

## Where Clauses - Fetch first rows of a Table in Oracle 12c (Top-N)

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Not strictly part of a where clause but fetch can be used to limit records displayed with far more control than using the rownum.

In the following examples a table called numbers contains values from 1 to 10.

*select value from numbers  
fetch first 3 rows only*

**VALUE**

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1

2

3



The percent option will limit the records displayed to a specified percentage of the following ...

*select value from numbers  
fetch first 20 percent rows only*

*VALUE*

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*1*

*2*



The offset option will specify the number of records off the top to ignore before displaying ...

*select value from numbers  
offset 6 rows fetch first 2 rows only*

*VALUE*

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7

8



The with ties option will include duplicate values found even if they will push the number retrieved past the specified numbers.

Here the numbers table has had an additional 4 added ...

*select value from numbers order by value  
fetch first 4 rows with ties*

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VALUE  
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1  
2  
3  
4  
4
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