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Preface

These topics provide information about the scope of these contents for upgrading plans and procedures.

This book guides you through the process of planning and executing Oracle Database upgrades. In addition, this manual provides information about compatibility, upgrading applications, and important changes in the new Oracle Database release, such as initialization parameter changes and data dictionary changes.

Oracle Database Upgrade Guide contains information that describes the features and functions of Oracle Database (also known as the standard edition) and Oracle Database Enterprise Edition products. Oracle Database and Oracle Database Enterprise Edition have the same basic features. However, several advanced features are available only with Oracle Database Enterprise Edition. Some of these are optional. For example, to use application failover, you must have the Enterprise Edition with the Oracle Real Application Clusters option.

- [Audience](#)
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- [Set Up Java Access Bridge to Implement Java Accessibility](#)
Install Java Access Bridge so that assistive technologies on Microsoft Windows systems can use the Java Accessibility API.
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- [Conventions](#)

Audience

Oracle Database Upgrade Guide is intended for database administrators (DBAs), application developers, security administrators, system operators, and anyone who plans or performs Oracle Database upgrades.

To use this document, you must be familiar with the following information:

- Relational database concepts
- Your current Oracle Database release
- Your operating system environment

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Access to Oracle Support

Oracle customers that have purchased support have access to electronic support through My Oracle Support. For information, visit <http://www.oracle.com/pls/topic/lookup?ctx=acc&id=info> or visit <http://www.oracle.com/pls/topic/lookup?ctx=acc&id=trs> if you are hearing impaired.

Set Up Java Access Bridge to Implement Java Accessibility

Install Java Access Bridge so that assistive technologies on Microsoft Windows systems can use the Java Accessibility API.

Java Access Bridge is a technology that enables Java applications and applets that implement the Java Accessibility API to be visible to assistive technologies on Microsoft Windows systems.

Refer to *Java Platform, Standard Edition Accessibility Guide* for information about the minimum supported versions of assistive technologies required to use Java Access Bridge. Also refer to this guide to obtain installation and testing instructions, and instructions for how to use Java Access Bridge.

Related Topics

- *Java Platform, Standard Edition Java Accessibility Guide*

Related Documentation

Review this documentation list for additional information.

- *Oracle Database Concepts* for a comprehensive introduction to the concepts and terminology used in this manual
- *Oracle Database Administrator's Guide* for information about administering Oracle Database
- *Oracle Database New Features Guide* for information about new features in this release
- *Oracle Database SQL Language Reference* for information on Oracle Database SQL commands and functions
- *Oracle Database Utilities* for information about utilities bundled with Oracle Database
- *Oracle Database Net Services Administrator's Guide* for information about Oracle Net Services

Many of the examples in this guide use the sample schemas, installed by default when you select the Basic Installation option with an Oracle Database installation. For information on how these schemas are created and how you can use them, refer to the following guide:

Oracle Database Sample Schemas

Conventions

The following text conventions are used in this document:

Convention	Meaning
boldface	Boldface type indicates graphical user interface elements associated with an action, or terms defined in text or the glossary.
<i>italic</i>	Italic type indicates book titles, emphasis, or placeholder variables for which you supply particular values.
monospace	Monospace type indicates commands within a paragraph, URLs, code in examples, text that appears on the screen, or text that you enter.

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Introduction to Upgrading Oracle Database

Oracle provides upgrade options and strategies that are designed for your database environment, and an array of tools that automate the Oracle Database upgrade process.

- [Overview of Oracle Database Upgrade Tools and Processes](#)
Review these topics to understand Oracle Database terms, tools and processes.
- [Major Steps in the Upgrade Process for Oracle Database](#)
Oracle Database upgrades consist of six major steps.
- [Compatibility and Interoperability Between Oracle Database Releases](#)
Learn how to understand and avoid compatibility and interoperability issues that can occur because of differences in Oracle Database releases.
- [About Running Multiple Oracle Database Releases](#)
To run multiple Oracle Database releases at the same time, follow Optimal Flexible Architecture (OFA) standards.
- [About Converting Databases During Upgrades](#)
Review these topics to determine which is the best path for you to select to upgrade Oracle Databases.
- [About Upgrading Platforms for a New Oracle Database Release](#)
Review these topics if you upgrade your operating system or hardware for a new Oracle Database release.
- [Differences Between Oracle Home in Read-Only Mode and Read-Write Mode](#)
The read-only Oracle home software image simplifies patching and mass rollouts of software across multiple database servers.
- [About Image-Based Oracle Database Installation](#)
Understand image-based installation to simplify installation and configuration of Oracle Database software in Oracle Database 18c and later releases.

Overview of Oracle Database Upgrade Tools and Processes

Review these topics to understand Oracle Database terms, tools and processes.

- [Definition of Terms Upgrading and Migrating](#)
Upgrading and migrating are different types of database changes.
- [Upgrade and Data Migration Methods and Processes](#)
Oracle provides features and products to automate the upgrade process, and to assist you with completing upgrades efficiently.
- [Oracle Database Releases That Support Direct Upgrade](#)
Review the supported options for direct upgrades to Oracle Database 20c.
- [Where to Find the Latest Information About Upgrading Oracle Database](#)
In addition to this document, Oracle provides information about upgrades on its support site, and through its Pre-Upgrade Information Tool.

Definition of Terms Upgrading and Migrating

Upgrading and migrating are different types of database changes.

Upgrading transforms an existing Oracle Database environment (including installed components and associated applications) into a new release Oracle Database environment. The data dictionary for the database is upgraded to the new release. Upgrading does not directly affect user data; no data is touched, changed, or moved during an upgrade.

Migrating data refers to moving data from one Oracle Database into another database previously created for migrating or moving the data. You migrate data when you need to move your database environment to a new hardware or operating system platform, or to a new character set. Migrating does not include upgrading to the latest release. The upgrade process is handled separately after you migrate the data.

The upgrade steps in *Oracle Database Upgrade Guide* apply to all operating systems, unless otherwise specified. Some operating systems can require additional upgrade steps.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database Installation Guide*
- *Oracle Database Utilities*

Upgrade and Data Migration Methods and Processes

Oracle provides features and products to automate the upgrade process, and to assist you with completing upgrades efficiently.

Oracle Database supports the following methods for upgrading or migrating a database to the new release:

- **AutoUpgrade Utility**
Identifies issues before upgrades, deploys upgrades, performs postupgrade actions, and starts the upgraded Oracle Database.
- **Manual upgrade using the Parallel Upgrade Utility, and other command-line utilities**
Enables upgrades to be performed using shell scripts.
- **Using Fleet Patching and Provisioning (FPP) to upgrade databases.**
In a Fleet Patching and Provisioning (FPP) upgrade (formerly known as Rapid Home Provisioning), you complete a new Oracle Database installation. After testing the database, and modifying it in accordance with the standard operating environment (SOE) that you want to use for your databases, you create an FPP gold image. A DBA deploys instances of that gold image to servers that have earlier release databases that you want to upgrade. After deployment of these gold images, a DBA can run a single `rhpectl` command to move files, perform configuration changes, and perform other steps required to use the new binaries. Refer to *Oracle Clusterware Administration and Deployment Guide* for more information about Rapid Home Provisioning.

Related Topics

- Oracle Data Pump Import
- *Oracle Clusterware Administration and Deployment Guide*

Oracle Database Releases That Support Direct Upgrade

Review the supported options for direct upgrades to Oracle Database 20c.

You can perform a direct upgrade to the new release from the following releases:

- 19c
- 18c
- 12.2.0

The path that you must take to upgrade to the latest Oracle Database release depends on the release number of your current database.

If your current Oracle Database is a release earlier than 12.2, then you cannot directly upgrade your Oracle Database to the latest release. In this case, you are required to upgrade to an intermediate release before upgrading to Oracle Database 20c.

If you cannot carry out a direct upgrade, then carry out an upgrade to the most recent release where direct upgrades are supported.

Note:

For any multi-step upgrade, if you must carry out two upgrades to upgrade to the current release, then you must run the preupgrade script twice: First, complete an upgrade to an intermediate upgrade release that is supported for direct upgrade to the target upgrade release. Second, complete the upgrade for the target upgrade release.

For example, if the database from which you are upgrading is running Oracle Database 10g, then to upgrade to Oracle Database 19c, follow these steps:

1. Upgrade Release 11.2 to release 12.2, using the instructions in *Oracle Database Upgrade Guide 12c Release 2 (12.2)*, including running the preupgrade script for 12.2.
2. Upgrade Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2) directly to Oracle Database 20c. Use the instructions in this book, *Oracle Database Upgrade Guide*, including running the preupgrade script for Oracle Database 20c.

The following table shows the required upgrade path for each release of Oracle Database. Use the upgrade path and the specified documentation to perform an intermediate upgrade of your database before fully upgrading to Oracle Database 20c.

Table 1-1 Examples of Upgrade Paths for Oracle Database 20c

Current Release	Upgrade Options
19 (all releases), 18 (all releases), 12.2.0.1	Direct upgrade is supported. Perform the upgrade using the current Oracle Database Upgrade Guide, which is this guide.
12.1.0.2, 12.1.0.1, 11.2.0.1, 11.2.0.2, 11.2.0.3, 11.2.0.4, 11.1.0.6, 11.1.0.7, 10.2 or earlier releases	<p>Direct upgrade to Oracle Database 20c is not supported.</p> <p>Solution: Upgrade to an intermediate Oracle Database release that can be directly upgraded to the current release. Upgrade Oracle Database releases that are not supported for direct upgrade in this release to an intermediate Oracle Database release that is supported for direct upgrade.</p> <p>When upgrading to an intermediate Oracle Database release, follow the instructions in the intermediate release documentation, including running the preupgrade scripts for that intermediate release. After you complete an upgrade to the intermediate release Oracle Database, you can upgrade the intermediate release database to the current Oracle Database release.</p> <p>This restriction does not apply if you use Oracle Data Pump export/import to migrate data to the new release.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Releases 12.1.0.1, 12.1.0.2, 11.2.0.3, 11.2.0.4: Upgrade to Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2), and then upgrade to Oracle Database 20c. Releases 10.2.0.2, 10.2.0.3, 10.2.0.4, 10.2.0.5 or 10.1.0.5: Upgrade to release 11.2.0.3 or 12.1, and then to 12.2, and then to Oracle Database 20c. <p>Note: Always update to the most recent intermediate release to which you can upgrade directly. Your case can be different from that of the examples provided here.</p>

Where to Find the Latest Information About Upgrading Oracle Database

In addition to this document, Oracle provides information about upgrades on its support site, and through its Pre-Upgrade Information Tool.

Through its support website, Oracle provides late-breaking updates, discussions, and best practices about pre-upgrade requirements, upgrade processes, post-upgrade, compatibility, and interoperability.

Oracle also strongly recommends that you download and run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool, which is available on My Oracle Support.

 **See Also:**

- My Oracle Support:
<http://support.oracle.com>
You can search in the library, or search on My Oracle Support for keywords, such as "Database Upgrade"
- *Oracle Database Pre-Upgrade Utility* (Document ID 884522.1) at My Oracle Support

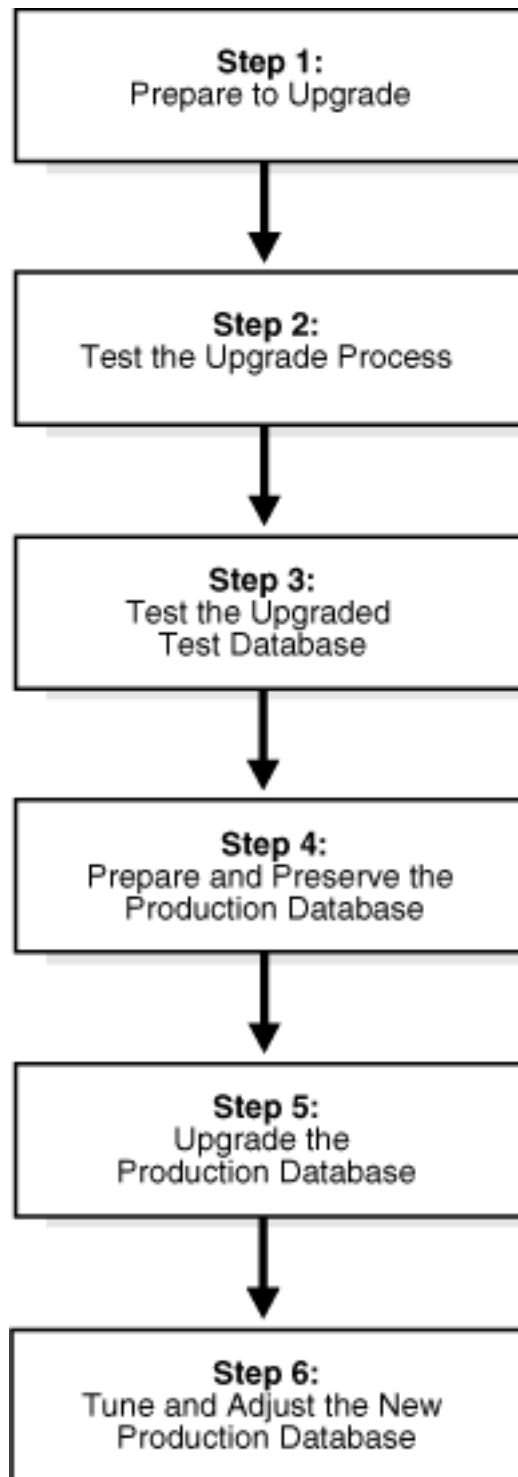
Major Steps in the Upgrade Process for Oracle Database

Oracle Database upgrades consist of six major steps.

Upgrade Steps Workflow

The following figure summarizes the major procedures performed during the upgrade process:

Figure 1-1 Upgrade Steps Workflow for Oracle Database



Step 1: Prepare to Upgrade Oracle Database

- Become familiar with the features of the new release of Oracle Database.
- Determine the upgrade path to the new release.

- Select an upgrade method.
- Select an Oracle home directory for the new release.
- Develop a testing plan.
- Prepare a backup strategy.
- Follow preupgrade recommendations.
- Run preupgrade fixup scripts, or carry out manual preupgrade system updates.

 **Note:**

During the upgrade, consider running multiple releases of the database software, so that you can use the existing release as your production environment while you test the new release.

Consider completing a software-only installation to the new Oracle Database release. In a software-only installation, you install the Oracle Database software but do not create a database as part of the installation process.

Step 2: Test the Upgrade Process for Oracle Database

- Perform a test upgrade using a test database. Conduct the test upgrade in an environment created for testing that does not interfere with the production database. Oracle recommends that your test environment is on a server that is, as much as possible, a replica of your production environment. For example: Oracle recommends that the server not only uses the same operating system, but that runs the same patch level, with the same packages, and matches other details of your production system configuration.

Step 3: Test the Upgraded Test Oracle Database

- Perform the tests that you planned in Step 1 on the test database that you upgraded to the new release of Oracle Database.
- Review the results, noting anomalies in the tests.
- Investigate ways to correct any anomalies that you find and then implement the corrections.
- Repeat Step 1, Step 2, and the first parts of Step 3, as necessary, until the test upgrade is successful and works with any required applications.
- To test for anomalies and determine potential support questions, carry out SQL plan management. SQL plan management includes the following steps:
 1. Before the upgrade, capture baselines and plans on the earlier release Oracle Database, and store those plans.

Oracle recommends that you store the plans on staging tables, and then run the Data Pump Export utility `expdp` for those tables.
 2. After the upgrade, in the event of a regression or a performance issue, apply (load/accept/evolve) an old plan that you know is good, based on the plans you captured from the previous release Oracle Database.

 **See Also:**

- *Oracle Database SQL Tuning Guide* for more information about SQL plan management
- Document 1948958.1 Patches to Consider for 11.2.0.3 to Avoid Problems with SQL Plan Management (SPM)
- Document 2034706.1 Patches to Consider for 11.2.0.4 to Avoid Problems with SQL Plan Management (SPM)
- Document 2035897.1 Patches to Consider When Upgrading From 12.1.0.1 to Avoid Problems with SQL Plan Management (SPM)

Step 4: Prepare and Preserve the Production Oracle Database

Complete these tasks before you upgrade your existing production database:

- Prepare the current production database as appropriate to ensure that the upgrade to the new release of Oracle Database is successful.
- Schedule the downtime required for backing up and upgrading the production database.
- Back up the current production database.

Before you carry out a major change to a system, Oracle recommends that you make sure that you have a fallback strategy implemented. Oracle recommends that your fallback strategy includes the following preparations:

- Test your backup strategy, and ensure that it works.
- If you need a backup strategy, then plan for the time required to apply it during your maintenance window.
- To perform plan stability checks in preparation for upgrade, carry out SQL plan management. Raise a service request if you need assistance.

 **Note:**

A database upgrade that installs a new optimizer version usually results in plan changes for a small percentage of SQL statements.

Most plan changes result in either improvement or no performance change. However, some plan changes may cause performance regressions. SQL plan baselines significantly minimize potential regressions resulting from an upgrade.

When you upgrade, the database only uses plans from the plan baseline. The database puts new plans that are not in the current baseline into a holding area, and later evaluates them to determine whether they use fewer resources than the current plan in the baseline. If the plans perform better, then the database promotes them into the baseline; otherwise, the database does not promote them.

 **See Also:**

Oracle Database SQL Tuning Guide

Step 5: Upgrade the Production Oracle Database

- Upgrade the production database to the new release of Oracle Database.
- After the upgrade, perform a full backup of the production database and perform other post-upgrade tasks.

Step 6: Tune and Adjust the New Production Oracle Database

- Tune the new production database for Oracle Database 12c. Typically, the new production Oracle Database performs to the same standards, or better, than the database before the upgrade.
- Determine which features of Oracle Database 12c to use, and update your applications accordingly.
- Develop new database administration procedures as needed.
- Do not upgrade production users to the new release until all applications have been tested and operate properly.

Related Topics

- <https://support.oracle.com/epmos/faces/DocumentDisplay?cmd=show&type=NOT&id=1948958.1>
- <https://support.oracle.com/epmos/faces/DocumentDisplay?cmd=show&type=NOT&id=2034706.1>
- <https://support.oracle.com/epmos/faces/DocumentDisplay?cmd=show&type=NOT&id=2035897.1>

Compatibility and Interoperability Between Oracle Database Releases

Learn how to understand and avoid compatibility and interoperability issues that can occur because of differences in Oracle Database releases.

Oracle Database releases can have differences that can result in compatibility and interoperability issues. These differences can affect both general database administration and existing applications.

- [About Oracle Database Release Numbers](#)
Oracle Database releases are categorized by five numeric segments that indicate release information.
- [Convention for Referring to Release Numbers in Upgrade Topics](#)
Review to understand how statements in upgrade topics apply to releases.
- [What Is Oracle Database Compatibility?](#)
Before you upgrade, review compatibility between your earlier release Oracle Database and the new Oracle Database release as part of your upgrade plan.

- [What Is Interoperability for Oracle Database Upgrades?](#)
In the context of upgrading Oracle Database, *interoperability* is the ability of different releases of Oracle Database to communicate and work in a distributed environment.
- [About Invalid Schema Objects and Database Upgrades](#)
Run `utlirp.sql` to validate invalid objects as part of your upgrade test plan.

About Oracle Database Release Numbers

Oracle Database releases are categorized by five numeric segments that indicate release information.



Note:

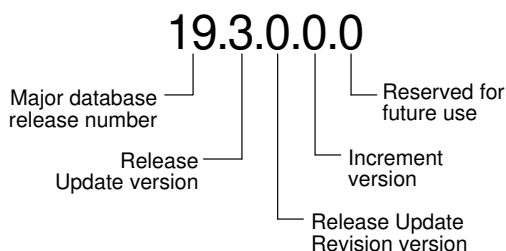
Starting with Oracle Database 18c, Oracle provides quarterly updates in the form of Release Updates (Updates) and Release Update Revisions (Revisions). Oracle no longer releases patch sets. For more information, see My Oracle Support Note 2285040.1.

Oracle Database releases are released in `version` and `version_full` releases.

The `version` release is designated in the form *major release version*.0.0.0.0. The major release version is based on the last two digits of the year in which an Oracle Database version is released for the first time. For example, the Oracle Database version released for the first time in the year 2018 has the major release version of 18, and thus its `version` release is 18.0.0.0.0.

The `version_full` release is an update of a `version` release and is designated based on the major release version, the quarterly release update version (Update), and the quarterly release update revision version (Revision). The `version_full` releases are categorized by five numeric segments separated by periods as shown in the following example:

Figure 1-2 Example of an Oracle Database Release Number



- First numeral: This numeral indicates the major release version. It also denotes the last two digits of the year in which the Oracle Database version was released for the first time.
- Second numeral: This numeral indicates the release update version (Update).
- Third numeral: This numeral indicates the release update revision version (Revision).

- Fourth numeral: This numeral indicates the increment version. This nomenclature can apply to updates in future releases.
- Fifth numeral: This numeral is reserved for future use.

 **Note:**

The first three numerals mainly identify an Oracle Database release.

 **Caution:**

Oracle strongly recommends that you apply the most recent release update (Update) or bundle patch or patch set update to your source and target databases before starting an upgrade, and before starting a downgrade.

Related Topics

- [My Oracle Support note 2285040.1](#)

Convention for Referring to Release Numbers in Upgrade Topics

Review to understand how statements in upgrade topics apply to releases.

When a statement is made in an Oracle Database upgrade topic about a major database release number, the statement applies to all releases within that major database release.

Similarly, when a statement is made in an Oracle Database Upgrade topic about a maintenance release, the statement applies to all component-specific and platform-specific releases within that maintenance release. A statement about Oracle Database 20c, or any other release supported for direct upgrade, applies to all component-specific and platform-specific releases within this release, unless otherwise specified.

What Is Oracle Database Compatibility?

Before you upgrade, review compatibility between your earlier release Oracle Database and the new Oracle Database release as part of your upgrade plan.

- [Understanding Oracle Database Compatibility](#)
If new features are incompatible with your earlier release, then Database compatibility can cause issues.
- [When to Set the COMPATIBLE Initialization Parameter in Oracle Database](#)
Oracle recommends increasing the `COMPATIBLE` parameter only after you have completed testing the upgraded database.
- [About the COMPATIBLE Initialization Parameter in Oracle Database](#)
Review to understand how to set the `COMPATIBLE` initialization parameter for non-CDB and multitenant architecture containers in Oracle Database 20c.

- [Values for the COMPATIBLE Initialization Parameter in Oracle Database](#)
Review to find the default and minimum values for the COMPATIBLE initialization parameter for Oracle Database 20c.
- [About Downgrading and Compatibility for Upgrading Oracle Database](#)
Before upgrading to Oracle Database 20c, you must set the COMPATIBLE initialization parameter to at least 12.2.0.
- [How the COMPATIBLE Initialization Parameter Operates in Oracle Database](#)
The COMPATIBLE initialization parameter enables or disables Oracle Database features based on release compatibility.
- [Checking the Compatibility Level of Oracle Database](#)
Use this SQL query to check that the compatibility level of your database corresponds to the value of the COMPATIBLE initialization parameter:

Understanding Oracle Database Compatibility

If new features are incompatible with your earlier release, then Database compatibility can cause issues.

Databases from different releases of Oracle Database software are compatible if they support the same features, and if those features perform the same way. When you upgrade to a new release of Oracle Database, certain new features can make your database incompatible with your earlier release.

Your upgraded database becomes incompatible with your earlier release under the following conditions:

- A new feature stores any data on disk (including data dictionary changes) that cannot be processed with your earlier release.
- An existing feature behaves differently in the new environment as compared to the old environment.

When to Set the COMPATIBLE Initialization Parameter in Oracle Database

Oracle recommends increasing the COMPATIBLE parameter only after you have completed testing the upgraded database.

After the upgrade is complete, you can increase the setting of the COMPATIBLE initialization parameter to the maximum level for the new Oracle Database release. However, after you increase the COMPATIBLE parameter to the maximum value, you cannot subsequently downgrade the database to an earlier release.

About the COMPATIBLE Initialization Parameter in Oracle Database

Review to understand how to set the COMPATIBLE initialization parameter for non-CDB and multitenant architecture containers in Oracle Database 20c.

Oracle Database enables you to control the compatibility of your database with the COMPATIBLE initialization parameter.

- [Understanding the COMPATIBLE Initialization Parameter](#)
Learn about what the COMPATIBLE parameter does, when to raise the parameter release value, and what effects you can expect when you set the parameter to the new Oracle Database release.

- [Rules for COMPATIBLE Parameter Settings in Multitenant Architecture](#)
When you plug in PDBs to a later release CDB, the CDB\$ROOT COMPATIBLE parameter setting can change the PDB COMPATIBLE parameter, or prevent plug-ins.

Understanding the COMPATIBLE Initialization Parameter

Learn about what the COMPATIBLE parameter does, when to raise the parameter release value, and what effects you can expect when you set the parameter to the new Oracle Database release.

In Oracle Database 20c, when the COMPATIBLE initialization parameter is not set in your parameter file, the COMPATIBLE parameter value defaults to 20.0.0. If you do not set the COMPATIBLE initialization parameter to 20.0.0, then you cannot use the new Oracle Database 20c features, because your upgraded database is not running in the required COMPATIBILITY setting for Oracle Database 20c features.

When the Oracle Database COMPATIBLE parameter is increased to 20.0.0, the first Java call to the database initiates a "name translation" operation. This operation can require a few minutes to complete. You should expect this delay the first time a Java call is made to the database after you increase the compatibility parameter. This initial delay to carry out the name translation occurs only during the initial Java call.

Note:

- The minimum Oracle Database release supported for direct upgrade is Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2).
- Before upgrading to Oracle Database 20c, you must set the COMPATIBLE initialization parameter to at least 12.2.0, which is the minimum compatible setting for Oracle Database 20c.
- The compatible parameter must be at least 3 decimal numbers, separated by periods. For example:

```
SQL> ALTER SYSTEM SET COMPATIBLE = '12.2.0 SCOPE=SPFILE;
```

- Oracle recommends that you only raise the COMPATIBLE parameter to the current release level after you have thoroughly tested the upgraded database.
- After you increase the COMPATIBLE parameter, you cannot downgrade the database.

▲ Caution:

After the `COMPATIBLE` parameter has been increased be aware that downgrade to your earlier release can be unsupported, even though upgrades from that release are supported.

When you plug in an earlier release PDB to a later release CDB where `COMPATIBLE` is set to a later release than the earlier release PDB, and you upgrade the PDB by using an unplug/plug/upgrade procedure, the `COMPATIBLE` setting of the upgraded PDB is automatically updated to the `COMPATIBLE` setting of the later release CDB.

Related Topics

- Managing Initialization Parameters Using a Server Parameter File

Rules for COMPATIBLE Parameter Settings in Multitenant Architecture

When you plug in PDBs to a later release CDB, the `CDB$ROOT COMPATIBLE` parameter setting can change the PDB `COMPATIBLE` parameter, or prevent plug-ins.

The `COMPATIBLE` parameter of the container database (CDB) affects the `COMPATIBLE` parameter settings of pluggable databases (PDBs) plugged into that container database. Review the following scenarios that occur when you plug in a PDB to a CDB:

- PDB `COMPATIBLE` equal to `CDB$ROOT COMPATIBLE` parameter setting.
Result: No change to the PDB `COMPATIBLE` parameter setting.
- PDB `COMPATIBLE` is lower than `CDB$ROOT COMPATIBLE` parameter setting.
Result: The PDB `COMPATIBLE` parameter is increased automatically to the same `COMPATIBLE` parameter setting as `CDB$ROOT`. After you plug in the PDB, you cannot downgrade the PDB to an earlier release.
- PDB `COMPATIBLE` is higher than `CDB$ROOT COMPATIBLE` parameter setting.
Result: The PDB cannot be plugged in. Only PDBs with a `COMPATIBLE` parameter setting equal to or lower than `CDB$ROOT` can be plugged in to the CDB.

Values for the COMPATIBLE Initialization Parameter in Oracle Database

Review to find the default and minimum values for the `COMPATIBLE` initialization parameter for Oracle Database 20c.

Default and Minimum COMPATIBLE Parameter Values

The minimum supported release for direct upgrade to Oracle Database 20c is Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2). The minimum `COMPATIBLE` parameter value for Oracle Database 20c is 12.2.0. The default value for the `COMPATIBLE` parameter is 20.0.0. Before you use a direct upgrade to Oracle Database 20c, you must set the `COMPATIBLE` parameter on your source Oracle Database release to at least 12.2.0.

The `COMPATIBLE` parameter should not be changed for an RU or an RUR, either for CDB or Non-CDB instances. The following table lists the default and minimum values

for the `COMPATIBLE` parameter in Oracle Database 20c, compared to earlier releases supported for direct upgrade:

▲ Caution:

After the `COMPATIBLE` parameter is increased, database downgrade is not possible.

When you plug in an earlier release PDB to a later release CDB where `COMPATIBLE` is set to a later release than the earlier release PDB, and you upgrade the PDB by using an unplug/plug/upgrade procedure, the `COMPATIBLE` setting of the upgraded PDB is automatically increased to the `COMPATIBLE` setting of the later release CDB.

Table 1-2 The `COMPATIBLE` Initialization Parameter

Oracle Database Release	Default Value	Minimum Value
Oracle Database 20c	20.0.0	12.2.0
Oracle Database 19c	19.0.0	11.2.0
Oracle Database 18c	18.0.0	11.2.0
Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2)	12.2.0	11.2.0

About Downgrading and Compatibility for Upgrading Oracle Database

Before upgrading to Oracle Database 20c, you must set the `COMPATIBLE` initialization parameter to at least 12.2.0.

After upgrading to Oracle Database 20c, you can set the `COMPATIBLE` initialization parameter to match the release number of the new release. Doing so enables you to use all features of the new release, but prevents you from downgrading to your earlier release. Only a subset of Oracle Database 20c features are available while the `COMPATIBLE` initialization parameter is set to a lower value.

▲ Caution:

After you increase the `COMPATIBLE` parameter to the current release, the database cannot be downgraded to an earlier release.

Related Topics

- [Downgrading Oracle Database to an Earlier Release](#)

How the `COMPATIBLE` Initialization Parameter Operates in Oracle Database

The `COMPATIBLE` initialization parameter enables or disables Oracle Database features based on release compatibility.

The `COMPATIBLE` initialization parameter operates in the following way:

- The `COMPATIBLE` initialization parameter enables or disables the use of features, to help protect your existing application use of data.

If you run an Oracle Database 20c database with the `COMPATIBLE` initialization parameter set to 12.2.0, then the database software generates database structures on disk that are compatible with Oracle Database Release 12c Release 2 (12.2). If you try to use features that are part of a later release of Oracle Database, and make the database incompatible with the `COMPATIBLE` initialization parameter, then an error occurs. However, some new features are enabled that do not create changes on disk that are incompatible with Oracle Database Release 12c Release 2.

- If you make changes to the database that make the database incompatible with the `COMPATIBLE` initialization parameter setting for the database, then does not start, and initialization terminates in an error. To resolve this issue, set the `COMPATIBLE` initialization parameter to a value that is equivalent to the setting required for the changes you made.



See Also:

Oracle Database Concepts for more information about database structures

Checking the Compatibility Level of Oracle Database

Use this SQL query to check that the compatibility level of your database corresponds to the value of the `COMPATIBLE` initialization parameter:

```
SQL> SELECT name, value FROM v$parameter  
       WHERE name = 'compatible';
```

What Is Interoperability for Oracle Database Upgrades?

In the context of upgrading Oracle Database, *interoperability* is the ability of different releases of Oracle Database to communicate and work in a distributed environment.

A distributed database system can comprise different releases of Oracle Database, and all supported releases of Oracle Database can participate in the distributed database system. However, the applications that work with a distributed database must also be able to interoperate with the features and functions that are available at each node in the system.

Interoperability across disparate operating systems and operating system versions can cause problems (especially during rolling upgrades) because the minimum requirements for the new Oracle Database release may require you to upgrade the operating systems on some or all of your hosts. For this reason, before you start an Oracle Database upgrade, you must check to ensure that drivers, network, and storage are compatible for all the interim upgrade states of the system during the rolling upgrade.

 **Note:**

Because *Oracle Database Upgrade Guide* discusses upgrading and downgrading between different releases of Oracle Database, the definition of *interoperability* is for Oracle Database releases. Other Oracle documentation may use a broader definition of the term *interoperability*. For example, interoperability in some cases can describe communication between different hardware platforms and operating systems.

My Oracle Support note 207303.1 "Client / Server / Interoperability Support Between Different Oracle Versions" provides additional information.

Related Topics

- <https://support.oracle.com/rs?type=doc&id=207303.1>

About Invalid Schema Objects and Database Upgrades

Run `utlrp.sql` to validate invalid objects as part of your upgrade test plan.

After database upgrades, release changes can result in invalid schema objects in the upgraded database. Typically, invalid objects fix themselves as they are accessed or run. However, Oracle recommends that you recompile invalid objects in the database as part of your patching and upgrade procedure, so that you resolve issues with invalid objects, and any required dependencies, before users encounter these invalid objects.

Object validation is an operation that checks the Oracle Database Data Definition Language (DDL) statements. These statements are used to define the database structure or schema. Validating DDL statements can take time to complete. The following is a list of some common factors that can affect object validation time:

- Number of invalid objects
- CPU types
- Processor speeds
- System loads
- Available physical memory

The `utlrp.sql` command recompiles all objects in an invalid state, including packages, procedures, and types. It is located in the `$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin` directory. The `utlrp.sql` script automatically runs in serial or in parallel recompilation, based on the number of CPUs available (identified by the parameter `cpu_count`), multiplied by the number of threads for each CPU (identified by the parameter `parallel_threads_per_cpu`). On Oracle Real Application Clusters systems (Oracle RAC), the number of parallel threads is added across all Oracle RAC nodes.

Run the command either as the SYS user, or as another user account that is granted the SYSDBA system privileges.

Oracle recommends that you run the `utlrp.sql` command in the earlier release Oracle Database to recompile any existing invalid objects in your database. Particularly ensure that SYS and SYSTEM user schema invalid objects are updated. During upgrade tests, run `utlrp.sql` in the upgraded Oracle Database as part of

your upgrade test plan, so that you can include planning for recompilation time as part of your upgrade. Recompilation time is proportional to the number of invalid objects in the database. If the upgrade results in a large number of invalid objects, then `utlrip.sql` can take a significant amount of time to run.

About Running Multiple Oracle Database Releases

To run multiple Oracle Database releases at the same time, follow Optimal Flexible Architecture (OFA) standards.

- [Organizing Oracle Software with Optimal Flexible Architecture](#)
Organize Oracle software binaries using the Optimal Flexible Architecture configuration guidelines.
- [Databases in Multiple Oracle Homes on Separate Computers](#)
Review if you want to connect to multiple releases using Oracle Database clients.
- [Databases in Multiple Oracle Homes on the Same Computer](#)
Installing earlier releases of Oracle Database on the same computer that is running Oracle Database 20c can cause issues with client connections.
- [About the Optimal Flexible Architecture Standard](#)
Oracle Optimal Flexible Architecture (OFA) rules help you to organize database software and configure databases to allow multiple databases, of different versions, owned by different users to coexist.
- [About Multiple Oracle Homes Support](#)
Oracle Database supports multiple Oracle homes. You can install this release or earlier releases of the software more than once on the same system, in different Oracle home directories.

Organizing Oracle Software with Optimal Flexible Architecture

Organize Oracle software binaries using the Optimal Flexible Architecture configuration guidelines.

Optimal Flexible Architecture (OFA) is a set of configuration guidelines for efficient and reliable Oracle Database and Oracle Grid Infrastructure deployments. Oracle recommends that you deploy all Oracle software installations in accordance with the OFA architecture standard for Oracle Database installations. Following the OFA standard helps to ensure that your installations are easier for you to maintain, and easier for you to obtain rapid assistance from Oracle Support.

OFA provides the following benefits:

- Organizes large amounts of complicated software and data on disk, which can help to avoid device bottlenecks and poor performance
- Facilitates routine administrative tasks, such as software and data backup functions, which are often vulnerable to data corruption
- Simplifies the administration of multiple Oracle databases
- Helps eliminate fragmentation of free space in the data dictionary, isolates other fragmentation, and helps to minimize resource contention
- Assists database administrators to deploy an effective enterprise data management strategy

If you are not currently using the OFA standard, then switching to the OFA standard involves modifying your directory structure and relocating your database files.

For more information about OFA, refer to your operating system-specific Oracle documentation. For more information about managing data files and temp files, refer to *Oracle Database Administrator's Guide*.

Databases in Multiple Oracle Homes on Separate Computers

Review if you want to connect to multiple releases using Oracle Database clients.

You can install current and earlier Oracle Database releases in Oracle homes on separate computers, and use earlier Oracle Database Client releases connecting to any or all of the databases. However, you must install the latest release first, and install earlier releases subsequently in descending chronological order. Installing in descending chronological order ensures that each installation can find the Oracle inventory and register its installation, so that you can avoid a corruption of the Oracle inventory.

Caution:

By default, when you unplug an earlier release PDB from an earlier release CDB, and plug it into a later release CDB, the `COMPATIBLE` setting for the PDB is updated to the `COMPATIBLE` value set for the CDB for the later release PDB. For example, if you upgrade an Oracle Database 12.2 PDB with `COMPATIBLE` set to 12.2.0, using an unplug-plug upgrade, and the CDB has a `COMPATIBLE` setting of 19.0.0, then the PDB `COMPATIBLE` setting is automatically advanced to 19.0.0.

Databases in Multiple Oracle Homes on the Same Computer

Installing earlier releases of Oracle Database on the same computer that is running Oracle Database 20c can cause issues with client connections.

You can find that you are not able to install earlier releases of Oracle Database on the same computer that is running Oracle Database 20c, and then have clients connect to the databases of the earlier releases. For example, you cannot have Oracle Database 12c, Oracle Database 18c, Oracle Database 19c and Oracle Database 20c release databases in multiple (or separate) Oracle homes on the same computer, and have Oracle Database 12c, Oracle Database 18c, Oracle Database 19c, and Oracle Database 20c clients connecting to any or all of the databases on this computer. It is possible to have a combination of some releases on one system.

Oracle recommends that you obtain the latest information about compatibility and supported configurations from My Oracle Support Note 207303.1 "Client / Server / Interoperability Support Between Different Oracle Versions" on My Oracle Support.



See Also:

<https://support.oracle.com/CSP/main/article?cmd=show&type=NOT&id=207303.1>

About the Optimal Flexible Architecture Standard

Oracle Optimal Flexible Architecture (OFA) rules help you to organize database software and configure databases to allow multiple databases, of different versions, owned by different users to coexist.

In earlier Oracle Database releases, the OFA rules provided optimal system performance by isolating fragmentation and minimizing contention. In current releases, OFA rules provide consistency in database management and support, and simplifies expanding or adding databases, or adding additional hardware.

By default, Oracle Universal Installer places Oracle Database components in directory locations and with permissions in compliance with OFA rules. Oracle recommends that you configure all Oracle components in accordance with OFA guidelines.

Oracle recommends that you accept the OFA default. Following OFA rules is especially of value if the database is large, or if you plan to have multiple databases.



Note:

OFA assists in identification of an ORACLE_BASE with its Automatic Diagnostic Repository (ADR) diagnostic data to properly collect incidents.

About Multiple Oracle Homes Support

Oracle Database supports multiple Oracle homes. You can install this release or earlier releases of the software more than once on the same system, in different Oracle home directories.

Careful selection of mount point names can make Oracle software easier to administer. Configuring multiple Oracle homes in compliance with Optimal Flexible Architecture (OFA) rules provides the following advantages:

- You can install this release, or earlier releases of the software, more than once on the same system, in different Oracle home directories. However, you cannot install products from one release of Oracle Database into an Oracle home directory of a different release.
- Multiple databases, of different versions, owned by different users can coexist concurrently.
- To install Oracle Database software in multiple Oracle homes, you must extract the image file in each Oracle home, and then run the setup wizard from the respective Oracle home.
- You must install a new Oracle Database release in a new Oracle home that is separate from earlier releases of Oracle Database.

You cannot install multiple releases in one Oracle home. Oracle recommends that you create a separate Oracle Database Oracle home for each release, in accordance with the Optimal Flexible Architecture (OFA) guidelines.

- In production, the Oracle Database server software release is the release number in the format of major and RU release number. For example, with the release number 19.3.0.0.0, the major release is 19 and the RU release number is 3.
- Later Oracle Database releases can access earlier Oracle Database releases. However, this access is only for upgrades. For example, Oracle Database 19c can access an Oracle Database 18c if the 18c database is started up in upgrade mode.
- 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 12.2.0.1 into an existing Oracle Database 12.2.0.1 home but you cannot install Oracle Database Client 12.2.0.1 into an existing Oracle Database 12.1.0.2 home. If you apply a patch set before installing the client, then you must apply the patch set again.
- Structured organization of directories and files, and consistent naming for database files simplify database administration.
- Login home directories are not at risk when database administrators add, move, or delete Oracle home directories.
- You can test software upgrades in an Oracle home in a separate directory from the Oracle home where your production database is located.
- For information about release support timelines, refer to My Oracle Support Doc ID 742060.1

Related Topics

- [My Oracle Support Note 742060.1](#)

About Converting Databases During Upgrades

Review these topics to determine which is the best path for you to select to upgrade Oracle Databases.

- [Overview of Converting Databases During Upgrades](#)
There are two methods to convert non-CDBs to multitenant architecture Oracle Databases during upgrades, and several different technologies you can use.
- [About Upgrading Using Standby Databases](#)
You can perform rolling upgrades of databases by using Active Oracle Data Guard, or by using Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control.
- [Overview of Steps for Upgrading Oracle Database Using Oracle GoldenGate](#)
Review these steps to understand how to upgrade Oracle Database using Oracle GoldenGate.
- [Migrating From Standard Edition to Enterprise Edition of Oracle Database](#)
Review these options to migrate to Oracle Database Enterprise Edition from Oracle Database Standard Edition
- [Migrating from Enterprise Edition to Standard Edition of Oracle Database](#)
Converting from Enterprise Edition to Standard Edition requires exporting and importing data.

- [Migrating from Oracle Database Express Edition \(Oracle Database XE\) to Oracle Database](#)
You must upgrade from Oracle Database Express Edition to Oracle Database Enterprise Edition, and then upgrade to the current Oracle Database release.

Overview of Steps for Upgrading Oracle Database Using Oracle GoldenGate

Review these steps to understand how to upgrade Oracle Database using Oracle GoldenGate.

Upgrading to the new Oracle Database release using Oracle GoldenGate consists of the following high-level steps.

1. Set up a standby database running the earlier database software release using an existing database backup.
2. Upgrade the standby database to the new Oracle Database release.
3. Synchronize the standby database with the production database.
4. Test your environment in active/live mode.
5. Switch over the application to the standby database.
6. Carry out comprehensive testing of the new release on the standby database.
7. Upgrade the primary database to the new Oracle Database release.

Related Topics

- [Oracle GoldenGate documentation](#)
- [Testing a Database Upgrade](#)

Overview of Converting Databases During Upgrades

There are two methods to convert non-CDBs to multitenant architecture Oracle Databases during upgrades, and several different technologies you can use.

Oracle Database 19c is the terminal release for non-CDB Oracle Database upgrades to non-CDB architecture. Review the upgrade options for migration and upgrade from non-CDB Oracle Database architecture to Oracle Database deployed using the multitenant architecture.

Options for Manual Migration and Upgrades of Oracle Database Non-CDB Architecture to the Multitenant Architecture

There are two ways you can perform manual migrations and upgrades of non-CDBs to Oracle Database container databases (CDBs) and pluggable databases (PDBs), which use the multitenant architecture:

- Convert the non-CDB to a PDB before upgrade.
With this option, you plug in the non-CDB Oracle Database release to the same release CDB. (For example, plug in a non-CDB Oracle Database Release 18c into an Oracle Database 18c release CDB). Finish converting the non-CDB Oracle Database to a PDB. Then, upgrade the entire CDB, with its PDBs, to Oracle Database 19c.

- Plug in the non-CDB, upgrade, and finish converting the non-CDB to a PDB after upgrade.

With this option, you plug in a non-CDB Oracle Database release to an Oracle Database 19c CDB. Upgrade the plugged-in non-CDB Oracle Database to Oracle Database 19c. Then, finish converting the non-CDB Oracle Database to a PDB.

Upgrade Technology Methods for Options

The following table lists methods that you can use to convert upgrades, including references to availability issues. It also provides references to the documentation that describes how to carry out each upgrade method.

Table 1-3 Technology Methods for Migrating and Upgrading Databases During Upgrades

Method	Description	Reference
AutoUpgrade for Oracle Database	Use the AutoUpgrade tool to automate the upgrade of your database.	Refer to the topic "Using AutoUpgrade for Oracle Database Upgrades"
Oracle Data Guard Transient Standby (Physical Standby) database	Use an existing physical standby database to perform a database upgrade by temporarily converting it to a logical standby database, and then converting it back to a physical standby.	Refer to the topic "About Upgrading Using Standby Databases"
Parallel Upgrade Utility	Use the Parallel Upgrade Utility to perform a manual upgrade of Oracle Database. If the Oracle Database is a non-CDB, then you must convert the database to a PDB	Refer to the topics under "Upgrading Oracle Database with DBUA or Parallel Upgrade Utility"
Oracle GoldenGate synchronization of production and standby databases for zero downtime upgrades	<p>Use Oracle GoldenGate with software upgrades and with Oracle Database data migration procedures to carry out a synchronization approach to maintaining availability during an upgrade.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use RMAN restore and upgrade to set up a standby database running the earlier release software using an existing backup • Upgrade the standby database to the new Oracle Database release • Move the entire database and synchronize the standby database with the production database using the following tools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Oracle Data Pump – Transportable Tablespaces (TTS) – CREATE TABLE AS SELECT (CTIS) to create new tables and populate them with rows from specified queries. – INSERT AS SELECT (IAS) to create nonpartitioned tables • Use Data Load/Unload to load data into the new database release, and unload data from the old database release 	Refer to Oracle GoldenGate documentation, and relevant Oracle Database documentation for your use case.
Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control	Oracle provides Cloud Control support for performing database upgrades with Oracle Database 12c and later releases. This option requires that you purchase the Enterprise Manager Lifecycle Management Pack.	Refer to Online help in Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control

 **Note:**

Upgrades of Oracle Grid Infrastructure (Oracle Clusterware and Oracle Automatic Storage Management) are carried out separately, before Oracle Database upgrades. You must complete Oracle Grid Infrastructure upgrades before you upgrade Oracle Database installations. Other features installed with Oracle Database can have additional upgrade requirements.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Grid Infrastructure Installation Guide* for your platform
- [Oracle GoldenGate documentation](#)

About Upgrading Using Standby Databases

You can perform rolling upgrades of databases by using Active Oracle Data Guard, or by using Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control.

The `DBMS_ROLLING` PL/SQL package enables you to upgrade the database software in an Oracle Data Guard configuration in a rolling fashion. Rolling upgrades using Active Data Guard uses an Oracle Data Guard physical standby database and the SQL Apply process. Using Data Guard for rolling upgrades is supported for Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1) and later Oracle Database releases.

With Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2) and later releases, when you perform a rolling upgrade using the `DBMS_ROLLING` PL/SQL package, you no longer need to disable the broker. In addition, the broker now reports when a rolling upgrade is in place, and tracks its status. The status information is displayed in the output of the DGMGRL commands `SHOW CONFIGURATION` and `SHOW DATABASE`.

Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control provides options to perform a rolling upgrade of databases in a Data Guard configuration. The procedures are described in online help within Cloud Control.

 **See Also:**

- *Oracle Data Guard Broker* for information about upgrading and downgrading in an Oracle Data Guard broker configuration
- *Oracle Data Guard Concepts and Administration* for information about using `DBMS_ROLLING` to perform a rolling upgrade.

Migrating From Standard Edition to Enterprise Edition of Oracle Database

Review these options to migrate to Oracle Database Enterprise Edition from Oracle Database Standard Edition

If you have Oracle Database Standard Edition at a release earlier than the new Oracle Database release, then you can change it from a Standard Edition release to Oracle Database Enterprise Edition by selecting one of the following options:

- Perform a normal upgrade procedure.

Install Oracle Enterprise Edition software in a new Oracle home, and follow the normal upgrade procedures as described in the "Upgrading Oracle Database" chapter. The Data Dictionary for Standard Edition and Enterprise Edition configurations are the same. The difference between Standard Edition and Enterprise Edition is in the options that are available in the server executable.

- Perform an In-Place Upgrade using the same Oracle home.

If you have a Standard Edition database at a release earlier than the new release of Oracle Database, and you want to perform an in-place upgrade using the same Oracle home, then you must first upgrade the Standard Edition Database. After you complete the upgrade, use the procedure described here to install Oracle Database Enterprise Edition software and to move to Oracle Database Enterprise Edition.

▲ Caution:

Performing this procedure deinstalls the Oracle Standard Edition software. It results in deleting database files that exist under the Oracle home, and under the Fast Recovery Area (FRA). Back up database files under the current Oracle home before you begin this procedure.

1. Ensure that the release number of your Oracle Standard Edition server software is the same release as your Oracle Enterprise Edition server software.
2. Shut down your database.
3. If your operating system is Windows, then stop all Oracle services, including the `OracleServiceSID` Oracle service, where `SID` is the instance name.
4. Back up all database files under the current Oracle home that you must keep.
5. Deinstall the Standard Edition server software.

▲ Caution:

This step deletes all existing database files that reside under the Oracle home.

Run the deinstallation tool from the Oracle home. The deinstallation tool is available as a separate command (`deinstall`) under the Oracle home directory after installation. It is located under `ORACLE_HOME\deinstall`.

To deinstall an Oracle home on Windows, use the following syntax:

```
setup.exe -deinstall -home path_of_Oracle_home_to_be_deinstalled
```

To deinstall an Oracle home on Linux and UNIX, use the following syntax:

```
$ ./runInstaller -deinstall -home path_of_Oracle_home_to_be_deinstalled
```

 **Note:**

Starting with Oracle Database 12c, the deinstallation tool is integrated with the database installation media. You can run the deinstallation tool using `runInstaller` on Linux and UNIX, or by using `setup.exe` on Windows with the `-deinstall` and `-home` options from the base directory of the Oracle Database, Oracle Database Client, or Oracle Grid Infrastructure installation media.

6. Install Oracle Enterprise Edition server software using Oracle Universal Installer (OUI).

Select the same Oracle home that was used for the Standard Edition that you uninstalled, or select a new Oracle home. During the installation, be sure to select Enterprise Edition. When prompted, choose `Software Only` from the Database Configuration screen.

7. If you have an existing database, then set your `ORACLE_SID` to this preexisting database.

If your existing database is on Windows, then you must recreate the database service by using the `ORADIM` utility.

8. Start up your database.

Related Topics

- [Upgrading Oracle Database](#)
You can upgrade manually by using the Parallel Upgrade Utility command-line option, or you can use the Replay Upgrade process.

Migrating from Enterprise Edition to Standard Edition of Oracle Database

Converting from Enterprise Edition to Standard Edition requires exporting and importing data.

To properly convert from an Enterprise Edition database to a Standard Edition database, you must perform an Export/Import operation. Oracle recommends that you use the Standard Edition Export utility to export the data. If you only install Standard Edition software, then some data dictionary objects become invalid. These invalid objects create problems when maintaining the database.

The Export/Import operation does not introduce data dictionary objects specific to the Enterprise Edition, because the `sys` schema objects are not exported. After the Import in the Standard Edition database, you are only required to drop user schemas related to Enterprise Edition features.

Migrating from Oracle Database Express Edition (Oracle Database XE) to Oracle Database

You must upgrade from Oracle Database Express Edition to Oracle Database Enterprise Edition, and then upgrade to the current Oracle Database release.

Oracle Database Express Edition (Oracle Database XE) is an entry-level edition of Oracle Database.

To upgrade Oracle Database 11g release 2 (11.2) Express Edition (Oracle Database XE) to Oracle Database 12c Release 2 or later releases, you must first upgrade from Oracle Database XE to Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1.0.2) Enterprise Edition, and then upgrade to a later Oracle Database Enterprise Edition release.

For more information, see the "Oracle Database Express Edition (XE)" Oracle online forum:

<http://forums.oracle.com>

About Upgrading Platforms for a New Oracle Database Release

Review these topics if you upgrade your operating system or hardware for a new Oracle Database release.

- [About Upgrading Your Operating System](#)
Check operating system requirements for new releases, and if necessary, upgrade your operating system before upgrading Oracle Database.
- [Options for Transporting Data to a Different Operating System](#)
Review these restrictions and guidelines if you want to perform a cross-platform upgrade.

About Upgrading Your Operating System

Check operating system requirements for new releases, and if necessary, upgrade your operating system before upgrading Oracle Database.

When you upgrade to a new release of Oracle software, the operating system requirements may have changed. If required, upgrade the operating system before upgrading Oracle Database.

See Also:

- *Oracle Database Installation Guide* for your platform to obtain a list of supported operating systems
- Your operating system-specific documentation for information about how to perform an operating system upgrade

Options for Transporting Data to a Different Operating System

Review these restrictions and guidelines if you want to perform a cross-platform upgrade.

When using DBUA or when performing a manual upgrade for Oracle Database, you cannot directly migrate or transport data in a database on one operating system to a database on another operating system. For example, you cannot migrate data in an Oracle database on Solaris to an Oracle 12c database on Windows using DBUA. You must follow procedures specific to your operating system platforms.

To see the platforms that support cross-platform data transport, run the following query using SQL*Plus:

```
SELECT * FROM V$TRANSPORTABLE_PLATFORM ORDER BY PLATFORM_NAME;
```

Note:

If the source platform and the target platform are of different endianness, then you cannot use the `RMAN CONVERT DATABASE` command. This process requires both the source and target platform to be the same endian value. Your available options are Data Pump replication, Data Pump export/import, or Transportable Tablespace, with an `RMAN CONVERT TABLESPACE`. If the platforms are of the same endianness, then no conversion is necessary and data can be transported as if on the same platform.

See Also:

- *Oracle Database Administrator's Guide* for a discussion of transporting data across platforms
- *Oracle Database Backup and Recovery User's Guide* for information on using the `RMAN CONVERT DATABASE` and `RMAN CONVERT TABLESPACE` commands

Differences Between Oracle Home in Read-Only Mode and Read-Write Mode

The read-only Oracle home software image simplifies patching and mass rollouts of software across multiple database servers.

A read-only Oracle home (`ORACLE_HOME`) installation prevents both creation and modification of files inside the Oracle home directory.

Traditional read-write Oracle homes contain instance-specific files. If you patch these files, then you must patch each of them individually. However, when the Oracle home is read-only, instance-specific files are stored separately in the Oracle base directory

(ORACLE_BASE), instead of in the Oracle home. Because of this configuration, you can use a read-only Oracle home as a software image that you can share across multiple database servers, because the Oracle home stores only the static files. This option simplifies patching and mass rollout, because when you want to distribute a patch to multiple database servers, you only need to update one Oracle home image.

Apart from the traditional ORACLE_BASE and ORACLE_HOME directories, the following additional directories exist in a read-only Oracle home:

- ORACLE_BASE_HOME: This is a subdirectory within the ORACLE_BASE directory. This directory contains user-specific files, instance-specific files, and log files.
- ORACLE_BASE_CONFIG: This directory is same as the ORACLE_BASE directory. This directory contains instance-specific dynamic files, such as configuration files.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database Installation Guide*

See Also:

“Configuring Read-Only Oracle Homes” in the Oracle Database installation guide specific to your platform for more information about configuring an Oracle home in read-only mode.

About Image-Based Oracle Database Installation

Understand image-based installation to simplify installation and configuration of Oracle Database software in Oracle Database 18c and later releases.

To install Oracle Database, create the new Oracle home, extract the image file into the newly-created Oracle home, and run the setup wizard to register the Oracle Database product.

Using image-based installation, you can install and upgrade Oracle Database for single-instance and cluster configurations.

This installation feature streamlines the installation process and supports automation of large-scale custom deployments. You can also use this installation method for deployment of customized images, after you patch the base-release software with the necessary Release Updates (Updates) or Release Update Revisions (Revisions).

Note:

You must extract the image software (`db_home.zip`) into the directory where you want your Oracle Database home to be located, and then run the Oracle Database Setup Wizard to start the Oracle Database installation and configuration. Oracle recommends that the Oracle home directory path you create is in compliance with the Oracle Optimal Flexible Architecture recommendations.

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Preparing to Upgrade Oracle Database

Complete preupgrade tasks and checks to assist you with completing a successful upgrade.

This chapter provides information and procedures for the pre-upgrade tasks, including planning your upgrades, data-gathering, testing, installing the new Oracle software for the upgrade, using the Parallel Upgrade Utility to carry out your upgrade, and performing other checks and tasks.

- [Tasks to Prepare for Oracle Database Upgrades](#)
Carry out these tasks to prepare your upgrade.
- [Pre-Upgrade Information Tool Checklist](#)
To obtain a checklist of tasks you must complete before upgrading an Oracle Database on a physical server or virtual machine, run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool (`preupgrade.jar`).
- [Installing the New Oracle Database Software for Single Instance](#)
Use this procedure overview to assist you to install the software for the new Oracle Database release for a single instance deployment.
- [Installing the New Oracle Database Software for Oracle RAC](#)
Use this procedure overview to assist you to install the software for the new Oracle Database release for an Oracle RAC deployment.
- [Database Preparation Tasks to Complete Before Starting Oracle Database Upgrades](#)
Ensure that you have completed these database preparation tasks before starting an Oracle Database upgrade.
- [Preparing for Database Rolling Upgrades Using Oracle Data Guard](#)
If you perform your upgrade using Oracle Data Guard to carry out a rolling upgrade, then you must move the Data Guard broker configuration files before starting your upgrade.
- [Preparing the New Oracle Home for Upgrading](#)
To prepare the new Oracle home in a new location, check to see if you must move configuration files, or complete other tasks.
- [Prerequisites for Preparing Oracle Home on Windows](#)
Your system must meet these requirements before you can upgrade Oracle Database on Microsoft Windows platforms.
- [Performing Preupgrade Checks Using AutoUpgrade](#)
The AutoUpgrade Utility is a Java JAR file provided by Oracle that helps to ensure that your upgrade completes successfully.
- [Testing the Upgrade Process for Oracle Database](#)
Your test plan for Oracle Database upgrades should include these test procedures.

- [Requirements for Upgrading Databases That Use Oracle Label Security and Oracle Database Vault](#)
You must complete these tasks before starting an upgrade with a database using Oracle Label Security or Oracle Database Vault.
- [Backing Up Oracle Database for Upgrading](#)
Use this procedure to back up your existing Oracle Database before you attempt an upgrade.

Tasks to Prepare for Oracle Database Upgrades

Carry out these tasks to prepare your upgrade.

Before you upgrade your database, Oracle recommends that you review the new features and determine the best upgrade path and method to use, and carry out procedures to prepare your database for upgrade. Oracle strongly recommends that you test the upgrade process and prepare a backup strategy.

- [Become Familiar with New Oracle Database Features](#)
Before you plan the upgrade process, become familiar with the features of the new Oracle Database release.
- [Choose an Upgrade Method for Oracle Database](#)
Oracle offers several methods to upgrade your database, which support the complexities of your enterprise.
- [Choose a New Location for Oracle Home when Upgrading](#)
You must choose a location for Oracle home for the new release of Oracle Database that is separate from the Oracle home of your current release.
- [Develop a Test Plan for Upgrading Oracle Database](#)
Review these topics to understand how to create a series of carefully designed tests to validate all stages of the upgrade process.
- [Schema-Only Accounts and Upgrading EXPIRED Password Accounts](#)
Before starting your upgrade, determine if you want to use password authentication to default Oracle Database accounts where their passwords are in `EXPIRED` status, and their account is in `LOCKED` status.
- [Back Up Files to Preserve Downgrade and Recovery Options](#)
To ensure that you can recover from upgrade issues, and downgrade to an earlier release if necessary, Oracle recommends that you implement a backup strategy for your database, and for some specific files.

Become Familiar with New Oracle Database Features

Before you plan the upgrade process, become familiar with the features of the new Oracle Database release.

Oracle Database New Features Guide is a good starting point for learning the differences between Oracle Database releases. Also, check specific guides in the Oracle Database documentation library to find information about new features for a certain component. For example, see *Oracle Real Application Clusters Administration and Deployment Guide* for changes in Oracle Real Application Clusters.

 **Note:**

Oracle Database training classes are an excellent way to learn how to take full advantage of the features and functions available with Oracle Database. You can find more information here:

<http://education.oracle.com/>

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database New Features Guide*

Choose an Upgrade Method for Oracle Database

Oracle offers several methods to upgrade your database, which support the complexities of your enterprise.

- [The Graphical User Interface Method for Upgrading Oracle Database](#)
Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA) interactively steps you through the upgrade process and configures the database for the new Oracle Database release.
- [The Manual, Command-Line Method for Upgrading Oracle Database](#)
Manual upgrades give you finer control over the upgrade process.
- [The Export/Import Method for Migrating Data When Upgrading Oracle Database](#)
You can use Oracle Data Pump to carry out data exports and imports.

The Graphical User Interface Method for Upgrading Oracle Database

Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA) interactively steps you through the upgrade process and configures the database for the new Oracle Database release.

DBUA starts the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool, which fixes some configuration settings to the values required for the upgrade. For example, the tool can change initialization parameters to values required for the upgrade. The tool also provides you with a list of items that you can fix manually before you continue with the upgrade.

The Manual, Command-Line Method for Upgrading Oracle Database

Manual upgrades give you finer control over the upgrade process.

A manual upgrade consists of running SQL scripts and utilities from a command line to upgrade a database to the new Oracle Database release.

Before the Upgrade

- Analyze the database using the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool.

The Pre-Upgrade Information Tool is a Java JAR file that is supplied with Oracle Database. When you start the tool, it self-extracts, and then executes SQL scripts that perform diagnostics. The tool then displays information about possible upgrade issues, the reason why these issues are occurring, and the actions that you must take to resolve them. The tool also generates fixup scripts for some issues.

- Prepare the new Oracle home.

- Perform a backup of the database.

Depending on the Oracle Database release that you upgrade, you can be required to perform more preupgrade steps. These steps can include adjusting the parameter file for the upgrade, removing desupported initialization parameters, or adjusting initialization parameters that can cause upgrade problems.

The Export/Import Method for Migrating Data When Upgrading Oracle Database

You can use Oracle Data Pump to carry out data exports and imports.

Topics:

- [The Effects of Export/Import on Upgraded Oracle Databases](#)
Review this topic to understand the benefits of Export/Import data migration.
- [Export/Import Benefits for Migrating Data for Oracle Database](#)
Migrating data when upgrading Oracle Database using Oracle Data Pump Export and Import provides benefits that can increase performance.
- [Time Requirements for Migrating Data with Export/Import](#)
Understand the time it takes for data migration using Oracle Data Pump.

The Effects of Export/Import on Upgraded Oracle Databases

Review this topic to understand the benefits of Export/Import data migration.

The Export/Import data migration method does not change the current database, which enables the database to remain available throughout the upgrade process. However, if a consistent snapshot of the database is required (for data integrity or other purposes), then the database must run in restricted mode or must otherwise be protected from changes during the export procedure. Because the current database can remain available, you can, for example, keep an existing production database running while the newly upgraded Oracle Database database is being built at the same time by Export/Import. During the upgrade, to maintain complete database consistency, changes to the data in the database cannot be permitted without the same changes to the data in the newly upgraded Oracle database.

Most importantly, the Export/Import operation results in a completely new database. Although the current target database ultimately contains a copy of the specified data that you migrated, the upgraded database can perform differently from the original source database. Although Export/Import creates an identical copy of the database, other factors can cause unexpected performance issues. (For example: disk placement of data, and unset tuning parameters).

Export/Import Benefits for Migrating Data for Oracle Database

Migrating data when upgrading Oracle Database using Oracle Data Pump Export and Import provides benefits that can increase performance.

Using Oracle Data Pump Export and Import to migrate data provides the following benefits:

- Defragments the data. You can compress the imported data to improve performance.

- Restructures the database. You can create new tablespaces or modify existing tables, tablespaces, or partitions that you want to populate with imported data.
- Facilitates side-by-side testing of the earlier release (current) Oracle Database, and the new release Oracle Database, because an entirely new database is created.
- Enables the copying of specified database objects or users. Importing only the objects, users, and other items you need is useful for establishing a test environment for the new software on only a subset of the production data. Oracle Data Pump Export and Import provides flexible data-subsetting capabilities, such as INCLUDE and EXCLUDE. By using these capabilities, you can narrow the list of objects that you import. By using the QUERY parameters, you can filter out rows for a table at export and import time.
- Serves as a backup archive. You can use a full database export as an archive of the current database.
- Enables you to establish the upgraded database on a different operating system or hardware platform than the platform on which your earlier release database is placed.
- Network-based Oracle Data Pump Import enables you to load the new release Oracle Database directly across the network used for your earlier release Oracle Database. By using network-based Oracle Data Pump Import, you are not required to use intervening dump files.

Time Requirements for Migrating Data with Export/Import

Understand the time it takes for data migration using Oracle Data Pump.

Migrating an entire Oracle Database by using Oracle Data Pump using Export/Import can take a long time, especially compared to using DBUA or performing a manual upgrade. If you use Oracle Data Pump to migrate data, then schedule the migration during non-peak hours or make provisions for propagating to the new database any changes that are made to the current database during the upgrade.

Choose a New Location for Oracle Home when Upgrading

You must choose a location for Oracle home for the new release of Oracle Database that is separate from the Oracle home of your current release.

Using separate installation locations enables you to keep your existing Oracle software installed along with the new Oracle software. By using separate installation locations, you can test the upgrade process on a test database before replacing your production environment entirely.

When you upgrade a database, you must install the new Oracle home in a new location (an out-of-place upgrade).

If you are upgrading a PDB by using an unplug/plug upgrade, then the target CDB into which you plug the PDB is the location for the PDB. There is no need to choose a new location for installing the target Oracle homes, because the target CDB already has its Oracle home.

Develop a Test Plan for Upgrading Oracle Database

Review these topics to understand how to create a series of carefully designed tests to validate all stages of the upgrade process.

Oracle recommends that you perform rigorous tests of your database and applications. When you run and complete tests successfully, you help to ensure that you understand the process of upgrading the production database, so that the upgrade process is predictable and successful. Oracle strongly recommends that you perform as much testing as possible before upgrading a production database. Do not underestimate the importance of a complete and repeatable testing process.

You can choose to perform tests manually, or you can use utilities to assist your tests, such as Oracle Real Application Testing features like Database Replay or SQL Performance Analyzer. In either case, the types of tests that you perform are the same.

Your test plan must include these types of tests:

- [Upgrade Testing](#)
When you upgrade Oracle Database to a new release, Oracle strongly recommends that you create, test, and validate an upgrade plan.
- [Minimal Testing](#)
To avoid encountering application startup or invocation problems, Oracle recommends that you perform minimal testing of applications on a test new Oracle Database environment.
- [Functional Testing After Upgrades](#)
Perform functional testing of the upgraded Oracle Database after the upgrade is complete.
- [High Availability Testing](#)
To ensure that you can continue to meet your service level agreements, plan to perform High Availability testing on your upgraded Oracle Database system.
- [Integration Testing to Ensure Applications are Compatible](#)
Integration testing for Oracle Database examines the interactions among components of the system.
- [Performance Testing an Upgraded Oracle Database](#)
Plan performance testing comparisons between your earlier release and upgraded Oracle Database.
- [Volume and Load Stress Testing for Oracle Database Upgrades](#)
To perform volume and load stress testing of the entire upgraded Oracle Database under high volume and loads, use Database Replay.
- [Test Plan Guidelines for Oracle Database Upgrade Planning](#)
Perform planned tests on your earlier Oracle Database release, and on the test database that you upgraded to the new Oracle Database release.

Upgrade Testing

When you upgrade Oracle Database to a new release, Oracle strongly recommends that you create, test, and validate an upgrade plan.

Upgrade testing for Oracle Database entails planning and testing the upgrade path from your current Oracle Database software to the new Oracle Database release. Oracle strongly recommends that you plan and test your upgrade, whether you use Oracle Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA), perform a manual upgrade, or use the AutoUpgrade utility. Planning and testing also applies if you use data migration methods, such as Oracle Data Pump Export/Import, or other data-copying methods. Regardless of the upgrade or data migration method you choose, you must plan, test, and validate changes.

Minimal Testing

To avoid encountering application startup or invocation problems, Oracle recommends that you perform minimal testing of applications on a test new Oracle Database environment.

Minimal testing for Oracle Database entails moving all or part of an application from the current Oracle Database release to a new release Oracle Database installation, and running the application without enabling any new database features. It is possible that minimal testing does not reveal problems that appear in an actual production environment. However, minimal testing immediately reveals any application startup or invocation problems.

Functional Testing After Upgrades

Perform functional testing of the upgraded Oracle Database after the upgrade is complete.

Functional testing for Oracle Database is a set of tests in which new and existing features and functions of the system are tested after the upgrade. Functional testing includes all database, networking, and application components. The objective of functional testing is to verify that each component of the system functions as it did before upgrading and to verify that new functions are working properly.

High Availability Testing

To ensure that you can continue to meet your service level agreements, plan to perform High Availability testing on your upgraded Oracle Database system.

High Availability testing for Oracle Database ensures that the upgraded database system meets these recovery business requirements:

- Recovery Time Objective (RTO)
- Recovery Point Objective (RPO)

Oracle recommends the following test procedures for high availability testing:

- Create node or instance failures during stress testing. Node or instance failures help to evaluate the Oracle RAC recovery capability.
- Test fallback plans and procedures to ensure that you can minimize downtime on upgraded databases.
- Check database performance and stability, and resolve performance problems. Resolving performance problems helps to ensure that the upgrade process runs within the time that you have allocated.

Integration Testing to Ensure Applications are Compatible

Integration testing for Oracle Database examines the interactions among components of the system.

Oracle recommends that you carry out the following tests as part of your integration testing:

- To ensure that Pro*C/C++ applications are compatible with the upgraded database, test Pro*C/C++ application clients with the upgraded Oracle Database
- Test graphical user interfaces.
- Test all applications that interact directly or indirectly with the database. Subtle changes in an upgraded Oracle Database, such as data types, data in the data dictionary (additional rows in the data dictionary, object type changes, and so on) can affect front-end applications, even if those applications are not directly connected to the upgraded Oracle Database instance.
- Test and stress-test any Oracle Net or Oracle Net Services connections between components.

Related Topics

- C++ Applications
- Upgrade Considerations for Oracle Net Services

Performance Testing an Upgraded Oracle Database

Plan performance testing comparisons between your earlier release and upgraded Oracle Database.

Performance testing of the upgraded Oracle Database compares the performance of various SQL statements in the new database with the performance of those same statements in the current database. Before upgrading, analyze the performance profile of applications under your current Oracle Database release. Specifically, analyze and understand the calls that applications make to the database server.

Oracle strongly recommends that you set up a testing system with the same storage, data, and other characteristics as your production system.

- [Database Replay and Performance Testing](#)
Use the Database Replay feature to perform real-world testing of an Oracle Database upgrade on your production workload before actually upgrading the production database.
- [SQL Performance Analyzer](#)
To forecast the impact of Oracle Database system changes on a SQL workload, use the SQL Performance Analyzer.
- [Use SQL Plan Management to Test SQL Execution Plans After Upgrade](#)
To avoid performance regressions after an Oracle Database upgrade, learn how to carry out SQL plan management tests.

Database Replay and Performance Testing

Use the Database Replay feature to perform real-world testing of an Oracle Database upgrade on your production workload before actually upgrading the production database.

The Database Replay feature captures the actual database workload on the production system, and replays it on the test system. Database Replay also provides analysis and reporting to highlight potential problems; for example, errors encountered, divergence in performance, and so forth. In addition, all the regular Enterprise Manager performance monitoring and reporting tools such as Automatic Database Diagnostic Monitor, Automatic Workload Repository (AWR), and Active Session History are available to address any problems.

Note:

You can change the stored procedure logic in the database. However, the stored PL/SQL procedures that implement the application logic must maintain the same interfaces as before the upgrade. If an upgrade affects the stored procedures of an application, replaying the workload may not be possible. Using Database Replay tool with the same interfaces provides you with good diagnostics to see if the new application logic in the server is performing as expected after the upgrade.

Related Topics

- [Introduction to Database Replay](#)
- [Managing the Automatic Workload Repository](#)

SQL Performance Analyzer

To forecast the impact of Oracle Database system changes on a SQL workload, use the SQL Performance Analyzer.

SQL Performance Analyzer enables you to evaluate the effect of an Oracle Database upgrade on your SQL workloads. SQL Performance Analyzer finds possible issues by identifying the SQL statements affected by the upgrade. It then measures the performance divergence of SQL workloads before the upgrade, and after the upgrade. The analysis enables you to assess the overall effect of the upgrade on SQL performance. You can then take measures to avoid any negative outcome from SQL workload changes before they can affect users.

Related Topics

- [Introduction to SQL Performance Analyzer](#)

Use SQL Plan Management to Test SQL Execution Plans After Upgrade

To avoid performance regressions after an Oracle Database upgrade, learn how to carry out SQL plan management tests.

- [Why Perform SQL Plan Management?](#)
To prevent users from encountering performance regressions after an Oracle Database upgrade, carry out SQL plan management.
- [Bulk Load a SQL Management Base from the Cursor Cache](#)
Bulk loading of execution plans or SQL plan baselines from the cursor cache is useful when upgrading an earlier release to the latest release of Oracle Database.
- [Bulk Load a SQL Management Base with a SQL Tuning Set \(STS\)](#)
Bulk loading of execution plans or SQL plan baselines is useful to load historic plans from the Automatic Workload Repository.
- [Unpack Existing SQL Plan Baselines from a Staging Table](#)
Test your critical SQL queries and execution plans by using `DBMS_SPM.LOAD_PLAN_FROM_CURSOR_CACHE` to create a staging table that you can migrate for testing.

Why Perform SQL Plan Management?

To prevent users from encountering performance regressions after an Oracle Database upgrade, carry out SQL plan management.

An Oracle Database upgrade that installs a new optimizer version usually results in plan changes for a small percentage of SQL statements. Most plan changes result in no performance change or improvement. However, certain plan changes can cause performance regressions. SQL plan management prevents performance regressions resulting from sudden changes to the execution plan of a SQL statement by providing components for capturing, selecting, and evolving SQL plan information. SQL plan management is a preventative mechanism that records and evaluates the execution plans of SQL statements over time, and builds SQL plan baselines composed of a set of existing plans that are proven efficient after repeated use. SQL plan management uses the SQL plan baselines to preserve the performance of corresponding SQL statements, regardless of changes occurring in the system.

With SQL plan management, the optimizer automatically manages execution plans and ensures that only known or verified plans are used. When SQL Plan management finds a new plan for a SQL statement, it does not use this plan until the database verifies that the new plan has comparable or better performance than the current plan. If you seed SQL plan management with your current execution plans, then those plans becomes the SQL plan baseline for each statement. The optimizer uses these plans after the upgrade. If the upgraded Oracle Database optimizer determines that a different plan can result in better performance, then the new plan is queued for verification. The new plan is not used until it has been confirmed to have comparable or better performance than the current plan.

Bulk Load a SQL Management Base from the Cursor Cache

Bulk loading of execution plans or SQL plan baselines from the cursor cache is useful when upgrading an earlier release to the latest release of Oracle Database.

The cursor cache is a shared SQL area. SQL plans that are bulk-loaded are automatically accepted and added to existing or new plan histories as SQL plan baselines.

1. In the source release of Oracle Database, use the `DBMS_SPM.LOAD_PLAN_FROM_CURSOR_CACHE` procedure or Oracle Enterprise Manager to load all of the execution plans in the cursor cache into the SQL Management Base.

2. Upgrade the database.

Related Topics

- Loading Plans from the Shared SQL Area

Bulk Load a SQL Management Base with a SQL Tuning Set (STS)

Bulk loading of execution plans or SQL plan baselines is useful to load historic plans from the Automatic Workload Repository.

Bulk loading of execution plans or SQL plan baselines may be done with a SQL Tuning Set. This is useful when you want to load historic plans from your earlier Oracle Database Automatic Workload Repository.

1. In the source release of Oracle Database, create an STS that includes the execution plan for each of the SQL statements.
2. Load the STS into a staging table and export the staging table into a dump file.
3. Import the staging table from a dump file into the new release of Oracle and unload the STS.
4. Use Oracle Enterprise Manager or `DBMS_SPM.LOAD_PLANS_FROM_SQLSET` to load the execution plans into the SQL Management Base.

Related Topics

- Loading Plans from a SQL Tuning Set

Unpack Existing SQL Plan Baselines from a Staging Table

Test your critical SQL queries and execution plans by using `DBMS_SPM.LOAD_PLAN_FROM_CURSOR_CACHE` to create a staging table that you can migrate for testing.

You can test and tune all of your critical SQL queries on an Oracle Database test environment and then move those SQL execution plans to your Oracle Database production environment. Alternatively, you can take plans for SQL queries from your pre-upgrade Oracle Database production environment and move them to your post-upgrade production environment.

1. On the new Oracle Database release test system, after completing all testing and tuning, use the `DBMS_SPM.LOAD_PLAN_FROM_CURSOR_CACHE` procedure or Enterprise Manager to load all of the execution plans in the cursor cache into the SQL Management Base.
2. Create a staging table using the `DBMS_SPM.CREATE_STGTAB_BASELINE` procedure.
3. Pack the SQL plan baselines you created in step 1 into the staging table using the `DBMS_SPM.PACK_STGTAB_BASELINE` function.
4. Export the staging table into a flat file, using Oracle Data Pump.
5. Transfer this flat file to the target system.
6. Import the staging table from the flat file using Oracle Data Pump.
7. Unpack the SQL plan baselines from the staging table into the SQL Management Base on the target system using the `DBMS_SPM.UNPACK_STGTAB_BASELINE` function.

Related Topics

- Loading Plans from a Staging Table

- Overview of Oracle Data Pump

Volume and Load Stress Testing for Oracle Database Upgrades

To perform volume and load stress testing of the entire upgraded Oracle Database under high volume and loads, use Database Replay.

Oracle Replay can assist you to uncover load issues before you move an upgraded Oracle Database release to production. **Volume** describes the amount of data being manipulated. **Load** describes the level of concurrent demand on the system. So when you capture and replay a real production system volume and load, you can emulate that load on your upgraded Oracle Database, and observe how it performs under various volumes and loads.

Volume and load stress testing is crucial. However, it is commonly overlooked. After upgrades, Oracle has found that some customers do not conduct any kind of volume or load stress testing. Instead, customers often rely on benchmarks that do not characterize business applications. Benchmarks are valuable: Oracle recommends that you conduct benchmarks of your applications. Benchmarking can help you to uncover problems relating to functions, performance, and integration. However, using benchmarks cannot replace volume and load stress testing.

Load testing involves running an application load against the new Oracle Database release, using an environment with the same data and infrastructure. When you run a load test, you are ensuring that your applications do not encounter problems, such as new errors, or performance issues under the load conditions that you think are likely to occur during production. Many times, problems manifest only under certain load conditions, and are normally not seen in functional testing. The Database Replay feature is ideal for such load testing. Database Replay enables you to capture the system workload from a production environment, and replay it in identical fashion on the test system.

Related Topics

- Introduction to Database Replay

Test Plan Guidelines for Oracle Database Upgrade Planning

Perform planned tests on your earlier Oracle Database release, and on the test database that you upgraded to the new Oracle Database release.

When you perform your plan tests:

- Compare the test results, noting anomalies.
- Repeat the test upgrade as many times as necessary until issues are resolved.

To verify that your existing applications operate properly with the new Oracle Database release:

- Test enhanced functions and new capabilities by adding available Oracle Database features.
- Ensure that the applications operate in the same manner as they did in the current database.

Related Topics

- Testing a Database Upgrade

Schema-Only Accounts and Upgrading EXPIRED Password Accounts

Before starting your upgrade, determine if you want to use password authentication to default Oracle Database accounts where their passwords are in `EXPIRED` status, and their account is in `LOCKED` status

During upgrades to Oracle Database 19c and later releases, default Oracle accounts that have not had their passwords reset before upgrade (and are set to `EXPIRED` status), and that are also set to `LOCKED` status, are set to `NO AUTHENTICATION` after the upgrade is complete.

Because of this new feature, default accounts that are changed to schema-only accounts become unavailable for password authentication. The benefit of this feature is that administrators no longer have to periodically rotate the passwords for these Oracle Database-provided schemas. This feature also reduces the security risk of attackers using default passwords to hack into these accounts.

If you want to prevent these Oracle accounts from being set to schema-only accounts during the upgrade, then you must either set a valid strong password for the account before you start the upgrade, or set a valid strong password for these accounts after upgrade, or unlock the accounts before you log in to the upgraded Oracle Database.

After the upgrade, an administrator can also enable password authentication for schema-only accounts. However, for better security, Oracle recommends that you keep these accounts as schema only accounts.

Related Topics

- [Oracle Database Security Guide](#)

Back Up Files to Preserve Downgrade and Recovery Options

To ensure that you can recover from upgrade issues, and downgrade to an earlier release if necessary, Oracle recommends that you implement a backup strategy for your database, and for some specific files.

- [Prepare a Backup Strategy Before Upgrading Oracle Database](#)
You must design and carry out an appropriate backup strategy to ensure a successful upgrade.
- [Oracle Data Guard Broker Configuration File and Downgrades](#)
With upgrades to Oracle Database 19c and later releases, you must back up the Data Guard broker configuration file to preserve the capability to downgrade to an earlier release.
- [Exporting a Broker Configuration](#)
Use the `EXPORT CONFIGURATION` command to export the metadata contained in the broker configuration file to a text file.

Prepare a Backup Strategy Before Upgrading Oracle Database

You must design and carry out an appropriate backup strategy to ensure a successful upgrade.

To develop a backup strategy, consider the following questions:

- How long can the production database remain inoperable before business consequences become intolerable?
- What backup strategy is necessary to meet your availability requirements?
- Are backups archived in a safe, offsite location?
- Are backups tested to ensure that they are done properly?
- How quickly can backups be restored (including backups in offsite storage)?
- Have disaster recovery procedures been tested successfully?

Your backup strategy should answer all of these questions, and include procedures for successfully backing up and recovering your database. For information about implementing backup strategies using RMAN, review *Oracle Database Backup and Recovery User's Guide*.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database Backup and Recovery User's Guide*

Oracle Data Guard Broker Configuration File and Downgrades

With upgrades to Oracle Database 19c and later releases, you must back up the Data Guard broker configuration file to preserve the capability to downgrade to an earlier release.

In releases before Oracle Database 19c, Oracle Database settings that are mapped to Oracle Data Guard broker properties are maintained in the Oracle Data Guard broker configuration file, and can be modified using the `DGMGRL` command-line interface. However, starting with Oracle Database 19c, these database settings are no longer stored in the broker configuration file. As a result of this change, although you can continue to modify these properties using `DGMGRL`, the values that you modify are no longer stored in the Oracle Data Guard broker configuration file. Instead, the `DGMGRL` commands directly modify the Oracle Database initialization parameters or database settings to which these Oracle Data Guard Broker properties are mapped.

Because of this change to the way that property settings are managed, if you use Oracle Data Guard broker, then Oracle recommends that you export your earlier release Oracle Data Guard broker configuration file to a secure backup location before you start the upgrade. If you do not back up the Oracle Data Guard broker configuration file before the upgrade, then after the upgrade, you cannot downgrade to an earlier release and retain the property options you previously selected for Oracle Data Guard.

Exporting a Broker Configuration

Use the `EXPORT CONFIGURATION` command to export the metadata contained in the broker configuration file to a text file.

The directory in which the broker configuration file is stored must be accessible to the Oracle server process.

1. Connect to the primary database.

```
DGMGRL> CONNECT sysdg@North_Sales.example.com;  
Password: password
```

```
Connected to "North_Sales"  
Connected as SYSDBG.
```

2. Export the broker configuration.

The following command exports the broker configuration and stores it in a file named `myconfig.txt` in the trace directory.

```
DGMGRL> EXPORT CONFIGURATION TO 'myconfig.txt';  
Succeeded.
```

Pre-Upgrade Information Tool Checklist

To obtain a checklist of tasks you must complete before upgrading an Oracle Database on a physical server or virtual machine, run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool (`preupgrade.jar`).

Before starting your upgrade, ensure that you have a new release Oracle Database installed and configured that you can use as the target for your upgrade. When your target Oracle Database home is prepared, then run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool (`preupgrade.jar`) on your system, using the instructions that you can find in this guide.

Oracle requires that you run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool before you upgrade Oracle Database. The tool can identify issues for you to address before you start your upgrade. In certain cases, the tool can also resolve some of them.

Tip:

Consider reviewing Oracle's upgrade blog for tips and suggestions that can assist you with your upgrade preparations.

Related Topics

- [Upgrade your Database – NOW! Mike Dietrich's Oracle Database Upgrade Blog](#)
- [Oracle Database PL/SQL Packages and Types Reference](#)

Installing the New Oracle Database Software for Single Instance

Use this procedure overview to assist you to install the software for the new Oracle Database release for a single instance deployment.

 **Note:**

You cannot upgrade a database using Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA) when the source and target Oracle homes are owned by different users. Attempting to do so returns error `PRKH-1014`. Either ensure that the source and target databases have the same owner, or perform a manual upgrade.

To install the new Oracle Database software for this release:

1. Follow the instructions in your Oracle operating system-specific documentation to prepare for installation of Oracle Database software.

2. Start Oracle Universal Installer, and select a software-only installation.

When installation of Oracle Database software has completed successfully, click **Exit** to close Oracle Universal Installer.

3. Run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool. The tool enables you to check the types of items that DBUA checks. The tool identifies issues, and can help you fix some issues that it finds.

By default, the tool is in the location `New_release_Oracle_home/rdbms/admin/preupgrade.jar`.

If you use Oracle Label Security, Oracle Database Vault, or both, then select **Enterprise Edition** on the Select Database Edition page, click **Select Options**, and enable one or both components from the components list.

Installing the New Oracle Database Software for Oracle RAC

Use this procedure overview to assist you to install the software for the new Oracle Database release for an Oracle RAC deployment.

 **Note:**

You cannot upgrade a database using Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA) when the source and target Oracle homes are owned by different users. Attempting to do so returns error `PRKH-1014`. Either ensure that the source and target databases have the same owner, or perform a manual upgrade.

If you are upgrading an Oracle RAC database, then you must perform the following steps in the order shown:

1. Upgrade Oracle Clusterware:
 - a. Upgrade Oracle Clusterware first as described in the Oracle Grid Infrastructure installation guide for your operating system.
 - b. Mount the Oracle Grid Infrastructure installation media.

- c. Perform operating system prerequisite checks on each of the nodes that you intend to upgrade, to ensure that they meet the system prerequisites for Oracle Grid Infrastructure (Oracle Clusterware and Oracle ASM).
 - d. If necessary, perform patch upgrades of the earlier release of Oracle Clusterware software to the most recent patch version.
 - e. Ensure that you are logged in as the user that owns the Oracle Grid Infrastructure installation, and run the Oracle Grid Infrastructure installation. Provide information as prompted by the installer.
 - f. When prompted, open a separate terminal session, log in as `root`, and run `root.sh`.
2. After upgrading Oracle Clusterware, follow the instructions in your Oracle operating system-specific documentation to prepare for Oracle Database software installation.
 3. Run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool. You can preview the types of items DBUA checks, and identify issues. The Pre-Upgrade Information Tool can help you fix some of the prerequisite issues that it finds.
 4. Start Oracle Universal Installer, and install the software.
When installation of Oracle Database software has completed successfully, click **Exit** to close Oracle Universal Installer.
 5. Run DBUA.
If you use Oracle Label Security, Oracle Database Vault, or both, then select **Enterprise Edition** on the Select Database Edition page, click **Select Options**, and enable one or both components from the components list.

Database Preparation Tasks to Complete Before Starting Oracle Database Upgrades

Ensure that you have completed these database preparation tasks before starting an Oracle Database upgrade.

- [Patch Set Updates and Requirements for Upgrading Oracle Database](#)
Before starting upgrades, update your new release Oracle Database to the latest Oracle bundle patch, patch set update (BP or PSU), or Release Update (Update), or Release Update Revision (Revision).
- [Copying Transparent Encryption Oracle Wallets](#)
If you use Oracle wallet with Transparent Data Encryption (TDE), then copy the `sqlnet.ora` file to the new Oracle home.
- [Recommendations for Oracle Net Services When Upgrading Oracle Database](#)
Review these procedures and parameter changes for Oracle Net Services before you upgrade.
- [Create or Migrate Your Password File with ORAPWD](#)
Review if you have `REMOTE_LOGIN_PASSWORDFILE` set.
- [Understanding Password Case Sensitivity and Upgrades](#)
By default, Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2) and later releases are upgraded to an Exclusive Mode. Exclusive Modes do not support case-insensitive password-based authentication.

- [Checking for Accounts Using Case-Insensitive Password Version](#)
Use these procedures to identify if the Oracle Database that you want to upgrade has accounts or configuration parameters that are using a case-insensitive password version.
- [Running Upgrades with Read-Only Tablespaces](#)
Use the Parallel Upgrade Utility with the `-T` option to take schema-based tablespaces offline during upgrade.

Patch Set Updates and Requirements for Upgrading Oracle Database

Before starting upgrades, update your new release Oracle Database to the latest Oracle bundle patch, patch set update (BP or PSU), or Release Update (Update), or Release Update Revision (Revision).

The software for new Oracle Database releases contains a full release that includes all the latest patches and updates for Oracle Database at the time of the release.

Before you start an upgrade or downgrade process, Oracle strongly recommends that you update both your earlier release and your new release Oracle Database. Update to the latest quarterly Release Update (Update) or Release Update Revision (Revision).

My Oracle Support provides detailed notes about how you can obtain the latest patches, as well as tools for lifecycle management and automated patching. For example:

- My Oracle Support note 2539751.1 "Patches to apply before upgrading Oracle GI and DB to 19c or downgrading to previous release"
- My Oracle Support note 2414935.1 "Patches to apply before upgrading Oracle GI and DB to 18c or downgrading to previous release"
- My Oracle Support note 2118136.2 contains a download assistant to help you select the updates, revisions, Patch Set Updates (PSU), SPU (CPU), Bundle Patches, Patchsets, and Base Releases that you need for your environment. Oracle highly recommends that you start here.
- My Oracle Support note 1227443.1 contains a list of Oracle Database PSU/BP/Update/Revision known issues. This note provides information about all known issues notes for Oracle Database, Oracle Grid Infrastructure, and the Oracle JavaVM Component (OJVM).

Related Topics

- [My Oracle Support Note 2539751.1](#)
- [My Oracle Support Note 2414935.1](#)
- [My Oracle Support Note 2118136.2](#)
- [My Oracle Support Note 1227443.1](#)

Copying Transparent Encryption Oracle Wallets

If you use Oracle wallet with Transparent Data Encryption (TDE), then copy the `sqlnet.ora` file to the new Oracle home.

You must copy the `sqlnet.ora` and the wallet file manually to the new Oracle home before starting the upgrade. If the wallet file is in the Oracle home, then you also must

copy that file to the new Oracle home. For auto-login wallets, you must also copy the `cwallet.sso` file manually to the new Oracle home.

1. Log in as an authorized user.
2. Manually copy the `sqlnet.ora` file, and the wallet file, `ewallet.p12`, to the new release Oracle home.
3. If you have enabled an auto-login wallet, then also copy the `cwallet.sso` file to the new release Oracle home. There is no need to complete the next step. If you have not enabled an auto-login wallet, then proceed to the next step.
4. If you have not enabled an auto-login wallet, then open the Oracle wallet in mount.

For example:

```
SQL> STARTUP MOUNT;  
SQL> ALTER SYSTEM SET ENCRYPTION WALLET OPEN
```

Recommendations for Oracle Net Services When Upgrading Oracle Database

Review these procedures and parameter changes for Oracle Net Services before you upgrade.

In Oracle Database, underlying net services parameters enable data compression, which reduces the size of the session data unit that is transmitted over a SQL TCP connection.

The following new parameters for the `sqlnet.ora` file specify compression, and the preferred compression scheme:

- `SQLNET.COMPRESSION`
- `SQLNET.COMPRESSION_LEVELS`
- `SQLNET.COMPRESSION_THRESHOLD`

These parameters, which were introduced with Oracle Database 12c, are not supported in earlier releases.

If the Oracle Database that you are upgrading does not have a listener configured, then before you run DBUA, you must run Oracle Net Configuration Assistant (NETCA) to configure the listening protocol address and service information for the new release of Oracle Database, including a `listener.ora` file. The current listener is backward-compatible with earlier Oracle Database releases.

When you upgrade an Oracle RAC database with DBUA, it automatically migrates the listener from your old Oracle home to the new Oracle Grid Infrastructure home. You must administer the listener by using the `lsnrctl` command in the Oracle Grid Infrastructure home. Do not attempt to use the `lsnrctl` commands from Oracle home locations for earlier releases.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database Net Services Reference*

Create or Migrate Your Password File with ORAPWD

Review if you have `REMOTE_LOGIN_PASSWORDFILE` set.

If the `REMOTE_LOGIN_PASSWORDFILE` initialization parameter is set to `EXCLUSIVE`, then create or migrate the password file with `ORAPWD`. Oracle Database 12c and later releases provide a new option to `ORAPWD` for migrating the password file from your existing database.

With Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2) and later releases, if `REMOTE_LOGIN_PASSWORDFILE` is set to `SHARED`, then you receive a pre-upgrade check validation warning. You can choose one of the following options to correct this issue:

- Disable the password file-based authentication entirely by setting `REMOTE_LOGIN_PASSWORDFILE = NONE`
- Limit the password file-based authentication by setting `REMOTE_LOGIN_PASSWORD = EXCLUSIVE`



See Also:

Oracle Database Administrator's Guide for more information about creating or migrating password files

Understanding Password Case Sensitivity and Upgrades

By default, Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2) and later releases are upgraded to an Exclusive Mode. Exclusive Modes do not support case-insensitive password-based authentication.

Accounts that have only the 10G password version become inaccessible when the server runs in an Exclusive Mode.

In previous Oracle Database releases, you can configure the authentication protocol so that it allows case-insensitive password-based authentication by setting `SEC_CASE_SENSITIVE_LOGON=FALSE`. Starting with Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), the default password-based authentication protocol configuration excludes the use of the case-insensitive 10G password version. By default, the `SQLNET.ORA` parameter `SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER` is set to 12, which is an Exclusive Mode. When the database is configured in Exclusive Mode, the password-based authentication protocol requires that one of the case-sensitive password versions (11G or 12C) is present for the account being authenticated. This mode excludes the use of the 10G password version used in earlier releases. After upgrading to Oracle Database 12c release 2 and later releases, accounts that have only the case-insensitive 10G password version become inaccessible. This change occurs because the server runs in an Exclusive Mode by default. When Oracle Database is configured in Exclusive Mode, it cannot use the old 10G password version to authenticate the client. The server is left with no password version with which to authenticate the client.

For greater security, Oracle recommends that you leave case-sensitive password-based authentication enabled. This setting is the default. However, you can

temporarily disable case-sensitive authentication during the upgrade to new Oracle Database releases. After the upgrade, you can then decide if you want to enable the case-sensitive password-based authentication feature as part of your implementation plan to manage your password versions.

Before upgrading, Oracle recommends that you determine if this change to the default password-based authentication protocol configuration affects you. Perform the following checks:

- Identify if you have accounts that use only 10G case-insensitive password authentication versions.
- Identify if you have Oracle Database 11g release 2 (11.2.0.3) database or earlier clients that have not applied critical patch update CPUOct2012, or a later patch update, and have any account that does not have the case-insensitive 10G password version.
- Ensure that you do not have the deprecated parameter `SEC_CASE_SENSITIVE_LOGON` set to `FALSE`. Setting this parameter to `FALSE` prevents the use of the case-sensitive password versions (the 11G and 12C password versions) for authentication.

Options for Accounts Using Case-Insensitive Versions

If you have user accounts that have only the case-insensitive 10G password version, then you must choose one of the following alternatives:

- Before upgrade, update the password versions for each account that has only the 10G password version. You can update the password versions by expiring user passwords using the 10G password version, and requesting that these users log in to their account. When they attempt to log in, the server automatically updates the list of password versions, which includes the case-sensitive password versions.
- Change the setting of the `SQLNET.ORA` parameter `SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER` to any of the settings that are not Exclusive Mode. For example: `SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER=11`

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database 2 Day DBA*
- *Oracle Database Net Services Reference*
- *Oracle Database Security Guide*

Checking for Accounts Using Case-Insensitive Password Version

Use these procedures to identify if the Oracle Database that you want to upgrade has accounts or configuration parameters that are using a case-insensitive password version.

By default, in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2) and later releases, the 10G password version is not generated or allowed.

If you do not set `SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER` to a permissive authentication protocol that permits case-insensitive versions, and you do not want user accounts authenticated with case-insensitive password versions to be locked out of the database, then you must identify affected accounts, and ensure that they are using case-sensitive password versions.

Example 2-1 Finding User Accounts That Use Case-Insensitive (10G) Version

Log in to SQL*Plus as an administrative user, and enter the following SQL query:

```
SELECT USERNAME,PASSWORD_VERSIONS FROM DBA_USERS;
```

The following result shows password versions for the accounts:

USERNAME	PASSWORD_VERSIONS
JONES	10G 11G 12C
ADAMS	10G 11G
CLARK	10G 11G
PRESTON	11G
BLAKE	10G

In this example, the backgrounds for each user account password verification version in use are different:

- JONES was created in Oracle Database 10G, and the password for JONES was reset in Oracle Database 12C when the setting for the `SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER` parameter was set to 8. As a result, this password reset created all three versions. 11G and 12C use case-sensitive passwords.
- ADAMS and CLARK were originally created with the 10G version, and then 11G, after they were imported from an earlier release. These account passwords were then reset in 11G, with the deprecated parameter `SEC_CASE_SENSITIVE_LOGON` set to TRUE.
- The password for BLAKE was created with the 10G version, and the password has not been reset. As a result, user BLAKE continues to use the 10G password version, which uses a case-insensitive password.

The user BLAKE has only the 10G password version before upgrade:

```
SQL> SELECT USERNAME,PASSWORD_VERSIONS FROM DBA_USERS;

USERNAME PASSWORD_VERSIONS
-----
BLAKE 10G
```

If you upgrade to a new Oracle Database release without taking any further action, then this account becomes inaccessible. Ensure that the system is not configured in Exclusive Mode (by setting the `SQLNET.ORA` parameter `SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER` to a more permissive authentication mode) before the upgrade.

Example 2-2 Fixing Accounts with Case-Insensitive Passwords

Complete the following procedure:

1. Use the following SQL query to find the accounts that only have the 10G password version:

```
select USERNAME
   from DBA_USERS
  where ( PASSWORD_VERSIONS = '10G '
         or PASSWORD_VERSIONS = '10G HTTP ' )
         and USERNAME <> 'ANONYMOUS';
```

2. Configure the system so that it is not running in Exclusive Mode by editing the setting of the `SQLNET.ORA` parameter `SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER` to a level appropriate for affected accounts. For example:

```
SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER=11
```

After you make this change, proceed with the upgrade.

3. After the upgrade completes, use the following command syntax to expire the accounts you found in step 1, where `username` is the name of a user returned from the query in step 1:

```
ALTER USER username PASSWORD EXPIRE;
```

4. Ask the users for whom you have expired the passwords to log in.
5. When these users log in, they are prompted to reset their passwords. The system internally generates the missing 11G and 12C password versions for their account, in addition to the 10G password version. The 10G password version is still present, because the system is running in the permissive mode.
6. Ensure that the client software with which users are connecting has the `O5L_NP` capability flag.

Note:

All Oracle Database release 11.2.0.4 and later clients, and all Oracle Database release 12.1 and later clients have the `O5L_NP` capability. Other clients require the `CPUOct2012` patch to acquire the `O5L_NP` capability.

