



Upcoming database developments at CERN

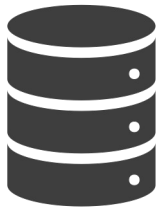
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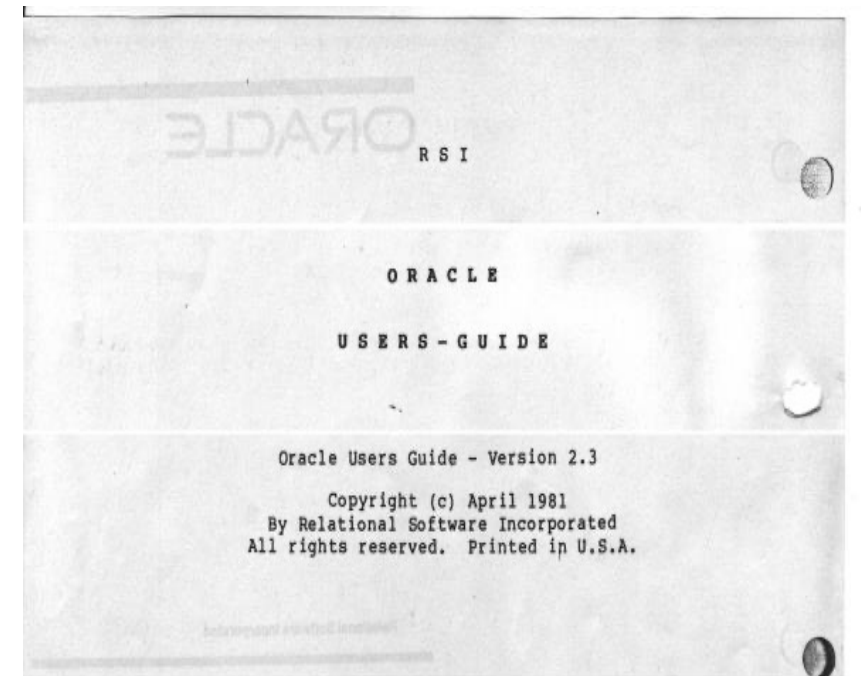


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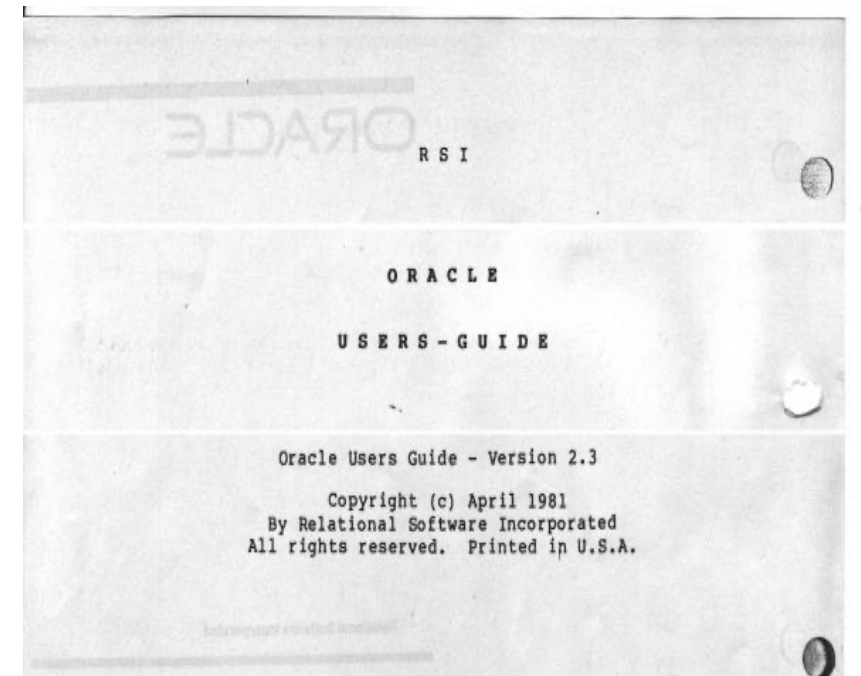
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Database on Demand (DBoD) since 2011

- ≈600 MySQL, ≈400 PostgreSQL, ≈200 InfluxDB
- Automated backup and recovery services, monitoring, clones, replicas
- HA MySQL clusters
(ProxySQL-based -> InnoDB cluster)

