

Membership Type and Fees

The SAOUG offers the following types of memberships, which are valid for a 1 x year period (irrespective of joining date)

- Corporate Membership: R6,300.00
 - A corporate membership allows a minimum of 2 people up to a maximum of 10 people.
- Corporate Individual Membership: R500.00
 - A Corporate Individual membership allows you to join if your company has Corporate membership which is paid in full and you are not one of the 10 x named members.
- Individual Membership: R1000.00
 - An individual membership allows companies up to a maximum of 2 people.
- Oracle Employee's Membership: R250.00
 - Applicants must be permanently employed by Oracle Corporation.
- Student Membership: R250.00
 - (*Please note: For verification purposes, valid student number and institution verification will be required)

For more information on membership please contact the SAOUG on **0861 0 SAOUG / 0861 0 72684** or email marketing@saoug.co.za / gm@saoug.co.za

How can I Derive Value from User Involvement?

- Run for Board of Directors.
- Participate in or form Special Interest Groups.
- Write articles for SAOUG publications.
- Present and chair Special Interest Groups.
- Submit a paper and present at conference.
- Volunteer to work on committees or User Councils.

Providing an Inexpensive Marketing Vehicle

The SAOUG provides an inexpensive vehicle allowing your company to market itself to over 5000 influential IT and Oracle contacts.

Through our various activities you can actively educate customers and prospects by sharing your company's in-depth product and service information.

Become more involved in the SAOUG and reap the rewards:

- Market to an enthusiastic audience.
- Make users aware of what your company does:
 - by hosting and participating at events.
 - through branding and sponsorship opportunities.
 - advertise in our e-newsletter and website.
- Participate in exhibition opportunities.

What is Oracle's User Group Position?

- Oracle recognises the value of the user group and at our request, provides speakers at user group meetings.
- Oracle works closely with the user group and extends the effectiveness of the user group by providing feedback for Oracle's products and services.

What is the Scope of Oracle's Involvement?

- To provide feedback pertaining to Oracle products and services.
- The user group proactively uses this information on Oracle's behalf.
- All this is directed at developing the user group's self sufficiency, knowledge, use and demand for Oracle products and services.
- This managed approach provides commitment, structure, reference and credibility for a lasting relationship between the user group and Oracle.
- The SAOUG works closely with an appointed User Group Liaison Manager, who acts as a day-to-day contact to raise awareness of the User Group. The User Group Liaison Manager also assists in building and maintaining relationships between the SAOUG and Oracle Corporation SA.

Have you joined yet?



The South African Oracle User Group

(Association incorporated under Section 21)

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"Keeping our eyes focused on the Oracle User Community"



SAOUG representing the Oracle User Community in South Africa
- Hardware and Software; including JD Edwards, PeopleSoft, Hyperion user base.

Who is the SAOUG?

- Established in 1996, we exist to protect the interests of the Oracle Community.
- We provide an open forum that facilitates communication amongst Oracle Users.
- Dedicated to focusing on the needs of the Oracle, JD Edwards, PeopleSoft and Hyperion user community. We consist of approximately 5,000 users of Oracle products and services.
- The SAOUG is the collective voice and an essential resource for all Oracle professionals and together we have a stronger voice into Oracle.

Vision

The SAOUG will become the most influential 'must belong,' networking forum that acts as the essential educational resource to enhance skills, build, support and represent a strong South African user community on all aspects of Oracle products and services.

Mission

Serving the Oracle, JD Edwards, PeopleSoft and Hyperion user community

How the User Group is Structured

- Board of Directors
Elected by the user community, the SAOUG is run by a Board of Directors responsible for the SAOUG largely on policy issues, relations with Oracle Corporation, conference planning, interactions with the User community and overall user affairs.
- Staff
The SAOUG currently employs an Operations Manager who manages and co-ordinates all events and marketing and is responsible for the day-to-day operational activities.
- Conference Organisers
The SAOUG host a User Conference and due to the size and scale of the User Conference, this job is outsourced to an external events company who is then responsible for organising the logistical side of the conference.

Become part of a growing User Community

Membership to the SAOUG provides the opportunity to enhance your skill set and organisational technical advantage by attending our numerous events, gaining access to a network of peers for collaboration and information exchange and to voice opinions to Oracle about products, services and policies.



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Objectives

Independence

- The SAOUG, although closely aligned with Oracle SA, is an independent, not for gain association managed by Oracle Users.
- Funding is received by annual membership subscriptions. This allows the SAOUG to remain, both financially and operationally, independent from Oracle.
- Under one administrative body we cater to all users of Oracle whether you are technology or application focused.

Interaction

- We provide a national platform from which communication and the sharing of ideas between members takes place.
- Our various events enable you to network and learn from your peers, various experts and Oracle personnel on how to acquire the best out of Oracle products.
- We function as a facilitator for communication between Oracle and their existing customer/user base helping members to achieve optimal implementations.
- Member's priorities are communicated directly to Oracle Corporation in terms of future product development, direction and enhancements.
- Our goal is to provide users with more than just information but networking opportunities too!

Information

- The SAOUG hosts a number of events throughout the year focusing on Oracle Technology, Database and Applications. The SAOUG User Conference is the definitive educational event for Oracle Users.
- Our Special Interest Group Meeting's (SIG's) provide the perfect opportunity for education, training, expanding of knowledge and promoting experiences through the exchange of information on topics regarding services, applications, products and technical issues.
- We encourage members to show case their products or present success stories to other members.

Benefits Derived from Membership

- **Free** attendance to the Special Interest Group (SIG) Meetings.
- **Free** Master Class Programme – 2½ hour workshops aimed at increasing interest in product ranges and educating users, each session is delivered using a combination of short presentations and illustrative in-depth demonstrations.
- **Free** subscription to monthly e-blast which contains the latest information and upcoming events.
- **Huge** savings on the SAOUG User Conference booking rates and early bird special offers.
- **Highly** focused One Day "Special" SAOUG Events & preferential rates.
- **Special** promotional discounts offered by Oracle University.
- **40% discount** with Intersoft on all Oracle book purchases.
- **10% discount** (De-Stress for Less Initiative) on selected Mangwanani African Day Spa treatments
- **5% discount** (Save and Learn Initiative) on all Oracle Training Courses offered by Global Bits THUTA. Terms & Conditions apply.
- **SAOUG VIP Assist & Lifestyle Benefits**
 - Exclusive savings and benefits to card holders.
- **SAOUG Website** features an exclusive Members only section.
- **Participation in surveys** aimed at representation of members, by an independent voice, on issues or concerns, directly to Oracle's senior management.
- **Affiliation** with the EOUG, which is one of the five Global Oracle User Groups. The EOUG forms part of the IOUC (International Oracle User Council) it allows the User Groups to formally raise with Oracle any issues of concern on an international level.
- **JDE & PeopleSoft** users that are members of the SAOUG can elect to be members of Quest at a special discount rate.
The SAOUG member would be entitled to the following Quest benefits:
 - Member discount to QUEST'S annual user conference.
 - Access to "members only" sections of Quest's website.
 - Access to all Infocast tools.
 - Electronic copies of Quest publications and communications.
- **Participation in User Councils**, which provide a forum where SAOUG members with a subset of common interests within the bigger Oracle footprint, get together to discuss and action matters pertinent to their unique situation.

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