

Oracle® Database

Release Notes

11g Release 2 (11.2) for IBM AIX on POWER Systems (64-Bit)

E16780-01

October 2010

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*.

This document 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>

This document contains the following topics:

- [Certification Information](#)
- [Latest Upgrade Information](#)
- [Unsupported Products](#)
- [Content Specific to Oracle Database 11g Release 2 \(11.2.0.1\)](#)
- [Content Specific to Oracle Database 11g Release 2 \(11.2.0.2\)](#)
- [Documentation Accessibility](#)

1 Certification Information

The latest certification information for Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2) is available on My Oracle Support (formerly *OracleMetaLink*) at:

<https://support.oracle.com>

2 Latest Upgrade Information

For late-breaking updates and best practices about preupgrade, postupgrade, compatibility, and interoperability discussions, refer to Note 785351.1 on My Oracle Support (formerly *OracleMetaLink*) that links to the "Oracle 11gR2 Upgrade Companion" page.

<https://support.oracle.com>

3 Unsupported Products

In addition to the items listed in Section 2, "Features Not Available or Restricted in This Release," in *Oracle Database Readme*, the following products or features are not supported:

- Oracle ACFS replication and tagging
- Oracle ACFS security and encryption

Database Smart Flash Cache Support

Database Smart Flash Cache is supported on Solaris and Oracle Linux only. For release 11.2.0.1 on Oracle Linux, you must install the 8974084 patch.

Oracle Automatic Storage Management Cluster File System and Oracle Automatic Storage Management Dynamic Volume Manager Support

Starting with Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2.0.2), Oracle ACFS and Oracle ADVM are only supported on AIX PPC64 6.1 TL4 SP2 and later updates to AIX 6.1.

4 Content Specific to Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2.0.1)

The following content is specific to release 11.2.0.1:

- [Preinstallation Requirements for Release 11.2.0.1](#)
- [Installation, Configuration, and Upgrade Issues for Release 11.2.0.1](#)
- [Other Known Issues for Release 11.2.0.1](#)

4.1 Preinstallation Requirements for Release 11.2.0.1

Refer to the installation guides for the preinstallation requirements. Additional preinstallation requirements include the following.

- [Required Authorized Problem Analysis Reports \(APARs\) in Installation Guides](#)

4.1.1 Required Authorized Problem Analysis Reports (APARs) in Installation Guides

The APARs listed as required in the installation guides are valid for AIX 5L V5.3 TL 09 and AIX 6.1 TL 02 SP1. These are the minimum supported AIX TL levels for AIX 5L and AIX 6L. If you are using a later TL level than the minimum level listed here, then contact IBM to determine what APARs are included in the TL level that you have on your system. If they are included, then you do not need to install them. If they are not included, then you must install the equivalent APAR for the appropriate TL level.

4.2 Installation, Configuration, and Upgrade Issues for Release 11.2.0.1

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

- [Oracle Notification Service \(ONS\) Issue After Shared Oracle RAC Database Upgrade](#)
- [File System Configuration Data Not Found on Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control Host Page](#)
- [ORA-00600 Error During Database Upgrade](#)
- [Error During Deinstallation in JP locale](#)
- [Oracle Enterprise Manager Fails During Install or Upgrade](#)

4.2.1 Oracle Notification Service (ONS) Issue After Shared Oracle RAC Database Upgrade

After you complete an upgrade from shared Oracle Clusterware release 11.1 to shared Oracle Grid Infrastructure release 11.2, you may encounter an error with Oracle Notification Service (ONS). The first node shows the ONS file, `ora.ons`, is offline.

Workaround:

Perform the following steps:

1. Log in as the Oracle Grid Infrastructure installation owner.
2. Run the following commands to find the ONS processes on the nodes and stop them:

```
$ ps -ef | grep "ons -d"  
$ kill -9 pid1 pid2
```

3. Change directory to the `bin` directory in the Oracle Grid Infrastructure home, and enter the command `crsctl start res ora.ons`. For example, if the grid home is `/u01/grid`, then enter the following commands:

```
$ chdir /u01/grid/bin  
$ ./crsctl start res ora.ons
```

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 9133235.

