

Technical Brief

Evaluating and Comparing Oracle Database Appliance Performance

Updated for Oracle Database Appliance X11-HA

DISCLAIMER

The performance results in this paper are intended to give an estimate of the overall performance of the Oracle Database Appliance X11-HA system. The results are not a benchmark and cannot be used to characterize the relative performance of Oracle Database Appliance systems from one generation to another, as the workload characteristics and other environmental factors including firmware, Oracle Linux, and database patches will vary over time. For an accurate comparison with another platform, you should run the same tests, with the same OS (if applicable) and database versions, patch levels, etc. Do not rely on older tests or benchmark runs, as changes made to the underlying platform in the interim may substantially impact results.

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Introduction and Executive Summary

Oracle Database Appliance X11 is Oracle's popular entry-level Engineered System. Oracle Database Appliance (ODA) has been adopted worldwide and in all industries by many customers, especially small and medium-sized organizations and business units and those with distributed locations. It allows them to run Oracle Database and applications on economical, easy-to-deploy/manage systems.

Oracle Database Appliance X11 High-Availability (HA) system includes hardware, software, networking, and storage in an integrated, pre-built, pre-tuned, packaged database solution with a modest 8-rack unit (RU) footprint. Oracle Database Appliance X11-HA's hardware and software combination offers redundancy and protects against single points of failure in the system.

Oracle Database Appliance X11-HA is a two-node cluster based on the most recent AMD EPYCTM processors with direct attached SAS storage that includes Solid State Disk Drives (SSDs – high-performance model) or a combination of Hard Disk Drives and SSDs (high-capacity model) depending on the customer's preference. Oracle Linux 8 Operating System (OS), Oracle Relational Database Management System (RDBMS), Oracle Real Application Clusters software (RAC), Oracle Grid Infrastructure (GI), and Oracle Automatic Storage Management (ASM) are among the common, tried-and-true software components that run on Oracle Database Appliance. It can be quickly and easily installed, thanks to the pre-built, pre-tested, and pre-tuned configuration, which eliminates the need for manual configuration and tuning procedures.

There is a customer demand to get to know the platform's performance characteristics before purchasing a new platform. This technical brief's goal is to illustrate and document the performance of a simulated workload running on an Oracle Database Appliance X11-HA system using Swingbench, which is a free performance testing tool. The performance of such a standardized workload running on the Oracle Database Appliance could be assessed and compared to the performance of the same workload running in their legacy environment by system architects and database administrators. This document provides information on the maximum IOPs and MBPS of the Oracle Database Appliance X11-HA high-performance model but does not detail the testing steps. Oracle Database Appliance X11-HA is an extremely powerful, highly available database server despite its compact size. During performance testing and benchmark procedures, the Oracle Database Appliance X11-HA high-performance model exhibited scalable performance for high-volume database workloads, sustaining in excess of 108,000 concurrent Swingbench transactions per second while utilizing all 64 CPU cores per node.

Audience

Database architects, CTOs, CIOs, heads of IT departments, and IT purchase managers who may be interested in comprehending and analyzing Oracle Database Appliance's performance capabilities will find this technical brief helpful. This information could be also useful for Oracle System Administrators, Storage Administrators, and Oracle Database Administrators when performance testing is done in their own setups. They will also be familiar with the best practices that can help get the most performance of different workload types running on an Oracle Database Appliance.

Objective

A quick glance at Oracle Database Appliance's hardware setup reveals that the system's architecture is designed for high availability and solid performance right out of the box. Customers frequently and correctly request baseline comparison performance statistics for different types of standard workloads due to the presence of numerous components in any system and due to the contrasting nature of distinct workloads. When they move their database(s) to a new environment, this helps them project their own performance experience and expectations.

This technical brief's main goal is to quantify Oracle Database Appliance performance under what can be regarded as a normal database workload. Number of users, transactions per second, and transaction execution time are just a few of the simple measures used to describe how well the workload performed. Data processing rates and resource utilization are used to describe the system performance.

The workload tested during this benchmark is Swingbench Order Entry (OE) workload which is TPC-C like.

The secondary objective of this document is to outline the process for executing the same test workload in non-ODA environments or on earlier ODA models and comparing the results against those captured and presented in this technical brief. This objective is facilitated by documenting the process of *Swingbench* setup and test results from multiple *Swingbench* Order Entry workload runs on ODA X11-HA performance models.

This study was conducted by using Swingbench workloads on an Oracle Database Appliance X11-HA that was running 19.25.0.0 ODA software release version which includes the Speculative Return Stack Overflow mitigation.

User and transaction volumes varied along with CPU configurations. Tests were performed using Swingbench's SOE schema generated by Swingbench's Order Entry wizard. Swingbench tests can be run locally or remotely. Remote execution requires a client machine, and the test result can be affected by the capacity of the client machine and the network latency between the client and the database server – in our case between the client machine and the ODA. To keep the setup simple, and easily reproducible and to eliminate external factors that can impact performance tests, this document focuses only on local Swingbench tests, when the database and Swingbench are running on Oracle Database Appliance. Customers can run the identical Swingbench workloads on their legacy systems and compare the results with the ones documented in the paper.

The best way to measure the capabilities of ODA X11-HA and compare it to the non-X11 ODA or a Do-It-Yourself (DIY) system is to capture the workload on the non-X11 ODA or a DIY system environment using Real Application Testing (RAT) and replay it on the ODA. RAT also provides various options to speed up the number of replayed transactions, which can help to determine if the environment is indeed future-proof and could support future growth in transaction numbers. RAT requires a license. Please refer to https://www.oracle.com/a/otn/docs/enterprise-manager/wp-19c-rat-em.pdf

Oracle Database Appliance supports databases on bare metal and inside KVM-based DB Systems. All tests in this technical brief were executed on ODA bare metal.

If you want to use a different test workload or have a different Oracle Database Appliance model, you may still use the approach outlined in this technical brief and run any given workload on both the Oracle Database Appliance environment and your legacy non-Oracle Database Appliance environments and compare the results.

Oracle Database Appliance Deployment Architecture

For system details refer to Oracle Database Appliance X11-HA Data Sheet available at https://www.oracle.com/engineered-systems/database-appliance/

Oracle Database Appliance Configuration Templates

For building databases of various sizes and shapes, Oracle Database Appliance offers and employs number of common database setup templates. Oracle best practices for an Oracle database implementation, such as the most ideal database parameter settings and best practices-based storage setup, are automatically inherited by databases using these templates.

The sort of workload you want to run on your Oracle Database Appliance determines the database shapes that will be used to configure your databases. Different workload types can use different database shapes, including OLTP, DSS, and in-memory. On an ODA, you can easily select the most suitable database shape for your workload.

Even if a database is deployed using a given template, users are not restricted from altering the database parameters based on their requirements.

Refer to Oracle Database Appliance X11-HA Deployment and User's Guide (Appendix D Database Shapes for Oracle Database Appliance) for a list of database creation templates (for OLTP workloads in this case) available for creating databases of different shapes and sizes on Oracle Database Appliance.

