

# Oracle® Database

Release Notes

10g Release 2 (10.2) for IBM: Linux on POWER Systems

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This document contains important information that was not included in the platform-specific or product-specific documentation for this release. This document supplements *Oracle Database Readme* and may be updated after it is released.

To check for updates to this document and to view other Oracle documentation, refer to the Documentation section on the Oracle Technology Network (OTN) Web site:

<http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/indexes/documentation/index.html>

For additional information about this release, refer to the readme files located in the `$ORACLE_HOME/relnotes` directory.

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**Note:** The Database Quick Installation Guides are no longer available in printed format. These documents are available with the media in the same location as the software and on Oracle Technology Network.

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## 1 Certification Information

The latest certification information for Oracle Database 10g Release 2 (10.2) is available on My Oracle Support (formerly OracleMetaLink) at:

<https://support.oracle.com>

### JDK 5 Certification

Starting Oracle 10g Release 2 (10.2.0.2), JDK 5 is supported for JDBC applications.

### Linux Certification

Starting with Oracle Database 10g Release 2 (10.2.0.4), the following operating systems are supported in addition to the list documented in *Oracle Database Installation Guide for Linux on POWER*:

- Asianux 2
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5
- SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10

Refer to "[List of Packages for Asianux 2 and Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5](#)", and "[List of Packages for SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10](#)" sections for the list of packages for Oracle Database 10g Release 2.

Starting with Oracle Database 10g Release 2 (10.2.0.5), SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 is supported in addition to the list documented in *Oracle Database Installation Guide for Linux on POWER*.

Refer to "[List of Packages for SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11](#)" section for the list of packages for Oracle Database 10g Release 2.

### Generic Connectivity using ODBC

Starting with Oracle Database 10g Release 2 (10.2.0.4), ODBC (32-bit and 64-bit) is supported for Linux on POWER.

## 2 Unsupported Products

The following products are not supported with Oracle Database 10g Release 2 (10.2):

- Grid Control Support  
Oracle Database 10g Release 2 (10.2) can be managed as a target by Grid Control 10.1.0.4. However, Oracle Database 10g Release 2 is not supported by Grid Control 10.1.0.4 as a repository.
- COBOL  
Oracle Database 10g Release 2 (10.2) does not support COBOL on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4.
- Messaging Gateways with MQseries 5.3  
Oracle Database 10g Release 2 (10.2) does not support Messaging Gateways with MQseries 5.3.  
This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 4737821.
- Verity  
Verity filters used for Oracle Text are not supported.
- Oracle Configuration Manager  
Oracle Database 10g Release 2 (10.2.0.5) does not support Oracle Configuration Manager on SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11.

## 3 Preinstallation Requirements

- [Prerequisite Check for Kernel Version Fails](#)
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### 3.1 Prerequisite Check for Kernel Version Fails

If you do not use the `ignoreSysPrereqs` flag when you install Oracle Database on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5.0, SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10, or SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11, then the prerequisite check to validate the kernel version might fail.

The workaround is to ignore the error message and proceed with the installation if your system has one of the following kernel versions (or later):

```
Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5.0:  
2.6.18
```

```
SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10:  
2.6.16
```

```
SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11:  
2.6.27
```

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 11837867.

### 3.2 Install libaio Before Installing or Upgrading

Before upgrading to or installing Oracle Database 10g Release 2, install the `libaio` package.

### 3.3 Install oracleasm-support to use ASMLib

Install `oracleasm-support` package version 2.0.0.1 or higher to use ASMLib on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4 Advanced Server or SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 9.

### 3.4 Configuring Kernel Parameters

After updating the values of kernel parameters in the `/etc/sysctl.conf` file, ensure that you either restart the computer or run the `sysctl -p` command to make the changes of the `/etc/sysctl.conf` file available in the active kernel memory.

On SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 9, ensure that you set the following kernel parameter:

```
disable_cap_mlock = 1
```

On SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10, ensure that you set the `hugetlb_shm_group` kernel parameter to the `gid` of the group used as the `dba` group. For example, on a system using a group named `dba` with the `dba:!:104:oracle` entry in the `/etc/group` file, the `hugetlb_shm_group` kernel parameter should be set to the following value:

```
hugetlb_shm_group = 104
```

### 3.5 Oracle HTTP Server on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4

If you intend to use Oracle HTTP server, which is included in Companion CD of Oracle Database 10g Release 2 (10.2) Media pack, refer to the My Oracle Support note 317085.1 for more information on using Oracle HTTP server on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4.

### 3.6 Oracle HTTP Server on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5

If you intend to use Oracle HTTP Server, which is included in Companion CD of Oracle Database 10g Release 2 (10.2) Media pack, refer to the My Oracle Support note 564174.1 for more information on using Oracle HTTP Server on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5.

Legacy entry points required by this version of Apache (`libdb.so.2`) are moved to `gdbm-1.8.0-26.2.1.i386`. You must create a symlink using the following command:

```
$ ln -s /usr/lib/libgdbm.so.2.0.0 /usr/lib/libdb.so.2
```

## 4 Installation, Configuration, and Upgrade Issues

Review the following sections for information about issues that affect Oracle Database installation, configuration, and upgrade:

- [Latest Upgrade Information](#)
- [Default Makefile Issue on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5](#)
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- [Installing Oracle Database Client into an Existing Oracle Home](#)
- [Database Installation Types](#)
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### 4.1 Latest Upgrade Information

For late breaking updates and best practices about preupgrades, postupgrades, compatibility, and interoperability discussions refer to note 466181.1 on My Oracle Support (<https://support.oracle.com/>) that links to "10g Upgrade Companion" page.

## 4.2 Default Makefile Issue on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5

The default makefile version on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 is `make 3.81`. In this makefile version, the default database name (`db_name`) is not recognized by the client. Therefore, you should use makefile version 3.79 or use `@db_name` whenever `username/password` is used in the makefile.

## 4.3 Voting Disk Permissions

In Chapter 4, Section 4.2, "Preparing to Install Oracle Clusterware with OUI," of the *Oracle Database Oracle Clusterware and Oracle Real Application Clusters Installation Guide for Linux 10g Release 2 (10.2)* for Linux, required voting disk permissions are listed as 644. This is incorrect. Voting disk permissions should be set to 640.

This issue is tracked with bug 7650972.

## 4.4 Oracle Universal Installer Operating System Prerequisite Checks

If you are installing Oracle Database 10g on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5, SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10, or SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11, then the current version of Oracle Universal Installer does not recognize these operating systems as supported operating systems and does not perform the installation.

**Workaround #1 (recommended):** Run the Oracle Universal Installer using the `ignoreSysPrereqs` flag which causes the installer to skip the operating system check and continue with the installation:

```
./runinstaller -ignoreSysPrereqs
```

As a side effect, the installer also skips other checks during the installation.

