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Selected Questions & Answers

1. What Oracle products are certified to run on Intel based 64 bit solutions?

Answer: At present Oracle9*i* (RAC) and Oracle Database 10*g* are certified. Due to the memory address ability provided by 64-bit technology, databases are able to realize the performance benefits this new technology provides.

2. How do I know what server configurations are certified for Oracle?

Answer: Oracle certifies to an operating system (OS), and then any server that the operating system vendor list on their web-site as certified for that OS is then regarded by Oracle as certified to run Oracle9*i*. The customer is free to select any of the features available for that server is its configuration.

3. How can I be sure whether new technology available in the server is supported for Oracle products?

Answer: This web site lists certified technologies:
http://www.oracle.com/ip/deploy/database/features/ops/certification/index.html

4. What are the primary target markets for the x382 and x455 servers?

Answer: **x382 Targets**
- Small Database/Customer
- Develop & Test Applications

X455 Targets
- Mid to Large Customers
- Large RDBMS, ERP, CRM
- DSS Workloads, Large OLTP

Oracle Certifications on xSeries:

Oracle has identified the operating systems (OS) below as strategic components of its overall platform strategy for Intel based servers. Oracle certifies their products to the operating systems listed in the table below. Any server that the operating system vendor lists as certified on the OS vendor's website, will be regarded by Oracle as certified.

Oracle Product Certification website:
http://otn.oracle.com/support/metalink/content.html

IBM	Windows 2003 Enterprise Server*	Red Hat Enterprise Linux AS 3.0	SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 8
x382 2-way	√	√	√
x455 4-way	√	√	√
x455 8-way	√	√	In Plan
x455 16-way	In Plan*	NA	NA

Requires Microsoft Windows Server 2003 Datacenter Edition

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High performance, compact 2U, 2-way Intel® Itanium® 2 platform for compute-intensive, 64-bit applications

xSeries 455
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- IBM's strong technology relationship with Oracle. See: http://oracle.com/collateral/letter.rtf

- IBM's onsite engineering and hardware resources at Oracle Corporation

- IBM @server xSeries provides an extremely wide array of scalable hardware solutions

- IBM's award winning (PC Magazine Editor's Choice, IBM Director 3.1, October 2002) systems management capabilities which help maintain uninterrupted operation and help lower Total Cost of Ownership

- IBM's world-class sales, support and service – proven commitment to customer satisfaction

- Oracle and Linux Competency & Solution Centers provide technical expertise, benchmarking, sizing, customer briefings

- IBM xSeries Oracle Sizing Lab – located in San Mateo, California to validate Oracle sizing assumptions

- IBM Linux Technology Center – Headquartered in Beaverton, Oregon, aims to provide data center-proven features to enhance Linux