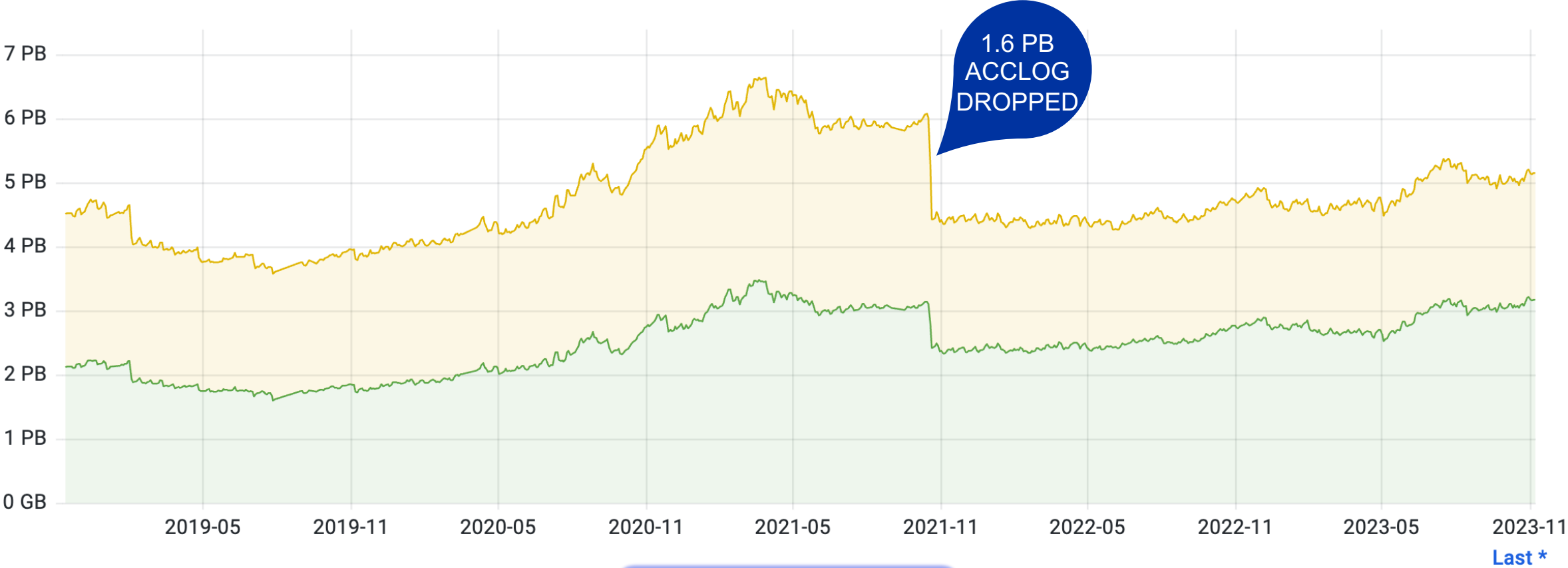


Size of the database environment

	Total size
Oracle	≈ 5 PB
DBoD (MySQL, PostgreSQL, InfluxDB)	≈ 150 TB
Backups	≈ 3 PB

