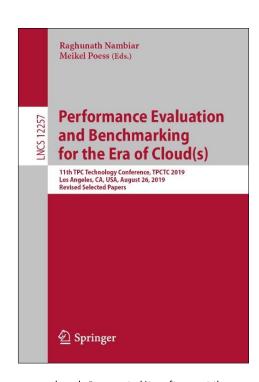


# peakmarks® Workloads

For Oracle 19c, Oracle 21c and Oracle 23ai June 2025



peakmarks® presented its software at the 11<sup>th</sup> Technology Conference of the Transaction Processing Performance Council (TPC) 2019 in Los Angeles.

## Copyright Information



peakmarks® Software and its documentation are protected under intellectual property laws. Reengineering, disassembling, or decompiling of the software is strictly prohibited. The license agreement states that explicit permission is mandatory for any use, display, modification, distribution, transmission, licensing, transfer, publication, or demonstration of the peakmarks® Software and its documentation.

peakmarks® is a registered trademark. Other names may be trademarks of their respective owners.

# Abbreviations and Metrics



Nodes	number of cluster nodes	[s]	seconds
Jobs	number of workload processes	[ms]	milliseconds
		[µs]	microseconds
[GBps]	gigabyte per second		
[MBps]	megabyte per second	BuCache	Database Buffer Cache
[kBps]	kilobyte per second	FICache	Database or Exadata Flash Cache
[kBpt]	kilobyte per transaction		
		[qps]	queries per second
[IOPS]	I/O operations per second	[rps]	rows per second
		[tps]	transactions per second
[dbps]	database blocks per second	[sps]	SQL executions per second
[rbps]	redo blocks per second	[Mops]	million operations per second

## Agenda



- 1 Introduction to peakmarks® Software
- 2 Server Systems Performance
- 3 Storage Systems Performance
- 4 Log Writer Processes Performance
- 5 Database Writer Processes Performance
- 6 Data Load Performance
- 7 Data Analytics Performance
- 8 Online Transaction Processing Performance
- 9 PL/SQL Application Program Performance



Performance is not everything.
But without performance, everything is worth nothing.



Introduction to peakmarks® Software



### Questions raised by customers



Source: Magic Quadrant for Cloud Database Management Systems;

Gartner (October 2024)

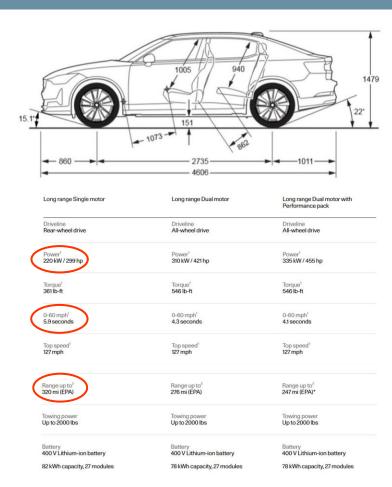
- Which cloud service/on-premises solution offers the best price/performance ratio?
- Which cloud service/on-premises solution requires the fewest Oracle licenses when using the BYOL model?
- What metrics should be used for capacity planning when migrating from the current legacy platform to a new cloud infrastructure?
- Cloud service providers can change their infrastructure and settings without warning. How can customers periodically check, such as monthly or quarterly, to ensure they are receiving consistent performance?
- How can customers evaluate the platform's stability during peak periods?

### Simple and understandable Performance Metrics

No clear and transparent performance metrics are currently available for Oracle database platforms, whether hosted on cloud services or installed onpremises.

However, Peakmarks has taken inspiration from the automotive industry, which uses easily understandable and comparable performance indicators.

Access to reliable performance metrics is crucial for a better understanding of Oracle database infrastructure performance. These metrics allow for cross-vendor comparability and support the evaluation, quality assurance, and capacity planning of Oracle database infrastructures, resulting in higher cost efficiency.



