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Preface

Based on an open standard, Oracle Provider for OLE DB (OraOLEDB) allows access to Oracle Databases. This documentation describes OraOLEDB's provider-specific features and properties.

This document describes the features of Oracle Database for Windows that apply to the Windows 2000, Windows XP, and Windows Server 2003 operating systems.

This Preface contains these topics:

- [Audience](#)
- [Documentation Accessibility](#)
- [Structure](#)
- [Related Documents](#)
- [Conventions](#)

Audience

Oracle Provider for OLE DB Developer's Guide is intended for programmers developing applications to access an Oracle Database using Oracle Provider for OLE DB. This documentation is also valuable to systems analysts, project managers, and others interested in the development of database applications.

To use this document, you must be familiar with OLE DB and have a working knowledge of application programming using Microsoft C/C++, Visual Basic, or ActiveX Data Objects (ADO). Knowledge of Component Object Model (COM) concepts are also useful.

Readers should also be familiar with the use of Structured Query Language (SQL) to access information in relational database systems.

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Structure

This document contains:

Chapter 1, "Introduction to Oracle Provider for OLE DB"

This chapter discusses OLE DB, Oracle Provider for OLE DB (OraOLEDB), requirements, and installation.

Chapter 2, "Features of OraOLEDB"

This chapter discusses OraOLEDB components and describes how to use OraOLEDB to develop consumer applications.

Appendix A, "Provider-Specific Information"

This appendix discusses OLE DB information that is specific to Oracle Provider for OLE DB.

Glossary

Defines terms used in this document.

Related Documents

For more information, see these Oracle resources:

- *Oracle Database Installation Guide for Windows*
- *Oracle Database Release Notes for Windows*
- *Oracle Database Platform Guide for Windows*
- *Oracle Database Concepts*
- *Oracle Services for Microsoft Transaction Server Developer's Guide*
- *Oracle Net Services Administrator's Guide*
- *Oracle Database New Features*
- *Oracle Database Reference*
- *Oracle Database Globalization Support Guide*

For information about Oracle error messages, see *Oracle Database Error Messages*. Oracle error message documentation is available only in HTML. If you only have access to the Oracle Documentation CD, you can browse the error messages by range. Once you find the specific range, use your browser's "find in page" feature to locate the

specific message. When connected to the Internet, you can search for a specific error message using the error message search feature of the Oracle online documentation.

Many of the examples in this book use the sample schemas of the seed database, which is installed by default when you install Oracle. Refer to *Oracle Database Sample Schemas* for information on how these schemas were created and how you can use them yourself.

Printed documentation is available for sale in the Oracle Store at

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<http://otn.oracle.com/membership/>

If you already have a username and password for OTN, then you can go directly to the documentation section of the OTN Web site at

<http://otn.oracle.com/documentation/>

For additional information, see:

<http://www.microsoft.com/data/>

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.

Convention	Meaning	Example
Bold	Bold typeface indicates terms that are defined in the text or terms that appear in a glossary, or both.	When you specify this clause, you create an index-organized table .
<i>Italics</i>	Italic typeface indicates book titles or emphasis.	<i>Oracle Database Concepts</i> Ensure that the recovery catalog and target database do <i>not</i> reside on the same disk.
UPPERCASE monospace (fixed-width) font	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, usernames, and roles.	You can specify this clause only for a NUMBER column. You can back up the database by using the BACKUP command. Query the TABLE_NAME column in the USER_TABLES data dictionary view. Use the DBMS_STATS.GENERATE_STATS procedure.

Convention	Meaning	Example
lowercase monospace (fixed-width) font	Lowercase monospace typeface indicates executables, file names, 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, usernames and roles, program units, and parameter values. Note: Some programmatic elements use a mixture of UPPERCASE and lowercase. Enter these elements as shown.	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.
lowercase italic monospace (fixed-width) font	Lowercase italic monospace font represents placeholders or variables.	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.

Conventions in Code Examples

Code examples illustrate SQL, PL/SQL, SQL*Plus, or other command-line statements. They are displayed in a monospace (fixed-width) font and separated from normal text as shown in this example:

```
SELECT username FROM dba_users WHERE username = 'MIGRATE';
```

The following table describes typographic conventions used in code examples and provides examples of their use.

Convention	Meaning	Example
[]	Brackets enclose one or more optional items. Do not enter the brackets.	DECIMAL (<i>digits</i> [, <i>precision</i>])
{ }	Braces enclose two or more items, one of which is required. Do not enter the braces.	{ENABLE DISABLE}
	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.	{ENABLE DISABLE} [COMPRESS NOCOMPRESS]
...	Horizontal ellipsis points indicate either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That we have omitted parts of the code that are not directly related to the example That you can repeat a portion of the code 	CREATE TABLE ... AS <i>subquery</i> ; SELECT <i>col1</i> , <i>col2</i> , ... , <i>coln</i> FROM employees;
.	Vertical ellipsis points indicate that we have omitted several lines of code not directly related to the example.	SQL> SELECT NAME FROM V\$DATAFILE; NAME ----- /fs1/dbs/tbs_01.dbf /fs1/dbs/tbs_02.dbf . . . /fs1/dbs/tbs_09.dbf 9 rows selected.

Convention	Meaning	Example
Other notation	You must enter symbols other than brackets, braces, vertical bars, and ellipsis points as shown.	acctbal NUMBER(11,2); acct CONSTANT NUMBER(4) := 3;
<i>Italics</i>	Italicized text indicates placeholders or variables for which you must supply particular values.	CONNECT SYSTEM/ <i>system_password</i> DB_NAME = <i>database_name</i>
UPPERCASE	Uppercase typeface indicates elements supplied by the system. We show these terms in uppercase 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.	SELECT last_name, employee_id FROM employees; SELECT * FROM USER_TABLES; DROP TABLE hr.employees;
lowercase	Lowercase typeface indicates programmatic elements that you supply. For example, lowercase indicates names of tables, columns, or files. Note: Some programmatic elements use a mixture of UPPERCASE and lowercase. Enter these elements as shown.	SELECT last_name, employee_id FROM employees; sqlplus hr/hr CREATE USER mjones IDENTIFIED BY ty3MU9;

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 - <i>HOME_NAME</i> > 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 <i>command prompt</i> in this manual.	C:\oracle\oradata>

Convention	Meaning	Example
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.	<pre>C:\>exp scott/tiger TABLES=emp QUERY=\"WHERE job='SALESMAN' and sal<1600\" C:\>imp SYSTEM/password FROMUSER=scott TABLES=(emp, dept)</pre>
<i>HOME_NAME</i>	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.	<pre>C:\> net start OracleHOME_NAME\TNSListener</pre>
<i>ORACLE_HOME</i> and <i>ORACLE_BASE</i>	<p>In releases prior to Oracle8i release 8.1.3, when you installed Oracle components, all subdirectories were located under a top level <i>ORACLE_HOME</i> directory that by default used one of the following names:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ C:\orant for Windows 2000 ■ C:\orawin98 for Windows 98 <p>This release complies with Optimal Flexible Architecture (OFA) guidelines. All subdirectories are not under a top level <i>ORACLE_HOME</i> directory. There is a top level directory called <i>ORACLE_BASE</i> 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 <i>nn</i> is the latest release number. The Oracle home directory is located directly under <i>ORACLE_BASE</i>.</p> <p>All directory path examples in this guide follow OFA conventions.</p> <p>Refer to <i>Oracle Database Platform Guide for Windows</i> for additional information about OFA compliances and for information about installing Oracle products in nonOFA compliant directories.</p>	Go to the <i>ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\rdbms\admin</i> directory.

What's New in OraOLEDB?

The following sections describe the new features in Oracle Provider for OLE DB (OraOLEDB):

- [New Features in Oracle Provider for OLE DB for Release 10.2](#)
- [New Features in Oracle Provider for OLE DB for Release 10.1](#)
- [New Features in Oracle Provider for OLE DB for Release 9.2.0.4](#)
- [New Features in Oracle Provider for OLE DB for Release 9.2](#)
- [New Features in Oracle Provider for OLE DB for Release 9.0.1](#)
- [New Features in Oracle Provider for OLE DB for Release 8.1.7](#)

New Features in Oracle Provider for OLE DB for Release 10.2

Support for Statement Caching has been added as a new feature for Oracle Provider for OLE DB for release 10.2.

This feature provides and manages a cache of statements for each session. The developer can control what statements are cached and how many. This improves performance and scalability of the database.

See Also: [Statement Caching](#) on page 2-16

New Features in Oracle Provider for OLE DB for Release 10.1

This section contains these topics:

- Support for Oracle Grids

OraOLEDB is grid-enabled, allowing developers to take advantage of Oracle Database grid support without having to make changes to their application code.
- Support for the following data types introduced with Oracle Database 10g:
 - BINARY_DOUBLE
 - BINARY_FLOAT

See Also: ["Data Types"](#) on page 2-1 for descriptions of the new data types
- Support for Multiple Homes

Oracle Provider for OLE DB can be installed in multiple Oracle homes, starting with release 10.1. However, Oracle Provider for OLE DB being a COM component, only one instance can be active on the computer. This means that the current (latest) installation renders the previous one inactive.

To make multiple homes available, some of the OraOLEDB files now include a version number, and the use of a `KEY_HOMENAME` is required.

See Also: [Oracle Provider for OLE DB Files](#) on page 1-3

New Features in Oracle Provider for OLE DB for Release 9.2.0.4

OraOLEDB release 9.2.0.4, which was released on Oracle Technology Network (OTN) included the following:

- OraOLEDB-Specific Connection String Attribute `UseSessionFormat`:
`UseSessionFormat` specifies whether to use the default NLS session formats or let OraOLEDB override some of these formats for the duration of the session.

See Also: ["OraOLEDB-specific Connection String Attributes"](#) on page 2-6

- Support for the following data types introduced with Oracle9i:
 - `TIMESTAMP`
 - `TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE`
 - `TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE`
 - `INTERVAL YEAR TO MONTH`
 - `INTERVAL DAY TO SECOND`

See Also: ["Data Types"](#) on page 2-1 for descriptions of the new data types

New Features in Oracle Provider for OLE DB for Release 9.2

This section contains these topics:

- **Support for using OraOLEDB with OLEDB.NET Data Provider**
ADO.NET application developers can use OraOLEDB through the OLEDB.NET Data Provider. A connection attribute, `OLEDB.NET`, can be set at connection time for OraOLEDB to be compatible with OLEDB.NET Data Provider.

See Also: ["OLEDB.NET Data Provider Compatibility"](#) on page 2-23

New Features in Oracle Provider for OLE DB for Release 9.0.1

This section contains these topics:

- **Using Oracle9i on Windows 2000**
There are some differences between using Oracle9i on Windows 2000 than earlier versions of Windows.

See Also: *Oracle Database Platform Guide for Windows*

New Features in Oracle Provider for OLE DB for Release 8.1.7

Oracle8i release 8.1.7 included the following:

- **Support for returning multiple rowsets**

Consumers can use this feature to access all the REF CURSOR values returned by a stored procedure.

See Also: ["Multiple Rowsets"](#) on page 2-14

- **Support for the Unicode character set**

Using this feature, consumers can use OraOLEDB to access data in multiple languages on the same client computer. It can be especially useful in creating global Internet applications supporting as many languages as the Unicode standard entails. For example, one can write a single Active Server Page (ASP) application that accesses an Oracle8i database to dynamically generate content in Japanese, Arabic, English, and Thai.

See Also:

- ["Unicode Support"](#) on page 2-22
- ["Data Type Mappings in Rowsets and Parameters"](#) on page A-1

Introduction to Oracle Provider for OLE DB

This chapter introduces Oracle Provider for OLE DB (OraOLEDB).

This chapter contains these topics:

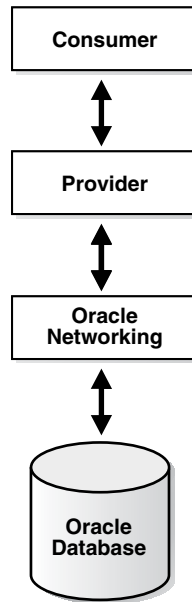
- [Overview of OLE DB](#)
- [Overview of OraOLEDB](#)
- [System Requirements](#)
- [OraOLEDB Installation](#)
- [Component Certifications](#)

Overview of OLE DB

OLE DB is an open standard data access methodology which utilizes a set of **Component Object Model (COM)** interfaces for accessing and manipulating different types of data. These interfaces are available from various database providers.

OLE DB Design

The design of OLE DB centers around the concept of a **consumer** and a **provider**. [Figure 1-1](#) is an illustration of the OLE DB system. The consumer represents the traditional client. The provider places data into a tabular format and returns it to the consumer.

Figure 1–1 OLE DB Flow**OLE DB Data Providers**

OLE DB data providers are a set of **COM** components that transfer data from a data source to a **consumer**. An OLE DB Provider places that data in a tabular format in response to calls from a consumer. Providers can be simple or complex. A **provider** may return a table, it may allow the consumer to determine the format of that table, and it may perform operations on the data.