**Workaround #2:**

This workaround causes Oracle Universal Installer to consider the system to be an earlier version of the operating system and the operating system check passes. The changes to the release file should be reverted after the installation of all Oracle software is complete. The changes to the release file could impact the ability of other tools to be properly installed on the operating system.

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**Note:** It is important that you replace the original values in the `/etc/redhat-release` and `/etc/SuSE-release` files after the Oracle installation is complete.

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On Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5, the installation passes the operating system prerequisite checks if you change each Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 to Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4 in the `/etc/redhat-release` file. Ensure that you replace the original values in the `/etc/redhat-release` file after the Oracle installation is complete.

Original Value	Changed Value
Red Hat Enterprise Linux server release 5	Red Hat Enterprise Linux server release 4

On SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10, the installation passes the operating system prerequisite checks if you change each SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10 to SUSE Linux

Enterprise Server 9 in the `/etc/SuSE-release` file. Ensure that you replace the original values in the `/etc/SuSE-release` file after the Oracle installation is complete.

Original Value	Changed Value
SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10 (ppc)	SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 9 (ppc)
VERSION = 10	VERSION = 9

On SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11, the installation passes the operating system prerequisite checks if you change each SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 to SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 9 in the `/etc/SuSE-release` file. Ensure that you replace the original values in the `/etc/SuSE-release` file after the Oracle installation is complete.

Original Value	Changed Value
SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 (ppc64)	SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 9 (ppc)
VERSION = 11	VERSION = 9

## 4.5 Installing Oracle Clusterware

Near the end of the installation of Oracle Clusterware, Oracle Universal Installer prompts for the `CRS_HOME/root.sh` script to be run on all of the nodes in the cluster. When the `root.sh` script is run on the last node in the cluster, the script calls the VIPCA utility, which fails on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 and SUSE Linux Enterprise Linux 10. Refer to the ["SRVCTL and VIPCA Utilities Set the LD\\_ASSUME\\_KERNEL Parameter"](#) section for more details.

**Workaround:** Before running the `root.sh` script on the last node in the cluster, alter the `CRS_HOME/bin/vipca` script commenting out lines 119 through 123:

```

arch='uname -m'
#   if [ "$arch" = "i686" -o "$arch" = "ia64" -o "$arch" = "x86_64" ]
#   then
#       LD_ASSUME_KERNEL=2.4.19
#       export LD_ASSUME_KERNEL
#   fi

```

With the lines commented out, `root.sh` should be able to call VIPCA successfully. Ensure that you do not comment out line 118, which sets the `arch` variable as that is needed by the `root.sh` script.

## 4.6 Adding a Node to a Shared Oracle Clusterware Configuration

Before running `root.sh` in the first node of a shared Oracle Clusterware home, add the following line in the `ORA_CRS_HOME/opmn/conf/ons.config` file:

```
usesharedinstall=true
```

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 4454562.

## 4.7 Installing Enterprise Security Manager

To install Oracle Security Manager, install Oracle Client and then select the Administrator installation type.

## 4.8 extjob Executable Requires Directory Permissions

To enable the `extjob` executable to locate required libraries, the `$ORACLE_HOME/lib` directory and all of its parent directories must have execute permissions for `group` and `other`.

## 4.9 Modifying a Virtual IP Address Node Application

When modifying the name, IP address, or netmask of an existing virtual IP address (VIP) resource, use the following command:

```
srvctl modify nodeapps
```

and include the existing interfaces for the VIP in the `-A` argument. For example:

```
srvctl modify nodeapps -n mynode1 -A 100.200.300.40/255.255.255.0/eth0
```

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 4500688.

## 4.10 Raw Devices on Red Hat Enterprise Linux

When you restart a Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4, or Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 system, raw devices revert to their original owners and permissions by default. If you are using raw devices with this operating system for the Oracle files, for example, for ASM storage or Oracle Clusterware files, you need to override this default behavior. To do this, add an entry to the `/etc/rc.d/rc.local` file for each raw device containing the `chmod` and `chown` commands required to reset them to the required values.

As an example, here are sample entries in a `/etc/rc.d/rc.local` file that control the restart behavior of raw devices for two ASM disk files (`/dev/raw/raw6` and `/dev/raw/raw7`), two Oracle Cluster Registry files (`/dev/raw/raw1` and `/dev/raw/raw2`), and three Oracle Clusterware voting disks (`/dev/raw/raw3`, `/dev/raw/raw4`, and `/dev/raw/raw5`):

```
# ASM
chown oracle:dba /dev/raw/raw6
chown oracle:dba /dev/raw/raw7
chmod 660 /dev/raw/raw6
chmod 660 /dev/raw/raw7
# OCR
chown root:oinstall /dev/raw/raw1
chown root:oinstall /dev/raw/raw2
chmod 660 /dev/raw/raw1
chmod 660 /dev/raw/raw2
# Voting Disks
chown oracle:oinstall /dev/raw/raw3
chown oracle:oinstall /dev/raw/raw4
chown oracle:oinstall /dev/raw/raw5
chmod 644 /dev/raw/raw3
chmod 644 /dev/raw/raw4
chmod 644 /dev/raw/raw5
```

## 4.11 Oracle Clusterware Daemon Fails on Computer Restart

If different user IDs are used for installing Oracle Database 10g and Oracle Clusterware, then restarting the system results in OCR errors. Refer to the My Oracle Support note 551478.1 for more information.

**Workaround:** Oracle recommends that you apply patch set 10.2.0.3 or higher to Oracle Clusterware installation before patching Oracle Database.

This issue is tracked with the Oracle bug 4748946.

## 4.12 Configuring Storage Devices for Oracle Clusterware on 2.6 Kernel Distributions

This section is for database and system administrators who intend to install or migrate to Oracle RAC 10g Release 2 (10.2.0) on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 (RHEL5) and who need to configure raw devices for Oracle RAC and Oracle Clusterware. The Linux 2.6 kernel with these distributions requires additional configuration steps. The section contains the following topics:

- [Overview of Device Naming Persistence Changes](#)
- [Configuring Raw Devices for Clusterware on Red Hat](#)
- [Relocate Oracle Clusterware Files from Raw to Block Devices](#)

### 4.12.1 Overview of Device Naming Persistence Changes

With the Linux 2.6 kernel, support for raw devices is deprecated. The preferred way to access block devices is direct input/output to the devices using `O_DIRECT`. Therefore, `/etc/sysconfig/rawdevices` file of RHEL 4 and Oracle Linux 4, and `/etc/udev/rules.d/60-raw.rules` file of RHEL 5 and Oracle Linux 5 are deprecated. For details, refer to the Linux documentation for your 2.6 kernel.

The 2.4 kernel device file naming scheme `devlabel` maintained persistent device file names between server restarts. By default, the 2.6 kernel device file naming scheme `udev` dynamically creates device file names when the server is started, and assigns ownership of them to `root`. If `udev` applies default settings, then it changes device file names and owners for voting disks or Oracle Cluster Registry partitions, corrupting them when the server is restarted. For example, a voting disk on a device named `/dev/sdd` owned by the user `crs` may be on a device named `/dev/sdf` owned by `root` after restarting the server.