The configuration of the database operating on the Oracle Database Appliance and the database running in the non-Oracle Database Appliance environment should be quite similar to perform a meaningful performance comparison.

Oracle Database Appliance X11-HA's high-performance model with a fully populated shelf with SSDs offers significant IO capacity for users to deploy demanding OLTP, DSS, Mixed, and In-memory workloads. It offers up to 3,478,991 IOPS and throughput of up to 32,245 MBPS with a fully occupied, twin storage shelf configuration, compared to 1,666,231 IOPS and 15,870 MBPS with a single storage shelf. The tests for IOPS and MBPS were performed with 8K and 1M random reads, respectively. Depending on the workload mix (READ/WRITE ratios), some variances were seen.

Table 1 presents the measured raw IOPS and bandwidth using both nodes, based on the number of disks in disk shelf on the Oracle Database Appliance X11-HA system.

# OF DRIVES	SIX	TWELVE	EIGHTTEEN	ONE SHELF (24 DRIVES)	TWO SHELVES (48 DRIVES)
IOPS	1,090,398	1,464,467	1,546,061	1,666,231	3,478,991
MBPS	10,619	14,194	15,286	15,870	32,245

Table 1: IOPS and MBPS capacity for different number of disks on Oracle Database Appliance X11-HA

Since this technical brief focuses on performance, only high-performance configuration (SSDs) is covered, though high-capacity model (SSDs+HDDs) is also available for Oracle Database Appliance X11-HA.

What is Swingbench?

Swingbench is a simple to use, free, Java based tool to generate database workload and perform stress testing using different benchmarks in Oracle database environments. The tool can be downloaded from https://www.dominicgiles.com/downloads/

Swingbench version 2.7 was used to perform the tests documented in this technical brief. For more information about Swingbench, please refer to Swingbench documentation available at https://www.dominicgiles.com/index.html

Swingbench provides six separate benchmarks, namely, OrderEntry, SalesHistory, TPC-DS Like, JSON, CallingCircle and StressTest. For all benchmarks described in this paper, Swingbench Order Entry (OE) V2 benchmark was used for OLTP workload testing.

Swingbench Download and Setup

Swingbench can be setup on a client machine or on the same machine where the database runs. Setting it up a client machine might provide better results and higher TPS numbers, but results depend on many factors like latency between the client and the database server, CPU capacity of the client machine.

To keep the setup simple and to document steps that don't depend on any external factors, Swingbench tests were executed on server side in this paper.

To install Swingbench, perform the following steps.

- Download *Swingbench* software
 The *Swingbench* software can be downloaded from the following site: https://www.dominicgiles.com/downloads/
 At the time of writing of this technical brief, the latest *Swingbench* version was 2.7 (release 2.7.0.1511).
- 2. Create SWB1 and SWB2 folders under on both nodes to host 2 Swingbench homes on each node
- Unzip the downloaded file under SWB1 and SWB2 folders and replace Swingbench configuration files supplied in <u>Appendix A</u> of this technical brief.
 unzip -d SWB1 swingbenchlatest.zip

Configuring Oracle Database Appliance for Testing

unzip -d SWB2 swingbenchlatest.zip

The configuration of the Oracle Database Appliance system for the purposes of conducting this performance benchmark is described in this section.

Configuring Oracle Database Appliance System for Testing

Oracle Database Appliance X11-HA system with a single storage shelf, fully populated with SSDs was used to perform the tests documented in this technical brief. All 128 CPU cores were enabled initially on the ODA.

X11-HA had 1.5TB of memory. Custom database shape defines 512 GB SGA and 256 GB PGA.

Note: Regardless the number of active CPUs enabled, Oracle Database Appliance systems can always access all physical memory installed.

From a software stack perspective, the system was deployed with Oracle Database Appliance 19.25.0.0 software and the database version used for testing was Oracle Database 19.25.0.0.241015 (Oct 2024 DB/GI RU). Disk Groups were configured with Flex redundancy and databases were created with normal redundancy.

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While there was no system-level modification performed, a few database related configuration adjustments were made, as described in a later section of this technical brief.

Benchmark Setup

The procedure for setting up the OE schema to perform the Order Entry (OE) OLTP type workload is described in this section. Similar steps can be used to build up the SH schema which is needed if DSS-type benchmark is required.

Swingbench benchmark preparation requires a deployed ODA, a database, a database schema, and the workload itself. Note that the default database parameter settings for Oracle databases on Oracle Database Appliance, when database was created via the command-line interface (odacli) or the BUI, are optimized and fits for most use-cases. Certain workloads need adjustments to init.ora parameters though. The Database Setup section below goes over these modifications that were made for tests documented in this technical brief.

Database Setup

You can create both single-instance and clustered (RAC) databases on Oracle Database Appliance. A RAC database was used for all tests documented in this paper. Database was created using the *Odb64* shape (64 CPU cores a node).

During database deployment, the database workload type should be specified using the --dbclass argument in 'odacli' command or it can be set in the BUI. If not specified, then the default workload type is ONLINE TRANSACTION PROCESSING (OLTP).

For the OLTP workload type, odb64 database shape defines SGA-PGA ratio 2:1 (SGA: 256GB, PGA:128GB).

odacli create-database -v 19.25 --dbname mycdb --dbshape odb64 --dbtype RAC --cdb --dbstorage ASM --associated-networks Public-network --pdbname oltpdb

Implement the following modifications

1. Create a dedicated SOE tablespace in the PDB

sqlplus / as sysdba

SQL> alter session set container=oltpdb;

SQL> create bigfile tablespace soe datafile size 2T autoextend on maxsize unlimited uniform size 20m segment space management auto;

2. Increase tablespace sizes of the CDB

sqlplus / as sysdba

SQL> set linesize 600

SQL> set pagesize 100

SQL> column FILE# Format 999

SQL> column NAME Format a100

SQL> column SIZEINMB Format 9999999

SQL> select file#, name, round(bytes/1024/1024) sizeinMB from v\$datafile;

FILE# NAME SIZEINMB

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	1 +DATA/MYCDB/DATAFILE/system.269.1143318723	1040	
	3 +DATA/MYCDB/DATAFILE/sysaux.270.1143318747	1270	
	4 +DATA/MYCDB/DATAFILE/undotbs1.271.1143318755	90	
	5 +DATA/MYCDB/00B11CA841E0A29BE063CF0AF40A2C0	7/DATAFILE/system.273.1143318831	420
	6 +DATA/MYCDB/00B11CA841E0A29BE063CF0AF40A2C0	7/DATAFILE/sysaux.274.1143318831	390
	7 +DATA/MYCDB/00B11CA841E0A29BE063CF0AF40A2C0	7/DATAFILE/undotbs1.275.1143318831	60
	8 +DATA/MYCDB/DATAFILE/undotbs2.277.1143319047	25	
	9 +DATA/MYCDB/017D5470FFAD60EDE06336715F0AE74E	E/DATAFILE/system.281.1143319365	10240
	10 +DATA/MYCDB/017D5470FFAD60EDE06336715F0AE74	E/DATAFILE/sysaux.280.1143319365	10240
	11 +DATA/MYCDB/017D5470FFAD60EDE06336715F0AE74	E/DATAFILE/undotbs1.279.1143319365	30720
	12 +DATA/MYCDB/017D5470FFAD60EDE06336715F0AE74	E/DATAFILE/undo_2.283.1143319371	30720
	13 +DATA/MYCDB/017D5470FFAD60EDE06336715F0AE74	E/DATAFILE/users.284.1143319371	5
	14 +DATA/MYCDB/DATAFILE/users.285.1143319691	5	

13 rows selected.

