Oracle Performance Tuning

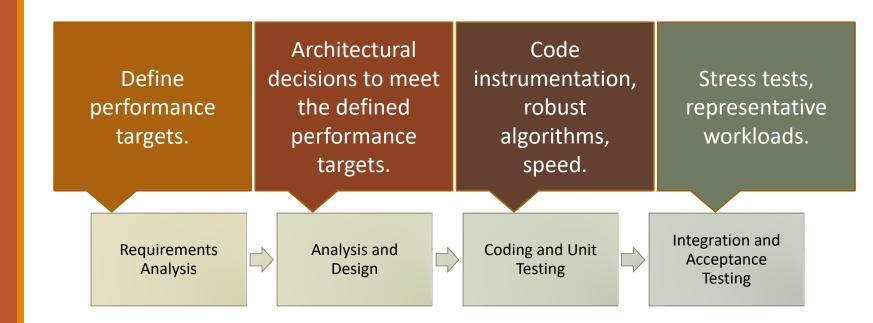
WEEK 6

What Is Performance Tuning?

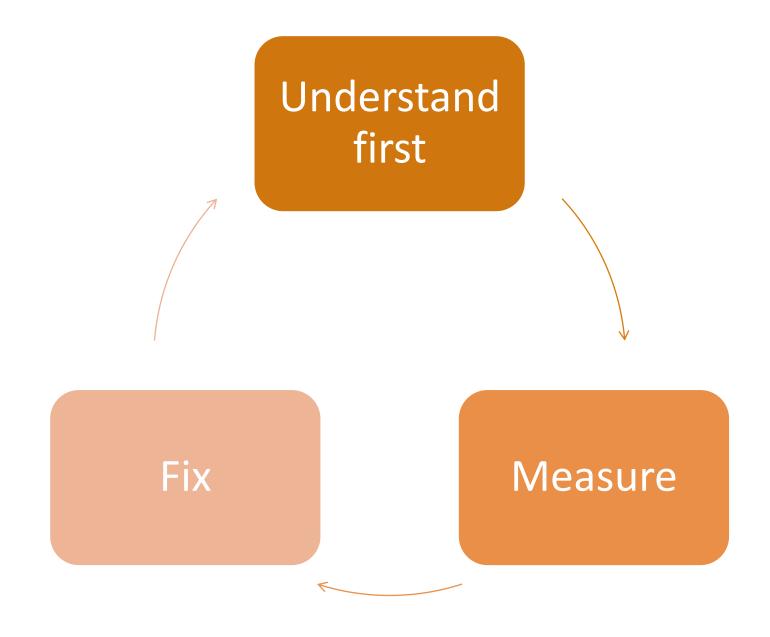
According to the official Oracle documentation:

The Oracle Server is a sophisticated and highly tunable software product. Its flexibility allows you to make small adjustments that affect database performance. By tuning your system, you can tailor its performance to best meet your needs.

Designing for Performance



Systematic Approach



Understand the Problem

The most common complaint you'll hear:

THE DATABASE IS SLOW!!!

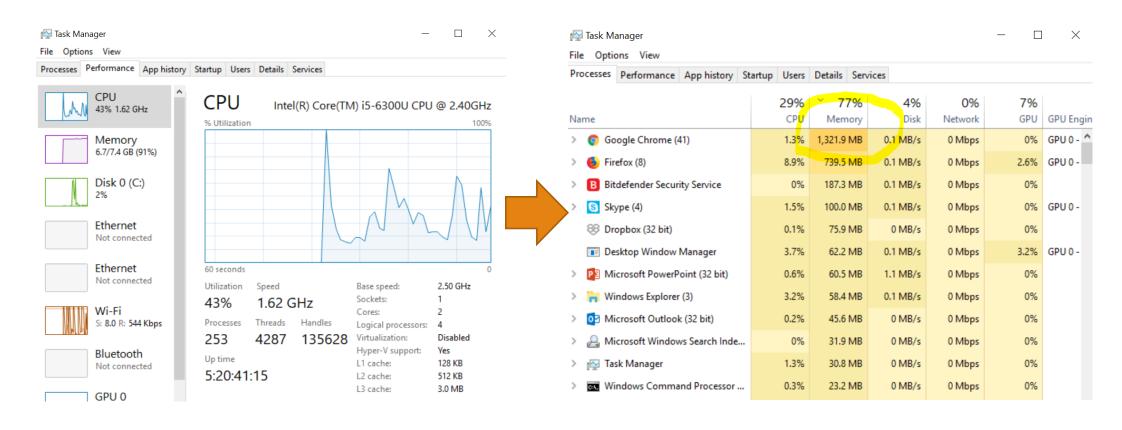
Get as much information as you can about the user's reported problem:

- •What is the problem?
- •Who is experience the problem?
- •How the problem manifests?

Break down a complex problem in smaller pieces (profiling)

Drill down into finer level of details

A Basic Drill Down Example



Common Scenarios





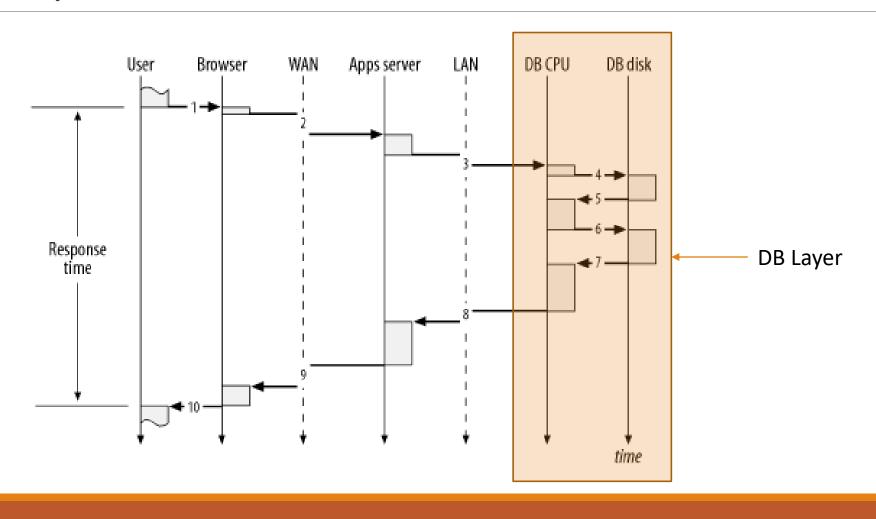


Throughput Bottleneck Lock

Measure Response Time

$$RT = ST + WT$$

User Response Time



If everybody complains of the DB performance:

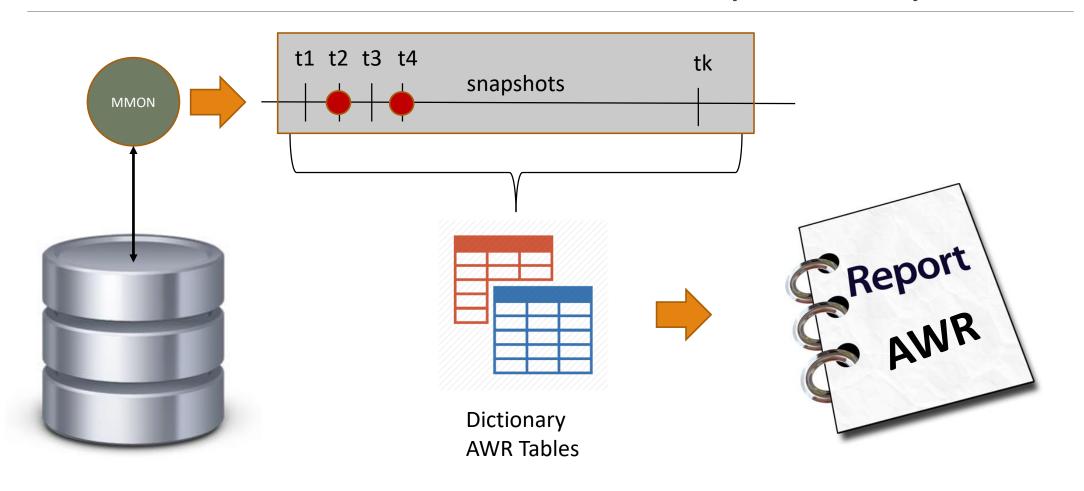
Look at the system wide metrics: AWR report, Statspack etc

