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### Oracle ACE Spotlight → Ron Batra , Oracle ACE Director

In his 20 years experience with multiple technologies and Oracle Products, Ron Batra has worked in IT, Consulting and Product roles of increasing responsibility across different industry verticals – Engineering, Manufacturing, Energy, Utilities, Healthcare, Financial Services, Telecommunications, Hardware and Software. Ron's experience with Oracle Products spans most sides of the business and technology. His different roles include Business Analyst, Programmer/Developer, Database Administrator, Project and IT Manager, Applications and Infrastructure Architecture, Enterprise Architect, Chief Architect, among others.



In his journey, Ron has worked with the Oracle Database, Oracle Applications (EBUS, Peoplesoft, Siebel), SOA and Fusion Middleware in the Client-Server, Internet and Cloud Computing Industry generations. Working with the Deloitte Consulting-Oracle Alliance Ron has also served as an Oracle Deputy CTO, helping lead Deloitte Consulting's Smart Grid Initiative with Oracle.

Ron also serves as an Oracle ACE Director, since 2007, and focuses on Fusion Middleware and Cloud Computing. He has been presenting at Oracle events and conferences since 1999. Besides co-authoring "Using Oracle 8", Ron is involved in several user communities – IOUG, OAUG and ODTUG. He also leads the Fusion Middleware SIG of the OAUG. Ron is also a GE Certified Six Sigma Green Belt.

Ron lives in Austin, TX and currently works for AT&T as a Director of Product, focusing on AT&T's Cloud Computing strategy and offerings. He spends his spare time with family activities, and their Golden Retriever, blogging and presenting, yoga, fitness and Fusion Cooking.

### Oracle ACE Program News

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→ **OPEN CALL for PAPERS:**

**Miracle OpenWorld**, April 18-20, 2012, Billund, Denmark  
Submit abstracts to Mogens Norgaard at [mno@miracleas.dk](mailto:mno@miracleas.dk). All travel expenses will be covered by conference organizers for accepted speakers.  
**Submission Deadline: TBD**

**OUG Harmony 2012**, May 30-31, Hämeenlinna, Finland, June 1, Riga, Latvia  
**Submission Deadline: Feb 6, 2012**

**IndicThreads.com Conference On Software Development**, July 13-14, 2012, Delhi, India  
**Submission Deadline: Feb 15, 2012**

→ **Oracle Customer Success Forum (Thu, Jan 26, 10am PT)**

In this informal reference call, participants will have the opportunity to speak firsthand with Oracle customer - Corsair. The call will open with a brief overview, followed by candid discussion and an open question and answer session. [Register now](#) for this free event happening tomorrow, Jan 26, 10-11am PT.

→ **FREE Java Virtual Event! (Feb 14)**

Check out the latest and future of Java. We'll be covering Java SE 7, FX 2.0 and the future roadmap to Java SE 8. Jump into hands-on labs and participate in live online chats with Java experts from Oracle. Don't miss this opportunity! [Sign up now!](#)

→ **ACE Dinner at RMOUG Training Days, Feb 14-16**

Please join us for our annual [RMOUG](#) Oracle ACE Dinner. This casual dinner is our way of saying thanks for all your hard work in the community. \*RSVP to [Vikki Lira](#)\*. Details below.

What: Oracle ACE Dinner  
When: Wednesday, Feb 15, 7:30pm  
Where: [Row 14 Bistro and Wine Bar](#)  
891 14th Street  
Denver, CO 80202-3256  
(303) 825-0100

→ **Customer Success Booklet Provides Nearly 200 Oracle E-Business Suite Release 12 and 12.1 Stories**

[Oracle E-Business Suite Release 12 and 12.1 Customer Success Stories](#) (PDF) is Oracle's new reference booklet containing a sampling of real business results that Oracle customers from around the world, in a variety of industries, have achieved by implementing or upgrading to the most current release of Oracle E-Business Suite. Written by Linda Fishman, Senior Director, Oracle E-Business Suite.

→ **Oracle ACE Director Richard Niemiec's Highly Anticipated Performance Tuning Guide for Oracle Database 11g**

Richard Niemiec, the most trusted name in Oracle Database performance tuning, updates his best selling guide for the challenges of Oracle

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Database 11g + 11gR2. This Oracle Press book comes out in March; however, you can pre-order it at 40% discount as an Oracle ACE.