The `O5L_NP` capability flag is documented in *Oracle Database Net Services Reference*, in the section on the parameter `SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER`.

7. After all clients have the `O5L_NP` capability, raise the server security back to Exclusive Mode by using the following procedure:
 - a. Remove the `SEC_CASE_SENSITIVE_LOGON` setting from the instance initialization file, or set the `SEC_CASE_SENSITIVE_LOGON` instance initialization parameter to `TRUE`. For example:


```
SEC_CASE_SENSITIVE_LOGON = TRUE
```
 - b. Remove the `SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER` parameter from the server `SQLNET.ORA` file, or set it back to Exclusive Mode by changing the value of `SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER` in the server `SQLNET.ORA` file back to 12. For example:


```
SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER = 12
```
8. Use the following SQL query to find the accounts that still have the 10G password version:


```
select USERNAME
   from DBA_USERS
  where PASSWORD_VERSIONS like '%10G%'
        and USERNAME <> 'ANONYMOUS';
```

- Use the list of accounts returned from the query in step 8 to expire all the accounts that still have the 10G password version. Expire the accounts using the following syntax, where *username* is a name on the list returned by the query:

```
ALTER USER username PASSWORD EXPIRE;
```

- Request the users whose accounts you expired to log in to their accounts.

When the users log in, they are prompted to reset their password. The system internally generates only the 11G and 12C password versions for their account. Because the system is running in Exclusive Mode, the 10G password version is no longer generated.

- Check that the system is running in a secure mode by rerunning the query from step 1. Ensure that no users are found. When the query finds no users, this result means that no 10G password version remains present in the system.

Example 2-3 Checking for the Presence of SEC_CASE_SENSITIVE_LOGON Set to FALSE

Oracle Database does not prevent the use of the FALSE setting for SEC_CASE_SENSITIVE_LOGON when the SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER parameter is set to 12 or 12a. This setting can result in all accounts in the upgraded database becoming inaccessible.

```
SQL> SHOW PARAMETER SEC_CASE_SENSITIVE_LOGON
```

NAME	TYPE	VALUE
sec_case_sensitive_logon	boolean	FALSE

You can change this parameter by using the following command:

```
SQL> ALTER SYSTEM SET SEC_CASE_SENSITIVE_LOGON = TRUE;
```

System altered.

Note:

Unless the value for the parameter SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER is changed to a version that is more permissive than 12, such as 11, do not set the SEC_CASE_SENSITIVE_LOGON parameter to FALSE.

Related Topics

- Oracle Database Net Services Reference*
- Oracle Database Security Guide*

Running Upgrades with Read-Only Tablespaces

Use the Parallel Upgrade Utility with the `-T` option to take schema-based tablespaces offline during upgrade.

Oracle Database can read file headers created in earlier releases, so you are not required to do anything to them during the upgrade. The file headers of `READ ONLY` tablespaces are updated when they are changed to `READ WRITE`.

If the upgrade suffers a catastrophic error, so that the upgrade is unable to bring the tablespaces back online, then review the upgrade log files. The log files contain the actual SQL statements required to make the tablespaces available. To bring the tablespaces back online, you must run the SQL statements in the log files for the database, or run the log files for each PDB.

Viewing Tablespace Commands in Upgrade Log Files

If a catastrophic upgrade failure occurs, then you can navigate to the log directory (`Oracle_base/cfgtoollogs/dbua`), and run commands in the log files manually to bring up tablespaces. You can view tablespace commands in the following log files:

- Non-CDB Upgrades: `catupgrd0.log`
- PDB databases: `catupgrdpdbname0.log`, where `pdname` is the name of the PDB that you are upgrading.

At the beginning of each log file, you find SQL statements such as the following, which sets tables to `READ ONLY`:

```
SQL> ALTER TABLESPACE ARGROTBLSPA6 READ ONLY;
```

```
Tablespace altered.
```

```
SQL> ALTER TABLESPACE ARGROTBLSPB6 READ ONLY;
```

```
Tablespace altered.
```

Near the end of each log file, you find SQL statements to reset tables to `READ WRITE`:

```
SQL> ALTER TABLESPACE ARGROTBLSPA6 READ WRITE;
```

```
Tablespace altered.
```

```
SQL> ALTER TABLESPACE ARGROTBLSPB6 READ WRITE;
```

```
Tablespace altered.
```

 **See Also:**

Oracle Database Administrator's Guide for information about transporting tablespaces between databases

Preparing for Database Rolling Upgrades Using Oracle Data Guard

If you perform your upgrade using Oracle Data Guard to carry out a rolling upgrade, then you must move the Data Guard broker configuration files before starting your upgrade.

The default location for the `DB_BROKER_CONFIG` files is in the `db` directory in the earlier release Oracle Database Oracle home. When you perform a rolling upgrade of database instances using Oracle Data Guard, you must move the `DG_BROKER_CONFIG` files to a mount point location outside of the earlier release Oracle home. Also ensure that the `DG_BROKER_CONFIG_FILEn` parameters specify that location, instead of a location in the earlier release Oracle home. During database upgrade, don't migrate the listener. After the upgrade is complete, stop the listener, shut down the database, copy over the `listener.ora` and `tnsnames.ora` from the earlier source Oracle Database release environment to the new Oracle Database release environment, and start the listener and database

Tasks Before Starting Your Upgrade

To enable access to the `DB_BROKER_CONFIG` files during a rolling upgrade, you must complete the following tasks before starting the upgrade

1. Before you start the upgrade, set the Oracle Data Guard files `DG_BROKER_CONFIG_FILE1` and `DG_BROKER_CONFIG_FILE2` to a separate mountpoint on your server that is outside of the Oracle home path for either the source or target Oracle Database Oracle homes.
2. Complete a successful upgrade of your earlier release Oracle home to the new Oracle Database release.

Tasks During the Upgrade

Do not migrate the listener during the upgrade.

Tasks After Completing Your Upgrade

1. Stop the listener for the new release Oracle Database.
2. Shut down the new release Oracle Database.
3. Copy over the `listener.ora` and `tnsnames.ora` files from the earlier release Oracle Database to the new release Oracle Database.
4. Start the Listener and new release Oracle Database

Refer to *Oracle Data Guard Broker* for information about moving your Data Guard broker configuration files.

Related Topics

- [Oracle Data Guard Broker](#)

Preparing the New Oracle Home for Upgrading

To prepare the new Oracle home in a new location, check to see if you must move configuration files, or complete other tasks.

After backing up the database that you want to upgrade, if you are not using a Read-Only Oracle home, then prepare the new Oracle home in a new location, and install the software for the new Oracle Database release into the new location.

1. (Manual upgrades only) Copy configuration files from the Oracle home of the database being upgraded to the new release Oracle Database Oracle home. If you are using DBUA, or a Read-Only Oracle home, then you can ignore this step, because the configuration files are copied for you automatically.

Use the following procedure to copy configuration files to the new Oracle home:

- a. If your parameter file resides within the old environment Oracle home, then copy it to the new Oracle home. By default, Oracle looks for the parameter file in the `ORACLE_HOME/dbs` directory on Linux or Unix platforms and in the `ORACLE_HOME\database` directory on Windows operating systems. After upgrade, the parameter file can reside anywhere else, but it cannot reside in the Oracle home of the old environment.

 **Note:**

If necessary, create a text initialization parameter file (`PFILE`) from the server parameter file (`SPFILE`) so that you can edit the initialization parameters.

- b. If your parameter file resides within an Oracle ASM instance, then back up the parameter file using one of the following commands:

```
CREATE pfile FROM spfile;
```

You can also create the parameter file by using the following command, where `/path/to/pfile/` is the path to the new Oracle home, and `pfile_name` is the name of the parameter file:

```
create pfile[='/path/to/pfile/pfile_name.ora/
```

If you must downgrade the database and your `SPFILE` resided within Oracle ASM, then you must restore the parameter file before the downgrade.

- c. If your parameter file is a text-based initialization parameter file with either an `IFILE` (include file) or a `SPFILE` (server parameter file) entry, and the file specified in the `IFILE` or `SPFILE` entry resides within the earlier release environment Oracle home, then copy the file specified by the `IFILE` or `SPFILE` entry to the new Oracle home. The file specified in the `IFILE` or `SPFILE` entry contains additional initialization parameters.

- d. If you have a password file that resides within the old environment Oracle home, then move or copy the password file to the new Oracle home.

The name and location of the password file are operating system-specific. Where *SID* is your Oracle instance ID, you can find the password file in the following locations:

- Linux or Unix platforms: The default password file is `orapw SID`. It is located in the directory `ORACLE_HOME/dbs`.
- Windows operating systems: The default password file is `pwdSID.ora`. It is located in the directory `ORACLE_HOME\database`.

2. Adjust your parameter file in the new Oracle Database release by completing the following steps:

- a. Remove desupported initialization parameters and adjust deprecated initialization parameters. In new releases, some parameters are desupported, and other parameters are deprecated. Remove all desupported parameters from any parameter file that starts the new Oracle Database instance. Desupported parameters can cause errors in new Oracle Database releases. Also, alter any parameter whose syntax has changed in the new release.

The Pre-Upgrade Information Tool displays any deprecated parameters and desupported parameters it finds in the **Deprecated Parameters** and **Desupported Parameters** sections, respectively.

Adjust the values of the initialization parameters to at least the minimum values indicated by the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool.

Make sure that all path names in the parameter file are fully specified. You should not have relative path names in the parameter file.

- b. If the parameter file contains an `IFILE` entry, then change the `IFILE` entry in the parameter file. The `IFILE` entry should point to the new location text initialization parameter file that you specified in step 1. Also edit the file specified in the `IFILE` entry in the same way that you edited the parameter file in step 1.
- c. If you are upgrading a cluster database, then if necessary, you can modify the `SPFILE` or `initORACLE_SID.ora` files.

After making these parameter file adjustments, make sure that you save all of the files that you modified.

3. (Manual upgrades only) If you are upgrading a cluster database, and you are not using Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA) then you must manually separate the database instance from the cluster. Set the `CLUSTER_DATABASE` initialization parameter to `false`. After the upgrade, you must set this initialization parameter back to `true`. If you are using DBUA, then the assistant takes care of this task for you.

Prerequisites for Preparing Oracle Home on Windows

Your system must meet these requirements before you can upgrade Oracle Database on Microsoft Windows platforms.

For security reasons, different Microsoft Windows user accounts configured as Oracle home users for different Oracle homes are not allowed to share the same Oracle Base.

- Database upgrade is supported when the same Windows user account is used as the Oracle home user in both the *source* and *destination* Oracle homes.
- Database upgrade is supported when the Oracle home from which the database is being upgraded uses the Windows Built-in Account. Releases earlier than Oracle Database 12c (release 11.2 and earlier) only supported the built-in account option for the Oracle home user on Windows.
- The Oracle home user may not have access to files outside its own Oracle Base and Oracle home. If that is the case, then if you choose a different Oracle Base during upgrade, it is possible that Oracle Database services cannot access files in the older Oracle Base. Using DBUA for database upgrade ensures that the Oracle home user has access to files outside of its own Oracle Base and its own Oracle home.

Before upgrading manually, or before using the custom files from the older Oracle Base (for example, wallets, configuration files and other custom files), you must grant access to the Oracle home user for these outside files, or copy these files to the new Oracle Base.

- Microsoft Windows virtual accounts, which are managed local accounts that use computer credentials to access network resources, require additional attention during Oracle Database installation. Ensure that you create a virtual account for the Oracle Home User.

 **See Also:**

Oracle Database Platform Guide for Microsoft Windows for information about database administration on Windows

Performing Preupgrade Checks Using AutoUpgrade

The AutoUpgrade Utility is a Java JAR file provided by Oracle that helps to ensure that your upgrade completes successfully.

- [About AutoUpgrade Utility System Checks](#)
To help ensure that your upgrade is successful, Oracle strongly recommends that you check your system using the AutoUpgrade Utility in Analyze mode.
- [Example of Running AutoUpgrade Prechecks Using Analyze Mode](#)
To see how you can use AutoUpgrade to check a non-CDB Oracle Database before an upgrade, use this example to understand the procedure.
- [Checking the Upgrade Checks Overview File](#)
Learn how to use the AutoUpgrade Upgrade Checks Overview file to prepare for your upgrade.
- [Creating a Configuration File to Run AutoUpgrade Prechecks On a CDB](#)
See how you can control how AutoUpgrade performs upgrade prechecks to include or exclude PDBs on a multitenant architecture Oracle Database.
- [Running AutoUpgrade Fixups on the Earlier Release Oracle Database](#)
Use this example to see how to run the AutoUpgrade Fixups that the Analyze mode generates for your system.

About AutoUpgrade Utility System Checks

To help ensure that your upgrade is successful, Oracle strongly recommends that you check your system using the AutoUpgrade Utility in Analyze mode.

To use the AutoUpgrade Utility for your upgrade, you must first run AutoUpgrade in Analyze Mode.

Note:

The AutoUpgrade Utility requires Java 8. To ensure that the correct Java version is available, Oracle recommends that you run AutoUpgrade using the Java version in the target Oracle Database Oracle home. The path to the Java version in the Oracle home is *Oracle-home*/jdk/bin/java, where *Oracle-home* is the target Oracle Database Oracle home. To check the Oracle home has Java 8, you can run the following command:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/jdk/bin/java -version
java version "1.8.0_211"
Java(TM) SE Runtime Environment (build 1.8.0_211-b12)
Java HotSpot(TM) 64-Bit Server VM (build 25.211-b12, mixed mode)
```

AutoUpgrade and the Analyze Mode

The AutoUpgrade Utility includes extensive system checks that can help to prevent many issues that can arise during an upgrade. The utility is located in the new Oracle Database binary home. However, to obtain the latest updates, Oracle strongly recommends that you download the most recent version of the tool from My Oracle Support Document 2485457.1. You can place the downloaded file in any directory. To run Analyze to check readiness of the database for upgrade to the new release while your database is running on your earlier release you must specify the target version manually in your configuration file, using the `target_version` parameter. For example: `upgl.target_version=19`.

When you run AutoUpgrade in Analyze mode, AutoUpgrade only reads data from the database, and does not perform any updates to the database. You can run AutoUpgrade using the Analyze mode during normal business hours. You can run AutoUpgrade in Analyze mode on your source Oracle Database home before you have set up your target release Oracle Database home.

Related Topics

- [My Oracle Support Note 2485457.1](#)

Example of Running AutoUpgrade Prechecks Using Analyze Mode

To see how you can use AutoUpgrade to check a non-CDB Oracle Database before an upgrade, use this example to understand the procedure.

To use AutoUpgrade, you must have Java 8 installed. Oracle Database Release 12.1 (12.1.0.2) or newer Oracle homes have a valid java version by default. Start

AutoUpgrade in Analyze mode using the following syntax, where *Oracle_home* is the Oracle home directory, or the environment variable set for the Oracle home, and *yourconfig.txt* is your configuration file:

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config yourconfig.txt -mode analyze
```

While AutoUpgrade is running, if you want to obtain an overview of the progress, you can enter the command `lsj` on Linux and Unix systems. When all checks are completed the tool will write the and write the Preupgrade Fixup HTML File, which provides a report on system readiness, display the status of jobs run to the screen, and exit. If all jobs are listed as "finished successfully," then it means that you can go ahead and upgrade the database. However, to see if there are recommendations that you want to follow before starting the upgrade, Oracle still recommends that you look at the Preupgrade Fixup HTML File. If any job is listed as "failed," then it means that there is an error that prevents the upgrade from starting.

Example 2-4 Using AutoUpgrade in Analyze Mode to Check an Oracle Database 12c Non-CDB System

This example shows running AutoUpgrade using a configuration file for upgrading from a Non-CDB Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2) system to a new Oracle Database release, with AutoUpgrade downloaded to the folder `/tmp`:

```
java -jar /tmp/autoupgrade.jar -config 122-to-new.txt -mode analyze
```

The configuration file called for this check (`122-to-new.txt`) is as follows:

```
#12.2-to-19c config file
#
global.autoup_log_dir=/home/oracle/autoupgrade
upgl.source_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/12.2.0.1
upgl.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19
upgl.sid=dbsales
upgl.start_time=now

upgl.log_dir=/home/oracle/autoupgrade/dbsales
upgl.upgrade_node=localhost
```

Note that the `pdb`s parameter is not specified. You only need to specify the `pdb`s parameter when you want to indicate specific PDBs that you want to check, and exclude other PDBs on the CDB. The value you specify for `log_dir` is the location where AutoUpgrade places the Preupgrade Fixup HTML File. The file is written using the following format, where `log-path` is the path you specify for log files, `sid` is the Oracle Database system identifier, and `job-number` is the AutoUpgrade job number:

```
/log-path/sid/job-number/prechecks
```

When you run AutoUpgrade, the output appears as follows:

```
AutoUpgrade tool launched with default options
+-----+
| Starting AutoUpgrade execution |
```



```

+-----+
1 databases will be analyzed
Type 'help' to list console commands
upg>
.
.
.
Job 100 completed
----- Final Summary -----
Number of databases          [1]

Jobs finished successfully   [1]
Jobs failed                  [0]
Jobs pending                 [0]
----- JOBS FINISHED SUCCESSFULLY -----
Job 100 FOR DB12

```

In this case, the configuration file specifies that you want the log file placed in the path `/home/oracle/autoupgrade`. Because the Oracle Database system identifier (SID) is `CDB1`, and the AutoUpgrade Job is 100, the Upgrade Checks Overview file for this job is placed in the path `/home/oracle/autoupgrade/dbsales/100/prechecks`.

Review the Upgrade Checks Overview file, and correct any errors that are reported before proceeding with the upgrade. You can run AutoUpgrade in Fixup mode to correct many errors.

With CDBs, you can use the same procedure and the same configuration file.



Note:

When you run AutoUpgrade in Analyze or Fixup mode on a CDB, AutoUpgrade opens all PDBs in the CDB to complete the action. If a PDB is closed, then AutoUpgrade opens the PDB, and leaves it in an OPEN state after the analysis or fixup is completed. If you want to leave PDBs closed, and not perform checks or fixups, then you can specify that only particular PDBs are checked or fixed by using the configuration file parameter `pdb` to list the PDBs that you want AutoUpgrade to check.

Checking the Upgrade Checks Overview File

Learn how to use the AutoUpgrade Upgrade Checks Overview file to prepare for your upgrade.

When the AutoUpgrade Analyze mode is complete, it places files in the directory that you specify with the configuration file `log_dir` parameter. The file is written using the following format, where `log-path` is the path you specify for log files, `sid` is the Oracle Database system identifier (SID), and `job-number` is the AutoUpgrade job number:

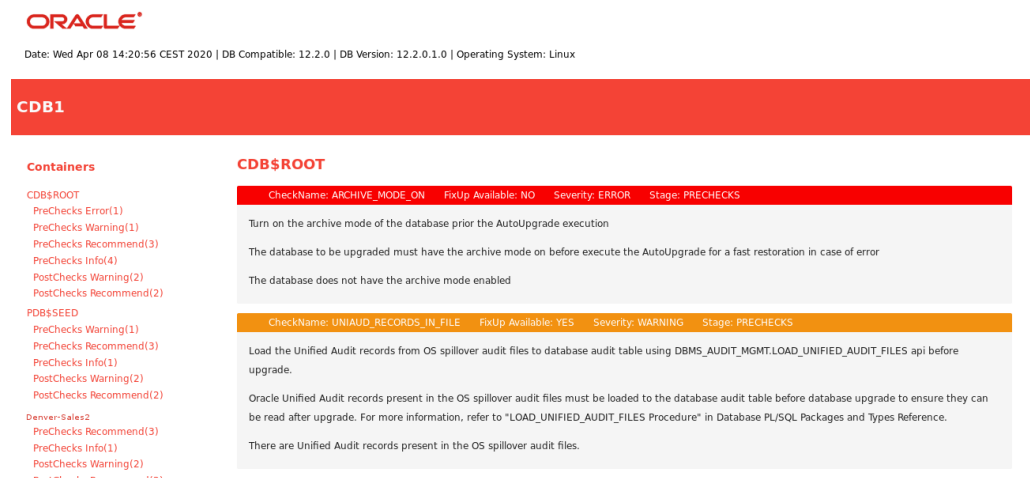
```
/log-path/sid/job-number/prechecks
```

For example, with the log directory specified as `/home/oracle/autoupgrade/DB12`, with the database SID `DB12`, and with the job number `100`:

```
/home/oracle/autoupgrade/DB12/DB12/100/prechecks
```

Review the Upgrade Checks Overview file, and correct any errors that are reported before proceeding with the upgrade. You can also run AutoUpgrade in Fixup mode to correct many errors.

Figure 2-1 Example of the Upgrade Checks Overview File



In the topic area of the file the results file example shows two report messages for CDB\$ROOT, which show the name of the check, whether or not a fixup is available that can be run using AutoUpgrade in Fixup mode, the severity of the issue, and the stage of AutoUpgrade that is being run.

Creating a Configuration File to Run AutoUpgrade Prechecks On a CDB

See how you can control how AutoUpgrade performs upgrade prechecks to include or exclude PDBs on a multitenant architecture Oracle Database.

To check Oracle Database servers configured with multitenant container databases (CDBs) and pluggable databases (PDBs), you can use the same procedure and configuration file that you use with a non-CDB Oracle Database. As AutoUpgrade runs checks during an Analyze or Fixup mode run, all of the PDBs in the CDB are opened. If you run AutoUpgrade on a CDB, and a PDB is closed, then AutoUpgrade opens the PDB, and AutoUpgrade leaves it open after Analyze checks or Fixup actions.

If you want to manage which PDBs are opened for checks, so that you can keep some PDBs closed, then you can use the configuration file option `pdb`s to provide a list that includes only the PDBs that you want to be checked. When you provide a list of PDBs to check, AutoUpgrade checks CDB\$ROOT, PDB\$SEED, and all of the PDBs that you specify in the list. In this example, the PDB named `denver-sales2` is specified.

Example 2-5 AutoUpgrade Configuration File for a CDB and PDBs

The following example specifies that only the PDB named `denver-sales2` is opened and analyzed.

```
global.autoupg_log_dir=/home/oracle/autoupgrade
upgl.source_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/12.2.0
upgl.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19
upgl.sid=CDB1
upgl.start_time=now
upgl.log_dir=/home/oracle/autoupgrade/CDB1
upgl.pdbs=denver-sales2
```

Running AutoUpgrade Fixups on the Earlier Release Oracle Database

Use this example to see how to run the AutoUpgrade Fixups that the Analyze mode generates for your system.

When you run AutoUpgrade in Fixup mode, AutoUpgrade performs the checks that it also performs in Analyze mode. After completing these checks, AutoUpgrade then performs all automated fixups that are required for the new release before you start an upgrade. When you plan to move your database to a new release, using the Fixup mode prepares the database for upgrade.

▲ Caution:

Oracle recommends that you run AutoUpgrade in Analyze mode separately before running AutoUpgrade in Fixup mode. Fixup mode can make changes to the source database.

As part of upgrade preparation, if the source database requires corrections for conditions that would cause errors during an upgrade, then AutoUpgrade run in Fixup mode performs automated fixes to the source database. Because running AutoUpgrade in Fixup mode is a step that you perform as you are moving to another system, it does not create a guaranteed restore point. Oracle recommends that you run this mode outside of normal business hours.

```
$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config yourconfig.txt -mode fixup
```

If Java 8 is in your source Oracle home, then start AutoUpgrade in Fixup mode using the following syntax, where *Oracle_home* is the Oracle home directory, or the environment variable set for the Oracle home, and *yourconfig.txt* is your configuration file:

```
$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config yourconfig.txt -mode fixup
```

Testing the Upgrade Process for Oracle Database

Your test plan for Oracle Database upgrades should include these test procedures.

Oracle recommends that you create a full working copy of your database environment in which to test all the pre-upgrade, upgrade, and post-upgrade processes.

You can create a test environment that does not interfere with the current production Oracle database. Oracle Data Guard, for example, enables you to create physical and snapshot standby databases.

Your test environment depends on the upgrade method you choose:

- If you plan to use DBUA or perform a manual upgrade, then create a test version of the current production database.
- If you plan to use Data Pump Export/Import, then export and import in stages, using subsets of the current production database.

Practice upgrading the database using the test environment. The best practice is to perform testing of the upgrade process on an exact copy of the database that you want to upgrade, rather than on a downsized copy or test data. If an exact copy is impractical, then carefully chose a representative subset of your data to move over to your test environment and test the upgrade on that data.

- [Example of Testing Upgrades Using Priority List Emulation](#)
You can use the Parallel Upgrade Utility on multitenant architecture Oracle Databases to run upgrade emulations to test your priority list or other parameter settings before you run your upgrade.
- [Upgrade Oracle Call Interface \(OCI\) and Precompiler Applications](#)
Upgrade any Oracle Call Interface (OCI) and precompiler applications that you plan to use with the new release of Oracle Database.

See Also:

- *Oracle Database Testing Guide* for information about testing a database upgrade
- *Oracle Database Utilities* for information on Data Pump Export and Import utilities
- *Oracle Data Guard Concepts and Administration* for information on physical and snapshot standby databases

Example of Testing Upgrades Using Priority List Emulation

You can use the Parallel Upgrade Utility on multitenant architecture Oracle Databases to run upgrade emulations to test your priority list or other parameter settings before you run your upgrade.

On multitenant architecture Oracle Database systems, starting with Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), you can use priority lists to upgrade or exclude specific PDBs, or to set a specific upgrade priority order. Running the Parallel Upgrade Utility using priority emulation is a way to test your priority list without actually running the upgrade. Use the Parallel Upgrade Utility emulation feature to test your upgrade plan using priority lists.

Preparing for Upgrade Emulation Tests

Before you run the emulation, you must set up your source and target upgrade locations, and prepare your database in the same way you prepare for an actual upgrade. No upgrade actually occurs, but the Parallel Upgrade Utility generates log files that show how an actual upgrade is carried out.

Note:

You can use the `-E` parameter to run the Parallel Upgrade Utility in emulation mode to test how priority lists run, or to test how other upgrade parameter selections are carried out during an upgrade. For example, you can run an upgrade emulation to obtain more information about how the resource allocation choices you make using the `-n` and `-N` parameters are carried out.

Syntax for Running Priority List Emulation

You can use any of the parameter settings that you normally use with the Parallel Upgrade Utility. However, you must create a priority list, and you must use the `-L` parameter to call the list when you run the Parallel Upgrade Utility with the `-E` parameter to set it to perform an upgrade emulation.

The following is an example of the minimum required syntax for running the Parallel Upgrade Utility using priority list emulation, where *priority_list_name* is the name of your priority list file:

```
catctl -E -L priority_list_name catupgrd.sql
```

Example 2-6 Example of Running the Parallel Upgrade Utility using Priority List Emulation

The following example uses this priority list, which is named `plist.txt`:

```
1,CDB$ROOT
2,PDB$SEED
3,CDB1_PDB2
4,CDB1_PDB4
4,CDB1_PDB3
5,CDB1_PDB5
5,CDB1_PDB1
```

The following command runs a parallel emulation, calling this priority list:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl catctl.pl -L plist.txt -E -n 4 -N 2 catupgrd.sql
```

This command uses the following parameter settings:

- `-E` specifies that Parallel Upgrade Utility runs the upgrade procedures in emulation mode.

- `-n 4` specifies that the upgrade allocates four processes to perform parallel upgrade operations.
- `-N 2` specifies that the upgrade runs two SQL processors to upgrade the PDBs. The maximum PDB upgrades running concurrently is the value of `-n` divided by the value of `-N`, so the upgrade runs no more than two concurrent PDB upgrades.
- `-L` specifies the priority list that the command reads to set upgrade priority.

As the Parallel Upgrade Utility carries out the emulated upgrade, it displays on screen the same output that you see during an actual upgrade.

When the upgrade emulation completes, it generates a log file, `catctl_priority_run.list`, which is stored either in the default logging directory, or in a logging directory location that you specify with the `-l` parameter. Because in this example we did not specify a different log directory, and we are running the upgrade on the container database named `CDB1`, the output is placed in the path `Oracle_base/cfgtoollogs/CDB1/run`, where `Oracle_base` is the Oracle base of the user running the upgrade, and `CDB1` is the name of the container database (CDB) on which you are running the upgrade.

The log file `catctl_priority_run.lst` displays the list of how the upgrade priority was carried out during the upgrade emulation. It shows how the Parallel Upgrade Utility grouped PDB upgrades. You can see a priority run that contains the groupings and priorities before you actually carry out the upgrade. The log file generated by the upgrade is also displayed on the screen after the upgrade completes.

At the conclusion of the upgrade log, the log will show that `CDB$ROOT` is upgraded first. After the `CDB$ROOT` upgrade is completed, the Parallel Upgrade Utility carries out the following concurrent upgrades of PDBs, in accordance with the priority settings in the priority list:

1. `PDB$SEED` and `CDB1_PDB2`. Output logs are generated with log Identifiers (Log IDs) specified as `pdb_seed` for `PDB$SEED`, and log ID `mayapdb2` for `CDB1_PDB2`
2. `CDB1_PDB3` and `CDB1_PDB4`. Log IDs are specified `mayapdb3` and `mayapdb4`
3. `CDB1_PDB5` and `CDB1_PDB6`. Log IDs are specified `mayapdb5` and `mayapdb6`
4. `CDB1_PDB1`. The log ID is specified as `mayapdb1`.

Related Topics

- [About the Parallel Upgrade Utility for Oracle Database \(CATCTL.PL and DBUPGRADE\)](#)
- [Parallel Upgrade Utility \(catctl.pl\) Parameters](#)

Upgrade Oracle Call Interface (OCI) and Precompiler Applications

Upgrade any Oracle Call Interface (OCI) and precompiler applications that you plan to use with the new release of Oracle Database.

Oracle recommends that you test these applications on a test database before you upgrade your current production database.

Related Topics

- [About Upgrading Precompiler and OCI Applications in Oracle Database](#)

Requirements for Upgrading Databases That Use Oracle Label Security and Oracle Database Vault

You must complete these tasks before starting an upgrade with a database using Oracle Label Security or Oracle Database Vault.

- [Audit Table Preupgrade and Archive Requirements](#)
For Oracle Database releases earlier than 12.1 using Oracle Label Security and Oracle Database Vault, you must run the OLS preprocess script before you upgrade.
- [Oracle Database Vault and Upgrades of Oracle Database Release 11.2](#)
If Oracle Label Security is installed in the earlier release that you are upgrading, then grant the DV_PATCH_ADMIN role to SYS.
- [Granting the DV_PATCH_ADMIN Role to SYS for Oracle Database Vault](#)
If Oracle Database Vault is enabled, then to perform checks for Oracle Data Vault, the upgrade process requires running three SQL scripts.

Audit Table Preupgrade and Archive Requirements

For Oracle Database releases earlier than 12.1 using Oracle Label Security and Oracle Database Vault, you must run the OLS preprocess script before you upgrade.

If you are upgrading from a database earlier than Oracle Database release 12.1 that uses Oracle Label Security (OLS) and Oracle Database Vault, then you must first run the OLS preprocess script, `olspreupgrade.sql`, to process the `aud$` table contents. The OLS upgrade moves the `aud$` table from the `SYSTEM` schema to the `SYS` schema. The `olspreupgrade.sql` script is a preprocessing script required for this move.

Caution:

Running the `olspreupgrade.sql` script before upgrading is mandatory for upgrading databases earlier than Oracle Database release 12.1 that use Oracle Label Security and Oracle Database Vault. Once you have upgraded to Oracle Database release 12.1, you do not have to perform the OLS preprocessing procedure going forward to patch or upgrade the database.

The `olspreupgrade.sql` script creates a temporary table `PREUPG_AUD$` in the `SYS` schema and moves the `SYSTEM.aud$` records to `SYS.PREUPG_AUD$`. As a safety measure, Oracle recommends that you archive your audit trail before running the `olspreupgrade.sql` script. If Oracle Label Security is installed on your database, and you are upgrading from an earlier release, then you must run the OLS preprocess script before upgrading.

 **See Also:**

Oracle Database Security Guide for information about archiving audit trails
Oracle Label Security Administrator's Guide for information about the OLS preprocess script

Oracle Database Vault and Upgrades of Oracle Database Release 11.2

If Oracle Label Security is installed in the earlier release that you are upgrading, then grant the DV_PATCH_ADMIN role to SYS.

If Oracle Database Vault is not installed with your release 11.2 database, then you can skip steps 2, 3, 6, and 7 in this section.

To run the OLS preprocess script on a release 11.2 database before upgrading:

1. Copy the following scripts script from the newly installed Oracle home to the Oracle home of the database that you want to upgrade:
 - `ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/olspreupgrade.sql`
 - `ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/emremove.sql`
 - `ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catnoamd.sql`
2. Start SQL*Plus and connect as DVOWNER to the database that you want to upgrade.
3. Run the following statement:

```
SQL> GRANT DV_PATCH_ADMIN to SYS;
```

4. At the system prompt, connect SYS as SYSDBA:

```
CONNECT SYS AS SYSDBA
```

5. Run the preprocess scripts for Data Vault

```
ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/olspreupgrade.sql  
ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/emremove.sql  
ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catnoamd.sql
```

You may continue to run your applications on the database while the preprocess scripts are running.

6. After the `olspreupgrade.sql` completes its run successfully, start SQL*Plus and connect to the database as DVOWNER.
7. Run the following SQL statement:

```
SQL> REVOKE DV_PATCH_ADMIN from SYS;
```


Granting the DV_PATCH_ADMIN Role to SYS for Oracle Database Vault

If Oracle Database Vault is enabled, then to perform checks for Oracle Data Vault, the upgrade process requires running three SQL scripts.

The SYS user requires the DV_PATCH_ADMIN role for the following scripts:

OLS_SYS_MOVE runs `olspreupgrade.sql`:

```
CHECK.OLS_SYS_MOVE.MIN_VERSION_INCLUSIVE=10.2  
CHECK.OLS_SYS_MOVE.MAX_VERSION_EXCLUSIVE=12.1
```

EM_PRESENT runs `emremove.sql`:

```
CHECK.EM_PRESENT.MIN_VERSION_INCLUSIVE=NONE  
CHECK.EM_PRESENT.MAX_VERSION_EXCLUSIVE=12.1.0.1
```

AMD_EXISTS CHECK runs `catnoamd.sql`:

```
CHECK.AMD_EXISTS.MIN_VERSION_INCLUSIVE=NONE  
CHECK.AMD_EXISTS.MAX_VERSION_EXCLUSIVE=NONE
```

Backing Up Oracle Database for Upgrading

Use this procedure to back up your existing Oracle Database before you attempt an upgrade.

Caution:

Before you make any changes to the Oracle software, Oracle recommends that you create a backup of the Oracle software and databases. For Oracle software running on Windows operating systems, you must also take a backup of the Windows registry. Without a registry backup, you cannot restore the Oracle software to a working state if the upgrade fails, and you want to revert to the previous software installation.

If you choose to use the manual Pre-Upgrade Information Tool, then run it before you cleanly shut down the database. To minimize downtime, you can perform an online backup or create a guaranteed restore point. Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA) enables you to specify your backup and restore point.

1. Sign on to Oracle RMAN:

```
rman "target / nocatalog"
```

2. Run the following RMAN commands:

```
RUN
{
  ALLOCATE CHANNEL chan_name TYPE DISK;
  BACKUP DATABASE FORMAT 'some_backup_directory%U' TAG before_upgrade;
  BACKUP CURRENT CONTROLFILE FORMAT 'controlfile location and name';
}
```

 See Also:

- *Oracle Database Backup and Recovery User's Guide* for information about online backups and backup mode
- *Oracle Database Backup and Recovery User's Guide* for information about Flashback Database and restore points
- *Oracle Database Backup and Recovery User's Guide* for more information about performing RMAN backups

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Using AutoUpgrade for Oracle Database Upgrades

Learn how to use AutoUpgrade to simplify your upgrade tasks.

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- [Examples of AutoUpgrade Workflows](#)
To guide your upgrade, review the AutoUpgrade workflow example that matches your upgrade use case.
- [AutoUpgrade Messages and Process Description Terms](#)
To understand how your upgrade checks and operations are proceeding, learn about the AutoUpgrade utility messages that are generated as the utility runs.
- [About AutoUpgrade Processing Modes](#)
The four AutoUpgrade processing modes (Analyze, Fixup, Deploy, and Upgrade) characterize the actions that AutoUpgrade performs as it runs.
- [Understanding AutoUpgrade Workflows and Stages](#)
The AutoUpgrade workflow automates each step of a typical upgrade process. The stages that run depend on the processing mode that you select.
- [Understanding Non-CDB to PDB Upgrades with AutoUpgrade](#)
You can upgrade and convert a non-CDB to a PDB in a new CDB in a single operation, or upgrade and then convert a Non-CDB database to a PDB in a pre-existing CDB.
- [AutoUpgrade Command-Line Parameters](#)
Review the AutoUpgrade parameters and select the parameters and options for your Oracle Database upgrade use case.
- [AutoUpgrade Utility Configuration Files](#)
AutoUpgrade configuration files contain all the information required to perform Oracle Database upgrades.
- [AutoUpgrade and Oracle Database Configuration Options](#)
When you run AutoUpgrade, it determines the type of database (Oracle Database, Oracle Database Standalone with Oracle ASM, or Oracle RAC), and performs an upgrade for that type of database
- [AutoUpgrade Configuration File Examples](#)
Use these examples to understand how you can modify your own AutoUpgrade configuration files.

- [AutoUpgrade before_action Local Parameter Example](#)
To install Oracle Database features as part of your upgrade plan, you can use the `before_action` local parameter to run scripts.
- [AutoUpgrade Internal Settings Configuration File](#)
Internal configuration settings control how AutoUpgrade runs.
- [AutoUpgrade Log File Structure](#)
The AutoUpgrade utility produces a log file structure that includes job status and configuration files.
- [Enabling Full Deployments for AutoUpgrade](#)
To enable a guaranteed restore point (GRP) so that you can flashback an upgrade, you must set up archive logging, and you should complete other tasks to enable AutoUpgrade to complete the upgrade.
- [Examples of How to Use the AutoUpgrade Console](#)
The AutoUpgrade console provides a set of commands to monitor the progress of AutoUpgrade jobs. The console starts by default when you run the AutoUpgrade utility, and is enabled or disabled by the parameters `console` and `noconsole`.
- [How to Override Default Fixups](#)
You can use the `RUNFIX` column entry to disable automated fixups, except in cases where disabling the fixup violates security or Oracle policy.
- [Local Configuration File Parameter Fixups Checklist Example](#)
To include or exclude specific fixups for individual databases during upgrades, use the local configuration file checklist.
- [Proper Management of AutoUpgrade Database Changes](#)
AutoUpgrade is a powerful utility, which requires that you use it responsibly. Review and avoid using AutoUpgrade in ways that put the database at risk.
- [AutoUpgrade and Microsoft Windows ACLs and CLIs](#)
When running AutoUpgrade on Microsoft Windows systems, Oracle recommends additional best practices with access control lists (ACLs) and command-line interfaces (CLIs).

About Oracle Database AutoUpgrade

The AutoUpgrade utility identifies issues before upgrades, performs pre- and postupgrade actions, deploys upgrades, performs postupgrade actions, and starts the upgraded Oracle Database.

The AutoUpgrade utility is designed to automate the upgrade process, both before starting upgrades, during upgrade deployments, and during postupgrade checks and configuration migration. You use AutoUpgrade after you have downloaded binaries for the new Oracle Database release, and set up new release Oracle homes. When you use AutoUpgrade, you can upgrade multiple Oracle Database deployments at the same time, using a single configuration file, customized as needed for each database deployment.

With the January 2019 Release Updates (DBJAN2019RU) and later updates, AutoUpgrade support is available for Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2) and Oracle Database 18c (18.5) target homes. For both Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2) and Oracle Database 18c (18.5) target homes, you must download the AutoUpgrade kit from My Oracle Support Document 2485457.1.

In Oracle Database 19c (19.3) and later target Oracle homes, the `autoupgrade.jar` file exists by default. However, before you use AutoUpgrade, Oracle strongly recommends that you download the latest AutoUpgrade version. AutoUpgrade is included with each release update (RU), but the most recent AutoUpgrade version is always available from My Oracle Support Document 2485457.1.

 **Note:**

AutoUpgrade is available for Oracle Database Enterprise Edition, and Oracle Database Standard Edition. It is not available for Oracle Database Express Edition.

Preventing Issues: Analyze and Fixup Modes

Before the upgrade, in Analyze mode, the AutoUpgrade utility performs read-only analysis of databases before upgrade, so that it can identify issues that require fixing. You can run the utility during normal database operations. In Fixup Mode, the AutoUpgrade utility detects and identifies both fixes that require manual intervention, and fixes that the AutoUpgrade utility can perform during the upgrade deployment phase.

Simplifying Upgrades: Deploy and Upgrade Modes

In Deploy phase, the AutoUpgrade utility modifies the databases you indicate in your configuration file. It enables you to call your own custom scripts during the upgrade to configure databases. In many cases, the AutoUpgrade utility can perform automatic fixes to databases during the upgrade process without requiring manual intervention.

Deploy and Upgrade Postupgrade Checks and Fixes

After an upgrade completes with either Deploy or Upgrade modes, AutoUpgrade performs postupgrade checks. It provides a process where you can enable your custom scripts to be run on each of the upgraded databases, in accordance with the configuration instructions you provide in the AutoUpgrade configuration file, and also can run automatic postupgrade fixups as part of the postupgrade process. In Deploy mode, AutoUpgrade also confirms that the upgrade has succeeded, and moves database files such as `sqlnet.ora`, `tnsname.ora`, and `listener.ora` from the source home to the target home. After these actions are complete, the upgraded Oracle Database release is started in the new Oracle home.

Related Topics

- [My Oracle Support Document 2485457.1](#)

Checking for Java Version Support

Typically, you start the AutoUpgrade JAR file in the Oracle home from which you are upgrading. However, the Oracle home must contain Java 8.

The AutoUpgrade utility is a Java 8 release JAR file, which is available in Oracle Database Oracle homes in releases after Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1.0.2). On Oracle Database releases 12.2, 18 and 19, Java 8 is the default. The path to the Java version in the Oracle home is `Oracle-home/jdk/bin/java`, where `Oracle-home` is

the Source database Oracle home (the earlier Oracle Database release that you are upgrading). For example:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/jdk/bin/java -version
```

The result should be a Java 8 version. For example:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/jdk/bin/java -version
java version "1.8.0_211"
Java(TM) SE Runtime Environment (build 1.8.0_211-b12)
Java HotSpot(TM) 64-Bit Server VM (build 25.211-b12, mixed mode)
```

A successful response to `autoupgrade.jar -version` should be similar to the following:

```
java -jar ./build/production/autoupgrade.jar -version
build.hash 2ce58db
build.version 19.7.4
build.date 2020/01/17 10:54:33
build.max_target_version 19
build.type production
```

If your you attempt to start AutoUpgrade with a Java release earlier than Java 8, then the following error occurs:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/jdk/bin/java -jar autoupgrade.jar -version
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.UnsupportedClassVersionError: Bad
version number in .class file
    at java.lang.ClassLoader.defineClass1(Native Method)
    at ...
```

Examples of AutoUpgrade Workflows

To guide your upgrade, review the AutoUpgrade workflow example that matches your upgrade use case.

These examples are presented in a typical workflow sequence.

- [AutoUpgrade with Source and Target Database Homes on Same Server \(Typical\)](#)
When your Oracle Database Source and Target Oracle homes are installed on the same physical server, use this example.
- [AutoUpgrade with Source and Target Database Homes on Different Servers](#)
When your Oracle Database Source and Target Oracle homes are located on different physical servers, you must complete tasks on both servers.

AutoUpgrade with Source and Target Database Homes on Same Server (Typical)

When your Oracle Database Source and Target Oracle homes are installed on the same physical server, use this example.

Context: Source and Target homes are on the same server.

To start the analysis, enter the following command.

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.txt -mode analyze
```

The command produces a report that indicates any error conditions that the command finds. Review the error conditions. When relevant, customize the fixups that AutoUpgrade has created to address error conditions.

To start the deployment of the upgrade, enter the following command:

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.txt -mode deploy
```

AutoUpgrade with Source and Target Database Homes on Different Servers

When your Oracle Database Source and Target Oracle homes are located on different physical servers, you must complete tasks on both servers.

Context: Source and Target Oracle homes are on different physical servers.

To start the analysis, enter the following command.

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.txt -mode analyze
```

The command produces a report that indicates any error conditions that the command finds. Review the error conditions. When relevant, customize the fixups that AutoUpgrade has created to address error conditions.

Because the source and target Oracle Database Oracle homes are on different servers, you run fixups on each server.

1. Run fixups on the source server:

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.txt -mode fixups
```

2. Complete the tasks to move the source Oracle Database from the source server to the target server.
3. On the target server, start up the database in upgrade mode, and then run AutoUpgrade in upgrade mode:

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.txt -mode upgrade
```

AutoUpgrade Messages and Process Description Terms

To understand how your upgrade checks and operations are proceeding, learn about the AutoUpgrade utility messages that are generated as the utility runs.

- [Overview of AutoUpgrade Job IDs](#)
An AutoUpgrade **Job** is a unit of work associated with an upgrade, which is identified by a job identifier (`jobid`).
- [Overview of AutoUpgrade Stages](#)
AutoUpgrade utility jobs pass through a series of phases, called **stages**, during which specific actions are performed.
- [Overview of AutoUpgrade Stage Operations and States](#)
In AutoUpgrade, **operation** describes actions performed during stages, and **state** indicates the status of a stage operation.

Overview of AutoUpgrade Job IDs

An AutoUpgrade **Job** is a unit of work associated with an upgrade, which is identified by a job identifier (`jobid`).

A job represents a set of actions that AutoUpgrade performs. Each job goes through a set of stages to accomplish its purpose. The job is identified by a unique positive integer, which is called a `jobid`. Each new AutoUpgrade job produces a new job ID (`jobid`) for each database found in the configuration file for the AutoUpgrade utility. If AutoUpgrade detects that a database with a `jobid` that you previously started exists on your system is incomplete, then AutoUpgrade identifies this existing `jobid` as a **resume** operation. In a resume operation, stages of a job identified by a `jobid` that did not complete during the previous AutoUpgrade run are continued from the point where they were stopped.

Overview of AutoUpgrade Stages

AutoUpgrade utility jobs pass through a series of phases, called **stages**, during which specific actions are performed.

The actions that occur during a stage are defined by the **processing mode** that you select for AutoUpgrade: **Analyze**, **Fixups**, **Deploy**, and **Upgrade**.

AutoUpgrade has the following stages:

- **SETUP**: The initial stage that the AutoUpgrade utility job manager creates as part of the preparation for starting a job.
- **PREUPGRADE**: The stage in which AutoUpgrade performs checks of your system, based on your current system configuration to determine its readiness for upgrade, such as checking to determine if you have sufficient available disk space.
- **PRECHECKS**: The stage in which AutoUpgrade analyzes your source Oracle home to determine if the database meets the requirements for upgrade.
- **GRP**: The guaranteed restore point (GRP), which AutoUpgrade creates before starting the upgrade process. This option is only available for Oracle Database Enterprise Edition releases. It is not available for Oracle Database Standard

Edition. Even though AutoUpgrade creates a GRP by default, Oracle highly recommends that you perform a backup before starting your upgrade.

- **PREFIXUPS:** The stage in which AutoUpgrade performs preupgrade fixups before starting the upgrade. For example, this is the stage in which AutoUpgrade gathers dictionary statistics on the source Oracle home.
- **DRAIN:** The stage during which AutoUpgrade shuts down the database.
- **DBUPGRADE:** The stage in which AutoUpgrade performs the upgrade, and compiles any invalid objects that are found after the upgrade completes.
- **POSTCHECKS:** The stage in which AutoUpgrade performs checks on the target Oracle home (the upgraded Oracle Database) before starting postupgrade fixups.
- **POSTFIXUPS:** The stage in which AutoUpgrade performs processing of postupgrade fixups, such as upgrading the time zone.
- **POSTUPGRADE:** The stage in which AutoUpgrade copies or merges the source Oracle home configuration files (`tnsnames.ora`, `sqlnet.ora`, and other files) to the target Oracle home.

Overview of AutoUpgrade Stage Operations and States

In AutoUpgrade, **operation** describes actions performed during stages, and **state** indicates the status of a stage operation.

Understanding Operation Messages

An operation message is an internal phase message that describes what is happening during an AutoUpgrade state. There are two types of operation messages.

PREPARING: An AutoUpgrade instance is being created, initialized, or called, in preparation for completing an AutoUpgrade stage. This is an information message. When you see this message, there is no action for you to perform.

EXECUTING: AutoUpgrade is in the process of performing the main workflow of a stage. This is an information message. There is no action for you to perform.

Understanding State Messages

State messages indicate the status of the current workflow of the stage for which the message is displayed. There are four state messages:

- **ABORTED:** AutoUpgrade stopped performing the stage workflow, in response to a user request.
- **ERROR:** An error was encountered while the stage workflow was being performed. Review the cause of the error.
- **FINISHED:** AutoUpgrade successfully completed the workflow for the stage.
- **RUNNING:** AutoUpgrade is performing the stage workflow.

About AutoUpgrade Processing Modes

The four AutoUpgrade processing modes (Analyze, Fixup, Deploy, and Upgrade) characterize the actions that AutoUpgrade performs as it runs.

- [Preparations for Running AutoUpgrade Processing Modes](#)
You must complete preparations before you can run an AutoUpgrade processing mode.
- [About the AutoUpgrade Analyze Processing Mode](#)
The AutoUpgrade Analyze (`analyze`) processing mode checks your database to see if it is ready for upgrade.
- [About the AutoUpgrade Fixup Processing Mode](#)
The AutoUpgrade Fixup (`fixups`) processing mode analyzes your database, and performs fixups of items that must be corrected before you can perform an upgrade.
- [About the AutoUpgrade Deploy Processing Mode](#)
The AutoUpgrade Deploy (`deploy`) processing mode performs the actual upgrade of the database, and performs any pending fixups.
- [About the AutoUpgrade Upgrade Processing Mode](#)
The AutoUpgrade Upgrade (`upgrade`) processing mode enables you to upgrade the target Oracle home in cases where you do not have access to the source Oracle home.

Preparations for Running AutoUpgrade Processing Modes

You must complete preparations before you can run an AutoUpgrade processing mode.

Before you can use an AutoUpgrade processing mode, confirm that you meet the following requirements:

- You have created a user configuration file.
- AutoUpgrade is up and running in the original Oracle home. In case of a restart of AutoUpgrade, you must start the database in the Oracle home that corresponds to the phase in the upgrade flow.
- The server on which the database is running is registered on the server hosts file (for example, `/etc/hosts`), or on a domain name server (DNS).

If you are logged in to the server on which the target database is located, then the target database host name should be returned when you enter the command `hostname`. For example:

```
$ hostname sales3
```

- On container databases (CDBs), the pluggable databases (PDBs) on which you want to run the upgrade are open, and they are configured in the user configuration file, using the AutoUpgrade local parameter `pdb`s.
- You have the AutoUpgrade jar file (`autoupgrade.jar`) downloaded or available, and you are able to run it using a Java 8 distribution.

As of the January 2019 Release Updates (`DBJAN2019RU`), AutoUpgrade support is available for Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2) and Oracle Database 18c (18.5) target homes. For both Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2) and Oracle Database 18c (18.5) target homes, you must download the AutoUpgrade kit from My Oracle Support Document 2485457.1.

In Oracle Database 19c (19.3) and later target Oracle homes, the `autoupgrade.jar` file exists by default. However, before you use AutoUpgrade, Oracle strongly

recommends that you download the latest version, which is available from My Oracle Support Document 2485457.1.

Related Topics

- [My Oracle Support Document 2485457.1](#)

About the AutoUpgrade Analyze Processing Mode

The AutoUpgrade Analyze (*analyze*) processing mode checks your database to see if it is ready for upgrade.

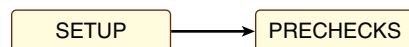
When you run AutoUpgrade in Analyze mode, AutoUpgrade only reads data from the database, and does not perform any updates to the database. You can run AutoUpgrade using the Analyze mode during normal business hours. You can run AutoUpgrade in Analyze mode on your source Oracle Database home before you have set up your target release Oracle Database home.

You start AutoUpgrade in Analyze mode using the following syntax, where *Java-8-home* is the location of your Java 8 distribution, or the environment variable set for the Java 8 home:

```
Java-8-home/bin/java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config yourconfig.txt -mode analyze
```

Oracle Database Release 12.2 (12.2.0.1) or newer Oracle homes have a valid java version by default. Start AutoUpgrade in Analyze mode using the following syntax, where *Oracle_home* is the Oracle home directory, or the environment variable set for the Oracle home, and *yourconfig.txt* is your configuration file:

```
Oracle_home/jdk8/bin/java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config yourconfig.txt -mode analyze
```



The AutoUpgrade Analyze mode produces two output files, which are given the name of the system identifier (*SID*) of the database that you check:

- *SID.html*: View this file using a web browser.
- *SID_preupgrade.log*: View this file using a text editor.

Each report identifies upgrade errors that would occur if you do not correct them, either by running an automatic fixup script, or by manual correction. If errors occur, then they are reported in the user log file, and also in the *status.json* file.

The Analyze mode also generates a status directory in the path *cfgtoollogs/upgrade/auto/status*. This directory contains files that indicate if the analysis was successful or failed. This directory has two JSON files, *status.json* and *progress.json*:

- *status.json* : A high-level status JSON file that contains the final status of the upgrade.
- *progress.json*: A JSON file that contains the current progress of all upgrades being performed on behalf of the configuration file. If errors occur, then they are

reported in the log file of the user running AutoUpgrade, and also in the `status.json` file.

If your target database Oracle home is not available on the server, then in your configuration file, you must set the source Oracle home parameters to the same path, so that the AutoUpgrade analyze processing mode can run. For example:

```
#
# Source Home
#
sales3.source_home=d:\app\oracle\product\12.1.0\dbhome_1
#
# Target Oracle Home
#
sales3.target_home=d:\app\oracle\product\12.1.0\dbhome_1
```

Earlier releases of AutoUpgrade required you to set `target_home`. In later releases of AutoUpgrade, this restriction has been lifted for both Analyze and Fixups modes.

About the AutoUpgrade Fixup Processing Mode

The AutoUpgrade Fixup (`fixups`) processing mode analyzes your database, and performs fixups of items that must be corrected before you can perform an upgrade.

When you run AutoUpgrade in Fixup mode, AutoUpgrade performs the checks that it also performs in Analyze mode. After completing these checks, AutoUpgrade then performs all automated fixups that are required to fix before you start an upgrade. When you plan to move your database to a different platform, using the Fixup mode prepares the database for upgrade.

Caution:

Oracle recommends that you run AutoUpgrade in Analyze mode separately before running AutoUpgrade in Fixup mode. Fixup mode can make changes to the source database.

As part of upgrade preparation, if the source database requires corrections for conditions that would cause errors during an upgrade, then AutoUpgrade run in Fixup mode performs automated fixes to the source database. Because running AutoUpgrade in Fixup mode is a step that you perform as you are moving to another system, it does not create a guaranteed restore point. Oracle recommends that you run this mode outside of normal business hours.

You start AutoUpgrade in Fixup mode using the following syntax, where `Java-8-home` is the location of your Java 8 distribution, or the environment variable set for the Java 8 home:

```
Java-8-home/bin/java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config yourconfig.txt -mode
fixup
```

If Java 8 is in your source Oracle home, then start AutoUpgrade in Fixup mode using the following syntax, where `Oracle_home` is the Oracle home directory, or the

environment variable set for the Oracle home, and `yourconfig.txt` is your configuration file:

```
Oracle_home/jdk8/bin/java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config yourconfig.txt -
mode fixup
```



As AutoUpgrade runs in Fixup mode, it starts out by running the same prechecks that are run in Analyze mode. It then runs automated fixups in the source database in preparation for upgrade, and generates a high-level status file that indicates the success or failure of fixup operations. If errors occur, then they are reported in the log file of the user running AutoUpgrade.

▲ Caution:

AutoUpgrade in Fixup mode does not create a guaranteed restore point. Before starting AutoUpgrade in Fixup mode, ensure that your database is backed up.

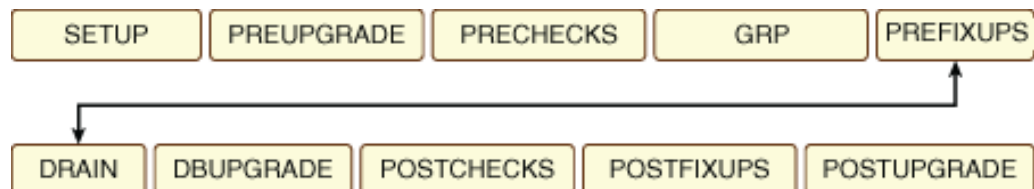
About the AutoUpgrade Deploy Processing Mode

The AutoUpgrade Deploy (`deploy`) processing mode performs the actual upgrade of the database, and performs any pending fixups.

Before you run Deploy, you must have the target Oracle home already installed, and you must have a backup plan in place, in addition to the backup plan run as part of the AutoUpgrade script.

You start AutoUpgrade in Deploy mode using the following syntax, where `Oracle_home` is the Oracle home directory, or the environment variable set for the Oracle home, and `yourconfig.txt` is your configuration file:

```
Oracle_home/jdk8/bin/java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config yourconfig.txt -
mode deploy
```



When you run AutoUpgrade in Deploy mode, AutoUpgrade runs all upgrade operations on the database, from preupgrade source database analysis to post-upgrade checks. Each operation prepares for the next operation. If errors occur, then the operation is stopped. All errors are logged to the log file of the user running the AutoUpgrade script. A high level status file is generated for each operation, which shows the success or failure of the operation. If there are fixups that are still pending (for example, if you run AutoUpgrade in Deploy mode without running AutoUpgrade first in Analyze and Fixups mode) then AutoUpgrade can complete fixups during the Deploy mode.

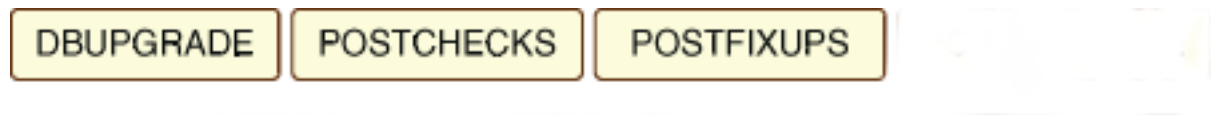
About the AutoUpgrade Upgrade Processing Mode

The AutoUpgrade Upgrade (`upgrade`) processing mode enables you to upgrade the target Oracle home in cases where you do not have access to the source Oracle home.

You can use the Upgrade mode to divide an upgrade into two parts: First, if you choose, you can run the `prefixups` mode on the source database running on its Oracle home. Second, you use the Upgrade mode to perform the upgrade of the database on its new home. To use the Upgrade mode, the database must be up and running in the target Oracle home before you run AutoUpgrade in Upgrade mode.

You start AutoUpgrade in Upgrade mode using the following syntax, where `Oracle_home` is the Oracle home directory, or the environment variable set for the Oracle home, and `yourconfig.txt` is your configuration file:

```
Oracle_home/jdk8/bin/java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config yourconfig.txt -  
mode upgrade
```



This command runs the upgrade and postupgrade operations on the database. Use this option when you have moved your Oracle Database to a different system from the original source system, so that you cannot use the AutoUpgrade Deploy mode.

As AutoUpgrade runs in Upgrade mode, errors are logged to the log file of the user running the AutoUpgrade script. A high level status file is generated for each operation, which shows the success or failure of the operation. When you run AutoUpgrade in Upgrade mode, no postupgrade operations are performed.

Understanding AutoUpgrade Workflows and Stages

The AutoUpgrade workflow automates each step of a typical upgrade process. The stages that run depend on the processing mode that you select.

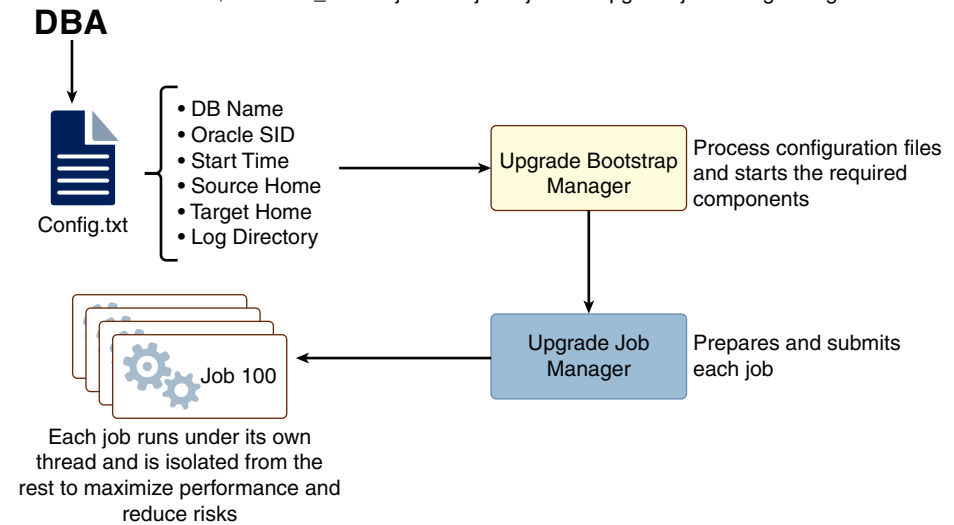
AutoUpgrade is designed to enable you to perform an upgrade with as little human intervention as possible. When you start AutoUpgrade, the configuration file you identify with the command is passed to the AutoUpgrade job manager. The job manager creates the required jobs for the processing mode that you selected, and passes the data structures required for the mode to the dispatcher. The dispatcher then starts lower-level modules that perform each individual task.

AutoUpgrade Processing Mode Workflow Processing

To understand how AutoUpgrade processes a workflow mode, review the following figure, which shows how a deploy processing mode is processed:

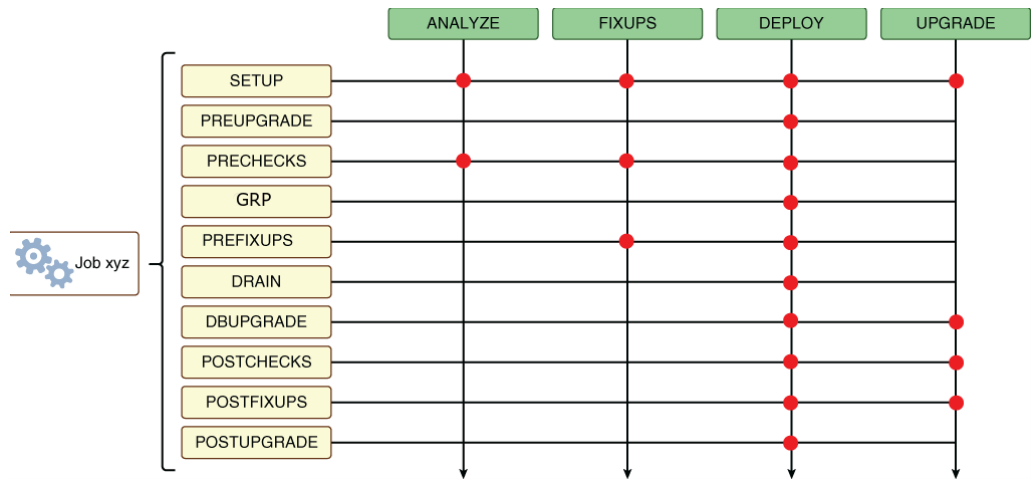


```
$ORACLE_HOME/jdk8/bin/java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.txt -mode deploy
```



AutoUpgrade Processing Mode Stages

The stages that AutoUpgrade runs for an upgrade job depends on the processing mode that you select.



There are four AutoUpgrade modes. For each mode, AutoUpgrade steps are performed in sequence. Note the differences in steps for each mode

- **Analyze Mode:** Setup, Prechecks.
- **Fixups Mode:** Setup, Prechecks, and Prefixups.
- **Deploy Mode:** Setup, Preupgrade, Prechecks, guaranteed restore point (GRP), Prefixups, Drain, DB (database) Upgrade, Postchecks, and Postupgrade. You can run your own scripts before the upgrade (Preupgrade stage) or after the upgrade (Postupgrade stage), or both before and after the upgrade.
- **Upgrade Mode:** Setup, DB (database) Upgrade, Postchecks, and Postfixups.

Understanding Non-CDB to PDB Upgrades with AutoUpgrade

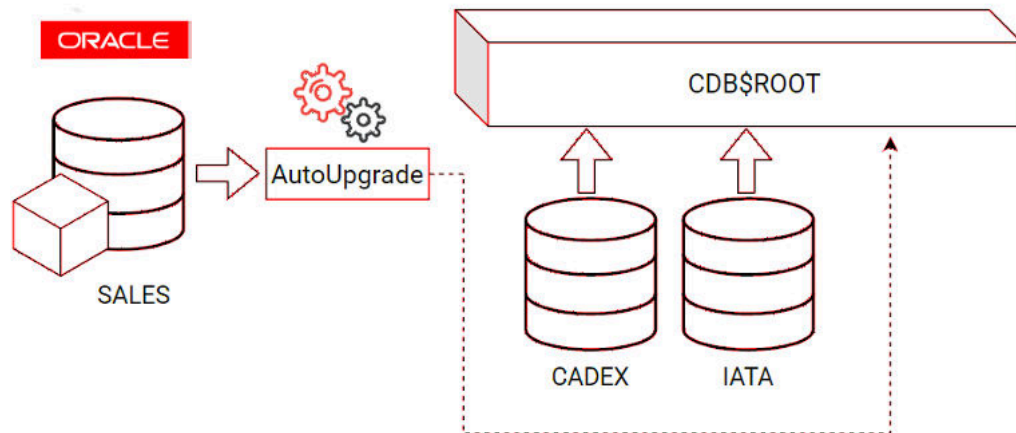
You can upgrade and convert a non-CDB to a PDB in a new CDB in a single operation, or upgrade and then convert a Non-CDB database to a PDB in a pre-existing CDB.

Oracle Database 19c is the terminal release in which non-CDB Oracle Database architecture is supported. Oracle strongly recommends that you move to using pluggable databases (PDBs). When you migrate your database from the non-CDB architecture to PDBs in Oracle Database 19c, you obtain up to three user-configurable PDBs in a container database (CDB), without requiring a multitenant license. If you choose to configure four or more PDBs, then a multitenant license is required.

The non-CDB to PDB feature of the AutoUpgrade utility provides you flexible options to control how you upgrade your existing Oracle Database, using one of the following choices:

- Upgrade and convert an earlier release non-CDB architecture Oracle Database to a multitenant architecture database in a single operation
- Plug in a non-CDB architecture Oracle Database into a multitenant architecture database, and upgrade the PDB in a single operation.

Figure 3-1 Converting and Upgrading a Non-CDB Using AutoUpgrade



Example 3-1 AutoUpgrade Configuration File for Non-CDB to PDB Conversion

To use the non-CDB to PDB option, you must set the parameters `target_cdb` in the AutoUpgrade configuration file. The `target_cdb` parameter value defines the Oracle system identifier (SID) of the container database into which you are plugging the non-CDB Oracle Database. For example:

```
global.autoupg_log_dir=/home/oracle/autoupg
upg1.sid=s12201
upg1.source_home=/u01/product/12.2.0/dbhome_1
upg1.log_dir=/home/oracle/autoupg
```



```
upgl.target_home=/u01/product/20.1.0/dbhome_1
upgl.target_base=/u01
upgl.target_version=20.1.0
upgl.target_cdb=cdb20x
```

Related Topics

- Permitted Features, Options, and Management Packs by Oracle Database Offering

AutoUpgrade Command-Line Parameters

Review the AutoUpgrade parameters and select the parameters and options for your Oracle Database upgrade use case.

Use the parameters with the command `java -jar autoupgrade.jar`.

- [About the AutoUpgrade Command-Line Parameters](#)
Review the syntax and prerequisites for using the AutoUpgrade utility (`autoupgrade.jar`) parameters.
- [Config](#)
The AutoUpgrade parameter `config` identifies the configuration file that you use to provide information about databases that you want to upgrade.
- [Console](#)
The AutoUpgrade parameter `console` turns on the AutoUpgrade console, and provides a set of commands to monitor the progress of AutoUpgrade jobs.
- [Create_sample_file](#)
The AutoUpgrade parameter `create_sample_file` generates either a configuration file, or a settings file. You edit these files to create production configuration or settings files for AutoUpgrade.
- [Noconsole](#)
The AutoUpgrade parameter `noconsole` turns off the AutoUpgrade console, so that AutoUpgrade runs using only configuration file information.
- [Settings](#)
The AutoUpgrade parameter `settings` identifies the configuration file that you use to provide custom runtime configuration of the AutoUpgrade utility.
- [Version](#)
The AutoUpgrade parameter `version` prints to the terminal screen the current build of the `autoupgrade.jar` file.

About the AutoUpgrade Command-Line Parameters

Review the syntax and prerequisites for using the AutoUpgrade utility (`autoupgrade.jar`) parameters.

Prerequisites

- You must have Java Development Kit (JDK) 8 or later installed in your source environment.

JDK 8 is installed with every release starting with Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2). For any release earlier than 12.2, you must either run AutoUpgrade using

the Java release in the target Oracle Database, or you must install JDK 8 on your source database server.

- Oracle Database upgrades using the AutoUpgrade utility follow the same upgrade rules that apply to manual Oracle Database upgrades. Confirm that your source Oracle Database release is supported for upgrade.

With non-CDB to PDB conversion and upgrade, AutoUpgrade can automatically complete both upgrade and conversion when these conditions are met:

- The target release CDB must exist.
- The target release should be patched to the latest release update (RU) or release update revision (RUR).
- In the AutoUpgrade configuration file, where the target CDB system identifier is *target_cdb*, you must set the local parameter *target_cdb* using the following syntax:
`target_cdb=target_cdb.`
- The *target_cdb* value is the Oracle SID of the CDB into which you are plugging the non-CDB.

File Path

The AutoUpgrade utility is a Java JAR file that is located in the new release Oracle Database home.

`Oracle_home/rdbms/admin/autoupgrade.jar`

Oracle strongly recommends that you obtain the latest AutoUpgrade JAR file from My Oracle Support. The JAR file and deployment instructions for the JAR file are available from My Oracle Support note 2485457.1

Syntax

AutoUpgrade command syntax is case-sensitive. Enter commands in lowercase.

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar
                                [-version | -help | -create_sample_file
create_sample_file
                                [-settings settings]
                                [-config configfile.cfg]
                                [-clear_recovery_data]
                                [-mode mode]
                                [-console | -noconsole]
                                [-restore_on_fail]
                                [-debug]
```

Each parameter must be prefixed with a minus sign (-). For information about the options that you can use with each parameter, refer to the relevant parameter topic.

Example 3-2 Rerunning AutoUpgrade After Fixing an Issue Using `clear_recovery_data`

You run AutoUpgrade in deploy mode

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -mode deploy
```

However, you encounter an issue during the upgrade. You stop AutoUpgrade, restore the database, and make changes to the database to correct the issue. To start over the AutoUpgrade procedure without encountering the previous AutoUpgrade state file, you run the following command to check your work:

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -mode analyze -
clear_recovery_data
```

The analyze results are good, so you then run the deploy option again:

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -mode deploy
```

```
autoupgrade.jar -config-clear_recovery_data-
clear_recovery_datajobidjobidjobid
```

Related Topics

- [My Oracle Support note 2485457.1](#)
- Oracle Database Releases That Support Direct Upgrade

Config

The AutoUpgrade parameter `config` identifies the configuration file that you use to provide information about databases that you want to upgrade.

Property	Description
Parameter type	string
Syntax	<pre>-config <i>configfile</i> -mode <i>mode</i> [-console -noconsole] [-restore_on_fail] [-clear_recovery_data] [-debug] [-zip [-sid <i>system_identifier</i>][-d <i>filepath</i>]</pre>
Default value	The option <code>-console</code> is enabled by default.

Description

The `config...mode` clause takes two standard arguments:

- The configuration file name, and optionally, path, as represented by *config-file*
- The mode type, using the argument `-mode mode`, where *mode* is the processing mode used with the configuration file. The `mode` argument takes the following options:
 - `analyze`: analyzes the database
 - `fixups`: corrects errors in the source database
 - `deploy`: performs all the operations on the database, from `analyze` to `postupgrade`

- `upgrade`: performs the upgrade on a target Oracle home.

**Note:**

When you use the `-zip` clause, you cannot use the `-mode` clause.

The `-config` parameter can take the following optional clauses:

- `-clear_recovery_data`: Remove the recovery checkpoint to start fresh the next time AutoUpgrade is started. Use this option to run AutoUpgrade so that it discards any previous generated state information. In particular, this option can be useful during upgrade testing, when you want to test upgrading the same database multiple times, with database restores in between tests.
- `-console`: Enables the AutoUpgrade console, if disabled. The console is enabled by default. The console enables you to submit commands at a terminal to receive details in real time about the jobs that are running, so that you can modify their workflow. For example, from the console, you can abort a job, or restore a given database.
- `-noconsole`: Disables the console. Use the `noconsole` mode for batch scripting, in which AutoUpgrade commands are run without interaction at the terminal.
- `-restore_on_fail`: Enables the option to restore databases automatically in case of an upgrade failure. This option is only available with Enterprise Edition, and only applies when AutoUpgrade is run in deploy mode. In other modes, this option is ignored.
- `-debug`: Enables debug level messages in both log files and in terminal output.
- `-zip`: Creates an archive (zip) file that contains all AutoUpgrade data and log files. For example, to upload files for a service request, you can use the `-zip` clause. Without additional clauses, the `-zip` parameter zips up archive log files for all databases that you specify in the configuration file. The zip file is created in the current path where you run `autoupgrade.jar`. Note that when you use the `-zip` option, you cannot use the `-mode` option. The `-zip` option takes two optional clauses, which you can specify separately or together:
 - `-sid system_identifier`: Specifies the system identifier (SID) names of the database whose log files you want to have placed in a zip file. You must specify at least one SID as the value of the variable `system_identifier`. Specify multiple SIDs in a comma-delimited list (`sid1,sid2,sid3, ...`).
 - `-d filepath`: Specifies a destination path where you want the zip file placed. When specified, the archive log files are zipped up into the file path that you specify.

The log files placed in the zip file include the following:

- Configuration file
- Trace directory, including all alert log files specified for each database
- `cfgtoollogs` directory, including all directories under `cfgtoollogs`
- System identifier (SID) names: One directory for each SID, containing all job directories and the temp folder for each SID.

The zip file name is in the format `AUPG-year-month-day_hour_minute_millisecond.zip`, where:

- `year` is the year that the zip file was created.
- `month` is the month that the zip file was created
- `day` is the day that the zip file was created
- `hour` is the hour that the zip file was created
- `minute` is the minute that the zip file was created
- `millisecond` is the millisecond that the zip file was created

Examples

Running AutoUpgrade with a configuration file named `myconfig.cfg`, with the processing mode `deploy`:

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config myconfig.cfg -mode deploy
```

Running AutoUpgrade with a configuration file named `config.cfg` located in the path `/usr/home/oracle1`, with the processing mode `analyze`:

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config /usr/home/oracle1/config.cfg -mode analyze
```

Running AutoUpgrade with a configuration file named `config.cfg` in `analyze` mode:

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -mode analyze -console
```

Running AutoUpgrade with a configuration file named `config.cfg` in `analyze` mode, and disabling the AutoUpgrade console:

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -mode analyze -noconsole
```

Running AutoUpgrade with a configuration file named `config.cfg` in `analyze` mode, and with the option to enable an automatic restoration of the database in the case that the upgrade fails:

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -mode deploy -restore_on_fail
```

Running AutoUpgrade in `deploy` mode (`java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -mode deploy`), you encounter an issue during the upgrade. You stop AutoUpgrade, restore the database, and make changes to the database to correct the issue. To start over the AutoUpgrade procedure without encountering the previous AutoUpgrade state file, you run the following command to check your work:

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -mode analyze -clear_recovery_data
```

In this example, you run the AutoUpgrade executable `autoupgrade.jar` with the `-zip` option. You run AutoUpgrade as the user `oracle`, where `autoupgrade.jar` is in the

Oracle user home, with a configuration file named `myconfig.cfg`. You also run AutoUpgrade without setting optional clauses for the `-zip` option. As a result, a zip file is placed in the Oracle user's home, where the `autoupgrade.jar` executable is located:

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config myconfig.cfg -zip
Processing: 230736166 [bytes] in 140 Files
/ 100%
Zipped successfully at /home/oracle/AUPG_200130_1501_900.zip
```

You run the same AutoUpgrade command, but this time set the optional `-d` clause of the `-zip` option, and specify that you want the zip file placed in the path `/u03/AUPG-files`:

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config myconfig.cfg -zip -d /u03/AUPG-files/
Processing: 230736166 [bytes] in 140 Files
| 100%
Zipped successfully at /u03/AUPG-files/AUPG_200130_1528_926.zip
```

You run the AutoUpgrade command on the database, using `myconfig.cfg`, which includes the SID definitions `upg1.sid=sales_01` and `upg2.sid=inv_04`, but this time set the optional `-sid` clause of the `-zip` option, and specify that you want to zip up the files of the SID `sales_01`:

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config myconfig.cfg -zip -sid sales_01
Processing: 115368083 [bytes] in 79 Files- 100%
Zipped successfully at /home/oracle/AUPG_200130_1530_843.zip
```

The zip file contains only the log files and directories associated with `sales_01`:

```
cfgtoollogs/
config.cfg
sales_01/
trace/
```

You run the same command, but this time specify that you want the zip file to contain log files for the SIDs `cdb10300`, `sales_01` and `inv_04`, and specify that you want the log files placed in the file path `/u03/AUPG-files/`:

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config myconfig.cfg -zip -sid
cdb18300,sales_01,inv04 -d /u03/AUPG-files/
Processing: 230736166 [bytes] in 140 Files
- 100%
Zipped successfully at /u03/AUPG-files/AUPG_200130_1545_945.zip
```

The zip file contains the log files and directories associated with both `sales_01` and `inv_04`:

```
cdb18300/
cfgtoollogs/
config.cfg
sales_01
```

```
inv_04
trace/
```

Console

The AutoUpgrade parameter `console` turns on the AutoUpgrade console, and provides a set of commands to monitor the progress of AutoUpgrade jobs.

Property	Description
Parameter type	string
Syntax	<pre>autoupgrade.jar -config <i>your-file</i> -mode <i>your-mode</i> -console [exit help lsj [(-r -f-p -e) -n <i>number</i> lsr lsa tasks clear resume -job <i>number</i> status][-job <i>number</i> - long restore -job <i>number</i> [force] restore all_failed logs abort -job <i>number</i> h[ist][/<i>number</i>]</pre>

Description

To monitor upgrades, use the AutoUpgrade parameter `console` to run the Console, which monitors the status of upgrade jobs.

The AutoUpgrade console starts by default with the AutoUpgrade command. You can reenabale or disable the AutoUpgrade console using the option `-console|-noconsole`

When you use the `-noconsole` option, AutoUpgrade runs using only the settings in the configuration file, without requiring console input. Use the `noconsole` option when you want to create scripts for AutoUpgrade, such as in cases where you want to analyze multiple databases. After the AutoUpgrade jobs are finished, you can review the output of the Analyze mode logs to see what is required to upgrade each of the databases included with your configuration script.

Note:

You can run only one AutoUpgrade instance at a time that is associated with a given configuration file.

Usage Notes

Each AutoUpgrade console option must be prefixed with a minus sign (-)

Console Option	Description
exit	Closes and exits from the console. If there are jobs running, then they are stopped.
help	Displays the console command help.

Console Option	Description
<code>lsj [(-r -f-p -e) -n <i>number</i>]</code>	Lists jobs by status, up to the number of jobs you specify with the numeric value <i>number</i> . You can use the following flags: -f: (Optional) Filter by finished jobs. -r: (Optional) Filter by running jobs. -e: (Optional) Filter by jobs with errors. -p: (Optional) Filter by jobs in preparation. -n <i>number</i> : (Required) Number of jobs to display, specified by integer value.
<code>lsr</code>	Displays the restoration queue.
<code>lsa</code>	Displays the abort queue.
<code>tasks</code>	Displays the tasks that are running.
<code>clear</code>	Clears the terminal display.
<code>resume -job <i>number</i></code>	Restarts from a previous job that was running, specified by a numeric value (<i>number</i>) for the job.
<code>status [-job <i>number</i> -long]</code>	Lists the status of a particular job, specified by a numeric value (-job <i>number</i>). When run with -long, AutoUpgrade displays full details about the job as it is being run.
<code>restore [-job (0-9) -all_failed]</code>	Restores the database in the AutoUpgrade job specified by the integer value <i>number</i> to its state before starting the upgrade. When run with the all_failed option, restores all failed jobs to their previous state before the upgrade started.
<code>logs</code>	Displays all log file locations.
<code>abort -job <i>number</i></code>	Aborts the job specified by the numeric value that you provide (<i>number</i>).
<code>h[ist][/<i>number</i>]</code>	Displays the console command-line history, and takes the option to run a command again, depending on the flat with which you run it: Flags: / Runs the last command again. / <i>number</i> Runs the command in the history log specified by the command line number that you specify.

Create_sample_file

The AutoUpgrade parameter `create_sample_file` generates either a configuration file, or a settings file. You edit these files to create production configuration or settings files for AutoUpgrade.

Property	Description
Parameter type	string
Syntax	<code>-create_sample_file [settings config]</code>

Property	Description
Default value	None

Usage Notes

The `create_sample_file` parameter is optional. It cannot be used together with other parameters. When you specify this parameter, it requires either the `settings` or the `config` clause:

`settings`: Generates an AutoUpgrade **settings** file.

`config`: Generates an AutoUpgrade **configuration** file

After you generate one of these example files, you can modify the file to control how the AutoUpgrade utility performs upgrades.

- `settings` AutoUpgrade generates a file named `sample_autoupg.cfg` in the current folder.
- `config`: Generates a template upgrade configuration file of a configuration mode type. AutoUpgrade generates a file named `sample_config.cfg` in the current folder

For both the `settings` and `config` options, the default file name is generated with the extension `.cfg`. However, AutoUpgrade can read files without an extension, or with an extension that you provide, as long as the file is a valid (plain text) file. The default extension is for convenience in identifying these files as configuration files.

Generating an example configuration file is a standard part of preparing to use AutoUpgrade. After you customize the configuration file parameters in the example configuration file, you can use that file as the production settings and configuration file for your upgrade.

Caution:

The settings file is used to overwrite internal settings of the AutoUpgrade. Generating an example settings file is not required for most use cases. Use carefully.

Examples

Example of running the `create_sample_file` parameter with the `config` clause:

```
[oracle@example ~]$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -create_sample_file config
Created sample configuration file /home/oracle/sample_config.cfg
```

Example of running the `create_sample_file` parameter with the `settings` clause:

```
oracle@example ~]$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -create_sample_file settings
Created sample settings file /home/oracle/sample_autoupg.cfg
```

Noconsole

The AutoUpgrade parameter `noconsole` turns off the AutoUpgrade console, so that AutoUpgrade runs using only configuration file information.

Property	Description
Parameter type	string
Syntax	<code>noconsole</code>

Description

When you use the `-noconsole` option, AutoUpgrade runs using only the settings in the configuration file, without requiring console input. Use the `noconsole` option when you want to run AutoUpgrade as part of a batch flow, or in scripts, such as in cases where you want to analyze multiple databases. After the AutoUpgrade jobs are finished, you can review the output of the Analyze mode logs to see what is required to upgrade each of the databases included with your configuration script.



Note:

You can run only one AutoUpgrade instance at a time that is associated with a given configuration file.

Usage Notes

In this example, AutoUpgrade is run in Analyze mode, using the configuration file in `noconsole` mode.

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config autoupgrade.cfg -mode analyze -noconsole
```

Settings

The AutoUpgrade parameter `settings` identifies the configuration file that you use to provide custom runtime configuration of the AutoUpgrade utility.

Property	Description
Parameter type	String
Syntax	<code>-settings my-custom-advanced-settings</code>
Default value	Not applicable

Description

The `-settings` clause has the required argument of the name and path to the settings configuration file, which you have modified with custom settings. The `-settings` clause cannot be used alone, but rather as a configuration input file that modifies the way that AutoUpgrade runs a processing mode.

Usage Notes

This parameter is an advanced parameter. For most upgrade scenarios, you should not need to modify any internal AutoUpgrade parameter settings.

Example

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -settings my_custom_advanced_settings.cfg -  
config config.cfg -mode deploy
```

Version

The AutoUpgrade parameter `version` prints to the terminal screen the current build of the `autoupgrade.jar` file.

Property	Description
Parameter type	string
Syntax	-version
Default value	Not applicable.

Description

Use this optional parameter to check which version of the `autoupgrade.jar` utility is on your server.

Usage Notes

Command Example:

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -version
```

Output example:

```
[oracle@example ~]$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -version
```

```
build.hash 04a58df  
build.version 20191127  
build.date 2019/11/27 11:40:37  
build.max_target_version 20  
build.type production-20.3
```

AutoUpgrade Utility Configuration Files

AutoUpgrade configuration files contain all the information required to perform Oracle Database upgrades.

AutoUpgrade configuration files contain **global** and **local** configuration parameters. Global parameters by default apply to all databases addressed by the configuration file. When specified for a specific database, local configuration parameters override global parameters specified by the configuration file.

- [Global Parameters for the AutoUpgrade User Configuration File](#)
To specify a default behavior for a parameter for all Oracle Database upgrades addressed in the configuration file, you can use the optional AutoUpgrade global parameters.
- [Local Parameters for the AutoUpgrade Configuration File](#)
To configure information for specific Oracle Databases for the AutoUpgrade utility upgrade, you provide information in the AutoUpgrade local parameters.
- [Locally Modifiable Global Parameters for AutoUpgrade Configuration File](#)
Locally modifiable global parameters are parameters that you set both globally, and as you require, set locally, so that you can better control AutoUpgrade job processing.

Global Parameters for the AutoUpgrade User Configuration File

To specify a default behavior for a parameter for all Oracle Database upgrades addressed in the configuration file, you can use the optional AutoUpgrade global parameters.

Usage Notes

All global parameters are optional. All global parameters take the prefix `global`.

Table 3-1 Global Configuration Parameters for Oracle Database AutoUpgrade Utility

Parameter	Description
<code>add_after_upgrade_pfile</code>	<p>(Optional) Specifies a path and file name of a PFILE whose parameters you want to add after the PFILE is upgraded. This specification applies to all databases in the user configuration file.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>global.add_after_upgrade_pfile=/path/to/my/add_after.ora</pre>
<code>add_during_upgrade_pfile</code>	<p>(Optional) Specifies a path and file name of a PFILE whose parameters you want to have added during the PFILE upgrade. This specification applies to all databases in the user configuration file.</p> <pre>global.add_during_upgrade_pfile=/path/to/my/add_during.ora</pre>

Table 3-1 (Cont.) Global Configuration Parameters for Oracle Database AutoUpgrade Utility

Parameter	Description
after_action	<p>(Optional) Specifies a path and a file name for a custom user script that you want to have run after all the upgrade jobs finish successfully. The script that you use must be in the form of <i>name.ext</i> (for example, <i>myscript.sh</i>), so that AutoUpgrade can identify the type of script that you want to run. Permitted extension options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unix shell (.sh) • Microsoft Windows batch (.bat, .cmd) • Microsoft Windows PowerShell (.ps1) <p>By default, if the script fails, then AutoUpgrade continues to run. Use the <i>Y</i> flag to specify that AutoUpgrade stops if the operating system detects that your script fails. If the script finishes with a status different than 0, then it is considered a failed completion.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <p>If the script fails, then stop AutoUpgrade:</p> <pre>global.after_action=/path/to/my/script.sh Y</pre> <p>If the script fails, then continue AutoUpgrade:</p> <pre>global.after_action=/path/to/my/script.sh</pre>
autoupg_log_dir	<p>(Optional) Sets the location of the log files, and temporary files that belong to global modules, which AutoUpgrade uses. If you do not use this parameter to set a path, then the log files are placed in the current location where you run AutoUpgrade.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>global.autoupg_log_dir=/path/to/my/global/log/dir</pre> <p>Starting with AutoUpgrade 19.7, you can configure different log directory path in the <i>userconfig</i> file in the logs directory for a specific prefix</p> <pre>global.autoupg_log_dir=/path/to/my/global/log/dir myprefix.log_dir=global.auto_log_dir:different/path</pre> <p>The result of using this syntax is that log files and temporary files are placed in the following path for databases identified by the prefix <i>myprefix</i>:</p> <pre>/path/to/my/global/log/dir/different/path</pre>

Table 3-1 (Cont.) Global Configuration Parameters for Oracle Database AutoUpgrade Utility

Parameter	Description
<code>before_action</code>	<p>(Optional) Specifies a custom user script that you want to have run for all upgrades before starting the upgrade jobs. The script that you use must be in the form of <code>name.ext</code> (for example, <code>myscript.sh</code>), so that AutoUpgrade can identify the type of script that you want to run. If you want to have a script run before a specific upgrade job, then specify that script by using the local parameter (<code>local.before_action</code>)</p> <p>Permitted extension options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unix shell (<code>.sh</code>)• Microsoft Windows batch (<code>.bat</code>, <code>.cmd</code>)• Microsoft Windows PowerShell (<code>.ps1</code>) <p>By default, if the script fails, then AutoUpgrade continues to run. Use the <code>Y</code> flag to specify that AutoUpgrade stops if the operating system detects that your script fails. If the script finishes with a status different than 0, then it is considered a failed completion.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <p>If the script fails, then stop AutoUpgrade:</p> <pre>global.before_action=/path/to/my/script.sh Y</pre> <p>If the script fails, then continue AutoUpgrade:</p> <pre>global.before_action=/path/to/my/script.sh</pre>
<code>del_after_upgrade_pfile</code>	<p>(Optional) Specifies a path and file name of a PFILE whose parameters you want to have removed after the PFILE upgrade. This specification applies to all databases in the user configuration file.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>global.del_after_upgrade_pfile=/path/to/my/del_after.ora</pre>
<code>del_during_upgrade_pfile</code>	<p>(Optional) Specifies a path and file name of a PFILE whose parameters you want to have removed during the PFILE upgrade. This specification applies to all databases in the user configuration file.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>global.del_during_upgrade_pfile=/path/to/my/del_during.ora</pre>

Table 3-1 (Cont.) Global Configuration Parameters for Oracle Database AutoUpgrade Utility

Parameter	Description
drop_grp_after_upgrade	<p>(Optional) Deletes the Guaranteed Restore Point (GRP) after database upgrade. If you select this option, then GRP is deleted after upgrade completes successfully.</p> <p>Options: [yes no]</p> <p>The default value is no.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>global.drop_grp_after_upgrade=yes</pre>
remove_underscore_parameters	<p>(Optional) Removes underscore (hidden) parameters from PFILE files during upgrade, and after upgrade, for all Oracle Databases in the configuration file. Underscore parameters should only be used by advice of Oracle Support.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>global.remove_underscore_parameters=yes</pre>
restoration	<p>(Optional, available with Enterprise Edition only) Generates a Guaranteed Restore Point (GRP) for database restoration. If you select this option, then both database backup and database restoration must be performed manually by the DBA.</p> <p>Options: [yes no]</p> <p>The default value is yes.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>global.restoration=no</pre> <p>Standard Edition does not support Flashback Database, so this option is not available for Standard Edition. If your database is a Standard Edition Oracle Database, then you must ensure that you have a separate fallback mechanism in place.</p>
target_base	<p>(Optional) Specifies the target ORACLE_BASE path for the target Oracle home. Use of this parameter is only required in rare cases.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>global.target_base=/u01/app/oracle sales4.target_base=/u04/app/oracle4</pre>

Table 3-1 (Cont.) Global Configuration Parameters for Oracle Database AutoUpgrade Utility

Parameter	Description
target_home	<p>(Optional for analyze and fixups modes. Required for upgrade and deploy modes.) Sets a global target home for all of the databases specified in the configuration file. Use this option to avoid specifying the same target_home multiple times. This parameter can be overwritten locally.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>global.target_home=/target/Oracle/home</pre>
target_version	<p>(Optional) Specifies the target release version on which you want AutoUpgrade to perform the upgrade. AutoUpgrade uses the release version information that you provide in this parameter to ensure that the correct checks and fixups are used for the target Oracle Database release to which you are upgrading. The format for this parameter are period-delimited values of valid Oracle versions.</p> <p>Valid values</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12.2 • 18 • 19 • 20 <p>This option is only required if the target home is not present on the system, or if the target home is a 12.2 release. Otherwise, AutoUpgrade can derive the target release value.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>global.target_version=18 employees.target_version=12.2</pre>
upgradexml	<p>(Optional) Generates the upgrade.xml file. Options: [yes no]</p> <p>The upgrade.xml is equivalent to the file in earlier releases that the preupgrade package generated when you specified the XML parameter. This file is created during the analyze mode (mode -analyze). It is generated in the prechecks directory defined for the AutoUpgrade log files.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>global.upgradexml=yes</pre>

Local Parameters for the AutoUpgrade Configuration File

To configure information for specific Oracle Databases for the AutoUpgrade utility upgrade, you provide information in the AutoUpgrade local parameters.

Usage Notes

Local parameters take precedence over any global parameters set in the AutoUpgrade configuration file. Except where indicated with (Optional), all local parameters are required. All local parameters take a prefix (in examples, identified by a value you

define to identify a particular database or upgrade. The prefix identifies the specific upgrade job to which the parameter applies in the configuration file.

