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Executive Overview

Oracle's Product Development IT (Oracle PDIT) division oversees massive data stores, supporting the development of products and services. Oracle PDIT's infrastructure empowers more than 21,000 software engineers to develop Oracle database, middleware, and application products on a daily basis. They also run all the internal back-office business applications, oracle.com, Oracle Self Service, Oracle Support Services, and company e-mail and collaborative tools.

Oracle PDIT uses Oracle Application Testing Suite software to run performance, scalability, and stress tests to ensure server hardware and software can scale to support its global user base of 100,000 users. This white paper describes how Oracle PDIT is doing stress testing with Oracle Load Testing, a component of Application Testing Suite, and provides best practices to ensure successful load testing for Oracle E-Business Suite applications.

Introduction

Oracle Application Testing Suite is an integrated, full lifecycle solution which ensures application quality and performance with complete end-to-end testing and test management capabilities. Oracle Application Testing Suite helps deliver high quality applications with three separately licensed products:

- Oracle Functional Testing for automated functional and regression testing of Web applications, Web Services, Oracle packaged applications and databases.
- Oracle Load Testing for automated load and performance testing of Web applications, Web Services, Oracle packaged applications and databases.
- Oracle Test Manager for process management throughout the testing lifecycle, including test planning, requirements management, test management, test execution and defect tracking.

This white paper focuses on Oracle Load Testing component of Application Testing Suite. In it we will describe the benchmark results of Oracle PDIT running 10,588 and 21,195 concurrent users on Oracle's E-Business Suite (EBS) Applications Release 12.1.3 using Oracle Load Testing 12.1.

Oracle Load Testing Setup

Oracle Load Testing (OLT) has three main components: Server, Agent, and Database. The OLT Server has a Controller module which connects to the Agent and sends execution information to simulate users for the load test. OLT Server also has a ServerStats module which creates a configuration in order to monitor data from various tiers of the Application under Test. The data will be collected by the data collector component residing on the Agent, based on the monitoring configuration created by ServerStats. The data collected is presented via meaningful graphs and reports which allow the user to quickly determine the bottleneck in their application stack. The OLT Database is used to store scenario configuration and load test results for real-time and post-run reporting.

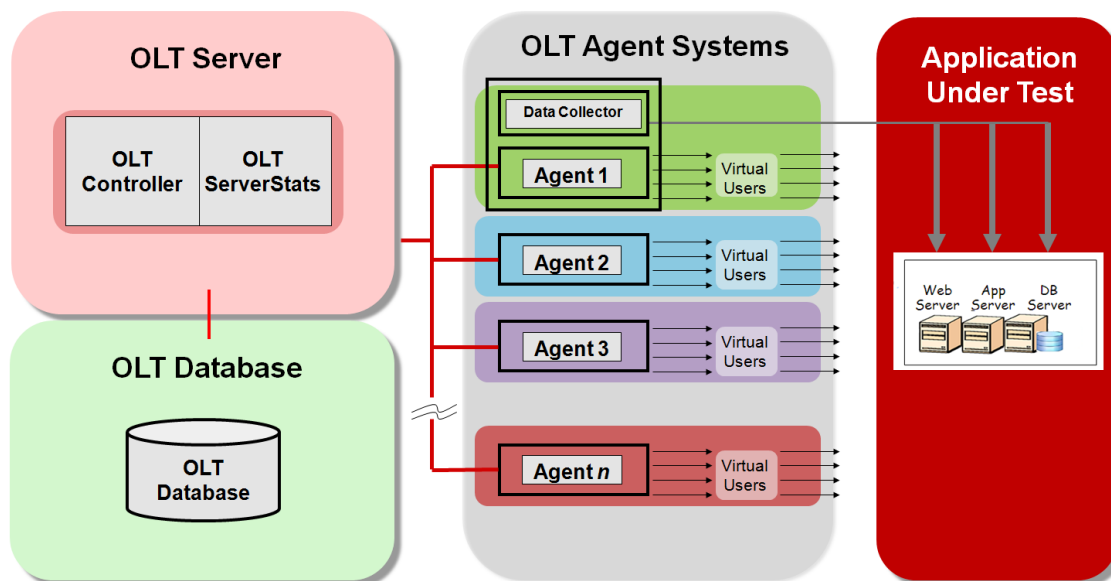


Figure 1. Oracle Load Testing Architecture

OLT Server

The OLT Server has two modules. OLT Controller is the conductor of the load test, it orchestrates how a load test is performed. While the load test is running, the data collector component collects relevant data which aids in the detection of bottlenecks and key performance inhibitors based on the monitors configured by OLT ServerStats. OLT ServerStats is provided as an out of the box tool to monitor the Application Under Test's performance. However, users can use other monitoring tools such as Oracle Enterprise Manager Grid Control or the application's built in monitoring capabilities in parallel or standalone. The benefit of using OLT ServerStats simultaneously during a load test is that the reports will be made available through OLT, and can leverage OLT Controller's reporting engine to generate custom reports and graphs for reporting purposes.

The OLT Server is the most critical component of a load test system and should have enough resources to support the test. The following best practices are recommended for an OLT Server system:

- Select a test system with the most resources available (CPU & memory) to run the OLT Server.
- OLT Server requires a minimum of 2GB RAM to operate, however this is only enough to run a session for demonstration and evaluation purpose. Typically in a production load test, a system with more than 8GB of free RAM available is used to run the OLT Server.

