

How to Write SQL Stored Procedures

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SQL as a development language

SQL is a well established, standardized language for database access

SQL is also a programming language

- SQL/PSM (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SQL/PSM) is a full procedural programming language
 - Silly quiz: what does PSM stand for?
- PSM enhances portability
 - Supported across Db2 Family
 - Similar to proprietary DBMS procedure languages (PL/SQL, T-SQL, etc...)

Makes it easier for SQL programmers to be productive faster on IBM i



SQL Procedures

- A procedure is SQL's version of a program
- Similar to any other high-level language program
- Invoked with a CALL statement
- Supports parameters, both input and output
 - and Result Sets!
- Allows natural interaction between logic programming and database access in a single (SQL) language



Procedure

1 Create it (one time, like a pgm)

2 CALL it (many times) from an SQL interface

```
CALL total_val('135790', balance_var)
```



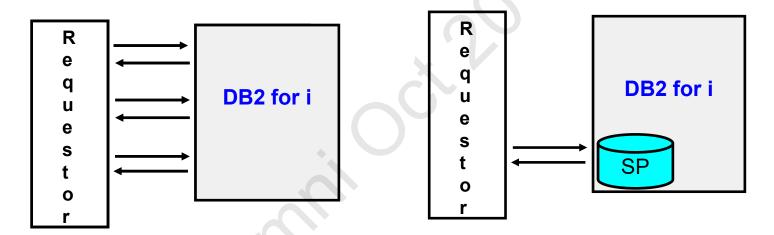
Why use SQL procedures?

- Combines application logic with data access
 - One language, natural interaction
- Encapsulate complex logic
- Can leverage security control using owner adoption
- Provide underpinning behind service interfaces (like REST, microservices)
- Reduce data movement (network traffic)
- Enables (batch) programmatic processing of SQL
- Error handling/recovery for data access



Stored Procedure to encapsulate

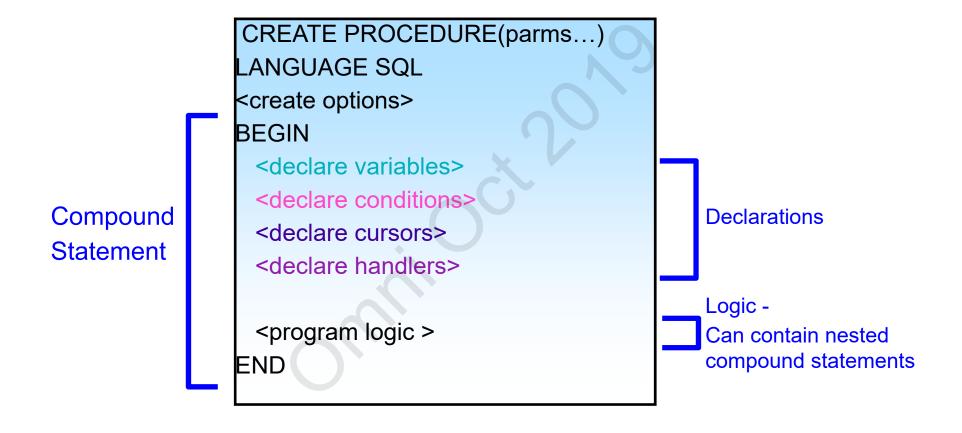
- Encapsulate complex logic into a single service
- Reduce traffic flow
 - One request initiates multiple transactions and processes



Further enhance data flow and reduce work files by returning result sets



General SQL Procedure layout





Basic Procedure (Language) Constructs

- DECLARE define variables. Variables automatically initialized when procedure is called
- SET assign a value to a variable or parameter
- SET OPTION 'compile' options
- Comments either /* */ or --
- Logic statements
 - IF THEN ELSE END IF
 - CASE
- Looping constructs
 - FOR
 - LOOP
 - REPEAT
 - WHILE
- Error handling and feedback
 - CONDITIONs and HANDLERs
 - GET DIAGNOSTICS
 - SIGNAL and RESIGNAL
 - RETURN
- Result Sets

SQL Procedure example



```
create or replace procedure exitcheck(out totalcount int)
language sql modifies sql data
begin
 declare pgmcount int default 0;
 declare exc occurred int default 0;
 declare continue handler for sqlexception set exc occurred = 1;
 set totalcount = 0; /* assume the best */
 Loop1: for Loop1 as c1 cursor for
 with exitlist (entry) as (
  values('QIBM_QDB_OPEN'),('QIBM_QSQ_CLI_CONNECT'))
  select entry from exitlist
 do
  if exc occurred = 1 then leave Loop1; end if;
  set pgmcount = 0;
  call regcount(Loop1.entry,pgmcount);
  if pgmcount > 0 then
   set totalcount = totalcount + pgmcount;
  end if:
 end for;
 if exc occurred = 1 then
  set totalcount = -1;
 end if:
end: /* exitcheck */
```