Size of the database environment – Oracle

Oracle capacity



Total: over 5 PB
* - including snapshots

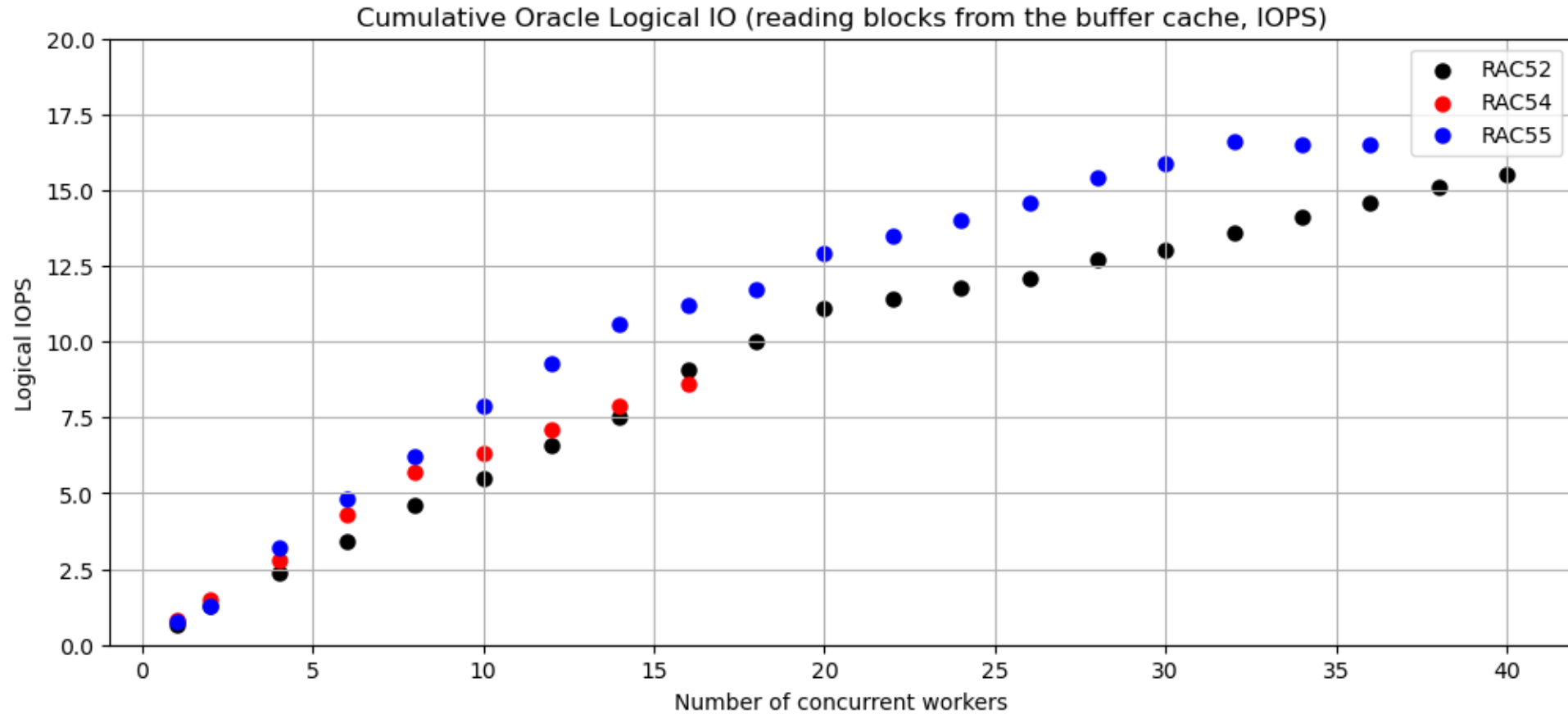
total_space_savings
afs_used

Last *
3.18 PB
1.98 PB

Hardware is constantly improving (CPU)

Luca Canali

RAC52 – 20 cores
RAC54 – 8 cores
RAC55 – 16 cores



RAC55 has about 1.5x to 1.2x single-thread performance increase over RAC52

Hardware is constantly improving (storage)

Borja Aparicio Cotarelo



We continuously monitor the system load and optimize distribution across storage resources. With the decreasing cost of SSDs, we're able to improve performance over time.

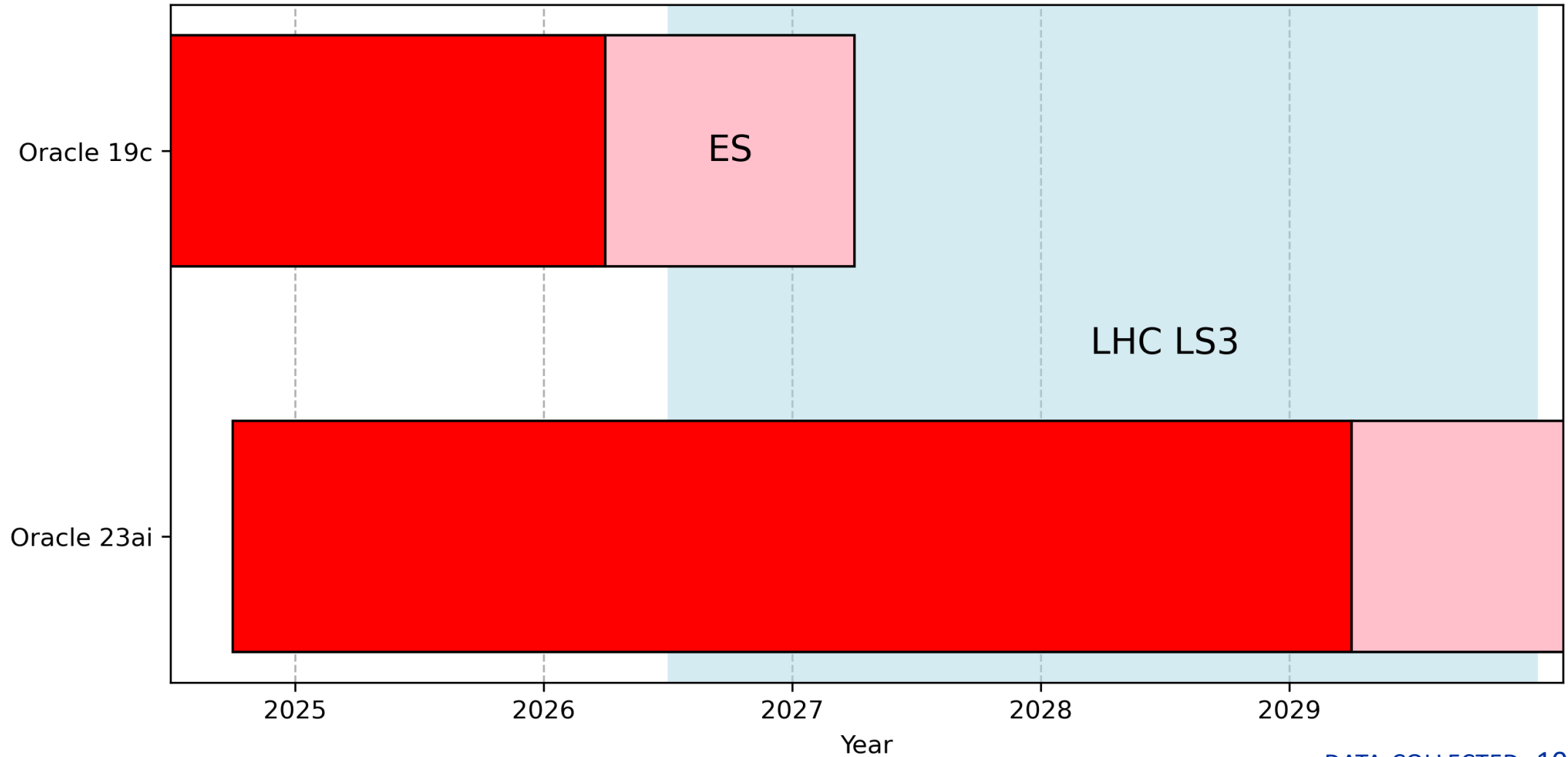
Software is constantly ~~improving~~ changing

