CS422 Principles of Database Systems
Introduction to Oracle

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Oracle on the CS Server

- Oracle 10g Enterprise Edition
  - Release 10.0.1.3
- Database
  - Service name: orc.cs.calstatela.edu
  - SID: orc
- Connect to the database
  - iSQL*Plus: http://cs.calstatela.edu:5560/isqlplus/
  - SQL*Plus
    - Download tnsnames.ora from the class home page

Data Dictionary

- A collection of tables and views that contain the information about the *schema objects* in the database
- USER_*: objects in user's schema
  - E.g. *USER_TABLES, USER_VIEWS*, …
- ALL_*: objects in the schemas that the user can access
  - E.g. *ALL_USERS, ALL_TABLES*, …
- DBA_*: objects in all schemas

Using Data Dictionary

- Show tables
  - select table_name from user_tables;
- Show table schema
  - describe *table*;
- Show the tables in a different schema
  - select table_name from all_tables where owner = *schema;*

Common Tasks

- Change password
  - alter user *username* identified by *new_password*;
- Get current time
  - select sysdate from dual;

Common SQL*Plus Tasks

- Quit the client
  - exit or quit
- Run script
  - @*path/to/script*
- Format columns
  - column *colname* format *[a|9]*;

Common Types

- char(n), varchar(n), varchar2(n)
- number(precision, scale)
  - int, integer, smallint
  - real, double, float
- binary_float, binary_double
- date, timestamp
- clob, blob