Each provider implements a standard set of COM interfaces to handle requests from the consumer. A provider may implement optional COM interfaces to provide additional functionality.

With the standard interfaces, any OLE DB consumer can access data from any provider. Because of COM components, consumers can access them in any programming language that supports COM, such as C++, Visual Basic, and Java.

OLE DB Data Consumers

The OLE DB data consumer is any application or tool that utilizes OLE DB interfaces of a provider to access a broad range of data.

Overview of OraOLEDB

Oracle Provider for OLE DB (OraOLEDB) is an OLE DB data provider that offers high performance and efficient access to Oracle data by OLE DB consumers.

In general, this developer's guide assumes that you are using OraOLEDB through OLE DB or ADO.

For sample code, the latest patches, and other technical information on the Oracle Provider for OLE DB, go to

http://otn.oracle.com/tech/windows/ole_db

With the advent of the .NET framework, support has been provided for using the OLEDB.NET Data Provider with OraOLEDB. With the proper connection attribute

setting, an OLEDB.NET Data Provider can utilize OraOLEDB to access Oracle Database.

See Also: "OLEDB.NET Data Provider Compatibility" on page 2-23 for further information on support for OLEDB.NET Data Provider

System Requirements

The following items are required on a system to use Oracle Provider for OLE DB:

- Windows XP, Windows 2000, or Windows Server 2003
- Access to an Oracle Database (Oracle8i or later)
- **Oracle Net Services**
- Redistributable files provided with Microsoft Data Access Components (MDAC) 2.1 or higher are required by the provider. These files are available at the Microsoft Web site:
<http://www.microsoft.com/data/>
- Oracle Services for Microsoft Transaction Server release 10.2 or higher. This is required for consumers using Microsoft Transaction Server (MTS) or COM+.

OraOLEDB Installation

Oracle Provider for OLE DB is included as part of your Oracle installation. It contains the features and demos that illustrate how to use this product to solve real-world problems.

See Also: The *Oracle Database Installation Guide for Windows* for installation instructions

During the installation process, the files listed in [Table 1-1](#) are installed on the system. Some files have *ver* in their name to indicate the release version.

Table 1-1 Oracle Provider for OLE DB Files

File	Description	Location
OraOLEDBver.dll	Oracle Provider for OLE DB	ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\bin
OraOLEDBrfcver.dll	Oracle rowset file cache manager	ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\bin
OraOLEDBrmcver.dll	Oracle rowset memory cache manager	ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\bin
OraOLEDBrstver.dll	Oracle rowset	ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\bin
OraOLEDBgmrver.dll	Oracle ODBC SQL parser	ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\bin
OraOLEDBlangver.dll	Language-specific resource DLL where <i>lang</i> is the required language	ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\bin
OraOLEDBpusver.dll	Property descriptions	ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\bin
OraOLEDButilver.dll	OraOLEDB utility DLL	ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\bin
OraOLEDBver.tlb	OraOLEDB type library	ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\bin
OraOLEDB.h	OraOLEDB header file	ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\oledb\include

Table 1–1 (Cont.) Oracle Provider for OLE DB Files

File	Description	Location
OraOLEDBver.lib	OraOLEDB library file	ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\oledb\lib
OraOLEDBlang.msb where <i>lang</i> is the required language	Language-specific message file	ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\oledb\mesg
readme and documentation files	Release notes and online documentation	ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\oledb\directory
sample files	Sample code	ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\oledb\samples

Component Certifications

Oracle provides support information for components on various platforms, lists compatible client and database versions, and identifies patches and workaround information.

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Features of OraOLEDB

This chapter describes components of Oracle Provider for OLE DB (OraOLEDB) and how to use the components to develop OLE DB consumer applications.

This chapter contains these topics:

- [OraOLEDB Provider Specific Features](#)
- [Using OraOLEDB with Visual Basic](#)

OraOLEDB Provider Specific Features

The following sections describe provider-specific features of OraOLEDB:

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- [Commands](#)
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- [Errors](#)
- [OLEDB.NET Data Provider Compatibility](#)

Additional provider-specific information is provided in [Appendix A](#), "Provider-Specific Information".

Data Types

The data types that OraOLEDB supports are listed in [Table A-1](#) with Unicode and NonUnicode mappings.

With 10g Release 2 (10.2), OraOLEDB now supports the following data types. These data types are described in the following sections.

- Data Types introduced in Oracle Database 10g:
 - BINARY_FLOAT
 - BINARY_DOUBLE
- Data Types introduced in Oracle9i:
 - TIMESTAMP

- `TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE`
- `TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE`
- `INTERVAL YEAR TO MONTH`
- `INTERVAL DAY TO SECOND`

See Also: For details about these and other data types, and time zones, see *Oracle Database SQL Reference*

Binary Data Types

`BINARY_FLOAT` is a single-precision floating point data type (4 bytes), which is mapped to OLE DB `DBTYPE_R4`.

`BINARY_DOUBLE` is a double-precision floating point data type (8 bytes), which is mapped to OLE DB `DBTYPE_R8`.

TIMESTAMP Data Types

This section discusses the Timestamp data types and then provides the following:

- Sample data illustrating insertion and retrieval operations using each of the Timestamp data types.
- A Visual Basic code example using the Timestamp data types.

Timestamp data types are mapped to the OLE DB `DBTYPE_DBTIMESTAMP`. The OLE DB `DBTYPE_DBTIMESTAMP` data type does not have `TIME ZONE` information.

The Timestamp data types include:

- `TIMESTAMP`
- `TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE`
- `TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE`

Data Insertion

For data insertion into a `TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE` or `TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE` column, the time zone setting of the client is used.

OLE DB Timestamp data type cannot provide the time zone information. For insert operations, the default time zone from the client session is added to the `TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE` column data.

Data Retrieval

For data retrieval, `TIME ZONE` is dropped for `TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE` columns, but `TIME ZONE` is used for `TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE` columns.

The OLE DB Timestamp data type cannot store time zone information.

Fractional Second

Fractional second is not supported for `TIMESTAMP` data types binding with Command objects. Note that using `ALTER SESSION` to change time zone information does not change the time zone information in the new and existing Recordsets, which use the client time zone setting from the Regional options of the operating system. The maximum `fractional_seconds_precision` of `TIMESTAMP` is 9 and the default precision is 6.

ADO Consumers

For the Timestamp data types, ADO consumers must specify the value of `CursorLocation` as `adUseServer` and use `Recordset` for DML operations.

Examples of Timestamp Insert and Retrieval

The following scenarios assume that the default precision of 6 is used.

TIMESTAMP Column

Insert Data: 4/16/2003 11:19:19 AM (No time zone)

Data in DB: 4/16/2003 11.19.19.000000 AM

Data Retrieval: 4/16/2003 11:19:19 AM

TIMESTAMP WITH TIME_ZONE Column

Insert Data: 4/16/2003 11:19:19 AM (Time zone of the Client session is used)

Data in DB: 4/16/2003 11.19.19.000000 AM -07:00

Data Retrieval: 4/16/2003 11:19:19 AM (Time zone is dropped)

See Also:

- ["Data Insertion"](#) on page 2-2
- ["Data Retrieval"](#) on page 2-2

TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME_ZONE Column

The following scenario assumes that the time zone of the client session is -04:00, currently on US EDT (Eastern daylight time). For an insert operation, the data in the `TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME_ZONE` column does not include time zone displacement, but its `TIMESTAMP` data is *normalized* to the database time zone -07:00, which is the same as US PDT (Pacific daylight time).

For a query, data is returned in the time zone of the client session. The time zone displacement is the difference (in hours and minutes) between the local time and the Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

Insert Data: 4/16/2003 4:30:23 PM (Client time zone is -04:00)

Data in DB: 4/16/2003 01.30.23.000000 PM (Database time zone -07:00)

Data Retrieval: 4/16/2003 4:30:23 PM (Client time zone is -04:00)

Data Retrieval: 4/16/2003 3:30:23 PM (Client time zone is -05:00)

Data Retrieval: 4/16/2003 2:30:23 PM (Client time zone is -06:00)

Data Retrieval: 4/16/2003 1:30:23 PM (Client time zone is -07:00)

Visual Basic Example

```
...
Dim DT As Date
DT = Now()
con.ConnectionString = "Provider=OraOLEDB.Oracle.1;User ID=user_name;" & _
    "Password=pwd;Data Source=Oracle;"
con.Open
'Must use adUseServer
rec.CursorLocation = adUseServer
rec.ActiveConnection = con
rec.Open "select timestamp_column from test_table", con, adOpenDynamic, _
```

```
adLockOptimistic
rec.AddNew Array("timestamp_column"), Array(DT)

update data
rec.Update Array("timestamp_column"), Array("07/07/07 07:17:17 AM")
...
```

INTERVAL Data Types

The INTERVAL data types are mapped to OLE DB DBTYPE_STR data type. The INTERVAL data types include:

- INTERVAL YEAR TO MONTH
- INTERVAL DAY TO SECOND

For the INTERVAL YEAR TO MONTH column, the maximum year_precision is 9 and the default is 2. For INTERVAL DAY TO SECOND column, the maximum day_precision is 9 and the default is 2 and the maximum fractional_seconds_precision is 9, the default is 6.

Note: If the sign is not specified, then the default is +.

INTERVAL YEAR TO MONTH

Usage: (sign) years-months

Examples:

- 2-3
2 years and 3 months
- +2-3
2 years and 3 months
- -2-3
negative 2 years and 3 months

INTERVAL DAY TO SECOND

Usage: (sign) days hours:minutes:seconds.second_fraction

Examples:

- 7 10:20:30.123456
7 days, 10 hours, 20 minutes, and 30.123456 seconds
- +7 10:20:30.123456
7 days, 10 hours, 20 minutes, and 30.123456 seconds
- -7 10:20:30.123456
negative 7 days, 10 hours, 20 minutes, and 30.123456 seconds

Visual Basic Example

```
...
con.ConnectionString = "Provider=OraOLEDB.Oracle.1;User ID=user_name;" & _
    "Password=pwd;Data Source=Oracle;"
con.Open
'no restriction on using adUseServer or adUseClient
```

```

rec.CursorLocation = adUseServer
rec.ActiveConnection = con
rec.Open "select * from test_table2", con, adOpenDynamic, adLockOptimistic
rec.AddNew Array("year_to_month_column", "day_to_second_column"), _
    Array("8-1", "3 20:30:10.12")

'update data
rec.Update Array("year_to_month_column", "day_to_second_column"), _
    Array("2-3", "7 10:20:30.123456")
...

```

Data Source

A data source object in OraOLEDB is responsible for establishing the first connection to the Oracle Database. To establish the initial connection, the consumer must use the `CoCreateInstance` function to create an instance of the data source object. This function requires important information about the provider: class ID of the provider and executable context. The class ID of OraOLEDB is `CLSID_OraOLEDB`.

OraOLEDB is an in-process server. When calling `CoCreateInstance`, use the `CLSCTX_INPROC_SERVER` macro. For example:

```

// create an instance of OraOLEDB data source object and
// obtain the IDBInitialize interface
hr = CoCreateInstance(CLSID_OraOLEDB, NULL,
    CLSCTX_INPROC_SERVER, IID_IDBInitialize,
    (void*)&pIDBInitialize);

```

Note: OraOLEDB does not support persistent data source objects.

After the successful creation of an instance of a data source object, the consumer application can initialize the data source and create sessions.

OraOLEDB supports connections to Oracle Databases release 8i and higher. To connect to a specific database, the consumer is required to set the following properties of the `DBPROPSET_DBINIT` property set:

- `DBPROP_AUTH_USERNAME` with the user ID, such as `scott`
- `DBPROP_AUTH_PASSWORD` with the password, such as `tiger`
- `DBPROP_INIT_DATASOURCE` with the net service name, such as `myOraDb`

The consumer could also populate `DBPROP_INIT_PROMPT` with `DBPROMPT_PROMPT` which causes the **provider** to display a logon box for the user to enter the connect information.

Using `DBPROMPT_NOPROMPT` disables display of the logon box. In this case, incomplete logon information causes the provider to return a logon error. However, if this property is set to `DBPROMPT_COMPLETE` or `DBPROMPT_COMPLETEREQUIRED`, the logon box will be displayed only if the logon information is incomplete.

Connecting to an Oracle Database

To connect to an Oracle Database using OraOLEDB, the OLE DB connection string must be as follows:

```
"Provider=OraOLEDB.Oracle;User ID=user;Password=pwd;Data Source=constr;"
```

When connecting to a remote database, `Data Source` must be set to the correct net service name which is the alias in the `tnsnames.ora` file. For more information, refer to *Oracle Net Services Administrator's Guide*.

