

## Re: Oracle cursor help

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Reidy, Ron wrote:

Why don't you speak with the DBAs at your site? They can tell you

> what they want, and if it goes south, they will have themselves  
> to blame.

We have some ongoing dialogue. Mostly they want me to stop hammering their database. ;-)

What seemed to work well was this: select the rows I want to keep into a new table; truncate the old table; drop the old table; rename the new table to the old; redo indices, etc. The part that surprised me was the truncate. Simply dropping a table without first truncating it seemed to take a lot longer.

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