OLT Database

Oracle Application Testing Suite (ATS) is shipped with Oracle Database 10g Express Edition (XE) and this is the default OLT database configured on installation. Oracle XE for OLT database is useful for demonstration or product evaluation as it has a limit of 4GB for user data storage. For production load testing it is recommended to use Oracle Database 11g Enterprise Edition.

The following best practices are recommended for an OLT Database system:

- Select Oracle Database 11g Enterprise Edition database for production load testing. ATS comes with a restricted use license of Oracle Database 11g for all versions.
- Prepare a separate and dedicated system to host the OLT Database. The OLT Database should be physically located near the OLT Controller in order to reduce latency. Users can configure new databases using the ATS Database Configuration tool.
- Monitor the resource utilization of the database during the load test to ensure it runs in a healthy state and does not become the bottleneck.

OLT Agent

OLT Agent is the orchestrator of the load test. It simulates user load via Virtual Users according to the directions of the OLT Controller. The following best practices are recommended for OLT Agent systems:

- Run the OLT Agents on dedicated systems separate from the OLT Server. Technically OLT Controller can run Virtual Users on the same machine; however that is not recommended for a production load test as the Agent resource utilization can affect OLT Server's operation when both Controller and Agent are residing on the same system.
- Ensure that the OLT Agent systems and OLT Server systems are running the same ATS version and build number. Agent initialization will fail if the version and build number is different from that of the OLT Server.
- Size the amount of Virtual Users to run on a given OLT Agent system based on the amount of memory available on that system. It is recommended to benchmark the Agent systems to determine how many Virtual Users they can run prior to running your actual load test. This can be done by running a single Virtual User on an Agent system then incrementally adding one Virtual User at a

time, and monitoring the additional memory and CPU consumed for each additional Virtual User. More detail is provided in the Hardware Estimation section of this page.

- Monitor the throughput between the OLT Agent systems and the Application Under Test (AUT) to make sure the bandwidth limitations are not exceeded. Because each Virtual User is making requests, even if the Agent systems have enough resources to run the target number of Virtual Users, it could still reach a bandwidth limitation as the amount of data that goes between the Agent system and AUT increases.

Hardware Estimation

In order for a load test to be successful, it is essential to install OLT components on appropriately sized hardware. As part of load test planning, one should go through the exercise of hardware estimation to determine the number of OLT Agent systems required for the load test. Hardware sizing depends on the script type, scenario setting, and environment. In Oracle Load Testing 12.2, a new Hardware Estimation tool was introduced which provides an estimate of the hardware requirements for a given scenario. The Hardware Estimation tool can generate a report to determine how much hardware will likely be required to run the specified load test scenario, and how to modify the session configurations to run more Virtual Users on one machine. The following script types are supported for hardware estimation: Web/HTTP, Oracle EBS/Forms, Oracle Fusion/ADF, and Oracle Siebel.

OLT 12.1 was used for PDIT's testing because 12.2 was not available at the time. Due to this, the memory requirement (JVM heap) per Virtual User was determined manually. There are two manual configuration methods to measure the memory requirements.

1. JVM Monitoring Tools
2. Benchmark Agent Systems

JVM Monitoring Tools

Oracle JRockit Mission Control is a JVM profiling tool that can be used to monitor agent process heap and process utilization. This can be done by using the JConsole tool as well. In order to use JRockit Mission Control, monitor the agent processes by running the OLT scenario and incrementing the load by a small number of Virtual Users at a time (i.e. 10 Vusers every 5 minutes). A 100 Virtual User load test will provide a good sample of the resource consumption pattern for the load test. Extrapolate the results from this test to the real load test requirements to determine the number of OLT Agent systems required.

Benchmark Agent Systems

This is the method used by Oracle PDIT. A small heap size (1 GB) was configured for each script in the load test scenario and one Virtual User was run with memory footprint on the agent system noted. Additional Virtual Users were added incrementally with memory footprints noted as well. This process was repeated until the memory maxed out on the OLT Agent system. The benefit of using this method

is its handiness. It does not require any additional installation or knowledge of other tools, and can generate results quickly for hardware estimation.

In the case of Oracle PDIT, the test session was terminated by out of memory error when it reached 500 Virtual Users. Since the Max JVM Heap Size set for each script was 1 GB, the following calculation was made:

$$1 \text{ GB} = 1024 \text{ MB}$$

$$1024 \text{ MB} / 500 \text{ Virtual Users} = 2.048 \text{ MB RAM required per Virtual User}^1$$

Hardware Specifications

Based on the hardware estimation exercise above, PDIT calculated 2MB of RAM was required per Virtual User. The required memory footprint was 24 GB for 12,000 Virtual Users and 48 GB for 24,000 Virtual Users. PDIT had access to five OLT Agent systems and decided to distribute the load across all five agents. Below is their OLT Controller and Maximum JVM Heap Size setting.

OLT Controller JVM Heap Size: 3 GB²

Maximum JVM Heap Size (MB) for each script: 50000³

The following are hardware specifications for PDIT's OLT Server and Agent systems.

