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Preface

This manual provides an architectural and conceptual overview of the Oracle database server, which is an object-relational database management system.

The book describes how the Oracle database server functions, and it lays a conceptual foundation for much of the practical information contained in other manuals. Information in this manual applies to the Oracle database server running on all operating systems.

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