



Windward Engine Performance Scorecard



Engine Software version: 13.1.18.0

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Summary

“How fast is the Windward Engine? Does it really produce pages per second?”

Yes, it does run that fast.

We know this because our customers and others regularly ask us to substantiate our claims regarding the speed of our solution. We test the performance metrics whenever we have a major change to the software. This ensures that we’re always improving our reporting and document generation engine and provides us with the opportunity to share the up-to-date performance information.

Test Parameters

For this latest version of the Windward Engine, we tested the performance by creating a report 50 times and averaging the result. Performance results (number of pages created per second) depended on which engine is used, what sort of data source is used, and the number of threads allowed by the server. When generating reports in a single thread, our results ranged from 1 to 6 pages per second. Using 16 threads with the same reports boosted performance to 6 to 56 pages per second.

- Processor: Intel® Core™ i7-3770 @ 3.40 GHz (4 physical cores; 8 total virtual cores)
- Memory: 8.0 GB RAM
- Operating system: Windows 8.1 (64-bit)
- The Windward AutoTag template is a Microsoft® Word document two pages long. It contains text, images, headers, footers, multiple loops, and equations.
- The generated report is a 17-page Word document (DOCX). The number of pages generated per second is not affected by the output format. Both DOCX and PDF reports were generated in the same amount of time.
- The XML file is a 1.35M file that contains a dump of the SQL Server Northwind database. The file is on the local machine.
- The SQL Server contains the Northwind SQL database. The database is at our co-located facility and access is over a T-1 line.



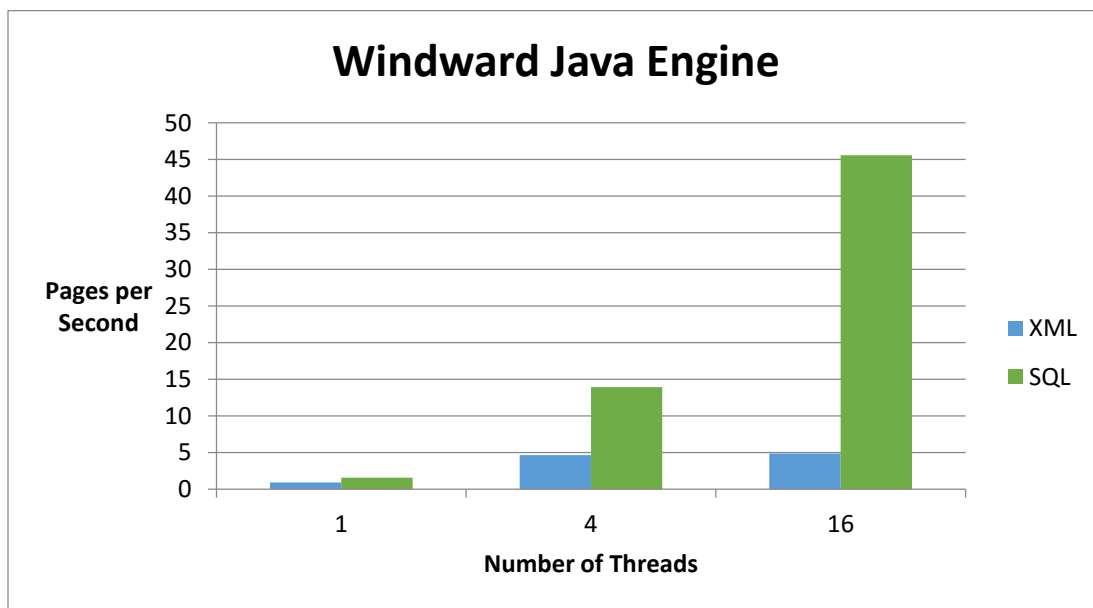
Testing Notes:

These Engine performance tests *assume the worst case performance in several aspects*, so your performance could easily be faster. In this test:

- We open the template each time the Engine generates a report. When you run the same template in bulk through the Windward Engine, it scans the template one time and caches it. This results in a speed increase as the time to read the template is removed from each successive run.
- The data sources are loaded again each time, which may not be necessary in your use case.
- Both DOCX and PDF reports were generated in the same amount of time.

