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# Programming With utPLSQL This Is the Way

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## 2 WELCOME



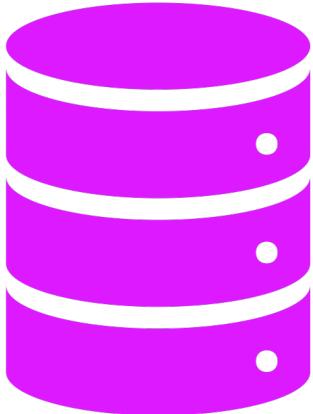
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## SENIOR PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT

- Database centric development
- Model Driven Software Development
- Author of free SQL Developer Extensions  
PL/SQL Unwrapper, db\* CODECOP, utPLSQL,  
plscope-utils, oddgen and Bitemp Remodeler

# INTRODUCTION

## 4 TESTING SCOPE IN DATABASE DEVELOPMENT



Every component of an application  
that is deployed in the database.

## 5 TABLE (CHECK CONSTRAINT, VIRTUAL COLUMN)

```
create table t (
    id integer generated always as identity
        not null constraint t_pk primary key,
    phone_number varchar2(30 char) not null
        constraint t_phone_number_ck check (
            regexp_like(phone_number,
                '^(\+?(\d{1,3}))?' -- country
                || '([- . ()]*(\d{3}) [- . ])*' -- 1st group
                || '(\d{3}) [- . ]*' -- 2nd group, 1st sub
                || '(\d{2,4})' -- 2nd group, 2nd sub
                || '([- . x ])*(\d+))?)$' -- 2nd group, 3rd sub
            )
        );
);
```

insert into t  
(phone\_number)  
values  
('+41 79 558 35 22');

Source: <https://regexr.com/38pzb>

## 6 VIEW

```
create or replace view deptsal as
  select d.deptno,
         d.dname,
         coalesce(sum(e.sal), 0) as sum_sal,
         coalesce(count(e.empno), 0) as num_emps,
         coalesce(round(avg(e.sal), 2), 0) as avg_sal
   from dept d
 left join emp e
     on e.deptno = d.deptno
 group by d.deptno, d.dname;
```

select \* from deptsal;

..

Source: <https://github.com/PhilippSalvisberg/utplsql-red-stack-demo/blob/b-view-test/src/main/view/deptsal.sql>

## 7 MATERIALIZED VIEW

```
create materialized view deptsal refresh fast on commit as
    select deptno,
           dname,
           sum_sal,
           num_emps,
           round(avg_sal, 2) as avg_sal,
           'EMP' as row_source,      -- required for fast refresh after insert
           rowid as row_id          -- required for fast refresh after any DML
      from deptsal_emp_mv
union all
    select deptno,
           dname,
           0,
           0,
           0,
           'DEPT' as row_source,   -- required for fast refresh after insert
           rowid as row_id          -- required for fast refresh after any DML
      from deptsal_dept_mv
     where emp_deptno is null;
```

update emp  
set sal = sal + 100  
where deptno = 10;  
commit;  
select \* from deptsal;

Source: <https://github.com/PhilippSalvisberg/utplsql-red-stack-demo/blob/c-mview-test/src/main/mview/deptsal.sql>

## 8 TRIGGER

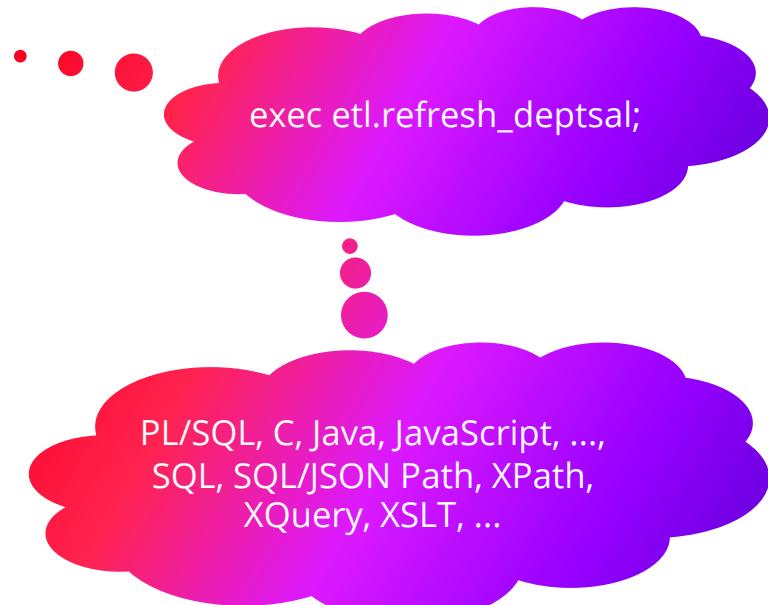
```
create or replace trigger emp_as_iud
  after insert or update or delete on emp
begin
  etl.refresh_deptsal;
end;
/
```