Techniques to Consider



Parameter passing options

Leverage default parameters to lessen the number of procedures needed

```
Example:
    create or replace procedure trimfile
      (thelib char(10),
       trimdate date default (current date - 1 year)
    language sql
    begin
      declare d_sql varchar(3000);
      set d_sql = 'delete from ' concat thelib concat '.orders where order_date < ?';
      prepare stmt1 from d sql;
      execute stmt1 using trimdate;
    end;
Invoke as:
call trimfile('mylib','10/01/2019')
or
call trimfile('mylib');
```



Controlling procedure name

Procedures can have long, meaningful SQL names

- There can also be multiple procedures with the same (long) name in the same library, with different number of parameters
- Control corresponding pgm/srvpgm object name to help organize objects
 - Use **SPECIFIC**

Example (assuming the procedures do different things):

```
create or replace procedure my_meaningful_proc_name()
language sql
SPECIFIC MYPROC0 /* control name of object in IBM i library */
...

create or replace procedure my_meaningful_proc_name(parm1 int)
language sql
SPECIFIC MYPROC1 /* control name of object in IBM i library */
...
```



Mixing static and dynamic

Using dynamic SQL within SQL procedures is very powerful

- Build statements based on input and environment situations
- Take advantage of dynamic's 'late binding'

Static – Things you know about during the procedure creation

Dynamic – to handle things that can vary

Use prepare/execute and execute immediate to drive dynamic

```
create or replace procedure trimfile(thelib char(10), trimdate date) language sql
begin
  declare d_sql varchar(3000);
...
Set d_sql = 'delete from ' concat thelib concat '.orders where order_date < ?';
  prepare stmt1 from d_sql;
  execute stmt1 using trimdate;
end;</pre>
```

Control compile - SET OPTION

The SET OPTION controls how the procedure is created. Common options:

Compile for debugging

CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE MYPROC(...)
LANGUAGE SQL SET OPTION DBGVIEW = *STMT

Note: alternative is to use the ALLOW DEBUG MODE clause

- Commitment control level
 - Specify lowest commit level to accomplish what you need

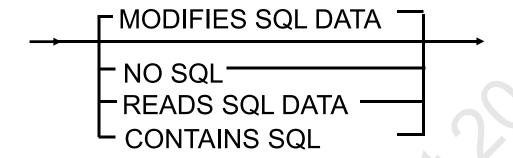
SET OPTION COMMIT = *NC

- Target release
 - Specify target release to help ensure program can run at the earliest necessary release.
 - Note this does not ensure dynamic SQL will run at that release!

SET OPTION TGTRLS = V7R1M0



Create Option – Data access allowed

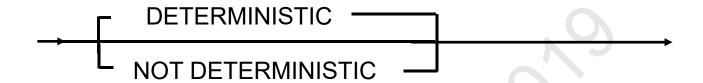


- MODIFIES SQL DATA Most any SQL statement allowed
- READS SQL DATA Read Only statements
- CONTAINS SQL Simple local statements (SET, DECLARE)
- NO SQL No SQL allowed (external procedures only)

Note: Create routine at the 'lowest' option possible for your situation

Lowest to highest: NO, CONTAINS, READS, MODIFIES

Create Options



DETERMINISTIC

- procedure/function will always return the same result from successive calls with identical input arguments
- Best performing option, but make sure it is true!

PROGRAM TYPE

- SUB: creates a service program object (better performance)
- MAIN: creates a program object

Looping Constructs

For the most part, which looping construct to use is a developer's choice

- LOOP
- WHILE
- REPEAT

The FOR is a unique solution when processing the rows of a cursor result

- Saves steps of defining a separate cursor and variables
- Allows columns in SELECT statement to be accessed directly!
- Cursor can be used in WHERE CURRENT OF... operation
- Main disadvantage is that the table(s) must be known at create procedure time

```
FOR loopvar AS loopcursor CURSOR FOR
SELECT firstname, middinit, lastname FROM emptbl
DO
SET fullname=lastname||', ' || firstname||' ' || middinit;
INSERT INTO namestbl VALUES( fullname );
END FOR;
```

