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Newsletter



By ACEs, For ACEs

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### Oracle ACE Spotlight → Kai Yu, Oracle ACE Director

Kai Yu has been working with Oracle technology since 1995. His focus includes the areas of Oracle RAC, Oracle EBS and Oracle VM. In his Oracle DBA/Oracle Apps career, he had managed many very large Oracle RAC databases and completed several Oracle E-Business Suite with RAC & Data Guard implementations. Currently he is senior engineer/architect at Dell Oracle Solutions Engineering lab in which he has architected many high profile Oracle technology solutions and won two times the prestigious company-wide awards by Dell Executives: the "Customer Experience Legend Award" in 2008 and the "Enterprise Solutions Group Revolutionaries Award" in 2011.









Kai has authored 17 Oracle whitepapers and gave over 30 presentations/panels at major oracle conferences worldwide such as Oracle OpenWorld, Collaborate, UKOUG, OpenWorld Asia and Scotland OUG. In July, 2011, he will join the OTN Latin America tour to Brazil, Uruguay and Chile and give presentations on Oracle VM and Oracle RAC. Kai has served several roles for IOUG Oracle RAC SIG: President, US Event Chair and Web Seminar chair. He also served IOUG Collaborate 10/11 Conferences Bootcamp managers. His work on virtualizing Oracle EBS System won the "2011 OAUG Innovator of Year Award"

Whenever time permits, Kai enjoys traveling with his wife and daughter to learn about different cultures around the world. During the 6 months of summer weather in Texas, Kai enjoys swimming.

### Oracle ACE Program News

#### → Welcome New Oracle ACEs

*Initiated June 2011*

Name	Location	Focus
<u>Julian Dontcheff</u> 	Finland	DB
<u>Vinod Haval</u> 	United States	DB
<u>Syed Jaffar Hussain</u> 	Saudi Arabia	DB
<u>Yoshinori Matsunobu</u> 	Japan	MySQL
<u>Connor McDonald</u> 	Australia	DB
<u>Kerry Osborne</u> 	United States	DB

#### Oracle ACE Quick Links

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- [OTN Discussion Forums](#)
- [Oracle Wiki](#)
- [Oracle.com](#)

## → [FY11 Impressions and Updates to the Oracle ACE Program](#)

Oracle's FY11 year is done and we are off to a good start in FY12. Thank you for all your hard work and contributions to the Oracle community over the past year. You should be proud of yourselves- here is a quick snapshot of impressions made by ACEs in FY11. There are....

**239** ACEs and 116 ACE Directors

**145** ACEs who maintains a BLOG

**27** articles written by an ACE

**355** ACE presentations

**19** ACEs who have written an Oracle book in FY11

**72** ACEs who maintains a social media (twitter/FB) account

Oracle ACE program changes we've implemented for FY12 include:

**Annual review** - all ACE and ACE Directors will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure program criteria's are being met from participants.

**Alumni status** - new tier added to ACE directory for recognition of past program participants who are no longer contributing to the Oracle community.

**Revisions to FAQ section on ACE website** - please read for [updated program information and requirements](#).

**Revised program agreement** - everyone should have received a copy of the updated program agreement via email. **It is mandatory for all to sign and return by July 15, 2011 if you wish to remain active in the ACE program.** Please email signed agreement to [oracle-ace\\_ww@oracle.com](mailto:oracle-ace_ww@oracle.com) or if you need another copy.

## → [Kscope11 - A Fond Farewell](#)

A special thanks goes out to the [ODTUG KScope11 board](#) - Kathleen McCasland, Crystal Walton, President (and Oracle ACE) Mike Riley and their team as well as ACE Directors Edward Roske, Mark Rittman and Tim Tow for a fantastic job organizing a well attended and successful event in Long Beach, CA!

Thanks to the Fusion UX Team and Debra Lilley for organizing an excellent training session at KScope11 - 4 more ACE Directors can now demo Fusion Apps and 4 others learned about all (except tailoring) the tools provided.

It was great catching up with all ACE and ACE Directors in attendance. If you missed the event this year, check out the [KScope social media pages](#) for highlights of the week.