OLT Server (x1)

Sun Fire 4170 M2

Windows Server 2008 R2 64-bit OS

Intel Xeon X5670 dual processor (2.93 GHz each), 96 GB RAM

OLT Agents (x5)

Sun Fire 4150

Oracle Enterprise Linux Server release 5.5 (Carthage)

6 CPU@3.16GHz, 60 GB RAM

¹ 2.048 MB RAM per Virtual User can be used as a very rough guideline for Agent hardware. This value may change based on the script and is no substitute for taking a real measurement from the real script(s) being tested.

² 3 GB is the maximum JVM heap size that can be configured on the OLT Controller (which is installed on a 64-bit Windows system) because ATS ships with a 32-bit version of JRockit JVM.

³ The 50 GB RAM allocated for JVM heap for the load test is more than sufficient to meet the minimum requirements.

Oracle E-Business Suite Application Setup

Table 1 below describes the hardware and software specifications of the Oracle E-Business Suite application server used for Oracle PDIT's load tests.

TABLE 1. ORACLE E-BUSINESS SUITE APPLICATION SETUP

ENVIRONMENT COMPONENT	CONFIGURATIONS
Middle Tier Servers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="626 590 943 609">• Self Service Application Server 1 <li data-bbox="626 630 1166 651">Model : X4170_M2 CPU Num : 8 RAM : 94 GB <li data-bbox="626 669 1166 690">Operating System : 2.6.18 Enterprise Linux Rel. 5.5 (Carthage) <li data-bbox="626 709 943 728">• Self Service Application Server 2 <li data-bbox="626 747 1166 768">Model : X4170_M2 CPU Num : 8 RAM : 96 GB <li data-bbox="626 787 1166 808">Operating System : 2.6.18 Enterprise Linux Rel. 5.7 (Carthage) <li data-bbox="626 827 802 846">• Forms Server 1 <li data-bbox="626 865 1166 886">Model : X4170_M2 CPU Num : 6 RAM : 70 GB <li data-bbox="626 905 1166 926">Operating System : 2.6.18 Enterprise Linux Rel. 5.5 (Carthage) <li data-bbox="626 945 802 963">• Forms Server 2 <li data-bbox="626 982 1166 1003">Model : X4170_M2 CPU Num : 8 RAM : 96 GB <li data-bbox="626 1022 1166 1043">Operating System : 2.6.18 Enterprise Linux Rel. 5.7 (Carthage) <li data-bbox="626 1062 802 1081">• Forms Server 3 <li data-bbox="626 1100 1166 1121">Model : X4170_M2 CPU Num : 6 RAM : 70 GB <li data-bbox="626 1140 1166 1161">Operating System : 2.6.18 Enterprise Linux Rel. 5.7 (Carthage) <li data-bbox="626 1180 894 1199">• iRecruitment (iRec) Server <li data-bbox="626 1218 1166 1239">Model : X4170_M2 CPU Num : 13 RAM : 32 GB <li data-bbox="626 1257 1166 1278">Operating System : 2.6.18 Enterprise Linux Rel 5.5 (Carthage) <li data-bbox="626 1297 919 1316">• Concurrent Manager Server 1 <li data-bbox="626 1335 1166 1356">Model : X4170_M2 CPU Num : 4 RAM : 48GB <li data-bbox="626 1375 1166 1396">Operating System : 2.6.18 Enterprise Linux Rel. 5.5 (Carthage) <li data-bbox="626 1415 919 1434">• Concurrent Manager Server 2 <li data-bbox="626 1453 1166 1474">Model : X4170_M2 CPU Num : 8 RAM : 96 GB <li data-bbox="626 1493 1166 1514">Operating System : 2.6.18 Enterprise Linux Rel. 5.7 (Carthage)
Database Servers	<p data-bbox="626 1562 1029 1583">Model : SPARC SuperCluster T4-4 (4 nodes *)</p> <p data-bbox="626 1602 870 1623">* Each node has 1TB of RAM</p> <p data-bbox="626 1642 1222 1694">* Each node has 32 CPU's, each of which is 8-way hyper threaded, for a total of 256 threads per node</p> <p data-bbox="626 1713 911 1734">Operating System : SunOS 5.11</p> <p data-bbox="626 1753 1049 1774">Storage Device : Oracle Exadata Storage Server</p>

Method

The Oracle EBS production database was monitored during a typical quarter end close and the average number of connections made during this time was 12,000. Two separate load tests were performed by PDIT. The first load test simulated 12,000 Virtual Users as a real life production load during Oracle’s quarter end and established baseline results. Following the baseline test, a 2x production load test was run to see if the hardware and software configuration can support twice the amount of production workload with reserve capacity. These tests will generate different mixes and levels of application activity and exercise different infrastructure components with a special emphasis to study application and platform activity, resource utilization levels, and potential contention.

