



By ACEs, For ACEs

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## In Memory of Mark Townsend | VP of Product Management for Oracle Database

The response to the passing of [Mark Townsend](#), a respected and well-liked leader, from the Oracle community may seem maudlin, but as we mourn his death we also celebrate his life and what he meant to the ACE community. Here's what some ACEs had to share:



- *"I was always amazed by Mark's deep and broad understanding of the Oracle technology stack and its community of users. His sense of humor and incisive analysis will be missed."* - **Steven Feuerstein, ACE Director**
- *"In all the time I met with Mark, every meeting he brought a lot of energy, a big smile, positive karma and a can do attitude. He was always extremely supportive of the user community and individuals when they went to him for help."* - **George J. Trujillo, Oracle ACE**
- *"I encountered Mark during a lecture in Oracle HQ for the Dutch/Belgium "Are You The Smartest" winners. He traveled on one of his vacation days just to spend an hour with us. Such dedication was typical of his efforts. I was impressed by his commitment to the community to even include a break in his private life."* - **Andreas Chatziantoniou, Oracle ACE**
- *"Mark was frank, candid, and pleasantly sympathetic to users needs. I will greatly miss his optimism that he always tinged with a great sense of realism."* - **Carl Dudley, ACE Director**
- *"I loved Mark's passion for 11g R2 and Oracle Express Edition. I'll never forget him saying "we are listening" -- he went on to say that he knew the Express edition needed to move up from version 10g to 11g R2 and he delivered exactly when he promised he would."* - **Brad Brown, ACE Director**
- *"I am forever indebted to Mark as he was one of the sponsors for my Oracle ACE nomination. I've tried to repay that by supporting the community and encouraging/mentoring potential ACE nominees. A great mentor who is missed."* - **Hans Forbrich, ACE Director**

What more can be said about this man? The sheer variety and number of tributes is a great testament to the influence Mark Townsend had in the Oracle community. He was a mentor, leader and most of all a friend. He will be missed!

See all tributes [here](#)

## Oracle ACE Program News

### → [Oracle ACE Program Wiki Page](#)

An official Wiki page has been set up for the Oracle ACE program. If you would like to contribute to the wiki, please send your request for approval to the [wiki manager](#).

### → [Debuting the Spanish and Portuguese ACE Program Pages](#)

Thanks to our LAD community manager, Pablo Ciccarello, the [Spanish](#) and [Portuguese](#) ACE pages just got a makeover. Get a quick glance of the LAD ACEs, content they have provided and more.

### → [OPEN CALL for PAPERS:](#)

**[UKOUG Conference](#)** | Dec 3-5, 2012 | Birmingham, UK  
**Submission Deadline: June 1, mid-day GMT**

**[Sangam12](#)** | Nov 2-3, 2012 | Chennai, India  
**Submission Deadline: June 15**

**[DOAG 2012](#)** | Nov 20-22, 2012 | Nuremberg, Germany  
**Submission Deadline: June 30**

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### → [ODTUG's Kscope12 conference - Special Fusion Middleware Track June 24-28, San Antonio, Texas](#)

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Don't miss the upcoming Oracle Development Tools User Group conference with a special developer focused [Fusion Middleware track](#). Attend expert-driven technical sessions and hands-on labs covering SOA, WebCenter and ADF. Registration discount promo code: [FUSION](#).

See who the [ACE speakers](#) are and don't forget about the [ACE-led "Lunch and Learn" panels](#) on Tue, June 26. See you there!

→ [Oracle's Business Analytics Strategy](#)

Watch Mark Hurd and Balaji Yelamanchili unveil the latest advances in Oracle's strategy for placing analytics into the hands of every one of your decision-makers-so that they can see more, think smarter, and act faster. Register now for this [on demand event](#).

→ [IOUG SELECT Journal - Call for Submissions](#)

IOUG is currently accepting submissions for the [seventh annual Tips & Best Practices Booklet](#) for Oracle professionals. They are looking for best practices and tips for managing an Oracle Database, geared toward developers and DBAs. Click [here](#) to learn more. **Submission deadline is Fri, June 22.**

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If you have the enthusiasm for communicating technical ideas and concepts, have a valuable experience or a technical skill that you're keen to share with readers, you should give serious consideration to authoring a book or becoming a technical reviewer. Please contact [sheila.cepero@oracle.com](mailto:sheila.cepero@oracle.com) for more details.

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## Oracle ACE Watch

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→ [New Article: Where Is that Query Coming from?](#)

This article written by Oracle ACE Paul Jackson describes [troubleshooting poor performing SQL statements](#). Steps to identify the source of the query are reviewed in detail. These tips will help to more quickly identify heavy resource consuming statements.