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

The Q2 2012 issue of SELECT Journal will focus on Oracle Migrations/Upgrade related topics and they need new authors. Visit the [IOUG website](#) to find out more and see the submission guidelines.

**Submission deadline is March 1, 2012.**

If you have good tips, best practices and/or case studies in the areas of "Tools for Change", "Time for Change", Security or Business Intelligence, please send them to [select@ioug.org](mailto:select@ioug.org).

→ [Recent Book Authors Wanted](#)

If you are a recent book author and will be going to Collaborate 12, there's an opportunity to participate in a special IOUG event. Please contact ACE Director [Michelle Malcher](#) for details.

→ [Interested in Writing?](#)

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 Blog: Oracle Data Warrior](#)

Oracle ACE Kent Graziano launched his personal blog as [The Oracle Data Warrior](#). He will be writing about data modeling, data warehousing, conference updates (i.e. RMOUG and ODTUG), and providing some health and fitness tips for all the cubical-confined code warriors out there. [Check it out](#) and read some of his latest posts.

→ [Blog Post : Oracle Service Bus and Oracle SOA Suite](#)

Two new blog posts from Oracle ACE Eric Elzinga on [Oracle Service Bus](#) - using custom Xpath functions in Xslt and [Oracle SOA Suite](#) - Import in Xsl from MDS location.

→ [Blog Post : WebCenter Portal Programmatic Navigation](#)

In his post, ACE Director Lucas Jellema talks about the challenges he faced with [taskflow](#) when working on Webcenter 11g portal application.

Lucas also published a series of blog articles on Push architecture, WebSockets, CometD, jWebSocket and Kaazing and HTML 5 Web Application development: [Check them out](#).

→ [Blog Post : Agile Data Warehousing with Exadata and OBIEE 11g](#)

Oracle ACE Stewart Bryson recently started his [five-part blog series on Agile Data Warehousing with Exadata and OBIEE 11g](#). You can read the introduction to the series, which also lists all follow-up posts to date.

→ [Blog Post: Top 7 Project-Killing "Best Practices" - Which Ones are you Falling for?](#)

Pay attention to this: Oracle ACE Dmitri Khanine of Independent Oracle UCM Knowledge Center reveals [Oracle UCM Anti-Patterns...](#) Know them. Avoid them. Save your projects.

→ [Blog Post: Restoring the Oracle Database](#)

ACE Director Julian Dontcheff provides 5 major reasons why [RMAN restore performance](#) may be poor.

→ [Blog Post: SCN – What, why, and how?](#)

Read about internals of database [SCN \(System Change Number\)](#), usage, limits, SCN Hot backup bug issue in ACE Director Riyaj Shamsudeen's blog.

Another entry by Riyaj discusses [RAC wait event](#) introduced in 11g to troubleshoot problems with excessive undo block reads, excessive CR block generation etc. Understand the wait event and identify methods to resolve this issue.

Lastly, Riyaj shares a [deep review of LMS processes video](#) where he will show a few tools and techniques to troubleshoot RAC LMS processes.

→ [Blog Post: Markus' Thoughts on Oracle and Java in 2011](#)

Here is a great year in review summary from ACE Director Markus Eisele about Oracle and Java in 2011 and what he has learned. He also explains what the tagline "Moving Java Forward" means to him.

Additional blog posts from Markus:

- The ["Heroes of Java"](#) series continues with Rod Johnson
- [Throwing Light on GlassFish Webserver Plugins and Proxying](#) Is about everything that's possible to use with GlassFish for getting into High-Availability and Failover.
- A more detailed post about ["in container testing"](#) with GlassFish, NetBeans, MySQL and Arquillian"

→ [Blog Post: Oracle Connects Big Data to Medium and Small Data](#)

A post written by Oracle ACE Fahd Mirza talks about [Oracle Big Data Connectors \(OBDC\)](#), which can be used with both Oracle Big Data Appliance and other Apache Hadoop-based systems.