TABLE 2. ORACLE PDIT LOAD TEST METHODOLOGY

TEST PURPOSE	GOAL	ACTUAL NUMBER OF VIRTUAL USERS ¹
1x Quarter End	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Simulate a real life production load of 12,000 Virtual Users as a baseline test. 2) Identify regressions, concurrency issues, application and database errors due to hardware & software configuration changes. 3) Assess the server response time, performance, server CPU & memory utilization as a baseline. 	10,588
2x Quarter End	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Simulate a production load of 24,000 Virtual Users to see if the application can scale to meet this target. 2) Identify regressions, concurrency issues, application and database errors due to hardware & software configuration changes. 3) Compare server response time, performance, server CPU & memory utilization between 1x Quarter End and 2x Quarter End load tests. 	21,195

¹ The actual number of Virtual Users for the 1x and 2x Quarter End load tests are different than the stated goal because one Forms session will create multiple sessions against the database. While the target remained at 12,000 and 24,000 database sessions, less Forms users were required in order to achieve that. For the 1x Quarter End load test, there was a 1.68% error rate (181 Virtual Users failed out of 10,769 running Virtual Users). For the 2x Quarter End load test there was a 0.34% error rate (73 Virtual Users failed out of 21,268 running Virtual Users).

Oracle E-Business Suite Transactions

Test scripts are based on E-Business Suite user requirements and exercise some of the most critical and frequently used components of the application. The test scripts must run in a steady state for at least one hour in order to meet the requirements of the performance test. These tests simulate the top 15 business transactions on Oracle’s Self Service application (E-Business Suite Applications Release 12.1.3). The business transactions are a mix of web only (Self Service) and web/forms EBS components.

TABLE 3. ORACLE E-BUSINESS SUITE TRANSACTIONS

LOAD TEST SCRIPT	TECH STACK	1X QUARTER END CONCURRENT USER SESSIONS	2X QUARTER END CONCURRENT USER SESSIONS
Enter Time Card	Forms	830	1660
View Concurrent Request Output	Forms	364	728
iRec Search Vacancy	Self Service	965	1430
View Pay Slips	Self Service	1275	2050
Internal iRecruitment Search	Self Service	965	2930
FS Advance Exchange Copy Request	Forms	363	726
View Image Transaction	Self Service	965	1660
Vacation Inquiry	Self Service	965	1930
Project List Search	Self Service	1158	2566
Contracts Check QA	Forms	364	728
Purchase Requisition Entry	Self Service	500	500
Enter Cancel Order	Forms	364	728
OKS Show All Products	Forms	363	726
OKC Billing Schedule	Forms	363	726
US Expense Reporting	Self Service	965	2180

Scenario Configuration

Default scenario configuration settings were used for each load test with the exception of the settings listed in Table 4. These settings were customized in order to accommodate for the large number of Virtual Users run by PDIT's load tests. As best practice, use a non-zero iteration delay and realistic user think times. For the socket and request timeout settings, a higher response threshold than the default 120 seconds was set as PDIT wanted to allow more time in case a long-running operation took longer than 120 seconds. It is also recommended to keep the Max JVM Heap size the same across all scripts for a particular agent system in order to avoid spawning multiple Agent processes.

TABLE 4. ORACLE PDIT LOAD TEST CUSTOM SCENARIO CONFIGURATIONS

SETTING	1X QUARTER END VALUE	2X QUARTER END VALUE
Iteration Delay (Seconds)	150 to 375	202 to 488
Think Time (Seconds)	Recorded think time (0 – 10)	Recorded think time (0 – 10)
Virtual User (VU) Ramp-Up	Add 15 users every 5 seconds	Add 15 users every 5 seconds
Scenario Duration	60 minutes of steady state	60 minutes of steady state
Number of Users	10,769	21,268
Number of OLT Agents	5	5
Socket Timeout (Seconds)	1200	1200
Request Timeout (Seconds)	1200	1200
Connection Idle Timeout (Seconds)	120	120
Maximum JVM Heap Size (MB)	50000	50000

Monitoring Server Performance

OLT includes a ServerStats module which is a built-in server monitoring capability. Users can select to use ServerStats or other monitoring tools to collect performance metrics from the application's infrastructure under load. PDIT used Oracle Enterprise Manager Grid Control to capture the server CPU, Memory, and Swap Space on DB and Mid Tier (Forms, SSA, and iRec) during the load tests.

Results

Oracle PDIT's load test results are discussed in this section.

Throughput

Throughput levels achieved from PDIT's load tests are shown in Figures 2 – 4. The 1x Quarter End target throughput was calculated based on the average production load during a typical financial quarter end close. For the 2x Quarter End load test, the targets were calculated by multiplying 1x Quarter End targets by 2, as the number of Virtual Users for the load test was doubled.

Figure 2 shows the target number of active Virtual Users is 10,769 for the 1x Quarter End load test, and 21,268 for the 2x Quarter End load test. The average number of running Virtual Users was 10,508 and 20,974, respectively, which was very close to the established target. There was a small number of failed Virtual Users for both load tests, which is common and expected for a load test.