Source: [https://github.com/PhilippSalvisberg/utplsql-red-stack-demo/blob/a-diy-test-5-trigger/src/main/trigger/emp\\_as\\_iud.sql](https://github.com/PhilippSalvisberg/utplsql-red-stack-demo/blob/a-diy-test-5-trigger/src/main/trigger/emp_as_iud.sql)

## 9 PACKAGE (PROCEDURE, FUNCTION, TYPE)

```
create or replace package etl is
    procedure refresh_deptsal;
end etl;
/
```



Source: <https://github.com/PhilippSalvisberg/utplsql-red-stack-demo/blob/a-diy-test-3-success/src/main/package/etl.pks>

# TEST AUTOMATION

"The use of software separate from the software being tested to **control the execution of tests** and the comparison of actual outcomes with predicted outcomes."

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Test\\_automation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Test_automation)

# utPLSQL



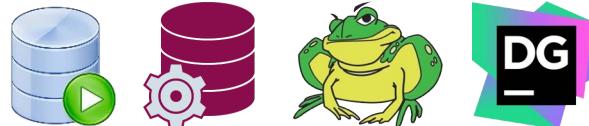
## Core Testing Framework

- Schema in the database
- No repository
- Annotation based tests



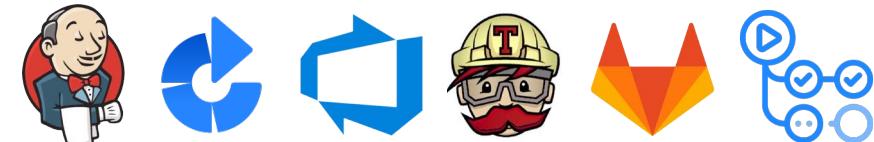
## Development

- Realtime Reporter
- Code Coverage, Code Templates, etc.



## Test Automation

- Command Line Client
- Maven Plugin
- Various Reporters



## 13 TEST DECLARATION

```
create or replace package test_suite as
    --%suite
    --%test
    procedure test_case;
end test_suite;
```

--%displayname(<description>)  
--%test(<description>)  
--%tags(<tag>[,...])  
--%throws(<exception>[,...])  
--%beforeall  
--%afterall  
--%beforeeach  
--%aftereach  
--%beforetest([...])  
--%aftertest([...])  
--%rollback(manual)  
--%disabled(<reason>)

--%suite(<description>)  
--%suitepath(<path>)  
--%tags(<tag>[,...])  
--%displayame(<description>)  
--%beforeall([...])  
--%afterall([...])  
--%beforeeach([...])  
--%aftereach([...])  
--%rollback(manual)  
--%disabled(<reason>)  
--%context  
--%endcontext

## 14 TEST IMPLEMENTATION

```
create or replace package body test_suite as
  procedure test_case is
    c_actual    sys_refcursor;
    c_expected sys_refcursor;
  begin
    -- arrange
    insert into dept (deptno, dname, loc) values (-10, 'utPLSQL', 'Winterthur');
    -- act
    insert into emp (empno, ename, job, hiredate, sal, deptno)
    values (-1, 'Jacek', 'Developer', trunc(sysdate), 4700, -10);
    -- assert
    open c_actual for select deptno, dname, sum_sal from deptsal where deptno = -10;
    open c_expected for select -10 as deptno, 'utPLSQL' as dname, 4200 as sum_sal from dual;
    ut.expect(c_actual).to_equal(c_expected).join_by('DEPTNO');
  end test_case;
end test_suite;
```

Matcher:

be\_between, be\_empty, be\_false, be\_greater\_than,  
be\_greater\_or\_equal, be\_less\_or\_equal, be\_less\_than,  
be\_like, be\_not\_null, be\_null, be\_true, contain, **equal**,  
have\_count, match, be\_within, be\_within\_pct, ...