Database software is released quite often (Oracle releases quarterly patches)

- We patch often to comply with security regulations

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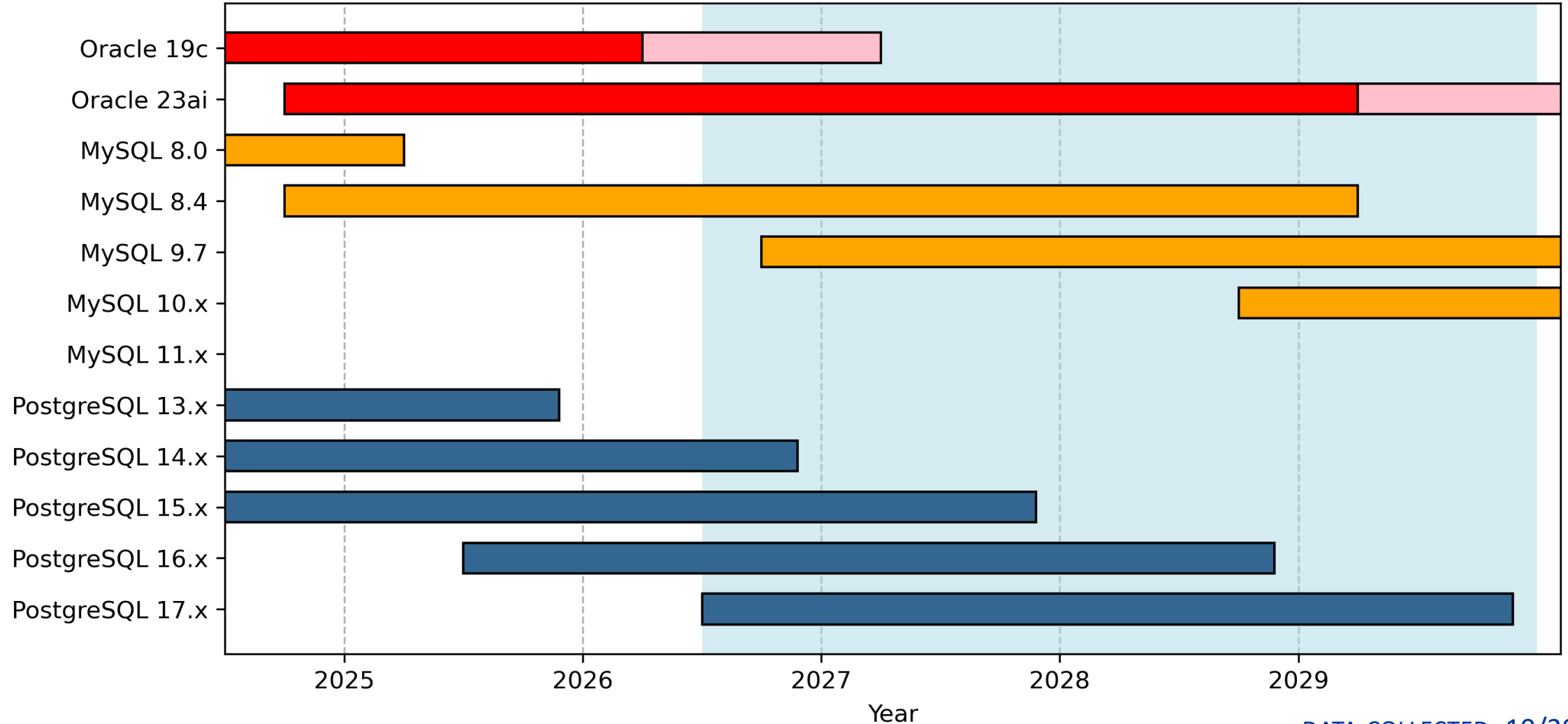