If one or just a few users complain:

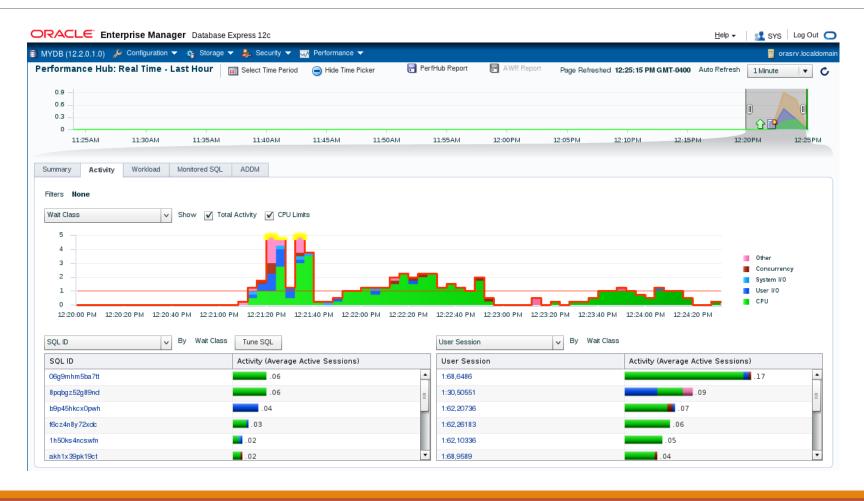
Trace that/those particular session(s)

Choose Scope

The Automatic Workload Repository



Performance Monitoring



Trace an Oracle Session

Session initiated (should be initiated by the application/user):

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ALTER SESSION SET sql_trace = TRUE;

ALTER SESSION SET EVENTS '10046 trace name context forever, level 8';
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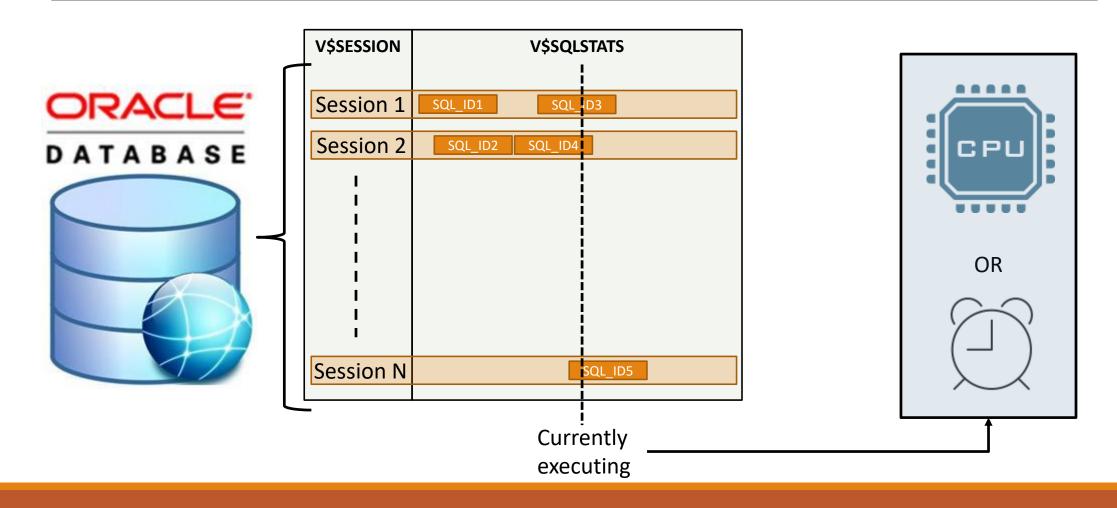
DBA initiated:

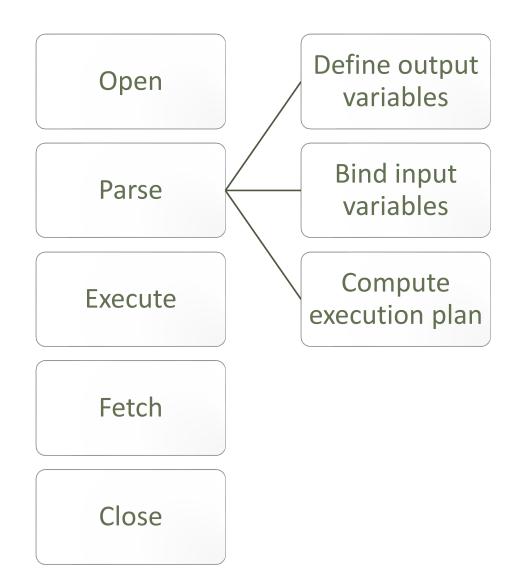
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EXEC DBMS_SYSTEM.set_sql_trace_in_session(sid=>123, serial#=>1234, sql_trace=>TRUE);
EXEC DBMS_SUPPORT.start_trace_in_session(sid=>123, serial=>1234, waits=>TRUE, binds=>FALSE);
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DEMO

GENERATING THE AWR REPORT

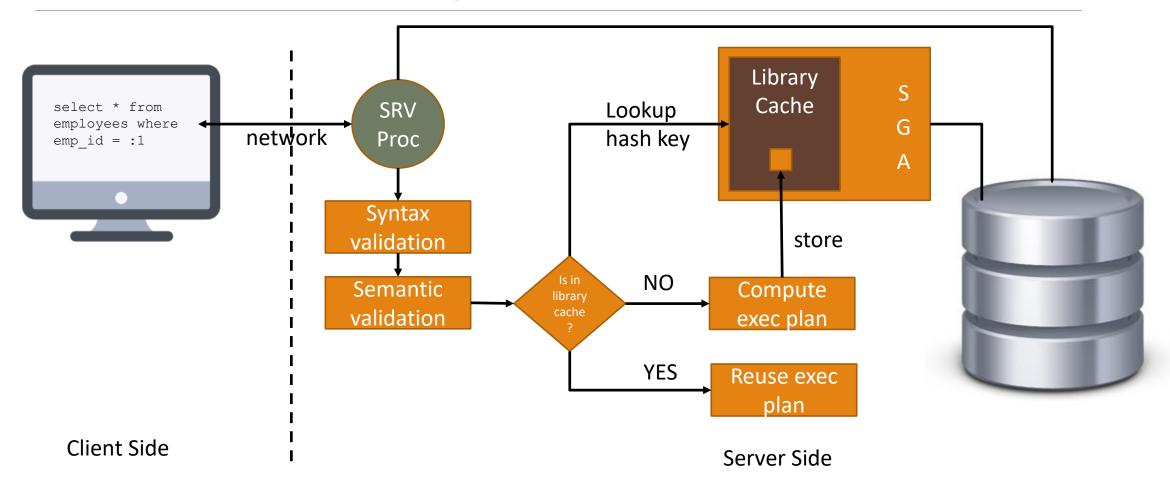
DB Activity





Lifecycle of a Cursor

Hard/Soft Parsing



The optimizer needs to know (approximately) Based on the above The Oracle optimizer various table info, the optimizer is in charge of statistics: number of The execution plan computes several with the lowest cost creating an records in a table, execution plans and execution plan for how many records is used. assigns a cost for per Oracle block, an SQL each of them how many distinct values for a column etc.

How an Execution Plan is Computed?

The user/application may manually gather optimizer stats using DBMS_STATS package.

By default,
Oracle
automatically
gathers
optimizer stats
on every night
for those tables
with significant
changes

How Optimizer Stats are Gathered?



Hands-on Practice

That's all folks!

THANK YOU AND SEE YOU NEXT WEEK...