



# Autonomous Transactions and Other Useful Tidbits

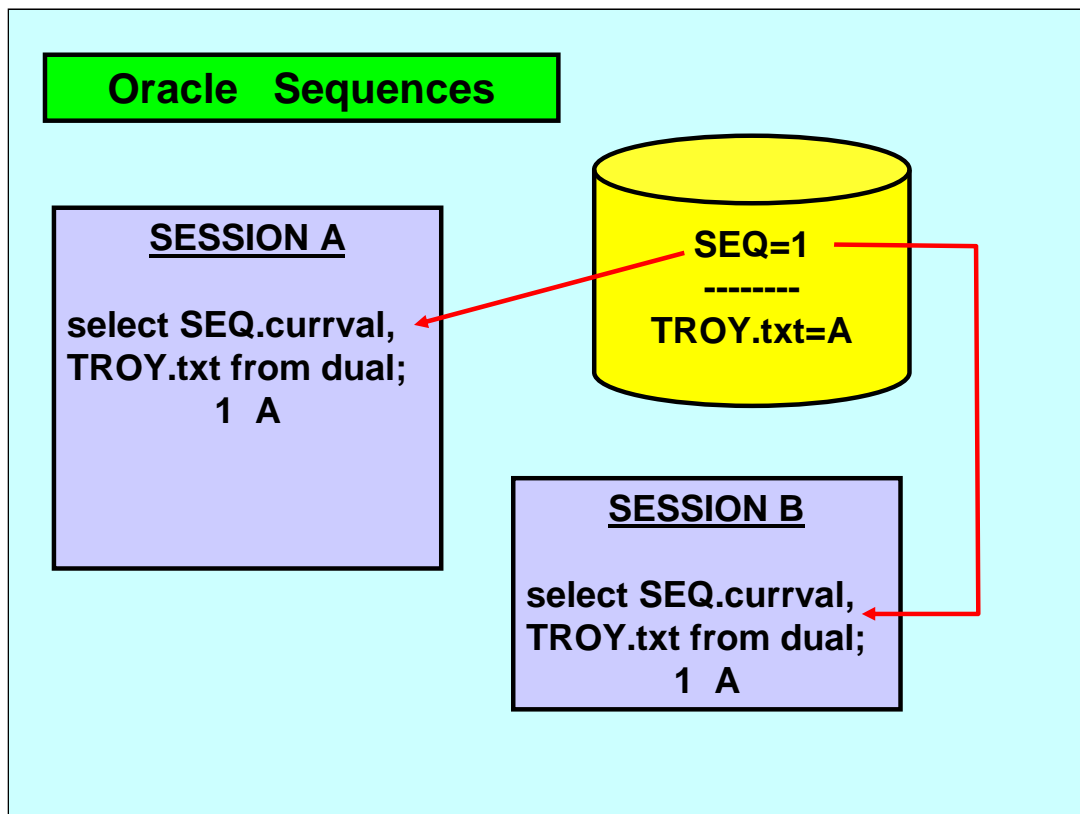
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# What is an **AUTONOMOUS TRANSACTION** and Why would I want to use one?



Have you ever found yourself in the situation where you want to commit some statements in a given transaction while rolling back other statements in that same transaction? Or you want to commit one particular statement and you're not sure yet whether you want to commit or roll back the rest of the statements in that transaction?

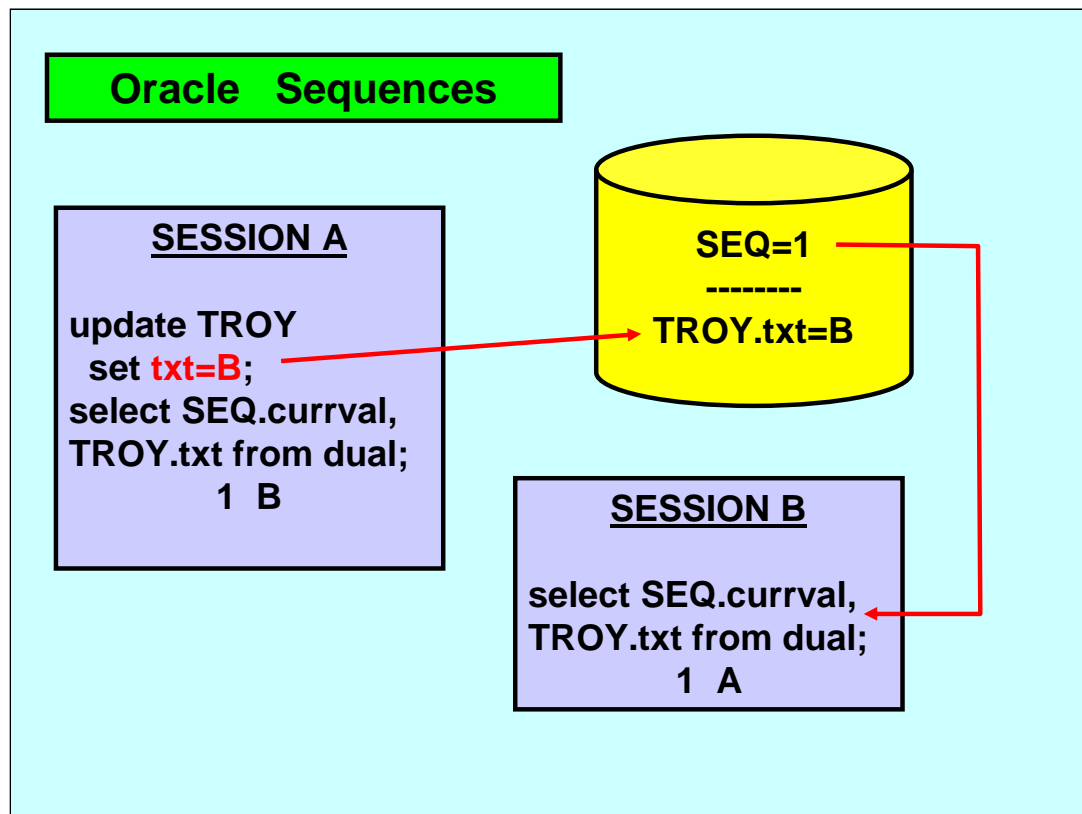
Well, you can think of Autonomous Transactions as this sort of "selective commit".