OraOLEDB-specific Connection String Attributes

OraOLEDB offers provider-specific connection string attributes, which are set in the same way as the Provider and User ID are set. The provider-specific connection string attributes are:

- `CacheType` - specifies the type of cache used to store the rowset data on the client. See "[OraOLEDB-Specific Connection String Attributes for Rowsets](#)" on page 2-19.
- `ChunkSize` - specifies the size of `LONG` or `LONG RAW` column data stored in the provider's cache. See "[OraOLEDB-Specific Connection String Attributes for Rowsets](#)" on page 2-19.
- `DistribTX` - enables or disables distributed transaction enlistment capability. See "[Distributed Transactions](#)" on page 2-7.
- `FetchSize` - specifies the size of the fetch array in rows. See "[OraOLEDB-Specific Connection String Attributes for Rowsets](#)" on page 2-19.
- `OLEDB.NET` - enables or disables compatibility with OLEDB.NET Data Provider. See "[OLEDB.NET Data Provider Compatibility](#)" on page 2-23.
- `OSAuthent` - specifies whether operating system authentication will be used when connecting to an Oracle Database. See "[Operating System Authentication](#)" on page 2-7.
- `PLSQLRSet` - enables or disables the return of a rowset from **PL/SQL** stored procedures. See "[OraOLEDB Custom Properties for Commands](#)" on page 2-10.
- `PwdChgDlg` - enables or disables displaying the password change dialog box when the password expires. See "[Password Expiration](#)" on page 2-7.
- `UseSessionFormat` - specifies whether to use the default NLS session formats or let OraOLEDB override some of these formats for the duration of the session. Valid values are 0 (FALSE) and 1 (TRUE). The default is FALSE which lets OraOLEDB override some of the default NLS session formats. If the value is TRUE, OraOLEDB uses the default NLS session formats.

Note that this connection attribute does not appear under the `\\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\ORACLE\KEY_HOMENAME\OLEDB` registry key.

- `VCharNull` - enables or disables the NULL termination of `VARCHAR2 OUT` parameters from stored procedures.
- `SPPrmDefVal` - specifies whether to use the default value or a NULL value if the application has not specified a stored procedure parameter value.
- `NDataType` - specifies whether any of the parameters bound to the command are of N data types, which include `NCHAR`, `NVARCHAR`, or `NCLOB`. See "[NDataType](#)" on page 2-11.

Note that this connection attribute does not appear under the `\\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\ORACLE\KEY_HOMENAME\OLEDB` registry key.

- `SPPrmsLOB` - specifies whether one or more parameters bound to the stored procedures are of LOB data type, which include `CLOB`, `BLOB`, or `NCLOB`. See "[SPPrmsLOB](#)" on page 2-12.

Note that this connection attribute does not appear under the `\\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\ORACLE\KEY_HOMENAME\OLEDB` registry key.

- `StmtCacheSize` – specifies the maximum number of statements that can be cached. See "Statement Caching" on page 2-16.

Default Attribute Values

The default values for these attributes are located under the `\\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\ORACLE\KEY_HOMENAME\OLEDB` registry key.

The registry default values are read by OraOLEDB from the registry when the provider is loaded into memory. If Oracle-specific connection string attributes are not provided at connection time, then the default registry values are used. However, if the attributes are provided, then these new values override the default registry values.

These attributes can be set by setting the `DBPROP_INIT_PROVIDERSTRING` property, provided in the `DBPROPSET_DBINIT` property set. For example:

```
"FetchSize=100;CacheType=Memory;OSAuthent=0;PLSQLRSet=1;StmtCacheSize=10;"
```

Distributed Transactions

The `DistribTX` attribute specifies whether sessions are enabled to enlist in distributed transactions. Valid values are 0 (disabled) and 1 (enabled). The default is 1 which indicates that sessions are enabled for distributed transaction enlistments.

Applications using Microsoft Transaction Server must have `DistribTX` set to 1, the default.

Operating System Authentication

The `OSAuthent` attribute specifies whether operating system authentication will be used when connecting to an Oracle Database. Valid values are 0 (disabled) and 1 (enabled). The default is 0, which indicates that operating system authentication is not used.

Operating system authentication is the feature by which Oracle uses the security mechanisms of the operating system to authorize users. For more information on this subject and how to set it up on Windows clients, refer to the information on authenticating database users on Windows in *Oracle Database Platform Guide for Windows*

After the Windows client has been set up properly for operating system authentication, this feature may be enabled by OraOLEDB clients by setting any of the following:

- `DBPROP_AUTH_USERNAME` to /
- `DBPROP_INIT_PROVIDERSTRING` to `OSAuthent=1`;
- `OSAuthent` in the registry to 1

Password Expiration

Oracle9i provides a Password Expiration feature which allows database administrators to force users to change their passwords regularly. The `PwdChgDlg` attribute enables or disables the displaying of the password change dialog box, whenever a logon fails due to an expired password. When enabled, the provider displays the dialog box to change the password. When disabled, the logon fails with an error message. The valid values are 0 (disabled) and 1 (enabled). The default is 1 (enabled). For more information on the Password Expiration feature, see *Oracle Database Administrator's Guide*.

Example: Connecting to an Oracle Database Using ADO

The following examples illustrate how to connect to an Oracle Database using OraOLEDB and ADO.

Note: If Data Source, User ID, and Password are provided with the Open method, then ADO ignores those ConnectionString attributes.

Connect Using ConnectionString

```
Dim con As New ADODB.Connection
con.ConnectionString = "Provider=OraOLEDB.Oracle;Data Source=MyOraDb;" & _
    "User ID=scott;Password=tiger;"
con.Open
```

Connect Without Using ConnectionString

```
Dim con As New ADODB.Connection
con.Provider = "OraOLEDB.Oracle"
con.Open "MyOraDb", "scott", "tiger"
```

Connect and Set Provider-specific Attributes

```
Dim con As New ADODB.Connection
con.Provider = "OraOLEDB.Oracle"
con.ConnectionString = "FetchSize=200;CacheType=Memory;" & _
    "OSAuthent=0;PLSQLRSet=1;Data Source=MyOraDb;" & _
    "User ID=scott;Password=tiger;"
con.Open
```

Operating System-Authenticated Connect Setting User ID to /

```
Dim con As New ADODB.Connection
con.Provider = "OraOLEDB.Oracle"
con.Open "MyOraDb", "/", ""
```

Operating System-Authenticated Connect Using OSAuthent

```
Dim con As New ADODB.Connection
con.Provider = "OraOLEDB.Oracle"
con.ConnectionString = "Data Source=MyOraDb;OSAuthent=1;"
con.Open
```

VCharNull

The VCharNull attribute enables or disables the NULL termination of VARCHAR2 OUT parameters from stored procedures. Valid values are 0 (disabled) and 1 (enabled). The default is 1, which indicates that VARCHAR2 OUT parameters are NULL terminated. A value of 0 indicates that VARCHAR2 OUT parameters are padded with spaces.

The default value for this attribute is located under the \\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\ORACLE\KEY_HOMENAME\OLEDB registry key, where HOMENAME is the Oracle home. If this attribute is not provided at the connection time, then the default registry value is used.

Note that with this connection attribute enabled, applications need to pad the stored procedure IN and IN OUT CHAR parameters with spaces explicitly, if the parameter is to be used in a WHERE clause.

SPPrmDefVal

The `SPPrmDefVal` attribute specifies whether to use the default value or a NULL value if the application has not specified a stored procedure parameter value. Valid values are 0 (FALSE) and 1 (TRUE). The default is FALSE, which enables OraOLEDB to pass a NULL value. If the value is TRUE, then OraOLEDB uses the default value.

The default value for this attribute is located under the `\\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\ORACLE\KEY_HOMENAME\OLEDB` registry key, where `HOMENAME` is the Oracle home. If this attribute is not provided at connection time, then the default registry value is used.

OraOLEDB Sessions

An OraOLEDB session object represents a single connection to an Oracle Database. The session object exposes the interfaces that allow data access and manipulation.

The first session created on the initialized data source inherits the initial connection established by `IDBInitialize::Initialize()`. Subsequent sessions that are created establish their own independent connections to the particular Oracle Database specified by the data source properties.

Each session object also defines a transaction space for a data source. All command and rowset objects created from a particular session object are part of the transaction of that session.

After all references to the session object are released, the session object is removed from memory and the connection is dropped.

Transactions

OraOLEDB supports local and distributed transactions, which provide explicit commit and abort transactional operations.

OraOLEDB does not support nested transactions. In addition, a local transaction cannot be started if the session is currently enlisted in a distributed transaction. This also applies to distributed transactions if the session is currently enlisted in a local transaction.

Local Transactions OraOLEDB supports the `ITransactionLocal` interface for explicit transactions. By default, OraOLEDB is in an autocommit mode, meaning that each unit of work done on the database is automatically or implicitly committed. With the use of the `ITransactionLocal` interface, consumers may explicitly start a transaction for a particular session, allowing a unit of work to be explicitly committed or aborted by the consumer.

OraOLEDB supports the Read Committed (Cursor Stability) isolation level. In this level, the changes made by other transactions are not visible until those transactions are committed.

Distributed Transactions OraOLEDB consumers must install Oracle Services for Microsoft Transaction Server (MTS) release 10.2 or higher to be able to participate in Microsoft Transaction Server (or COM+) transactions or to enlist in a distributed transaction coordinated by Microsoft Distributed Transaction Coordinator (MS DTC).

For setup and configuration information on Oracle Services for MTS, see *Oracle Services for Microsoft Transaction Server Developer's Guide*.

OraOLEDB ignores `IsoLevel`, `IsoFlags`, and `pOtherOptions` parameters when `ITransactionJoin::JoinTransaction()` is called. These options must be provided when the consumer acquires a transaction object from MS DTC with the `ITransactionDispenser::BeginTransaction()` method call.

However, if `IsoFlags` is nonzero, then `XACT_E_NOISORETAIN` is returned.

Commands

OraOLEDB supports ANSI SQL as supported by Oracle Database and the ODBC SQL syntax.

Stored Procedures

When executing an Oracle PL/SQL **stored procedure** using a command, use Oracle native syntax or the ODBC procedure call escape sequence in the command text:

- Oracle native syntax: `BEGIN credit_account(123, 40); END;`
- ODBC syntax: `{CALL credit_account(123, 40)}`

Preparing Commands

OraOLEDB validates and fetches the metadata only for SELECT SQL statements.

Command Parameters

When using Oracle ANSI SQL, parameters in the command text are preceded by a colon. In ODBC SQL, parameters are indicated by a question mark (?).

OraOLEDB supports input, output, and input and output parameters for PL/SQL stored procedures and stored functions. OraOLEDB supports input parameters for SQL statements.

Note: OraOLEDB supports only positional binding.

OraOLEDB Custom Properties for Commands

OraOLEDB custom properties for commands are grouped under the custom property set `ORAPROPSET_COMMANDS`. It provides these properties:

Table 2–1 Custom Properties for Commands

For Visual Basic Users	For C++ Users
PLSQLRSet	ORAPROP_PLSQLRSet
NDatatype	ORAPROP_NDatatype
SPPrmsLOB	ORAPROP_SPPrmsLOB
AddToStmtCache	ORAPROP_AddToStmtCache

PLSQLRSet

This property is similar to the `PLSQLRSet` connection string attribute.

The property specifies whether OraOLEDB must return a rowset from the PL/SQL stored procedure. If the stored procedure, provided by the consumer, returns a rowset,

PLSQLRSet must be set to TRUE (enabled). This property should be set to FALSE after the command has been run. By default, the property is set to FALSE (disabled).

Consumers should use the property over the attribute, as the property can be set at the command object rather than at the session. By setting it at the command object, the consumer is able to set the property only for the command object executing stored procedures which are returning rowsets. With the attribute, the consumer needed to set it even if only one of many stored procedures being executed by the ADO application returned a rowset. The use of this property should provide a performance boost to applications making use of the attribute previously.

Example: Setting the Custom Property PLSQLRSet

```
Dim objRes As NEW ADODB.Recordset
Dim objCon As NEW ADODB.Connection
Dim objCmd As NEW ADODB.Command
....
objCmd.ActiveConnection = objCon
objCmd.CommandType = adCmdText

' Enabling the PLSQLRSet property indicates to the provider
' that the command returns one or more rowsets
objCmd.Properties("PLSQLRSet") = TRUE

' Assume Employees.GetEmpRecords() has a REF CURSOR as
' one of the arguments
objCmd.CommandText = "{ CALL Employees.GetEmpRecords(?,?) }"

' Execute the SQL
set objRes = objCmd.Execute

' It is a good idea to disable the property after execute as the
' same command object may be used for a different SQL statement
objCmd.Properties("PLSQLRSet") = FALSE
```

NDatatype

This property allows the consumers to specify whether any of the parameters bound to the command are of Oracle's N data types (NCHAR, NVARCHAR or NCLOB). This information is required by OraOLEDB to detect and bind the parameters. This property should not be set for commands executing SELECT statements. However, this property must be set for all other SQL statements, such as INSERT, UPDATE, and DELETE.

The use of this property should be limited to SQL statements containing parameters of N data type as setting it incurs a processing overhead of at least one round-trip to the database. By default, this property is set to FALSE.

Note: OraOLEDB does not support parameters of N data types in the WHERE clause of SQL statements.

Note: Consumers are required to use the ODBC procedure call escape sequence to call **stored procedures** or functions having N data type parameters.