Example: The set of parameters for the first upgrade in the configuration file uses the prefix *sales*, and the set of parameters for the next upgrade in the configuration file uses the prefix *employees*:

```
sales.source_home=/u01/app/oracle/11.2.0.4/dbhome1
.
.
.
employees.sid=salescdb
employees.source_home=/03/app/oracle/18.0.0.0/dbhome1
```

Table 3-2 Local Configuration Parameters for Oracle Database AutoUpgrade Utility

Parameter	Description
add_after_upgrade_pfile	(Optional) Specifies a path and file name of a PFILE whose parameters you want to add after the upgrade. Example: sales3.add_after_upgrade_pfile=/path/to/my/pfile_add.ora
add_during_upgrade_pfile	(Optional) Specifies a path and file name of a PFILE whose parameters you want to add during the upgrade. Example: sales3.add_during_upgrade_pfile=/path/to/my/newpfile.ora

Table 3-2 (Cont.) Local Configuration Parameters for Oracle Database AutoUpgrade Utility

Parameter	Description
<code>after_action</code>	<p>(Optional) Specifies a custom action that you want to have performed after completing the upgrade job for the database identified by the prefix address. The script that you use must be in the form of <code>name.ext</code> (for example, <code>myscript.sh</code>, so that AutoUpgrade can identify the type of script that you want to run. Permitted extension options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unix shell (<code>.sh</code>)• Microsoft Windows batch (<code>.bat</code>, <code>.cmd</code>)• Microsoft Windows PowerShell (<code>.ps1</code>)• Oracle SQL file (<code>.sql</code>), with a local operation only designated by the prefix. <p>By default, if the script fails, then AutoUpgrade continues to run. Use the <code>Y</code> flag to specify that AutoUpgrade stops if the operating system detects that your script fails. If the script finishes with a status different than 0, then it is considered a failed completion.</p> <p>In contrast to the global <code>after_action</code> parameter, the local <code>after_action</code> parameter can specify a SQL script, which then runs on the database using the target Oracle Database binaries on a non-CDB Oracle home, or on <code>CDB\$ROOT</code>. If you want to run additional container-specific actions, then they must be set within the code. For more complex scenarios, you can run container-specific actions in a shell.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <p>Run the specified script before AutoUpgrade starts processing, with the <code>Y</code> flag set to stop AutoUpgrade if the script fails:</p> <pre>sales2.after_action=/user/path/script.sh Y</pre> <p>Run the specified script before AutoUpgrade starts processing, with AutoUpgrade set to continue to run if the script fails:</p> <pre>sales3.after_action=/user/path/script.sh</pre>

Table 3-2 (Cont.) Local Configuration Parameters for Oracle Database AutoUpgrade Utility

Parameter	Description
<code>before_action</code>	<p>(Optional) Specifies a custom action that you want to have performed before starting the upgrade job for the specific database job addressed by the prefix. If you want to have a script run before all upgrade jobs, then specify that script by using the local parameter (<code>global.before_action</code>)</p> <p>The script that you use must be in the form of <code>name.ext</code> (for example, <code>myscript.sh</code>), so that AutoUpgrade can identify the type of script that you want to run. Permitted extension options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unix shell (<code>.sh</code>)• Microsoft Windows batch (<code>.bat</code>, <code>.cmd</code>)• Microsoft Windows PowerShell (<code>.ps1</code>)• Oracle SQL file (<code>.sql</code>), with a local operation only designated by the prefix. <p>By default, if the script fails, then AutoUpgrade continues to run. Use the <code>Y</code> flag to specify that AutoUpgrade stops if the operating system detects that your script fails. If the script finishes with a status different than 0, then it is considered a failed completion.</p> <p>In contrast to the global <code>before_action</code> parameter, the local <code>before_action</code> parameter can specify a SQL script, which can run on the database in the source database Oracle home, using the earlier release Oracle Database binaries. The script runs on a non-CDB Oracle home, or on <code>CDB\$ROOT</code>. If you want to run additional container-specific actions, then they must be set within the code. For more complex scenarios, you can run container-specific actions in a shell.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <p>Run the specified script before AutoUpgrade starts processing, with the <code>Y</code> flag set to stop AutoUpgrade if the script fails:</p> <pre>sales.before_action=/user/path/script.sh Y</pre> <p>Run the specified script before AutoUpgrade starts processing, with AutoUpgrade set to continue to run if the script fails:</p> <pre>sales4.before_action=/user/path/script.sh</pre>

Table 3-2 (Cont.) Local Configuration Parameters for Oracle Database AutoUpgrade Utility

Parameter	Description
checklist	<p>(Optional) Specifies the path to a checklist that you can use to override the default list of fixups that AutoUpgrade performs, such as fixups that you do not want implemented automatically, due to policy or security concerns.</p> <p>To use this parameter during other AutoUpgrade modes, you must run AutoUpgrade in <i>analyze</i> mode. After AutoUpgrade finishes the analysis, you can then find the checklist file identified by the database name under the precheck directory (<i>dbname_checklist.cfg</i>). Update the file manually to exclude the fixups that you want AutoUpgrade to bypass, and save the file with a new name. When you run AutoUpgrade again, you can specify the parameter pointing to the checklist file that you created, and modify fixups that are performed for individual databases. If you do not specify a checklist file path, then the set of fixups that run during the upgrade is the latest version of the checklist file that is created during the deploy mode that you specified.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>sales.checklist=/u01/app/oracle/upgrade-jobs/ salesdb_checklist.cfg</pre> <p>In the preceding example, <i>salesdb_checklist.cfg</i> is the checklist configuration file for the database <i>salesdb</i>.</p>
del_after_upgrade_pfile	<p>(Optional) Specifies a path and file name of a PFILE whose parameters you want to remove after the upgrade.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>sales3.del_after_upgrade_pfile=/path/to/my/pfile_del.ora</pre>
del_during_upgrade_pfile	<p>(Optional) Specifies a path and file name of a PFILE whose parameters you want to have removed during upgrade.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>sales3.del_during_upgrade_pfile=/path/to/my/oldpfile.ora</pre>
env	<p>(Optional) Specifies your custom operating system environment variables, excluding <i>ORACLE_SID</i>, <i>ORACLE_HOME</i>, <i>ORACLE_BASE</i>, and <i>TNS_ADMIN</i>.</p> <p>Use case:</p> <p>Use this parameter to provide environment setting that are indicated in the database <i>sqlnet.ora</i> file, such as secure socket layer cipher suites that are used for Oracle Wallet.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>sales2.env=VARIABLE1:/value1/,VARIABLE2:/value2/</pre>

Table 3-2 (Cont.) Local Configuration Parameters for Oracle Database AutoUpgrade Utility

Parameter	Description
drop_grp_after_upgrade	<p>(Optional) Deletes the Guaranteed Restore Point (GRP) after database upgrade. If you select this option, then GRP is deleted after upgrade completes successfully.</p> <p>Options: [yes no] The default value is no. Example:</p> <pre>sales.drop_grp_after_upgrade=yes</pre>
log_dir	<p>(Optional with AutoUpgrade19.8) Sets the location of log files that are generated for database upgrades that are in the set of databases included in the upgrade job identified by the prefix for the parameter. By default, the value is the same as that set for the <code>global autoupgr_log_dir</code> parameter.</p> <p>When set, AutoUpgrade creates a hierarchical directory based on a local log file path that you specify. For example, where the job identifier prefix is <code>sales</code>, and where <code>log_dir</code> is identified as <code>upgrade-jobs</code>, and <code>stage1</code>, <code>stage2</code>, and <code>stagen</code> represent stages of the upgrades:</p> <pre>/u01/app/oracle/upgrade-jobs /temp/ /sales/ /sales/stage1 /sales/stage2 /sales/stagen</pre> <p>You cannot use wild cards for paths, such as tilde (~). You must use a complete path. Example:</p> <pre>salesdb.log_dir=/u01/app/oracle/upgrade-jobs</pre>

Table 3-2 (Cont.) Local Configuration Parameters for Oracle Database AutoUpgrade Utility

Parameter	Description
<code>pdb</code> s	<p>(Optional) Sets a list of PDBs on which you want the upgrade to run. This parameter only applies to upgrades of multitenant architecture (CDB) databases. If you are plugging in and upgrading a non-CDB database, then this parameter is ignored.</p> <p>The PDB list is comma-delimited. The list can contain either PDB names, or a star character (*), which indicates that you want to upgrade all PDBs that are open on the CDB at the time that you run AutoUpgrade. If a PDB is in a mounted state, then AutoUpgrade ignores that PDB when running in ANALYZE mode. If the parameter is not specified, then all PDBs in the CDB are upgraded. However, if the PDB is in mount state, and the deploy mode is fixups, deploy or upgrade, then the PDB is opened in read-write mode, or upgrade mode, or both, so that the stages can run.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>sales1.pdb</pre> s=pdb1, pdb2, pdbn upgr1.pdbs=*
<code>restoration</code>	<p>(Optional) Generates a Guaranteed Restore Point (GRP) for database restoration. If you set <code>restoration=no</code>, then both the database backup and restoration must be performed manually. Use this option for databases that operate in NOARCHIVELOG mode, and for Standard Edition and SE2 databases, which do not support the Oracle Flashback technology feature Flashback Database.</p> <p>Options: [yes no]</p> <p>The default value is yes.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>sales1.restoration=no</pre>
<code>run_utl</code> rp	<p>(Optional) Enables or disables running <code>utl</code>rp as part of the upgrade. The <code>utl</code>rp utility recompiles all Data Dictionary objects that become invalid during a database upgrade. Oracle recommends that you run this utility after every Oracle Database upgrade. Options: yes, no. The default is enabled (yes).</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>prefix.run_utl</pre> rp=yes
<code>sid</code>	<p>(Required) Identifies the Oracle system identifier (SID) of the database that you want to upgrade.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>sales1.sid=salesdb</pre>

Table 3-2 (Cont.) Local Configuration Parameters for Oracle Database AutoUpgrade Utility

Parameter	Description
source_home	<p>(Required for analyze, fixups, and deploy modes. Optional for upgrade mode.) Current Oracle home (ORACLE_HOME) of the database that you want to upgrade. For the mode upgrade, the source home and target home values can be the same path.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>sales2.source_home=/path/to/my/source/oracle/home</pre>
source_tns_admin_dir	<p>(Optional) Specifies the path to the TNS_ADMIN directory in the source database home.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>sales1.source_tns_admin_dir=/u01/app/oracle/12.2/dbhome01/network/admin</pre>
start_time	<p>(Optional) Sets a future start time for the upgrade job to run. Use this parameter to schedule upgrade jobs to balance the load on your server, and to prevent multiple jobs from starting immediately.</p> <p>Values must either take the form now (start immediately), or take the English Date Format form DD/MM/YYYY or MM/DD/YYYY, where MM is month, DD is day, and YYYY is year. If you do not set a value, then the default is now.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>sales1.start_time=now sales2.start_time=01/11/2019 01:30:15</pre> <p>Permitted values:</p> <pre>now 30/12/2018 15:30:00 01/11/2019 01:30:15 2/5/2019 3:30:50</pre> <p>If more than one job is started with the start_time value set to now, then AutoUpgrade schedules start times based on resources available in the system, which can result in start time for jobs that are separated by a few minutes.</p> <p>Values are invalid that use the wrong delimitator for the date or time element, or use the wrong date or hour format.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>30-12-2018 15:30:00 01/11/2019 3:30:15pm 2019/06/01 01:30:15</pre>

Table 3-2 (Cont.) Local Configuration Parameters for Oracle Database AutoUpgrade Utility

Parameter	Description
target_base	<p>(Optional) Specifies the target ORACLE_BASE path for the target Oracle home.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>target_base=/u01/app/oracle sales4.target_base=/u04/app/oracle4</pre>
target_cdb	<p>(Optional) Specifies the SID of the target CDB into which a non-CDB Oracle Database is plugged in. This parameter is mandatory when you want to upgrade and convert a non-CDB Oracle Database.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>emp.target_cdb=salescdb</pre>
target_pdb_copy_option	<p>(Optional) Specifies if you want PDB initialization parameter change options performed as part of the CREATE_PLUGGABLE_DATABASE clause of the CREATE DATABASE statement run during conversion of the non-CDB to a PDB.</p> <p>Example:</p> <p>In this example, the PDB target option PDB_FILE_NAME_CONVERT is run during conversion to map the names of existing files using the string sales to use deptsales.</p> <pre>upgl.target_pdb_copy_option=file_name_convert=('sales', 'depsales')</pre> <p>In the preceding example, AutoUpgrade is directed to replace the string sales with deptsales in the target PDB during the conversion of the non-CDB to a PDB.</p>
target_pdb_name	<p>(Optional) Specifies the name that you want to assign to a non-CDB source Oracle Database after is plugged in to the target CDB. The default value is to use the database unique name of the non-CDB Oracle Database. If you want to specify a name that is different from the existing name of the non-CDB when you plug it in to the CDB, then you must set this parameter.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>emp.target_pdb_name=sales2</pre>
target_tns_admin_dir	<p>(Optional) Specifies the path to the TNS_ADMIN directory in the target database home.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>sales1.target_tns_admin_dir=/u01/app/oracle/19.0.0.0/ dbhome01/network/admin</pre>

Table 3-2 (Cont.) Local Configuration Parameters for Oracle Database AutoUpgrade Utility

Parameter	Description
timezone_upg	<p>(Optional) Enables or disables running the time zone upgrade as part of the AutoUpgrade process. To preserve data integrity, Oracle recommends that you upgrade the time zone settings at the time of your database upgrade. In particular, upgrade the timezone when you have data that depend on the time zone, such as <code>timestamp with time zone</code> table columns. Note that this setting can be disabled by overwriting the fixup on the checklist file. Options: <code>yes</code>, <code>no</code>. The default is enabled (<code>yes</code>).</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>sales1.timezone_upg=yes</pre>
upgrade_node	<p>(Optional) Specifies the node on which the current user configuration is valid. The default value is <code>localhost</code>.</p> <p>The purpose of this parameter is to prevent AutoUpgrade from processing databases that are listed in the configuration file that you use with AutoUpgrade, where the value for the <code>upgrade_node</code> parameter does not correspond to the current host name. It does not enable running AutoUpgrade remotely. You can use the keyword <code>localhost</code> as a wild card to indicate that databases on the local host should be processed.</p> <p>Use case:</p> <p>The configuration file <code>config.cfg</code> contains 10 databases. Five of the databases have the value of <code>upgrade_node</code> set to <code>denver01</code>. The remaining five have the value of <code>upgrade_node</code> set to <code>denver02</code>. If AutoUpgrade is run on the server <code>denver01</code> using the configuration file <code>config.cfg</code>, then AutoUpgrade only processes the databases where <code>upgrade_node</code> is set to <code>denver01</code>. It ignores the databases where <code>upgrade_node</code> is set to <code>denver02</code>. The utility <code>hostname</code> identifies the value used to resolve the upgrade node.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>hostname denver02 sales1.upgrade_node=denver01</pre>

Related Topics

- CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE

Locally Modifiable Global Parameters for AutoUpgrade Configuration File

Locally modifiable global parameters are parameters that you set both globally, and as you require, set locally, so that you can better control AutoUpgrade job processing.

Usage Notes

Locally modifiable global parameters are required parameters. You must define these parameters in your AutoUpgrade configuration file, either globally, or locally. With

locally modifiable global parameters, you can use the prefix `global` to set values as global parameters for all jobs in your AutoUpgrade configuration file, but reset the same parameter with a local job prefix for a particular job in the same configuration file. You can also choose to set locally modifiable global parameters only as local parameters for each AutoUpgrade job.

When a locally modifiable global parameter is set both with a global prefix, and with a local job prefix, the locally modified parameter value overrides the global parameter values for the job identified by the prefix that you use with the parameter. The syntax you use is in the form `global.target_home=Global target Oracle home`, and `database.target_home=local target Oracle home`.

Example:

In the AutoUpgrade configuration file, the required parameter `target_home` is set globally to one Oracle home path. But in the configuration file, the same parameter is set locally to a different Oracle home path. As AutoUpgrade processes the jobs in the configuration file, it uses the locally defined path for `target_home` for the job defined by the prefix `upgrade3`, overriding the global parameter setting:

```
global.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/19.0.0/dbhome01
upgrade3.target_home=/u03/app/oracle3/12.2.0.1/dbhome3
```

Table 3-3 Locally Modifiable Global Parameters for AutoUpgrade Configuration Files

Parameter	Description
<code>target_version</code>	<p>(Optional) Specifies the target release version on which you want AutoUpgrade to perform the upgrade. AutoUpgrade uses the release version information that you provide in this parameter to ensure that the correct checks and fixups are used for the target Oracle Database release to which you are upgrading. The format for this parameter are period-delimited values of valid Oracle versions.</p> <p>Valid values</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12.2 • 18 • 19 • 20 <p>This option is only required if the target home is not present on the system, or if the target home is a 12.2 release. Otherwise, AutoUpgrade can derive the target release value.</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>global.target_version=18 employees.target_version=12.2</pre>

Table 3-3 (Cont.) Locally Modifiable Global Parameters for AutoUpgrade Configuration Files

Parameter	Description
target_home	<p>Specifies the target Oracle home (ORACLE_HOME) path. Example:</p> <pre>global.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/19.0.0/dbhome01 sales4.target_home=/u04/app/oracle4/19.0.0/dbhome04</pre> <p>If the mode is ANALYZE or FIXUPS, then the parameter target_home is optional.</p>
target_base	<p>(Optional) Specifies the target ORACLE_BASE path for the target Oracle home. Example:</p> <pre>global.target_base=/u01/app/oracle sales4.target_base=/u04/app/oracle4</pre>

AutoUpgrade and Oracle Database Configuration Options

When you run AutoUpgrade, it determines the type of database (Oracle Database, Oracle Database Standalone with Oracle ASM, or Oracle RAC), and performs an upgrade for that type of database

- [Oracle RAC Requirements for Upgrade with AutoUpgrade](#)
To determine if AutoUpgrade can upgrade your Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) database, review the use case requirements.
- [AutoUpgrade Process Flow for Oracle Grid Infrastructure Configurations](#)
When AutoUpgrade detects Oracle RAC, Oracle RAC One Node, or Oracle Restart, it proceeds to perform upgrade steps required for all Oracle RAC instances.
- [Preparing for Oracle RAC Upgrades Using AutoUpgrade](#)
Review to find what information you must collect before the upgrade, and other upgrade preparation guidelines.
- [Non-CDB to PDB Upgrade Guidelines and Examples](#)
Before conversion, back up your datafiles and database, and follow the guidelines for your source Oracle Database release.

Oracle RAC Requirements for Upgrade with AutoUpgrade

To determine if AutoUpgrade can upgrade your Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) database, review the use case requirements.

Requirements for Using AutoUpgrade with Oracle RAC Databases

Starting with Oracle Database 20c, you can use AutoUpgrade to perform upgrades of Oracle RAC systems. However, your system must meet all of the following requirements:

- Is a Linux and Unix-based system. Microsoft Windows systems are not supported.
- Use Oracle Automatic Storage Management (Oracle ASM) as its storage management system, with the `SPFILE` location placed on Oracle ASM.
- Meet the upgrade requirements to upgrade to the new Oracle Database release.



Note:

At the time of this release, Oracle RAC database upgrades from a non-CDB deployment of Oracle RAC using AutoUpgrade is not supported.

AutoUpgrade Process Flow for Oracle Grid Infrastructure Configurations

When AutoUpgrade detects Oracle RAC, Oracle RAC One Node, or Oracle Restart, it proceeds to perform upgrade steps required for all Oracle RAC instances.

When you start AutoUpgrade, it detects when Oracle Database is configured with Oracle Grid Infrastructure, either as a cluster member node member in Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC), or an Oracle RAC One Node configuration, or an Oracle Grid Infrastructure for a Standalone Server (Oracle Restart) configuration. When AutoUpgrade detects Oracle Grid Infrastructure, it performs the following steps, in sequence:

1. It disables Oracle RAC, Oracle RAC One Node, or Oracle Restart services.
2. For Oracle RAC, it disables the cluster membership of all Oracle RAC database cluster member nodes in Oracle Clusterware.
3. It shuts down the database, or all instances of the Oracle RAC database.
4. For Oracle RAC, it starts the local Oracle Database instance with the cluster parameter set to `TRUE`. For Oracle RAC One Node or Oracle Grid Infrastructure for a standalone server, it starts the local database instance.
5. It updates the local instance to the new Oracle Database release binaries.
6. It starts `srvctl upgrade database` from the local Oracle Database instance home, and upgrades the configuration of the Oracle Grid Infrastructure services to the new release.
7. It enables Oracle Grid Infrastructure services for the database, using `srvctl enable database`. For Oracle RAC, it adds the upgraded Oracle RAC database to the Oracle RAC cluster as a cluster member node.

8. It recreates the server parameter file (`SPFILE`) with the updated parameters, and the parameter options you previously set for your Oracle Grid Infrastructure environment not affected by the release update.
9. It starts up the Oracle Database. For Oracle RAC It starts all instances of Oracle Real Application Clusters on the cluster.

 **Note:**

Before you start AutoUpgrade on an Oracle Grid Infrastructure for a standalone server (Oracle Restart, Oracle RAC One Node, or Oracle RAC Database, you must upgrade Oracle Grid Infrastructure to a release equal to or more recent than the Oracle Database release to which you are upgrading.

Preparing for Oracle RAC Upgrades Using AutoUpgrade

Review to find what information you must collect before the upgrade, and other upgrade preparation guidelines.

To use AutoUpgrade for Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) upgrades, in which Oracle Automatic Storage Management (Oracle ASM) is also upgraded, ensure that you collect information as needed before the upgrade, and be prepared to provide information during the upgrade.

Scope Limits for AutoUpgrade and Oracle RAC

- Oracle RAC databases with the `SPFILE` managed locally are outside of the scope of this release.
- AutoUpgrade does not perform upgrades of the Oracle Clusterware component of Oracle Grid Infrastructure. Before you start AutoUpgrade to upgrade your Oracle RAC database, you must first complete a successful Oracle Grid Infrastructure upgrade to the new release.

File System Preparation Before Upgrades Using AutoUpgrade

AutoUpgrade can identify the `PFILE` and `SPFILE` files shared on Oracle ASM. AutoUpgrade recreates the `SPFILE` as part of the upgrade. If you are sharing files on the cluster using Oracle ASM, then you do not need to complete this procedure.

For Oracle RAC databases where you do not use Oracle ASM to share `PFILE` and `SPFILE` files in the cluster, AutoUpgrade cannot identify parameter files (binary and text files) residing on file systems.

Copy all of the network files (`listener.ora`, `tnsnames.ora`, `sqlnet.ora`, `oranfstab`, `ldap.ora`, `ifile`, and so on), wallets, and any other files located on file systems that are needed for the Oracle RAC cluster.

Non-CDB to PDB Upgrade Guidelines and Examples

Before conversion, back up your datafiles and database, and follow the guidelines for your source Oracle Database release.

To ensure that no data is lost during the conversion, Oracle strongly recommends that allow time in your upgrade plan to implement your backup strategy before you use AutoUpgrade to perform a non-CDB upgrade and conversion.

Guidelines for Upgrade Planning

The non-CDB-to-PDB conversion and upgrade process is not recoverable. To ensure a proper upgrade and conversion, and to reduce unexpected downtime, Oracle strongly recommends that you address any error conditions found during the analyze phase.

If you do not set the `target_pdb_copy_option` in your AutoUpgrade configuration file, then the database conversion uses the same file location and file names that are used with existing database files. To prevent potential data loss, ensure that your data is backed up, and consider your file placement plans before starting AutoUpgrade.

GRP and Upgrades from Non-CDB to Multitenant Architecture

- During the upgrade, AutoUpgrade creates a Guarantee Restore Point (GRP) that is available only in the context of the upgrade stage of the AutoUpgrade Deploy workflow. To ensure against any potential data loss, you must implement your backup strategy before starting AutoUpgrade.
- Database conversion from non-CDB to the multitenant architecture is performed during the AutoUpgrade Drain stage. After this stage is complete, the GRP that AutoUpgrade creates is removed, and it is not possible to use the AutoUpgrade `restore` command to restore the database. In the event that you require a recovery to the earlier non-CDB Oracle Database release, you must be prepared to recover the database manually.

Example 3-3 Upgrading and Converting a Non-CDB to Oracle Database 19c Using Multitenant Architecture

During the Deploy conversion and upgrade workflow, AutoUpgrade creates a GRP, runs the Prefixup scripts, Upgrade scripts, Postchecks and Postfixup stages. If any part of the Deploy workflow before the Drain stage is completed fails, including the Drain stage itself, then AutoUpgrade can restore the database back to the GRP created at the start of the deployment.

However, after the PDB is plugged in to the new Oracle Database 19c release CDB, the GRP is dropped, and restoration cannot be performed. The upgraded database is plugged in to the Oracle Database 19c container database to complete conversion. As soon as the non-CDB is plugged into the container database (CDB), the GRP is no longer valid, and is dropped.

At the point that the upgraded database is plugged in to the CDB, the GRP is removed. After that point, if anything goes wrong, then AutoUpgrade cannot recover and restore the database. You must restore the database manually.

Example 3-4 Upgrading and Converting a Non-CDB to Oracle Database 20c Using Multitenant Architecture

During the Deploy conversion and upgrade workflow, AutoUpgrade creates a GRP, runs the Prefixup stage. stages. If any part of the Deploy workflow up to the Prefixup stage completion fails, then AutoUpgrade can restore the database back to the GRP created at the start of the deployment.

However, after the Prefixup stage is complete, the upgraded database is plugged in to the target release Oracle Database container database (CDB) to complete conversion.

As soon as the non-CDB is plugged into the CDB, the GRP is no longer valid, and is dropped.

If anything goes wrong during the plug-in, then AutoUpgrade cannot recover and restore the database. You must restore the database manually.

AutoUpgrade Configuration File Examples

Use these examples to understand how you can modify your own AutoUpgrade configuration files.

The following example is of an AutoUpgrade configuration file with two databases.

Example 3-5 AutoUpgrade Configuration File With Two Database Entries

```
#
# Global logging directory pertains to all jobs
#
global.autoupg_log_dir=/database/jobmgr

#
# Database 1
#
upg1.source_home=/database/apps/11204/dbhome_1
upg1.target_home=/database/apps/18100/dbhome_1
upg1.sid=hr1
upg1.start_time=now
upg1.pdbs=*
upg1.log_dir=/database/logs/hr
upg1.upgrade_node=nodename1
upg1.run_utlpr=yes
upg1.timezone_upg=yes
upg1.target_version=20.1

#
# Database 2
#
upg2.source_home=/database/apps/12202/dbhome_1
upg2.target_home=/database/apps/18100/dbhome_1
upg2.sid=sales1
upg2.start_time=now
upg2.log_dir=/database/logs/sales
upg2.upgrade_node=nodename2
upg2.timezone_upg=no
upg1.target_version=12.2
```

The parameter `upgrade_node` refers to the actual system name (*hostname*) and not to an alias assigned to the host name. You can also use the keyword `localhost` to refer to the current system.

Example 3-6 Standardizing Upgrades With AutoUpgrade Configuration File Entries

In the following configuration file, you can see how you can use AutoUpgrade configuration file entries to standardize their database configurations. The global `PFILE` entries are applied to all databases within the configuration file. The local `PFILE` entries are applied only to a specific database in the configuration file. The syntax for these `PFILE` values follow the same Oracle rules for `PFILE` configurations.

```
#
#   Example global pfile configuration entries
#
global.del_during_upgrade_pfile=/database/pfiles/global_during_delinit.ora
global.add_during_upgrade_pfile=/database/pfiles/global_during_addinit.ora
global.del_after_upgrade_pfile=/database/pfiles/global_after_delinit.ora
global.add_after_upgrade_pfile=/database/pfiles/global_after_addinit.ora

#
#   Example local pfile configuration entries
#
upgl.del_during_upgrade_pfile=/database/pfiles/hr_during_delinit.ora
upgl.add_during_upgrade_pfile=/database/pfiles/hr_during_addinit.ora
upgl.del_after_upgrade_pfile=/database/pfiles/hr_after_delinit.ora
upgl.add_after_upgrade_pfile=/database/pfiles/hr_after_addinit.ora
```

During the AutoUpgrade process, the files `during_upgrade_pfile_dbname.ora` and `after_upgrade_pfile_dbname.ora` are both created. These files are used to start the database during the upgrade, and after the upgrade. If you want to change a system parameter during the upgrade, or after the upgrade, then you can modify both files.

The global `PFILE` entries are applied first, and then the local `PFILE` entries designated by the job prefix `upgl` are applied. Within those two configuration files, entries in the parameter `del_upgrade_pfile` are applied first, followed by entries in the parameter `add_upgrade_pfile`. The parameters in these `PFILE` configuration entries are applied directly either to the `PFILE` `during_upgrade_pfile_dbname.ora` or to the `PFILE` `after_upgrade_pfile_dbname.ora`, depending on which `PFILE` is targeted.

Actions:

- `del_during_upgrade_pfile` Removes entries from `during_upgrade_pfile_dbname.ora`
- `add_during_upgrade_pfile` Add entries to `during_upgrade_pfile_dbname.ora`.
- `del_after_upgrade_pfile` Removes entries from `after_upgrade_pfile_dbname.ora`
- `add_after_upgrade_pfile` Add entries to `after_upgrade_pfile_dbname.ora`.

The files referenced by the parameters `del_during_upgrade_pfile` and `del_after_upgrade_pfile` have a single database parameter listed on each line. You cannot add any prefix to the parameter, because the entire line is part of the parameter name. Consider the following example:

```
#
# global.del_during_upgrade_pfile
```



```
#
processes
*.open_cursors
```

The result of this configuration setting is to remove from the PFILE for each database listed in the configuration file all references to the `processes` parameter, but not references to the `open_cursors` parameter: Only instances of `open_cursors` that have a prefix are removed. However, the parameters removed from the PFILE includes all parameters that are prefixed. For example, `*.processes` and `instance_name.processes` are both removed with this syntax.

The files referenced by the parameters `add_during_upgrade_pfile` and `add_after_upgrade_pfile` have a single parameter listed on each line with the format `parameter=value`. If you delete the entry from the PFILE, then the value field can be left empty. If the parameter is prefixed with `*.` or `instancename.`, then those references are not added to the modified PFILE. To update the value of an existing parameter, you must first delete it. You can then add the parameter with the desired value. Consider the following example:

```
#
# global.add_during_upgrade_pfile
#
processes=400
*.open_cursors=250
```

This global configuration file entry results in adding the following entries to the PFILE for each database that is listed in the configuration file:

```
processes=400
open_cursors=250
```

The parameter `after_upgrade_pfile_dbname` is used to create the database SPFILE during the postupgrade process.

AutoUpgrade before_action Local Parameter Example

To install Oracle Database features as part of your upgrade plan, you can use the `before_action` local parameter to run scripts.

The following script examples show how you can use the `before_action` local parameter to install Oracle Application Express with AutoUpgrade as part of your upgrade plan. To use these examples with your own system, modify the scripts to point to your own `ORACLE_HOME`, `ORACLE_SID`, and Oracle Application Express (`APX_HOME`) installation directories.

Example 3-7 Install Oracle Application Express as Part of the Upgrade

Linux and Unix Systems:

```
#!/bin/sh
# Copyright (c) 2016, 2019, Oracle and/or its affiliates. All rights
reserved.
#
```

```
#
# DESCRIPTION
# Sample Shell Script to install Oracle APEX using AutoUpgrade Utility
#
#
# NOTES
# This script contains no resume capabilities. It also makes references to
# Oracle Linux Library path.
#
#
# MODIFIED (MM/DD/YY)
#
# Set APEX and Oracle Homes and sid
#
export APX_HOME="/scratch/kit/apx19"
export ORACLE_HOME="/scratch/base/1124"
export ORACLE_SID="db1124"
#
# Set Path and library
#
export PATH=$ORACLE_HOME/bin:$PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$ORACLE_HOME/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
#
# Change directory to APEX home
#
cd $APX_HOME
#
# Remove and old log and list files
#
rm -f *.log
rm -f *.lst
#
# Write messages to progress.log file
#
echo "Installing APEX..." >> progress.log
echo "Starting Installing APEX..." >> progress.log
#
# Run the APEX Installation
#
$ORACLE_HOME/bin/sqlplus "/ as sysdba" @apexins SYSAUX SYSAUX TEMP /i/ >
sqlplus.log
#
# Check for errors
#
echo "Completed Installing APEX..." >> progress.log
echo "Started checking status of the APEX Install" >> progress.log
retstat=`grep -i '^ORA-' *.log | wc -l | awk '{print $1}'`
echo "$retstat errors found" >> progress.log
echo "Finished checking status of the APEX Install" >> progress.log
#
# Write final progress and exit with success or failure status
#
if [ $retstat == 0 ]
then
    echo "Successful Install of APEX..." >> progress.log
```

```

    exit 0
fi
echo "Errors Found Installing APEX..." >> progress.log
echo "Check Installation logs at $APX_HOME" >> progress.log
exit 1

```

Microsoft Windows Systems:

```

# Copyright (c) 2016, 2019, Oracle and/or its affiliates. All rights
reserved.
#
#
# DESCRIPTION
# Sample Windows PowerShell Script to install Oracle APEX using
AutoUpgrade Utility
#
#
# NOTES
# This script contains no resume capabilities.
#
#
# MODIFIED (MM/DD/YY)
# 09/24/19 - Created
#
# Set APEX and Oracle Homes and sid
#
$env:APX_HOME="c:\kit\apx19"
$env:ORACLE_HOME="c:\oracle\1124"
$env:ORACLE_SID="db1124"
#
# Set Path
#
$powershell_path=$env:ORACLE_HOME + "\bin" + $env:PSModulePath
#
# Change directory to APEX home
#
cd $env:APX_HOME
#
# Remove and old log and list files
#
Remove-item * -Filter *.log
Remove-item * -Filter *.lst
#
# Write messages to progress.log file
#
Write-Output "Installing APEX..." | Out-File -FilePath .\progress.log -
Append
Write-Output "Starting Installing APEX..." | Out-File -FilePath .
\progress.log -Append
#
# Run the APEX Installation
#
sqlplus "/ as sysdba" "@apexins" SYS AUX SYS AUX TEMP /i/ | Out-File -

```

```

FilePath sqlplus.log
#
# Check for errors
#
Write-Output "Completed Installing APEX...." | Out-File -FilePath .
\progress.log -Append
Write-Output "Started checking status of the APEX Install" | Out-File -
FilePath .\progress.log -Append
$retstat=(sls "^ORA-" *.log | Measure-Object -line).Lines
Write-Output "$retstat errors found" | Out-File -FilePath .\progress.log -
Append
Write-Output "Finished checking status of the APEX Install" | Out-File -
FilePath .\progress.log -Append
#
# Write final progress and exit with success or failure status
#
if ($retstat -eq 0) {
    Write-Output "Successful Install of APEX...." | Out-File -FilePath .
\progress.log -Append
    exit 0
}
Write-Output "Errors Found Installing APEX...." | Out-File -FilePath .
\progress.log -Append
Write-Output "Check Installation logs at $env:APX_HOME" | Out-File -
FilePath .\progress.log -Append
exit 1

```

AutoUpgrade Internal Settings Configuration File

Internal configuration settings control how AutoUpgrade runs.

Usage Notes

These configuration settings are provided for reference only. Typically, you should not use these parameters.

Table 3-4 Internal Settings Configuration File Parameters for AutoUpgrade

Parameter	Default	Description
heartbeatHeartbeatSleep	1	Number of minutes to wait between each job heartbeat.
heartbeatHeartbeatRetries	10	Number of times to retry after a failed job heartbeat.
shutdownJobWaitTime	10	Number of minutes to wait before a running job is terminated in the job queue during a scheduled upgrade.
systemChecksAbort_timer	60	Number of minutes to wait before the system checks job is automatically terminated.
systemChecksOracleHomeReqSpac	6g	Minimum adequate disk space (in GB) system check. (g is required.)

Table 3-4 (Cont.) Internal Settings Configuration File Parameters for AutoUpgrade

Parameter	Default	Description
systemChecksMinCpuIdlePct	10	Warning alert threshold percentage to indicate that the remaining available percentage of CPU resources on the system can be inadequate to complete the upgrade.
systemChecksMinFreeMemPct	5	Warning alert threshold percentage to indicate that the remaining available percentage of system random access memory (RAM) can be inadequate to complete the upgrade.
systemChecksMinFreeSwapPct	5	Warning alert threshold percentage to indicate that the remaining available percentage of system swap space memory can be inadequate to complete the upgrade.
dbPreCheckAbortTimer	60	Number of minutes to wait before the database preupgrade checks job is automatically terminated.
dbUpgradeDurationTimer	180	Number of minutes to wait before the database upgrade job starts additional monitoring of the upgrade progress.
dbUpgradeWakeupTimer	3	Number of minutes to wait before the database upgrade job restarts monitoring the upgrade.
dbUpgradeAbortTimer	1440	Number of minutes to wait before the database upgrade is automatically terminated.
dbUpgradeFatalErrors	ORA-00600, ORA-07445	Identifies which upgrade internal errors automatically cause a post-upgrade restore of the database back to the guarantee restore point. Entries are comma-delimited.
dbPostUpgradeAbortTimer	60	Number of minutes to wait before the restoration job is automatically terminated
dbRestoreAbortTimer	120	Number of minutes to wait before the Restoration job is automatically terminated
dbGrpAbortTimer	3	Number of minutes to wait before the guarantee restore point job is automatically terminated

AutoUpgrade Log File Structure

The AutoUpgrade utility produces a log file structure that includes job status and configuration files.

AutoUpgrade Log File Base Path

The AutoUpgrade log file path is set using the global parameter `autoupgr_log_dir`. By default, the global parameter has the following definition:

```
global.autoupgr_log_dir=/database/jobmgr
```

AutoUpgrade configuration and status file paths are relative to the directory path that you establish with `global.autoupgr_log_dir`.

/cfgtoollogs/upgrade/auto

The automatic configuration tools log directory (`/cfgtoollogs/upgrade/auto`) contains three trace log files that provide specific information about each job that the AutoUpgrade job manager processes:

- `autoupgrade.log`: Provides detailed logs of the job that identify any problems that occur during job runs.
- `autoupgrade_usr.log`: Job information, which is formatted to enhance readability.
- `autoupgrade_err.log`: A report of any unexpected exceptions that occur when the job runs.

If problems occur when jobs start or stop, then you can use information in these log files to determine the cause of problems.

/config_files

The `config_files` directory contains AutoUpgrade internal runtime configurations and global temporary files.

/status

The `/status` directory contains JSON job status files. It contains two directories:

- `status.json`: This directory contains the final job status of all jobs completed in the JSON file format.
- `progress.json`: This directory contains the progress of all jobs currently running in the JSON file format.

Each module in the directories contains a status file for the operation that it performed. The module takes the following format, where the prefix `dbname` is the database name, `operation` is the upgrade operation that was performed, and the suffix `status` is the completion status of that operation:

dbname_operation-name.status

The success or the failure of that operation is indicated by the suffix, which is either `.success`, indicating the successful performance of that operation, or `.failure`, indicating the failure of that operation. For example, the following module name indicates a successful run of the prechecks operation on the database `sales`:

`sales_prechecks.success`

The operation module name can be one of the following:

- `preupgrade`: The preupgrade stage, in which custom scripts can be run.
- `prechecks`: The upgrade checks completed before starting the upgrade.
- `grp`: Guaranteed restore point (using Oracle Flashback technology).
- `prefixups`: The preupgrade fixups run before starting the upgrade.
- `drain`: The stage where existing jobs are completed or migrated before starting the upgrade.

- `dbupgrade`: The stage in which the upgrade takes place.
- `postchecks`: The stage in which postupgrade checks are run after the upgrade is completed.
- `postfixups`: The stage in which postupgrade fixups are run.
- `postupgrade`: The stage in which custom postupgrade scripts can be run.

Individual Job and Database Log File Directories

Each job started by the AutoUpgrade dispatcher is given a directory with that job identifier prefix. Inside that job directory, each database in the job is given a log directory in the path `/database/logs/sid`, where `sid` is the system identifier for the database. For example, where the job identified in the configuration file is `sales1`, and the database system identifier is `sales`, the log file for the database `sales` is in the following path:

```
sales.log_dir=/database/logs/sales1
```

The log directory contain all the relevant log files for all the tasks performed for that database. By default, a directory identified by SID is created under the `/database/logs` directory. Each database job can have a separate log directory, if you choose to set up your configuration file that way.

`/#### (Job Number)`

Individual job runs are placed in subdirectories identified by the run number, in the format `/####`, where `####` represents the job run number. For example: `0004`. Job run number directories contain the following log files:

- `autoupgrade_err.log`: Reports any unexpected exceptions that occur while the job runs.
- `autoupgradeYYYYMMDD.log`: AutoUpgrade trace log file. Provides detailed logs of the job that identify any problems that occur during job runs. The variable `YYYYMMDD` represents year, month, and day of the job.
- `autoupgrade_YYYYMMDD_user.log`: AutoUpgrade job status file, which is formatted to enhance readability. The variable `YYYYMMDD` represents year, month, and day of the job.

`/preupgrade`

The preupgrade directory (`/preupgrade`) contains the following files and log files:

- `prechecks_databasename.log`: Trace log file. This file provides detailed logs that can assist with identifying problems that occur during the preupgrade job stage. The variable `databasename` is the name of the database checked.
- `databasename_preupgrade.html`: HTML report on the database status. The variable `databasename` is the name of the database checked.
- `databasename_preupgrade.log`: Text report on the database status. The variable `databasename` is the name of the database checked.

`/dbupgrade`

The database upgrade directory (`/dbupgrade`) contains all log files associated with the database upgrade:

- `autoupgradeYYYYMMDDHHMISCdbname.log`: Log files for the source database, identified by the date on which the upgrade was run, and by the database name, indicating parallelism. Format:
 - `YYYY`: Year
 - `MM`: Month
 - `DD`: Day
 - `HH`: Hour
 - `MI`: Minute
 - `SC`: Second
 - `dbname`: Database name, where `dbname` is the database name.
- `catupgradeYYYYMMDDHHMISCdbnameN.log`: log files for the source database, identified by the date on which the upgrade was run.
Format:
 - `YYYY`: Year
 - `MM`: Month
 - `DD`: Day
 - `HH`: Hour
 - `MI`: Minute
 - `SC`: Second
 - `dbnameN`: Database name, where `dbname` is the database name, and `N` indicates the parallelism: 0...3 for CDB ROOT, and Non-CDB databases, and 0...1 for PDBs.

`/temp`

Temporary AutoUpgrade files (`/temp`). This directory can contain files such as the `PFILE` used during an upgrade.

Enabling Full Deployments for AutoUpgrade

To enable a guaranteed restore point (GRP) so that you can flashback an upgrade, you must set up archive logging, and you should complete other tasks to enable AutoUpgrade to complete the upgrade.

For AutoUpgrade to be able to perform a full deployment of the new release Oracle Database, the following must be true:

- The database must have a proper configuration of the fast recovery area (FRA). Specifically, `DB_RECOVERY_FILE_DEST` and `DB_RECOVERY_FILE_DEST_SIZE` must be set, and be properly sized.
- Your source Oracle Database must be running in `ARCHIVELOG` mode.

 **Note:**

AutoUpgrade creates a guaranteed restore point (GRP) during Deploy processing mode. You do not need to have a previously defined guaranteed restore point.

Example 3-8 Setting up Archive Logging and Fast Recovery Area (FRA) Before Using AutoUpgrade

```
sqlplus / as sysdba
shutdown immediate;
startup mount;
alter system set db_recovery_file_dest_size = 50g scope=both sid='*';
alter system set db_recovery_file_dest = ' /tmp/db-home/fast_recovery_area'
scope=both sid='*';
alter database archivelog;
alter database open;
alter pluggable database all open;
```

Example 3-9 Password Files and Security Password File Updates

During the upgrade, the AutoUpgrade utility copies the password file from the source Oracle Database Oracle home to the target Oracle Database Oracle home. However, the copied password file retains the earlier release password file version. Oracle recommends that you regenerate the password file to update it to the new release password file version.

Example 3-10 Transparent Data Encryption and AutoUpgrade

To enable the AutoUpgrade utility to obtain the privileges required for copying transparent data encryption wallets, you must enable auto-login for these wallets so that AutoUpgrade can copy them to the target release Oracle home. If you do not enable auto-login, then AutoUpgrade cannot complete the upgrade.

To start Oracle Wallet Manager:

- (Windows) Select **Start**, then **Programs**, then **Oracle-Oracle-home** (where **Oracle-home** is the source Oracle home, then **Integrated Management Tools**, and then **Wallet Manager**.
- (Unix) At the command line, enter: this command

```
owm
```

To enable auto login:

1. Select **Wallet** from the menu bar.
2. Select **AutoLogin**. A message at the bottom of the window indicates that auto login is enabled.

 **Note:**

After AutoUpgrade completes copying the transparent data encryption wallets, disable auto login, so that your previous release security is restored.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database Enterprise User Security Administrator's Guide*

Examples of How to Use the AutoUpgrade Console

The AutoUpgrade console provides a set of commands to monitor the progress of AutoUpgrade jobs. The console starts by default when you run the AutoUpgrade utility, and is enabled or disabled by the parameters `console` and `noconsole`.

In console mode, the AutoUpgrade console enables you to run commands to monitor specific aspects of your AutoUpgrade jobs while they are running on your systems.

 **Note:**

If the AutoUpgrade console is exited out before it completes, then the jobs that are running stop, and the job that are scheduled do not start. For this reason, do not exit the console or stop the AutoUpgrade process until all of the AutoUpgrade jobs are completed.

Example 3-11 Example of How to Enable and Disable the AutoUpgrade Console

 **Note:**

You can run only one AutoUpgrade instance at a time that is associated with a given configuration file.

In this example, AutoUpgrade is run in Analyze mode, using the configuration file in `noconsole` mode.

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config autoupgrade.cfg -mode analyze -noconsole
```

Using the `noconsole` mode turns off requirements for user input, so it is suitable for use with scripts.

In this example, AutoUpgrade is run in Analyze mode, and the console is turned on again with the `-console` option:

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config autoupgrade.cfg -mode analyze -console
```

Console user input is again resumed.

How to Override Default Fixups

You can use the `RUNFIX` column entry to disable automated fixups, except in cases where disabling the fixup violates security or Oracle policy.

The default fixups that are part of the AutoUpgrade procedure are generated during the Analyze processing mode stage. You can modify the generated fixups list to disable automatic fixups, so that you can run your own fixups.

The sequence of steps is as follows:

1. Run the AutoUpgrade utility in Analyze mode
2. Open and edit the `sid_checklist.cfg` file that is generated during Analyze mode, so that the fixups you want to do manually are disabled from running automatically.
3. In your most recent AutoUpgrade configuration file, under your local parameters list for the job on which you want to suppress the automatic fixup, find the parameter `sid.checklist`, where `sid` is the system identifier (SID) of the database on which you want to suppress an automatic fixup. By default, AutoUpgrade uses the most recent generated file. If you want to point it to a different configuration file, then edit the parameter to provide a path to the `checklist.cfg` file that you have edited.

Note:

AutoUpgrade resume always uses the most recent `sid_checklist.config` file.

For example, if you have two generated AutoUpgrade configuration files, `/logdir/100/sid_checklist.cfg`, and `/logdir/101/sid_checklist.cfg`, then you must either specify a direct path to the configuration file that you want to use, or edit the most recent file, which in this case is the `sid_checklist.cfg` file in `/logdir/101/`

Suppose you have corrected an issue manually that you found, and want to have AutoUpgrade to use a fixup file with different checks. If you want to direct AutoUpgrade to use a different file, then you can specify the file path directly in the `checklist.cfg` file by using the `prefix.checklist` parameter, where `prefix` is the identifier for the database. For example:

```
prefix.checklist=logdir/repress-standard/sid_checklist.cfg
```

If the AutoUpgrade utility finds an error level database condition, and there is not a fixup available for it, or you have manually disabled the available fixup, then the AutoUpgrade job that contains the database with the error condition stops.

Use the examples that follow to assist you with this procedure.

Example 3-12 Starting Up the AutoUpgrade Utility in Analyze Mode

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -mode analyze
```

Example 3-13 Creating a New Checklist for a Configuration File

In this scenario, you are running AutoUpgrade checks on an Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2) database home, in preparation for an upgrade to Oracle Database 18c, with release update 8. You start with the following configuration file, called `config.cfg`:

```
global.autoupg_log_dir=/home/oracle/autoupg
upgl.sid=db11204
upgl.source_home=/databases/ee/product/11.2.0/dbhome_1
upgl.target_home=/databases/ee/product/18x/dbhome_1
upgl.target_base=/databases
upgl.target_version=18.8.0
```

You then complete the following steps:

1. Run the command `java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -mode analyze`

The command produces a checklist file in the following path:

```
/home/oracle/autoupg/db11204/100/prechecks/db11204_checklist.cfg
```

2. Move the checklist file to another location. For example:

```
oracle@example: $ cd $PRECHECKS
oracle@example: $ pwd
/home/oracle/autoupg/db11204/100/prechecks
oracle@example: $ mv ./db11204_checklist.cfg /tmp
```

3. Use a text editor to open up the file, and look for the checks `AMD_EXISTS` and `EM_PRESENT`.

For example:

```
[SID] [db11204]
=====
[container] [db11204]
=====
[checkname] AMD_EXISTS
[stage] PRECHECKS
[fixup_available] YES
[runfix] YES
[severity] WARNING
-----
[checkname] DICTIONARY_STATS
[stage] PRECHECKS
[fixup_available] YES
[runfix] YES
[severity] RECOMMEND
```

```

-----
[checkname] EM_PRESENT
[stage] PRECHECKS
[fixup_available] YES
[runfix] YES
[severity] WARNING
-----
...
[truncated]

```

4. Change the values for checks AMD_EXISTS and EM_PRESENT from yes to no. For example

```

[SID] [db11204]
=====
[container] [db11204]
=====
[checkname] AMD_EXISTS
[stage] PRECHECKS
[fixup_available] YES
[runfix] NO
[severity] WARNING
-----
[checkname] DICTIONARY_STATS
[stage] PRECHECKS
[fixup_available] YES
[runfix] YES
[severity] RECOMMEND
-----
[checkname] EM_PRESENT
[stage] PRECHECKS
[fixup_available] YES
[runfix] NO
[severity] WARNING
-----
...
[truncated]

```

Notice that with both parameters, the `fixup_available` value is YES. That means that there is a fixup available, which you choose not to run. If no fixup is available, then the value for `runfix` is N/A.

5. Change the location where AutoUpgrade looks for the configuration file by updating the path for the parameter `checklist`. To do this, add an entry to the configuration file with the checklist pointer to the directory where your edited file resides. For example:

```

global.autoupg_log_dir=/home/oracle/autoupg
upgl.sid=db11204
upgl.source_home=/databases/ee/product/11.2.0/dbhome_1
upgl.target_home=/databases/ee/product/18x/dbhome_1
upgl.target_base=/databases

```

```
upgl.target_version=18.8.0
upgl.checklist=/home/oracle/db11204_checklist.cfg
```

6. Run the fixups using the configuration file that you have edited and moved. For example:

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -mode fixups
```

Autoupgrade uses the configuration file in /home/oracle to run the AutoUpgrade utility.

Example 3-14 Find and Edit checklist.cfg

The Analyze mode generates a fixup file with the file name `checklist.cfg`. Navigate to the file, where `DATABASE_LOGS_DIR` is the value set for the AutoUpgrade `log_dir` parameter of the database, `job-id` refers to the job identifier that the AutoUpgrade utility generates, and `sid` is the system identifier for the database on which you want to suppress automatic fixups:

```
DATABASE_LOGS_DIR/job-id/prechecks/sid_checklist.cfg
```

Open the `checklist.cfg` file with a text editor. The following is an example of the `checklist.cfg` file for the database with the SID DB11204:

```
[dbname]          [DB11204]
=====
[container]      [DB11204]
=====
[checkname]      AMD_EXISTS
[stage]          PRECHECKS
[fixup_available] YES
[runfix]         YES
[severity]       WARNING
-----

[checkname]      DEPEND_USR_TABLES
[stage]          POSTCHECKS
[fixup_available] YES
[runfix]         YES
[severity]       WARNING
-----

[checkname]      DICTIONARY_STATS
[stage]          PRECHECKS
[fixup_available] YES
[runfix]         YES
[severity]       RECOMMEND
-----

[checkname]      EM_PRESENT
[stage]          PRECHECKS
[fixup_available] YES
[runfix]         YES
[severity]       WARNING
```

.
.
.

The file has a hierarchical structure. It starts with the database name, and the container name for which the entries of the `checklist.cfg` apply. The file contains a series of fixup checks that are applied automatically. For each entry, there are 5 relevant values parameters:

Parameter	Description
[checkname]	Name of the database check
[stage]	AutoUpgrade stage in which the check is performed. It can be either prechecks, or post checks.
[fixup available]	Availability of an automatic fixup. This parameter value is either YES (an automatic fixup is available), or NO (an automatic fixup is not available).
runfix	Run status for the fixup. This parameter takes one of two values: YES: Run the fixup. NO: Do not run the fixup.
severity	Class of severity of the issue that the automatic fixup addresses.

For each fixup that you want to perform manually, change the [runfix] parameter value from YES to NO.

Related Topics

- [My Oracle Support Doc ID 2380601.1 "Database Preupgrade tool check list"](#)

Local Configuration File Parameter Fixups Checklist Example

To include or exclude specific fixups for individual databases during upgrades, use the local configuration file checklist.

In this example, there is a local checklist file called `sales4_checklist.cfg`, which provides a preupgrade fixup checklist for the database `sales4`. A portion of the file contains the following settings:

```
[checkname] DICTIONARY_STATS
[stage] PRECHECKS
[fixup_available] YES
[runfix] YES
[severity] RECOMMEND
```

You can change the default fixup for `DICTIONARY_STATS` to exclude performing a fixup for the database `sales4` by changing the `runfix` option for the check from `YES` to `NO`:

```
[checkname] DICTIONARY_STATS  
[stage] PRECHECKS  
[fixup_available] YES  
[runfix] NO  
[severity] RECOMMEND
```

Proper Management of AutoUpgrade Database Changes

AutoUpgrade is a powerful utility, which requires that you use it responsibly. Review and avoid using AutoUpgrade in ways that put the database at risk.

The following is a list of improper uses of AutoUpgrade, and ways of attempting to work around problems that result from these errors.

Breaking AutoUpgrade Resume Capability During Deployment

Problem Description: Using the `-clean_recovery_data` option prevents AutoUpgrade from resuming or restoring the database.

Workaround: Restore from a backup copy of the database.

Cause: Running the AutoUpgrade in deploy mode, and then interrupting its execution on any stage after the fixups are completed, and running the option `clean_recovery_data` before resuming and completing successfully an AutoUpgrade deploy command. For example:

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -mode deploy  
Ctrl+C //sample interruption  
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -clean_recovery_data  
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -mode deploy
```

Changing AutoUpgrade Global Log Directory During or After Deployment

Problem Description: If you change the global directory during or after running a deploy command, then the AutoUpgrade utility is unable to resume its pending work.

Workaround: Restore from a backup copy of the database.

Cause: The AutoUpgrade global logs directory also contains files used by the AutoUpgrade Utility to track the state of its operations. If you run the tool in deploy mode, and the deploy operation is stopped, and then rename or drop the global log directory, then the AutoUpgrade utility is unable to determine the state in which the deploy operation was stopped. As a result, when you restart AutoUpgrade, it begins the upgrade operation from the beginning, and the initial GRP is overwritten. You cannot use that GRP to restore the original database.

Use of Oracle Wallet With Credentials Not Set With AUTOLOGIN

Problem Description: You run the tool, and you have wallet credentials configured, but AutoUpgrade is unable to log in to the database.

Workaround: Create an Autologin Keystore, and configure the database with autologin enabled.

At the time of this release, AutoUpgrade does not support the use of wallet credentials unless they are configured for automatic logins into the database

Related Topics

- Performing Operations That Require a Keystore Password

AutoUpgrade and Microsoft Windows ACLs and CLIs

When running AutoUpgrade on Microsoft Windows systems, Oracle recommends additional best practices with access control lists (ACLs) and command-line interfaces (CLIs).

AutoUpgrade and Access Control Lists (ACLs)

When you use AutoUpgrade on Windows systems, there are difficulties in setting up automated tools to work with Windows access control lists. Oracle strongly recommends that you complete the following best practice procedures:

- Review permissions for each of your target databases, and how these permissions relate to directories for these databases, such as the Oracle base directory, and the `oraInventory` files.
- Refer to the *Oracle Database Administrator's Reference* section on postinstallation configuration tasks for NTFS file systems.
- Review Microsoft's documentation regarding Windows PowerShell.
- Review the permissions for the groups `ORA_DBA`, `ORA_HOME_USERS`, and `ORA_ASM` groups. The `ORA_DBA` group only provides `SYSDBA` privileges to Oracle Database. The Oracle ASM management privileges are controlled by members of the group `ASM_DISKGROUPS`.
- The `ORA_DBA` group member permissions to perform many administration tasks is limited, compared to the privileges available on `POSIX` systems. To enable AutoUpgrade to run as expected, Oracle recommends that the user account with Administrator rights on the Microsoft Windows server also manages Oracle base directory elements such as traces, listeners, and configuration.
- AutoUpgrade must be run using a command console (`CMD`) with administrative rights, and that console should be opened as the Oracle Installation User, or a user with similar privileges.
- Refer to My Oracle Support notes 1529702.1, and 1595375.1.

AutoUpgrade uses the following procedure with services running on the database:

- AutoUpgrade stops the services on the source database, and creates a temporary service on the target database Oracle home.

If a restore is required, then the service in the target is dropped, and the service in the source is restarted.
- After Deploy Mode processing has completed successfully, the service in the target is dropped. At that point, it is the responsibility of the DBA for the upgraded Oracle Database to use `ORADIM` to create a service. Creating this service manually is required, because AutoUpgrade does not have the password to obtain permissions to create the `ORADIM` service.

AutoUpgrade and Windows Command-Line Interfaces

With command-line interfaces on Windows, applications can stop responding while waiting for a return character to be sent to the console. This behavior can affect the AutoUpgrade utility. The cause is a well-known Microsoft Windows console window characteristic related to the QEM (Quick Edit Mode). Even if you disable the Quick Edit console mode, the application can still encounter this behavior.

To avoid the program waiting for a response, press the enter key a few times after the application starts. Doing this provides the terminal input required to help the application proceed without awaiting a terminal response.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database Administrator's Reference for Microsoft Windows*
- [My Oracle Support Note 1529702.1](#)
- [My Oracle Support Note 1595375.1](#)

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Upgrading Oracle Database Using Parallel Upgrade Utility or Replay Upgrade

You can upgrade manually by using the Parallel Upgrade Utility command-line option, or you can use the Replay Upgrade process.

Starting with Oracle Database 20c, Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA) is replaced by the AutoUpgrade utility.

▲ Caution:

If you retain the old Oracle Database software, then never start the upgraded database with the old Oracle Database software. Only start the database with the executables in the new Oracle Database installation.

- [Upgrading Manually with Parallel Upgrade Utility](#)
To run upgrades with scripts that you run and manage manually, you can use the Parallel Upgrade Utility (`catctl.pl`).
- [Manual Upgrade Scenarios for Multitenant Architecture Oracle Databases](#)
To prepare for manual upgrades, review the manual upgrade scenarios and procedures for Oracle Database deployed with multitenant architecture.
- [About Dbupgrade Scripts and catupgrd.sql in Earlier Releases of Oracle Database](#)
The function of the `catupgrd.sql` script is replaced by the Parallel Upgrade Utility, `catctl.pl`, and the `dbupgrade` and `dbupgrade.cmd` scripts.
- [About Transporting and Upgrading a Database \(Full Transportable Export/Import\)](#)
You can use file-based or nonfile-based modes for transporting data.
- [Upgrading Oracle Database Releases Using Replay Upgrade](#)
To upgrade from an earlier release, you can use the Oracle Multitenant Replay Upgrade (Replay Upgrade) procedure to adopt a non-CDB to a PDB, or upgrade a PDB.
- [Manual Non-CDB Oracle Database Release Upgrades to Multitenant Architecture](#)
To manage your non-CDB Oracle Database upgrade manually by using scripts, learn about upgrade scenarios and procedures.
- [Rerunning Upgrades for Oracle Database](#)
Use these options to rerun upgrades.

Upgrading Manually with Parallel Upgrade Utility

To run upgrades with scripts that you run and manage manually, you can use the Parallel Upgrade Utility (`catctl.pl`).

- [About the Parallel Upgrade Utility for Oracle Database \(CATCTL.PL and DBUPGRADE\)](#)
The Parallel Upgrade Utility (`catctl.pl`, and the `dbupgrade` script) enable you to upgrade simultaneously components that do not require upgrades to occur in a specific order.
- [General Steps for Running the Parallel Upgrade Utility](#)
Review to obtain an overview of how to use the Parallel Upgrade Utility for Oracle Database.
- [Parallel Upgrade Utility \(catctl.pl\) Parameters](#)
Control how the Parallel Upgrade Utility (`catctl.pl`) runs. You can also use these arguments to run the `dbupgrade` shell command.
- [Example of Using the Parallel Upgrade Utility](#)
Use this example to understand how you can run the parallel upgrade utility manually to perform upgrades.

About the Parallel Upgrade Utility for Oracle Database (CATCTL.PL and DBUPGRADE)

The Parallel Upgrade Utility (`catctl.pl`, and the `dbupgrade` script) enable you to upgrade simultaneously components that do not require upgrades to occur in a specific order.

Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1) introduced the Parallel Upgrade Utility, `catctl.pl`. This utility reduces the total amount of time it takes to perform an upgrade by loading the database dictionary in parallel, and by using multiple SQL processes to upgrade the database. Performing parallel upgrades of components enables you to take advantage of your CPU capacity. Oracle continues to make improvements to the upgrade process to simplify both manual upgrades, and upgrades performed with the Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA). DBUA and the manual upgrade procedures take advantage of the new Parallel Upgrade Utility.

You can run a shell command, `dbupgrade`, which starts up `catctl.pl` from the command line, instead of requiring you to run it from Perl.

The `dbupgrade` shell command is located in the file path `$ORACLE_HOME/bin` on Linux and UNIX, and `%ORACLE_HOME%\bin` on Windows. You can provide any command arguments that are valid for `catctl.pl` to the shell command. Either run the command directly from the new Oracle home path, or set a user environment variable to point to the file path.

For example:

Running with default values:

```
$ ./dbupgrade
```

Running to specify a log directory placed in `/tmp`:

```
$ ./dbupgrade -l /tmp
```

You can also run the Parallel Upgrade Utility using priority lists. For example:

```
$ ./dbupgrade -L priority_list_name
```

When you use a priority list, you can include or exclude a specific list of PDBs in your upgrade.

You can also run the Parallel Upgrade Utility using priority emulation, so that you can see how the priority list is read and carried out, without actually performing the upgrade. For example:

```
$ ./dbupgrade -E
```

Related Topics

- [Example of Testing Upgrades Using Priority List Emulation](#)

General Steps for Running the Parallel Upgrade Utility

Review to obtain an overview of how to use the Parallel Upgrade Utility for Oracle Database.

The Parallel Upgrade Utility (*catctl.pl*, which you can start with the shell command *dbupgrade*) loads the data dictionary and components in parallel. Loading in parallel reduces the overall upgrade time. Before running the Parallel Upgrade Utility, follow the procedures for backing up your database that you normally do before upgrading. Also, as a prerequisite, you must run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool to identify any problems that a database administrator must address before the upgrade proceeds.

The general steps for upgrading your database with the Parallel Upgrade Utility are as follows:

1. Back up your current database.
2. Install the Oracle Database software for the new release.
3. Ensure that the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool (*preupgrade.jar*) has run on the source database, and that any issues reported by the tool are addressed.
4. Shut down your current database.
5. Set up the new Oracle home environment to access the new release database software, and then start SQL*Plus from the directory *ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin*.
6. Log in to a user account with *SYSDBA* system privileges, and connect to the database that you want to upgrade:

```
CONNECT / AS SYSDBA
```

7. Start the database in upgrade mode. Use the command for your configuration type.

Multitenant container database (CDB):

```
SQL> startup upgrade;  
SQL> alter pluggable database all open upgrade;
```

Non-CDB:

```
SQL> startup upgrade
```

 **Note:**

The `UPGRADE` keyword performs operations that prepare the environment for the upgrade.

You can be required to use the `PFILE` option in your startup command to specify the location of your initialization parameter file.

When you start the database in upgrade mode, only queries on fixed views execute without errors until after the `catctl.pl` script is run. Before you run `catctl.pl`, you receive an error if you try to use PL/SQL, or if you try to run queries on any other view.

If errors appear listing desupported initialization parameters, then make a note of the desupported initialization parameters, and continue with the upgrade. Remove the desupported initialization parameters the next time you shut down the database.

8. Exit SQL*Plus.
9. Run the Parallel Upgrade Utility from the new Oracle home.

You can run the utility as a shell command (`dbupgrade` on Linux and Unix, and `dbupgrade.cmd` on Microsoft Windows) or you can run it as a Perl command (`catctl.pl`).

For example, on Linux and Unix:

```
cd $ORACLE_HOME/bin
./dbupgrade
```

For example, on Microsoft Windows:

```
cd %ORACLE_HOME%\bin
dbupgrade
```

The Parallel Upgrade Utility starts the upgrade process.

 **Note:**

The Parallel Upgrade Utility uses other files to carry out the upgrade. On Linux and Unix systems, these files include `catconst.pm`, `catcom.pm`, `sqlpatch`, `sqlpatch.pl` or `sqlpatch.pm`, and `orahome` on Linux/UNIX systems. On Windows systems, these files include `orahome.exe`. Do not change or remove these files.

Related Topics

- Specifying Initialization Parameters at Startup

Parallel Upgrade Utility (catctl.pl) Parameters

Control how the Parallel Upgrade Utility (`catctl.pl`) runs. You can also use these arguments to run the `dbupgrade` shell command.

 **Note:**

The shell command utility `dbupgrade` starts `catctl.pl`. The `dbupgrade` utility resides in the `ORACLE_HOME/bin` directory. You can use the shell command utility to start the Parallel Upgrade Utility at the command prompt. You can either run the utility using default values, or you can use `catctl.pl` input parameters to specify Parallel Upgrade Utility arguments.

Table 4-1 Parallel Upgrade Utility (catctl.pl) Parameters

Parameter	Description
-c	<p>Specifies a space-delimited inclusion list for PDBs that you want to upgrade. For example, in an Oracle Multitenant deployment with PDB1, PDB2, PDB3, and PDB4, include PDB1 and PDB2, but exclude the PDBs not named. PDB 1 and PDB 2 are upgraded, but PDB 3 and PDB4 are not upgraded.</p> <p>Linux and UNIX (use single quotes):</p> <pre>-c 'PDB1 PDB2'</pre> <p>Windows (use double quotes):</p> <pre>-c "PDB1 PDB2"</pre>

Table 4-1 (Cont.) Parallel Upgrade Utility (catctl.pl) Parameters

Parameter	Description
-C	<p>Specifies a space-delimited exclusion list for PDBs that you want to upgrade. For example, in an Oracle Multitenant deployment with PDB1, PDB2, PDB3, and PDB4, you can use an exclusion list to exclude PDB1 and PDB2, but include the PDBs not named. PDB1 and PDB2 are not upgraded, but PDB3 and PDB4 are upgraded.</p> <p>Linux and UNIX (use single quotes):</p> <pre>-C 'PDB1 PDB2'</pre> <p>Windows (use double quotes):</p> <pre>-C "PDB1 PDB2"</pre> <p>Note: <code>-c</code> and <code>-C</code> are mutually exclusive.</p> <p><code>-C 'CATCTL_LISTONLY'</code> is an option that specifies that the Parallel Upgrade Utility processes only the PDBs in a priority list. Use this option with the <code>-L</code> parameter, specifying a list.</p>
-d	Specifies the location of the directory containing the files that you want processed.
-e	Sets echo OFF while running the scripts. The default is echo ON.
-E	<p>Enables you to run an upgrade emulation.</p> <p>You can use the <code>-E</code> parameter to run the Parallel Upgrade Utility in emulation mode to test how priority lists run, or to test how other upgrade parameter selections are carried out during an upgrade. For example, you can run an upgrade emulation to obtain more information about how the resource allocation choices you make using the <code>-n</code> and <code>-N</code> parameters are carried out.</p> <p>To carry out an upgrade emulation, complete all upgrade preparations before you run the Parallel Upgrade Utility, and then run the command using <code>-E</code>.</p> <p>When you run the Parallel Upgrade Utility with the <code>-E</code> parameter, and call a priority list as part of the command using the <code>-L</code> parameter, the utility writes the upgrade order to the file <code>catctl_priority_run.lst</code>. This list is placed in the file path that you specify by the <code>-l</code> parameter, or in the default log file area if you do not specify a different output file path.</p>
-F	<p>Forces a cleanup of previous upgrade errors.</p> <p>Non-CDB databases require only the <code>-F</code> parameter. For CDBs, use this option with a space-delimited inclusion list, which you specify with <code>-c</code>.</p>
-i	Specifies an identifier to use when creating spool log files.
-l	<p>Specifies the location for the directory to use for spool log files.</p> <p>The default location is <code>Oracle_base/cfgtoollogs/dbname/upgradedatetime</code>. The <code>date</code> and <code>time</code> strings are in the character string format <code>YYYYMMDDHHMMSC</code>, in which <code>YYYY</code> designates the year, <code>MM</code> designates the month, <code>DD</code> designates the day, <code>HH</code> designates the hour, <code>MM</code> designates the minute, and <code>SC</code> designates the second.</p> <p>Oracle strongly recommends that you do not write log files to the <code>/admin</code> directory.</p>

Table 4-1 (Cont.) Parallel Upgrade Utility (catctl.pl) Parameters

Parameter	Description
-L	<p>Upgrades PDBs using a priority list during an Oracle Database upgrade, and specifies the priority list name. The priority list updates priority status in the database during upgrade. This priority listing is maintained in future upgrades.</p> <p>By default the CDB\$ROOT and PDB\$SEED databases are always processed first. They are processed first even if they are not added to a priority list. All PDBs in the priority list are processed before PDBs not in the priority list.</p>
-M	<p>Keeps CDB\$ROOT in UPGRADE mode while the PDBs are upgraded. For non-CDBs, this parameter is ignored.</p> <p>During CDB upgrades, using this parameter setting places the CDB and all its PDBs in upgrade mode, which can reduce total upgrade time. However, you cannot bring up any of the PDBs until the CDB and all its PDBs are upgraded.</p> <p>By default, if you do not use the -M parameter setting, then CDB\$ROOT is upgraded and restarted in normal mode, and the normal background processes are started. As each PDB is upgraded, you can bring the PDB online while other PDBs are still being upgraded.</p>
-n	<p>Specifies the number of processes to use for parallel operations.</p> <p>Non-CDBs: The -n parameter specifies the number of SQL processes to use when upgrading the database.</p> <p>Multitenant architecture databases (CDBs): The number of PDBs upgraded concurrently is controlled by the value of the -n parameter. Multiple PDB upgrades are processed together. Starting in Oracle Database 12c, the default value for multitenant architecture databases is the number of CPUs on your system. A <code>cpu_count</code> equal to 24 equates to a default value of 24 for -n.</p> <p>Values for the -n parameter:</p> <p>Non-CDBs: The maximum value for -n is 8. The minimum value is 1. The default value is 4.</p> <p>Multitenant architecture databases (CDBs): The maximum value for -n is unlimited. The minimum value is 4. The maximum PDB upgrades running concurrently is the value of -n divided by the value of -N.</p>
-N	<p>Specifies the number of SQL processors to use when upgrading PDBs. For non-CDBs, this parameter is ignored.</p> <p>For CDBs, the maximum value is 8. The minimum value is 1. The default value is 2.</p>
-p	<p>Restarts from the specified phase. When you re-run an upgrade, it does not restart phases already completed successfully.</p>
-P	<p>Stops from the specified phase.</p>
-R	<p>Resumes the upgrade from a failed phase. Using the -R parameter enables the upgrade to resume at the point of failure, so that only the missing upgrade phases are rerun.</p>
-s	<p>Names the SQL script that initializes sessions.</p>
-S	<p>Specifies serial upgrade instead of parallel.</p> <p>Starting with Oracle Database 12.2, <code>catupgrd.sql</code> is no longer supported using the -S option.</p>

Table 4-1 (Cont.) Parallel Upgrade Utility (catctl.pl) Parameters

Parameter	Description
-t	Uses Classic Upgrade for the upgrade, instead of the default Replay Upgrade process.
-T	Takes offline user schema-based table spaces.
-u	Specifies user name, and prompts for password.
-y	Displays phases only.
-z	Turns on production debugging information for <code>catcon.pm</code> .
-Z	Turns on debug tracing information for <code>catctl.pl</code> . For example, to set the number to 1, enter <code>-Z 1</code> .

Example of Using the Parallel Upgrade Utility

Use this example to understand how you can run the parallel upgrade utility manually to perform upgrades.

The Parallel Upgrade Utility (`catctl.pl`) is integrated with DBUA. However, you can run the Parallel Upgrade Utility using the command-line script `dbupgrade`. Run the Parallel Upgrade Utility using the command-line parameters to specify how you want the upgrade to run. For example, to run the utility in serial mode instead of using parallel operations, specify the `-n 1` option.

Example 4-1 Running Parallel Upgrade Utility with Parameters for CDB and Non-CDB Databases

If you use the option `-n 4` when you run the Parallel Upgrade Utility, then the upgrade process creates `catupgrd0.log`, `catupgrd1.log`, `catupgrd2.log`, and `catupgrd3.log`. Check all of the `catupgrd#.log` files to confirm that the upgrade succeeded. If the upgrade failed, and you fix issues and run the Parallel Upgrade Utility again, then the previous log files are overwritten, unless you specify a different log directory by using the `-l` parameter.

For example:

```
cd $ORACLE_HOME/bin
dbupgrade -n 4 -l $ORACLE_HOME/diagnostics
```

Example 4-2 Running Parallel Upgrades on Multiple Pluggable Databases (PDBs) Using Parallel Upgrade Utility

These examples show how parameter settings change the way that the Parallel Upgrade Utility performs the upgrade on multiple PDBs.

 **Note:**

In your upgrade plans, be aware of the following:

- The CDB\$ROOT defaults to a minimum value of 4 SQL processes, and to a maximum value of 8
- The default value for `-N` is 2.
- PDB\$SEED always counts as one (1) PDB in the upgrade cycles
- The default for the Parallel Upgrade Utility parameter `-n` is the value of the CPU_COUNT parameter

In the following examples, the system is an Oracle Multitenant Oracle Database system that has a CPU_COUNT value of 24.

Run the Parallel Upgrade Utility without specifying values for the parameters `-n` and `-N` (that is, accept the default value of `-N`, which is 2, and accept the default value of `-n` as the CPU_COUNT parameter value, which is 24). The following parallel processing occurs:

- 12 PDBs are upgraded in parallel (CPU_COUNT divided by 2)
- 2 parallel processes run for each PDB

Specify the value of `-n` as 64, and `-N` as 4. The following parallel processing occurs:

- 16 PDBs are upgraded together (64 divided by 4)
- 4 parallel processes run for each PDB

Specify the value of `-n` as 20, and `-N` as 2. The following parallel processing occurs:

- 10 PDBs are upgraded together (20 divided by 2)
- 2 parallel processes run for each PDB

Specify the value of `-n` as 10, and `-N` as 4. The following parallel processing occurs:

- 2 PDBs are upgraded together (10 divided by 4), rounded down.
- 4 parallel processes run for each PDB

Do not specify the value of `-n` (that is, accept the default value of `-n`, which is the value of the CPU_COUNT parameter), and specify the value of `-N` as 1. The following parallel processing occurs:

- 24 PDBs are upgraded together (CPU_COUNT value divided by 1)
- 1 process runs for each PDB

Specify a value for `-n` as 20, and do not specify the value for `-N` (that is, accept the default value of `-N`, which is 2). The following parallel processing occurs:

- 10 PDBs are upgraded together (20 divided by 2)
- 2 parallel processes run for each PDB

Manual Upgrade Scenarios for Multitenant Architecture Oracle Databases

To prepare for manual upgrades, review the manual upgrade scenarios and procedures for Oracle Database deployed with multitenant architecture.

Starting with Oracle Database 20c, upgrades are supported only with using the multitenant architecture. Multitenant architecture enables Oracle Database deployments using multitenant container databases (CDB) that contain pluggable databases (PDBs). For information about the number of PDBs you are permitted in a CDB for each deployment option, refer to *Oracle Database Licensing Information User Manual*.

Caution:

All Oracle Database releases earlier than Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1.0.1) use non-CDB architecture. You cannot downgrade a database after you have set the compatible initialization parameter to 12.1.0.2 or later releases. A downgrade is possible for a pluggable database (PDB) only if the compatibility is set to 12.1.0.1. There can be additional restrictions on downgrading.

Oracle strongly recommends that you upgrade your source and target databases to the most recent release update or release update revision before starting an upgrade, and before starting a downgrade.

- [About Oracle Multitenant Oracle Database Upgrades](#)
You can upgrade Oracle Databases installed on multitenant architecture either in parallel, or in sequence.
- [Coordinate Upgrades of Proxy PDBs with Multitenant Upgrades](#)
Coordinate upgrades of the CDB so that proxy PDB and PDB targets are the same version.
- [Manually Upgrading a Multitenant Container Oracle Database \(CDB\)](#)
The procedure in this section provides steps for upgrading a CDB manually using a command-line procedure.
- [About Upgrading PDBs Using the Parallel Upgrade Utility with Priority Lists](#)
In Oracle Database 12.2 and later releases, you can upgrade PDBs using a priority list to upgrade a set of PDBs ahead of other PDBs, and you can modify that upgrade priority.
- [About PDB Upgrades Using Priority Lists, Inclusion Lists, and Exclusion Lists](#)
To control how your pluggable databases (PDBs) are upgraded, you can use inclusion and exclusion lists with priority lists.
- [Upgrading Multitenant Architecture In Parallel](#)
Use this technique to upgrade multitenant architecture Oracle Database releases (Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1.0.1) and later by upgrading container databases (CDBs), and then upgrading multiple pluggable databases (PDBs) in parallel.

- **Upgrading Multitenant Architecture Sequentially Using Unplug-Plug**
To upgrade pluggable databases (PDBs) that are in an earlier release multitenant container databases (CDBs), Oracle Database Release 12c (12.1.0.1) and later, you can unplug the PDBs from the earlier release CDB, and plug the PDBs into the later release CDB.

About Oracle Multitenant Oracle Database Upgrades

You can upgrade Oracle Databases installed on multitenant architecture either in parallel, or in sequence.

Starting with Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1), Oracle provided multitenant architecture, which enables the creation and administration of pluggable databases (PDBs) in a container database (CDB). You can upgrade multitenant architecture systems using either Oracle Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA), or using the Parallel Upgrade Utility to carry out manual upgrades.

There are two techniques for upgrading Oracle Databases using the multitenant architecture:

- **In parallel.** With this technique, you carry out one upgrade operation that upgrades the CDB, and then upgrades the PDBs in parallel.
- **Sequentially.** With this technique, you install a new release CDB, prepare and unplug PDBs from the earlier release CDB, plug the PDBs into a later release CDB, and then complete the upgrade for each PDB.

The following sections provide a high-level summary of each upgrade technique.

Upgrading Oracle Multitenant In Parallel

With the In Parallel technique, you first upgrade `CDB$ROOT` using the Parallel Upgrade Utility (`catctl.pl`), using parameters to set the degree of parallel processing and availability:

- The `-n` parameter defines how many parallel processes run the upgrade, up to 8.
- The `-m` parameter determines if the `CDB$ROOT` stays in `UPGRADE` mode through the entire upgrade, or becomes available for access after the CDB upgrade is complete. If you do not run the upgrade with the `-m` parameter, then when the `CDB$ROOT` upgrade is complete, PDBs then become available for access as soon as each PDB completes its upgrade. If you run the upgrade with the `-m` parameter, then `CDB$ROOT` stays in `UPGRADE` mode, and PDBs do not become available until upgrade of all PDBs is complete.

Upgrading Oracle Multitenant In Sequence

With the In Sequence technique, you install the new release multitenant architecture CDB. Next, in the earlier release multitenant architecture CDB, you issue SQL commands to run preupgrade scripts to prepare one or more PDBs to upgrade, and shut them down. You then unplug PDBs, plug them into the new release multitenant architecture CDB, and complete the upgrade sequentially for each PDB.

Coordinate Upgrades of Proxy PDBs with Multitenant Upgrades

Coordinate upgrades of the CDB so that proxy PDB and PDB targets are the same version.

During upgrades, upgrade of a Proxy PDB does not upgrade its corresponding target PDB. Upgrade of the target PDB has to be done separately.

Manually Upgrading a Multitenant Container Oracle Database (CDB)

The procedure in this section provides steps for upgrading a CDB manually using a command-line procedure.

You must complete the following steps before using this procedure:

- Install the new release software for Oracle Database
 - Prepare the new Oracle home
 - Run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool
1. If you have not done so, run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool. Review the Pre-Upgrade Information tool output and correct all issues noted in the output before proceeding.
 2. Back up the source database.
 3. If you have not done so, prepare the new Oracle home.
 4. (Conditional) For Oracle RAC environments only, enter the following commands to set the initialization parameter value for `CLUSTER_DATABASE` to `FALSE`:

```
ALTER SYSTEM SET CLUSTER_DATABASE=FALSE SCOPE=SPFILE;
```

Restart the database after changing the `CLUSTER_DATABASE` parameter.

5. Shut down the database.

```
SQL> SHUTDOWN IMMEDIATE
```

Note:

To close a PDB, you can specify it from the CDB root: `alter pluggable database PDBname close.`

6. If your operating system is Windows, then complete the following steps:
 - a. Stop the `OracleService SID` Oracle service of the database you are upgrading, where *SID* is the instance name. For example, if your *SID* is `ORCL`, then enter the following at a command prompt:

```
C:\> NET STOP OracleServiceORCL
```
 - b. Delete the Oracle service at a command prompt using `ORADIM`.
If your *SID* is `ORCL`, then enter the following command, substituting your *SID* for *SID*.

```
C:\> ORADIM -DELETE -SID ORCL
```
 - c. Create the service for the new release Oracle Database at a command prompt using the `ORADIM` command of the new Oracle Database release.

For example:

```
C:\> ORADIM -NEW -SID SID -SYSPWD PASSWORD -MAXUSERS USERS
      -STARTMODE AUTO -PFILE ORACLE_HOME\DATABASE\INITSID.ORA
```

Most Oracle Database services log on to the system using the privileges of the Oracle Home User. The service runs with the privileges of this user. The ORADIM command prompts you for the password to this user account. You can specify other options using ORADIM.

In this example, if your *SID* value is ORCL, your *password* (SYSPWD) value is TWxy5791, the maximum number of users (MAXUSERS) value is 10, and the Oracle home path is C:\ORACLE\PRODUCT\19.1.0\DB, then enter the following command:

```
C:\> ORADIM -NEW -SID ORCL -SYSPWD TWxy5791 -MAXUSERS 10
      -STARTMODE AUTO -PFILE C:\ORACLE\PRODUCT\19.1.0\DB\DATABASE
      \INITORCL.ORA
```

ORADIM writes a log file to the ORACLE_HOME\database directory. The log file contains the name of the PDB in the multitenant database.

7. If your operating system is Linux or UNIX, then perform the following checks:
 - a. Your ORACLE_SID is set correctly
 - b. The oratab file points to the Oracle home for Oracle Database 12c
 - c. The following environment variables point to the Oracle Database 12c directories:
 - ORACLE_HOME
 - PATH
 - d. Any scripts that clients use to set \$ORACLE_HOME environment variable must point to the new Oracle home.

 **Note:**

If you are upgrading an Oracle Real Application Clusters database, then perform these checks on all nodes where the Oracle Real Application Clusters database has instances configured.

 **See Also:**

Oracle Database and Oracle Clusterware installation guides for information about setting other important environment variables on your operating system

8. Log in to the system as the owner of the Oracle home under the new Oracle Database release.

9. Start SQL*Plus in the new Oracle home from the path `Oracle_home/rdbms/admin` directory.

For example:

```
$ cd $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin
$ pwd
/u01/app/oracle/product/20.0.0/dbhome_1/rdbms/admin
$ sqlplus
```

On Windows platforms, to access SQL*Plus, change directory to `%ORACLE_HOME%/bin`

10. Connect to the database that you want to upgrade using an account with SYSDBA privileges:

```
SQL> CONNECT / AS SYSDBA
```

11. Start the CDB in upgrade mode:

```
SQL> startup upgrade
```

12. Start the instance by issuing the following command in SQL*Plus:

```
SQL> alter pluggable database all open upgrade;
```

If errors appear listing desupported initialization parameters, then make a note of the desupported initialization parameters and continue with the upgrade. Remove the desupported initialization parameters the next time you shut down the database.

 **Note:**

Starting up the database in UPGRADE mode does the following:

- Starts up the database with a new version of the Oracle Database instance
- Restricts logins to SYSDBA
- Disables system triggers
- Performs additional operations that prepare the database for upgrades

13. Exit SQL*Plus before proceeding to the next step.

For example:

```
SQL> EXIT
```

14. To upgrade an entire CDB, run the Parallel Upgrade Utility (`catctl.pl`) from the new Oracle home. The Parallel Upgrade Utility provides parallel upgrade options that reduce downtime. You can run the command by using the command-line script `dbupgrade` from the new Oracle home.

For example:

Linux:

```
cd $ORACLE_HOME/bin
./dbupgrade
```

Windows:

```
cd %ORACLE_HOME%\bin
dbupgrade
```

 **Note:**

- Use the `-l` option to specify the directory that you want to use for spool log files.
- If you are upgrading an entire CDB, and there are errors in `CDB$ROOT`, then the upgrade aborts.

15. To upgrade a subset of PDBs within a CDB, specify either an inclusion list, or an exclusion list.

- This example for a Linux or UNIX system uses an inclusion list to upgrade PDB1 only:

```
cd $ORACLE_HOME/bin
./dbupgrade -c 'PDB1'
```

- This example for a Windows system uses an exclusion list to upgrade everything in the CDB except PDB1:

```
cd $ORACLE_HOME\bin
dbupgrade -C "PDB1"
```

 **Note:**

You can upgrade an individual PDB by unplugging it from the earlier release CDB, and plugging it into a later release CDB.

For Windows, when you run the `dbupgrade` command with the inclusion (`-c`) or the exclusion (`-C`) options, you must specify the option with quotes around the CDB root name and PDB seed name.

For example:

```
... -C "CDB$ROOT PDB$SEED"
```

16. For CDBs, log in to the CDB as SYSDBA and run the command `alter pluggable database all open` to make databases available for recompiling code. For example:

```
$ sqlplus / as sysdba

SQL> alter pluggable database all open;
```

17. Run `catcon.pl`. This command starts `utlrp.sql` and recompiles any remaining stored PL/SQL and Java code.

For example:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl catcon.pl -n 1 -e -b utlrp -d ''.'''
utlrp.sql
```

Because you run the command using `-b utlrp0`, the log file `utlrp0.log` is generated with the recompile results.

18. Run `postupgrade_fixups.sql`.

For example:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl catcon.pl -n 1 -e -b postupgrade_fixups -d
''.''' postupgrade_fixups.sql
```

19. Run `utlusts.sql`. This command verifies that all issues are fixed.

For example, in a CDB:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl catcon.pl -n 1 -e -b utlu122s -d ''.'''
utlusts.sql
```

Because you run the command using `-b utlu122s`, the log file `utlu122s0.log` is generated with the upgrade results. You can review the `upg_summary.log` file to review the upgrade report.

To see information about the state of the database, run `utlusts.sql` as many times as you want, at any time after you complete the upgrade. If the `utlusts.sql` script returns errors, or if it shows components that are not marked as `VALID`, or if the SQL script you run is not from the most recent release, then refer to the troubleshooting section in this guide.

20. Ensure that the time zone data files are current by using the `DBMS_DST` PL/SQL package to upgrade the time zone file. You can also update the time zone after the upgrade. If you update the time zone, then you must update the time zone in both `CDB$ROOT` and the PDBs.

21. Exit SQL*Plus.

For example:

```
SQL> EXIT
```

22. (Conditional) If you are upgrading an Oracle Real Application Clusters database, then use the following command syntax to upgrade the database configuration in Oracle Clusterware:

```
$ srvctl upgrade database -db db-unique-name -oraclehome oraclehome
```

In this example, *db-unique-name* is the assigned database name (not the instance name), and *oraclehome* is the Oracle home location in which the database is being upgraded. The `SRVCTL` utility supports long GNU-style options, in addition to the short CLI options used in earlier releases.

Your database is now upgraded. You are ready to complete post-upgrade procedures.

Caution:

If you retain the old Oracle software, then never start the upgraded database with the old software. Only start Oracle Database using the start command in the new Oracle Database home.

Before you remove the old Oracle environment, relocate any data files in that environment to the new Oracle Database environment.

See Also:

Oracle Database Administrator's Guide for information about relocating data files

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database Administrator's Guide*

About Upgrading PDBs Using the Parallel Upgrade Utility with Priority Lists

In Oracle Database 12.2 and later releases, you can upgrade PDBs using a priority list to upgrade a set of PDBs ahead of other PDBs, and you can modify that upgrade priority.

Priority lists enable you to group and upgrade PDBs according to their priority. A priority list is a text file with comma-delimited lists defining the order of upgrade priority, and the PDBs in each numeric priority group. You run the Parallel Upgrade Utility (`dbupgrade`, `dbupgrade.cmd`, or `catctl.pl`) using the `-L` option to run the upgrade using a priority list, and to call that list as the upgrade runs.

Create the list using the following format. In this format example, the variable *numeral* is a numeric value, and *pdbx* is the name of a PDB.

```
Number, Pdb  
numeral,pdb1,pdb2,pdb3  
numeral,pdb4
```

numeral,pdb5,pdb6,pdb7,pdb8

.
.

.

The numeral represents the priority for the PDB.

PDB priorities are as follows:

1. CDB\$ROOT: Priority 1. Upgrading the container database first is a mandatory priority. You cannot change the priority for the container database upgrade. CDB\$ROOT is always processed first.
2. PDB\$SEED: Priority 1. Upgrading the PDB seed database is a mandatory priority. You cannot change the priority for the PDB seed upgrade. PDB\$SEED always upgraded after CDB\$ROOT, and with the first batch of PDB upgrades.
3. Priority List 1 PDBs: Priority 1 is the highest user-selected priority. These PDBs are upgraded second after CDB\$ROOT, in the batch where the PDB\$SEED PDB is upgraded.
4. Priority List 2 PDBs: Priority 2 is the second-highest priority PDB set. These PDBs are upgraded after the Priority 1 PDBs.
5. Priority List 3 PDBs: Priority 3 is the third-highest priority PDB set. These PDBS are upgraded after priority 2 PDBs.
6. Priority List 4 PDBs: Priority 4 is the fourth-highest priority PDB set. These PDBS are upgraded after priority 3 PDBs.
7. Priority List 5 PDBs: Priority 5 is the fifth-highest priority PDB set. These PDBS are upgraded after priority 4 PDBs.
8. Priority List 6 PDBs: Priority 6 is the sixth-highest priority PDB set. These PDBS are upgraded after priority 5 PDBs.

When you run the Parallel Upgrade Utility, the following processing rules apply:

- CDB\$ROOT and PDB\$SEED are always processed first, even if they are not present in the priority list.
- All PDBs that are in priority lists are processed in order of priority
- Any PDBs that are not listed in priority lists are processed after the PDBs named in the priority list.

For example:

```
Number,Pdb
1,sales1,region2,receivables1
2,sales2
3,dss1,region3,region2,dss2,dss3
```

Use the following syntax to run the Parallel Upgrade utility using a priority list:

```
dbupgrade -L priority_list_name
```

For example, to run the Parallel Upgrade Utility on a Windows system using the Parallel Upgrade Utility batch command and a priority list named `My122Upgrade`, enter the following command:

```
C:>\u01\app\19.1.0\db_home1\rdbms\admin\dbupgrade -L MyUpgrade
```

After you complete an upgrade using a priority list to set upgrade priorities, these PDB priority states are maintained in the CDB for the PDBs. The next upgrade honors the priorities set for the PDBs in the previous upgrade.

Use the following SQL command syntax to change PDB upgrade priority states, where *PDBName* is the name of the PDB whose upgrade priority you want to change, and *PDBPriorityNumber* is the new priority value you want to assign:

```
SQL> alter session set container = CDB$ROOT
SQL> alter pluggable database PDBName upgrade priorityPDBPriorityNumber
```

For example:

```
SQL> alter session set container = CDB$ROOT
SQL> alter pluggable database region2 upgrade priority 2
```

In this example, the PDB named region 2 that was set to upgrade priority 1 in the previous example is changed to upgrade priority 2.

About PDB Upgrades Using Priority Lists, Inclusion Lists, and Exclusion Lists

To control how your pluggable databases (PDBs) are upgraded, you can use inclusion and exclusion lists with priority lists.

Upgrade Processing and Lists

The following terms designate types of upgrade list processing:

- **Priority lists:** Comma-delimited lists that designate the upgrade priority of PDBs in the list.
- **Inclusion lists:** Comma-delimited lists that designate PDBs that you want to upgrade. PDBs in these lists are upgraded after the PDBs listed in priority lists.
- **Exclusion lists:** Comma-delimited lists that designate PDBs that you do not want to be upgraded.

You can use inclusion lists and exclusion lists in the following ways:

- On their own, to include or exclude a set of PDBs from an upgrade
- In conjunction with priority lists to provide detailed specifications for the order in which PDBs are upgraded, and which PDBs are excluded from an upgrade.

When inclusion lists are used with priority lists, the PDBs listed in inclusion lists are upgraded according to the priority value they are assigned in the priority lists. PDBs listed in inclusion lists but not listed in priority lists are upgraded after all PDBs in the priority lists are upgraded.

When exclusion lists are used with priority lists, the PDBs listed in exclusion lists are not upgraded.

**Note:**

Create priority lists using a plain text editor, such as `vi` on Linux and Unix, or Notepad on Microsoft Windows.

In the examples in this topic, the `cpu_count` value is equal to 2.

Upgrade Priority using Default Processing

Default processing is the upgrade processing that is carried out if you do not designate how you want to upgrade PDBs in your container databases (CDBs) using lists.

With default processing, `CDB$ROOT` is upgraded, and then `PDB$SEED`. Depending on the degree of parallelism you set, one or more PDBs may be updated in parallel with `PDB$SEED`. As upgrades complete, PDBs are upgraded as upgrade processors become available.

The examples that follow use the following multitenant configuration of CDB and PDBs:

```
CDB$ROOT
PDB$SEED
CDB1_PDB1
CDB1_PDB2
CDB1_PDB3
CDB1_PDB4
CDB1_PDB5
```

In default processing, you specify no preference for which PDBs you want upgraded or excluded from upgrade. With default processing, `CDB$ROOT` is upgraded first, and `PDB$SEED` is updated in the first group of PDBs upgraded.

Example 4-3 Specifying Complete PDB Upgrade Priority

The following example of a priority list, where the priority setting for all PDBs is set by the list:

```
1,CDB$ROOT
1,PDB$SEED
1,CDB1_PDB1
1,CDB1_PDB2
2,CDB1_PDB3
2,CDB1_PDB4
3,CDB1_PDB5
```

Here is another way of writing the same list, in which you group PDBs in priority order:

```
1,CDB$ROOT
1,PDB$SEED
1,CDB1_PDB1,CDB1_PDB2
2,CDB1_PDB3,CDB1_PDB4
3,CDB1_PDB5
```

In the preceding example, the PDBs listed in priority 1 are CDB1_PDB1 and CDB1_PDB2. These PDBs are upgraded before CDB1_PDB3 and CDB1_PDB4.

Here is another way of writing the same list, using container ID values (CON_ID) to set the priority order:

```
1,CDB$ROOT
1,PDB$SEED
1,3,4
2,5,6
3,7
```

In the preceding example, the PDBs listed in priority 1 are CDB1_PDB1 (identified by CON_ID 3) and CDB1_PDB2 (identified by CON_ID 4). These PDBs are upgraded before CDB1_PDB3 (CON_ID 5) and CDB1_PDB4 (CON_ID 6).

When you use the CON_ID method to specify priority, the first number specifies the priority of the group of PDBs. The second value or number specifies the PDBs (by CON_ID) number that are in that priority grouping. CDB\$ROOT is always updated first, and PDB\$SEED is always updated in the first upgrade priority group.

These examples all show a priority list upgrade with the following characteristics:

- Exclusion processing: None
- Inclusion processing: None
- Default processing: None

The upgrade order is carried out in the following sequence:

1. CDB\$ROOT
2. PDB\$SEED, CDB1_PDB1
3. CDB1_PDB2, CDB1_PDB3
4. CDB1_PDB4, CDB1_PDB5

Example 4-4 Specifying a Priority Subset of PDBs, and Upgrading Other PDBs with Default Processing

The following example specifies a priority list called `priority.lst`, which specifies a subset of PDBs for upgrade:

```
catctl -L priority.lst catupgrd.sql
1,CDB$ROOT
1,PDB$SEED
1,CDB1_PDB1,CDB1_PDB2
```

This example shows a priority list upgrade with the following characteristics:

- Exclusion processing: None
- Inclusion processing: None
- Default processing: CDB1_PDB3, CDB1_PDB4, CDB1_PDB5

The upgrade order is carried out in the following sequence:

1. CDB\$ROOT
2. PDB\$SEED, CDB1_PDB1
3. CDB1_PDB2, CDB1_PDB3
4. CDB1_PDB4, CDB1_PDB5

Example 4-5 Specifying a Priority Subset of PDBs, and Upgrading Other PDBs with an Inclusion List

The following example specifies a priority list called `priority.lst`, which specifies a priority subset of PDBs for upgrade:

```
catctl -L priority.lst -c 'CDB1_PDB2 CDB1_PDB4 CDB1_PDB5' catupgrd.sql
```

This command refers to the following priority list:

```
1,CDB$ROOT
1,PDB$SEED
1,CDB1_PDB2,CDB1_PDB4
2.CDB1_PDB5
```

This example shows a priority list upgrade with the following characteristics:

- Exclusion processing: None
- Inclusion processing: CDB1_PDB2, CDB1_PDB4, CDB1_PDB5
- Default processing: None

The upgrade order is carried out in the following sequence:

1. CDB1_PDB2, CDB1_PDB4
2. CDB1_PDB5

The Parallel Upgrade Utility processes only the PDBs that are in the inclusion list, and in the order of the priority list.

Example 4-6 Specifying a Priority Subset of PDBs, and Excluding CDB\$ROOT with an Exclusion List

The following example runs `catctl` using a priority list called `priority.lst`. Because this command runs with the `-C` option, it excludes `CDB$ROOT` from the upgrade:

```
catctl -L priority.lst -C 'CDB$ROOT' catupgrd.sql
```


This is the priority list:

```
1,CDB$ROOT
1,PDB$SEED
1,CDB1_PDB1,CDB1_PDB2
2,CDB1_PDB3,CDB1_PDB4
3,CDB1_PDB5
```

The upgrades are processed using the priority list to specify upgrade priority.

- Inclusion processing: None
- Exclusion processing: CDB\$ROOT
- Priority processing: PDB\$SEED, CDB1_PDB1, CDB1_PDB2, CDB1_PDB3, CDB1_PDB4, CDB1_PDB5

Because CDB\$ROOT is excluded, the priority processing shifts. The upgrade order is carried out in the following sequence:

1. PDB\$SEED, CDB_PDB1
2. CDB_PDB2, CDB_PDB3
3. CDB1_PDB4, CDB1_PDB5

Example 4-7 Specifying an Exclusion List using CATCTL_LISTONLY

The following example specifies a priority list called `priority.lst`, which specifies a subset of PDBs for upgrade. With the `CATCTL_LISTONLY` option, PDBs that are not in the priority list are excluded from the upgrade:

```
catctl -L priority.lst -C 'CATCTL_LISTONLY' catupgrd.sql
```

Priority list:

```
1,CDB$ROOT
1,PDB$SEED
1,CDB1_PDB1,CDB1_PDB2
2,CDB1_PDB3
3,CDB1_PDB5
```

- Exclusion processing: CATCTL_LISTONLY (Only process inclusion priority list)
- Inclusion processing: None
- Default processing: None

The upgrade order is carried out in the following sequence:

1. CDB\$ROOT
2. PDB\$SEED, CDB1_PDB1, CDB1_PDB2
3. CDB1_PDB3, CDB1_PDB5

 **Note:**

Specifying the keyword `CATCTL_LISTONLY` in the exclusion list turns the priority list into an inclusion priority list. Only PDBs in the list are processed. No default processing occurs in this scenario, so in this example, `CDB1_PDB4` is not processed.

Example 4-8 Specifying a Priority List using CON_ID Values

The following example specifies a priority list called `priority.lst`, which specifies a subset of PDBs for upgrade:

```
catctl -L priority.lst -C 'CATCTL_LISTONLY' catupgrd.sql
```

The upgrade order is determined by the priority list priority number. In the list called by the `-L` parameter, `priority.lst`, the numbers following the upgrade priority number are the `CON_ID` values associated with PDB names:

```
1,3,4  
2,5,CDB1_PDB4  
3,7
```

In the preceding list example, note that you can use a mix of `CON_ID` numbers and PDB names.

The PDBs listed in priority 1 are `CDB1_PDB1` (identified by `CON_ID 3`) and `CDB1_PDB2` (identified by `CON_ID 4`). These PDBs are upgraded before `CDB1_PDB3` (`CON_ID 5`), `CDB1_PDB4`, which is identified by name, and `CDB1_PDB5` (`CON_ID 7`).

- Exclusion processing: `-C CATCTL_LISTONLY` (Only process PDBs in the inclusion priority list)
- Exclusion Processing: None
- Inclusion processing: Specified in `priority.lst`
- Default processing: `CDB$ROOT, PDB$SEED`

The upgrade order is determined by the priority list, which uses the `CON_ID` numbers associated with the PDB.

1. `CDB$ROOT`
2. `PDB$SEED, CDB1_PDB1`
3. `CDB1_PDB2, CDB1_PDB3`
4. `CDB1_PDB4, CDB1_PDB5`

 **Note:**

This example demonstrates the use of the `CON_ID` method to specify the PDBs, and omits `CDB$ROOT` and `PDB$SEED` from the priority list. `CDB$ROOT` and `PDB$SEED` are processed using default processing.

Upgrading Multitenant Architecture In Parallel

Use this technique to upgrade multitenant architecture Oracle Database releases (Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1.0.1) and later) by upgrading container databases (CDBs), and then upgrading multiple pluggable databases (PDBs) in parallel.

- [About Upgrading Pluggable Databases \(PDBs\) In Parallel](#)
Using the In-Parallel technique, you can upgrade the container database (CDB), and then immediately upgrade PDBs using parallel SQL processors.
- [Upgrading Multitenant Container Databases In Parallel](#)
Use this technique to upgrade `CDB$ROOT`, `PDB$SEED`, and all PDBs in the CDB in one upgrade operation.

About Upgrading Pluggable Databases (PDBs) In Parallel

Using the In-Parallel technique, you can upgrade the container database (CDB), and then immediately upgrade PDBs using parallel SQL processors.

CDBs can contain zero, one, or more PDBs. By default, the Parallel Upgrade Utility (`catctl.pl`) updates the CDB and all of its PDBs in the same upgrade window. The Parallel Upgrade Utility uses the number of computer processing units (CPUs) to determine the maximum number of PDBs that are upgraded simultaneously. The number of PDBs that are upgraded in parallel is determined by dividing the parallel SQL process count (`-n` option) by the parallel PDB SQL process count (`-N` option).

 **Note:**

You must plan your upgrade window to accommodate a common downtime for all of the database services that the PDBs on the CDB are providing.

Pluggable Database Upgrade Syntax

```
dbupgrade [-M] -n [-N]
```

- `-M` Specifies if `CDB$ROOT` is kept in upgrade mode, or if it becomes available when it completes upgrade:
 - If you run the Parallel Upgrade Utility with the `-M` parameter, then the upgrade places `CDB$ROOT` and all of its PDBs in upgrade mode, which can reduce total upgrade time. However, you cannot bring up any of the PDBs until the CDB and all of its PDBs are upgraded.
 - If you do not run the Parallel Upgrade Utility with the `-M` parameter, then `CDB$ROOT` is upgraded and restarted in normal mode, and the normal

background processes are started. After a successful upgrade, only CDB\$ROOT is opened in read/write mode. All the PDBs remain in MOUNT mode. As each PDB is upgraded, you can bring each PDB online while other PDBs are still being upgraded.

- `-n` Specifies the number of in-parallel PDB upgrade processors.
If you do not specify a value for `-n`, then the default for `-n` is the `CPU_COUNT` value.
If you do specify a value for `-n`, then that value is used to determine the number of parallel SQL processes. The maximum value is unlimited. The minimum value is 4.
- `-N` Specifies the number of SQL processors to use when upgrading PDBs. The maximum value is 8. The minimum value is 1. If you do not specify a value for `-N`, then the default value is 2.
- The maximum PDB upgrades running concurrently is the value of `-n` divided by the value of `-N`.

The following is a high-level list of actions during the In Parallel PDB upgrade technique:

1. Make sure that your backup strategy is complete.
2. Run the Pre-Upgrade tool. Fix any issue that is reported.. The Pre-Upgrade Tool (`preupgrade.jar`) is shipped with the new Oracle database release.
3. Run the Parallel Upgrade Utility. In sequence, the following upgrades are carried out:
 - a. Cycle 1: CDB\$ROOT is upgraded to the new Oracle release
 - b. Cycle 2 to Cycle *x*: PDB\$SEED and PDBs are upgraded in parallel, with the number of cycles of upgrades as determined by the parameter settings you specify with `-n`.
4. Complete post-upgrade steps.

Example 4-9 Example of Multitenant Architecture Upgrade Using Defaults (No Parameters Set)

In this scenario, your `CPU_COUNT` value is equal to 24. If you do not specify a value for in-parallel PDB processors using the `-n` option, then the default value for in-parallel PDB processors (`-n`) is equal to 24. If you do not specify a value for `-N`, then the default value for the number of SQL processors (`-N`) is 2.

Result:

12 PDBs are upgraded in parallel (`CPU_COUNT` divided by 2, or 24 divided by 2.) There are 2 parallel SQL processes allocated for each PDB.

