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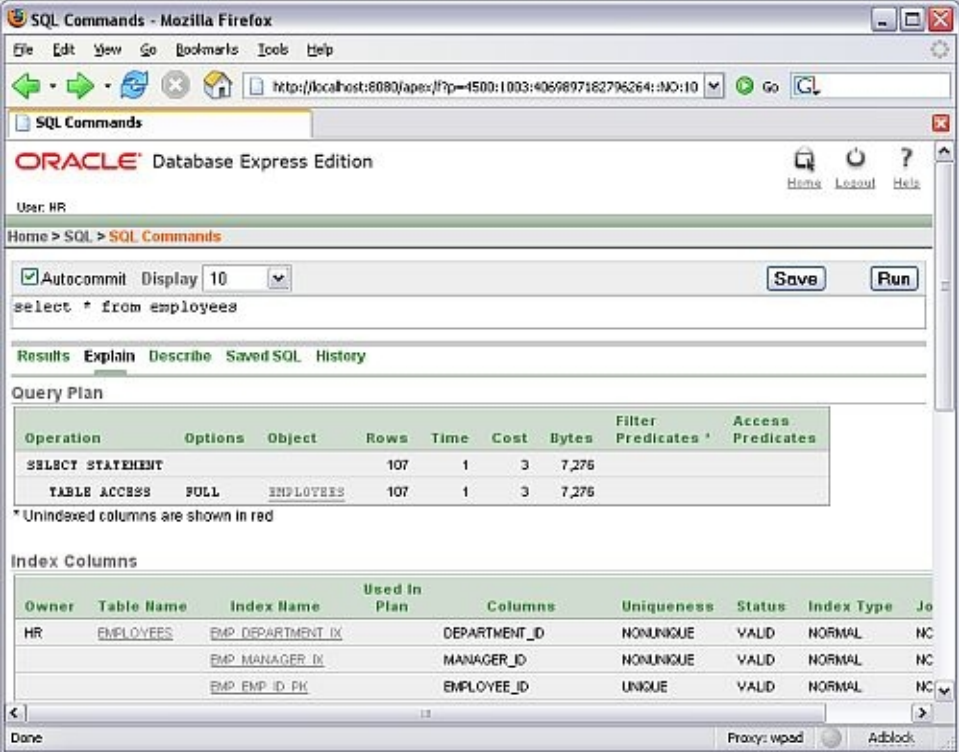
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# Working with PHP and Oracle

- Oracle products
- OCI8 extension
- Connection management
- Improving performance
- XML
- Oracle resources

# Oracle Database Express Edition

- **Free** to download, develop, deploy, and distribute
- Small footprint
- 32-bit Linux and Windows
- Free OTN community forum for support
- Uses native install on Windows and Linux
- Application Express GUI



The screenshot displays the Oracle Database Express Edition SQL Commands interface. The query entered is 'select \* from employees'. The results section shows a Query Plan with the following details:

Operation	Options	Object	Rows	Time	Cost	Bytes	Filter Predicates	Access Predicates
SELECT STATEMENT			107	1	3	7,276		
TABLE ACCESS	FULL	EMPLOYEES	107	1	3	7,276		

