current directory.

You can control the amount of detail by changing the level settings. The defined levels from the least detailed to the most detailed are the following:

- **OFF**
  - Turns off logging.
- **SEVERE**
Logs SQLExceptions and internal errors.

- **WARNING**
  Logs SQLWarnings and bad but not fatal internal conditions.

- **INFO**
  Logs infrequent but significant events and errors. It produces a relatively low volume of log messages.

- **CONFIG**
  Logs SQL strings that are executed.

- **FINE**
  Logs the entry and exit to every public method providing a detailed trace of JDBC operations. It produces a fairly high volume of log messages.

- **FINER**
  Logs calls to internal methods.

- **FINEST**
  Logs calls to high volume internal methods.

- **ALL**
  Logs all the details. This is the most detailed level of logging.

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**Note:** Levels more detailed than FINE generate huge log volumes.

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In the example provided earlier, to reduce the amount of detail, change the `java.util.logging.FileHandler.level` setting from **ALL** to **INFO**:

```java
java.util.logging.FileHandler.level=INFO
```

Although you can, it is not necessary to change the level of the `oracle.jdbc` logger. Setting the `FileHandler` level will control what log messages are dumped into the log file.

**Using Loggers**

Setting the level reduces all the logging output from JDBC. However, sometimes you need a lot of output from one part of the code and very little from other parts. To do that you must understand more about loggers.

Loggers exist in a tree structure defined by their names. The root logger is named "", the empty string. If you look at the first line of the configuration file you see `level=SEVERE`. This is setting the level of the root logger. The next line is `oracle.jdbc.level=INFO`. This sets the level of the logger named `oracle.jdbc`. The `oracle.jdbc` logger is a member of the logger tree. Its parent is named `oracle`. The parent of the `oracle` logger is the root logger (the empty string).

Logging messages are sent to a particular logger, for example, `oracle.jdbc`. If the message passes the level check at that level, then the message is passed to the handler at that level, if any, and to the parent logger. So a log message sent to `oracle.log` is compared against that logger's level, **INFO** if you are following along. If the level is the same or less (less detailed) then it is sent to the FileHandler and to the parent logger, `oracle`. Again it is checked against the level. If as in this case, the level is not set then it uses the parent level, **SEVERE**. If the message level is the same or less it is passed to the
handler, which there is not one, and sent to the parent. In this case the parent in the root logger.

All this tree structure did not help you reduce the amount of output. What will help is that the JDBC drivers use several subloggers. If you restrict the log messages to one of the subloggers you will get substantially less output. The loggers used by Oracle JDBC drivers include the following:

- oracle.jdbc
- oracle.jdbc.driver
- oracle.jdbc.pool
- oracle.jdbc.rowset
- oracle.jdbc.xa
- oracle.sql

**Note:** The loggers used by the drivers may vary from release to release.

**An Example**

Suppose you want to trace what is happening in the oracle.sql component and also want to capture some basic information about the rest of the driver. This is a more complex use of logging. The following are the entries in the config file:

```
# set levels
#
.level=SEVERE
.oracle.level=INFO
.oracle.jdbc.driver.level=INFO
.oracle.jdbc.pool.level=OFF
.oracle.jdbc.util.level=OFF
.oracle.sql.level=INFO
#
# configure handlers
#
.oracle.handlers=java.util.logging.ConsoleHandler
.java.util.logging.ConsoleHandler.level=INFO
.java.util.logging.ConsoleHandler.formatter=java.util.logging.SimpleFormatter
```

Let us consider what each line in the configuration file is doing.

```
.level=SEVERE
```

Sets the logging level of the root logger to **SEVERE**. We do not want to see any logging from other, non-Oracle components unless something fails badly. Therefore, we set the default level for all loggers to **SEVERE**. Each logger inherits its level from its parent unless set explicitly. By setting the level of the root logger to **SEVERE** we ensure that all other loggers inherit that level except for the ones we set otherwise.

```
.oracle.level=INFO
```

We want log output from both the oracle.sql and oracle.jdbc.driver loggers. Their common ancestor is oracle. Therefore, we set the level of the oracle logger to **INFO**. We will control the detail more explicitly at lower levels.

```
.oracle.jdbc.driver.level=INFO
```
We only want to see the SQL execution from oracle.jdbc.driver. Therefore, we set the level to INFO. This is a fairly low volume level, but will help us to keep track of what our test is doing.

```
oracle.jdbc.pool.level=OFF
```

We are using a DataSource in our test and do not want to see all of that logging. Therefore, we turn it OFF.

```
oracle.jdbc.util.level=OFF
```

We do not want to see the logging from the oracle.jdbc.util package. If we were using XA or row sets we would turn them off as well.

```
oracle.sql.level=INFO
```

We want to see what is happening in oracle.sql. Therefore, we set the level to INFO. This provides a lot of information about the public method calls without overwhelming detail.

```
oracle.handlers=java.util.logging.ConsoleHandler
```

We are going to dump everything to stderr. When we run the test we will redirect stderr to a file.

```
java.util.logging.ConsoleHandler.level=INFO
```

We want to dump everything to the console which is System.err. In this case, we are doing the filtering with the loggers rather than the handler.

```
java.util.logging.ConsoleHandler.formatter=java.util.logging.SimpleFormatter
```

We will use a simple, more or less human readable format.

When you run your test with this configuration file, you will get moderately detailed information from the oracle.sql package, a little bit of information from the core driver code, and nothing from any other code.

You can also use XMLFormatter for sending logs to Oracle Support.

You can implement and use a custom java.util.logging.Filter to obtain finer control of the data captured in the logs. This is a standard java.util.logging feature and is documented in the JSE JavaDoc. A custom Filter enables you to:

- Capture only one thread in multithreaded applications
- Capture intermittent errors in long running applications

Performance, Scalability, and Security Issues

Although the logging feature enables you to trace or debug your application and generate detail log output, it has certain performance, scalability, and security issues.

Performance and Scalability Issues

Logging has substantial impact on performance. However, JDBC logging is generally not enabled in production systems. When logging is disabled, it will have no impact on performance.

It also has a negative impact on scalability. Logging involves protected access to a number of shared resources resulting in severely reduced scalability. This is intrinsic to
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the java.util.logging framework. However, in a typical production system, JDBC logging is not enabled and, therefore, will not have an impact on scalability.

Security Concerns
When full logging is enabled, it is almost guaranteed that all sensitive information will be exposed in the log files. This is intrinsic to the logging feature. However, only certain JDBC JAR files include the JDBC logging feature. The following JAR files include full logging and should not be used in a sensitive environment:

- ojdbc5_g.jar
- ojdbc5dms_g.jar
- ojdbc6_g.jar
- ojdbc6dms_g.jar

The following JAR files include a limited logging capability:

- ojdbc5dms.jar
- ojdbc6dms.jar

Note: Database user names and passwords do not appear in log files created by these JAR files. However, sensitive user data that is part of a SQL statement, a defined value, or a bind value can appear in a log created using one of these JAR files.

Diagnosability Management

The JDBC diagnosability management feature introduces an MBean, oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDiagnosabilityMBean. This MBean provides means to enable and disable JDBC logging.

See Also: For information about the OracleDiagnosabilityMBean API, refer to the Oracle Javadoc at http://download.oracle.com/otn/utilities_drivers/jdbc/111060/doc/javadoc/index.html

In future releases, the MBean will be enhanced to provide additional statistics about JDBC internals.

Security Concerns
This feature can enable JDBC logging. Enabling JDBC logging does not require any special permission. However, once logging is enabled, generating any log output requires the standard Java permission LoggingPermission. Without this permission, any JDBC operation that would generate log output will throw a security exception. This is a standard Java mechanism.
DMS metrics are used to measure the performance of application components.

This chapter discusses the following topics:

- Overview of JDBC DMS Metrics
- Determining the Type of Metric to Be Generated
- Generating the SQLText Metric
- Accessing DMS Metrics Using JMX

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**Note:** There is another kind of metrics called end-to-end metrics. End-to-end metrics are used for tagging application activity from the entry into the application code through JDBC to the database and back.

JDBC supports the following end-to-end metrics:

- Action
- ClientId
- ExecutionContextId
- Module
- State

If you want to work with the preceding metrics, then you can use the `setEndToEndMetrics` and `getEndToEndMetrics` methods of the `oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection` interface.

In Oracle Database 10g, Oracle Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) supports end-to-end metrics. In Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2), an application can set the end-to-end metrics directly only when it does not use a DMS-enabled JAR files. But, if the application uses a DMS-enabled JAR file, the end-to-end metrics can be set only through DMS.

For more information about end-to-end metrics, refer to Oracle Database JDBC Java API Reference.

