

Object Relational and Extended- Relational Systems

Chapter 22



Outline

- Introduction
- OR – Data types
 - Simple
 - Complex
 - Structures
 - Collections
 - Referencing (pointers)



Why OR

- OO paradigm exposes weakness of simple Relational Model;
 - Abstraction, encapsulation inheritance
- RDBMS products and SQL language enjoy a large market share and wide acceptance within users
- Pressure on Relational DBMS software vendors to respond to OO qualities:
- Success of Berkeley Univ. *Postgres DBMS*
- Advances on query processing with large-objects and user functions;
- Evolution not a Revolution;
 - Support to new applications;



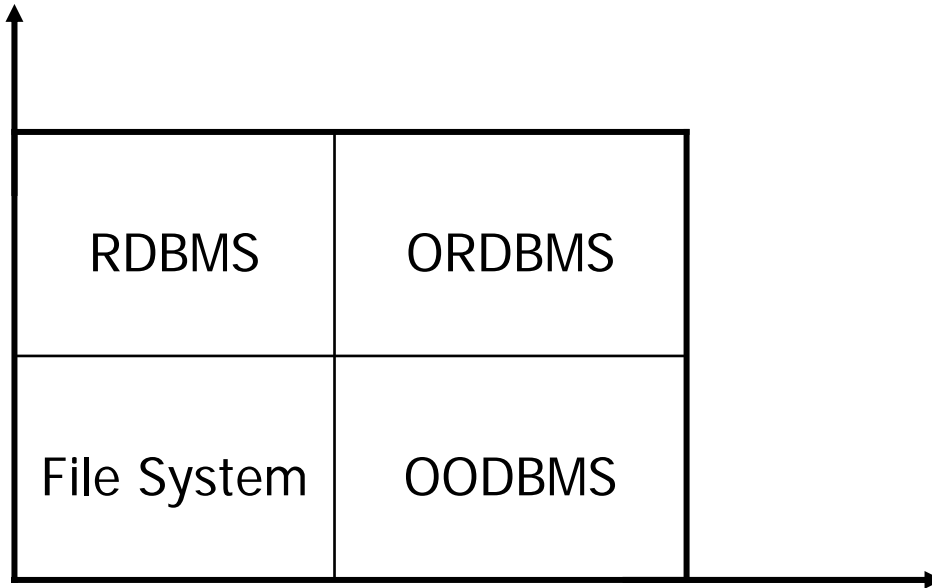
OR-DBMS – SQL Extension

- SQL extension -> the way to go (Stonebreaker96):
- But SQL has to support:
 - Abstract Data Types (ADTs)
 - Complex objects(construtors)
 - Functions and procedures
 - Large objects support (BLOBS and CLOBS)
 - Inheritance



Perspective

Query
Capability



Complex-Objects

M. Stonebreaker 1996



Relational – Simple Type

- Relational Model
 - Attributes of simple types;
 - SQL standard types: Integer, Character, Date, Time etc..
 - Relation
 - name
 - Attribute definitions – 1stNF
 - Constraints (primary, foreign keys, simple domains,...)
 - instances: set of tuples of Relation type



OR - Complex - Structures

- OR abandons restrictions concerning First normal form;
- Attributes are defined according to *Domains* that can be complex;
 - Structures
 - Collections
 - References (pointers)
- Domains are modeled through User Data Types (UDT)



OR- Attribute Types

- **Primitive data types**
 - Name string
 - Telephone Number(10)
 - Country char(30)
- **Complex Type**
 - **Structured information:**
 - Address – {street, number, PObox, city}
 - **Collections sets:**
 - Set of courses
 - **Collections list: arrays**
 - List of telephone numbers



OR - User Defined Types (UDT)

- Structure:
 - Attributes
 - Simple types (SQL datatypes)
 - Complex types (other UDT, row, array)
 - References (point to types)
 - Methods signature

- Example

```
create type newperson_ty as object
  (firstname      varchar2(25),
   lastname       varchar2(25),
   birthdate      date,
  member function AGE(BirthDate in DATE) return NUMBER
```



- UDT in Oracle 8i

- **Syntax:**

Create Type *nameOfType* AS [object, table, varray]
<attribute and method declaration>

- **Object:** for structures

- **Table:** for Sets

- **Varray:** for bounded and ordered list



- Object Type Implementation ...