Example: Setting the Custom Property NDatatype

```

Dim objCon As NEW ADODB.Connection
Dim objCmd As NEW ADODB.Command
Dim prEmpno As NEW ADODB.Parameter
Dim prENAME As NEW ADODB.Parameter
...
objCmd.ActiveConnection = objCon
objCmd.CommandType = adCmdText

' Create and append the parameters to the command object
Set prEmpno = objCmd.CreateParameter("prEmpno", adSmallInt, adParamInput, ,8521)
' prENAME is bound to a NVARCHAR column in the EMP table
Set prENAME = objCmd.CreateParameter("prENAME", adBSTR, adParamInput, , "Joe")
objCmd.Parameters.Append prEmpno
objCmd.Parameters.Append prENAME

' Enabling the NDatatype property indicates to the provider
' that one or more of the bound parameters is of N datatype
objCmd.Properties("NDatatype") = TRUE

' Assume column ENAME in table EMP is of NVARCHAR type
objCmd.CommandText = "INSERT INTO EMP (EMPNO, ENAME) VALUES (?, ?)"

' Execute the SQL
objCmd.Execute

' It is a good idea to disable the property after execute as the same command
' object may be used for a different SQL statement
objCmd.Properties("NDatatype") = FALSE

```

SPPrmsLOB

This property allows the consumer to specify whether one or more of the parameters bound to the stored procedures are of Oracle's LOB data type (CLOB, BLOB, or NCLOB). OraOLEDB requires this property to be set to TRUE, to fetch the parameter list of the stored procedure prior to execution. The use of this property limits the processing overhead to stored procedures having one or more LOB data type parameters. This property should be set to FALSE after the command has been executed. By default, the property is set to FALSE.

Note: Consumers are required to use the ODBC procedure call escape sequence to call stored procedures or functions having LOB data type parameters.

Example: Setting the Custom Property SPPrmsLOB

```

Dim objCon As NEW ADODB.Connection
Dim objCmd As NEW ADODB.Command
Dim prCLOB As NEW ADODB.Parameter
...
objCmd.ActiveConnection = objCon
objCmd.CommandType = adCmdText

' Create and append the parameters to the command object
Set prCLOB = objCmd.CreateParameter("prCLOB", adLongVarchar, adParamOutput, _
                                     10000)
objCmd.Parameters.Append prCLOB

' Enabling the SPPrmsLOB property indicates to the provider

```

```
' that one or more of the bound parameters is of LOB data type
objCmd.Properties("SPPrmsLOB") = TRUE

' Assume the Stored Procedure requires a CLOB parameter
objCmd.CommandText = "{ call storedproc(?) }"

'Execute the SQL
objCmd.Execute

' It is a good idea to disable the property after execute as the
' same command object may be used for a different SQL statement
objCmd.Properties("SPPrmsLOB") = FALSE
```

AddToStmtCache

This property allows the consumer to cache the executed statements when the property is set to TRUE and statement caching is enabled. If the statement caching is disabled or if this property is set to FALSE, then the executed statement is not cached.

This property is ignored if statement caching is disabled. Statement caching can be enabled by setting the StmtCacheSize connection string attribute to a value greater than zero. This property provides a way to selectively add statements to the cache when statement caching is enabled. By default, the property is set to TRUE.

Example: Setting the Custom Property AddToStmtCache

```
Dim objCon As NEW ADODB.Connection
Dim objCmd As NEW ADODB.Command
...

' Statement caching is enabled by setting the 'StmtCacheSize'
' connection string attribute to a value greater than zero
objCon.ConnectionString = "StmtCacheSize=10;Data Source=MyOraDb;" & _
                        "User ID=scott;Password=tiger;"

objCon.Open
objCmd.ActiveConnection = objCon
objCmd.CommandType = adCmdText
objCmd.CommandText = "SELECT * FROM EMP"

' "SELECT * FROM EMP" statement would be added to the statement cache because
' StmtCacheSize connection string attribute value is greater than 0 and
' AddToStmtCache property value is TRUE by default.
objCmd.Execute

' Do not add "SELECT * FROM DEPT" to the statement cache
objCmd.CommandText = "SELECT * FROM DEPT"
objCmd.Properties("AddToStmtCache") = FALSE

' "SELECT * FROM DEPT" statement would not be added to the statement cache
objCmd.Execute
```

Stored Procedures and Functions Returning Rowsets

Oracle Provider for OLE DB allows consumers to execute a **PL/SQL** stored procedure with an argument of REF CURSOR type or a stored function returning a REF CURSOR value.

OraOLEDB returns a rowset for the REF CURSOR bind variable. Because there is no predefined data type for REF CURSOR in the OLE DB specification, the consumer must not bind this parameter.

If the PL/SQL stored procedure has one or more arguments of REF CURSOR type, OraOLEDB binds these arguments and returns a rowset for each argument of REF CURSOR type.

If the PL/SQL stored function returns a REF CURSOR or has an argument of REF CURSOR type, OraOLEDB binds these and returns a rowset for each REF CURSOR type.

To use this feature, stored procedures or functions must be called in the ODBC procedure call escape sequence.

The stored procedure or function being called could be either standalone or packaged. However, the REF CURSOR being returned must be explicitly defined in a package in the database.

Multiple Rowsets

OraOLEDB supports returning more than one rowset from a stored procedure. Consumers can use this feature to access all the REF CURSORS being returned by a stored procedure.

Example: Stored Procedure Returning Multiple Rowsets

PL/SQL Package

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PACKAGE Employees AS
    TYPE empcur IS REF CURSOR;

    PROCEDURE GetEmpRecords(p_cursor OUT empcur,
                           q_cursor OUT empcur,
                           indeptno IN NUMBER,
                           p_errorcode OUT NUMBER);

    FUNCTION GetDept(inempno IN NUMBER,
                    p_errorcode OUT NUMBER)
    RETURN empcur;
END Employees;

CREATE OR REPLACE PACKAGE BODY Employees AS

    PROCEDURE GetEmpRecords(p_cursor OUT empcur,
                           q_cursor OUT empcur,
                           indeptno IN NUMBER,
                           p_errorcode OUT NUMBER) IS
    BEGIN
        p_errorcode := 0;
        OPEN p_cursor FOR
            SELECT *
            FROM emp
            WHERE deptno = indeptno
            ORDER BY empno;

        OPEN q_cursor FOR
            SELECT empno
            FROM emp
            WHERE deptno = indeptno
            ORDER BY empno;

    EXCEPTION
        WHEN OTHERS THEN
            p_errorcode:= SQLCODE;
    END;
```

```

END GetEmpRecords;

FUNCTION GetDept(inempno IN NUMBER,
                p_errorcode OUT NUMBER)
RETURN empcur IS
    p_cursor empcur;
BEGIN
    p_errorcode := 0;
    OPEN p_cursor FOR
        SELECT deptno
        FROM emp
        WHERE empno = inempno;
    RETURN (p_cursor);

EXCEPTION
    WHEN OTHERS THEN
        p_errorcode:= SQLCODE;

END GetDept;

END Employees;

```

ADO Program

```

Dim Con As New ADOB.Connection
Dim Rst1 As New ADOB.Recordset
Dim Rst2 As New ADOB.Recordset
Dim Rst3 As New ADOB.Recordset
Dim Cmd As New ADOB.Command
Dim Prm1 As New ADOB.Parameter
Dim Prm2 As New ADOB.Parameter

Con.Provider = "OraOLEDB.Oracle"
Con.ConnectionString = "Data Source=MyOraDb;" & _
                    "User ID=scott;Password=tiger;"

Con.Open
Cmd.ActiveConnection = Con

' Although Employees.GetEmpRecords() takes four parameters, only
' two need to be bound because Ref cursor parameters are automatically
' bound by the provider.

Set Prm1 = Cmd.CreateParameter("Prm1", adSmallInt, adParamInput, , 30)
Cmd.Parameters.Append Prm1
Set Prm2 = Cmd.CreateParameter("Prm2", adSmallInt, adParamOutput)
Cmd.Parameters.Append Prm2

' Enable PLSQLRSet property
Cmd.Properties ("PLSQLRSet") = TRUE

' Stored Procedures returning resultsets must be called using the
' ODBC escape sequence for calling stored procedures.
Cmd.CommandText = "{CALL Employees.GetEmpRecords(?, ?)}"

' Get the first recordset
Set Rst1 = Cmd.Execute

' Disable PLSQLRSet property
Cmd.Properties("PLSQLRSet") = FALSE

' Get the second recordset

```

```
Set Rst2 = Rst1.NextRecordset

' Just as in a stored procedure, the REF CURSOR return value must
' not be bound in a stored function.
Prm1.Value = 7839
Prm2.Value = 0

' Enable PLSQLRSet property
Cmd.Properties("PLSQLRSet") = TRUE

' Stored Functions returning resultsets must be called using the
' ODBC escape sequence for calling stored functions.
Cmd.CommandText = "{CALL Employees.GetDept(?, ?)}"

' Get the rowset
Set Rst3 = Cmd.Execute

' Disable PLSQLRSet
Cmd.Properties ("PLSQLRSet") = FALSE

' Clean up
Rst1.Close
Rst2.Close
Rst3.Close
```

Statement Caching

Statement caching eliminates the need to parse each SQL or PL/SQL statement before execution, by caching server cursors created during the initial statement execution. Subsequent executions of the same statement can reuse the parsed information from the cursor, and then execute the statement without reparsing, for better performance.

To see performance gains from statement caching, Oracle recommends caching only those statements that will be repeatedly executed. Furthermore, SQL or PL/SQL statements should use parameters rather than literal values. This will enable you to take full advantage of statement caching. This is because parsed information from parameterized statements can be reused, even if the parameter values change in subsequent executions. However, if the literal values in the statements are different, the parsed information cannot be reused unless the subsequent statements also have the same literal values.

StmtCacheSize Connection String Attribute

This attribute enables or disables OraOLEDB statement caching. By default, this attribute is set to 0 (disabled). If it is set to a value greater than 0, OraOLEDB statement caching is enabled and the value specifies the maximum number of statements that can be cached for a connection.

After a connection has been cached to the specified maximum cache size, the cursor least recently used is freed to make room to cache the newly-created cursor. This value should not be greater than the value of the `OPEN_CURSORS` parameter set in the `init.ora` database configuration file.

AddToStmtCache Command Property

This property is relevant only when statement caching is enabled. If statement caching is enabled and this property is set to `true` (default), then statements are added to the cache when they are executed. If statement caching is disabled or if this property is set to `false`, then the executed statement is not cached.

Enabling Statement Caching through the Registry

To enable statement caching by default for all OraOLEDB applications running in a system without changing the application, set the registry key of `\\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\ORACLE\KEY_HOMENAME\OLEDB\StmtCacheSize` to a value greater than 0. Here, `KEY_HOMENAME` refers to the appropriate Oracle home. This value specifies the number of cursors that are to be cached on the server. By default, it is set to 0.

Connections and Statement Caching

Statement caching is managed separately for each connection. Therefore, for running the same statement on different connections, you need to parse once for each connection and cache a separate cursor for each connection.

Rowsets

This section discusses using Rowsets with OraOLEDB.

To Create Rowsets

OraOLEDB supports `IOpenRowset::OpenRowset` and `ICommand::Execute` for creating rowsets.

To Create Rowsets with `IOpenRowset::OpenRowset`

When using `IOpenRowset::OpenRowset`, note the following guidelines:

- The `pTableID` parameter must contain a `DBID` structure that specifies a base table or a view.
- The `DBID` structure's `eKind` member must be set to `DBKIND_GUID_NAME`, `DBKIND_NAME`, or `DBKIND_PGUID_NAME`.
- The `DBID` structure's `uName` member must specify the base table or view name as a Unicode character string. It cannot be `NULL`.
- The `pIndexID` parameter of `OpenRowset` must be `NULL`.

To Create Rowsets with `ICommand::Execute`

OraOLEDB supports SQL `SELECT` statements that return rowsets. OraOLEDB also supports returning rowsets from PL/SQL stored procedures and functions.

By default, ADO creates a nonupdatable rowset from a command object. An updatable rowset can be created by setting the `Updatability` and `IRowsetChange` properties on the command object. The `Updatability` property can be set to the following values:

Table 2–2 Possible Values for Updatability Property

Value	Description
1	update
2	delete
3	update and delete
4	insert
5	insert and update
6	insert and delete

Table 2–2 (Cont.) Possible Values for Updatability Property

Value	Description
7	insert, delete, and update

The following ADO code sample sets the `Updatability` property on a command object to allow insert, delete, and update operations on the rowset object.

