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O-ZONE NEWS

Progress

Welcome to all new members who signed up during September. Our membership continues to grow and we look forward to welcoming more members in the months ahead.

Can you help?

Are you an Oracle on Windows expert? Do you have any relevant experiences you can share? If you are able to provide articles, a case study or can help in any other way, we would like to hear from you. Please contact me at grahamk@greymatter.com

... and can WE help you?

Is your interest in Oracle on Windows related to a requirement to complete a formal evaluation or perhaps a .NET development and deployment project? The articles, tutorials and downloads provided by O-Zone will assist with this. In addition, we can allocate a technical account manager to help manage the provision of the resources you need. This could involve answering questions, pointing you in the right direction or helping to enlist assistance from Oracle or third parties. If you have a serious Oracle on Windows requirement or would like to find out more, please contact me at grahamk@greymatter.com or call me direct on 01364 655129.

WHAT'S NEW ON O-ZONE?

Over the past month we have added more articles and tutorials about the new 11g release of Oracle Database, the Linux edition of which is now shipping. These will give O-Zone members the opportunity to get up to speed ahead of the Windows release which is anticipated sometime in the next few months. Please visit the [Discover about and Tutorial](#) pages on the portal where most of this material resides.

Oracle SQL Developer

Oracle has announced the general availability of Oracle SQL Developer Release 1.2 which features new capabilities to ease the migration and consolidation of third-party databases onto Oracle Database 11g. Oracle SQL Developer is a free database development tool that helps users create and debug SQL and PL/SQL code and it now features additional tools to help you migrate from other databases to Oracle.

EVENTS

A number of important events are taking place in the months ahead. For the latest details, please keep checking the O-Zone [Events](#) page which is frequently updated.

Innovate Faster World Tour

The Oracle Database 11g Innovate Faster world tour continues with a number of events scheduled across the EMEA region throughout October and November. The sessions deal with the new innovations in Oracle 11g and include Managing Change, Managing Very Large Databases, Maximum Availability and Lock Down Data.

UKOUG Modelling, Analysis and Design SIG

This UKOUG Special Interest Group event will take place in London on November 1st, 2007. For further details about this and the other events listed below, please visit the [Events](#) page.

Oracle Open World

Oracle OpenWorld will be held in San Francisco at the Moscone Center November 11-16th, 2007. This year's conference has been expanded with specific programming for developers. The event is expected to be Oracle's largest to date, with more than 42,000 participants.

UKOUG 2007 Conference and Exhibition

The UK Oracle User Groups will hold its 4-day annual conference at the International Conference Centre (ICC) in Birmingham, starting on December 3rd, 2007.

ORACLE NEWS

New world record price/performance result with the TPC-C benchmark running Oracle Database 11g on Windows

In last months newsletter, we carried a late announcement that Oracle has set a new world record price/performance result with the TPC-C benchmark running Oracle Database 11g on Windows. TPC-C is an OLTP (online transaction processing) benchmark developed by the Transaction Processing Performance Council (TPC). Oracle now holds the top two record benchmark positions in the coveted Top Ten TPC-C price/performance category. So here is a more detailed account of this important achievement.

The tests were conducted with a combination of Oracle Database 11g and Windows on an HP ProLiant server. This is an ideal platform for small to medium sized businesses and probably close to what many of our members encounter on a day to day basis. Achieving 102,454 transactions per minute with a price/performance of \$.73/tpmC, Oracle Database 11g Standard Edition One delivered 47 percent more performance at 20 percent less cost than its nearest competitor in the price/performance category. The record setting benchmark was achieved with Oracle Database running on a Windows-based HP ProLiant ML350 server with one Intel Quad-Core Xeon 2.66 GHz processor and an HP StorageWorks 70 Modular Smart Array. Together, Oracle and HP delivered the best price per transaction per minute ever achieved for any TPC-C benchmark.

"Out of the gate, Oracle Database 11g sets a new price/performance bar for the industry and it will continue to excel as it matures," said Juan Loaiza, senior vice president Systems Technology, Oracle. "This benchmark result furthers Oracle's commitment to SMBs, and our continuing promise to deliver on a long tradition of database excellence. SMBs that once thought Oracle was only for large enterprises need to take another look at Oracle Database."

The [O-Zone](#) portal provides free evaluations and numerous other resources that are particularly aimed at helping you evaluate and understand the benefits of using Oracle Database to underpin your Windows and .NET development projects.

Regards,

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