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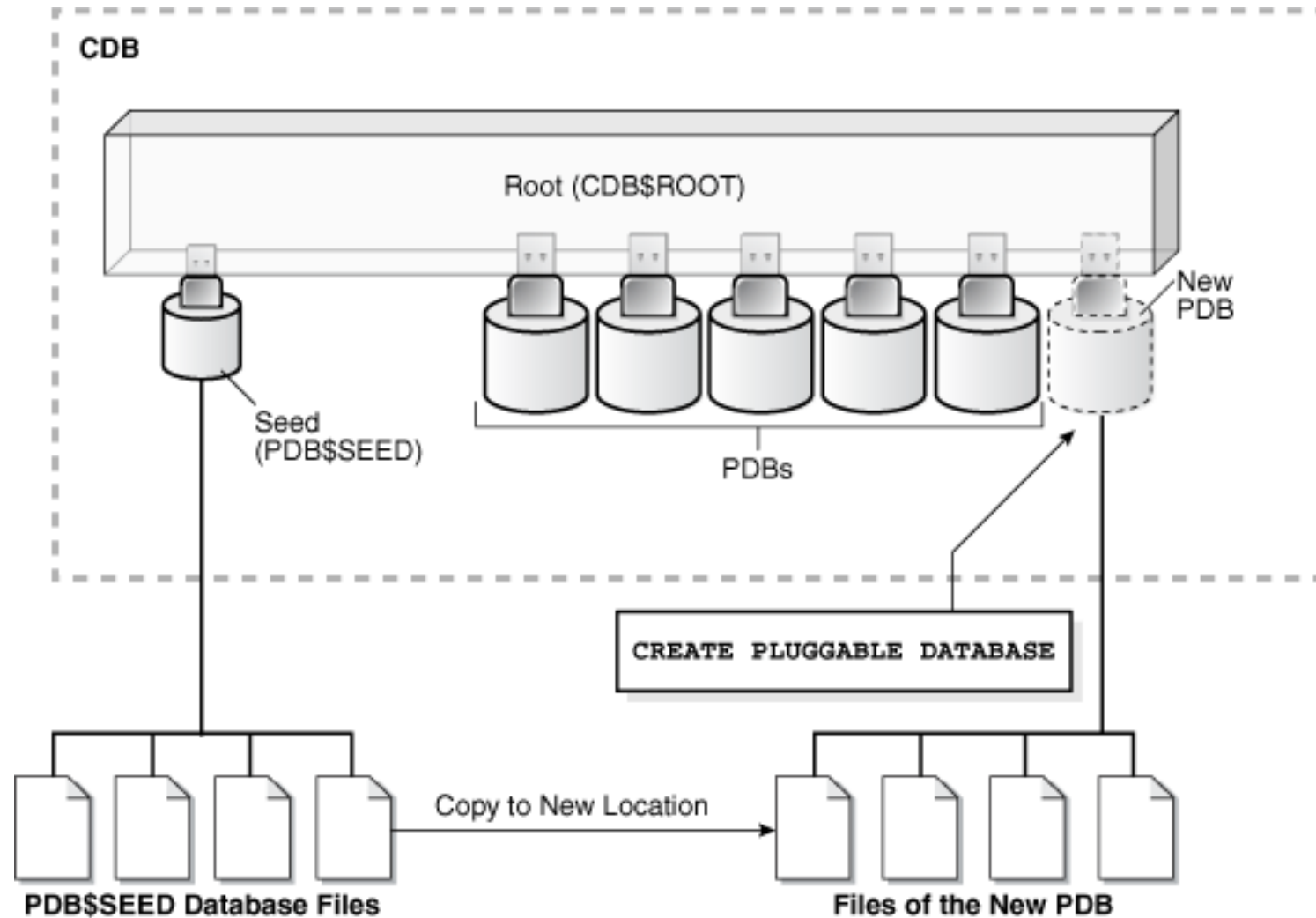
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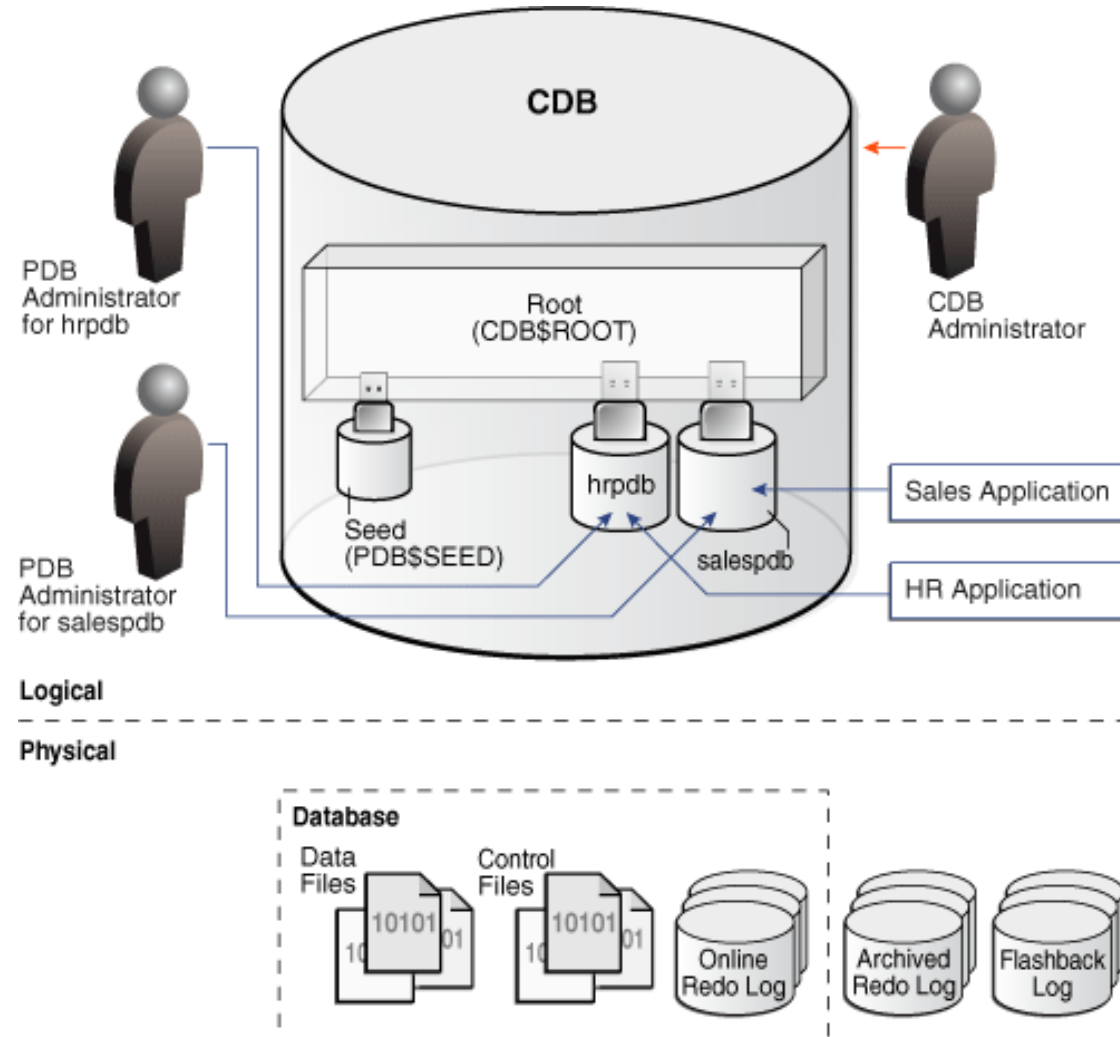