To prevent corruption, you need to create a custom rules file. When `udev` is started, it sequentially carries out rules (configuration directives) defined in rule files. These files are in the path `/etc/udev/rules.d/`. Rules files are read in lexical order. For example, rules in file `10-wacom.rules` are parsed and carried out before rules in rule file `90-ib.rules`. Where rules files describe the same devices, on Asianux, and Red Hat, the **last** file read is the one that is applied. (On SUSE 2.6 kernels, it is the first file read).

### 4.12.2 Configuring Raw Devices for Clusterware on Red Hat

This section contains the following topics:

- [Configure SCSI\\_ID to Return Unique Device Identifiers](#)
- [Configure Udev for Persistent Naming of Oracle Clusterware Devices](#)
- [Bind Raw Devices Using Udev](#)

- [Verify Persistent Oracle Clusterware Storage Devices](#)

### Configure SCSI\_ID to Return Unique Device Identifiers

Before you can configure `udev` to name devices, you must first configure `scsi_id` to return device identifiers, and then ensure that these devices are visible and accessible on all cluster nodes. To do this, complete the following task:

1. Modify the `/etc/scsi_id.config` file by adding or replacing the 'option=-b' parameter/value pair (if it exists) with 'option=-g'. For example:

```
# cd /etc
# cp scsi_id.config scsi_id.config.orig
# grep -v ^# /etc/scsi_id.config
vendor="ATA",options=-p 0x80
options=-g
```

2. Run the command `fdisk (/sbin/fdisk)` to ensure that Clusterware devices are visible. For example:

```
# /sbin/fdisk -l /dev/sdb1 /dev/sde1

Disk /dev/sdb1: 261 MB, 261890048 bytes
9 heads, 56 sectors/track, 1014 cylinders
Units = cylinders of 504 * 512 = 258048 bytes

Disk /dev/sdb1 doesn't contain a valid partition table

Disk /dev/sde1: 52 MB, 52403200 bytes
2 heads, 50 sectors/track, 1023 cylinders
Units = cylinders of 100 * 512 = 51200 bytes

Disk /dev/sde1 doesn't contain a valid partition table
```

In some cases, to see newly provisioned or modified) devices on shared storage, you may need to update cluster node operating systems. Do this either by restarting the nodes, or by using commands such as `/sbin/partprobe device`, or `sfdisk -r device`. Resolve any issues preventing cluster nodes from correctly seeing or accessing storage devices you intend to use for Clusterware files before proceeding.

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**Note:** At this point, cluster nodes may refer to the devices using different device file names. This is expected.

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3. Run the command `scsi_id (/sbin/scsi_id)` on storage devices from one cluster node to obtain their unique device identifiers. When running the `scsi_id` command with the `-s` argument, the device path and name passed should be that relative to the `sysfs` directory `/sys` (for example, `/block/device`) when referring to `/sys/block/device`. For example:

```
# /sbin/scsi_id -g -s /block/sdb/sdb1
360a98000686f6959684a453333524174

# /sbin/scsi_id -g -s /block/sde/sde1
360a98000686f6959684a453333524179
```

Record the unique SCSI identifiers of Clusterware devices, so you can provide them when required in the following section, "[Configure Udev for Persistent Naming of Oracle Clusterware Devices](#)".

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**Note:** The command `scsi_id` should return the same device identifier value for a given device, regardless of which node the command is run from.

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### Configure Udev for Persistent Naming of Oracle Clusterware Devices

Configure persistent user-defined naming of Oracle Clusterware device file names in a udev rules file. This step is optional, but recommended.

The default rule files affecting storage devices are rule files 50 and 51. So, create a custom rules file using the format `[number]-[name][.rules]` with a number value greater than 51 to ensure that the device settings you provide are the ones applied. For example:

```
55-oracle-naming.rules
```

To do this, complete the following tasks:

1. Create a custom udev device naming rule file. For example:

```
# touch /etc/udev/rules.d/55-oracle-naming.rules
```

2. Use a text editor such as `vi`, add to the custom device naming rule file the device-matching rules for the storage devices you intend to use with Oracle Clusterware, matching them to the unique SCSI identifiers you determined in the preceding section. For example:

```
# Configure persistent, user-defined Oracle Clusterware device file names
KERNEL=="sd*", BUS=="scsi", PROGRAM=="/sbin/scsi_id",
RESULT=="360a98000686f6959684a453333524174", NAME="ocr1", OWNER="root",
GROUP="oinstall", MODE="0640"
KERNEL=="sd*", BUS=="scsi", PROGRAM=="/sbin/scsi_id",
RESULT=="360a98000686f6959684a453333524179", NAME="vote1", OWNER="oracle",
GROUP="oinstall", MODE="0640"
```

For each rule, if all specified keys (KERNEL, BUS, PROGRAM, RESULT) are matched, then the rule is applied and the specified assignments (NAME, OWNER, GROUP, MODE) are assigned to the device file name. However, if one or more keys are unmatched, then the rule is completely ignored and the default (arbitrary) kernel-assigned device file names are assigned to devices.

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**Note:** In the example rules files shown, Oracle Clusterware devices are created with `oraInventory` group (`oinstall`). Oracle recommends that you create these devices to ensure that Cluster Verification Utility can be run during installation.

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3. Run the command `udevtest (/sbin/udevtest)` to test the udev rules configuration you have created. The output should indicate that the block devices are available and the rules are applied as expected. For example:

```
# udevtest /block/sdb/sdb1
main: looking at device '/block/sdb/sdb1' from subsystem 'block'
udev_rules_get_name: add symlink
```

```

'disk/by-id/scsi-360a98000686f6959684a453333524174-part1'
udev_rules_get_name: add symlink
'disk/by-path/ip-192.168.1.1:3260-iscsi-iqn.1992-08.com.netapp:sn.887085-part1'
udev_node_mknod: preserve file '/dev/.tmp-8-17', because it has correct dev_t
run_program: '/lib/udev/vol_id --export /dev/.tmp-8-17'
run_program: '/lib/udev/vol_id' returned with status 4
run_program: '/sbin/scsi_id'
run_program: '/sbin/scsi_id' (stdout) '360a98000686f6959684a453333524174'
run_program: '/sbin/scsi_id' returned with status 0
udev_rules_get_name: rule applied, 'sdb1' becomes 'ocr1'
udev_device_event: device '/block/sdb/sdb1' validate currently present symlinks
udev_node_add: creating device node '/dev/ocr1', major = '8', minor = '17',
mode = '0640', uid = '0', gid = '500'
udev_node_add: creating symlink
'/dev/disk/by-id/scsi-360a98000686f6959684a453333524174-part1' to '.././ocr1'
udev_node_add: creating symlink
'/dev/disk/by-path/ip-192.168.1.1:3260-iscsi-iqn.1992-08.com.netapp:sn.84187085-part1' to '.././ocr1'
main: run: 'socket:/org/kernel/udev/monitor'
main: run: '/lib/udev/udev_run_devd'
main: run: 'socket:/org/freedesktop/hal/udev_event'
main: run: '/sbin/pam_console_apply /dev/ocr1
/dev/disk/by-id/scsi-360a98000686f6959684a453333524174-part1
/dev/disk/by-path/ip-192.168.1.1:3260-iscsi-iqn.1992-08.com.netapp:sn.84187085-part1'

```

In the example output, note that applying the rules renames OCR device /dev/sdb1 to /dev/ocr1.