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**Caution:** Oracle strongly recommends using DMS metrics, if the application uses a DMS-enabled JAR file.
Overview of JDBC DMS Metrics

DMS metrics enable application and system developers to measure and export customized performance metrics for specific software components. All DMS metrics are available in the following DMS-enabled JAR files:

- ojdbc5dms.jar
- ojdbc5dms_g.jar
- ojdbc6dms.jar
- ojdbc6dms_g.jar

Any other JDBC JAR files do not generate any DMS metrics. The metrics generated in the Oracle JDBC 11g release are different from 10.2, 10.1, 9.2, and earlier versions of Oracle JDBC as it makes no attempt to retain compatibility with earlier versions. There are also no compatibility modes. A system that is dependent on the exact details of the DMS metrics generated by earlier versions of JDBC may have unexpected behavior when processing the metrics generated by Oracle JDBC 11g. This is by design and cannot be changed.

Statement metrics can be reported consolidated for all statements in a connection or individually for each statement. All DMS metrics, except those related to individual statements, are enabled at all times.

**Note:** You can enable or disable the SQLText statement metric. It is disabled by default. If enabled, it is enabled for all statements.

Determining the Type of Metric to Be Generated

To determine whether to use consolidated or individual metrics, JDBC checks the DMSConsole sensor weight. If the sensor weight is less than or equal to `DMSConsole.NORMAL`, then JDBC generates consolidated statement metrics. If the sensor weight is greater than `DMSConsole.NORMAL`, then JDBC generates individual statement metrics.

JDBC checks the DMSConsole sensor weight when creating a Prepared or Callable statement and depending on the sensor weight at the time the statement is created, the metrics are generated. Changing the value of the sensor weight, after the statement has been created, does not cause a statement to switch between consolidated and individual metrics.

**Note:** In the presence of Statement caching, it may appear that changing sensor weight has no impact as statements are retrieved from the cache rather than created anew.

There is only one list of statement metrics that is generated for both consolidated and individual statement metrics. The only difference between these two lists is the aggregation of the statements. When individual statement metrics are generated, one set of metrics is generated for each distinct statement object created by the JDBC driver. On the other hand, when consolidated statement metrics are generated, all statements created by a given connection use the same set of statement metrics.

For example, consider an 'execute' phase event. If individual statement metrics are used, then each statement created will have a distinct 'execute' phase event. So, from two such statements, it will be possible to distinguish the execution statistics for the
two separate statements. If one has an execution time of 1 second and the other an execution time of 3 seconds, then there will be two distinct ‘execute’ phase events, one with a total time and average of 1 second and the other with a total time and average of 3 seconds. But, if consolidated statement metrics are used, all statements will use the single ‘execute’ phase event common to the connection. So, from two such statements created by the same connection, it will not be possible to distinguish the execution statistics for the two statements. If one has an execution time of 1 second and the other an execution time of 3 seconds, then the common ‘execute’ phase event will report a total execution time of 4 seconds and an average of 2 seconds.

Generating the SQLText Metric

Depending on the version of DMS, there are two mechanisms for determining the generating of the SQLText statement metrics:

■ If the 11g version of the DMS JAR file is present in the classpath environment variable, then JDBC checks the DMS update SQL text flag. If this flag is true, then the SQLText metric is updated.

■ If the 11g version of the DMS JAR file is not present in the classpath environment variable, then JDBC uses the value of the DMSStatementMetrics connection property. If this statement property is true, then SQLText metric is updated. The default value of this connection property is false.

Whether or not the SQLText metric will be generated is independent of the use of the type of statement metrics used, that is, individual statement metrics or consolidated statement metrics.

Accessing DMS Metrics Using JMX

JMX (Java Management Extensions) is a Java technology that supplies tools for managing and monitoring applications, system objects, devices, service-oriented networks, and the JVM (Java Virtual Machine). You can easily access DMS metrics at run time using a management application that supports JMX. For more information about using JMX to access DMS data, go to the following URL http://www.oracle.com/technology/products/ias/toplink/doc/1013/main/_html/optimiz004.htm#BEEFGGBE
Part IX
Appendixes

This part consists of appendixes that discuss Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) reference information, tips for coding JDBC applications, JDBC error messages, and troubleshooting JDBC applications.

Part IX contains the following appendixes:

- Appendix A, "JDBC Reference Information"
- Appendix B, "Oracle RAC Fast Application Notification"
- Appendix C, "Coding Tips"
- Appendix D, "JDBC Error Messages"
- Appendix E, "Troubleshooting"
This appendix contains detailed Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) reference information, including the following topics:

- Valid SQL-JDBC Data Type Mappings
- Supported SQL and PL/SQL Data Types
- Embedded JDBC Escape Syntax
- Oracle JDBC Notes and Limitations

Valid SQL-JDBC Data Type Mappings

Table 11–1 describes the default mappings between Java classes and SQL data types supported by Oracle JDBC drivers. Compare the contents of the JDBC Type Codes, Standard Java Types, and SQL Data Types columns in Table 11–1 with the contents of Table A–1.

Table A–1 lists all the possible Java types to which a given SQL data type can be validly mapped. Oracle JDBC drivers will support these nondefault mappings. For example, to materialize SQL CHAR data in an oracle.sql.CHAR object, use the getCHAR method. To materialize it as a java.math.BigDecimal object, use the getBigDecimal method.

Note: For classes where oracle.sql.ORADATA appears in italic, these can be generated by JPublisher.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SQL data type</th>
<th>Java types</th>
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<tr>
<td>CHAR, VARCHAR2, LONG</td>
<td>java.lang.String</td>
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<td></td>
<td>oracle.sql.CHAR</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SQL data type</td>
<td>Java types</td>
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<tr>
<td>--------------------</td>
<td>-----------------------------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NUMBER</td>
<td>boolean, char, byte, short, int, long, float, double</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>java.lang.Byte, java.lang.Short, java.lang.Integer,</td>
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<td></td>
<td>java.lang.Long, java.lang.Float, java.lang.Double,</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>java.math.BigDecimal, oracle.sql.NUMBER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>boolean, char, byte, short, int, long</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BINARY_FLOAT</td>
<td>oracle.sql.BINARY_FLOAT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BINARY_DOUBLE</td>
<td>oracle.sql.BINARY_DOUBLE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE</td>
<td>oracle.sql.DATE</td>
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<td>oracle.sql_RAW</td>
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<tr>
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<td>oracle.sql.BFILE</td>
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<td>ROWID</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>TIMESTAMP</td>
<td>oracle.sql.TIMESTAMP</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TIMESTAMP WITH TIME</td>
<td>oracle.sql.TIMESTAMPWITHTIMEZONE</td>
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<td>TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL</td>
<td>oracle.sql.TIMESTAMPWITHLOCALTIMEZONE</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>ref cursor</td>
<td>java.sql.ResultSet</td>
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<td></td>
<td>sqlj.runtime.ResultSetIterator</td>
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<td>user defined named</td>
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<td>types, ADTs</td>
<td></td>
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<td>opaque named types</td>
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<td></td>
<td>oracle.sql.OPAQUE</td>
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Supported SQL and PL/SQL Data Types

The tables in this section list SQL and PL/SQL data types, and whether Oracle JDBC drivers support them. Table A–2 describes Oracle JDBC driver support for SQL data types.

Table A–2  Support for SQL Data Types

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SQL Data Type</th>
<th>Supported by JDBC Drivers?</th>
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<td>BFILE</td>
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<tr>
<td>BLOB</td>
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<tr>
<td>CHAR</td>
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</tr>
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<td>CLOB</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NCHAR</td>
<td>no(^1)</td>
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<td>NCHAR VARYING</td>
<td>no</td>
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<tr>
<td>NUMBER</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NVARCHAR2</td>
<td>yes(^2)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RAW</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REF</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ROWID</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UROWID</td>
<td>no</td>
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<tr>
<td>VARCHAR2</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

\(^1\) The NCHAR type is supported indirectly. There is no corresponding java.sql.Types type, but if your application calls the formOfUse(NCHAR) method, then this type can be accessed.

\(^2\) In JSE 6, the NVARCHAR2 type is supported directly. In J2SE 5.0, the NVARCHAR2 type is supported indirectly. There is no corresponding java.sql.Types type, but if your application calls the formOfUse(NCHAR) method, then this type can be accessed.

Note:

- The type UROWID is not supported.
- The oracle.sql.Datum class is abstract. The value passed to a parameter of type oracle.sql.Datum must be of the Java type corresponding to the underlying SQL type. Likewise, the value returned by a method with return type oracle.sql.Datum must be of the Java type corresponding to the underlying SQL type.
Table A–3 describes Oracle JDBC support for the ANSI-supported SQL data types.

### Table A–3 Support for ANSI-92 SQL Data Types

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ANSI-Supported SQL Data Type</th>
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<td>DEC</td>
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<td>DOUBLE PRECISION</td>
<td>yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>FLOAT</td>
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</tr>
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<td>INT</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
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<td>NUMERIC</td>
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<tr>
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<td>SMALLINT</td>
<td>yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>VARCHAR</td>
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</table>

Table A–4 describes Oracle JDBC driver support for SQL User-Defined types.