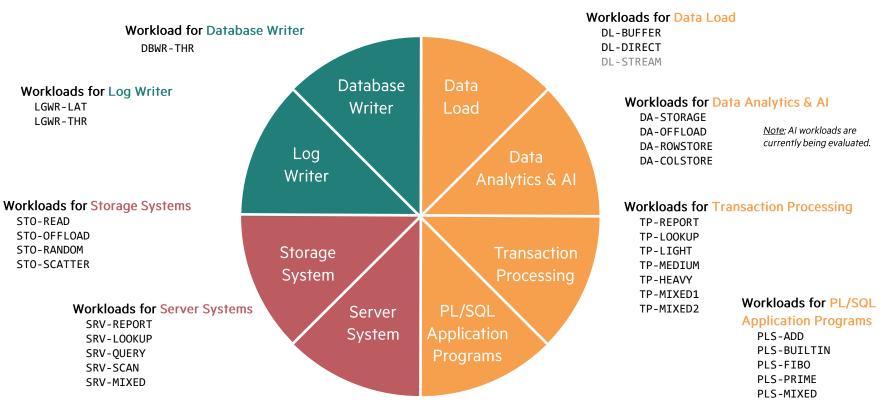


## Simple and understandable Performance Metrics

Scope	Key Performance Metric	Measurement Unit	Workloads
Server Performance	<ul><li>Query throughput</li><li>Query response time</li><li>Buffer cache scan rate</li></ul>	[qps] [ms] [MBps]	Look-up queries, complex queries, reports, scans, mixed queries on data in the buffer cache (no I/O operations).
Storage Performance	<ul> <li>SQL sequential read throughput</li> <li>SQL random I/O throughput</li> <li>SQL random I/O service time</li> </ul>	[MBps] [IOPS] [µs]	Conventional storage and intelligent storage with offload technology.
LGWR Performance	<ul><li>Log writer throughput</li><li>Log writer latency</li></ul>	[tps], [MBps] [ms]	Transactions generating varying REDO sizes.
DBWR Performance	Database writer throughput	[dbps]	Massive block changes in the database buffer cache.
Data Load Performance	Data load rate	[MBps], [rps]	Buffered data load (transactional systems), direct data load (data warehouse and analytic systems), and streamed data load (IOT applications).
Data Analytics Performance	Data scan rate	[MBps], [rps]	Conventional storage, intelligent storage with offload technology, row store, column store.
Online Transaction Processing Performance	<ul><li>Transaction throughput</li><li>Transaction response time</li></ul>	[tps] [ms]	OLTP operations of different complexity; read-intensive operation mix with reporting and data load; write-intensive operation mix with heavy updates and data load.
PL/SQL application program Performance	<ul><li>PL/SQL operation throughput</li><li>PL/SQL algorithm processing time</li></ul>	[Mops] [s]	Arithmetic operations on different numeric data types, mixed built-in operations on different data types, recursive Fibonacci number algorithm, prime number algorithm.
Copyright © 2025 peakmarks.com			7

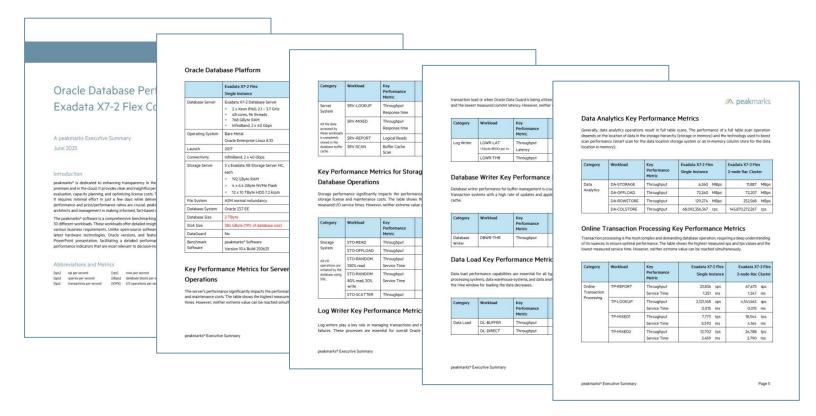


### Over 30 workloads across 8 core database disciplines





### peakmarks® Executive Summary - Simple and understandable Performance Metrics – within 48 hours





peakmarks® full disclosure Report (~ 80 slides) for System Architects and Capacity Planner

peakmarks ® Software provides detailed KPM reports tailored to specific workloads. It is the only benchmark software that accurately reflects system behavior under various load conditions.

