



Versions prior to Oracle 11g did not allow the Developer to access a sequence's nextval directly, instead it could only be returned if included as follows for example ...

```
declare  
  l_count number(3);  
  cursor get_value is  
    select new_number.nextval  
    from sys.dual;  
begin  
  open get_value;  
  fetch get_value into l_count;  
  close get_count;  
end;
```



In Oracle 19c the Developer can access sequences directly like this ...

```
declare
```

```
l_count number(3);
```

```
begin
```

```
l_count := new_number.nextval;
```

```
dbms_output.put_line('The value is '||l_count);
```

```
end;
```