### Table A–4 Support for SQL User-Defined Types

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<tr>
<th>SQL User-Defined type</th>
<th>Supported by JDBC Drivers?</th>
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<tr>
<td>OPAQUE</td>
<td>yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reference types</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Object types (JAVA_OBJECT)</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nested table types and VARRAY types</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table A–5 describes Oracle JDBC driver support for PL/SQL data types. Note that PL/SQL data types include these categories:

- Scalar types
- Scalar character types, which includes BOOLEAN and DATE data types
- Composite types
- Reference types
- Large object (LOB) types
### Supported SQL and PL/SQL Data Types

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<th>PL/SQL Data Type</th>
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<td>BINARY INTEGER</td>
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<tr>
<td>DEC</td>
<td>yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>DECIMAL</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DOUBLE PRECISION</td>
<td>yes</td>
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<td>FLOAT</td>
<td>yes</td>
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<td>INT</td>
<td>yes</td>
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<td>NUMBER</td>
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<td>PLS_INTEGER</td>
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<td>POSITIVE</td>
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<td>POSITIVEi</td>
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<td>REAL</td>
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<td>SIGNTYPE</td>
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<td><strong>Scalar Character Types:</strong></td>
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<td>CHAR</td>
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<td>CHARACTER</td>
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<td>no (see Note)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NVARCHAR2</td>
<td>no (see Note)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RAW</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ROWID</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STRING</td>
<td>yes</td>
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<td>UROWID</td>
<td>no</td>
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<td>VARCHAR</td>
<td>yes</td>
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<td>VARCHAR2</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BOOLEAN</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Composite Types:</strong></td>
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<td>RECORD</td>
<td>no</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TABLE</td>
<td>no</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VARRAY</td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Embedded JDBC Escape Syntax

Oracle JDBC drivers support some embedded JDBC escape syntax, which is the syntax that you specify between curly braces. The current support is basic.

This section describes the support offered by the drivers for the following constructs:

- **Time and Date Literals**
- **Scalar Functions**
- **LIKE Escape Characters**
- **Outer Joins**
- **Function Call Syntax**

Where driver support is limited, these sections also describe possible workarounds.

**Disabling Escape Processing**

The processing for JDBC escape syntax is enabled by default, which results in the JDBC driver performing escape substitution before sending the SQL code to the
database. If you want the driver to use regular Oracle SQL syntax, which is more efficient than JDBC escape syntax processing, then use this statement:

```java
stmt.setEscapeProcessing(false);
```

### Time and Date Literals

Databases differ in the syntax they use for date, time, and timestamp literals. JDBC supports dates and times written only in a specific format. This section describes the formats you must use for date, time, and timestamp literals in SQL statements.

#### Date Literals

The JDBC drivers support date literals in SQL statements written in the format:

```java
{d 'yyyy-mm-dd'}
```

Where `yyyy-mm-dd` represents the year, month, and day. For example:

```java
{d '1995-10-22'}
```

The JDBC drivers will replace this escape clause with the equivalent Oracle representation: "22 OCT 1995".

The following code snippet contains an example of using a date literal in a SQL statement.

```java
// Connect to the database
// You can put a database name after the @ sign in the connection URL.
OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
ods.setURL("jdbc:oracle:oci:@");
ods.setUser("scott");
ods.setPassword("tiger");
Connection conn = ods.getConnection();

// Create a Statement
Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();

// Select the ename column from the emp table where the hiredate is Jan-23-1982
ResultSet rset = stmt.executeQuery("SELECT ename FROM emp WHERE hiredate = {d '1982-01-23'}");

// Iterate through the result and print the employee names
while (rset.next())
    System.out.println(rset.getString(1));
```

#### Time Literals

The JDBC drivers support time literals in SQL statements written in the format:

```java
{t 'hh:mm:ss'}
```

where, `hh:mm:ss` represents the hours, minutes, and seconds. For example:

```java
{t '05:10:45'}
```

The JDBC drivers will replace this escape clause with the equivalent Oracle representation: "05:10:45".

If the time is specified as:
Then the equivalent Oracle representation would be "14:20:50", assuming the server is using a 24-hour clock.

This code snippet contains an example of using a time literal in a SQL statement.

```java
ResultSet rset = stmt.executeQuery
    ("SELECT ename FROM emp WHERE hiredate = (t '12:00:00')");
```

**Timestamp Literals**

The JDBC drivers support timestamp literals in SQL statements written in the format:

```java
{ts 'yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss.f...'}
```

where `yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss.f...` represents the year, month, day, hours, minutes, and seconds. The fractional seconds portion (`.f...`) is optional and can be omitted. For example: `{ts '1997-11-01 13:22:45'}` represents, in Oracle format, `NOV 01 1997 13:22:45`.

This code snippet contains an example of using a timestamp literal in a SQL statement.

```java
ResultSet rset = stmt.executeQuery
    ("SELECT ename FROM emp WHERE hiredate = (ts '1982-01-23 12:00:00')");
```

**Mapping SQL DATE Data type to Java**

Oracle Database 8i and earlier versions did not support TIMESTAMP data, but Oracle DATE data used to have a time component as an extension to the SQL standard. So, Oracle Database 8i and earlier versions of JDBC drivers mapped `oracle.sql.DATE` to `java.sql.Timestamp` to preserve the time component. Starting with Oracle Database 9.0.1, TIMESTAMP support was included and 9i JDBC drivers started mapping `oracle.sql.DATE` to `java.sql.Date`. This mapping was incorrect as it truncated the time component of Oracle DATE data. To overcome this problem, Oracle Database 11.1 introduced a new flag `mapDateToTimestamp`. The default value of this flag is `true`, which means that by default the drivers will correctly map `oracle.sql.DATE` to `java.sql.Timestamp`, retaining the time information. If you still want the incorrect but 10g compatible `oracle.sql.DATE` to `java.sql.Date` mapping, then you can get it by setting the value of `mapDateToTimestamp` flag to `false.`
Scalar Functions

Oracle JDBC drivers do not support all scalar functions. To find out which functions the drivers support, use the following methods supported by the Oracle-specific oracle.jdbc.OracleDatabaseMetaData class and the standard Java java.sql.DatabaseMetadata interface:

- **getNumericFunctions()**
  Returns a comma-delimited list of math functions supported by the driver. For example, ABS, COS, SQRT.

- **getStringFunctions()**
  Returns a comma-delimited list of string functions supported by the driver. For example, ASCII, LOCATE.

- **getSystemFunctions()**
  Returns a comma-delimited list of system functions supported by the driver. For example, DATABASE, USER.

- **getTimeDateFunctions()**
  Returns a comma-delimited list of time and date functions supported by the driver. For example, CURDATE, DAYOFYEAR, HOUR.

**Note:** Oracle JDBC drivers support `fn`, the function keyword.

LIKE Escape Characters

The characters `%` and `_` have special meaning in SQL LIKE clauses. You use `%` to match zero or more characters and `_` to match exactly one character. If you want to interpret these characters literally in strings, then you precede them with a special escape
character. For example, if you want to use ampersand (&) as the escape character, then you identify it in the SQL statement as:

```java
Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();

// Select the empno column from the emp table where the ename starts with '_'
ResultSet rset = stmt.executeQuery
    ("SELECT empno FROM emp WHERE ename LIKE '&_%' (ESCAPE '&')");

// Iterate through the result and print the employee numbers
while (rset.next ())
    System.out.println (rset.getString (1));
```

**Note:** If you want to use the backslash character (\) as an escape character, then you must enter it twice, that is, \\. For example:

```java
ResultSet rset = stmt.executeQuery("SELECT empno FROM emp
    WHERE ename LIKE '\\_%' (escape '\\')");
```

### Outer Joins
Oracle JDBC drivers do not support the outer join syntax. The workaround is to use Oracle outer join syntax:

Instead of:

```java
Statement stmt = conn.createStatement ();
ResultSet rset = stmt.executeQuery
    ("SELECT ename, dname
        FROM {OJ dept LEFT OUTER JOIN emp ON dept.deptno = emp.deptno}
        ORDER BY ename");
```

Use Oracle SQL syntax:

```java
Statement stmt = conn.createStatement ();
ResultSet rset = stmt.executeQuery
    ("SELECT ename, dname
        FROM emp b, dept a WHERE a.deptno = b.deptno(+)
        ORDER BY ename");
```