4.2.2 File System Configuration Data Not Found on Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control Host Page

Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control may not show the File System configuration data, and the Operating System Collection Warnings may appear on the Configuration page:

```
sh: mount: not found
```

Workaround:

Perform the following steps:

1. Add `/usr/sbin` to PATH environment variable.

For Bash shell:

```
export PATH=$PATH:/usr/sbin
```

2. Restart Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 9206261.

4.2.3 ORA-00600 Error During Database Upgrade

When you upgrade from Oracle Database 9i Release 2 to Oracle Database 11g Release 2, the database upgrade fails with the following error:

```
ORA-00600: internal error code, arguments: [ktsxaffs1]
```

Workaround:

Set `_affinity_on=false` in the `SPFILE` of Oracle database release 9.2 before you upgrade.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 6615695.

4.2.4 Error During Deinstallation in JP locale

If you use the Deinstallation Tool (`deinstall`) in Japanese locale to remove Oracle RAC 11g Release 2, then the following error message appears:

```
IBM: 0403-009 The specified number is not valid for this command
```

Workaround:

Set `LANG=C`, before running the Deinstallation Tool.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 9227535.

4.2.5 Oracle Enterprise Manager Fails During Install or Upgrade

Oracle Database Configuration Assistant (DBCA) or Oracle Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA) intermittently fails while running Oracle Enterprise Manager Configuration and displays a NULL error message. The configuration assistant prompts you to run the `emca` command line tool to configure or upgrade Oracle Database Control.

Workaround:

For a new Oracle Database Control setup, during database install (DBCA) or database upgrade (DBUA), you must run the following command after the creating or upgrading the database:

```
emca -config dbcontrol db -repos recreate -cluster
```

For an Oracle Database Control upgrade process (DBUA), you must run the following command after the upgrading the existing database:

```
emca -upgrade db -cluster
```

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 9169706.

4.3 Other Known Issues for Release 11.2.0.1

The following sections contain information about issues related to Oracle Database 11g and associated products:

- [Help Files Translation Issue for Spanish and French](#)
- [Incorrect Reverse Ping Command from Oracle Management Service \(OMS\)](#)
- [Patch Oracle Database Deployment Procedure Issue](#)
- [Oracle Management Service \(OMS\) Bounce Fails Intermittently](#)
- [SQL Developer Release 1.5.5 Does Not Support JDK Version 1.5.x](#)
- [Deployment Procedure Issue with Oracle RAC](#)
- [The addNode Command Fails on Oracle RAC](#)
- [Help Pages Fail to Load for Oracle Database Client \(32-Bit\)](#)

4.3.1 Help Files Translation Issue for Spanish and French

Oracle Universal Installer does not copy the translated help files to Oracle Database home directory when you select the Spanish or French language.

Workaround:

On the Select Product Languages page, select both the Latin American Spanish and Spanish to get the help files translated in Spanish; and select both the Canadian French and French for the translated help files in French.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 9147106.

4.3.2 Incorrect Reverse Ping Command from Oracle Management Service (OMS)

Oracle Management Service provides incorrect reverse ping command with Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control. The `emoms.properties` file shows:

```
emdrop.ping.pingCommand=/usr/sbin/ping <hostname>
```

Workaround:

Change the property in the `emoms.properties` file to:

```
emdrop.ping.pingCommand=/usr/sbin/ping -c 3 -w 30 <hostname>
```

Note: On all the computers using IPv6, you must specify `ping6` command (or an equivalent IPv6 command) instead of `ping` command.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 9211800.

4.3.3 Patch Oracle Database Deployment Procedure Issue

When you apply a patch from Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control using Patch Oracle Database deployment procedure, the applied patch may not appear on oracle home details page.