Get a jumpstart on the competition - [Call for papers](#) for Kscope12 now open! We look forward to seeing you at [KScope12](#), June 24-28, San Antonio, TX.

## → [OPEN CALL for PAPERS:](#)

**Last Call:** [VirtaThon](#), Jul 16-21, 2011, Virtual Conference  
Submit papers [here](#).

[DOAG SIG – Database “Backup & Recovery”](#), Sep 8, 2011, Leipzig  
[Send submissions to Oracle ACE Christian Trieb](#)

[DOAG 2011](#), Nov 15-17, 2011, Nuremberg

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Contact [lillian.buziak@oracle.com](mailto:lillian.buziak@oracle.com)

*Submission Deadline: TBD*

NoCOUG's 100th conference, Nov 2011, SF Bay Area

*Submission Deadline: TBD. Contact Oracle ACE [Gwen Shapira](#) for details*

→ [Duke and Java are Zooming into the Future!](#)

Follow [@java](#) or Like [I <3 Java](#) on FB and get the latest 3D, animated "[Future Tech Duke](#)" screensaver. Register now to watch the global [Java 7 community celebration](#) and learn more about Java moving forward.

→ [Competitive Report by ORC International: Database Manageability and Productivity Cost Comparison Study: Oracle Database 11g Release 2 vs. IBM DB2 9.7](#)

A [new report](#) by ORC International, found that Oracle Database 11g Release 2 beats IBM DB2 9.7 in both DBA productivity and manageability. The study concluded that Oracle can save businesses up to \$51,600 USD per year, per DBA in productivity gains over DB2. Get your free copy of the report [here](#).

→ [InSync11 Last Chance - Early Bird Closing July 8](#)

[InSync11](#) promises the most comprehensive Oracle applications, database, technology & business agenda outside the US. August 16-17,. Sydney. [Register now!](#)

→ [Win a FREE Pass to Oracle Open World 2011 in San Francisco!](#)

Are you using Oracle Fusion Middleware to deliver unique business value? If so, you can win a FREE pass to Oracle OpenWorld 2011 in San Francisco, CA by submitting your nomination for the 2011 Oracle Fusion Middleware Innovation Awards. Go [here](#) for more details and please help spread the word. Submission deadline **Friday, July 22, 2011**.

→ [Get involved with UK Oracle User Group](#)

[UKOUG](#) provides the Oracle community with over 80 events a year across the UK and Ireland to inform and educate our members about Oracle products and new developments. All their events enable members to network, share knowledge, participate, feedback to Oracle and meet senior Oracle representatives and other industry leaders. [UKOUG Conference Series](#), the largest series of independent Oracle events in EMEA, now has over 350 sessions over 10 days. Get more details [here](#).

→ [Exclusive Discount from PACKT](#)

23% off: [Oracle 11g R1/R2 Real Application Clusters Essentials](#) by Oracle ACE Directors Ben Prusinski and Syed Jaffer Hussain with the code: [AceRAC](#).

→ [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

### → [The "XFILES APEX Community Edition" \(XACE\) is Available for Download](#)

To see and learn what you can do when combining the power of Oracle XMLDB and Oracle APEX an alternative APEX XFILES application is now available for download via [SourceForge](#). This was based on the combined efforts of Mark Drake and the late Carl Backstrom to convert the XMLDB XFILES demo application towards APEX. ACE Directors Roel Hartman and Marco Gralike use the XACE application to help demonstrate APEX versioning.

To get started:

- Download [APEX "XACE" Source](#) (versioning for APEX)
- Download the [XFILES XMLDB source](#) via OTN

If you like it, in the light of the community, please share it, learn from it and participate to help make it even better. If you really like the effort done by the community, donate some of your bucks to "Carl's Memorial Fund" ! (more info here: <http://carlback.blogspot.com/> or under the "donate" link of <http://xace.sourceforge.net>).

### → [Are you a SQL and APEX Geek?](#)

The [PL/SQL Challenge](#) brought to you by ACE Director Steven Feuerstein has now extended its "world of quizzes" to offer a weekly quiz on [SQL and APEX](#), in addition to its daily PL/SQL quiz. Challenge yourself. Win Prizes!