Extended options for refcursor, object type, JSON, nested table and varray:

- include(<items>)
- exclude(<items>)
- unordered
- **join\_by(<items>)**

## 15 TEST RUN

```
set serveroutput on size unlimited
exec ut.run('test_suite')
```

List of ...  
schema  
[schema.]**package**[.procedure]  
[schema]:suitepath[.context][.procedure]

```
test_suite
  test_case [.024 sec] (FAILED - 1)
```

Optionally extended by ...
, a\_tags => 'includeTag, -excludeTag[, ...]'

Failures:

```
1) test_case
   Actual: refcursor [ count = 1 ] was expected to equal: refcursor [ count = 1 ]
   Diff:
   Rows: [ 1 differences ]
     PK <DEPTNO>-10</DEPTNO> - Actual:    <SUM_SAL>4700</SUM_SAL>
     PK <DEPTNO>-10</DEPTNO> - Expected: <SUM_SAL>4200</SUM_SAL>
   at "REDSTACK.TEST_SUITE.TEST_CASE", line 14 ut.expect(c_actual).to_equal(c_expected).join_by('DEPTNO');
```

Finished in .027162 seconds

1 tests, 1 failed, 0 errored, 0 disabled, 0 warning(s)

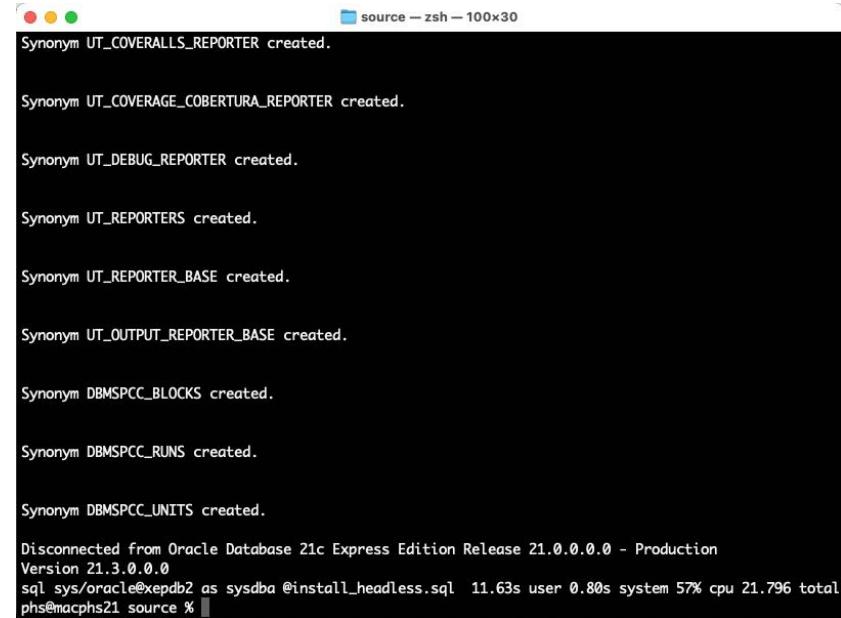
## 16 WHY utPLSQL?

- No repository (test suites are annotated PL/SQL packages)
- Independent of an IDE (but runs in any IDE)
- Integration into any CI environment via CLI or Maven plugin
- Test suites are PL/SQL packages (static SQL)
- Transaction control (auto, manual)
- Advanced Data Comparison (supporting any datatype in the database)
- Code Coverage (lines and code blocks)
- Easy to use

# INSTALLATION

# INSTALL UTPLSQL CORE TESTING FRAMEWORK

- Download utPLSQL.zip from <https://github.com/utPLSQL/utPLSQL/releases>
- Unzip utPLSQL.zip
- cd source
- sqlplus / as sysdba @install\_headless.sql
  - User UT3
  - Password XNtxj8eEgA6X6b6f
  - Tablespace USERS

