

### Make the common case fast

Making the common case fast will tend to enhance performance better than optimizing the rare case.

### Response Time

Also called execution time. The total time required for the computer to complete a task, including disk accesses, memory accesses, I/O activities, operating system overhead, CPU execution time, and so on.

### Throughput

Also called bandwidth. Another measure of performance, it is the number of tasks completed per unit of time.

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