### Function Call Syntax
Oracle JDBC drivers support the following procedure and function call syntax:

**Procedure calls:**

```java
{ call procedure_name (argument1, argument2,...) }
```

**Function calls:**

```java
{ ? = call procedure_name (argument1, argument2,...) }
```

### JDBC Escape Syntax to Oracle SQL Syntax Example
You can write a simple program to translate JDBC escape syntax to Oracle SQL syntax. The following program prints the comparable Oracle SQL syntax for statements using JDBC escape syntax for function calls, date literals, time literals, and timestamp
In the program, the `oracle.jdbc.OracleSql.parse()` method performs the conversions.

```java
public class Foo {
    static oracle.jdbc.OracleDriver driver = new oracle.jdbc.OracleDriver();
    public static void main(String args[]) throws Exception {
        show("{call foo(?, ?)}");
        show("(? = call bar (?, ?)}");
        show("(d '1998-10-22')");
        show("(t '16:22:34')");
        show("(ts '1998-10-22 16:22:34')");
    }

    public static void show(String s) throws Exception {
        System.out.println(s + " => " +
                driver.processSqlEscapes(s));
    }
}
```

The following code is the output that prints the comparable SQL syntax.

```
{call foo(? , ?)} => BEGIN foo(:1, :2); END;
(? = call bar (? , ?}) => BEGIN :1 := bar (:2, :3); END;
(d '1998-10-22') => TO_DATE ('1998-10-22', 'YYYY-MM-DD')
(t '16:22:34') => TO_DATE ('16:22:34', 'HH24:MI:SS')
HH24:MI:SS.FF')
```

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**Oracle JDBC Notes and Limitations**

The following limitations exist in the Oracle JDBC implementation, but all of them are either insignificant or have easy workarounds. This section covers the following topics:

- **CursorName**
- **JDBC Outer Join Escapes**
- **PL/SQL TABLE, BOOLEAN, and RECORD Types**
- **IEEE 754 Floating Point Compliance**
- **Catalog Arguments to DatabaseMetaData Calls**
- **SQLWarning Class**
- **Executing DDL Statements**
- **Binding Named Parameters**

**CursorName**

Oracle JDBC drivers do not support the `getCursorName` and `setCursorName` methods, because there is no convenient way to map them to Oracle constructs. Oracle recommends using `ROWID` instead.

**See Also:** "Oracle ROWID Type" on page 4-13 for more information about how to use and manipulate `ROWIDs`.  

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Oracle JDBC References Information A-11
JDBC Outer Join Escapes

Oracle JDBC drivers do not support JDBC outer join escapes. Use Oracle SQL syntax with + instead.

See Also:  "Embedded JDBC Escape Syntax" on page A-6

PL/SQL TABLE, BOOLEAN, and RECORD Types

It is not feasible for Oracle JDBC drivers to support calling arguments or return values of the PL/SQL RECORD, BOOLEAN, or table with non-scalar element types. However, Oracle JDBC drivers support PL/SQL index-by table of scalar element types.

See Also:  "Accessing PL/SQL Index-by Tables" on page 4-5

As a workaround to PL/SQL RECORD, BOOLEAN, or non-scalar table types, create container procedures that handle the data as types supported by JDBC. For example, to wrap a stored procedure that uses PL/SQL boolean, create a stored procedure that takes a character or number from JDBC and passes it to the original procedure as BOOLEAN or, for an output parameter, accepts a BOOLEAN argument from the original procedure and passes it as a CHAR or NUMBER to JDBC. Similarly, to wrap a stored procedure that uses PL/SQL records, create a stored procedure that handles a record in its individual components, such as CHAR and NUMBER, or in a structured object type. To wrap a stored procedure that uses PL/SQL tables, break the data into components or perhaps use Oracle collection types.

See Also:  "Boolean Parameters in PL/SQL Stored Procedures" on page E-2 for an example of a workaround for BOOLEAN.

IEEE 754 Floating Point Compliance

The arithmetic for the Oracle NUMBER type does not comply with the IEEE 754 standard for floating-point arithmetic. Therefore, there can be small disagreements between the results of computations performed by Oracle and the same computations performed by Java.

Oracle stores numbers in a format compatible with decimal arithmetic and guarantees 38 decimal digits of precision. It represents zero, minus infinity, and plus infinity exactly. For each positive number it represents, it represents a negative number of the same absolute value.

It represents every positive number between 10^-30 and (1 - 10^-38) * 10^126 to full 38-digit precision.

Catalog Arguments to DatabaseMetaData Calls

Certain DatabaseMetaData methods define a catalog parameter. This parameter is one of the selection criteria for the method. Oracle does not have multiple catalogs, but it does have packages.

See Also:  "Reporting DatabaseMetaData TABLE_REMARKS" on page 23-20 for information about how Oracle JDBC drivers treat the catalog argument.

SQLException Class

The java.sql.SQLException class provides information about a database access warning. Warnings typically contain a description of the warning and a code that
identifies the warning. Warnings are silently chained to the object whose method caused it to be reported. Oracle JDBC drivers generally do not support `SQLWarning`. As an exception to this, scrollable result set operations do generate SQL warnings, but the `SQLWarning` instance is created on the client, not in the database.

See Also: "Processing SQL Exceptions" on page 2-16

**Executing DDL Statements**

You must execute Data Definition Language (DDL) statements with `Statement` objects. If you use `PreparedStatements` objects or `CallableStatements` objects, then the DDL statement takes effect only on the first execution. This can cause unexpected behavior if the SQL statements are in a statement cache.

**Binding Named Parameters**

Binding by name is not supported when using the `setXXX` methods. Under certain circumstances, previous versions of Oracle JDBC drivers have allowed binding statement variables by name when using the `setXXX` methods. In the following statement, the named variable `EmpId` would be bound to the integer 314159.

```java
PreparedStatement p = conn.prepareStatement
("SELECT name FROM emp WHERE id = :EmpId");
p.setInt(1, 314159);
```

This capability to bind by name using the `setXXX` methods is not part of the JDBC specification, and Oracle does not support it. The JDBC drivers can throw a `SQLException` or produce unexpected results. Starting from Oracle Database 10g JDBC drivers, bind by name is supported using the `setXXXAtName` methods.

See Also: "Interface oracle.jdbc.OracleCallableStatement" on page 4-22 and "Interface oracle.jdbc.OraclePreparedStatement" on page 4-21

The bound values are not copied by the drivers until you call the `execute` method. So, changing the bound value before calling the `execute` method could change the bound value. For example, consider the following code snippet:

```java
PreparedStatement p;
........
Date d = new Date(1181676033917L);
p.setDate(1, d);
d.setTime(0);
p.executeUpdate();
```

This code snippet inserts `Date(0)` in the database instead of `Date(1181676033917L)` because the bound values are not copied by JDBC driver implementation for performance reasons.
Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2) introduces a new set of APIs for Oracle RAC Fast Application Notification (FAN) events. These APIs provide an alternative for taking advantage of the high-availability (HA) features of Oracle Database, if you do not use Universal Connection Pool or Oracle JDBC connection caching. These APIs are not a part of Oracle JDBC APIs.

This appendix covers the following topics:

- Overview of Oracle RAC Fast Application Notification
- Installing and Configuring Oracle RAC Fast Application Notification
- Using Oracle RAC Fast Application Notification
- Implementing a Connection Cache

This feature depends on the Oracle Notification System (ONS) message transport mechanism. This feature requires configuring your system, servers, and clients to use ONS.

For using Oracle RAC Fast Application Notification, the simplefan.jar file must be present in the classpath, and either the ons.jar file must be present in the classpath or an Oracle Notification Services (ONS) client must be installed and running in the client system.

**Overview of Oracle RAC Fast Application Notification**

The Oracle RAC Fast Application Notification (FAN) feature provides a simplified API for accessing FAN events through a callback mechanism. This mechanism enables application code to receive a callback when a FAN event occurs. These APIs are referred to as Oracle RAC FAN APIs in this appendix.

The Oracle RAC FAN APIs provide FAN event notification for developing more responsive applications that can take full advantage of Oracle Database HA features. If you do not want to use Universal Connection Pool, but want to work with FAN events implementing your own connection cache, then you should use Oracle RAC Fast Application Notification.
The Oracle RAC FAN APIs enable application code to receive and respond to FAN event notifications sent by Oracle RAC. This is achieved by enabling the code to respond to FAN events in the following way:

- Listening for Oracle RAC service down, service up, and node down events
- Listening for load balancing advisory events and responding to them

This feature exposes a subset of FAN events, which are the notifications sent by a cluster running Oracle RAC, to inform the subscribers about the configuration changes within the cluster. The supported FAN events are the following:

- Service up
  The service up events notify that the managed resources are up and available. The cluster sends service up events when a cluster managed Database service becomes active, that is, available to accept work on an instance within the cluster.

- Service down
  The service down events notify that the managed resources are down and currently not available for access. There are two kinds of service down events:
  - Events indicating that a particular instance of a service is down and the instance is no longer able to accept work.
  - Events indicating that all instances of a service are down and the service is no longer able to accept work.

When the last instance of a service goes down, then the subscriber receives both events. The events may or may not arrive together.

- Node down
  The node down events notify that the Oracle RAC node identified by the host identifier is down and not reachable. The cluster sends node down events when a node is no longer able to accept work.