4. Restart the udev service by running the command `start_udev (/sbin/start_udev)`. Restarting udev applies the udev rules to the devices, including the device file rules you have created. Use the command `ls -l` command to ensure that the rules file has applied the new device names the rules file has applied. For example:

```

# start_udev

# ls -l /dev | grep -e 'ocr1\|vot1'
brw-r----- 1 root  oinstall 8, 17 Oct 29 15:31 ocr1
brw-rw---- 1 oracle oinstall 8, 65 Oct 29 15:31 vot1

```

## Bind Raw Devices Using Udev

Perform the following steps to bind raw devices using the udev device manager:

1. If the file `/etc/udev/rules.d/60-raw.rules` does not exist, then create it. If it does exist, then create a rules file for raw devices used with Oracle installations. For example:

```

# touch /etc/udev/rules.d/60-raw.rules
or
# touch /etc/udev/rules.d/61-oracleraw.rules

```

2. Add the udev raw binding rules to the raw devices rules file you created. For example:

```

vi /etc/udev/rules.d/61-oracleraw.rules
# Raw bind to Oracle Clusterware devices
ACTION=="add", KERNEL=="sd*", PROGRAM=="/sbin/scsi_id",
RESULT=="360a98000686f6959684a453333524174", RUN+="/bin/raw /dev/raw/raw1 %N"
ACTION=="add", KERNEL=="sd*", PROGRAM=="/sbin/scsi_id",

```

```
RESULT=="360a98000686f6959684a453333524179", RUN+="/bin/raw /dev/raw/raw2 %N"
t 29 15:31 vote1
```

**3. Create a udev raw permissions file**

`/etc/udev/rules.d/65-raw-permissions.rules`. For example:

```
# touch /etc/udev/rules.d/65-raw-permissions.rules
```

**4. Using a text editor, add the udev raw permission rules to the file**

`/etc/udev/rules.d/65-raw-permissions.rules`. For example:

```
# Set permissions of raw bindings to Oracle Clusterware devices
KERNEL=="raw1", OWNER="root", GROUP="oinstall", MODE="640"
KERNEL=="raw2", OWNER="oracle", GROUP="oinstall", MODE="640"
```

**5. Test the udev rules by running the `udevtest` command (`/sbin/udevtest`) again to ensure that the rules are applied, and that they create proper permissions for Oracle Clusterware devices. For example:**

```
# udevtest /block/sdb/sdb1
main: looking at device '/block/sdb/sdb1' from subsystem 'block'
udev_rules_get_name: add symlink 'disk/by-id/scsi-360a98000686f6959684a453333524174-part1'
udev_rules_get_name: add symlink 'disk/by-path/ip-192.168.1.1:3260-iscsi-ign.1992-08.com.netapp:sn.84187085-part1'
udev_node_mknod: preserve file '/dev/.tmp-8-17', because it has correct dev_t
run_program: '/lib/udev/vol_id --export /dev/.tmp-8-17'
run_program: '/lib/udev/vol_id' returned with status 4
run_program: '/sbin/scsi_id'
run_program: '/sbin/scsi_id' (stdout) '360a98000686f6959684a453333524174'
run_program: '/sbin/scsi_id' returned with status 0
udev_rules_get_name: rule applied, 'sdb1' becomes 'ocr1'
udev_device_event: device '/block/sdb/sdb1' validate currently present symlinks
udev_node_add: creating device node '/dev/ocr1', major = '8', minor = '17', mode = '0640', uid = '0', gid = '500'
udev_node_add: creating symlink '/dev/disk/by-id/scsi-360a98000686f6959684a453333524174-part1' to '../ocr1'
udev_node_add: creating symlink '/dev/disk/by-path/ip-192.168.1.1:3260-iscsi-ign.1992-08.com.netapp:sn.84187085-part1' to '../ocr1'
main: run: 'socket:/org/kernel/udev/monitor'
main: run: '/lib/udev/udev_run_devd'
main: run: 'socket:/org/freedesktop/hal/udev_event'
main: run: '/sbin/pam_console_apply /dev/ocr1 /dev/disk/by-id/scsi-360a98000686f6959684a453333524174-part1 /dev/disk/by-path/ip-192.168.1.1:3260-iscsi-ign.1992-08.com.netapp:sn.84187085-part1'
main: run: '/bin/raw /dev/raw/raw1 /dev/.tmp-8-17'
```

**6. Restart udev to implement the rules you have created and tested. For example:**

```
# start_udev
```

### Verify Persistent Oracle Clusterware Storage Devices

Use the following commands to verify the persistent Oracle Clusterware storage devices:

**1. Use the `fdisk` command to check device naming. For example:**

```
# fdisk -l /dev/ocr1 /dev/votel

Disk /dev/ocr1: 261 MB, 261890048 bytes
9 heads, 56 sectors/track, 1014 cylinders
Units = cylinders of 504 * 512 = 258048 bytes

Disk /dev/ocr1 doesn't contain a valid partition table

Disk /dev/votel: 52 MB, 52403200 bytes
2 heads, 50 sectors/track, 1023 cylinders
Units = cylinders of 100 * 512 = 51200 bytes

Disk /dev/votel doesn't contain a valid partition table
```

2. Use the `ls` command to check device ownership. For example:

```
# ls -l /dev | grep -ie 'ocr\|vote'
brw-r----- 1 root dba 8, 17 Oct 29 15:31 ocr1
brw-rw---- 1 oracle dba 8, 65 Oct 29 15:31 votel
```

3. Use the `udevinfo` command to confirm unique SCSI device identifier mappings. For example:

```
# udevinfo -q all -n /dev/ocr1
P: /block/sdb/sdb1
N: ocr1
S: disk/by-id/scsi-360a98000686f6959684a453333524174-part1
S: disk/by-path/ip-192.168.1.1:3260-iscsi-iqn.1992-08.com.netapp:sn.87085-part1
E: ID_VENDOR=NETAPP
E: ID_MODEL=LUN
E: ID_REVISION=0.2
E: ID_SERIAL=360a98000686f6959684a453333524174
E: ID_TYPE=disk
E: ID_BUS=scsi
E: ID_PATH=ip-192.168.1.1:3260-iscsi-iqn.1992-08.com.netapp:sn.84187085
```

4. Use the `raw` and `ls` commands to confirm raw devices are bound. For example:

```
# raw -qa
/dev/raw/raw1: bound to major 8, minor 17
/dev/raw/raw2: bound to major 8, minor 65

# ls -l /dev/raw/raw*
crw-r----- 1 root oinstall 162, 11 Oct 30 12:54 /dev/raw/raw1
crw-r----- 1 oracle oinstall 162, 21 Oct 30 14:26 /dev/raw/raw2
```

After you have completed configuring and checking raw storage devices, you can proceed to install Oracle Clusterware and Oracle Real Application Clusters.