→ [New Article: MySQL 5.6 Multi-Threaded Replication \(in Portuguese\)](#)

Learn [how to configure MySQL and use new replication resources](#) in your environment in this article written by Oracle Wagner Bianchi.

→ [Blog Post: Comparing Database Virtual Machine Platforms](#)

The focus of this post written by Oracle ACE Bert Scalzo will [compare some common virtualization solutions](#) Oracle technologists can use to test drive virtualized databases on their workstations – namely VMware Workstation vs. Oracle Virtual Box.

→ [Blog Post : Why Upgrade to the New Smart View 11.1.2.1.102?](#)

Read this post written by ACE Director Tim Tow and find out his [top 10 reasons](#) for upgrading to Smart View 11.1.2.1.102 based on what users might want.

→ [Blog Post: Using Java Reflection API to clean up code and speed up development](#)

ACE Director Lucas Jellema shows how [using the Reflection API can still invoke a method generically on any object](#) – without having to rely on the objects implementing some interface. With generic code leveraging Java Reflection, it could quickly cut lines of code from an application.

Another interesting read written by Lucas on [JDeveloper- Conditional Breakpoints saving time and a lot of clicking \(IDE tip\)](#).

→ [Blog Post: Installing Oracle Ops Center 12c](#)

A step-by-step guide on [how to install Enterprise Manager Ops Center 12c on Oracle Linux 5.5 \(64bit\)](#) written by Oracle ACE Gokhan Atil. In another post, Gokhan also talks about [managing existing Data Guards with Enterprise Manager Cloud Control](#).

→ [Blog Post: gc Buffer Busy Acquire vs Release](#)

If you are confused about the [difference between gc buffer busy acquire and gc buffer busy release](#), you'll need to read this post written by ACE Director Riyaj Shamsudeen.

→ [Blog Post: Markus Eisele's Heroes of Java Series, JavaEE... & VOTE](#)

- Part 15 of the "[Heroes of Java](#)" series continues with [David Blevins](#), founder of the Apache TomEE, OpenEJB and Geronimo projects

- Java EE 6 Galleria Example:

Part 5 - [Enhance Security with Galleria](#)

Part 6: [Gracefully dealing with Errors in Galleria](#)

- Blog post about [how to contribute to the GlassFish open source project](#) without being a programming genius.

- New article about [Arquillian 1.0.0-Final](#) (covering GlassFish Embedded) (in German)

- Markus' interview with InfoQ about the [Rejection of Social Media API JSR-357](#).

- Markus earned a nomination for the 2012 JBoss Community Recognition Award. See why he [deserves to win](#) and provide your support. [VOTE!](#)

→ [Blog Post: Bundle Patch 14 Installation for Exadata Quirk](#)

This quick post by Oracle ACE Fahd Mirza talks about [resolving a quirk while applying BP14 in Half Rack of V2 Exadata](#).

→ [Blog Post: Java Messaging within WebLogic and GlassFish](#)

Three interesting posts written by Oracle ACE Rene van Wijk about Java Messaging:

[WebLogic JMS Clustering and Spring](#)

[Spring and GlassFish JMS](#)

[WebLogic Messaging Bridge and Store-and-Forward Service](#)

→ [Blog Post: Time Paradox \(in Spanish\)](#)

Oracle ACE Enrique Orbeagozo writes about [improving Oracle Server 11.2](#)

[performance under AIX 6.1](#), just by changing TZ environment parameter.

→ [Blog Post: All About EM12c](#)

Oracle ACE Rob Zoetewij shares several articles about EM12c:

[Installing Patch Set Update using EM12c](#)

[Incident Rules in EM12c](#)

[Installing EMCLI on EM12c](#)

[Administration Groups in EM12c](#)

[Auto Discovery of Targets in EM12c](#)

→ [Blog Post: Red Samurai MDS Cleaner V2.0](#)

A [free extension for ADF/WebCenter to manage MDS repository](#) developed by ACE Director Andrejus Baranovskis is designed to work with plain ADF applications, as well as with WebCenter Portal or WebCenter Spaces applications. [Check it out](#).

→ [New Book: High Performance MySQL, Third Edition](#) written by Oracle ACE Baron Schwartz. (Available Now)

→ [New Book: Expert Oracle Exadata](#) written by ACE Director Kerry Osbourne and Tanel Poder and Randy Johnson is being translated into Chinese through ACE Director Kamus Zhang. (Available late May)