- Load balancing advisory

Note:

- If you do not want to implement your own connection cache, then you should use Universal Connection Pooling to get all the advantages of Oracle RAC Fast Application Notification, along with many additional benefits. For more information on Universal Connection Pooling, refer to Oracle Universal Connection Pool for JDBC Developer’s Guide.

- Starting from Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2), implicit connection cache has been deprecated, and replaced with Universal Connection Pool (UCP) for JDBC. Oracle recommends that you take advantage of the new architecture, which is more powerful and offers better performance. Refer to the following link for more information:
The load balancing advisory events provide metrics for load balancing algorithms. Load balancing advisories are sent regularly to inform subscribers of the recommended distribution of work among the available nodes.

**Note:** If you want to implement your own connection cache, only then you should use Oracle RAC Fast Application Notification. Otherwise, you should use Universal Connection Pooling to get all the advantages of Oracle RAC Fast Application Notification, along with many additional benefits. For more information on Universal Connection Pooling, refer to *Oracle Universal Connection Pool for JDBC Developer’s Guide*.

### Installing and Configuring Oracle RAC Fast Application Notification

You can install the Oracle RAC FAN APIs by performing the following steps:

1. Download the `simplefan.jar` file from the following link
   

2. Add the `simplefan.jar` file to the classpath.

3. Perform the following in your Java code:
   
   a. Get an instance of the `FanManager` class by using the `getInstance` method.

   b. Configure the event daemon using the `configure` method of the `FanManager` class. The `configure` method sets the following properties:

      - **onsNodes**: A comma separated list of `host:port` pairs of ONS daemons that the ONS runtime in this Java VM should communicate with. The `host` in a `host:port` pair is the host name of a system running the ONS daemon. The `port` is the local port configuration parameter for that daemon.

      - **onsWalletFile**: The path name of the ONS wallet file. The wallet file is the path to a local wallet file used by SSL to store SSL certificates. Same as wallet file configuration parameter to ONS daemon.

      - **onsWalletPassword**: The password for accessing the ONS wallet file.

For a detailed description of the Oracle RAC FAN APIs, refer to *Oracle Database RAC FAN Events Java API Reference*.

### Configuration of ONS

The Java API for Oracle RAC FAN Events depends on the Oracle Notification System (ONS) service. This section describes how to configure ONS. It covers the following topics:

- **Overview of ONS Configuration File**
- **Configuring Client-Side ONS**

#### Overview of ONS Configuration File

ONS configuration is controlled by the ONS configuration file, `ORACLE_HOME/opmn/conf/ons.config`. This file tells the ONS daemon how it should behave. Configuration information within `ons.config` is defined in simple name and value pairs.
Some parameters in the ons.config file are required and some are optional. Table B–1 lists the required ONS configuration parameters and Table B–2 lists the optional ONS configuration parameters.

**Table B–1 Required ONS Configuration Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>localport</td>
<td>The port that ONS binds to on the local host interface to talk to local clients. For example, localport=4100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>remoteport</td>
<td>The port that ONS binds to on all interfaces for talking to other ONS daemons. For example, remoteport=4200</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>nodes</td>
<td>A list of other ONS daemons to talk to. Node values are given as a comma-delimited list of either host names or IP addresses plus ports. The port value that is given is the remote port that each ONS instance is listening on. In order to maintain an identical file on all nodes, the host:port of the current ONS node can also be listed in the nodes list. It will be ignored when reading the list. For example, nodes=myhost.example.com:4200,123.123.123.123:4200 The nodes listed in the nodes line correspond to the individual nodes in the Oracle RAC instance. Listing the nodes ensures that the middle-tier node can communicate with the Oracle RAC nodes. At least one middle-tier node and one node in the Oracle RAC instance must be configured to see one another. As long as one node on each side is aware of the other, all nodes are visible. You need not list every single cluster and middle-tier node in the ONS configuration file of each Oracle RAC node. In particular, if one ONS configuration file cluster node is aware of the middle tier, then all nodes in the cluster are aware of it.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Table B–2 Optional ONS Configuration Parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>loglevel</td>
<td>The level of messages that should be logged by ONS. This value is an integer that ranges from 1, which indicates least messages logged, to 9, which indicates most messages logged. The default value is 3. For example, loglevel=3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>logfile</td>
<td>A log file that ONS should use for logging messages. The default value for log file is $ORACLE_HOME/opmn/logs/ons.log. For example, logfile=/private/oraclehome/opmn/logs/myons.log</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>walletfile</td>
<td>The wallet file used by the Oracle Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) to store SSL certificates. If a wallet file is specified to ONS, then it uses SSL when communicating with other ONS instances and require SSL certificate authentication from all ONS instances that try to connect to it. This means that if you want to turn on SSL for one ONS instance, then you must turn it on for all instances that are connected. This value should point to the directory where your ewallet.p12 file is located. For example, walletfile=/private/oraclehome/opmn/conf/ssl.wl t/default</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The `ons.config` file allows blank lines and comments on lines that begin with the number sign (`#`).

**Configuring Client-Side ONS**

You can access the client-side ONS through `ORACLE_HOME/opmn`. On the client-side, there are two ways to set up ONS:

- Remote ONS configuration

  ```
  Example B–1 illustrates how a sample configuration file may look.
  
  **Example B–1  Example of a Sample ons.config File**
  
  # This is an example ons.config file
  #
  # The first three values are required
  localport=4100
  remoteport=4200
  nodes=racnode1.example.com:4200,racnode2.example.com:4200
  
  After configuring ONS, you start the ONS daemon with the `onsctl` command. It is the user's responsibility to make sure that an ONS daemon is running at all times.

**Using the `onsctl` Command**

After configuring, use `ORACLE_HOME/opmn/bin/onsctl` to start, stop, reconfigure, and monitor the ONS daemon. Table B–3 is a summary of the commands that `onsctl` supports.

**Table B–3  `onsctl` Commands**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Command</th>
<th>Effect</th>
<th>Output</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>start</td>
<td>Starts the ONS daemon</td>
<td><code>onsctl: ons started</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>stop</td>
<td>Stops the ONS daemon</td>
<td><code>onsctl: shutting down ons daemon...</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ping</td>
<td>Verifies whether or not the ONS daemon is running</td>
<td><code>ons is running ...</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>reconfig</td>
<td>Triggers a reload of the ONS configuration without shutting down the ONS daemon</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>help</td>
<td>Prints a help summary message for <code>onsctl</code></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Example B–2 provides an example to use Oracle RAC Fast Application Notification in your code. This example code prints the event data to the standard output device.

This example code demonstrates sample usages of Oracle RAC FAN APIs by overloading the handleFanEvent method to accept different FAN event notifications as arguments. The example code also displays event data such as

- Name of the system sending the FAN event notification
- Timestamp of the FAN event notification
- Load status of the FAN event notification

Example B–2  Example of Sample Code Using Oracle RAC FAN API

```java
Properties props = new Properties();
props.setProperty("serviceName", "gl");
FanSubscription sub = FanManager.getInstance().subscribe(props);
sub.addListener(new FanEventListener() {
    public void handleFanEvent(ServiceDownEvent event) {
        try {
            System.out.println(event.getTimestamp());
            System.out.println(event.getServiceName());
            System.out.println(event.getDatabaseUniqueName());
            System.out.println(event.getReason());
            ServiceMemberEvent me = se.getServiceMemberEvent();
            if (me != null) {
                System.out.println(me.getInstanceName());
                System.out.println(me.getNodeName());
                System.out.println(me.getServiceMemberStatus());
            }
            ServiceCompositeEvent ce = se.getServiceCompositeEvent();
            if (ce != null) {
                System.out.println(ce.getServiceCompositeStatus());
            }
        } catch (Throwable t) {
            // handle all exceptions and errors
            t.printStackTrace(System.err);
        }
    }