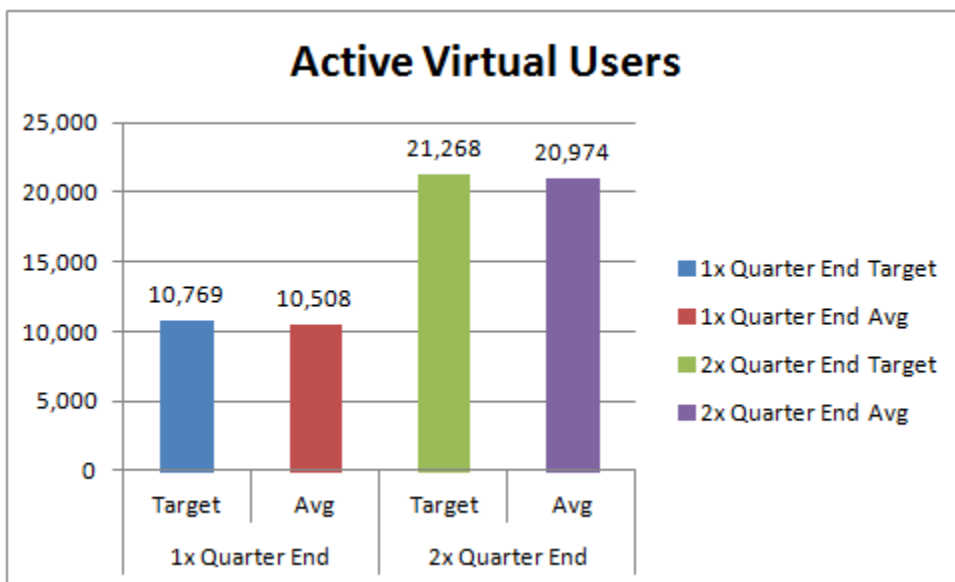


Figure 2. Load Test Throughput Results – Active Virtual Users

Transactions per second is the number of times the Virtual User played back the script per second. Figure 3 shows the target number of transactions per second is 30 for the 1x Quarter End load test, and 60 for the 2x Quarter End load test. The average number of transactions per second was 40 and 64, respectively, which was more than the target. Oracle Load Testing generated a slightly higher load against the server, which is acceptable as the minimum target has been met.

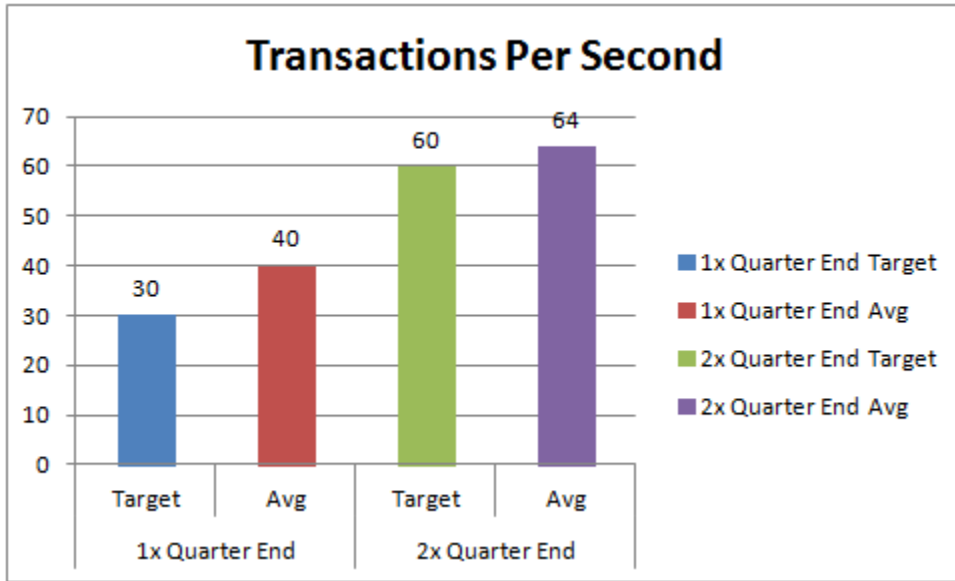


Figure 3. Load Test Throughput Results – Transactions Per Second

Hits per second is the number of resource requests to the server per second. Figure 4 shows the target number of hits per second is 1000 for the 1x Quarter End load test, and 2000 for the 2x Quarter End load test. The average number of hits per second was 1363 and 2177, respectively, which was higher than the stated target. This is in line with the transactions per second results, which further demonstrate that OLT met the minimum requirements and generated more traffic than expected.