#### 4.12.3 Relocate Oracle Clusterware Files from Raw to Block Devices

Oracle recommends that you move Oracle Clusterware files from raw devices to block devices.

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**See Also:** *Oracle Database 2 Day + Real Application Clusters Guide* for more information about relocating voting disks and Oracle Cluster Registry files.

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### 4.13 Installing Oracle Database Client into an Existing Oracle Home

Oracle Database Client can be installed in the same Oracle Database home if both products are at the same release level. For example, you can install Oracle Database Client 10g Release 2 (10.2) into an existing Oracle Database 10g Release 2 (10.2) home. If you apply a patch set before installing the client, then you must apply the patch set again.

### 4.14 Database Installation Types

If you perform a Custom installation, then ensure that you install only the components covered by your license. You cannot install Standard Edition using Custom installation.

### 4.15 Oracle Storage Compatibility Program Obsolete

Oracle Storage Compatibility Program (OSCP) is no longer valid. Disregard any content about OSCP in the *Oracle Database Installation Guide for Linux on POWER*.

## 5 Other Known Issues

The following sections contain information about issues related to Oracle Database 10g and associated products:

- [Building Pro\\*C Applications if PostgreSQL is Installed](#)
- [Floating Point and Integer Formal Arguments Compilation Issue](#)
- [Encoding Information Not Present in Translated Help Files](#)
- [Oracle Clusterware Files Issues](#)
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- [Error While Installing 10.2.0.1](#)
- [Database Control Does not Display the Listener Details](#)
- [Vendor Clusterware Restrictions for Node Names](#)

## 5.1 Building Pro\*C Applications if PostgreSQL is Installed

If the `postgresql-devel` package is installed on the system, then you must add the following directory to the beginning of the `sys_include` parameter in the `$ORACLE_HOME/precomp/admin/pcscfg.cfg` file before building Pro\*C applications:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/precomp/public
```

If you do not make this change, then you may encounter errors similar to the following when linking the applications:

```
/tmp/ccbXd7v6.o(.text+0xc0): In function `drop_tables':
: undefined reference to `sqlca'
```

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 3933309.

This issue is fixed with the 10.2.0.5 patch set.

## 5.2 Floating Point and Integer Formal Arguments Compilation Issue

An external C call specification with both floating point and integer formal arguments may not work correctly with a shared library compiled to the ELF32 ABI.

**Workaround:** This problem is confined to external procedures compiled in Linux ppc32 architecture and will not affect the ones in Linux ppc64 architecture. You may have to change the external C call specification to use different formal arguments.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 7695347.

## 5.3 Encoding Information Not Present in Translated Help Files

If the system uses a European language, you might see corrupted characters in Table of Contents of database tools, such as Database Configuration Assistant.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 3957096.

**Workaround:** If the system uses a European language, do not use the `.UTF-8` locale. For example, if the system uses German, set the `LANG` and `LC_ALL` environment variables to `de_DE` instead of `de_DE.UTF-8`.

## 5.4 Oracle Clusterware Files Issues

The following note applies if you are using Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4, Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5, or SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10 and using raw devices to store the Oracle Cluster Registry (OCR) and the voting disk for Oracle Clusterware, or using raw devices for Automatic Storage Management (ASM) database files. For each raw device used for the purposes listed, you must add two entries in the `/etc/rc.d/rc.local` file on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4, and Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5, or the `/etc/init.d/after.local` file on SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10 after running the `root.sh` script following the installation of Oracle Clusterware.

For each OCR file, the entries should look as follows, where `oinstall` is the Oracle install group and `/dev/raw/rawn` is an individual device file:

```
chown root:oinstall /dev/raw/rawn
chmod 660 /dev/raw/rawmmar
```

For each voting disk file, the entries should look as follows, where `oracle` is the Oracle user, `oinstall` is the Oracle install group, and `/dev/raw/rawn` is an individual device file:

```
chown oracle:oinstall /dev/raw/rawn
chmod 644 /dev/raw/rawmmar
```

For each ASM file, the entries should look as follows, where `oracle` is the Oracle user, `oinstall` is the Oracle install group, and `/dev/raw/rawn` is an individual device file:

```
chown oracle:oinstall /dev/raw/rawn
chmod 660 /dev/raw/rawmmar
```

## 5.5 Link Error During `genorasdksh` on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4

Installing Oracle Database 10g Release 2 (10.2.0.1) on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4 Update 1 (2.6.9-11.ELsmp) produces a link error during creation of `liborasdkbase.so.10.2`. The following error message is thrown:

```
INFO: gcc:
INFO: /usr/lib/libstdc++.so.5: No such file or directory
INFO:
INFO: $OH/bin/genorasdksh: Failed to link liborasdkbase.so.10.2
```

This is because Oracle Database 10g Release 2 (10.2) requires Red Hat Enterprise Linux 3 libraries (`/usr/lib/libstdc++.so.5`).

**Workaround:** Install the compatible libraries as follows:

```
rpm -q1 compat-libstdc++-33-3.2.3-47.3
```

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 4605635.

## 5.6 Cluster Verification Utility

This section lists the issues with Cluster Verification Utility on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4, Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5, SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 9, and SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10:

- Cluster Verification Utility (CVU) does not support shared checks for raw disks used for Oracle Cluster File System version 2 on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4.0, Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5, SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 9, and SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10.
- The preinstallation stage verification checks for Oracle Clusterware and Oracle Real Applications Clusters and reports missing packages. Ignore the following missing packages and continue with the installation:

```
compat-libstdc++-devel-7.3-2.96.128
```

## 5.7 VLM Window Size on Red Hat Enterprise Linux

To use `hugepages` or to accommodate the VLM window size on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4, or Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5, you must increase the default maximum size

of the per-process locked memory. To increase the per-process max locked memory limit, add the following lines to the `/etc/security/limits.conf` file, where `oracle` is the user that administers the database:

```
oracle soft memlock 3145728
oracle hard memlock 3145728
```

## 5.8 Oracle C++ Call Interface Compiler Support

The current GNU C++ compiler version that OCCI supports with Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4.0 is GCC 3.2.3.

**Workaround:** Install Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4 with GCC 3.2.3.

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**Note:** For updates on GCC support, refer to the OCCI home page on OTN:

<http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/database/features/oci/index-090820.html>

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## 5.9 Oracle XML Developer's Kit Compiler Support

On Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4, Oracle XML Developer's Kit (XDK) is not supported with GCC. XDK is supported with Intel C++ compiler (ICC).

## 5.10 Link Error During `genorasdksh` on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4

Installing Oracle Database 10g Release 2 (10.2.0.1) on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4 Update 1 (2.6.9-11.ELsmp) produces a link error during creation of `liborasdkbase.so.10.2`. The following error message is thrown:

```
INFO: gcc:
INFO: /usr/lib/libstdc++.so.5: No such file or directory
INFO:
INFO: $OH/bin/genorasdksh: Failed to link liborasdkbase.so.10.2
```

This is because Oracle Database 10g Release 2 (10.2) requires Red Hat Enterprise Linux 3 libraries (`/usr/lib/libstdc++.so.5`).

**Workaround:** Install the compatible libraries as follows:

```
rpm -q1 compat-libstdc++-33-3.2.3-47.3
```

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 4605635.

## 5.11 Removing Metrics for Wait Classes Removes Them Permanently

Do not remove the key values for the wait class metrics. Doing so removes them permanently and currently there is no easy way to recover them.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 4602952.

## 5.12 SRVCTL and VIPCA Utilities Set the `LD_ASSUME_KERNEL` Parameter

The SRVCTL and VIPCA utilities set the environmental variable `LD_ASSUME_KERNEL`. Setting this parameter on SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10 and SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 causes the SRVCTL and VIPCA utilities to exit with the following error:

```
/opt/oracle/crs/jdk/jre/bin/java:
error while loading shared libraries:
libpthread.so.0: cannot open shared object file:
No such file or directory
```

**Workaround:** Remove the LD\_ASSUME\_KERNEL variable from the VIPCA and SRVCTL utilities. For the VIPCA utility, alter the \$CRS\_HOME/bin/vipca script on all nodes to remove LD\_ASSUME\_KERNEL. After the "if" statement in line 123, add an unset command to ensure LD\_ASSUME\_KERNEL is not set as follows:

```
arch='uname -m'
#   if [ "$arch" = "i686" -o "$arch" = "ia64" -o "$arch" = "x86_64" ]
#   then
#       LD_ASSUME_KERNEL=2.4.19
#       export LD_ASSUME_KERNEL
#   fi
unset LD_ASSUME_KERNEL
```

With the newly inserted line, root . sh should be able to call VIPCA successfully.

For the SRVCTL utility, alter the \$CRS\_HOME/bin/srvctl scripts on all nodes by adding a line, unset LD\_ASSUME\_KERNEL, after line 174 as follows:

```
LD_ASSUME_KERNEL=2.4.19
export LD_ASSUME_KERNEL
unset LD_ASSUME_KERNEL
```

Oracle recommends explicitly removing LD\_ASSUME\_KERNEL and not merely commenting it out to handle cases where LD\_ASSUME\_KERNEL might be set in the environment (login shell).

These files must be altered after applying the 10.2.0.2 or 10.2.0.3 patch sets, as these patch sets include the LD\_ASSUME\_KERNEL settings for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5, SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10, and SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11. This issue is fixed in the 10.2.0.4 patch set.

### 5.13 Error While Loading Shared Library When selinux is Enabled on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5

SQL\*Plus and Oracle Call Interface (OCI) program calls fail when selinux is in Enforcing mode on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5.

**Workaround:** Shift selinux to Permissive mode on the system.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 6079461.

### 5.14 Linking Applications With Oracle Client Libraries

The use of the client static library is not supported.

### 5.15 MAX\_IDLE\_BLOCKER\_TIME Does Not Work in Oracle RAC Environment

Setting a value for MAX\_IDLE\_BLOCKER\_TIME feature of Resource manager does not work as expected in Oracle RAC environment.

**Workaround:** Set a value for MAX\_IDLE\_TIME instead of setting a value for MAX\_IDLE\_BLOCKER\_TIME.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 6114355.

## 5.16 Mapping of 127.0.0.2 to the Local Host Name

By default, the host name of a computer is mapped to the IP address 127.0.0.2 through an entry in the `/etc/hosts` similar to the following on SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10:

```
127.0.0.2      test test.example.com
```

YaST does this to provide compatibility with earlier versions of the applications that had problems running on desktops with dynamically assigned host names from DHCP. This mapping may cause certain Oracle networking libraries to encounter errors when they attempt to resolve the host name of the computer. To avoid these problems, the entry should be removed from the `/etc/hosts` file. Note that several network related YaST utilities may add this entry back to the file.

The host name must be included in the `/etc/hosts` file. If you do not include the host name in this file, then the following error is displayed:

```
ORA-00600: internal error code, arguments:  
[keltnfy-ldmInit], [46], [1], [], [], [], [], []
```

## 5.17 Interim Fix for the IBM XL C/C++ Advanced Edition V7.0 for Linux Runtime Environment Component

You must install the IBM XL C/C++ Advanced Edition V7.0 for Linux Runtime Environment Component and XL Optimization Libraries component from the following link:

[http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?rs=2030&context=SSJT9L&context=SSENT9&context=SSEP5D&dc=D400&dc=D410&dc=D420&dc=D430&q1=Run-time+Environment+Component&uid=swg24007906&loc=en\\_US&cs=utf-8&lang=en](http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?rs=2030&context=SSJT9L&context=SSENT9&context=SSEP5D&dc=D400&dc=D410&dc=D420&dc=D430&q1=Run-time+Environment+Component&uid=swg24007906&loc=en_US&cs=utf-8&lang=en)

This URL contains information and installation instructions. All the above installations must be done before installing Oracle database.

On SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 9, install the following components:

- The RTE component: `vacpp.rte.70.sles9.jan2006.update.tar.gz`
- The XL Optimization Libraries: `vac.lib.70.sles9.tar`

On Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4, install the following components:

- The RTE component: `vacpp.rte.70.rhel4.dec2005.update.tar.gz`
- The XL Optimization Libraries: `vac.lib.70.rhel4.tar`

## 5.18 Relink of Database 10g Release 2 Fails

Relink of Database 10g Release 2 fails when you install Database 10g Release 2 (10.2.0.1) on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4 (Update 2 or later). To resolve this issue, you need to install the patch mentioned in Oracle bug 4767801 and retry linking.

## 5.19 Blank Help Pages for Oracle Universal Installer

Help pages for Oracle Universal Installer appear blank for Japanese language locale that has the following settings:

```
NLS_LANG=Japanese_Japan.JA16EUC  
LANG=ja_JP.eucJP
```

**Workaround:** Run the following command to start Oracle Universal Installer:

```
./runInstaller -J-Dibm.stream.nio=TRUE
```

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 5106619.

## 5.20 Error While Installing 10.2.0.1

An error is generated while installing Oracle Database 10.2.0.1 on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4 Update 2 or later and SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 9 with service pack 2 or later. Most of the times, the error is generated when you perform any of the following tasks:

- While installing Oracle Database 10.2.0.1 after a fresh and complete installation of Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4 Update 2
- While installing Oracle Database 10.2.0.1 after a fresh and complete installation of SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 9 with service pack 2 or later
- When you start dbca or netca from the command line or Oracle Universal Installer, if Standard installation is selected

**Workaround:** Before installing Oracle Database 10g Release 2, verify the contents of the `/etc/resolv.conf` file. Edit the file to make the following change:

Change the line similar to:

```
domain=my.net.com
```

To:

```
search=my.net.com
```

The original `/etc/resolve.conf` file can be restored after the database installation is complete.

## 5.21 Database Control Does not Display the Listener Details

When you connect to the database using Database Control, the page does not display the listener details.

**Workaround:** After installing Oracle Database 10g Release 2, you must shut down the Database Control with the `emctl stop dbconsole` command. Modify the `targets.xml` file located in `$ORACLE_HOME/hostname_SID/sysman/emd` directory so that the value of the `machinename` field is the same for listener and database. Restart Database Control with the command `emctl start dbconsole` to display the listener details.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 6743916.

## 5.22 Vendor Clusterware Restrictions for Node Names

If you use a vendor clusterware with Oracle Clusterware and Oracle Real Application Clusters, then you must use the node names and host names registered with that vendor clusterware you have installed. Refer to the Certifications page on My Oracle Support (formerly OracleMetaLink) for information about vendor clusterware supported for your Linux distribution.

## 6 Documentation Corrections and Additions

This section lists the following corrections to the installation guides for Linux on POWER:

- [Incorrect Kernel Parameter Values](#)
- [Incorrect Shell Limit Setting](#)
- [List of Packages for Asianux 2 and Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5](#)
- [List of Packages for SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10](#)
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- [Incorrect Value for MAXINSTANCES](#)
- [Oracle RAC and the Hangcheck\\_reboot Parameter on Linux 2.6 Kernels](#)
- [Configuring Oracle Clusterware Process Monitor Daemon](#)
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- [Oracle Inventory Group Name](#)
- [Incorrect /etc/profile Reference](#)
- [Incorrect Control File Size Limits](#)
- [Kernel Version Requirements](#)

### 6.1 Incorrect Kernel Parameter Values

In Chapter 2, "Configuring Kernel Parameters" section of the *Oracle Database Installation Guide for Linux on POWER*, and "Configuring Kernel Parameters" section of the *Oracle Database Quick Installation Guide for Linux on POWER*, update or add the following to the existing list of Kernel Parameters:

Parameter	Minimum Value	File
rmem_default	262144	/proc/sys/net/core/rmem_default
rmem_max	2097152	/proc/sys/net/core/rmem_max
wmem_max	1048576	/proc/sys/net/core/wmem_max

Parameter	Minimum Value	File
ip_local_port_range	Minimum: 9000 Maximum: 65500  <b>Note:</b> Ignore any Oracle Universal Installer warnings related to this parameter.	/proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip_local_port_range
aio-max-nr	Maximum: 1048576  <b>Note:</b> This value limits concurrent outstanding requests and should be set to avoid I/O subsystem failures.	/sbin/sysctl
file-max	327679  <b>Note:</b> If you have multiple databases on the same system or if you plan to consolidate multiple databases, then Oracle recommends using a higher value.	/proc/sys/fs/file-max

## 6.2 Incorrect Shell Limit Setting

In Chapter 2, under the "Setting Shell Limits for the oracle User" section of the *Oracle Database Installation Guide for Linux on POWER*, the values and the process to increase the shell limits is incorrect.

Update the following in the "Setting Shell Limits for the oracle User" section:

Add the following lines in the `/etc/security/limits.conf` file:

```
oracle soft nproc 16384
oracle hard nproc 16384
oracle soft nofile 65536
oracle hard nofile 65536
```

After you set the hard and soft values in the `/etc/security/limits.conf` file, you do not have to modify the `/etc/profile` file.

## 6.3 List of Packages for Asianux 2 and Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5

The following packages (or later versions) must be installed for Asianux 2 and Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5:

```
binutils-2.17.50.0.6-2.e15
compat-libstdc++-33-3.2.3-61
elfutils-libelf-0.125-3.e15
elfutils-libelf-devel-0.125
gcc-4.1.2-14
gcc-c++-4.1.1-52
glibc-2.5-18
glibc-common-2.5-12
glibc-devel-2.5-18
glibc-headers-2.5-18
libaio-0.3.106
libaio-devel-0.3.106
```

```
libgcc-4.1.1-52
libstdc++-4.1.1
libstdc++-devel-4.1.1-52.e15
make-3.81-1.1
```

## 6.4 List of Packages for SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10

The following packages (or later versions) must be installed for SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10:

```
binutils-2.16.91.0.5-23.4 (ppc)
libaio-64bit-0.3.104-14.2 (ppc)
libaio-devel-64bit-0.3.104-14.2 (ppc)
libaio-0.3.104-14.2 (ppc)
libaio-devel-0.3.104-14.2 (ppc)
gcc-4.1.0-28.4 (ppc)
gcc-c++-4.1.0-28.4 (ppc)
libgcc-64bit-4.1.0-28.4 (ppc)
libgcc-4.1.0-28.4 (ppc)
glibc-devel-2.4-31.63 (ppc)
glibc-devel-64bit-2.4-31.63 (ppc)
libstdc++-devel-4.1.0-28.4 (ppc)
libstdc++-devel-64bit-4.1.0-28.4 (ppc)
sysstat-6.0.2-16.4 (ppc)
compat-libstdc++-64bit-5.0.7-22.2 (ppc)
make-3.80-202.2 (ppc)
```

## 6.5 List of Packages for SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11

The following packages (or later versions) must be installed for SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11:

```
binutils-2.19-11.28 (ppc64)
libgcc43-4.3.3_20081022-11.18 (ppc64)
libstdc++43-32bit-4.3.3_20081022-11.18 (ppc64)
libstdc++43-4.3.3_20081022-11.18 (ppc64)
libstdc++43-devel-32bit-4.3.3_20081022-11.18 (ppc64)
libstdc++43-devel-4.3.3_20081022-11.18 (ppc64)
sysstat-8.1.5-7.8 (ppc64)
gcc-4.3-62.198 (ppc64)
ksh
make-3.81 make-3.81
glibc-2.9-13.2 (ppc64)
glibc-32bit-2.9-13.2 (ppc64)
glibc-devel-2.9-13.2 (ppc64)
glibc-devel-32bit-2.9-13.2 (ppc64)
libaio-0.3.104-140.22 (ppc64)
libaio-32bit-0.3.104-140.22 (ppc64)
libaio-devel-0.3.104-140.22 (ppc64)
libaio-devel-32bit-0.3.104-140.22 (ppc64)
```

## 6.6 Incorrect CRS Home Example

In *Oracle Database Oracle Clusterware and Oracle Real Application Clusters Installation Guide for Linux*, Chapter 2, "Pre-Installation Tasks," in the section "Oracle Clusterware

Home Directory," it incorrectly lists the path `/u01/app/oracle/product/crs` as a possible Oracle Clusterware home (or CRS home) path. This is incorrect. A default Oracle base path is `/u01/app/oracle`, and the Oracle Clusterware home must never be a subdirectory of the Oracle base directory.

A possible CRS home directory is in a path outside of the Oracle base directory. For example, if the Oracle base directory is `u01/app/oracle`, then the CRS home can be an option similar to one of the following:

```
u01/crs/  
/u01/crs/oracle/product/10/crs  
/crs/home
```

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 5843155.

## 6.7 Oracle Clusterware and Oracle RAC Virtual IP Address Status

The following text under section 2.6.1, "IP Address Requirements," in Chapter 2, "Pre-Installation Tasks," of *Oracle Database Oracle Clusterware and Oracle Real Application Clusters Installation Guide for Linux* states that the virtual IP address (VIP) should respond to a `ping` command:

During installation, OUI uses the `ping` command to ensure that the VIP is reachable.

The preceding statement is incorrect. Before installation, the VIP address should be configured in DHCP or `/etc/hosts`, or both, but it must not be assigned to a server that can respond to a `ping` command.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 6017001.

## 6.8 Incorrect Value for MAXINSTANCES

Appendix H, "Database Limits" of *Oracle Database Administrator's Reference for UNIX-Based Operating Systems* states the incorrect maximum value (63) for the `MAXINSTANCES` variable. The correct maximum limit for the variable is 1055.

## 6.9 Oracle RAC and the Hangcheck\_reboot Parameter on Linux 2.6 Kernels

As initially released, information about the `hangcheck_reboot` parameter is missing from Section 2.16, "Checking the Configuration of the Hangcheck-timer Module" of Chapter 2, "Pre-Installation Tasks" in *Oracle Database Oracle Clusterware and Oracle Real Application Clusters Installation Guide for Linux*.

The `hangcheck_reboot` parameter indicates whether the hangcheck-timer should restart the node. The hangcheck-timer restarts the node if the kernel fails to respond within the time determined by the sum of the `hangcheck_tick` and `hangcheck_margin` parameter values, and the `hangcheck_tick` parameter value is greater than or equal to 1. If the `hangcheck_reboot` parameter is set to zero (0), then the hangcheck-timer will not restart the node.

By default, on 2.4 Linux kernels, the value of `hangcheck_reboot` is 1. However, on 2.6 kernels, the default value is 0. In an Oracle RAC environment, you must set the `hangcheck_reboot` parameter to 1.

Set `hangcheck_reboot=1` while loading the hangcheck-timer module. If you find that the cluster produces false node evictions, then increase the `hangcheck_margin` parameter value, and retest the cluster.

## 6.10 Configuring Oracle Clusterware Process Monitor Daemon

The 10.2.0.4 patch release for Oracle Clusterware on Linux includes the Oracle Clusterware Process Monitor Daemon (`oproc`). It is started automatically by Oracle Clusterware to detect system hangs. When it detects a system hang, it restarts the hung node.

Review the following configuration information if you have installed the 10.2.0.4 patch set.

Oracle has found wide variations in scheduling latencies observed across operating systems and versions of operating systems. Because of these scheduling latencies, the default values for `oproc` can be overly sensitive, particularly under heavy system load, resulting in unnecessary `oproc`-initiated restarts (false restarts).

Oracle recommends that you address scheduling latencies with your operating system vendor to reduce or eliminate them as much as possible, as they can cause other problems.

To overcome these scheduling latencies, Oracle recommends that you set the Oracle Clusterware parameter `diagwait` to the value 13. This setting increases the time for failed nodes to flush final trace files, which helps to debug the cause of a node failure. You must shut down the cluster to change the `diagwait` setting. However, if you prefer, you can use the default timing threshold for `diagwait`. In that case, you do not need to perform the procedure documented here.

If you require more aggressive failover times to meet more stringent service level requirements, then you should open a service request with Oracle Support to receive advice about how to tune for lower failover settings.

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**Note:** Changing the `diagwait` parameter requires a clusterwide shutdown. Oracle recommends that you change the `diagwait` setting either immediately after the initial installation, or during a scheduled outage.

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**See Also:** *Oracle Database Oracle Clusterware and Oracle Real Application Clusters Administration and Deployment Guide* for more information

To change the `diagwait` setting:

1. Log in as `root`, and run the following command on all nodes, where `CRS_home` is the home directory of the Oracle Clusterware installation:

```
# CRS_home/bin/crsctl stop crs
```

2. Enter the following command, where `CRS_home` is the Oracle Clusterware home:

```
# CRS_home/bin/oproc stop
```

Repeat this command on all nodes.

3. From one node of the cluster, change the value of the `diagwait` parameter to 13 seconds by issuing the following command as `root`:

```
# CRS_home/bin/crsctl set css diagwait 13 -force
```

4. Restart the Oracle Clusterware by running the following command on all nodes:

```
# CRS_home/bin/crsctl start crs
```

5. Run the following command to ensure that Oracle Clusterware is functioning properly:

```
# CRS_home/bin/crsctl check crs
```

## 6.11 DB\_BLOCK\_SIZE Initialization Parameter Update

The "DB\_BLOCK\_SIZE Initialization Parameter" section in chapter 1 of the *Oracle Database Administrator's Reference for UNIX-Based Operating Systems*, lists the incorrect value of DB\_BLOCK\_SIZE parameter. The maximum value to which you can set the DB\_BLOCK\_SIZE is 16 KB on Linux x86. It is 32 KB on all other UNIX platforms.

## 6.12 Oracle Inventory Group Name

In Oracle documentation, Oracle inventory group is represented as oinstall. However, it is not mandatory to use the same name, you can enter a different name for the group.

## 6.13 Incorrect /etc/profile Reference

In *Oracle Database Installation Guide for Linux on POWER*, under Section 2.6, "Configure Kernel Parameters", subsection "Setting Shell Limits for the oracle User", the third list item has an incorrect reference to the `/etc/profile` file. Ignore the entire third list item as making changes in the `/etc/profile` file is not required.

## 6.14 Incorrect Control File Size Limits

Table H-2, "File Size Limits" of Appendix H, "Database Limits" in *Oracle Database Administrator's Reference for UNIX-Based Operating Systems Guide*, states incorrect value of 20000 database blocks as control file size. The correct value is 25000 control file blocks with a block size of 4096 bytes.

## 6.15 Kernel Version Requirements

The system must be running the following kernel version (or a later version):

- **Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4.0:**  
2.6.9-11.EL
- **Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5.0:**  
2.6.18
- **SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 9:**  
2.6.5-7.191-pseries64
- **SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10:**  
2.6.16
- **SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11:**  
2.6.27

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