Workaround:

Use the command, `opatch lsinventory`, at the operating system prompt to list the patches applied to the Oracle home.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 8791320.

4.3.4 Oracle Management Service (OMS) Bounce Fails Intermittently

OMS bounce fails intermittently as Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control fails to startup with the following error message:

```
The socket name is already in use.
```

Workaround:

If Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control does not shut down successfully, then manually stop the process.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 9118229.

4.3.5 SQL Developer Release 1.5.5 Does Not Support JDK Version 1.5.x

The dialogs to create and edit objects in SQL Developer release 1.5.5 fail to open as JDK version 1.5.x is not supported.

Workaround:

Use any one of the following workarounds:

1. Upgrade the JDK to version 1.6.
2. Enter the SQL statement on the SQL Worksheet.
3. Use SQL Developer from a client desktop (non-AIX).
4. Use the `sqlplus` command to start SQL*Plus.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 9195473.

4.3.6 Deployment Procedure Issue with Oracle RAC

The Deployment Procedure to update the software using Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control fails on Oracle RAC and Oracle Grid Infrastructure, with the following error:

```
ORA-00001: unique constraint (SYSMAN.PK_MGMT_JOB_EXECUTION) violated
```

Workaround:

Run the following commands as SYSMAN for the database:

```
SELECT MAX(step_id) FROM MGMT_JOB_HISTORY; (--> v1)
SELECT MGMT_JOB_SEQUENCE.CURRVAL FROM DUAL; (--> v2)
ALTER SEQUENCE MGMT_JOB_SEQUENCE INCREMENT BY (v2-v1+1);
```

Add the calculated value in the third command.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 9205553.

4.3.7 The addNode Command Fails on Oracle RAC

When you run the `addNode` command on an Oracle RAC environment, you may encounter the following `updatenodelist` error, where `new_node` is the name of the node you are adding:

```
SEVERE: 12/21/09 11:10:03 AM UTC: Remote 'UpdateNodeList' failed on nodes: 'new_
node'.
```

Workaround:

Run the `updatenodelist` command manually on the new node. Refer to the `addnode` output or logs for complete information about `updatenodelist` command.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 9229777.

4.3.8 Help Pages Fail to Load for Oracle Database Client (32-Bit)

Oracle Universal Installer does not find the `clientinstaller_help.map` file and fails to load the help pages for locales other than English.

Workaround:

Set `LANG=C` before running Oracle Universal Installer. This changes the installer locale to English and the help content is available.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 9474214.

5 Content Specific to Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2.0.2)

The following content is specific to release 11.2.0.2:

- [Preinstallation Requirements for Release 11.2.0.2](#)

- [Installation, Configuration, and Upgrade Issues for Release 11.2.0.2](#)
- [Other Known Issues for Release 11.2.0.2](#)

5.1 Preinstallation Requirements for Release 11.2.0.2

Refer to the installation guides for the preinstallation requirements.

5.2 Installation, Configuration, and Upgrade Issues for Release 11.2.0.2

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

- [Role Permissions Issue with Oracle ASM Configuration Assistant, SQL*Plus, X Terminal](#)
- [Performance Statistics Issue with Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control](#)
- [Error When Installing Oracle Grid Infrastructure for a Cluster with Grid Naming Service](#)
- [Oracle Notification Service \(ONS\) Issue After Shared Oracle RAC Database Upgrade](#)
- [ORA-00600 Error During Database Upgrade](#)
- [Monitoring Issue with Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control](#)

5.2.1 Role Permissions Issue with Oracle ASM Configuration Assistant, SQL*Plus, X Terminal

Ensure that the `oracle_devmgmt` role is set before running administrative tools, such as, Oracle ASM Configuration Assistant and SQL*Plus, for management of Oracle Automatic Storage Management Cluster File System and Oracle Automatic Storage Management Dynamic Volume Manager. Also, when entering a new X terminal (or using the associated commands, such as `uxterm` and `aixterm`), the `oracle_devmgmt` role necessary for the administration of Oracle Automatic Storage Management Cluster File System and Oracle Automatic Storage Management Dynamic Volume Manager is not properly set.

