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## DAL and SQL\*Net Compared

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TOPIC -----

I need a comparison of DAL to SQL\*Net from Oracle.

DISCUSSION -----

Beyond what's in the trade press, we can't offer much information on this comparison.

Remember that SQL\*Net will only access Oracle's DBMS. DAL's advantage is the presentation of a single API, which allows access to approximately thirteen DBMS/Operating System environments.

Any product that is written for a single environment will be able to make use of features, or knowledge, that is particular to that environment. A product that tries to provide homogeneous access to many environments will not be able to make use of such features. It all depends on what you want/need and how sure you are that you've fully defined your needs, now and for the future.

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