Oracle Database 10g DBA Handbook

Manage a Robust, Scalable, and Highly Available Oracle Database

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Synopsis

Everything a DBA needs to know in one volume--this is the must-have reference for anyone working with the Oracle database, and itâ€™s been fully revised and updated for Oracle Database 10g. Co-author Kevin Loney is the all-time, best-selling Oracle Press author.

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Customer Reviews

This book is definitely not for beginners. If you already have a working knowledge of how to operate an Oracle database, this book will provide a more solid foundation for your knowledge. I particularly found its chapters on RAC and High Availability helpful. The best part of this book is that it covers the most essential knowledge to becoming a highly competent Oracle DBA without trying to be a reference for every Oracle topic. I highly recommend this book.

The book is excellent in the sense that it went straight to the essential and important topics. I am surprised that they did cover a lot of topic in a few pages. The book does help if you have some experience with oracle and especially with 10g. If you are new to oracle I am pretty sure you pick up the wrong book and you will be shaken by the concepts in the book. Overall I recommend this book if you are already familiar with 10g.

This book unfortunately does nothing to expand the body of knowledge beyond putting on paper
what you can just as easily find in the standard documentation. I’m sorry I put my money down for this when I have the docs just a click away as I type. I have tried a few times to use this as a reference, but each time it takes me about 3 pages to hit a deadend because of some question or situation that the book fails to address. In each case I have had to figuring it out for myself from the standard documentation/google etc. The authors consistently fail to deliver the two things I look for in technical books: (1) provide the insights on “why is it so?” - the explanation, mental models, frameworks that help readers move from just learning syntax to a deeper level of understanding. I want to read and learn from authors who are sufficiently skilled in their field with the powers of introspection and communication, who have put the time and effort to deeply consider a subject before turning their learnings into a book. (2) supplement the existing body of knowledge with new knowledge or at least a new organisation of knowledge that facilitates learning or understanding. I have had the same reaction to other titles in the Osborne Oracle Press series; I thought I’d give this a go but now sorry I did. In future there is no place for these books in my shopping cart!

I’m learning database administration for the first time, so I’ve been sequentially working through this book. I’ve made it past 200 pages running all of the commands and scripts; however, I’ve had to do a lot of outside research in the product documentation and internet forums to get the stuff to work. I’ve marked up the margins of this book like crazy. Key pieces of the examples are omitted, and some information is just plain wrong (e.g. names of AWR SQL scripts). Being forced to do outside research can help you learn the material better I guess, but the time could probably be better spent if all you want is your certification. One of their commands to move EM from SYSAUX to another tablespace totally corrupted my database console service and forced me to install a new database instance. Buy this book if you’re into pain and self-torment.

Bought this for academic use but ended up using this at work to avoid having to bug my DBAs about everything and allowed me to have a better understanding of their work and be informed when having conversations about the database.

If you’re not familiar with Oracle this book won’t help you one bit. If you are, it’s useless because you won’t find anything on the topic you’re looking for.

This book can’t be out of your office! It’s an excellent, faster, complete reference that helps you in your every-day Oracle DBA work. It cover from the basic topics to RAC and high-availability
configuration in only 708 pages. Obvious, It’s a handbook reference and doesn't give you the complete solution for one problem, but if You had been working for 2 or 3 years as DBA, or if You are and OCA or OCP DBA, the book is a great reference for you.

This book thoroughly describes storage structures, day-to-day tips for installing, maintaining, and upgrading 10g databases. I refer to it often when performing DBA functions. It can also be read as a primer from cover-to-cover to get an excellent understanding of 10g.

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