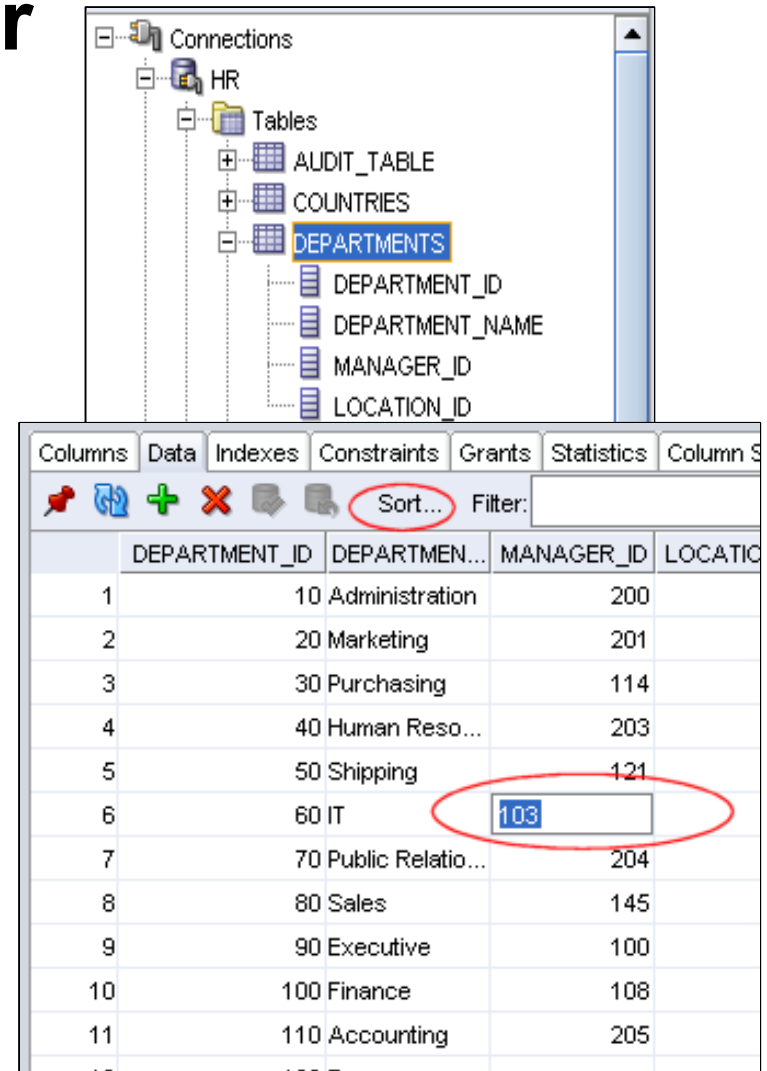
\* Unindexed columns are shown in red

The Index Columns section shows the following details:

Owner	Table Name	Index Name	Used in Plan	Columns	Uniqueness	Status	Index Type	Jo
HR	EMPLOYEES	EMP_DEPARTMENT_IX		DEPARTMENT_ID	NONUNIQUE	VALID	NORMAL	NC
		EMP_MANAGER_IX		MANAGER_ID	NONUNIQUE	VALID	NORMAL	NC
		EMP_EMP_ID_PK		EMPLOYEE_ID	UNIQUE	VALID	NORMAL	NC

# Oracle SQL Developer

- **Free and supported**
- Browse, create, and update schema objects
- Create, edit, and debug PL/SQL
- SQL Worksheet (commands, scripts)
- Run or create reports
- Linux, Windows, Mac OS
- Oracle Database 9.2.0.1 or later



The screenshot shows the Oracle SQL Developer interface. The top pane displays the 'Tables' folder under the 'HR' schema, with the 'DEPARTMENTS' table selected. The table structure is shown with columns: DEPARTMENT\_ID, DEPARTMENT\_NAME, MANAGER\_ID, and LOCATION\_ID. The bottom pane shows the 'Data' tab for the 'DEPARTMENTS' table, displaying a list of departments. The 'MANAGER\_ID' column for the 'IT' department (row 6) is highlighted with a red circle and contains the value '103'. The 'Sort...' button in the toolbar is also circled in red.

	DEPARTMENT_ID	DEPARTMEN...	MANAGER_ID	LOCATIO
1	10	Administration	200	
2	20	Marketing	201	
3	30	Purchasing	114	
4	40	Human Reso...	203	
5	50	Shipping	121	
6	60	IT	103	
7	70	Public Relatio...	204	
8	80	Sales	145	
9	90	Executive	100	
10	100	Finance	108	
11	110	Accounting	205	

# PHP and Oracle

- Long time commitment to PHP and Zend
- Thousands of developers use Oracle and PHP
- Joint effort with Zend
  - Zend Core for Oracle
  - Improved and refactored OCI8 extension
- Participates in communities and expert groups
  - Java and Scripting (JSR 223)
  - PHP Collaboration Project