### → [Comunidad Oracle Hispana Triples in Growth](#)

The Spanish community site "[Comunidad Oracle Hispana](#)" founded by Oracle ACE Fernando Garcia has tripled in membership since its inception about 2 years ago. They have grown to 2,906 members and last month received 9,070 unique visits from 67 countries (top 4 are Spain, Mexico, Colombia & Argentina). Keep up the great work!

### → [VirtaThon Internet Road Tour Radio at MIT](#)

Oracle ACE Tariq Farooq has organized an Oracle-Centric Conference at the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology on July 07, 2011. This [1-day event](#) will feature some of the top names in the various Oracle Worlds. This event will also be broadcast LIVE at [BrainSurface](#). Register here for this [FREE event](#):

Don't forget about [VirtaThon @BrainSurface](#) | The Virtual Conference for the Oracle, Java & MySQL Domains.

No Travel Necessary: [Sign-Up](#) and attend the largest Independent "Online Conference" for the Oracle, Java & MySQL Domains featuring 100+ Expert Speakers and Sessions, including several Oracle ACE and ACE Directors Best of all registration for [VirtaThon 2011](#) is 100% FREE!.

### → [APAC OTN Tour](#)

If you are interested in participating in the [APAC OTN Tour](#) beginning this Fall in Oct, please contact (conference Organizer) [Francisco Munoz Alvarez](#) for more details.

### → [Oracle SCAN Webinar at the Sydney Oracle Meetup](#)

SOM is organizing an open webinar on July 27, 7pm (9am GMT) for the

Australian Oracle Community. Everyone is welcome to join including those located outside Australia. The topic is "[Oracle11G SCAN: Sharing successful implementation experience](#)" with speaker Oracle ACE Yury Velikanov. Go [here](#) for more details.

→ [MR Tools Version 2.0](#)

ACE Director Cary Millsap's Method R Corporation has released [MR Tools version 2.0](#) (Oracle trace file analysis tools). Check out the [new features](#).

→ [Podcast: Episode 2: Oracle Nerd Tells All with ArtOfBI.com](#)

[Listen](#) to Oracle ACE Chet Justice's take on his popular blog [oraclenerd.com](#), mobile business intelligence, open source technology, Oracle BI 11g, and business. Listen to [Episode1](#).

→ [Podcast: MorphoTrak Improves Quality of Service with Oracle Active Data Guard](#)

ACE Director and chief engineer at MorphoTrak, Aris Prassinou, discusses how [Oracle Active Data Guard lowers costs and enhances quality of service](#) for their customers' IT Systems by offloading resource-intensive activities from their production database to standby databases.

→ [New Article: Up Close with UKOUG's New Chairman](#)

ACE Director Debra Lilley rises to the challenge as UKOUG's new chairman. See her on the front cover of [Oracle Scene magazine](#) (membership required) and get to know her and the plans she has in store for the UKOUG community.

\*\*If you don't have a UKOUG membership, sign up for a [free account](#) (for Oracle ACE and ACE Directors only). Go to [registration page](#) - click on "member" > Enter Membership # "13277" > Enter Company Name "Oracle ACE program" and continue with registration.

→ [New Article : The GlassFish Tale](#)

What is ACE Director's Markus Eisele's take on GlassFish 3.1. [Read](#) his thoughts in a newly published article in Oracle Scene magazine (membership required)

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Markus also dugged a little into [GlassFish security](#), most recently about binding the SSL Session to the HTTP Session.

→ [Blog Post : Mapping of Physical Disk, LUNS, Cell Disks, and Grid Disks](#)

Mapping of the storage layers in the Exadata can be difficult, but Oracle ACE Fahd Mirza [explains](#) step by step on how to do it.

→ [Blog Post : Oracle Database on Amazon RDS](#)

Oracle ACE Patrick Schwanke talks about what's so special about Amazon RDS and how to set up an [Oracle Database on RDS](#).

→ [Blog Post: Setting up SSL Certificates in Production WebLogic Environments](#)

ACE Director Simon Haslam has written a primer blog post based on his experiences setting up [SSL in various production WebLogic environments](#).

