Batch-32 New Oracle DBA Batch FAQs

Below are compilation of the questions students usually ask me when enquiring about the DBA training. Please go through these questions as it may have the answer you are looking for.

1. Start Date
Jan 23rd 2016

2. End Date
July 3rd 2016 (+/- two weeks)

3. Course Duration and schedule
Duration: 18 to 22 weeks
Schedule: Click here for the Full Schedule

4. What is the fee & installments
Course Fee is $2000 and student can pay the fee in four monthly installments of $500 each.

5. Do I need to buy any book?
Yes. You will only need a Windows Laptop (*you can have MAC too but I prefer Windows as most of my documents are written for Windows OS*) to begin the training.

Starting from week-4 til the end of the course, you will need a book called "Database Systems Using Oracle (2nd Edition)".

Used book can be bought online (from www.amazon.com) for less than ~$40 and approximately $100 for new book.

6. When is the fee due?
First two weeks is the trial period. If you decide to continue the training after two weeks, then the payment schedule will be as follows:

Payment #	Course Week #	Date
1st	3	02/06/2016
2nd	7	03/12/2016
3rd	11	04/16/2016
4th	15	05/15/2016

7. Location of the classes?
2323 W Devon Ave, Chicago, IL 60645
Suite # 202
Noe: Front door is on Claremont Street.

8. Class timings:
12 to 3 PM on Saturday and Sundays.
Break Time: 30 minutes for Asr prayer (from 5:30pm to 6:00 pm)

9. Marketing time
Estimate marketing time is 2 weeks to 2 months to 4 months to 6 months plus. I have seen all. On average it takes little over 3 months if you keep yourself open for anywhere in USA. For students who are targeting specific areas, marketing time will vary.

10. Do you teach Advance Oracle classes?
Yes, I do.

Advance classes starts during the same time student's marketing starts. This is an optional course. Many students go for this course immediately after they finish the DBA course and few students opt out from this course and just like to stick with basic DBA skills.

11. What do you teach in Advance classes?

Oracle ASM (Automatic Storage Management)
Oracle Data Guard.
Oracle RAC (Real Application Cluster)
Oracle Golden Gate (Depending on how much time we have left, we may or may not cover this course).

12. What is the fee for advance Classes?
$1000

13. Advance Classes Duration:
8 - 10 weeks

14. Are you flexible in course payment dates?
Yes. I am. As long as you complete your payment before the end of the course, I am okay with it.

15. How long the complete course takes?
From start to finish, it will take approximate 5 to 6 months

16. Do you provide homeworks?
Yes, homeworks, exercises will be sent **every week**. This is the majority of the course where you get your hands-on practice. Additionally tests will also be conducted after major topics.

17. Do you provide remote connection to database servers?
Yes, I will be providing you access to Windows and Linux environment.

18. How many hours will I need to put into course on a weekly basis?
I usually say you need to spend at least 2 hours everyday outside of the classes. So 10 hours during weekdays and 6 hours (in class time) on weekends. So a total of 16 hours/week.

19. Will I learn any other topics besides DBA during this course?
Yes you will learn Basic Networking, Windows Administration skills, Linux commands, Linux Installation from scratch, many topics in Linux System Administration, VMWare, Storage Management, Failover Mechanism, basic Active

Directory (AD Server) and Domain Naming Server (DNS) skills.

20. Is the DBA in demand?
Yes. It is. Forbes quoted DBA as the #1 happiest job in year 2014. Furthermore, according to US News DBA makes in the top 15 jobs in US market.

21. Is the job placement guaranteed?
I can not guarantee anything but my team is very active and has been producing the results. We have been in the recruiting business from 7 plus years and Alhumdulillah so far the results have been very positive. Many students are working as Oracle DBA with good salaries. Many students has also dropped out from the course as they thought course is very tough.

22. What is the DBA pay scale (you go with my company)?
It varies but on an average DBAs, from our consulting firm makes ~ $40/hour (corp to corp or 1099) for first 18 months. Then, from other firms, average hourly rate goes from $50+/hour.

If you work with direct w2 with the company (meaning you get salary directly from another company instead of our consulting firm), we work with 70-30 ratio where you keep 70% of your salary and we bill you 30% (or less) of your **gross** (before taxes) yearly salary.

23. Why do we work on 70/30 margin?
30% for 18 months, covers for finding you a DBA position and then providing you limited support for any DBA related task you may have questions with.

We may provide you DBA support for 18 months and/or during your engagement with us. After the 18 months period ends, you are no longer obligated to pay 30% and can keep 100% of your salary.

Please note, when I say "support", do not expect us to do all your work. We are here to help you, guide you, give you hints on how to perform your task, provide you documents and help you in any way possible so that "you" finish your tasks on time.

Many students do not need my support after 18 months (in case they are looking for a new project). However, if student still want us to market them after the initial 18 billable months period is over, it will be a 6 month contract and NOT 18 months contract.

24. Can a student recruit from other firms?

Absolutely.

Other recruiting companies may pay you higher than what my company offers you. If that is the case, you are free to recruit yourself from them. You are not bonded to work with us.

If you decided to work with us, then we cannot accept you marketing from other companies at the same time you are being marketed from us. In this case, you need to let us know ahead of time (before interview is being scheduled) and we will stop your marketing and you can proceed with other firms.

25. Can a student repeat classes?
Yes, my students can repeat the classes as long as I have enough room in the next batch. That is the first condition.

Secondly, I request repeaters to sit in the back seats so that new students have opportunity to sit closer to the board.

Lastly, I used to offer free course for students who wanted to repeat. I am no longer offering it now to control number of repeaters. Any student who like to repeat the class shall pay 4 payments of $125 each in week-3, 7, 11 and 15 respectively. So in a nutshell if anyone wants repeating the course, it will cost them $500 for the entire course.

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