Leverage DB2 for IBM i services

IBM i services are a great SQL way to get system related information

Natural integration into an SQL procedure

```
create or replace procedure myproc(...)
language sql
begin
 declare exc occurred int default 0;
 declare host name varchar(257);
 declare server ipaddr varchar(45);
 declare vrm varchar(10);
 declare continue handler for sqlexception set exc occurred = 1;
 set (host name, vrm, server ipaddr) =
    (select local_host_name, host_version, server_ip_address
     from qsys2.tcpip_info);
 if vrm = 'V7R1M0' then /* special case to handle i7.1 */
 end if:
end;
```

http://ibm.biz/DB2foriServices



Db2 for IBM i Services

- Complete listing found on IBM i developerWorks: https://ibm.biz/Db2Services
- Service objects found in QSYS2, unless otherwise noted

DB2 for i Service		Type of	IBM i 7.2		IB	BM i 7.1				
	Work Management	Services								
PTF Services	QSYS2.SYSTEM_VALUE_INFO			View		Storage Services				
QSYS2.PTF_INFO	QSYS2.GET_JOB_INFO()			UDTF	Ent	QSYS2.USER_STORAGE		View	Base	SF99701 Level 26
QSYS2.GROUP_PTF_INFO						QSYS2.SYSTMPSTG		View	Base	-
SYSTOOLS.GROUP_PTF_CL						QSYS2.SYSDISKSTAT		View	Base	SF99701 Level 12
SYSTOOLS.GROUP PTF DE	QSYS2.ACTIVE_JOB_INFO()			UDTF		QSYS2.MEDIA_LIBRARY_INFO		View	SF99702 Level 9	SF99701 Level 38
Security Services						Product Services				
QSYS2.USER INFO	QSYS2.SCHEDULED_JOB_INFO			View		QSYS2.LICENSE_INFO		View	SF99702 Level 9	SF99701 Level 38
	QSYS2.MEMORY_POOL()			UDTF	4	Spool Services				
	QSYS2.MEMORY_POOL_INFO			View		QSYS2.OUTPUT_QUEUE_ENT	RIES()	UDTF	SF99702 Level 9	SF99701 Level 38
QSYS2.FUNCTION_INFO	QSYS2.SYSTEM_STATUS()			UDTF		QSYS2.OUTPUT_QUEUE_ENT	RIES	View	SF99702 Level 9	SF99701 Level 38
QSYS2.FUNCTION_USAGE	QSYS2.SYSTEM_STATUS_INFO			View		System Health Services				
	QSYS2.OBJECT_LOCK_INFO QSYS2.RECORD_LOCK_INFO			View		QSYS2.SYSLIMTBL		Table	Introduced: Base	Introduced: SF99701 Level 23
QSYS2.SQL_CHECK_AUTHO				View					Enhanced: SF99702 Level 3 Enhanced: SF99702 Level 5	Enhanced: SF99701 Level 26 Enhanced: SF99701 Level 34
QSYS2.SET_COLUMN_ATTR	COLUMN_ATTR Communication Services					QSYS2.SYSLIMITS		View	Introduced: Base	Introduced: SF99701 Level 23
QSYS2.DRDA_AUTHENTICAT	SYSIBMADM.ENV_SYS_INFO			View	En				Enhanced: SF99702 Level 3 Enhanced: SF99702 Level 5	Enhanced: SF99701 Level 26 Enhanced: SF99701 Level 34
Message Handling Services	QSYS2.TCPIP_INFO View					Journal Services				
QSYS2.REPLY_LIST_INFO	QSYS2.SET_SERV	ER SBS ROL	JTING()	Procedure	9	QSYS2.JOURNAL_INFO		View	SF99702 Level 3	SF99701 Level 32
QSYS2.JOBLOG_INFO					Ent	QSYS2.DISPLAY_JOURNAL()	-	UDTF	Base	Introduced: Base Enhanced: SF99701 Level 26
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	QSYS2.NETSTAT_INTERFACE_INFO			View	1	QSYS2.JVM_INFO		View	SF99702 Level 5	SF99701 Level 34
	QSYS2.NETSTAT_JOB_INFO			View	_	Application Services	pplication Services			
	QSYS2.NETSTAT_	ROUTE_INFO		View		QSYS2.QCMDEXC()	Pro	ocedure	Base	Introduced: Base Enhanced: \$F99701 Level 26



Use global variables

Global variables provide several advantages

- communicate across procedures
- define 'configuration' or default values
- 'catch' OUTput procedure parameters for testing