Example 4-10 Example of Multitenant Architecture Upgrade Using 64 In Parallel PDB Upgrade Processors and 4 Parallel SQL Processes

In this scenario you set the value of in-parallel PDB upgrade processors to 64 by specifying the option `-n 64`. You specify the value of parallel SQL processors to 4 by specifying the option `-N 4`.

Result:

16 PDBs are upgraded in parallel (64 divided by 4). There are 4 parallel SQL processes for each PDB.

Example 4-11 Example of Multitenant Architecture Upgrade Using 20 In Parallel PDB Upgrade Processors and 2 Parallel SQL Processes

In this scenario you set the value of in-parallel PDB upgrade processors to 20 by specifying the option `-n 20`. You specify the value of parallel SQL processors to 2 by specifying the option `-N 2`.

Result:

10 PDBs are upgraded in parallel (20 divided by 2). There are 2 parallel SQL processes for each PDB.

Example 4-12 Example of Multitenant Architecture Upgrade Using 10 In Parallel PDB Upgrade Processors and 4 Parallel SQL Processes

In this scenario you set the value of in-parallel PDB upgrade processors to 10 by specifying the option `-n 10`. You specify the value of parallel SQL processors to 2 by specifying the option `-N 4`.

Result:

2 PDBs are upgraded in parallel (10 divided by 4). There are 4 parallel SQL processes for each PDB.

Upgrading Multitenant Container Databases In Parallel

Use this technique to upgrade `CDB$ROOT`, `PDB$SEED`, and all PDBs in the CDB in one upgrade operation.

If you do not choose to use the AutoUpgrade utility, then Oracle recommends that you use this approach if you can schedule downtime. Using this procedure upgrades in parallel all the PDBs in the multitenant architecture container database, depending on your server's available processors (CPUs). This is a direct procedure for upgrades that provides simplicity of maintenance.

 **Note:**

When you upgrade the entire container using the In Parallel upgrade method, all the PDBs must be down. Perform the upgrade in a scheduled upgrade window so that you can bring all the PDBs down.

 **Caution:**

- Always create a backup of existing databases before starting any configuration change.
- You cannot downgrade a database after you have set the compatible initialization parameter.
- Oracle strongly recommends that you upgrade your source and target databases to the most recent release update (RU) or release update revision (RUR) before starting an upgrade, and to the most recent release update before starting a downgrade.

1. Ensure that you have a proper backup strategy in place.
2. Open all PDBs.

For example:

```
SQL> alter pluggable database all open;
```

3. Run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool (`preupgrade.jar`), using the following syntax:

```
/java -jar $New_release_Oracle_home/rdbms/admin/preupgrade.jar  
[TERMINAL|FILE|DIR outputdir] [TEXT|XML] [-c InclusionListOfPDBs] [-C  
ExclusionListOfPDBs]
```

Use space-delimitation for lists. On Linux and UNIX, define the list by placing the list inside single quotes: `'`. On Windows systems, define the list by placing the list inside double quotes `"`.

For example, run the following command to run the Pre-Upgrade Information tool on PDBs PDB1 through PDB25, where you have set up an environment variable `$ORACLE_HOME_12.2` for your Oracle Database Oracle home in `/u01/app/oracle/product/12.2.0/dbhome_1/`, and you have set up an environment variable `$ORACLE_HOME_19.1` for your new Oracle Database Oracle home in `/u01/app/oracle/product/19.1.0/dbhome_1/`:

Linux and UNIX:

```
java -jar $ORACLE_HOME_19.1/rdbms/admin/preupgrade.jar \  
-c 'pdb1 pdb2 pdb3 pdb4 pdb5 pdb6 pdb7 pdb8 pdb9 pdb10 pdb11 pdb12  
pdb13\  
pdb14 pdb15 pdb16 pdb17 pdb18 pdb19 pdb20 pdb21 pdb22 pdb23 pdb24 pdb25'
```

Windows:

```
java -jar %ORACLE_HOME_19.1%/rdbms/admin/preupgrade.jar \  
-c "pdb1 pdb2 pdb3 pdb4 pdb5 pdb6 pdb7 pdb8 pdb9 pdb10 pdb11 pdb12  
pdb13\  
pdb14 pdb15 pdb16 pdb17 pdb18 pdb19 pdb20 pdb21 pdb22 pdb23 pdb24 pdb25"
```

 **Note:**

You must use Java 1.5 or later to run the Pre-Upgrade Information tool. By default, the Java releases in Oracle Database releases that you can upgrade directly support the tool.

4. Review any generated fixup scripts and log files.

By default, if `ORACLE_BASE` is defined, then the fixup files are placed in one of the following paths:

- Linux and UNIX:

```
$ORACLE_BASE/cfgtoollogs/db_unique_name/preupgrade
```

- Windows

```
%ORACLE_BASE%\cfgtoollogs\db_unique_name\preupgrade
```

If `ORACLE_BASE` is not defined, then fixup files are placed in one of the following paths:

- Linux and UNIX:
`$ORACLE_HOME/cfgtoollogs/db_unique_name/preupgrade`
- Windows:
`%ORACLE_HOME%\cfgtoollogs\db_unique_name\preupgrade`

On multitenant architecture Oracle Databases, the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool also creates a consolidated `preupgrade_fixups.sql` script. You can run the consolidated fixup script by using `catcon.pl`. The consolidated fixup script runs on every container that was open at the time that you ran the `preupgrade.jar` command.

5. Run the `preupgrade_fixups` script, or individual PDB scripts. The `preupgrade_fixups` SQL scripts resolve some of the issues reported by the `preupgrade` script.

On multitenant environment Oracle Database deployments, you can run `preupgrade_fixupspdb-name.sql` scripts on the source database, where `pdb-name` is the PDB name. If you generate fixup scripts for PDBs, then the PDB name is added to the fixup filename.

In addition to the individual PDB fixup scripts, you can use `catcon.pl` to run the consolidated `preupgrade_fixups.sql` script. The consolidated script runs on every container that was open at the time that you ran `preupgrade.jar`.

 **Note:**

Because `$` is a reserved symbol on operating systems, the fixup script for PDB\$SEED is `preupgrade_fixups_pdb_seed.sql`.

Complete any other `preupgrade` tasks that the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool identifies.

6. (Conditional) for Oracle RAC databases, set the cluster database initialization parameter to `false`:

For example;

```
ALTER SYSTEM SET cluster_database=FALSE SCOPE=spfile;
```

7. Shut down the database in the old Oracle home.

For example, where `db_unique_name` is your database name:

```
$ srvctl stop database -d db_unique_name
```

8. Copy the `PFIL` or `SPFILE` from the old Oracle home to the new Oracle home
9. Connect with SQL*Plus:

```
sqlplus / as sysdba
```

10. Bring the CDB\$ROOT instance into upgrade mode:

```
STARTUP UPGRADE
```

11. Bring all PDBs into upgrade mode:

```
ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE ALL OPEN UPGRADE;
```

12. Check the status of PDBs to confirm that they are ready to upgrade:

```
SHOW PDBS
```

For all PDBs, ensure that the status is set to MIGRATE.

13. Exit from SQL*Plus, and change directory to the new Oracle home `$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin`:

```
SQL> EXIT
$ ORACLE_HOME/bin
```

14. Start the upgrade using the Parallel Upgrade Utility (`catctl.pl`, using the shell command `dbupgrade`), where `-d` specifies the location of the directory:

```
dbupgrade -d $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin
```

If you do not specify any parameters, then the Parallel Upgrade Utility runs the upgrade in parallel on the number of PDBs equivalent to the number of CPUs divided by 2. On a server with 64 CPUs, 64 divided by 2 equals 32 PDBs upgraded in parallel, carried out with two SQL processors for each PDB. CDB\$ROOT remains in NORMAL mode for the duration of the upgrade.

15. Confirm that the upgrade was successful by reviewing the `upg_summary.log` If necessary, review other logs.
16. Open all PDBs, so that you can recompile the databases:

```
ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE ALL OPEN;
```

17. Exit from SQL*Plus, and change directory to the new Oracle home path `$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin`:

```
SQL> EXIT
cd $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin
```

18. Run the `catcon.pl` script and the `postupgrade_fixups.sql` script that is supplied with the new release Oracle Database.

The following example shows the command strings for running `catcon.pl`, using the `-n` parameter to specify one parallel processor for each PDB, using the `-d` parameter to specify the path where the preupgrade script that you want to run is located, using the `-l` parameter to specify the location where you want the scripts

to place log files, and using the `-b` flag to specify the log file prefixes for the `postupgrade_fixups.sql` script:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catcon.pl -n 1 -d \
$ORACLE_HOME/cfgtoollogs/cdbupgr/preupgrade -l /home/oracle/upgrdDBA -b \
\
postupgrade_fixups postupgrade_fixups.sql
```

19. Run `postupgrade_fixups.sql`.

Non- CDB:

```
SQL> @rdbms/admin/postupgrade_fixups.sql
```

CDB:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl catcon.pl -n 1 -e -b postupgradefixups -d
'''. ''' postupgradefixups.sql
```

20. Run `utlusts.sql` to verify that there are no upgrade issues.

Non-CDB:

```
SQL> @rdbms/admin/utlusts.sql
```

CDB:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl catcon.pl -n 1 -e -b utlu122s -d '''. '''
utlusts.sql
```

When you use `catcon.pl` to run `utlusts.sql`, the log file `utlu122s0.log` is generated. The log file provides the upgrade results. You can also review the upgrade report, `upg_summary.log`.

To see information about the state of the database, run `utlusts.sql` as many times as you want, at any time after the upgrade is completed. If the `utlusts.sql` script returns errors, or shows components that do not have the status `VALID`, or if the version listed for the component is not the most recent release, then perform troubleshooting.

21. (Conditional) For Oracle RAC environments only, enter the following commands to set the initialization parameter value for `CLUSTER_DATABASE` to `TRUE`, and to start the Oracle RAC database, where `dbname` is the name of the Oracle RAC database:

```
ALTER SYSTEM SET CLUSTER_DATABASE=TRUE SCOPE=SPFILE;
srvctl start database -db db_unique_name
```

Your database is now upgraded.

 **Caution:**

If you retain the old Oracle software, then never start the upgraded database with the old software. Only start Oracle Database using the start command in the new Oracle Database home.

Before you remove the old Oracle environment, relocate any data files in that environment to the new Oracle Database environment.

 **See Also:**

Oracle Database Administrator's Guide for information about relocating data files

Upgrading Multitenant Architecture Sequentially Using Unplug-Plug

To upgrade pluggable databases (PDBs) that are in an earlier release multitenant container databases (CDBs), Oracle Database Release 12c (12.1.0.1) and later, you can unplug the PDBs from the earlier release CDB, and plug the PDBs into the later release CDB.

- [About Upgrading Pluggable Databases \(PDBs\) Sequentially](#)
You can upgrade PDBs by unplugging a PDB from an earlier release CDB, plugging it into a later release CDB, and then upgrading that PDB to the later release.
- [Unplugging the Earlier Release PDB from the Earlier Release CDB](#)
To prepare for upgrading the PDB, use this procedure to unplug the PDB from the earlier release CDB.
- [Plugging in the Earlier Release PDB to the Later Release CDB](#)
To Plug the PDB from the earlier release CDB to the later release CDB, use the `CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE` command.
- [Upgrading the Earlier Release PDB to the Later Release](#)
Open PDBs in `UPGRADE` mode use the Parallel Upgrade Utility to carry out the upgrade of the earlier-release PDB to the release level of the CDB.
- [Use Inclusion or Exclusion Lists for PDB Upgrades](#)
If you want to upgrade a subset of earlier release PDBs, then use inclusion or exclusion lists to avoid reupgrading the CDB or PDBs that are at the new release level.

About Upgrading Pluggable Databases (PDBs) Sequentially

You can upgrade PDBs by unplugging a PDB from an earlier release CDB, plugging it into a later release CDB, and then upgrading that PDB to the later release.

CDBs can contain zero, one, or more pluggable databases (PDBs). After you install a new Oracle Database release, or after you upgrade the CDB (`CDB$ROOT`), you can upgrade one or more PDB without upgrading all of the PDBs on the CDB.

You can choose the upgrade plan that meets the needs for your service delivery. For example, you can use Oracle Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA) to upgrade a set of PDBs, or you can use a manual upgrade to upgrade PDBs individually, or with inclusion or exclusion lists. You can upgrade the CDB and all PDBs (an In Parallel manual upgrade), or you can upgrade the CDB, and then upgrade PDBs sequentially, either individually, or in sets using inclusion or exclusion lists.

The following is a high-level list of the steps required for sequential PDB upgrades:

1. Unplug the earlier release PDB from the earlier release CDB.
2. Drop the PDB from the CDB.
3. Plug the earlier release PDB into the later release CDB.
4. Upgrade the earlier release PDB to a later release.

With Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2) and later releases, you can provide lists to the Parallel Upgrade Utility to upgrade PDBs:

- Priority lists, to set the order in which PDBs are upgraded
- Inclusion lists, which enable you to designate a set of PDBs to upgrade after the PDBs listed in the priority list are upgraded
- Exclusion lists, which enable you to designate a set of PDBs that are not upgraded

 **Note:**

A PDB cannot be recovered unless it is backed up. After upgrading using the method of creating a CDB and plugging in a PDB, be sure to back up the PDB.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database Backup and Recovery User's Guide*
- *Oracle Database Administrator's Guide*

Unplugging the Earlier Release PDB from the Earlier Release CDB

To prepare for upgrading the PDB, use this procedure to unplug the PDB from the earlier release CDB.

1. Run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool on the PDB.

For example, where the PDB named `salespdb` is running in the CDB in `$ORACLE_HOME_12.2`:

```
$ORACLE_HOME_12.2/jdk/bin/java -jar  
$ORACLE_HOME_19/rdbms/admin/preupgrade.jar dir /tmp -c salespdb
```

2. Run `preupgrade_fixups.sql` on your source database.

For example:

```
CONNECT / AS SYSDBA  
SQL> ALTER SESSION SET CONTAINER=salespdb;
```

```
SQL> @/tmp/preupgrade_fixups_salespdb.sql
```

3. Follow all recommendations listed in `preupgrade.log`.
4. Close the PDB you want to unplug.

For example, use the following command to close the PDB `salespdb`:

```
SQL> ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE salespdb CLOSE;
```

5. Log back in to `CDB$ROOT`:

```
CONNECT / AS SYSDBA  
SQL> ALTER SESSION SET CONTAINER=CDB$ROOT;
```

6. Unplug the earlier release PDB using the following SQL command syntax, where `pdb` is the name of the PDB, and `path` is the location of the PDB XML file:

```
ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE pdb UNPLUG INTO 'path/pdb.xml';
```

For example, where the `pdb` name is `salespdb` and `path` is `/home/oracle/salespdb.xml`:

```
SQL> ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE salespdb UNPLUG INTO '/home/oracle/salespdb.xml';
```

The following response displays when the command is completed:

```
Pluggable database altered
```

7. Drop the pluggable database `salespdb`, but keep data files.

Oracle recommends that you drop `salespdb` after this procedure to clean up leftover information in the CDB views, and to help to avoid future issues. As a best practice guideline, back up your PDB in the destination CDB first, and then issue the `DROP` command on the source.

 **Caution:**

After you drop the PDB from its original CDB, you cannot revert to it using previously taken backup, because the `DROP` command removes backup files.

To drop the pluggable database, enter the following command:

```
SQL> DROP PLUGGABLE DATABASE salespdb KEEP DATAFILES;
```

8. Exit.

Plugging in the Earlier Release PDB to the Later Release CDB

To Plug the PDB from the earlier release CDB to the later release CDB, use the `CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE` command.

This procedure example shows how to plug in a PDB when you are using Oracle-Managed Files. Refer to *Oracle Database Administrator's Guide* for additional information about plugging in PDBs.

1. Connect to the later release CDB.
2. Plug in the earlier release PDB using the following SQL command, where *pdb* is the name of the PDB, and *path* is the path where the PDB XML file is located:

```
CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE pdb USING 'path/pdb.xml';
```

For example:

```
SQL> CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE salespdb USING '/home/oracle/  
salespdb.xml';
```

The following response displays when the command is completed:

```
Pluggable database created.
```

 **Note:**

When you plug in an earlier release PDB, the PDB is in restricted mode. You can only open the PDB for upgrade.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database Administrator's Guide*

Upgrading the Earlier Release PDB to the Later Release

Open PDBs in UPGRADE mode use the Parallel Upgrade Utility to carry out the upgrade of the earlier-release PDB to the release level of the CDB.

1. If needed, switch to the PDB that you want to upgrade. For example, enter the following command to switch to the PDB *salespdb*:

```
SQL> ALTER SESSION SET CONTAINER=salespdb;
```

2. Open the PDB in UPGRADE mode.

```
SQL> ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE OPEN UPGRADE;
```

3. Upgrade the PDB using the Parallel Upgrade Utility command (*catctl.pl*, or the shell utility *dbupgrade*).

When you upgrade a PDB, you use the commands you normally use with the Parallel Upgrade Utility. However, you also add the option *-c PDBname* to specify which PDB you are upgrading. Capitalize the name of your PDB as shown in the following example using the PDB named *salespdb*:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catctl.pl -d \  
$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin -c 'salespdb' -l $ORACLE_BASE catupgrd.sql
```

4. Review results.

The default file path for the logs is in the path *Oracle_base/cfgtoollogs/dbname/upgradedatet ime*, where *Oracle_base* is the Oracle base path, *dbname* is the database name, and *upgradedatet ime* is the date and time for the upgrade. The date and time strings are in the character string format *YYYYMMDDHHMMSC*, in which *YYYY* designates the year, *MM* designates the month, *DD* designates the day, *HH* designates the hour, *MM* designates the minute, and *SC* designates the second.

For example:

```
$ORACLE_BASE/cfgtoollogs/salespdb/upgrade20181015120001/upg_summary.log
```

5. To execute post-upgrade fixups, and to recompile the INVALID objects in the database Use the utility *catcon.pl* to run the script *postupgrade_fixups.sql*:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl catcon.pl -c 'salespdb' -n 1 -e -b postfixups -d ''.''' /tmp/cfgtoollogs/salespdb/preupgrade/postupgrade_fixups.sql
```

6. Use the utility *catcon.pl* to run *utlrbp.sql* from the *\$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin* directory:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl catcon.pl -c 'salespdb'-n 1 -e -b comp -d ''.''' utlrbp.sql
```

The script recompiles *INVALID* objects in the database, and places a log file in the current directory with the name *comp0.log*.

Use Inclusion or Exclusion Lists for PDB Upgrades

If you want to upgrade a subset of earlier release PDBs, then use inclusion or exclusion lists to avoid reupgrading the CDB or PDBs that are at the new release level.

Oracle recommends that you record the containers that you upgrade, and use inclusion or exclusion lists to exclude these containers from successive bulk upgrades. Excluding upgraded containers from successive bulk upgrades ensures that the upgrade only runs on PDBs that require the upgrade. Avoiding reupgrades minimizes the overall upgrade time, and avoids unnecessary unavailability.

For example: If you have installed Oracle Database using a multitenant architecture deployment, then the containers *CDB\$ROOT*, *PDB\$SEED*, and any other PDBs created when the CDB was created, are part of the new release multitenant architecture. If you upgraded a CDB, and at the same time upgraded a set of PDBs to the new release, then you do not need to upgrade either the CDB containers or the upgraded PDBs again.

In either case, when you plug in earlier release PDBs and then upgrade them, upgrade the PDBs with either an exclusion list, or an inclusion list:

- Use an inclusion list to specify only the set of PDBs that you want to upgrade.
- Use an exclusion list to exclude the CDB and PDB containers that are already upgraded.

If you do not use an inclusion list or an exclusion list to limit the upgrade scope, then the Parallel Upgrade Utility (`catctl.pl`) attempts to upgrade the entire CDB, not just the PDBs that require the upgrade. During that upgrade process, your system undergoes needless downtime. The inclusion list and the exclusion list options are mutually exclusive.

About Dbupgrade Scripts and catupgrd.sql in Earlier Releases of Oracle Database

The function of the `catupgrd.sql` script is replaced by the Parallel Upgrade Utility, `catctl.pl`, and the `dbupgrade` and `dbupgrade.cmd` scripts.

In earlier releases of Oracle Database, the `catupgrd.sql` Upgrade Utility processed the upgrade. Starting with Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1), this script is replaced by the `catctl.pl` Parallel Upgrade Utility, and its command-line script, `dbupgrade`. The Parallel Upgrade Utility provides both parallel processing mode and serial modes.

The `dbupgrade` script calls `catctl.pl` to create and alter a set of data dictionary tables. The upgrade scripts also call `catctl.pl` to upgrade or install the following database components in the new Oracle Database 12c database:

- Oracle Database Catalog Views
- Oracle Database Packages and Types
- JServer JAVA Virtual Machine
- Oracle Database Java Packages
- Oracle XDK
- Oracle Real Application Clusters
- Oracle Workspace Manager
- Oracle Multimedia
- Oracle XML Database
- OLAP Analytic Workspace
- Oracle OLAP API
- Oracle Text
- Oracle Spatial and Graph
- Oracle Data Mining
- Oracle Label Security
- Messaging Gateway
- Oracle Database Vault

About Transporting and Upgrading a Database (Full Transportable Export/Import)

You can use file-based or nonfile-based modes for transporting data.

The Full Transportable Export/Import feature of Oracle Data Pump provides two options.

- Using a file-based Oracle Data Pump export/import
- Using a nonfile-based network mode Oracle Data Pump import

See Also:

- *Oracle Database Administrator's Guide* for information about transporting a database using an export dump file
- *Oracle Database Administrator's Guide* for the procedure to transport a database over the network

Upgrading Oracle Database Releases Using Replay Upgrade

To upgrade from an earlier release, you can use the Oracle Multitenant Replay Upgrade (Replay Upgrade) procedure to adopt a non-CDB to a PDB, or upgrade a PDB.

- [Understanding Upgrading CDBs or PDBs Using Replay Upgrade](#)
You can upgrade an entire container database (CDB) and its pluggable databases (PDBs) using a Replay Upgrade, or you can upgrade individual PDBs.
- [How to Disable or Enable Replay Upgrade](#)
By default, the Oracle Multitenant Replay Upgrade (Replay Upgrade) method is enabled for upgrades on PDBs and CDBs. However, you can enable or disable the use of the Replay Upgrade method.
- [About Upgrading Non-CDBs to PDBs Using Replay Upgrade](#)
You can automate some of the steps to upgrade non-CDB Oracle Database software to the multitenant architecture by using the Oracle Multitenant Replay Upgrade (Replay Upgrade) method.
- [Adopting and Upgrading a Non-CDB as a PDB with Replay Upgrade](#)
To simplify your upgrades, you can adopt (move) and upgrade a non-CDB into a PDB by using the Oracle Multitenant Replay Upgrade (Replay Upgrade) method.
- [Troubleshooting Replay Upgrade Upgrades](#)
Learn how to check for errors and issues in log files and trace files for an Oracle Multitenant Replay Upgrade (Replay Upgrade).

Understanding Upgrading CDBs or PDBs Using Replay Upgrade

You can upgrade an entire container database (CDB) and its pluggable databases (PDBs) using a Replay Upgrade, or you can upgrade individual PDBs.

You can complete an upgrade using the Oracle Multitenant Replay Upgrade (Replay Upgrade) method in one of the following ways:

- Use classic upgrade tools

To upgrade the entire CDB, including CDB\$ROOT and all hosted PDBs, run the Parallel Upgrade Utility (`catctl.pl`) manually or implicitly, or use the `dbupgrade` script. The procedure is the same as in previous releases. However, starting with Oracle Database 20c, the upgrade utilities by default use the Replay Upgrade procedure. There is no change in command syntax.

- Automatic upgrade on PDB plug-in to a new release CDB

If you plug in an earlier release PDB to a new release CDB, then the CDB detects on opening the PDB that the PDB is an earlier release than the CDB, and automatically starts a Replay Upgrade process. Upgrade on PDB Open automatically upgrades the PDB using the Replay Upgrade synchronization feature. This optimization avoids opening the PDB in restricted mode, exposing the error in the `PDB_PLUG_IN_VIOLATIONS` view, so that you are not required to correct the error manually.

How to Disable or Enable Replay Upgrade

By default, the Oracle Multitenant Replay Upgrade (Replay Upgrade) method is enabled for upgrades on PDBs and CDBs. However, you can enable or disable the use of the Replay Upgrade method.

To disable the Parallel Upgrade Utility (`catctl.pl`) default of performing a Replay Upgrade, run the following command, on either CDB\$ROOT or a particular PDB:

```
ALTER DATABASE UPGRADE SYNC OFF
```

To re-enable the Replay Upgrade behavior, enter the following command

```
ALTER DATABASE UPGRADE SYNC ON
```

You can also select a non-replay upgrade by setting the Parallel Upgrade Utility (`catctl.pl`) parameter `-t`, which forces a non-replay upgrade that uses the classic scripting method.

Note:

You can manage use of the Replay Upgrade method on the entire CDB, or on individual PDBs, depending on whether you are connected to CDB\$ROOT, or to a particular PDB:

- If `UPGRADE SYNC` is set to `OFF` in CDB\$ROOT, then the Replay Upgrade method is not used for any PDBs plugged into the CDB.
- If `UPGRADE SYNC` is set to `ON` in CDB\$ROOT, but set to `OFF` for a PDB, then the Replay Upgrade method is not used for the PDB where `UPGRADE SYNC` is `OFF`, but the Replay Upgrade method is used for all other PDBs plugged into the CDB.
- If `UPGRADE SYNC` is set to `ON` in CDB\$ROOT, and set to `ON` for all PDBs (the default), then the Replay Upgrade method is used for all PDBs plugged into the CDB.

About Upgrading Non-CDBs to PDBs Using Replay Upgrade

You can automate some of the steps to upgrade non-CDB Oracle Database software to the multitenant architecture by using the Oracle Multitenant Replay Upgrade (Replay Upgrade) method.

The Replay Upgrade method is enabled by default for upgrades from earlier Oracle Database releases that are supported for direct upgrade to this Oracle Database release. The Replay Upgrade process is different from the classic method of running scripts, such as `noncdb_to_pdb.sql`. For non-CDBs, after you describe the non-CDB by running `DBMS_PDB.DESCRIBE`, you plug in the non-CDB in to the new Oracle Database CDB. The Replay Upgrade method for upgrade is completed in two steps:

1. The non-CDB database is upgraded to the new Oracle Database release.
2. The non-CDB data dictionary is converted to a PDB data dictionary

Both of these steps are triggered when you run `ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE OPEN`. Both steps automatically replay SQL statements stored in the dictionary and complete the task of adopting the non-CDB to a PDB, and upgrading the database to the new release.

The benefit of using the Replay Upgrade method is to greatly simplify the upgrade workflow that you need to perform for PDB upgrades and conversions. The implicit non-CDB to PDB conversion simplifies the process of adopting and upgrading both non-CDB and PDB Oracle Database releases earlier than Oracle Database 20c to PDBs in a new release CDB.

Adopting and Upgrading a Non-CDB as a PDB with Replay Upgrade

To simplify your upgrades, you can adopt (move) and upgrade a non-CDB into a PDB by using the Oracle Multitenant Replay Upgrade (Replay Upgrade) method.

To adopt a non-CDB as a PDB using the `DBMS_PDB` package and the Replay Upgrade method, complete the following procedure.

1. Create the CDB if it does not exist.
2. Ensure that the non-CDB is in a transactionally-consistent state.
3. Place the non-CDB in read-only mode.
4. Connect to the non-CDB, and run the `DBMS_PDB.DESCRIBE` procedure to construct an XML file that describes the non-CDB.

The current user must have `SYSDBA` administrative privilege. The user must exercise the privilege using `AS SYSDBA` at connect time.

For example, to generate an XML file named `ncdb.xml` in the `/disk1/oracle` directory, run the following procedure:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_PDB.DESCRIBE(
    pdb_descr_file => '/disk1/oracle/ncdb.xml');
END;
/
```

After the procedure completes successfully, you can use the XML file and the non-CDB database files to plug the non-CDB into a CDB.

5. Run the `DBMS_PDB.CHECK_PLUG_COMPATIBILITY` function to determine whether the non-CDB is compatible with the CDB.

When you run the function, set the following parameters:

- `pdb_descr_file` - Set this parameter to the full path to the database description XML file.
- `pdb_name` - Specify the name of the new PDB. If this parameter is omitted, then the PDB name in the XML file is used.

For example, to determine whether a non-CDB described by the `/disk1/oracle/ncdb.xml` file is compatible with the current CDB, run the following PL/SQL block:

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
DECLARE
  compatible CONSTANT VARCHAR2(3) :=
    CASE DBMS_PDB.CHECK_PLUG_COMPATIBILITY(
          pdb_descr_file => '/disk1/oracle/ncdb.xml',
          pdb_name       => 'NCDB')
    WHEN TRUE THEN 'YES'
    ELSE 'NO'
END;
BEGIN
  DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(compatible);
END;
/
```

If the output is `YES`, then the non-CDB is compatible, and you can continue with the next step. If the output is `NO`, then the non-CDB is not compatible. To see why it is not compatible, check the view `PDB_PLUG_IN_VIOLATIONS`. Before you continue, you must correct all violations. For example, any version or patch mismatches should be resolved by running an upgrade, or running the `datapatch` utility. After correcting the violations, run `DBMS_PDB.CHECK_PLUG_COMPATIBILITY` again to ensure that the non-CDB is compatible with the CDB.

6. Shut down the non-CDB.
7. Plug in the non-CDB.

For example, the following SQL statement plugs in a non-CDB, copies its files to a new location, and includes only the `tbs3` user tablespace from the non-CDB:

```
CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE ncdb USING '/disk1/oracle/ncdb.xml'
COPY
FILE_NAME_CONVERT = ('/disk1/oracle/dbs/', '/disk2/oracle/ncdb/')
USER_TABLESPACES=('tbs3');
```

If there are no violations, then do not open the new PDB. You will open it in a later step.

The `USER_TABLESPACES` clause enables you to separate data that was used for multiple tenants in a non-CDB into different PDBs. You can use multiple `CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE` statements with this clause to create other PDBs that include the data from other tablespaces that existed in the non-CDB.

8. To enable the database open command to perform the Replay Upgrade, enter `ALTER DATABASE PROPERTY SET PDB_AUTO_UPGRADE='true'`. For example:

```
ALTER DATABASE PROPERTY SET PDB_AUTO_UPGRADE='true';
```

9. Connect to the new PDB, and open it. At the time that the PDB is opened, the database is upgraded, and the non-CDB database data dictionary is converted to a PDB. For example:

```
ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE OPEN
```

You must open the new PDB for Oracle Database to complete upgrading the database. An error is returned if you attempt to open the PDB in read-only mode. When the PDB is opened, the non-CDB is adopted to a PDB, the data dictionary is converted, and the new PDB is integrated into the CDB. Messages from the Replay Upgrade are placed in the trace directory. After the PDB is opened, and the REPLAY UPGRADE is completed, its status is `NORMAL`.

To check the status of the upgrade, you can query the following views:

- To check for Replay Upgrade errors, use the view `DBA_REPLAY_UPGRADE_ERRORS`
- To check completeness, use `DBA_APPLICATIONS`. Check the `app_version` value for `app_name 'APPCDBCATALOG'` value. This value should be the new version of the PDB.
- Check the view `DBA_APP_ERRORS` for statement errors. This view lists the error message and statement text (`app_statement`) for any errors. In a successful upgrade, this view should not contain any rows for `app_name='APPCDBCATALOG'`.

10. Back up the PDB.

A PDB cannot be recovered unless it is backed up.



Note:

If an error is returned during PDB creation, then the PDB being created might be in an `UNUSABLE` state. You can check the state of a PDB by querying the views `CDB_PDBS` or `DBA_PDBS`. You can learn more about PDB creation errors by checking the alert log. An unusable PDB can only be dropped. If the PDB is unusable, then it must be dropped before a PDB with the same name as the unusable PDB can be created.

Troubleshooting Replay Upgrade Upgrades

Learn how to check for errors and issues in log files and trace files for an Oracle Multitenant Replay Upgrade (Replay Upgrade).

How the Replay Upgrade Procedure is Enabled or Disabled on CDBs and PDBs

By default, when you run the Parallel Upgrade Utility (`catctl.pl`) manually, a Replay Upgrade is performed. When a PDB or a non-CDB is plugged into a new release

container database (CDB). The PDB open detects whether the PDB or non-CDB requires an upgrade to be compatible with the CDB. If you have opened the database, and for non-CDBs, run the `DBMS_PDB.DESCRIBE` procedure to construct an XML file that describes the non-CDB, then the upgrade automatically occurs when the PDB is opened. For example, using the Replay Upgrade method, you can relocate an earlier release PDB from an earlier release CDB to an Oracle Database 20c CDB PDB on plugging in the PDB, without needing to run the Parallel Upgrade Utility script `catctl.pl`, or using AutoUpgrade, Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA), or using the `dbupgrade` command.

To perform a classic script-based upgrade, you can run `catctl.pl` with the option `-t`. When you plug in a non-CDB, you can also turn off or turn on the Replay Upgrade process by running `ALTER DATABASE UPGRADE SYNC OFF;` to turn Replay Upgrade off, or `ALTER DATABASE UPGRADE SYNC ON;` to turn Replay Upgrade on. This syntax modifies the 'PDB_UPGRADE_SYNC' property, which is a number that is set to 2 for ON and 0 for OFF. If the number is positive, then `catctl.pl` uses the Replay Upgrade process. This property can be set in `CDB$ROOT`, or in the PDB. When disabled in `ROOT`, `catctl.pl` does not use the Replay Upgrade process for any PDBs. When enabled in `ROOT`, the PDB can either inherit this value, or set its own value.

Failure and Recovery Scenarios for Replay Upgrade Processes

If a Replay Upgrade fails, then the `PDB_UPGRADE_SYNC` property is decremented by 1 for the PDB. If the Replay Upgrade fails twice, then `catctl.pl` falls back to using the classic script-based Parallel Upgrade Procedure method for completing the upgrade.

To determine the cause of Replay Upgrade errors, review the upgrade logs for statements that encounter errors. After a Replay Upgrade procedure runs, whether it is successful or unsuccessful, the query `DBA_APP_ERRORS` is run. Review the results of that query to see statement text and error messages for any statements that encounter errors. To see specific errors in the logs, you can also query the upgrade logs by using a `grep` command to locate any text strings of `'^ORA-'`.

Another recovery option is to review the trace files (`.trc`). The trace files contain output for each statement run during the Replay Upgrade procedure. The files show statement text, whether statements succeeded or failed, error messages (if applicable), and the amount of time elapsed during the process. Look for lines that contain the prefix string `Replay Upgrade, PDB ID` where the variable `ID` is the PDB ID. For example: `Replay Upgrade, PDB 15`.

Manual Non-CDB Oracle Database Release Upgrades to Multitenant Architecture

To manage your non-CDB Oracle Database upgrade manually by using scripts, learn about upgrade scenarios and procedures.

Starting with Oracle Database 20c, non-CDB architecture is desupported. You must upgrade a non-CDB Oracle Database to a PDB on a CDB. You have two manual upgrade options available:

- Plug in the non-CDB Oracle Database to an Oracle Database 20c container database (CDB). Then upgrade the plugged-in non-CDB to Oracle Database 20c, and convert the data dictionary from non-CDB to pluggable database (PDB) format.

- Plug in the non-CDB Oracle Database to a same-release Oracle Database CDB, and convert the data dictionary from a non-CDB to a PDB. Then, upgrade the CDB and PDBs to Oracle Database 20c.

▲ Caution:

Before starting an upgrade or a downgrade, Oracle strongly recommends that you upgrade your source and target databases to the most recent Quarterly Release Update (Update), or Release Update Revision (Revision).

- [Download the Latest Oracle Database Preupgrade Information Tool](#)
To ensure that you obtain the most recent updates to checks to help to ensure a smooth upgrade, download the most recent Oracle Database Preupgrade tool.
- [About Adopting a Non-CDB as a PDB Using a PDB Plugin](#)
To manually adopt a non-CDB as a PDB, you generate an XML file that describes a non-CDB, and use the `DBMS_PDB.DESCRIBE` procedure. Afterward, plug in the non-CDB, just as you plug in an unplugged PDB.
- [Adopting a Non-CDB as a PDB](#)
You can adopt (move) a non-CDB into a PDB by using the `DBMS_PDB.DESCRIBE` procedure.
- [Plugging In an Unplugged PDB](#)
You can create a PDB by plugging an unplugged PDB into a CDB.
- [Manually Upgrading Non-CDB Architecture Oracle Databases](#)
Use this procedure after you have installed a CDB to upgrade an earlier release non-CDB architecture Oracle Database, making it a PDB, and plugging the PDB into a CDB.
- [Upgrading Oracle Database Using Fleet Patching and Provisioning](#)
In Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2) and later releases, you can use Fleet Patching and Provisioning to upgrade an earlier release Oracle Database.

Download the Latest Oracle Database Preupgrade Information Tool

To ensure that you obtain the most recent updates to checks to help to ensure a smooth upgrade, download the most recent Oracle Database Preupgrade tool.

The Oracle Database Preupgrade Information Tool continues to be developed after the initial software release. While the Preupgrade Information Tool that is packaged with your software can identify many issues to facilitate your upgrade, Oracle recommends that you always download and run the most recent version. Downloading the most recent version of the tool enables you obtain the benefit of new updates added to respond to any issues that emerge after the initial release. The most recent version of the tool is available from My Oracle Support document ID 884522.1.

Before you download the newer version of the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool, back up the version that came with your software. Then replace the files in your Oracle home with the files that you download from Oracle Support.

Related Topics

- [My Oracle Support Doc ID 884522.1](#)

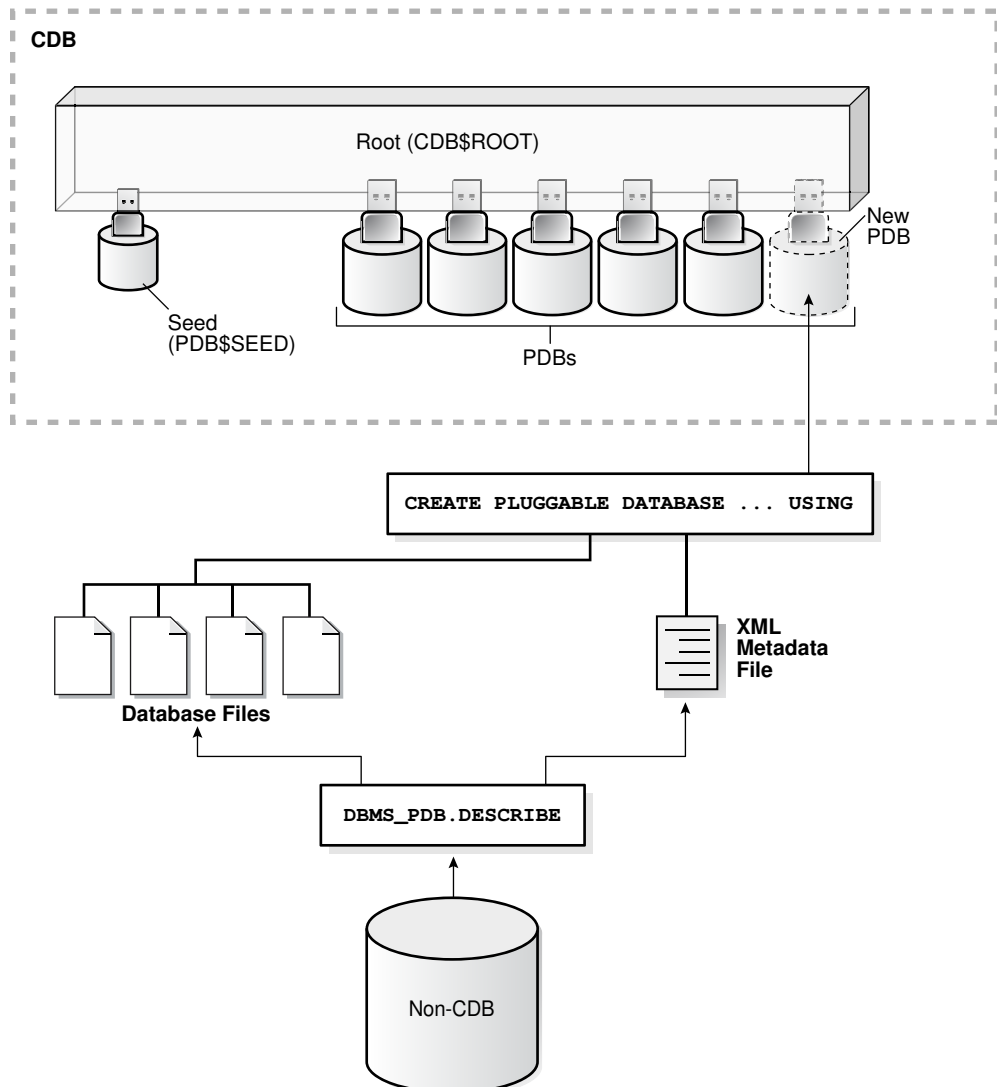
- [Using the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool for Oracle Database](#)
Review these topics to understand and to use the Pre-Upgrade information tool (`preupgrade.jar`).

About Adopting a Non-CDB as a PDB Using a PDB Plugin

To manually adopt a non-CDB as a PDB, you generate an XML file that describes a non-CDB, and use the `DBMS_PDB.DESCRIBE` procedure. Afterward, plug in the non-CDB, just as you plug in an unplugged PDB.

If you choose not to use the Capture Replay method of automatically adopting and upgrading a non-CDB to a PDB, then you can use the manual procedure of describing the non-CDB, and then adopting the non-CDB to a PDB. Create the PDB with the `CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE ... USING` statement. When the non-CDB is plugged in to a CDB, it is a new PDB, but not usable until the data dictionary is converted, using the `ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/noncdb_to_pdb.sql` script.

Figure 4-1 Plug In a Non-CDB Using the `DBMS_PDB.DESCRIBE` Procedure



You can use the same technique to create a new application PDB in an application container.

Adopting a Non-CDB as a PDB

You can adopt (move) a non-CDB into a PDB by using the `DBMS_PDB.DESCRIBE` procedure.

This procedure enables you to update your non-CDB Oracle Database to a PDB on a CDB. To use this procedure, you must first install a new Oracle Database release with a CDB.

1. Create the CDB if it does not exist.
2. Ensure that the non-CDB is in a transactionally-consistent state.
3. Place the non-CDB in read-only mode.
4. Connect to the non-CDB, and run the `DBMS_PDB.DESCRIBE` procedure to construct an XML file that describes the non-CDB.

The current user must have `SYSDBA` administrative privilege. The user must exercise the privilege using `AS SYSDBA` at connect time.

For example, to generate an XML file named `ncdb.xml` in the `/disk1/oracle` directory, run the following procedure:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_PDB.DESCRIBE(
    pdb_descr_file => '/disk1/oracle/ncdb.xml');
END;
/
```

After the procedure completes successfully, you can use the XML file and the non-CDB database files to plug the non-CDB into a CDB.

5. Run the `DBMS_PDB.CHECK_PLUG_COMPATIBILITY` function to determine whether the non-CDB is compatible with the CDB.

When you run the function, set the following parameters:

- `pdb_descr_file` - Set this parameter to the full path to the XML file.
- `pdb_name` - Specify the name of the new PDB. If this parameter is omitted, then the PDB name in the XML file is used.

For example, to determine whether a non-CDB described by the `/disk1/oracle/ncdb.xml` file is compatible with the current CDB, run the following PL/SQL block:

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
DECLARE
  compatible CONSTANT VARCHAR2(3) :=
    CASE DBMS_PDB.CHECK_PLUG_COMPATIBILITY(
      pdb_descr_file => '/disk1/oracle/ncdb.xml',
      pdb_name       => 'NCDB')
    WHEN TRUE THEN 'YES'
    ELSE 'NO'
  END;
BEGIN
```



```

DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(compatible);
END;
/

```

If the output is YES, then the non-CDB is compatible, and you can continue with the next step. If the output is NO, then the non-CDB is not compatible, and you can check the PDB_PLUG_IN_VIOLATIONS view to see why it is not compatible. All violations must be corrected before you continue. For example, any version or patch mismatches should be resolved by running an upgrade or the datapatch utility. After correcting the violations, run DBMS_PDB.CHECK_PLUG_COMPATIBILITY again to ensure that the non-CDB is compatible with the CDB.

6. Shut down the non-CDB.
7. Plug in the non-CDB.

For example, the following SQL statement plugs in a non-CDB, copies its files to a new location, and includes only the tbs3 user tablespace from the non-CDB:

```

CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE ncdb USING '/disk1/oracle/ncdb.xml'
COPY
FILE_NAME_CONVERT = ('/disk1/oracle/dbs/', '/disk2/oracle/ncdb/')
USER_TABLESPACES=('tbs3');

```

If there are no violations, then do not open the new PDB. You will open it in the following step.

The USER_TABLESPACES clause enables you to separate data that was used for multiple tenants in a non-CDB into different PDBs. You can use multiple CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE statements with this clause to create other PDBs that include the data from other tablespaces that existed in the non-CDB.

8. Run the ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/noncdb_to_pdb.sql script. This script must be run before the PDB can be opened for the first time.

If the PDB was not a non-CDB, then running the noncdb_to_pdb.sql script is not required. To run the noncdb_to_pdb.sql script, complete the following steps:

- a. Access the PDB.

The current user must have SYSDBA administrative privilege, and the privilege must be either commonly granted or locally granted in the PDB. The user must exercise the privilege using AS SYSDBA at connect time.

- b. Run the noncdb_to_pdb.sql script:

```
@$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/noncdb_to_pdb.sql
```

The script opens the PDB, performs changes, and closes the PDB when the changes are complete.

9. Open the new PDB in read/write mode.

You must open the new PDB in read/write mode for Oracle Database to complete the integration of the new PDB into the CDB. An error is returned if you attempt to open the PDB in read-only mode. After the PDB is opened in read/write mode, its status is NORMAL.

10. Back up the PDB.

A PDB cannot be recovered unless it is backed up.

 **Note:**

If an error is returned during PDB creation, then the PDB being created can be in an UNUSABLE state. To check the state of a PDB, query the CDB_PDBS or DBA_PDBS view. You can learn more about PDB creation errors by checking the alert log. An unusable PDB can only be dropped. You must drop an unusable PDB before you try to create a PDB with the same name as the unusable PDB can be created.

Plugging In an Unplugged PDB

You can create a PDB by plugging an unplugged PDB into a CDB.

Manually Upgrading Non-CDB Architecture Oracle Databases

Use this procedure after you have installed a CDB to upgrade an earlier release non-CDB architecture Oracle Database, making it a PDB, and plugging the PDB into a CDB.

 **Note:**

Starting with Oracle Database 20c, non-CDB architecture is desupported. You must upgrade a non-CDB Oracle Database to a PDB on a CDB.

Before using this procedure, complete the following steps:

- Install the new release Oracle Database software
- Prepare the new multitenant architecture Oracle home
- Run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool

Steps:

1. If you have not done so, run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool. Review the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool output and correct all issues noted in the output before proceeding.

For example, on Linux or Unix systems:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/jdk/bin/java -jar /opt/oracle/product/19.0.0/rdbms/admin/preupgrade.jar FILE TEXT
```

2. Ensure that you have a proper backup strategy in place.
3. If you have not done so, prepare the new Oracle home.

4. (Conditional) For Oracle RAC environments only, enter the following commands to set the initialization parameter value for `CLUSTER_DATABASE` to `FALSE`:

```
ALTER SYSTEM SET CLUSTER_DATABASE=FALSE SCOPE=SPFILE;
```

5. Shut down the database. For example:

```
SQL> SHUTDOWN IMMEDIATE
```

6. If your operating system is Windows, then complete the following steps:
 - a. Stop the `OracleServiceSID` Oracle service of the database you are upgrading, where `SID` is the instance name. For example, if your `SID` is `ORCL`, then enter the following at a command prompt:

```
C:\> NET STOP OracleServiceORCL
```

- b. Delete the Oracle service at a command prompt using `ORADIM`.
For example, if your `SID` is `ORCL`, then enter the following command.

```
C:\> ORADIM -DELETE -SID ORCL
```

- c. Create the service for the new release Oracle Database at a command prompt using the `ORADIM` command of the new Oracle Database release.

Use the following syntax, where `SID` is your database SID, `PASSWORD` is your system password, `USERS` is the value you want to set for maximum number of users, and `ORACLE_HOME` is your Oracle home:

```
C:\> ORADIM -NEW -SID SID -SYSPWD PASSWORD -MAXUSERS USERS  
-STARTMODE AUTO -PFILE ORACLE_HOME\DATABASE\INITSID.ORA
```

Most Oracle Database services log on to the system using the privileges of the Oracle software installation owner. The service runs with the privileges of this user. The `ORADIM` command prompts you to provide the password to this user account. You can specify other options using `ORADIM`.

In the following example, if your `SID` is `ORCL`, your `password` (`SYSPWD`) is `TWxy5791`, the maximum number of users (`MAXUSERS`) is 10, and the Oracle home path is `C:\ORACLE\PRODUCT\20.0.0\DB`, then enter the following command:

```
C:\> ORADIM -NEW -SID ORCL -SYSPWD TWxy5791 -MAXUSERS 10  
-STARTMODE AUTO -PFILE C:\ORACLE\PRODUCT\20.0.0\DB\DATABASE  
\INITORCL.ORA
```

`ORADIM` writes a log file to the `ORACLE_HOME\database` directory. The log file contains the name of the PDB in the multitenant container database.

 **Note:**

If you use an Oracle Home User account to own the Oracle home, then the ORADIM command prompts you for that user name and password.

The following table describes the variables for using ORADIM when upgrading manually:

Table 4-2 ORADIM Variables and Functions

ORADIM Variable	Description
-SID <i>sid</i>	The same SID name as the SID for the database that you are upgrading
-SYSPWD <i>password</i>	The SYS password for the upgraded Oracle Database instance. This is the password for the user connected with SYSDBA privileges. Default Oracle Database Security settings require that passwords must be at least eight characters. You are not permitted to use passwords such as <i>welcome</i> and <i>oracle</i> .
- MAXUSERS <i>value</i>	The maximum number of user accounts that can be granted SYSDBA or SYSOPER privileges.
-PFILE <i>oracle-home-path</i>	The location of the parameter file (PFILE) in the Oracle home location for the upgraded Oracle Database release. Ensure that you specify the full path name with the -PFILE option, including the drive letter of the Oracle home location.

7. If your operating system is Linux or UNIX, then perform the following checks:
 - a. Your ORACLE_SID is set correctly
 - b. The oratab file points to the new Oracle home
 - c. The following environment variables point to the new Oracle Database directories:
 - ORACLE_HOME
 - PATH
 - d. Any scripts that clients use to set the \$ORACLE_HOME environment variable must point to the new Oracle home.

 **Note:**

If you are upgrading an Oracle Real Application Clusters database, then perform these checks on all Oracle Grid Infrastructure nodes where the Oracle Real Application Clusters database has instances configured.

8. Log in to the system as the Oracle installation owner for the new Oracle Database release.

9. Copy the SPFILE.ORA or INIT.ORA file from the old Oracle home to the new Oracle home.
10. Start SQL*Plus in the new Oracle home from the admin directory in the new Oracle home directory.

For example:

```
$ cd $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin
$ pwd
/u01/app/oracle/product/20.0.0/dbhome_1/rdbms/admin
$ ./sqlplus
```

11. Connect to the database that you want to upgrade using an account with SYSDBA privileges:

```
Enter user-name: connect / as sysdba
```

12. Start the non-CDB Oracle Database in upgrade mode:

```
SQL> startup upgrade
```

If errors appear listing desupported initialization parameters, then make a note of the desupported initialization parameters and continue with the upgrade. Remove the desupported initialization parameters the next time you shut down the database.



Note:

Starting up the database in UPGRADE mode enables you to open a database based on an earlier Oracle Database release. It also restricts log-ins to AS SYSDBA sessions, disables system triggers, and performs additional operations that prepare the environment for the upgrade.

13. Exit SQL*Plus.

For example:

```
SQL> EXIT
```

14. Run the Parallel Upgrade Utility (`catctl.pl`) script, using the upgrade options that you require for your upgrade.

You can run the Parallel Upgrade Utility as a command-line shell command by using the `dbupgrade` shell command, which is located in `Oracle_home/bin`. If you set the `PATH` environment variable to include `Oracle_home/bin`, then you can run the command directly from your command line. For example:

```
$ dbupgrade
```

Otherwise, run `$ORACLE_HOME/bin/dbupgrade`.

 **Note:**

- When you run the Parallel Upgrade Utility command, use the `-l` option to specify the directory that you want to use for spool log files.

15. The database is shut down after a successful upgrade. Restart the instance so that you reinitialize the system parameters for normal operation. For example:

```
SQL> STARTUP
```

This restart, following the database shutdown, flushes all caches, clears buffers, and performs other housekeeping activities. These measures are an important final step to ensure the integrity and consistency of the upgraded Oracle Database software.

 **Note:**

If you encountered a message listing desupported initialization parameters when you started the database, then remove the desupported initialization parameters from the parameter file before restarting it. If necessary, convert the `SPFILE` to a `PFILE`, so that you can edit the file to delete parameters.

16. Run `catcon.pl` to start `utlrp.sql`, and to recompile any remaining invalid objects.

For example:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl catcon.pl -n 1 -e -b utlrp -d ''.'''  
utlrp.sql
```

Because you run the command using `-b utlrp`, the log file `utlrp0.log` is generated as the script is run. The log file provides results of the recompile.

17. Run `postupgrade_fixups.sql`. For example:

```
SQL> @postupgrade_fixups.sql
```

 **Note:**

If you did not specify to place the script in a different location, then it is in the default path `Oracle_base/cfgtoollogs/SID/preupgrade`, where `Oracle_base` is your Oracle base home path, and `SID` is your unique database name.

18. Run `utlusts.sql`. The script verifies that all issues are fixed.

For example:

```
SQL> @$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/utlustrs.sql
```

The log file `utlusrp0.log` is generated as the script is run, which provides the upgrade results. You can also review the upgrade report in `upg_summary.log`.

To see information about the state of the database, run `utlustrs.sql` as many times as you want, at any time after the upgrade is completed. If the `utlustrs.sql` script returns errors, or shows components that do not have the status `VALID`, or if the version listed for the component is not the most recent release, then refer to the troubleshooting section in this guide.

19. Ensure that the time zone data files are current by using the `DBMS_DST` PL/SQL package to upgrade the time zone file. You can also adjust the time zone data files after the upgrade.
20. Exit from SQL*Plus

For example:

```
SQL> EXIT
```

21. (Conditional) If you are upgrading an Oracle Real Application Clusters database, then use the following command syntax to upgrade the database configuration in Oracle Clusterware:

```
srvctl upgrade database -db db-unique-name -oraclehome oraclehome
```

In this syntax example, `db-unique-name` is the database name (not the instance name), and `oraclehome` is the Oracle home location in which the database is being upgraded. The `SRVCTL` utility supports long GNU-style options, in addition to short command-line interface (CLI) options used in earlier releases.

22. (Conditional) For Oracle RAC environments only, after you have upgraded all nodes, enter the following commands to set the initialization parameter value for `CLUSTER_DATABASE` to `TRUE`, and start the database, where `db_unique_name` is the name of the Oracle RAC database:

```
ALTER SYSTEM SET CLUSTER_DATABASE=TRUE SCOPE=SPFILE;
srvctl start database -db db_unique_name
```

Your database is now upgraded. You are ready to complete post-upgrade procedures.

Caution:

If you retain the old Oracle software, then never start the upgraded database with the old software. Only start Oracle Database using the start command in the new Oracle Database home.

Before you remove the old Oracle environment, relocate any data files in that environment to the new Oracle Database environment.

 **See Also:**

Oracle Database Administrator's Guide for information about relocating data files

Upgrading Oracle Database Using Fleet Patching and Provisioning

In Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2) and later releases, you can use Fleet Patching and Provisioning to upgrade an earlier release Oracle Database.

You upgrade a database with Fleet Patching and Provisioning by creating a copy of the new Oracle Database release, and using the command `rhpcctl upgrade database` to upgrade the earlier release Oracle Database. The upgrade is an out-of-place upgrade. After the upgrade is complete, listeners and other initialization variables are set to point to the new Oracle home. Refer to *Oracle Clusterware Administration and Deployment Guide* for more information about how to create Fleet Patching and Provisioning images.

Use this overview of the steps to understand how to upgrade an earlier Oracle Database release by using Fleet Patching and Provisioning:

1. Install a new Oracle Database release.
2. Patch, test, and configure the database to your specifications for a standard operating environment (SOE).
3. Create a Fleet Patching and Provisioning Gold Image from the SOE release Oracle Database home.
4. Complete an upgrade to a new Oracle Grid Infrastructure release on the servers where the databases you want to upgrade are located. You can complete this upgrade by using Fleet Patching and Provisioning. (Note: Your Oracle Grid Infrastructure software must always be the same or a more recent release than Oracle Database software.)
5. Deploy a copy of the new release Oracle Database Fleet Patching and Provisioning gold image to the servers with earlier release Oracle Databases that you want to upgrade.
6. Run the Fleet Patching and Provisioning command `rhpcctl upgrade database`. This command use the new release Fleet Patching and Provisioning gold image to upgrade the earlier release databases. You can upgrade one, many or all of the earlier release Oracle Database instances on the servers provisioned with the new release Oracle Database gold image.

Related Topics

- Fleet Patching and Provisioning

Rerunning Upgrades for Oracle Database

Use these options to rerun upgrades.

- [About Rerunning Upgrades for Oracle Database](#)
Oracle provides the features listed here to rerun or restart Oracle Database upgrades, including after failed phases.
- [Rerunning Upgrades with the Upgrade \(catctl.pl\) Script](#)
You can fix upgrade issues and then rerun the upgrade with the `catctl.pl` script, or the `dbupgrade` shell command.
- [Options for Rerunning the Upgrade for Multitenant Databases \(CDBs\)](#)
If you want to rerun upgrades on Oracle Database using multitenant database architecture, then you have four options.
- [Restarting the Upgrade from a Specific Phase that Failed Using -p](#)
Use this option to complete an upgrade after fixing errors.

About Rerunning Upgrades for Oracle Database

Oracle provides the features listed here to rerun or restart Oracle Database upgrades, including after failed phases.

Parallel Upgrade Utility and Restarts or Reruns

You can re-run or restart Oracle Database upgrade phases by using the Parallel Upgrade Utility (`catctl.pl`) script . You can also run commands on PDBs that failed to upgrade in an initial attempt, so that you can complete the upgrade.

Parallel Upgrade Utility Resume Option

With the Resume option for Parallel Upgrade Utility, you are not required to identify failed or incomplete phases when you rerun or restart the upgrade. When you use the Parallel Upgrade Utility using the resume option (`-R`), the utility automatically detects phases from the previous upgrade that are not completed successfully. The Parallel Upgrade Utility then reruns or restarts just these phases that did not complete successfully, so that the upgrade is completed. Bypassing steps that already completed successfully reduces the amount of time it takes to rerun the upgrade.

To use the Resume option, run the Parallel Upgrade Utility using the `-R` parameter. For example:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl catctl.pl -L plist.txt -n 4 -N 2 -R -  
l $ORACLE_HOME/cfgtoollogs catupgrd.sql
```

You can rerun the entire upgrade at any time, regardless of which phase you encountered a failure in your upgrade. If you plan to rerun the entire upgrade, instead of rerunning only failed phases, then run the Parallel Upgrade Utility without using the Resume (`-R`) option.

Rerunning Upgrades with the Upgrade (catctl.pl) Script

You can fix upgrade issues and then rerun the upgrade with the `catctl.pl` script, or the `dbupgrade` shell command.



Note:

Starting with Oracle Database 20c, upgrades to non-CDB architecture are desupported.

1. Shut down the database. For a non-CDB and a CDB, the syntax is the same.

```
SQL> SHUTDOWN IMMEDIATE
```

2. Restart the database in `UPGRADE` mode.

For a non-CDB:

```
SQL> STARTUP UPGRADE
```

For a CDB:

```
SQL> STARTUP UPGRADE  
SQL> alter pluggable database all open upgrade;
```

3. Rerun the Parallel Upgrade utility (`catctl.pl`, or `dbupgrade` shell command).

You can rerun the Parallel Upgrade Utility as many times as necessary.

With CDBs, you can use the Resume option (`-R`) to rerun the Parallel Upgrade Utility. The script resumes the upgrades from failed phases.

For example:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl catctl.pl -n 4 -R -l $ORACLE_HOME/  
cfgtoollogs catupgrd.sql
```

You can also provide the name of one or more specific PDBs on which you want to rerun the upgrade.

For example, this command reruns the upgrade on the PDB named `cdb1_pdb1`:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl catctl.pl -n 4 -R -l $ORACLE_HOME/  
cfgtoollogs -c 'cdb1_pdb1' catupgrd.sql
```

You can use the `dbupgrade` shell command to run the same commands:

```
dbupgrade -n 4 -R -l $ORACLE_HOME/diagnostics  
dbupgrade -n 4 -R -l $ORACLE_HOME/diagnostics -c 'cdb1_pdb1'
```

4. Run `utlusts.sql`, the Post-Upgrade Status Tool, which provides a summary of the status of the upgrade in the spool log. You can run `utlusts.sql` any time before or after you complete the upgrade, but not during the upgrade.

In a non-CDB:

```
SQL> @$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/utlusts.sql
```

In a CDB:

```
SQL> @$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl catcon.pl -n 1 -e -b utlul22s -d ''.'''  
utlusts.sql
```

If the `utlusts.sql` script returns errors or shows components that are not `VALID` or not the most recent release, then follow troubleshooting procedures for more information.

5. Run `utlrp.sql` to recompile any remaining stored PL/SQL and Java code.

```
SQL> @$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl catcon.pl -n 1 -e -b utlrp -d ''.'''  
utlrp.sql
```

The script generates the log file `utlrp0.log`, which shows the results of the re-compilations.

Use the following SQL commands to verify that all expected packages and classes are valid,

In a single PDB (`cdb1_pdb1` in this example), open the PDB in normal mode as follows:

```
SQL> alter pluggable database cdb1_pdb1 open;
```

Run `catcon.pl` to start `utlrp.sql` in the PDB to recompile any remaining stored PL/SQL and Java code. Use the following syntax:

```
SQL> @$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl catcon.pl -n 1 -e -b utlrp -d ''.''' -c  
'cdb1_pdb1'  
utlrp.sql
```

In a non-CDB:

```
SQL> SELECT count(*) FROM dba_invalid_objects;  
SQL> SELECT distinct object_name FROM dba_invalid_objects;
```

In an entire CDB:

```
SQL> ALTER SESSION SET CONTAINER = "CDB$ROOT"  
SQL> SELECT count(*) FROM dba_invalid_objects;  
SQL> SELECT distinct object_name FROM dba_invalid_objects;  
SQL> ALTER SESSION SET CONTAINER = "PDB$SEED"  
SQL> SELECT count(*) FROM dba_invalid_objects;  
SQL> SELECT distinct object_name FROM dba_invalid_objects;
```

```
SQL> ALTER SESSION SET CONTAINER = "cdbl_pdb1"
SQL> SELECT count(*) FROM dba_invalid_objects;
SQL> SELECT distinct object_name FROM dba_invalid_objects;
```

6. Run `utlusts.sql` again to verify that all issues have been fixed.

In a non-CDB:

```
SQL> @$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/utlusts.sql
```

In a CDB:

```
SQL> @$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl catcon.pl -n 1 -e -b utlul22s -d ''.'''
utlusts.sql
```

7. Exit SQL*Plus.
8. If you are upgrading a cluster database from Release 11.2, then upgrade the database configuration in Oracle Clusterware using the following command syntax, where *db-unique-name* is the database name assigned to it (not the instance name), and *Oracle_home* is the Oracle home location in which the database is being upgraded.

```
$ srvctl upgrade database -d db-unique-name -o Oracle_home
```

Your database is now upgraded. You are ready to complete post-upgrade tasks for Oracle Database.

Related Topics

- [Options for Rerunning the Upgrade for a Multitenant Database \(CDB\)](#)
If you want to rerun upgrades on Oracle Database using multitenant database architecture, then you have four options.
- [Troubleshooting the Upgrade for Oracle Database](#)
Use these troubleshooting tips to address errors or issues that you may encounter while upgrading your database.
- [Post-Upgrade Tasks for Oracle Database](#)
After you upgrade Oracle Database, complete required postupgrade tasks, and consider recommendations for the new release.

Options for Rerunning the Upgrade for Multitenant Databases (CDBs)

If you want to rerun upgrades on Oracle Database using multitenant database architecture, then you have four options.

- [Rerun the Entire Upgrade for the CDB](#)
If several different issues occur during the first upgrade attempt, then use this procedure to re-run the entire upgrade.
- [Rerun the Upgrade Only on Specified PDBs](#)
You can rerun upgrades on specified multitenant containers by running the Parallel Upgrade Utility with either the Resume option (`-R`), or with the exclusion list option (`-c`).

- [Rerun the Upgrade While Other PDBs Are Online](#)
You can rerun PDB upgrades by using the Parallel Upgrade Utility Resume option, or by explicitly including or excluding online PDBs using with inclusion or exclusion lists.
- [Rerun the Upgrade Using an Inclusion List to Specify a CDB or PDBs](#)
Use this example as a model for rerunning an upgrade on a pluggable database (PDB) by using an inclusion list.

Rerun the Entire Upgrade for the CDB

If several different issues occur during the first upgrade attempt, then use this procedure to re-run the entire upgrade.

This example demonstrates running the upgrade again on the CDB\$ROOT, PDB\$SEED and all PDBs after correcting for a problem occurring during the initial upgrade attempt, such as running out of shared pool.

1. Start the upgrade again. For example:

```
SQL> startup upgrade;  
alter pluggable database all open upgrade;
```

2. Run the Parallel Upgrade Utility (`catctl.pl`, or the `dbupgrade` shell script. For example:

```
cd $ORACLE_HOME/bin/  
./dbupgrade -d $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin -l $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/log
```

The upgrade runs again on all the containers, including CDB\$ROOT , PDB\$SEED, and all PDBs in the CDB.

Rerun the Upgrade Only on Specified PDBs

You can rerun upgrades on specified multitenant containers by running the Parallel Upgrade Utility with either the Resume option (`-R`), or with the exclusion list option (`-c`).

In both the examples that follow, the multitenant container database contains five PDBs. All upgrades ran successfully except for CDB1_PDB1 and CDB1_PDB2, which failed with an upgrade error. To run the upgrade on these two containers, you shut down the entire multitenant database and restart only the PDBs you want to upgrade.

 **Note:**

Parallel Upgrade Utility parameters are case-sensitive.

Example 4-13 Rerunning Upgrades With the Resume Option

You can use the Parallel Upgrade Utility Resume parameter option `-R` to rerun the upgrade only on one or more multitenant containers (CDBs).

In the following example, the upgrade script detects that it should run on CDB1_PDB1 and CDB1_PDB2 containers only.

1. Shut down the multitenant database, start up the database in upgrade mode, and then start up the PDBs on which the upgrade did not complete. For example:

```
SQL> shutdown immediate;
      startup upgrade;
      alter pluggable database CDB1_PDB1 open upgrade;
      alter pluggable database CDB1_PDB2 open upgrade;
```

2. Show the CDB and PDB status:

```
SQL> show pdbs
```

CON_ID	CON_NAME	OPEN MODE	RESTRICTED
2	PDB\$SEED	MIGRATE	YES
3	CDB1_PDB1	MIGRATE	YES
4	CDB1_PDB2	MIGRATE	YES
5	CDB1_PDB3	MOUNTED	
6	CDB1_PDB4	MOUNTED	
7	CDB1_PDB5	MOUNTED	

3. Rerun the upgrade. The upgrade automatically detects from the previous upgrade logs that CDB\$ROOT and PDB\$SEED are upgraded successfully. The upgrade bypasses CDB\$ROOT and PDB\$SEED, and only runs on CDB1_PDB1 and CDB_PDB2. The command example here is for Linux/UNIX systems:

```
cd $ORACLE_HOME/bin
./dbupgrade -d $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin -l $ORACLE_HOME/cfgtoollogs -R
```

The Parallel Upgrade Utility completes the upgrade on CDB1_PDB1 and CDB1_PDB2.

Example 4-14 Rerunning Upgrades With an Exclusion List

An exclusion list contains containers that you do not want to upgrade. An exclusion list uses the Parallel Upgrade Utility `-C` parameter option. Run the Parallel Upgrade utility by changing directory to `Oracle_home/rdbms/admin/` and running the utility in Perl using `catctl.pl`, or by changing directory to `Oracle_home/bin` and running the command-line script, `dbupgrade -C`. This method is useful when you have many PDBs on which you want to rerun the upgrade.

In this following example, you provide an exclusion list to exclude the upgrade script from running on containers where you do not require it to run.

1. Shut down the multitenant database, start up the database in upgrade mode, and then start up the PDBs on which the upgrade did not complete. For example:

```
SQL> shutdown immediate;
      startup upgrade;
      alter pluggable database CDB1_PDB1 open upgrade;
      alter pluggable database CDB1_PDB2 open upgrade;
```

2. Show the CDB and PDB status:

```
SQL> show pdbs
```

CON_ID	CON_NAME	OPEN MODE	RESTRICTED
2	PDB\$SEED	MIGRATE	YES
3	CDB1_PDB1	MIGRATE	YES
4	CDB1_PDB2	MIGRATE	YES
5	CDB1_PDB3	MOUNTED	
6	CDB1_PDB4	MOUNTED	
7	CDB1_PDB5	MOUNTED	

3. Rerun the upgrade, excluding CDB\$ROOT and PDB\$SEED from the upgrade in a space-delimited exclusion list that you specify with single quote marks. The command example here is for Linux/UNIX systems:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/bin/dbupgrade -d $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin -l $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/log -C 'CDB$ROOT PDB$SEED'
```

The upgrade reruns, and completes on CDB1_PDB1 and CDB1_PDB2.

 **Note:**

For Windows, you must specify the `-C` option exclusion list by using with double quote marks to specify the exclusion list. For example:

```
... -C "CDB$ROOT PDB$SEED"
```

Rerun the Upgrade While Other PDBs Are Online

You can rerun PDB upgrades by using the Parallel Upgrade Utility Resume option, or by explicitly including or excluding online PDBs using with inclusion or exclusion lists.

Use these examples as a model for running upgrades on PDBs, where you want to rerun upgrades on some PDBs while other PDBs are open.

In the examples, the upgrade failed in containers CDB1_PDB1 and CDB1_PDB2, but succeeded in containers CDB1_PDB3, CDB1_PDB4, and CDB1_PDB5.

You start up CDB\$ROOT in normal mode. You find that the following containers are online: CDB1_PDB3, CDB1_PDB4, and CDB1_PDB5. You review the upgrade logs for CDB1_PDB3, CDB1_PDB4, and CDB1_PDB5 and bring these containers online.

Example 4-15 Rerunning Upgrades on PDBs Using the Resume Option

The following example shows how to complete the upgrade for CDB1_PDB1 and CDB1_PDB2 by using the Parallel Upgrade Utility Resume option. The Resume option excludes PDBs that are already upgraded:

1. Bring up CDB\$ROOT in normal mode, and open CDB1_PDB1 and CDB1_PDB2 in upgrade mode. CDB1_PDB3, CDB1_PDB4, CDB1_PDB5 are in normal mode. For example:

```
SQL> startup;
alter pluggable database CDB1_PDB1 open upgrade;
alter pluggable database CDB1_PDB2 open upgrade;
alter pluggable database cdb1_pdb3 open;
alter pluggable database cdb1_pdb4 open;
alter pluggable database cdb1_pdb5 open;
```

2. Use the SQL command `show pdbs` to show the status of PDBs. For example:

```
SQL> show pdbs
```

CON_ID	CON_NAME	OPEN MODE	RESTRICTED
2	PDB\$SEED	READ ONLY	NO
3	CDB1_PDB1	MIGRATE	YES
4	CDB1_PDB2	MIGRATE	YES
5	CDB1_PDB3	READ WRITE	NO
6	CDB1_PDB4	READ WRITE	NO
7	CDB1_PDB5	READ WRITE	NO

3. Rerun the upgrade, excluding CDB\$ROOT from the upgrade, using the Parallel Upgrade Utility command-line script `dbupgrade`.

```
cd $ORACLE_HOME/bin
./dbupgrade -d $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/ -l $ORACLE_HOME/cfgtoollogs -R
```

Because you run the upgrade using the Resume option, the Parallel Upgrade Utility checks the logs and identifies that CDB1_PDB1 and CDB1_PDB2 are the only two containers in CDB1 that are not upgraded. The upgrade script runs on just those two PDBs. The upgrade does not rerun on PDB\$SEED, CDB\$ROOT, CDB_PDB3, CDB_PDB4, and CDB_PDB5.

Example 4-16 Rerunning Upgrades on PDBs Using Exclusion Lists

The following example shows how to complete the upgrade for CDB1_PDB1 and CDB1_PDB2 by using an exclusion list to exclude the PDBs on which you do not want the upgrade script to run:

1. Bring up CDB\$ROOT in normal mode, and open CDB1_PDB1 and CDB1_PDB2 in upgrade mode. CDB1_PDB3, CDB1_PDB4, CDB1_PDB5 are in normal mode. For example:

```
SQL> startup;
alter pluggable database CDB1_PDB1 open upgrade;
alter pluggable database CDB1_PDB2 open upgrade;
alter pluggable database cdb1_pdb3 open;
alter pluggable database cdb1_pdb4 open;
alter pluggable database cdb1_pdb5 open;
```


- Use the SQL command `show pdbs` to show the status of PDBs. For example:

```
SQL> show pdbs
```

CON_ID	CON_NAME	OPEN MODE	RESTRICTED
2	PDB\$SEED	READ ONLY	NO
3	CDB1_PDB1	MIGRATE	YES
4	CDB1_PDB2	MIGRATE	YES
5	CDB1_PDB3	READ WRITE	NO
6	CDB1_PDB4	READ WRITE	NO
7	CDB1_PDB5	READ WRITE	NO

- Rerun the upgrade, excluding `CDB$ROOT` from the upgrade, using the Parallel Upgrade Utility command-line script `dbupgrade`:

```
cd $ORACLE_HOME/bin
./dbupgrade -d $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin -l $ORACLE_HOME/cfgtoollogs -R -
C 'CDB$ROOT'
```

The Parallel Upgrade Utility runs with the Resume option (`-R`), and identifies from the logs that `CDB1_PDB1` and

`CDB1_PDB2` have not completed the upgrade. Because the Parallel Upgrade Utility runs with the Exclude option (`-C`), and you specify that `CDB$ROOT` is excluded, the upgrade script is also explicitly excluded from running on `CDB$ROOT`.

For Windows, when you run the Parallel Upgrade Utility with the Exclude option (`-c`), you must specify the targets `-C` option using double quotes around the `CDB` root name and `PDB` seed name. For example:

```
. . . -C "CDB$ROOT PDB$SEED"
```

- The upgrade reruns and completes on `CDB1_PDB1` and `CDB1_PDB2`.

Rerun the Upgrade Using an Inclusion List to Specify a CDB or PDBs

Use this example as a model for rerunning an upgrade on a pluggable database (PDB) by using an inclusion list.

You can use an inclusion list to specify a list of container databases (CDBs) and PDBs where you want to re-run an upgrade, and exclude nodes not on the inclusion list. Specify the inclusion list by running the Parallel Upgrade Utility with the inclusion option (`-c`), followed by a space-delimited list designated by single quotes of the containers that you want to upgrade.

In the examples, the upgrade failed in containers `CDB1_PDB1` and `CDB1_PDB2`, but succeeded in containers `CDB1_PDB3`, `CDB1_PDB4`, and `CDB1_PDB5`. You start up `CDB$ROOT` in normal mode. You find that the following containers are online: `CDB1_PDB3`, `CDB1_PDB4`, and `CDB1_PDB5`. You review the upgrade logs for `CDB1_PDB3`, `CDB1_PDB4`, and `CDB1_PDB5`, and bring these containers online.

Example 4-17 Rerunning Upgrades on PDBs Using an Inclusion List

For example:

1. Bring up CDB\$ROOT in normal mode, and open CDB1_PDB1 and CDB1_PDB2 in upgrade mode. CDB1_PDB3, CDB1_PDB4, CDB1_PDB5 are in normal mode. For example:

```
SQL> startup;
alter pluggable database CDB1_PDB1 open upgrade;
alter pluggable database CDB1_PDB2 open upgrade;
alter pluggable database cdb1_pdb3 open;
alter pluggable database cdb1_pdb4 open;
alter pluggable database cdb1_pdb5 open;
```

2. Use the SQL command `show pdbs` to show the status of PDBs. For example:

```
SQL> show pdbs
```

CON_ID	CON_NAME	OPEN MODE	RESTRICTED
2	PDB\$SEED	READ ONLY	NO
3	CDB1_PDB1	MIGRATE	YES
4	CDB1_PDB2	MIGRATE	YES
5	CDB1_PDB3	READ WRITE	NO
6	CDB1_PDB4	READ WRITE	NO
7	CDB1_PDB5	READ WRITE	NO

3. Rerun the Parallel Upgrade Utility with the inclusion (`-c`) option, followed by a space-delimited inclusion list that you specify with single quote marks. This option runs the upgrade only on the PDBs that you list in the inclusion list.

For example:

```
cd $ORACLE_HOME/bin
./dbupgrade -d $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin -l ORACLE_HOME/cfgtoollogs -R -
c 'CDB1_PDB1 CDB1_PDB2'
```

For Windows, when you run the Parallel Upgrade Utility with the inclusion option, you must specify the `-c` option targets by using double quotes around the inclusion list. For example:

```
. . . -C "CDB1_PDB1 CDB1_PDB2"
```

4. The upgrade reruns and completes on CDB1_PDB1 and CDB1_PDB2.

Restarting the Upgrade from a Specific Phase that Failed Using `-p`

Use this option to complete an upgrade after fixing errors.

You can run the Parallel Upgrade Utility (`catctl.pl`, or the shell scripts `dbupgrade` or `dbupgrade.cmd`) with the `-p` option to rerun an upgrade and skip upgrade phases that already have run successfully. You can also rerun the upgrade on one phase to test the fix for failed phases.

To determine the phase number to restart, examine the upgrade log to identify where the first error occurred, and in what phase. You can then fix the cause of the error, and test the fix or rerun the upgrade to completion.

- [Reviewing CDB Log Files for Failed Phases](#)
Identify your log file location, and review the CDB and PDB log files.
- [Procedure for Finding and Restarting Multitenant Upgrades from a Failed Phase](#)
To restart a multitenant upgrade from a failed phase, first identify which PDB created the error and then search its appropriate log file for the error.

Reviewing CDB Log Files for Failed Phases

Identify your log file location, and review the CDB and PDB log files.

The location of the Automatic Diagnostic Repository (ADR) and the diagnostic log files created by the upgrade scripts can vary, depending on your environment variables and parameter settings.

You can set log file paths when you run the Parallel Upgrade Utility (`catctl`) by setting the `-l` option to define a log file path.

Log files for CDB\$ROOT (CDBs) can span from `catupgrd0...catupgrd7.log`. Log files for pluggable databases (PDBs) are identified by the PDB container name (`dbname`), and span from `catupgrdpdbname0...catupgrdpdbname7.log`.

Procedure for Finding and Restarting Multitenant Upgrades from a Failed Phase

To restart a multitenant upgrade from a failed phase, first identify which PDB created the error and then search its appropriate log file for the error.

To identify the PDB that caused a multitenant upgrade failure, look at the upgrade summary report, or review `catupgrd0.log`; this log contains the upgrade summary report at the end of the file.

Use this procedure to check each log file looking for errors.

1. Locate log files with errors.

For example:

Linux and Unix

```
$ grep -i 'error at line' catupgrd*.log
```

Windows

```
C:\> find /I "error at line" catupgrd*.log
```

The `grep` or `find` command displays the filenames of log files in which an error is found.

2. Check each log file that has an error and identify where the first error occurred. Use the text editor of your choice to review each log file. Search for the first occurrence of the phrase `error at line`. When you find the phrase, then search backwards from the error (reverse search) for `PHASE_TIME__START`.

For example:

```
PHASE_TIME__START 15 15-01-16 08:49:41
```

The number after `PHASE_TIME__START` is the phase number where the error has occurred. In this example, the phase number is 15.

Each log file can have an error in it. Repeat checking for the phrase `PHASE_TIME__START`, and identify the phase number with errors for each log file that contains an error, and identify the log file that contains the lowest phase number.

The log file that contains the lowest phase number is restart phase number, which is the phase number from which you restart the upgrade.

For example:

```
catupgrd0.log error occurred in phase 15:
```

```
PHASE_TIME__START 15 15-01-16 08:49:41
```

```
catupgrd1.log error occurred in phase 19:
```

```
PHASE_TIME__START 19 15-01-16 08:50:01
```

In this example, the restart phase number is 15. Ensure that you identify the first error seen in all the log files, so that you can restart the upgrade from that phase.

3. Restart the upgrade from the failed phase by changing directory to the running the Parallel Upgrade Utility (`catctl.pl`, which you can run from the command line using `dbupgrade` on Linux and Unix, and `dbupgrade.cmd` on Windows). Use the `-p` flag to indicate that you want to restart the upgrade from a phase, and provide the restart phase number. In multitenant databases, also use the `-c` flag using the syntax `-c 'PDBname'`, where `PDBname` is the name of the PDB where the failure occurred.

For example:

Non-CDB Oracle Database on a Linux or UNIX system:

```
cd $ORACLE_HOME/bin
dbupgrade -p 15
```

PDB in a multitenant Oracle Database (CDB) on a Windows system:

```
cd $ORACLE_HOME/bin
dbupgrade -p 15 -c 'PDB1'
```

In both examples, the upgrade is restarted from phase 15, identified with the `-p` flag. In the multitenant example, the PDB with the error is identified with the `-c` flag.

In these examples, the upgrade starts from phase 15 and runs to the end of the upgrade.

4. (Optional) You can also run the phase that contained an error by specifying a stop phase, using the `-P` flag. Using a stop phase allows the upgrade to just rerun that phase in which the error occurred. You can determine quickly if the error is fixed by running it on the phase with the error, without running the entire upgrade.

For example, using the Perl script Parallel Upgrade Utility command option:

```
cd $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl catctl.pl -p 15 -P 15 -c 'PDB1'
```

After you confirm that the error is fixed in the phase with the error, you can then resume the upgrade after that phase.

For example, if you have confirmed that the error in phase 15 of your multitenant database upgrade of PDB1 is fixed, then you can use the following command on Linux and Unix systems to continue the upgrade at phase 16:

```
cd $ORACLE_HOME/bin dbupgrade -p 16 -c 'PDB1'
```

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Troubleshooting the Upgrade for Oracle Database

Use these troubleshooting tips to address errors or issues that you may encounter while upgrading your database.

Also review the related links to learn about changes that affect this release, which may be related to errors you receive, and to see how to rerun the upgrade after you resolve errors.

Note:

For Replay Upgrades, refer to the separate troubleshooting steps specific to Replay Upgrade errors.

- [Error Upgrading Non-CDB Oracle Databases](#)
If you attempt to upgrade a non-CDB Oracle Database release, you receive the error `ORA-01722: invalid number`.
- [About Starting Oracle Database in Upgrade Mode](#)
When you start Oracle Database in upgrade mode, you can only run queries on fixed views. If you attempt to run other views or PL/SQL, then you receive errors.
- [Running DBUA with Different ORACLE_HOME Owner](#)
Review this topic if your Oracle Database homes are owned by different operating system user accounts, or you encounter an `upgrade.xml not found` error.
- [Invalid Object Warnings and DBA Registry Errors](#)
Before you start your upgrade, Oracle strongly recommends that you run the preupgrade information tool (`preupgrd.jar`).
- [Invalid Objects and Premature Use of Postupgrade Tool](#)
Never run the postupgrade status tool for the new Oracle Database release (`utlusts.sql`) until after you complete the upgrade.
- [Resolving Oracle Database Upgrade Script Termination Errors](#)
Review this section if you encounter `ORA-00942`, `ORA-00904`, or `ORA-01722` errors.
- [Troubleshooting Causes of Resource Limits Errors while Upgrading Oracle Database](#)
Review this section if you encounter `ORA-01650`, `ORA-01651`, `ORA-01652`, `ORA-01653`, `ORA-01654`, `ORA-01655`, `ORA-0431`, `ORA-01562`, `ORA-19815`, or other errors that suggest resource limit errors.
- [Resolving SQL*Plus Edition Session Startup Error for Oracle Database](#)
Use this section to understand and resolve `SP2-1540: "Oracle Database cannot startup in an Edition session."`

- [Error ORA-00020 Maximum Number of Processes Exceeded When Running utlrlp.sql](#)
This error may indicate that your Oracle configuration does not have sufficient number of processes available for the recompile.
- [Fixing ORA-28365: Wallet Is Not Open Error](#)
If you use Oracle wallet with Transparent Data Encryption (TDE), and you use Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA) to upgrade the database, then you can encounter an ORA-28365 "wallet is not open" error.
- [Resolving issues with view CDB_JAVA_POLICY](#)
If the view CDB_JAVA_POLICY becomes invalid, then use this procedure.
- [Continuing Upgrades After Server Restarts \(ADVM/ACFS Driver Error\)](#)
On Windows platforms, an error may occur related to ADVM or ACFS drivers if a server restarts during an upgrade.
- [Component Status and Upgrades](#)
Component status settings are affected both by the components that you previously installed, and by the support of those components for upgrades.
- [Standard Edition Starter Database and Components with Status OPTION OFF](#)
Starting in Oracle Database 18c (18.1), all `OPTION OFF` components are upgraded to the new release, but these options are disabled for Oracle Database Standard Edition (SE) remain `OPTION OFF`.
- [Adjusting Oracle ASM Password File Location After Upgrade](#)
You must create a new password file for Oracle ASM after an Oracle Grid Infrastructure upgrade.
- [Fixing "Warning XDB Now Invalid" Errors with Pluggable Database Upgrades](#)
Review this topic if you encounter "Warning: XDB now invalid, invalid objects found" errors when upgrading pluggable databases (PDBs).
- [Fixing ORA-27248: sys.dra_reevaluate_open_failures is running](#)
Use this procedure to identify `DRA_REEVALUATE_OPEN_FAILURES` jobs that block upgrades.
- [Fixing ORA-22288: File or LOB Operation FILEOPEN Failed Soft Link in Path](#)
ORA-22288 occurs when symbolic links are in directory object paths or filenames when opening BFILES.
- [Fixing Oracle Database Enterprise User Security, OLS-OID, and Provisioning Profile Error](#)
Review to understand ORA-16000: database open for read-only access errors.
- [Fixing 32K Migration Error with utl32k.sql and MAX_STRING_SIZE](#)
Use this procedure to fix ORA-01722: `invalid number` upgrade errors.
- [Recovering from a CRS Shutdown and Oracle ASM Losing Rolling Migration](#)
A Cluster Ready Services (CRS) shutdown on all cluster member nodes can place the cluster in a heterogeneous state. Use this procedure to recover from that problem.
- [Data Type Versioning Can Cause Cross-Version Replication \(ORA-26656\)](#)
Review the user-defined object types affected by versioning.
- [Referenced Symbol Count is Undefined Error libclntsh.so.11.1](#)
Review this topic if you encounter errors that reference `libclntsh.so.11.1` with "referenced symbol count is undefined", "cannot open shared object file", or similar errors.

- [Resolving Timestamp Errors Due to ISO 8601 Timestamps](#)
Review this topic if you encounter timestamp errors with applications after upgrading to Oracle Database 12c, 18c, or later releases.
- [Fixing Failed Upgrades Where Only Datapatch Fails](#)
If only datapatch fails during an upgrade, then rerun datapatch directly.
- [Error "Timezone Datafiles May Not Be Downgraded To a Lower Version"](#)
You encounter a time zone error that prohibits the upgrade if the daylight savings time (DST) version in the database you are upgrading is newer than the DST in the database release to which you are upgrading.
- [Fixing Failures to Complete Registration of Listeners with DBUA](#)
On the Database Upgrade Assistant Progress step, a window appears with this warning: "Unable to create database entry in the directory service. No Listeners configured."

Related Topics

- [Rerunning Upgrades for Oracle Database](#)
Use these options to rerun upgrades.

Error Upgrading Non-CDB Oracle Databases

If you attempt to upgrade a non-CDB Oracle Database release, you receive the error `ORA-01722: invalid number`.

Starting with Oracle Database 20c, you must use the multitenant architecture for Oracle Database upgrades. When you attempt to upgrade a non-CDB Oracle Database release to Oracle Database 20c, and do not upgrade to a multitenant architecture, you receive the following error:

```
SELECT TO_NUMBER('UPGRADE OF A NON-CDB TO TARGET RELEASE IS NOT  
SUPPORTED') * ERROR at line 1: ORA-01722: invalid number
```

To resolve this issue, use one of the Non-CDB to CDB upgrade methods, so that you upgrade to a multitenant architecture.

About Starting Oracle Database in Upgrade Mode

When you start Oracle Database in upgrade mode, you can only run queries on fixed views. If you attempt to run other views or PL/SQL, then you receive errors.

When the database is started in upgrade mode, only queries on fixed views execute without errors. This restriction applies until you either run the Parallel Upgrade Utility (`catctl.pl`) directly, or indirectly by using the `dbupgrade` script). Before running an upgrade script, using PL/SQL on any other view, or running queries on any other view returns an error. If you receive any of the errors described in this section, then issue the `SHUTDOWN ABORT` command to shut down the database, and then correct the problem.

The following list of errors can occur when you attempt to start the new Oracle Database release. Some of these errors write to the alert log, and not to your session.

- `ORA-00401: the value for parameter compatible is not supported by this release`

The COMPATIBLE initialization parameter is set to a value less than 11.2.0.

- ORA-39701: database must be mounted EXCLUSIVE for UPGRADE or DOWNGRADE

The CLUSTER_DATABASE initialization parameter is set to TRUE instead of FALSE.

- ORA-39700: database must be opened with UPGRADE option

The STARTUP command was issued without the UPGRADE keyword.

- Ora-00704: bootstrap failure

The path variable can be pointing to the earlier release Oracle home.

- ORA-00336: log file size xxxx blocks is less than minimum 8192 blocks

A redo log file size is less than 4 MB.

If errors appear listing desupported initialization parameters, then make a note of the desupported initialization parameters, and continue with the upgrade. Remove the desupported initialization parameters the next time you shut down the database.

Related Topics

- <https://support.oracle.com/rs?type=doc&id=1349722.1>

Running DBUA with Different ORACLE_HOME Owner

Review this topic if your Oracle Database homes are owned by different operating system user accounts, or you encounter an `upgrade.xml not found` error.

DBUA upgrades by default assume that both the source Oracle home and the target Oracle home are owned by the same user. If each Oracle home is not owned by the same user, then you must change to database file permissions and pass additional parameters to DBUA. If you do not do this, then during upgrade, the DBUA Prerequisite Checks page reports `upgrade.xml not found` errors. You are not permitted to proceed with the upgrade until this error is corrected.

- All Oracle Database installation owners should have the group that you designate as the `OINSTALL` group (or Oracle Inventory group) as their primary group. Ensure all database files (data files, the redo file, control files, archive log destination, recovery area, SPFILE, and password file) are readable and writable by both the new target release and the source (earlier) release binary owners. If this is not the case, then confirm that each installation owner has the same group as their primary group, and ensure that members of the `OINSTALL` group have read/write access to all of the earlier release and later release Oracle Database files and directories.
- Run DBUA by specifying the `-logdir` command line option, and provide a directory to which both the new release and earlier release binary owners can write. For example: `/tmp`. DBUA uses the directory you designate with the `logdir` parameter to store the output from the Pre-upgrade Information Tool, and to store any DBUA log files generated during the upgrade. You run the Pre-Upgrade Information tool from the earlier release Oracle Database instance as the earlier release Oracle Database installation owner user account.

For example:

```
dbua -logdir /tmp
```

Invalid Object Warnings and DBA Registry Errors

Before you start your upgrade, Oracle strongly recommends that you run the preupgrade information tool (`preupgrd.jar`).

The preupgrade information tool identifies invalid SYS and SYSTEM objects, as well as other invalid objects. Use `utlrp.sql` to recompile invalid objects. If you fail to do this before an upgrade, then it becomes difficult to determine which objects in your system were invalid before starting the upgrade, and which objects become invalid as a result of the upgrade.

Related Topics

- [Using the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool for Oracle Database](#)

Invalid Objects and Premature Use of Postupgrade Tool

Never run the postupgrade status tool for the new Oracle Database release (`utlsts.sql`) until after you complete the upgrade.

Oracle recommends that you run the postupgrade status tool only after the upgrade process is complete, and after you have run `utlrp.sql`. If the postupgrade status tool is run before you run `@utlrp.sql`, then the output of tool may not display the accurate final component status value. If the tool is run before running `utlrp.sql`, then the component status values may not properly reflect the final state. You can only determine the final component state after running `utlrp.sql`.

Resolving Oracle Database Upgrade Script Termination Errors

Review this section if you encounter ORA-00942, ORA-00904, or ORA-01722 errors.

If you do not run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool before starting the upgrade, then the `catctl.pl` and `catupgrd.sql` scripts terminate with errors as follows:

```
ORA-00942: table or view does not exist
ORA-00904: "TZ_VERSION": invalid identifier
ORA-01722: invalid number
```

If you receive any of these errors, then complete the following procedure:

1. Enter a `SHUTDOWN ABORT` command, and wait for the command to complete running.
2. Revert to the original Oracle home directory
3. Run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool.

Related Topics

- [Pre-Upgrade Information Tool for Oracle Database](#)
Review these topics to understand and to use the Pre-Upgrade information tool (`preupgrade.jar`).

Troubleshooting Causes of Resource Limits Errors while Upgrading Oracle Database

Review this section if you encounter ORA-01650, ORA-01651, ORA-01652, ORA-01653, ORA-01654, ORA-01655, ORA-0431, ORA-01562, ORA-19815, or other errors that suggest resource limit errors.

If you run out of resources during an upgrade, then increase the resource allocation. After increasing the resource allocation, shut down the instance with `SHUTDOWN ABORT`, and restart the instance in `UPGRADE` mode before re-running the `catupgrd.sql` script. If you run the upgrade using the Parallel Upgrade Utility (`catctl.pl`), then to automatically resume the upgrade from the point of failure, run the utility with the `-R` option. After you fix issues, AutoUpgrade automatically resumes upgrades.

The resources that generally require increases for a new Oracle Database release are as follows:

- `SYSTEM` and `SYSAUX` tablespaces

If your `SYSTEM` tablespace size is insufficient, then typically you receive the following error message:

```
ORA-01650: unable to extend rollback segment string by string in
tablespace string
ORA-01651: unable to extend save undo segment by string for tablespace
string
ORA-01652: unable to extend temp segment by string in tablespace string
ORA-01653: unable to extend table string.string by string in tablespace
string
ORA-01654: unable to extend index string.string by string in tablespace
string
ORA-01655: unable to extend cluster string.string by string in
tablespace string
```

To avoid these errors, set `AUTOEXTEND ON MAXSIZE UNLIMITED` for the `SYSTEM` and `SYSAUX` tablespaces.

- Shared memory

In some cases, you may require larger shared memory pool sizes. The error message indicates which shared memory initialization parameter you must increase, in the following format:

```
ORA-04031: unable to allocate string bytes of shared memory
(string, string, string, string)
```

See Also:

Oracle Database Administrator's Guide for information about using manual shared memory management

- Rollback segments/undo tablespace

If you are using rollback segments, then you must have a single large (100 MB) PUBLIC rollback segment online while the upgrade scripts are being run. Smaller public rollback segments should be taken offline during the upgrade. If your rollback segment size is insufficient, then typically you encounter the following error:

```
ORA-01562: failed to extend rollback segment number string
```

If you are using an undo tablespace, then be sure it is at least 400 MB.

- Fast Recovery Area

If you are using a Fast Recovery Area and it fills up during the upgrade, then the following error appears in the alert log, followed by suggestions for recovering from the problem:

```
ORA-19815: WARNING: db_recovery_file_dest_size of string bytes is 98.99%  
used, and has string remaining bytes available.
```

Identify the root cause of the problem, and take appropriate actions to proceed with the upgrade. To avoid issues during the upgrade, increase the amount of space available in your Fast Recovery Area before starting the upgrade.

Resolving SQL*Plus Edition Session Startup Error for Oracle Database

Use this section to understand and resolve SP2-1540: "Oracle Database cannot startup in an Edition session."

If an upgrade script or a command running in SQL*Plus set the EDITION parameter, then Oracle Database cannot start properly afterward. When you attempt to start the database, you receive the following error:

```
SP2-1540: "Oracle Database cannot startup in an Edition session"
```

To avoid this problem, after running `catupgrd.sql` or any SQL*Plus session where this parameter is changed, exit the SQL*Plus session and restart the instance in a different session.

Error ORA-00020 Maximum Number of Processes Exceeded When Running utlrp.sql

This error may indicate that your Oracle configuration does not have sufficient number of processes available for the recompile.

Refer to Oracle documentation for more details about setting the PROCESSES parameter.



See Also:

Oracle Database Reference

Fixing ORA-28365: Wallet Is Not Open Error

If you use Oracle wallet with Transparent Data Encryption (TDE), and you use Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA) to upgrade the database, then you can encounter an ORA-28365 "wallet is not open" error.

To avoid this problem, complete the following tasks before upgrading:

1. Log in as an authorized user.
2. Manually copy the `sqlnet.ora` file, and the wallet file, `ewallet.p12`, to the new release Oracle home.
3. Open the Oracle wallet in mount.

For example:

```
SQL> STARTUP MOUNT;  
SQL> ALTER SYSTEM SET ENCRYPTION WALLET OPEN
```

4. Start the upgrade as usual.

Resolving issues with view CDB_JAVA_POLICY

If the view `CDB_JAVA_POLICY` becomes invalid, then use this procedure.

After an upgrade to Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2) and later releases, or a downgrade from release 12.2 or later releases to 12.1, you can encounter issues with the `CDB_JAVA_POLICY` view. `CDB_JAVA_POLICY` can become invalid, or it can encounter errors when you use it in a manner that normally works. If this happens, then connect as `SYS`, and run the following commands.

Non-CDBs:

```
alter session set "_ORACLE_SCRIPT"=true;  
  
exec  
CDBView.create_cdbview(false, 'SYS', 'dba_java_policy', 'CDB_java_policy');  
  
grant select on SYS.CDB_java_policy to select_catalog_role  
/  
create or replace public synonym CDB_java_policy for SYS.CDB_java_policy  
/
```

Multitenant architecture systems:

Run these same commands, but run them first in `CDB$ROOT`, and then in other containers in the CDB.

Continuing Upgrades After Server Restarts (ADVM/ACFS Driver Error)

On Windows platforms, an error may occur related to ADVM or ACFS drivers if a server restarts during an upgrade.

If a server restarts during the upgrade, then you may see one of the following error messages:

```
ACFS-9427: Failed to unload ADVM/ACFS drivers. A system reboot is recommended
```

```
ACFS-9428 Failed to load ADVM/ACFS drivers. A system reboot is recommended.
```

- **Cause**
The ADVM and ACFS drivers are still in use. You must restart the system to start the new drivers.
- **Action**
Complete the steps as described in the following procedures.

For nodes other than the first node (the node on which the upgrade is started):

1. Restart the node where the error occurs.
2. Run the root script on that node again.

For first nodes (the node on which the upgrade is started):

1. Complete the upgrade of all other nodes in the cluster.
2. Restart the first node.
3. Run the root script on the first node again.
4. To complete the upgrade, log in as root, and run the script `configToolAllCommands`, located in the path `Grid_home/cfgtoollogs/configToolAllCommands`.

See Also:

Oracle Grid Infrastructure Installation Guide for your operating system for more information about troubleshooting upgrade issues for clusters

Component Status and Upgrades

Component status settings are affected both by the components that you previously installed, and by the support of those components for upgrades.