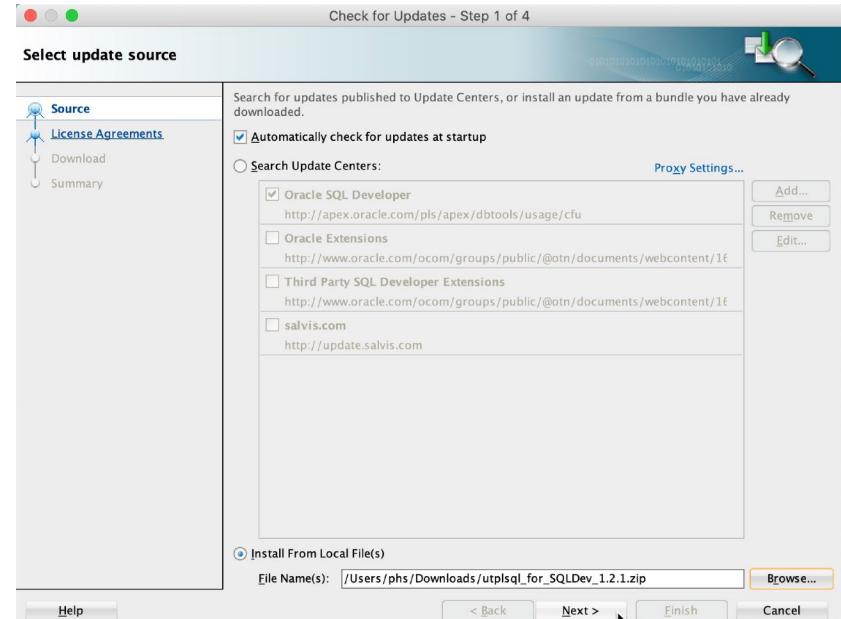


The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "source — zsh — 100x30". It displays the output of the SQL script, which creates various synonyms:

```
Synonym UT_COVERALLS_REPORTER created.  
Synonym UT_COVERAGE_COBERTURA_REPORTER created.  
Synonym UT_DEBUG_REPORTER created.  
Synonym UT_REPORTERS created.  
Synonym UT_REPORTER_BASE created.  
Synonym UT_OUTPUT_REPORTER_BASE created.  
Synonym DBMSPCC_BLOCKS created.  
Synonym DBMSPCC_RUNS created.  
Synonym DBMSPCC_UNITS created.  
Disconnected from Oracle Database 21c Express Edition Release 21.0.0.0 - Production  
Version 21.3.0.0.0  
sql sys/oracle@xepdb2 as sysdba @install_headless.sql 11.63s user 0.80s system 57% cpu 21.796 total  
phs@macphs21 source %
```

# INSTALL utPLSQL FOR SQL DEVELOPER FROM FILE \*)

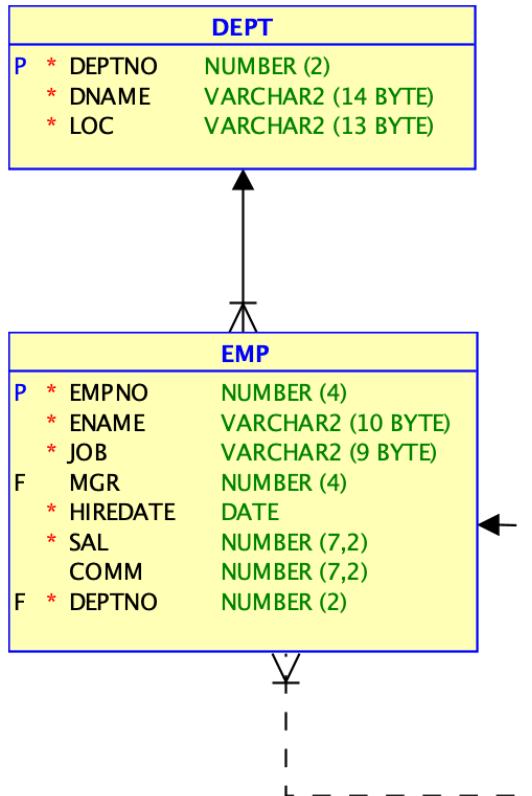
- Download `utplsql_for_SQLDev_*.zip` from <https://github.com/utPLSQL/utPLSQL-SQLDeveloper/releases>
- Start SQL Developer
- Select "Check for Updates..." in the help menu <sup>\*)</sup>
- Use the "Install From Local File" option to install the previously downloaded "`utplsql_for_SQLDev_*.zip`" file
  - User must have read/write access to SQL Developer installation directory
  - Run as Administrator, if required
- Restart SQL Developer