→ [Blog Post: All Things Coherence](#)

[Coherence Monitoring](#): In this post, Oracle ACE Rene van Wijk sets-up a tuned environment (operating system, network and Java Virtual Machine) for Coherence and uses the Oracle Coherence Monitor from SL-corporation to obtain insight in the network activity and the cache activity.

Here Rene talks about [setting up Coherence Clusters](#). Learn how to set-up a Coherence cluster, i.e., configure multicast, unicast, death detection, TCMP, create start scripts for cache servers and cache clients, and show

how to monitor the cluster.

→ [\*\*Blog Post: JVM Heap Sizes and Pageflow Scope\*\*](#)

Read these posts written by Oracle ACE Zeeshan Baig on how to set different [JVM heap sizes](#) for admin and managed servers in Weblogic server and [storing temporary values in pageflow scope](#) created at run time using Oracle ADF.

→ [\*\*Blog Post: Discovering, Provisioning and Creating the Database Using EM 12c\*\*](#)

Oracle ACE Rob Zoetewej shares three recent articles about [discovering the EM 12c repository database](#), [provisioning the Oracle Database using EM 12c](#) and [creation of a single instance database using EM 12c](#).

→ [\*\*Blog Post: Oracle Components for Governance\*\*](#)

If you need help with how to use [RDA or Grid Control for Governance purposes](#), read Oracle ACE Andreas Chatziantoniou's latest entry.

→ [\*\*Blog Post: Oracle Databases on VMware vSphere\*\*](#)

Here is a [3 part blog series](#) written by Oracle ACE, Kannan Mani about "Oracle Databases on VMware". This series covers Best Practices, Oracle 11gr2 RAC deployment and RAC node vMotion.

→ [\*\*Blog Post: DataGuard configuration backup\*\*](#)

Find out what Oracle ACE Marcin Przepiorowski discovered while researching about [DataGuard Broker configuration backup](#).

→ [\*\*Blog Post: ADF Performance Marathon - 22 Hours Stress Test\*\*](#)

ACE Director Andrejus Baranovskis wanted to test how scalable ADF framework classical stack is and if it can run for longer periods of time under constant runtime access. Read this post to see the [ADF performance experiment results](#).

→ [\*\*Video Tutorial: Flashback Technologies\*\*](#)

Oracle ACE Kamran Agayev created a video tutorial named "[Oracle Flashback Technologies](#)" where he explains all available flashback features in Oracle.

→ [\*\*New Article: "Rise of the Machines" \(coming soon\)\*\*](#)

The Q1 issue of SELECT Journal focuses on the theme of "Tools for Change" — how DBAs use Oracle tools in a real-world environment. This issue will feature the article "Rise of the Machines," by Arup Nanda that focuses Oracle's "engineered systems" – Exadata, Exalogic, Exalytics, Big Data Appliance, Database Appliance, Sparc SuperCluster. The issue will be available next week on the [IOUG website](#).

→ [\*\*New Book: Oracle Service Bus 11g Development Cookbook\*\*](#) written by ACE Director Guido Schmutz and Oracle ACEs Edwin Biemond and Eric Elzinga (along with Jan van Zoggel, Mischa Kölliker). (Available Now)

→ [\*\*New Book: Oracle Database 11g Release 2 Performance Tuning Tips & Techniques\*\*](#) written by ACE Director Rich Niemiec. (Available Now)