- Creating Types Similar to creating a “class” with attributes:

```
CREATE TYPE addr_ty AS OBJECT  
(street varchar2(60),  
city    varchar2(30),  
state   char(2),  
zip     varchar(9));
```



... - Object Type Implementation ...

- Imbedding Objects and Nesting

- Create a person type with address type nested inside:

```
CREATE TYPE person_ty AS OBJECT  
(name  varchar2(25),  
address addr_ty);
```

- Create a student type with person type nested inside:

```
CREATE TYPE student_ty AS OBJECT  
(student_id  varchar2(9),  
person  person_ty);
```



... - Object Type Implementation ...

- Creating an Object Table
 - Now that the student_ty object type has been defined it can be used in creating an object table like the following:

```
CREATE TABLE STUDENT  
  (full_student      student_ty);
```



... - Object Type Implementation ...

- To extract data, the following query can be entered:

```
SELECT s.full_student.student_id ID,  
s.full_student.person.name NAME,  
s.full_student.person.address.street STREET  
FROM student s  
WHERE s.full_student.student_id = 100
```

ID	NAME	STREET
100	John Q. Student	1000 Chastain Rd.



... - Object Type Implementation

- Updating and deleting is similar to what one would do in the relational model:

```
UPDATE STUDENT s
SET s.full_student.person.name = 'JOHN NEWNAME'
WHERE s.full_student.student_id = 100;
```

```
DELETE FROM STUDENT s
WHERE s.full_student.student_id = 100;
```



- Implementing Methods ...

- To define a method in a type object:

```
create or replace type newperson_ty as object
(firstname  varchar2(25),
 lastname   varchar2(25),
 birthdate  date,
 member function AGE(BirthDate in DATE) return NUMBER;
```

- Then define the method itself (PL/SQL):

```
create or replace type body newperson_ty as
member function AGE(BirthDate in DATE) return NUMBER is
begin
RETURN ROUND(SysDate - BirthDate);
end;
end;
```




... - Implementing Methods

- To test the method first set up a table holding the person_ty object type:

```
create table NEWPERSON of newperson_ty;
```

```
insert into NEWPERSON values  
(newperson_ty('JOHN', 'DOE',  
TO_DATE('03-FEB-1970', 'DD-MON-YYYY')));
```

- To call the AGE function we can do the following:

```
select P.PERSON.AGE(P.PERSON.Birthdate)  
from NEWPERSON P;
```

```
P.PERSON.AGE(P.PERSON.Birthdate)
```

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- Table Type Implementation

```
create type item_type as object (  
  itemnb          numeric(3),  
  productid      integer,  
  qty            numeric(3))
```

```
create type itemcollection_type as table of item_type;
```

```
create type invoice_type as object (  
  invoicnb integer,  
  total numeric(6,2),  
  items itemcollection_type);
```

```
Create table invoice of invoice_type;
```



- Varray Type Implementation

- Specifies a multiple occurrence of a certain type
- Fixed max size;

```
create type tels_type as varray(3) of varchar(30)
```



Example: INSERT ...

Create table item of item_type;

Insert into item values (item_type(1,10,100));

Create type invoice_type (nr integer,item item_type)

Create table invoice of invoice_type;

Insert into invoice values(1,item_type(1,10,100));



... Example: INSERT ...

```
create type itemcollection_type as table of item_type;
```

```
create type invoice_type as object (  
  invoicnb integer,  
  total numeric(6,2),  
  items itemcollection_type);
```

```
Create table invoice of invoice_type;
```

```
Insert into invoice values
```

```
(1,10,itemcollection_type(item_type(10,100,1000),item_type  
(20,200,2000),item_type(30,300,3000)))
```



... Example: INSERT

Create type tel_type as object (numtel varchar(20));

Create type tels_type as varray(3) of tel_type;

Create type student_type as object (
id integer, address address_type, tels tels_type)

Create table student of student_type;



Insert into student values (
10,

10,

address_type(1,'rue y','lausane',1015),

tels_type(tel_type('2222'), tel_type('3333')))

- Referencing ...