Topics:

- [Understanding Component Status With the Post-Upgrade Status Tool](#)
The Post-Upgrade Status tool, `utlusts.sql`, reports database component status after an upgrade is completed.
- [Component OPTION OFF Status and Upgrades](#)
The upgrade status of `OPTION OFF` components is affected both by the support in the target release for a component, and if a component must be upgraded as part of an upgrade.
- [Example of an Upgrade Summary Report](#)
Upgrade summary reports provide information about the upgrade status of components.

Understanding Component Status With the Post-Upgrade Status Tool

The Post-Upgrade Status tool, `utlusts.sql`, reports database component status after an upgrade is completed.

You can run the Post-Upgrade Status Tool `utlusts.sql` anytime after upgrade, post-upgrade, or after recompiling invalid objects with `utlrbp.sql`.

The following list briefly describes the status values that the Post-Upgrade Status tool reports:

- `INVALID`
When the upgrade completed, some objects for the component remained in an invalid state. If you find no errors in the log file for component upgrades then run the script `utlrbp.sql`. Running this script may change the status of invalid components to `VALID` without rerunning the entire upgrade. Check the `DBA_REGISTRY` view after running `utlrbp.sql`.
- `VALID`
The component is valid with no errors.
- `LOADING`
The component is loading
- `LOADED`
The component has successfully finished loading.
- `UPGRADING`
The component is in process being upgraded.
- `UPGRADED`
The component has completed upgrading with no errors.
- `DOWNGRADING`
The component is in process being downgraded.
- `DOWNGRADED`
The component has completed downgrading with no errors.
- `REMOVING`
The component is in process being removed.
- `REMOVED`

The component was not upgraded because it was removed from the database.

- `OPTION OFF`

The server option required for the component was not installed or was not linked with the server. Check the `V$OPTION` view and the install logs. Install the component or relink the server with the required option, and then re-run the Parallel Upgrade Utility.

- `NO SCRIPT`

The component upgrade script was not found in `$ORACLE_HOME`. Check the install logs, install the component software, and then re-run the Parallel Upgrade Utility.

 **Note:**

You can run the Parallel Upgrade Utility (`catctl.pl` using the command-line scripts `dbupgrade`, on all supported platforms).

Component `OPTION OFF` Status and Upgrades

The upgrade status of `OPTION OFF` components is affected both by the support in the target release for a component, and if a component must be upgraded as part of an upgrade.

There are three cases where `OPTION OFF` components are upgraded, or are not upgraded.

Unsupported Components With Status `OPTION OFF`

If there is a component in the database that is in the status `OPTION OFF`, and that component is no longer supported for database upgrades to the target release, then this component is not upgraded. After the upgrade, its version and status remain unchanged.

Supported Components With Status `OPTION OFF`

If there is a component in the database that is in the status `OPTION OFF`, but that component is supported for database upgrades to the target release, then this component is upgraded. After the upgrade, the component's version matches the target release version. The status for this component is either `UPGRADED` (a successful upgrade), or `INVALID` (errors). Rerun the upgrade as needed, until all the upgraded components have a status of `UPGRADED`. Then run `utlrp.sql`. If a component was in the status `OPTION OFF` before the upgrade, then after it is upgraded, and its compile and validation is successful, its status reverts back to `OPTION OFF`.

Supported Components With Required Options That Must Be Upgraded

All components with required options must be upgraded. These components are:

- `RAC`
- `SDO`
- `APS`
- `XOQ`

Components that must be upgraded follow the same procedure for upgrades as for standard supported components with status `OPTION OFF`

Example of an Upgrade Summary Report

Upgrade summary reports provide information about the upgrade status of components.

After the upgrade completes, the upgrade utility script `utlustrs.sql` displays an upgrade report.

Example of an Upgrade Summary Report

```
Oracle Database Release 20 Post-Upgrade Status Tool    12-04-2019 08:18:1
Container Database: AIME1
[CON_ID: 1 => CDB$ROOT]
```

Component Time Name	Current Status	Full Version	Elapsed HH:MM:SS
Oracle Server	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:22:08
JServer JAVA Virtual Machine	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:09:35
Oracle XDK	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:01:36
Oracle Database Java Packages	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:00:14
OLAP Analytic Workspace	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:00:44
Oracle Label Security	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:00:17
Oracle Database Vault	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:01:20
Oracle Text	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:01:21
Oracle Workspace Manager	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:01:20
Oracle Real Application Clusters	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:00:06
Oracle XML Database	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:03:08
Oracle Multimedia	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:01:33
Spatial	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:07:51
Oracle OLAP API	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:00:12
Oracle Locator	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:00:00
Datapatch			00:00:23
Final Actions			00:00:43
Post Upgrade			00:00:17

```
Total Upgrade Time: 00:48:56 [CON_ID: 1 => CDB$ROOT]
```

Database time zone version is 31. It is older than current release time zone version 34. Time zone upgrade is needed using the `DBMS_DST` package.

```
Oracle Database Release 20 Post-Upgrade Status Tool    12-04-2019 09:12:4
Container Database: AIME1
[CON_ID: 3 => CDB1_PDB1]
```

Component Time Name	Current Status	Full Version	Elapsed HH:MM:SS
Oracle Server	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:31:00

JServer JAVA Virtual Machine	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:04:25
Oracle XDK	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:01:38
Oracle Database Java Packages	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:00:13
OLAP Analytic Workspace	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:01:03
Oracle Label Security	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:00:11
Oracle Database Vault	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:01:38
Oracle Text	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:00:34
Oracle Workspace Manager	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:00:53
Oracle Real Application Clusters	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:00:00
Oracle XML Database	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:03:04
Oracle Multimedia	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:01:15
Spatial	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:06:48
Oracle OLAP API	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:00:18
Oracle Locator	UPGRADED	20.1.0.0.0	00:00:00
Datapatch			00:00:23
Final Actions			00:00:44
Post Upgrade			00:00:20

Total Upgrade Time: 00:51:12 [CON_ID: 3 => CDB1_PDB1]

Database time zone version is 31. It is older than current release time zone version 34. Time zone upgrade is needed using the DBMS_DST package.

Oracle Database Release 20 Post-Upgrade Status Tool 12-04-2019 09:20:0
Container Database: AIME1
[CON_ID: 2 => PDB\$SEED]

Component Time Name	Current Status	Full Version	Elapsed HH:MM:SS
Oracle Server	VALID	20.1.0.0.0	00:30:56
JServer JAVA Virtual Machine	VALID	20.1.0.0.0	00:04:29
Oracle XDK	VALID	20.1.0.0.0	00:01:38
Oracle Database Java Packages	VALID	20.1.0.0.0	00:00:12
OLAP Analytic Workspace	VALID	20.1.0.0.0	00:00:55
Oracle Label Security	VALID	20.1.0.0.0	00:00:14
Oracle Database Vault	VALID	20.1.0.0.0	00:01:41
Oracle Text	VALID	20.1.0.0.0	00:00:40
Oracle Workspace Manager	VALID	20.1.0.0.0	00:00:53
Oracle Real Application Clusters	OPTION OFF	20.1.0.0.0	00:00:00
Oracle XML Database	VALID	20.1.0.0.0	00:03:04
Oracle Multimedia	VALID	20.1.0.0.0	00:01:15
Spatial	VALID	20.1.0.0.0	00:06:49
Oracle OLAP API	VALID	20.1.0.0.0	00:00:19
Oracle Locator	VALID	20.1.0.0.0	00:00:00
Datapatch			00:00:25
Final Actions			00:00:45
Post Upgrade			00:00:21
Post Compile			00:07:11

Total Upgrade Time: 00:58:24 [CON_ID: 2 => PDB\$SEED *]

Asterisks denotes compilation time has been included during the upgrade process.

Database time zone version is 31. It is older than current release time zone version 34. Time zone upgrade is needed using the `DBMS_DST` package.

Upgrade Times Sorted In Descending Order

```
Total Upgrade Time: 00:58:24 [CON_ID: 2 => PDB$SEED * ]
Total Upgrade Time: 00:51:12 [CON_ID: 3 => CDB1_PDB1]
Total Upgrade Time: 00:48:56 [CON_ID: 1 => CDB$ROOT]
Grand Total Upgrade Time:    [0d:1h:53m:17s]
```

Standard Edition Starter Database and Components with Status `OPTION OFF`

Starting in Oracle Database 18c (18.1), all `OPTION OFF` components are upgraded to the new release, but these options are disabled for Oracle Database Standard Edition (SE) remain `OPTION OFF`.

When you upgrade Oracle Database Standard Edition (SE) starter databases, the components that are not included with starter databases are turned on and upgraded. When `utlrp.sql` is run, options that are not turned on with your server and not included with SE are reset to `OPTION OFF` in the `DBA_REGISTRY` view.

Adjusting Oracle ASM Password File Location After Upgrade

You must create a new password file for Oracle ASM after an Oracle Grid Infrastructure upgrade.

The Oracle ASM password file location is not shown in the command output when you run `srvctl config asm` after a Grid Infrastructure upgrade. The location of the password file is not automatically passed to the new Oracle ASM disk group. To enable `SRVCTL` to have the password file location after upgrade, you must advance the `diskgroup compatibility` setting and create a `PWFILE` in the disk group. Then `SRVCTL` reports the configured location of the shared `PWFILE`.

See Also:

Oracle Automatic Storage Management Administrator's Guide for information about managing shared password files in disk groups

Fixing "Warning XDB Now Invalid" Errors with Pluggable Database Upgrades

Review this topic if you encounter "Warning: XDB now invalid, invalid objects found" errors when upgrading pluggable databases (PDBs).

You can encounter XML object errors when you plug an Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1) pluggable database (PDB) into an Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2) or later release multitenant container database (CDB).

Common objects (objects with `sharing='METADATA LINK'` in `dba_objects`) are created by registering system-generated names in an object-relational XML schema. Those common types are created by registering some ORDSYS schemas with object-relational storage.

The names of these common objects are system-generated, and the names generated in release 12.1 can be different from the names used for these objects in release 12.2 and later releases. Because of these possible name changes, you can find that the release 12.1 object types do not have matching common types in the release 12.2 or later release CDB root.

Resolve this issue using the following procedure:

1. Query the view `PDB_PLUG_IN_VIOLATIONS` in the target CDB root to see if there is any action containing `'GetTypeDDL'`

If you find `'GetTypeDDL'` actions, then the upgraded PDB has the common objects issue.
2. Run the PL/SQL packages `SET SERVEROUTPUT ON` and `exec xdb.DBMS_XMLSTORAGE_MANAGE.GetTypeDDL` in the target PDB to generate a user-named SQL script (for example, `script1.sql`).
3. Run the script you created in step 2 (for example, `script1.sql` in the source 12.1 CDB to obtain the type creation script for each of the common types for which you are encountering errors
4. Generate another user-named SQL script (for example, `script2.sql`) that contains these creation scripts.
5. Run the script that you created on the source 12.1 CDB (for example, `script2.sql`) in the target PDB.

The script that you generate from the release 12.1 source CDB type creation scripts generates all of these objects in the target PDB. Making these common objects available in the target PDB should eliminate the invalid XDB errors.

Fixing ORA-27248: sys.dra_reevaluate_open_failures is running

Use this procedure to identify `DRA_REEVALUATE_OPEN_FAILURES` jobs that block upgrades.

During an upgrade, if DBUA fails with the error ORA-27248:

`sys.dra_reevaluate_open_failures` is running, then the job `DRA_REEVALUATE_OPEN_FAILURES` is running, which causes upgrade failures. Ensure that the job is stopped before continuing the upgrade.

In a job definition, if `ALLOW_RUNS_IN_RESTRICTED_MODE` is set to `TRUE`, and the job owner is permitted to log in during restricted mode, then that job is permitted to run when the database is in restricted or upgrade mode. The default setting for this parameter is `FALSE`.

Use the following query to see the state of any running jobs:

```
SQL> select OBJECT_NAME, Owner, OBJECT_TYPE from dba_objects where object_name like '%DRA_REEVA%';
```

Fixing ORA-22288: File or LOB Operation FILEOPEN Failed Soft Link in Path

ORA-22288 occurs when symbolic links are in directory object paths or filenames when opening BFILES.

When you create a directory object or BFILE objects, you must meet the following conditions.

- The operating system file must not be a symbolic or hard link.
- The operating system directory path named in the Oracle DIRECTORY object must be an existing operating system directory path.
- The operating system directory path named in the Oracle DIRECTORY object should not contain any symbolic links in its components.

When a BFILE is opened, the entire directory path and filename is checked. If any symbolic link is found, then you receive the following error.

```
ORA-22288: file or LOB operation FILEOPEN failed soft link in path
```

To resolve this error, remove symbolic links, and comply with other requirements for creating BFILES.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide*

Fixing Oracle Database Enterprise User Security, OLS-OID, and Provisioning Profile Error

Review to understand ORA-16000: database open for read-only access errors.

After upgrading databases that use OLS and a standby database, you may see ORA-16000 (database open for read-only access). After switchover, update the Provisioning profile with the connect information of the new primary. If you do not update the Provisioning profile, then the policies continue to be propagated to the new standby (old primary) and the database continues to fail with ORA-16000 errors.

 **See Also:**

Oracle Database Enterprise User Security Administrator's Guide for information about the additional steps required for upgrading Oracle Database from release 10g (10.1) and higher to Oracle Database 12c

Fixing 32K Migration Error with utl32k.sql and MAX_STRING_SIZE

Use this procedure to fix `ORA-01722: invalid number` upgrade errors.

If the initialization parameter `MAX_STRING_SIZE` is set to `EXTENDED`, but the 32K migration that the `utl32k.sql` script carries out is not completed, then the database upgrade fails with the following error:

```
SELECT TO_NUMBER(' 32K_MIGRATION_NOT_COMPLETED' )
      *
ERROR at line 1:
ORA-01722: invalid number
```

The database upgrade does not automatically run the `utl32k.sql` script, and does not perform the 32K migration.

Complete the upgrade and the 32K migration by using this manual procedure:

1. Reset the initialization parameter `MAX_STRING_SIZE` to `STANDARD`.
2. Restart the database in `UPGRADE` mode.
3. Rerun the upgrade using the manual procedure.
4. After the database is upgraded, set the initialization parameter `MAX_STRING_SIZE` to `EXTENDED`.
5. Restart the database in `UPGRADE` mode.
6. Run the SQL script `./rdbms/admin/utl32k.sql`.

After you run the `utl32k.sql` script, the upgraded database completes the 32K migration and supports the `EXTENDED` parameter.

Recovering from a CRS Shutdown and Oracle ASM Losing Rolling Migration

A Cluster Ready Services (CRS) shutdown on all cluster member nodes can place the cluster in a heterogeneous state. Use this procedure to recover from that problem.

Oracle Automatic Storage Management (Oracle ASM) loses the rolling migration state if CRS shuts down on all nodes. This CRS shutdown can create a heterogeneous state, so that you cannot restart all cluster member nodes. You cannot start two nodes of different versions in the cluster. If you attempt to start nodes running different

versions of Oracle ASM, then one of the sets of heterogeneous nodes running Oracle ASM nodes fails, generating either ORA-15153 or ORA-15163 error messages.

Consider the following scenario of four nodes (node1, node2, node3, and node4) that are at Oracle Database release 11.2.0.2 and being upgraded to release 12.1.0.2.

- Node1 and node2 are upgraded to 12.1.0.2 and running.
- Node3 and node 4 are still at 11.2.0.2 and running.
- Now consider that there is an outage where all CRS stacks are down, which leaves the cluster in a heterogeneous state (that is, two nodes at 11.2.0.2 and two nodes at 12.1.0.2).

Using this scenario as an example, complete the following procedure:

1. Restart only the nodes that are in the earlier release. In this scenario, start the nodes in release 11.2.0.2 (node3 or node4, or both).
2. run the following SQL command on the Oracle ASM instance on node3 or node4 before starting any 12.1.0.2 node:

```
ALTER SYSTEM START ROLLING MIGRATION TO '12.1.0.2'
```

3. Continue the documented upgrade procedure from the point of failure.

Data Type Versioning Can Cause Cross-Version Replication (ORA-26656)

Review the user-defined object types affected by versioning.

Release 12.1.0.2 introduces versioning of data types that can be attributes of Oracle object types (reference Bug 18897657). Because of this feature, cross-version replication between release 12.1.0.1 and release 12.1.0.2 databases can be affected, which results in ORA-26656 errors.

If any user-defined object types contain attributes of DATE, TIMESTAMP, TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE, TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE, BINARY_FLOAT, BINARY_DOUBLE, NCHAR, NVARCHAR2, NCLOB, ANYDATA, and similar objects, then you must apply the mandatory Patch Set Update 18038108 to all release 12.1.0.1 instances.

Referenced Symbol Count is Undefined Error libclntsh.so.11.1

Review this topic if you encounter errors that reference libclntsh.so.11.1 with "referenced symbol count is undefined", "cannot open shared object file", or similar errors.

During an upgrade to Oracle Database 12c or 18c, client applications linked against the libclntsh.so.11.1 file may fail to run on Oracle Solaris, HP-UX Itanium or IBM AIX platforms. In that event, you see error messages similar to the following:

```
referenced symbol count is undefined
```

Workaround

Relink affected client applications against the new `libclntsh.so.12.2` for Oracle Database 12c, or `libclntssh.so.18.1` file for Oracle Database 18c.

Resolving Timestamp Errors Due to ISO 8601 Timestamps

Review this topic if you encounter timestamp errors with applications after upgrading to Oracle Database 12c, 18c, or later releases.

ISO 8601 is an international standard for exchanging date and time-related data, established by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC). The purpose of this standard is to provide a common international standard for representing dates and times, to avoid misinterpretation of dates and times with data used between countries using different conventions for writing numeric dates and times. For example:

```
2015-09-23T19:25:25.123456+00:00
```

Oracle recommends that you use this standard.

By default, the initialization parameter `UNIFORM_LOG_TIMESTAMP_FORMAT` is set to `TRUE`. If using the ISO 8601 standard causes scripts to break, then you can set `UNIFORM_LOG_TIMESTAMP_FORMAT` to `FALSE` to cause the Oracle Database 12.2 release or later releases to revert to the timestamp format used in Oracle Database 12.1. After you change the initialization parameter, fix your scripts so that they can use ISO 8601 timestamps. When your scripts can use the ISO 8601 standard, change the parameter back to the default value of `TRUE`.

Fixing Failed Upgrades Where Only Datapatch Fails

If only datapatch fails during an upgrade, then rerun datapatch directly.

The Datapatch script, `datapatch.pl`, is a PERL script. In some patching operations, the final post-upgrade patches may not run, due to errors such as `ORA-20001`. If only the Datapatch script fails, then you do not need to run the upgrade again to fix this issue. Instead, run `datapatch.pl` directly.

To fix a failed datapatch, log in as the Oracle user, and complete this procedure:

1. Change directory to `OPatch` inside the upgraded Oracle home.

```
$ cd $ORACLE_HOME/OPatch
```

2. Run the datapatch command.

```
$ ./datapatch -verbose
```


Error "Timezone Datafiles May Not Be Downgraded To a Lower Version"

You encounter a time zone error that prohibits the upgrade if the daylight savings time (DST) version in the database you are upgrading is newer than the DST in the database release to which you are upgrading.

Scenario: You run Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA) to upgrade from an earlier release Oracle Database to a later release Oracle Database, and encounter the following error:

```
SEVERE: Timezone datafiles may not be downgraded to a lower version as a result of an Oracle Database upgrade.
```

This error occurs if you upgrade from an earlier Oracle Database release to a later Oracle Database release, and your earlier release Oracle Database Oracle home has a more recent DST patch than the new upgrade Oracle Database Oracle home. In the log file, `preupgrade.log`, you are instructed to patch the new Oracle Database Oracle home with the updated DST patch from the old Oracle home. For example:

```
+ Patch the new 12.2.0.1.0 $ORACLE_HOME/oracore/zoneinfo/ with the version 29 time zone data file from the 12.1.0.2.0 $ORACLE_HOME/oracore/zoneinfo/.
```

The database is using a time zone file version that is newer than the version shipped with the 12.2.0.1.0 release.

Timezone datafiles may not be downgraded to a lower version as a result of an Oracle Database upgrade.

However, this error can persist, even if you patch the new Oracle home to the same version as the earlier release Oracle Database Oracle home.

Workaround:

If you continue to encounter this error after patching the new Oracle home with the current time zone file, then run Oracle Database Upgrade Assistant with the flag `-ignorePreReqs true` flag. Running the assistant with this

```
$ dbua -sid mydb -oracleHome /u02/product/12.2.0/dbhome_1/ -ignorePreReqs - true
```

▲ Caution:

Only use this workaround of turning off prerequisite checks for this specific scenario. Ignoring valid failed checks that report timezone version errors between Oracle homes results in upgrade failures.

Fixing Failures to Complete Registration of Listeners with DBUA

On the Database Upgrade Assistant Progress step, a window appears with this warning: "Unable to create database entry in the directory service. No Listeners configured."

In this scenario, you have completed the following steps:

1. Created a listener in your earlier release Oracle home using Net Configuration Assistant (NetCA) or Net Manager.
2. Installed the new Oracle Database release in the new Oracle home, and registered it against the listener.
3. You want to register the listener to Oracle Internet Directory (OID), and upgrade the database, or you want to register the listener on OID on the new Oracle home.

 **Note:**

If the listener is running from another Oracle home on the server, or the listener is running from the current Oracle home, but it is not configured in the `LISTENER.ORA` file (that is, it uses an automatically generated default configuration), then DBCA is unable to locate the listener.

DBUA is no longer performing direct registration of the upgraded database to OID during the upgrade itself.

To resolve this issue, complete the following tasks:

1. De-register the listener from OID.
2. Perform the database upgrade.
3. Register again the migrated listener to the OID registry on the new release Oracle Database Oracle home.

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Postupgrade Tasks for Oracle Database

After you upgrade Oracle Database, complete required postupgrade tasks, and consider recommendations for the new release.

- [Check the Upgrade With Post-Upgrade Status Tool](#)
Review the upgrade spool log file and use the Post-Upgrade Status Tool, `utlusts.sql`.
- [How to Show the Current State of the Oracle Data Dictionary](#)
To check the state of the Oracle Data Dictionary for diagnosing upgrades and migrations, use one of three methods.
- [Required Tasks to Complete After Upgrading Oracle Database](#)
Review and complete these required tasks that are specified for your environment after you complete your upgrade.
- [Recommended and Best Practices to Complete After Upgrading Oracle Database](#)
Oracle recommends that you complete these good practices guidelines for updating Oracle Database. Except where noted, these practices are recommended for all type of upgrades (Manual, DBUA or AutoUpgrade).
- [Recommended Tasks After Upgrading an Oracle RAC Database](#)
Decide if you want to configure clients to use SCAN or node listeners for connections.
- [Recommended Tasks After Upgrading Oracle ASM](#)
After you have upgraded Oracle ASM, Oracle recommends that you perform tasks such as resetting the Oracle ASM passwords and configuring disk groups.
- [Recommended Tasks After Upgrading Oracle Database Express Edition](#)
Use DBCA or run manual scripts to install additional components into Oracle Database.
- [Tasks to Complete Only After Manually Upgrading Oracle Database](#)
After you complete your upgrade, you must perform the tasks described here if you upgrade your database manually instead of using DBUA.
- [Patch Set Updates and Requirements for Upgrading Oracle Database](#)
Before starting upgrades, update your new release Oracle Database to the latest Oracle bundle patch, patch set update (BP or PSU), or Release Update (Update), or Release Update Revision (Revision).

Patch Set Updates and Requirements for Upgrading Oracle Database

Before starting upgrades, update your new release Oracle Database to the latest Oracle bundle patch, patch set update (BP or PSU), or Release Update (Update), or Release Update Revision (Revision).

The software for new Oracle Database releases contains a full release that includes all the latest patches and updates for Oracle Database at the time of the release.

Before you start an upgrade or downgrade process, Oracle strongly recommends that you update both your earlier release and your new release Oracle Database. Update to the latest quarterly Release Update (Update) or Release Update Revision (Revision).

My Oracle Support provides detailed notes about how you can obtain the latest patches, as well as tools for lifecycle management and automated patching. For example:

- My Oracle Support note 2539751.1 "Patches to apply before upgrading Oracle GI and DB to 19c or downgrading to previous release"
- My Oracle Support note 2414935.1 "Patches to apply before upgrading Oracle GI and DB to 18c or downgrading to previous release"
- My Oracle Support note 2118136.2 contains a download assistant to help you select the updates, revisions, Patch Set Updates (PSU), SPU (CPU), Bundle Patches, Patchsets, and Base Releases that you need for your environment. Oracle highly recommends that you start here.
- My Oracle Support note 1227443.1 contains a list of Oracle Database PSU/BP/Update/Revision known issues. This note provides information about all known issues notes for Oracle Database, Oracle Grid Infrastructure, and the Oracle JavaVM Component (OJVM).

Related Topics

- [My Oracle Support Note 2539751.1](#)
- [My Oracle Support Note 2414935.1](#)
- [My Oracle Support Note 2118136.2](#)
- [My Oracle Support Note 1227443.1](#)

Check the Upgrade With Post-Upgrade Status Tool

Review the upgrade spool log file and use the Post-Upgrade Status Tool, `utlusts.sql`.

The Post-Upgrade Status Tool is a SQL script that is included with Oracle Database. You run the Post-Upgrade Status Tool in the environment of the new release. You can run the Post-Upgrade Status Tool at any time after you upgrade the database.

How to Show the Current State of the Oracle Data Dictionary

To check the state of the Oracle Data Dictionary for diagnosing upgrades and migrations, use one of three methods.

Example 6-1 Run the `dbupgdiag.sql` Script

The `dbupgdiag.sql` script collects diagnostic information about the status of the database, either before or after the upgrade. Download the script from My Oracle Support note 556610, and run the script as the database `sys` user. The script generates the diagnostic information in a readable format, in a log file with the name file `db_upg_diag_sid_timestamp.log`, where `sid` is the Oracle system identifier for the database, and `timestamp` is the time that the file is generated.

For example, where you download and place the script in the directory `/u01/dbupdiag-script`:

```
/u01/dbupdiag-script/ $ sqlplus / as sysdba
sql> alter session set nls_language='American';
sql> @dbupdiag.sql
sql> exit
```

You can run the script in SQL*Plus both before the upgrade on the source database, and after the upgrade on the upgraded database. For more information about the script, refer to the instructions and the output example file in My Oracle Support Note 556610.1.

Example 6-2 Run a SQL Query on DBA_REGISTRY

To show the current state of the dictionary, perform a SQL query similar to the following example:

```
SQL> spool /tmp/regInvalid.out
SQL> set echo on
-- query registry
SQL> set lines 80 pages 100
SQL> select substr(comp_id,1,15) comp_id,substr(comp_name,1,30)
       comp_name,substr(version,1,10) version_full,status
from dba_registry order by comp_id;
```

Example 6-3 Run a Query to Check for Invalid Objects

To query invalid objects, perform a SQL query similar to the following example:

```
SQL> select owner, object_name, object_type from dba_invalid_objects order
by owner, object_type, object_name;
```

After you have upgraded the database, and you have run `utlrbp.sql`, this view query should return no rows.

Related Topics

- <https://support.oracle.com/rs?type=doc&id=556610.1>

Required Tasks to Complete After Upgrading Oracle Database

Review and complete these required tasks that are specified for your environment after you complete your upgrade.

You must complete these postupgrade tasks after you upgrade Oracle Database. You must complete these tasks both when you perform the upgrade manually, and when you upgrade by using Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA).

- [Setting Environment Variables on Linux and Unix Systems After Manual Upgrades](#)
If you performed a manual upgrade of Oracle Database, then you must ensure that the required operating system environment variables point to the directories of the new Oracle Database release.

- [Recompiling All Invalid Objects](#)
Identify and recompile invalid objects on the CDB and PDBs using the `catcon` utility to run `utlrp.sql` after you install, patch, or upgrade a database.
- [Track Invalid Object Recompilation Progress](#)
Use these SQL queries to track the progress of `utlrp.sql` script recompilation of invalid objects.
- [Update Listener Files Location on Oracle RAC Cluster Member Upgrades](#)
If you do not use a shared Oracle Base Home, and you perform an upgrade on an Oracle Database instance that is an Oracle Real Application Clusters member node, then you must update your listener path.
- [Running OPatch Commands After Upgrading Oracle Database](#)
After you upgrade Oracle Database, you must run OPatch commands from the new Oracle home.
- [Setting oratab and Scripts to Point to the New Oracle Location After Upgrading Oracle Database](#)
You must set scripts to point to the new Oracle home location.
- [Check PL/SQL Packages and Dependent Procedures](#)
It is possible that packages that you installed in the earlier release Oracle Database are not available in the new release, which can affect applications.
- [Upgrading Tables Dependent on Oracle-Maintained Types](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2) and later releases, you must manually upgrade user tables that depend on Oracle-Maintained types.
- [Enabling the New Extended Data Type Capability](#)
Enabling a system to take advantage of the new extended data types requires specific upgrade actions.
- [Adjusting Minimum and Maximum for Parallel Execution Servers](#)
Depending on your environment, you can reduce the default setting of the `PARALLEL_MIN_SERVERS` parameter.
- [About Recovery Catalog Upgrade After Upgrading Oracle Database](#)
If you use a version of the recovery catalog schema that is older than that required by the RMAN client, then you must upgrade it.
- [Upgrading the Time Zone File Version After Upgrading Oracle Database](#)
If the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool instructs you to upgrade the time zone files after completing the database upgrade, then use the `DBMS_DST` PL/SQL package to upgrade the time zone file.
- [Upgrading Statistics Tables Created by the DBMS_STATS Package After Upgrading Oracle Database](#)
If you created statistics tables using the `DBMS_STATS.CREATE_STAT_TABLE` procedure, then upgrade these tables by running `DBMS_STATS.UPGRADE_STAT_TABLE`.
- [Configuring the FTP and HTTP Ports and HTTP Authentication for Oracle XML DB](#)
Oracle Database Configuration Assistant (DBCA) does not configure ports for Oracle XML DB on Oracle Database 12c and later releases. Upgrades use digest authentication.
- [Install Oracle Text Supplied Knowledge Bases After Upgrading Oracle Database](#)
After an Oracle Database upgrade, all user extensions to the Oracle Text supplied knowledge bases must be regenerated.

- [Drop Earlier Release Oracle Application Express](#)
To avoid invalid objects, drop Oracle Application Express releases earlier than Application Express (APEX) 19.1.
- [Replace the DEMO Directory in Read-Only Oracle Homes](#)
After upgrading Read-Only Oracle homes, make a copy of the earlier release Oracle Database `demo` directory, and replace the `demo` directory in the Read-Only Oracle home with the new release `demo` directory.
- [Configure Access Control Lists \(ACLs\) to External Network Services](#)
Oracle Database 12c and later releases include fine-grained access control to the `UTL_TCP`, `UTL_SMTP`, `UTL_MAIL`, `UTL_HTTP`, or `UTL_INADDR` packages.
- [Enabling Oracle Database Vault After Upgrading Oracle Database](#)
Depending on your target database release, you can be required to disable Oracle Database Vault to complete an Oracle Database upgrade.
- [Check for the SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION Parameter Behavior](#)
Connections to Oracle Database from clients earlier than release 10g fail with the error `ORA-28040: No matching authentication protocol`.

Setting Environment Variables on Linux and Unix Systems After Manual Upgrades

If you performed a manual upgrade of Oracle Database, then you must ensure that the required operating system environment variables point to the directories of the new Oracle Database release.

Confirm that the following environment variables point to the directories of the new Oracle home:

- `ORACLE_HOME`
- `PATH`

Note:

DBUA automatically makes necessary changes to Oracle environment variables.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database Administrator's Guide*

Recompiling All Invalid Objects

Identify and recompile invalid objects on the CDB and PDBs using the `catcon` utility to run `utlrp.sql` after you install, patch, or upgrade a database.

Oracle recommends that you use the `catcon.pl` utility to run `utlrp.sql` on all containers in your container database (CDB). The `utlrp.sql` script recompiles all invalid objects. Run the script immediately after installation, to ensure that users do not encounter invalid objects.

1. Change directory to `Oracle_home/rdbms/admin`. For example

```
$ cd $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin
```

2. Use the `catcon.pl` script in the Oracle home to run `utlrbp.sql`. For example:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl catcon.pl --n 1 --e --b utlrbp --d ''.'''
utlrbp.sql
```

Note the following conditions of this use case:

- `--n` parameter: is set to 1, so the script runs each PDB recompilation in sequence.
- `--e` parameter: turns echo on.
- `--b` parameter: Sets the log file base name. It is set to `utlrbp`.

Expect a time delay for the serial recompilation of PDBs to complete. Depending on the number of PDBs that you are upgrading, the recompilation can extend significantly beyond the time required for the upgrade scripts to complete.

The `utlrbp.sql` script automatically recompiles invalid objects in either serial or parallel recompilation, based on both the number of invalid objects, and on the number of CPUs available. CPUs are calculated using the number of CPUs (`cpu_count`) multiplied by the number of threads for each CPU (`parallel_threads_per_cpu`). On Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC), this number is added across all Oracle RAC nodes.

For more information about `catcon` utility syntax and options, refer to *Oracle Multitenant Administrator's Guide*.

Related Topics

- Syntax and Parameters for `catcon.pl`

Track Invalid Object Recompilation Progress

Use these SQL queries to track the progress of `utlrbp.sql` script recompilation of invalid objects.

Oracle recommends that you run the `utlrbp.sql` script after upgrade to recompile invalid objects. You can run SQL queries to monitor the script.

Example 6-4 Number of Invalid Objects Remaining

Enter this query to return the number of remaining invalid objects. This number decreases over time as the `utlrbp.sql` script runs.

```
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM obj$ WHERE status IN (4, 5, 6);
```

Example 6-5 Number of Objects Recompiled

Enter this query to return the number of objects that `utlrbp.sql` has compiled. This number increases over time as the script runs.

```
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM UTL_RECOMP_COMPILED;
```


Example 6-6 Number of Objects Recompiled with Errors

Enter this query to return the number of objects that `utl_rpl.sql` has compiled with errors.

```
select COUNT(DISTINCT(obj#)) "OBJECTS WITH ERRORS" from utl_recomp_errors;
```

If the number is higher than expected, then examine the error messages reported with each object. If you see errors due to system misconfiguration or resource constraints, then fix the cause of these errors, and run `utl_rpl.sql` again.

Update Listener Files Location on Oracle RAC Cluster Member Upgrades

If you do not use a shared Oracle Base Home, and you perform an upgrade on an Oracle Database instance that is an Oracle Real Application Clusters member node, then you must update your listener path.

If you do not use a shared Oracle Base Home, and you perform an upgrade on an Oracle Database instance that is an Oracle Real Application Clusters cluster member node, but you do not use Database Configuration Assistant (DBCA), then you must manually update all of the remote `tnsnames.ora` files. If the files are not updated, then the following error occurs:

```
TNS-03505: Failed to resolve name
```

Starting with Oracle Database 20c, the default network administration directory changes from the previous default in the local Oracle home, `Oracle_home/network` (for example, `/u01/app/oracle/product/19.1.0/dbhome_1/network`), to a new location. The new default location is the shared Oracle Base Home, in the path `ORACLE_BASE/homes/HOME_NAME/network/admin`. For example: `/u01/app/oracle/homes/OraDB20Home1/network/admin` is the Oracle home of a specific Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) instance, which is located in the default path for read-only Oracle homes. That file path is the default location of the local `tnsnames.ora` and `sqlnet.ora` files.

During the upgrade, Net Configuration Assistant (NetCA, or `netca`) updates the location of the network listener files, `tnsnames.ora` and `sqlnet.ora` on the local host. However, NetCA does not update the location of those network listener files for the instance on all cluster member nodes. To ensure that all cluster member nodes can resolve service requests to the upgraded cluster member node instance, you must do one of the following:

- On each cluster member node, Manually copy the `tnsnames.ora` and `sqlnet.ora` files from the existing location to `ORACLE_BASE/homes/HOME_NAME/network/admin/`.
- Set an environment variable on the upgraded cluster member node to point to the existing network administration files location.

p

```
To ensure that WORKAROUND:-----cp tnsnames.ora and sqlnet.ora  
to $ORACLE_BASE/homes/OraDB20Home1/network/admin/sqlnet.oraorexport  
TNS_ADMIN=$ORACLE_HOME/network/admin
```

Example 6-7 Copy TNSNAMES.ORA and SQLNET.ORA to New Default Network Administration Directory

In this example, you copy the existing `tnsnames.ora` and `sqlnet.ora` files to the new default network location on each cluster member node

1. Log in as the Oracle installation owner, and change directory to the earlier release network administration directory. For example:

```
/home/oracle > $ cd $ORACLE_HOME/network
```

2. Use secure copy (`scp`) to copy the listener files to the default network directory location on another cluster member node. For example, where `racnode2` is a cluster member node to which you want to copy the listener files:

```
/u01/app/oracle/product/19.1.0/dbhome_1/network oracle> $ scp  
tnsnames.ora sqlnet.ora \  
oracle@racnode2:/u01/app/oracle/homes/OraDB20Home1/network/admin/
```

Example 6-8 Set the TNS_ADMIN Environment Variable

On the upgraded node, log in as the Oracle user, and then set an environment variable for `TNS_ADMIN` to point to the location of your existing listener files. For example:

```
/home/oracle oracle> $ export TNS_ADMIN=$ORACLE_HOME/network/admin
```

Running OPatch Commands After Upgrading Oracle Database

After you upgrade Oracle Database, you must run OPatch commands from the new Oracle home.

OPatch is a Java-based utility that you install with Oracle Universal Installer. OPatch is platform-independent. It runs on all supported operating systems. Another version of OPatch, called standalone OPatch, is also available. It runs on Oracle homes without Oracle Universal Installer.

Patches are a small collection of files copied over to an existing installation. They are associated with particular versions of Oracle products. When applied to the correct version of an installed product, patches result in an upgraded version of the product.

Run Opatch to Check the Oracle Database Inventory

Log in as the Oracle installation owner, and run the `lsinventory` command from the new Oracle home. The command generates an accurate and complete inventory of the Oracle software installed on the system:

```
opatch lsinventory -patch
```

Refer to My Oracle Support note 756671.1 regularly to obtain current recommendations regarding Release Updates (Updates) and Release Update Revisions (Revisions).

Related Topics

- <https://support.oracle.com/rs?type=doc&id=756671.1>

Setting oratab and Scripts to Point to the New Oracle Location After Upgrading Oracle Database

You must set scripts to point to the new Oracle home location.

After you upgrade Oracle Database to a new release, you must ensure that your `oratab` file and any client scripts that set the value of `ORACLE_HOME` point to the new Oracle home that is created for the new Oracle Database release. DBUA automatically points `oratab` to the new Oracle home. However, you must check client scripts regardless of the method you use to upgrade.

If you upgrade your database manually, then you must log in as the Oracle installation owner for the new Oracle Database release, and update the `oratab` file manually. The location of the `oratab` file can vary, depending on your operating system.

See Also:

Oracle Database Administrator's Guide for information about setting operating system environment variables

My Oracle Support: Find or Create Oratab File (Doc ID 394251.1)

<https://support.oracle.com/rs?type=doc&id=394251.1>

Check PL/SQL Packages and Dependent Procedures

It is possible that packages that you installed in the earlier release Oracle Database are not available in the new release, which can affect applications.

After the upgrade, check to ensure that any packages that you have used in your own scripts, or that you call from your scripts, are available in the new release. Testing procedures dependent on packages should be part of your upgrade plan.

Code in database applications can reference objects in the connected database. For example, Oracle Call Interface (OCI) and precompiler applications can submit anonymous PL/SQL blocks. Triggers in Oracle Forms applications can reference a schema object. Such applications are dependent on the schema objects they reference. Dependency management techniques vary, depending on the development environment. Oracle Database does not automatically track application dependencies.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database Administrator's Guide*

Upgrading Tables Dependent on Oracle-Maintained Types

Starting with Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2) and later releases, you must manually upgrade user tables that depend on Oracle-Maintained types.



Note:

If you upgraded using the AutoUpgrade utility, then AutoUpgrade automatically takes care of this task during the upgrade. You do not need to perform this task.

If your database has user tables that are dependent on Oracle-Maintained types (for example, AQ queue tables), then run the `utluptabdata.sql` command after the upgrade to carry out `ALTER TABLE UPGRADE` on any user tables affected by changes in Oracle-Maintained types. This change in behavior enables user tables to remain in `READ ONLY` state during an upgrade. Users are prevented from logging into applications using `SYSDBA` privileges (`AS SYSDBA`), and changing application tables that are dependent on Oracle-Maintained types.

To identify tables that you need to upgrade after the database upgrade completes, connect to the database `AS SYSDBA`, and run the following query:

```
COLUMN owner FORMAT A30
COLUMN table_name FORMAT A30
SELECT DISTINCT owner, table_name
FROM dba_tab_cols
WHERE data_upgraded = 'NO'
ORDER BY 1,2;
```

This query lists all tables that are not listed as `UPGRADED`. However, the `utluptabdata.sql` script only upgrades tables that depend on Oracle-Maintained types. If any tables are listed by the query, then run the `utluptabdata.sql` script to perform `ALTER TABLE UPGRADE` commands on dependent user tables, so that these Oracle-Maintained types are upgraded to the latest version of the type.

You must run the `utluptabdata.sql` script either with a user account with `ALTER` privileges for all of the tables dependent on Oracle-Maintained types, or with a user granted the `SYSDBA` system privileges, and that is logged in `AS SYSDBA`.

When the parameter `SERVEROUTPUT` is set to `ON`, the `utluptabdata.sql` script displays the names of all upgraded tables, and lists any error encountered during the table upgrade. To set the server output to `ON`, run the following command:

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON
@utluptabdata.sql
```

Enabling the New Extended Data Type Capability

Enabling a system to take advantage of the new extended data types requires specific upgrade actions.

Oracle Database 12c introduced `MAX_STRING_SIZE` to control the maximum size of `VARCHAR2`, `NVARCHAR2`, and `RAW` data types in SQL. Setting `MAX_STRING_SIZE = EXTENDED` enables the 32767 byte limit introduced in Oracle Database 12c.

To be able to set `MAX_STRING_SIZE = EXTENDED`, you must set the `COMPATIBLE` initialization parameter to 12.0.0.0 or higher

In addition, you must run the script `utl32k.sql` script while the database is open in upgrade mode so that you invalidate and recompile objects that are affected by the change in data type sizes. For example:

```
CONNNECT SYS / AS SYSDBA
SHUTDOWN IMMEDIATE;
STARTUP UPGRADE;
ALTER SYSTEM SET max_string_size=extended;
START $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/utl32k.sql
SHUTDOWN IMMEDIATE;
STARTUP;
```

Caution:

You can change the value of `MAX_STRING_SIZE` from `STANDARD` to `EXTENDED`. However, you cannot change the value of `MAX_STRING_SIZE` from `EXTENDED` to `STANDARD`. By setting `MAX_STRING_SIZE = EXTENDED`, you are taking an explicit action that can introduce application incompatibility in your database.

See Also:

Oracle Database Reference for complete information about `MAX_STRING_SIZE`, including recommendations and procedures

Adjusting Minimum and Maximum for Parallel Execution Servers

Depending on your environment, you can reduce the default setting of the `PARALLEL_MIN_SERVERS` parameter.

In Oracle Database 12c, the default for `PARALLEL_MIN_SERVERS` changed from 0 to a value that was provided based on your hardware platform. This change was made to provide sufficient minimal support for parallel execution. If you find that the new default setting is too high, then adjust the setting for your requirements. The default for `PARALLEL_MAX_SERVERS` has not changed. If the default in your old environment is unchanged, then you do not need to take further action.

 **See Also:**

Oracle Database Reference for information about `PARALLEL_MIN_SERVERS`

About Recovery Catalog Upgrade After Upgrading Oracle Database

If you use a version of the recovery catalog schema that is older than that required by the RMAN client, then you must upgrade it.

 **See Also:**

- *Oracle Database Backup and Recovery User's Guide* for information on managing an RMAN recovery catalog
- *Oracle Database Backup and Recovery User's Guide* for complete information about upgrading the recovery catalog and the `UPGRADE CATALOG` command

Upgrading the Time Zone File Version After Upgrading Oracle Database

If the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool instructs you to upgrade the time zone files after completing the database upgrade, then use the `DBMS_DST` PL/SQL package to upgrade the time zone file.

Oracle Database supplies multiple versions of time zone files. There are two types of files associated with each time zone file: a large file, which contains all the time zones defined in the database, and a small file, which contains only the most commonly used time zones. The large versions are designated as `timezlg_version_number.dat`. The small versions are designated as `timezone_version_number.dat`. The files are located in the `oracore/zoneinfo` subdirectory under the Oracle Database home directory.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database Globalization Support Guide*
- <https://support.oracle.com/rs?type=doc&id=1585343.1>

Upgrading Statistics Tables Created by the `DBMS_STATS` Package After Upgrading Oracle Database

If you created statistics tables using the `DBMS_STATS.CREATE_STAT_TABLE` procedure, then upgrade these tables by running `DBMS_STATS.UPGRADE_STAT_TABLE`.

In the following example, `green` is the owner of the statistics table and `STAT_TABLE` is the name of the statistics table.

```
EXECUTE DBMS_STATS.UPGRADE_STAT_TABLE('green', 'stat_table');
```

Perform this procedure for each statistics table.

See Also:

Oracle Database PL/SQL Packages and Types Reference for information about the `DBMS_STATS` package

Configuring the FTP and HTTP Ports and HTTP Authentication for Oracle XML DB

Oracle Database Configuration Assistant (DBCA) does not configure ports for Oracle XML DB on Oracle Database 12c and later releases. Upgrades use digest authentication.

Oracle recommends that when you configure ports, you also configure the authentication for HTTP for accessing Oracle XML DB Repository to take advantage of improved security features.

Starting with Oracle Database 12c, Oracle enhanced database security by supporting digest authentication. Digest authentication is an industry-standard protocol that is commonly used with the HTTP protocol. It is supported by most HTTP clients. Digest authentication ensures that passwords are always transmitted in a secure manner, even when an encrypted (HTTPS) connection is not in use. Support for digest authentication enables organizations to deploy applications that use Oracle XML DB HTTP, without having to worry about passwords being compromised. Digest authentication support in Oracle XML DB also ensures that the Oracle XML DB HTTP server remains compatible with Microsoft Web Folders WebDAV clients.

After installing or upgrading for the new release, you must manually configure the FTP and HTTP ports for Oracle XML DB as follows:

1. Use `DBMS_XDB_CONFIG.setHTTPPort(HTTP_port_number)` to set the HTTP port for Oracle XML DB:

```
SQL> exec DBMS_XDB_CONFIG.setHTTPPort(port_number);
```

2. Use `DBMS_XDB_CONFIG.setFTPPort(FTP_port_number)` to set the FTP port for Oracle XML DB:

```
SQL> exec DBMS_XDB_CONFIG.setFTPPort(FTP_port_number);
```

 **Note:**

You can query the port numbers to use for FTP and HTTP in the procedure by using `DBMS_XDB_CONFIG.getFTPport` and `DBMS_XDB_CONFIG.getHTTPport` respectively.

3. To see all the used port numbers, query `DBMS_XDB_CONFIG.usedport`.

Install Oracle Text Supplied Knowledge Bases After Upgrading Oracle Database

After an Oracle Database upgrade, all user extensions to the Oracle Text supplied knowledge bases must be regenerated.

Regenerating the user extensions affect all databases installed in the given Oracle home.

After an upgrade, the Oracle Text-supplied knowledge bases that are part of the companion products for the new Oracle Database are not immediately available. Any Oracle Text features dependent on the supplied knowledge bases that were available before the upgrade do not function after the upgrade. To re-enable such features, you must install the Oracle Text supplied knowledge bases from the installation media for the new Oracle Database release.

 **See Also:**

- *Oracle Text Application Developer's Guide* for information about Oracle Text-supplied knowledge bases
- *Oracle Database Installation Guide* for companion products

Drop Earlier Release Oracle Application Express

To avoid invalid objects, drop Oracle Application Express releases earlier than Application Express (APEX) 19.1.

The package `DBMS_OBFUSCATION_TOOLKIT` was deprecated in Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2). Starting in Oracle Database 20c, `DBMS_OBFUSCATION_TOOLKIT` is desupported, and replaced with `DBMS_CRYPT`. In releases earlier than Oracle Database 20c, Oracle Application Express (APEX) continued to have a dependency on `DBMS_OBFUSCATION_TOOLKIT`. In Oracle Database 20c, which includes APEX release 19.2, this dependency is removed.

During Oracle Database upgrade, APEX is not automatically upgraded to the release shipped with the Oracle Database release. Before upgrade, the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool indicates that you must upgrade APEX releases earlier than APEX 19.1.0.00.15, because of the earlier release dependency on `DBMS_OBFUSCATION_TOOLKIT`.

To avoid `INVALID` objects, either before or after you upgrade Oracle Database, you must upgrade APEX to at least the version that ships with Oracle Database 20c, and then drop earlier releases of APEX.

1. Log in to the new Oracle Database Oracle home
2. Upgrade Oracle Application Express, using at least Oracle Application Express 19.2, which is shipped in the Oracle home (APEX 19.2), or a later version, when it is available
3. Drop earlier release APEX users.
For example:

```
drop user APEX_050000 cascade;  
drop user APEX_040200 cascade;  
drop user APEX_030100 cascade;
```

4. Drop earlier release APEX SYS owned objects.
For example:

```
drop package SYS.WWV_DBMS_SQL;
```

 **Note:**

Starting with Oracle Application Express 18c (18.1), the `SYS.WWV_DBMS_SQL` object is appended with the Oracle Application Express release schema.
For example:

```
SYS.WWV_DBMS_SQL_APEX_180100
```

Replace the DEMO Directory in Read-Only Oracle Homes

After upgrading Read-Only Oracle homes, make a copy of the earlier release Oracle Database `demo` directory, and replace the `demo` directory in the Read-Only Oracle home with the new release `demo` directory.

Oracle Database 18c and later releases contain a product demonstration directory in the file path `Oracle_home/rdbms/demo`. These directories include examples and product demonstrations that are specific to the options and features for each Oracle Database release, some of which you can add to after upgrade by installing Oracle Database Examples. In your earlier release, if you downloaded and worked with the earlier release demonstration files, then you have two problems: you want to save your earlier release work for review and testing with the new release, and you want to obtain refreshes of the demonstrations that are specific to the new release.

After upgrading the Oracle home, and downloading and doing any other work you want to do with the new demonstration files, you can then refresh your old demonstration files.

Example 6-9 Copying the Earlier Release Demo Directory and Refreshing the Demonstrations in the Read-Only Oracle Home

After the upgrade, use this procedure to save any work in your earlier `demo` directory in the Read-Only Oracle home, and replace the earlier release `demo` directory with the new release `demo` directory:

1. Log in as the Oracle software owner user (`oracle`).
2. Check if the `rdbms/demo` directory is copied to the Read Only Oracle home.

In this example, the environment variable `ORACLE_BASE_HOME` is defined as the path to the Read-Only Oracle home.

Linux and Unix platforms:

```
$ ls -l -d $ORACLE_BASE_HOME/rdbms/demo
/u01/app/oracle/product/19.0.0/dbhome_1/rdbms/demo
```

Microsoft Windows platforms

```
ls -l -d %ORACLE_BASE_HOME%\rdbms\demo
%ORACLE_BASE_HOME%\rdbms\demo
```

3. Change directory to the Read-Only Oracle home, and make a copy, where `demo.old_release18` is the name you give to your earlier release demonstration files:

```
cd $ORACLE_BASE_HOME/rdbms
mv demo demo.old_release18
```

4. Copy the new `demo` directory from the upgraded Oracle home to the Read-Only Oracle home.

In this example, the environment variable `ORACLE_HOME` is defined as the new release Oracle home.

Linux and Unix:

```
cp -r $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/demo demo
```

Microsoft Windows

```
xcopy c:\%ORACLE_HOME%\rdbms\demo c:%ORACLE_BASE_HOME%\rdbms\demo /E
```

Configure Access Control Lists (ACLs) to External Network Services

Oracle Database 12c and later releases include fine-grained access control to the `UTL_TCP`, `UTL_SMTP`, `UTL_MAIL`, `UTL_HTTP`, or `UTL_INADDR` packages.

If you have applications that use these packages, then after upgrading Oracle Database you must configure network access control lists (ACLs) in the database before the affected packages can work as they did in earlier releases. Without the

ACLs, your applications can fail with the error "ORA-24247: network access denied by access control list (ACL)."

 **See Also:**

Oracle Database Security Guide for more complicated situations, such as connecting some users to host A and other users to host B

Enabling Oracle Database Vault After Upgrading Oracle Database

Depending on your target database release, you can be required to disable Oracle Database Vault to complete an Oracle Database upgrade.

- [Upgrading Oracle Database Without Disabling Oracle Database Vault](#)
If your target Oracle Database release is 12.2 or later, then you can upgrade without disabling Oracle Database Vault.
- [Common Upgrade Scenarios with Oracle Database Vault](#)
The requirements to enable Oracle Database Vault after upgrades change, depending on your source Oracle Database release.

Upgrading Oracle Database Without Disabling Oracle Database Vault

If your target Oracle Database release is 12.2 or later, then you can upgrade without disabling Oracle Database Vault.

If you have Oracle Database Vault enabled in your source Oracle Database release, then you can upgrade Oracle Database to Oracle Database 18c and later releases without first disabling Oracle Database Vault. After the upgrade, if your source Oracle Database release is Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1) or later, then Oracle Database Vault is enabled with the same enforcement settings that you had in place before the upgrade. For example, if your source database is Oracle Database release 12.1, and Oracle Database Vault was disabled in that release, then it remains disabled after you upgrade. If your source Oracle Database release 12.1 database had Oracle Database Vault enabled before the upgrade, then Oracle Database Vault is enabled after the upgrade.

If you manually disable Oracle Database Vault before the upgrade, then you must enable Oracle Database Vault manually after the upgrade.

If you did not have Oracle Database Vault enabled before the upgrade, then you can enable it manually after the upgrade.

Enable Oracle Database Vault in the upgraded database by using the procedure `dvsys.dbms_macadm.enable_dv()`. Run this procedure with a user account that is granted `DV_OWNER`. After you run the procedure, restart the database instance so that the procedure takes effect.

Related Topics

- [Oracle Database Vault Administrator's Guide](#)

Common Upgrade Scenarios with Oracle Database Vault

The requirements to enable Oracle Database Vault after upgrades change, depending on your source Oracle Database release.

- Upgrades from Oracle Database 11g release 2 (11.2) or earlier: After the upgrade, Oracle Database Vault is disabled by default.
- Upgrades from Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1) or later: After the upgrade, Oracle Database Vault has the same enforcement status that you had in place before the upgrade.

Table 6-1 Common Oracle Database Vault Upgrade Scenarios and Upgrade Preparation Tasks

Source Database Release	Target Database Release	Do you need to disable Database Vault Before Upgrade	What is Database Vault Status After Upgrade
11.2 or earlier	12.1	Yes	Disabled. You need to enable Database Vault manually after the upgrade.
11.2.or earlier	12.2, 18.1 and later	No	Disabled. You need to enable Database Vault manually after the upgrade.
12.1, 12.2, 18.1, and later	12.2, 18.1 and later	No	Database Vault has the same enforcement status that you had in place before the upgrade.

Check for the SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION Parameter Behavior

Connections to Oracle Database from clients earlier than release 10g fail with the error ORA-28040: No matching authentication protocol.

Starting with Oracle Database 18c, the default value for the `SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION` parameter changed from 11 in Oracle Database 12c (12.2) to 12 in Oracle Database 18c and later releases. The use of this parameter is deprecated.

`SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION` is now replaced with the `SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER` and `SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_CLIENT` parameters. If you have not explicitly set the `SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER` parameter in the upgraded database, then connections from clients earlier than release 10g fail with the error ORA-28040: No matching authentication protocol. For better security, check the password verifiers of your database users, and then configure the database to use the correct password verifier by setting the `SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER` and `SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_CLIENT` parameters.

If you have password-protected roles (secure roles) in your existing database, and if you upgrade to Oracle Database 18c and later releases with the default `SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER` setting of 12, because those secure roles only have release 10g verifiers, then the password for each secure role must be reset by the administrator so that the secure roles can remain usable after the upgrade.

 **See Also:**

- *Oracle Database Security Guide* for information about ensuring against password security threats
- *Oracle Database Security Guide* *Oracle Database Security Guide* for information about setting the password versions of users

Recommended and Best Practices to Complete After Upgrading Oracle Database

Oracle recommends that you complete these good practices guidelines for updating Oracle Database. Except where noted, these practices are recommended for all type of upgrades (Manual, DBUA or AutoUpgrade).

- [Back Up the Database](#)
Perform a full backup of the production database.
- [Running Postupgrade Fixup Scripts](#)
Review this procedure to understand how to use the `postupgrade_fixups.sql` scripts for CDB and Non-CDB databases.
- [Gathering Dictionary Statistics After Upgrading](#)
To help to assure good performance, use this procedure to gather dictionary statistics after completing your upgrade.
- [Regathering Fixed Objects Statistics with DBMS_STATS](#)
After an upgrade, or after other database configuration changes, Oracle strongly recommends that you regather fixed object statistics after you have run representative workloads on Oracle Database.
- [Reset Passwords to Enforce Case-Sensitivity](#)
For upgraded databases, improve security by using case-sensitive passwords for default user accounts and user accounts.
- [Finding and Resetting User Passwords That Use the 10G Password Version](#)
For better security, find and reset passwords for user accounts that use the 10G password version so that they use later, more secure password versions.
- [Understand Oracle Grid Infrastructure, Oracle ASM, and Oracle Clusterware](#)
Oracle Clusterware and Oracle Automatic Storage Management (Oracle ASM) are both part of an Oracle Grid Infrastructure installation.
- [Oracle Grid Infrastructure Installation and Upgrade and Oracle ASM](#)
Oracle ASM is installed with Oracle Grid Infrastructure.
- [Add New Features as Appropriate](#)
Review new features as part of your database upgrade plan.

- [Develop New Administrative Procedures as Needed](#)
Plan a review of your scripts and procedures, and change as needed.
- [Set Threshold Values for Tablespace Alerts](#)
After an upgrade, thresholds for the upgraded Oracle Database Tablespace Alerts are set to null, disabling the alerts.
- [Migrating From Rollback Segments To Automatic Undo Mode](#)
If your database release is earlier than Oracle Database 11g, then you must migrate the database that is being upgraded from using rollback segments (manual undo management) to automatic undo management.
- [Migrating Tables from the LONG Data Type to the LOB Data Type](#)
You can use the `ALTER TABLE` statement to change the data type of a `LONG` column to `CLOB` and that of a `LONG RAW` column to `BLOB`.
- [Migrate Your Upgraded Oracle Databases to Use Unified Auditing](#)
To use the full facilities of unified auditing, you must manually migrate to unified auditing.
- [Identify Oracle Text Indexes for Rebuilds](#)
You can run a script that helps you to identify Oracle Text index indexes with token tables that can benefit by being rebuilt after upgrading to the new Oracle Database release..
- [Dropping and Recreating DBMS_SCHEDULER Jobs](#)
If `DBMS_SCHEDULER` jobs do not function after upgrading from an earlier release, drop and recreate the jobs.
- [Transfer Unified Audit Records After the Upgrade](#)
Review these topics to understand how you can obtain better performance after you upgrade and migrate to unified auditing
- [About Testing the Upgraded Production Oracle Database](#)
Repeat tests on your production database that you carried out on your test database to ensure applications operate as expected.

Back Up the Database

Perform a full backup of the production database.

Although this step is not required, Oracle strongly recommends that you back up your production database.

See Also:

Oracle Database Backup and Recovery User's Guide for details about backing up a database with RMAN

Running Postupgrade Fixup Scripts

Review this procedure to understand how to use the `postupgrade_fixups.sql` scripts for CDB and Non-CDB databases.

Note:

If you upgraded using the AutoUpgrade utility, then AutoUpgrade automatically updates fixed object statistics during the upgrade. You do not need to perform this task.

The postupgrade fixup scripts are generated when you run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool (`preupgrade.jar`). Run the postupgrade scripts any time after completing an upgrade. For both Container Databases (CDBs) with pluggable databases (PDBs), and for Non-CDB databases, the postupgrade fixup scripts provide general warnings, errors, and informational recommendations.

You can run the script either by using the `catcon.pl` utility, or by using SQL*Plus.

The location of the postupgrade SQL scripts and log files depends on how you set output folders, or define the Oracle base environment variable. The postupgrade fixup scripts are placed in the same directory path as the preupgrade fixup scripts.

If you specify an output directory by using the `dir` option with the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool, then the output logs and files are placed under that directory in the file path `/cfgtoollogs/dbunique_name/preupgrade`, where `dbunique_name` is the name of your source Oracle Database. If you do not specify an output directory when you run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool, then the output is directed to one of the following default locations:

- If you do not specify an output directory with `DIR`, but you have set an Oracle base environment variable, then the generated scripts and log files are created in the following file path:

`Oracle-base/cfgtoollogs/dbunique_name/preupgrade`

- If you do not specify an output directory, and you have not defined an Oracle base environment variable, then the generated scripts and log files are created in the following file path:

`Oracle-home/cfgtoollogs/dbunique_name/preupgrade`

The postupgrade fixup scripts that the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool creates depend on whether your source database is a Non-CDB database, or a CDB database:

- Non-CDB: `postupgrade_fixups.sql`
- CDB: Two different sets of scripts:
 1. `postupgrade_fixups.sql`: A consolidated script for all PDBs
 2. Multiple `postupgrade_fixups_pdbname.sql` scripts, where `pdbname` is the name of the PDB for which a script is generated: Individual scripts, which you run on specific PDBs.

Example 6-10 Example of Spooling Postupgrade Fixup Results for a Non-CDB Oracle Database

Set the system to spool results to a log file so you can read the output. However, do not spool to the `admin` directory:

```
SQL> SPOOL postupgrade.log
SQL> @postupgrade_fixups.sql
SQL> SPOOL OFF
```

Turn off the spooling of script results to the log file:

```
SQL> SPOOL OFF
```

Example 6-11 Examples of Running Postupgrade Fixups Using `catcon.pl` On Linux, UNIX and Windows Systems

In the examples in this section, the `catcon` command runs `postupgrade_fixups.sql` in all the containers of a CDB database. Before you run this command, you must ensure that the operating system environment variables `ORACLE_HOME` and `ORACLE_SID` are set for UNIX and Linux environments, and that their equivalents are set for Windows environments. In the following examples, `sales1` is the unique name for the target database.

Linux and UNIX environments:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl -I$ORACLE_HOME/perl/lib -I$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/
admin $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catcon.pl -l /home/oracle/here/ -b postupg /
cfgtoollogs/sales1/preupgrade/postupgrade_fixups.sql
```

Windows environments:

```
%ORACLE_HOME%\perl\bin\perl -I%ORACLE_HOME%\perl\lib -I%ORACLE_HOME%\rdbms
\admin %ORACLE_HOME%\rdbms\admin\catcon.pl -l c:\tmp\logdir\ -b postupg c:
\cfgtoollogs\sales1\preupgrade\postupgrade_fixups.sql
```

In this Windows example, the command option `-l` creates logs under the file path `c:\tmp\logdir\`, and places the output from the postupgrade scripts into that directory. The option `-b` sets the prefix `postupg` on the output files.



Note:

You must enter the `catcon` parameters in the order that they are shown in these examples.

Gathering Dictionary Statistics After Upgrading

To help to assure good performance, use this procedure to gather dictionary statistics after completing your upgrade.

Oracle recommends that you gather dictionary statistics both before and after upgrading the database, because Data Dictionary tables are modified and created during the upgrade. With Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2) and later releases, you gather statistics as a manual procedure after the upgrade, when you bring the database up in normal mode.

Note:

If you completed your upgrade using the AutoUpgrade utility, then you do not need to complete this task. The AutoUpgrade utility completes it for you.

CDB: Oracle recommends that you use `catcon` to gather Data Dictionary statistics across the entire multitenant architecture

To gather dictionary statistics for all PDBs in a container database, use the following syntax

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catcon.pl -l /tmp -b  
gatherstats -- --x"exec dbms_stats.gather_dictionary_stats"
```

To gather dictionary statistics on a particular PDB, use syntax similar to the following:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catcon.pl -l /tmp -c  
'SALES1' -b gatherstats -- --x"exec dbms_stats.gather_dictionary_stats"
```

In the preceding example the `-c SALES1` option specifies a PDB inclusion list for the command that you run, specifying the database named `SALES1`. The option `-b gatherstats` specifies the base name for the logs. The option `--x` specifies the SQL command that you want to execute. The SQL command itself is inside the quotation marks.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database PL/SQL Packages and Types Reference*

Regathering Fixed Objects Statistics with DBMS_STATS

After an upgrade, or after other database configuration changes, Oracle strongly recommends that you regather fixed object statistics after you have run representative workloads on Oracle Database.

Note:

If you upgraded using the AutoUpgrade utility, then AutoUpgrade automatically updates fixed object statistics during the upgrade. You do not need to perform this task.

Fixed objects are the `x$` tables and their indexes. `v$` performance views are defined through `x$` tables. Gathering fixed object statistics is valuable for database performance, because these statistics help the optimizer to generate good execution plans, which can improve database performance. Failing to obtain representative statistics can lead to suboptimal execution plans, which can cause significant performance problems.

Gather fixed objects statistics by using the `DBMS_STATS.GATHER_FIXED_OBJECTS_STATS` PL/SQL procedure. `DBMS_STATS.GATHER_FIXED_OBJECTS_STATS` also displays recommendations for removing all hidden or underscore parameters and events from the `INIT.ORA` or `SPFILE`.

Because of the transient nature of `x$` tables, you must gather fixed objects statistics when there is a representative workload on the system. If you cannot gather fixed objects statistics during peak load, then Oracle recommends that you do it after the system is in a runtime state, and the most important types of fixed object tables are populated.

To gather statistics for fixed objects, run the following PL/SQL procedure:

```
SQL> execute dbms_stats.gather_fixed_objects_stats;
```

Reset Passwords to Enforce Case-Sensitivity

For upgraded databases, improve security by using case-sensitive passwords for default user accounts and user accounts.

For greater security, Oracle recommends that you enable case sensitivity in passwords. Case sensitivity increases the security of passwords by requiring that users enter both the correct password string, and the correct case for each character in that string. For example, the password `hPP5620qr` fails if it is entered as `hpp5620QR` or `hPp5620Qr`.

To secure your database, create passwords in a secure fashion. If you have default passwords in your database, then change these passwords. By default, case sensitivity is enforce when you change passwords. Every password should satisfy the Oracle recommended password requirements, including passwords for predefined user accounts.

For new databases created after the upgrade, there are no additional tasks or management requirements.

Existing Database Requirements and Guidelines for Password Changes

- If the default security settings for Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1) and later are in place, then passwords must be at least eight characters, and passwords such as `welcome` and `oracle` are not allowed.
- The `IGNORECASE` parameter is deprecated. Do not use this parameter.
- For existing databases, to take advantage of password case-sensitivity, you must reset the passwords of existing users during the database upgrade procedure. Reset the password for each existing database user with an `ALTER USER` statement.
- Query the `PASSWORD_VERSIONS` column of `DBA_USERS` to find the `USERNAME` of accounts that only have the 10G password version, and do not have either the 11G or the 12C password version. Reset the password for any account that has only the 10G password version.

See Also:

- *Oracle Database Security Guide* for more information about password case sensitivity
- *Oracle Database Security Guide* for more information about password strength

Finding and Resetting User Passwords That Use the 10G Password Version

For better security, find and reset passwords for user accounts that use the 10G password version so that they use later, more secure password versions.

Finding All Password Versions of Current Users

You can query the `DBA_USERS` data dictionary view to find a list of all the password versions configured for user accounts.

For example:

```
SELECT USERNAME,PASSWORD_VERSIONS FROM DBA_USERS;
```

USERNAME	PASSWORD_VERSIONS
JONES	10G 11G 12C
ADAMS	10G 11G
CLARK	10G 11G
PRESTON	11G
BLAKE	10G

The `PASSWORD_VERSIONS` column shows the list of password versions that exist for the account. `10G` refers to the earlier case-insensitive Oracle password version, `11G` refers to the SHA-1-based password version, and `12C` refers to the SHA-2-based SHA-512 password version.

- User `jones`: The password for this user was reset in Oracle Database 12c Release 12.1 when the `SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER` parameter setting was 8. This enabled all three password versions to be created.
- Users `adams` and `clark`: The passwords for these accounts were originally created in Oracle Database 10g and then reset in Oracle Database 11g. The Oracle Database 11g software was using the default `SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION` setting of 8 at that time. Because case insensitivity is enabled by default, their passwords are now case sensitive, as is the password for `preston`.
- User `preston`: This account was imported from an Oracle Database 11g database that was running in Exclusive Mode (`SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION = 12`).
- User `blake`: This account still uses the Oracle Database 10g password version. At this stage, user `blake` is prevented from logging in.

Resetting User Passwords That Use the 10G Password Version

For better security, remove the 10G password version from the accounts of all users. In the following procedure, to reset the passwords of users who have the 10G password version, you must temporarily relax the `SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER` setting, which controls the ability level required of clients before login can be allowed. Relaxing the setting enables these users to log in and change their passwords, and hence generate the newer password versions in addition to the 10G password version. Afterward, you can set the database to use Exclusive Mode and ensure that the clients have the `05L_NP` capability. Then the users can reset their passwords again, so that their password versions no longer include 10G, but only have the more secure 11G and 12C password versions.

1. Query the `DBA_USERS` view to find users who only use the 10G password version.

```
SELECT USERNAME FROM DBA_USERS
WHERE ( PASSWORD_VERSIONS = '10G '
OR PASSWORD_VERSIONS = '10G HTTP ' )
AND USERNAME <> 'ANONYMOUS';
```

2. Configure the database so that it does not run in Exclusive Mode, as follows:

- a. Edit the `SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER` setting in the `sqlnet.ora` file so that it is more permissive than the default. For example:

```
SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER=11
```

- b. If you are in the CDB root, then restart the database (for example, `SHUTDOWN IMMEDIATE` followed by `STARTUP`). If you are in a PDB, connect to the root using the `SYSDBA` administrative privilege, and then enter the following statements:

```
ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE pdb_name CLOSE IMMEDIATE;
ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE pdb_name OPEN;
```

3. Expire the users that you found when you queried the `DBA_USERS` view to find users who only use the 10G password version.

You must expire the users who have only the 10G password version, and do not have one or both of the 11G or 12C password versions.

For example:

```
ALTER USER username PASSWORD EXPIRE;
```

4. Ask the users whose passwords you expired to log in.

When the users log in, they are prompted to change their passwords. The database generates the missing 11G and 12C password versions for their account, in addition to the 10G password version. The 10G password version continues to be present, because the database is running in the permissive mode.

5. Ensure that the client software with which the users are connecting has the 05L_NP ability.

All Oracle Database release 11.2.0.3 and later clients have the 05L_NP ability. If you have an earlier Oracle Database client, then you must install the CPUOct2012 patch.

6. After all clients have the 05L_NP capability, set the security for the server back to Exclusive Mode, as follows:

- a. Remove the SEC_CASE_SENSITIVE_LOGON parameter setting from the instance initialization file, or set SEC_CASE_SENSITIVE_LOGON to TRUE.

```
SEC_CASE_SENSITIVE_LOGON = TRUE
```

- b. Remove the SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER parameter from the server sqlnet.ora file, or set the value of SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER in the server sqlnet.ora file back to 12, to set it to an Exclusive Mode.

```
SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER = 12
```

- c. If you are in the CDB root, then restart the database (for example, SHUTDOWN IMMEDIATE followed by STARTUP). If you are in a PDB, connect to the root using the SYSDBA administrative privilege, and then enter the following statements:

```
ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE pdb_name CLOSE IMMEDIATE;
ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE pdb_name OPEN;
```

7. Find the accounts that still have the 10G password version.

```
SELECT USERNAME FROM DBA_USERS
WHERE PASSWORD_VERSIONS LIKE '%10G%'
AND USERNAME <> 'ANONYMOUS';
```

8. Expire the accounts that still have the 10G password version.

```
ALTER USER username PASSWORD EXPIRE;
```

9. Ask these users to log in to their accounts.

When the users log in, they are prompted to reset their passwords. The database then generates only the 11G and 12C password versions for their accounts. Because the database is running in Exclusive Mode, the 10G password version is no longer generated.

10. Rerun the following query:

```
SELECT USERNAME FROM DBA_USERS
WHERE PASSWORD_VERSIONS LIKE '%10G%'
AND USERNAME <> 'ANONYMOUS';
```

If this query does not return any results, then it means that no user accounts have the 10G password version. Hence, the database is running in a more secure mode than in previous releases.

Understand Oracle Grid Infrastructure, Oracle ASM, and Oracle Clusterware

Oracle Clusterware and Oracle Automatic Storage Management (Oracle ASM) are both part of an Oracle Grid Infrastructure installation.

If Oracle Grid Infrastructure is installed for a single server, then it is deployed as an Oracle Restart installation with Oracle ASM. If Oracle Grid Infrastructure is installed for a cluster, then it is deployed as an Oracle Clusterware installation with Oracle ASM.

Oracle Restart enhances the availability of Oracle Database in a single-instance environment. If you install Oracle Restart, and there is a temporary failure of any part of the Oracle Database software stack, including the database, listener, and Oracle ASM instance, Oracle Restart automatically restarts the failed component. In addition, Oracle Restart starts all these components when the database host computer is restarted. The components are started in the proper order, taking into consideration the dependencies among components.

Oracle Clusterware is portable cluster software that enables clustering of single servers so that they cooperate as a single system. Oracle Clusterware also provides the required infrastructure for Oracle RAC. In addition, Oracle Clusterware enables the protection of any Oracle application or any other application within a cluster. In any case Oracle Clusterware is the intelligence in those systems that ensures required cooperation between the cluster nodes.

Oracle Grid Infrastructure Installation and Upgrade and Oracle ASM

Oracle ASM is installed with Oracle Grid Infrastructure.

In earlier releases, Oracle ASM was installed as part of the Oracle Database installation. Starting with Oracle Database release 11.2, Oracle ASM is installed when you install the Grid Infrastructure components. Oracle ASM shares an Oracle home with Oracle Clusterware.



See Also:

Oracle Grid Infrastructure Installation Guide for your platform for information about Oracle homes, role-allocated system privileges groups, different installation software owner users, and other changes.

Add New Features as Appropriate

Review new features as part of your database upgrade plan.

Oracle Database New Features Guide describes many of the new features available in the new Oracle Database release. Determine which of these new features can benefit the database and applications. You can then develop a plan for using these features.

It is not necessary to make any immediate changes to begin using your new Oracle Database software. You can choose to introduce new feature enhancements into your database and applications gradually.



See Also:

Oracle Database New Features Guide

Develop New Administrative Procedures as Needed

Plan a review of your scripts and procedures, and change as needed.

After familiarizing yourself with the features of the new Oracle Database release, review your database administration scripts and procedures to determine whether any changes are necessary.

Coordinate your changes to the database with the changes that are necessary for each application. For example, by enabling integrity constraints in the database, you may be able to remove some data checking from your applications.

Set Threshold Values for Tablespace Alerts

After an upgrade, thresholds for the upgraded Oracle Database Tablespace Alerts are set to null, disabling the alerts.

You must identify tablespaces in the database that are candidates for monitoring, and you must set the appropriate threshold values for these tablespaces.

Starting with Oracle Database 18c and later releases, in newly-created Oracle Database installations, the following values are used as defaults:

- 85% full warning
- 97% full critical

Migrating From Rollback Segments To Automatic Undo Mode

If your database release is earlier than Oracle Database 11g, then you must migrate the database that is being upgraded from using rollback segments (manual undo management) to automatic undo management.

Automatic undo management is the default undo space management mode. The `UNDO_MANAGEMENT` initialization parameter specifies which undo space management mode the system should use:

- If `UNDO_MANAGEMENT` is set to `AUTO` (or if `UNDO_MANAGEMENT` is not set), then the database instance starts in automatic undo management mode.

A null `UNDO_MANAGEMENT` initialization parameter defaults to automatic undo management mode in Oracle Database 11g Release 1 (11.1) and later. In earlier releases it defaults to manual undo management mode. Use caution when upgrading earlier releases.

- If `UNDO_MANAGEMENT` is set to `MANUAL`, then undo space is allocated externally as rollback segments.
1. Set the `UNDO_MANAGEMENT` parameter to `UNDO_MANAGEMENT=MANUAL`.
 2. Start the instance again and run through a standard business cycle to obtain a representative workload. Assess the workload, and compute the size of the undo tablespace that you require for automatic undo management.
 3. After the standard business cycle completes, run the following function to collect the undo tablespace size, and to help with the sizing of the undo tablespace. You require `SYSDBA` privileges to run this function.

```

DECLARE
    utbsiz_in_MB NUMBER;
BEGIN
    utbsiz_in_MB := DBMS_UNDO_ADV.RBU_MIGRATION;
end;
/

```

This function runs a PL/SQL procedure that provides information on how to size your new undo tablespace based on the configuration and usage of the rollback segments in your system. The function returns the sizing information directly.

4. Create an undo tablespace of the required size and turn on the automatic undo management by setting `UNDO_MANAGEMENT=AUTO` or by removing the parameter.
5. For Oracle RAC configurations, repeat these steps on all instances.

Migrating Tables from the LONG Data Type to the LOB Data Type

You can use the `ALTER TABLE` statement to change the data type of a `LONG` column to `CLOB` and that of a `LONG RAW` column to `BLOB`.

The LOB data types (`BFILE`, `BLOB`, `CLOB`, and `NCLOB`) can provide many advantages over `LONG` data types.

In the following example, the `LONG` column named `long_col` in table `long_tab` is changed to data type `CLOB`:

```
SQL> ALTER TABLE Long_tab MODIFY ( long_col CLOB );
```

After using this method to change `LONG` columns to LOBs, all the existing constraints and triggers on the table are still usable. However, all the indexes, including Domain indexes and Functional indexes, on all columns of the table become unusable and must be rebuilt using an `ALTER INDEX...REBUILD` statement. Also, the Domain indexes on the `LONG` column must be dropped before changing the `LONG` column to a LOB.



See Also:

Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide for information about modifying applications to use LOB data

Migrate Your Upgraded Oracle Databases to Use Unified Auditing

To use the full facilities of unified auditing, you must manually migrate to unified auditing.

In unified auditing, all Oracle Database audit trails (`SYS.AUD$` for the database audit trail, `SYS.FGA_LOG$` for fine-grained auditing, `DVYS.AUDIT_TRAIL$` for Database Vault, and so on) are combined into one single audit trail, which you can view by querying the `UNIFIED_AUDIT_TRAIL` data dictionary view for single-instance installations and `GV$UNIFIED_AUDIT_TRAIL` for Oracle Real Application Clusters environments.

- [Understanding Unified Auditing Migration Process for Oracle Database](#)
Decide which audit policies you want to use in the upgraded database.
- [Migrating to Unified Auditing for Oracle Database](#)
Use this procedure for multitenant container (CDB) databases to migrate to unified auditing.
- [About Managing Earlier Audit Records After You Migrate to Unified Auditing](#)
Review, archive, and purge earlier audit trails in preparation for using the unified audit trail.
- [Removing the Unified Auditing Functionality](#)
Use this procedure to remove unified auditing, and to use mixed-mode audit.
- [Obtaining Documentation References if You Choose Not to Use Unified Auditing](#)
You can access documentation listed here to obtain configuration information about how to use non-unified auditing.

See Also:

Oracle Database Security Guide for information about how the audit features have changed for this release

Understanding Unified Auditing Migration Process for Oracle Database

Decide which audit policies you want to use in the upgraded database.

By default, unified auditing is not enabled for upgraded databases. If you have upgraded from an earlier release to Oracle Database 12c, then your database uses the same auditing functionality that was used in the earlier release. For newly created databases, the mixed-mode method of unified auditing is enabled by default. After you complete the migration to unified auditing, traditional auditing is disabled, and the new audit records write to the unified audit trail.

To enable and configure the audit policies and how they are used, choose one method as follows:

- Use the pure unified audit facility.
Migrate to unified auditing to use the full unified auditing facility features. After you complete the procedure to migrate to unified auditing, you can create and enable new audit policies and also use the predefined audit policies. The audit records for

these policies write to the unified audit trail. The earlier audit trails and their audit records remain, but no new audit records write to the earlier audit trails.

 **Note:**

The audit configuration from the earlier release has no effect in the unified audit system. Only unified audit policies generate audit records inside the unified audit trail.

- Use a mixed-mode audit facility.

The mixed-mode audit facility enables both traditional and unified auditing facilities to run simultaneously and applies to both new and upgraded databases. The mixed-mode unified auditing facility becomes available if you enable at least one of the unified auditing predefined audit policies. Audit records for these policies write to the unified audit trail. The audit configuration in the earlier release of Oracle Database is also available, and the audit records for this configuration write to the earlier audit trails. If you decide that you prefer using the pure unified audit facility, then you can migrate to it.

 **Note:**

If the database is not writable, then audit records write to new format operating system files in the `$ORACLE_BASE/audit/$ORACLE_SID` directory.

 **See Also:**

- *Oracle Database Security Guide* for information about the predefined audit policies
- *Oracle Database Security Guide* for information about the `ora_SecureConfig` audit policy

Migrating to Unified Auditing for Oracle Database

Use this procedure for multitenant container (CDB) databases to migrate to unified auditing.

Perform the following procedure in the `root`. The procedure migrates both the `root` CDB, and any associated PDBs, to unified auditing.

 **Note:**

You can disable unified auditing from the container database (CDB) root only, not for individual pluggable databases (PDBs).

However, when unified auditing is disabled, then individual PDBs can use the mixed mode auditing, depending on whether or not the local audit policy is enabled in that PDB. If you have a CDB common audit policy enabled, then all PDBs use mixed mode auditing.

1. Log in to SQL*Plus as user `SYS` with the `SYSDBA` privilege.

```
sqlplus sys as sysdba
Enter password: password
```

In the multitenant environment, this login connects you to `root`.

2. Check if your Oracle Database is migrated to unified auditing using this query:

```
SQL> SELECT VALUE FROM V$OPTION WHERE PARAMETER = 'Unified Auditing';
```

If the output for the `VALUE` column is `TRUE`, then unified auditing is already enabled in your database. You can proceed to [Managing Earlier Audit Records](#). If the output is `FALSE`, then complete the remaining steps in this procedure.

3. Stop the database. For single-instance environments, enter the following commands from SQL*Plus:

```
SQL> SHUTDOWN IMMEDIATE
SQL> EXIT
```

For Windows systems, stop the Oracle service:

```
net stop OracleService%ORACLE_SID%
```

For Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) installations, shut down each database instance as follows:

```
srvctl stop database -db db_name
```

4. Stop the listener. (Stopping the listener is not necessary for Oracle RAC and Oracle Grid Infrastructure listeners.)

```
lsnrctl stop listener_name
```

You can find the name of the listener by running the `lsnrctl status` command. The `Alias` setting indicates the name.

5. Go to the directory `$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/lib`.
6. Enable unified auditing for the Oracle user.

- Linux and Unix

```
make -f ins_rdbms.mk uniaud_on ioracle ORACLE_HOME=$ORACLE_HOME
```

- Microsoft Windows

Rename the file %ORACLE_HOME%/bin/orauniaud12.dll.dbl to %ORACLE_HOME%/bin/orauniaud12.dll.

 **Note:**

For Oracle RAC databases that have non-shared Oracle homes, you must repeat this step on each cluster member node, so that the binaries are updated inside the local ORACLE_HOME on each cluster node.

7. Restart the listener.

```
lsnrctl start listener_name
```

8. Restart the database.

Log in to SQL*Plus and then enter the `STARTUP` command:

```
sqlplus sys as sysoper
Enter password: password
```

```
SQL> STARTUP
```

For Microsoft Windows systems, start the Oracle service:

```
net start OracleService%ORACLE_SID%
```

For Oracle RAC installations, start each database instance:

```
srvctl start database -db db_name
```

About Managing Earlier Audit Records After You Migrate to Unified Auditing

Review, archive, and purge earlier audit trails in preparation for using the unified audit trail.

After you complete the procedure to migrate Oracle Database to use unified auditing, any audit records that your database had before remain in their earlier audit trails. You can archive these audit records and then purge their audit trails. With unified auditing in place, any new audit records write to the unified audit trail.

 **See Also:**

- "Archiving the Audit Trail" in *Oracle Database Security Guide*
- "Purging Audit Trail Records" in *Oracle Database Security Guide*

Removing the Unified Auditing Functionality

Use this procedure to remove unified auditing, and to use mixed-mode audit.

After you have enabled your databases to use unified auditing, if you decide that you do not want unified auditing, then you can use this procedure to remove the unified auditing functionality. In this case, your database uses the mixed-mode audit facility.

1. Stop the database.

```
sqlplus sys as sysoper  
Enter password: password
```

```
SQL> SHUTDOWN IMMEDIATE  
SQL> EXIT
```

For Windows systems, stop the Oracle service:

```
net stop OracleService%ORACLE_SID%
```

For Oracle RAC installations, shut down each database instance as follows:

```
srvctl stop database -db db_name
```

2. Go to the `$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/lib` directory.
3. Disable the unified auditing executable.

- **Unix:** Run the following command:

```
make -f ins_rdbms.mk uniaud_off ioracle ORACLE_HOME=$ORACLE_HOME
```

- **Microsoft Windows:** Rename the `%ORACLE_HOME%/bin/orauniaud12.dll` file to `%ORACLE_HOME%/bin/orauniaud12.dll.dbl`.

4. Restart the database.

```
sqlplus sys as sysoper  
Enter password: password
```

```
SQL> STARTUP  
SQL> EXIT
```

For Microsoft Windows systems, start the Oracle service again.