SQL> alter database datafile 1 resize 10G;

SQL> alter database datafile 3 resize 10G;

SQL> alter database datafile 4 resize 30G;

SQL> alter database datafile 8 resize 30G;

3. Increase tablespace sizes inside the PDB

sqlplus / as sysdba

SQL> alter session set container=oltpdb;

SQL> set linesize 600

SQL> set pagesize 100

SQL> column FILE# Format 999

SQL> column NAME Format a100

SQL> column SIZEINMB Format 9999999

select file#, name, round(bytes/1024/1024) sizeinMB from v\$datafile;

FILE# NAME SIZEINMB

9 +DATA/MYCDB/017D5470FFAD60EDE06336715F0AE74E/DATAFILE/system.281.1143319365	420
10 +DATA/MYCDB/017D5470FFAD60EDE06336715F0AE74E/DATAFILE/sysaux.280.1143319365	470
11 +DATA/MYCDB/017D5470FFAD60EDE06336715F0AE74E/DATAFILE/undotbs1.279.1143319365	60
12 +DATA/MYCDB/017D5470FFAD60EDE06336715F0AE74E/DATAFILE/undo_2.283.1143319371	60
13 + DATA/MYCDR/017D5470FFA D60FDF06336715F0 A F74F/DATA FILF/users 284 1143319371	5

SQL> alter database datafile 9 resize 10G;

SQL> alter database datafile 10 resize 10G;

SQL> alter database datafile 11 resize 30G;

SQL> alter database datafile 12 resize 30G;

SQL> alter tablespace undotbs1 add datafile size 30g autoextend off;

SQL> alter tablespace undotbs2 add datafile size 30g autoextend off;

SQL> alter tablespace undotbs1 add datafile size 30g autoextend off;

SQL> alter tablespace undotbs2 add datafile size 30g autoextend off;

SQL> alter tablespace undotbs1 add datafile size 30g autoextend off;

SQL> alter tablespace undotbs2 add datafile size 30g autoextend off;

4. Add tempfiles to PDB

sqlplus / as sysdba

SQL> alter session set container=oltpdb;

SQL> alter tablespace temp add tempfile '+DATA' size 16g autoextend on next 1g maxsize 32767m;

SQL> alter tablespace temp add tempfile '+DATA' size 16g autoextend on next 1g maxsize 32767m;

SQL> alter tablespace temp add tempfile '+DATA' size 16g autoextend on next 1g maxsize 32767m;

SQL> alter tablespace temp add tempfile '+DATA' size 16g autoextend on next 1g maxsize 32767m;

5. Recreate redo logs using 32GB size for each log and drop the ones that database initially created

sqlplus / as sysdba

SQL> alter database add logfile thread 1 size 32G;

SQL> alter database add logfile thread 1 size 32G;

SQL> alter database add logfile thread 1 size 32G;

SQL> alter database add logfile thread 1 size 32G;

SQL> alter database add logfile thread 2 size 32G;

SQL> alter database add logfile thread 2 size 32G;

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SQL> alter database add logfile thread 2 size 32G;

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SQL> alter database add logfile thread 1 size 32G;
SQL> alter database add logfile thread 1 size 32G;
SQL> alter database add logfile thread 1 size 32G;
SQL> alter database add logfile thread 1 size 32G;
SQL> alter database add logfile thread 2 size 32G;
SQL> alter database add logfile thread 2 size 32G;
SQL> alter database add logfile thread 2 size 32G;
SQL> alter database add logfile thread 2 size 32G;
SQL> select thread#, group# from v$log;
SQL> alter system switch logfile;
SQL> alter system switch logfile;
SQL> alter system checkpoint;
SQL> alter system archive log all;
SQL> alter database drop logfile group 1;
SQL> alter database drop logfile group 2;
SQL> alter database drop logfile group 3;
SQL> alter database drop logfile group 4;
The following database configuration setting changes were made before executing the OLTP benchmark.
sqlplus / as sysdba
alter system set fast_start_mttr_target='900' scope=spfile;
alter system set db recovery file dest size='16T' scope=both;
alter system set resource_manager_plan = " scope=spfile;
alter system set " lm res hash bucket"=262144 scope=spfile;
alter system set target_pdbs=5 scope=spfile;
alter system set max_pdbs=4 scope=both;
alter system set "_optimizer_adaptive_cursor_sharing"=FALSE scope=spfile;
alter system sey "_optimizer_extended_cursor_sharing_rel"='NONE' scope=spfile;
alter system set "_optimizer_use_feedback"=FALSE scope=spfile;
alter system set optimizer_adaptive_reporting_only=TRUE scope=spfile;
alter system set shared pool size=30G scope=spfile;
alter system set sga_max_size=512G scope=spfile;
alter system set sga_target=512G scope=spfile;
alter system set pga_aggregate_limit=256G scope=spfile;
alter system set pga_aggregate_target=128G scope=spfile;
alter system set use_dedicated_broker=TRUE scope=spfile;
alter system set connection_brokers =
"((TYPE=DEDICATED)(BROKERS=2)(CONNECTIONS=512))","((TYPE=EMON)(BROKERS=2)(CONNECTIONS=16))"
alter system set "_numa_bind_mode"='HARD' scope=spfile;
alter system set "_numa_float_spawner"=TRUE scope=spfile;
alter system set "_numa_shift_enabled"=FALSE scope=spfile;
alter system set "_proc_grp_enabled"=0 scope=spfile;
```

dedicated_through_broker_listener=on

8. Restart the database

srvctl stop database -d mycdb srvctl start database -d mycdb

DO NOT copy and paste the commands provided above when setting up your own benchmark environment because it may include control characters.

Note: Database archiving was enabled during all performance tests.

Prerequisites

1. Install oracle instant-client using yum install <pkg name>

```
Install the following packages:
# rpm -qa|grep instant
oracle-instantclient-devel-21.16.0.0.0-1.el8.x86_64
oracle-instantclient-release-el8-1.0-2.el8.x86_64
oracle-instantclient-sqlplus-21.16.0.0.0-1.el8.x86_64
oracle-instantclient-basic-21.16.0.0.0-1.el8.x86_64
```

2. Download and install java

