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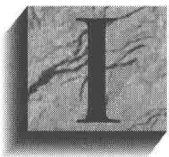
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The computer-based exam is a multiple-choice test, consisting of 56 questions that must be completed in 90 to 120 minutes.

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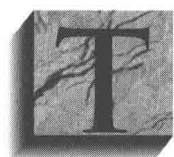
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Introduction



This book is a valuable resource for IT Management and Technical Staff; it gives them a good insight into the many enhancements in Oracle9i to address the challenges introduced by the Internet. The database has to service millions of users from around the world without compromising security even though many of the users are anonymous, without degrading performance levels, and while letting each user have a personal experience in the time and language of their locale. You have to improve availability, because downtime can have significant economic and legal impacts. Since user loads are prone to increase (a good problem for a retailer) scalability is of paramount importance. The database also needs various facilities including replicated cluster configuration to ensure that the database is available and recoverable in a contingency. Part 1 of this book discusses a vast number of Oracle9i enhancements in the areas of: security, availability, manageability, performance, scalability, language, and globalization.

This book also meets the objectives set forth for the Oracle9i New Features for Administrators 1Z0-030 exam, to upgrade your OCP certification from Oracle8i to Oracle9i. As such, this book is an excellent tool to prepare for the exam. Besides the technical discussions, Part 1 has many aids to help you prepare for the exam. At the end of topics you will find a For Review section and a number of questions to confirm and retain your learning. At the end of chapters, you will find a good summary that will help you review the chapter, and a number of questions. Part 2 consists of 3 practice exams with a total of 180 questions. You can purchase

additional practice tests from Oracle Corporation (see following instructions). When you take the exam, you will have to answer correctly at least 38 questions out of a total of 56 in order to successfully complete the exam. The required number of correct questions can vary based on the difficulty of the questions administered in the particular exam you take.

You can get the candidate guide, the test content checklist (objectives), and the exam details for the Oracle9i DBA certification paths from Oracle's OCP web site (see following instructions). The candidate guide presents the benefits of certification; describes the overall tracks and exams for each track; tells you how you can prepare, register, and take the exam; makes suggestions about steps to take after the certification, and discusses special testing opportunities where you can take the test at discounted prices.

Various job and salary statistics consistently show that OCP certification gives you an edge over the competition both in getting the job and in compensation levels. Oracle9i was just released in mid-2001; the database market is just beginning to understand the power of Oracle9i and is on the lookout for Oracle9i OCPs. This certification will give both the confidence and the recognition that tilts the job interview in your favor. The certification tells the potential employer that you have attained a competency and skills level that would be needed to accomplish the day-to-day task requirements. Certification also helps companies gain a competitive edge in the marketplace when they have a team of competent, certified professionals.

This book is a great resource for preparing for the upgrade exam and it is an excellent reference for the new features of Oracle9i.

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