→ [Blog Post: Fun with Coherence Continues](#)

In his blog, Oracle ACE Rene van Wijk continues his [Fun with Coherence series](#) and discusses [Coherence Cache Events and Parallel Processing](#) and a golden oldie post which discusses [how to optimize the WebLogic Server with the focus on JVM tuning](#).

→ [Blog Post : User Experience in Fusion apps](#)

Report from the [User Experience Training in Fusion Apps](#) received in Long Beach with fellow Ace Directors Lonneke Dikmans, Ronald van Luttkhuizen, Chris Muir, Sten Vesterli, and others.

→ [Blog Post : Interesting CPU utilization differences based on v\\$osstat and vmstat.](#)

This is the [conclusion](#) to a three part blog series examining CPU utilization differences based on data source, OS, and threads/cores written by ACE Director Craig Shallahamer. Read [part 2](#) and [part 1](#).

→ [Blog Post : Security-Per-Environment Using Config Plans](#)

ACE Director Ronald van Luttkhuizen talks about [Oracle Web Service Manager \(OWSM\) and config plans](#) in Oracle SOA Suite 11g.

→ [Blog Post : SQL Plan, SYS Schema and More](#)

Newly promoted ACE Director Julian Dontcheff blogs about ...  
[Capturing SQL plan baselines](#)  
[Analyzing the SYS Schema](#)  
[Most common mistakes made by DBAs when writing CVs/Résumés](#)  
[What Amazon RDS has to offer and whether it is worthy](#)

→ [Blog Post : Monitoring Exadata Cell using some Views](#)

Oracle ACE Surachart Opun provides answers on Exadata about the dynamic V\$ views to use for monitoring. He also provides his input about [Patch 12311357 - 11.2.0.2.2 GI PSU - Using "opatch auto" to patch PSU](#).

→ [Blog Post : Migrating Oracle 10g Grid Control](#)

Here is a step by step guide written by Oracle ACE Kamran Agayev A. on [moving Grid Control](#) from one machine to another.

→ [Blog Post: Oracle Service Bus, How To Verify Result Caching Is Active](#)

If you want some tips on [how to implement Result Caching in Oracle Service Bus](#) and how to verify if data is getting retrieved from the Coherence cache including testcases in SoapUI, check out Oracle ACE Eric Elzinga's blog. You can also find some good info on WebLogic - [QBrower and Topics](#) as well as a short [overview of Weblogic topics](#), how to add subscribers to the topics and verify stored messages

→ [Blog Post: More on Oracle WebCenter 11g](#)

Continue following Oracle ACE Geoff' Garcia's post for the latest updates on WebCenter 11g.

- [Oracle WebCenter E2.0: Bunny Marketing](#)
- [Performing pre-install tasks for Oracle WebCenter 11g: on Windows Server 2008 x64 & MS SQL 2008](#)

- Install Oracle WebCenter 11g: on Windows Server 2008 x64 & MS SQL 2008

- Perform Install Steps for Oracle ECM to work with Oracle WebCenter 11g: on Windows Server 2008 x64 & MS SQL 2008

→ **New Books:** *EJB 3.0 Database Persistence with Oracle Fusion Middleware 11g: LITE* and *Processing XML documents with Oracle JDeveloper 11g: LITE* both written by ACE Director Deepak Vohra. (Now Available)

→ **New Book:** *Expert PL/SQL* co-authored by ACE Directors Arup Nanda, Conner McDonald, Lewis Cunningham and Oracle ACEs Riyaj Shamsudeen, Adrian Billington and others.(Now Available)

→ **New Book:** *Expert Oracle GoldenGate* co-authored by ACE Director Ben Prusinski.(Available mid-July)