```
Dim Cmd As New ADODB.Command
Dim Rst As New ADODB.Recordset
Dim Con As New ADODB.Connection
...
Cmd.ActiveConnection = Con
Cmd.CommandText = "SELECT * FROM emp"
Cmd.CommandType = adCmdText
cmd.Properties("IRowsetChange") = TRUE
Cmd.Properties("Updatability") = 7
' creates an updatable rowset
Set Rst = cmd.Execute
```

Updatability

OraOLEDB supports both immediate and deferred update mode. However, insert and update operations cannot be deferred when the operation changes a nonscalar column, such as LONG, BLOB, or CLOB. When nonscalar column values are changed in a deferred update mode, the entire row is transmitted to the database as though the operation was in an immediate update mode. In addition, these operations cannot be undone with the `Undo` method (ADO) or `IRowsetUpdate::Undo()`. However, if they are in a transaction, they can be rolled back with `RollbackTrans` method (ADO) or `ITransactionLocal::Abort()`.

Rowsets created using queries with joins are updatable by OraOLEDB only with the Client Cursor Engine enabled. C/C++ OLE DB consumers must enable this service to make these rowsets updatable. ADO consumers must specify the `CursorLocation` as `adUseClient` to make these rowsets updatable.

For example:

```
Dim objCon As New ADODB.Connection
Dim objRst As New ADODB.Recordset

objCon.Provider = "OraOLEDB.Oracle"
objCon.Open "MyOraDb", "scott", "tiger"
objRst.CursorLocation = adUseClient      'ADO Client Cursor
objRst.Open "select ename, dname " & _
           "from emp, dept " & _
           "where emp.deptno = dept.deptno", _
           objCon, adOpenStatic, adLockOptimistic, adCmdText

'Recordset created is updatable. Please note that CursorLocation
'needs to be explicitly set to adUseClient for this join recordset
'to be updatable.
```

Server Data on Insert Property

If `DBPROP_SERVERDATAONINSERT` (Server Data on Insert) is set to `TRUE` using OraOLEDB, the consumer can obtain defaults, sequences, and triggered column values from newly inserted and updated rows, if the insert and update operations are made through the rowset.

Having `DBPROP_SERVERDATAONINSERT` set to `TRUE` may degrade performance for both insert and update executions using a rowset because OraOLEDB fetches row data from the database for the newly inserted and updated row. However, if `DBPROP_SERVERDATAONINSERT` is set to its default value of `FALSE`, only the explicitly provided values for insert and update operations are returned when column values are requested for those rows.

If the base table from which the rowset was created does not contain any defaults, sequences, or triggers, then it is highly recommended that `DBPROP_SERVERDATAONINSERT` retain its default value of `FALSE`.

The `DBPROP_SERVERDATAONINSERT` property does not affect the performance of insert and update operations using the command object.

To Search for Rows with `IRowsetFind::FindNext`

OraOLEDB only supports searches performed on `CHAR`, `DATE`, `FLOAT`, `NUMBER`, `RAW`, and `VARCHAR2` columns. Otherwise, `DB_E_NOTSUPPORTED` is returned.

When a search is done with a `NULL` value, only the `DBCOMPAREOPS_EQ` and `DBCOMPAREOPS_NE` compare operations are supported. Otherwise, `DB_E_NOTSUPPORTED` is returned.

OraOLEDB-Specific Connection String Attributes for Rowsets

OraOLEDB-specific connection string attributes which affect the performance of the rowset are:

- `CacheType` - specifies the type of caching used by the provider to store rowset data. OraOLEDB provides two caching mechanisms:
 - `Memory` - The provider stores all the rowset data in-memory. This caching mechanism provides better performance at the expense of higher memory utilization. The default is `Memory`.
 - `File` - The provider stores all the rowset data on disk. This caching mechanism limits memory consumption at the expense of performance.
- `ChunkSize` - This attribute specifies the size, in bytes, of the data in `LONG` and `LONG RAW` columns fetched and stored in the provider cache. Providing a high value for this attribute improves performance, but requires more memory to store the data in the rowset. Valid values are 1 to 65535. The default is 100.
- `FetchSize` - specifies the number of rows the provider will fetch at a time (fetch array). It must be set on the basis of data size and the response time of the network. If the value is set too high, then this could result in more wait time during the execution of the query. If the value is set too low, then this could result in many more round trips to the database. Valid values are 1 to 429,496, and 296. The default is 100.

The default attribute values are set in the registry. For more information, see "[Default Attribute Values](#)" on page 2-7. The following ADO code example overrides the default attribute values:

```
Dim con As ADODB.Connection
Set con = NEW ADODB.Connection
con.ConnectionString = "Provider=OraOLEDB.Oracle;User ID=scott;" & _
                    "Password=tiger;Data Source=MyOraDB;" & _
                    "FetchSize=200;CacheType=File;"
con.Open
```

Tips for ADO Programmers

Setting the ADO Rowset property `LockType` to `adLockPessimistic` is not supported by Oracle Provider for OLE DB. If `LockType` is set to `adLockPessimistic`, then OraOLEDB behaves similar to when set as `adLockOptimistic`. This behavior occurs because OraOLEDB does not perform explicit locks on the rows being modified. However, when new data is submitted to the database, the database only performs the update if the rowset data was not already updated by another user, which means that dirty writes are not allowed. `LockType` values `adLockReadOnly`, `adLockBatchOptimistic`, and `adLockOptimistic` are supported by OraOLEDB.

Setting ADO Rowset property `CursorType` to `adOpenKeyset` or `adOpenDynamic` is not supported by Oracle Provider for OLE DB. OraOLEDB does not support either of the two as Oracle supports *Statement Level Read Consistency*, which ensures that the data returned by a query contains only committed data as of the time the query was executed. `CursorType` values `adOpenStatic` and `adOpenForwardOnly` are supported by OraOLEDB.

Schema Rowsets

The schema rowsets available through Oracle Provider for OLE DB are:

- `DBSCHEMA_COLUMNS`
- `DBSCHEMA_INDEXES`
- `DBSCHEMA_SCHEMATA`
- `DBSCHEMA_VIEWS`
- `DBSCHEMA_TABLES`
- `DBSCHEMA_PROVIDER_TYPES` (forward scroll only)
- `DBSCHEMA_FOREIGN_KEYS`
- `DBSCHEMA_PRIMARY_KEYS`
- `DBSCHEMA_PROCEDURES`
- `DBSCHEMA_PROCEDURE_PARAMETERS`

Date Formats

The date format for the Oracle session cannot be set using the `ALTER SESSION SET NLS_DATE_FORMAT` command. In Visual Basic, date formats are controlled by the Regional Settings properties in Windows Control Panel. For more information on Visual Basic date formats, refer to your Visual Basic documentation.

For Oracle Provider for OLE DB, if the `Connection` property `UseSessionFormat` is `FALSE`, which is a default value, then `NLS_DATE_FORMAT` is fixed for the session to `'YYYY-MM-DD HH24:MI:SS'` by the provider. If you pass the date to Oracle Database as a string, the date must be in the `'YYYY-MM-DD HH24:MI:SS'` format. If `UseSessionFormat` is `TRUE`, then `NLS_DATE_FORMAT` is not fixed by Oracle Provider for OLE DB and the default session `NLS_DATE_FORMAT` is used. For example:

```
SELECT * FROM EMP WHERE HIREDATE > '1981-06-15 17:32:12'
```

To use a different format, you need to use the SQL function, `TO_DATE()`, to specify the format for dates passed as strings. For example:

```
SELECT * FROM EMP WHERE HIREDATE > TO_DATE('15-JUN-81', 'DD-MON-YY')
```

However, for dates passed as parameters, the date format is controlled by ADO, which is controlled by the Regional Settings in Windows Control Panel. In this case, `TO_DATE()` should not be used. For example:

```
Private Sub Command1_Click()
    Dim objCon As New ADODB.Connection
    Dim objCmd As New ADODB.Command
    Dim objRst As New ADODB.Recordset
    Dim pDate As New ADODB.Parameter

    objCon.Provider = "OraOLEDB.Oracle"
    objCon.Open "MyOraDb", "scott", "tiger"
    Set pDate = objCmd.CreateParameter("pDate", adDate, adParamInput)
    objCmd.Parameters.Append pDate
    objCmd.CommandText = _
        "SELECT * FROM EMP WHERE HIREDATE > ?"
    objCmd.ActiveConnection = objCon
    objCmd.CommandType = adCmdText
    pDate.Value = "06/15/1981"
    Set objRst = objCmd.Execute

    ...
End Sub
```

Case of Object Names

The names of all objects (tables, columns, views, and so forth) in Oracle Database are case-sensitive. This allows the two objects `EMP` and `emp` to exist in the same namespace in the database.

The query, `SELECT ename FROM emp`, executes correctly even though the table name is `EMP` (all uppercase) in the database. However, if you want to specify object names in mixed case, you can do so by enclosing the name in double quotes. For example:

```
SELECT ename FROM "Emp"
```

will execute successfully if the table name in the database is `Emp`. Double quotes preserve the case of the object names in Oracle Database.

LOB Support

The `ISequentialStream` interface is supported for all `LONG`, `LONG RAW`, and `LOB` (`BLOB`, `CLOB`, `NCLOB`, and `BFILE`) columns. The consumer can use this interface to read and write to all the `LOB` columns, except `BFILE` which is read-only. To have read and write access to these columns, the `SELECT SQL` statement used to create the rowset should not contain a join.

Note: Although most of the `LOB` columns in an Oracle Database support up to 4 GB of data storage, ADO limits the maximum column size to 2 GB.

Columns having the `BFILE` data type are not updatable in the `Rowset` interface. However, these columns can be updated using the command interface, if the update is limited to modifying the directory and name of the external file pointed to by the `BFILE` column. For example:

```
INSERT INTO topomaps (areanum, topomap)
VALUES (158, BFILENAME('mapdir', 'topo158.tps'))
```

For more information on LOBs, see *Oracle Database Application Developer's Guide - Large Objects*.

Unicode Support

OraOLEDB supports the Unicode character set. Using this feature, consumers can use OraOLEDB to access data in multiple languages on the same client computer. It can be especially useful in creating global Internet applications supporting as many languages as the Unicode standard entails. For example, you can write a single Active Server Page (ASP) application that accesses an Oracle9i Database to dynamically generate contents in Japanese, Arabic, English, Thai, and so on.

Types of Unicode Encoding

The Oracle Databases store the Unicode data in the UTF8 encoding scheme, which is an ASCII compatible multibyte encoding of Unicode. Microsoft Windows 2000 use the UCS2 encoding, which is a 2-byte fixed-width encoding scheme. OraOLEDB transparently converts the data between the two encoding schemes allowing the consumers to deal with only UCS2.

Note: The Unicode support is transparent to ADO consumers. OLE DB consumers using C or C++ need to explicitly specify `DBTYPE_WSTR` in their data type bindings when Unicode data is involved.

How Oracle Unicode Support Works

OraOLEDB works in two modes, Unicode mode and nonUnicode mode. When the client character set is not a superset of the server character set or the database character set is a multibyte character set, OraOLEDB automatically enables the Unicode mode. In this mode, OraOLEDB stores the data in its cache in the UCS2 encoding scheme. The user should ensure that the database's character set is UTF8 to prevent any data loss.

If the client character set is a superset of the server's, then the provider operates in the nonUnicode mode. This mode provides slightly better performance as it does not have to deal with larger character buffers required by the UCS2 encoding.

The detection of the client's and the server's character set is performed during logon.

Note: OraOLEDB no longer requires the client character set to be set to UTF8 to enable the Unicode mode. The provider still supports such setups but no longer requires it.

See "[Data Type Mappings in Rowsets and Parameters](#)" on page A-1 for further information.

Unicode Support Setup

To prevent any data loss, the database character set should be UTF8. Other than this, there is no other setup required for Unicode support.

Database Setup You must ensure that the Oracle Database is configured to store the data in the UTF8 character set. The character set configuration is typically specified during database creation. To check the character set setting of your database, execute the following query in SQL*Plus:

```
SQL> SELECT parameter, value FROM nls_database_parameters
       WHERE parameter = 'NLS_CHARACTERSET';
```

If the character set of your database is not UTF8, you need to create a new database with the UTF8 character set and import your data into it. See *Oracle Database Administrator's Guide* for more information.

See Also: *Oracle Database Globalization Support Guide* for general information

Errors

OLE and COM objects report errors through the HRESULT return code of the object member functions. An OLE/COM HRESULT return code is a bit-packed structure. OLE provides macros that dereference structure members. OraOLEDB exposes IErrorLookup to retrieve information about an error.

All objects support extended error information. For this, the consumer must instantiate the OLE DB Extended Error object followed by calling the method GetErrorDescription() to get the error text.

