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# Preface

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## **Profile**

### **Before You Begin This Course**

Before you begin this course, you should have thorough knowledge of SQL and knowledge of any procedural programming language. Required prerequisite is *Oracle Database 10g: SQL Fundamentals*.

### **How This Course Is Organized**

*Oracle Database 10g: PL/SQL Fundamentals* is an instructor-led course featuring lectures and hands-on exercises. Online demonstrations and practice sessions reinforce the concepts and skills that are introduced.

## **Related Publications**

### **Additional Publications**

- System release bulletins
- Installation and user's guides
- read.me files
- International Oracle User's Group (IOUG) articles
- *Oracle Magazine*

## Typographic Conventions

Following are two lists of typographical conventions that are used specifically within text or within code.

### Typographic Conventions Within Text

Convention	Object or Term	Example
Uppercase	Commands, functions, column names, PL/SQL objects, schemas	Use the <code>SELECT</code> command to view information stored in the <code>LAST_NAME</code> column of the <code>employees</code> table.
Lowercase,	Filenames, variables, table names, usernames, passwords	where: <i>role</i> is the name of the role italic
Initial cap	Trigger and button names	Assign a When-Validate-Item trigger to the ORD block. Choose Cancel.
Italic	Books, names of courses and manuals, and emphasized words or phrases	For more information on the subject, see <i>Oracle9i Server SQL Language Reference Manual</i> . Do <i>not</i> save changes to the database.
Quotation marks	Lesson module titles referenced within a course	This subject is covered in Lesson 3, “Working with Objects.”

## Typographic Conventions (continued)

### Typographic Conventions Within Code

Convention	Object or Term	Example
Uppercase	Commands, functions	<code>SELECT userid FROM emp;</code>
Lowercase,	Syntax variables	<code>CREATE ROLE <i>role</i>;</code>
Initial cap	Forms triggers	Form module: ORD Trigger level: S_ITEM.QUANTITY item Trigger name: When-Validate-Item . . .
Lowercase	Column names, table names, filenames,  PL/SQL objects	. . . <code>OG_ACTIVATE_LAYER (OG_GET_LAYER (<i>'prod_pie_layer'</i>))</code> . . . <code>SELECT last_name FROM emp;</code>
Bold	Text that must be entered by a user	<code>DROP USER scott;</code>