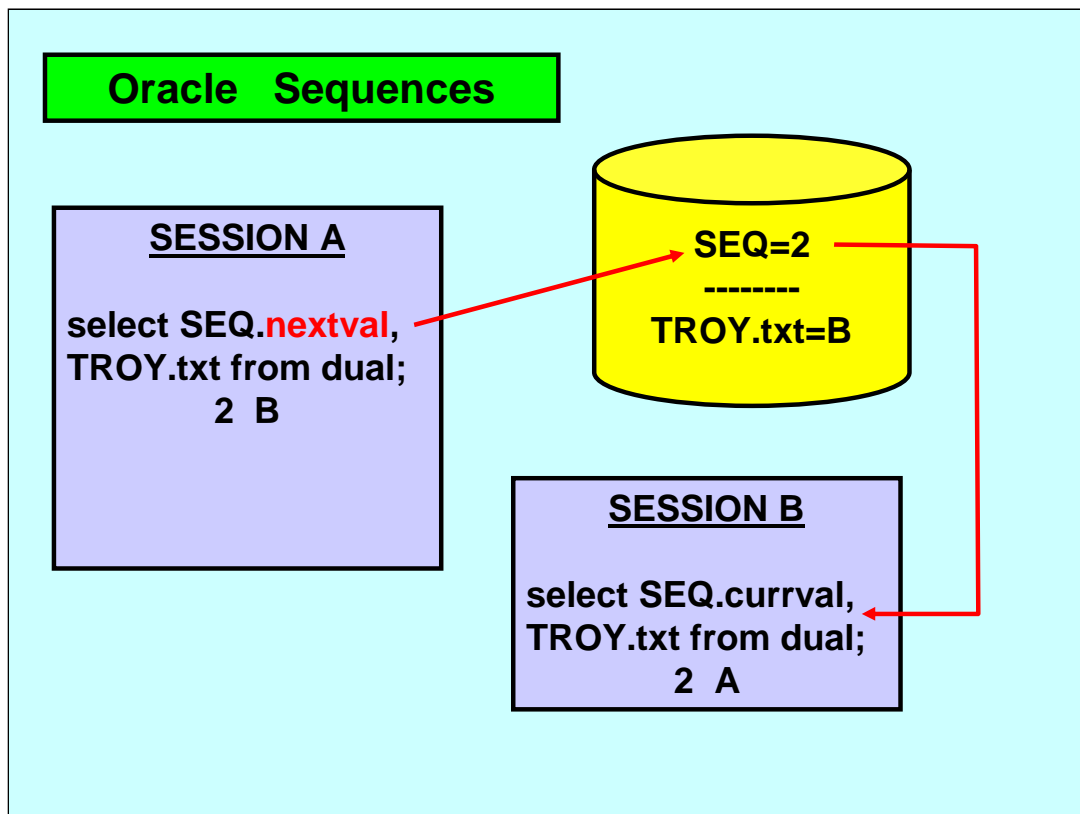
A good example of this is found when we take a look at Oracle Sequences.

Here we see a simple database with sequence SEQ = 1 and  
table Troy column Txt = A

Both Session A and Session B see SEQ=1 and TXT=A



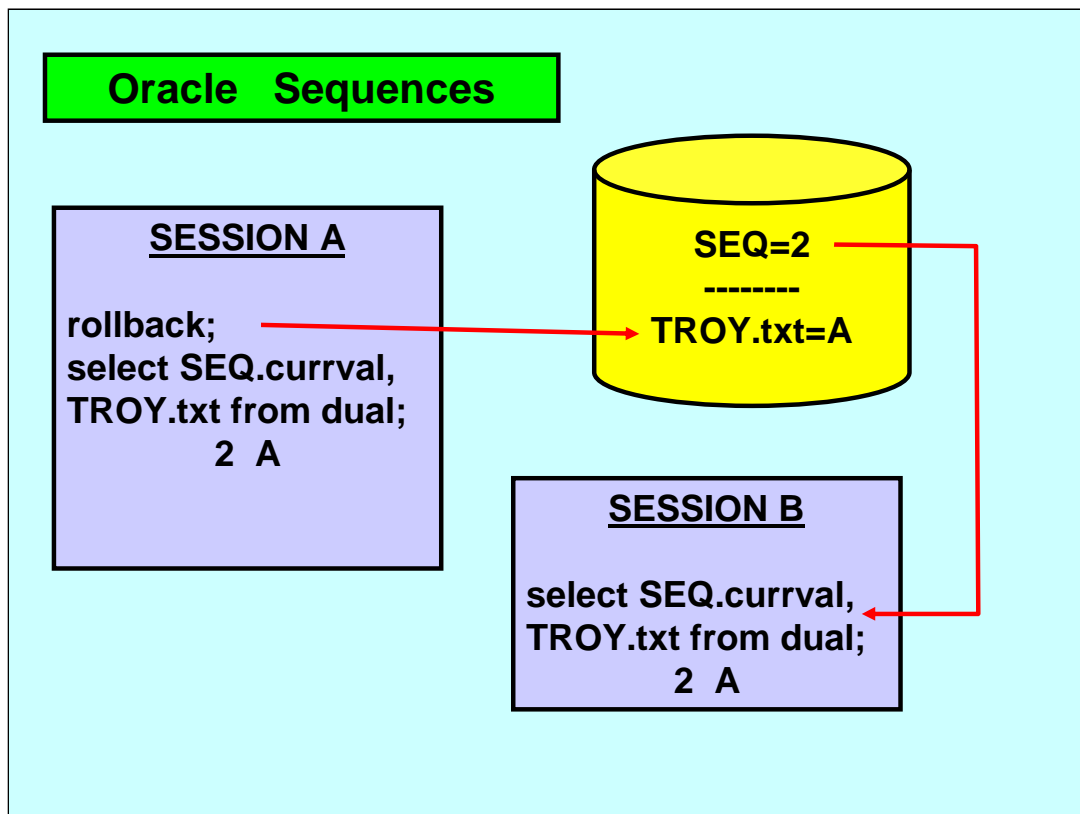
If Session A sets Troy.TXT = B, Session A will see the change, but Session B, of course, won't because the change hasn't been committed yet.