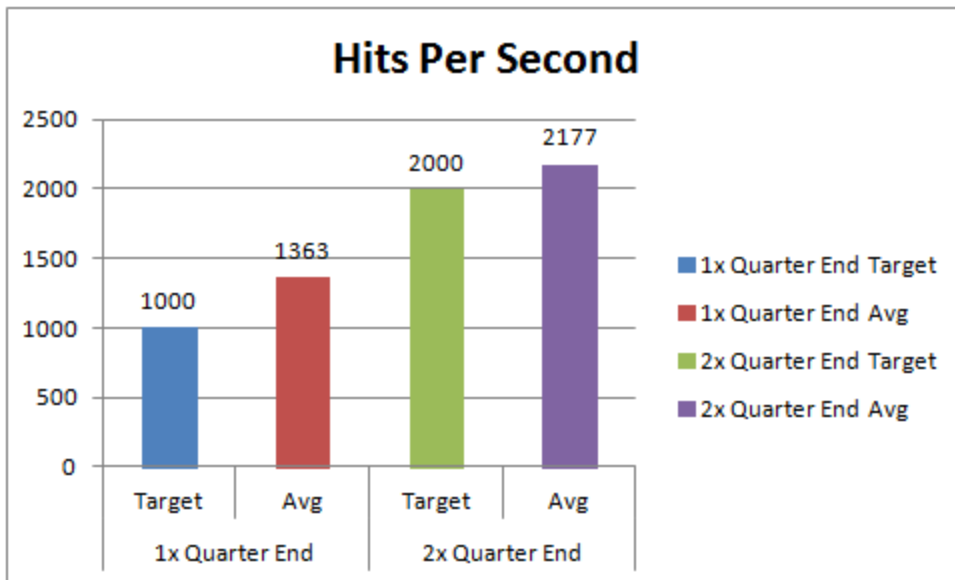


Figure 4. Load Test Throughput Results – Hits Per Second

Server Response Time

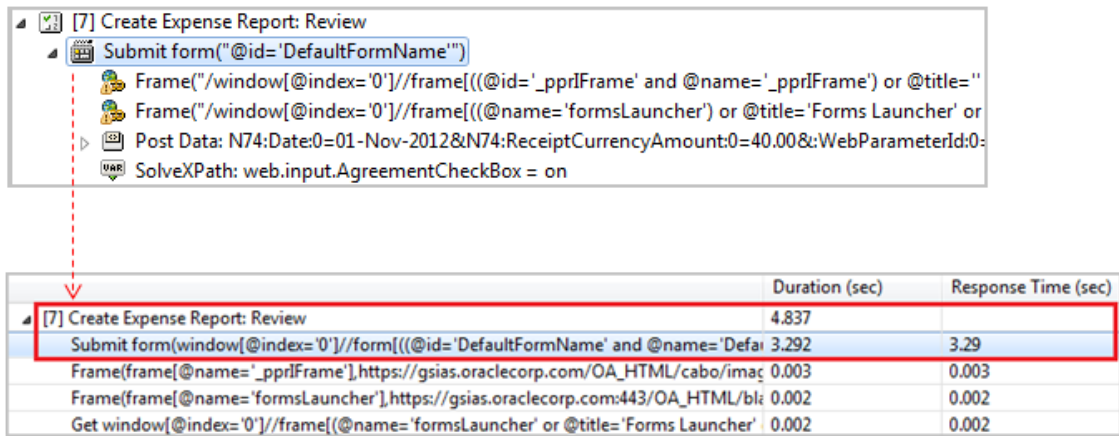
OLT report has two configuration settings as shown in Figure 5: “Show Server Times Only” and “Show End-to-End Times (includes Think Times)”. The basic difference between the two reports is whether it includes 1) think time that was executed during the script run, and 2) with the associated processing time. Please note that OLT's "Show Server Times Only" report is not an internal server processing time that excludes all non-server factors.

Name	Duration (sec)	Response Time (sec)
Results Aug 28, 2012 7:52:14 AM	8.153	
Script Timings	8.153	
Initialize Timings	0.393	
Run Timings - Iteration 1	7.38	
Think: 0 (sec).	0.045	
[1] Stocks	7.097	
Get window[@index='0'] http://testserver2.us.oracle.com/fmstocks	1.576	1.474
Finish Timings	0.093	
End Script Timings	8.153	

Figure 5. Server Response Time

Think time is the "pause time" during script execution and is controlled by a combination of think time recorded into the script and the "VU Pacing" setting in OLT's scenario details. The processing time is the amount of time required for OLT to handle the think time, although it is considered trivial. Handling time may include garbage collection time as well.

Both reporting modes include network latency, as the OLT Agents send HTTP requests over the network from where they are located. It also includes OLT handling time as well. So the total Server Time includes: time to send the data to the socket from Java + send time + server time + receive time + time to read the data from the socket. Some agent overhead may also be included. As the concept of OLT is to emulate the real user that is accessing the application from the client side, this is the best approximation of "Server Time Only". Figure 6 shows an example of a script execution time, with the breakdown of response time, request duration, and step group duration time.



- Response time**
- 3.29 sec
 - DNS lookup + Establish connect + Write request + Read response of a request
- Request Duration**
- 3.292 sec
 - Absolute time delta of the request, in seconds
 - Response time + request API execution overhead
- Step Group Duration**
- 4.837 sec
 - Absolute time delta of the step group, in seconds
 - Sum total of Request Duration of all requests in a step group + step group API execution overhead
 - Any think time added to the step group element itself, i.e. beginStep("[7] Create Expense Report: Review", 11000);, is not included in the Step Group duration but is included in the parent step group or parent section's duration.

Figure 6. Script Execution Times

“Show Server Times Only” setting was used for all of PDIT’s OLT reporting, and 90th percentile was used for reporting server response time in Table 5. 90th percentile is the industry standard for reporting server response time because averages can be skewed by the standard deviation from the mean. The 90th percentile shows 90% of all the Virtual Users achieved the indicated response time (in seconds) or better.

