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## Benchmarking Transaction Databases

By Tom Roehr, Senior Consultant

How much work can your database server do?

That's a question that's difficult to answer. After all, unless you've run performance tests against a known standard with the database server, any answer you can give is just an educated guess.

An analogy - ask a car performance enthusiast how much horsepower his car's engine produces. Knowledgeable enthusiasts use a device called a dynamometer to measure the horsepower output of their modified engines. The dynamometer is a tool that quantifies how much horsepower was gained or lost after making changes to the engine.

The equivalent to dynamometer for an OLTP database server is the TPC-C Benchmark. [Read More](#)

## Oracle Virtualization & Licensing Bootcamp

**Dave Welch, CTO / April 12th, 9:00 am - 1:30 pm / IOUG Collaborate 2015**

This is an intense and fast moving half-day session where we will offer guidance regarding the best way to execute your Oracle virtualization and licensing optimization efforts. Topics will include:

- Virtualization trends
- Critical Oracle virtualization techniques
- Workload selection
- Establishing performance baselines
- Project management
- Network configuration
- Business continuity for maintenance and backup

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## Why Oracle RAC on VMware?

by Dave Welch, CTO & Chief Evangelist

If there were ever a system stack begging for comprehensive break/fix and performance/throughput testing, it's Oracle Real Application Clusters, or RAC. In my non-statistical observation, we can only justify RAC to continue to be maintained in about a third of our customers' Tier-1 workloads for which RAC was the only viable High Availability (HA) solution a decade ago.

Let's take a minute to discuss risk management for the remaining third of the stacks that really do need RAC. [Read More](#)

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