Anytime one session selects nextval from a sequence, the incremented value needs to be committed immediately so any other sessions will get the incremented value.

We see here Session A selecting nextval from the sequence, and both Session A and Session B immediately see SEQ=2

Note that Session B still doesn't see the update to TROY.txt because the sequence update was an autonomous transaction.



In fact, Session B might never see that change to TROY.TXT, because Session A might issue a ROLLBACK.

But as you can see here, the ROLLBACK doesn't effect the sequence. In fact, for many years, Oracle has used a lot of this type of functionality internally to update system resources and the like. You've probably seen them referred to as "recursive transactions" but they never really gave you a way to create your own recursive transactions.

# **How does this Help me ?**

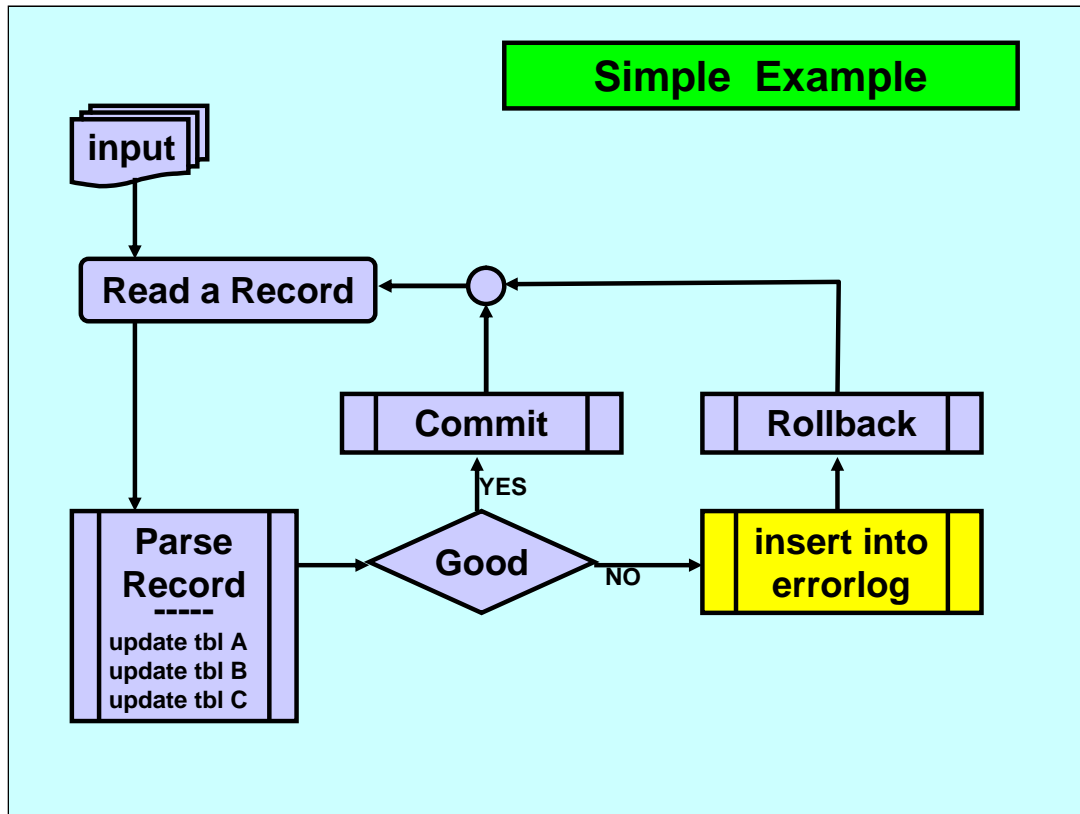


I know what you're thinking..."That's an interesting bit of trivia, Troy, but how does this help me?"

# Oracle 8i to the rescue!



With the introduction of Autonomous Transactions in Oracle 8i, this type of functionality was finally opened up for our use. While it has been around for a long time now, it is such a useful, yet little known trick, that I thought I would present it to you here today. At the end of this presentation, I won't say that you'll be autonomous transaction experts, but you will have a concrete example that you should be able to take back with you and make immediate use of.



Here's a simple example that demonstrates the use of Autonomous Transactions. It's a typical transaction processing scenario:

Records are sitting in an INPUT table.

We need to parse each input record and update several other tables (A, B, & C)

As we process each input record, we check for errors.

If we find an error, we want to log that to our error table, rollback all of the changes for that record, and move on to the next INPUT record.

This insert into errorlog is what we need to be autonomous so the following rollback won't get rid of the errorlog record that we just inserted.

## Simple Example

```
DECLARE
    CURSOR input_cur IS SELECT * FROM input_tbl;
    input_row input_cur%ROWTYPE;

    PROCEDURE write_errorlog(message varchar2) IS
        PRAGMA AUTONOMOUS_TRANSACTION;

    BEGIN
        INSERT INTO errorlog_tbl VALUES(err_seq.nextval,message);
        COMMIT;

    END;

BEGIN
    FOR input_row IN input_cur LOOP
        update_table_A(input_row);
        update_table_B(input_row);
        update_table_C(input_row);
        IF input_is_good() THEN
            COMMIT;
        ELSE
            write_errorlog('bad record='||input_row.key);
            ROLLBACK;
        END IF;
    END LOOP;

END;
```

The code for previous example would be something like the following...and I hope you'll forgive me if you can immediately see other ways to accomplish this...

this is admittedly a contrived example just to show the Autonomous Transaction functionality.

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We start off by declaring a cursor to read the input table and a corresponding variable to hold the current row.