```
// Instantiate OraOLEDBErrorLookup and obtain a pointer to its
// IErrorLookup interface
CoCreateInstance(CLSID_OraOLEDBErrorLookup, NULL, CLSCTX_INPROC_SERVER,
                IID_IErrorLookup, (void **)&pIErrorLookup)
//Call the method GetErrorDescription() to get the full error text
pIErrorLookup->GetErrorDescription()
```

The OraOLEDB provider returns the entire error stack in one text block.

For ADO users, the following example applies:

```
Dim oerr As ADO.DB.Error
For Each oerr in con.Errors
    MsgBox "Error: " & oerr.Description & vbCrLf _
        & "Source: " & oerr.Source
Next
```

OLEDB.NET Data Provider Compatibility

The OLE DB .NET Data Provider can utilize OraOLEDB as the OLE DB Provider for accessing Oracle Database.

To make OraOLEDB compatible with OLE DB .NET Data Provider, set the connection string attribute OLEDB.NET to True.

Setting the OLEDB.NET attribute to False disables .NET compatibility.

Note: The OLEDB.NET connection string attribute must not be used in ADO applications.

Using the OLEDB.NET Attribute in a Connection String

When using OraOLEDB with the OLE DB .NET Data Provider, the OLEDB.NET connection attribute must be set to True as shown in the following examples:

```
// in VB.NET
Dim con As New OleDbConnection()
con.ConnectionString = "Provider=OraOLEDB.Oracle;User Id=scott;" & _
    "Password=tiger;Data Source=Oracle;OLEDB.NET=True;"
con.Open

// in C#
...
OleDbConnection con = new OleDbConnection();
con.ConnectionString = "Provider=OraOLEDB.Oracle;User Id=scott;" +
    "Password=tiger;Data Source=Oracle;OLEDB.NET=true;"
con.Open();
...
```

Using OraOLEDB Custom Properties

ADO allows OraOLEDB provider-specific properties to be set at the object level. The OraOLEDB-specific properties `SPPrmsLOB` and `NDatatype` can be set as connection string attributes as well as at the command-object level. The `StmtCacheSize` property can be set as a connection string attribute and the `AddToStmtCache` property can be set at the command object level. The following example shows the setting of properties at the command level:

```
// in VB
Dim cmd as new ADODB.Command
...
cmd.Properties("SPPrmsLOB") = True
cmd.Properties("NDatatype") = True
cmd.Properties("AddToStmtCache") = True
...
```

However, the OLEDB.NET Data Provider cannot expose OLE DB provider-specific properties at the object level. Therefore, the `SPPrmsLOB` and `NDatatype` properties can only be set as connection string attributes and `AddToStmtCache` property is not supported when OraOLEDB is used by OLE DB .NET Data Provider:

```
// in VB.NET
Dim con As New OleDbConnection()
con.ConnectionString = "Provider=OraOLEDB.Oracle;User Id=scott;" & _
    "Password=tiger;Data Source=Oracle;OLEDB.NET=True;" & _
    "SPPrmsLOB=False;NDatatype=False;"
con.Open()
```

Both `SPPrmsLOB` and `NDatatype` connection string attributes are set to `False` by default if they are not specified.

Setting either of these connection string attributes to `True` incurs additional processing overhead when executing commands with parameters. For this reason, before setting either attribute to `True`, see ["OraOLEDB Custom Properties for Commands"](#) on page 2-10.

Updating Oracle with DataTable Changes

In order for the `OleDbDataAdapter.Update()` method to properly update Oracle Database with changes made in `DataTable`, which must contain a primary key of a database table. If the database table does not contain a primary key, the `ROWID` must be selected explicitly when populating `DataTable`, so that the `ROWID` can be used to uniquely identify a row when updating a row in the database.

Do not select the `ROWID` from database tables that contains a primary key. If `ROWID` is selected along with a primary key, `ROWID` will be the only column marked as the primary key.

See Also: For further information on using the OLE DB .NET Data Provider

- Microsoft .NET Documentation
- Microsoft .NET Framework Class Library

Using OraOLEDB with Visual Basic

The following simple example illustrates how to use Oracle Provider for OLE DB with ADO in Visual Basic 6.0 to connect to an Oracle Database and execute PL/SQL stored procedures and functions.

Setting Up the Oracle Database

This example assumes that the Oracle Database has the demonstration table `EMP` under the user account `scott`. The `scott` account is included in the Oracle starter database. If the account does not exist on your database, create the account before running the sample program. If your database does not contain the `emp` table, then you can use the `demobld.sql` script to create the demonstration tables.

This example also uses `exampledb` as the database network alias when connecting to the Oracle Database. You must change this network alias to match your system.

Step 1 Build the Sample Tables:

1. Start SQL*Plus.
2. Connect as username `scott` with the password `tiger`.
3. Run the `demobld.sql` script:

```
SQL> @ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\sqlplus\demo\demobld.sql;
```

After the `emp` table has been created in the `scott` account, you need to create the PL/SQL package that contains the stored procedure and function that are run in the Visual Basic example.

Step 2 Create the PL/SQL package:

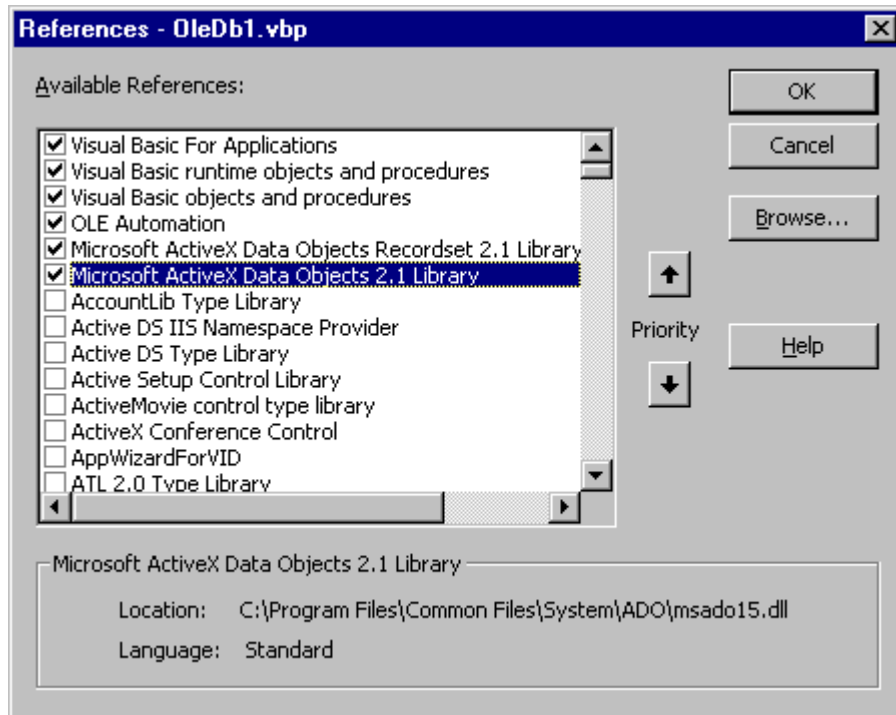
1. Connect as username `scott` with the password `tiger`.
2. Create the PL/SQL packages shown in "[PL/SQL Package](#)" on page 2-14.

Note: When creating PL/SQL packages the `/` character is used as a terminator and must be added on a separate line following each `CREATE PACKAGE...END` block.

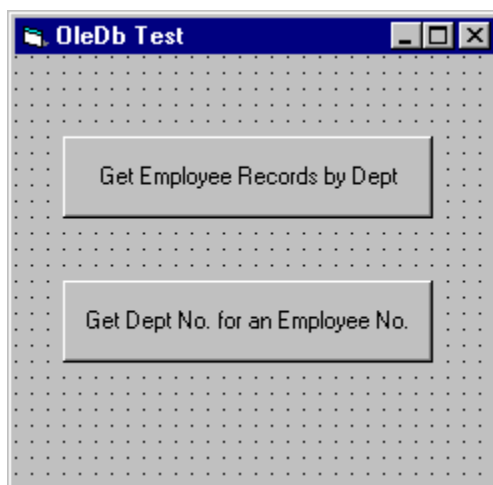
Setting Up the Visual Basic Project

After the Oracle Database setup is completed, you can create the Visual Basic 6.0 project.

1. Start Visual Basic 6.0 and create a new project.
2. Make sure that the Microsoft ActiveX Data Objects 2.1 Library and Microsoft ActiveX Data Objects Recordset 2.1 Library are included as Project References.



3. Add two command buttons to the form. One of the buttons will run the code to execute the PL/SQL procedure `GetEmpRecords`. The other will run the code to execute the PL/SQL function `GetDept`.



4. Add the following code to the `Click` subroutine of the button that will run the code to execute the PL/SQL procedure `GetEmpRecords`.

```
Dim Oracon As ADODB.Connection
Dim recset As New ADODB.Recordset
```



```

Dim cmd As New ADODB.Command
Dim param1 As New ADODB.Parameter
Dim param2 As New ADODB.Parameter
Dim objErr As ADODB.Error
Dim Message, Title, Default, EmpNoValue

Message = "Enter an employee number (5000 - 9000)"
Title = "Choose an Employee"
Default = "7654"

On Error GoTo err_test

EmpNoValue = InputBox(Message, Title, Default)
If EmpNoValue = "" Then Exit Sub
If EmpNoValue < 5000 Or EmpNoValue > 9000 Then EmpNoValue = 7654

Set Oracon = CreateObject("ADODB.Connection")
Oracon.ConnectionString = "Provider=OraOLEDB.Oracle;" & _
    "Data Source=examplepdb;" & _
    "User ID=scott;" & _
    "Password=tiger;"

Oracon.Open
Set cmd.ActiveConnection = Oracon
Set param1 = cmd.CreateParameter("param1", adSmallInt, adParamInput, ,
    EmpNoValue)
cmd.Parameters.Append param1
Set param2 = cmd.CreateParameter("param2", adSmallInt, adParamOutput)
cmd.Parameters.Append param2

' Enable PLSQLRSet property
Cmd.Properties ("PLSQLRSet") = TRUE

cmd.CommandText = "{CALL Employees.GetDept(?, ?)}"
Set recset = cmd.Execute

' Disable PLSQLRSet property
Cmd.Properties ("PLSQLRSet") = FALSE

MsgBox "Number: " & EmpNoValue & " Dept: " & recset.Fields("deptno").Value

Exit Sub

err_test:
    MsgBox Error$
    For Each objErr In Oracon.Errors
        MsgBox objErr.Description
    Next
    Oracon.Errors.Clear
    Resume Next

```

5. Add the following code to the Click subroutine of the button that will run the code to execute the PL/SQL function GetDept.

```

Dim Oracon As ADODB.Connection
Dim recset As New ADODB.Recordset
Dim cmd As New ADODB.Command
Dim param1 As New ADODB.Parameter
Dim param2 As New ADODB.Parameter
Dim objErr As ADODB.Error

```

```
Dim Message, Title, Default, DeptValue
Message = "Enter a department number (10, 20, or 30)"
Title = "Choose a Department"
Default = "30"

On Error GoTo err_test
DeptValue = InputBox(Message, Title, Default)
If DeptValue = "" Then Exit Sub
If DeptValue < 10 Or DeptValue > 30 Then DeptValue = 30

Set Oracon = CreateObject("ADODB.Connection")
Oracon.ConnectionString = "Provider=OraOLEDB.Oracle;" & _
    "Data Source=exampledb;" & _
    "User ID=scott;" & _
    "Password=tiger;"

Oracon.Open
Set cmd = New ADODB.Command
Set cmd.ActiveConnection = Oracon
Set param1 = cmd.CreateParameter("param1", adSmallInt, adParamInput, ,
    DeptValue)

cmd.Parameters.Append param1
Set param2 = cmd.CreateParameter("param2", adSmallInt, adParamOutput)
cmd.Parameters.Append param2

' Enable PLSQLRSet property
Cmd.Properties ("PLSQLRSet") = TRUE

cmd.CommandText = "{CALL Employees.GetEmpRecords(?, ?)}"
Set recset = cmd.Execute

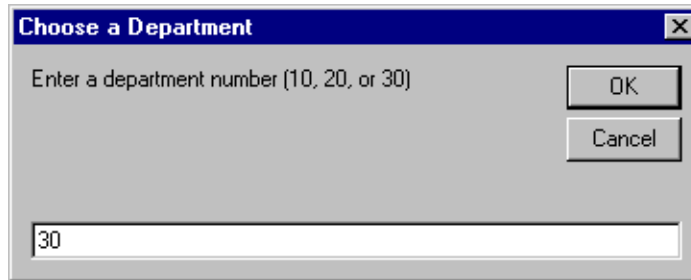
' Disable PLSQLRSet property
Cmd.Properties ("PLSQLRSet") = FALSE

Do While Not recset.EOF
    MsgBox "Number: " & recset.Fields("empno").Value & " Name: " &
        recset.Fields("ename").Value & " Dept: " & recset.Fields("deptno").Value
    recset.MoveNext
Loop