```
https://www.oracle.com/uk/java/technologies/downloads/
# yum install /root/jdk-21-21.0.5-9.x86_64 .rpm
```

3. Set GI's perl as default in the shell:

```
export PATH=/u01/app/19.25.0.0/grid/perl/bin:$PATH
# which perl
/u01/app/19.25.0.0/grid/perl/bin/perl
# perl -version
This is perl 5, version 38, subversion 0 (v5.38.2) built for x86 64-linux-thread-multi
```

4. Downloaded xml/simple.pm

```
Set http/https proxy if needed
export http_proxy=www-example.domain.com:80
export https_proxy=www-example.domain.com:80

export PATH=/u01/app/19.25.0.0/grid/perl/bin:$PATH
perl -MCPAN -e 'install XML::Simple'
Press enter each time it asks for username/password. It will ask for it many times.
```

Schema Setup

The procedure for building up the OE schema to run the Order Entry OLTP workload is described in this section.

It should be highlighted that Order Entry workload generates and alters data within the SOE schema and is intended to cause database contention. If you conduct numerous workload test cycles, it is advised to flashback your database SOE database schemas to prevent inconsistent results caused by the expansion and fragmentation of objects. You could also leverage on flashback database feature. Simply create a guaranteed restore point after creating the SOE schema and duplicating the PDB containing it. Flashback the database to the restore point after each test cycle.

The following screenshots describe the procedure to configure SOE schema using oewizard GUI.

Log in to the ODA to start the schema setup procedure. Start a vncserver on ODA as root user and connect to the VNC terminal from your laptop or desktop to start use oewizard's GUI.

\$ cd /tmp/swingbench/bin

\$./oewizard

Cancel



Illustration 2: Swingbench Workload Setup: Order Entry Install Wizard Benchmark Version Selection

Previo...

Next

Finish

Use the PDB's service name in the connect string

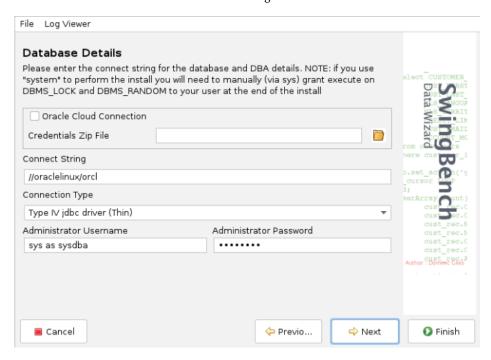
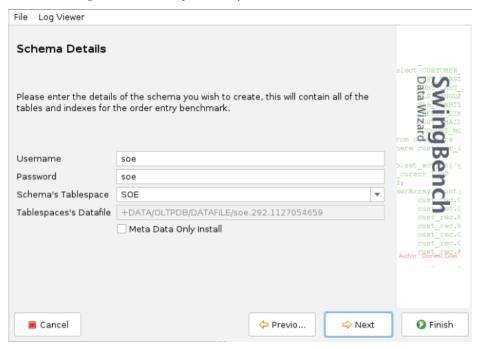


Illustration 3: Swingbench Workload Setup: Order Entry Install Wizard Database Details



 $Illustration\ 4: Swingbench\ Workload\ Setup: Provide\ Schema\ Details\ in\ Order\ Entry\ Install\ Wizard$

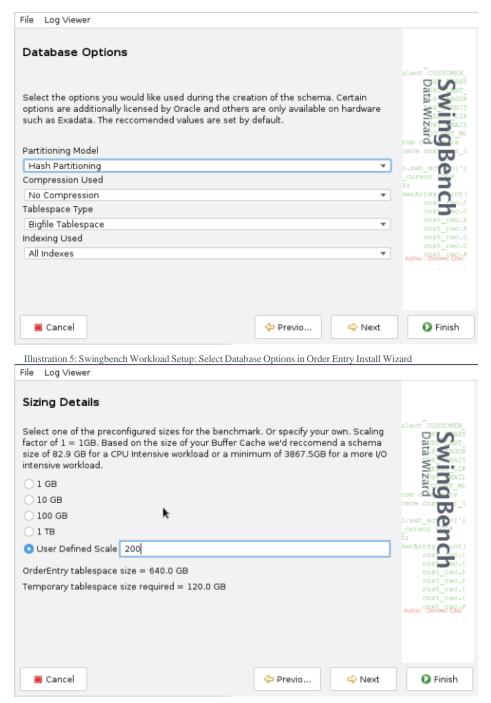


Illustration 6: Swingbench Workload Setup: Select Schema Size for Benchmark (Note: size chosen for final runs was 200GB)

File Log Viewer

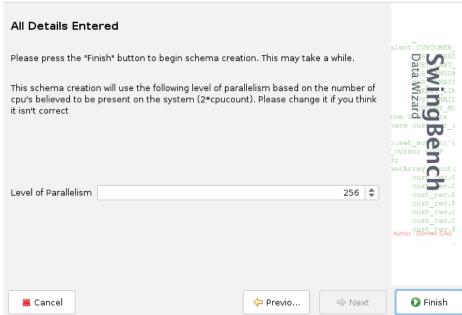


Illustration 7: Swingbench Workload Setup: Select Schema Creation Parallelism for Benchmark in Order Entry Install Wizard

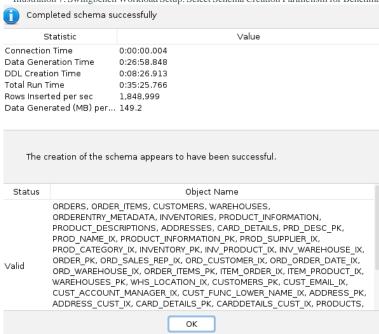


Illustration 8: Swingbench Workload Setup: Schema Created Successfully on X11-HA

Once the schema is ready, drop the indexes that benchmark doesn't use and recreate carddetails_cust_ix index.

sqlplus / as sysdba

- sql> alter session set container=oltpdb;
- sql> drop index soe.cust_account_manager_ix;
- sql> drop index soe.cust_dob_ix;
- sql> drop index soe.cust_email_ix;
- sql> drop index soe.item_product_ix;

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sql> drop index soe.ord_order_date_ix;
sql> drop index soe.ord_sales_rep_ix;
sql> drop index soe.prod_name_ix;
sql> drop index soe.prod_supplier_ix;
sql> drop index soe.whs_location_ix;
sql> drop index soe.carddetails_cust_ix;
sql> drop index soe.carddetails_cust_ix;
sql> create index "soe"."carddetails_cust_ix" on "soe"."card_details" ("customer_id") global partition by hash ("customer_id") partitions
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pctfree 50 initrans 100 maxtrans 255 compute statistics nologging
storage(initial 1048576 next 1048576 minextents 1 maxextents 2147483645
pctincrease 0 freelists 1 freelist groups 1
buffer_pool default flash_cache default cell_flash_cache default)
tablespace "soe"
parallel 256;
```

Finally duplicate the PDB including the SOE as the test uses 2 PDBs. Refer to Appendix D.