TABLE 5. LOAD TEST SERVER RESPONSE TIME

LOAD TEST SCRIPT	1X QUARTER END 90TH % (SEC)	2X QUARTER END 90TH % (SEC)
Enter Timecard	4.489	4.979
View Concurrent Request Output	2.857	3.284
iRec Search Vacancy	3.907	3.758
View Pay Slips	2.283	3.26
Internal iRecruitment Search	2.334	2.534
FS Advance Exchange Copy Request	10.909	13.635
View Image Transaction	8.547	9.504
Vacation Inquiry	9.917	16.525
Project List Search	2.495	3.236
Contracts Check QA	7.023	9.137
Purchase Requisition Entry	7.842	10.385
Enter Cancel Order	15.846	24.556
OKS Show All Products	5.425	6.268
OKC Billing Schedule	8.548	10.099
US Expense Reporting	6.243	11.307

Hits per Second Graphs

Hits per second is the number of resource requests to the server per second. Each request for a page, individual images, and individual frames is counted as a "hit" by OLT. If OLT does not request images from the server (as specified in the Download Manager), images are not included in the hit count.

The Hits per Second, Users vs. Time graphs shown in Figure 7 illustrate that for both load tests, as the number of Virtual Users increased, the number of hits per second also increased. This is expected because the more active Virtual Users there are, the more transactions and throughput there is on the server. Similar results can also be found in the Transactions per Second and Pages per Second graphs (which are not shown due to their similarity).

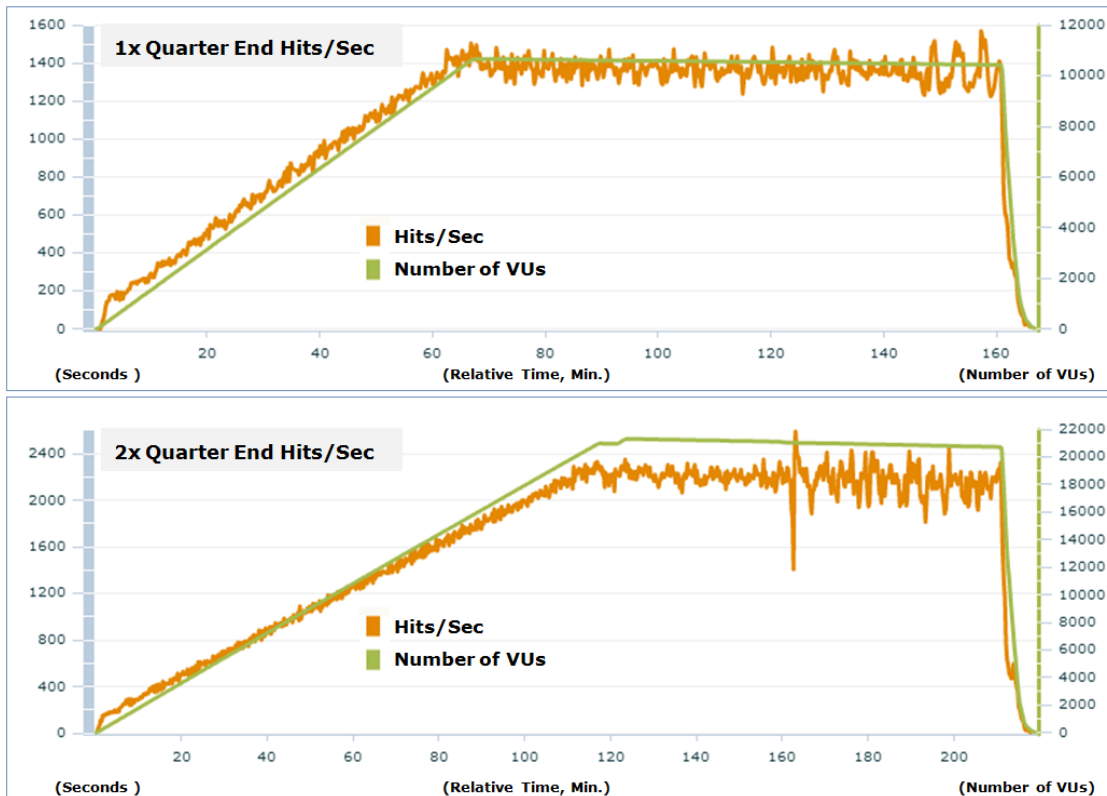


Figure 7. Hits per Second, Users vs. Time

Performance Graphs

The Performance, Users vs. Time graph shown in Figure 8 illustrates the average time (seconds) it takes for Virtual Users to complete the Run section of each script. Steps from the Initialize and Finish sections do not contribute to the overall script execution time, as including them will skew the average time when the script runs for multiple iterations. Each line in the graph represents a script that was run during the load test, with the exception of the Number of VUs line. Figure 8 shows the average time for most scripts remained steady during ramp up and steady state of the 1x and 2x Quarter End load tests. There was one script that displayed inconsistent results as shown by the fluctuating line. This demonstrated a possible performance issue that requires tuning and optimization.