    public void handleFanEvent(NodeDownEvent event) {
        try {
            System.out.println(event.getTimestamp());
            System.out.println(ne.getNodeName());
            System.out.println(ne.getIncarnation());
        } catch (Throwable t) {
            // handle all exceptions and errors
            t.printStackTrace(System.err);
        }
    }
});
```

See Also: Oracle Real Application Clusters Administration and Deployment Guide

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Command</th>
<th>Effect</th>
<th>Output</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>detailed</td>
<td>Prints a detailed help message for onctl</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
catch (Throwable t) {
    // handle all exceptions and errors
    t.printStackTrace(System.err);
}
}

public void handleFanEvent(LoadAdvisoryEvent event) {
    try {
        System.out.println(event.getTimestamp());
        System.out.println(le.getServiceName());
        System.out.println(le.getDatabaseUniqueName());
        System.out.println(le.getInstanceName());
        System.out.println(le.getPercent());
        System.out.println(le.getServiceQuality());
        System.out.println(le.getLoadStatus());
    } catch (Throwable t) {
        // handle all exceptions and errors
        t.printStackTrace(System.err);
    }
}

Implementing a Connection Cache

You must implement your own connection cache for using Oracle RAC FAN APIs. Consider the following points before you implement a connection cache using the Oracle RAC FAN APIs:

- Oracle RAC FAN APIs provide a minimal subset of FAN events.
- Oracle RAC FAN APIs support only ONS events. If you want your application to support corresponding supercluster events, then you may require additions to the subscription properties.
- Oracle RAC FAN APIs do not enable application code to send FAN events.
This appendix describes methods to optimize a Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) application or applet. It includes the following topics:

- JDBC and Multithreading
- Performance Optimization
- Transaction Isolation Levels and Access Modes

### JDBC and Multithreading

Oracle JDBC drivers provide full support for, and are highly optimized for, applications that use Java multithreading. Controlled serial access to a connection, such as that provided by connection caching, is both necessary and encouraged. However, Oracle strongly discourages sharing a database connection among multiple threads. Avoid allowing multiple threads to access a connection simultaneously. If multiple threads must share a connection, use a disciplined begin-using/end-using protocol.

### Performance Optimization

You can significantly enhance the performance of your JDBC programs by using any of these features:

- Disabling Auto-Commit Mode
- Standard Fetch Size and Oracle Row Prefetching
- Standard and Oracle Update Batching
- Statement Caching

### Disabling Auto-Commit Mode

Auto-commit mode indicates to the database whether to issue an automatic COMMIT operation after every SQL operation. Being in auto-commit mode can be expensive in terms of time and processing effort if, for example, you are repeating the same statement with different bind variables.

By default, new connection objects are in auto-commit mode. However, you can disable auto-commit mode with the setAutoCommit method of the connection object, either `java.sql.Connection` or `oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection`.

In auto-commit mode, the COMMIT operation occurs either when the statement completes or the next execute occurs, whichever comes first. In the case of statements returning a `ResultSet` object, the statement completes when the last row of the
Result Set has been retrieved or when the Result Set has been closed. In more complex cases, a single statement can return multiple results as well as output parameter values. Here, the **commit** occurs when all results and output parameter values have been retrieved.

If you disable auto-commit mode with a `setAutoCommit(false)` call, then you must manually commit or roll back groups of operations using the `commit` or `rollback` method of the connection object.

**Example**
The following example illustrates loading the driver and connecting to the database. Because new connections are in auto-commit mode by default, this example shows how to disable auto-commit. In the example, `conn` represents the `Connection` object, and `stmt` represents the `Statement` object.

```java
// Connect to the database
// You can put a database host name after the @ sign in the connection URL.
OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
    ods.setURL("jdbc:oracle:oci:@");
    ods.setUser("scott");
    ods.setPassword("tiger");
    Connection conn = ods.getConnection();

    // It's faster when auto commit is off
    conn.setAutoCommit (false);