Run	Test	Workload	Wri [%]	Nodes	Jobs	DOP	CPU busy [%]		CPU sys [%]	CPU idle [%]	CPU iow [%]	Phys reads total [IOPS]	IO time read [ms]	Phys reads total [MBps]	Phys reads FlCache [MBps]		BuCache read [%]	
12	66	STO-RANDOM STO-RANDOM	0	2	2 48	1	1 11	0 8	0 2	89	0 0	82,471 1,849,315	0.097 0.024	,	•		15.40 8.26	
	68	STO-RANDOM STO-RANDOM STO-RANDOM	0 0 0	2	96 144 192	1 1 1	15 17 24	11 12 24	3 3 0	83 76	0 0 0	2,512,334 2,834,981 5,198,402	0.032 0.040 0.083	22,296	22,296	100.00	9.07 9.54 8.91	302 301 302
	70	STO-RANDOM	0	2	240	1	30	30	0	70	0	5,169,123	0.098	40,642	40,471	99.58	9.30	302

With its unique adaptive load algorithms, peakmarks® Software ensures that the utilization is always in sync with the platform's performance capabilities. The KPM reports are instantly available, providing real-time insights.



Simple. Representative. Fast.



Workloads to determine the Server Performance in Oracle Database Operations





#### Motivation

The server's performance significantly impacts the performance of all database operations, as well as the license and maintenance costs.

The goals of System Architects and Capacity Planners are to

- Validate the performance capabilities (speed, throughput, scalability) of server components in database operations, including processors, main memory, and internal memory channels.
- Determine the impact of server virtualization, multithreading, NUMA effects, and encryption on server performance.
- Optimize database license and maintenance costs for the server system, focusing on percore performance.

#### Notes

- SPEC numbers are not necessarily indicative of Oracle's performance on a specific processor.
- Cloud service providers may use undocumented processors, resulting in a lack of SPEC numbers for these processors.
- Some manufacturers, such as IBM, offer limited or no SPEC information for their processors.
- Customers need to know the per-thread performance, which significantly impacts application process performance.
- Customers need to know the per-core performance, which significantly impacts Oracle license costs. In some cases, Oracle licensing costs exceed the costs of infrastructure.



## Key Performance Metrics

- SQL query throughput on cached data in queries per second [qps]
- SQL query response time on cached data in milliseconds [ms]
- Logical reads on cached data in database blocks per second [dbps]
- SQL buffer cache scan rate on cached data in megabytes per second [MBps]

### peakmarks® KPM Reports

- kpm\_query.sql
- kpm\_scan.sql



## Description

Workload	Measurement Unit	Action
SRV-LOOKUP	[qps] [ms]	Latency-oriented lookup query – select one row via index, e.g., select customer, account, product, order, invoice. This workload demonstrates maximum query throughput and minimal response time for simple queries.
SRV-QUERY	[qps] [ms]	Data volume-oriented look-up query – select approximately 25 rows via index, such as retrieving last month's bank account transactions or the item list of an order.  This workload demonstrates maximum query throughput and minimal response time for more complex queries.
SRV-REPORT	[dbps]	Online Report – select Ø 125 rows via index, e.g., select last month's cell phone call records.  This workload shows maximum logical read throughput.
SRV-SCAN	[MBps]	Search on non-indexed data (full table scan). This workload shows a maximum database buffer cache scan rate.

#### <u>Notes</u>

- All accessed tables are stored in the database buffer cache and operated under optimal conditions.
- There are almost no I/O operations, and all SRV workloads are CPU-bound.
- These queries occur in all applications in all industries and demonstrate performance in real-world operations.