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## Oracle ACE Out and About

- Speaking at [JavaOne & Develop Hyderabad](#) (May 2012)  
**Murali Vallath** - ACE Director, DB  
**Harshad Oak** - ACE Director, Java
- Speaking at [Argentina Oracle User Group](#) (May 2012)  
**Marcelo Ochoa** - Oracle ACE, DB  
**Gustavo Gonzalez** - Oracle ACE, Apps
- **Ronald Bradford** - ACE Director, MySQL  
Speaking at [RMOUG Quarterly Educational Workshop](#) (May 2012)
- Speaking [Rittman Mead BI Forum](#) (May 2012)  
**Mark Rittman** (+organizer) - ACE Director, BI  
**Sunil Ranka** - Oracle ACE, BI  
**Stewart Bryson** - Oracle ACE, BI  
**Chet Justice** - Oracle ACE, DB  
**Dan Vlamis** - Oracle ACE, BI  
**Christian Screen** - Oracle ACE, BI
- Speaking at [BGOUG](#) (May 2012)  
**Joze Senegacnik** - ACE Director, DB  
**Nikolay Manchev** - Oracle ACE, DB  
**Roel Hartman** - ACE Director, DB
- Speaking at [Oracle University Seminar: How to choose your High-Availability solutions](#)  
**Piet de Visser** - Oracle ACE, DB
- Speaking at [Bring Your Own Laptop Knowledge Sessions: WebLogic 12c](#) (May 2012)  
**Rene van Wijk**, Oracle ACE, OFM

- Organizing [DOAG SIG Middleware: Plan & Build](#) (May 2012)  
**Björn Bröhl** - ACE Director, DB  
**Hajo Normann**, ACE Director, OFM  
**Torsten Winterberg**, ACE Director, OFM
- **Hans Forbrich** - ACE Director, DB  
Speaking at [UJOUUG Workshop](#) (May 2012)
- **Carl Dudley** - ACE Director, DB  
Speaking at [Oracle University Seminar, Munchen](#) (May 2012)
- **Tim Gorman** - Oracle ACE, DB  
Speaking at 2-day seminar, "Scaling To Infinity: Partitioning Data Warehouses on Oracle Database", [Dublin](#), [London](#), [Helsinki](#) (May 2012)
- Speaking at [DOAG Middleware SIG](#) (May 2012)  
**Torsten Winterberg** (organizer) - ACE Director, OFM  
**Hajo Normann** (organizer) - ACE Director, OFM  
**Björn Bröhl** - ACE Director, DB
- Speaking at [EMEA Harmony](#) (May 2012)  
**Heli Helskyaho** (organizer) - Oracle ACE, DB  
**Sheeri Cabral** - ACE Director, MySQL  
**Sten Vesterli** - ACE Director, OFM  
**Kai Yu** - ACE Director, DB  
**Dan Morgan** - ACE Director, DB  
**Kellyn Pot'Vin** - Oracle ACE, DB  
**Joze Senegacnik** - ACE Director, DB  
**Julian Dontcheff** - ACE Director, DB  
**Nikolay Manchev** - Oracle ACE, Security  
**Tim Gorman** - Oracle ACE, DB  
**Tanel Poder** - ACE Director, DB  
**Jacco Landlust** - Oracle ACE, DB
- Speaking at [Forms to Future](#) (May 2012)  
**Lucas Jellema** (organizer) - ACE Director, OFM  
**Wilfred van der Deijl** - Oracle ACE, OFM  
**François Degrelle** - Oracle ACE, DB
- Speaking at [TROUG Day](#) (May 2012)  
**Gokhan Atil** - Oracle ACE, DB  
**Gürçan Orhan** - ACE Director, BI  
**Zekeriya Besiroglu** - Oracle ACE, DB
- Organizing [DOAG – SIG Database “Replication”](#) (June 2012)  
**Christian Trieb** - ACE Director, DB  
**Johannes Ahrends** - Oracle ACE, DB
- Speaking at [UKOUG Scotland](#) (June 2012)  
**Kai Yu** - ACE Director, DB  
**Debra Lilley** - ACE Director, Apps  
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- Speaking at [DOAG Development Conference](#) (June 2012)  
**Markus Eisele** - ACE Director, OFM

- [ODTUG Kscope12](#) (June 2012)  
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## Architect Corner

### → [Podcast: Going Mobile](#)

Oracle ACE Directors Basheer Khan and Lucas Jellema join Oracle enterprise architecture director Eric Stephens and Oracle Fusion Middleware architecture team director Derek Sharpe for a [free-ranging discussion](#) covering the challenges of defining a mobile strategy for the enterprise, meeting mobile computing's security, availability, and usability challenges, and the interplay between developers and architects.

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- [Argentina Oracle Usergroup](#)  
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- [Bulgarian Oracle Usergroup](#)  
May 11-13, 2012 | Borovets, Bulgaria
- [EMEA Harmony](#)  
May 31 - June 1, 2012 | Aulanko, Finland & Riga, Latvia
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June 8, 2012 | Linlithgow
- [ODTUG Kscope12](#)  
June 24-28, 2012 | San Antonio, TX

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