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I've used a cursor FOR loop to step thru the input cursor.

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END;
```

For each input record, I call update procedures to perform whatever database updates are needed.

I've omitted the details of these update procedures as well as the following `input_is_bad()` function as they're not relevant to this discussion.

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        END IF;
    END LOOP;
END;
```

If the function decides the record is good then a commit is issued.

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END;
```

Otherwise the write\_errorlog procedure is called.

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The trick is all in the “PRAGMA AUTONOMOUS\_TRANSACTION” declaration on the procedure. When Oracle sees this pragma, it suspends the previous transaction and starts a new transaction for this procedure.

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END;
```

When this procedure ends, it returns us to the previous transaction, which I then rollback.

But since the insert into errorlog was autonomous, it survives while all other changes are rolled back.

You can review your errorlog at this point with a simple “select \* from errorlog\_tbl order by 1;”.

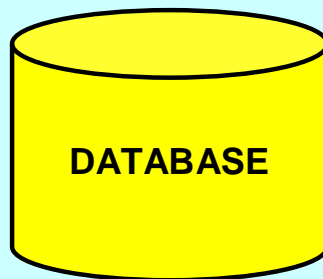
By issuing a “truncate errorlog\_tbl;” you will be ready for the next test run of your procedure.

**Do you ever get those  
calls from your  
customer where they  
say:**

***“How’s the database  
looking ?”***



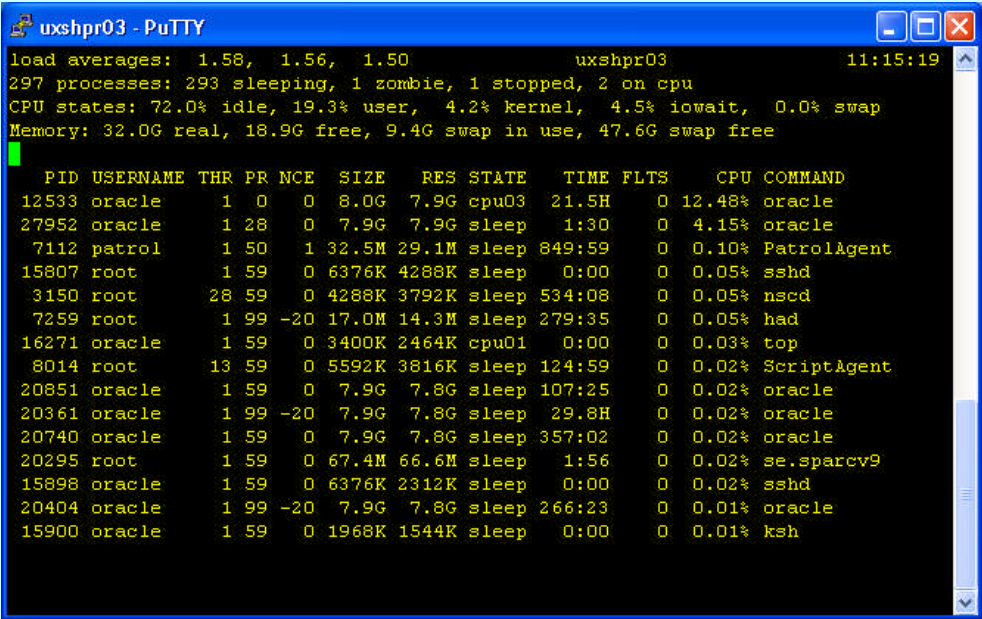
**“Round and kinda can-like  
on my screen, how’s it  
looking on yours?”**



I like to respond with something along these lines, just to set the tone. You give me a silly question, you’re likely to get a silly answer. Of course what they are really asking is “Does it look like the database is performing properly or is it having any problems?” As in performance problems most often.



If I really want to know for sure, I fire up my trusty Quest Spotlight....but this takes a lot of time to get connected and up and running. Often times this is overkill. It's Oracle, so the database is never the problem, right? So what I really need is just a quick perk check.



```
uxshpr03 - PuTTY
load averages:  1.58,  1.56,  1.50                uxshpr03                11:15:19
297 processes: 293 sleeping, 1 zombie, 1 stopped, 2 on cpu
CPU states: 72.0% idle, 19.3% user,  4.2% kernel,  4.5% iowait,  0.0% swap
Memory: 32.0G real, 18.9G free, 9.4G swap in use, 47.6G swap free

  PID USERNAME  THR PR NCE  SIZE  RES STATE  TIME  FLTS   CPU COMMAND
12533 oracle     1  0   0  8.0G  7.9G cpu03 21.5H   0 12.48% oracle
27952 oracle     1 28   0  7.9G  7.9G sleep  1:30   0  4.15% oracle
7112  patrol     1 50   1 32.5M 29.1M sleep 849:59  0  0.10% PatrolAgent
15807 root         1 59   0 6376K 4288K sleep  0:00   0  0.05% sshd
3150  root        28 59   0 4288K 3792K sleep 534:08  0  0.05% nscd
7259  root         1 99 -20 17.0M 14.3M sleep 279:35  0  0.05% had
16271 oracle     1 59   0 3400K 2464K cpu01  0:00   0  0.03% top
8014  root        13 59   0 5592K 3816K sleep 124:59  0  0.02% ScriptAgent
20851 oracle     1 59   0  7.9G  7.8G sleep 107:25  0  0.02% oracle
20361 oracle     1 99 -20  7.9G  7.8G sleep  29.8H  0  0.02% oracle
20740 oracle     1 59   0  7.9G  7.8G sleep 357:02  0  0.02% oracle
20295 root         1 59   0 67.4M 66.6M sleep  1:56   0  0.02% se.sparcv9
15898 oracle     1 59   0 6376K 2312K sleep  0:00   0  0.02% sshd
20404 oracle     1 99 -20  7.9G  7.8G sleep 266:23  0  0.01% oracle
15900 oracle     1 59   0 1968K 1544K sleep  0:00   0  0.01% ksh
```

So a quicker option is to fire up a putty session to login to the Unix box and do a “top” command. This is great for what it is....lots of information on what’s going on right now. But it doesn’t address the question “is this normal for this environment?” If you’re managing one or two boxes, maybe you’ll know, but if you have hundreds of boxes, it’s a much harder question. What you really need is some trend data.