# PHP Extensions

- Abstraction Libraries
  - Database independence
  - Lowest common denominator
  - PEAR DB
  - PEAR MDB2
  - ADOdb
- ODBC
- PDO
- OCI8

# OCI8 Extension

- Refactored by Oracle and Zend
  - Zend Core for Oracle
- Contributed back to PHP community
  - PHP 5.1.2 onwards
- Same API as original OCI8
- New php.ini parameters for
  - Persistent connection management
  - Row prefetching
  - Client side statement cache

# OCI8 Extension

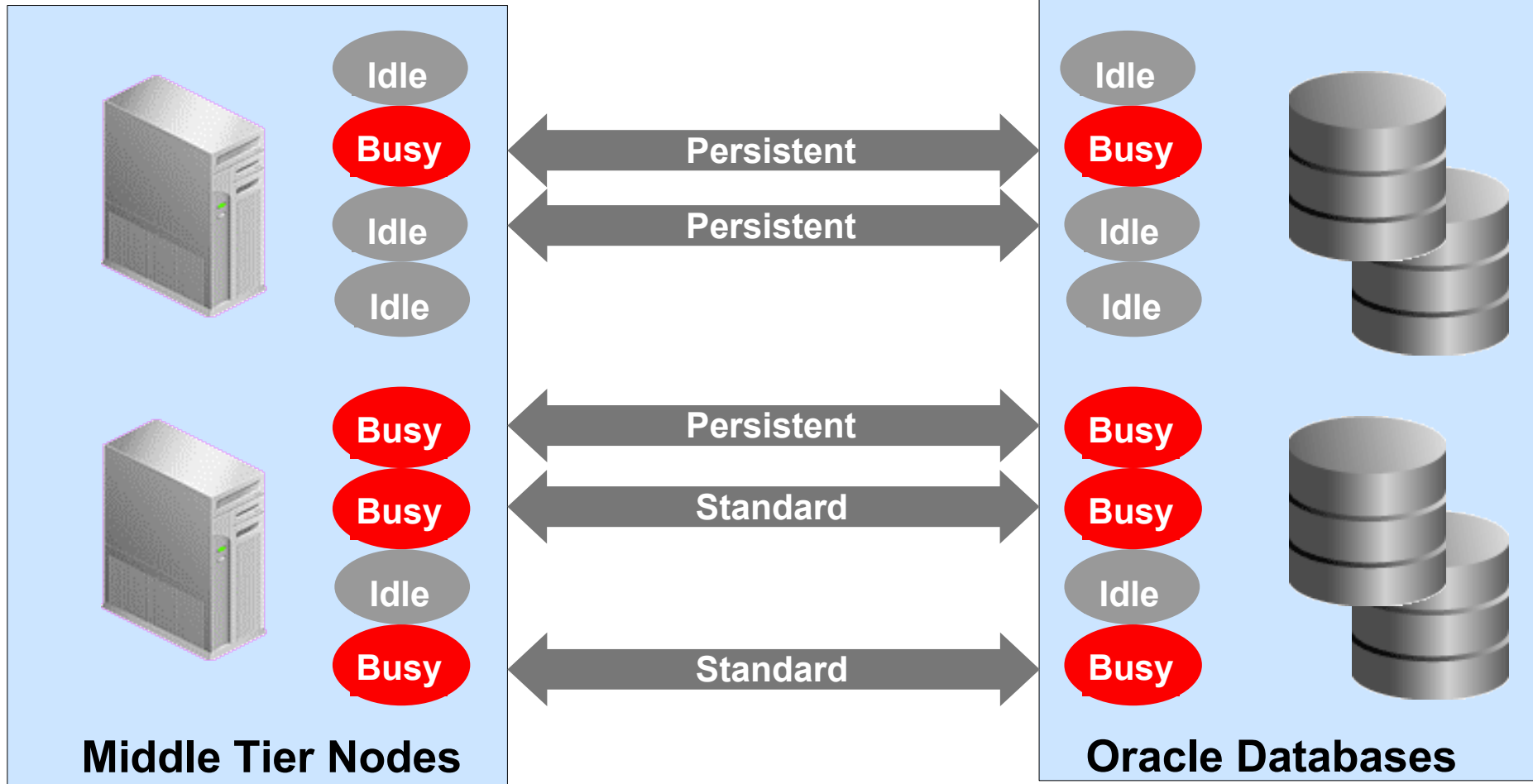
- Main Oracle database driver

```
<?php
$conn = oci_connect('hr', 'hr', '//localhost/XE');
$sql = oci_parse($conn, 'select city from locations');
oci_execute($sql);
while ($row = oci_fetch_assoc($sql))
    echo $row['CITY'] . "<br>";
?>
```