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## Oracle ACE Out and About

- Speaking at OTN Latin America Tour (Jul 2011)  
**Francisco Munoz Alvarez** (organizer) - ACE Director, DB  
**Ronald Bradford** - ACE Director, MySQL  
**Hans Forbrich** - ACE Director, DB  
**Debra Lilley** - ACE Director, Apps  
**Dan Morgan** - ACE Director, DB  
**Arup Nanda** - ACE Director, DB  
**Miguel Palacios** - Oracle ACE, DB  
**Marcus Vinicius Miguel Pedro** - Oracle ACE, DB  
**Murali Vallath** - ACE Director, DB  
**Kai Yu** - ACE Director, DB
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**Steven Feuerstein** - ACE Director, DB  
**Bert Scalzo** - Oracle ACE, DB  
**Syed Jaffar Hussein** - Oracle ACE, DB  
**Arup Nanda** - ACE Director, DB  
**Guy Harrison** - Oracle ACE, DB  
**Asif Momen** - Oracle ACE, DB  
**Lewis Cunningham** - ACE Director, DB  
**Mike Ault** - Oracle ACE, DB  
**Dan Hotka** - Oracle ACE, DB  
**Hemant K Chitale** - Oracle ACE, DB  
**Brian "Bex" Huff** - ACE Director, OFM  
**Riyaj Shamsudeen** - Oracle ACE, DB  
**Kamran Agayev** - Oracle ACE, DB  
**Fahd Mirza** - Oracle ACE, DB  
**Tim Gorman** - Oracle ACE, DB  
**Karl Arao** - Oracle ACE, DB  
**Chris Ostrowski** - ACE Director, OFM  
**Ben Prusinski** - ACE Director, DB  
**Jeremy Schneider** - Oracle ACE, DB  
**Kai Yu** - ACE Director, DB
- Speaking at VirtaThon Road Tour - MIT (Jul 11):  
**Tariq Farooq** (organizer) - Oracle ACE, DB  
**Bert Scalzo** - Oracle ACE, DB  
**Mike Ault** - Oracle ACE, DB  
**Vinod Haval** - Oracle ACE, DB

**Syed Jaffar Hussein** - Oracle ACE Director, DB

**Guy Harrison** - Oracle ACE, DB

**Riyaj Shamsudeen** - Oracle ACE, DB

**Tim Gorman** - Oracle ACE, DB

**Jeremy Schneider** - Oracle ACE, DB

- **Christian Trieb** - Oracle ACE, DB  
Speaking/Organizing DOAG SIG:  
[Database "Management & Tools"](#) (Jul 11)  
[Database "Real World Database Performance"](#) (Aug 11)
- Speaking at [Dallas Oracle Usergroup](#) (Jul 2011)  
**Charles Kim** - ACE Director, DB
- Speaking at [QAUG Connection Point - Release 12.1](#) (Jul 11)  
**Susan Behn** - Oracle ACE, Apps  
**John Stouffer** - Oracle ACE, Apps  
**Elke Phelps** - ACE Director, Apps  
**Sandra Vucinic** - Oracle ACE, Apps  
**Michael Brown** - Oracle ACE, DB  
**Mike Rulf** - ACE Director, OFM
- Speaking at [TCOUG](#) (Jul 2011)  
**Mike Messina** - Oracle ACE, DB
- **Pat Dues** - Oracle ACE, Apps (Jul 2011)  
Speaking at [QAUG Connection point - EPM/BI](#)
- **Gustavo Gonzalez** - Oracle ACE, Apps  
Speaking at IT Convergence workshops:  
[Oracle R12 Upgrade](#) (Jul 2011)  
[Oracle R12 Upgrade Strategy and Planning](#) (Sep 2011)
- [Speaking at InSync 2011](#) (Aug 2011)  
**Basheer Khan** - ACE Director, Apps  
**Tim Hall** - ACE Director, DB  
**Francisco Munoz Alvarez** - ACE Director, DB  
**Craig Shallahamer** - ACE Director, DB  
**Chris Muir** - ACE Director, OFM  
**Richard Foote** - ACE Director, DB  
**Connor McDonald** - ACE Director, DB
- **Susan Behn** - Oracle ACE, Apps  
Speaking at [Houston OUG](#) and [QAUG eLearning](#) (Aug 2011)

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## Upcoming Events

- [OTN LA Tour](#)  
July 5-22, 2011 | Various LA Countries
- [VirtaThon](#)  
July 16-21, 2011 | Virtual
- [InSync 2011](#)  
August 16-17, 2011 | Sydney, Australia
- [Oracle OpenWorld](#)  
October 2-6, 2011 | San Francisco, CA
- [JavaOne](#)  
October 2-6, 2011 | San Francisco, CA



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