OraBench - Benchmark Framework for Oracle Database Drivers.

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1. Introduction

OraBench can be used to determine the performance of different Oracle database drivers under identical conditions. The framework parameters for a benchmark run are stored in a central configuration file.

The currently supported database drivers are:

Driver	Programming Language(s)
cx_Oracle	Python 3
godror	Go
JDBC.jl	Julia
Oracle JDBC	Java & Kotlin
Oracle ODPI-C	C++ (gcc)
Oracle.jl	Julia
oranif	Elixir & Erlang

The following Oracle database versions are provided in a benchmark run via Docker container:

Shortcut Oracle Database Version

Shortcut	Oracle Database Version	
db_18_4_xe	Oracle Database 18c 18.4 (Express Edition) - Linux x86-64	
db_19_3_ee	Oracle Database 19c 19.3 - Linux x86-64	
db_21_3_ee	Oracle Database 21c 21.3 - Linux x86-64	

The results of the benchmark runs are collected in either csv (comma-separated values) or tsv (tab-separated values) files.

2. Framework Tools

2.1 Benchmark Configuration

The benchmark configuration file controls the execution and output of a benchmark run. The default name for the configuration file is properties. A detailed description of the configuration options can be found here. For reasons of convenience the following files are generated:

- the configuration file priv/ora_bench_c.propperties for C++ (gcc),
- the configuration file priv/ora_bench_erlang.properties with a corresponding map for Erlang, and
- the configuration file priv/ora_bench_python.propperties for Python 3.

All the file names specified here are also part of the configuration file and can be changed if necessary.

2.2 Installation

The easiest way is to download a current release of **OraBench** from the GitHub repository. You can find the necessary link here.

OraBench is tested under Ubuntu.

To download the repository Git is needed and for compilation the following software components are needed:

- Erlang
- Elixir
- Go
- Gradle Build Tool
- Java, e.g.: the open-source JDK
- Julia
- Kotlin
- Oracle Instant Client
- Python 3
- rebar3

For changes to the **OraBench** repository it is best to use an editor (e.g. Vim) or a suitable IDE. For using the Docker Image based databases in operational mode, Docker Desktop must also be installed. For the respective software versions, please consult the document release notes.

The whole software environment for the operation and further development of OraBench can be created most easily by using a Docker container (version 1.1.0 from here).

Alternatively, in an Ubuntu 20.04 based environment, e.g.: in a virtual machine, the two following scripts can be used to install the necessary software:

- scripts/kxn_dev/run_install_4-vm_wsl2_1.sh
- scripts/kxn_dev/run_install_4-vm_wsl2_2.sh
 - o run sudo apt update
 - o run sudo apt install git
 - run git clone https://github.com/KonnexionsGmbH/ora_bench (cloning the OraBench repository)
 - o run cd ora_bench/scripts/kxn_dev
 - o run ./run_install_4_vm_wsl2_1.sh
 - o close the Ubuntu shell and reopen it again
 - o run cd ora_bench/scripts/kxn_dev
 - o run ./run install 4 vm wsl2 2.sh

2.3 Benchmark Operation

2.3.1 Script run_ora_bench

This script executes the run_properties_standard script for each of the databases listed in chapter Introduction with standard properties. At the beginning of the script it is possible to exclude individual databases or drivers from the current benchmark. The run log is stored in the run_ora_bench.log file.

2.4 Benchmark Results

In a file defined by the configuration parameters file.result.delimiter, file.result.header and file.result.name, the results of the benchmark run with the actions benchmark, trial and query are stored. In the file directory priv/statistics reference statistics files are available per version of OraBench.

Excerpts from a sample file can be seen in the following image:

Database	Language	Driver	Duration (ns)
db_21_3_ee	Go go1.17	godror v0.25.3	9133612500
db_19_3_ee	Go go1.17	godror v0.25.3	9307445800
db_18_4_xe	OTP 24, erts-12.0	oranif (Version 0.2.3)	10542000000
db_19_3_ee	OTP 24, erts-12.0	oranif (Version 0.2.3)	10769000000
db_18_4_xe	Go gol.17	godror v0.25.3	12262813800
db_21_3_ee	OTP 24, erts-12.0	oranif (Version 0.2.3)	12393000000
db_21_3_ee	Kotlin 1.5.0	Oracle JDBC (Version 21.3.0.0.0)	18047533700
db_18_4_xe	Kotlin 1.5.0	Oracle JDBC (Version 21.3.0.0.0)	18219792100
db_19_3_ee	Kotlin 1.5.0	Oracle JDBC (Version 21.3.0.0.0)	19543579300
db_21_3_ee	Java 16.0.2	Oracle JDBC (Version 21.3.0.0.0)	20238521000
db_19_3_ee	Java 16.0.2	Oracle JDBC (Version 21.3.0.0.0)	20836544700
db_18_4_xe	Java 16.0.2	Oracle JDBC (Version 21.3.0.0.0)	20859623400
db_18_4_xe	Python 3 3.9.7 (tags/v	Oracle cx_Oracle (Version v8.2.1)	21241982000
db_21_3_ee	Python 3 3.9.7 (tags/v	Oracle cx_Oracle (Version v8.2.1)	21319565000
db_19_3_ee	Python 3 3.9.7 (tags/v	Oracle cx_Oracle (Version v8.2.1)	21817186000
db_21_3_ee	Elixir 1.12.2	oranif (Version 0.2.3)	27548000000
db_18_4_xe	Elixir 1.12.2	oranif (Version 0.2.3)	27805000000
db_19_3_ee	Elixir 1.12.2	oranif (Version 0.2.3)	30766000000

In detail, the following information is available in the result files:

Column	Format	Content	
release	alphanumeric	config param benchmark.release	
benchmark id	alphanumeric	config param benchmark.id	
benchmark comment	alphanumeric	config param benchmark.comment	
host name	alphanumeric	config param benchmark.host.name	
no. cores	integer	config param benchmark.number.cores	
OS	alphanumeric	config param benchmark.os	
user name	alphanumeric	config param benchmark.user.name	
database	alphanumeric	config param benchmark.database	
language	alphanumeric	config param benchmark.language	
driver	alphanumeric	config param benchmark.driver	
trial no.	integer	0 if action equals benchmark, trial no. otherwise	
SQL statement	alphanumeric	SQL statement if action equals query, empty otherwise	
core multiplier	integer	config param benchmark.core.multiplier	
fetch size	integer	config param connection.fetch.size	
transaction size	integer	config param benchmark.transaction.size	
bulk length	integer	config param file.bulk.length	
bulk size	integer	config param file.bulk.size	
batch size	integer	config param benchmark.batch.size	
action	alphanumeric	one of benchmark, query or trial	
start day time	yyyy-mm-dd hh24:mi:ss.ffffffff	current date and time at the start of the action	
end day time	yyyy-mm-dd hh24:mi:ss.ffffffff	current date and time at the end of the action	
duration (sec)	integer	time difference in seconds between start time and end time of the action	
duration (ns)	integer	time difference in nanoseconds between start time and end time of the action	

2.5 Bulk File

The bulk file in csv or tsv format is created in the run_create_bulk_file script if it does not already exist. The following configuration parameters are taken into account:

- file.bulk.delimiter
- file.bulk.header
- file.bulk.length
- file.bulk.name
- file.bulk.size

The data column in the bulk file is randomly generated with a unique key column (MD5 hash code).

3. Driver Specific Features

3.1 Oracle cx_Oracle and Python 3

- all configuration parameters are managed by the program OraBench.java and made available in a suitable file (file.configuration.name.python)
- Python 3 uses for batch operations the executemany method of the cursor class for the operation TNSERT
- the value fetch size (connection.fetch.size) is not used because the operation SELECT uses the operation Cursor.fetchall()

3.2 Oracle JDBC and Java

- the Java source code is compiled with the help of Gradle
- Java uses the PreparedStatement class for the operations INSERT and SELECT
- Java uses for batch operations the executeBatch method of the PreparedStatement class for the operation INSERT

3.3 Oracle JDBC and Kotlin

- the Kotlin source code is compiled with the help of Gradle
- Kotlin uses the PreparedStatement class for the operations INSERT and SELECT
- Kotlin uses for batch operations the executeBatch method of the PreparedStatement class for the operation INSERT

3.4 Oracle ODPI-C and C++ (gcc)

• all configuration parameters are managed by the program OraBench.java and made available in a suitable file (file.configuration.name.c)

3.5 oranif and Erlang

• all configuration parameters are managed by the program OraBench.java and made available in a suitable file (file.configuration.name.erlang)