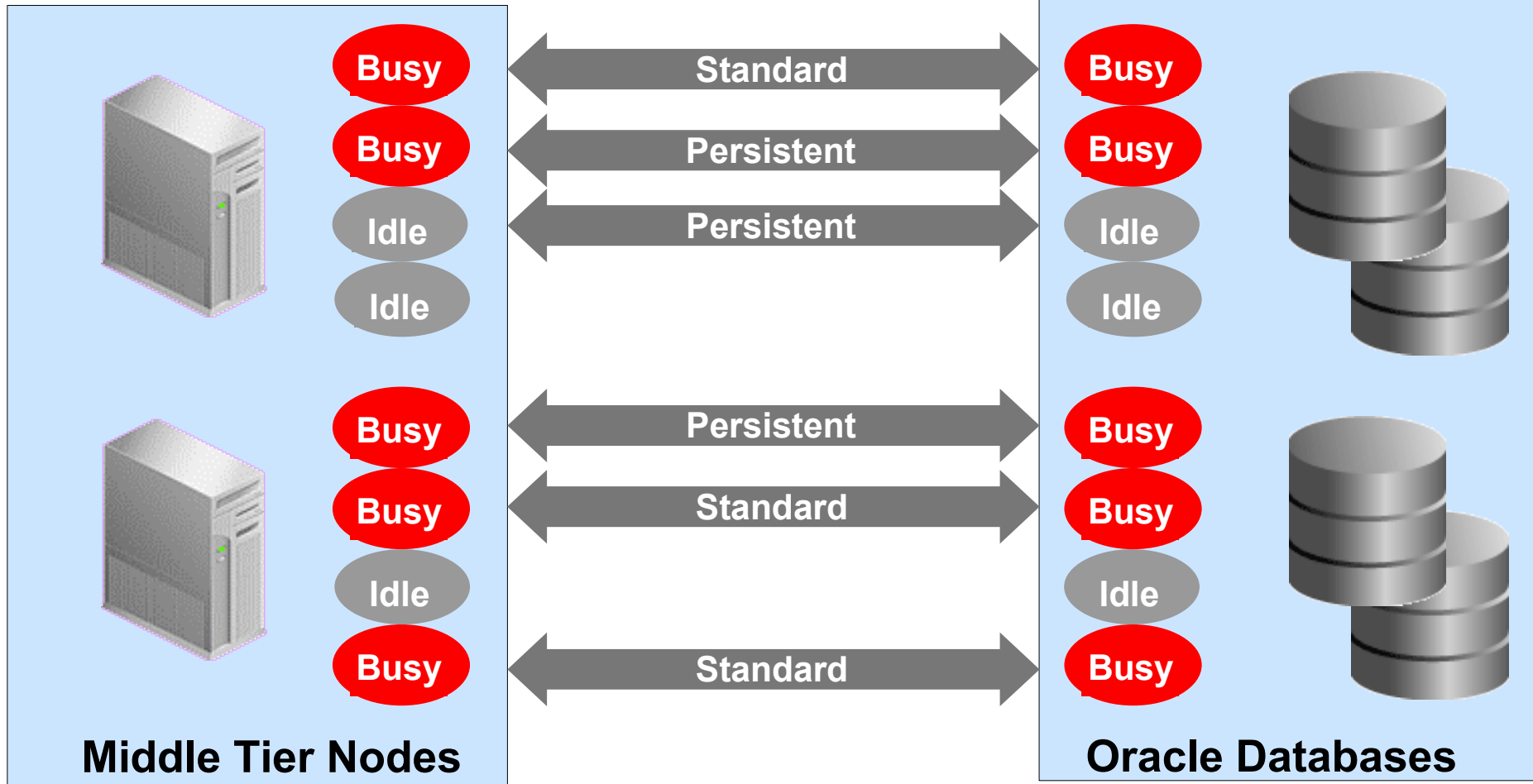
# OCI8 Connections

- Standard Connection
  - `oci_connect()`
- Multiple Unique Connections
  - `oci_new_connect()`
- Persistent Connection
  - `oci_pconnect()`
  - `oci8.max_persistent`