As mentioned earlier, test database for this benchmark was created using database shape odb64. All database init parameters like SGA, PGA were left untouched when database cores got reduced. Changes across test cycles are limited to CPU configuration only to ensure that the measurements obtained are fair for users.

Oracle Database Appliance systems allow for the pay-as-you-grow approach to software licensing. You have complete access to the hardware in terms of memory, storage, network regardless the number of active cores.

As part of this testing, seven different CPU configurations were tested by enabling only a given total number of cores (8, 16, 32, 48, 64, 96 and 128) at a time on the Oracle Database Appliance system.

Workload Setup and Execution

Swingbench's Sales History benchmark is a DSS-type workload, whereas Order Entry (OE) is an OLTP type workload. The latter one was used for performance testing in this document.

You can generate the workload by connecting to the ODA and launching loadgen.pl utility.

```
$ export SB_HOME=<path of Swingbench>
$ perl loadgen.pl -u <#users>
```

Swingbench provides options to set various parameters for the benchmark including setting the amount of time to run the workload. Configuration of the benchmark will be covered later in this document.

Run Swingbench on both nodes using the same number of user connections to simulate workload. Swingbench on the first node should use oltpdb and oltp2db pluggable databases and open connections to the local pluggable database instances only. Swingbench on the second node should use oltp3db, oltp4db pluggable databases and open connections to its local pluggable databases instance only.

To make the workload more realistic, the workload simulates numerous concurrent users and include "think time" between transactions. The following attributes were used to replicate the workload throughout our testing.

- » User Count: 200, 400, 800, 1200, 1600, 2400, 3200
- » Active CPU Core Count: 8, 16, 32, 48, 64, 96, 128
- » Think Time: 0/30 (sleep time in milliseconds between transactions to emulate real-world workload)
- » Workload Run Time: 50 minutes
- » Performance Statistics Collection Window: 30 minutes (steady state)
- » Transactions Per Second (TPS) Count: 7848, 15388, 30500, 45124, 58390, 86132, 108167

Performance numbers may not be directly comparable to previous performance studies due to variations in software versions, differences in Swingbench setups, and updates to the database releases.

Benchmark Results

In this section, the results of Swingbench OLTP (OE) workload testing on Oracle Database Appliance X11-HA is discussed.

Workload Performance

Performance metrics gathered from running the Swingbench Order Entry (OLTP) workload on an Oracle Database Appliance system are summarized in the following tables.

Benchmark 1

2 Swingbench are running on both ODA nodes, but each Swingbench benchmark runs against a dedicated PDB which is only available on the local node. Each PDB has its own SOE schema. Refer to Appendix E.

ACTIVE CPU CORE COUNTS PER NODE : USER COUNT	WORKLOAD ELEMENT	TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME (MILLISECONDS)	AVERAGE TPS (TRANSACTIONS PER SECOND)
4 cores: 200 users		7,913,996		7,848
	Customer Registration	1,695,548	13.39	
	Process Orders	564,397	10.20	
	Browse Products	5,654,051	3.82	
8 cores: 400 users		15,516,333		15,388
	Customer Registration	3,325,107	16.22	
	Process Orders	1109785	11.96	
	Browse Products	11081441	3.76	
16 cores: 800 users		30,749,406		30,500
	Customer Registration	6,592,208	15.20	
	Process Orders	2,194,505	13.43	
	Browse Products	21,962,693	3.75	
24 cores: 1200 users		45,478,179		45,484
	Customer Registration	9,744,609	15.14	
	Process Orders	3,248,846	14.00	
	Browse Products	32,484,724	3,70	
32 cores: 1600 users		58,858,584		58,390
	Customer Registration	12,608,857	16.22	
	Process Orders	4,208,420	14.95	
	Browse Products	42,041,307	3.88	
48 cores: 2400 users		86,832,038		86,132
	Customer Registration	18,605,378	17.04	
	Process Orders	6,206,009	13.19	
	Browse Products	62,020,651	3.82	
64 cores:3200 users		109,037,684		108,167
	Customer Registration	23,368,878	19.91	
	Process Orders	7,792,137	18.68	
	Browse Products	77,876,669	3.95	

Table 2: Swingbench OE (OLTP) Workload – RAC multitenant DB, 4 PDBs, 2-2 PDBs are available on each node

The above data illustrates the following:

- 1) 108,167 transactions per second (TPS) workload delivering an average of 19.91ms transaction response for Customer Registration, 18.68ms for Process Orders, and 3.95ms or Browse Products on a fully provisioned (128 CPU cores and 1.5TB memory) Oracle Database Appliance X11-HA system.
- 2) In a fully provisioned state, during a 3,200-user workload, it delivered a sustained transaction rate of 108,167 transactions per second (TPS).
- 3) The maximum average transaction response time did not exceed 19,91ms during any of the workload test runs.
- 4) The number of transactions scaled almost linearly with the number of CPU cores.

Database and Operating System Statistics

In this section, database and OS statistics-related observations are described based on the test executed using Swingbench.

On Oracle Database Appliance X11-HA machine, 128 CPU cores are available (64 CPU cores on each host). The system's active CPU core count is dynamically expandable from 8 to 128. As shown in Table 2, a total of seven configurations were examined during the benchmark, and the total number of active CPU cores were steadily raised between 8 and 128.

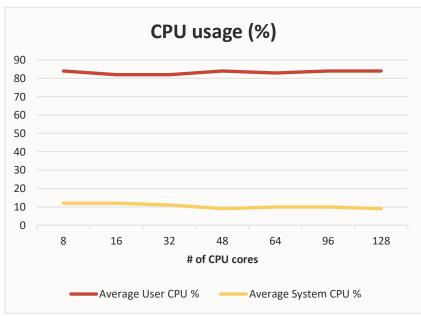
A few of the major findings about database and operating system statistics gathered during the OLTP benchmark:

- 1) Average user CPU usage on each DB host was around 84%
- 2) With the configured OLTP workload, transaction rates increased with user volumes as expected.
- 3) The volume of redo read and write operations grew along with the volume of transactions.

Average User CPU Busy %

Each test cycle's average User CPU usage across the two hosts of the Oracle Database Appliance was recorded. A narrow range, between around 93% and 96%, was recorded for the overall User CPU busy%, which fluctuated.

On the following graph Average User CPU % is the average of the data from the ODA node where only the database was running. System CPU was fluctuating between 8 and 24 percent during the tests.

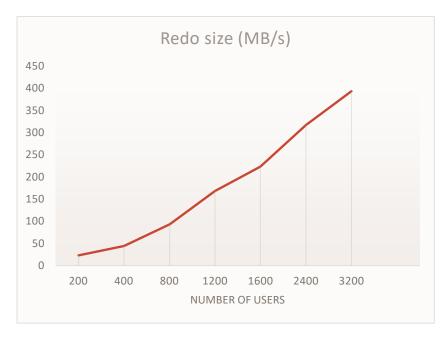


Graph 1: Average User CPU Busy

REDO Writes

REDO write rate (MB/Sec) was measured for each test cycle on each node. The graph below illustrates the total REDO volume writerate across both the nodes of the Oracle Database Appliance system. REDO write-rate increased as number of transactions per second increased in a fairly linear manner.

