

# Oracle ACE Program

presentation for:  
NorthWest Oracle Users Group



September 2009



## Oracle Ace Directors

- Eddie Awad (Oregon)
- Daniel Morgan (US – Database)



## Oracle ACEs

- Steven Chan (Oregon)
- Kevin Closson (Oregon)
- Jared Still (Oregon)

- No ACEs in British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Nevada or Wyoming

# What is the ACE program?

Oracle ACE

- Oracle's acknowledgement of the user community
- Not part of sales and marketing
- Two different levels of participation
  - ♠ ACE
  - ♦ ACE Director
- An opportunity for us to give back to the community that has given so much to us

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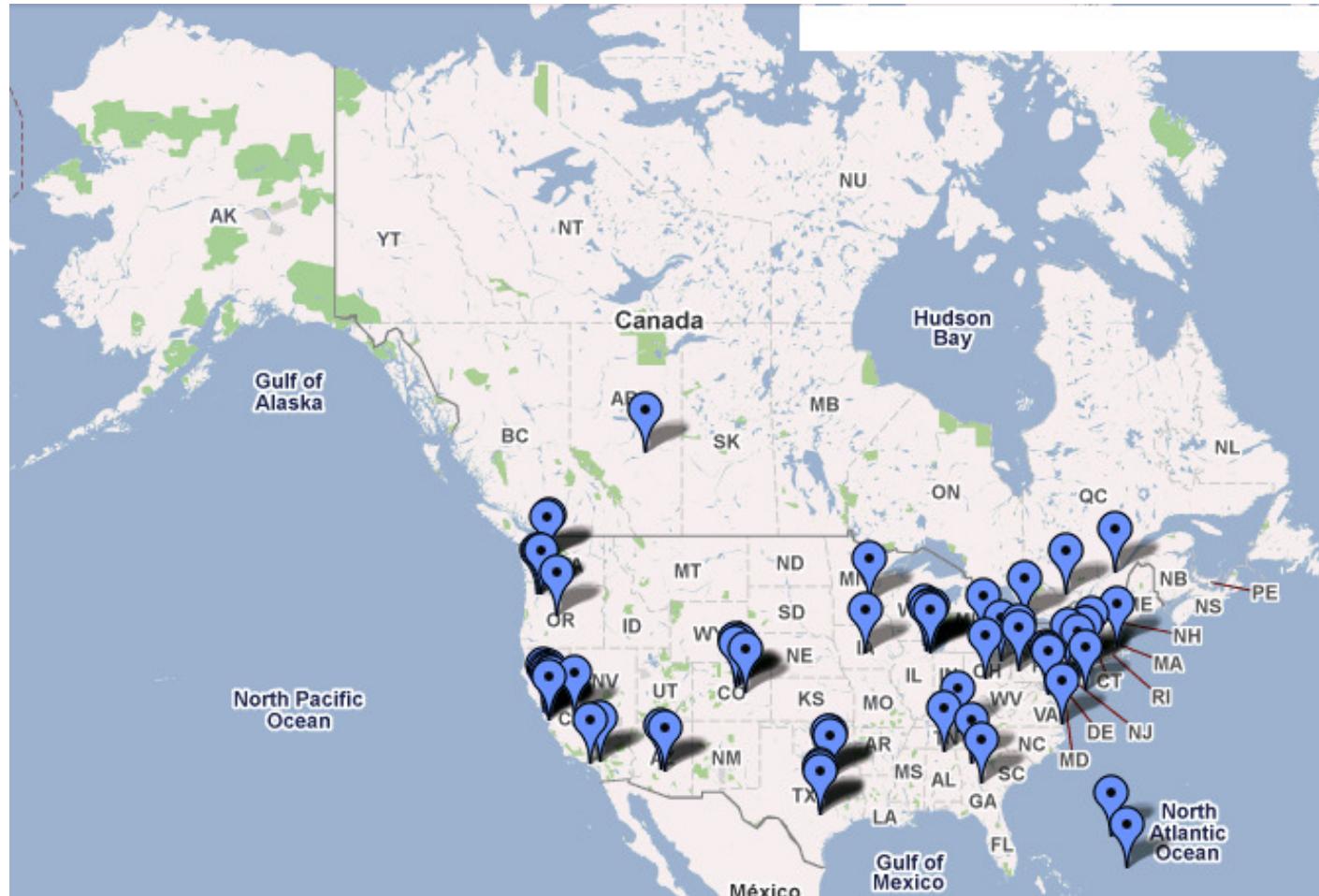
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- Technical Proficiency