  - `oci8.persistent_timeout`
  - `oci8.ping_interval`
- Close connections
  - `oci_close()`
  - `oci8.old_oci_close_semantics`

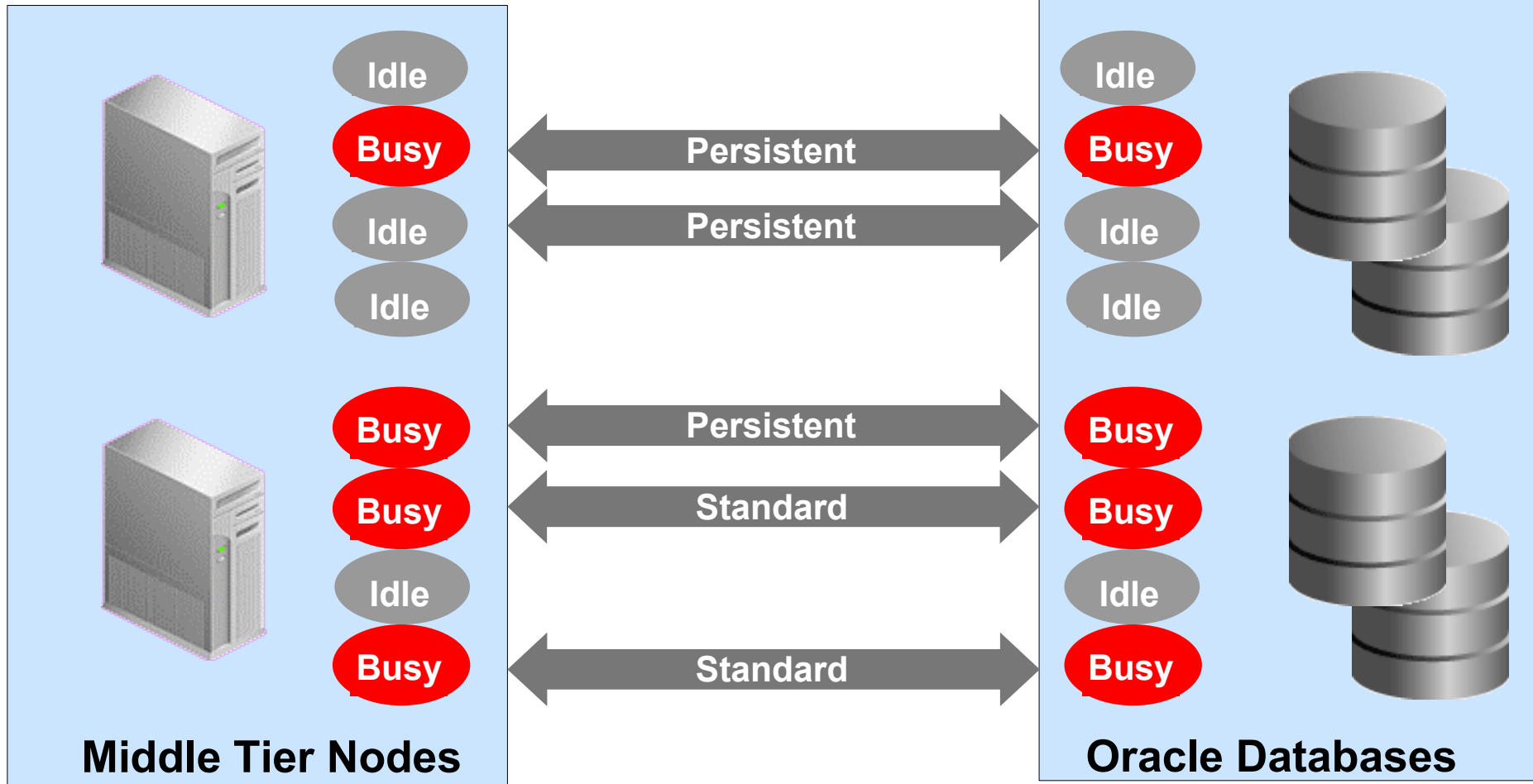
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# Connection Pooling