# How do I **Monitor Unix Servers?**

What Percent CPU & Memory?  
How many DB Sessions?



So here's the bigger question

## Unix command-line

```
==> vmstat 1 10
```

kthr		memory		page				disk				faults				cpu						
r	b	w	swap	free	re	mf	pi	po	fr	de	sr	m0	m1	m2	m1	in	sy	cs	us	sy	id	
0	1	0	49808048	19958704	464	663	48	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1406	2287	2458	10	6	85
0	0	0	49984544	19837576	1918	17242	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2066	34780	4795	16	12	72
0	0	0	49984544	19837576	1541	11336	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2755	36918	5316	15	7	78
0	0	0	49984688	19837576	643	4050	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1457	12475	3206	14	2	84
0	0	0	49984624	19837552	1670	6965	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1345	18347	3075	17	3	80
0	0	0	49982136	19833632	1665	5956	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2122	21883	4028	18	2	80
0	0	0	49984624	19837552	299	2598	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1255	8268	2387	13	2	86
0	0	0	49984624	19837552	307	2787	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2308	18512	2930	16	5	79
0	0	0	49980272	19836488	302	2727	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2015	20505	3101	20	4	76
0	1	0	49977400	19835472	364	3195	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1857	27979	3541	22	2	76

vmstat gives cpu and memory...but it's kind of tedious to decode....the columns aren't lined up with the headers, etc.

## Unix command-line

```
==> vmstat 1 2|tail -1|awk '{printf "CPUu=%3s CPUs=%3s CPUi=%4s Mswp=%9s  
Mfre=%9s PRC=%s\n",$20,$21,$22,$4,$5,$1}'
```

```
CPUu= 25 CPUs= 16 CPUi= 59 Mswp= 49964792 Mfre= 19792144 PRC=0
```

throw in a bit of formatting via AWK and we have pretty passable output

## Unix command-line

```
==> ps -ef|grep LOCAL
oracle 4411 1 0 Jul 20 ? 0:00 oracleraus01pr1 (LOCAL=NO)
oracle 23149 24707 0 Jul 16 ? 17:47 oracleraus01pr1
(DESCRIPTION=(LOCAL=YES)(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=beq)))
oracle 29839 1 0 Jul 20 ? 0:08 oracleraus01pr1 (LOCAL=NO)
oracle 12533 1 13 13:15:51 ? 1301:30 oracleraus01pr1 (LOCAL=NO)
oracle 18579 1 0 Jul 20 ? 0:05 oracleraus01pr1 (LOCAL=NO)
oracle 22264 1 0 May 30 ? 0:15 oracleraus01pr1
(DESCRIPTION=(LOCAL=YES)(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=beq)))
oracle 21716 24707 0 Jul 16 ? 16:00 oracleraus01pr1
(DESCRIPTION=(LOCAL=YES)(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=beq)))
oracle 21881 1 0 May 30 ? 0:15 oracleraus01pr1
(DESCRIPTION=(LOCAL=YES)(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=beq)))
oracle 15132 14931 0 Jul 14 ? 26:34 oracleraus01pr1
(DESCRIPTION=(LOCAL=YES)(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=beq)))
oracle 19903 15900 0 11:27:08 pts/3 0:00 grep LOCAL
oracle 29836 1 0 Jul 20 ? 0:11 oracleraus01pr1 (LOCAL=NO)
oracle 23384 24707 0 Jul 16 ? 18:44 oracleraus01pr1
(DESCRIPTION=(LOCAL=YES)(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=beq)))
```

Now for the session count...the process status command lists all the processes and grep LOCAL will filter for just the oracle session processes ... but you were really just looking for the count so you pipe this to WC -L to count the lines of output...and note you also got a line for your GREP so you'd want to either subtract one or GREP -V to get rid of that.

## Unix command-line

```
==> ps -ef|grep oracle|grep LOCAL|grep -v grep|wc -l  
50
```

so rolling all that together, something like this is what you're really after.....add a bit of AWK formatting and you get:

## Unix command-line

```
ps -ef|grep oracle|grep LOCAL|grep -v grep|wc -l|awk '{printf "SESS=%5s ",$1}'
```

```
SESS= 50
```

all of this is very doable, but if I'm doing it by hand, it's a lot of typing...and a lot of typo's if you're like me...and we started out wanting a quick and easy solution that is faster than firing up Spotlight....or available to those of you who haven't talked their company's finance officer into springing for the cost of Spotlight....

## twl\_monitor.sh

```
date '+%H:%M'|awk '{printf "%s ",$1}' ;ps -ef|grep  
oracle|grep LOCAL|grep -v grep|wc -l|awk '{printf  
"SESS=%5s ",$1}' ;vmstat 1 2|tail -1|awk '{printf  
"CPUu=%3s CPUs=%3s CPUi=%4s Mswp=%9s Mfre=%9s  
PRC=%s\n", $20,$21,$22,$4,$5,$1}'
```

```
12:50 SESS= 50 CPUu= 17 CPUs= 10 CPUi= 73 Mswp= 49985320 Mfre= 19795416 PRC=0
```

Enter twl\_monitor.sh.... I found myself doing this over and over so I just put all of it in a little one line script so all I needed to do was login to the box and run it. I added a timestamp as well, because a common question was “when was this?”.....very handy, but it still didn’t answer the question “is this normal for this box?”

