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OS Installation and Configuration of SLAPD - Part 1

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For a recent project a client wanted to migrate their Oracle Application Server (OAS) environment to WebLogic (WLS). As a part of the application, they were using Oracle Internet Directory (OID) and Oracle Single Sign-On (SSO) to provide authentication for the application. The application was home grown and not an Oracle product. In addition, support for the version of SSO that they were running was near its end and the client was not interested in installing the replacement for SSO, Oracle Access Manager. They felt that this was too big a footprint for the simple authentication needed. As a result, they decided to migrate authentication from OID/SSO to OpenLDAP. The following post talks about how the task was accomplished and what I wish I knew before I got started. **Read More**

Improve Performance as Part of SQL Server Install

by Dave Pettengill, Senior Consultant

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By Tom Roehr, Senior Consultant

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What tools can you use to help calculate demand? A few of the tools we would like to discuss in this three part blog series are Oracle Calibrate I/O, **NMON**, vSphere I/O graphs and AWR. Specifically, we will be looking at Input/Output operations per second (IOPS), which is almost a universal metric, meaning that most of the infrastructure components offer it as a metric to monitor your databases. **Read More**

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