- Apache single threaded for PHP
- Options:
  - Repeatedly connect/disconnect using standard connections
  - Use persistent connections
- Inefficient use of the database resources

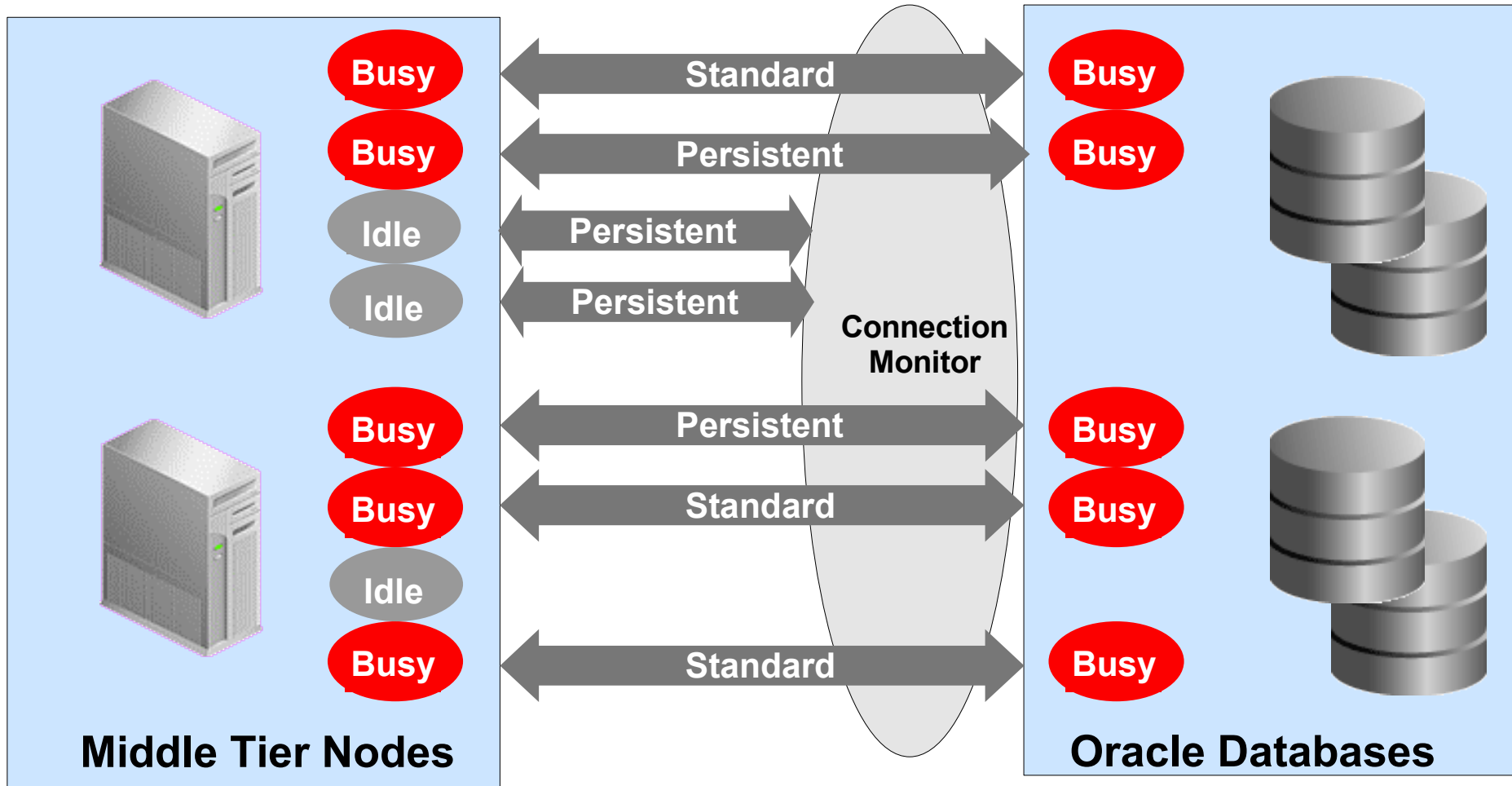
# Database Resident Connection Pooling

- Pools Oracle dedicated server connections
- Shares connection pool across Apache processes
- Shares connection pool across middle tier instances
- Co-exists with Oracle Dedicated Servers, Shared Servers
- Works in RAC

**Database enhancements described here are in the next major release**

**PHP enhancements described here are proposed**

# Database Resident Connection Pooling



# Database Resident Connection Pooling

- Reduces number of connections
- Pooling is enabled by DBA on database server
- Change PHP connect string
  - `hostname/service:POOLED`
  - `(SERVER=POOLED)`
- Set parameter in `php.ini`:
  - `oci8.connection_class = "<application_name>"`
- Client directed to Database Resident Connection Pool
- Connection in pool “locked” when requested by client
- Connection “released” back to pool when client done

# Database Resident Connection Pooling

- Enhanced OCI8 extension
- Oracle database and client libraries
- Code compatible: no application code changes
- Version compatible: application works as is with
  - Existing Oracle databases (no pooling)
  - Database with pooling disabled
  - Database with pooling enabled
- DBA monitoring and configuration options

# Database Resident Connection Pooling with Standard APIs

- `oci_pconnect()`
  - Very fast binding to an existing connection from pool
  - Re-uses pooled server process from pool
  - Re-uses pooled server session
- `oci_connect/oci_new_connect()`
  - Faster new connections!
  - Re-uses pooled server process from pool