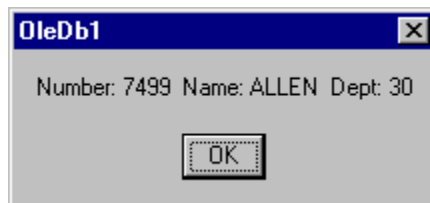
Exit Sub

err_test:
    MsgBox Error$
    For Each objErr In Oracon.Errors
        MsgBox objErr.Description
    Next
    Oracon.Errors.Clear
    Resume Next
```

6. Run the project and check the results. For example, if you choose the Get Employee Records by Dept button, then you would see a dialog box requesting that you enter a department number.



After you have entered a department number and clicked **OK**, another dialog box displays employee names and numbers from that department.



Provider-Specific Information

This appendix describes OLE DB information that is specific to Oracle Provider for OLE DB. For generic OLE DB information that includes a detailed listing of all OLE DB properties and interfaces, see the Microsoft *OLE DB Programmer's Reference Guide*.

This appendix contains these topics:

- [Data Type Mappings in Rowsets and Parameters](#)
- [Properties Supported](#)
- [Interfaces Supported](#)
- [MetaData Columns Supported](#)
- [OraOLEDB Tracing](#)

Data Type Mappings in Rowsets and Parameters

This section lists the data type mapping between Oracle data types and OLE DB-defined types. Oracle Provider for OLE DB represents Oracle data types by using certain OLE DB-defined data types in the rowset as well as in parameters. OLE DB-defined types are also mapped to an Oracle data type when creating tables.

Each Oracle data type is mapped to a specific OLE DB data type, as shown in [Table A-1](#). This correspondence is used when data type information is retrieved from an Oracle Database.

Table A-1 Data Type Mappings

Oracle Data Type	OLE DB Data Type - Regular (NonUnicode) Mode	OLE DB Data Type - Unicode Mode
BFILE	DBTYPE_BYTES	DBTYPE_BYTES
BINARY_FLOAT	DBTYPE_R4	DBTYPE_R4
BINARY_DOUBLE	DBTYPE_R8	DBTYPE_R8
BLOB	DBTYPE_BYTES	DBTYPE_BYTES
CHAR	DBTYPE_STR	DBTYPE_WSTR
CLOB	DBTYPE_STR	DBTYPE_WSTR
DATE	DBTYPE_DBTIMESTAMP	DBTYPE_DBTIMESTAMP
FLOAT	DBTYPE_R8	DBTYPE_R8
INTERVAL DAY TO SECOND	DBTYPE_STR	DBTYPE_WSTR

Table A-1 (Cont.) Data Type Mappings

Oracle Data Type	OLE DB Data Type - Regular (NonUnicode) Mode	OLE DB Data Type - Unicode Mode
INTERVAL YEAR TO MONTH	DBTYPE_STR	DBTYPE_WSTR
LONG	DBTYPE_STR	DBTYPE_WSTR
LONG RAW	BTYPE_BYTES	DBTYPE_BYTES
NCHAR	DBTYPE_STR	DBTYPE_WSTR
NCLOB	DBTYPE_STR	DBTYPE_WSTR
NUMBER	DBTYPE_VARNUMERIC	DBTYPE_VARNUMERIC
NUMBER(p, s)	DBTYPE_NUMERIC	DBTYPE_NUMERIC
NVARCHAR2	DBTYPE_STR	DBTYPE_WSTR
RAW	DBTYPE_BYTES	DBTYPE_BYTES
ROWID	DBTYPE_STR	DBTYPE_STR
TIMESTAMP	DBTYPE_DBTIMESTAMP	DBTYPE_DBTIMESTAMP
TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE	DBTYPE_DBTIMESTAMP	DBTYPE_DBTIMESTAMP
TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE	DBTYPE_DBTIMESTAMP	DBTYPE_DBTIMESTAMP
VARCHAR	DBTYPE_STR	DBTYPE_WSTR

Properties Supported

This section lists the properties supported by Oracle Provider for OLE DB. The read/write status and initial values are noted.

- [Data Source Properties](#)
- [DataSourceInfo Properties](#)
- [Initialization and Authorization Properties](#)
- [Session Properties](#)
- [Rowset Properties](#)

Data Source Properties

[Table A-2](#) lists data source properties.

Table A-2 DBPROPSET_DATASOURCE Properties

Property	Status	Initial Value
DBPROP_CURRENTCATALOG	READ-ONLY	NULL

DataSourceInfo Properties

[Table A-3](#) lists DataSourceInfo properties.

Table A-3 DBPROPSET_DATASOURCEINFO Properties

Property	Status	Initial Value
DBPROP_ACTIVESESSIONS	READ-ONLY	0, Unlimited sessions
DBPROP_ASYNCCTXNABORT	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_ASYNCCTXNCOMMIT	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_BYREFACCESSORS	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_TRUE
DBPROP_CATALOGLOCATION	READ-ONLY	DBPROPVAL_CL_END
DBPROP_CATALOGTERM	READ-ONLY	"Database link"
DBPROP_CATALOGUSAGE	READ-ONLY	DBPROPVAL_CU_DML_STATEMENTS
DBPROP_COLUMNDEFINITION	READ-ONLY	DBPROPVAL_CD_NOTNULL
DBPROP_CONCATNULLBEHAVIOR	READ-ONLY	DBPROPVAL_CB_NON_NULL
DBPROP_CONNECTIONSTATUS	READ-ONLY	DBPROPVAL_CS_INITIALIZED
DBPROP_DATASOURCENAME	READ-ONLY	"", set at run time
DBPROP_DATASOURCEREADONLY	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_DBMSNAME	READ-ONLY	"", set at run time
DBPROP_DBMSVER	READ-ONLY	set at run time
DBPROP_DSOTHREADMODEL	READ/WRITE	DBPROPVAL_RT_FREETHREAD
DBPROP_GROUPBY	READ-ONLY	DBPROPVAL_GB_CONTAINS_SELECT
DBPROP_HETEROGENEOUSTABLES	READ-ONLY	DBPROPVAL_HT_DIFFERENT_CATALOGS
DBPROP_IDENTIFIERCASE	READ-ONLY	DBPROPVAL_IC_UPPER
DBPROP_MAXINDEXSIZE	READ-ONLY	0, limit unknown - depends on block size
DBPROP_MAXOPENCHAPTERS	READ-ONLY	0, not supported
DBPROP_MAXORSINFILTER	READ-ONLY	0, not supported
DBPROP_MAXROWSIZE	READ-ONLY	0, no limit
DBPROP_MAXROWSIZEINCLUDESBLOB	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_MAXSORTCOLUMNS	READ-ONLY	0, not supported
DBPROP_MAXTABLESINSELECT	READ-ONLY	0, no limit
DBPROP_MULTIPLEPARAMSETS	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_TRUE
DBPROP_MULTIPLERESULTS	READ-ONLY	DBPROP_MR_SUPPORTED DBPROPVAL_ _MR_CONCURRENT
DBPROP_MULTIPLESTORAGEOBJECTS	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_MULTITABLEUPDATE	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_NULLCOLLATION	READ-ONLY	DBPROPVAL_NC_HIGH
DBPROP_OLEOBJECTS	READ-ONLY	DBPROPVAL_OO_BLOB
DBPROP_ORDERBYCOLUMNSINSELECT	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_OUTPUTPARAMETERAVAILABILITY	READ-ONLY	DBPROPVAL_OA_ATEXECUTE
DBPROP_PERSISTENTIDTYPE	READ-ONLY	DBPROPVAL_PT_NAME
DBPROP_PREPAREABORTBEHAVIOR	READ-ONLY	DBPROPVAL_CB_PRESERVE
DBPROP_PREPARECOMMITBEHAVIOR	READ-ONLY	DBPROPVAL_CB_PRESERVE

Table A-3 (Cont.) DBPROPSET_DATASOURCEINFO Properties

Property	Status	Initial Value
DBPROP_PROCEDURETERM	READ-ONLY	"PL/SQL Stored Procedure"
DBPROP_PROVIDERFRIENDLYNAME	READ-ONLY	"Oracle Provider for OLE DB"
DBPROP_PROVIDERNAME	READ-ONLY	OraOLEDBver.dll
DBPROP_PROVIDEROLEDBVER	READ-ONLY	"02.01"
DBPROP_PROVIDERERVER	READ-ONLY	set to current OraOLEDB version
DBPROP_QUOTEDIDENTIFIERCASE	READ-ONLY	DBPROPVAL_IC_SENSITIVE
DBPROP_ROWSETCONVERSIONSONCOMMAND	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_TRUE
DBPROP_SCHEMATERM	READ-ONLY	"Owner"
DBPROP_SCHEMAUSAGE	READ-ONLY	DBPROPVAL_SU_DML_STATEMENTS DBPROPVAL_SU_TABLE_DEFINITION DBPROPVAL_SU_INDEX_DEFINITION DBPROPVAL_SU_PRIVILEGE_DEFINITION
DBPROP_SERVERNAME	READ-ONLY	" ", set at run time
DBPROP_SORTONINDEX	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_SQLSUPPORT	READ-ONLY	DBPROPVAL_SQL_ODBC_MINIMUM DBPROPVAL_SQL_ANSI92_ENTRY DBPROPVAL_SQL_ESCAPECLAUSES
DBPROP_STRUCTUREDSTORAGE	READ-ONLY	DBPROPVAL_SS_ISEQUENTIAL_STREAM
DBPROP_SUBQUERIES	READ-ONLY	DBPROPVAL_SQ_CORRELATEDSUBQUERIES
DBPROP_SUPPORTEDTXNDL	READ-ONLY	DBPROPVAL_TC_DDL_COMMIT
DBPROP_SUPPORTEDTXNISOLEVELS	READ-ONLY	DBPROPVAL_TI_CURSORSTABILITY DBPROPVAL_TI_READCOMMITTED
DBPROP_SUPPORTEDTXNISORETAIN	READ-ONLY	DBPROPVAL_TR_DONTCARE
DBPROP_TABLETERM	READ-ONLY	"Table"
DBPROP_USERNAME	READ-ONLY	" ", set at run time

Initialization and Authorization Properties

Table A-4 lists initialization and authorization properties.

Table A-4 DBPROPSET_DBINIT Properties

Property	Status	Initial Value
DBPROP_AUTH_PERSIST_SENSITIVE_AUTHINFO	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_AUTH_USERID	READ/WRITE	User ID
DBPROP_INIT_DATASOURCE	READ/WRITE	Connect string
DBPROP_INIT_HWND	READ/WRITE	Window handle for prompt
DBPROP_INIT_LCID	READ/WRITE	LCID of system
DBPROP_INIT_OLEDBSERVICES	READ/WRITE	DBPROPVAL_OS_ENABLEALL
DBPROP_INIT_PROMPT	READ/WRITE	DBPROMPT_NOPROMPT

Session Properties

Table A-5 lists session properties.

Table A-5 DBPROPSET_SESSION Properties

Property	Status	Initial Value
DBPROP_SESS_AUTOCOMMITISOLEVELS	READ-ONLY	DBPROPVAL_TI_CURSORSTABILITY DBPROPVAL_TI_READCOMMITTED

Rowset Properties

Table A-6 lists rowset properties.

Table A-6 DBPROPSET_ROWSET Properties

Property	Status	Initial Value
DBPROP_ABORTPRESERVE	READ/WRITE	VARIANT_TRUE
DBPROP_ACCESSORORDER	READ-ONLY	DBPROP_AO_RANDOM
DBPROP_APPENDONLY	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_BLOCKINGSTORAGEOBJECTS	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_BOOKMARKINFO	READ-ONLY	0
DBPROP_BOOKMARKS	READ/WRITE	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_BOOKMARKSKIPPED	READ/WRITE	VARIANT_TRUE
DBPROP_BOOKMARKTYPE	READ-ONLY	DBPROP_BMK_NUMERIC
DBPROP_CACHEDEFERRED	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_CANFETCHBACKWARDS	READ/WRITE	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_CANHOLDROWS	READ/WRITE	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_CANSROLLBACKWARDS	READ/WRITE	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_CHANGEINSERTEDROWS	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_TRUE
DBPROP_CLIENTCURSOR	READ/WRITE	VARIANT_TRUE
DBPROP_COLUMNRESTRICT	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_TRUE
DBPROP_COMMANDTIMEOUT	READ/WRITE	0, currently not operational
DBPROP_COMMITPRESERVE	READ/WRITE	VARIANT_TRUE
DBPROP_DEFERRED	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_TRUE
DBPROP_DELAYSTORAGEOBJECTS	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_TRUE, no delayed update
DBPROP_FINDCOMPAREOPS	READ-ONLY	DBPROPVAL_CO_EQUALITY DBPROPVAL_CO_STRING DBPROPVAL_CO_CASESENSITIVE DBPROPVAL_CO_CASEINSENSITIVE DBPROPVAL_CO_CONTAINS DBPROPVAL_CO_BEGINSWITH
DBPROP_HIDDENCOLUMNS	READ-ONLY	0
DBPROP_IACCESSOR	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_TRUE
DBPROP_ICOLUMNSINFO	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_TRUE
DBPROP_ICOLUMNSROWSET	READ/WRITE	VARIANT_TRUE
DBPROP_ICONNECTIONPOINTCONTAINER	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_TRUE

Table A-6 (Cont.) DBPROPSET_ROWSET Properties

Property	Status	Initial Value
DBPROP_I CONVERTTYPE	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_TRUE
DBPROP_IMMOBILEROWS	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_TRUE
DBPROP_IMULTIPLERESULTS	READ/WRITE	VARIANT_TRUE
DBPROP_IROWSET	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_TRUE
DBPROP_IROWSETCHANGE	READ/WRITE	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_IROWSETFIND	READ/WRITE	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_IROWSETIDENTITY	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_TRUE
DBPROP_IROWSETINFO	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_TRUE
DBPROP_IROWSETLOCATE	READ/WRITE	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_IROWSETREFRESH	READ/WRITE	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_IROWSETSCROLL	READ/WRITE	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_IROWSETUPDATE	READ/WRITE	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_ISEQUENTIALSTREAM	READ/WRITE	VARIANT_TRUE
DBPROP_ISUPPORTERRORINFO	READ/WRITE	VARIANT_TRUE
DBPROP_LITERALBOOKMARKS	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_LITERALIDENTITY	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_LOCKMODE	READ-ONLY	DBPROPVAL_LM_NONE
DBPROP_MAXOPENROWS	READ/WRITE	0, No limit
DBPROP_MAXPENDINGROWS	READ-ONLY	0, No limit
DBPROP_MAXROWS	READ/WRITE	0
DBPROP_MAXROWSIZE	READ-ONLY	0
DBPROP_MAXROWSIZEINCLUDESBLOB	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_NOTIFICATIONGRANULARITY	READ/WRITE	DBPROPVAL_NT_MULTIPLEROWS
DBPROP_NOTIFICATIONPHASES	READ/WRITE	DBPROPVAL_NP_OKTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_ABOUTTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_SYNCHAFTER DBPROPVAL_NP_FAILEDTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_DIDEVENT
DBPROP_NOTIFYPHASES	READ/WRITE	DBPROPVAL_NP_OKTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_ABOUTTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_SYNCHAFTER DBPROPVAL_NP_FAILEDTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_DIDEVENT
DBPROP_NOTIFYCOLUMNSET	READ/WRITE	DBPROPVAL_NP_OKTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_ABOUTTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_SYNCHAFTER DBPROPVAL_NP_FAILEDTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_DIDEVENT
DBPROP_NOTIFYROWDELETE	READ/WRITE	DBPROPVAL_NP_OKTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_ABOUTTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_SYNCHAFTER DBPROPVAL_NP_FAILEDTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_DIDEVENT
DBPROP_NOTIFYROWFIRSTCHANGE	READ/WRITE	DBPROPVAL_NP_OKTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_ABOUTTODO

Table A-6 (Cont.) DBPROPSET_ROWSET Properties

Property	Status	Initial Value
DBPROP_NOTIFYROWINSERT	READ/WRITE	DBPROPVAL_NP_OKTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_ABOUTTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_SYNCHAFTER DBPROPVAL_NP_FAILEDTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_DIDEVENT
DBPROP_NOTIFYROWRESYNCH	READ/WRITE	DBPROPVAL_NP_OKTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_ABOUTTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_SYNCHAFTER
DBPROP_NOTIFYROWSETRELEASE	READ/WRITE	DBPROPVAL_NP_OKTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_ABOUTTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_SYNCHAFTER
DBPROP_NOTIFYROWSETFETCHPOSITIONCHANGE	READ/WRITE	DBPROPVAL_NP_OKTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_ABOUTTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_SYNCHAFTER
DBPROP_NOTIFYROWUNDOCHANGE	READ/WRITE	DBPROPVAL_NP_OKTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_ABOUTTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_SYNCHAFTER DBPROPVAL_NP_FAILEDTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_DIDEVENT
DBPROP_NOTIFYROWUNDODELETE	READ/WRITE	DBPROPVAL_NP_OKTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_ABOUTTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_SYNCHAFTER DBPROPVAL_NP_FAILEDTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_DIDEVENT
DBPROP_NOTIFYROWUNDOINSERT	READ/WRITE	DBPROPVAL_NP_OKTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_ABOUTTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_SYNCHAFTER DBPROPVAL_NP_FAILEDTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_DIDEVENT
DBPROP_NOTIFYROWUNDOUPDATE	READ/WRITE	DBPROPVAL_NP_OKTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_ABOUTTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_SYNCHAFTER DBPROPVAL_NP_FAILEDTODO DBPROPVAL_NP_DIDEVENT
DBPROP_ORDEREDBOOKMARKS	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_TRUE
DBPROP_OTHERINSERT	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_OTHERUPDATEDELETE	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_OWNINSERT	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_TRUE
DBPROP_OWNUPTATEDELETE	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_TRUE
DBPROP_QUICKRESTART	READ/WRITE	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_REENTRANTEVENTS	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_REMOVEDELETED	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_TRUE
DBPROP_REPORTMULTIPLECHANGES	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_RETURNPENDINGINSERTS	READ/WRITE	VARIANT_TRUE
DBPROP_ROWRESTRICT	READ/WRITE	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_ROWTHREADMODEL	READ-ONLY	DBPROPVAL_RT_FREETHREAD
DBPROP_SERVERCURSOR	READ/WRITE	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_SERVERDATAONINSERT	READ/WRITE	VARIANT_TRUE

Table A-6 (Cont.) DBPROPSET_ROWSET Properties

Property	Status	Initial Value
DBPROP_STRONGIDENTITY	READ/WRITE	VARIANT_TRUE
DBPROP_TRANSACTEDOBJECT	READ-ONLY	VARIANT_TRUE
DBPROP_UNIQUEROWS	READ/WRITE	VARIANT_FALSE
DBPROP_UPDATABILITY	READ/WRITE	DBPROPVAL_UP_CHANGE DBPROPVAL_UP_DELETE DBPROPVAL_UP_INSET

Rowset Property Implications

Oracle Provider for OLE DB sets other necessary properties if a particular property is set to VARIANT_TRUE.

- If DBPROP_IROWSETLOCATE is set to VARIANT_TRUE, then the following properties are also set to VARIANT_TRUE:
 - DBPROP_IROWSETIDENTITY
 - DBPROP_CANHOLDROWS
 - DBPROP_BOOKMARKS
 - DBPROP_CANFETCHBACKWARDS
 - DBPROP_CANSROLLBACKWARDS
- If DBPROP_IROWSETSCROLL is set to VARIANT_TRUE, then the following properties are also set to VARIANT_TRUE:
 - DBPROP_IROWSETIDENTITY
 - DBPROP_IROWSETLOCATE
 - DBPROP_CANHOLDROWS
 - DBPROP_BOOKMARKS
 - DBPROP_CANFETCHBACKWARDS
 - DBPROP_CANSROLLBACKWARDS
- If DBPROP_IROWSETUPDATE is set to VARIANT_TRUE, then the DBPROP_IROWSETCHANGE property is also set to VARIANT_TRUE.

Interfaces Supported

This section identifies the OLE DB interfaces that are supported by Oracle Provider for OLE DB.

- [Data Source](#)
- [Session](#)
- [Command](#)
- [Rowset](#)
- [Multiple Results](#)
- [Transaction Options](#)

- Custom Error Object

Data Source

