

Benchmark

Benchmarks are normed testing techniques, used to evaluate and compare the performance of IT systems, according to certain predefined criteria. They are a vital tool when the performance of [databases](#) and/or hardware needs to be assessed objectively.

Many hardware manufacturers and also trade magazines have developed their own benchmark tests, which they use when reviewing a class of products. When comparing benchmark results, it is important to know exactly what the benchmarks are designed to test.

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