  - Session is recreated
- `oci_close()`
  - Releases connection back to pool

# Bind Variables

- Like “%s” print format specifiers
- Application re-executes statements with different values
- Improves database throughput
- Help prevent SQL Injection attacks

# Bind Variables

```
$s = oci_parse($c,  
    "select last_name from employees  
    where employee_id = :eidbv");  
$myeid = 101;  
oci_bind_by_name($s, ":EIDBV", $myeid);  
oci_execute($s);  
oci_fetch_all($s, $res);  
echo "Last name is: ". $res['LAST_NAME'][0] ."<br>\n";  
$myeid = 102;  
oci_execute($s); // No need to re-parse  
oci_fetch_all($s, $res);  
echo "Last name is: ". $res['LAST_NAME'][0] ."<br>\n";
```

# PL/SQL

- Procedural language extension to SQL
  - Variables
  - Conditions
  - Arrays
  - Exceptions
- Stored in database
- Stable, portable, secure
- Procedures, functions, triggers
- Presupplied packages
- Fastest in Oracle 10.2

# PL/SQL Stored Procedure and PHP

```
create or replace procedure
myproc(a in varchar2, b in number) as
begin
    insert into mytable (mydata, myid) values (a, b);
end;
/
```

```
<?php
    $c = oci_connect('hr', 'hr', '//localhost/XE');
    $s = oci_parse($c, "call myproc('mydata', 123)");
    oci_execute($s);
?>
```

# Database Transactions

- `oci_execute()` auto-commits
- Commits cause
  - Round-trips to the database
  - Database I/O

```
$s = oci_parse($c, "insert into t values ('data')");  
oci_execute($s, OCI_DEFAULT); // Not committed  
...  
oci_commit($c);
```

# Non Transactional Insert

This is slow

```
function do_simple_insert($c, $a)
{
  foreach ($a as $v) {
    $s = oci_parse($c,
      "insert into ptab (pdata) values ('".$v."')");
    $r = oci_execute($s); // Committed
  }
}
```

