

Re: How to count the result from sql statement?

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kaiwing18@hotmail.com wrote:

> *I want to know how to count the result of sql from oracle9i.*
> *For example,*
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> *"Select * from student where course_id='101'"*
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> *if the result is two ppls, how can i retrieve this value*
> *form sql statement?*

If you only want to know the number of matching rows, without having to download all of the data, you should use the "count" function:

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Select count(*) from student where course_id='101'
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That way, you don't need to download 100,000 rows when all you want to know is "There are 100,000 students on course 101".

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