Workaround:

Run the following command before running administrative tools or after entering a new terminal:

```
$ swrole oracle_devmgmt
```

If desired, to check that the `swrole` is set to `oracle_devmgmt`, run the following command:

```
$ rolelist -e
```

5.2.2 Performance Statistics Issue with Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control

The summary chart on the Oracle Enterprise Manager Cluster Performance page does not show any data.

Workaround:

Perform the following steps:

1. Stop Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control.
2. Modify the properties file, `$ORACLE_HOME/host_dbuniqueName/sysman/config/emoms.properties` by adding the following:

```
oracle.sysman.db.rac.useRemoteCollection=false
```

3. Then, start the Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 10129539.

5.2.3 Error When Installing Oracle Grid Infrastructure for a Cluster with Grid Naming Service

When installing Oracle Grid Infrastructure for a Cluster with Grid Naming Service enabled, the `root.sh` script displays the following error:

```
PRCR-1079 : Failed to start resource ora.gns
```

Workaround:

None. This issue does not affect any functionality.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 10040115.

5.2.4 Oracle Notification Service (ONS) Issue After Shared Oracle RAC Database Upgrade

After you complete an upgrade from shared Oracle Clusterware release 11.1 to shared Oracle Grid Infrastructure release 11.2, you may encounter an error with Oracle Notification Service (ONS). The first node shows the ONS file, `ora.ons`, is offline.

Workaround:

Perform the following steps:

1. Log in as the Oracle Grid Infrastructure installation owner.
2. Run the following commands to find the ONS processes on the nodes and stop them:

```
$ ps -ef | grep "ons -d"
$ kill -9 pid1 pid2
```

3. Change directory to the `bin` directory in the Oracle Grid Infrastructure home, and enter the command `crsctl start res ora.ons`. For example, if the grid home is `/u01/grid`, then enter the following commands:

```
$ chdir /u01/grid/bin
$ ./crsctl start res ora.ons
```

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 9133235.

5.2.5 ORA-00600 Error During Database Upgrade

When you upgrade from Oracle Database 9i Release 2 to Oracle Database 11g Release 2, the database upgrade fails with the following error:

```
ORA-00600: internal error code, arguments: [ktsxaff1]
```

Workaround:

Set `_affinity_on=false` in the `SPFILE` of Oracle Database release 9.2 before you upgrade.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 6615695.

5.2.6 Monitoring Issue with Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control

Monitoring in memory access mode is not supported for databases.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 6498439.

5.3 Other Known Issues for Release 11.2.0.2

The following section contains information about issues related to Oracle Database 11g and associated products:

- [Oracle Management Service \(OMS\) Bounce Fails Intermittently](#)
- [The addnode Command Fails on Oracle RAC](#)
- [SQL Developer Release 1.5.5 Does Not Support JDK Version 1.5.x](#)

5.3.1 Oracle Management Service (OMS) Bounce Fails Intermittently

OMS bounce fails intermittently as Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control fails to startup with the following error message:

```
The socket name is already in use.
```

Workaround:

If Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control does not shut down successfully, then manually stop the process.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 9118229.

5.3.2 The addnode Command Fails on Oracle RAC

When you run the `addnode` command on an Oracle RAC environment, you may encounter the following `updatenodelist` error, where `new_node` is the name of the node you are adding :

```
SEVERE: 09/29/10 11:10:03 AM UTC: Remote 'UpdateNodeList' failed on nodes: 'new_node'.
```

Workaround:

Run the `updatenodelist` command manually on the new node. Refer to the `addnode` output or logs for complete information about `updatenodelist` command.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 9229777.

