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Editorial Review

From the Back Cover

This is a short, occasionally funny, book covers the four main tools of performance work: Performance Monitoring, Capacity Planning, Load Testing, and Modeling. For a performance book, this one has several unique features:

- It works for any collection of computers you have. It teaches you how to use whatever meters they give you and how to discover more about those meters than the documentation reveals.
- It only requires the most simple math on your part, yet it allows you to easily use some fairly advanced techniques to do important work quickly.
- It is full of practical advice from someone that has been there and done good work on live systems and websites all over the world.
- It is buzzword free and written in a clear, conversational style.

About the Author

I'm a very tall small town Vermont kid who spent decades doing training and professional services work that mostly focused on making sure computers could keep up with constantly changing user demands and expectations. Many of those years were spent doing performance work on very high visibility customer systems where one mistake would have put that company in the news in a very unfortunate way. I have written and delivered many technical courses. All of them were clear, concise, and useful. I've been a featured speaker at numerous conventions. I'm married to my college sweetheart and enjoying a semi-retired life in Vermont where, one day a week, it is my great pleasure to give the tour at Ben & Jerry's with some of the finest people with whom I've ever worked. How sweet is that?

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