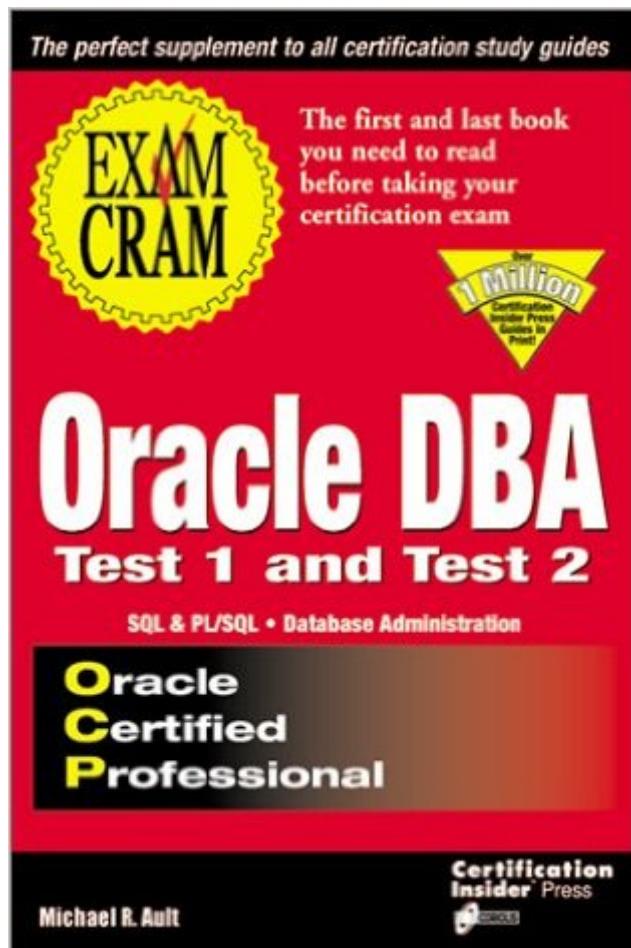


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After over a year of contemplation, I decided to get serious and go after Oracle certification. I am already heavily Microsoft certified and work as a consultant dba, data modeler etc. in SQL Server and Sybase. But Oracle has significant market penetration in the medical and pharmaceutical industries -- my specialty and therefore I consider it prudent to develop an appreciation of the software for future opportunities. I read all the reviews on the various prep books and firmly agreed with the individual reviewer who suggested that the proper course to take was to use Ault's book together with the appropriate SelfTestSoftware practice exam (and no I do not work for nor am I connected in any way with either publisher). So that's what I did coupled with a simplistic reference book or two to explain some of the more complex aspects. I wrote SQL (10 days after beginning

formal study) and passed but not handily (632) (I even changed two answers at the end which I subsequently discovered were wrong) and passed Oracle 8 Database Administration two weeks later easily (I didn't bother changing any answers in that one). I found Ault's book to be quite excellent at providing all the necessary information in one slim volume (and that includes the database administration section even though I wrote version 8 and not 7). There are a few errors as there always are but it's no big deal. The first exam (SQL) was tough. Ault ranked it a 4 out of 5 and that's probably about right. I'm an experienced Transact SQLer but this was still quite a mind bender. The exam asked you to not only know SQL but also to be able to think--I can see that there's going to be a lot of disappointed people out there but hey! I flunked Microsoft SQL twice before finally passing so hang in there.

I am an IT consultant and Oracle DBA with 8 years of experience in high-end technology, working for a large international bank in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. I have decided to become Oracle certified because it would certainly give me more visibility in my work. Now, I am an Oracle8 OCP DBA with an average score of 97% in the five exams of the Oracle8 DBA track. I must admit it was very difficult at first to find out what the best way would be to prepare for the tests. It took me some time to understand that the exams are entirely based on the original Oracle course books and that the practice tests offered by Self Test Software are a superset of the real exams. Now I have a keen perception of what the whole process is all about. The real trick to get a 90+% score is to attend the Oracle classes and cram with the STS practice tests. However, this is a rather expensive way to study,..... When I first set off my study, I bought Mr. Jason Couchman's Oracle8 DBA Certification Guide by Oracle Press. Bad choice... It was completely out of sync with the real exam contents and had a lot of typos and gross conceptual errors. I do feel sorry for those people who were caught unawares buying the big red book. I wonder how Oracle signed off on it. I also bought the 'Oracle 7 Exam Cram Tests 1 and 2' by Mr. Michael Ault and 'Oracle 7 Exam Cram Tests 3 and 4' by Mr. Ault Mrs. Anne Pascavage. They were both better than Mr. Couchman's, but a bit confusing, especially because they mixed two tests in each book. Besides, they did not cover Oracle8. As a last resort, I borrowed the original course materials from an acquaintance, with the exception of the Network Administration book. I read the reviews on Mrs.

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