CCode	CName	CLect
ICS424	ADB	
ICS431	OS	

Courses

Lno	Lname
1111	Salah
2222	Jaweed
3333	Tareq
4444	Shafique
5555	Ezadin
6666	Salahadin

Lecturers



... - Referencing ...

```
create type Lecturer_ty as object (  
  Lno          Char(7),  
  Lname       Varchar(30));
```

```
create table Lecturers of Lecturer_ty;
```

```
create table Courses (  
  CCode CHAR(6),  
  CName  VARCHAR(30),  
  CLect  REF Lecturer_ty);
```




... - Referencing ...

- Every row object has a unique identifier called the object identifier (OID).
- OID allows other objects to reference an existing row object.
- REF function can be used to reference an OID:

```
create table NEWDEPARTMENT  
(DeptName VARCHAR(30),  
PersonIn REF NEWPERSON_TY);
```

- Table NEWDEPARTMENT holds a reference to a NEWPERSON_TY object, but does not hold any real values.



... - Referencing ...

- To get a full description of the table just created:

Set describe depth 2
Desc NEWDEPARTMENT

Name	Null?	Type

DEPTNAME		VARCHAR2 (30)
PERSONIN		REF OF NEWPERSON_TY
FIRSTNAME		VARCHAR2 (25)
LASTNAME		VARCHAR2 (25)
BIRTHDATE		DATE



... - Referencing ...

- To insert a record into NEWDEPARTMENT, the REF is needed to store the NEWPERSON reference in the PersonIn column:

```
insert into NEWDEPARTMENT
select 'Research',
REF(P)
from NEWPERSON P
where LastName = 'DOE';
```

- The literal value “Research” is inserted into the NEWPERSON table.
- The REF function returns the OID from the query on the selected NEWPERSON object.
- The OID is now stored as a pointer to the row object in the NEWPERSON object table.



... - Referencing ...

- The referenced value cannot be seen unless the DREF function is used. The DREF function takes the OID and evaluates the reference to return a value.

```
select Deref(D.PersonIn)
from NEWDEPARTMENT D
where DEPTNAME = 'Research'
```

```
Deref(D.PERSONIN)(FIRSTNAME, LASTNAME, BIRTHDATE)
```

```
-----
NEWPERSON_TY('JOHN', 'DOE', '03-FEB-70')
```

- This shows that the NEWPERSON record JOHN DOE is referenced by the Research record in NEWDEPARTMENT.



... - Referencing ...

- To gather the same structure of the object type of an object table the VALUE function is required.

```
select value(p)
from newperson p
where lastname = 'DOE'
```

```
VALUE(P)(FIRSTNAME, LASTNAME, BIRTHDATE)
```

```
-----
```

```
NEWPERSON_TY('JOHN', 'DOE', '03-FEB-70')
```



... - Referencing

PL/SQL Sample:

```
set serveroutput on
declare
    v_person      NEWPERSON_TY;
begin
    select value(p) into v_person
    from NEWPERSON p
    where lastname = 'DOE';
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(v_person.firstname);
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(v_person.lastname);
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(v_person.birthdate);
end;
```

JOHN

DOE

03-FEB-70



- Inheritance

- Create a root type of an object hierarchy:

```
create type PERSON_TY as object
(name          varchar2(25),
birthdate     date
member function AGE() return number,
member function PRINTME() return varchar2) not final;
```

- To create a subtype the following syntax can be used:

```
create type EMPLOYEE_TY under PERSON_TY (
salary number,
member function WAGES() return number,
overriding member function PRINTME() return varchar2);
```



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