Note that the REDO write volume is a cumulative metric for the two database nodes.

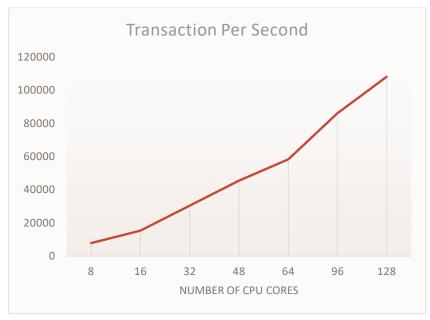


Graph 2: Average REDO Write volume (MB/s)

Transaction Rate

As transaction volume climbed from around 7,848 TPS to approximately 108,167 TPS and the number of active CPU cores increased from 8 to 128 during the test, the transaction rate (average transactions per second) scaled virtually linearly.

Keep in mind that the estimation of the transaction volume is based on data from both database nodes.



Graph 3: Average Transaction Volume (Transactions Per Second)

Benchmark 2

Data generation using oewizard. It installs a simple order entry schema (SOE) that is used to create a heavy write workload. Total run time to setup SOE schema is also a good performance indicator.

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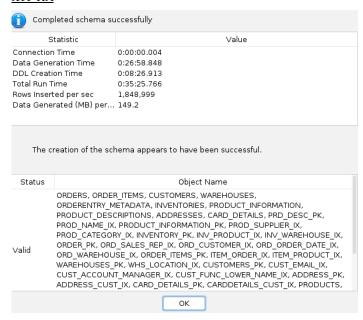


Table 3: Swingbench OE wizard screenshot, completion time – X11-HA

Important Considerations for Performing the Benchmark

High performance storage, networking, CPU, and memory components are used in the construction of Oracle Database Appliance systems. However, there are a few things to keep in mind to get the best performance out of your Oracle Database Appliance installation.

To maintain your Oracle Database Appliance environments at peak performance level, regardless you're doing a benchmark test or not, follow the general instructions in this section.

- Ensure that databases on Oracle Database Appliance are always created using the Browser User Interface (BUI) or odacli
 command-line interface as both use pre-built templates that provide pre-optimized database parameter settings for required
 DB shapes and sizes.
- 2. When performing benchmarks for comparison in two different environments ensure that an identical workload is run for apples-to-apples comparison. If you run different workloads (different SQL, different commit rates, or even if you only have different execution plans, etc.) in the legacy system and in the Oracle Database Appliance environment, then platform performance comparisonsmay be misleading, inaccurate, and hence pointless.
- 3. Keep network latency low. For example, running Swingbench client(s) on the same network (but on a separate host) asyour Oracle Database Appliance is on, might help to prevent significant latency in the transaction path.
- 4. Size the Oracle Database Appliance environment appropriately and adequately. When conducting benchmarks, the two environments being compared must be sized similarly.
- 5. Check SQL execution plan of relevant SQL statements in your legacy and Oracle Database Appliance environments. If execution plans differ, try to identify the cause, and address it. For example, the data volumes in the two environments may be different, there may be index differences, or lack of proper optimizer statistics, etc. which may contribute to differences in SQL execution plans and execution timings.
- 6. Whenever it is possible, perform comparisons and benchmarks between systems that run the same software stack (OS version, GI and RDBMS release, etc.) and have similar resource allocations. Hardware differences are naturally expected.
- 7. Do not use performance-inhibiting database parameters. If migrating databases from legacy environments to Oracle Database Appliance, make sure you do not carry over obsolete, un-optimized settings and parameters. Do not modify database parameters blindly to match the database parameters from your legacy environment. You may use "orachk" tool to verify your database configuration running on Oracle Database Appliance and in legacy environments.
- 8. Oracle Database Appliance provides features such as database block checking and verification to protect against data corruption out of the box. These features may consume some, albeit small, amount of CPU capacity, but they are generally desirable to protect integrity of your data. While these features might be temporarily disabled for testing purposes, it is strongly recommended to use these protective features to mitigate data corruption risks.

Conclusion

According to the performance benchmark used to create this technical brief, Oracle Database Appliance provides good performance for typical database workloads. An Oracle Database Appliance X11-HA system was easily able to manage a Swingbench OLTP workload of 108,167 transactions per second (TPS) with 128 CPU cores enabled. In addition to that, as workload and CPU resources were increased simultaneously, performance scaled essentially linearly.

Appendix A - Swingbench configuration files

This section described the changes that have been done in Swingbench configuration file for the benchmarks covered in the document.

The configuration file is: SB_HOME/configs/SOE_Server_Side_V2.xml Changes are highlighted in red.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
«SwingBenchConfiguration xmlns="http://www.dominicgiles.com/swingbench/config">
  <Name>"Order Entry (PLSQL) V2"</Name>
  <Comment>Version 2 of the SOE Benchmark running in the database using PL/SQL</Comment>
  <Connection>
    <UserName>soe</UserName>
    <Password>soe</Password>
    <ConnectString>//myoda-scan/oltpdb.domain.com/mycdb1</ConnectString>
    <DriverType>Oracle jdbc Driver/DriverType>
    <Properties>
      <Property Key="StatementCaching">60<s/Property>
      <Property Key="FetchSize">20</Property>
    </Properties>
  </Connection>
  <Load>
    <NumberOfUsers>16</NumberOfUsers>
    <MinDelay>0</MinDelay>
    <MaxDelay>0</MaxDelay>
    <InterMinDelay>0</InterMinDelay>
    <InterMaxDelay>30</InterMaxDelay>
    <QueryTimeout>120</QueryTimeout>
    <MaxTransactions>-1</MaxTransactions>
    <RunTime>0:50</RunTime>
    <LogonGroupCount>1</LogonGroupCount>
    <LogonDelay>20</LogonDelay>
    <\!LogOutPostTransaction\!>\!false<\!/LogOutPostTransaction\!>
    <WaitTillAllLogon>true</WaitTillAllLogon>
    <StatsCollectionStart>0:15</StatsCollectionStart>
    <StatsCollectionEnd>0:45</StatsCollectionEnd>
    <ConnectionRefresh>0</ConnectionRefresh>
Rest of the file remains untouched.
Use the following connect strings:
on node1
```

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/root/SW1/swingbench/configs/SOE_Server_Side_V2.xml

Rest of the file remains untouched.

Note that you may need to update the sample password, SCAN name in the script below.