### Description

Workload	Measurement Unit	Action
SRV-MIXED	[qps]	The workload involves mixed queries and full table scans on cached data.
	[ms]	It includes the following functionalities: SRV-LOOKUP (78%), SRV-QUERY (19%), SRV-REPORT (2%), and SRV-SCAN (1%).
		It is important to note that SPEC numbers may not always be available or may not accurately reflect Oracle database operations. To evaluate the performance of the server system during Oracle database operations, we use the peakmarks workload SRV-MIXED to compare various CPU architectures, including ARM, Intel Xeon, AMD EPYC, IBM POWER, and IBM Z.

#### <u>Notes</u>

- All accessed tables are stored in the database buffer cache and operated under optimal conditions.
- There are almost no I/O operations, and all SRV workloads are CPU-bound.
- These queries occur in all applications in all industries and demonstrate performance in real-world operations.



Swiss precision in performance measurement.



Workloads to determine the Storage Performance in Oracle Database Operations



## Storage System Workloads



#### Motivation

Storage performance has a significant impact on the efficiency of all database operations and can also affect related costs such as storage licensing and maintenance.

The objectives of System Architects and Capacity Planners are to:

- Validate the performance capabilities of the storage system in relation to database operations.
- Assess how various storage technologies, such as deduplication, compression, encryption, replication, offloading, and tiering, impact database performance and storage space utilization.
- Optimize costs associated with storage system licenses and maintenance.

#### Notes

- Some cloud service providers do not publish their storage components and configurations.
- Components and configurations of cloud services are subject to change without notice.

## Storage System Workloads



## Key Performance Metrics

- SQL sequential read throughput in megabytes per second [MBps]
- SQL random read throughput in I/O operations per second [IOPS]
- SQL I/O read service time in milliseconds [ms]
- SQL random write throughput in database blocks per second [dbps]

### peakmarks® KPM Reports

- kpm\_ioread.sql
- kpm\_iowrite.sql

# Storage System Workloads



### Description

Workload	Measurement Unit	Action
STO-READ	[MBps]	SQL statements performing a sequential table scan using conventional storage devices.  This workload delivers maximum sequential throughput using conventional storage.
STO-OFFLOAD	[MBps]	SQL statements performing a sequential table scan using smart-scan offload technology.  This workload delivers maximum sequential throughput using smart-scan technology on Oracle Engineered Systems.
STO-RANDOM	[IOPS] [ms]	SQL statements read and update blocks via index access for different read/write ratios. The workload parameter specifies the write ratio as a percentage. The following values are supported {0, 1, 2, 3,, 99, 100}.  This workload delivers maximum random I/O operations per database server and/or storage system.
STO-SCATTER	[dbps]	SQL statement performing scattered block writes, bypassing the buffer cache.  The workload STO-SCATTER writes the blocks by foreground processes; in contrast, the DBWR-THR workload writes the blocks by background processes.

#### Notes

- In general, all STO workloads are I/O-bound. However, the STO-RANDOM workload also requires corresponding CPU power.
- These kinds of storage workloads are generic to all applications in all industries.



Swiss precision in performance measurement.



Workloads to determine the Log Writer Performance



## Log Writer Workloads



#### Motivation

Log Writer processes are responsible for managing transactions and ensuring database consistency in the event of failures.

These processes are vital for overall Oracle performance, especially during periods of high transaction loads.

The objectives of System Architects and Capacity Planners include:

- Optimizing the throughput and latency of REDO log writers.
- Assessing the impact of Oracle Data Guard on local transaction performance.
- Evaluating how various factors affect log writer performance, such as data deduplication, data compression, and the use of ASM redundancy levels.

# Log Writer Workloads



## Key Performance Metrics

- SQL commit throughput in transactions per second [tps]
- SQL commit latency in milliseconds [ms]
- Log writer throughput in megabyte per second [MBps]

## peakmarks® KPM Reports

kpm\_lgwr.sql

# Log Writer Workloads



### Description

Workload	Measurement Unit	Action
LGWR-LAT	[tps] [ms]	Log-Writer latency; workload uses COMMIT WRITE WAIT IMMEDIATE.  This workload shows the commit rate and the commit latency; the REDO size per transaction is configurable between 1 and 256 Kbyte.
LGWR-THR	[MBps]	Log-Writer throughput; workload uses COMMIT WRITE NOWAIT BATCH.  This workload shows the maximum amount of redo data written by log writer processes.