5.3.3 SQL Developer Release 1.5.5 Does Not Support JDK Version 1.5.x

The dialogs to create and edit objects in SQL Developer release 1.5.5 fail to open as JDK version 1.5.x is not supported.

Workaround:

Use any one of the following workarounds:

1. Upgrade the JDK to version 1.6.

2. Enter the SQL statement on the SQL Worksheet.
3. Use SQL Developer from a client desktop (non-AIX).
4. Use the `sqlplus` command to start SQL*Plus.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 9195473.

6 Documentation Accessibility

Our goal is to make Oracle products, services, and supporting documentation accessible to all users, including users that are disabled. To that end, our documentation includes features that make information available to users of assistive technology. This documentation is available in HTML format, and contains markup to facilitate access by the disabled community. Accessibility standards will continue to evolve over time, and Oracle is actively engaged with other market-leading technology vendors to address technical obstacles so that our documentation can be accessible to all of our customers. For more information, visit the Oracle Accessibility Program Web site at <http://www.oracle.com/accessibility/>.

Accessibility of Code Examples in Documentation

Screen readers may not always correctly read the code examples in this document. The conventions for writing code require that closing braces should appear on an otherwise empty line; however, some screen readers may not always read a line of text that consists solely of a bracket or brace.

Accessibility of Links to External Web Sites in Documentation

This documentation may contain links to Web sites of other companies or organizations that Oracle does not own or control. Oracle neither evaluates nor makes any representations regarding the accessibility of these Web sites.

Access to Oracle Support

Oracle customers have access to electronic support through My Oracle Support. For information, visit <http://www.oracle.com/support/contact.html> or visit <http://www.oracle.com/accessibility/support.html> if you are hearing impaired.

Oracle Database Release Notes, 11g Release 2 (11.2) for IBM AIX on POWER Systems (64-Bit)
E16780-01

Copyright © 2010, Oracle and/or its affiliates. All rights reserved.

This software and related documentation are provided under a license agreement containing restrictions on use and disclosure and are protected by intellectual property laws. Except as expressly permitted in your license agreement or allowed by law, you may not use, copy, reproduce, translate, broadcast, modify, license, transmit, distribute, exhibit, perform, publish, or display any part, in any form, or by any means. Reverse engineering, disassembly, or decompilation of this software, unless required by law for interoperability, is prohibited.

The information contained herein is subject to change without notice and is not warranted to be error-free. If you find any errors, please report them to us in writing.

If this software or related documentation is delivered to the U.S. Government or anyone licensing it on behalf of the U.S. Government, the following notice is applicable:

U.S. GOVERNMENT RIGHTS Programs, software, databases, and related documentation and technical data delivered to U.S. Government customers are "commercial computer software" or "commercial technical data" pursuant to the applicable Federal Acquisition Regulation and agency-specific supplemental regulations. As such, the use, duplication, disclosure, modification, and adaptation shall be subject to the restrictions and license terms set forth in the applicable Government contract, and, to the extent applicable by the terms of the Government contract, the additional rights set forth in FAR 52.227-19, Commercial Computer Software License (December 2007). Oracle USA, Inc., 500 Oracle Parkway, Redwood City, CA 94065.

This software is developed for general use in a variety of information management applications. It is not developed or intended for use in any inherently dangerous applications, including applications which may create a risk of personal injury. If you use this software in dangerous applications, then you shall be responsible to take all appropriate fail-safe, backup, redundancy, and other measures to ensure the safe use of this software. Oracle Corporation and its affiliates disclaim any liability for any damages caused by use of this software in dangerous applications.

Oracle is a registered trademark of Oracle Corporation and/or its affiliates. Other names may be trademarks of their respective owners.

This software and documentation may provide access to or information on content, products, and services from third parties. Oracle Corporation and its affiliates are not responsible for and expressly disclaim all warranties of any kind with respect to third-party content, products, and services.

Oracle Corporation and its affiliates will not be responsible for any loss, costs, or damages incurred due to your access to or use of third-party content, products, or services.