## twl\_monitor.sh

```
PATH=/usr/ccs/bin:/usr/sbin:/opt/bin:/usr/bin/./var:/usr/local/bin:/usr/ucb
export PATH
cd `dirname $0`
host=`hostname`
dat=`date +%Y-%m-%d`
date '+%H:%M'|awk '{printf "%s ",$1}' >>
/opt/app/oracle/logs/twl_monitor.$host.$dat.log
ps -ef|grep oracle|grep LOCAL|grep -v grep|wc -l|awk '{printf "SESS=%5s ",$1}'
>> /opt/app/oracle/logs/twl_monitor.$host.$dat.log
vmstat 1 2|tail -1|awk '{printf "CPUu=%3s CPUi=%3s CPUl=%3s Mswp=%9s
Mfre=%9s PRC=%s\n", $20,$21,$22,$4,$5,$1}' >>
/opt/app/oracle/logs/twl_monitor.$host.$dat.log
```

```
#
# monitoring:
00,10,20,30,40,50 * * * * /opt/app/oracle/scripts/twl_monitor.sh 2>&1 >/dev/null
```

So I added a bit of code to redirect the output to a file and just append to that every time I ran it. That way I could look at the file and see what the previous runs had said and know whether this was normal or not. It then occurred to me that I could just put it in the cron to run every 10 minutes and I'd have a full dataset. By including the date in the filename, it would automatically give me one file per day with 24hours of data in each one.

## twl\_monitor.sh

```
==> ls -ltr
-rw-r--r-- 1 oracle dba      11664 Jul 20 23:50 twl_monitor.uxshpr03.2009-07-20.log
-rw-r--r-- 1 oracle dba      11664 Jul 21 23:50 twl_monitor.uxshpr03.2009-07-21.log
-rw-r--r-- 1 oracle dba      11664 Jul 22 23:50 twl_monitor.uxshpr03.2009-07-22.log
-rw-r--r-- 1 oracle dba       6318 Jul 23 12:50 twl_monitor.uxshpr03.2009-07-23.log
```

```
==> cat twl_monitor.uxshpr03.2009-07-23.log
00:00 SESS= 56 CPUu= 33 CPUs= 30 CPUi= 38 Mswp= 49423384 Mfre= 19598392 PRC=1
00:10 SESS= 50 CPUu= 15 CPUs= 8 CPUi= 77 Mswp= 49935024 Mfre= 20142760 PRC=0
00:20 SESS= 50 CPUu= 17 CPUs= 4 CPUi= 79 Mswp= 49935472 Mfre= 20148520 PRC=0
00:30 SESS= 56 CPUu= 15 CPUs= 7 CPUi= 78 Mswp= 49583088 Mfre= 20026368 PRC=0
00:40 SESS= 56 CPUu= 23 CPUs= 3 CPUi= 74 Mswp= 49433688 Mfre= 19871696 PRC=0
00:50 SESS= 56 CPUu= 15 CPUs= 5 CPUi= 80 Mswp= 49526160 Mfre= 19923608 PRC=0
01:00 SESS= 57 CPUu= 13 CPUs= 2 CPUi= 85 Mswp= 49824344 Mfre= 20055040 PRC=0
01:10 SESS= 57 CPUu= 13 CPUs= 5 CPUi= 82 Mswp= 49839536 Mfre= 20058848 PRC=0
01:20 SESS= 57 CPUu= 13 CPUs= 2 CPUi= 86 Mswp= 49840024 Mfre= 20093912 PRC=0
01:30 SESS= 57 CPUu= 13 CPUs= 2 CPUi= 85 Mswp= 49840328 Mfre= 20090160 PRC=0
01:40 SESS= 57 CPUu= 13 CPUs= 2 CPUi= 84 Mswp= 49841152 Mfre= 20083824 PRC=0
01:50 SESS= 57 CPUu= 13 CPUs= 3 CPUi= 84 Mswp= 49842064 Mfre= 20080648 PRC=0
02:00 SESS= 57 CPUu= 13 CPUs= 3 CPUi= 84 Mswp= 49837304 Mfre= 20072264 PRC=0
```

This was great. Now I had a directory on the server where I could go and just cat the latest file to see what today's trend was. Or any of the older files to see what it was like last week, last month, whenever.

## twl\_monitor\_mail.sh

```
# command-line parameter is email address to receive report
#
PATH=/usr/ccs/bin:/usr/sbin:/opt/bin:/usr/bin:/var:/usr/local/bin:/usr/ucb
export PATH
cd `dirname $0`
host=`hostname`
dat=`date +%Y-%m-%d`
# wait till after midnight so file is no longer being updated
sleep 180
cat /opt/app/oracle/logs/twl_monitor.$host.$dat.log | /usr/bin/mailx -v -s
"twl_monitor Stats for $host on $dat" $1
```

```
#
# email monitoring logs
58 23 * * * /opt/app/oracle/scripts/twl_monitor_mail_attach.sh troy@ligonweb.com 2>&1 >/dev/null
```

Next I got too lazy to even login to the Unix box, so I made it email it to me each night. Date math is tricky in a shell script so I used a clever trick of doing it 2 minutes before midnight to capture the DATE and sleep 3 minutes so you get a full file without having to calculate yesterday's date. Note \$1 is the email address on the command-line. Even lazier, I can include the customer's email (comma separated) and the phone call doesn't even occur. It becomes a customer self-service activity. And the only thing they need to be able to do is read their email....

## twl\_monitor\_mail\_attach.sh

```
# command-line parameter is email address to receive report
#
PATH=/usr/ccs/bin:/usr/sbin:/opt/bin:/usr/bin:/var:/usr/local/bin:/usr/ucb
export PATH
cd `dirname $0`
host=`hostname`
dat=`date +%Y-%m-%d`
# wait till after midnight so file is no longer being updated
sleep 180
/usr/bin/mailx -v -s "twl_monitor Stats for $host on $dat" $1 <<EOF
~<!uencode /opt/app/oracle/logs/twl_monitor.$host.$dat.log
/opt/app/oracle/logs/twl_monitor.$host.$dat.txt
~.
EOF
```

Here's another version that makes it a text attachment instead of being just the body of the email.

What is the Most Useful Item  
I've recently stumbled across in  
the Data Dictionary?



## DBA\_HIST\_SYSMETRIC\_SUMMARY



I was working on an enhancement to a script I've written that drives off of the AWR data and was poking around in the Data Dictionary looking for a specific piece of data. In my browsing, I happened to take a look at this view and was floored.