```
CoType TDataSource {
    interface IDBCreateSession;
    interface IDBInitialize;
    interface IDBProperties;
    interface IPersist;
    interface IDBInfo;
    interface ISupportErrorInfo;
}
```

Session

```
CoType TSession {
    interface IGetDataSource;
    interface IOpenRowset;
    interface ISessionProperties;
    interface IDBCreateCommand;
    interface IDBSchemaRowset;
    interface ISupportErrorInfo;
    interface ITransactionJoin;
    interface ITransactionLocal;
    interface ITransaction;
}
```

Command

```
CoType TCommand {
    interface IAccessor;
    interface IColumnsInfo;
    interface ICommand;
    interface ICommandProperties;
    interface ICommandText;
    interface IConvertType;
    interface IColumnsRowset;
    interface ICommandPrepare;
    interface ICommandWithParameters;
    interface ISupportErrorInfo;
}
```

Rowset

```
CoType TRowset {
    interface IAccessor;
    interface IColumnsInfo;
    interface IConvertType;
    interface IRowset;
    interface IRowsetInfo;
    interface IColumnsRowset;
    interface IConnectionPointContainer;
    interface IRowsetChange;
    interface IRowsetFind;
    interface IRowsetIdentity;
```

```

        interface IRowsetLocate;
        interface IRowsetRefresh;
        interface IRowsetScroll;
        interface IRowsetUpdate;
        interface ISupportErrorInfo;
    }

```

Multiple Results

```

CoType TMultipleResults {
    interface IMultipleResults;
    interface ISupportErrorInfo;
}

```

Transaction Options

```

CoType TTransactionOptions {
    interface ITransactionOptions;
    interface ISupportErrorInfo;
}

```

Custom Error Object

```

CoType TCustomErrorObject {
    interface IErrorLookup;
}

```

MetaData Columns Supported

DBTYPE_BASECOLUMNNAME, DBTYPE_BASETABLENAME, and DBTYPE_BASESCHEMANAME metadata columns are not populated for read-only recordsets. OraOLEDB creates a read-only recordset for server cursor for SQL queries with DISTINCT or UNIQUE keywords. OraOLEDB also creates a read-only recordset for server cursor for JOIN queries.

The following metadata columns are supported by the column rowset of OraOLEDB:

- DBCOLUMN_IDNAME
- DBCOLUMN_PROPID
- DBCOLUMN_NAME
- DBCOLUMN_NUMBER
- DBCOLUMN_TYPE
- DBCOLUMN_TYPEINFO
- DBCOLUMN_COLUMNSIZE
- DBCOLUMN_PRECISION
- DBCOLUMN_SCALE
- DBCOLUMN_FLAGS
- DBCOLUMN_BASECATALOGNAME

- DBCOLUMN_BASECOLUMNNAME
- DBCOLUMN_BASESCHEMANAME
- DBCOLUMN_BASETABLENAME
- DBCOLUMN_COMPUTEMODE
- DBCOLUMN_ISAUTOINCREMENT
- DBCOLUMN_ISCASESENSITIVE
- DBCOLUMN_ISSEARCHABLE
- DBCOLUMN_OCTETLENGTH
- DBCOLUMN_KEYCOLUMN

OraOLEDB Tracing

OraOLEDB provides the ability to trace the interface calls for debugging purposes. This feature has been provided to assist Oracle Support Services in debugging customer issues.

The provider can be configured to record the following information:

- For OLE DB Interface method entry and exit:
 - Parameter values supplied (entry)
 - Return value; HRESULT (exit)
 - Thread ID (entry and exit)
- For Distributed transaction enlistment and delistment:
 - Session object information
 - Transaction ID

Note: To record global transaction enlistment and delistment information, the `TraceLevel` value must be set to session object. See "[TraceLevel](#)" on page A-12.

Registry Setting for Tracing Calls

To trace the interface calls, you must configure the following registry values for `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\ORACLE\KEY_HOMENAME\OLEDB\`:

- `TraceFileName`

Valid Value: Any valid path and file name

`TraceFileName` specifies the file name that is to be used for logging trace information. If `TraceOption` is set to 0, the name is used as is. However, if `TraceOption` is 1, then the thread ID is appended to the file name provided. See "[TraceOption](#)" for more information.

- `TraceCategory`

Valid Values:

- 0 = None
- 1 = OLEDB Interface method entry

- 2 = OLEDB Interface method exit
- 4 = Distributed Transaction Enlistment and Delistment

`TraceCategory` specifies the information that is to be traced. Combinations of different tracing categories can be made by adding the valid values. For example, set `TraceCategory` to 3 to trace all OLE DB interface method entries and exits.

- `TraceLevel`

Valid Values:

- 0 = None
- 1 = Data Source object
- 2 = Session object
- 4 = Command object
- 8 = Rowset object
- 16 = Error object
- 64 = Multiple Results Object

`TraceLevel` specifies the OLE DB objects to be traced. Because tracing all the entry and exit calls for all the OLE DB objects can be excessive, `TraceLevel` is provided to limit tracing to a single or multiple OLE DB objects. To obtain tracing on multiple objects, add the valid values. For example, if `TraceLevel` is set to 12 and `TraceCategory` is set to 3, the trace file will only contain method entry and exit for Command and Rowset objects.

The `TraceLevel` value must be set to session object (2) to trace global transaction enlistment and delistment information.

- `TraceOption`

Valid Values:

- 0 = Single trace file
- 1 = Multiple trace files

`TraceOption` specifies whether to log trace information in single or multiple files for each Thread ID. If a single trace file is specified, the file name specified in `TraceFileName` is used. If multiple trace file is requested, a Thread ID is appended to the file name provided to create a trace file for each thread.

Glossary

Component Object Model (COM)

A binary standard that enables objects to interact with other objects, regardless of the programming language that each object was written in.

consumer

A consumer is any application or tool that calls to a data source or the interfaces of provider to access data. See **provider**.

Oracle Net Services

The Oracle client/server communication software that offers transparent operation to Oracle tools or databases over any type of network protocol and operating system.

PL/SQL

Procedural language extension to SQL provided by Oracle .

provider

A provider is an interface or set of components that provides data to a consumer. As the term is used with Oracle Provider for OLE DB, a data provider is a set of COM components that transfer data from a data source to a consumer, by placing the data in a tabular format when called for. See **consumer**.

stored procedure

A stored procedure is a PL/SQL block that are stored in an Oracle Database and can be called by name from an application.

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