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Oracle 23ai Database New Features

<https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/oracle/oracle-database/23/nfcoa/>

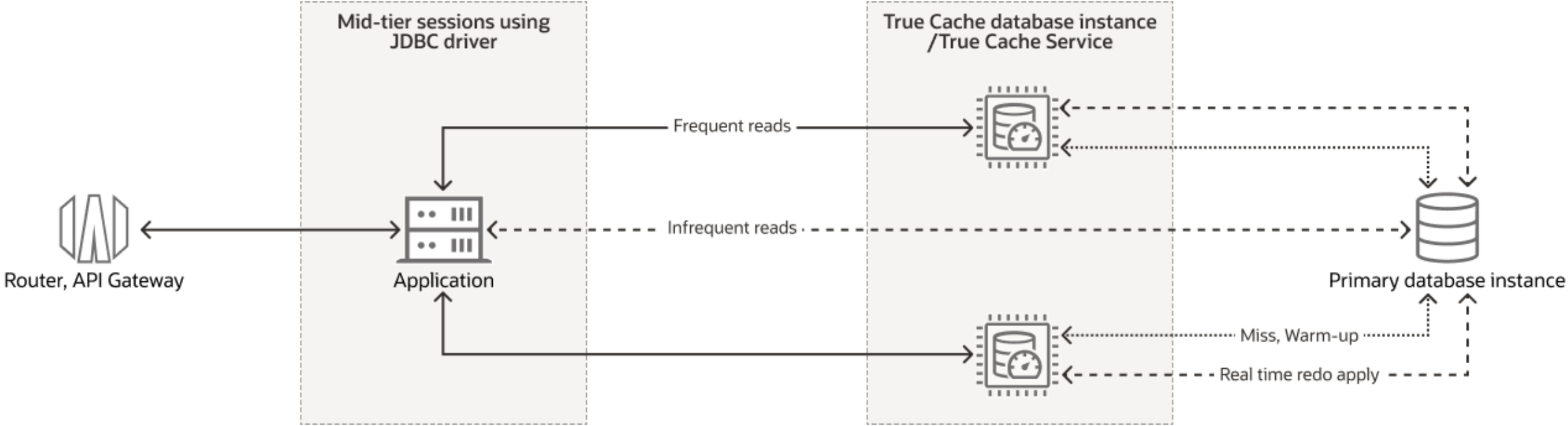
I'll not cover SELECT AI

```
SQL> SELECT AI What are total sales of tom hanks movies  
70,318.23
```

```
SQL> SELECT AI showsql What are total sales of tom hanks movies  
SELECT SUM(sales_sample.list_price) AS total_sales  
FROM moviestream.sales_sample  
JOIN moviestream.movie ON sales_sample.movie_id = movie.movie_id  
WHERE movie.cast LIKE '%Tom Hanks%'
```