## dba\_hist\_sysmetric\_summary

Name	Null?	Type
-----	-----	-----
SNAP_ID	NOT NULL	NUMBER
DBID	NOT NULL	NUMBER
INSTANCE_NUMBER	NOT NULL	NUMBER
BEGIN_TIME	NOT NULL	DATE
END_TIME	NOT NULL	DATE
INTSIZE	NOT NULL	NUMBER
GROUP_ID	NOT NULL	NUMBER
METRIC_ID	NOT NULL	NUMBER
METRIC_NAME	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(64)
METRIC_UNIT	NOT NULL	VARCHAR2(64)
NUM_INTERVAL	NOT NULL	NUMBER
MINVAL	NOT NULL	NUMBER
MAXVAL	NOT NULL	NUMBER
AVERAGE	NOT NULL	NUMBER
STANDARD_DEVIATION	NOT NULL	NUMBER

This view provides aggregated data for a variety of system and database metrics. It has pre-calculated Minimum, Maximum, and Average values and even includes the Standard Deviation and number of samples

## dba\_hist\_sysmetric\_summary

```
select count(distinct metric_name) from dba_hist_sysmetric_summary order by 1;
```

```
COUNT (DISTINCTMETRIC_NAME)
```

```
-----  
135
```

Current Logons Count  
Host CPU Utilization (%)  
Database CPU Time Ratio  
Database Wait Time Ratio  
Process Limit %  
Logical Reads Per Sec  
Network Traffic Volume Per Sec  
Physical Read Total Bytes Per Sec  
Physical Read Total IO Requests Per Sec  
Physical Reads Per Sec  
Physical Write Total Bytes Per Sec  
Physical Write Total IO Requests Per Sec  
Physical Writes Per Sec

It has 135 different metrics summarized for you in 10.2. Here are some of the ones most interesting to me.

## dba\_hist\_sysmetric\_summary

```
set pagesize 9999
set linesize 1000 trimsp on
col dbname      format a10   heading 'DBNAME'
col timestamp   format a16
col snap_id     format 999999 heading 'SNAPID'
col instance_number format 99 heading 'NODE'
col ses1        format 9999
col ses2        format 9999
col ses3        format 9999
col ses4        format 9999
col cpu1        format 9999
col cpu2        format 9999
col cpu3        format 9999
col cpu4        format 9999
col dbwait1     format 9999
col dbwait2     format 9999
col dbwait3     format 9999
col dbwait4     format 9999
col dbcpu1      format 9999
col dbcpu2      format 9999
col dbcpu3      format 9999
col dbcpu4      format 9999
```

set up column formatting

## dba\_hist\_sysmetric\_summary

```
select distinct b.value dbname, to_char(a.begin_time,'YYYY-MM-DD HH24:MI') timestamp,a.snap_id
,(select average from dba_hist_sysmetric_summary where instance_number=1 and
metric_name='Current Logons Count' and snap_id=a.snap_id and dbid=a.dbid) ses1
,(select average from dba_hist_sysmetric_summary where instance_number=1 and
metric_name='Host CPU Utilization (%)' and snap_id=a.snap_id and dbid=a.dbid) cpu1
,(select average from dba_hist_sysmetric_summary where instance_number=1 and
metric_name='Database Wait Time Ratio' and snap_id=a.snap_id and dbid=a.dbid) dbwait1
,(select average from dba_hist_sysmetric_summary where instance_number=1 and
metric_name='Database CPU Time Ratio' and snap_id=a.snap_id and dbid=a.dbid) dbcpu1
from dba_hist_sysmetric_summary a,dba_hist_parameter b
where a.instance_number=1
and a.snap_id=b.snap_id
and a.dbid=b.dbid
and b.parameter_name='db_name'
and a.snap_id > ((select max(snap_id) from dba_hist_snapshot where dbid=a.dbid)-(24*30))
order by a.snap_id;
```

give me the last 30 days sessions counts, cpu, dbwaits, and dbcpu from node 1 of the RAC

## dba\_hist\_sysmetric\_summary

DBNAME	TIMESTAMP	SNAPID	SES1	CPU1	DBWAIT1	DBCPU1
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
raus01pr	2009-06-23 13:02	24777	118	8	22	78
raus01pr	2009-06-23 14:01	24778	114	11	48	52
raus01pr	2009-06-23 15:01	24779	122	13	51	49
raus01pr	2009-06-23 16:01	24780	122	24	48	52
raus01pr	2009-06-23 17:01	24781	116	21	28	72
raus01pr	2009-06-23 18:02	24782	109	14	28	72
raus01pr	2009-06-23 19:01	24783	107	14	25	75
raus01pr	2009-06-23 20:01	24784	114	12	26	74
raus01pr	2009-06-23 21:02	24785	114	9	24	76
raus01pr	2009-06-23 22:02	24786	112	9	19	81
raus01pr	2009-06-23 23:01	24787	112	13	69	31
raus01pr	2009-06-24 00:01	24788	118	12	37	63
raus01pr	2009-06-24 01:02	24789	119	12	68	32
raus01pr	2009-06-24 02:01	24790	109	13	69	31
raus01pr	2009-06-24 03:02	24791	117	12	40	60
raus01pr	2009-06-24 04:01	24792	121	11	46	54
raus01pr	2009-06-24 05:01	24793	123	8	33	67
.....						

give me the last 30 days sessions counts, cpu, dbwaits, and dbcpu from node 1 of the RAC

## dba\_hist\_sysmetric\_summary

```
set pagesize 9999
set linesize 1000 trimsp on
col dbname          format a10   heading 'DBNAME'
col timestamp       format a16
col snap_id         format 999999 heading 'SNAPID'
col instance_number format 99    heading 'NODE'
col ses1            format 9999
col ses2            format 9999
col ses3            format 9999
col ses4            format 9999
col cpu1            format 9999
col cpu2            format 9999
col cpu3            format 9999
col cpu4            format 9999
col dbwait1         format 9999
col dbwait2         format 9999
col dbwait3         format 9999
col dbwait4         format 9999
col dbcpu1          format 9999
col dbcpu2          format 9999
col dbcpu3          format 9999
col dbcpu4          format 9999
```

so I'm sure some of you are wondering why I set up column formatting four times for each column....because I have a 4 node RAC