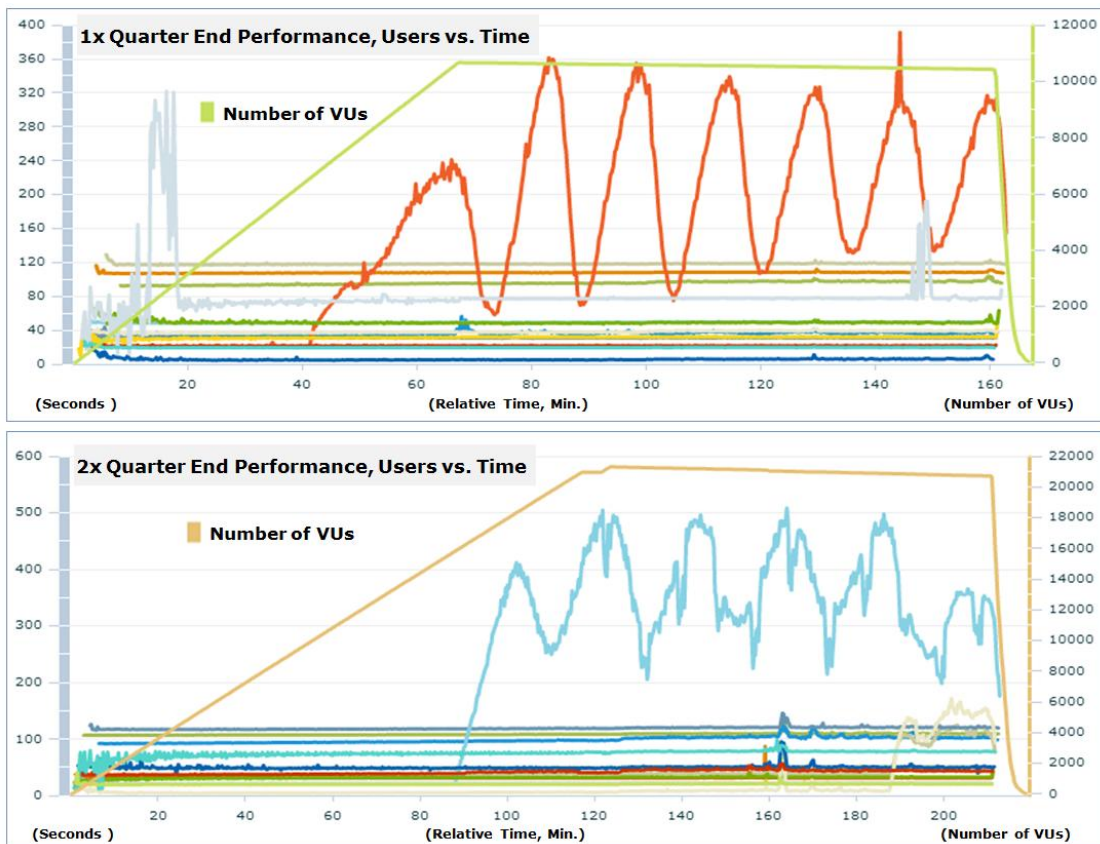


Figure 8. Performance, Users vs. Time

Oracle EBS Application Servers CPU & Memory Utilization

Oracle E-Business Suite server CPU & memory utilization (%) results are shown in Table 6. The results show an increased CPU and memory utilization for the 2x Quarter End load test for all servers.

For the 1x Quarter End load test, average CPU utilization (%) ranged from 0.48 – 34% with memory utilization (%) ranging from 14 – 42.09%. For the 2x Quarter End load test, average CPU utilization (%) ranged from 0.23 – 38.52% with memory utilization (%) ranging from 14 – 55%.

The results indicate the Oracle E-Business Suite application server hardware can handle the load of 10,588 and 21,195 concurrent users, and can possibly handle even more concurrent users.

TABLE 6. ORACLE E-BUSINESS SUITE APPLICATION SERVERS CPU & MEMORY UTILIZATION

LOAD TEST	SERVER	AVERAGE CPU UTILIZATION (%)	AVERAGE MEMORY UTILIZATION (%)
1x Quarter End	Self Service Application Server 1	4.66	42.09
	Self Service Application Server 2	5.01	36.43
	Forms Servers	10.12	14
	iRec Server	0.48	29.02
	Concurrent Manager Server	34	24
2x Quarter End	Self Service Application Server 1	17	55
	Self Service Application Server 2	12.96	42.79
	Forms Servers	28.63	40.74
	iRec Server	0.23	40
	Concurrent Manager Server	38.52	14

Summary

Oracle Application Testing Suite enables thorough testing of Oracle E-Business Suite (EBS) applications. It has an accelerator for Oracle EBS that provide out of the box support for functional and load testing Oracle EBS applications. Oracle Load Testing's web based interface offers intuitive and easy-to-use controls for organizations to run performance tests. The built in diagnostic capabilities provide reports and graphs that are easy to comprehend, which enables organizations to quickly identify bottlenecks and key performance inhibitors and address them.

Oracle Load Testing enabled PDIT to benchmark an in-house Oracle E-Business Suite application which supports a global user base of 100,000 users. Two load test sessions were performed simulating a peak production load of 12,000 and 24,000 concurrent database connections executing the top 15 business transactions. Oracle Load Testing's built in reporting engine allowed PDIT to quickly analyze the load test results. Even though server throughput values exceeded those of the stated target, the server response times were well within the acceptable range with the exception of one business transaction. The load tests helped PDIT detect an issue specific to one of the business transactions. The E-Business Suite application servers were monitored during the load test and remained stable even with a high level of artificial load. By analyzing the session results, Oracle PDIT ensured the hardware and software components of the systems were stable to support the global user base of 100,000 users.

Oracle Application Testing Suite is the recommended solution for organizations looking to improve the performance of their Oracle EBS installations, or any other business and mission-critical applications.



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