```
#!/usr/bin/perl
use strict;
use warnings;
use Getopt::Long;
use Data::Dumper;
use POSIX;
use POSIX qw/ceil/;
use POSIX qw/strftime/;
use threads ('yield', 'stack_size' => 64*4096, 'exit' => 'threads_only', 'stringify');
use DBI qw(:sql_types);
use vars qw/ %opt/;
use XML::Simple;
use Data::Dumper;
### Please modify the below variables as needed #######
my $host="myoda-scan.domain.com";
my $cdb_service="mycdb.domain.com";
my $port=1521;
my $dbauser="system";
my $dbapwd="welcome1";
my $config_file_1="SOE_Server_Side_V2.xml";
### Please modify the above variables as needed #######
my $rundate=strftime("%Y%m%d%H%M", localtime);
my $datevar=strftime("%Y_%m_%d", localtime);
my $timevar=strftime("%H_%M_%S", localtime);
my @app_modules = ("Customer Registration", "Process Orders", "Browse Products", "Order
Products");
my $cdb_snap_id;
my $pdb_snap_id;
my $dbid;
my $cdb_b_snap;
my $cdb e snap;
my %opts;
my $tot_uc;
my $cb_sess;
my $counter;
my $uc=100;
my $max_cb_users=200;
my $min_cb_instances=10;
my $output_dir;
my $awr_interval_in_secs=1800;
my $sb_home;
use Cwd();
my pwd = Cwd::cwd();
my $sb_output_dir=$pwd."/sb_out/".$datevar."/".$timevar;
print "SB_OUTPUT_DIR: $sb_output_dir"."\n";
my $awr_dir=$sb_output_dir;
sub usage { "Usage: $0 [-u <No_of_Users>]\n" }
sub chk_n_set_env
if ($ENV{SB_HOME})
$sb_home=$ENV{SB_HOME};
else
print "The environment variable SB_HOME is not defined. \n";
print "Re-run the program after setting SB_HOME to the swingbenchhome directry. \n";
exit 1;
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```

```
sub set_cb_parameters
if ( ceil($tot_uc/$max_cb_users) <= $min_cb_instances ) {</pre>
$cb_sess = $min_cb_instances;
# $uc = int($tot_uc/10);
$uc = ($tot_uc - ($tot_uc %$min_cb_instances))/$min_cb_instances;
if (ceil($tot_uc/$max_cb_users) > $min_cb_instances) {
$cb_sess = ceil($tot_uc/$max_cb_users);
$uc = $max_cb_users;
my $rc=$tot_uc;
print "User count $uc \n";
print "Total SB Sessions $cb_sess\n";
sub process
my ($l_counter) = @_;
print "User count".$l_counter."\n";
print "Out dir".$sb_output_dir."\n";
print "Run Date ".$rundate."\n":
print ("$sb_home/bin/charbench -uc $uc -c $sb_home/configs/$config_file_1 -r $sb_output_dir/results_"."$uc"."_users_"."$rundate"."$l_counter"."_RAC_".".xml -s");
system ("$sb_home/bin/charbench -uc $uc -c $sb_home/configs/$config_file_1 -r
$sb_output_dir/results_"."$uc"."_users_"."$rundate"."$l_counter"."_RAC_".".xml -s");
sub create_out_dir {
if ( -d "$_[0]" ) {
print "Direcory "."$_[0]"." Exists\n";
system("mkdir -p $_[0]");
sub generate_awr_snap
print "Generating Snapshot at DB level...\n";
my $dbh = DBI->connect("dbi:Oracle://$host:$port/$cdb_service", "$dbauser", "$dbapwd") || die "Database connection not made";
dbh > {RowCacheSize} = 100;
my $sql = qq{ begin dbms_workload_repository.create_snapshot; end; };
my $sth = $dbh->prepare( $sql );
$sth->execute();
$sql = qq{ select max(snap_id) from dba_hist_snapshot };
sth = dbh-prepare(sql);
$sth->execute();
$sth->bind_columns( undef,\$cdb_snap_id );
$sth->fetch();
$sth->finish();
$dbh->disconnect();
sub process_xml_output {
my $txn_cnt;
my $avg_rt;
my @files;
my $cr_tc=0;
my $cr_to_rt=0;
my $po_tc=0;
my $po_to_rt=0;
my $bp_tc=0;
my $bp_to_rt=0;
my $op_tc=0;
my $op_to_rt=0;
my $num_users=0;
my $avg_tps=0;
my $app_module;
my $file;
my $xml;
my $outfile = 'result.txt';
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```

```
@files = <\sb_output_dir/\*\srundate*>;foreach \file (@files) \{
$xml = new XML::Simple;
my $ResultList = $xml->XMLin($file);
#print "Processing output file $file\n";
#printf "%-22s %10s %8s\n","Application Module","Txn Count","Avg ResTime";
#print "-----\n";
$num_users = $num_users + $ResultList->{Configuration}->{NumberOfUsers};
$avg_tps = $avg_tps + $ResultList->{Overview}->{AverageTransactionsPerSecond};
foreach $app_module (@app_modules) {
$txn_cnt=$ResultList->{TransactionResults}->{Result}->{"$app_module"}->{TransactionCount};
$avg_rt=$ResultList->{TransactionResults}->{Result}->{"$app_module"}->{AverageResponse};
#printf "%-22s %10s %8s\n",$app_module,$txn_cnt,$avg_rt;
if ($app_module eq "Customer Registration") {
$cr_to_rt = $cr_to_rt+($avg_rt*$txn_cnt);
elsif ($app_module eq "Process Orders") {
po_t = po_t + txn_c 
po_{rt} = po_{to_{rt}} + (avg_{rt} * txn_{cnt});
elsif ($app_module eq "Browse Products") {
bp_tc = bp_tc + xn_cnt;
$bp_to_rt = $bp_to_rt+($avg_rt*$txn_cnt);
elsif ($app_module eq "Order Products") {
p_tc = p_tc + txn_cnt;
$op_to_rt = $op_to_rt+($avg_rt*$txn_cnt);
#printf "\n";
open(my $OUTFILE, ">>$sb_output_dir/$outfile") || die "problem opening $file\n";
print $OUTFILE "Total Number of Application Users: ".$num_users."\n"; print $OUTFILE "Average Transactions Per Second: ".$avg_tps."\n"; print $OUTFILE "-----\n";
printf $OUTFILE "%-22s %16s %8s\n","Application Module","Txn Count","Avg Res Time";
print $OUTFILE "-----
foreach $app_module (@app_modules)
if ($app_module eq "Customer Registration") {
printf $OUTFILE "%-22s %16s %0.2f\n",$app_module,$cr_tc,($cr_to_rt/$cr_tc);
elsif ($app_module eq "Process Orders") {
printf $OUTFILE "%-22s %16s %0.2f\n",$app_module,$po_tc,($po_to_rt/$po_tc);
elsif ($app_module eq "Browse Products") {
printf $OUTFILE "%-22s %16s %0.2f\n",$app_module,$bp_tc,($bp_to_rt/$bp_tc);
elsif ($app_module eq "Order Products") {
printf $OUTFILE "%-22s %16s %0.2f\n",$app_module,$op_tc,($op_to_rt/$op_tc);
close($OUTFILE);
GetOptions(\mbox{\word} opts, 'users|u=i' => \mbox{\word} tot_uc, 'runid|r=i' => \mbox{\word} or die usage;
print "Total # of users is $tot_uc \n";
print "Run ID is $rundate \n";
create_out_dir($sb_output_dir);
$awr_dir=$sb_output_dir;
chk_n_set_env;
set_cb_parameters;
my $rc;
my $sleep_time;
$sleep_time=300/$cb_sess;
print "Sleeping for 30 seconds"."\n";
sleep 30;
for($counter = 1; $counter <= $cb_sess; $counter++){
$rc = $tot_uc - ($counter*$uc);
if ( rc < 0 ) 
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```