#### Notes:

- Log writer operations are universal across all applications and industries.
- The volume of REDO data per transaction can vary based on database size and the use of RAC technology.



Swiss precision in performance measurement.



Workloads to determine the Database Writer Performance



### Database Writer Workloads



#### Motivation

The performance of database writers in managing the buffer cache is essential for the overall efficiency of a database, particularly in transaction systems that experience a high volume of updates and in applications that mainly load data through the buffer cache.

System Architects and Capacity Planners aim to:

- Optimize the number of database writer processes.
- Assess how various factors, such as the ASM redundancy level and data reduction technologies, affect database writer performance.

## Database Writer Workloads



## Key Performance Metrics

Database writer throughput in database blocks per second [dbps]

## peakmarks® KPM Reports

kpm\_dbwr.sql

# Database Writer Workloads



## Description

Workload	Measurement Unit	Action
DBWR-THR	[dbps] [MBps]	This workload focuses on significant block changes within the buffer cache under a workload that uses the COMMIT WRITE NOWAIT BATCH method. In this workload, we measure the maximum number of modified blocks that the database writer processes can write back to the storage system.
		The number of database writer processes is determined by a configurable parameter within the Oracle instance.
		The DBWR-THR workload involves writing blocks by background processes, whereas the STO-SCATTER workload involves writing blocks by foreground processes.



Swiss precision in performance measurement.



Workloads to determine the Data Load Performance



### Data Load Workloads



#### Motivation

Data load performance capabilities are essential for all kinds of database applications:

- Transaction processing systems.
- Data warehouse systems.
- Data analytics systems.

As the volume of data continues to rise, the timeframe for loading this data is becoming shorter.

The goals of System Architects and Capacity Planners are to

- Optimize data load throughput.
- Validate the impact of several factors on data load performance.

### Data Load Workloads



## Key Performance Metrics

- SQL data load rate in rows per second [rps] for transactional data load
- SQL data load rate in megabytes per second [MBps] for bulk load

### peakmarks® KPM Reports

kpm\_dl.sql

## Data Load Workloads



#### Description

Workload	Measurement Unit	Action
DL-BUFFER	[MBps] [rps]	Insert of program-generated data via default buffer cache into Oracle tables, includes maintenance of 1 index, uses COMMIT WRITE WAIT IMMEDIATE. The workload parameter specifies the number of rows per INSERT; the following values are supported {1, 2, 3, 4, 5,, 99, 100}.  This data load workload is mainly used in Transaction Processing systems.
DL-DIRECT	[MBps] [TBph]	Insert data by copying from other tables using CTAS technology with NOLOGGING, bypassing the buffer cache, including maintenance of 1 index, uses COMMIT WRITE NOWAIT BATCH.  This data load workload is mainly used in Data Warehouse systems.
DL-STREAM (planned for future release)	[MBps] [rps]	Insert of program-generated data via memory-optimized pool into Oracle tables, includes maintenance of 1 index, does not need COMMIT operations. The workload parameter specifies the number of rows per INSERT; the following values are supported {1, 2, 3, 4, 5,, 99, 100}.  This data load workload is mainly used in Internet-of-Things systems.

#### **Notes**

- These types of data loading workloads are common across all applications and industries.
- The data load throughput depends mainly on the method (buffered, direct, streamed) and the transaction size (number of rows between commits).



Swiss precision in performance measurement.



Workloads to determine the Data Analytics Performance



## Data Analytics Workloads



#### Motivation

In general, data analytics operations often require full table scans. The performance of a full table scan depends on the data's location within the storage hierarchy (such as in storage or memory) and the technology used to enhance scan performance, like smart scans for data stored on the storage system or in-memory column stores for data held in memory.

