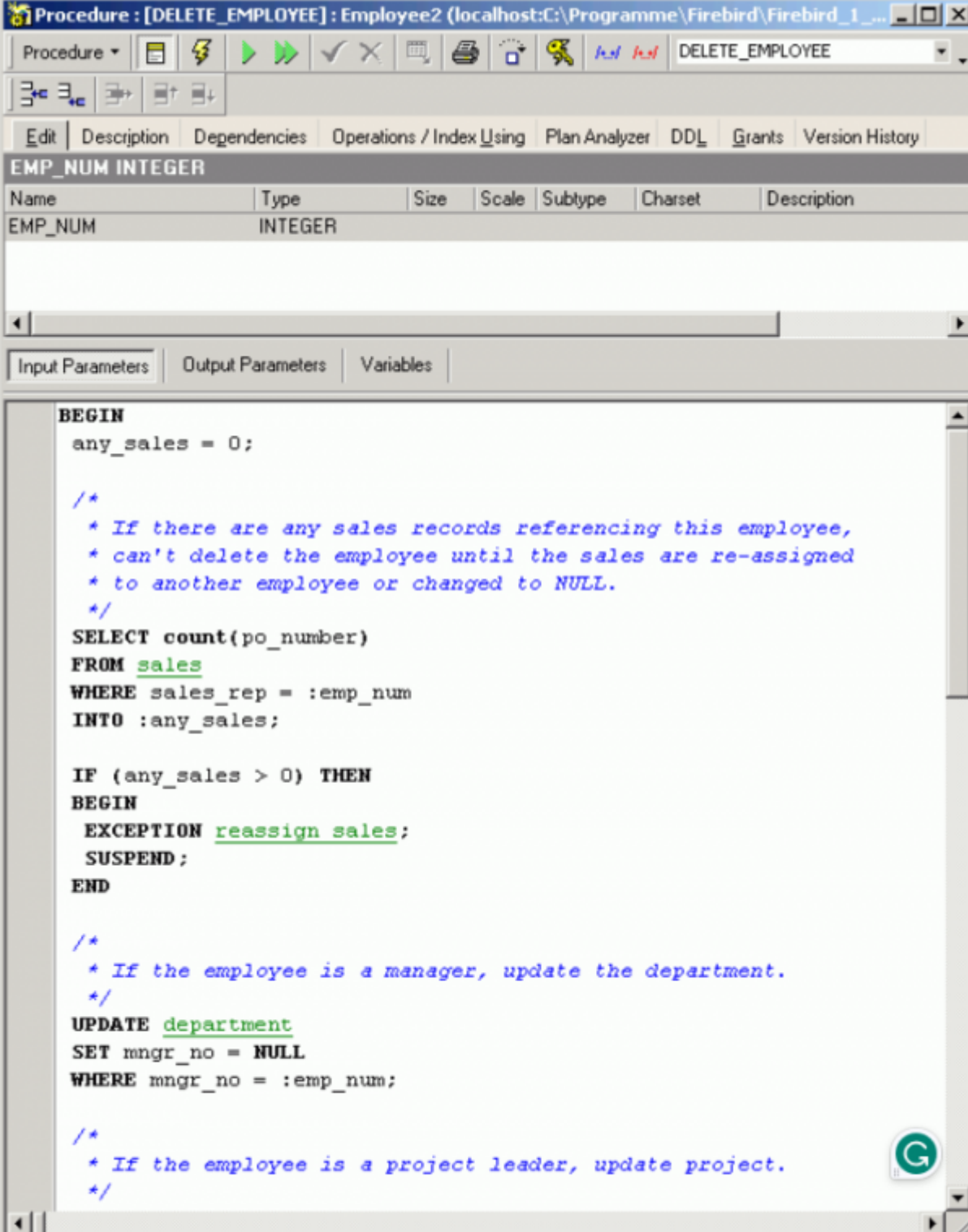


Comments

Comments can be incorporated anywhere in an Firebird/InterBase® ISQL script, as well as in the [procedure body](#) of a stored procedure. The following character sequences are used to determine a comment.

/ Comment */*



The screenshot shows a window titled "Procedure : [DELETE_EMPLOYEE] : Employee2 (localhost:C:\Programme\Firebird\Firebird_1_...". The window contains a table with the following data:

Name	Type	Size	Scale	Subtype	Charset	Description
EMP_NUM	INTEGER					

Below the table, the script content is displayed in a text area:

```
BEGIN
  any_sales = 0;

  /*
   * If there are any sales records referencing this employee,
   * can't delete the employee until the sales are re-assigned
   * to another employee or changed to NULL.
   */
  SELECT count(po_number)
  FROM sales
  WHERE sales_rep = :emp_num
  INTO :any_sales;

  IF (any_sales > 0) THEN
  BEGIN
    EXCEPTION reassign sales;
    SUSPEND;
  END

  /*
   * If the employee is a manager, update the department.
   */
  UPDATE department
  SET mngr_no = NULL
  WHERE mngr_no = :emp_num;

  /*
   * If the employee is a project leader, update project.
   */
```

Comments can span multiple lines, but a comment cannot be embedded in another comment. They

can also be incorporated in a Firebird script, determined by the following character sequence:

- Comment

Comments introduced in this way in Firebird can only cover a single line, i.e. each new line must begin with -. Firebird however also understands the InterBase® syntax.

Quick comment feature: available in all IBExpert code editors. Using the [Ctrl] + [Alt] + [.] shortcut (or select the right-click menu item, *Comment selected*), you can quickly comment the current selection of code or selected block. And use the right-click menu item, *Uncomment selected* or [Ctrl] + [Alt] + [.] shortcut to unselect.

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