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```
uc = (rc+uc);
my $thr = threads->create('process',$counter);
print "Charbench "."$counter Starting with usercount $uc for $config_file_1 on inst1"."\n";
$thr->detach();
print "Sleeping for $sleep_time seconds"."\n";
sleep $sleep_time;
print "Sleeping for 600 seconds"."\n";
sleep 600;
generate_awr_snap;
$cdb_b_snap=$cdb_snap_id;
print "Start Snap $cdb_b_snap"."\n";
print "Sleeping for $awr_interval_in_secs seconds"."\n";
sleep $awr_interval_in_secs;
generate_awr_snap;
$cdb_e_snap=$cdb_snap_id;
print "End Snap $cdb_e_snap"."\n";
my $running;
while (1) {
# Checking if any charbench session is running
$running = `ps -ef |grep $rundate| grep -v grep |wc -l`;
if (\$running == 0)
process_xml_output;
print " Exiting Loop.. \n";
last;
sleep 10;
#print "DB Id $dbid"."\n";
print "Generating AWR Reports....\n";
system ("$pwd/generate_awr.sh", $cdb_b_snap, $cdb_e_snap, $rundate, $awr_dir);
print " Result ... \n";
system ("cat $sb_output_dir/result.txt");
system ("lscpu|grep On-line");
print " Exiting .. \n";
exit 0;
```

Appendix C - generate_awr.sh

Note that you may need to update the sample password, dbid of the CDB, SCAN name used in the script below.

```
#!/bin/bash
unset http_proxy
unset https_proxy
export host=myoda-scan.domain.com
1_dbid=2704614255
inst1="mycdb1'
inst2="mycdb2"
export svc="mycdb.domain.com"
export ORACLE_HOME=/u01/app/19.25.0.0/grid
export port=1521
l_start_snapid=$1
#l_end_snapid=`expr $1 + 1`
l_end_snapid=$2;
1_runid=$3;
AWR_DIR=$4;
l_start_snapid=$(sed -e 's/^[[:space:]]*//' <<< "$l_start_snapid");
l_end_snapid=$(sed -e 's/^[[:space:]]*//' <<<"$l_end_snapid");
l_runid=$(sed -e 's/^[[:space:]]*//' <<<"$l_runid");
#l_awr_log_file="${AWR_DIR}/awrrpt_1_${1_start_snapid}_${1_end_snapid}_${1_runid}.log" l_awr_log_file="${AWR_DIR}/awrrpt_1_${1_start_snapid}_${1_end_snapid}_${1_runid}.log"
echo $l_awr_log_file;
cd ${AWR_DIR}}
echo "system/WElcome_12##@$host:$port/$svc1"
$ORAČLE_HOME/bin/sqlplus -s system/welcome1@$host:$port/$svc/$inst1 << EOC
set head off
set pages 0
set lines 132
set echo off
set feedback off
spool "awrrpt_1_${l_start_snapid}_${l_end_snapid}_${l_runid}.log"
SELECT
output
FROM
TABLE
(dbms_workload_repository.awr_report_text($l_dbid,1,$l_start_snapid,$l_end_snapid));
spool off
exit;
EOC
$ORACLE_HOME/bin/sqlplus -s system/welcome1@$host:$port/$svc/$inst2 << EOC
set head off
set pages 0
set lines 132
set echo off
set feedback off
spool "awrrpt_2_${l_start_snapid}_${l_end_snapid}_${l_runid}.log"
SELECT
output
FROM
TABLE
(dbms_workload_repository.awr_report_text($l_dbid,2,$l_start_snapid,$l_end_snapid));
spool off
exit;
EOC
```

Appendix D - Duplicate oltpdb Pluggable Database

Use dbca to create 3 additional PDBs using oltpdb PDB as a source. Following steps must be repeated 3 times. Use PDB names: oltp2db, oltp3db, oltp4db

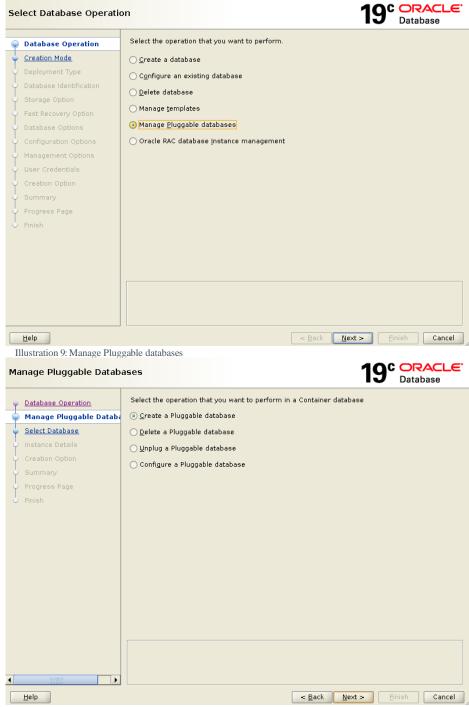


Illustration 10: Create a Pluggable database

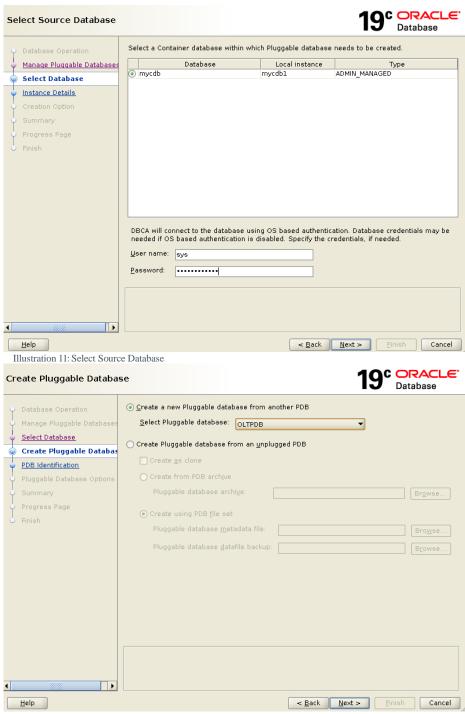


Illustration 12: Create a new Pluggable database from another PDB



Illustration 14: Pluggable Database Options screen



Illustration 16: Finish screen

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