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## Oracle ACE Out and About

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- **Cary Millsap** - ACE Director, DB  
Event host for C. J. Date on Relational and Database Design  
(Jan 30–Feb 3, Dallas)
- Speaking at RMOUG (Feb 2012)  
**Over 30 ACE and ACE Directors**
- **Hans Forbrich** - ACE Director, DB  
Speaking at OUG Ottawa (Feb 2012)
- Speaking at SOA BPM Days (Feb 2012)  
**Torsten Winterberg** - ACE Director, OFM  
**Hajo Normann** - ACE Director, OFM
- Speaking at Fusion Middleware EMEA Partner Community Forum  
(Feb 2012)  
**Geoffroy de Lamalle** - ACE Director, OFM  
**Andrejus Baranovskis** - ACE Director, OFM  
**Simon Haslam** - ACE Director, OFM  
**Andreas Chatziantoniou** - Oracle ACE, OFM
- **Syed Jaffar Hussain** - ACE Director, DB  
Speaking at Oracle Database Webinars - Make your 11gR2 upgrade successful and memorable (Feb 2012)
- Speaking at OBUG APEX and E-Business Suite (Feb 2012)  
**Dimitri Gielis** - ACE Director, DB  
**Roel Hartman** - ACE Director, DB
- Speaking at ACOUG Event with Tom Kyte (Feb 2012)  
**Kamus Zhang** (organizer) - ACE Director, DB  
**Eygle Gai** - ACE Director, DB
- Speaking at ODTUG Hyperion SIG Mini-conference (Feb 2012)  
**Glenn Schwartzberg** - ACE Director, BI  
**Edward Roske** - ACE Director, BI
- **Christian Pfundtner** - Oracle ACE, DB  
Speaking at DB Masters Celebration Event (Feb 2012)
- **Dan Morgan** - ACE Director, DB  
Speaking at VanOUG (Feb 2012)
- Speaking at ODTUG Free Monthly Webinars (Feb 2012)  
**Martin Giffy D'Souza** - Oracle ACE, DB  
**Glenn Schwartzberg** - ACE Director, BI
- **Christian Trieb** - ACE Director, DB  
Organizing DOAG SIG Database OEM (Mar 2012)
- **Dan Hotka** - ACE Director, DB  
Speaking at Heartland Oracle Users Group (Mar 2012)
- Speaking at UTOUG (Mar 2012)  
**Peter Koletzke** - ACE Director, OFM  
**Charles Kim** - ACE Director, DB  
**Michael McLaughlin** - Oracle ACE, DB

- Speaking at [Oracle Usergroup Netherlands APEX Day](#) (Mar 2012)  
**Learco Brizzi** (organizer) - Oracle ACE, DB  
**Dimitri Gielis** - ACE Director, DB  
**Alex Nuijten** - ACE Director, DB  
**Roel Hartman** - ACE Director, DB  
**Patrick Barel** - Oracle ACE, DB  
**John Scott** - ACE Director, DB
- Speaking at [Hotsos](#) (Mar 2012)  
**Alex Gorbachev** - ACE Director, DB  
**Baron Schwartz** - Oracle ACE, MySQL  
**Cary Millsap** - ACE Director, DB  
**Doug Gault** - Oracle ACE, DB  
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**Riyaj Shamsudeen** - ACE Director, DB  
**Tanel Pöder** - ACE Director, DB  
**Tim Gorman** - Oracle ACE, DB
- **Cary Millsap** - ACE Director, DB  
Teaching [Mastering Oracle Trace Data Class](#) (Mar 2012)
- **Julian Dontcheff** - ACE Director, DB  
Keynote speaker at [Oracle Manageability EMEA Partner Community Forum](#) (Mar 2012)
- Speaking at [OUG Ireland](#) (Mar 2012)  
**Mogens Norgaard** (keynote) - ACE Director, DB  
**Debra Lilley** - ACE Director, Apps  
**Mark Rittman** - ACE Director, BI  
**Roel Hartman** - ACE Director, DB  
**Simon Haslam** - ACE Director, DB  
**Frits Hoogland** - ACE Director, DB  
**Lonneke Dikmans** - ACE Director, OFM  
**Brendan Tierney** - Oracle ACE, BI  
**Marcin Przepiorowski** - Oracle ACE, DB
- Speaking at [OUG Norway](#) (Mar 2012)  
**Jonathan Lewis** - ACE Director, DB  
**Roel Hartman** - ACE Director, DB  
**Doug Burns** - ACE Director, DB

## Upcoming Events

- [OUG Ottawa](#)  
February 3, 2012 | Ottawa, Canada
- [RMOUG](#)  
February 14-16, 2012 | Denver, CO
- [Hotsos](#)  
March 4-8, 2012 | Dallas, TX
- [UTOUG](#)  
March 6-7, 2012 | Salt Lake City, UT
- [OUG Ireland](#)

March 21, 2012 | Dublin, Ireland

- [OUG Norway](#)

March 21-24, 2012 | Oslo, Norway

- [Miracle OpenWorld](#)

April 18-20, 2012 | Billund, Denmark

- [Collaborate](#)

April 22-26, 2012 | Las Vegas, NV

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