The Windward Java Engine

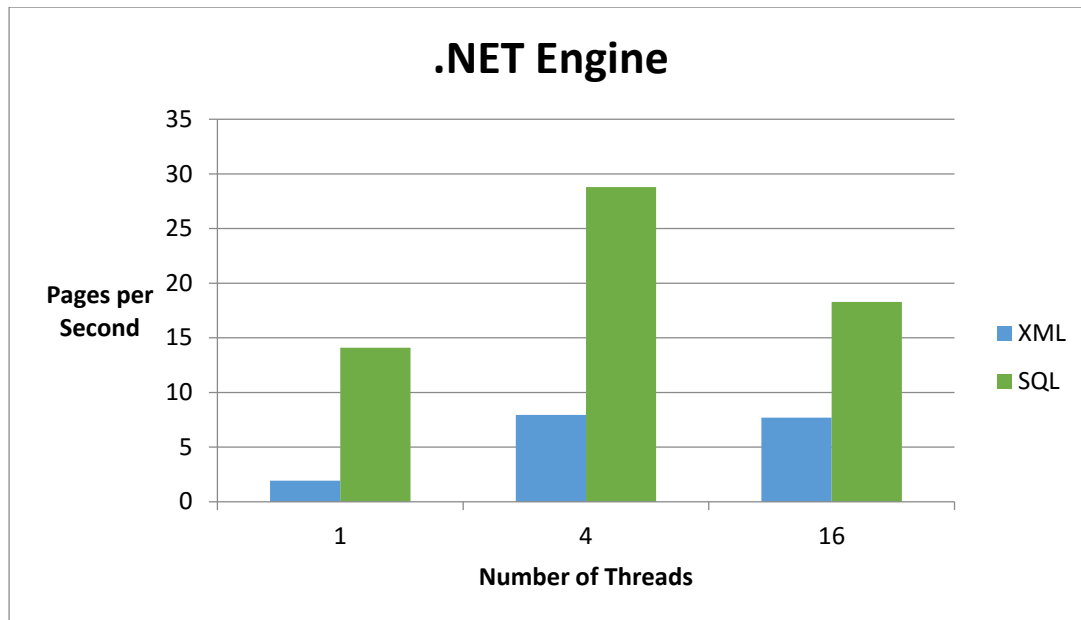
For each test of the Java Engine, we ran with two data sources (XML and SQL) and three different thread counts (1, 4, and 16 threads). The exact results are listed in the table below.



Number of Threads	Data Source Type	Peak Memory Usage	Pages per second
1	XML	243 MB	0.92
1	SQL	215 MB	1.58
4	XML	814 MB	4.65
4	SQL	262 MB	13.93
16	XML	946 MB	4.87
16	SQL	382 MB	45.57

The Windward .NET Engine

For each test of the .NET Engine, we ran with two data sources (XML and SQL) and three different thread counts (1, 4, and 16 threads). The exact results are listed in the table below.



Number of Threads	Data Source Type	Peak Memory Usage	Pages per second
1	XML	149 MB	1.92
1	SQL	99 MB	14.09
4	XML	112 MB	7.95
4	SQL	120 MB	28.80
16	XML	281 MB	7.69
16	SQL	164 MB	18.28



Want to run this performance test yourself?

The most accurate results will come from running the Windward performance tests on your own target system. That is why we have embedded this testing code inside the Windward Engine.

You can find out more on how to run this [Performance Analysis Test on the Windward Documentation Wiki](#).

Need a trial version of the Engine?

If you do not have a version of the Windward .NET or Java Engine, you can [download a free, 7-day trial from the Windward Web site](#).

You can also [request a live, personalized demo](#) with one of our friendly, experienced Windward sales engineers. Whether you want a simple, high-level overview or a deeper, more technical, and feature-rich discussion, our team can help answer your questions and satisfy your curiosity.