# Transactional Insert

This is better

```
function do_transactional_insert($c, $a)
{
    $s = oci_parse($c,
        'insert into ptab (pdata) values (:bv)');
    oci_bind_by_name($s, ':bv', $v, 20, SQLT_CHR);
    foreach ($a as $v)
        $r = oci_execute($s, OCI_DEFAULT); // Not committed
    oci_commit($c); // Committed
}
```

# Bulk Inserts in PL/SQL

```
create or replace package mypkg as
  type arrtype is table of varchar2(20)
    index by pls_integer;
  procedure myproc(p1 in arrtype);
end mypkg;
create or replace package body mypkg as
  procedure myproc(p1 in arrtype) is
  begin
    forall i in indices of p1
      insert into ptab values (p1(i));
  end myproc;
end mypkg;
```

# Bulk Inserts in PHP

May be fastest

```
function do_bulk_insert($c, $a)
{
    $s = oci_parse($c,
        'begin mypkg.myproc(:c1); end;');
    oci_bind_array_by_name($s, ":c1", $a,
count($a), -1, SQLT_CHR);
    oci_execute($s);
}
```

# XML

- XML DB
- Stored as
  - Relational data
  - Linear as LOBs
  - XML Schema structure
- SELECT XMLELEMENT
- PL/SQL Package DBMS\_XMLGEN
- XQuery

# SELECT XMLELEMENT

```
$query =  
  'SELECT XMLELEMENT("Employees",  
    XMLELEMENT("Name", first_name),  
    XMLELEMENT("Id", employee_id)) as result  
  FROM employees WHERE department_id = 10';  
$s = oci_parse($c, $query);  
oci_execute($s);  
while ($row = oci_fetch_row($s))  
  foreach ($row as $item)  
    echo htmlentities($item)." ";
```

```
<Employees><Name>Joanne</Name><Id>210</Id></Employees>  
<Employees><Name>Jennifer</Name><Id>200</Id></Employees>
```

# DBMS\_XMLGEN Package

```
$query = "select dbms_xmlgen.getxml('
    select first_name, employee_id from employees
    where department_id = 10') xml from dual";
$s = oci_parse($c, $query);
oci_execute($s);
$res = oci_fetch_row($s);
$mylob = $res[0]->load(); // treat result as a LOB descriptor
```

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<ROWSET>
  <ROW>
    <FIRST_NAME>Joanne</FIRST_NAME>
    <EMPLOYEE_ID>210</EMPLOYEE_ID>
  </ROW>
  ...
</ROWSET>
```

# Oracle Technology Network PHP Developer Centre

- Technical Articles
- Install guides
- Underground PHP and Oracle Manual
- Discussion forum
- JDeveloper 10g PHP extension
- Blogs

The screenshot shows the Oracle Technology Network website interface. At the top, the Oracle logo and 'TECHNOLOGY NETWORK' are visible. A navigation bar includes links for Downloads, Documentation, Forums, Articles, Sample Code, Getting Started, Tutorials, and Blogs. A search bar is present with the text 'secure search'. The main content area is titled 'PHP Developer Center' and includes a 'php' logo, a date 'Updated October 27, 2006', and a bookmarking instruction. Below this, there are sections for 'What's New' with book reviews, 'Building a Locator with ZIP Data', 'Download Zend Core for Oracle 1.5', and 'Creating Oracle-Powered SOAP Services in PHP'. On the right side, there are three sidebar sections: 'Get Started with PHP' with links to guides and manuals, 'Downloads' with links to Oracle Database XE, Zend Core, JDeveloper 10g PHP Extension, and Oracle 10g Instant Client, and 'Must-Reads' with links to a cookbook and deployment best practices. A left sidebar lists 'PRODUCTS' (Database, Middleware, Developer Tools, etc.) and 'TECHNOLOGIES' (BI & Data Warehousing, Java, etc.).

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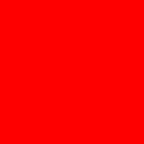
# Oracle Resources

- OTN Open Source Developer Centre
  - [otn.oracle.com/opensource](http://otn.oracle.com/opensource)
- Oracle Unbreakable Linux
  - [www.oracle.com/linux](http://www.oracle.com/linux)
- ISVs and hardware vendor
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