    // Create a Statement
    Statement stmt = conn.createStatement ();
    ...
```

**Standard Fetch Size and Oracle Row Prefetching**

Oracle JDBC connection and statement objects allow you to specify the number of rows to prefetch into the client with each trip to the database while a result set is being populated during a query. You can set a value in a connection object that affects each statement produced through that connection, and you can override that value in any particular statement object. The default value in a connection object is 10. Prefetching data into the client reduces the number of round-trips to the server.

Similarly, and with more flexibility, JDBC 2.0 enables you to specify the number of rows to fetch with each trip, both for statement objects (affecting subsequent queries) and for result set objects (affecting row refetches). By default, a result set uses the value for the statement object that produced it. If you do not set the JDBC 2.0 fetch size, then the Oracle connection row-prefetch value is used by default.

**See Also:**  "Fetch Size" on page 17-4

**Standard and Oracle Update Batching**

Oracle JDBC drivers allow you to accumulate `INSERT`, `DELETE`, and `UPDATE` operations of prepared statements at the client and send them to the server in batches. This feature reduces round-trips to the server. You can either use Oracle update batching, which typically processes a batch implicitly once a preset batch value is reached, or standard update batching, where the batch is processed explicitly.
Statement Caching

Statement caching improves performance by caching executable statements that are used repeatedly, such as in a loop or in a method that is called repeatedly. Applications use the statement cache to cache statements associated with a particular physical connection. When you enable Statement caching, a Statement object is cached when you call the close method. Because each physical connection has its own cache, multiple caches can exist if you enable Statement caching for multiple physical connections.

Note: The Oracle JDBC drivers are optimized for use with the Oracle Statement cache. Oracle strongly recommends that you use the Oracle Statement cache (implicit or explicit).

When you enable Statement caching on a connection cache, the logical connections benefit from the Statement caching that is enabled on the underlying physical connection. If you try to enable Statement caching on a logical connection held by a connection cache, then this will throw an exception.

Mapping Between Built-in SQL and Java Types

The SQL built-in types are those types with system-defined names, such as NUMBER, and CHAR, as opposed to the Oracle objects, varray, and nested table types, which have user-defined names. In JDBC programs that access data of built-in SQL types, all type conversions are unambiguous, because the program context determines the Java type to which a SQL datum will be converted.

The most efficient way to access numeric data is to use primitive Java types like int, float, long, and double. However, the range of values of these types do not exactly match the range of values of the SQL NUMBER data type. As a result, there may be some loss of information. If absolute precision is required across the entire value range, then use the BigDecimal type.

All character data is converted to the UCS2 character set of Java. The most efficient way to access character data is as java.lang.String. In worst case, this can cause a loss of information when two or more characters in the database character set map to a single UCS2 character. In Oracle Database 11g, all characters in the character set map to the characters in the UCS2 character set. However, some characters do map to surrogate pairs.

Transaction Isolation Levels and Access Modes

Read-only connections are supported by the Oracle server, but not by Oracle JDBC drivers.
For transactions, the Oracle server supports only the `TRANSACTION_READ_COMMITTED` and `TRANSACTION_SERIALIZABLE` transaction isolation levels. The default is `TRANSACTION_READ_COMMITTED`. Use the following methods of the `oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection` interface to get and set the level:

- `getTransactionIsolation`: Gets this connection's current transaction isolation level.
- `setTransactionIsolation`: Changes the transaction isolation level, using one of the `TRANSACTION_*` values.
This appendix briefly discusses the general structure of Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) error messages, then lists general JDBC error messages and TTC error messages that Oracle JDBC drivers can return. The appendix is organized as follows:

- General Structure of JDBC Error Messages
- General JDBC Messages
- Native XA Messages
- TTC Messages

Each of the message lists is first sorted by ORA number, and then alphabetically.

**See Also:** "Processing SQL Exceptions" on page 2-16

### General Structure of JDBC Error Messages

The general JDBC error message structure allows run-time information to be appended to the end of a message, following a colon, as follows:

<error_message>:<extra_info>

For example, a "closed statement" error might be displayed as follows:

Closed Statement:next

This indicates that the exception was thrown during a call to the `next` method (of a result set object).

In some cases, the user can find the same information in a stack trace.

### General JDBC Messages

This section lists general JDBC error messages, first sorted by the ORA number, and then in alphabetic order in the following subsections:

- JDBC Messages Sorted by ORA Number
- JDBC Messages Sorted in Alphabetic Order

**Note:** The ORA-17033 and ORA-17034 error messages use the term SQL92. The JDBC escape syntax was previously known as SQL92 Syntax or SQL92 escape syntax.
### JDBC Messages Sorted by ORA Number

The following table lists the JDBC error messages sorted by the ORA number:

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<td>Internal Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17002</td>
<td>Io exception</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17003</td>
<td>Invalid column index</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17004</td>
<td>Invalid column type</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17005</td>
<td>Unsupported column type</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17006</td>
<td>Invalid column name</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17007</td>
<td>Invalid dynamic column</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17008</td>
<td>Closed Connection</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17009</td>
<td>Closed Statement</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17010</td>
<td>Closed ResultSet</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17011</td>
<td>Exhausted ResultSet</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17012</td>
<td>Parameter Type Conflict</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17014</td>
<td>ResultSet.next was not called</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17015</td>
<td>Statement was cancelled</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17016</td>
<td>Statement timed out</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17017</td>
<td>Cursor already initialized</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17018</td>
<td>Invalid cursor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17019</td>
<td>Can only describe a query</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17020</td>
<td>Invalid row prefetch</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17021</td>
<td>Missing defines</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17022</td>
<td>Missing defines at index</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17023</td>
<td>Unsupported feature</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17024</td>
<td>No data read</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17025</td>
<td>Error in defines.isNull()</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17026</td>
<td>Numeric Overflow</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17027</td>
<td>Stream has already been closed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17028</td>
<td>Can not do new defines until the current ResultSet is closed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17029</td>
<td>setReadOnly: Read-only connections not supported</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17030</td>
<td>READ_COMMITTED and SERIALIZABLE are the only valid transaction levels</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17031</td>
<td>setAutoClose: Only support auto close mode on</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17032</td>
<td>cannot set row prefetch to zero</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17033</td>
<td>Malformed SQL.92 string at position</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17034</td>
<td>Non supported SQL.92 token at position</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17035</td>
<td>Character Set Not Supported !!</td>
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### Table D–1 (Cont.) JDBC Messages Sorted by ORA Number

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<td>exception in OracleNumber</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORA-17037</td>
<td>Fail to convert between UTF8 and UCS2</td>
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<td>JDBC statements cannot be created or executed at end of call processing</td>
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<td>Length of named parameter in SQL exceeded 32 characters</td>
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<td>Non supported character set (add orai18n.jar in your classpath)</td>
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<td>Non supported SQL92 token at position</td>
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<td>Parameter Type Conflict</td>
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<td>PKI classes not found. To use 'connect /' functionality, oraclepki.jar must be in the classpath</td>
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<td>ORA-17030</td>
<td>READ_COMMITTED and SERIALIZABLE are the only valid transaction levels</td>
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<td>ORA-17062</td>
<td>Ref cursor is invalid</td>
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<td>ORA-17014</td>
<td>ResultSet.next was not called</td>
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<td>ORA-17031</td>
<td>setAutoClose: Only support auto close mode on</td>
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<td>ORA-17029</td>
<td>setReadOnly: Read-only connections not supported</td>
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<td>ORA-17157</td>
<td>setString can only process strings of less than 32766 characters</td>
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<td>SQL statement to execute cannot be empty or null</td>
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<td>SQLXML cannot create a Source of that type</td>
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<td>standard Java character encoding not found</td>
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<td>Statement Caching cannot be enabled for this logical connection.</td>
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<td>ORA-17016</td>
<td>Statement timed out</td>
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<td>Statement was cancelled</td>
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<td>Stream has already been closed</td>
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<td>Sub Protocol must be specified in connection URL</td>
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<td>The LOB locator is not valid</td>
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<td>ORA-17170</td>
<td>The Namespace cannot be empty</td>
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<td>This method is only implemented in physical connections</td>
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Native XA Messages

The following sections cover the JDBC error messages that are specific to the Native XA feature:

- Native XA Messages Sorted by ORA Number
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<td>Unsupported holdability value</td>
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<td>ORA-17088</td>
<td>Unsupported syntax for requested resultset type and concurrency level</td>
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<td>ORA-17133</td>
<td>UNUSED</td>
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<td>ORA-17069</td>
<td>Use explicit XA call</td>
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<td>ORA-17079</td>
<td>User credentials doesn’t match the existing ones</td>
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<td>Value conflicts occurs</td>
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<td>ORA-17150</td>
<td>Wrong arguments for proxy session</td>
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<td>Unable to properly convert XA open string from Java to C</td>
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<td>Input array too short to hold OCI handles</td>
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<td>Failed to obtain OCISvcCtx handle from C-XA using xaoSvcCtx</td>
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<td>Failed to obtain OCIEnv handle from C-XA using xaoEnv</td>
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<td>The tnsEntry property was not set in DataSource</td>
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TTC Messages

This section lists TTC error messages, first sorted by the ORA number and then in alphabetic order in the following subsections:

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TTC Messages Sorted by ORA Number

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<td>ORA-17402</td>
<td>Only one RPA message is expected</td>
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<td>ORA-17403</td>
<td>Only one RXH message is expected</td>
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<td>ORA-17404</td>
<td>Received more RXDs than expected</td>
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<td>ORA-17405</td>
<td>UAC length is not zero</td>
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<tr>
<td>ORA-17406</td>
<td>Exceeding maximum buffer length</td>
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<td>Message</td>
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<td>ORA-17407</td>
<td>invalid Type Representation(setRep)</td>
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<td>ORA-17408</td>
<td>invalid Type Representation(getRep)</td>
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<td>ORA-17409</td>
<td>invalid buffer length</td>
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<tr>
<td>ORA-17410</td>
<td>No more data to read from socket</td>
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<td>ORA-17411</td>
<td>Data Type representations mismatch</td>
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<td>ORA-17412</td>
<td>Bigger type length than Maximum</td>
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<td>ORA-17413</td>
<td>Exceeding key size</td>
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<td>ORA-17414</td>
<td>Insufficient Buffer size to store Columns Names</td>
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<td>This type hasn't been handled</td>
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<td>ORA-17416</td>
<td>FATAL</td>
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<td>ORA-17417</td>
<td>NLS Problem, failed to decode column names</td>
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<td>Internal structure's field length error</td>
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<td>Invalid number of columns returned</td>
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<td>Oracle Version not defined</td>
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<td>Types or Connection not defined</td>
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<td>Invalid class in factory</td>
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<td>Using a PLSQL block without an IOV defined</td>
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<td>Attempting different marshaling operation</td>
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<td>Returning a stream in PLSQL block</td>
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<td>Both IN and OUT binds are NULL</td>
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<td>Using Uninitialized OAC</td>
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<td>Logon must be called after connect</td>
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<td>Must be at least connected to server</td>
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<td>ORA-17430</td>
<td>Must be logged on to server</td>
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<td>SQL Statement to parse is null</td>
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<td>invalid options in all7</td>
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<td>invalid arguments in call</td>
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<td>not in streaming mode</td>
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<td>invalid number of in_out_binds in IOV</td>
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<td>invalid number of outbinds</td>
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<td>Internal - Unexpected value</td>
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<td>Invalid SQL type</td>
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<td>DBItem/DBType is null</td>
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<td>Oracle Version not supported. Minimum supported version is 7.2.3.</td>
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This appendix describes how to troubleshoot a Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) application or applet, and contains the following topics:

- Common Problems
- Basic Debugging Procedures

Common Problems

This section describes some common problems that you might encounter while using Oracle JDBC drivers. These problems include:

- Memory Consumption for CHAR Columns Defined as OUT or IN/OUT Variables
- Memory Leaks and Running Out of Cursors
- Boolean Parameters in PL/SQL Stored Procedures
- Opening More Than 16 OCI Connections for a Process
- Using statement.cancel
- Using JDBC with Firewalls
- Frequent Abrupt Disconnection from Server

Memory Consumption for CHAR Columns Defined as OUT or IN/OUT Variables

In PL/SQL, when a CHAR or a VARCHAR2 column is defined as a OUT or IN/OUT variable, the driver allocates a CHAR array of 32512 chars. This can cause a memory consumption problem. JDBC Thin driver does not allocate memory when using VARCHAR2 output type. But JDBC OCI driver allocates memory for both CHAR and VARCHAR2 types. So, CPU load in OCI driver is higher than Thin driver.

At previous releases, the solution to the problem was to invoke the Statement.setMaxFieldSize method. A better solution is to use OracleCallableStatement.registerOutParameter. Oracle encourages you always to call registerOutParameter (int paramIndex, int sqlType, int scale, int maxLength) on each CHAR or VARCHAR2 column. This method is defined in oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleCallableStatement. Use the fourth argument, maxLength, to limit the memory consumption. This parameter tells the driver how many characters are necessary to store this column. The column is truncated if the character array cannot hold the column data. The third argument, scale, is ignored by the driver.
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Memory Leaks and Running Out of Cursors

If you receive messages that you are running out of cursors or that you are running out of memory, make sure that all your Statement and ResultSet objects are explicitly closed. Oracle JDBC drivers do not have finalizer methods. They perform cleanup routines by using the close method of the ResultSet and Statement classes. If you do not explicitly close your result set and statement objects, significant memory leaks can occur. You could also run out of cursors in the database. Closing a statement releases the corresponding cursor in the database.

Similarly, you must explicitly close Connection objects to avoid leaking and running out of cursors on the server-side. When you close the connection, the JDBC driver closes any open statement objects associated with it, thus releasing the cursor on the server-side.

Boolean Parameters in PL/SQL Stored Procedures

The JDBC drivers do not support the passing of BOOLEAN parameters to PL/SQL stored procedures. If a PL/SQL procedure contains BOOLEAN values, you can work around the restriction by wrapping the PL/SQL procedure with a second PL/SQL procedure that accepts the argument as an INT and passes it to the first stored procedure. When the second procedure is called, the server performs the conversion from INT to BOOLEAN.

The following is an example of a stored procedure, BOOLPROC, that attempts to pass a BOOLEAN parameter, and a second procedure, BOOLWRAP, that performs the substitution of an INT value for the BOOLEAN.

