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Subject: UTF8 Length of char -> ORA-01406 ORA-12899 Upp(6693/7609)

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Tested on Windows XP and Windows 2008 R2 with Ultimate 7609

Tested on Linux with Oracle-Database (11), Client 11.1, Linux-Desktop: Ubuntu with UTF8 and without UTF8 with Ultimate 6693

Did anybody have a idea, a hint or a solution?

We encountered a problem but do not know what we are doing wrong?

We insert a value in a database column with 'German umlauts', the column has a length of 5 and the length of value too.

If we connect against a UTF8-Database we get an error about "ORA-12899: value too large for column" during storage.

If we connect against a NON-UTF8-Database we are able to store, but during load we get an error about "ORA-01406: fetched column value was truncated".

Where is the problem?

See our small Test-Program:

Database

```
TABLE_(UTF8TEST)
  INT_   (ID) PRIMARY_KEY
  STRING_ (TEST1,5)
  STRING_ (TEST2,10)
  TIME_   (TSTAMP)
END_TABLE
```

UTF8-Database && UTF8-Desktop-Enviroment:

```
SQL* insert into UTF8TEST(ID, TEST1) values (15, 'ääää')
```

ERROR ORA-12899: value too large for column "SCOTT"."UTF8TEST"."TEST1" (actual: 10, maximum: 5)

```
(12899): insert into UTF8TEST(ID, TEST1) values (15, 'ääää')
```

```
SQL* select TEST1 from UTF8TEST where ID = 15
```

```
select TEST1 from UTF8TEST where ID = 15
```

UTF8-Database && Not-UTF8-Desktop-Enviroment:

```
SQL* insert into UTF8TEST(ID, TEST1) values (13, 'ääää')
```

ERROR ORA-12899: value too large for column "SCOTT"."UTF8TEST"."TEST1" (actual: 10, maximum: 5)

```
(12899): insert into UTF8TEST(ID, TEST1) values (13, 'ääää')
```

```
SQL* select TEST1 from UTF8TEST where ID = 13
```

```
select TEST1 from UTF8TEST where ID = 13
```

Not-UTF8-Database && Not-UTF8-Desktop-Environment:  
SQL\* insert into UTF8TEST(ID, TEST1) values (11, 'äääää')  
insert into UTF8TEST(ID, TEST1) values (11, 'äääää')  
SQL\* select TEST1 from UTF8TEST where ID = 11  
select TEST1 from UTF8TEST where ID = 11  
ERROR ORA-01406: fetched column value was truncated  
(1406): select TEST1 from UTF8TEST where ID = 11

Not-UTF8-Database && UTF8-Desktop-Environment:

SQL\* insert into UTF8TEST(ID, TEST1) values (13, 'äääää')  
insert into UTF8TEST(ID, TEST1) values (13, 'äääää')  
select TEST1 from UTF8TEST where ID = 13  
ERROR ORA-01406: fetched column value was truncated  
(1406): select TEST1 from UTF8TEST where ID = 13

### File Attachments

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- 1) [TestOraUTF8Error.zip](#), downloaded 365 times
  - 2) [TestOraUTF8Error.png](#), downloaded 1096 times
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Googling "ORA-01406 utf-8" it seems like there might be problem with oracle client settings...

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