Livelabs: Chat with your data in Autonomous Database using generative AI
https://apexapps.oracle.com/pls/apex/r/dbpm/livelabs/run-workshop?p210_wid=3831

Oracle True Cache



<https://www.oracle.com/database/truocache/>

AI&ML features – VECTOR

```
SQL> SELECT VECTOR_EMBEDDING(  
                                ALL_MINILM_L12_V2  
                                USING 'The quick brown fox jumped' as DATA  
                                ) AS embedding;
```

EMBEDDING

```
-----  
[1.65517051E-002,3.19098569E-002,-1.96293015E-002,-3.56926955E-002,9.21710581E-0
```

```
SQL> update vector.my_data set vector_l12_v2 =  
                                VECTOR_EMBEDDING(ALL_MINILM_L12_V2 USING info as data);
```

```
SQL> select info  
from vector.my_data  
order by vector_distance(  
            VECTOR_L12_V2,  
            VECTOR_EMBEDDING(ALL_MINILM_L12_V2 USING  
                                '&prompt' as data),  
            cosine)  
fetch approximate first 5 rows only;
```

JSON-Relational duality

```
SQL> create or replace json relational duality view department_dv as
      select json {'_id' : d.deptno,
                  'departmentName' : d.dname,
                  'location' : d.loc,
                  'employees' :
                    [ select json {'employeeNumber' : e.empno,
                                    'employeeName' : e.ename,
                                    'job' : e.job,
                                    'salary' : e.sal}
                      from emp e with insert update delete
                      where d.deptno = e.deptno ]}
      from dept d with insert update delete;
```

<https://oracle-base.com/articles/23/json-relational-duality-views-23>

JSON-Relational duality

```
SQL> select json_serialize(d.data pretty)
       from department_dv d
       where d.data."_id" = 40;
```

```
JSON_SERIALIZE(D.DATAPRETTY)
```

```
{
  "_id" : 40,
  "_metadata" :
  {
    "etag" : "6FAB9798FF405D87F0EB44456398A5D5",
    "asof" : "00000000002F2799"
  },
  "departmentName" : "OPERATIONS",
  "location" : "BOSTON",
  "employees" :
  [
  ]
}
```

Optimistic locking based on the etag

<https://oracle-base.com/articles/23/json-relational-duality-views-23>

JSON-Relational duality

```
SQL> insert into department_dv d
      (data)
values ('
{
  "_id" : 50,
  "departmentName" : "DBA",
  "location" : "BIRMINGHAM",
  "employees" : [
    {
      "employeeNumber" : 9999,
      "employeeName" : "HALL",
      "job" : "CLERK",
      "salary" : 500
    }
  ]
}');
```

```
SQL> select * from dept where deptno = 50;
```

DEPTNO	DNAME	LOC
50	DBA	BIRMINGHAM

```
SQL> select empno, ename, job
      from emp
      where deptno = 50;
```

EMPNO	ENAME	JOB
9999	HALL	CLERK

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Priority of Transactions

```
SQL> ALTER SESSION SET txn_priority = 'HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW';  
SQL> ALTER SESSION SET priority_txns_high_wait_target = 30;  
SQL> ALTER SESSION SET priority_txns_medium_wait_target = 90;  
SQL> ALTER SESSION SET priority_txns_mode = 'TRACK/ROLLBACK';
```

If a HIGH priority transaction is blocked for a row lock, Oracle Database can roll back the transaction that is holding the row lock only if the holder is LOW or MEDIUM priority. Oracle Database never rolls back a HIGH priority transaction.

If a MEDIUM priority transaction is blocked for a row lock, Oracle Database can roll back the transaction that is holding the row lock only if the holder is LOW priority.

If a LOW priority transaction is blocked for a row lock, Oracle Database will not attempt to roll back the transaction holding the row lock irrespective of its priority.

<https://blogs.oracle.com/dbstorage/post/new-priority-transactions-capability-with-oracle-database-23ai>

IF EXISTS

```
SQL> drop table if exists product_sales;
```

Table dropped.

```
SQL> drop table if exists product_sales;
```

Table dropped.

```
SQL> create table if not exists product_sales  
                (product varchar2(10), sale_date  
date, amount number);
```

Table created.

```
SQL> create table if not exists product_sales  
                (product varchar2(10), sale_date  
date, amount number);
```

Table created.