- database
- middleware
- applications
- or other Oracle related technologies

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- Contribute to the community
  - Blogging is not just for Tom Kyte
  - Or contribute a website such as Morgan's Library
  - Webcasts
  - Podcasts
  - Something new and original

# Eddie Awad's Blog

News, views, tips and tricks on Oracle and other fun stuff

## [OracleCommunity.net a Great Example of a Customer-run Community, Here is Why](#)

Tuesday, August 18th, 2009

The  [Wall Street Journal](#) published an article titled [Creating a Successful Online Brand Community – The Fans Know Best](#). The authors list “four things companies can do to turn a tired and rigid brand community into a powerful market-research lab, early-warning system and customer-loyalty builder, all rolled into one”.

I was happy to see that [OracleCommunity.net](#) was mentioned in the  [WSJ](#) article as an example of giving visitors multiple ways of interacting:

Lots of company-run communities are good at putting visitors in touch with a company representative, or at helping them find solutions to problems. But many of these sites don't let visitors talk to each other. Where is the community in that? ... Most fan-run communities, by contrast, encourage a variety of social interactions...

At [Oraclecommunity.net](#), a site for people interested in  [Oracle Corp](#).'s database and software products, members share personal stories, pictures, videos and birthdays. They can create blogs on the site, form groups around themes and build networks of designated friends. Members can also schedule meetings and events both online and in person.

The article is a good read. By the way, make sure you join the 6,000+ OracleCommunity.net members, in case you have not done so already.

[www.awads.net/wp](http://www.awads.net/wp)

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### Other uses for NULLIF

Scott Wesley | Sep 13, 2009 18:24 -0600

Database Applications Development

There are some features in the database that are understandably difficult to first come across. Unless you have a specific need to fulfil, or you aren't the type who meanders through the new features guide, or you're just relatively new to Oracle, you may not have come across useful day-to-day features & concepts such as *WITH*, *DBMS\_JOB* or *pipelining*. (I just picked a few random ones that came to mind...)

There are also abundant single row functions that are available, and some of them are easy to use, but sometimes no apparent usage immediately stands out. I make it no secret that my favourite online reference manual is the Oracle Database SQL Reference. I have a shortcut to a local version in my browser toolbar. Personally I prefer the **10g** layout to the **11g** one, but beggars can't be choosers I suppose.

I thoroughly recommend beginners and even the more mature programmers to peruse this manual, in particular the chapter on SQL Functions. I believe awareness is often the key to writing a successful application - or at least not re-inventing the wheel.

So to stop beating around the bush, what about the NULL-related functions, specifically **NULLIF**. Have you used it?

The manual illustrates an example showing those employees whose job has changed since they were hired. If their job hasn't changed, then *null* is shown.

```
SELECT e.last_name, NULLIF(e.job_id, j.job_id) "Old Job ID"  
FROM employees e, job_history j  
WHERE e.employee_id = j.employee_id  
ORDER BY last_name;
```

<http://orana.info/>

# Or a new and different kind of resource

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Active Session History	11gR1	25-Dec-2007	-
Add Binding Clause	11gR1	19-Sep-2007	-
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<a href="#">ADR Command Interpreter</a>	11gR1	04-Dec-2008	-
Advanced Compression	11gR1	26-Mar-2009	UPDATED
Advanced Queuing Demo	11gR1	05-Mar-2008	-
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Application Server	10.1.2.0.2	07-Feb-2007	-
Application Server	10.1.3.0.0	07-Feb-2007	-
Archive Logs	11gR1	06-Oct-2007	-
Array Processing	11gR1	18-Aug-2008	-
Arrays: Index by BINARY_INTEGER	11gR1	07-Jul-2007	-
Arrays: Index by VARCHAR2	11gR1	07-Jul-2007	-
AS OF Queries	11gR1	14-Sep-2007	-
ASH	11gR1	25-Dec-2007	-
Associate Statistics	11gR1	03-Jan-2008	-
Associative Arrays	11gR1	07-Jul-2007	-
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AUTHID (DEFINER) and CURRENT_USER)	11gR1	03-Jan-2009	-
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- Oracle OpenWorld
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- ODTUG
- NWOUG
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  - Contact a product manager
  - Have your company become an Oracle Partner
  - Contact Lillian ([lillian.buziak@oracle.com](mailto:lillian.buziak@oracle.com))

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  - Contribute as a volunteer
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- If you are visiting from another state or country join a user group in your community

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  - OCP (Oracle Certified Professional)
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