```
net start OracleService%ORACLE_SID%
```

For Oracle RAC installations, start each database instance using the following syntax:

```
srvctl start database -db db_name
```

Obtaining Documentation References if You Choose Not to Use Unified Auditing

You can access documentation listed here to obtain configuration information about how to use non-unified auditing.

After upgrading to the new release Oracle Database, if you choose not to change to unified auditing, then Oracle documentation and Oracle Technology Network provide information about traditional non-unified auditing.

- *Oracle Database Security Guide*: This guide is the main source of information for configuring auditing. You must use the Oracle Database Release 11g version of this manual. To access this guide:
 1. Visit Oracle Technology Network at the following URL:
<http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/index.html>
 2. From the Downloads menu, under Databases, select Database 11g.
 3. In the Downloads page, select the **Documentation** tab.
 4. From the most recent Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2) Documentation page, select the **View Library** link to display the home page of the Release 11g documentation set.
 5. Under the **Search** field, select the **Master Book List** link.
 6. Search for *Security Guide*.
 7. Select either the **HTML** or the **PDF** link for this guide.

Identify Oracle Text Indexes for Rebuilds

You can run a script that helps you to identify Oracle Text index indexes with token tables that can benefit by being rebuilt after upgrading to the new Oracle Database release..

When you upgrade from Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.2.0.1) to Oracle Database 18c and later releases, the Oracle Text token tables (\$I, \$P, and so on) are expanded from 64 bytes to 255 bytes. However, if you have indexes with existing token tables using the smaller size range, then the Oracle Text indexes cannot take advantage of this widened token column range. You must rebuild the indexes to use the 255 byte size range. Oracle provides a script that can assist you to identify indexes that can benefit by being rebuilt.

Obtain the script from My Oracle Support:

<https://support.oracle.com/rs?type=doc&id=2287094.1>

Dropping and Recreating DBMS_SCHEDULER Jobs

If DBMS_SCHEDULER jobs do not function after upgrading from an earlier release, drop and recreate the jobs.

If you find that DBMS_SCHEDULER jobs are not functioning after an upgrade, drop and recreate those jobs. This issue can occur even if the upgrade process does not report issues, and system objects are valid.

Transfer Unified Audit Records After the Upgrade

Review these topics to understand how you can obtain better performance after you upgrade and migrate to unified auditing

- [About Transferring Unified Audit Records After an Upgrade](#)
Transferring the unified audit records from Oracle Database 12c release 12.1 to the new relational table under the AUDSYS schema for the new Oracle Database release improves the read performance of the unified audit trail.
- [Transferring Unified Audit Records After an Upgrade](#)
You can transfer unified audit records to the new relational table in AUDSYS by using the DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.TRANSFER_UNIFIED_AUDIT_RECORDS PL/SQL procedure.

About Transferring Unified Audit Records After an Upgrade

Transferring the unified audit records from Oracle Database 12c release 12.1 to the new relational table under the AUDSYS schema for the new Oracle Database release improves the read performance of the unified audit trail.

Starting with Oracle Database 12c Release 2, unified audit records are written directly to a new internal relational table that is located in the AUDSYS schema. In Oracle Database 12c release 12.1, the unified audit records were written to the common logging infrastructure (CLI) SGA queues. If you migrated to unified auditing in that release, then to obtain better read performance, you can transfer the unified audit records that are from that release to the new Oracle Database release internal table. It is not mandatory that you perform this transfer, but Oracle recommends that you do so to obtain better unified audit trail read performance. This is a one-time operation. All new unified audit records that are generated after the upgrade are written to the new table. The table is a read-only table. Any attempt to modify the metadata or data of this table is mandatorily audited.

After you upgrade to the new Oracle Database release, if you have any unified audit records present in the UNIFIED_AUDIT_TRAIL from the earlier release, then consider transferring them to the new internal relational table by using the transfer procedure for better read performance of the unified audit trail.

As with the SYS schema, you cannot query the AUDSYS schema if you have the SELECT ANY TABLE system privilege. In addition, this table is not listed as a schema object in the ALL_TABLES data dictionary view unless you have either the SELECT ANY DICTIONARY system privilege or an explicit SELECT privilege on this internal table. Until the database is open read write, the audit records are written to operating system spillover files (.bin format). However, you can transfer the audit records in these operating system files to the internal relational table after the database opens in

the read write mode by using the
`DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.LOAD_UNIFIED_AUDIT_FILES` procedure.

Transferring Unified Audit Records After an Upgrade

You can transfer unified audit records to the new relational table in `AUDSYS` by using the `DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.TRANSFER_UNIFIED_AUDIT_RECORDS` PL/SQL procedure.

1. Log in to the database instance as a user who has been granted the `AUDIT_ADMIN` role.

For example, in a non-multitenant environment:

```
sqlplus sec_admin
Enter password: password
```

For a multitenant environment, connect to the root:

```
sqlplus c##sec_admin@root
Enter password: password
```

You can perform this procedure execution in the root as well as in a PDB, because the `UNIFIED_AUDIT_TRAIL` view is container specific. In addition, the transfer procedure is container specific. That is, performing the transfer from the root does not affect the unified audit records that are present in the unified audit trail for the PDB.

2. For a multitenant environment, query the `DBA_PDB_HISTORY` view to find the correct GUID that is associated with the CLI table that is specific to the container from which audit records must be transferred.

For example:

```
SQL> SELECT PDB_NAME, PDB_GUID FROM DBA_PDB_HISTORY;
```

```
PDB_NAME  PDB_GUID
-----  -
HR_PDB    33D96CA7862D53DFE0534DC0E40A7C9B
...
```

3. In a multitenant environment, connect to the container for which you want to transfer the audit records.

You cannot perform the transfer operation on a container that is different from the one in which you are currently connected.

4. Run the `DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.TRANSFER_UNIFIED_AUDIT_RECORDS` procedure.

For example:

```
SQL> EXEC DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.TRANSFER_UNIFIED_AUDIT_RECORDS;
```

PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.

Or, to specify the PDB GUID:

```
SQL> EXEC DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.TRANSFER_UNIFIED_AUDIT_RECORDS
('33D96CA7862D53DFE0534DC0E40A7C9B');
```

PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.

5. If the database is in open read write mode, then execute the `DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.LOAD_UNIFIED_AUDIT_FILES` procedure.

Until the database is in open read write mode, audit records are written to operating system (OS) files. The `DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.LOAD_UNIFIED_AUDIT_FILES` procedure moves the unified audit records that are present in the files to database tables. You can find the unified audit records that are present in the OS spillover files by querying the `V$UNIFIED_AUDIT_TRAIL` dynamic view.

For example, if you want to execute this procedure for audit records in the `HR_PDB` container, then you must connect to that PDB first:

```
SQL> CONNECT sec_admin@HR_PDB
Enter password: password

SQL> EXEC DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.LOAD_UNIFIED_AUDIT_FILES;

PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.
```

6. Query the `UNIFIED_AUDIT_TRAIL` data dictionary view to check if the records transferred correctly.

Oracle highly recommends that you query `UNIFIED_AUDIT_TRAIL`. After a successful audit record transfer, you should query the `UNIFIED_AUDIT_TRAIL` because querying the `V$UNIFIED_AUDIT_TRAIL` dynamic view will show the audit records that are present only in the OS spillover files.

About Testing the Upgraded Production Oracle Database

Repeat tests on your production database that you carried out on your test database to ensure applications operate as expected.

If you upgraded a test database to the new Oracle Database release, and then tested it, then you can now repeat those tests on the production database that you upgraded to the new Oracle Database release. Compare the results, noting anomalies. Repeat the test upgrade as many times as necessary.

To verify that your applications operate properly with a new Oracle Database release, test the newly upgraded production database with your existing applications. You also can test enhanced functions by adding available Oracle Database features, and then testing them. However, first ensure that the applications operate in the same manner as they did before the upgrade.

Recommended Tasks After Upgrading an Oracle RAC Database

Decide if you want to configure clients to use SCAN or node listeners for connections.

Oracle Real Application Clusters 12c uses the Single Client Access Name (SCAN). The SCAN is a single name that resolves to three IP addresses in the public network. When you upgrade a release of an Oracle RAC database earlier than release 11.2, the Oracle RAC database is registered with SCAN listeners as remote listeners. The Oracle RAC database also continues to register with all node listeners. SCAN listeners offer a variety of benefits. These benefits include enabling you to configure clients one time, and adding or removing nodes from the cluster without needing to change client connection configurations.

You can configure clients to use SCANS, or you can continue to use listeners configured on cluster member nodes. If you migrate all of your client connections to use SCANS, then you can remove the node listeners from the `REMOTE_LISTENERS` parameter. However, you cannot remove the node listeners themselves, because only node listeners can create dedicated servers for the database.

 **See Also:**

Oracle Clusterware Administration and Deployment Guide for more information about Single Client Access Names (SCAN)

Recommended Tasks After Upgrading Oracle ASM

After you have upgraded Oracle ASM, Oracle recommends that you perform tasks such as resetting the Oracle ASM passwords and configuring disk groups.

- [Create a Shared Password File In the ASM Diskgroup](#)
If you advance the `COMPATIBLE .ASM` disk group attribute, then create a shared password file.
- [Reset Oracle ASM Passwords to Enforce Case-Sensitivity](#)
To take advantage of enforced case-sensitive passwords, you must reset the passwords of existing users during the database upgrade procedure.
- [Advancing the Oracle ASM and Oracle Database Disk Group Compatibility](#)
You can advance the Oracle Database and the Oracle ASM disk group compatibility settings across software versions.
- [Set Up Oracle ASM Preferred Read Failure Groups](#)
Oracle ASM administrators can specify some disks as preferred read disks for read I/O operations.

Related Topics

- [Add New Features as Appropriate](#)
Review new features as part of your database upgrade plan.
- [Develop New Administrative Procedures as Needed](#)
Plan a review of your scripts and procedures, and change as needed.

Create a Shared Password File In the ASM Diskgroup

If you advance the `COMPATIBLE .ASM` disk group attribute, then create a shared password file.

If you advanced the `COMPATIBLE .ASM` disk group attribute to 12.1 or later, then you are required to create a shared password file in the ASM diskgroup.

 **See Also:**

Oracle Automatic Storage Management Administrator's Guide for complete information about managing a shared password file in a disk group

Reset Oracle ASM Passwords to Enforce Case-Sensitivity

To take advantage of enforced case-sensitive passwords, you must reset the passwords of existing users during the database upgrade procedure.

In releases earlier than Oracle Database 11g Release 1 (11.1), passwords are not case sensitive. You can enforce case sensitivity for passwords. For example, the password `hPP5620qr` fails if it is entered as `hpp5620QR` or `hPp5620Qr`.

For new Oracle ASM instances, there are no additional tasks or management requirements. For upgraded Oracle ASM instances, each user password must be reset with an `ALTER USER` statement.

 **Note:**

If the default Oracle Database security settings are in place, then passwords must be at least eight characters, and passwords such as `welcome` and `oracle` are not allowed. See *Oracle Database Security Guide* for more information.

Advancing the Oracle ASM and Oracle Database Disk Group Compatibility

You can advance the Oracle Database and the Oracle ASM disk group compatibility settings across software versions.

 **Caution:**

If you advance the `COMPATIBLE.RDBMS` attribute, then you cannot revert to the previous setting. Before advancing the `COMPATIBLE.RDBMS` attribute, ensure that the values for the `COMPATIBLE` initialization parameter for all of the databases that use the disk group are set to at least the new setting for `COMPATIBLE.RDBMS` before you advance the attribute value.

Advancing compatibility enables new features only available in the new release. However, doing so makes the disk group incompatible with older releases of the software. Advancing the on disk compatibility is an irreversible operation.

Use the `compatible.rdbms` and `compatible.asm` attributes to specify the minimum software release required by the database instance and the Oracle ASM instance,

respectively, to access the disk group. For example, the following `ALTER DISKGROUP` statement advances the Oracle ASM compatibility of the disk group `asmhg2`:

```
ALTER DISKGROUP asmdg2 SET ATTRIBUTE 'compatible.asm' = '12.2'
```

In this case, the disk group can be managed only by Oracle ASM software of release 12.2 or later, while any database client of release 11.2 or later can use the disk group.

Set Up Oracle ASM Preferred Read Failure Groups

Oracle ASM administrators can specify some disks as preferred read disks for read I/O operations.

When an ASM administrator defines Oracle ASM preferred read failure groups, Oracle ASM can then read from the extent that is in the nearest preferred read disk, rather than always reading the primary copy.

See Also:

- *Oracle Clusterware Administration and Deployment Guide* for information about specifying failure groups settings in an extended cluster
- *Oracle Automatic Storage Management Administrator's Guide* for complete information about Oracle ASM preferred read failure groups, and specifying the new `ASM_PREFERRED_READ_FAILURE_GROUPS` initialization parameter to list failure group names that contain the preferred read disks for each node in a cluster
- *Oracle Database Reference* for the `ASM_PREFERRED_READ_FAILURE_GROUPS` initialization parameter

Recommended Tasks After Upgrading Oracle Database Express Edition

Use DBCA or run manual scripts to install additional components into Oracle Database.

An Oracle Database Express database contains only a subset of the components available in an Oracle Database Standard Edition or Oracle Database Enterprise Edition database. After upgrading to the new Oracle Database release, you can use Database Configuration Assistant (DBCA) or manual scripts to install additional components into your database.

Tasks to Complete Only After Manually Upgrading Oracle Database

After you complete your upgrade, you must perform the tasks described here if you upgrade your database manually instead of using DBUA.

 **Note:**

If you completed your upgrade using the AutoUpgrade utility, then you only have to complete the following:

- "Identifying and Copying Oracle Text Files to a New Oracle Home"
- "Upgrading the Oracle Clusterware Configuration"

- [Changing Passwords for Oracle Supplied Accounts](#)
Oracle recommends that you carry out these tasks to protect new Oracle user accounts.
- [Migrating Your Initialization Parameter File to a Server Parameter File](#)
If you are currently using a traditional initialization parameter file, then use this procedure to migrate to a server parameter file.
- [Identifying and Copying Oracle Text Files to a New Oracle Home](#)
To upgrade Oracle Text, use this procedure to identify and copy required files from your existing Oracle home to the new release Oracle home. Complete this task after you upgrade Oracle Database.
- [Upgrading the Oracle Clusterware Configuration](#)
If you are using Oracle Clusterware, then you must upgrade the Oracle Clusterware keys for the database.
- [Adjust the Initialization Parameter File for the New Release](#)
Review these topics to help you to check your initialization parameters after upgrading.
- [Set CLUSTER_DATABASE Initialization Parameter For Oracle RAC After Upgrade](#)
For manual upgrades of Oracle RAC database instances, you must change the CLUSTER_DATABASE initialization parameter to rejoin the node to the new release cluster.

Changing Passwords for Oracle Supplied Accounts

Oracle recommends that you carry out these tasks to protect new Oracle user accounts.

Depending on the release from which you upgraded, there may be new Oracle user accounts on your database. Oracle recommends that you lock all Oracle supplied accounts except for SYS and SYSTEM, and expire their passwords, so that new passwords are required when the accounts are unlocked.

 **Note:**

If the default Oracle Database 12c security settings are in place, then passwords must be at least eight characters, and passwords such as `welcome` and `oracle` are not allowed.

 **See Also:**

Oracle Database Security Guide about password requirements

You can view the status of all accounts by issuing the following SQL statement:

```
SQL> SELECT username, account_status
       FROM dba_users
       ORDER BY username;
```

To lock and expire passwords, issue the following SQL statement:

```
SQL> ALTER USER username PASSWORD EXPIRE ACCOUNT LOCK;
```

Migrating Your Initialization Parameter File to a Server Parameter File

If you are currently using a traditional initialization parameter file, then use this procedure to migrate to a server parameter file.

1. If the initialization parameter file is located on a client computer, then transfer the file from the client computer to the server computer.
2. Create a server parameter file using the `CREATE SPFILE` statement. This statement reads the initialization parameter file to create a server parameter file. You are not required to start the database to issue a `CREATE SPFILE` statement.
3. Start up the instance using the newly-created server parameter file.

 **Note:**

If you are using Oracle RAC, then you must combine all of your instance-specific initialization parameter files into a single initialization parameter file. Complete the procedures necessary for using a server parameter file with cluster databases.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Real Application Clusters Administration and Deployment Guide*

Identifying and Copying Oracle Text Files to a New Oracle Home

To upgrade Oracle Text, use this procedure to identify and copy required files from your existing Oracle home to the new release Oracle home. Complete this task after you upgrade Oracle Database.

Certain Oracle Text features rely on files under the Oracle home that you have configured. After manually upgrading to a new Oracle Database release, or after any process that changes the Oracle home, you must identify and move these files manually. These files include user filters, mail filter configuration files, and all knowledge base extension files. After you identify the files, copy the files from your existing Oracle home to the new Oracle home.

To identify and copy required files from your existing Oracle home to the new release Oracle home:

1. Log in with the SYS, SYSTEM, or CTXSYS system privileges for the upgraded database.
2. Under the Oracle home of the upgraded database, run the `$ORACLE_HOME/ctx/admin/ctx_oh_files.sql` SQL script.

For example:

```
sqlplus / as sysdba
connected
SQL> @?/ctx/admin/ctx_oh_files
```

3. Review the output of the `ctx_oh_files.sql` command, and copy the files to the new Oracle home.

Upgrading the Oracle Clusterware Configuration

If you are using Oracle Clusterware, then you must upgrade the Oracle Clusterware keys for the database.

Run `srvctl` for Oracle Database 12c to upgrade the database. For example:

```
ORACLE_HOME/bin/srvctl upgrade database -db name -o ORACLE_HOME
```

Related Topics

- [Oracle Real Application Clusters Administration and Deployment Guide](#)

Adjust the Initialization Parameter File for the New Release

Review these topics to help you to check your initialization parameters after upgrading.

Each release of Oracle Database introduces new initialization parameters, deprecates some initialization parameters, and desupports some initialization parameters. You must adjust the parameter file to account for these changes, and to take advantage of new initialization parameters that can be beneficial to your system. Additionally, when you perform a manual upgrade without using DBUA, the `tnsnames.ora` file is not automatically populated with new configuration information and settings. Therefore, you must manually update `tnsnames.ora` and adjust `local_listener` and `remote_listener` parameter references if these must be resolved.

- [Setting the COMPATIBLE Initialization Parameter After Upgrade](#)
After testing, you can set the `COMPATIBLE` initialization parameter to the compatibility level you want for your new database.
- [Adjust TNSNAMES.ORA and LISTENER Parameters After Upgrade](#)
After performing a manual upgrade, if you must resolve `local_listener` and `remote_listener` in `tnsnames.ora`, then you must manually adjust those parameters.

 **See Also:**

- *Oracle Database Reference* “Changes In this Release” section for a list of new initialization parameters, and for information about each parameter

Setting the COMPATIBLE Initialization Parameter After Upgrade

After testing, you can set the `COMPATIBLE` initialization parameter to the compatibility level you want for your new database.

The `COMPATIBLE` initialization parameter controls the compatibility level of your database. Set the `COMPATIBLE` initialization parameter to a higher value only when you are certain that you no longer need the ability to downgrade your database.

1. Perform a backup of your database before you raise the `COMPATIBLE` initialization parameter (optional).

Raising the `COMPATIBLE` initialization parameter can cause your database to become incompatible with earlier releases of Oracle Database. A backup ensures that you can return to the earlier release if necessary.

2. If you are using a server parameter file, then complete the following steps:
 - a. To set or change the value of the `COMPATIBLE` initialization parameter, update the server parameter file.

For example, to set the `COMPATIBLE` initialization parameter to 12.2.0, enter the following statement:

```
SQL> ALTER SYSTEM SET COMPATIBLE = '19.1.0' SCOPE=SPFILE;
```

- b. Shut down and restart the instance.
3. If you are using an initialization parameter file, then complete the following steps:
 - a. If an instance is running, then shut it down.

For example:

```
SQL> SHUTDOWN IMMEDIATE
```

- b. To set or change the value of the `COMPATIBLE` initialization parameter, you edit the initialization parameter file.

For example, to set the `COMPATIBLE` initialization parameter to for Oracle Database release 19.1.0, enter the following in the initialization parameter file:

```
COMPATIBLE = 19.1.0
```

- c. Start the instance using `STARTUP`.

 **Note:**

If you are using an ASM disk group, then the disk group compatibility attribute must be equal to or less than the value for the database compatibility parameter in `init.ora`.

Adjust TNSNAMES.ORA and LISTENER Parameters After Upgrade

After performing a manual upgrade, if you must resolve `local_listener` and `remote_listener` in `tnsnames.ora`, then you must manually adjust those parameters.

DBUA handles changes to network naming and listeners during automatic upgrades. However, during a manual upgrade, neither `tnsnames.ora` nor the listeners are changed.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database Net Services Administrator's Guide*
- *Oracle Database Net Services Reference*

Set CLUSTER_DATABASE Initialization Parameter For Oracle RAC After Upgrade

For manual upgrades of Oracle RAC database instances, you must change the `CLUSTER_DATABASE` initialization parameter to rejoin the node to the new release cluster.

In upgrades of cluster member nodes, you set the `CLUSTER_DATABASE` initialization parameter to `false` before upgrading a cluster database.

After you complete the upgrade, you must set this parameter to `true`, so that you can rejoin the node to the new release cluster.

 **Note:**

If you carry out your upgrade using Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA), then DBUA performs this task for you.

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Upgrading Applications After Upgrading Oracle Database

To take full advantage of new features, you must upgrade applications running in the new release.

Many new features and enhancements are available after upgrading to a new release of Oracle Database. Review these topics for guidance in planning these application upgrades.

- [Overview of Upgrading Applications on a New Oracle Database Release](#)
You are not required to modify existing applications that do not use features available in the new Oracle Database release.
- [Compatibility Issues for Applications on Different Releases of Oracle Database](#)
You can encounter compatibility issues between different releases of Oracle Database that can affect your applications.
- [Software Upgrades and Client and Server Configurations for Oracle Database](#)
Use these topics to understand your options for upgrading precompiler and Oracle Call Interface (OCI) applications, depending on the type of software upgrade that you are performing and your client and server configurations.
- [Compatibility Rules for Applications When Upgrading Oracle Database Client or Server Software](#)
Compatibility rules apply when you upgrade Oracle Database client or server software.
- [About Upgrading Precompiler and OCI Applications in Oracle Database](#)
Review this information if you want to upgrade precompiler and Oracle Call Interface (OCI) applications.
- [Schema-Only Accounts and Upgrading EXPIRED Password Accounts](#)
Before starting your upgrade, determine if you want to use password authenticate to default Oracle Database accounts where their passwords are in `EXPIRED` status, and their account is in `LOCKED` status
- [About Upgrading Options for Oracle Precompiler and OCI Applications](#)
Oracle provides several options for upgrading your precompiler and Oracle Call Interface (OCI) applications running on a new release of Oracle Database.
- [Upgrading SQL*Plus Scripts and PL/SQL after Upgrading Oracle Database](#)
To use features and functions of the new Oracle Database release, you must change existing SQL scripts to use the syntax of the new Oracle Database release.
- [About Upgrading Oracle Forms or Oracle Developer Applications](#)
Review Oracle Forms and Oracle Developer new features to see if any of your applications can benefit from them.

Schema-Only Accounts and Upgrading EXPIRED Password Accounts

Before starting your upgrade, determine if you want to use password authentication for default Oracle Database accounts where their passwords are in `EXPIRED` status, and their account is in `LOCKED` status.

During upgrades to Oracle Database 19c and later releases, default Oracle accounts that have not had their passwords reset before upgrade (and are set to `EXPIRED` status), and that are also set to `LOCKED` status, are set to `NO AUTHENTICATION` after the upgrade is complete.

Because of this new feature, default accounts that are changed to schema-only accounts become unavailable for password authentication. The benefit of this feature is that administrators no longer have to periodically rotate the passwords for these Oracle Database-provided schemas. This feature also reduces the security risk of attackers using default passwords to hack into these accounts.

If you want to prevent these Oracle accounts from being set to schema-only accounts during the upgrade, then you must either set a valid strong password for the account before you start the upgrade, or set a valid strong password for these accounts after upgrade, or unlock the accounts before you log in to the upgraded Oracle Database.

After the upgrade, an administrator can also enable password authentication for schema-only accounts. However, for better security, Oracle recommends that you keep these accounts as schema only accounts.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database Security Guide*

Overview of Upgrading Applications on a New Oracle Database Release

You are not required to modify existing applications that do not use features available in the new Oracle Database release.

Existing applications running in a new release of Oracle Database function the same as they did in earlier releases and achieve the same, or enhanced, performance.

Many new features and enhancements are available after upgrading to the new Oracle Database release. Some of these changes provide added features and functions, while others provide improved performance. Before you upgrade your applications, Oracle recommends that you review and fully test these new features to decide which ones you want to use.

 **See Also:**

- *Oracle Database New Features Guide* for information about the new features available in this Oracle Database release
- <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/indexes/documentation/> Oracle Technical network (OTN) for information about using individual Oracle Database 18c database products or options

Compatibility Issues for Applications on Different Releases of Oracle Database

You can encounter compatibility issues between different releases of Oracle Database that can affect your applications.

Compatibility issues can occur due to differences between Oracle Database releases. Also, in each new release of Oracle Database, new Oracle reserved words can be added, or initialization parameters can be changed, or the data dictionary can be changed. Review the relevant topics in this documentation for more information.

When you upgrade your Oracle Database software to a new release, ensure that your applications do not use any words reserved by Oracle, that your applications are compatible with the initialization parameters of the database, and that your applications are compatible with the data dictionary of the database.

Also be aware that new releases of Oracle Database can be supported only on particular operating system releases or patch sets. An operating system release and patch set that is supported for use with a previous release of Oracle Database can not be supported for current releases. Check operating system requirements before you install oracle software to perform an upgrade. In addition, to be able to use some features, your system can require additional patch sets or kernel additions.

Software Upgrades and Client and Server Configurations for Oracle Database

Use these topics to understand your options for upgrading precompiler and Oracle Call Interface (OCI) applications, depending on the type of software upgrade that you are performing and your client and server configurations.

- [Possible Client and Server Configurations for Oracle Database](#)
Select a client/server configuration to run your precompiler and OCI applications.
- [Types of Software Upgrades for Oracle Database Client and Server Software](#)
Review to identify if a release is a major release or a maintenance release.

Possible Client and Server Configurations for Oracle Database

Select a client/server configuration to run your precompiler and OCI applications.

Your precompiler and OCI applications run on the client in a client/server environment, where the Oracle Database server is the server. You can use one or more of the following client/server configurations in your environment

Oracle Database Client and Server on Different Computers

The client software and the server software are on different computers, and they are connected through a network. The client and server environments are separate.

Oracle Database Client and Server in Different Oracle Locations on the Same Computer

The client software and the server software are on the same computer, but they are installed in different Oracle home directories. Again, the client and server environments are separate.

Oracle Database Client and Server in the Same Oracle Location

The client software and server software are installed in the same Oracle home on the same computer. In this case, any upgrade of the server software is also an upgrade of the client software.



See Also:

Oracle Database Concepts for more information about client/server environments

Types of Software Upgrades for Oracle Database Client and Server Software

Review to identify if a release is a major release or a maintenance release.

Two types of upgrades are possible for Oracle Database client and server software: a major release of Oracle Database, and a maintenance release for Oracle Database.

Oracle Database Major Release Upgrade

In a major release, the upgrade changes the first digit of the release number. For example, upgrading from Oracle Database 11g to Oracle Database 12c is a major database release upgrade.

Oracle Database Maintenance Release Upgrade

In a maintenance release, the upgrade changes the second digit of the release number. For example, upgrading from Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1) to Oracle Database 12g release 2 (12.2) is a database maintenance release upgrade. However, Oracle can introduce new features in maintenance releases.

Compatibility Rules for Applications When Upgrading Oracle Database Client or Server Software

Compatibility rules apply when you upgrade Oracle Database client or server software.

Compatibility rules are based on the type of software upgrade you are performing, and the type of client/server configuration.

 **Note:**

This section uses the terms introduced in “Software Upgrades and Client and Server Configurations.” .

- [Rules for Upgrading Oracle Database Server Software](#)
Different rules apply when you upgrade Oracle Database server software depending on your database environment.
- [Upgrading the Oracle Database Client Software](#)
Keeping the server and client software at the same release number ensures the maximum stability for your applications.

Rules for Upgrading Oracle Database Server Software

Different rules apply when you upgrade Oracle Database server software depending on your database environment.

- [If You Do Not Change the Client Environment, Then You Are Not Required to Relink](#)
Review these scenarios to determine if you must relink your applications after upgrading.
- [Applications Can Run Against Newer or Older Oracle Database Server Releases](#)
If you run a precompiler or OCI application against a database server, then Oracle recommends that the release of the database server software is equal to or later than the client software release.

If You Do Not Change the Client Environment, Then You Are Not Required to Relink

Review these scenarios to determine if you must relink your applications after upgrading.

If your client and server are on different computers, or are in different Oracle home directories on the same computer, and you upgrade the Oracle Database server software without changing the client software, then you are not required to precompile, compile, or relink your applications.

In this set of scenarios, client software using Oracle Databases are in separate locations from the server software, and the client software continues to function without direct effects from the upgrade.

However, if your applications are using the same Oracle home as the Oracle Database server, then your server upgrade also upgrades your client software, and you must follow the rules for upgrading Oracle Database client software.

**Note:**

You can upgrade the Oracle Database server software, but not install the new precompiler or OCI client software, when you are using the same Oracle home for both binaries. In this case, the client software is not upgraded. However, Oracle does not recommend this configuration.

Applications Can Run Against Newer or Older Oracle Database Server Releases

If you run a precompiler or OCI application against a database server, then Oracle recommends that the release of the database server software is equal to or later than the client software release.

This recommendation configuration is not strictly required.

For example: If your client software is Oracle 12c release 2 (12.2.0.1), then if you run precompiler applications on the client against the server, Oracle recommends that your server software is Oracle 12c release 2 (12.2) or later.

Upgrading the Oracle Database Client Software

Keeping the server and client software at the same release number ensures the maximum stability for your applications.

Use this information to plan your Oracle Database Client installations. Depending on how your applications are linked, different rules apply when you upgrade the Oracle Database client software.

Oracle recommends that you upgrade your client software to match the current server software. For example, when you upgrade Oracle Database to the new Oracle Database release, Oracle recommends that you also upgrade your Oracle Database client software to the new release. The latest Oracle Database client software can provide added features and performance enhancements that are only available with that later release.

- [About Image-Based Oracle Database Client Installation](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 19c, installation and configuration of Oracle Database Client software is simplified with image-based installation.
- [About Linking Applications with Newer Libraries](#)
You can link the code generated by precompiler applications and OCI with a release of the client library that equals or is later than the server release.
- [Statically Linked Applications Must Always Be Relinked](#)
Statically-linked code can be incompatible with error messages in the upgraded ORACLE_HOME.

- [About Relinking Dynamically Linked Applications](#)
Dynamically linked OCI applications from Oracle Database 10g Release 1 (10.1) and later releases are upward-compatible with the current release.

About Image-Based Oracle Database Client Installation

Starting with Oracle Database 19c, installation and configuration of Oracle Database Client software is simplified with image-based installation.

To install Oracle Database Client, create the new Oracle home, extract the image file into the newly-created Oracle home, and run the setup wizard to register the Oracle Database product.

You must extract the image software (`client_home.zip`) into the directory where you want your Oracle Database Client home to be located, and then run the Setup Wizard to start the Oracle Database Client installation and configuration. Oracle recommends that the Oracle home directory path you create is in compliance with the Oracle Optimal Flexible Architecture recommendations.

Using image-based installation, you can install Oracle Database Client 32-bit and 64-bit configurations of the Administrator installation type.

As with Oracle Database and Oracle Grid Infrastructure image file installations, Oracle Database Client image installations simplify Oracle Database Client installations and ensure best practice deployments. Oracle Database Client installation binaries continue to be available in the traditional format as non-image zip files.

About Linking Applications with Newer Libraries

You can link the code generated by precompiler applications and OCI with a release of the client library that equals or is later than the server release.

You can link OCI applications with a release of the OCI runtime library that equals or is later than the release of the OCI library with which the application was developed.

Statically Linked Applications Must Always Be Relinked

Statically-linked code can be incompatible with error messages in the upgraded `ORACLE_HOME`.

You must relink statically-linked OCI applications for both major and minor releases. The statically-linked Oracle client-side library code may be incompatible with the error messages in the upgraded `ORACLE_HOME`. For example, if an error message is updated with additional parameters, then it becomes incompatible with the statically-linked code.

About Relinking Dynamically Linked Applications

Dynamically linked OCI applications from Oracle Database 10g Release 1 (10.1) and later releases are upward-compatible with the current release.

The Oracle client-side dynamic library is upward-compatible with the previous version of the library. Oracle Universal Installer creates a symbolic link for the previous version of the library that resolves to the current version. Therefore, an application that is dynamically linked with the previous version of the Oracle client-side dynamic library

does not require relinking to operate with the current version of the Oracle client-side library.

 **Note:**

If the application is linked with a run-time library search path (such as `-rpath` on Linux), then the application may still run with the version of the Oracle client-side library with which it is linked. You must relink the application to run with the current version of the Oracle client-side library.

If the application is linked with the deferred option (for example, statically-linked application), then it must be relinked.

If the application is from a release earlier than Oracle Database 10g Release 1 (10.1), then it must be relinked.

About Upgrading Precompiler and OCI Applications in Oracle Database

Review this information if you want to upgrade precompiler and Oracle Call Interface (OCI) applications.

Testing precompiler and Oracle Call Interface upgrades consists of the following steps:

1. Create a test environment before you upgrade your production environment.
2. Include your upgraded application and the new Oracle Database software in your test environment.
3. Ensure that your test environment provides a realistic test of your application.

Related Topics

- *Pro*C/C++ Programmer's Guide*
- *Oracle Call Interface Programmer's Guide*

About Upgrading Options for Oracle Precompiler and OCI Applications

Oracle provides several options for upgrading your precompiler and Oracle Call Interface (OCI) applications running on a new release of Oracle Database.

The upgrade options are listed in order of increasing difficulty and increasing potential benefits. That is, Option 1 is the least difficult option, but it offers the least potential benefits, while Option 3 is the most difficult option, but it offers the most potential benefits.

- [Option 1: Leave the Application Unchanged](#)
Leave the application and its environment unchanged.
- [Option 2: Precompile or Compile the Application Using the New Software](#)
Application code must be changed if any APIs are deprecated or changed.

- [Option 3: Change the Application Code to Use New Oracle Database Features](#)
Make code changes to your applications to take advantage of new Oracle Database features.
- [Changing Oracle Precompiler and OCI Application Development Environments](#)
When you have decided on the new features to use, change the code of your application to use these features.

Option 1: Leave the Application Unchanged

Leave the application and its environment unchanged.

Do not relink, precompile, or compile the application, and do not change the application code. The application continues to work against the new Oracle Database release. This option requires that the Oracle home environment of the application is not upgraded. You can leave the application unchanged, and it continues to work with the new release Oracle Database server. The major advantage to this option is that it is simple and easy. In addition, this option requires the least amount of administration, because you are not required to upgrade any of your client computers. If you have a large number of client computers, then avoiding the administrative costs of upgrading all of them can become very important.

The major disadvantage to this option is that your application cannot use the features that are available in the new release of Oracle Database. In addition, your application cannot leverage all the possible performance benefits of the new Oracle Database release.

Option 2: Precompile or Compile the Application Using the New Software

Application code must be changed if any APIs are deprecated or changed.

Precompile or compile, and then relink the application using the new release of Oracle Database. When upgrading to the new release of Oracle Database software, you must precompile or compile the application with the new software after making necessary code changes to account for APIs that are deprecated or changed.

This option requires that you install the new Oracle Database client software on each client computer. You are required to precompile or compile, and relink your application only one time, regardless of the number of clients you have.

By recompiling, you perform a syntax check of your application code. Some problems in the application code that were not detected by previous releases of the Oracle software can emerge when you precompile or compile with the new Oracle Database software. Precompiling and compiling with the new software helps you detect and correct problems in the application code that previously were unnoticed.

Also, recompiling affords maximum stability for your application, because you are sure that it works with the new Oracle Database release. Further, your environment is ready for new development using the latest tools and features available. In addition, you might benefit from performance improvements that are available with the new Oracle software only after you recompile and relink.

Option 3: Change the Application Code to Use New Oracle Database Features

Make code changes to your applications to take advantage of new Oracle Database features.

Change the application code to use new features in the new Oracle Database release. Then, precompile or compile and then relink the code. This option is the most difficult, but it can provide the most potential benefits. You gain all of the advantages described in Option 2: Precompile or Compile the Application Using the New Software. In addition, you also benefit from changes to your application that can leverage performance and scalability benefits available with the new release of Oracle Database. You can also add new features to your application that are available only with the new release. Consult the Oracle documentation for your development environment so that you understand how to implement the features that you want to use.



See Also:

Oracle Database New Features Guide to become familiar with the features in this new Oracle Database release

Changing Oracle Precompiler and OCI Application Development Environments

When you have decided on the new features to use, change the code of your application to use these features.

Follow the appropriate instructions in the following sections based on your development environment.

- [Changing Precompiler Applications](#)
Complete these steps to change precompiler applications to use new Oracle Database release features.
- [Changing OCI Applications](#)
To use new features in your new Oracle Database release, you must recompile your applications with the OCI calls for the new Oracle Database release.

Changing Precompiler Applications

Complete these steps to change precompiler applications to use new Oracle Database release features.

To use new features in a new Oracle Database release, you must add new code into your existing applications, and recompile the applications.

1. Incorporate the code for new features into your existing applications.
2. Precompile each application using the Oracle precompiler.

3. Compile each application.
4. Relink each application with the runtime library of the new Oracle Database release, `SQLLIB`, which is included with the precompiler.

Changing OCI Applications

To use new features in your new Oracle Database release, you must recompile your applications with the OCI calls for the new Oracle Database release.

1. Incorporate OCI calls of the new Oracle Database release into the existing application
2. Compile the application.
3. Relink the application with the new Oracle Database release runtime library.

Upgrading SQL*Plus Scripts and PL/SQL after Upgrading Oracle Database

To use features and functions of the new Oracle Database release, you must change existing SQL scripts to use the syntax of the new Oracle Database release.

If existing SQL scripts do not use features and functions of the new Oracle Database release, then they run unchanged on the new Oracle Database release, and require no modification.

Be aware that because of improved error checking in the new Oracle Database release, it may identify errors at compile time rather than at run time.

About Upgrading Oracle Forms or Oracle Developer Applications

Review Oracle Forms and Oracle Developer new features to see if any of your applications can benefit from them.

In Oracle Database 12c, *Oracle Database Development Guide* was renamed to *Oracle Database Advanced Application Developer's Guide*. Review that publication and the new features guide for information about changes to procedures for developing applications, and for new features of this Oracle Database release that affect application development.

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Downgrading Oracle Database to an Earlier Release

For supported releases of Oracle Database, you can downgrade a database to the release from which you last upgraded.

- [Supported Releases for Downgrading Oracle Database](#)
You can downgrade both major releases and release update or patchset releases, based on the original Oracle Database release from which the database was upgraded.
- [Check for Incompatibilities When Downgrading Oracle Database](#)
To see if the database has incompatibilities that can prevent you from downgrading, check the compatibility level of your database.
- [Perform a Full Backup Before Downgrading Oracle Database](#)
Oracle strongly recommends that you perform a full backup of your new Oracle Database release before you downgrade to a supported earlier release.
- [Performing Required Predowngrade Steps for Oracle Database](#)
Complete the required preparation steps described here before you downgrade Oracle Database to the earlier release from which you upgraded.
- [Using Scripts to Downgrade Oracle Database 20c](#)
To automate downgrades, Oracle provides the `dbdowngrade` utility script. When necessary, you can also continue to run `catdwgrd.sql` manually, as in previous releases.
- [Downgrading a Single Pluggable Oracle Database \(PDB\)](#)
If you are downgrading Oracle Database, then you can downgrade one PDB without downgrading the whole CDB.
- [Downgrading PDBs That Contain Oracle Application Express](#)
Use this procedure to avoid INVALID OBJECTS OWNED BY APEX_050000 errors when you downgrade PDBs that contain Oracle Application Express.
- [Post-Downgrade Tasks for Oracle Database Downgrades](#)
After you downgrade your Oracle Database release, you can be required to complete additional tasks, due to changes that affect compatibility, components, and supported protocols.
- [Troubleshooting the Downgrade of Oracle Database](#)
Use this troubleshooting information to address issues that may occur when downgrading Oracle Database.

Supported Releases for Downgrading Oracle Database

You can downgrade both major releases and release update or patchset releases, based on the original Oracle Database release from which the database was upgraded.

Releases Supported for Downgrades

You can downgrade a non-CDB Oracle Database from Oracle Database 20c to Oracle Database 19c, Oracle Database 18c, and Oracle Database 12c Release 2.

You can downgrade a PDB or CDB from Oracle Database 20c to Oracle Database 19c, Oracle Database 18c, or Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2).

You can downgrade a PDB or CDB from Oracle Database 20c to Oracle Database 19c, Oracle Database 18c, Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2).



Note:

Starting with Oracle Database 20c, non-CDB architecture is desupported. You must upgrade a non-CDB Oracle Database to a PDB on a CDB.

The following table provides additional information about releases supported for downgrading. When using this table, also read about compatibility in "Checking for Incompatibilities When Downgrading Oracle Database."

Table 8-1 Supported Releases and Editions for Downgrading

Oracle Database Release or Edition	Downgradable (Yes/No)	Notes
19	Yes	No additional information at this time.
18	Yes	No additional information at this time.
12.2	No	You can downgrade a non-CDB from 19 to 18, or 12.2. (all supported upgrade releases). Install the latest Release Update, Release Revision, bundle patch or patch set update (BP or PSU) before you downgrade a CDB, or before you unplug and downgrade a PDB. Patches are available for download on My Oracle Support. Refer to My Oracle Support note 756671.1 to obtain the latest patch set. The minimum compatibility setting for Oracle Database 20c is 12.2. You cannot downgrade to releases earlier than the minimum compatibility setting for the new Oracle Database release.

Table 8-1 (Cont.) Supported Releases and Editions for Downgrading

Oracle Database Release or Edition	Downgradable (Yes/No)	Notes
Oracle Enterprise Manager	No	If you downgrade to an earlier supported release, then you must reconfigure Oracle Enterprise Manager controls. Before you start your upgrade, you must use the <code>emdwrdr</code> utility to save DB Control files and data, so that you can restore Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control (DB Control) after a downgrade.
Oracle Database Express Edition	No	You cannot downgrade a database that is upgraded from Oracle Database Express Edition.

Recommendations to Review Before Downgrading

The following recommendations for earlier supported releases affect downgrading for Oracle Database:

- Multitenant architecture provides architecture features for a multitenant container database (CDB), and pluggable databases (PDBs). If you are upgrading to multitenant architecture, and you set the compatible initialization parameter to the highest level after upgrading to this release, then you cannot downgrade the database after an upgrade.
- This release contains a new object privilege, `READ`, in addition to `SELECT`. After you downgrade, note the following implications of this object privilege:
 - If you have the `SELECT` and `READ` object privileges, then the `READ` privilege is removed.
 - If you previously only had the `READ` object privilege, then the `READ` object privilege is transformed into the `SELECT` object privilege.

Refer to Oracle Database Security Guide for more information about the `READ` and `SELECT` object privileges.

- Downgrade is not supported for Oracle Enterprise Manager. If you downgrade to an earlier supported release, then you must reconfigure Oracle Enterprise Manager controls.

Related Topics

- <https://support.oracle.com/rs?type=doc&id=756671.1>
- *Oracle Database Security Guide*

Check for Incompatibilities When Downgrading Oracle Database

To see if the database has incompatibilities that can prevent you from downgrading, check the compatibility level of your database.

If you have updated the `COMPATIBLE` parameter to set the compatibility level of your Oracle Database release to the current release, then you are not able to downgrade to

an earlier release. This issue occurs because new releases have changes to the Data Dictionary, and can have other feature changes that prevent downgrades.

To check the `COMPATIBLE` parameter setting for your database before you downgrade, enter the following command:

```
SQL> SELECT name, value, description FROM v$parameter WHERE name =  
       'compatible';
```

Note:

For Oracle ASM disk groups, if you changed the `compatible.asm` parameter after the upgrade to the upgraded release value, then when you downgrade to the earlier release, you cannot mount your Oracle ASM disk groups. The value for `compatible.asm` sets the minimum Oracle ASM release that can mount a disk group.

As part of your downgrade, you must create a new disk group to your downgraded release level, and restore data to that downgraded compatibility ASM disk group.

Perform a Full Backup Before Downgrading Oracle Database

Oracle strongly recommends that you perform a full backup of your new Oracle Database release before you downgrade to a supported earlier release.

See Also:

Oracle Database Backup and Recovery User's Guide for information about performing RMAN backups

Performing Required Predowngrade Steps for Oracle Database

Complete the required preparation steps described here before you downgrade Oracle Database to the earlier release from which you upgraded.

Before you start a downgrade, you must resolve incompatibilities between database releases. For example, determine if you must disable components in the database before you start the downgrade.

1. If you are downgrading a CDB or unplugging and downgrading a PDB in Oracle Database, then you must first apply the latest quarterly release update (Update), release update revision (Revision), bundle patch or patch set update (BP or PSU)

available. Apply any required set of additional fixes on My Oracle Support Note 756671.1:

<https://support.oracle.com/rs?type=doc&id=756671.1>

2. If you have enabled Oracle Database Vault on your database, then disable Oracle Database Vault before downgrading the database.

Use `DBA_DV_STATUS` to find out if Oracle Database Vault is enabled:

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM DBA_DV_STATUS;
```

If the output is `TRUE`, then Oracle Database Vault is enabled, so you must disable it.

On multitenant architecture Oracle Database systems, use `CDB_DV_STATUS` on `CDB$ROOT` to find out the Oracle Database Vault status on all PDBs plugged in to the CDB:

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM CDB_DV_STATUS;
```

3. If you have enabled Unified Auditing, then you can choose to back up and purge the unified audit trail:
 - a. Find if unified audit records exist.

```
SQL> SELECT COUNT(*) FROM UNIFIED_AUDIT_TRAIL;
```

- b. Back up the existing audit data to a table. For example:

```
SQL> CREATE TABLE UA_DATA AS (SELECT * FROM UNIFIED_AUDIT_TRAIL);
```

- c. Clean up the audit trail.

```
EXEC DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.CLEAN_AUDIT_TRAIL(audit_trail_type =>  
DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.AUDIT_TRAIL_UNIFIED, use_last_arch_timestamp =>  
FALSE);
```

4. Before downgrade, ensure that the target Oracle home for the downgraded database contains the version of the time zone file that your database is using.

To find which time zone file version your database is currently using, query `V$TIMEZONE_FILE` using the following command:

```
SQL> select * from V$TIMEZONE_FILE;
```

For example:

If the query returns `timezlrq_20.dat` in the column `V$TIMEZONE_FILE.FILENAME`, then check if the file is present in the target Oracle Home:

Linux and Unix

```
$ORACLE_HOME/oracore/zoneinfo/timezlrq_20.dat
```

Windows

```
%ORACLE_HOME%\oracore\zoneinfo\timzlg_20.dat
```

If the required time zone file is missing from the target Oracle home, then do one of the following:

- If you installed the current version of the time zone file as a patch, and you still know the patch number, then use the same patch number to download the corresponding time zone file for the target release from the My Oracle Support website.
- Locate the correct patch by using the My Oracle Support website patch search function. Enter the following search criteria: "Product is 'Oracle Database'", "Release is '*target release*'", and "Description contains 'DST'".
- If you cannot locate the patch on the My Oracle Support website, then log a service request with Oracle Support.

After you find and download the required patch, install it in the target Oracle home.

5. If you created objects based on fixed objects, then drop these objects to avoid possible `ORA-00600` errors. You can recreate these objects after the downgrade.
6. If you have Oracle Enterprise Manager configured in your database, then drop the Enterprise Manager user:

```
DROP USER sysman CASCADE;
```

Note:

After you drop the Enterprise Manager user, you can find that `MGMT*` synonyms are invalid. You must reconfigure Oracle Enterprise Manager to use any Oracle Enterprise Manager controls in the downgraded database.

Related Topics

- [Oracle Database Globalization Support Guide](#)

Using Scripts to Downgrade Oracle Database 20c

To automate downgrades, Oracle provides the `dbdowngrade` utility script. When necessary, you can also continue to run `catdwgrd.sql` manually, as in previous releases.

- [Using Dbdowngrade to Downgrade Oracle Databases To an Earlier Release](#)
To downgrade Oracle Database to an earlier supported major release, or to an earlier release update, Oracle recommends that you run the downgrade script `dbdowngrade`.
- [Downgrading a CDB or Non-CDB Oracle Database Manually with catdwgrd.sql](#)
When you prefer to downgrade Oracle Database manually, or if you are concerned about excessive thread issues, you can run the manual `catdwgrd.sql` script.

Using Dbdowngrade to Downgrade Oracle Databases To an Earlier Release

To downgrade Oracle Database to an earlier supported major release, or to an earlier release update, Oracle recommends that you run the downgrade script `dbdowngrade`.

Starting with Oracle Database 19c, Oracle provides the Downgrade Utility script `dbdowngrade`. When you use the `dbdowngrade` utility, it sets appropriate values for the downgrade, and simplifies how you start a downgrade. Specifically, it ensures that the underlying calls to `catcon.pl` use recommended values, so that potential errors due to excessive threads being spawned are reduced. This feature is especially of value for downgrades of multitenant architecture (CDB) databases. When the potential of excessive threads exists, you can continue the downgrade by running the `catdwgrd.sql` script manually, as in previous releases.

The `dbdowngrade` shell command is located in the file path `$ORACLE_HOME/bin` on Linux and Unix, and `%ORACLE_HOME%\bin` on Microsoft Windows based systems. If you are downgrading a CDB, then you can provide the inclusion list as argument to the script.

When you downgrade multitenant architecture databases (CDBs), the `dbdowngrade` script has two behaviors, depending on whether you use an inclusion list.

- **Without an inclusion list.** The downgrade runs on all the containers that are open in the CDB (PDB and CDB).

Run the downgrade without an inclusion list when you want to downgrade the entire CDB. In this scenario, all open containers are downgraded. You must open all the PDBs in the CDB manually before you start the `dbdowngrade` script.

- **With an inclusion list.** The downgrade runs only on the PDBs within the inclusion list, and `CDB$ROOT` is not downgraded during the downgrade operation.

Run the downgrade with an inclusion list when you want to downgrade only the set of PDBs listed in the inclusion list. In this scenario, where you want to use unplug and plug upgrades, only the set of PDBs that you list in the inclusion list are downgraded. The CDB and the PDBs that are not on the inclusion list remain upgraded to the later release.

Prerequisites:

- If you are downgrading from Oracle Database 20c to Oracle Database 19c, Oracle Database 18c, or Oracle Database 12.2, then you can downgrade all databases in a multitenant container database (CDB), or one pluggable database (PDB) within a CDB. Oracle Database releases earlier than Oracle Database 12c did not use multitenant architecture.
 - If you are downgrading without an inclusion list, then you must open all PDB containers before you run the `dbdowngrade` script.
1. Log in to the system as the owner of the Oracle Database Oracle home directory.
 2. Set the `ORACLE_HOME` environment variable to the Oracle home of the upgraded Oracle Database release.
 3. Set the `ORACLE_SID` environment variable to the system identifier (SID) of the Oracle Database that you want to downgrade.

4. At a system prompt, change to the directory `ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin`, where `ORACLE_HOME` is the Oracle home on your system.

 **Note:**

If you are downgrading a cluster database, then shut down the database completely, and change the value for the initialization parameter `CLUSTER_DATABASE` to `FALSE`. After the downgrade, set this parameter back to `TRUE`.

5. Using SQL*Plus, connect to the database instance that you want to downgrade as a user with SYSDBA privileges:

```
sqlplus sys as sysdba  
Enter password: password
```

6. Start the instance in downgrade mode by issuing the following SQL*Plus command for your Oracle Database instance type. In case of errors during startup, you can be required to use the `PFILE` option to specify the location of your initialization parameter file.

- Non-CDB instances:

```
SQL> startup downgrade pfile=pfile_name
```

- CDB instances:

```
SQL> startup downgrade pfile=pfile_name  
SQL> alter pluggable database all open downgrade;
```

Specify the location of your initialization parameter file `PFILE`.

 **See Also:**

Oracle Database Administrator's Guide for information about specifying initialization parameters at startup and the initialization parameter file

7. Start the `dbdowngrade` script, either with default values, or with an inclusion list.

If you use an inclusion list, then `CDB$ROOT` must not be on your inclusion list.

For example:

Running with default values
Linux and Unix

```
$cd $ORACLE_HOME/bin  
$./dbdowngrade
```

Microsoft Windows

```
$cd %ORACLE_HOME%\bin  
$dbdowngrade.cmd
```

Running with inclusion list for CDB Linux and Unix

```
$cd $ORACLE_HOME/bin  
$./dbdowngrade -c 'PDB1 PDB2 PDBN'
```

Microsoft Windows

```
$cd %ORACLE_HOME%\bin  
$dbdowngrade.cmd -c "PDB1 PDB2 PDBN"
```

As a result of running the `dbdowngrade` script, the utility runs `catdwgrd` and `catcon.pl`. These scripts perform the downgrade, using the recommended values for the release to which you are downgrading. The log files produced by the downgrade scripts are placed under the first directory found of one of these three options, in order:

- The Oracle base home identified by the `orabasehome` command
- The Oracle base home identified by the `orabase` command
- The Oracle home identified by the `oracle_home` command

For example:

```
$ $ORACLE_HOME/bin/orabasehome  
/u01/app/oracle/product/20.0.0/dbhome_1
```

In this example, the `$ORACLE_BASE` directory is `/u01/app/oracle/product/20.0.0/dbhome_1`, and the logs are located in `/u01/app/oracle/product/20.0.0/dbhome_1/cfgtoollogs/downgrade`. In the directory, the log files are prefixed with the string `catdwgrd`.

Note:

- Read-write Oracle homes: the commands `orabaseconfig` and `orabasehome` both return the environment setting for `ORACLE_HOME`.
- Read-only Oracle homes: the command `orabaseconfig` returns the read-only path configuration for the Oracle base in the path `$ORACLE_BASE/homes`.

Downgrading a CDB or Non-CDB Oracle Database Manually with `catdwgrd.sql`

When you prefer to downgrade Oracle Database manually, or if you are concerned about excessive thread issues, you can run the manual `catdwgrd.sql` script.

You can use the manual `catdwgrd.sql` script to downgrade Oracle Database to an earlier a supported major release, or an earlier release update.

If you are downgrading from Oracle Database 20c to Oracle Database 19c, Oracle Database 18c, or Oracle Database 12.2, then you can downgrade all databases in a multitenant container database (CDB), or one pluggable database (PDB) within a CDB. Oracle Database releases earlier than Oracle Database 12c did not use multitenant architecture.

 **Note:**

Starting with Oracle Database 20c, non-CDB architecture is desupported. You must upgrade a non-CDB Oracle Database to a PDB on a CDB.

1. Log in to the system as the owner of the Oracle Database Oracle home directory.
2. Set the `ORACLE_HOME` environment variable to the Oracle home of the upgraded Oracle Database release.
3. Set the `ORACLE_SID` environment variable to the system identifier (SID) of the Oracle Database that you want to downgrade.
4. At a system prompt, change to the directory `ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin`, where `ORACLE_HOME` is the Oracle home on your system.

 **Note:**

If you are downgrading a cluster database, then shut down the database completely, and change the value for the initialization parameter `CLUSTER_DATABASE` to `FALSE`. After the downgrade, set this parameter back to `TRUE`.

5. Using SQL*Plus, connect to the database instance that you want to downgrade as a user with `SYSDBA` privileges:

```
sqlplus sys as sysdba  
Enter password: password
```

6. Start the instance in downgrade mode by issuing the following SQL*Plus command for your Oracle Database instance type. In case of errors during startup, you can be required to use the `PFILE` option to specify the location of your initialization parameter file.

- Non-CDB instances:

```
SQL> startup downgrade pfile=pfile_name
```

- CDB instances:

```
SQL> startup downgrade pfile=pfile_name  
SQL> alter pluggable database all open downgrade;
```

Specify the location of your initialization parameter file `PFILE`.

See Also:

Oracle Database Administrator's Guide for information about specifying initialization parameters at startup and the initialization parameter file

7. (Recommended) If you are downgrading a non-CDB, then Oracle recommends that you set the system to spool results to a log file, so you can track the changes and issues.

If you are downgrading a CDB, then you do not need to perform this step. CDBs automatically spool output to the `catcon_logs`.

On a non-CDB, enter the following command to spool results to a log file, where `downgrade.log` is the name of the log file:

```
SQL> SPOOL downgrade.log
```

8. Use the following command to start the downgrade, depending on your configuration:

- Non-CDB:

```
SQL> @catdwgrd.sql
```

- CDB:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catcon.pl -  
d $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin -e -b catdwgrd -l output_directory -r  
catdwgrd.sql
```

In the CDB example, `catdwgrd.sql` is run on containers using `catcon.pl`. To run commands with the `catcon.pl` utility, you first start Perl. The `-d` parameter tells `catcon.pl` where to find `catdwgrd`. The `-l` parameter specifies the output directory for log files (instead of writing to the `rdbms/admin` directory). Specifying the `-r` parameter causes `catdwgrd` to run first on the PDBs, and second on `CDB_ROOT`.

Run `catdwgrd` using the `-r` parameter when you downgrade a CDB. The `-r` parameter changes the default order that scripts are run, so that scripts run in all PDBs, and then in `CDB_ROOT`.

 **Note:**

- Use the version of the `catdwgrd.sql` script included with your new Oracle Database release.
- Run `catdwgrd` using the `-r` parameter when downgrading a CDB.
- Run `catdwgrd.sql` in the new Oracle Database release environment.
- The `catdwgrd.sql` script downgrades all Oracle Database components in the database to the release from which you upgraded. The downgrade is either to the supported major release from which you upgraded, or to the patch release from which you upgraded.

If you are downgrading a multitenant environment database, and the `catdwgrd.sql` command encounters a failure, then review the error message. Check to see what issues are present in the `CDB$ROOT` or PDBs before proceeding. Check the section "Troubleshooting the Downgrade of Oracle Database." Fix the issues as stated in the errors. After you resolve the errors, rerun `catdwgrd.sql` with the `catcon.pl` utility, using the syntax `catcon.pl -c 'cdb,pdb' -r`.

 **Caution:**

If the downgrade for a component fails, then an `ORA-39709` error is displayed. The SQL*Plus session terminates without downgrading the Oracle Database data dictionary. All components must be successfully downgraded before the Oracle Database data dictionary is downgraded. Identify and fix the problem before rerunning the `catdwgrd.sql` script.

9. For Non-CDB only, if you turned the spool on, then turn off the spooling of script results to the log file:

```
SQL> SPOOL OFF
```

Check the spool file, and verify that no errors occurred during the downgrade. You named the spool file in Step 8, and the suggested name was `downgrade.log`. Correct any problems that you find in this file. If necessary, rerun the downgrade script.

 **Note:**

Save the results from the first time you ran the downgrade script. Before you rerun the downgrade script, rename the file `downgrade.log` to a different name, so that it is not overwritten when you rerun the script.

10. Shut down the instance:

```
SQL> SHUTDOWN IMMEDIATE
```

11. Exit SQL*Plus.

12. If your operating system is Linux or Unix, then change the following environment variables to point to the directories of the release to which you are downgrading:

- Linux and Unix systems

Change the following environment variables to point to the directories of the release to which you are downgrading:

- ORACLE_HOME
- PATH

Also check that your `oratab` file, and any client scripts that set the value of `ORACLE_HOME`, point to the downgraded Oracle home.

 **See Also:**

Oracle Database Installation Guide for your operating system for information about setting other important environment variables on your operating system

- Microsoft Windows systems

- a. Stop all Oracle services, including the Oracle Database `OracleServiceSID` Oracle service, where `SID` is the instance name.

For example, if your `SID` is `ORCL`, then enter the following at a command prompt:

```
C:\> NET STOP OracleServiceORCL
```

 **See Also:**

Oracle Database Administrator's Reference for Microsoft Windows for more information about stopping Oracle services on Windows

- b. Delete the Oracle service at a command prompt by issuing the command `ORADIM`.

For example, if your `SID` is `ORCL`, then enter the following command:

```
C:\> ORADIM -DELETE -SID ORCL
```

Create the Oracle service of the database that you are downgrading at a command prompt using the command `ORADIM`:

```
C:\> ORADIM -NEW -SID SID -INTPWD PASSWORD -MAXUSERS USERS
-STARTMODE MANUAL -PFILE ORACLE_HOME\DATABASE\INITSID.ORA
```

The syntax for `ORADIM` includes the following variables:

Variable	Description
<code>SID</code>	Same system identifier (SID) name as the SID of the database being downgraded.
<code>PASSWORD</code>	Password for the database instance. This password is the password for the user connected with <code>SYSDBA</code> privileges. The <code>-INTPWD</code> option is not required. If you are prompted for a password, then use the password for the standard user account for this Windows platform.
<code>USERS</code>	Maximum number of users that can be granted <code>SYSDBA</code> and <code>SYSOPER</code> privileges.
<code>ORACLE_HOME</code>	Oracle home directory of the database to which you are downgrading. Ensure that you specify the full path name with the option <code>-PFILE</code> , including the drive letter where the Oracle home directory is mounted. See <i>Oracle Database Administrator's Guide</i> for information about specifying initialization parameters at startup, and for information about the initialization parameter file.

For example, if your `SID` is `ORCL`, your `PASSWORD` is `TWxy5791`, the maximum number of `USERS` is 10, and the `ORACLE_HOME` directory is `C:\ORANT`, then enter the following command:

```
C:\> ORADIM -NEW -SID ORCL -INTPWD TWxy5791 -MAXUSERS 10
-STARTMODE AUTO -PFILE C:\ORANT\DATABASE\INITORCL.ORA
```

Note:

The `ORADIM` command prompts you for the password for the Oracle home user account. You can specify other options using `ORADIM`.

You are not required to change any Windows Registry settings when downgrading a database. The `ORADIM` utility makes all necessary changes automatically.

See Also:

Oracle Database Administrator's Reference for Microsoft Windows for information about administering an Oracle Database instance using `ORADIM`

13. Restore the configuration files (for example, parameter files, password files, and so on) of the release to which you are downgrading.

If the database is an Oracle RAC database, then run the following command to return the database to single instance mode:

```
SET CLUSTER_DATABASE=FALSE
```

 **Note:**

If you are downgrading a cluster database, then perform this step on all nodes on which this cluster database has instances configured. Set the value for the initialization parameter `CLUSTER_DATABASE` to `FALSE`. After the downgrade, set this initialization parameter back to `TRUE`.

 **See Also:**

Oracle Real Application Clusters Administration and Deployment Guide for information about initialization parameter use in Oracle RAC

14. At a system prompt, change to the `admin` directory in the Oracle home directory of the earlier release to which you are downgrading. (`ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin`, where `ORACLE_HOME` is the path to the earlier release Oracle home.)
15. Start SQL*Plus, and connect to the database instance as a user with SYSDBA privileges.

- For a non-CDB:

```
SQL> CONNECT / AS SYSDBA
SQL> STARTUP UPGRADE
```

- For a CDB:

```
connect / as sysdba
startup upgrade;
alter pluggable database all open upgrade;
```

16. (Optional) For a non-CDB, set the system to spool results to a log file to track changes and issues. This step is not needed for a CDB.

```
SQL> SPOOL reload.log
```

17. Run `catrelod.sql` on non-CDB databases, or use `catcon.pl` to run `catrelod.sql` on CDB databases.

- For a non-CDB:

```
SQL> $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catrelod.sql
```

- For a CDB:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catcon.pl -n 1  
-e -b catrelod -d $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin catrelod.sql
```

This command reloads the appropriate version for each of the database components in the downgraded database.

18. If you turned on spooling for a non-CDB, then turn off the spooling of script results to the log file:

```
SQL> SPOOL OFF
```

Check the spool file, and verify that the packages and procedures compiled successfully. Correct any problems that you find in this log file, and rerun the appropriate script, if necessary.

19. Shut down and restart the instance for normal operation:

```
SQL> SHUTDOWN IMMEDIATE  
SQL> STARTUP
```

You can be required to use the option `PFFILE` to specify the location of your initialization parameter file.

See Also:

Oracle Database Administrator's Guide for information about specifying initialization parameters at startup, and in the initialization parameter file

20. If you configured your database to use Oracle Label Security, then complete this step. If you did not configure your database to use Oracle Label Security, then proceed to the next step.
 - a. Copy the script `olstrig.sql` from the Oracle home under Oracle Database 12c to the Oracle home of the release number to which you are downgrading the database.
 - b. From the Oracle home of the downgrade release, run `olstrig.sql` to recreate DML triggers on tables with Oracle Label Security policies:

```
SQL> @olstrig.sql
```

21. (Optional) For a non-CDB, set the system to spool results to a log file to track changes and issues. This step is not needed for a CDB.

Example:

```
SQL> SPOOL utlrp.log
```

22. Run the `utlrp.sql` script to recompile any remaining stored PL/SQL and Java code. Use the procedure for your configuration:
 - non-CDB:

```
SQL> $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/utlrlp.sql
```

- **CDB:**

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catcon.pl -n 1 -e -b
utlrlp -d $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin utlrlp.sql
```

The `utlrlp.sql` script recompiles all existing PL/SQL modules previously in `INVALID` state, such as packages, procedures, types, and so on. The log file `utlrlp0.log` is generated. That log file lists the recompilation results.

23. If you turn on spooling for a non-CDB when you run `utlrlp.sql`, then turn off the spooling of script results to the log file:

```
SQL> SPOOL OFF
```

Check the spool file, and verify that the packages and procedures compiled successfully. Correct any problems that you find in this log file. If necessary, rerun the appropriate script.

24. Exit SQL*Plus.

25. If you are downgrading a cluster database, then you must run the following command to downgrade the Oracle Clusterware database configuration:

```
$ srvctl downgrade database -d db-unique-name -o oraclehome -t
to_version
```

Replace the variables in this syntax example with the values for your system:

- `db-unique-name` is the database name (not the instance name).
- `oraclehome` is the location of the old Oracle home for the downgraded database.
- `to_version` is the database release to which the database is downgraded. (For example: 19.0.0)

 **Note:**

Run this command from the new release Oracle home, not from the Oracle home to which the database is being downgraded.

At the completion of this procedure, your database is downgraded.

Related Topics

- [Troubleshooting the Downgrade of Oracle Database](#)
- *Oracle Database Administrator's Guide*

Downgrading a Single Pluggable Oracle Database (PDB)

If you are downgrading Oracle Database, then you can downgrade one PDB without downgrading the whole CDB.

In Oracle Database releases later than Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), you can downgrade individual PDBs. For example, you can unplug a PDB from an upgraded CDB, downgrade the PDB, and then plug it in to an earlier release CDB, or you can convert the PDB database to a standalone database.

Downgrade the PDB

In this procedure example, you downgrade the PDB to release 19c:

1. Start up the PDB in DOWNGRADE mode. The CDB can be in normal mode when you do this.

```
SQL> alter pluggable database CDB1_PDB1 open downgrade;
```

2. Downgrade the PDB, either by using the `dbdowngrade` utility, or by running `catdwgrd` manually, using `catcon.pl`.

In each of these options, the PDB that you are downgrading is PDB1.

- Downgrading with `dbdowngrade` utility.

Downgrade the PDB using the `dbdowngrade` script as follows:

```
cd $ORACLE_HOME/bin
./dbdowngrade -c 'PDB1'
```

- Manually downgrading with `catdwgrd`, using `catcon.p`.

Run `catdwgrd` as follows:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catcon.pl -d
$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin -n 1 -l <output directory> -e -b catdwgrd -c 'PDB1'
catdwgrd.sql
```

In the example, `catdwgrd` is run with `catcon.pl`. The `-d` parameter tells `catcon.pl` where to find `catdwgrd`. The `-l` parameter specifies the output directory for log files, instead of writing to the `rdbms/admin` directory). You must use the `-r` parameter to run the two scripts together at the same time.

The log files for the downgrade are placed in the Oracle base home (the Oracle base identified by the commands `orabasehome`, or `orabase`, or the Oracle home identified by the command `oracle_home`, in that order).

3. Close the PDB.

Unplug the PDB from the CDB

In this step you unplug the downgraded PDB from the release 20c CDB:

1. Connect to the upgraded CDB.
2. Close the PDB that you want to unplug.

```
SQL> alter pluggable database PDB1 close;
```

3. Unplug the downgraded 19c PDB, replacing the variable `path` with the path on your system:

```
SQL> alter pluggable database PDB1 unplug into 'path/pdb1.xml';
```

You receive the following response when the unplug is completed:

```
Pluggable database altered
```

Plug in the Downgraded 19c PDB

In this step you plug the downgraded 19c PDB into the 19c CDB. To do this, you must create the PDB in this CDB. The following example shows how to create a pluggable database called PDB1:

1. Connect to the 19c CDB.

2. Plug in the 19c PDB.

```
SQL> create pluggable database PDB1 using 'path/pdb1.xml';
```

This command returns Pluggable database created.

3. Open the PDB in upgrade mode:

```
SQL> alter pluggable database PDB1 open upgrade;
```

4. Connect to the PDB:

```
SQL> alter session set container=PDB1;
```

5. Run `catrelod` in the PDB:

```
SQL> @$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catrelod.sql
```

The `catrelod.sql` script reloads the appropriate version for each of the database components in the downgraded database.

6. Run `utlrlp` in the PDB:

```
SQL> @$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/utlrlp.sql
```

The `utlrlp.sql` script recompiles all existing PL/SQL modules that were previously in an `INVALID` state, such as packages, procedures, types, and so on.

Downgrading PDBs That Contain Oracle Application Express

Use this procedure to avoid `INVALID OBJECTS OWNED BY APEX_050000` errors when you downgrade PDBs that contain Oracle Application Express.

After you downgrade the PDB to an earlier release, enter a SQL statement similar to the following to drop the Oracle Application Express user:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catcon.pl -b drop_apex5 -c 'PDB1' -- --x'drop user apex_050000 cascade'
```

In this example, the PDB name is `'PDB1'`.

Post-Downgrade Tasks for Oracle Database Downgrades

After you downgrade your Oracle Database release, you can be required to complete additional tasks, due to changes that affect compatibility, components, and supported protocols.

- [Reapply Release Update and Other Patches After Downgrade](#)
After the downgrade is run, and `catrelod.sql` completes successfully, if you installed new patches in your original Oracle home after the upgrade, but before the downgrade, then ensure that you apply any patches that you installed.
- [Re-enabling Oracle Database Vault after Downgrading Oracle Database](#)
You must do this if you are instructed during the downgrade to disable Oracle Database Vault.
- [Restoring the Configuration for Oracle Clusterware](#)
To restore the configuration, you must restore the release from which you upgraded.
- [Restoring Oracle Enterprise Manager after Downgrading Oracle Database](#)
The restore task described in this section is required only if you are performing a downgrade, and Oracle Enterprise Manager is configured on the host.
- [Restoring Oracle Application Express to the Earlier Release](#)
After a downgrade, if you upgraded Oracle Application Express at the same time as you upgraded Oracle Database, then you must complete steps to revert to the earlier Oracle Application Express release.
- [Gathering Dictionary Statistics After Downgrading](#)
To help to assure good performance after you downgrade, use this procedure to gather dictionary statistics.
- [Regathering Fixed Object Statistics After Downgrading](#)
After the downgrade, run representative workloads on Oracle Database, and regather fixed object statistics.
- [Regathering Stale CBO Statistics After Downgrade](#)
Oracle recommends that you regather Oracle Cost-Based Optimizer (CBO) statistics after completing an Oracle Database downgrade.

Reapply Release Update and Other Patches After Downgrade

After the downgrade is run, and `catrelod.sql` completes successfully, if you installed new patches in your original Oracle home after the upgrade, but before the downgrade, then ensure that you apply any patches that you installed.

If you installed new patches, then run the `datapatch` tool to apply those patches to the downgraded database. If you did not change the binaries and files in your Oracle Home after the upgrade, then there is no need to run `datapatch` after running `catrelod.sql`.

Re-enabling Oracle Database Vault after Downgrading Oracle Database

You must do this if you are instructed during the downgrade to disable Oracle Database Vault.

If you use Oracle Database Vault, then you may have been instructed to disable it before downgrading your database. To use Oracle Database Vault after downgrading, you must re-enable it.

 **See Also:**

Oracle Database Vault Administrator's Guide for the procedure to re-enable Oracle Database Vault

Restoring the Configuration for Oracle Clusterware

To restore the configuration, you must restore the release from which you upgraded.

You can restore the Oracle Clusterware configuration to the state it was in before the Oracle Clusterware upgrade. Any configuration changes that you have performed during or after the new Oracle Database upgrade process are removed, and cannot be recovered.

Restoring Oracle Enterprise Manager after Downgrading Oracle Database

The restore task described in this section is required only if you are performing a downgrade, and Oracle Enterprise Manager is configured on the host.

To restore Oracle Enterprise Manager, you first run Oracle Enterprise Manager configuration assistant (EMCA), and then you run the `emdwgrd` utility.

- [Requirements for Restoring Oracle Enterprise Manager After Downgrading](#)
You must complete these requirements before you upgrade to be able to restore Oracle Enterprise Manager after a downgrade to a release earlier than 12.1
- [Running EMCA to Restore Oracle Enterprise Manager After Downgrading](#)
Review these topics and select your restoration scenario to restore Oracle Enterprise Manager after a downgrade.
- [Running the emdwgrd utility to restore Enterprise Manager Database Control](#)
You can restore the Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control and data by using the `emdwgrd` utility after you run `emca -restore`.

Requirements for Restoring Oracle Enterprise Manager After Downgrading

You must complete these requirements before you upgrade to be able to restore Oracle Enterprise Manager after a downgrade to a release earlier than 12.1

The following must be true to use `emca -restore` to restore Oracle Enterprise Manager to its previous state:

- Before the upgrade, you saved a backup of your Oracle Enterprise Manager configuration files and data
- You run the `emca` binary located in the new Oracle Database release home for this procedure

On Oracle Clusterware systems, to restore Oracle Enterprise Manager on an Oracle RAC database, you must have the database registered using `srvctl` before you run `emca -restore`. You must run `emca -restore` from the `ORACLE_HOME/bin` directory of the earlier Oracle Database release to which the database is being downgraded.

Run the `emca -restore` command with the appropriate options to restore Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control or Grid Control to the old Oracle home.

Specify different `emca` options, depending on whether the database you want to downgrade is a single-instance database, an Oracle RAC database, or an Oracle ASM database.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Clusterware Administration and Deployment Guide*

Running EMCA to Restore Oracle Enterprise Manager After Downgrading

Review these topics and select your restoration scenario to restore Oracle Enterprise Manager after a downgrade.

- [Running emca on a Single-Instance Oracle Database Without Oracle ASM](#)
Use Enterprise Manager Configuration Assistant (`emca`) to manage your database.
- [Running EMCA on an Oracle RAC Database Without Oracle ASM](#)
Use Enterprise Manager Configuration Assistant (`emca`) to manage your database:
- [Running EMCA on a Single-Instance Oracle ASM Instance](#)
Use Enterprise Manager Configuration Assistant (`emca`) to manage your database and storage.
- [Running emca on an Oracle ASM on Oracle RAC Instance](#)
Use Enterprise Manager Configuration Assistant (`emca`) to manage your database and storage.
- [Running emca on a Single-Instance Oracle Database With Oracle ASM](#)
Use Enterprise Manager Configuration Assistant (`emca`) to manage your database and storage.
- [Running emca on an Oracle RAC Database and Oracle ASM Instance](#)
Use Enterprise Manager Configuration Assistant (`emca`) to manage your database and storage.

Running emca on a Single-Instance Oracle Database Without Oracle ASM

Use Enterprise Manager Configuration Assistant (`emca`) to manage your database.

Use this command to run Enterprise Manager Configuration Assistant.

```
ORACLE_HOME/bin/emca -restore db
```

You are prompted to enter the following information:

- Oracle home for the database that you want to restore
- Database SID
- Listener port number

Running EMCA on an Oracle RAC Database Without Oracle ASM

Use Enterprise Manager Configuration Assistant (`emca`) to manage your database:

Use this procedure to run Enterprise Manager Configuration Assistant:

```
ORACLE_HOME/bin/emca -restore db -cluster
```

You are prompted to enter the following information:

- Oracle home for the database that you want to restore
- Database unique name
- Listener port number

Running EMCA on a Single-Instance Oracle ASM Instance

Use Enterprise Manager Configuration Assistant (*emca*) to manage your database and storage.

Use this command to run Enterprise Manager Configuration Assistant.

```
ORACLE_HOME/bin/emca -restore asm
```

You are prompted to enter the following information:

- Oracle home for the database that you want to restore
- Oracle ASM port
- Oracle ASM SID

Running emca on an Oracle ASM on Oracle RAC Instance

Use Enterprise Manager Configuration Assistant (*emca*) to manage your database and storage.

Use this command to run Enterprise Manager Configuration Assistant.

```
ORACLE_HOME/bin/emca -restore asm -cluster
```

You are prompted to enter the following information:

- Oracle home for the database that you want to restore
- Oracle ASM port

Running emca on a Single-Instance Oracle Database With Oracle ASM

Use Enterprise Manager Configuration Assistant (*emca*) to manage your database and storage.

Use this command to run Enterprise Manager Configuration Assistant.

```
ORACLE_HOME/bin/emca -restore db_asm
```

You are prompted to enter the following information:

- Oracle home for the Oracle Database that you want to restore

- Database SID
- Listener port number
- Oracle ASM port
- Oracle ASM home
- Oracle ASM SID [+ASM]

Running emca on an Oracle RAC Database and Oracle ASM Instance

Use Enterprise Manager Configuration Assistant (`emca`) to manage your database and storage.

Use this command to run Enterprise Manager Configuration Assistant:

```
ORACLE_HOME/bin/emca -restore db_asm -cluster
```

You are prompted to enter the following information:

- Oracle home for the database that you want to restore
- Database unique name
- Listener port number
- Oracle ASM port
- Oracle ASM Oracle home
- Oracle ASM SID [+ASM]

The output of `emca` varies according to the options that you specify and the values that you enter at the prompts. In Oracle RAC environments, you must repeat this step on all Oracle RAC cluster member nodes.

You must now run the `emdwgrd` utility to restore Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control and data.

Running the emdwgrd utility to restore Enterprise Manager Database Control

You can restore the Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control and data by using the `emdwgrd` utility after you run `emca -restore`.

To use `emdwgrd`, you must do the following:

- Set `ORACLE_HOME` and other environment variables to point to the Oracle home from which the upgrade originally took place.
- Run the `emdwgrd` utility from the new release Oracle Database Oracle home.

The following procedure is for Linux and Unix. To run it on Windows, substitute `emdwgrd.bat` for `emdwgrd`.

1. Set `ORACLE_HOME` to the Oracle home from which the database upgrade originally took place.
2. Set `ORACLE_SID` to the SID of the database that was upgraded and then downgraded.
3. Set `PATH`, `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` and `SHLIB_PATH` to point to the Oracle home from which the database upgrade originally took place.

4. Go to the new Oracle Database release Oracle home:

```
cd $ORACLE_HOME/bin
```

5. Run `emdwgrd` using one of the following procedures:
 - a. For a single-instance database, run the following command, where *SID* is the SID of the database that was upgraded and then downgraded and *save_directory* is the path to the storage location you chose when saving your database control files and data:

```
emdwgrd -restore -sid SID -path save_directory -tempTablespace TEMP
```

- b. For an Oracle RAC database, remote copy is required across the cluster nodes. Define an environment variable to indicate which remote copy is configured. For example:

```
setenv EM_REMCP /usr/bin/scp
```

Then, run `emdwgrd -restore` with the following options:

```
emdwgrd -restore -tempTablespace TEMP -cluster -sid SID_OldHome -
path save_directory
```

If the Oracle home is on a shared device, then add `-shared` to the `emdwgrd` command options.

6. Enter the SYS and SYSMAN passwords when prompted by `emdwgrd`.
7. When `emdwgrd` completes, Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control is downgraded to the old Oracle home.

Restoring Oracle Application Express to the Earlier Release

After a downgrade, if you upgraded Oracle Application Express at the same time as you upgraded Oracle Database, then you must complete steps to revert to the earlier Oracle Application Express release.

To complete the downgrade of Oracle Application Express after a database downgrade, complete all the steps listed in *Oracle Application Express Installation Guide* to revert your Oracle Application Express release to the earlier release. The steps to revert are different, depending on whether your architecture is a Non-CDB or a multitenant architecture (CDB) Oracle Database.

Note:

You only need to complete these steps if you upgraded Oracle Application Express at the same time that you upgraded the database.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Application Express Installation Guide*

Gathering Dictionary Statistics After Downgrading

To help to assure good performance after you downgrade, use this procedure to gather dictionary statistics.

Oracle recommends that you gather dictionary statistics after downgrading the database, so that the statistics are collected for the downgraded release Data Dictionary tables.



Note:

After a downgrade process, be aware that the the data dictionary can have changes that persist in the downgraded dictionary. These changes are insignificant. The downgraded data dictionary is functionally equivalent to an earlier release data dictionary.

- **Non-CDB Oracle Database:** Oracle recommends that you use the `DBMS_STATS.GATHER_DICTIONARY_STATS` procedure to gather these statistics. For example, enter the following SQL statement:

```
SQL> EXEC DBMS_STATS.GATHER_DICTIONARY_STATS;
```
- **CDB (multitenant architecture) Oracle Database:** Oracle recommends that you use `catcon` to gather Data Dictionary statistics across the entire multitenant architecture.

To gather dictionary statistics for all PDBs in a container database, use the following syntax:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catcon.pl -l /tmp -b gatherstats -- --x"exec dbms_stats.gather_dictionary_stats"
```

To gather dictionary statistics on a particular PDB, use syntax similar to the following:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catcon.pl -l /tmp -c 'SALES1' -b gatherstats -- --x"exec dbms_stats.gather_dictionary_stats"
```

In the preceding example the `-c SALES1` option specifies a PDB inclusion list for the command that you run, specifying the database named `SALES1`. The option `-b gatherstats` specifies the base name for the logs. The option `--x` specifies the SQL command that you want to execute. The SQL command itself is inside the quotation marks.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database PL/SQL Packages and Types Reference*

Regathering Fixed Object Statistics After Downgrading

After the downgrade, run representative workloads on Oracle Database, and regather fixed object statistics.

Fixed objects are the X\$ tables and their indexes. V\$ performance views are defined through X\$ tables. After you downgrade, regather fixed object statistics to ensure that the optimizer for the restored database can generate good execution plans. These execution plans can improve database performance. Failing to obtain representative statistics can lead to suboptimal execution plans, which can cause performance problems

Gather fixed objects statistics by using the `DBMS_STATS.GATHER_FIXED_OBJECTS_STATS` PL/SQL procedure. `DBMS_STATS.GATHER_FIXED_OBJECTS_STATS` also displays recommendations for removing all hidden or underscore parameters and events from `init.ora` and `SPFILE`.

To gather statistics for fixed objects, run the following PL/SQL procedure:

```
SQL> execute dbms_stats.gather_fixed_objects_stats;
```

See Also:

Oracle Database PL/SQL Packages and Types Reference for more information about using the `GATHER_FIXED_OBJECTS_STATS` procedure

Regathering Stale CBO Statistics After Downgrade

Oracle recommends that you regather Oracle Cost-Based Optimizer (CBO) statistics after completing an Oracle Database downgrade.

When you upgrade Oracle Database and gather new CBO statistics, the upgraded database has new database statistics. The upgraded database also can include new histogram types. For this reason, when you downgrade the database, the statistics that you collected for the new release can be different from the previous release. This issue is applicable both to data dictionary tables, and to regular user tables.

Regather stale statistics either by using `GATHER_DATABASE_STATS`, or by using gather commands that you typically use to update stale statistics in the dictionary and application schemas.

For example, after a downgrade:

- Non-CDB Oracle Database: To regather statistics, Oracle recommends that you use the `GATHER_DATABASE_STATS` procedure, with the option `'GATHER STALE'`. For example:

```
SQL> execute dbms_stats.gather_database_stats(options=>'GATHER STALE');
```

- CDB (multitenant architecture) Oracle Database: to regather Data Dictionary statistics across the entire multitenant architecture, Oracle recommends that you use `catcon`.

To regather stale dictionary statistics for all PDBs in a container database, use the following syntax:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catcon.pl -l /tmp
-b gatherstats -- --x"exec
dbms_stats.gather_database_stats(options=>'GATHER STALE')"
```

To gather dictionary statistics on a particular PDB, use syntax similar to the following:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catcon.pl -l /tmp -c
'SALES1' -b gatherstats -- --x"exec
dbms_stats.gather_database_stats(options=>'GATHER STALE')"
```

In the preceding example, the `-c SALES1` option specifies a PDB inclusion list for the command that you run, specifying the database named `SALES1`. The option `-b gatherstats` specifies the base name for the logs. The option `--x` specifies the SQL command that you want to execute. The SQL command itself is inside the quotation marks.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database PL/SQL Packages and Types Reference*

Troubleshooting the Downgrade of Oracle Database

Use this troubleshooting information to address issues that may occur when downgrading Oracle Database.

This section contains known errors that may occur during downgrades, and workarounds to address those errors.

- [Errors Downgrading Oracle Database Components with `catdwgrd.sql` Script](#)
Use this section to troubleshoot errors when you run the `catdwgrd.sql` script during a downgrade, such as `ORA-20001: Downgrade cannot proceed`.
- [Downgrading Oracle Grid Infrastructure \(Oracle Restart\) After Successful or Failed Upgrade](#)
To downgrade Oracle Restart, you must deconfigure and then reinstall Oracle Grid Infrastructure. You can then add back the databases and services.
- [Errors Downgrading Databases with Oracle Messaging Gateway](#)
If you downgrade a database configured with Oracle Messaging Gateway, then you can encounter `ORA-02303` errors.

Errors Downgrading Oracle Database Components with `catdwgrd.sql` Script

Use this section to troubleshoot errors when you run the `catdwgrd.sql` script during a downgrade, such as `ORA-20001: Downgrade cannot proceed`.

The `catdwgrd.sql` script downgrades all Oracle Database components in the database to the major release from which you originally upgraded. This script must run before the Data Dictionary can be downgraded. If you encounter any problems when you run the script, then correct the causes of the problems, and rerun the script.

Errors you can see include `ORA-39709: incomplete component downgrade; string downgrade aborted`, and `ORA-06512`. When these errors occur, downgrades cannot proceed.

- **Cause:** One or more components that must be downgraded before proceeding with the Data Dictionary downgrade did not downgrade.
- **Action:** Review the log files to determine what errors occurred before the `catdwgrd.sql` script halted, and the downgrade was stopped.

Review these examples to understand how to correct this issue.

Errors typically describe what you must do to fix the issue that is preventing the downgrade to complete. Follow the instructions in the error message. After you have fixed the cause of the error, rerun the `catdwgrd.sql` script.

For example, if the CDB downgrade fails during the downgrade of `CDB$ROOT` due to a check, then follow the instructions in the error message to fix the condition error. After you fix the error, rerun `catdwgrd.sql` with `catcon.pl`. Use the `-c` option to run the command with the inclusion list `'CDB$ROOT PDB1'`. Use the `-r` option to run the command first on the PDB, and then on `CDB$ROOT`. For example:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catcon.pl -
d $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin -e -b catdwgrd -l /scratch/rac/downgradeLogs -c
'CDB$ROOT, PDB1, PDB2' -r catdwgrd.sql
```

Example 8-1 ORA-20001 Error Due To ORA-06512

Your downgrade stops. When you review the log files, you find that `catdwgrd.sql` terminates on this error:

```
DECLARE * ERROR at line 1: ORA-20001: Downgrade cannot proceed -
Unified Audit Trail data exists. Please clean up the data first
using DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.CLEAN_AUDIT_TRAIL. ORA-06512: at line 65
ORA-06512: at line 42
```

You must purge the unified audit trail on `CDB$ROOT` and on all PDBs.

For example:

1. Look for the presence of unified audit trails:

```
SQL> SELECT COUNT(*) FROM UNIFIED_AUDIT_TRAIL;
COUNT(*)
-----
         4538
```

2. Purge the audit trail. on the CDB.

For example, where the audit trail type is `DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.AUDIT`:

```
EXEC DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.CLEAN_AUDIT_TRAIL DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.AUDIT
```

- Run `catdwngrd.sql` on `CDB$ROOT`. If PDBs still have unified audit data, then the script fails with `ORA20001`:

```

62         execute immediate
63         'select count(*) from audsys.'||'|'||tab_name||'|' into
no_rows;
64
65         -- If audit trail has some data, raise the application error
66         IF no_rows > 0 THEN
67             RAISE_APPLICATION_ERROR(-20001, ErrMsg);
68         END IF;
69     END IF;
70 END IF;
71 EXCEPTION
72     WHEN NO_DATA_FOUND THEN
73         NULL;
74     WHEN OTHERS THEN
75         RAISE;
76 END;
77 /
DECLARE
*
ERROR at line 1:
ORA-20001: Downgrade cannot proceed - Unified Audit Trail data
exists.Please
clean up the data first using DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.CLEAN_AUDIT_TRAIL.
ORA-06512: at line 75

```

- Connect to individual PDBs, and find if they have unified audit trails. Clear the unified audit trail for all PDBs. For example, The PDB named `PDB1` has unified audit trails:

```

ALTER SESSION SET container = PDB1;

SQL> SELECT COUNT(*) FROM UNIFIED_AUDIT_TRAIL;
COUNT(*)
-----
          1330

```

- Identify the unified audit trails:

```
SQL> CREATE TABLE UA_DATA AS (SELECT * FROM UNIFIED_AUDIT_TRAIL);
```

- Purge the audit trails.

In this example, the audit trail type is `DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.AAUDIT_TRAIL_UNIFIED`, the `USE_LAST_ARCH_TIMESTAMP` value is set to `FALSE`, so that all audit records are deleted, without considering last archive timestamp, and the `CONTAINER` value is set to `DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.CONTAINER_ALL`, so that audit records on all PDBs are purged.

```

BEGIN
    DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.CLEAN_AUDIT_TRAIL(
        AUDIT_TRAIL_TYPE          => DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.AUDIT_TRAIL_UNIFIED,
        USE_LAST_ARCH_TIMESTAMP    => FALSE,

```

```
CONTAINER => DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.CONTAINER_ALL
END;
/
```

7. Rerun `catdwgrd.sql` at the PDB and CDB level. For example:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catcon.pl -c
'CDB$ROOT,PDB1' -d $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin -e -b catdwgrd -l /u01/
oracle/product/19.0.0/downgrade_logs -r catdwgrd.sql
```

8. Repeat the process of finding and purging audit trails and run `catdwgrd.sql` until the script completes successfully on the CDB and PDBs, and you no longer see `ORA-20001` errors in logs

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database Security Guide*

Downgrading Oracle Grid Infrastructure (Oracle Restart) After Successful or Failed Upgrade

To downgrade Oracle Restart, you must deconfigure and then reinstall Oracle Grid Infrastructure. You can then add back the databases and services.

Related Topics

- <https://support.oracle.com/rs?type=doc&id=1364412.1>
- *Oracle Grid Infrastructure Installation and Upgrade Guide*

Errors Downgrading Databases with Oracle Messaging Gateway

If you downgrade a database configured with Oracle Messaging Gateway, then you can encounter `ORA-02303` errors.

If you downgrade an Oracle Database that contains Oracle Messaging Gateway objects, then you can encounter the following error:

```
ORA-02303: cannot drop or replace a type with type or table dependents
```

- **Cause** The `catrelod.sql` script is attempting to reload Oracle Messaging Gateway objects of a different type than the earlier Oracle Database release.
- **Action** No action. You can ignore this error.

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Behavior Changes, Deprecated and Desupported Features for Oracle Database

Review for information about Oracle Database 20c changes, deprecations, and desupports, as well as deprecations and desupports in Oracle Database releases 19c, 18c, and 12.2.

- [About Deprecated and Desupported Status](#)
In addition to new features, Oracle Database release can modify, deprecate or desupport features, and introduce upgrade behavior changes for your database
- [Behavior Changes, Deprecations and Desupports in Oracle Database 20c](#)
Review for descriptions of Oracle Database 20c release changes.
- [Behavior Changes, Deprecations and Desupports in Oracle Database 19c](#)
Review for descriptions of Oracle Database 19c release changes.
- [Behavior Changes, Deprecations and Desupports in Oracle Database 18c](#)
Review for descriptions of Oracle Database 18c release changes.
- [Behavior Changes, Deprecations and Desupports in Oracle Database 12c Release 2 \(12.2\)](#)
Review for descriptions of Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2) changes.

About Deprecated and Desupported Status

In addition to new features, Oracle Database release can modify, deprecate or desupport features, and introduce upgrade behavior changes for your database

Be aware of the implications of deprecated and desupported:

- *Deprecated* features are features that are no longer being enhanced, but are still supported for the full life of this release of Oracle Database.
- *Desupported* features are features that are no longer supported by fixing bugs related to that feature. Oracle can choose to remove the code required to use the feature. Where indicated, a deprecated feature can be desupported in a future major release.

Behavior Changes, Deprecations and Desupports in Oracle Database 20c

Review for descriptions of Oracle Database 20c release changes.

- [Behavior Changes for Oracle Database 20c Upgrade Planning](#)
Review these behavior changes to help plan for upgrades to Oracle Database 20c
- [Deprecated Features in Oracle Database 20c](#)
As part of your upgrade plan, review the features that are deprecated in this Oracle Database release, and review alternatives for your application strategies.

- [Deprecated Views in Oracle Database 20c](#)
As part of your upgrade plan, review the views that are deprecated starting with this Oracle Database release.
- [Deprecated Parameters in Oracle Database 20c](#)
As part of your upgrade plan, review the initialization parameters that are deprecated starting with this Oracle Database release.
- [Desupported Features in Oracle Database 20c](#)
As part of your upgrade plan, review the desupported features in this Oracle Database release.
- [Desupported Parameters in Oracle Database 20c](#)
As part of your upgrade plan, review the initialization parameters that are not supported starting with this Oracle Database release.

Behavior Changes for Oracle Database 20c Upgrade Planning

Review these behavior changes to help plan for upgrades to Oracle Database 20c

This is not a comprehensive list, but rather a highlight of some changes apart from deprecations and desupports.

- [About Read-Only Oracle Homes](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 20c, an Oracle Database installation configures all Oracle Database homes in read-only mode by default.
- [Multitenant Upgrades Only in Oracle Database 20c](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 20c, Oracle Database is only supported using the multitenant architecture.
- [Logical Standby and New Data Types](#)
If you use logical standby (when not used as part of `DBMS_ROLLING`), then you can use only data types added before Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2)

About Read-Only Oracle Homes

Starting with Oracle Database 20c, an Oracle Database installation configures all Oracle Database homes in read-only mode by default.

Prior to Oracle Database 20c, the default `ORACLE_HOME` layout combined `ORACLE_HOME`, `ORACLE_BASE_HOME` and `ORACLE_BASE_CONFIG` into a single location. Starting with Oracle Database 20c, the only available configuration is a read-only `ORACLE_HOME` where `ORACLE_BASE_HOME` and `ORACLE_BASE_CONFIG` are located separately from `ORACLE_HOME`.

In a read-only Oracle home, all the configuration data and log files reside outside of the read-only Oracle home. This feature allows you to use the read-only Oracle home as a software image that can be distributed across multiple servers.

Apart from the traditional `ORACLE_BASE` and `ORACLE_HOME` directories, the following directories contain files that used to be in `ORACLE_HOME`:

- `ORACLE_BASE_HOME`
- `ORACLE_BASE_CONFIG`

Benefits of a Read-Only Oracle Home

- Enables seamless patching and updating of Oracle databases without extended downtime.
- Simplifies patching and mass rollout as only one image needs to be updated to distribute a patch to many servers.
- Simplifies provisioning by implementing separation of installation and configuration.

 **Note:**

This feature does not affect how database administrators monitor, diagnose, and tune their system performance.

Multitenant Upgrades Only in Oracle Database 20c

Starting with Oracle Database 20c, Oracle Database is only supported using the multitenant architecture.

 **Note:**

A multitenant container database is the only supported architecture in Oracle Database 20c. While the documentation is being revised, legacy terminology may persist. In most cases, "database" and "non-CDB" refer to a CDB or PDB, depending on context. In some contexts, such as upgrades, "non-CDB" refers to a non-CDB from a previous release.

Logical Standby and New Data Types

If you use logical standby (when not used as part of `DBMS_ROLLING`), then you can use only data types added before Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2)

New data types added after Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1) are not supported with Oracle Data Guard logical standby. For example, Oracle Data Guard logical standby does not support long identifiers, complex Abstract Data Types (ADTs), and spatial data types. Note that this limitation does not exist with an Oracle Data Guard physical standby database, `DBMS_ROLLING`, or Oracle GoldenGate. To obtain the benefits of a standby database with more recent data types, Oracle recommends that you consider using either a physical standby database, a snapshot standby database, or that you use the logical replication features of Oracle GoldenGate.

Deprecated Features in Oracle Database 20c

As part of your upgrade plan, review the features that are deprecated in this Oracle Database release, and review alternatives for your application strategies.

- **Deprecation of FILE_DATASTORE Type**
Starting with Oracle Database 20c, the Oracle Text type FILE_DATASTORE is deprecated. Use DIRECTORY_DATASTORE instead.
- **Deprecation of URL_DATASTORE Text Type**
Starting with Oracle Database 20c, the Oracle Text type URL_DATASTORE is deprecated. Use NETWORK_DATASTORE instead.
- **Deprecation of AUTO OPTIMIZE Framework**
In Oracle Database Release 20c, the procedures ADD_AUTO_OPTIMIZE and REMOVE_AUTO_OPTIMIZE, and the views CTX_AUTO_OPTIMIZE_INDEXES, CTX_USER_AUTO_OPTIMIZE_INDEXES and CTX_AUTO_OPTIMIZE_STATUS are deprecated.
- **Deprecation of CTXFILTERCACHE Query Operator**
Starting in Oracle Database Release 20c, CTXFILTERCACHE is deprecated, and also CTX_FILTER_CACHE_STATISTICS and QUERY_FILTER_CACHE_SIZE.
- **Deprecation of Policy-Managed Databases**
Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 20c, policy-managed databases are deprecated.
- **Deprecation of Traditional Auditing**
Traditional auditing is deprecated in Oracle Database 20c. Oracle recommends that you use unified auditing, which enables selective and more effective auditing inside Oracle Database.
- **Deprecation of Older Algorithms in DBMS_CRYPTO**
Starting with Oracle Database 20c, older encryption and hashing algorithms contained within DBMS_CRYPTO are deprecated.
- **Deprecation of Cluster Domain - Domain Services Cluster**
Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 20c, Domain Services Clusters (DSC), which is part of the Oracle Cluster Domain architecture, are deprecated.
- **Deprecation of Enterprise User Security (EUS) User Migration Utility**
Enterprise User Security (EUS) User Migration Utility (UMU) is deprecated in Oracle Database 20c. Use EUS Manager (EUSM) features instead.
- **Deprecation of TLS 1.0 (Transport Layer Security)**
Starting with Oracle Database 20c, Transport Layer Security protocol version 1.0 (TLS 1.0) is deprecated.
- **Logical Standby and New Data Types**
If you use logical standby (when not used as part of DBMS_ROLLING), then you can use only data types added before Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2)
- **Deprecation of Sharded Queues**
AQ sharded queues are deprecated in Oracle Database 20c. Use Transactional Event Queues (TEQ) instead.
- **Deprecation of MySQL Client Library Driver for Oracle**
The MySQL Client Library Driver for Oracle is deprecated in Oracle Database 20c.

Deprecation of FILE_DATASTORE Type

Starting with Oracle Database 20c, the Oracle Text type FILE_DATASTORE is deprecated. Use DIRECTORY_DATASTORE instead.

Oracle recommends that you replace FILE_DATASTORE text indexes with the DIRECTORY_DATASTORE index type, which is available starting with Oracle Database

20c, `DIRECTORY_DATASTORE` provides greater security because it enables file access to be based on directory objects.

Deprecation of `URL_DATASTORE` Text Type

Starting with Oracle Database 20c, the Oracle Text type `URL_DATASTORE` is deprecated. Use `NETWORK_DATASTORE` instead.

The `URL_DATASTORE` type is used for text stored in files on the internet (accessed through HTTP or FTP), and for text stored in local file system files (accessed through the file protocol). It is replaced with `NETWORK_DATASTORE`, which uses ACLs to allow access to specific servers. This change aligns Oracle Text more closely with the standard operating and security model for accessing URLs from the database.

Deprecation of `AUTO OPTIMIZE` Framework

In Oracle Database Release 20c, the procedures `ADD_AUTO_OPTIMIZE` and `REMOVE_AUTO_OPTIMIZE`, and the views `CTX_AUTO_OPTIMIZE_INDEXES`, `CTX_USER_AUTO_OPTIMIZE_INDEXES` and `CTX_AUTO_OPTIMIZE_STATUS` are deprecated.

Basic optimization is now automatic for all indexes. You can also schedule additional optimization declaratively in the `CREATE INDEX` statement. Because of this enhancement, the `AUTO_OPTIMIZE` framework (procedures and views) is no longer necessary. Two procedures are deprecated in the `CTX_DDL` package: `ADD_AUTO_OPTIMIZE`, and `REMOVE_AUTO_OPTIMIZE`. In addition, the following views are deprecated: `CTX_AUTO_OPTIMIZE_INDEXES`, `CTX_USER_AUTO_OPTIMIZE_INDEXES` and `CTX_AUTO_OPTIMIZE_STATUS`.

Deprecation of `CTXFILTERCACHE` Query Operator

Starting in Oracle Database Release 20c, `CTXFILTERCACHE` is deprecated, and also `CTX_FILTER_CACHE_STATISTICS` and `QUERY_FILTER_CACHE_SIZE`.

The `CTXFILTERCACHE` query operator was designed to speed up commonly-used expressions in queries. In Oracle Database Release 20c, this function is replaced by other internal improvements. The `CTXFILTERCACHE` operator is deprecated (and will pass through its operands to be run as a normal query). Because they no longer have a function, the view `CTX_FILTER_CACHE_STATISTICS` is also deprecated, and also the storage attribute `QUERY_FILTER_CACHE_SIZE`.

Deprecation of Policy-Managed Databases

Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 20c, policy-managed databases are deprecated.

You can continue to use existing server pools, and create new pools and policies. Resources using existing server pools can continue to use them transparently.

The use of CRS configuration policies and the CRS policy set can be desupported in a future release. In place of server pools and policy-managed databases, Oracle recommends that you use the new "Merged" management style.

Deprecation of Traditional Auditing

Traditional auditing is deprecated in Oracle Database 20c. Oracle recommends that you use unified auditing, which enables selective and more effective auditing inside Oracle Database.

Standard traditional auditing in Oracle Database has been provided for more than two decades. Traditional auditing provided built-in support for auditing statements, privileges and objects. Over the years, as data auditing became a key factor to ensuring the success of data strategy, Oracle recognized that there was a need to provide selective and effective auditing inside Oracle Database. To address this need, Oracle introduced unified auditing with Oracle Database 12c. In addition to providing built-in audit operation support, Unified Auditing simplifies management of auditing within the database, provides the ability to accelerate auditing based on conditions, and increases the security of audit data generated by the database. Unified Auditing and Traditional Auditing (mixed mode) has been the default auditing mode from Oracle Database 12c onward. Mixed mode auditing was offered as to enable you to become familiar with Unified Auditing, and to transition from Traditional Auditing. With the deprecation of Traditional Auditing in this release, Oracle recommends that you migrate to Unified Auditing. Refer to the migration procedure in Oracle Database Security Guide.

Deprecation of Older Algorithms in DBMS_CRYPTO

Starting with Oracle Database 20c, older encryption and hashing algorithms contained within `DBMS_CRYPTO` are deprecated.

Deprecated algorithms include MD4, MD5 and RC4-related algorithms. Removing older, less secure cryptography algorithms prevents accidental use of these APIs. To meet your security requirements, Oracle recommends that you use more modern cryptography algorithms.

As a consequence of this deprecation, Oracle recommends that you decrypt any RC4 ciphertexts, and encrypt them with a more secure algorithm. You should complete the decryption and re-encryption while using Oracle Database 20c, while the deprecated algorithms are supported. In a future release, the deprecated algorithms will be removed. After RC4 support is removed, ciphertexts encrypted with RC4 will be undecryptable. Oracle also recommends that you update MD4 and MD5 hash algorithms to a more recent version. Typically, these hash algorithms are used with data as a form of integrity check. However, after these hash algorithms are removed, checking the integrity of the data will become a problem. Oracle recommends that you take advantage of the Oracle Database 20c release phase to regenerate all of those hashes using one of the other hash algorithms supported by `DBMS_CRYPTO`.

Deprecation of Cluster Domain - Domain Services Cluster

Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 20c, Domain Services Clusters (DSC), which is part of the Oracle Cluster Domain architecture, are deprecated.

Deprecating certain clustering features with limited adoption enables Oracle to focus on improving core scaling, availability, and manageability across all features and functionality. Oracle Cluster Domains consist of a Domain Services Cluster (DSC) and Member Clusters. Member Clusters were deprecated in Oracle Grid Infrastructure 19c. The DSC continues to be available to provide services to production clusters. However, with most of those services no longer requiring the DSC for hosting,

installation of DSCs are deprecated, and can be desupported in a future release. Oracle recommends that you use any cluster or system of your choice for services previously hosted on the DSC, if applicable. Oracle will continue to support the DSC for hosting shared services, until each service can be used on alternative systems.

Deprecation of Enterprise User Security (EUS) User Migration Utility

Enterprise User Security (EUS) User Migration Utility (UMU) is deprecated in Oracle Database 20c. Use EUS Manager (EUSM) features instead.

Because organizational directory services already have records of all employees, there is no need to bulk-migrate database users to directory services. EUS Manager (EUSM) has many of the same functions as the EUS UMU. Oracle recommends that you use it place of EUS UMU.

Deprecation of TLS 1.0 (Transport Layer Security)

Starting with Oracle Database 20c, Transport Layer Security protocol version 1.0 (TLS 1.0) is deprecated.

In accordance with security best practices, Oracle has deprecated the use of TLS 1.0. To meet your security requirements, Oracle strongly recommends that you use TLS 1.2 instead.

Logical Standby and New Data Types

If you use logical standby (when not used as part of `DBMS_ROLLING`), then you can use only data types added before Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2)

New data types added after Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1) are not supported with Oracle Data Guard logical standby. For example, Oracle Data Guard logical standby does not support long identifiers, complex Abstract Data Types (ADTs), and spatial data types. Note that this limitation does not exist with an Oracle Data Guard physical standby database, `DBMS_ROLLING`, or Oracle GoldenGate. To obtain the benefits of a standby database with more recent data types, Oracle recommends that you consider using either a physical standby database, a snapshot standby database, or that you use the logical replication features of Oracle GoldenGate.

Deprecation of Sharded Queues

AQ sharded queues are deprecated in Oracle Database 20c. Use Transactional Event Queues (TEQ) instead.

Starting with Oracle Database 20c, AQ sharded queues are being repackaged as Transactional Event Queues (TEQ). In the Oracle Database 20c release, TEQs coexist with AQ sharded queues. However, AQ sharded queues will be desupported in a future release and will be replaced by TEQ. Oracle recommends that you move to TEQs for higher throughput and better performance on Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC).

Deprecation of MySQL Client Library Driver for Oracle

The MySQL Client Library Driver for Oracle is deprecated in Oracle Database 20c.

The MySQL Client library driver, `liboramySQL`, is deprecated. Oracle may desupport `liboramySQL` in a future release. There is no replacement. This deprecation does not affect the ability of older Oracle Database Client releases that use `liboramySQL` to connect to the database. However, it is possible that the features available to use through these clients eventually can be limited.

Deprecated Views in Oracle Database 20c

As part of your upgrade plan, review the views that are deprecated starting with this Oracle Database release.

- [Deprecation of Traditional Auditing Views](#)
As a result of deprecating traditional auditing, the views associated with traditional auditing are also deprecated.

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- Static data dictionary views:
 - `ALL_DEF_AUDIT_OPTS`
 - `AUDIT_ACTIONS`
 - `DBA_AUDIT_EXISTS`
 - `DBA_AUDIT_OBJECT`
 - `DBA_AUDIT_SESSION`
 - `DBA_AUDIT_STATEMENT`
 - `DBA_AUDIT_TRAIL`
 - `DBA_COMMON_AUDIT_TRAIL`
 - `DBA_FGA_AUDIT_TRAIL`
 - `DBA_OBJ_AUDIT_OPTS`
 - `DBA_PRIV_AUDIT_OPTS`
 - `DBA_STMT_AUDIT_OPTS`
 - `USER_AUDIT_OBJECT`

- USER_AUDIT_SESSION
- USER_AUDIT_STATEMENT
- USER_AUDIT_TRAIL
- USER_OBJ_AUDIT_OPTS
- Dynamic performance view:
 - V\$XML_AUDIT_TRAIL

Deprecated Parameters in Oracle Database 20c

As part of your upgrade plan, review the initialization parameters that are deprecated starting with this Oracle Database release.

- [Deprecation of Traditional Auditing Initialization Parameters](#)
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- Initialization parameters:
 - AUDIT_FILE_DEST
 - AUDIT_SYS_OPERATIONS
 - AUDIT_SYSLOG_LEVEL
 - AUDIT_TRAIL

Desupported Features in Oracle Database 20c

As part of your upgrade plan, review the desupported features in this Oracle Database release.

- [Desupport of DBMS_OBFUSCATION_TOOLKIT Package](#)
Starting in Oracle Database 20c, the package `DBMS_OBFUSCATION_TOOLKIT` is desupported, and replaced with `DBMS_CRYPTO`.
- [Desupport of Several XML Database \(XDB\) features](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 20c, several XML Database features are desupported.

- [Desupport of DBMS_LOB.LOADFROMFILE and LOB Buffering](#)
Starting in Oracle Database 20c, the Large Object (LOB) features `DBMS_LOB.LOADFROMFILE` and LOB buffering are desupported.
- [Desupport of Oracle Data Guard Broker Properties and Logical Standby](#)
Oracle Data Guard broker properties and logical standby properties whose functionality is replaced with the new `EDIT ... SET PARAMETER` command in DGMGRL are now desupported.
- [Desupport of DBMS_CRYPTO_TOOLKIT_TYPES and DBMS_CRYPTO_TOOLKIT](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 20c, the data types `DBMS_CRYPTO_TOOLKIT_TYPES` and package `DBMS_CRYPTO_TOOLKIT` are desupported.
- [Desupport of Non-CDB Oracle Databases](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 20c, installation of non-CDB Oracle Database architecture is no longer supported.
- [Desupport of Cluster Domain Member Clusters](#)
Effective with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 20c, Member Clusters, which are part of the Oracle Cluster Domain architecture, are desupported.
- [Desupport of Unicode Collation Algorithm \(UCA\) 6.1 Collations](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 20c, the Unicode Collation Algorithm (UCA) 6.1 collations (`UCA0610_*`) are desupported. Use UCA 12.1 instead.
- [Desupport of ACFS on Microsoft Windows](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 20c, the Oracle Grid Infrastructure feature Automatic Storage Management Cluster File System (Oracle ACFS) is desupported with Microsoft Windows
- [Desupport of Oracle ACFS Security \(Vault\) and ACFS Auditing](#)
Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 20c, Oracle ASM Cluster File System (ACFS) Security (Vault) and ACFS Auditing are desupported.
- [Desupport of Oracle ACFS on Member Clusters \(ACFS Remote\)](#)
Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 20c, Oracle ASM Cluster File System (ACFS) on Member Clusters (ACFS Remote) is desupported.
- [Desupport of ACFS Encryption on Solaris and Windows](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 20c, Oracle ACFS Encryption is desupported with no replacement on Oracle Solaris and Microsoft Windows.
- [Desupport of ACFS Replication REPV1](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 20c, the Oracle ACFS replication protocol `repv1` is desupported.
- [Desupport of Vendor Clusterware Integration with Oracle Clusterware](#)
Starting with Oracle Clusterware 20c, the integration of vendor or third party clusterware with Oracle Clusterware is desupported.
- [Desupport of VERIFY_FUNCTION and VERIFY_FUNCTION_11G](#)
The `VERIFY_FUNCTION` and `VERIFY_FUNCTION_11G` password verify functions are desupported in Oracle Database 20c.

Desupport of DBMS_OBFUSCATION_TOOLKIT Package

Starting in Oracle Database 20c, the package `DBMS_OBFUSCATION_TOOLKIT` is desupported, and replaced with `DBMS_CRYPTO`.

DBMS_OBFUSCATION_TOOLKIT was deprecated in Oracle Database 10g Release 2. It is now removed in Oracle Database 20c. DBMS_CRYPTO replaces the functionality that DBMS_OBFUSCATION_TOOLKIT provided previously. DBMS_CRYPTO includes more modern and secure encryption technologies for your security requirements.

Desupport of Several XML Database (XDB) features

Starting with Oracle Database 20c, several XML Database features are desupported.

The following features are desupported:

- Package DBMS_XDBT. There is no replacement.
- Oracle XQuery function `ora:contains`. Use XQuery Full Text instead.
- Oracle SQL function `XMLRoot`. Use SQL/XML function `XMLSerialize()` with a version number instead.
- Nested tables stored as index-ordered tables (IOTs). This includes both the use of option `DBMS_XMLSCHEMA.REGISTER_NT_AS_IOT`, and the use of clause `NESTED TABLE N STORE AS ... (ORGANIZATION INDEX)` when creating a table with nested-table column `N`. Instead, store nested-table columns using heap storage (the default behavior for PL/SQL procedure `DBMS_XMLSCHEMA.registerSchema`).
- PL/SQL procedure `DBMS_XSLPROCESSOR.CLOB2FILE`. Use `DBMS_LOB.CLOB2FILE` instead.
- PL/SQL function `DBMS_XSLPROCESSOR.READ2CLOB`. Use `DBMS_LOB.LOADCLOBFROMFILE` instead.
- Oracle XML DB Content Connector.