BOOL

TRUE, FALSE, NULL

```
SQL> create table employees ( id number generated always as identity,  
                             name varchar2(20),  
                             is_active bool,  
                             is_retired boolean);
```

Table created.

```
SQL> insert into employees (name, is_active, is_retired) values  
                                ('Obama',false,true),  
                                ('Trump',false,false),  
                                ('Biden',true,false);
```

3 rows created.

Lots of JSON improvements

JSON_ARRAY accepts subquery as input:

```
json_array(select json_object('employee-number' : e.empno) from emp e)
```

JSON_BEHAVIOR parameter controls behaviour of error handling

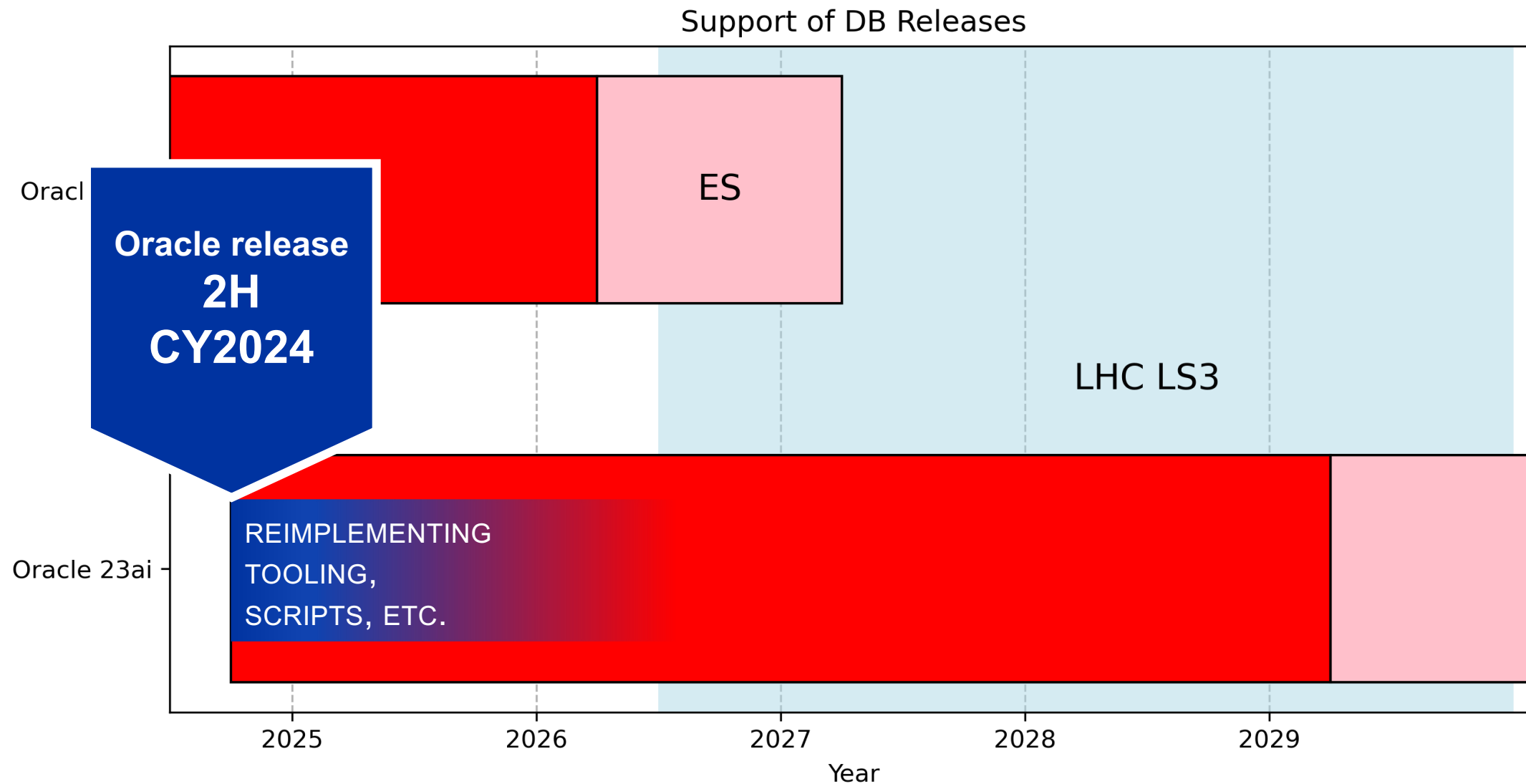
(ERROR ON ERROR, NULL ON ERROR, FALSE ON ERROR, etc.)

Many improvements to JSON data type

JSON Schema to check validity and structure of JSON documents – VALIDATE keyword

DBMS_JSON.JSON_TYPE_CONVERTIBLE_CHECK to help migration CLOB -> JSON

When is it all coming? Not soon



Thank you !



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