Example. Use global variable mylib.verbose to control whether to dump out trace information

```
create or replace procedure myproc(...)
language sql
begin
declare exc_occurred int default 0;
... handlers here for expected errors...
if mylib.verbose = 1 then
... dump out trace type information here to aid debugging end if;
end;
```

Calling out

It is sometimes necessary to do a call outside of SQL

- Leverage an OS command
- Get information from outside SQL

QSYS2.QCMDEXC is a good way to do these 'outside' calls

```
create or replace procedure myproc(...)
language sql
begin
...

CALL QSYS2.QCMDEXC(
   'QSYS/SBMJOB CMD(QSYS/RUNSQL SQL("CALL QGPL.DOSOMETHING()") '
   CONCAT ' COMMIT(*NONE) NAMING(*SQL))'); /* submit job to do work */

CALL QSYS2.QCMDEXC('QSYS/DLYJOB DLY(5)'); /* wait for job to get going... */
...
end;
```



Speaking of CL interaction

- Interaction between native (CL) and SQL is limited when SQL is driving things
 - Errors tend to be generic SQL0443 message
 - often not an issue if simple error handling is sufficient
- If detailed handling is important, you could write your own wrapper to invoke CL
 - Or use an SQL Service against the joblog messages

Example:

```
create or replace procedure myproc() language sql
begin
declare underlying_error char(7);
declare exc occurred int default 0;
declare continue handler for sqlexception set exc occurred = 1;
CALL QSYS2.QCMDEXC('QSYS/SBMJOB ...') /* submit job to do work */
if exc occurred = 1 then
 set underlying error = (select message id from
                    table(QSYS2.JOBLOG INFO('*')) x
                      where ordinal position = (
                      select max(ordinal_position) - 2
                     from table(QSYS2.JOBLOG_INFO('*')) x
                     where message id = 'SQL0443')
  -- do some acknowledgement of the error....
end if:
end;
```



Running with elevated authority

In some cases it is advantageous to run a procedure with elevated authority

when invoked, procedure runs under a higher (pgm owner's) authority

Authority to call procedure is usually restricted

Note: adopted authority does not work for IFS files

Use SET statement with USRPRF option:

CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE myproc(...) LANGUAGE SQL

SET OPTION DYNUSRPRF = *OWNER, USRPRF = *OWNER



Feedback and Error Handling

Procedures can leverage a rich set of error and message handling capabilities

- GET DIAGNOSTICS
- SQLSTATE and SQLCODE variables
- CONDITIONs and HANDLERs
- SIGNAL and RESIGNAL
- RETURN statement



Feedback & Error Handling

- GET DIAGNOSTICS
 - Retrieve information about last statement executed
 - Row_count, return_status, error status....
 - CURRENT or STACKED
 - CURRENT statement that was just executed
 - STACKED statement before error handler was entered
 - Only allowed within error handler

Example:

```
DECLARE update_counter INTEGER;
...

UPDATE orders SET status='LATE'
WHERE ship_date < CURRENT DATE;
GET DIAGNOSTICS update_counter = ROW_COUNT;
...
```



Error handling

Every non-trivial procedure, practically speaking, needs error handling

DECLARE ... HANDLER FOR...

Get use to having a handler in your 'template' procedure to encourage usage

Use CONDITIONs to convey meaning for cryptic SQLSTATE

```
create or replace procedure myproc(...)
language sql
begin
declare already_exists int default 0;
declare alreadyexists condition for '42710';
declare dupekey condition for '23505';
declare continue handler for alreadyexists set already_exists=1;
declare continue handler for dupekey set already_exists=1;
...
end;
```



General exception handler

It is often useful to have a general exception handler to catch any unexpected errors so as to allow the procedure to finish gracefully

SQL provides a built-in condition called SQLEXCEPTION

```
create or replace procedure myproc(...)
language sql
begin
declare exc_occurred int default 0;
... other handlers here for expected errors...

DECLARE CONTINUE HANDLER FOR SQLEXCEPTION SET exc_occurred = 1;
...
IF exc_occurred = 1 then
-- do some acknowledgement of the error....
END IF;
end;
```



Returning result sets

Result sets are a unique capability for procedures

- allow an answer set(s) to be returned from the CALL
- Consolidate complex processing for determining an answer set under one CALL
- Communicate much more information back than just a reason code

Example:

```
create or replace stop_processing()
dynamic result sets 1 language sql modifies sql data
begin
declare status varchar(50);
declare total_job_count, job_count int default 0;

declare cursor1 cursor with return for
with cte("status", "jobs found", "jobs ended") as
(values(status, total_job_count, job_count))
select * from cte;

call killjobs(total_job_count, job_count); /* find and kill jobs */
set status = case when total_job_count = 0 then 'no jobs found'
when total_job_count > job_count then 'not all jobs ended'
else 'success. All jobs ended' end;
open cursor1; -- cursor left open for client application
end:
```