The primary goals of System Architects and Capacity Planners are to:

- Optimize data scan throughput.
- Manage Oracle license and maintenance costs, as some technologies require separate licenses.
- Evaluate the impact of various factors on data analytics performance, including:
  - » Smart scan offload technology
  - » In-memory column store technology

# Data Analytics Workloads



#### Key Performance Metrics

- SQL data scan rate in rows per second [rps] for in-memory column store
- SQL data scan rate in megabytes per second [MBps] for all other data locations

### peakmarks® KPM Reports

kpm\_da.sql

# Data Analytics Workloads



### Description

Workload	Measurement Unit	Action
DA-STORAGE	[MBps] [rps]	A straightforward aggregation is performed after a complete table scan and grouping, reading data from conventional storage.
DA-OFFLOAD	[MBps] [rps]	A straightforward aggregation following a complete table scan and grouping, utilizing smart-scan offload technology.
DA-ROWSTORE	[MBps] [rps]	A simple aggregate operation after performing a full table scan and grouping the data, reading the data from the row store.
DA-COLSTORE	[MBps] [rps]	Simple aggregate after full table scan and grouping, using column-store.  Starting in Oracle 19.8, the base level of the in-memory option supports up to 16 GByte in-memory column store without license costs.

#### <u>Note</u>

These kinds of analytic workloads are generic to all applications in all industries.



Swiss precision in performance measurement.



Workloads to determine the
Online Transaction Processing Performance





#### Motivation

For effective capacity planning, it is essential to understand the performance characteristics of a platform when handling transactions of varying complexity.

Transaction processing is considered the most complex operation in a database.

The objectives of System Architects and Capacity Planners include:

- Optimizing transaction throughput and response times.
- Identifying the limiting resource.
- Validating the impact of various factors on transaction throughput and response time, such as:
  - » The ratio between the database size and buffer cache size
  - » Transaction size
  - » I/O random read service time
  - » Log writer latency



### Key Performance Metrics

- SQL transaction throughput per second [tps]
- SQL transaction response time in milliseconds [ms]

### peakmarks® KPM Reports

kpm\_tp.sql key performance metrics like throughput, response time, and buffer cache hit rate

kpm\_tpplus.sql logical I/O and physical I/O and REDO data per SQL statement

kpm\_tpio.sql I/O service time, log writer latency, physical read and write throughput



#### Description

Workload	Measurement Unit	Action
TP-REPORT	[sps] [ms]	Online report for a transaction processing application SELECT Ø 25 rows using the index.
TP-LOOKUP	[sps] [ms]	Fast Lookup Query  This query selects a single row using an index, for example, to select an account or product. If configured, this workload utilizes tables in the memory-optimized row store (accessed via a hash key), which was introduced in Oracle 18c for faster lookups. If the memory-optimized option is not configured, it will use regular tables with a B-tree index.  Starting with Oracle 19.12, the Oracle base level now supports memory-optimized tables across all platforms.

#### Notes:

- These transaction processing workloads are generic to all applications in all industries.
- The technology used for workload TP-LOOKUP (memory-optimized tables) is generally available in Oracle Enterprise Edition starting with 19.12.
- For Oracle versions older than 19.12, the following configuration parameter can be used to enable this functionality on all platforms: SQL> alter system set "\_exadata\_feature\_on" = true scope = spfile;



### Description

Workload	Measurement Unit	Action
TP-LIGHT	[tps] [ms]	Transaction Type: Light  Selecting or updating a single row using an index. For example, select or update an account, product, or order with varying ratios of SELECT to UPDATE operations using SELECT FOR UPDATE locking.  The workload parameter determines the update ratio as a percentage and can take values from 1 to 100.
TP-MEDIUM	[tps] [ms]	Transaction Type: Medium  Selecting or updating an average of 25 rows using an index. For example, to access last month's bank account transactions. Different ratios of SELECT and UPDATE can be applied using the SELECT FOR UPDATE locking mechanism.  The workload parameter determines the update ratio as a percentage and can take values from 1 to 100.
TP-HEAVY	[tps] [ms]	Transaction Type: Heavy Selecting or updating approximately 125 rows using an index. For instance, to access cell phone call records from the previous month.  The workload parameter determines the update ratio as a percentage and can take values from 1 to 100.

