

# QGIS Application - Feature request #16251

## Use bind variables in Oracle SQL

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Status:	Closed	
Priority:	Normal	
Assignee:	Jürgen Fischer	
Category:	Data Provider/Oracle	
Pull Request or Patch Supplied:		Resolution:
Easy fix?:	No	Copied to github as #: 24161

### Description

The use of bind variables in SQL is considered best practice (see Tom Kyte's articles).

Currently the QGIS Oracle Data Provider does not use bind variables.

This can be shown by:

1. Looking at qgsoracleprovider.cpp
2. Turning on SQL Tracing when QGIS (Server) is connected to the database.

qgsoracleprovider.cpp contains code like this:

```
if ( exec( qry, QString( "SELECT sdo_lb,sdo_ub FROM mdsys.all_sdo_geom_metadata m, table(m.diminfo) WHERE owner=%1 AND table_name=%2 AND column_name=%3 AND sdo_dimname='X'" )  
    .arg( quotedValue( mOwnerName ) )  
    .arg( quotedValue( mTableName ) )  
    .arg( quotedValue( mGeometryColumn ) ) ) && qry.next() )  
{  
    mLayerExtent.setXMinimum( qry.value( 0 ).toDouble() );  
    mLayerExtent.setXMaximum( qry.value( 1 ).toDouble() );  
  
    if ( exec( qry, QString( "SELECT sdo_lb,sdo_ub FROM mdsys.all_sdo_geom_metadata m, table(m.diminfo) WHERE owner=%1 AND table_name=%2 AND column_name=%3 AND sdo_dimname='Y'" )  
        .arg( quotedValue( mOwnerName ) )  
        .arg( quotedValue( mTableName ) )  
        .arg( quotedValue( mGeometryColumn ) ) ) && qry.next() )  
    {  
        mLayerExtent.setYMinimum( qry.value( 0 ).toDouble() );  
        mLayerExtent.setYMaximum( qry.value( 1 ).toDouble() );  
        return mLayerExtent;  
    }  
}
```

Which produces the following queries in the database:

```
SELECT sdo_lb,sdo_ub FROM mdsys.all_sdo_geom_metadata m, table(m.diminfo) WHERE owner='QGIS' AND table_name='FOO' AND column_name='GEOM' AND sdo_dimname='X'
```

```
SELECT sdo_lb,sdo_ub FROM mdsys.all_sdo_geom_metadata m, table(m.diminfo) WHERE owner='QGIS' AND table_name='FOO' AND column_name='GEOM' AND sdo_dimname='Y'
```

Oracle sees both statements as different (unless bind variable peeking is on) when they are actually the same. When you add in the fact that these queries are multiplied across multiple Oracle tables per project the number of individual statements that Oracle sees is greatly increased.

The C++ code should be changed to use bind variables so that Oracle will place only one statement in its library cache which it will reuse (hence improve performance):

```
SELECT sdo_lb,sdo_ub FROM mdsys.all_sdo_geom_metadata m,table(m.diminfo) WHERE owner=:1 AND table_name=:2 AND column_name=:3 AND sdo_dimname=:4;
```

The problem affects all SQL generated by the QGIS Oracle Data Provider.

regards  
Simon

## Associated revisions

**Revision fb409b59 - 2017-03-03 12:08 AM - Jürgen Fischer**

oracle provider: use prepared statements with parameters (implements #16251)

## History

**#1 - 2017-02-28 11:19 PM - Jürgen Fischer**

- Subject changed from *Lack of use of bind variables in Oracle SQL* to *Use bind variables in Oracle SQL*
- Tracker changed from *Bug report* to *Feature request*

**#2 - 2017-03-02 03:01 PM - Jürgen Fischer**

- Status changed from *Open* to *Closed*

Fixed in changeset commit:"fb409b59a9ab2e748372cf1b0e346cc24144ee7f".

**#3 - 2017-03-02 03:07 PM - Simon Greener**

Jurgen,

I have scanned the changeset and what you have done looks good.

Thanks for the fast response.

regards  
Simon