Constructing a result set

Result sets are a good way to return (conditional) data as a service

Example: return a list of vehicles from optional input filters

```
create or replace procedure get car list
 (in g make varchar(20) default "
 , in g model varchar(20) default ", in g year int default 0)
 dynamic result sets 1 language sql modifies sql data
begin
 declare d sql varchar(1000);
 declare w clause varchar(500) default 'where';
 declare have where int default 0;
 declare cursor1 cursor with return for statement1;
 if g make <> " then
   set w clause = w clause concat ' make = ?';
   set have where = 1;
 else
   set w clause = w clause concat ' "" = ?';
   set g make = "; /* make sure not null */
 end if;
 if g model <> " then
   set w clause = w clause concat ' and model = ?';
   set have where = 1;
 else
   set w clause = w clause concat ' and "" = ?';
   set g model = "; /* make sure not null */
 end if;
```

```
if g year > 0 then
   set w clause = w clause concat ' and year >= ?';
   set have where = 1;
  else
  set w clause = w clause concat ' and 0 = ?';
   set g year = 0; /* make sure not null */
 end if:
set d sql =
'SELECT make, model, year, color, style FROM vehicles'
  concat case when have where <> 0 then w clause
              else " end;
prepare statement1 from d sql;
/* open cursor can have 'extra' variables */
open cursor1 using g make, g model, g year;
-- cursor left open for client application
end;
```



Result Set Considerations

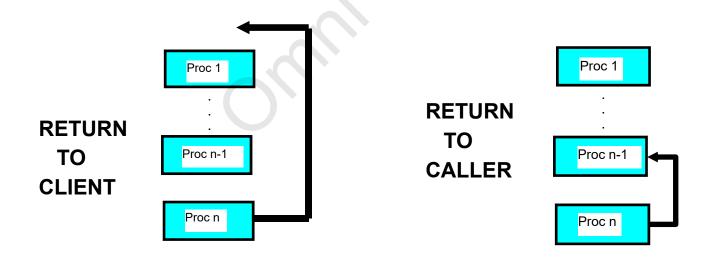
Result Set Consumer Control

RETURN TO CLIENT

Ex: DECLARE c1 CURSOR WITH RETURN TO CLIENT FOR SELECT * FROM t1

RETURN TO CALLER

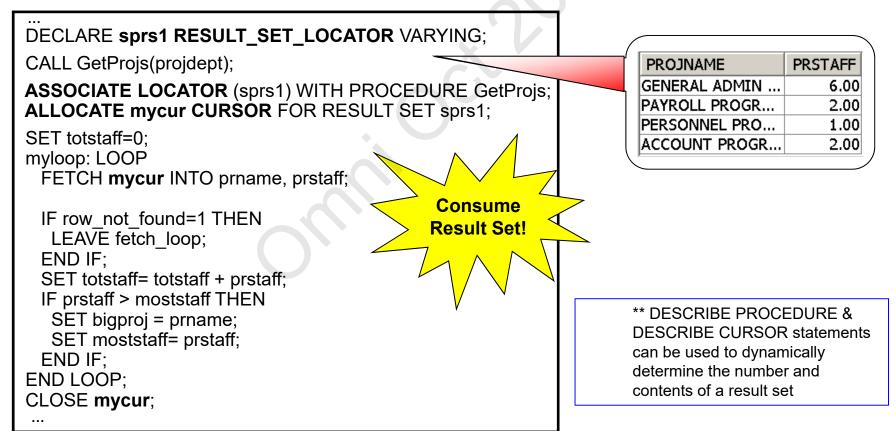
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Result Set Consumption

- Consume result sets from one procedure inside another
 - ASSOCIATE LOCATOR & ALLOCATE CURSOR statements



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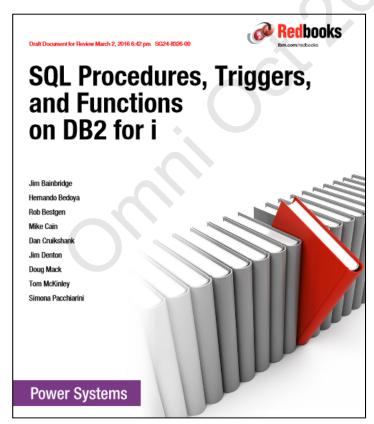
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