```sql
CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE boolproc(x boolean)
AS
BEGIN
[...]
END;

CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE boolwrap(x int)
AS
BEGIN
IF (x=1) THEN
  boolproc(TRUE);
ELSE
  boolproc(FALSE);
END IF;
END;

// Create the database connection from a DataSource
OracleDataSource ods = new OracleDataSource();
ods.setURL("jdbc:oracle:oci:@<...hoststring...>");
ods.setUser("scott");
ods.setPassword("tiger");
Connection conn = ods.getConnection();
CallableStatement cs = conn.prepareCall("begin boolwrap(?); end;");
int.setInt(1, 1);
CS.execute();
```

Opening More Than 16 OCI Connections for a Process

You might find that you are not able to open more than approximately 16 JDBC-OCI connections for a process at any given time. The most likely reasons for this would be either that the number of processes on the server exceeded the limit specified in the
initialization file, or that the per-process file descriptors limit was exceeded. It is important to note that one JDBC-OCI connection can use more than one file descriptor (it might use anywhere between 3 and 4 file descriptors).

If the server allows more than 16 processes, then the problem could be with the per-process file descriptor limit. The possible solution would be to increase this limit.

Using statement.cancel

The JDBC standard method `Statement.cancel` attempts to cleanly stop the execution of a SQL statement by sending a message to the database. In response, the database stops execution and replies with an error message. The Java thread that invoked `Statement.execute` waits on the server, and continues execution only when it receives the error reply message invoked by the other thread's call to `Statement.cancel`.

As a result, `Statement.cancel` relies on the correct functioning of the network and the database. If either the network connection is broken or the database server is hung, the client does not receive the error reply to the cancel message. Frequently, when the server process dies, JDBC receives an `IOException` that frees the thread that invoked `Statement.execute`. In some circumstances, the server is hung, but JDBC does not receive an `IOException`. `Statement.cancel` does not free the thread that initiated the `Statement.execute`.

When JDBC does not receive an `IOException`, Oracle Net may eventually time out and close the connection. This causes an `IOException` and frees the thread. This process can take many minutes. For information about how to control this time-out, see the description of the readTimeout property for `OracleDataSource.setConnectionProperties`. You can also tune this time-out with certain Oracle Net settings. See the Oracle Database Net Services Administrator's Guide for more information.

The JDBC standard method `Statement.setQueryTimeout` relies on `Statement.cancel`. If execution continues longer than the specified time-out interval, then the monitor thread calls `Statement.cancel`. This is subject to all the same limitations described previously. As a result, there are cases when the time-out does not free the thread that invoked `Statement.execute`.

The length of time between execution and cancellation is not precise. This interval is no less than the specified time-out interval but can be several seconds longer. If the application has active threads running at high priority, then the interval can be arbitrarily longer. The monitor thread runs at high priority, but other high priority threads may keep it from running indefinitely. Note that the monitor thread is started only if there are statements executed with non zero time-out. There is only one monitor thread that monitors all Oracle JDBC statement execution.

`Statement.cancel` and `Statement.setQueryTimeout` are not supported in the server-side internal driver. The server-side internal driver runs in the single-threaded server process; the Oracle JVM implements Java threads within this single-threaded process. If the server-side internal driver is executing a SQL statement, then no Java thread can call `Statement.cancel`. This also applies to the Oracle JDBC monitor thread.

Using JDBC with Firewalls

Firewall timeout for idle-connections may sever a connection. This can cause JDBC applications to hang while waiting for a connection. You can perform one or more of the following actions to avoid connections from being severed due to firewall timeout:
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- If you are using connection caching or connection pooling, then always set the inactivity timeout value on the connection cache to be shorter than the firewall idle timeout value.
- Pass `oracle.net.READ_TIMEOUT` as connection property to enable read timeout on socket. The timeout value is in milliseconds.
- For both JDBC OCI and JDBC Thin drivers, use net descriptor to connect to the database and specify the `ENABLE=BROKEN` parameter in the `DESCRIPTION` clause in the connect descriptor. Also, set a lower value for `TCP_KEEPALIVE_INTERVAL`.
- Enable Oracle Net DCD by setting `SQLNET.EXPIRE_TIME=1` in the `sqlnet.ora` file on the server-side.

Frequent Abrupt Disconnection from Server

If the network is not reliable, then it is difficult for a client to detect the frequent disconnections when the server is abruptly disconnected. By default, a client running on Linux takes 7200 seconds (2 hours) to sense the abrupt disconnections. This value is equal to the value of the `tcp_keepalive_time` property. If you want your application to detect the disconnections faster, then you must set the value of the `tcp_keepalive_time`, `tcp_keepalive_interval`, and `tcp_keepalive_probes` properties to a lower value at the operating system level.

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**Note:** Setting a low value for the `tcp_keepalive_interval` property leads to frequent probe packets on the network, which can make the system slower. So, the value of this property should be set appropriately based on the system requirements.

Also, you must specify the `ENABLE=BROKEN` parameter in the `DESCRIPTION` clause in the connection descriptor. For example:

```sql
jdbc:oracle:thin:@(DESCRIPTION=(ENABLE=BROKEN)(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp)(PORT=1521)(HOST=myhost))(CONNECT_DATA=(SID=orcl)))
```

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Basic Debugging Procedures

This section describes strategies for debugging a JDBC program:

- **Oracle Net Tracing to Trap Network Events**
- **Third Party Debugging Tools**

For information about processing SQL exceptions, including printing stack traces to aid in debugging, see "Processing SQL Exceptions" on page 2-16.

**Oracle Net Tracing to Trap Network Events**

You can enable client and server Oracle-Net trace to trap the packets sent over Oracle Net. You can use client-side tracing only for the JDBC OCI driver; it is not supported for the JDBC Thin driver. You can find more information about tracing and reading trace files in the Oracle Net Services Administrator’s Guide.

The trace facility produces a detailed sequence of statements that describe network events as they execute. "Tracing" an operation lets you obtain more information about the internal operations of the event. This information is printed to a readable file that identifies the events that led to the error. Several Oracle Net parameters in the
SQLNET.ORA file control the gathering of trace information. After setting the parameters in SQLNET.ORA, you must make a new connection for tracing to be performed.

The higher the trace level, the more detail is captured in the trace file. Because the trace file can be hard to understand, start with a trace level of 4 when enabling tracing. The first part of the trace file contains connection handshake information, so look beyond this for the SQL statements and error messages related to your JDBC program.

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**Note:** The trace facility uses a large amount of disk space and might have significant impact upon system performance. Therefore, enable tracing only when necessary.

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### Client-Side Tracing

Set the following parameters in the SQLNET.ORA file on the client system.

**TRACE_LEVEL_CLIENT**

**Purpose:**

Turns tracing on/off to a certain specified level.

**Default Value:**

0 or OFF

**Available Values:**

- 0 or OFF - No trace output
- 4 or USER - User trace information
- 10 or ADMIN - Administration trace information
- 16 or SUPPORT - WorldWide Customer Support trace information

**Example:**

TRACE_LEVEL_CLIENT=10

**TRACE_DIRECTORY_CLIENT**

**Purpose:**

Specifies the destination directory of the trace file.

**Default Value:**

ORACLE_HOME/network/trace

**Example:**

UNIX: TRACE_DIRECTORY_CLIENT=/oracle/traces
Windows: TRACE_DIRECTORY_CLIENT=C:\ORACLE\TRACES

**TRACE_FILE_CLIENT**

**Purpose:**

Specifies the name of the client trace file.

**Default Value:**

SQLNET.TRC
Example:

TRACE_FILE_CLIENT=cli_Connection1.trc

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**Note:** Ensure that the name you choose for the TRACE_FILE_CLIENT file is different from the name you choose for the TRACE_FILE_SERVER file.

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**TRACE_UNIQUE_CLIENT**

**Purpose:**
Gives each client-side trace a unique name to prevent each trace file from being overwritten with the next occurrence of a client trace. The PID is attached to the end of the file name.

**Default Value:**
OFF

**Example:**

TRACE_UNIQUE_CLIENT = ON

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**Server-Side Tracing**

Set the following parameters in the SQLNET.ORA file on the server system. Each connection will generate a separate file with a unique file name.

**TRACE_LEVEL_SERVER**

**Purpose:**
Turns tracing on/off to a certain specified level.

**Default Value:**
0 or OFF

**Available Values:**
- 0 or OFF - No trace output
- 4 or USER - User trace information
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**Example:**

TRACE_LEVEL_SERVER=10

**TRACE_DIRECTORY_SERVER**

**Purpose:**
Specifies the destination directory of the trace file.

**Default Value:**

`ORACLE_HOME/network/trace`

**Example:**

TRACE_DIRECTORY_SERVER=/oracle/traces
TRACE_FILE_SERVER

Purpose:
Specifies the name of the server trace file.

Default Value:
SERVER.TRC

Example:
TRACE_FILE_SERVER= svr_Connection1.trc

Note: Ensure that the name you choose for the TRACE_FILE_SERVER file is different from the name you choose for the TRACE_FILE_CLIENT file.

Third Party Debugging Tools

You can use tools such as JDBCSpy and JDBCTest from Intersolv to troubleshoot at the JDBC API level. These tools are similar to ODBCSpy and ODBCTest.
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