<sup>\*)</sup>You can also configure an Update Center, see <https://github.com/PhilippSalvisberg/sqldev-update>

# BUILD AND RUN TESTS

# DEMO CASE STUDY

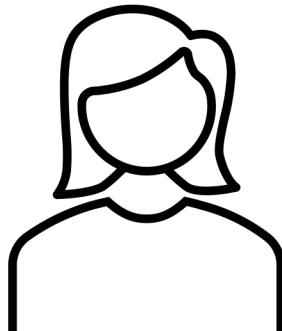


As a HR manager, I need a table with the key figures

- salary total,
- number of employees and
- average salary per department to assess fairness.

Source: <https://github.com/PhilippSalvisberg/utplsql-red-stack-demo>

# REVIEW



**Lisa**  
Team Member

Solution is more complex than necessary

Table `depsal` is refreshed too often, e.g. on rollback or if more than one DML is used in a transaction

Providing a table is not mandatory, even if the HR manager has explicitly requested one

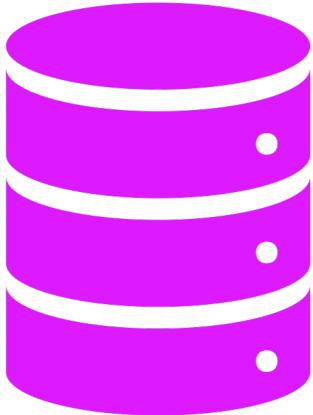
We could use a view instead

A materialized view is not yet required, data volume is small, a regular view should be fast

This would significantly reduce our code base and simplify maintenance

# UNIT TEST VS. DATABASE TEST

## 24 DATABASE TESTING REALITIES



- State (Table, Package, Session Context)
- Dependencies with State

## 25 WHAT ABOUT TEST DOUBLES?



- Dummies
- Stubs
- Spies
- Mocks
- Fakes

Might require a dedicated test schema

Missing frameworks

Good option for 3<sup>rd</sup> party system access

Source: Heidi Moneymaker, <https://www.instagram.com/p/BILm4tCBzyl/>

# CODE COVERAGE

# CODE COVERAGE – DEFINITION

"A measure used to describe the **degree** to which the source code **of a program is executed** when a particular test suite runs."

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Code\\_coverage](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Code_coverage)

## 28 LINE COVERAGE

```
create or replace function f(a in integer) return integer is
begin
    if a is null then
        return 0;
    else
        return a * a;
    end if;
end f;
/
```



Two test cases for  
100% coverage

## 29 CODE BLOCK COVERAGE (12.2 AND HIGHER)

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end f;
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```



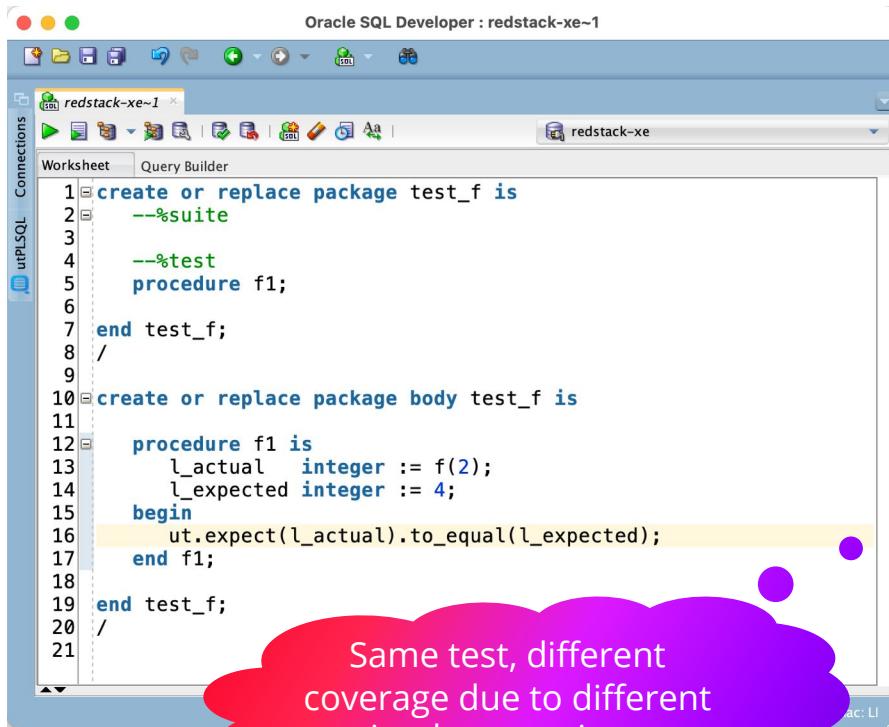
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100% coverage

```
create or replace function f(a in integer) return integer is
begin
    return nvl(a * a, 0);
end f;
/
```



