

# ORACLE OPTIMIZED WAREHOUSE INITIATIVE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What is the Oracle Optimized Warehouse Initiative?

The Oracle Optimized Warehouse Initiative is a joint development between Oracle and its partners to provide customers with a choice of easy-to-implement, high performance and scalable data warehousing solutions. This initiative provides optimized data warehouses that combine the world's most popular database for data warehouses, Oracle Database, with server, storage and networking components from leading computer manufacturers including Dell, EMC, HP, IBM and Sun.

## What solutions are available through this initiative?

The Oracle Optimized Warehouse Initiative consists of two levels of solutions with the aim of providing customers flexibility of choice to meet their different scale of requirements:

- **Reference Configurations** are a best practice guide to choosing the right server, storage and networking components to build an Oracle data warehouse. These best practice guides help customers take the risk out of implementing a data warehouse as Oracle and its partners have encapsulated years of configuration expertise.
- **Oracle Optimized Warehouses** provide customers with a pre-built, optimized data warehouse, complete with Oracle software, servers, storage and networking components ready to load data and run queries and reports. Available from Oracle's partners, Optimized Warehouses have been fully tested and validated.

## What Reference Configurations are available?

There are a wide range of Reference Configurations available from Dell, EMC, HP, IBM and Sun to suit the different needs of all customers. These range in scale from small entry level to large multi-terabyte data warehouses available on single and clustered servers to support tens to thousands of users.

## What Oracle Optimized Warehouses are available?

Oracle Optimized Warehouses are currently available from Dell, EMC, HP, IBM and Sun. Similar to choice of reference configurations from Oracle's partners, Optimized Warehouses are available in a range of different sized systems to suits the different needs of customers. [Click here for more information.](#)

## What choice of Operating System platforms is available?

There is a choice of operating systems including Linux and Unix depending on specific partner reference configurations and Oracle Optimized Warehouses available.

## Can these data warehousing solutions scale?

Yes. Reference configurations and Oracle Optimized Warehouses are designed with modular scalability in mind to incrementally add more storage and processing power as demand grows.

## What Business Intelligence Tools are supported?

You can use any Business Intelligence tool that is supported with Oracle Database. These include Oracle Business Intelligence Enterprise and Standard Editions, Business Objects, Cognos and many more.

**How do I load data into my Oracle data warehouse?**

Oracle Warehouse Builder – a feature of Oracle Database – is a core component of Oracle Optimized Warehouse Initiative solutions. It enables transformation of raw data from disparate sources into high-quality information that's optimized for business reporting and analytics.

**How do I manage my Oracle data warehouse?**

Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control – a feature of Oracle Database is a core component of Oracle Optimized Warehouse Initiative solutions. It automatically monitor your data warehouse environment and helps proactively resolve issues before they turn into emergencies.

**How will my data warehouse be supported?**

Oracle Optimized Warehouses are fully supported by Oracle and the hardware partners. You can choose to call just one number, or you can choose to follow your current support procedures for Oracle and hardware support.

**Can I design and build my data warehouse system myself?**

Of course you can, but not every customer has the necessary skills and expertise to design and build a data warehouse in-house. One of the primary objectives of the Oracle Optimized Warehouse Initiative is to help customers take the risk out of implementing data warehousing systems.

**How can I buy a data warehouse through this initiative?**

Talk to your Oracle and hardware vendor contacts. They can help you decide which data warehousing solution is the best choice for you short and longer term requirements.

**Where can I get more information about the Oracle Optimized Warehouse Initiative?**

For general information, visit the [website on oracle.com](http://www.oracle.com) or call 1-800 633-0738 to talk directly to a representative.