<u>Note</u>

These transaction processing workloads are generic to all applications in all industries.



#### Description

Workload	Measurement Unit	Action
TP-MIXED1	[tps] [ms]	A transaction processing workload that is more read-intensive, consisting of equal proportions of TP-LOOKUP, TP-REPORT, TP-MEDIUM (with 30% UPDATE), and DL-BUFFER (with 3 rpt).
TP-MIXED2	[tps] [ms]	A write-intensive transaction processing mix involving various transaction types. This workload consists of equal proportions of TP-LOOKUP, TP-LIGHT (40% UPDATE), TP-MEDIUM (30% UPDATE), and DL-BUFFER (with 3 rpt).

#### Notes

- The difference between TP-MIXED1 and TP-MIXED2 lies in the composition of their operations.
- TP-MIXED1 and TP-MIXED2 are the most representative peakmarks® workloads used to assess Oracle transaction processing performance capabilities on a specific platform.
- These transaction processing workloads are applicable across all industry applications.
- The behavior of the two transaction types is slightly dependent on the platform, and the use of Oracle RAC technology also influences various performance metrics.
- peakmarks provides several performance reports for transaction processing workloads: kpm\_tp.sql shows overall transaction performance, kpm\_tpplus.sql adds information about logical reads and writes per SQL statement, as well as the amount of redo data, and kpm\_tpio.sql presents physical I/O information.



Swiss precision in performance measurement.



Workloads to determine the PL/SQL Application Program Performance





#### Motivation

Mission-critical systems utilize PL/SQL to encapsulate essential functions, ensuring efficient execution as close to the data as possible. This is particularly important in cloud environments, where databases and application servers are separate, as it helps to reduce traffic between the two.

The objectives of System Architects and Capacity Planners include:

Validating the processor performance capabilities required to execute PL/SQL code.



### Key Performance Metrics

- PL/SQL operation throughput in a million operations per second [Mops]
- PL/SQL computing time to process algorithms in seconds [s]

#### peakmarks® KPM Reports

- kpm\_pls.sql
- Kpm\_algorithm.sql



#### Description

Workload	Measurement Unit	Action
PLS-ADD	[Mops]	These workloads test the performance of adding numbers using various PL/SQL numeric data types. The workload parameter indicates the data type, and the following values are supported: {SI, SF, PI, NU, DA}. This workload demonstrates how various PL/SQL data types impact the performance of basic arithmetic operations.
PLS-BUILTIN	[Mops]	PL/SQL operations specific to different data types, including SQL built-in functions, are utilized in core banking and telco billing applications. The workload parameter indicates the data type, and the following values are supported: {SI, SF, PI, NU, VC}.  This workload demonstrates how the PL/SQL data type affects the performance of typical operations

#### <u>Note</u>

The following abbreviations for PL/SQL data types are used: SI = SIMPLE\_INTEGER, SF = SIMPLE\_FLOAT, PI = PLS\_INTEGER, NU = NUMBER, DA = DATE, VC = VARCHAR2.



## Description

Workload	Measurement Unit	Action
PLS-MIXED	[Mops]	This workload involves a mix of data type-specific PL/SQL operations, including SQL built-in functions.
		It consists of the following workloads: PLS-ADD (NUMBER), PLS-ADD (PLS_INTEGER), PLS_BUILTIN (NUMBER), and PLS_BUILTIN (VARCHAR2).
		PLS-MIXED is the most representative peakmarks workload used to assess the PL/SQL performance capabilities of an Oracle database server.
PLS-FIBO	[s]	Calculating the Fibonacci number N, where the workload parameter specifies N. Supported values are {39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44}.
		This workload demonstrates the single-thread performance of a simple recursive algorithm implemented in PL/SQL.
PLS-PRIME	[s]	Calculation of the first N prime numbers. The workload parameter specifies N, with the supported values being {1000, 10000}.
		This workload demonstrates the single-thread performance of a simple algorithm implemented in PL/SQL.



Identify Key Performance Metrics for Oracle Database Platforms.

On-Premises and in the Cloud.

For Quality Assurance, Evaluations, and Capacity Planning.