One test case for  
100% coverage

# 30 utPLSQL – LINE & CODE BLOCK COVERAGE

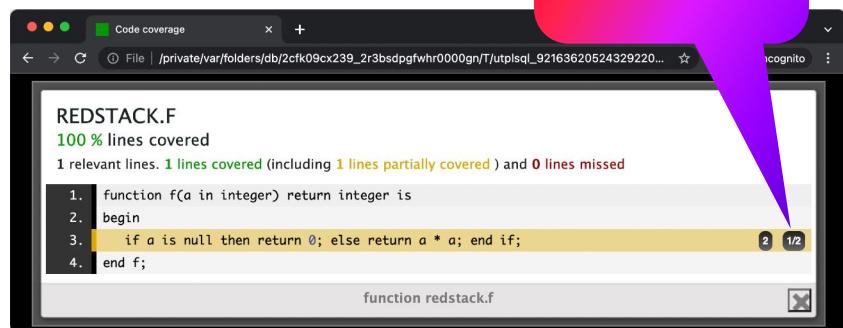


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Worksheet Query Builder

```
create or replace package test_f is
  --%suite
  --%test
  procedure f1;
end test_f;
/
create or replace package body test_f is
procedure f1 is
  l_actual integer := f(2);
  l_expected integer := 4;
begin
  ut.expect(l_actual).to_equal(l_expected);
end f1;
end test_f;
/
```

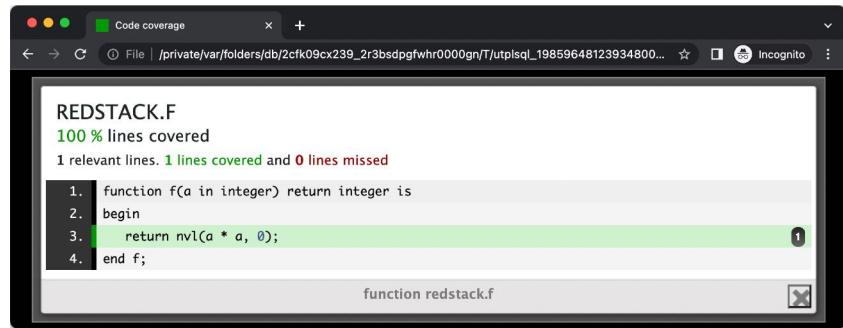
Same test, different coverage due to different implementations



Code coverage

REDSSTACK.F  
100 % lines covered  
1 relevant lines. 1 lines covered (including 1 lines partially covered) and 0 lines missed

```
function f(a in integer) return integer is
begin
  if a is null then return 0; else return a * a; end if;
end f;
```



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```
function f(a in integer) return integer is
begin
  return nvl(a * a, 0);
end f;
```

1 of 2 code blocks covered

# CORE MESSAGES

## 32 PROGRAMMING WITH utPLSQL – THIS IS THE WAY

- Set up a test-friendly environment
  - Install utPLSQL core testing framework
  - Install SQL Developer for utPLSQL
- Start with tests
  - to reproduce bugs
  - for new requirements
- utPLSQL will change how you code
  - Write smaller units
  - Isolate code that is difficult to test



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