## dba\_hist\_sysmetric\_summary

```
select distinct b.value dbname, to_char(a.begin_time,'YYYY-MM-DD HH24:MI') timestamp,a.snap_id
,(select average from dba_hist_sysmetric_summary where instance_number=1 and
metric_name='Current Logons Count' and snap_id=a.snap_id and dbid=a.dbid) ses1
,(select average from dba_hist_sysmetric_summary where instance_number=2 and
metric_name='Current Logons Count' and snap_id=a.snap_id and dbid=a.dbid) ses2
,(select average from dba_hist_sysmetric_summary where instance_number=3 and
metric_name='Current Logons Count' and snap_id=a.snap_id and dbid=a.dbid) ses3
,(select average from dba_hist_sysmetric_summary where instance_number=4 and
metric_name='Current Logons Count' and snap_id=a.snap_id and dbid=a.dbid) ses4
,(select average from dba_hist_sysmetric_summary where instance_number=1 and
metric_name='Host CPU Utilization (%)' and snap_id=a.snap_id and dbid=a.dbid) cpu1
,(select average from dba_hist_sysmetric_summary where instance_number=2 and
metric_name='Host CPU Utilization (%)' and snap_id=a.snap_id and dbid=a.dbid) cpu2
,(select average from dba_hist_sysmetric_summary where instance_number=3 and
metric_name='Host CPU Utilization (%)' and snap_id=a.snap_id and dbid=a.dbid) cpu3
,(select average from dba_hist_sysmetric_summary where instance_number=4 and
metric_name='Host CPU Utilization (%)' and snap_id=a.snap_id and dbid=a.dbid) cpu4
```

Here I came up with a very scalable format for the sql statement. This makes it easy to add/remove/reorder various metrics totally independent of the rest of the sql.

## dba\_hist\_sysmetric\_summary

```
.(select average from dba_hist_sysmetric_summary where instance_number=1 and
metric_name='Database Wait Time Ratio' and snap_id=a.snap_id and dbid=a.dbid) dbwait1
,(select average from dba_hist_sysmetric_summary where instance_number=2 and
metric_name='Database Wait Time Ratio' and snap_id=a.snap_id and dbid=a.dbid) dbwait2
,(select average from dba_hist_sysmetric_summary where instance_number=3 and
metric_name='Database Wait Time Ratio' and snap_id=a.snap_id and dbid=a.dbid) dbwait3
,(select average from dba_hist_sysmetric_summary where instance_number=4 and
metric_name='Database Wait Time Ratio' and snap_id=a.snap_id and dbid=a.dbid) dbwait4
,(select average from dba_hist_sysmetric_summary where instance_number=1 and
metric_name='Database CPU Time Ratio' and snap_id=a.snap_id and dbid=a.dbid) dbcpu1
,(select average from dba_hist_sysmetric_summary where instance_number=2 and
metric_name='Database CPU Time Ratio' and snap_id=a.snap_id and dbid=a.dbid) dbcpu2
,(select average from dba_hist_sysmetric_summary where instance_number=3 and
metric_name='Database CPU Time Ratio' and snap_id=a.snap_id and dbid=a.dbid) dbcpu3
,(select average from dba_hist_sysmetric_summary where instance_number=4 and
metric_name='Database CPU Time Ratio' and snap_id=a.snap_id and dbid=a.dbid) dbcpu4
from dba_hist_sysmetric_summary a,dba_hist_parameter b
where a.instance_number=1
and a.snap_id=b.snap_id
and a.dbid=b.dbid
and b.parameter_name='db_name'
and a.snap_id > ((select max(snap_id) from dba_hist_snapshot where dbid=a.dbid)-(24*30))
order by a.snap_id;
```

## dba\_hist\_sysmetric\_summary

DBNAME	TIMESTAMP			SNAPID	SES1	SES2	SES3	SES4	CPU1	CPU2	CPU3	CPU4
DBWAIT1	DBWAIT2	DBWAIT3	DBWAIT4	DBCPU1	DBCPU2	DBCPU3	DBCPU4					
-----												
raus01pr	2009-06-23 13:02			24777	118	46	90	55	8	20	5	17
22	0	22	30	78	100	78	70					
raus01pr	2009-06-23 14:01			24778	114	47	97	56	11	20	11	18
48	5	39	33	52	95	61	67					
raus01pr	2009-06-23 15:01			24779	122	63	117	74	13	26	20	24
51	65	83	77	49	35	17	23					
raus01pr	2009-06-23 16:01			24780	122	55	104	67	24	24	19	24
48	34	58	55	52	66	42	45					
raus01pr	2009-06-23 17:01			24781	116	46	144	57	21	20	13	22
28	3	45	32	72	97	55	68					
raus01pr	2009-06-23 18:02			24782	109	46	82	55	14	20	12	22
28	1	27	32	72	99	73	68					
raus01pr	2009-06-23 19:01			24783	107	45	81	54	14	20	11	21
25	0	32	32	75	100	68	68					
raus01pr	2009-06-23 20:01			24784	114	48	91	56	12	22	9	19
26	5	32	31	74	95	68	69					
raus01pr	2009-06-23 21:02			24785	114	46	84	55	9	24	10	17
24	4	31	31	76	96	69	69					
raus01pr	2009-06-23 22:02			24786	112	46	77	56	9	11	14	17
19	38	30	30	81	62	70	70					
raus01pr	2009-06-23 23:01			24787	112	47	80	52	13	8	6	18
69	28	34	30	31	72	66	70					
.....												

give me session counts, cpu, dbwaits, and dbcpu from all four nodes of the RAC, all on one line to facilitate graphing via Excel



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