

Good Programming Practices

Terminology

No new vocabulary for this lesson.

Try It/Solve It

1. Enter and run the following PL/SQL block. It will execute correctly if you have entered it correctly, but it contains some examples of bad programming practice.
 - A. Modify the block to use good programming practice, and re-run the block.
 - B. Your modified block should contain examples of the following good programming practices: explicit data type conversions, meaningful and consistent variable names, use of %TYPE, upper and lowercase conventions, single and multi-line comments, and clear indentation.

```
DECLARE
    myvar1    VARCHAR2(20);
    myvar2    number(4);
BEGIN
    SELECT country_name INTO myvar1
    FROM wf_countries WHERE country_id = 1246;
    myvar2 :=
        '1234';
        MYVAR2 := myvar2 * 2;
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(myvar1);
End;
```