Desupport of DBMS_LOB.LOADFROMFILE and LOB Buffering

Starting in Oracle Database 20c, the Large Object (LOB) features `DBMS_LOB.LOADFROMFILE` and LOB buffering are desupported.

The following features are desupported:

- `DBMS_LOB.LOADFROMFILE` Procedure. Use `DBMS_LOB.LoadClobFromFile` or `DBMS_LOB.LoadBlobFromFile` instead.
- The LOB buffering subsystem APIs:
 - `OCILobEnableBuffering()`
 - `OCILobDisableBuffering()`
 - `OCILobFlushBuffer()`

In place of using these LOB buffering functions, use the LOB prefetch feature.

Desupport of Oracle Data Guard Broker Properties and Logical Standby

Oracle Data Guard broker properties and logical standby properties whose functionality is replaced with the new `EDIT ... SET PARAMETER` command in `DGMGRL` are now desupported.

The following Oracle Data Guard broker properties are desupported in Oracle Database 20c:

- ArchiveLagTarget
- DataGuardSyncLatency
- LogArchiveMaxProcesses
- LogArchiveMinSucceedDest
- LogArchiveTrace
- StandbyFileManagement
- DbFileNameConvert
- LogArchiveFormat
- LogFileNameConvert

The following Oracle Data Guard broker Properties that affect Logical Standby are desupported in Oracle Database 20c:

- LsbyMaxEventsRecorded
- LsbyMaxServers
- LsbyMaxSga
- LsbyPreserveCommitOrder
- LsbyRecordAppliedDdl
- LsbyRecordSkippedDdl
- LsbyRecordSkipErrors
- LsbyParameter

Desupport of DBMS_CRYPTO_TOOLKIT_TYPES and DBMS_CRYPTO_TOOLKIT

Starting with Oracle Database 20c, the data types `DBMS_CRYPTO_TOOLKIT_TYPES` and package `DBMS_CRYPTO_TOOLKIT` are desupported.

The data types `DBMS_CRYPTO_TOOLKIT_TYPES` and the `DBMS_CRYPTO_TOOLKIT` package were deprecated in Oracle9i Database. These data types and package are now removed from Oracle Database 20c.

Desupport of Non-CDB Oracle Databases

Starting with Oracle Database 20c, installation of non-CDB Oracle Database architecture is no longer supported.

The non-CDB architecture was deprecated in Oracle Database 12c. It is desupported in Oracle Database 20c. Oracle Universal Installer can no longer be used to create non-CDB Oracle Database instances.

Desupport of Cluster Domain Member Clusters

Effective with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 20c, Member Clusters, which are part of the Oracle Cluster Domain architecture, are desupported.

Desupporting certain clustering features with limited adoption allows Oracle to focus on improving core scaling, availability, and manageability across all features and functionality. Oracle Cluster Domains consist of a Domain Services Cluster (DSC) and Member Clusters. It also includes Remote Oracle Automatic Storage Management Cluster File System (Remote ACFS).. Member Clusters were first introduced to simplify the management of larger cluster estates, and to minimize outage times for certain failures and configurations. However, additional enhancements in Standalone Clusters provide the same benefits. These enhancements make the use of Member Clusters unnecessary. Consequently, if you are currently using Member Clusters, then Oracle recommends that you use Standalone Clusters going forward.

Desupport of Unicode Collation Algorithm (UCA) 6.1 Collations

Starting with Oracle Database 20c, the Unicode Collation Algorithm (UCA) 6.1 collations (UCA0610_*) are desupported. Use UCA 12.1 instead.

Oracle recommends that you use the latest supported version of Unicode Collation Algorithm (UCA) collations, which in Oracle Database 20c is UCA 12.1. UCA 6.1 collations were deprecated in Oracle Database 12c Release 2. UCA 12.1 incorporates all of the UCA enhancements since version 6.1, as well as proper collation weight assignments for all new characters introduced since Unicode 6.1.

Desupport of ACFS on Microsoft Windows

Starting with Oracle Database 20c, the Oracle Grid Infrastructure feature Automatic Storage Management Cluster File System (Oracle ACFS) is desupported with Microsoft Windows

Oracle ACFS is used for two major use cases:

- Oracle Database Files for Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC)
- Generic files (unstructured data) that need to be shared across multiple hosts.

For Oracle Real Application Clusters files, Oracle recommends that you use Oracle ASM. For generic files, depending on your use case, Oracle recommends that you either move files to Oracle Database File System (DBFS), or move files to Microsoft Windows shared files.

Desupport of Oracle ACFS Security (Vault) and ACFS Auditing

Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 20c, Oracle ASM Cluster File System (ACFS) Security (Vault) and ACFS Auditing are desupported.

To manage security and auditing, Oracle recommends that you use your operating system access controls and auditing systems. For example, with Linux, you can use the Linux Auditing System.

Desupport of Oracle ACFS on Member Clusters (ACFS Remote)

Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 20c, Oracle ASM Cluster File System (ACFS) on Member Clusters (ACFS Remote) is desupported.

Oracle ASM Cluster File System (ACFS) on Member Clusters (ACFS Remote) is desupported. Desupporting certain clustering features with limited adoption allows Oracle to focus on improving core scaling, availability, and manageability across all features and functionality. Deprecating certain clustering features with limited adoption

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Desupport of ACFS Encryption on Solaris and Windows

Starting with Oracle Database 20c, Oracle ACFS Encryption is desupported with no replacement on Oracle Solaris and Microsoft Windows.

Oracle ACFS Encryption on Oracle Solaris and Microsoft Windows is based on RSA technology. Retirement of RSA technology has been announced. Oracle ACFS Encryption continues to be supported on Linux, and is unaffected by this deprecation, because Linux uses an alternative technology.

Desupport of ACFS Replication REPV1

Starting with Oracle Database 20c, the Oracle ACFS replication protocol `replv1` is desupported.

The initial ACFS replication protocol `replv1` was released with Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2). The `replv2` protocol has been required since Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2). The `replv1` protocol was available only during the required upgrade to `replv2` in 12.2 and later releases. The `replv1` protocol was deprecated in Oracle Database 19c. It is desupported in Oracle Database 20c.

Desupport of Vendor Clusterware Integration with Oracle Clusterware

Starting with Oracle Clusterware 20c, the integration of vendor or third party clusterware with Oracle Clusterware is desupported.

The integration of vendor clusterware with Oracle Clusterware is desupported in Oracle Database 20c. Desupporting certain clustering features with limited adoption allows Oracle to focus on improving core scaling, availability, and manageability across all features and functionality. In the absence of an integration between different cluster solutions, the system is subject to the dueling cluster solutions issue: Independent cluster solutions can make individual decisions about which corrective actions must be taken in case of certain failures. To avoid conflicts, only one cluster solution should be active at any point in time. For this reason, Oracle recommends that you align your next software or hardware upgrade with the transition off of vendor cluster solutions.

Desupport of VERIFY_FUNCTION and VERIFY_FUNCTION_11G

The `VERIFY_FUNCTION` and `VERIFY_FUNCTION_11G` password verify functions are desupported in Oracle Database 20c.

These older functions are desupported because they enforce the weaker password restrictions from earlier releases. Instead, use the functions `ORA12C_VERIFY_FUNCTION`, `ORA12C_STRONG_VERIFY_FUNCTION`, or `ORA12C_STIG_VERIFY_FUNCTIONS`. These functions enforce stronger, more up-to-date password verification restrictions.

Desupported Parameters in Oracle Database 20c

As part of your upgrade plan, review the initialization parameters that are not supported starting with this Oracle Database release.

- [Desupport of UNIFIED_AUDIT_SGA_QUEUE_SIZE](#)
Starting in Oracle Database 20c, the initialization parameter `UNIFIED_AUDIT_SGA_QUEUE_SIZE` is desupported.
- [Desupport of IGNORECASE Parameter for Passwords](#)
Starting in Oracle Database 20c, the `IGNORECASE` parameter for the `orapwd` file is desupported. All newly created password files are case-sensitive.
- [Desupport of DISABLE_DIRECTORY_LINK_CHECK](#)
Starting in Oracle Database 20c, the `DISABLE_DIRECTORY_LINK_CHECK` parameter is desupported, with no replacement.

Desupport of UNIFIED_AUDIT_SGA_QUEUE_SIZE

Starting in Oracle Database 20c, the initialization parameter `UNIFIED_AUDIT_SGA_QUEUE_SIZE` is desupported.

The `UNIFIED_AUDIT_SGA_QUEUE_SIZE` parameter was deprecated in Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2), and the value for the parameter was no longer was honored. It is now removed.

Desupport of IGNORECASE Parameter for Passwords

Starting in Oracle Database 20c, the `IGNORECASE` parameter for the `orapwd` file is desupported. All newly created password files are case-sensitive.

Case-sensitive password files provide more security than older non-case sensitive password files. To enhance security, Oracle recommends that you use case-sensitive passwords. However, upgraded password files from earlier Oracle Database releases can retain original case-insensitive passwords. To ensure that password files are case-sensitive, Oracle recommends that you force case sensitivity by migrating password files from one format to another, using the following syntax: `orapwd input_file=input_password_file file=output_password_file`

Desupport of DISABLE_DIRECTORY_LINK_CHECK

Starting in Oracle Database 20c, the `DISABLE_DIRECTORY_LINK_CHECK` parameter is desupported, with no replacement.

The `DISABLE_DIRECTORY_LINK_CHECK` parameter is disabled. Symbolic links managed previously with this parameter fail in the new Oracle Database release. If you attempt to use an affected feature after upgrade, where that feature used symbolic links, then you encounter `ORA-29283: invalid file operation: path traverses a symlink`.

Behavior Changes, Deprecations and Desupports in Oracle Database 19c

Review for descriptions of Oracle Database 19c release changes.

- [Behavior Changes for Oracle Database 19c Upgrade Planning](#)
Review these behavior changes to help plan for upgrades to Oracle Database 19c
- [Deprecated Features in Oracle Database 19c](#)
As part of your upgrade plan, review the features that are deprecated in this Oracle Database release, and review alternatives for your application strategies.

- [Deprecated Initialization Parameters in Oracle Database 19c](#)
As part of your upgrade plan, review the initialization parameters that are deprecated in this Oracle Database release, and review alternatives.
- [Desupported Features in Oracle Database 19c](#)
As part of your upgrade plan, review the desupported features in this Oracle Database release.
- [Desupported Parameters in Oracle Database 19c](#)
As part of your upgrade plan, review the initialization parameters that are not supported starting with this Oracle Database release.

Behavior Changes for Oracle Database 19c Upgrade Planning

Review these behavior changes to help plan for upgrades to Oracle Database 19c

- [Changes to Oracle Data Guard Properties Management](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 19c, properties for Oracle Data Guard configuration are stored in Oracle Database, instead of an external configuration file.
- [Rapid Home Provisioning \(RHP\) Name Change](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 19c and Oracle Grid Infrastructure 19c, Rapid Home Provisioning is renamed to Fleet Patching and Provisioning (FPP).
- [Resupport of Direct File Placement for OCR and Voting Disks](#)
Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 19c, the desupport for direct placement of OCR and voting files on shared file systems is rescinded for Oracle Standalone Clusters.
- [Optional Install for the Grid Infrastructure Management Repository](#)
Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 19c, the Grid Infrastructure Management Repository (GIMR) is optional for new installations of Oracle Standalone Cluster. Oracle Domain Services Clusters still require the installation of a GIMR as a service component.
- [Support for DBMS_JOB](#)
Oracle continues to support the `DBMS_JOB` package. However, you must grant the `CREATE JOB` privilege to the database schemas that submit `DBMS_JOB` jobs.

Changes to Oracle Data Guard Properties Management

Starting with Oracle Database 19c, properties for Oracle Data Guard configuration are stored in Oracle Database, instead of an external configuration file.

Oracle Data Guard property names, storage locations, and behaviors are changed in Oracle Database 19c.

Property Name Changes

Table 9-1 Oracle Data Guard Property Name Changes

Property	Oracle Database 18c and earlier releases	Oracle Database 19c and later releases
Archive location	OnlineArchiveLocation	ArchiveLocation
Alternate location	OnlineAlternateLocation	AlternateLocation

Table 9-1 (Cont.) Oracle Data Guard Property Name Changes

Property	Oracle Database 18c and earlier releases	Oracle Database 19c and later releases
Standby archive location	StandbyArchiveLocation	StandbyArchiveLocation
Standby alternate location	StandbyAlternateLocation	StandbyAlternateLocation

Property Behavior Changes

- When `StandbyArchiveLocation` and `StandbyAlternateLocation` have empty strings, `ArchiveLocation` and `AlternateLocation` are locations for both online and standby log files
- When `StandbyArchiveLocation` and `StandbyAlternateLocation` have non-empty strings, `ArchiveLocation` and `AlternateLocation` are locations only for online log files
- The behavior of `StandbyArchiveLocation` and `StandbyAlternateLocation` are not changed. These properties are only used for standby log file locations.

Scope Changes

Starting with Oracle Database 19c, all four of the Oracle Data Guard properties have the scope `Database`. In earlier releases, they had the scope `Instance`.

Imports and Upgrades

Starting with Oracle Database 19c, note the following changes to the way Oracle Data Guard manages property imports and upgrades:

- Oracle Data Guard broker no longer automatically imports local archiving location properties.
- Oracle Data Guard broker no longer automatically upgrades the earlier release property settings from metadata files created from Oracle Database 18c and earlier release Data Guard broker exports.

Rapid Home Provisioning (RHP) Name Change

Starting with Oracle Database 19c and Oracle Grid Infrastructure 19c, Rapid Home Provisioning is renamed to Fleet Patching and Provisioning (FPP).

Resupport of Direct File Placement for OCR and Voting Disks

Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 19c, the desupport for direct placement of OCR and voting files on shared file systems is rescinded for Oracle Standalone Clusters.

In Oracle Grid Infrastructure 12c Release 2 (12.2), Oracle announced that it would no longer support the placement of the Oracle Grid Infrastructure Oracle Cluster Registry (OCR) and voting files directly on a shared file system. This desupport is now rescinded. Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 19c (19.3), with Oracle Standalone Clusters, you can again place OCR and voting disk files directly on shared file systems. However, for Oracle Domain Services Clusters, you must continue to place

OCR and voting files in quorum failure groups managed by Oracle Automatic Storage Management (Oracle ASM).

Optional Install for the Grid Infrastructure Management Repository

Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 19c, the Grid Infrastructure Management Repository (GIMR) is optional for new installations of Oracle Standalone Cluster. Oracle Domain Services Clusters still require the installation of a GIMR as a service component.

The Oracle Standalone Cluster locally hosts the GIMR on an Oracle ASM disk group or a shared file system; this GIMR is a multitenant database with a single pluggable database (PDB). The global GIMR runs in an Oracle Domain Services Cluster. Oracle Domain Services Cluster locally hosts the GIMR in a separate Oracle ASM disk group. Client clusters, such as Oracle Member Cluster for Database, use the remote GIMR located on the Oracle Domain Services Cluster. For two-node or four-node clusters, hosting the GIMR for a cluster on a remote cluster reduces the overhead of running an extra infrastructure repository on a cluster. The GIMR for an Oracle Domain Services Cluster is a multitenant database with one PDB, and additional PDB for each member cluster that is added.

Support for DBMS_JOB

Oracle continues to support the `DBMS_JOB` package. However, you must grant the `CREATE JOB` privilege to the database schemas that submit `DBMS_JOB` jobs.

Oracle Scheduler replaces the `DBMS_JOB` package. Although `DBMS_JOB` is still supported for backward compatibility, Oracle strongly recommends that you switch from `DBMS_JOB` to Oracle Scheduler.

Deprecated Features in Oracle Database 19c

As part of your upgrade plan, review the features that are deprecated in this Oracle Database release, and review alternatives for your application strategies.

- [Oracle Data Guard Broker Deprecated Properties](#)
Starting in Oracle Database 19c, several Oracle Data Guard broker properties associated with initialization parameters are deprecated. Their functionality is replaced with the new `EDIT ... SET PARAMETER` command in `DGMGRL`.
- [Oracle Data Guard Logical Standby Properties Deprecated](#)
Starting in Oracle Database 19c, Logical Standby properties of Oracle Data Guard broker are deprecated.
- [Deprecation of ASMCMD PWCREATE On Command Line](#)
Using the Oracle ASM command-line utility `ASMCMD` command option `pwcreate password` to create ASM passwords is deprecated in Oracle Grid Infrastructure 19c (19.1).
- [Deprecation of Addnode Script](#)
The `addnode` script is deprecated in Oracle Grid Infrastructure 19c. The functionality of adding nodes to clusters is available in the installer wizard.
- [Deprecation of clone.pl Script](#)
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- [Deprecation of Oracle Fail Safe](#)
Oracle Fail Safe is deprecated as of Oracle Database 19c. It can be desupported and unavailable in a future release.
- [Deprecation of GDSCTL Operating System Command-Line Password Resets](#)
To enhance security, starting with Oracle Database 19c, the ability to specify passwords from the Global Data Services Control Utility (GDSCTL) command-line when called from the operating system prompt is deprecated.
- [Deprecation of Oracle Enterprise Manager Express](#)
Flash-based Enterprise Manager Express is deprecated in Oracle Database 19c. Starting with Oracle Database 19c, Enterprise Manager Express uses Java JET technology for the user interface.
- [Deprecation of DV_REALM_OWNER Role](#)
The Oracle Data Vault role `DV_REALM_OWNER` role is deprecated with no replacement.
- [Deprecation of DV_REALM_RESOURCE Role](#)
The Oracle Data Vault role `DV_REALM_RESOURCE` is deprecated with no replacement.
- [Deprecation of DV_PUBLIC Role](#)
The Oracle Data Vault role `DV_PUBLIC` role is deprecated with no replacement.
- [Deprecation of Oracle ACFS Replication Protocol REPV1](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 19c (19.3), the Oracle ACFS replication protocol `repv1` is deprecated.
- [Deprecation of Oracle ACFS Encryption on Solaris and Windows](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 19c (19.3), Oracle ACFS Encryption is deprecated with no replacement on Oracle Solaris and Microsoft Windows.
- [Deprecation of Oracle ACFS on Windows](#)
Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 19c (19.5), Oracle ASM Cluster File System (ACFS) is deprecated on Microsoft Windows.
- [Deprecation of Oracle ACFS Security \(Vault\) and ACFS Auditing](#)
Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 19c (19.5), Oracle ASM Cluster File System (ACFS) Security (Vault) and ACFS Auditing are deprecated.
- [Deprecation of Oracle ACFS on Member Clusters \(ACFS Remote\)](#)
Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 19c (19.5), Oracle ASM Cluster File System (ACFS) on Member Clusters (ACFS Remote) is deprecated.
- [Deprecation of Cluster Domain - Member Clusters](#)
Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 19c (19.5), Member Clusters, which are part of the Oracle Cluster Domain architecture, are deprecated.
- [Deprecation of Vendor Clusterware Integration with Oracle Clusterware](#)
Starting with Oracle Clusterware 19c (19.5), the integration of vendor or third party clusterware with Oracle Clusterware is deprecated.

Oracle Data Guard Broker Deprecated Properties

Starting in Oracle Database 19c, several Oracle Data Guard broker properties associated with initialization parameters are deprecated. Their functionality is replaced with the new `EDIT ... SET PARAMETER` command in `DGMGRL`.

The following Oracle Data Guard broker properties are deprecated in Oracle Database 19c:

- ArchiveLagTarget
- DataGuardSyncLatency
- LogArchiveMaxProcesses
- LogArchiveMinSucceedDest
- LogArchiveTrace
- StandbyFileManagement
- DbFileNameConvert
- LogArchiveFormat
- LogFileNameConvert

Using the current `EDIT ... SET PROPERTY` command with these properties continues to work. However, the update is automatically made with the new command, and the parameter data is now no longer be stored in the broker metadata file.

The `InconsistentProperties` property is also deprecated. This parameter now always has no value, because there can no longer be inconsistent values.

Using the new `EDIT ... SET PARAMETER` commands removes the possibility of inconsistent configuration data between the broker and a database. When you use the new `EDIT ... SET PARAMETER` commands, you can change these parameters either by using either the new broker command, or by using the standard SQL*Plus `ALTER SYSTEM` command. However, when you use the broker command, you can be attached to any database in the configuration, and perform parameter changes to any other database in the configuration.

Oracle Data Guard Logical Standby Properties Deprecated

Starting in Oracle Database 19c, Logical Standby properties of Oracle Data Guard broker are deprecated.

The following Oracle Data Guard broker Properties that affect Logical Standby are deprecated:

- LsbyMaxEventsRecorded
- LsbyMaxServers
- LsbyMaxSga
- LsbyPreserveCommitOrder
- LsbyRecordAppliedDdl
- LsbyRecordSkippedDdl
- LsbyRecordSkipErrors
- LsbyParameter

Using the `EDIT ... SET PROPERTY` command continues to work. However, the data about the setting is no longer stored in the broker metadata file. Instead, Oracle recommends that you use the SQL*Plus package `DBMS_LOGSTDBY` to change the Logical Standby properties. The Logical Standby properties for Oracle Data Guard broker can be desupported in a future release.

Directly using the SQL*Plus package `DBMS_LOGSTDBY` removes the possibility of inconsistent configuration data between the broker and a Logical Standby database, and provides one interface to manage a Logical Standby.

Deprecation of ASMCMD PWCREATE On Command Line

Using the Oracle ASM command-line utility `ASMCMD` command option `pwcreate password` to create ASM passwords is deprecated in Oracle Grid Infrastructure 19c (19.1).

The option to supply the password on the command line is still enabled in Oracle Database 19c. However, to enhance security, Oracle is deprecating this method of creating a new Oracle ASM password. It can be desupported in a future release. The `pwcreate` option of `ASMCMD` enables you to specify a password on the command line. However, if you run the command `asmcmd pwcreate`, and you do not provide the password on the command line, then you are now prompted for the password.

Deprecation of Addnode Script

The `addnode` script is deprecated in Oracle Grid Infrastructure 19c. The functionality of adding nodes to clusters is available in the installer wizard.

The `addnode` script can be removed in a future release. Instead of using the `addnode` script (`addnode.sh` or `addnode.bat`), add nodes by using the installer wizard. The installer wizard provides many enhancements over the `addnode` script. Using the installer wizard simplifies management by consolidating all software lifecycle operations into a single tool.

Deprecation of clone.pl Script

The `clone.pl` script is deprecated in Oracle Database 19c. The functionality of performing a software-only installation, using the gold image, is available in the installer wizard.

The `clone.pl` script can be removed in a future release. Instead of using the `clone.pl` script, Oracle recommends that you install the extracted gold image as a home, using the installer wizard.

Deprecation of Oracle Fail Safe

Oracle Fail Safe is deprecated as of Oracle Database 19c. It can be desupported and unavailable in a future release.

Oracle recommends that you evaluate other single-node failover options, such as Oracle RAC One Node.

Deprecation of GDSCTL Operating System Command-Line Password Resets

To enhance security, starting with Oracle Database 19c, the ability to specify passwords from the Global Data Services Control Utility (GDSCTL) command-line when called from the operating system prompt is deprecated.

This deprecation applies only to password changes where GDSCTL is called from a user command-line prompt. For example, the following command is deprecated.


```
$ gdsctl add database -connect inst1 -pwd gsm_password
```

Specifying the password from the GDSCTL utility itself is still valid. For example, the following command is valid:

```
GDSCTL> add database -connect inst1 -pwd gsm_password
```

This deprecation addresses the security vulnerability when specifying passwords in GDSCTL commands called from the operating system prompt. Only enter the Global Data Services password only when GDSCTL prompts for it.

Deprecation of Oracle Enterprise Manager Express

Flash-based Enterprise Manager Express is deprecated in Oracle Database 19c. Starting with Oracle Database 19c, Enterprise Manager Express uses Java JET technology for the user interface.

In accordance with industry standards, Oracle is deprecating Flash-based Oracle Enterprise Manager Express (Oracle EM Express). Starting with Oracle Database 19c, Oracle EM Express, the default management option for Oracle Database, is based on Java JET technology. In this initial release, there are some options available in Flash-based Oracle EM Express that are not available in the JET version. If necessary, use the following command to revert to Flash Oracle EM Express:

```
SQL> @?/rdbms/admin/execemx emx
```

To return to JET Oracle EM Express, use the following command:

```
SQL> @?/rdbms/admin/execemx omx
```

Deprecation of DV_REALM_OWNER Role

The Oracle Data Vault role `DV_REALM_OWNER` role is deprecated with no replacement.

The `DV_REALM_OWNER` role is used for realm management to manage database objects in multiple schemas that define a realm. Oracle has deprecated the use of this role. It can be removed in a future release.

In addition, the following `DV_REALM_OWNER` privileges are revoked from the `DV_REALM_OWNER` role: `CREATE ROLE`, `ALTER ANY ROLE`, `DROP ANY ROLE`, `GRANT ANY ROLE`, `GRANT ANY PRIVILEGE`, and `GRANT ANY OBJECT PRIVILEGE`. If needed, you can choose to grant these privileges to the `DV_REALM_OWNER` role. For example:

```
SQL> GRANT CREATE ROLE ON tablename TO DV_REALM_OWNER;
```

Deprecation of DV_REALM_RESOURCE Role

The Oracle Data Vault role `DV_REALM_RESOURCE` is deprecated with no replacement.

The `DV_REALM_RESOURCE` role is used for the management of realm resources. Oracle has deprecated the use of this role. It can be removed in a future release.

Deprecation of DV_PUBLIC Role

The Oracle Data Vault role `DV_PUBLIC` role is deprecated with no replacement.

The `DV_PUBLIC` role is still created during installation, but it is not granted any roles or privileges. All privileges that were granted to `DV_PUBLIC` in previous releases are now granted directly to the `PUBLIC` role. This role is obsolete, and can be removed in a future release.

Deprecation of Oracle ACFS Replication Protocol REPV1

Starting with Oracle Database 19c (19.3), the Oracle ACFS replication protocol `repv1` is deprecated.

The initial ACFS replication protocol `repv1` was released with Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2). Oracle Database 12c Release 2 introduced a new ACFS replication protocol, Oracle ACFS snapshot-based replication (`repv2`). Oracle continued to use the same management interface. Starting with Oracle Database 19c, the earlier ACFS replication protocol (`repv1`) is deprecated. Update to snapshot-based replication.

Deprecation of Oracle ACFS Encryption on Solaris and Windows

Starting with Oracle Database 19c (19.3), Oracle ACFS Encryption is deprecated with no replacement on Oracle Solaris and Microsoft Windows.

Oracle ACFS Encryption on Oracle Solaris and Microsoft Windows is based on RSA technology. Retirement of RSA technology has been announced. Oracle ACFS Encryption continues to be supported on Linux, and is unaffected by this deprecation, because Linux uses an alternative technology.

Deprecation of Oracle ACFS on Windows

Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 19c (19.5), Oracle ASM Cluster File System (ACFS) is deprecated on Microsoft Windows.

Deprecating certain clustering features with limited adoption allows Oracle to focus on improving core scaling, availability, and manageability across all features and functionality. ACFS file systems on Microsoft Windows are deprecated, and can be desupported in a future release. Depending on the use case, to replace current ACFS file systems, Oracle recommends that you move to Oracle Automatic Storage Management (Oracle ASM), Oracle Database File System (DBFS), or Microsoft Windows shares.

Deprecation of Oracle ACFS Security (Vault) and ACFS Auditing

Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 19c (19.5), Oracle ASM Cluster File System (ACFS) Security (Vault) and ACFS Auditing are deprecated.

Deprecating certain clustering features with limited adoption allows Oracle to focus on improving core scaling, availability, and manageability across all features and functionality. Oracle ACFS Security (Vault) and ACFS Auditing are deprecated, and can be desupported in a future release.

Deprecation of Oracle ACFS on Member Clusters (ACFS Remote)

Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 19c (19.5), Oracle ASM Cluster File System (ACFS) on Member Clusters (ACFS Remote) is deprecated.

Oracle ASM Cluster File System (ACFS) on Member Clusters (ACFS Remote) is deprecated, and can be removed in a future release. Deprecating certain clustering features with limited adoption allows Oracle to focus on improving core scaling, availability, and manageability across all features and functionality.

Deprecation of Cluster Domain - Member Clusters

Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 19c (19.5), Member Clusters, which are part of the Oracle Cluster Domain architecture, are deprecated.

Deprecating certain clustering features with limited adoption allows Oracle to focus on improving core scaling, availability, and manageability across all features and functionality. Oracle Cluster Domains consist of a Domain Services Cluster (DSC) and Member Clusters. The deprecation of Member Clusters affects the clustering used with the DSC, but not its ability to host services for other production clusters. Oracle recommends that you align your next software or hardware upgrade with the transition off Cluster Domain - Member Clusters.

Deprecation of Vendor Clusterware Integration with Oracle Clusterware

Starting with Oracle Clusterware 19c (19.5), the integration of vendor or third party clusterware with Oracle Clusterware is deprecated.

The integration of vendor clusterware with Oracle Clusterware is deprecated, and can be desupported in a future release. Deprecating certain clustering features with limited adoption allows Oracle to focus on improving core scaling, availability, and manageability across all features and functionality. In the absence of an integration between different cluster solutions, the system is subject to the dueling cluster solutions issue: Independent cluster solutions can make individual decisions about which corrective actions must be taken in case of certain failures. To avoid conflicts, only one cluster solution should be active at any point in time. For this reason, Oracle recommends that you align your next software or hardware upgrade with the transition off of vendor cluster solutions.

Deprecated Initialization Parameters in Oracle Database 19c

As part of your upgrade plan, review the initialization parameters that are deprecated in this Oracle Database release, and review alternatives.

- [CLUSTER_DATABASE_INSTANCES Initialization Parameter Deprecated](#)
The Oracle Database initialization parameter `CLUSTER_DATABASE_INSTANCES` is deprecated in Oracle Database 19c (19.1)
- [Deprecation of SQLNET.ENCRYPTION_WALLET_LOCATION Parameter](#)
The `SQLNET.ENCRYPTION_WALLET_LOCATION` `sqlnet.ora` parameter is deprecated in Oracle Database 19c.

- [Deprecation of the SERVICE_NAMES Initialization Parameter](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 19c, customer use of the `SERVICE_NAMES` parameter is deprecated. It can be desupported in a future release.

CLUSTER_DATABASE_INSTANCES Initialization Parameter Deprecated

The Oracle Database initialization parameter `CLUSTER_DATABASE_INSTANCES` is deprecated in Oracle Database 19c (19.1)

The `init.ora` parameter `CLUSTER_DATABASE_INSTANCES` specifies the number of configured Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) instances. Starting with Oracle Database 19c and later releases, the number of configurable Oracle RAC instances is derived automatically from the Oracle Clusterware resource definitions. There is no replacement for this parameter, because there is no longer a reason to have this parameter.

Deprecation of SQLNET.ENCRYPTION_WALLET_LOCATION Parameter

The `SQLNET.ENCRYPTION_WALLET_LOCATION` `sqlnet.ora` parameter is deprecated in Oracle Database 19c.

The `SQLNET.ENCRYPTION_WALLET_LOCATION` parameter defines the location of the software keystores for Transparent Data Encryption (TDE). To configure the software keystore location, instead of setting `SQLNET.ENCRYPTION_WALLET_LOCATION`, Oracle recommends that you set the `WALLET_ROOT` initialization parameter, and the `TDE_CONFIGURATION` dynamic initialization parameter.

Oracle recommends that you use the `WALLET_ROOT` instance initialization parameter as soon as possible, because the value is read once at instance startup time, so all sessions and server background processes share the same path after startup. If the `SQLNET.ENCRYPTION_WALLET_LOCATION` parameter is used, then it can lead to confusing misconfigurations, because different sessions can have different `SQLNET` parameter values. Another reason to use `WALLET_ROOT` is that it is the directory within which you can locate the wallets of other features, such as Oracle Enterprise User Security, and Transport Layer Security. This location can become the principal location for all server-side wallets.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database Advanced Security Guide*

Deprecation of the SERVICE_NAMES Initialization Parameter

Starting with Oracle Database 19c, customer use of the `SERVICE_NAMES` parameter is deprecated. It can be desupported in a future release.

The use of the `SERVICE_NAMES` parameter is no longer actively supported. It must not be used for high availability (HA) deployments. It is not supported to use service names parameter for any HA operations. This restriction includes FAN, load balancing, `FAILOVER_TYPE`, `FAILOVER_RESTORE`, `SESSION_STATE_CONSISTENCY`, and any other uses.

To manage your services, Oracle recommends that you use the `SRVCTL` or `GDSCTL` command line utilities, or the `DBMS_SERVICE` package.

Desupported Features in Oracle Database 19c

As part of your upgrade plan, review the desupported features in this Oracle Database release.

- [Desupport of Oracle Data Provider for .NET Promotable Transaction Setting](#)
The Oracle Data Provider for .NET `PromotableTransaction` setting is desupported because it is no longer necessary. All compatible database server versions support transaction promotion.
- [Desupport of Oracle Multimedia](#)
Oracle Multimedia is desupported in Oracle Database 19c, and the implementation is removed.
- [Desupport of the CONTINUOUS_MINE feature of LogMiner](#)
The `continuous_mine` option for the `dbms_logmnr.start_logmnr` package is desupported in Oracle Database 19c, and is no longer available.
- [Desupport of Extended Datatype Support \(EDS\)](#)
The Extended Datatype Support (EDS) feature is desupported in Oracle Database 19c. All Data types that the EDS feature supported are now supported natively by both Logical Standby and Oracle GoldenGate.
- [Data Guard Broker MaxConnections Property Desupported](#)
Starting in Oracle Database 19c, the Oracle Data Guard broker `MAX_CONNECTIONS` attribute is desupported.
- [Desupport of Leaf Nodes in Flex Cluster Architecture](#)
Leaf nodes are no longer supported in the Oracle Flex Cluster Architecture in Oracle Grid Infrastructure 19c.
- [Desupport of Oracle Streams](#)
Starting in Oracle Database 19c (19.1), Oracle Streams is desupported. Oracle GoldenGate is the replication solution for Oracle Database.
- [Desupport of PRODUCT_USER_PROFILE Table](#)
Starting in Oracle Database 19c, the SQL*Plus table `PRODUCT_USER_PROFILE` (PUP table) is desupported.
- [Desupport of Oracle Real Application Clusters for Standard Edition 2 \(SE2\) Database Edition](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 19c, Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) is not supported in Oracle Database Standard Edition 2 (SE2).

Desupport of Oracle Data Provider for .NET Promotable Transaction Setting

The Oracle Data Provider for .NET `PromotableTransaction` setting is desupported because it is no longer necessary. All compatible database server versions support transaction promotion.

The Oracle Data Provider for .NET registry, configuration, and property setting `PromotableTransaction` indicates whether the application must keep transactions as local, or if it can begin all single connection transactions as local, and then promote the transaction to distributed when a second connection enlists. This is the concept of promotable transactions.

The `PromotableTransaction` setting is desupported in Oracle Data Provider for .NET 18c, because all database versions compatible with this provider version support promotable transactions. Developers no longer need to use this setting if they employ promotable transactions. Existing applications remain unaffected, whether they use promotable transactions or not.

Desupport of Oracle Multimedia

Oracle Multimedia is desupported in Oracle Database 19c, and the implementation is removed.

As an alternative for image processing and conversion, Oracle recommends that you store multimedia content in SecureFiles LOBs, and use third party products, such as Piction. The `ORDIM` component remains in the registry and still has a `VALID` status. Oracle Multimedia objects and packages remain in the database. However, these objects and packages no longer function, and raise exceptions if there is an attempt made to use them. Oracle Locator is not affected by the desupport of Oracle Multimedia.

Related Topics

- <http://www.piction.com>

Desupport of the CONTINUOUS_MINE feature of LogMiner

The `continuous_mine` option for the `dbms_logmnr.start_logmnr` package is desupported in Oracle Database 19c, and is no longer available.

The `continuous_mine` functionality of the LogMiner package is obsolete. It was deprecated in Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2). There is no replacement functionality.

Desupport of Extended Datatype Support (EDS)

The Extended Datatype Support (EDS) feature is desupported in Oracle Database 19c. All Data types that the EDS feature supported are now supported natively by both Logical Standby and Oracle GoldenGate.

The Extended Datatype Support (EDS) feature provides a mechanism for logical standbys to support certain Oracle data types that lack native redo-based support. For example, EDS was used to replicate tables with a `SDO_GEOMETRY` column. However, starting with Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2), there are no EDS-supported Oracle data types that are not supported natively, either by Logical standby, or by Oracle GoldenGate. This feature is desupported with Oracle Database 19c (19.1).

Data Guard Broker MaxConnections Property Desupported

Starting in Oracle Database 19c, the Oracle Data Guard broker `MAX_CONNECTIONS` attribute is desupported.

The Oracle Data Guard broker `MaxConnections` property (pertaining to the `MAX_CONNECTIONS` attribute of the `LOG_ARCHIVE_DEST_n` parameter) is desupported in Oracle Database 19c. It is removed. Using commands to set this property from DGMGRL returns errors.

Desupport of Leaf Nodes in Flex Cluster Architecture

Leaf nodes are no longer supported in the Oracle Flex Cluster Architecture in Oracle Grid Infrastructure 19c.

In Oracle Grid Infrastructure 19c (19.1) and later releases, all nodes in an Oracle Flex Cluster function as hub nodes. The capabilities offered by Leaf nodes in the original implementation of the Oracle Flex Cluster architecture can as easily be served by hub nodes. Therefore, leaf nodes are no longer supported.

Desupport of Oracle Streams

Starting in Oracle Database 19c (19.1), Oracle Streams is desupported. Oracle GoldenGate is the replication solution for Oracle Database.

Note that Oracle Database Advanced Queuing is not deprecated, and is fully supported in Oracle Database 19c. Oracle Streams did not support features added in Oracle Database 12c (12.1) and later releases, including the multitenant architecture, `LONG VARCHAR`, and other new features. Oracle Streams replication functionality is superseded by GoldenGate.

Desupport of PRODUCT_USER_PROFILE Table

Starting in Oracle Database 19c, the SQL*Plus table `PRODUCT_USER_PROFILE` (PUP table) is desupported.

The SQL*Plus product-level security feature is unavailable in Oracle Database 19c. Oracle recommends that you protect data by using Oracle Database settings, so that you ensure consistent security across all client applications.

Desupport of Oracle Real Application Clusters for Standard Edition 2 (SE2) Database Edition

Starting with Oracle Database 19c, Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) is not supported in Oracle Database Standard Edition 2 (SE2).

Upgrading Oracle Database Standard Edition databases that use Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) functionality from earlier releases to Oracle Database 19c is not possible. To upgrade those databases to Oracle Database 19c, either remove the Oracle RAC functionality before starting the upgrade, or upgrade from Oracle Database Standard Edition to Oracle Database Enterprise Edition. For more information about each step, including how to reconfigure your system after an upgrade, see My Oracle Support Note 2504078.1: "Desupport of Oracle Real Application Clusters (RAC) with Oracle Database Standard Edition 19c."

Related Topics

- [My Oracle Support Document 2504078.1](#)

Desupported Parameters in Oracle Database 19c

As part of your upgrade plan, review the initialization parameters that are not supported starting with this Oracle Database release.

- **EXAFUSION_ENABLED Initialization Parameter Desupported**
The Oracle Exadata Database Machine initialization parameter `EXAFUSION_ENABLED` is desupported in Oracle Database 19c.
- **MAX_CONNECTIONS attribute of LOG_ARCHIVE_DEST_n Desupported**
The `MAX_CONNECTIONS` attribute of the `LOG_ARCHIVE_DEST_n` parameters for Oracle Data Guard Redo Transport is obsolete. It is desupported in Oracle Database 19c.
- **Desupport of O7_DICTIONARY_ACCESS**
The initialization parameter `O7_DICTIONARY_ACCESSIBILITY` is desupported in Oracle Database 19c.

EXAFUSION_ENABLED Initialization Parameter Desupported

The Oracle Exadata Database Machine initialization parameter `EXAFUSION_ENABLED` is desupported in Oracle Database 19c.

The Exafusion feature was introduced for Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1.0.2), but disabled by default. It was only available for the Linux operating system, and only available with Oracle Exadata Database Machine. You could enable this feature by setting the `EXAFUSION_ENABLED` initialization parameter to 1. With Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2), the feature became enabled by default on Oracle Exadata Database Machine running on Oracle Linux. You could disable this feature by changing the `EXAFUSION_ENABLED` parameter setting to 0. However, with Oracle Database 18c and later releases, the Exafusion feature cannot be disabled. For this reason, the `EXAFUSION_ENABLED` parameter is desupported in Oracle Database 19c, because the parameter no longer serves a function.

MAX_CONNECTIONS attribute of LOG_ARCHIVE_DEST_n Desupported

The `MAX_CONNECTIONS` attribute of the `LOG_ARCHIVE_DEST_n` parameters for Oracle Data Guard Redo Transport is obsolete. It is desupported in Oracle Database 19c.

The `MAX_CONNECTIONS` attribute can interfere with the new Redo Transport Streaming mechanism introduced in Oracle Database 11g, and increase the time necessary to resolve gaps. To prevent these types of errors, Oracle has desupported and removed this attribute.

Desupport of O7_DICTIONARY_ACCESS

The initialization parameter `O7_DICTIONARY_ACCESSIBILITY` is desupported in Oracle Database 19c.

The `O7_DICTIONARY_ACCESSIBILITY` parameter controlled restrictions on System Privileges from accessing SYS owned objects. It was retained to enable certain backward compatibility for earlier release applications. Desupporting obsolete features enables Oracle to focus on security across all features and functionality. Oracle recommends that you manage system privileges in accordance with standard security best practices.

Behavior Changes, Deprecations and Desupports in Oracle Database 18c

Review for descriptions of Oracle Database 18c release changes.

- [Behavior Changes for Oracle Database 18c Upgrade Planning](#)
Review these behavior changes to help plan for upgrades to Oracle Database 18c
- [Deprecated Features in Oracle Database 18c](#)
Review the deprecated features listed in this section to prepare to use alternatives after you upgrade.
- [Desupported Features in Oracle Database 18c](#)
Review this list of desupported features as part of your upgrade planning.
- [Desupported Initialization Parameters in Oracle Database 18c](#)
Review this list of desupported initialization parameters for changes and replacements in parameter settings in this release.
- [Deprecation of Oracle Multimedia](#)
Starting in Oracle Database 18c, Oracle Multimedia is deprecated. Oracle Multimedia will be desupported in Oracle Database 19c.
- [Terminal Release of Oracle Streams](#)
Oracle Database 18c is the terminal release for Oracle Streams support. Oracle Streams will be desupported from Oracle Database 19c onwards.

Behavior Changes for Oracle Database 18c Upgrade Planning

Review these behavior changes to help plan for upgrades to Oracle Database 18c

- [Simplified Image-Based Oracle Database Installation](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 18c, installation and configuration of Oracle Database software is simplified with image-based installation.
- [Support Indexing of JSON Key Names Longer Than 64 Characters](#)
If you use JSON keys, then you can take advantage of increased efficiency of searching JSON documents generated from HASH MAP-like structures by using longer key names.
- [Upgrading Existing Databases is Replaced With Image Installations](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 18c, existing services are no longer migrated by the installation. Use Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA) to migrate services.
- [About RPM-Based Oracle Database Installation](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 18c, you can install a single-instance Oracle Database or an Oracle Database Instant Client software using RPM packages.
- [Token Limitations for Oracle Text Indexes](#)
Starting with Oracle Database Release 18c, the indexed token maximum size is increased to 255 characters for single-byte character sets.
- [Changes to /ALL/USER/DBA User View and PL/SQL External Libraries](#)
Starting in Oracle Database 18c, there are changes to the /USER/ALL/DBA_ARGUMENTS and /USER/ALL/DBA_IDENTIFIERS views, and to LIBRARY object creation in PDBs.
- [Symbolic Links and UTL_FILE](#)
You cannot use UTL_FILE with symbolic links. Use directory objects instead.
- [Deprecation of Direct Registration of Listeners with DBCA](#)
Using Database Configuration Assistant (DBCA) to register Oracle Database to Oracle Internet Directory (OID) is deprecated in Oracle Database 18c.

- [UNIFORM_LOG_TIMESTAMP_FORMAT Changes in INIT.ORA](#)
By default, the format of timestamps is different in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2) and later releases. To view alert logs, use the Oracle Database utility Automatic Diagnostic Repository Command Interpreter (ADRCI) utility.

Simplified Image-Based Oracle Database Installation

Starting with Oracle Database 18c, installation and configuration of Oracle Database software is simplified with image-based installation.

Starting with Oracle Database 18c, the Oracle Database software is available as an image file for download and installation. You must extract the image software into the directory where you want your Oracle home to be located, and then run the `runInstaller` script to start the Oracle Database installation. For details, refer to your operating system platform *Oracle Database Installation Guide*.

Note:

You must extract the image software (`db_home.zip`) into the directory where you want your Oracle Database home to be located, and then run the `runInstaller` script to start the Oracle Database installation and configuration. Oracle recommends that the Oracle home directory path you create is in compliance with the Oracle Optimal Flexible Architecture recommendations.

Related Topics

- [Oracle Database Installation Guide](#)

Support Indexing of JSON Key Names Longer Than 64 Characters

If you use JSON keys, then you can take advantage of increased efficiency of searching JSON documents generated from HASH MAP-like structures by using longer key names.

The upper limit is increased for JSON key names that can be indexed by the JSON Search index. The JSON key name upper limit in Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2.0.2) and later releases is 255 bytes. In previous releases, JSON search indexes that were created did not index key names greater than 64 bytes.

Upgrading Existing Databases is Replaced With Image Installations

Starting with Oracle Database 18c, existing services are no longer migrated by the installation. Use Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA) to migrate services.

If you have an existing Oracle Database with services that you want to migrate, then to migrate those services, you must install the new release Oracle Database software in the Oracle home, and then start DBUA.

On Windows, to migrate the Microsoft Transaction Service to the new Oracle home, you must also run the command `%ORACLE_HOME%\bin\oramtsctl.exe -new`

About RPM-Based Oracle Database Installation

Starting with Oracle Database 18c, you can install a single-instance Oracle Database or an Oracle Database Instant Client software using RPM packages.

An RPM-based installation performs preinstallation checks, extracts the database software, reassigns ownership of the extracted software to the preconfigured user and groups, maintains the Oracle inventory, and executes all root operations required to configure the Oracle Database software for a single-instance Oracle Database creation and configuration.

The RPM-based installation process detects when the minimum requirements for an installation are not met and prompts you to finish these minimum preinstallation requirements.

An RPM-based installation performs a software-only Oracle Database installation and creates an Oracle home. After the Oracle home is created, you can then use Oracle Database Configuration Assistant (Oracle DBCA) to create an Oracle Database.

The RPM-based installation process provides you with the option to create a database with the default settings using the `/etc/init.d/oracledb_ORCLCDB-20c` service configuration script.

Token Limitations for Oracle Text Indexes

Starting with Oracle Database Release 18c, the indexed token maximum size is increased to 255 characters for single-byte character sets.

Before Oracle Database Release 18c, all Oracle Text index types except `SDATA` sections stored tokens in a table column of type `VARCHAR2 (64 BYTE)`. Starting with Oracle Database Release 18c, all Oracle Text index types except `CTXCAT` and `CTXRULE` indexes store tokens in `VARCHAR2 (255 BYTE)` table column types. This change is an increase for the maximum size of an indexed token to 255 characters for single-byte character sets. The size increase is less with multibyte or variable-length character sets. Tokens longer than 255 bytes are truncated. Truncated tokens do not prevent searches on the whole token string. However, the system cannot distinguish between two tokens that have the same first 255 bytes.

Note:

Before Oracle Database Release 18c, tokens that were greater than 64 bytes were truncated to 64 bytes. After upgrading to Oracle Database Release 18c, the token tables are increased to 255 bytes from 64 bytes. Searches with more than 64 bytes in the search token (that is, any single word in search string) cannot find any tokens which were truncated to 64 bytes. To avoid this problem, rebuild the index. If you never use search tokens longer than 64 bytes, it is not necessary to rebuild the index.

`SDATA` sections store tokens in a table column of type `VARCHAR2 (249 BYTE)`. `CTXCAT` and `CTXRULE` indexes store tokens in a table column of type `VARCHAR2 (64 BYTE)`.

Changes to /ALL/USER/DBA User View and PL/SQL External Libraries

Starting in Oracle Database 18c, there are changes to the /USER/ALL/DBA_ARGUMENTS and /USER/ALL/DBA_IDENTIFIERS views, and to LIBRARY object creation in PDBs.

Review the changes that can affect your work.

ALL/USER/DBA_ARGUMENTS User Views Changes

ARGUMENTS views contain fewer rows. In particular, only top-level (DATA_LEVEL=0) items are stored in the ARGUMENTS views.

In earlier Oracle Database releases, the PL/SQL compiler collected metadata for all nested types in a PL/SQL datatype. DATA_LEVEL represented the nesting level of the type. Starting in Oracle Database 18c, only top-level type metadata (DATA_LEVEL=0) is stored in the ARGUMENTS views.

For instance: Note the changes in the create-or-replace package

NestedTypesExample:

```
Type Level2Record is RECORD (Field1 NUMBER);
Type Level1Collection is TABLE of Level2Record index by binary_integer;
Type Level0Record is RECORD (Field1 Level1Collection);
Procedure NestedTypesProc (Param1 Level0Record);
```

In previous Oracle Database releases, the top-level type of the NestedTypeProc procedure, parameter Param1, Level0Record, is returned, and also an expanded description of all the nested types within Level0Record. For example:

```
SQL> select argument_name,type_subname,position,sequence,data_level from
user_arguments where object_name='NESTEDTYPESPROC';
```

ARGUMENT_NAME	TYPE_SUBNAME	POSITION	SEQUENCE	DATA_LEVEL
PARAM1	LEVEL0RECORD	1	1	0
FIELD1	LEVEL1COLLECTION	1	2	1
	LEVEL2RECORD	1	3	2
FIELD1		1	4	3

In contrast, the same query in an 18.1 database returns the following:

ARGUMENT_NAME	TYPE_SUBNAME	POSITION	SEQUENCE	DATA_LEVEL
PARAM1	LEVEL0RECORD	1	1	0

In releases earlier than Oracle Database 12c (12.1), PL/SQL package type descriptive metadata was not accessible in the way that metadata is accessible for top-level object types. With Top-level object types and collections, you can query ALL_TYPES and the associated user views, ALL_TYPE_ATTRS, and ALL_COLL_TYPES, to obtain type metadata. However, before Oracle Database 12.1, there was no way to obtain type metadata for PL/SQL package types, such as records and packaged collections. Function or procedure parameters that referenced those PL/SQL package types resulted in publishing all metadata about these types in the ARGUMENTS views, including any nested types.

The problem with this approach is that deeply nested types can consume extensive memory in the SYS tablespace. Also, because there is no way to share the type metadata in the ARGUMENTS views, each parameter with deeply nested types required its own redundant copy of the type metadata. The amount of metadata in the ARGUMENTS views and SYS tablespace, can lead to various issues, including PL/SQL compiler performance degradation. The degradation is caused because of the time it takes PL/SQL to update rows in the underlying dictionary tables.

In the Oracle Database 12.1 release, PL/SQL introduced enhanced support for package types, including the new user views, ALL_PLSQL_TYPES, ALL_PLSQL_TYPE_ATTRS, and ALL_PLSQL_COLL_TYPES. As the names imply, these views are similar to the ALL_TYPES view family. However, you can use the enhanced PL/SQL type views to query metadata about PL/SQL package types, instead of top-level object and collection types.

Because of the package types added with Oracle Database 12.1, there is no longer a need to insert large amounts of descriptive metadata into the ARGUMENTS views. A single row of metadata that includes the type name is all that is required in the ARGUMENTS views for each parameter type. You can obtain a full description of the type name in a query against the PL/SQL type views, and any nested types.

OCIDescribeAny() is based on the same metadata used by the ARGUMENTS views. OCIDescribeAny() also returns a single row for each parameter type, instead of the multiple rows commonly returned before the change in Oracle Database 12.1.

ALL/DBA/USER_ARGUMENTS contains a new column type, TYPE_OBJECT_TYPE. To determine the type of the type described by TYPE_OWNER, TYPE_NAME and TYPE_SUBNAME, you use the TYPE_OBJECT_TYPE column. The possible values include TABLE, VIEW, PACKAGE, and TYPE.

If you prefer to continue to collect the ALL_TYPES and the associated user views, ALL_TYPE_ATTRS and ALL_COLL_TYPES in ARGUMENTS views, then you can set events to events='10946, level 65536'. Setting this event reverts the ARGUMENTS views back to the behavior in Oracle Database releases earlier than 12.1, in which DATA_LEVEL can be greater than 0, and descriptive metadata for the type and any nested types is included in the view. If you make this change, then you must recompile affected packages after you set the event. When you recompile the affected packages, the compiler recollects the additional metadata. This event also reverts OCIDescribeAny() to the behavior in Oracle Database releases earlier than 12.1.

Starting in Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1.0.2), if you enter a procedure with no arguments, then the ARGUMENTS views do not have any rows. This change is an additional change that is separate from the row reduction change to ARGUMENTS views. Before Oracle Database 12.1.0.2, a procedure with no arguments was presented as a single row in the ARGUMENTS views.

USER/ALL/DBA_IDENTIFIERS User View Changes

Starting with Oracle Database 18c, PL/Scope is enhanced to capture additional information about user identifiers in PL/SQL code. The additional information includes constraints placed on the identifiers, and an indicator that notes when a function is a SQL builtin in PL/SQL.

The following columns are new in the USER/ALL/DBA_IDENTIFIERS views in Oracle Database 18c:

- **CHARACTER_SET:** This column contains the value of the character set clause, when the column is used in a variable identifier declaration. The possible values are `CHAR_CS`, `NCHAR_CS`, and `IDENTIFIER`, when the character set is derived from another variable identifier.
- **ATTRIBUTE:** This column contains the attribute value when `%attribute` is used in a variable declaration. The possible values are `ROWTYPE`, `TYPE`, and `CHARSET`.
- **CHAR_USED:** This column contains the type of the length constraint when a constraint is used in a string length constraint declaration. The possible values are `CHAR` and `BYTE`.
- **LENGTH:** This column contains the numeric length constraint value for a string length constraint declaration.
- **PRECISION:** This column contains the numeric precision when it is used in a variable declaration.
- **PRECISION2:** This column contains the numeric second precision value (for instance, interval types) used in a variable declaration.
- **SCALE:** This column contains the numeric scale value used in a variable declaration.
- **LOWER_RANGE:** This column contains the numeric lower range value used by a variable declaration with a range constraint.
- **UPPER_RANGE:** This column contains the numeric upper range value used by a variable declaration with a range constraint.
- **NULL_CONSTRAINT:** When a `NULL` constraint is used by a variable declaration, this column is set. The possible values are `NULL`, or `NOT NULL`.
- **SQL_BUILTIN:** When an identifier is a SQL builtin used in a SQL statement issued from PL/SQL, this column is set to `YES`. If the identifier is not a SQL builtin, then the column is set to `NO`.

PL/SQL EXTERNAL LIBRARY Changes

Starting with Oracle Database 18c, the methods change for how to create `LIBRARY` objects in an Oracle Database 18c PDB with a pre-defined `PATH_PREFIX`.

- When you create a new `LIBRARY` object in a PDB that has a predefined `PATH_PREFIX`, the `LIBRARY` must use a `DIRECTORY` object. The `DIRECTORY` object enforces the rules of `PATH_PREFIX` for the `LIBRARY` object. Failure to use a `DIRECTORY` object in the `LIBRARY` object results in a `PLS-1919` compile-time error.
- If a database is plugged into a CDB as a PDB with a predefined `PATH_PREFIX`, then attempts to use a `LIBRARY` object that does not use a `DIRECTORY` object result in an `ORA-65394` runtime error. The `LIBRARY` object is not invalidated. However, to make the `LIBRARY` useful (as opposed to always issuing a runtime error), you must recreate the `LIBRARY` object so that it uses a `DIRECTORY` object.

These changes enhance the security and manageability of `LIBRARY` objects in a PDB by accounting for the value of the `PATH_PREFIX`, which describes where the `LIBRARY` dynamic link library (DLL) can appear in the file system. The use of a `DIRECTORY` object also allows administrators to determine which users can access the DLL directory.

Symbolic Links and UTL_FILE

You cannot use `UTL_FILE` with symbolic links. Use directory objects instead.

The `UTL_FILE_DIR` symbolic link path is desupported in Oracle Database 18c and later releases. After an upgrade if applications address the database using symbolic links through `UTL_FILE`, then these links fail. Oracle recommends that you use directory objects. If necessary, you can create real files that are the targets of file names in `UTL_FILE`.

This desupport can affect any feature from an earlier release using symbolic links, including (but not restricted to) Oracle Data Pump, `BFILES`, and External Tables. If you attempt to use an affected feature after upgrade, where that feature used symbolic links, you encounter `ORA-29283: invalid file operation: path traverses a symlink`. Before upgrade, to help you to identify symbolic link that you need to correct, use the Preupgrade Information Tool (`preupgrade.jar`). Oracle recommends that you instead use directory objects in place of symbolic links.

Example 9-1 Example of Error Messages with UTL_FILE And Symbolic Links

Applications that use symbolic links that address `UTL_FILE` encounter an error. For example, suppose you attempt to create a symbolic link, where `la.c` is a symbolic link file:

```
create or replace directory TEMP as '/home/PLSQL/TEMP';

declare
f utl_file.file_type;
begin
f := utl_file.fopen('TEMP','la.c','r');
end;
/
```

This command fails with the following errors:

```
ERROR at line 1:
ORA-29283: invalid file operation
ORA-06512: at "SYS.UTL_FILE", line 536
ORA-29283: invalid file operation
ORA-06512: at line 4
```

Deprecation of Direct Registration of Listeners with DBCA

Using Database Configuration Assistant (DBCA) to register Oracle Database to Oracle Internet Directory (OID) is deprecated in Oracle Database 18c.

Instead of using DBCA to migrate or register listeners to a database home during an upgrade, use Net Configuration Assistant or Net Manager to create a `LISTENER.ORA` file for the new release Oracle home, and then start this listener. You can also use DBCA to de-register and register listeners again to OID.

UNIFORM_LOG_TIMESTAMP_FORMAT Changes in INIT.ORA

By default, the format of timestamps is different in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2) and later releases. To view alert logs, use the Oracle Database utility Automatic Diagnostic Repository Command Interpreter (ADRCI) utility.

If you use scripts to parse the alert log for timestamp dates, then be aware that the default value for timestamp formats is set by the `init.ora` parameter `UNIFORM_LOG_TIMESTAMP_FORMAT`. The default value for this parameter is `TRUE`. When `TRUE`, the timestamp format changes from a day-month-year-time format to a year-month-day-time format. For example:
`2017-05-17T10:00:54.799968+00:00.`

You can change to the timestamp format used in previous releases by changing the value of `UNIFORM_LOG_TIMESTAMP_FORMAT` to `FALSE`. You can also use scripts to parse `log.xml` instead of the alert log.

Oracle provides a dedicated command-line utility to find and analyze Oracle errors and tracefiles, called Automatic Diagnostic Repository Command Interpreter (ADRCI). Oracle recommends that you use the ADRCI utility for error management.

For example, you can use the ADRCI command `show alert` to view the alert log:

```
$ oracle@user> adrci
adrci> show alert -tail -f
```

ADRCI also enables you to use the `show log` command to pass predicates for a query. For example:

```
adrci> show log -p "message_text like '%tablespace%'"
```

Refer to *Oracle Database Utilities* for more information about how to use the ADRCI utility.

Related Topics

- [Oracle Database Utilities](#)

Deprecated Features in Oracle Database 18c

Review the deprecated features listed in this section to prepare to use alternatives after you upgrade.

Note:

The non-CDB architecture was deprecated in Oracle Database 12c. It can be desupported and unavailable in a release after Oracle Database 19c .

- [Data Guard MAX_CONNECTIONS Attribute is Deprecated](#)
The `MAX_CONNECTIONS` attribute of the `LOG_ARCHIVE_DEST_n` parameter for Data Guard redo transport is deprecated in Oracle Database 18c.

- [Extended Datatype Support \(EDS\) is Deprecated](#)
Extended Datatype Support (EDS) is deprecated in Oracle Database 18c .
- [GET_* Functions Deprecated in the DBMS_DATA_MINING Package](#)
Starting in Oracle Database 18c, the GET_* functions in DBMS_DATA_MINING are deprecated. Use the Oracle Data Mining (ODM) Model Details views instead.
- [Package DBMS_XMLQUERY is deprecated](#)
The PL/SQL package DBMS_XMLQUERY is deprecated in Oracle Database 18c. Use DBMS_XMLGEN instead.
- [Package DBMS_XMLSAVE is Deprecated](#)
The PL/SQL package DBMS_XMLSAVE is deprecated in Oracle Database 18c. Use DBMS_XMLSTORE instead.
- [Deprecated Columns in Oracle Label Security Views](#)
Starting in Oracle Database 18c, The LABELS column is deprecated in the ALL_SA_USER_LABELS and DBA_SA_USER_LABELS views.
- [Returning JSON True or False Values using NUMBER is Deprecated](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 18c , the option to specify a SQL NUMBER value (1 or 0) as the return value of a JSON value of true or false is deprecated.
- [Deprecation of MAIL_FILTER in Oracle Text](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 18c, the use of MAIL_FILTER in Oracle Text is deprecated. Before adding email to the database, filter e-mails to indexable plain text, or to HTML.
- [Deprecation of asmcmd showversion Option](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 18c, the command options for asmcmd showversion are replaced with new asmcmd options.
- [Deprecation of NEWS_SECTION_GROUP in Oracle Text](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 18c, use of NEWS_SECTION_GROUP is deprecated in Oracle Text. Use external processing instead.
- [Oracle Net Services Support for SDP is Deprecated](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 18c, the Oracle Net Services support for Sockets Direct Protocol (SDP) is deprecated.
- [Deprecation of Flex Cluster \(Hub/Leaf\) Architecture](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 18c, Leaf nodes are deprecated as part of Oracle Flex Cluster architecture.
- [Deprecation of PRODUCT_USER_PROFILE Table](#)
Starting in Oracle Database 18c, the SQL*Plus table PRODUCT_USER_PROFILE (PUP) table is deprecated.

Data Guard MAX_CONNECTIONS Attribute is Deprecated

The MAX_CONNECTIONS attribute of the LOG_ARCHIVE_DEST_n parameter for Data Guard redo transport is deprecated in Oracle Database 18c.

Oracle Database 11g Release 1 (11.1) introduced the new streaming asynchronous model for redo transport. Using the MAX_CONNECTIONS attribute setting no longer provides any benefit when Oracle Data Guard is resolving gaps in the archive log files.

Extended Datatype Support (EDS) is Deprecated

Extended Datatype Support (EDS) is deprecated in Oracle Database 18c .

The Extended Datatype Support (EDS) feature provides a mechanism for logical standbys to support certain Oracle data types that lack native redo-based support. For example, EDS was used to replicate tables with SDO_GEOMETRY column. However, starting with Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2), there are no EDS-supported Oracle data types that are not supported natively by Logical data or GoldenGate. This feature is now obsolete.

GET_* Functions Deprecated in the DBMS_DATA_MINING Package

Starting in Oracle Database 18c, the GET_* functions in DBMS_DATA_MINING are deprecated. Use the Oracle Data Mining (ODM) Model Details views instead.

In Oracle Database 12c Release 1, and earlier releases, the DBMS_DATA_MINING package supports a separate GET_MODEL_DETAILS function for each data mining algorithm. Global details are also available for Generalized Linear Models, Expectation Maximization, Singular Value Decomposition, and Association Rules. There are many DBMS_DATA_MINING Get_* functions. For example:

- GET_MODEL_DETAILS
- DBMS_DATA_MINING.GET_MODEL_TRANSFORMATIONS

For example, the Model detail view for Decision Tree describes the split information view, node statistics view, node description view, and the cost matrix view.

Starting with Oracle Database 18c, Oracle recommends that you replace the GET_MODEL_DETAILS_XML functions with the Oracle Data Mining Model Details views. The split information view `DM$VPmodel_name` describes the decision tree hierarchy, in which you append the name of the Oracle Data Mining model to the view prefix.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Machine Learning for SQL User's Guide*

Package DBMS_XMLQUERY is deprecated

The PL/SQL package DBMS_XMLQUERY is deprecated in Oracle Database 18c. Use DBMS_XMLGEN instead.

DBMS_XMLQUERY provides database-to-XMLType functionality. Oracle recommends that you replace calls to DBMS_XMLQUERY with DBMS_XMLGEN. DBMS_XMLGEN is written in C, and compiled into the kernel, so it provides higher performance.

Package DBMS_XMLSAVE is Deprecated

The PL/SQL package DBMS_XMLSAVE is deprecated in Oracle Database 18c. Use DBMS_XMLSTORE instead.

The DBMS_XMLSAVE package is part of the Oracle XML SQL Utility. It is used to insert, update, and delete data from XML documents in object-relational tables. Oracle recommends that you replace DBMS_XMLSAVE calls with DBMS_XMLSTORE. DBMS_XMLSTORE is written in C, and compiled into the kernel, so it provides higher performance.

For example: to replace DBMS_XMLSAVE, you can create a wrapper function or procedure that you used to call DBMS_XMLSAVE on an earlier release Oracle Database, and change the call to DBMS_XMLSTORE. Or you can create a synonym:

For example: to replace `DBMS_XMLSAVE`, you can create a wrapper function or procedure that you used to call `DBMS_XMLSAVE` on an earlier release Oracle Database, and change the call to `DBMS_XMLSTORE`. Or you can create a synonym:

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PUBLIC SYNONYM DBMS_XMLSAVE FOR DBMS_XMLSTORE;
GRANT EXECUTE ON DBMS_XMLSAVE TO PUBLIC;
```

Deprecated Columns in Oracle Label Security Views

Starting in Oracle Database 18c, The `LABELS` column is deprecated in the `ALL_SA_USER_LABELS` and `DBA_SA_USER_LABELS` views.

Table 9-2 Deprecated columns in Oracle Label Security Views

Data Dictionary View	Deprecated Column
<code>ALL_SA_USER_LABELS</code>	<code>LABELS</code>
<code>ALL_SA_USERS</code>	<code>USER_LABELS</code>
<code>DBA_SA_USER_LABELS</code>	<code>LABELS</code>
<code>DBA_SA_USERS</code>	<code>USER_LABELS</code>

The information in the `LABELS` and `USER_LABELS` columns is redundant. This information is displayed in other columns in these data dictionary views.

Returning JSON True or False Values using NUMBER is Deprecated

Starting with Oracle Database 18c, the option to specify a SQL `NUMBER` value (1 or 0) as the return value of a JSON value of true or false is deprecated.

Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1) provided support for JSON data, including the function of specifying `NUMBER` as the type of a column that is returned. The option to specify `NUMBER` is deprecated. Instead of specifying `NUMBER` as the output for JSON data for true/false queries, you can use the default SQL value returned for a JSON Boolean value, and specify the string as 'true' or 'false'. If you have an application that requires a numeric value, then you can return the Boolean JSON value as a SQL `VARCHAR2` value, and then test that value and return a SQL `NUMBER` value as the result of that test.

Deprecation of MAIL_FILTER in Oracle Text

Starting with Oracle Database 18c, the use of `MAIL_FILTER` in Oracle Text is deprecated. Before adding email to the database, filter e-mails to indexable plain text, or to HTML.

`MAIL_FILTER` is based on an obsolete email protocol, RFC-822. Modern email systems do not support RFC-822. There is no replacement.

Deprecation of asmcmd showversion Option

Starting with Oracle Database 18c, the command options for `asmcmd showversion` are replaced with new `asmcmd` options.

In place of the command `asmcmd showversion --softwarepatch`, use the new option `asmcmd showpatches -l`. In place of the command `asmcmd showversion --releasepatch`, use the new option `asmcmd showversion --active`.

Deprecation of NEWS_SECTION_GROUP in Oracle Text

Starting with Oracle Database 18c, use of `NEWS_SECTION_GROUP` is deprecated in Oracle Text. Use external processing instead.

If you want to index USENET posts, then preprocess the posts to use `BASIC_SECTION_GROUP` or `HTML_SECTION_GROUP` within Oracle Text. USENET is rarely used commercially.

USENET currently is rarely used for serious purpose. Performing index processing using this section group type is obsolete.

Oracle Net Services Support for SDP is Deprecated

Starting with Oracle Database 18c, the Oracle Net Services support for Sockets Direct Protocol (SDP) is deprecated.

Oracle recommends that you use TCP as an alternative.

Deprecation of Flex Cluster (Hub/Leaf) Architecture

Starting with Oracle Database 18c, Leaf nodes are deprecated as part of Oracle Flex Cluster architecture.

With continuous improvements in the Oracle Clusterware stack towards providing shorter reconfiguration times in case of a failure, Leaf nodes are no longer necessary for implementing clusters that meet customer needs, either for on-premises, or in the Cloud.

Deprecation of PRODUCT_USER_PROFILE Table

Starting in Oracle Database 18c, the SQL*Plus table `PRODUCT_USER_PROFILE` (PUP) table is deprecated.

The only use for the `PRODUCT_USER_PROFILE` (PUP) table is to provide a mechanism to control product-level security for SQL*Plus. Starting with Oracle Database 18c, this mechanism is no longer relevant. This SQL*Plus product-level security feature will be unavailable in Oracle Database 19c. Oracle recommends that you protect data by using Oracle Database settings, so that you ensure consistent security across all client applications.

Desupported Features in Oracle Database 18c

Review this list of desupported features as part of your upgrade planning.

- [Oracle Administration Assistant for Windows is Desupported](#)
The Oracle Administration Assistant tool for Windows is desupported in Oracle Database 18c.
- [Oracle Multimedia DICOM Desupported Features](#)
Several Oracle Multimedia DICOM features are desupported in Oracle Database 18c. Replace DICOM with Oracle SecureFiles and third-party DICOM products.

- [Oracle Multimedia Java Client Classes Desupported](#)
Oracle Multimedia proxy classes and Oracle Multimedia servlet and JSP classes are desupported.
- [Oracle XML DB Desupported Features](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 18c, schema subprograms in `DBMS_XMLSCHEMA`, many `DBMS_XDB` subprograms, and many other Oracle XML DB schema features are desupported.
- [ODP.NET, Managed Driver - Distributed Transaction DLL Desupported](#)
Oracle is desupporting the `Oracle.ManagedDataAccessDTC.dll` file in Oracle Database 18c.
- [Data Guard Broker DGMGRL ALTER Syntax is Desupported](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 18c, the Oracle Data Guard broker ALTER command in DGMGRL is desupported.
- [Desupport of CRSUSER on Microsoft Windows Systems](#)
The `crsuser` utility and the `CRSToken` method to change the Windows service user is desupported in Oracle Database 18c.

Oracle Administration Assistant for Windows is Desupported

The Oracle Administration Assistant tool for Windows is desupported in Oracle Database 18c.

Oracle Administration Assistant for Windows is desupported in the current database release. Oracle Administration Assistant for Windows was a tool for creating database administrators, operators, users, and roles in Windows. Oracle Administration Assistant also enabled database services, startup and shutdown configurations, and Windows Registry parameter management. There is no replacement.

Oracle Multimedia DICOM Desupported Features

Several Oracle Multimedia DICOM features are desupported in Oracle Database 18c. Replace DICOM with Oracle SecureFiles and third-party DICOM products.

Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM) is a medical imaging technology that supports the connectivity of radiological devices. Oracle's native DICOM feature is deprecated, and parts of it are desupported in this release. The desupport of Oracle Multimedia DICOM includes the following features:

- Oracle Multimedia DICOM protocol
- Oracle Multimedia DICOM mid-tier support
- Oracle Multimedia Oracle DICOM Component for WebCenter integration (DICOM/UCM)

The following Oracle Multimedia DICOM features continue to be deprecated:

- DICOM support in Oracle Multimedia `ORDImage` object
- Oracle Multimedia DICOM objects and packages

There is no replacement for Oracle Multimedia DICOM. Oracle recommends that you replace Oracle Multimedia DICOM by using Oracle SecureFiles with third-party products for DICOM functionality. For example: Use third-party DICOM features to carry out metadata management, DICOM image conversion, and so on.

Oracle Multimedia Java Client Classes Desupported

Oracle Multimedia proxy classes and Oracle Multimedia servlet and JSP classes are desupported.

Oracle Multimedia Java client is desupported in Oracle Database 18c for the following classes:

- Oracle Multimedia proxy classes, including DICOM proxy classes
- Oracle Multimedia servlet/jsp classes

To develop Java applications that manage multimedia content within Oracle Databases, Oracle recommends that you embed PL/SQL blocks in Java.

Oracle XML DB Desupported Features

Starting with Oracle Database 18c, schema subprograms in `DBMS_XMLSCHEMA`, many `DBMS_XDB` subprograms, and many other Oracle XML DB schema features are desupported.

In Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1), the PL/SQL package `DBMS_XDB_CONFIG` was introduced. At the same time, all Oracle XML DB configuration functions, procedures, and constants that were moved from package `DBMS_XDB` to `DBMS_XDB_CONFIG` were deprecated, and a series of other `DBMS_XMLSCHEMA`, `DBMS_XDB` subprograms, and other schema features were deprecated. These components are now desupported.

Desupported PL/SQL subprograms in package `DBMS_XMLSCHEMA`

The following PL/SQL subprograms in package `DBMS_XMLSCHEMA` are desupported:

- `generateSchema`
- `generateSchemas`

There are no replacements for these constructs. There is no workaround for this change.

Desupported Oracle XML DB Configuration Functions, Procedures, and Constants

All Oracle XML DB configuration functions, procedures, and constants that were moved from package `DBMS_XDB` to `DBMS_XDB_CONFIG` are desupported. Use `DBMS_XDB_CONFIG`.

The following list of subprograms are desupported in package `DBMS_XDB`:

- `ADDHTTPEXPIREMAPPING`
- `ADDMIMEMAPPING`
- `ADDSCHEMALOCMAPPING`
- `ADDSERVLET`
- `ADDSERVLETMAPPING`
- `ADDSERVLETSECCROLE`
- `ADDXML_EXTENSION`

- CFG_GET
- CFG_REFRESH
- CFG_UPDATE
- DELETEHTTPEXPIREMAPPING
- DELETEMIMEMAPPING
- DELETESCHEMALOCMAPPING
- DELETESERVLET
- DELETESERVLETMAPPING
- DELETESERVLETSECCOLE
- DELETEXMLEXTENSION
- GETFTPPORT
- GETHTTPPORT
- GETLISTENERENDPOINT
- SETFTPPORT
- SETHTTPPORT
- SETLISTENERENDPOINT
- SETLISTENERLOCALACCESS

The following constants are desupported in package DBMS_XDB:

- XDB_ENDPOINT_HTTP
- XDB_ENDPOINT_HTTP2
- XDB_PROTOCOL_TCP
- XDB_PROTOCOL_TCPS

Desupported Oracle XQuery Functions

The following Oracle XQuery functions are desupported. Use the corresponding standard XQuery functions instead. Corresponding functions are the functions that have the same names, but that use the namespace prefix `fn`.

- `ora:matches`. Use `fn:matches` instead
- `ora:replace`. Use `fn:replace` instead

ODP.NET, Managed Driver - Distributed Transaction DLL Desupported

Oracle is desupporting the `Oracle.ManagedDataAccessDTC.dll` file in Oracle Database 18c.

Oracle provided a native managed distributed transaction support for Oracle Data Provider for .NET (ODP.NET), Managed Driver using `Oracle.ManagedDataAccessDTC.dll`. In .NET Framework 4.5.2, Microsoft introduced its own native managed distributed transaction implementation, which managed ODP.NET used. The new .NET Framework made the `Oracle.ManagedDataAccessDTC.dll` unnecessary. Moreover, Microsoft has

desupported all .NET Framework 4 versions earlier than 4.5.2. In accordance with Microsoft policy, Oracle is desupporting the `Oracle.ManagedDataAccessDTC.dll` file.

The desupport includes removing the `UseManagedDTC` .NET configuration file parameter, and `Oracle.ManagedDataAccessDTC.dll`.

Data Guard Broker DGMGRL ALTER Syntax is Desupported

Starting with Oracle Database 18c, the Oracle Data Guard broker ALTER command in DGMGRL is desupported.

The ALTER command syntax in the Data Guard broker DGMGRL command-line interface was deprecated in Oracle Database 10g Release 1 and replaced with the EDIT CONFIGURATION, EDIT DATABASE, and EDIT INSTANCE syntax.

Desupport of CRSUSER on Microsoft Windows Systems

The `crsuser` utility and the `CRSToken` method to change the Windows service user is desupported in Oracle Database 18c.

In Oracle Grid Infrastructure releases before Release 12c (12.1), it was supported to use the `crsuser` utility with Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) to modify the database logon properties of the Oracle Database service from `LocalSystem` to a user ID.

Oracle introduced the Oracle Home User system privileges role for the DB home in Oracle Grid Infrastructure 12c Release 1 (12.1). This role makes the need for the `crsuser` functionality unnecessary. The `crsuser` facility was also previously used to create user-defined CRS resources that ran as a Windows user other than `LocalSystem`. However, Oracle Grid Infrastructure 12c Release 1 (12.1) and later releases provide that same functionality with `crsctl add wallet -type OSUSER`. The `crsuser` feature no longer works. It is no longer developed or supported.

For more information about the `crsctl add wallet -type OSUSER` command, refer to *Oracle Clusterware Administration and Deployment*.

Related Topics

- [Oracle Clusterware Administration and Deployment Guide](#)

Desupported Initialization Parameters in Oracle Database 18c

Review this list of desupported initialization parameters for changes and replacements in parameter settings in this release.

- [Desupport of STANDBY_ARCHIVE_DEST Initialization Parameter](#)
Support for the initialization parameter `STANDBY_ARCHIVE_DEST` is removed in Oracle Database 18c.
- [Desupport of UTL_FILE_DIR Initialization Parameter](#)
Starting in Oracle Database 18c, the `UTL_FILE_DIR` parameter is no longer supported. Instead, specify the name of a directory object.

Desupport of STANDBY_ARCHIVE_DEST Initialization Parameter

Support for the initialization parameter `STANDBY_ARCHIVE_DEST` is removed in Oracle Database 18c.

Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2) included an increase to 31 of the parameters `LOCAL` and `REMOTE` archiving `LOG_ARCHIVE_DEST_n`. This increase, and the `ALTERNATE` attribute enhancements to provide high availability for local and remote archiving, provides you with more control over the results after an archiving destination fails. Because of these enhancements, `STANDBY_ARCHIVE_DEST` is not required or practical to use.

Desupport of UTL_FILE_DIR Initialization Parameter

Starting in Oracle Database 18c, the `UTL_FILE_DIR` parameter is no longer supported. Instead, specify the name of a directory object.

The `UTL_FILE_DIR` initialization parameter is no longer listed in `V$SYSTEM_PARAMETER` and related views. If you attempt to set this parameter, then the attempt fails. If you attempt to specify an operating system file directly by using the `LOCATION` parameter of `UTL_FILE.FOPEN`, or by using the `LOCATION` parameter of `FOPEN_NCHAR`, then those attempts also fail. Specify the name of a directory object instead.

The security model for the use of a directory object for `UTL_FILE` and other Oracle Database subsystems is secure, because there is a clear privilege model. However, the use of an explicit operating system directory is insecure, because there is no associated privilege model. The notice of deprecation for the `UTL_FILE_DIR` initialization parameter was given in Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2). With Oracle Database 18c, the parameter is now desupported.

UTL_FILE Package Symbolic Link in Directory Paths Not Supported

Using the `UTL_FILE` package to access a symbolic link fails in the new Oracle Database release. To avoid the issue, you must change the directory object and the file name, so that neither contains a symbolic link. This desupport can affect any feature from an earlier release using symbolic links, including (but not restricted to) Oracle Data Pump, `BFILES`, and External Tables. If you attempt to use an affected feature after upgrade, where that feature used symbolic links, you encounter `ORA-29283: invalid file operation: path traverses a symlink`.

Deprecation of Oracle Multimedia

Starting in Oracle Database 18c, Oracle Multimedia is deprecated. Oracle Multimedia will be desupported in Oracle Database 19c.

Oracle recommends that you store multimedia content in SecureFiles LOBs, and use open source or third-party products such as Piction for image processing and conversion. Oracle Locator is not affected by the deprecation of Oracle Multimedia.

Terminal Release of Oracle Streams

Oracle Database 18c is the terminal release for Oracle Streams support. Oracle Streams will be desupported from Oracle Database 19c onwards.

Oracle Streams was deprecated in Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1). It does not support features introduced in Oracle Database 12c and later releases, including the multitenant architecture, the LONG VARCHAR data type, long identifiers, and other features. Oracle GoldenGate is the replication solution for Oracle Database.

Behavior Changes, Deprecations and Desupports in Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2)

Review for descriptions of Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2) changes.

- [Behavior Changes in Oracle Database 12c Release 2 \(12.2\)](#)
Review these behavior changes to help plan for upgrades to Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2)
- [Deprecated Initialization Parameters in Oracle Database 12c Release 2 \(12.2\)](#)
To understand changes and replacements in parameter settings, review the parameters deprecated in the 12.2 release. These parameters can be removed in a later release.
- [Deprecated Features in Oracle Database 12c Release 2 \(12.2\)](#)
Review the deprecated features listed in this section to prepare to use alternatives after you upgrade.
- [Desupported Initialization Parameters in Oracle Database 12c Release 2 \(12.2\)](#)
Review this list of desupported initialization parameters for changes and replacements in parameter settings in this release.
- [Desupported Features in Oracle Database 12c Release 2 \(12.2\)](#)
Review this list of desupported features as part of your upgrade planning.

Behavior Changes in Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2)

Review these behavior changes to help plan for upgrades to Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2)

- [Initialization Parameter Default Changes in Oracle Database 12c Release 2 \(12.2\)](#)
Review this list of initialization parameter default setting changes for Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2).
- [Database Upgrade Assistant \(DBUA\) Enhancements and Changes](#)
Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2) includes several enhancements to DBUA, and some features have been removed or modified.
- [Enhancements to Oracle Data Guard Broker and Rolling Upgrades](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), Oracle Data Guard Broker has more features to assist rolling upgrades.
- [About Changes in Default SGA Permissions for Oracle Database](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2.0.1), by default, permissions to read and write to the System Global Area (SGA) are limited to the Oracle software installation owner.
- [Network Access Control Lists and Upgrade to Oracle Database 12c](#)
Network access control lists (ACLs) are implemented as Real Application Security ACLs in 12c, and existing ACLs are migrated from XML DB ACLs and renamed during upgrade.

- [Parallel Upgrade Utility Batch Scripts](#)
In Oracle Database 12c Release 2 and later releases, you can run the Parallel Upgrade Utility using command-line batch scripts. `catupgrd.sql` is no longer distributed.
- [Unified Auditing AUDIT_ADMIN and AUDIT_VIEWER Roles Changes](#)
You can find it necessary to rename or drop `AUDIT_ADMIN` and `AUDIT_VIEWER` roles before upgrading.
- [Oracle Update Batching Batch Size Settings Disabled](#)
Oracle update batching settings are disabled in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2). Use JDBC batching instead.
- [About Upgrading Tables Dependent on Oracle-Maintained Types](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), you can run the Parallel Upgrade Utility with the `-T` option to set tables to `READ ONLY`.
- [Case-Insensitive Passwords and ORA-1017 Invalid Username or Password](#)
The Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2) default authentication protocol is 12 (Exclusive Mode). This protocol requires case-sensitive passwords for authentication. Review your options if you have earlier release password versions.
- [About Deploying Oracle Grid Infrastructure Using Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning](#)
Learn how you can use Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning (Oracle FPP) to provision your Oracle homes, and to manage your software lifecycle.
- [Restrictions Using Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Release 12.1 Backups](#)
Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance release 12.1 does not support backups from protected database clients using Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2).
- [Client and Foreground Server Process Memory Changes](#)
To increase optimization and performance, the Oracle Database Client and server process memory requirements are greater than in previous releases.

Initialization Parameter Default Changes in Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2)

Review this list of initialization parameter default setting changes for Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2).

OPTIMIZER_ADAPTIVE_PLANS and OPTIMIZER_ADAPTIVE_STATISTICS

`OPTIMIZER_ADAPTIVE_FEATURE` functions are replaced by two new parameters: `OPTIMIZER_ADAPTIVE_PLANS`, and `OPTIMIZER_ADAPTIVE_STATISTICS`.

`OPTIMIZER_ADAPTIVE_PLANS` controls adaptive plans. It is set by default to `TRUE`. When set to `TRUE`, this parameter determines alternate execution plans built with alternative choices that are based on statistics collected as a query executes.

`OPTIMIZER_ADAPTIVE_STATISTICS` controls adaptive statistics. It is set by default to `FALSE`. When set to `TRUE`, the optimizer augments the statistics gathered in the database with adaptive statistics gathered at SQL statement parse time to improve the quality of SQL execution plans. Some query shapes are too complex to rely upon base table statistics alone. The optimizer augments them with adaptive statistics to determine more accurately the best SQL execution plan.

SQL92_SECURITY Initialization Parameter Default is TRUE

The SQL standard specifies that security administrators should be able to require that users have SELECT privilege on a table when running an UPDATE or DELETE statement that references table column values in a WHERE or SET clause. SQL92_SECURITY specifies whether users must have been granted the SELECT object privilege to execute such UPDATE or DELETE statements.

Starting in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), the default setting for this parameter changes from FALSE to TRUE.

When this parameter is set to TRUE, users must have SELECT privilege on the object being deleted or updated.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database Reference*

Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA) Enhancements and Changes

Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2) includes several enhancements to DBUA, and some features have been removed or modified.

In response to customer requests, and to improve functionality, Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA) includes new features and code enhancements. Also, some features in previous releases have been removed.

DBUA New Features

DBUA includes the following new features for Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2):

- **Selective PDB Plug-In Upgrades:** You can plug in a PDB created in a previous release into a release 12.2 multitenant architecture CDB environment, and upgrade the PDB using DBUA started from the release 12.2 CDB home
You can unplug PDBs from a CDB, upgrade the CDB and any PDBs plugged in to the CDB, and then plug in earlier release PDBs and upgrade them using DBCA.
- **Priority-Based PDB Upgrades:** You can set priority for PDB upgrades, so that higher priority PDBs are upgraded first.
- **Retry and Ignore Functionality:** You can fix errors and retry upgrades, or select to ignore certain errors and continue upgrades.
- **Pause and Continue Functionality:** You can stop the upgrade, and continue the upgrade at a later time.
- **Standalone Prerequisite Checks:** You can run DBUA with the new `-executePrereqs` option to check prerequisites for upgrades at any time.
- **Listener Configuration During Database Moves:** You can configure the database with a new listener during a database move operation.
- **Improved Logging Mechanism:** DBUA now has time-stamped logs.
- **Performance Enhancements:** DBUA includes code enhancements that reduce the number of instance restarts during the upgrade process.
- **Enhanced Error Reporting:** All DBUA errors are reported using the error code prefix `DBT`, and all errors are reported as a list on a progress page, instead of being presented in message windows.

DBUA Removed Features

The following DBUA features available in previous releases are removed in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2):

- Data Files Move: Data files can no longer be moved during upgrades.
- Database Renames During Upgrades: It is no longer supported to rename Oracle Database names during the upgrade.
- Degree of Parallelism Selection Removed from DBUA: The default parallelism is calculated depending on the use case.
 - Upgrade: The default parallelism using DBUA is the same value used by the Parallel Upgrade Utility for manual upgrades. However, in an upgrade operation, you can override the default by specifying the number of cores that you want to use.
 - Recompile: The default parallelism for object recompilation is determined by the `utlprp` script used in manual upgrade.
- Recompile parallelism is the same value as the upgrade parallelism by default.
- Changing Diagnostic and Audit Dest No Longer Available: You can only change the Diagnostic and Audit destination by using the DBUA command-line option `-initParam`.
- Remote DBUA Desupported: In previous releases, DBUA had an option on Windows platforms for supporting Oracle Database remote upgrades. This feature is desupported.

Enhancements to Oracle Data Guard Broker and Rolling Upgrades

Starting with Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), Oracle Data Guard Broker has more features to assist rolling upgrades.

Oracle Data Guard Broker now supports Oracle Active Data Guard rolling upgrade. Oracle Active Data Guard rolling upgrade was introduced in Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1). It simplifies the execution of the transient logical database rolling upgrade process by automating many manual steps in a simple PL/SQL package (`DBMS_ROLLING`). In addition to making database rolling upgrades simpler, the automated process is much more reliable. Oracle Data Guard broker can now direct Oracle Active Data Guard rolling upgrades from the `DGMGRL` command-line interface. Broker support also adds substantial simplification to the rolling upgrade process by transparently handling redo transport destination settings and other tasks.

In Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2) and later releases, when you perform a rolling upgrade using the `DBMS_ROLLING` PL/SQL package, you no longer have to disable the broker. In addition, the broker now reports when a rolling upgrade is in place, and tracks its status. The status information is displayed in the output of the `DGMGRL` commands `SHOW CONFIGURATION` and `SHOW DATABASE`.

Using Oracle Data Guard Broker to manage database rolling upgrades can simplify the upgrade process by minimizing your downtime and risk when introducing change to production environments.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Data Guard Broker*

About Changes in Default SGA Permissions for Oracle Database

Starting with Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2.0.1), by default, permissions to read and write to the System Global Area (SGA) are limited to the Oracle software installation owner.

In previous releases, both the Oracle installation owner account and members of the OSDBA group had access to shared memory. The change in Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2) and later releases to restrict access by default to the Oracle installation owner account provides greater security than previous configurations. However, this change may prevent DBAs who do not have access to the Oracle installation owner account from administering the database.

The Oracle Database initialization parameter `ALLOW_GROUP_ACCESS_TO_SGA` determines if the Oracle Database installation owner account (`oracle` in Oracle documentation examples) is the only user that can read and write to the database System Global Area (SGA), or if members of the OSDBA group can read the SGA. In Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2) and later releases, the default value for this parameter is `FALSE`, so that only the Oracle Database installation owner has read and write permissions to the SGA. Group access to the SGA is removed by default. This change affects all Linux and UNIX platforms.

If members of the OSDBA group require read access to the SGA, then you can change the initialization parameter `ALLOW_GROUP_ACCESS_TO_SGA` setting from `FALSE` to `TRUE`. Oracle strongly recommends that you accept the default permissions that limit access to the SGA to the `oracle` user account.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database Reference*

Network Access Control Lists and Upgrade to Oracle Database 12c

Network access control lists (ACLs) are implemented as Real Application Security ACLs in 12c, and existing ACLs are migrated from XML DB ACLs and renamed during upgrade.

During Oracle Database upgrades to 12c Release 1 (12.1) and later releases, network access control in Oracle Database is implemented using Real Application Security access control lists (ACLs). Existing ACLs in XDB are migrated during upgrade. Existing APIs in the `DBMS_NETWORK_ACL_ADMIN` PL/SQL package and catalog views are deprecated. These deprecated views are replaced with new equivalents in Oracle Database 12c.

Starting with Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1), you can grant network privileges by appending an access control entry (ACE) to a host ACL using `DBMS_NETWORK_ACL_ADMIN.APPEND_HOST_ACE`. If you append an ACE to a host that has no existing host ACL, then a new host ACL is created implicitly. If the host ACL exists, then the ACEs are appended to the existing ACL.

How Changing to Real Application Security ACLS Affects You

During upgrades, the following changes are made:

- Existing network ACLs are migrated from Oracle Database 11g XML DB to Oracle Database 12c Real Application Security. All privileges of the existing ACLs are preserved during this migration.

- Existing ACLs are renamed.

What You Need To Do Before Upgrades

- Check for existing Network ACLs before the upgrade.
- Preserve existing network ACLs and privileges (`DBA_NETWORK_ACLS` and `DBA_NETWORK_ACL_PRIVILEGES`) in an intermediate staging table. Preserving the existing privileges in a table enables you to restore them if the automatic migration fails, or if you want to roll back an upgrade.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database Security Guide*
- *Oracle Database Reference*

Parallel Upgrade Utility Batch Scripts

In Oracle Database 12c Release 2 and later releases, you can run the Parallel Upgrade Utility using command-line batch scripts. `catupgrd.sql` is no longer distributed.

In Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2) and later releases, you can run the Parallel Upgrade Utility (`catctl.pl`) from the command line by entering the shell commands `dbupgrade` for Linux and Unix, and `dbupgrade.com` for Microsoft Windows. These shell scripts call the `catctl.pl` script from the upgrade binary home. You can either run these scripts with default values, or you can run them with the same input parameters that you use to run `catctl.pl` from the Perl prompt.

Related Topics

- [About the Parallel Upgrade Utility for Oracle Database \(CATCTL.PL and DBUPGRADE\)](#)

Unified Auditing AUDIT_ADMIN and AUDIT_VIEWER Roles Changes

You can find it necessary to rename or drop `AUDIT_ADMIN` and `AUDIT_VIEWER` roles before upgrading.

In Oracle Database 12c, if you use Unified Auditing, then you can have two `AUDSYS` roles in your Oracle Database 11g release 2 (11.2.0.4) and earlier releases that affect upgrading: `AUDIT_ADMIN` and `AUDIT_VIEWER`. Because of changes in these roles, you must drop these earlier release users or user roles before you can upgrade to Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1) or later.

If you have created `AUDIT_ADMIN` and `AUDIT_VIEWER` users or roles with Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1), then you do not need to drop these users or roles.

Only drop the `AUDSYS` schema and the `AUDIT_ADMIN` and `AUDIT_VIEWER` roles if both of the following conditions are true:

- The version from which you are upgrading is earlier than Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1)
- You have created a custom schema with the name `AUDSYS`

If you are affected by this requirement, and you cannot drop these `AUDSYS` roles, then select the `UNIFIED_AUDIT_TRAIL` view, create your own table, using similar definitions, and use this table to take a backup of the Unified Audit data. Oracle recommends that

you also perform this procedure if you want to preserve your ability to downgrade to your earlier release database.

The Pre-Upgrade Information Tool and DBUA perform a pre-upgrade check to ensure these users or roles do not exist in the database. Oracle recommends that you do not use these names in your databases. If these users or roles exist, then you should rename or drop them as appropriate before upgrading to Oracle Database 12c.

See Also:

Oracle Database Security Guide for information on configuring privilege and role authorization for database security

Oracle Update Batching Batch Size Settings Disabled

Oracle update batching settings are disabled in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2). Use JDBC batching instead.

Oracle update batching was deprecated in Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1). Starting in Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2), Oracle update batching is a no operation code (no-op). This means that if you implement Oracle update batching in your application using the Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2) JDBC driver, then the specified batch size is not set, and results in a batch size of 1. With this batch setting, your application processes one row at a time. Oracle strongly recommends that you use the standard JDBC batching if you are using the Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2) JDBC driver.

About Upgrading Tables Dependent on Oracle-Maintained Types

Starting with Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), you can run the Parallel Upgrade Utility with the `-T` option to set tables to READ ONLY.

When you run the Parallel Upgrade Utility with the `-T` option, any tablespaces that do not contain Oracle Maintained objects are set to READ ONLY. Setting these tables to READ ONLY can reduce the amount of data that you need to back up before upgrading the database.

If your database has user tables that depend on Oracle Maintained types (for example, AQ queue tables), then you must upgrade these tables manually after upgrade.

After the upgrade is complete, to upgrade tables dependent on Oracle-Maintained types, run the script `utluptabdata.sql` to carry out ALTER TABLE UPGRADE commands on tables in tablespaces set to READ ONLY during the upgrade.

Starting with Oracle Database 12c release 2, the ALTER TYPE statement behavior is also changed. If a dependent table is in an accessible tablespace, then it is automatically upgraded to the new version of the type. If the dependent table is in a READ ONLY tablespace, then it is not automatically upgraded. Run the `utluptabdata.sql` script to upgrade those tables set to READ ONLY tablespace states during the upgrade. You only need to run the `utluptabdata.sql` script when you run the Parallel Upgrade Utility with the `-T` option to run the upgrade.

 **Note:**

When tablespaces are set to `READ ONLY`, this setting prevents updates on all tables in the tablespace, regardless of a user's update privilege level. For example, users connecting as `SYSDBA` are prevented from changing their application data.

Related Topics

- [Upgrading Tables Dependent on Oracle-Maintained Types](#)
- [Running Upgrades with Read-Only Tablespaces](#)

Case-Insensitive Passwords and ORA-1017 Invalid Username or Password

The Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2) default authentication protocol is 12 (Exclusive Mode). This protocol requires case-sensitive passwords for authentication. Review your options if you have earlier release password versions.

Starting with Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), the default value for the `SQLNET.ORA` parameter `ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER` is changed to 12. This parameter refers to the logon authentication protocol used for the server, not the Oracle Database release.

By default, Oracle no longer supports case-insensitive password-based authentication; only the new password versions (11G and 12C) are allowed. The case-insensitive 10G password version is no longer generated.

If the following conditions are true, then you may have accounts that are prevented from logging into the database after upgrading to 12.2:

- You are upgrading a server that has user accounts created in an earlier Oracle Database release.
- User accounts created in the earlier release use a case-insensitive password version from an earlier release authentication protocol, such as the 10G password version.
- Earlier release user accounts have not reset passwords.
- The server has been configured with `SEC_CASE_SENSITIVE_LOGON` set to `FALSE`, so that it can only authenticate users who have a 10G case-insensitive password version.

If you have accounts that require 10G password versions, then to prevent accounts using that password version from being locked out of the database, you can change from an Exclusive Mode to a more permissive authentication protocol.

 **Note:**

Oracle does not support case-insensitive password-based authentication while running in an Exclusive Mode. The default authentication protocol in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2) is an Exclusive Mode. Oracle only supports case-insensitive authentication with the following conditions:

- The server is running in a mode other than an Exclusive Mode
- The 10G password version is present

Option for Servers with Accounts Using Only 10G Password Version

After you upgrade to Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), complete the following procedure to enable accounts using the 10G password version:

1. Log in as an administrator.
2. Edit the SQLNET.ORA file to change the SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER setting from the default, 12, to 11 or lower. For example:

```
SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER=11
```

After you change to a more permissive SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER setting, expire users' passwords to require them to change their passwords. For detailed information, refer to *Oracle Database Security Guide*.

About Deploying Oracle Grid Infrastructure Using Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning

Learn how you can use Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning (Oracle FPP) to provision your Oracle homes, and to manage your software lifecycle.

 **Note:**

Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 19c, the feature formerly known as Rapid Home Provisioning (RHP) is now Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning (Oracle FPP).

Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning (Oracle FPP) is a software lifecycle management method for provisioning and maintaining Oracle homes. Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning enables mass deployment and maintenance of standard operating environments for databases, clusters, and user-defined software types.

Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning enables you to install clusters, and provision, patch, scale, and upgrade Oracle Grid Infrastructure, Oracle Restart, and Oracle Database homes. The supported releases are 11.2, 12.1, 12.2, 18c, and 19c. You can also provision applications and middleware using Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning.

Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning is a service in Oracle Grid Infrastructure that you can use in either of the following modes:

- **Central Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning Server**

The Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning Server stores and manages standardized images, called gold images. Gold images can be deployed to any number of nodes across the data center. You can create new clusters and databases on the deployed homes and can use them to patch, upgrade, and scale existing installations.

The Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning Server can manage the following types of installations:

- Software homes on the cluster hosting the Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning Server itself.
- Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning Clients running Oracle Grid Infrastructure 12c Release 2 (12.2), 18c, and 19c.
- Installations running Oracle Grid Infrastructure 11g Release 2 (11.2) and 12c Release 1 (12.1).
- Installations running without Oracle Grid Infrastructure.

The Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning Server can provision new installations, and manage existing installations, without requiring any changes to the existing installations. The Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning Server can automatically share gold images among peer servers to support enterprises with geographically distributed data centers.

- **Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning Client**

The Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning Client can be managed from the Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning Server, or directly by executing commands on the client itself. The Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning Client is a service built into the Oracle Grid Infrastructure and is available in Oracle Grid Infrastructure 12c Release 2 (12.2) and later releases. The Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning Client can retrieve gold images from the Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning Server, upload new images based on the policy, and apply maintenance operations to itself.

Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning

Deploying Oracle software using Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning has the following advantages:

- Ensures standardization and enables high degrees of automation with gold images and managed lineage of deployed software.
- Minimizes downtime by deploying new homes as images (called gold images) out-of-place, without disrupting active databases or clusters.
- Simplifies maintenance by providing automations which are invoked with a simple, consistent API across database versions and deployment models.
- Reduces maintenance risk with built-in validations and a “dry run” mode to test the operations.
- Enables you to resume or restart the commands in the event of an unforeseen issue, reducing the risk of maintenance operations.

- Minimizes and often eliminates the impact of patching and upgrades, with features that include:
 - Zero-downtime database upgrade with fully automated upgrade, executed entirely within the deployment without requiring any extra nodes or external storage.
 - Adaptive management of database sessions and OJVM during rolling patching.
 - Options for management of consolidated deployments.
- The deployment and maintenance operations enable customizations to include environment-specific actions into the automated workflow.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Clusterware Administration and Deployment Guide*

Restrictions Using Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Release 12.1 Backups

Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance release 12.1 does not support backups from protected database clients using Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2).

Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance release 12.2 (Recovery Appliance) does support backups from protected release 12.2 database clients.

If you back up your database to Recovery Appliance, then Oracle recommends that you do not upgrade your database to release 12.2 until your Recovery Appliance is upgraded to release 12.2.

Client and Foreground Server Process Memory Changes

To increase optimization and performance, the Oracle Database Client and server process memory requirements are greater than in previous releases.

Every release of Oracle Database includes new features and capabilities. To provide optimal performance for the increased capability of the database, there can be an increase in the Oracle Database Client and Oracle Database Server can increase from one release to the next. The memory requirement increase can vary from platform to platform.

As part of your upgrade plan, check to determine the memory requirements increase that can be present in a new Oracle Database release. For example, in comparison to Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2), Oracle Database 12c on some platforms can have as much as a 5 MB memory increase for each client, and a 10 MB increase for each server.

Deprecated Initialization Parameters in Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2)

To understand changes and replacements in parameter settings, review the parameters deprecated in the 12.2 release. These parameters can be removed in a later release.

O7_DICTIONARY_ACCESSIBILITY Initialization parameter

The initialization parameter `O7_DICTIONARY_ACCESSIBILITY` controls restrictions on `SYSTEM` privileges. If the parameter is set to `TRUE`, then access to objects in the `SYS` schema is allowed. The default setting is `FALSE`. This default setting prevents system privileges that allow access to objects in any schema from allowing access to objects in the `SYS` schema. The `O7_DICTIONARY_ACCESSIBILITY` parameter is deprecated.

ASM_PREFERRED_READ_FAILURE_GROUPS Initialization Parameter

The `ASM_PREFERRED_READ_FAILURE_GROUPS` initialization parameter is deprecated in Oracle Automatic Storage Management 12c release 2 (12.2.0.1). Starting with Oracle Automatic Storage Management (Oracle ASM) 12c release 2 (12.2.0.1), specifying the preferred read failure groups is done automatically, so the use of the `ASM_PREFERRED_READ_FAILURE_GROUPS` initialization parameter is no longer required. Use the `PREFERRED_READ.ENABLED` disk group attribute to control the preferred read functionality.

PARALLEL_ADAPTIVE_MULTI_USER Initialization Parameter

The initialization parameter `PARALLEL_ADAPTIVE_MULTI_USER` specifies if you want to use an adaptive algorithm to improve performance in multi-user environments that use parallel execution. This parameter is deprecated, and the default value is now `FALSE`. There is no replacement for this parameter. Oracle recommends that you use the Oracle Database feature Parallel Statement Queuing to obtain parallel execution performance gains.

UTL_FILE_DIR Initialization Parameter

The initialization parameter `UTL_FILE_DIR` specifies accessible directories for PL/SQL file I/O. This parameter is deprecated, and Oracle recommends that you do not provide `UTL_FILE_DIR` access. Oracle recommends that you instead use the directory object feature, which replaces `UTL_FILE_DIR`. Directory objects provide the following benefits:

- They offer more flexibility and granular control to the `UTL_FILE` application administrator
- They can be maintained dynamically, without shutting down the database
- They are consistent with other Oracle tools.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database Reference*

Deprecated Features in Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2)

Review the deprecated features listed in this section to prepare to use alternatives after you upgrade.

- [Deprecation of ALTER TYPE REPLACE](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2.0.1), the REPLACE clause of ALTER TYPE is deprecated.
- [Deprecation of configToolAllCommands Script](#)
The postinstallation check script configToolAllCommands is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1).
- [Deprecation of DBMS_DEBUG Package](#)
The DBMS_DEBUG package is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2). Oracle recommends that you use DBMS_DEBUG_JDWP.
- [Deprecation of Intelligent Data Placement \(IDC\)](#)
Intelligent Data Placement is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2).
- [Deprecation of CONTINUOUS_MINE Option](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2.0.1), the LogMiner CONTINUOUS_MINE option is deprecated.
- [Deprecation of Non-CDB Architecture](#)
The non-CDB architecture was deprecated in Oracle Database 12c. It can be desupported and unavailable in a release after Oracle Database 19c .
- [Deprecation of Oracle Administration Assistant for Windows](#)
Oracle Administration Assistant for Windows is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2).
- [Deprecation of Oracle Data Provider for .NET PromotableTransaction Setting](#)
The Oracle Data Provider for .NET PromotableTransaction setting is deprecated, because it is no longer necessary.
- [Deprecation of oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection.unwrap\(\)](#)
Starting in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), the Java package oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection.unwrap() is deprecated.
- [Deprecation of oracle.jdbc.rowset Package](#)
Starting in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), the Java oracle.jdbc.rowset package is deprecated
- [Deprecation of oracle.sql.DatumWithConnection Classes](#)
oracle.sql classes that extend oracle.sql.DatumWithConnection are deprecated in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), in favor of oracle.jdbc extension types.
- [Deprecation of Oracle Multimedia Java APIs](#)
The Oracle Multimedia Java APIs are deprecated in Oracle Database 12c release 2.
- [Deprecation of Oracle Multimedia Support for DICOM](#)
Starting in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), the Oracle Multimedia DICOM feature is deprecated.
- [Deprecation of Multimedia SQL/MM Still Image Standard Support](#)
Starting in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), Oracle Multimedia SQL/MM Still Image standard support is deprecated.

- [Deprecation of Unicode Collation Algorithm \(UCA\) 6.1 Collations](#)
Starting in Oracle Database 12c release 2, the Unicode Collation Algorithm (UCA) 6.1 collations are deprecated.
- [Deprecation of UNIFIED_AUDIT_SGA_QUEUE_SIZE](#)
Starting in Oracle Database 12c release 2, the initialization parameter UNIFIED_AUDIT_SGA_QUEUE_SIZE is deprecated.
- [Deprecation of VERIFY_FUNCTION and VERIFY_FUNCTION_11G](#)
The VERIFY_FUNCTION and VERIFY_FUNCTION_11G password verify functions are deprecated in this release, because they enforce the weaker password restrictions from earlier releases.
- [Deprecation of V\\$MANAGED_STANDBY](#)
The V\$MANAGED_STANDBY view is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2.0.1). Oracle recommends that you use the new view V\$DATAGUARD_PROCESS.
- [Deprecation of Some XML DB Functions](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2) the options listed in this topic are deprecated.
- [Deprecated Features for Oracle XML Database](#)
These features are deprecated in Oracle Database 12c Release 1, and can be desupported in a future release.

Deprecation of ALTER TYPE REPLACE

Starting with Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2.0.1), the REPLACE clause of ALTER TYPE is deprecated.

As an alternative, Oracle recommends that you use the ALTER TYPE methods ADD and DROP, or use ALTER TYPE *method* ADD .

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database PL/SQL Language Reference*

Deprecation of configToolAllCommands Script

The postinstallation check script configToolAllCommands is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1).

The script configToolAllCommands runs in the response file mode to configure Oracle products after installation. It uses a separate password response file. Starting with Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), configToolAllCommands is deprecated. It may be desupported in a future release.

You can now obtain postinstallation checks as part of the installation process. Oracle recommends that you run the Oracle Database or Oracle Grid Infrastructure installer with the option `-executeConfigTools`. You can use the same response file created during installation to complete postinstallation configuration.

Deprecation of DBMS_DEBUG Package

The DBMS_DEBUG package is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2). Oracle recommends that you use DBMS_DEBUG_JDWP.

In earlier releases, PL/SQL included the DBMS_DEBUG package to enable internal and third-party tools to debug PL/SQL programs. The DBMS_DEBUG package provides APIs to set breakpoints, obtain values of variables, and so on. This functionality has been provided by the DBMS_DEBUG_JDWP package for several releases. DBMS_DEBUG_JDWP provides the equivalent PL/SQL debugging capabilities, and it enables seamless debugging of PL/SQL routines when it calls into or is called from server-side Java (OJVM) with Java stored procedures.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database PL/SQL Packages and Types Reference*

Deprecation of Intelligent Data Placement (IDC)

Intelligent Data Placement is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2).

Intelligent Data Placement enables you to specify disk regions on Oracle ASM disks for best performance. Using the disk region settings, you can ensure that frequently accessed data is placed on the outermost (hot) tracks which have greater speed and higher bandwidth. In addition, files with similar access patterns are located physically close, reducing latency. Intelligent Data Placement also enables the placement of primary and mirror extents into different hot or cold regions

This feature is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2).

Related Topics

- *Oracle Automatic Storage Management Administrator's Guide*

Deprecation of CONTINUOUS_MINE Option

Starting with Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2.0.1), the LogMiner CONTINUOUS_MINE option is deprecated.

The LogMiner CONTINUOUS_MINE option is still supported for backward compatibility reasons. However, Oracle recommends that you discontinue using it. There is no replacement functionality.

Deprecation of Non-CDB Architecture

The non-CDB architecture was deprecated in Oracle Database 12c. It can be desupported and unavailable in a release after Oracle Database 19c .

Oracle recommends use of the CDB architecture.

Deprecation of Oracle Administration Assistant for Windows

Oracle Administration Assistant for Windows is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2).

Oracle Administration Assistant for Windows is a tool for creating database administrators, operators, users, and roles in Windows. It also allows database service, startup and shutdown configuration, and Windows Registry parameter management.

Instead of using Oracle Administration Assistant for Windows, use native Windows administration tools.

Deprecation of Oracle Data Provider for .NET PromotableTransaction Setting

The Oracle Data Provider for .NET `PromotableTransaction` setting is deprecated, because it is no longer necessary.

Promotable transactions themselves are not being deprecated. Only this specific setting is deprecated.

The Oracle Data Provider for .NET registry setting `PromotableTransaction` indicates whether the application must keep transactions as local, or if it can begin all single connection transactions as local, and then promote the transaction to distributed when a second connection enlists. This is the concept of promotable transactions.

The Promotable Transaction setting is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2). There is no reason not to use promotable transactions. Oracle recommends you accept the default value `promotable`.

Deprecation of `oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection.unwrap()`

Starting in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), the Java package `oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection.unwrap()` is deprecated.

The Java package `oracle.jdbc.OracleConnection.unwrap()` is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c release 2, and later releases. There is no replacement for this package.

Oracle recommends that you replace this JDBC method in your applications with standard Java methods.

Related Topics

- <https://support.oracle.com/rs?type=doc&id=2024500.1>

Deprecation of `oracle.jdbc.rowset` Package

Starting in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), the Java `oracle.jdbc.rowset` package is deprecated.

Oracle recommends that you use the Standard JDBC RowSet package to replace this feature.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database JDBC Developer's Guide*
- <https://support.oracle.com/rs?type=doc&id=2024500.1>

Deprecation of `oracle.sql.DatumWithConnection` Classes

`oracle.sql` classes that extend `oracle.sql.DatumWithConnection` are deprecated in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), in favor of `oracle.jdbc` extension types.

In previous releases, Oracle Database included Oracle JDBC drivers that provided specific type extensions and performance extensions in both `oracle.sql` and `oracle.jdbc` Java packages. Starting with Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), the `oracle.sql` classes that extend `oracle.sql.DatumWithConnection` are deprecated. The `oracle.jdbc` extensions continue to be supported.

For example, here is a partial list of deprecated `oracle.sql` classes:

- ARRAY
- BFILE
- BLOB
- CLOB
- OPAQUE
- REF
- STRUCT

Oracle recommends that you replace `oracle.sql` classes that extend `oracle.sql.DatumWithConnection` in your applications with standard Java types, or with `oracle.jdbc` extensions.

Deprecation of Oracle Multimedia Java APIs

The Oracle Multimedia Java APIs are deprecated in Oracle Database 12c release 2.

The following Java APIs are deprecated in Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2), and can be desupported in a future release:

- Oracle Multimedia Java API
- Oracle Multimedia Servlets and JSP Java API
- Oracle Multimedia DICOM Java API
- Oracle Multimedia Mid-Tier Java API

Deprecation of Oracle Multimedia Support for DICOM

Starting in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), the Oracle Multimedia DICOM feature is deprecated.

There is no replacement for DICOM support in Oracle Database.

Deprecation of Multimedia SQL/MM Still Image Standard Support

Starting in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), Oracle Multimedia SQL/MM Still Image standard support is deprecated.

For image processing operations, Oracle Multimedia developers can call the new `ORD_IMAGE` PL/SQL package, or call the `ORDImage` methods.

For image matching, Oracle Database developers can use open source packages, such as `OpenCV`.

Deprecation of Unicode Collation Algorithm (UCA) 6.1 Collations

Starting in Oracle Database 12c release 2, the Unicode Collation Algorithm (UCA) 6.1 collations are deprecated.

The Unicode Collation Algorithm (UCA) 6.1 collations (UCA0610_*) are deprecated. They can be desupported and unavailable in a future release. Oracle recommends

that you use the latest supported version of UCA collations for sorting multilingual data.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database Globalization Support Guide*

Deprecation of UNIFIED_AUDIT_SGA_QUEUE_SIZE

Starting in Oracle Database 12c release 2, the initialization parameter UNIFIED_AUDIT_SGA_QUEUE_SIZE is deprecated.

The UNIFIED_AUDIT_SGA_QUEUE_SIZE parameter is deprecated, and the value for this parameter is no longer honored. However, the parameter is currently retained for backward compatibility.

See *Oracle Database Security Guide* for additional information about Unified Audit records.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database Security Guide*

Deprecation of VERIFY_FUNCTION and VERIFY_FUNCTION_11G

The VERIFY_FUNCTION and VERIFY_FUNCTION_11G password verify functions are deprecated in this release, because they enforce the weaker password restrictions from earlier releases.

Oracle recommends that you use the functions ORA12C_VERIFY_FUNCTION and ORA12C_STRONG_VERIFY_FUNCTION. These functions enforce stronger, more up-to-date password verification restrictions.



See Also:

Oracle Database Security Guide

Deprecation of V\$MANAGED_STANDBY

The V\$MANAGED_STANDBY view is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2.0.1). Oracle recommends that you use the new view V\$DATAGUARD_PROCESS.

The V\$DATAGUARD_PROCESS view includes much more information about processes used by Oracle Data Guard.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database Reference*

Deprecation of Some XML DB Functions

Starting with Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2) the options listed in this topic are deprecated.

The following options are deprecated:

- Oracle XQuery function `ora:contains`. Use XQuery Full Text instead.
- Oracle SQL function `XMLRoot`. Use SQL/XML function `XMLSerialize()` with a version number instead.
- Nested tables stored as index-ordered tables (IOTs). This includes both the use of option `DBMS_XMLSCHEMA.REGISTER_NT_AS_IOT`, and the use of clause `NESTED TABLE N STORE AS ... (ORGANIZATION INDEX)` when creating a table with nested-table column `N`. Instead, store nested-table columns using heap storage (the default behavior for PL/SQL procedure `DBMS_XMLSCHEMA.registerSchema`).
- PL/SQL procedure `DBMS_XSLPROCESSOR.CLOB2FILE`. Use `DBMS_LOB.CLOB2FILE` instead.
- PL/SQL function `DBMS_XSLPROCESSOR.READ2CLOB`. Use `DBMS_LOB.LOADCLOBFROMFILE` instead.
- Use of XLink with Oracle XML DB.
- Oracle XML DB Content Connector.

For more information, refer to *Oracle XML DB Developer's Guide*.

Related Topics

- *Oracle XML DB Developer's Guide*

Deprecated Features for Oracle XML Database

These features are deprecated in Oracle Database 12c Release 1, and can be desupported in a future release.

- CLOB storage of `XMLType`, also known as unstructured storage, is deprecated. Use binary XML storage of `XMLType` instead.

To preserve whitespace in an XML file, store two copies of your original XML document. Use one file as an `XMLType` instance for database use and XML processing, and use the other file as a CLOB instance to provide document fidelity.

- Creating an `XMLIndex` index over an XML fragment stored as a CLOB instance embedded in object-relational `XMLType` data is deprecated. If you must index the data in such a fragment, then store the document using binary XML storage, instead of object-relational storage.
- The following PL/SQL subprograms in package `DBMS_XMLSCHEMA` are deprecated:
 - `generateSchema`
 - `generateSchemas`

There are no replacements for these constructs, and there is no workaround for this change.

- PL/SQL package `DBMS_XDB_CONFIG` is new. All Oracle XML((nbsp))DB configuration functions, procedures, and constants are moved from package `DBMS_XDB` to `DBMS_XDB_CONFIG`. These functions, procedures and constants are now deprecated for package `DBMS_XDB`. Use them in package `DBMS_XDB_CONFIG` instead.

The following is a list of subprograms deprecated in package `DBMS_XDB`:

- ADDHTTPEXPIREMAPPING
- ADDMIMEMAPPING
- ADDSCHEMALOCMAPPING
- ADDSERVLET
- ADDSERVLETMAPPING
- ADDSERVLETSECROLE
- ADDXMLEXTENSION
- CFG_GET
- CFG_REFRESH
- CFG_UPDATE
- DELETEHTTPEXPIREMAPPING
- DELETÉMIMEMAPPING
- DELETESCHEMALOCMAPPING
- DELETESERVLET
- DELETESERVLETMAPPING
- DELETESERVLETSECROLE
- DELETEXMLEXTENSION
- GETFTPSPORT
- GETHTTPSPORT
- GETLISTENERENDPOINT
- SETFTPSPORT
- SETHTTPSPORT
- SETLISTENERENDPOINT
- SETLISTENERLOCALACCESS

The following is a list of constants that are deprecated in package DBMS_XDB:

- XDB_ENDPOINT_HTTP
 - XDB_ENDPOINT_HTTP2
 - XDB_PROTOCOL_TCP
 - XDB_PROTOCOL_TCPS
- All Oracle SQL functions for updating XML data are deprecated. Use XQuery Update instead for these functions . The following is a list of deprecated XML updating functions:
 - updateXML
 - insertChildXML
 - insertChildXMLbefore
 - insertChildXMLafter
 - insertXMLbefore

- `insertXMLafter`
- `appendChildXML`
- `deleteXML`
- Oracle SQL function `sys_xmlgen` is deprecated. Use the SQL/XML generation functions instead.
- The following Oracle XQuery functions are deprecated. Use the corresponding standard XQuery functions instead, that is, the functions with the same names but with namespace prefix `fn`.
 - `ora:matches` – use `fn:matches` instead
 - `ora:replace` – use `fn:replace` instead
- The following Oracle constructs that provide support for XML translations are deprecated.
 - PL/SQL package `DBMS_XMLTRANSLATIONS`
 - Oracle XPath function `ora:translate`
 - XML Schema annotations `xdb:maxOccurs`, `xdb:srclang`, and `xdb:translate`

There are no replacements for these constructs, and there is no workaround for this change.
- The following XML Schema annotations are deprecated:
 - `xdb:defaultTableSchema`
 - `xdb:maintainOrder`
 - `xdb:mapUnboundedStringToLob`
 - `xdb:maxOccurs`
 - `xdb:SQLCollSchema`
 - `xdb:SQLSchema`
 - `xdb:srclang`
 - `xdb:storeVarrayAsTable`
 - `xdb:translate`

There are no replacements for these constructs, and there is no workaround for this change.
- The value `xml_clobs` for export parameter `data_options` is deprecated starting with Oracle Database 12c.

Desupported Initialization Parameters in Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2)

Review this list of desupported initialization parameters for changes and replacements in parameter settings in this release.

GLOBAL_CONTEXT_POOL_SIZE Initialization Parameter

The `GLOBAL_CONTEXT_POOL_SIZE` initialization parameter is removed and desupported in this release.

`GLOBAL_CONTEXT_POOL_SIZE` specified the amount of memory to allocate in the SGA for storing and managing global application context. The default value of this parameter was null. The parameter was deprecated in Oracle Database 10g release 2 (10.2).

MAX_ENABLED_ROLES Initialization Parameter

The `MAX_ENABLED_ROLES` initialization parameter is removed and desupported in this release.

There is no replacement for this parameter. Oracle Database has not used this parameter since Oracle Database 10g release 2 (10.2).

OPTIMIZER_ADAPTIVE_FEATURES Initialization Parameter

The `OPTIMIZER_ADAPTIVE_FEATURES` initialization parameter is removed and desupported in this release.

The functions of this parameter are replaced by two new parameters. The default value for `OPTIMIZER_ADAPTIVE_PLANS` is `TRUE`. When set to `TRUE`, this parameter determines alternate execution plans that are based on statistics collected as a query executes. `OPTIMIZER_ADAPTIVE_STATISTICS` is set by default to `FALSE`. When set to `TRUE`, the optimizer augments the statistics gathered in the database with adaptive statistics gathered at SQL statement parse time to improve the quality of SQL execution plans.

PARALLEL_AUTOMATIC_TUNING Initialization Parameter

The `PARALLEL_AUTOMATIC_TUNING` initialization parameter is removed and desupported in this release.

The `PARALLEL_AUTOMATIC_TUNING` initialization parameter determined the default values for parameters that controlled parallel processing. It was deprecated in Oracle Database 10g release 2 (10.2).

PARALLEL_IO_CAP_ENABLED Initialization Parameter

The `PARALLEL_IO_CAP_ENABLED` initialization parameter determined if Oracle Database set a limit to the default degree of parallelism to a level no greater than the I/O system supported. This parameter was deprecated in Oracle Database release 11.2. The function of this parameter was replaced by the `PARALLEL_DEGREE_LIMIT` parameter, when that parameter is set to `IO`.

PARALLEL_SERVER Initialization Parameter

The `PARALLEL_SERVER` initialization parameter is removed and desupported in this release.

The `PARALLEL_SERVER` initialization parameter was used to start a database in Oracle Parallel Server mode. This parameter was deprecated in Oracle9i Database Release 1 (9.0.1). Oracle Parallel Server was replaced with Oracle Real Application Clusters, which uses the `CLUSTER_DATABASE` initialization parameter.

PARALLEL_SERVER_INSTANCES Initialization Parameter

The `PARALLEL_SERVER_INSTANCES` initialization parameter is removed and desupported in this release.

The `PARALLEL_SERVER_INSTANCES` initialization parameter specified the number of configured instances in Oracle Parallel Server mode. This parameter was deprecated in Oracle9i Database Release 1 (9.0.1). Oracle Parallel Server was replaced with Oracle Real Application Clusters, which uses the `CLUSTER_DATABASE_INSTANCES` initialization parameter.

USE_INDIRECT_DATA_BUFFERS Initialization Parameter

The initialization parameter `USE_INDIRECT_DATA_BUFFERS` is removed and desupported in this release.

The parameter was used to enable the Very Large Memory feature for 32-bit platforms. These platforms are no longer supported.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database Reference*

Desupported Features in Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2)

Review this list of desupported features as part of your upgrade planning.

- [Desupport of Advanced Replication](#)
Starting in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), the Advanced Replication feature of Oracle Database is desupported.
- [Desupport of Direct File System Placement for OCR and Voting Files](#)
Placing OCR and Voting Disk files on shared file systems is desupported in favor of placing the files on Oracle ASM.
- [Desupport of JPublisher](#)
All Oracle JPublisher features are desupported and unavailable in Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2.0.1).
- [Desupport of preupgrd.sql and utluppkg.sql](#)
The `preupgrd.sql` and `utluppkg.sql` scripts are replaced by the Preupgrade Information Tool (`preupgrade.jar`).
- [Desupported Oracle Data Provider for .NET APIs for Transaction Guard](#)
Application programming interfaces (APIs) for Transaction Guard listed here are desupported in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2).
- [Desupported Views in Oracle Database 12c Release 2 \(12.2\)](#)
The views listed in this topic are desupported in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2).
- [SQLJ Support Inside Oracle Database](#)
Starting with Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), Oracle does not support running server-side SQLJ code.
- [Desupport of Some XML DB Features](#)
Starting in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), the XML DB features listed here are desupported.

Desupport of Advanced Replication

Starting in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), the Advanced Replication feature of Oracle Database is desupported.

The Oracle Database Advanced Replication feature is desupported in its entirety. The desupport of this feature includes all functionality associated with this feature: multimaster replication, updateable materialized views, and deployment templates. Read-only materialized views are still supported with basic replication.

Oracle recommends that you replace your use of Advanced Replication with Oracle GoldenGate.

Desupport of Direct File System Placement for OCR and Voting Files

Placing OCR and Voting Disk files on shared file systems is desupported in favor of placing the files on Oracle ASM.

Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 12c Release 2 (12.2), the placement of Oracle Clusterware files: the Oracle Cluster Registry (OCR), and the Voting Files, directly on a shared file system is desupported in favor of having Oracle Clusterware files managed by Oracle Automatic Storage Management (Oracle ASM). You cannot place Oracle Clusterware files directly on a shared file system. If you need to use a supported shared file system, either a Network File System, or a shared cluster file system instead of native disks devices, then you must create Oracle ASM disks on supported network file systems that you plan to use for hosting Oracle Clusterware files before installing Oracle Grid Infrastructure. You can then use the Oracle ASM disks in an Oracle ASM disk group to manage Oracle Clusterware files.

If your Oracle Database files are stored on a shared file system, then you can continue to use the same for database files, instead of moving them to Oracle ASM storage.

Desupport of JPublisher

All Oracle JPublisher features are desupported and unavailable in Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2.0.1).

Oracle recommends that you use the following alternatives:

- To continue to use Web service callouts, Oracle recommends that you use the Oracle JVM Web Services Callout utility, which is a replacement for the Web Services Callout utility.
- To replace other JPublisher automation capabilities, including mapping user-defined SQL types or SQL types, wrapping PL/SQL packages and similar capabilities, Oracle recommends that developers use explicit steps, such as precompiling code with SQLJ precompiler, building Java STRUCT classes, or using other prestructured options.

Related Topics

- <https://support.oracle.com/rs?type=doc&id=1937939.1>

See Also:

My Oracle Support Note 1937939.1 for more information about JDeveloper deprecation and desupport

Desupport of preupgrd.sql and utluppkg.sql

The `preupgrd.sql` and `utluppkg.sql` scripts are replaced by the Preupgrade Information Tool (`preupgrade.jar`).

Beginning with Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool scripts `preupgrd.sql` and `utluppkg.sql` are no longer supplied as part of the Oracle Database release. The Pre-Upgrade Information Tool `preupgrade.jar` replaces both of these files.

The `preupgrade.jar` Pre-Upgrade Information Tool is supplied with Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2). This script has the same capabilities as the scripts it replaces. It can run using the Java Development Kits (JDKs) installed with Oracle Database releases supported for direct upgrade to Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2).

Desupported Oracle Data Provider for .NET APIs for Transaction Guard

Application programming interfaces (APIs) for Transaction Guard listed here are desupported in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2).

The following Oracle Data Provider for .NET application programming interfaces for Transaction Guard are desupported in Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2):

- `OracleLogicalTransactionStatus` class
- `OracleConnection.GetLogicalTransactionStatus` method
- `OracleConnection.LogicalTransactionId` property
- `OracleConnection.OracleLogicalTransaction` property
- `OracleLogicalTransaction.DataSource` property
- `OracleLogicalTransaction.GetOutcome()` method
- `OracleLogicalTransaction.GetOutcome(string, string, string)` method
- `OracleLogicalTransaction.UserId` property

Desupported Views in Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2)

The views listed in this topic are desupported in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2).

Revise any of your SQL statements that use these views.

DBA_REGISTERED_MVIEW_GROUPS View

V\$REPLPROP View

V\$REPLQUEUE View

SQLJ Support Inside Oracle Database

Starting with Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), Oracle does not support running server-side SQLJ code.

Oracle supports using client-side SQLJ. However, Oracle does not support the use of server-side SQLJ, including running stored procedures, functions, and triggers in the database environment.

Desupport of Some XML DB Features

Starting in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), the XML DB features listed here are desupported.

The following features are desupported:

- Java classes in package `oracle.xdb.dom`
- Oracle XPath function `ora:instanceof`. Use XQuery operator `instance of` instead.
- Oracle XPath function `ora:instanceof-only`. Use XML Schema attribute `xsi:type` instead.
- Function-based indexes on XMLType. Use XMLIndex with a structured component instead.
- Oracle XQuery function `ora:view`. Use XQuery functions `fn:collection` instead.
- PL/SQL procedure `DBMS_XDB_ADMIN.CreateRepositoryXMLIndex`
- PL/SQL procedure `DBMS_XDB_ADMIN.XMLIndexAddPath`
- PL/SQL procedure `DBMS_XDB_ADMIN.XMLIndexRemovePath`
- PL/SQL procedure `DBMS_XDB_ADMIN.DropRepositoryXMLIndex`
- XML schema annotation (attribute) `csx:encodingType`
- XMLIndex index on CLOB portions of hybrid XMLType storage (index on CLOB data that is embedded within object-relational storage)

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Oracle Database Upgrade Utilities

Oracle Upgrade utility scripts help to carry out Oracle Database upgrades.

- [Scripts for Upgrading Oracle Database](#)
Oracle provides a set of tools and scripts for upgrades that you run before, during, and after upgrading.
- [Using the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool for Oracle Database](#)
Review these topics to understand and to use the Pre-Upgrade information tool (`preupgrade.jar`).

Scripts for Upgrading Oracle Database

Oracle provides a set of tools and scripts for upgrades that you run before, during, and after upgrading.

 **Note:**

Some of the scripts Oracle provides cannot be run in UPGRADE mode.

The following table lists the various scripts and tools with a description for each.

Table A-1 Upgrade, Post-Upgrade, and Downgrade Scripts

Script	Description
<code>catcon.pl</code>	Must be run in UPGRADE mode. This script is used when upgrading a CDB.
<code>catctl.pl</code>	Parallel Upgrade Utility (<code>catctl.pl</code> , and the shell script <code>dbupgrade</code>). You must run these scripts in UPGRADE mode. In Oracle Database 12c and later releases, the Parallel Upgrade Utility replaces the SQL Upgrade Utility <code>catupgrd.sql</code> . With Parallel Upgrade Utility, you can run upgrade scripts and processes in parallel. This capability takes full advantage of your server CPU capacity, and can shorten upgrade time. DBUA uses this tool.
<code>dbdowngrade</code>	Shell script utility that calls the <code>catdwgrd.sql</code> script, and ensures that calls to the <code>catcon.pl</code> script use the recommended values for the downgrade. This feature helps to reduce potential errors due to excessive threads being spawned during the upgrade. It is particularly helpful with multitenant architecture (CDB) downgrades. Using this script is Oracle's recommended downgrade procedure.

Table A-1 (Cont.) Upgrade, Post-Upgrade, and Downgrade Scripts

Script	Description
dbupgrade, dbupgrade.cmd	Shell scripts that call the <code>catctl.pl</code> script. These shell scripts are available with Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2) and later releases. The scripts enable you to enter the <code>dbupgrade</code> command at the shell command prompt. You can either run these scripts with default values, or you can run them with the same input parameters that you use to run <code>catctl.pl</code> from the Perl prompt. Use <code>dbupgrade</code> for Linux and UNIX systems, and <code>dbupgrade.cmd</code> for Windows systems.
catdwgrd.sql	This is the downgrade script, which is used in the procedure to downgrade to the earlier release from which you upgraded.
catnoamd.sql	Do not run in UPGRADE mode. Run this script only after upgrading. The <code>catnoamd.sql</code> script drops the OLAP catalog component, also referred to as AMD.
catnoexf.sql	The upgrade process runs this script for you; however, you can run the <code>catnoexf.sql</code> script before the upgrade. Do not run this script in UPGRADE mode. The <code>catnoexf.sql</code> script removes the Expression Filter (EXF) and Database Rules Manager (RUL) components, which are desupported in this release.
catuppst.sql	You must run this script, either through DBUA or manually, if you perform a manual upgrade. DBUA automatically runs <code>catuppst.sql</code> . You only must run this script separately for manual upgrades. Do not run this in UPGRADE mode. Run <code>catuppst.sql</code> , located in the <code>ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin</code> directory, to perform remaining upgrade actions that do not require the database to be in UPGRADE mode. If an Oracle bundle patch or patch set update (PSU or BP) is installed in the Oracle home, then this script automatically applies that patch set update to the database. Caution: If you perform a manual upgrade, and you do not run <code>catuppst.sql</code> , then your database suffers performance degradation over time.
catuptabdata.sql	The <code>catuptabdata.sql</code> script is run automatically by <code>catuppst.sql</code> to run <code>ALTER TABLE UPGRADE</code> on any Oracle-Maintained tables that are affected by changes to Oracle-Maintained types during the upgrade. You can run the <code>catuptabdata.sql</code> script manually to upgrade any Oracle-Maintained tables that require upgrading because of changes to any Oracle-Maintained types. You must run the command with a user account that is granted the SYSDBA system privileges, and that is connected AS SYSDBA.

Table A-1 (Cont.) Upgrade, Post-Upgrade, and Downgrade Scripts

Script	Description
emdwgrd	<p>Do not run this script in UPGRADE mode. The emdwgrd utility saves Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control (DB Control) configuration files and data for your release 11g database.</p> <p>If it is possible that you want to downgrade Oracle Database 18c to Oracle Database 11g (11.2), and you want to restore Oracle DB Control, then you must run emdwgrd before you upgrade.</p> <p>See Also: Oracle Support document ID 1484775.1.</p>
emremove.sql	<p>The emremove.sql script drops the Oracle Enterprise Manager-related schemas and objects. Use this script to manually remove DB Control. Running emremove.sql before starting the upgrade process minimizes downtime. This is an optional pre-upgrade step because the Parallel Upgrade Utility and DBUA automatically run this script.</p> <p>Caution: If you want to preserve the DB Control configuration and data to have the option of downgrading and restoring DB Control, then you must first follow the procedure for using emdwgrd.</p>
olspreupgrade.sql	<p>Do not run this script in UPGRADE mode. The olspreupgrade.sql script is a preprocessing script required for upgrading a database earlier than Oracle Database release 12.1 that uses Oracle Label Security (OLS) and Oracle Database Vault.</p>
postupgrade_fixups.sql	<p>The postupgrade_fixups.sql script is supplied with Oracle Database. Run postupgrade_fixups.sql after upgrading. DBUA runs this script automatically; however, you can run it any time after upgrading.</p>
preupgrd.sql	<p>(Obsolete in 12.2 and later releases) The preupgrd.sql Pre-Upgrade Information Tool is supplied with Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1). Run preupgrd.sql any time before upgrading to analyze your database. The Pre-Upgrade Information Tool provides a preview of the items that DBUA checks and generates scripts, called Fixup scripts, that you can run to resolve issues that are flagged in the source database. In release 12.1, preupgrd.sql script replaces the utlu121i.sql script.) In release 12.2, preupgrade.jar replaces preupgrd.sql.</p>
preupgrade.jar	<p>The preupgrade.jar Pre-Upgrade Information Tool is supplied with Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2). The preupgrade.jar has the same capabilities as preupgrd.sql, which preupgrade.jar replaces.</p>
utlrp.sql	<p>Use utlrp.sql to recompile stored PL/SQL and Java code. DBUA runs this script automatically. When you upgrade manually, you must run this script.</p>

Table A-1 (Cont.) Upgrade, Post-Upgrade, and Downgrade Scripts

Script	Description
<code>utlustrs.sql</code>	The <code>utlustrs.sql</code> Post-Upgrade Status Tool is supplied with Oracle Database and displays the version and elapsed upgrade time for each component in <code>DBA_REGISTRY</code> . The Post-Upgrade Status Tool can be run any time after upgrading the database.
<code>utluptabdata.sql</code>	<p>Run the <code>utluptabdata.sql</code> script after upgrades to perform an <code>ALTER TABLE UPGRADE</code> command on any user tables that depend on Oracle-Maintained types that changed during the upgrade.</p> <p>You must run the <code>utluptabdata.sql</code> script either with a user account that is assigned the <code>ALTER TABLE</code> system privilege for all of the tables that you want to upgrade, or by a user account with <code>SYSDBA</code> system privileges that is connected <code>AS SYSDBA</code>.</p> <p>User tables are not automatically upgraded to new versions of types during the database upgrade, so that you can run the upgrade with user tablespaces set to <code>READ ONLY</code>.</p>

Using the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool for Oracle Database

Review these topics to understand and to use the Pre-Upgrade information tool (`preupgrade.jar`).



Note:

The Pre-Upgrade information tool is a legacy utility. Oracle recommends that you use the AutoUpgrade utility instead.

- [About the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool](#)
To determine if your system is ready for upgrading, you can use the legacy Pre-Upgrade Information Tool (`preupgrade.jar`)
- [Preupgrade Scripts Generated By the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool](#)
You can run preupgrade scripts that the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool generates to fix many issues before you upgrade to the new Oracle Database release.
- [Postupgrade Scripts Generated By the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool](#)
After the upgrade, you can run the postupgrade scripts that the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool generates to complete some of the fixups of your upgrade target database.
- [Setting Up Environment Variables for the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool](#)
Before you run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool, set up the user environment variables for the Oracle user that runs the tool.

- [Pre-Upgrade Information Tool \(preupgrade.jar\) Command](#)
Use Pre-Upgrade Information Tool (`preupgrade.jar`) commands to check your system before upgrades.
- [Output of the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool](#)
The Pre-Upgrade Information Tool (`preupgrade.jar`) creates fixup scripts and log files in the output directory that you specify with the `DIR` command-line option.
- [Pre-Upgrade Information Tool Output Example](#)
In this example, you can see how the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool displays recommended fixes, but does not carry out fixes automatically.
- [Pre-Upgrade Information Tool Warnings and Recommendations for Oracle Database](#)
Analyze any Pre-Upgrade Information Tool warnings before you upgrade to the new release of Oracle Database. For each item that the tool reports, it provides you with information about how to fix the issue or warning.

About the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool

To determine if your system is ready for upgrading, you can use the legacy Pre-Upgrade Information Tool (`preupgrade.jar`)

To help to ensure a successful upgrade, Oracle strongly recommends that you run the AutoUpgrade Utility in Analyze processing mode, and to use the AutoUpgrade Utility Fixup, and then complete your upgrade with the method that you prefer. However, you can continue to perform these tasks by using the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool before you begin your upgrade.

If you use the legacy Pre-Upgrade Information tool, then after the upgrade is complete, you can use the postupgrade scripts that it generates to help to assist you with fixing any issues that the tool discovers. To obtain the latest updates, Oracle recommends that you download the most recent version of the tool from My Oracle Support Note 884522.1.

You can run the tool from the operating system command line. The Pre-Upgrade Information Tool creates `preupgrade` scripts, which fix some issues before you start an upgrade, and `postupgrade` scripts, which fix some issues after an upgrade is completed.

The Pre-Upgrade Information Tool (`preupgrade.jar`) creates the following files:

- The log file `preupgrade.log`.
The log file contains the output of the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool.
- The `preupgrade_fixups_pdbname.sql` for PDBs, where *pdbname* is the name of the PDB).
Before you run the upgrade, you can run the `preupgrade_fixups` script manually in SQL*Plus to resolve many of the issues identified by the `preupgrade` tool.
- The `postupgrade_fixups_pdbname.sql` (for PDBs, where *pdbname* is the name of the PDB) or `postupgrade_fixups.sql` script (Non-CDB databases).
You can run this script to fix issues after the database upgrade is completed.

Related Topics

- [My Oracle Support Note 884522.1](#)

Preupgrade Scripts Generated By the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool

You can run preupgrade scripts that the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool generates to fix many issues before you upgrade to the new Oracle Database release.

The location of the `preupgrade_fixups.sql` and log files depends on how you set output folders, or define the Oracle base environment variable.

If you specify an output directory by using the `dir` option with the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool, then the output logs and files are placed under that directory in the file path `/cfgtoollogs/dbunique_name/preupgrade`, where `dbunique_name` is the name of your source Oracle Database. If you do not specify an output directory when you run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool, then the output is directed to one of the following default locations:

- If you do not specify an output directory with `DIR`, but you have set an Oracle base environment variable, then the generated scripts and log files are created in the following file path:

Oracle-base/cfgtoollogs/dbunique_name/preupgrade

- If you do not specify an output directory, and you have not defined an Oracle base environment variable, then the generated scripts and log files are created in the following file path:

Oracle-home/cfgtoollogs/dbunique_name/preupgrade

The fixup scripts that the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool creates depend on whether your source database is a Non-CDB database, or a CDB database:

- A log file (`preupgrade.log`).

The log file contains log output for the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool.

- Pre-upgrade fixups SQL scripts, depending on your source database type:
 - **Non-CDB:** `preupgrade_fixups.sql`
 - **CDB:** Two different sets of scripts:
 1. `preupgrade_fixups.sql`: A consolidated script for all PDBs.
 2. Multiple `preupgrade_fixups_pdbname.sql` scripts, where `pdbname` is the name of the PDB for which a script is generated: Individual scripts, which you run on specific PDBs.

Run the scripts either by using `catcon.pl`, or by using `SQL*Plus` commands. You must run these scripts to fix issues before you start the database upgrade. The scripts resolve many of the issues identified by the preupgrade tool.

Each issue that the scripts identify includes a description of the problem, and a task that you can carry out to resolve the problem. The preupgrade tool itself does not make changes to your database to correct errors. However, you can run the scripts that it generates to correct identified errors. The scripts fix only those issues that an automated script can fix safely. Preupgrade issues that the automated script cannot fix safely typically require DBA knowledge of user applications. You can address those issues manually.

Postupgrade Scripts Generated By the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool

After the upgrade, you can run the postupgrade scripts that the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool generates to complete some of the fixups of your upgrade target database.

The Pre-Upgrade Information Tool generates postupgrade fixup scripts, which you can run after the upgrade to fix issues that can be fixed after the upgrade.

The location of the postupgrade SQL scripts and log files depends on how you set output folders, or define the Oracle base environment variable. The postupgrade fixup scripts are placed in the same directory path as the preupgrade fixup scripts.

If you specify an output directory by using the `dir` option with the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool, then the output logs and files are placed under that directory in the file path `/cfgtoollogs/dbunique_name/preupgrade`, where `dbunique_name` is the name of your source Oracle Database. If you do not specify an output directory when you run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool, then the output is directed to one of the following default locations:

- If you do not specify an output directory with `DIR`, but you have set an Oracle base environment variable, then the generated scripts and log files are created in the following file path:

Oracle-base/cfgtoollogs/dbunique_name/preupgrade

- If you do not specify an output directory, and you have not defined an Oracle base environment variable, then the generated scripts and log files are created in the following file path:

Oracle-home/cfgtoollogs/dbunique_name/preupgrade

The postupgrade fixup scripts that the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool creates depend on whether your source database is a Non-CDB database, or a CDB database:

There are two different sets of scripts:

1. `postupgrade_fixups.sql`: A consolidated script for all PDBs
2. Multiple `postupgrade_fixups_pdbname.sql` scripts, where `pdbname` is the name of the PDB for which a script is generated: Individual scripts, which you run on specific PDBs.

Postupgrade issues that the automatic script cannot fix safely typically require DBA knowledge of user applications. You can address those issues manually.

Guidelines for Running Postupgrade Fixup Scripts for Non-CDB Databases

Oracle recommends that when you run the postupgrade scripts, you set the system to spool results to a log file so you can read the output. However, do not spool results to the `admin` directory:

After you run postupgrade scripts, you can run the Post-Upgrade Status Tool to check the status of your server.

Related Topics

- [Running Postupgrade Fixup Scripts](#)

Setting Up Environment Variables for the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool

Before you run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool, set up the user environment variables for the Oracle user that runs the tool.

You must set up the user environment variables for the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool. This example shows how to use shell commands to set up user environment variables to point to an earlier release Oracle home. For multitenant architecture upgrades, you must also open up all the PDBs that you want the tool to analyze.

In this example, the operating system is Linux or Unix, the system identifier is `sales01`, and the earlier release Oracle home path is `/u01/app/oracle/product/19.1.0/dbhome_1`

1. Log in as the Oracle installation owner (`oracle`).
2. Set up the user environment variables to point to the earlier release Oracle home that you want to upgrade.

For example:

```
$ export ORACLE_HOME=/u01/app/oracle/product/19.1.0/dbhome_1
$ export ORACLE_BASE=/u01/app/oracle
$ export ORACLE_SID=sales01
$ export PATH=$ORACLE_HOME/bin:$PATH
```

3. (Multitenant architecture upgrades): If you are running the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool in a CDB, then use the command `alter pluggable database all open` to open the PDBs so that the tool can analyze them.

For example: Log in to the database and enter the following command to open all PDBs:

```
$ sqlplus / as sysdba
.
.
.
SQL> alter pluggable database all open;
```

Pre-Upgrade Information Tool (`preupgrade.jar`) Command

Use Pre-Upgrade Information Tool (`preupgrade.jar`) commands to check your system before upgrades.

Prerequisites

The Pre-Upgrade Information Tool is in the new release Oracle home, in the file path `ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/preupgrade.jar`. Oracle has configured it with the system checks necessary for the new Oracle Database release. However, the checks that the tool performs are carried out on the earlier release Oracle Database home. Set up the Oracle user environment variables so that they point to the earlier release Oracle home.

Run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool by using the Java version in your earlier release Oracle home. For multitenant architecture (CDB and PDB) upgrades, open up all the PDBs that you want the tool to analyze before you run the tool.

Set the environment variables for your user account to point to the earlier release ORACLE_HOME, ORACLE_BASE, and ORACLE_SID.

File Path

The `preupgrade.jar` file is located in the new Oracle home:

```
New_release_Oracle_home/rdbms/admin/preupgrade.jar
```

You can also copy the `preupgrade.jar` binaries to a path of your choosing. For example:

```
/tmp/preupgrade.jar
```

Syntax

```
$Earlier_release_Oracle_home/jdk/bin/java -jar $New_release_Oracle_home/rdbms/admin/preupgrade.jar [FILE|TERMINAL] [TEXT|XML] [DIR output_dir]
```

Options

Command Option	Description
FILE TERMINAL	Script output location. Use <code>FILE</code> to direct script output to a file. Use <code>TERMINAL</code> to direct output to the terminal. If you do not specify a value, then the default is <code>FILE</code> . If you specify <code>TERMINAL</code> , then screen output is directed to the display, and scripts and logs are placed in the output directory path.
TEXT XML	Output type. Use <code>XML</code> to specify XML output. If you do not specify an output type, then the default is <code>TEXT</code> .
DIR <i>output_dir</i>	Directs the output to a specific directory. If you do not specify an output directory with the <code>DIR</code> option, then the output is directed to one of the following default locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you do not specify an output directory with <code>DIR</code>, but you define an <code>ORACLE_BASE</code> environment variable, then the generated scripts and log files are created. If you do not specify an output directory, and <code>ORACLE_BASE</code> is not defined, then the generated scripts and log files are created in the following path: <code>ORACLE_HOME/cfgtoollogs/dbunique_name/preupgrade</code>
-c "pdb1 pdb2 pdb3" (Windows)	Specifies a list of containers inside a CDB that you want to include for processing (a "White list"). Provide a space-delimited list of PDBs that you want processed. To specify the list, use single quotes on Linux and UNIX operating systems, and use double quotes on Windows systems. If you do not specify either <code>-c</code> or <code>-C</code> , then all PDBs in a CDB are processed.
-c 'pdb1 pdb2 pdb3' (Linux and UNIX)	

Command Option	Description
<p><code>-C "pdb1 pdb2 pdb3"</code> (Windows)</p> <p><code>-C 'pdb1 pdb2 pdb3'</code> (Linux and UNIX)</p>	<p>Specifies a list of containers inside a CDB that you want to exclude from processing (a "Black list"). Provide a space-delimited list of PDBs that you want to exclude from processing. To specify the list, use single quotes on Linux and UNIX operating systems, and use double quotes on Windows systems.</p> <p>If you do not specify either <code>-c</code> or <code>-C</code>, then all PDBs in a CDB are processed.</p>
<code>-loadonly</code>	<p>Loads the <code>DBMS_PREUP</code> package into the database when it is in <code>READ WRITE</code> mode, without carrying out any other action.</p> <p>You can use this parameter to prepare a given Non-CDB or CDB database so that the <code>DBMS_PREUP</code> package is loaded when you run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool, and the DB (DB or Container) is in <code>READ-ONLY</code> mode. If you want use the tool to analyze a database in read-only mode, then you must use this command to load the <code>DBMS_PREUP</code> package into the database while it is in <code>READ WRITE</code> mode, before you set it to <code>READ-ONLY</code> mode.</p> <p>You can also use this parameter with a Read-Only Standby database, in which you load the package in the primary database, and run the package in the standby.</p>
<code>-p password</code>	<p>Provides the password for the user.</p> <p>If you do not use operating system authentication to connect to the database, then use the <code>-p</code> option to specify a password on the command line. If a username is specified on the command line with <code>-u</code>, but no password specified with <code>-p</code>, then the tool prompts you for a password.</p>
<code>-u username</code>	<p>Provides the user name of the user that you want to use to connect as SYSDBA to the database that you want to check. Use this option only if you do not use operating system authentication to connect to the database</p> <p>For example, You log in as a user that is not a member of the OSDBA group for the database that you want to check. In that case, the user account does not have operating system authentication privileges for the SYSDBA system privilege. Use the <code>-u</code> and <code>-p</code> option to provide data dictionary authentication to log in as a user with SYSDBA system privileges.</p>
<code>-oh oracle_home</code>	<p>Specifies an Oracle home that you want to check. Provide the path of the Oracle home that you want to check.</p> <p>If you do not specify an Oracle home path to check, then the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool defaults to the path specified by the user environment variable for the Oracle home. That variable is <code>\$ORACLE_HOME</code> on Linux and Unix systems, and <code>%ORACLE_HOME%</code> on Windows systems.</p>
<code>-sid system_identifier</code>	<p>Specifies an Oracle system identifier that you want to check. Provide the <code>ORACLE_SID</code> of the database that you want to check.</p>
<code>-help</code>	<p>Displays the command-line syntax help text.</p>

Example A-1 Non-CDB In the Source Oracle Home Example

1. Set your user environment variables to point to the earlier release Oracle home.

```
$ export ORACLE_HOME=/u01/app/oracle/product/12.1.0/dbhome_1
$ export ORACLE_BASE=/u01/app/oracle
$ export ORACLE_SID=sales01
$ export PATH=.:$ORACLE_HOME/bin:$PATH
```

2. Run the new release Oracle Database Pre-Upgrade Information Tool on the earlier release Oracle Database server using the environment settings you have set to the earlier release Oracle home. For example:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/jdk/bin/java -jar /u01/app/oracle/product/19.0.0/rdbms/
admin/preupgrade.jar TERMINAL TEXT
```

Example A-2 CDB in a Source Oracle Home

1. Open all the pluggable databases

```
SQL> alter pluggable database all open;
```

2. Set your user environment variables to point to the earlier release Oracle home.

```
$ export ORACLE_HOME=/u01/app/oracle/product/12.1.0/dbhome_1
$ export ORACLE_BASE=/u01/app/oracle
$ export ORACLE_SID=sales01
$ export PATH=.:$ORACLE_HOME/bin:$PATH
```

3. Run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool with an inclusion list, using the `-c` option. In this example, the inclusion list is PDB1 and PDB2, and the command is run on a Linux or UNIX system. The output of the command is displayed to the terminal, and the output is displayed as text.

```
$ORACLE_HOME/jdk/bin/java -jar /u01/app/oracle/product/19.0.0/dbhome_1/
rdbms/admin/preupgrade.jar TERMINAL TEXT -c 'pdb1 pdb2'
```

Output of the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool

The Pre-Upgrade Information Tool (`preupgrade.jar`) creates fixup scripts and log files in the output directory that you specify with the `DIR` command-line option.

When you run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool, it generates the following files inside the directory that you specify as the output directory.

Log File (`preupgrade.log`)

The file `preupgrade.log` is the report that the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool generates whenever you run the command with the `FILE` option. The log file contains all the tool recommendations and requirements for upgrade. The log file is located in the following path: `$ORACLE_BASE/cfgtoollogs/dbua/upgrade/SID/`. If you run the command with the `TERMINAL` option, then the content of this file is output to the display. Refer to the section "Pre-Upgrade Information Tool Output Example" for an example of a log file.

XML DBUA File (upgrade.xml)

If you specify XML file output on the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool command line, then it generates the `upgrade.xml` file instead of `preupgrade.log`.

Preupgrade Fixup File (preupgrade_fixups.sql) and Postupgrade Fixup File (postupgrade_fixups.sql)

The Pre-Upgrade Information Tool identifies issues that can block or hinder an upgrade.

Some issues require a DBA to resolve, because it is not possible for the automated script to understand the specific goals of your application. However, other issues do not present any difficulty in resolving. In these cases, the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool automatically generates scripts that contain the SQL statements necessary to resolve the issues. Using these scripts can perform, track, and simplify the work that DBAs must do to resolve potential upgrade issues. The SQL statements that resolve issues before upgrade are placed in the `preupgrade_fixups.sql` script. The SQL statements that resolve issues after upgrade are placed in the `postupgrade_fixups.sql` script. When you run the Pre-Upgrade Information tool on a multitenant architecture Oracle Database, you can run the consolidated scripts `preupgrade_fixups.sql` script and `postupgrade_fixups.sql` across all the containers. Run the consolidated scripts using `catcon.pl`.

Both of these fixup files are generated in the output directory that you specify with the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool `DIR` command-line option.

The script carries out the following steps to resolve pre-upgrade or post-upgrade issues:

1. For each issue that the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool identifies, it reruns the individual Pre-Upgrade Information Tool check again, to determine if the issue is still present.
2. If the issue is present, then the tool does one of the following, depending on whether there is a fixup routine for the issue:
 - If there is an Oracle-supplied fixup routine for that issue, then the script executes that fixup routine. It then reruns the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool check again, to confirm that the issue is resolved. If the issue is resolved, then the script displays a message that the issue is resolved.
 - If there is no Oracle-supplied fixup routine, then the script displays a message that the issue is still present.

Review the issues that the script indicates are still present after it completes its checks. Resolve all the issues marked `Required` before upgrading. You can choose to resolve recommended fixes and informational fixes. You can rerun the `preupgrade_fixups.sql` and `postupgrade_fixups.sql` scripts as many times as you want to. You can use the scripts as a progress report to track remaining issues as part of your issue resolution plan.

After you resolve issues identified by the Preupgrade fixup and Postupgrade fixup scripts, Oracle recommends that you rerun the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool (`preupgrade.jar`) one more time before upgrade. Running the tool one more time helps to confirm that you have resolved all issues that you intend to address.

If you are checking a multitenant environment system (CDBs and PDBs), then the `preupgrade_fixups.sql` and `postupgrade_fixups.sql` scripts contain a rollup of the fixup code for all the individual PDBs. They are coded so that only the code for the current PDB runs. You can run the same script in each PDB. The script fixes only the issues in that PDB. As a result, it is easy to use the `preupgrade_fixups.sql` and `postupgrade_fixups.sql` with `catcon.pl` to run fixups across an entire CDB.

Related Topics

- [Pre-Upgrade Information Tool Output Example](#)
- [Scripts for Upgrading Oracle Database](#)

Pre-Upgrade Information Tool Output Example

In this example, you can see how the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool displays recommended fixes, but does not carry out fixes automatically.

You have control over how and when the fixup scripts are run.

The following example shows the output that is generated and written to `preupgrade.log` by running the Oracle Database 18c Pre-Upgrade Information Tool on a release 12.2.0.1 CDB:

```
$ java -jar preupgrade.jar TEXT TERMINAL
Report generated by Oracle Database Pre-Upgrade Information Tool Version
18.0.0.0.0 on 2018-06-13T15:08:45
```

```
Upgrade-To version: 18.0.0.0.0
```

```
=====
Status of the database prior to upgrade
=====
```

```
Database Name: CDB2
Container Name: CDB$ROOT
Container ID: 1
Version: 12.2.0.1.0
Compatible: 12.2.0
Blocksize: 8192
Platform: Linux x86 64-bit
Timezone File: 26
Database log mode: NOARCHIVELOG
Readonly: FALSE
Edition: EE
```

Oracle Component	Upgrade Action	Current Status
Oracle Server	[to be upgraded]	VALID
JServer JAVA Virtual Machine	[to be upgraded]	VALID
Oracle XDK for Java	[to be upgraded]	VALID
Real Application Clusters	[to be upgraded]	OPTION OFF
Oracle Workspace Manager	[to be upgraded]	VALID
Oracle Label Security	[to be upgraded]	VALID
Oracle XML Database	[to be upgraded]	VALID
Oracle Java Packages	[to be upgraded]	VALID


```
=====
BEFORE UPGRADE
=====
```

REQUIRED ACTIONS

```
=====
```

None

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

```
=====
```

1. Run 12.2.0.1.0 \$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/utlpr.sql to recompile invalid

objects. You can view the individual invalid objects with

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON;
EXECUTE DBMS_PREUP.INVALID_OBJECTS;
```

3 objects are INVALID.

There should be no INVALID objects in SYS/SYSTEM or user schemas before database upgrade.

2. Review and remove any unnecessary HIDDEN/UNDERSCORE parameters.

The database contains the following initialization parameters whose name begins with an underscore:

```
_exclude_seed_cdb_view
```

Remove hidden parameters before database upgrade unless your application vendors and/or Oracle Support state differently. Changes will need to be made in the pfile/spfile.

3. (AUTOFIXUP) Gather stale data dictionary statistics prior to database upgrade in off-peak time using:

```
EXECUTE DBMS_STATS.GATHER_DICTIONARY_STATS;
```

Dictionary statistics do not exist or are stale (not up-to-date).

Dictionary statistics help the Oracle optimizer find efficient SQL execution plans and are essential for proper upgrade timing. Oracle recommends gathering dictionary statistics in the last 24 hours before database upgrade.

For information on managing optimizer statistics, refer to the 12.2.0.1 Oracle Database SQL Tuning Guide.

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4. To help you keep track of your tablespace allocations, the following AUTOEXTEND tablespaces are expected to successfully EXTEND during the upgrade process.

Tablespace	Size	Min Size For Upgrade
-----	-----	-----
SYSAUX	550 MB	616 MB
SYSTEM	700 MB	1117 MB
TEMP	22 MB	150 MB
UNDOTBS1	315 MB	433 MB

Minimum tablespace sizes for upgrade are estimates.

5. No action needed.

Using default parallel upgrade options, this CDB with 1 PDBs will first upgrade the CDB\$ROOT, and then upgrade at most 1 PDBs at a time using 2 parallel processes per PDB.

The number of PDBs upgraded in parallel and the number of parallel processes per PDB can be adjusted as described in Database Upgrade Guide.

ORACLE GENERATED FIXUP SCRIPT

=====

All of the issues in database CDB2 container CDB\$ROOT which are identified above as BEFORE UPGRADE "(AUTOFIXUP)" can be resolved by executing the following from within the container

```
SQL>@/u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/CDB2/preupgrade/preupgrade_fixups.sql
```

=====

AFTER UPGRADE

=====

REQUIRED ACTIONS

=====

None

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

=====

6. Upgrade the database time zone file using the DBMS_DST package.

The database is using time zone file version 26 and the target 18.0.0.0.0 release ships with time zone file version 31.

Oracle recommends upgrading to the desired (latest) version of the time zone file. For more information, refer to "Upgrading the Time Zone

File

and Timestamp with Time Zone Data" in the 18.0.0.0.0 Oracle Database Globalization Support Guide.

7. (AUTOFIXUP) Gather dictionary statistics after the upgrade using the command:

```
EXECUTE DBMS_STATS.GATHER_DICTIONARY_STATS;
```

Oracle recommends gathering dictionary statistics after upgrade.

Dictionary statistics provide essential information to the Oracle optimizer to help it find efficient SQL execution plans. After a database upgrade, statistics need to be re-gathered as there can now be tables that have significantly changed during the upgrade or new tables that do not have statistics gathered yet.

8. Gather statistics on fixed objects after the upgrade and when there is a representative workload on the system using the command:

```
EXECUTE DBMS_STATS.GATHER_FIXED_OBJECTS_STATS;
```

This recommendation is given for all preupgrade runs.

Fixed object statistics provide essential information to the Oracle optimizer to help it find efficient SQL execution plans. Those statistics are specific to the Oracle Database release that generates them, and can be stale upon database upgrade.

For information on managing optimizer statistics, refer to the 12.2.0.1 Oracle Database SQL Tuning Guide.

```
ORACLE GENERATED FIXUP SCRIPT
=====
```

All of the issues in database CDB2 container CDB\$ROOT which are identified above as AFTER UPGRADE "(AUTOFIXUP)" can be resolved by executing the following from within the container

```
SQL>@/u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/CDB2/preupgrade/postupgrade_fixups.sql
```

Report generated by Oracle Database Pre-Upgrade Information Tool Version 18.0.0.0.0 on 2018-06-13T15:08:58

Upgrade-To version: 18.0.0.0.0

```
=====
Status of the database prior to upgrade
=====
Database Name: CDB2
```

```

Container Name: PDB$SEED
Container ID: 2
  Version: 12.2.0.1.0
  Compatible: 12.2.0
  Blocksize: 8192
  Platform: Linux x86 64-bit
  Timezone File: 26
Database log mode: NOARCHIVELOG
  Readonly: TRUE
  Edition: EE
    
```

Oracle Component	Upgrade Action	Current Status
Oracle Server	[to be upgraded]	VALID
Real Application Clusters	[to be upgraded]	OPTION OFF
Oracle Workspace Manager	[to be upgraded]	VALID
Oracle XML Database	[to be upgraded]	VALID

```

=====
BEFORE UPGRADE
=====
    
```

```

REQUIRED ACTIONS
=====
None
    
```

```

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
=====
1. Run 12.2.0.1.0 $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/utlrp.sql to recompile
invalid
    
```

objects. You can view the individual invalid objects with

```

SET SERVEROUTPUT ON;
EXECUTE DBMS_PREUP.INVALID_OBJECTS;
    
```

6 objects are INVALID.

There should be no INVALID objects in SYS/SYSTEM or user schemas before database upgrade.

```

2. Review and remove any unnecessary HIDDEN/UNDERSCORE parameters.
    
```

The database contains the following initialization parameters whose name begins with an underscore:

```
_exclude_seed_cdb_view
    
```

Remove hidden parameters before database upgrade unless your application vendors and/or Oracle Support state differently. Changes will need to be made in the pfile/spfile.

3. (AUTOFIXUP) Gather stale data dictionary statistics prior to database upgrade in off-peak time using:

```
EXECUTE DBMS_STATS.GATHER_DICTIONARY_STATS;
```

Dictionary statistics do not exist or are stale (not up-to-date).

Dictionary statistics help the Oracle optimizer find efficient SQL execution plans and are essential for proper upgrade timing. Oracle recommends gathering dictionary statistics in the last 24 hours before database upgrade.

For information on managing optimizer statistics, refer to the 12.2.0.1 Oracle Database SQL Tuning Guide.

4. (AUTOFIXUP) Gather statistics on fixed objects prior the upgrade.

None of the fixed object tables have had stats collected.

Gathering statistics on fixed objects, if none have been gathered yet, is recommended prior to upgrading.

For information on managing optimizer statistics, refer to the 12.2.0.1 Oracle Database SQL Tuning Guide.

INFORMATION ONLY

=====

5. To help you keep track of your tablespace allocations, the following AUTOEXTEND tablespaces are expected to successfully EXTEND during the upgrade process.

Tablespace	Size	Min Size For Upgrade
-----	-----	-----
SYSAUX	235 MB	500 MB
SYSTEM	210 MB	584 MB
TEMP	20 MB	150 MB
UNDOTBS1	210 MB	412 MB

Minimum tablespace sizes for upgrade are estimates.

6. No action needed.

Using default parallel upgrade options, this CDB with 1 PDBs will first upgrade the CDB\$ROOT, and then upgrade at most 1 PDBs at a time using 2 parallel processes per PDB.

The number of PDBs upgraded in parallel and the number of parallel processes per PDB can be adjusted as described in Database Upgrade

Guide.

```

ORACLE GENERATED FIXUP SCRIPT
=====
All of the issues in database CDB2 container PDB$SEED
which are identified above as BEFORE UPGRADE "(AUTOFIXUP)" can be
resolved by
executing the following from within the container

SQL>@/u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/CDB2/preupgrade/preupgrade_fixups.sql

```

```

=====
AFTER UPGRADE
=====

```

```

REQUIRED ACTIONS
=====
None

```

```

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
=====
7. Upgrade the database time zone file using the DBMS_DST package.

```

```

The database is using time zone file version 26 and the target
18.0.0.0.0
release ships with time zone file version 31.

```

```

Oracle recommends upgrading to the desired (latest) version of the
time
zone file. For more information, refer to "Upgrading the Time Zone
File
and Timestamp with Time Zone Data" in the 18.0.0.0.0 Oracle Database
Globalization Support Guide.

```

```

8. (AUTOFIXUP) Gather dictionary statistics after the upgrade using the
command:

```

```
EXECUTE DBMS_STATS.GATHER_DICTIONARY_STATS;
```

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```

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optimizer to help it find efficient SQL execution plans. After a
database
upgrade, statistics need to be re-gathered as there can now be tables
that have significantly changed during the upgrade or new tables
that do
not have statistics gathered yet.

```

```

9. Gather statistics on fixed objects after the upgrade and when there
is a
representative workload on the system using the command:

```

```
EXECUTE DBMS_STATS.GATHER_FIXED_OBJECTS_STATS;
```

This recommendation is given for all preupgrade runs.

Fixed object statistics provide essential information to the Oracle optimizer to help it find efficient SQL execution plans. Those statistics are specific to the Oracle Database release that generates them, and can be stale upon database upgrade.

For information on managing optimizer statistics, refer to the 12.2.0.1 Oracle Database SQL Tuning Guide.

```
ORACLE GENERATED FIXUP SCRIPT
=====
All of the issues in database CDB2 container PDB$SEED
which are identified above as AFTER UPGRADE "(AUTOFIXUP)" can be
resolved by
executing the following from within the container
```

```
SQL>@/u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/CDB2/preupgrade/postupgrade_fixups.sql
```

```
=====
PREUPGRADE SUMMARY
=====
/u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/CDB2/preupgrade/preupgrade.log
/u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/CDB2/preupgrade/preupgrade_fixups.sql
/u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/CDB2/preupgrade/postupgrade_fixups.sql
```

Execute fixup scripts across the entire CDB:

Before upgrade:

1. Execute preupgrade fixups with the below command
`$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl -I$ORACLE_HOME/perl/lib -I$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catcon.pl -l /u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/CDB2/preupgrade/ -b preup_CDB2 /u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/CDB2/preupgrade/preupgrade_fixups.sql`
2. Review logs under /u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/CDB2/preupgrade/

After the upgrade:

1. Execute postupgrade fixups with the below command
`$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl -I$ORACLE_HOME/perl/lib -I$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catcon.pl -l /u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/CDB2/preupgrade/ -b postup_CDB2 /u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/CDB2/preupgrade/postupgrade_fixups.sql`
2. Review logs under /u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/CDB2/preupgrade/

Preupgrade complete: 2018-06-13T15:09:00

Pre-Upgrade Information Tool Warnings and Recommendations for Oracle Database

Analyze any Pre-Upgrade Information Tool warnings before you upgrade to the new release of Oracle Database. For each item that the tool reports, it provides you with information about how to fix the issue or warning.

For more detailed information, refer to My Oracle Support note 472937.1 for information about installed database components and schemas. Refer to My Oracle Support note 753041.1 for information about diagnosing components with `NON_VALID` status.

- [Updating Access Control Lists and Network Utility Packages](#)
To use UTL packages, you must complete a procedure to update access control lists (ACLs) and Network Utility Packages.
- [Evaluate Dependencies and Add ACLs for Network Utility Packages](#)
You can receive a warning about network utility package dependencies. Use this procedure to evaluate the dependencies, and provide access by adding the appropriate access control lists (ACLs).
- [About Database Links with Passwords from Earlier Oracle Database Releases](#)
This information is important only for downgrading to your original database release after performing the upgrade.
- [About Oracle Database Warnings for `TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE` Data Type](#)
Oracle Database upgrades include updated time zone data types, which may affect existing `TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE` data types.

Related Topics

- <https://support.oracle.com/rs?type=doc&id=472937.1>
- <https://support.oracle.com/rs?type=doc&id=753041.1>

Updating Access Control Lists and Network Utility Packages

To use UTL packages, you must complete a procedure to update access control lists (ACLs) and Network Utility Packages.

The access control of the UTL packages is implemented using Oracle Database Real Application Security. UTL packages include `UTL_TCP`, `UTL_SMTP`, `UTL_MAIL`, `UTL_HTTP`, and `UTL_INADDR`. The access control does not require Oracle XML DB.

1. Ensure that the logged-in user has the `connect` privilege for the host and port specified by `DBMS_LDAP.init`. There is new behavior for the `DBMS_LDAP` PL/SQL package and the `HttpUriType` type. Because of this new behavior, you must create or update access control lists (ACLs) after you upgrade to the new Oracle Database release.

For example, if your application depends on the `DBMS_LDAP` package, then the error "ORA-24247: network access denied by access control list (ACL)" can occur. To avoid this error, the logged-in user must have the `connect` privilege for the host and port specified by `DBMS_LDAP.init`.

2. If you have any of the following packages installed, then you can be required to reinstall these packages after upgrade:

- UTL_TCP
- UTL_SMTP
- UTL_MAIL
- UTL_HTTP
- UTL_INADDR

Ensure that you have the latest version of these packages for the new Oracle Database release.

Related Topics

- About Configuring Access Control Lists

Evaluate Dependencies and Add ACLs for Network Utility Packages

You can receive a warning about network utility package dependencies. Use this procedure to evaluate the dependencies, and provide access by adding the appropriate access control lists (ACLs).

1. Run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool.
2. Check the output from the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool (`preupgrade.jar`) for warning messages, such as the following example:

```
WARNING: --> Database contains schemas with objects dependent on network
packages.
.... Refer to the Database Upgrade Guide for instructions to configure Network
ACLs.
.... USER WKSYS has dependent objects.
.... USER SYSMAN has dependent objects.
.... USER FLOWS_010600 has dependent objects.
.
```

3. Query the view `DBA_DEPENDENCIES` to obtain more information about the dependencies. For example:

```
SELECT * FROM DBA_DEPENDENCIES
WHERE referenced_name IN
('UTL_TCP', 'UTL_SMTP', 'UTL_MAIL', 'UTL_HTTP', 'UTL_INADDR', 'DBMS_LDAP')
AND owner NOT IN ('SYS', 'PUBLIC', 'ORDPLUGINS');
```

4. To ensure that the new access controls are part of your upgrade testing, prepare a post-upgrade script to make the scripts available in your database environment.

Use the package `DBMS_NETWORK_ACL_ADMIN` to update your database access control lists (ACLs). You use this package to create, assign, and add privileges to the new access controls so that the updated access control packages can work as they did in prior releases.

5. After the upgrade, grant specific required privileges. Access is based on the usage in the original database.

About Database Links with Passwords from Earlier Oracle Database Releases

This information is important only for downgrading to your original database release after performing the upgrade.

During the upgrade to the new Oracle Database release, any passwords in database links are encrypted.

- To downgrade to the release from which you upgraded, you must drop all of the database links with encrypted passwords before the downgrade. Consequently, the database links are nonexistent in the downgraded database.
- If you must be able to downgrade to your original release, then save the information about affected database links from the `SYS.LINK$` table, so that you can recreate the database links after the downgrade.
- For information about earlier releases, refer to the original documentation for the Oracle Database release from which you upgraded. Also refer to your platform-specific *Oracle Database Installation Guide* for the earlier release.

 **See Also:**

Oracle Database Administrator's Guide for information about authentication and database links

About Oracle Database Warnings for `TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE` Data Type

Oracle Database upgrades include updated time zone data types, which may affect existing `TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE` data types.

The time zone files supplied with Oracle Database 12c are updated to reflect changes in transition rules for some time zone regions. The changes may affect existing `TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE` data types.

Oracle recommends that you ensure that you have the latest time zone files before you upgrade the database. If the time zone file version of the database you are upgrading is not the most recent version of the time zone file available for the new release of Oracle Database, then the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool displays a warning and describes how to proceed. The following table describes the warnings and summarizes how to resolve a mismatch in time zone file versions.

 **Caution:**

The `TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE` data stored in the database can become corrupted during the upgrade if there is a time zone file version mismatch.

Table A-2 Choices for Fixing the Time Zone File Version

Time Zone Version On the Database Being Upgraded	When to Fix the Time Zone Files
Earlier than the most current version included in the new database release and the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool displays "Database is using a time zone file older than version <i>n</i> ."	After completing the database upgrade. Use the <code>DBMS_DST</code> PL/SQL package and follow the instructions in "Steps to Upgrade Time Zone File and Timestamp with Time Zone Data." Refer to the following document: <i>Oracle Database Globalization Support Guide</i> .
Later than the version included in the new database release and the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool displays "Database is using a time zone file greater than version <i>n</i> ."	Before beginning the database upgrade. You must patch the Oracle home by using an <code>RDBMS_DST</code> patch with the appropriate patch for the time zone file version in use. Apply the patch for each database that you want to upgrade. Otherwise, the upgrade script terminates without upgrading the database. The <code>RDBMS_DST</code> patches are available from My Oracle Support note ID 412160.1.

Related Topics

- *Oracle Database PL/SQL Packages and Types Reference*
- <https://support.oracle.com/rs?type=doc&id=1509653.1>
- <https://support.oracle.com/rs?type=doc&id=412160.1>
- *Oracle Database Globalization Support Guide*

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Upgrading with Oracle Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA)

Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA) provides a graphical user interface to guide you through the upgrade of Oracle Database.

- [Recommendations for Using DBUA](#)
Review this topic to use Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA) for multitenant architecture.
- [About Stopping DBUA When Upgrading](#)
You must complete an upgrade manually if you stop DBUA.
- [How DBUA Processes the Upgrade for Oracle Database](#)
You can start DBUA as part of the database software installation, or you can start it manually after installing the software.
- [Upgrade Scripts Started by DBUA](#)
During the upgrade, DBUA automatically runs the appropriate upgrade scripts to automate the upgrade and minimize downtime.
- [Using DBUA to Upgrade the Database on Linux, Unix, and Windows Systems](#)
To upgrade a database using the DBUA graphical user interface, perform these steps from within the new Oracle home.
- [Moving a Database from an Existing Oracle Home](#)
Use this procedure to migrate Oracle Databases to another Oracle Database home.
- [Using DBUA in Silent Mode to Upgrade Oracle Database](#)
You can DBUA with the `-silent` command line option to carry out noninteractive (“silent”) upgrades using DBUA.

Recommendations for Using DBUA

Review this topic to use Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA) for multitenant architecture.

The preferred option for upgrading Oracle Database is to use the AutoUpgrade utility. However, you can use DBUA to upgrade multitenant architecture container databases (CDB), and pluggable databases (PDBs). Starting with Oracle Database 20c, you can no longer use DBCA to upgrade to a non-CDB Oracle Database.

 **Note:**

Starting with Oracle Database 20c, non-CDB architecture is desupported. You must upgrade a non-CDB Oracle Database to a PDB on a CDB.

- Before using DBUA to upgrade your system, Oracle strongly recommends that you run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool manually. DBUA runs the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool as part of the prerequisite checks it performs before starting the upgrade. However, to reduce downtime, Oracle recommends that you run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool as part of your upgrade planning, so that you can analyze the database, and take proactive steps before your planned upgrade date.
- To use guaranteed restore points, ensure that the database ARCHIVE LOG and FLASHBACK modes are on during upgrade. You can confirm that they are on by entering the following SQL command:

```
SQL> select log_mode,flashback_on from v$database;
```

- If the database instance is not running, then DBUA tries to start the instance. If the instance is up and running, then DBUA connects to it.
- If you restore your database manually (not using DBUA), then before starting DBUA, remove the `Welcome_SID.txt` file, which is located in the directory `ORACLE_HOME/cfgtoollogs/dbua/logs/`. If DBUA finds this file, then DBUA starts in a re-run operation.
- Restore scripts generally enable you to restore your database (pdb, high availability, or Oracle RAC) back to the earlier release and earlier Oracle home location. However, if you have registered your database with Oracle Internet Directory (OID), then the restore script cannot unregister Oracle Internet Directory. You must log in as an authorized user, and unregister the later release database manually.
- If Oracle Database Vault is enabled, then review in this document “Requirement for Upgrading Oracle Databases That Use Oracle Database Vault”.

About Stopping DBUA When Upgrading

You must complete an upgrade manually if you stop DBUA.

If you stop the upgrade, but do not restore the database, then you cannot continue to upgrade using DBUA. You must instead continue the upgrade using the manual (command line) upgrade procedure. You cannot go back to the original Oracle Database server unless you restore your database.

Related Topics

- [Manually Upgrading a Multitenant Container Oracle Database \(CDB\)](#)

How DBUA Processes the Upgrade for Oracle Database

You can start DBUA as part of the database software installation, or you can start it manually after installing the software.

If you install the new Oracle Database software, and you specify that you are upgrading an existing Oracle database, then DBUA starts automatically. You can also start DBUA independently after the installation is completed.

While the upgrade is in process, DBUA shows the upgrade progress for each component. DBUA writes detailed trace and log files and produces a complete HTML report for later reference. To enhance security, DBUA automatically locks new user

accounts in the upgraded database. DBUA then proceeds to create new configuration files (parameter and listener files) in the new Oracle home.

DBUA does not begin the upgrade process until all the pre-upgrade steps are completed.

Related Topics

- [Rerunning Upgrades for Oracle Database](#)
- [Tasks to Prepare for Oracle Database Upgrades](#)

Upgrade Scripts Started by DBUA

During the upgrade, DBUA automatically runs the appropriate upgrade scripts to automate the upgrade and minimize downtime.

During the prerequisite phase, DBUA runs the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool script, and uses the following logic to modify or create new required tablespaces:

- If the data files are auto-extensible and have enough disk space to grow, then DBUA continues with the upgrade.
- If the data files are not auto-extensible, then DBUA prompts you and makes the files auto-extensible.
- If the tablespaces are auto-extensible and the `MAXSIZE` initialization parameter needs adjustment, then DBUA prompts you to for this adjustment, and adjusts the `MAXSIZE` parameter.
- If there is not enough disk space to grow, then DBUA prompts you to create space by adding more data files. DBUA does not automatically add new data files, because DBUA cannot determine where to create the files.

DBUA addresses many issues found during the prerequisite phase. For example, DBUA can ensure that the correct time zone file is used, and make ACL adjustments for network access control lists.

During the upgrade phase, DBUA runs `catctl.pl`, which runs the upgrade processes in parallel instead of serially. Parallel runs optimize utilization of CPU resources to hasten the upgrade and minimize downtime.

Using DBUA to Upgrade the Database on Linux, Unix, and Windows Systems

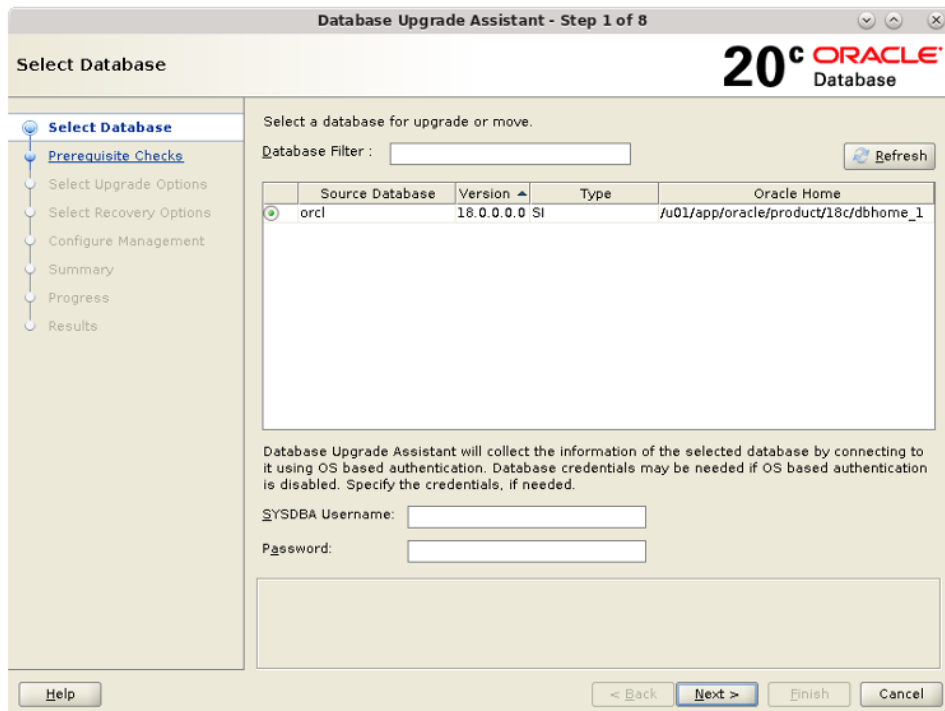
To upgrade a database using the DBUA graphical user interface, perform these steps from within the new Oracle home.

On Microsoft Windows systems (Windows), run DBUA either as an Oracle Database administrative user (a user with the operating system-assigned `ORA_DBA` role), or as the Oracle installation owner account.

1. Start Oracle Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA) from the Oracle home where the new database software is installed. The `dbua` executable is located in the directory path `ORACLE_HOME/bin`.

- On Linux or Unix platforms, log in as a user with SYSDBA privileges, and enter the following command at a system prompt in the new home for Oracle Database 20c:

```
./dbua
```
 - On Windows operating systems, select **Start**, then **Programs**, then **Oracle HOME_NAME**, then **Configuration and Migration Tools**, and then **Database Upgrade Assistant**.
2. The Select Database window displays. If you have earlier release Oracle Database installations, then these installations are listed as available to upgrade.



If you need help on any DBUA window, or if you want to consult more documentation about DBUA, then click **Help** to open the online help.

If needed, enter the SYSDBA user name and password for the database that you select.

If you run DBUA from a user account that does not have SYSDBA privileges, or if the source database does not have operating system authentication, then you must enter the user name and password credentials to enable SYSDBA privileges for the selected database. If the user account you use has SYSDBA privileges, or you used operating system authentication, then you do not need to enter the user name and password.

Click **Next** after making your selection.

 **Note:**

- You can select only one database at a time.
- With single-instance upgrades, if the database does not appear in the list, then check to see if an entry with the database name exists in `/etc/oratab`. If the database is not listed there, then direct DBUA to upgrade particular databases:

- If your single-instance database is not listed in `/etc/oratab`, and DBUA can connect to the database, then you can direct DBUA to upgrade that database explicitly by starting DBUA using the command-line arguments `-sid Oracle_SID`, `-oracleHome Oracle_home`, and `sysDBAPassword password` as a command-line argument. For example:

```
dbua -sid Oracle_SID -oracleHome /u01/app/oracle/18.1.0/dbhome1 -sysDBAUserName SYS -sysDBAPassword password
```

- If your account does not have SYSDBA privileges, or you do not have operating system authentication set up, then you can use the following syntax to connect, where `mydb` is your Oracle Database SID, `username` is a user name with SYSDBA privileges, and `password` is that user name's password:

```
dbua -sid mydb -oracleHome /u01/app/oracle/18.1.0/dbhome1 -sysDBAUserName - username -sysDBAPassword - password
```

- Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) upgrades: If the database does not appear on the list, then enter the following `crsctl` command to check for Oracle RAC instances:

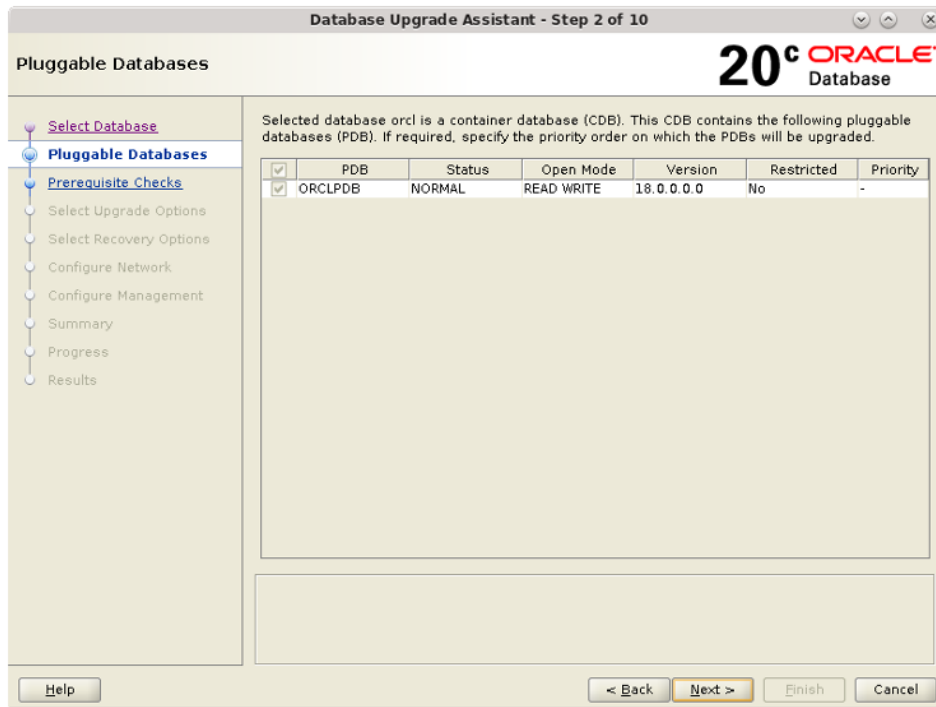
```
crsctl status resource -t
```

You can also enter the following command to check for a particular Oracle RAC database, where `db_name` is the Oracle RAC database name:

```
crsctl status resource ora.db_name.db
```

- On Microsoft Windows, the following security changes affect authentication and user accounts:
 - For security reasons, Windows NTS authentication using the NTLM protocol is no longer supported. Kerberos authentication is the only supported authentication. In this release, NTS does not work either in Windows NT domains, or in domains with Windows NT controllers.
 - Oracle uses standard Microsoft Windows user accounts instead of the Windows `LocalSystem` account to run Oracle database services. Reducing the account access privileges for the Oracle installation owner provides better security on Microsoft Windows.

3. DBUA displays the Pluggable Databases window. The Pluggable Databases window lists the pluggable databases contained in the CDB. The listed PDBs are upgraded as part of the upgrade for the selected CDB.

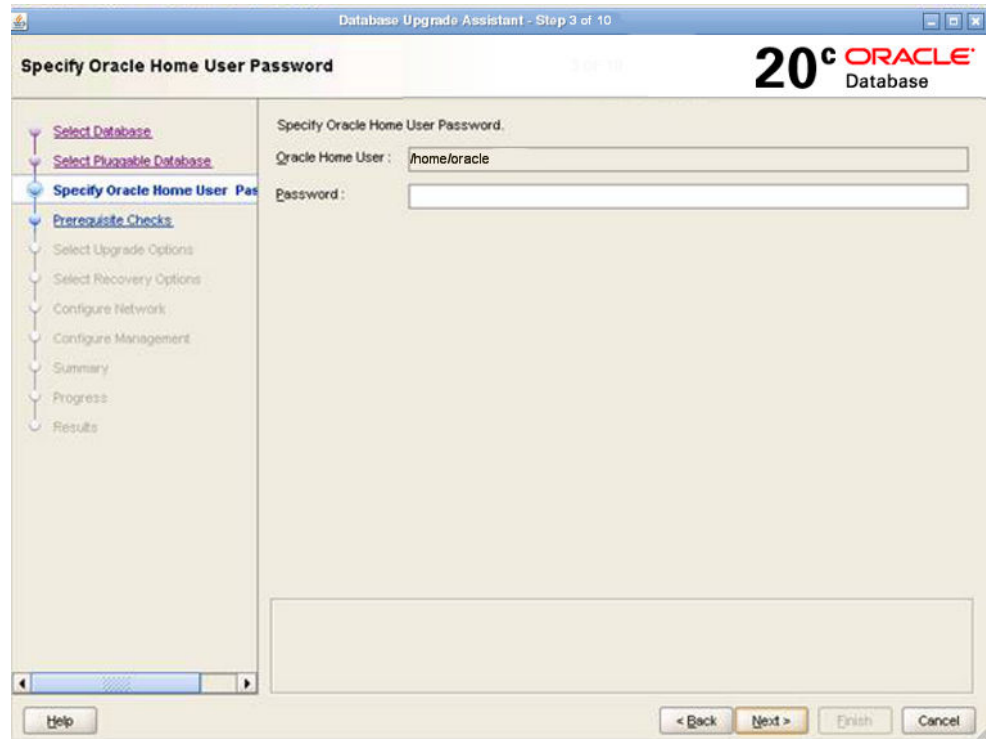


You can select the upgrade priority for PDBs. Click in the priority column for each PDB, and enter a numeric value for upgrade priority, where 1 is upgraded first, 2 is upgraded second, and so on.

By default, CDB\$ROOT, PDB\$SEED, and all PDBs that are plugged into the CDB are upgraded. If you do not want some PDBs to be upgraded now, then unplug those PDBs.

When you have completed selecting PDBs and upgrade priorities, click **Next**.

4. Windows platforms only: If the upgrade target home is a secure home that is associated with an Oracle home user, then the Specify Oracle Home User Password window opens. For other platforms, proceed to the next step.

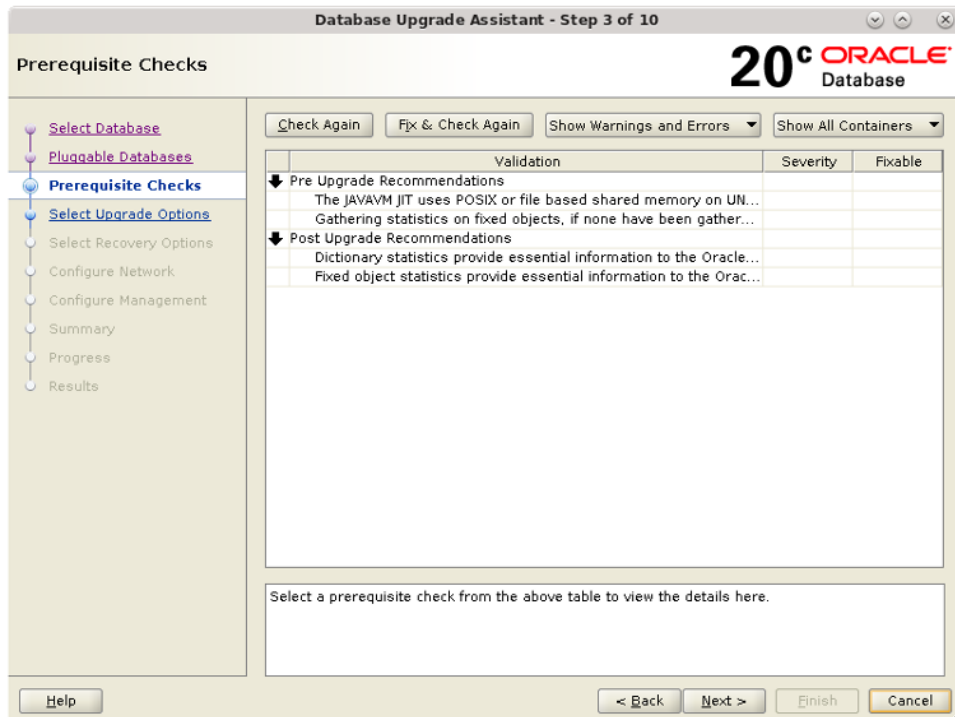


Provide the Oracle home user name, and provide the password for this user account, and click **Next**.

5. The Prerequisite Checks window opens. DBUA analyzes the databases, performing preupgrade checks and displaying warnings as necessary. The following is a list of examples of DBUA checks, and of actions that DBUA performs on the database:
 - Empty database recycle bin.
 - Identify invalid objects.
 - Identify deprecated and unsupported initialization parameters.
 - Identify time zone data file version.

The analysis takes several minutes to complete.

When DBUA finishes its analysis, the Prerequisite Checks window displays again, showing the results of the checks.



The Prerequisite Checks window shows the checks that DBUA has completed, and the severity of any errors discovered. When DBUA finds errors, it indicates which errors are fixable, and what action you can take to correct the error.

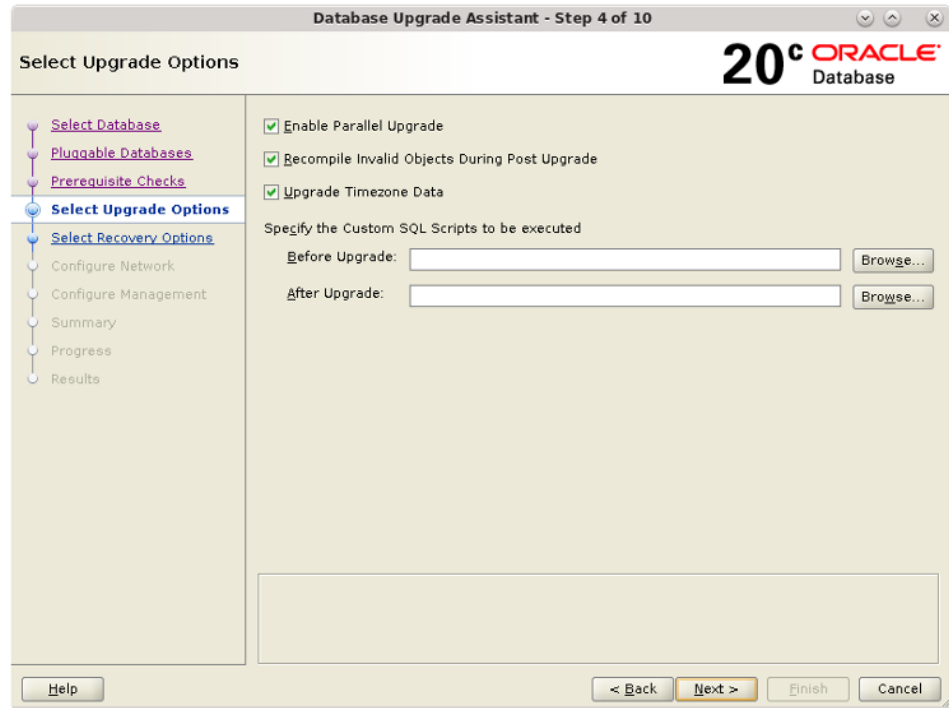
Select **Fix & Check Again** if any errors that DBUA can fix appear.

If DBUA detects errors that it cannot correct, then fix the cause of the error manually, and select **Check Again**.

If DBUA finds no errors or warnings, then the DBUA automatically bypasses this window and proceeds to the next window.

When you have fixed detected errors, click **Next**.

6. The Select Upgrade Options window displays.



This window provides the following options:

Enable Parallel Upgrade

Select this option if you want to enable parallelism during the upgrade process. Running upgrade processes in parallel reduces the time required to perform the upgrade, based on the number of CPUs available to handle the running of scripts and processes simultaneously.

Recompile Invalid Objects During Post Upgrade

This option recompiles all invalid PL/SQL modules after the upgrade is complete. If you do not have DBUA recompile invalid objects in its post-upgrade phase, then you must manually recompile invalid objects after the database is upgraded.

Upgrade Time Zone Data

This option updates the time zone data file for this release. If you do not select this option, then you must update the time zone configuration file manually after the upgrade.

Specify custom SQL scripts to be executed.

If you want to run custom SQL scripts as part of your upgrade, then select this option. As needed, click **Browse** for the **Before Upgrade** or **After Upgrade** input fields. Navigate to the location where your custom SQL scripts are located.

When you have made your selections, click **Next**.

7. The Select Recovery Options window appears. To recover the database if a failure occurs during upgrade, select from one of the following options:
 - **Use Flashback and Guaranteed Restore Point.**

You can create a new Guaranteed Restore Point, or use an existing one. If you use an existing restore point, then click the selection button to select the restore point that you want to use.

 **Note:**

If the database that you are upgrading has Oracle Data Guard physical standbys, then you must first create a guaranteed restore point on each standby before you create one on the primary database. If you do not create restore points on each standby first, then you must recreate all standby databases again after using the guaranteed restore point to downgrade the primary database. After the upgrade is successful, you must manually drop all guaranteed restore points on the standbys.

- **Use RMAN Backup**

Select among the following RMAN backup options:

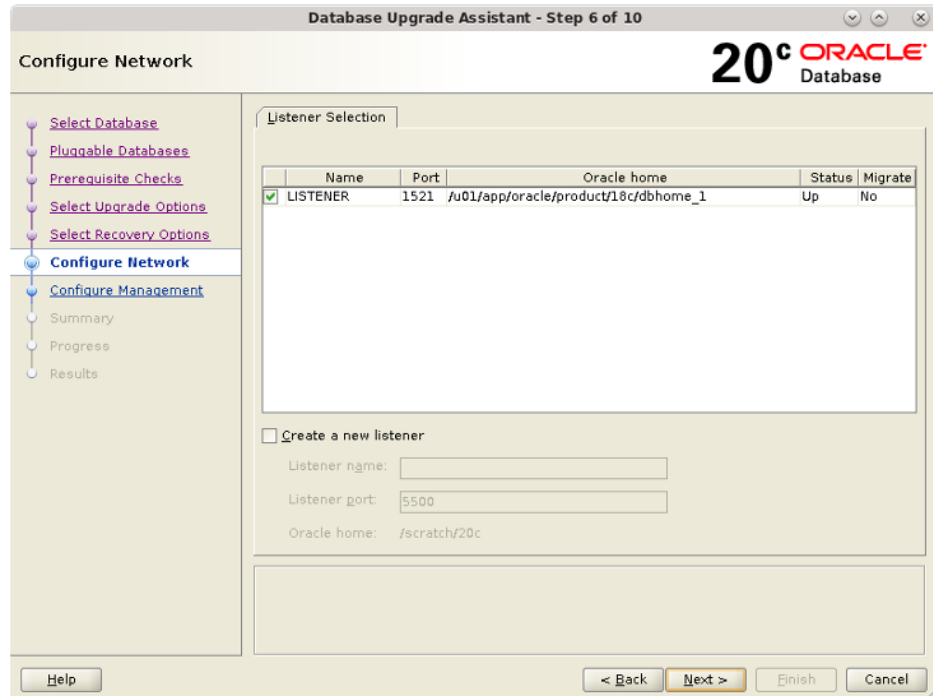
- **Create a new Offline RMAN backup.** Select a path where you want to place the backup.
- **Create a New Partial Offline RMAN Backup with R/O User Tablespace.** If you select this option, then user tablespaces are placed into read-only mode during the upgrade, and a new partial offline RMAN backup is created.
- **Use Latest Available Full RMAN Backup.** If you select this option, then click **Edit Restore Script** to select the backup that you want to use.

- **I have my own backup and restore strategy.**

Select this option only if you have a third-party backup solution in place for your existing database.

When you have made your selections, click **Next**.

8. For single-instance database installations, the Configure Network window opens. Select one or more listeners from the source Oracle home that you want to migrate to the new upgraded Oracle home, or create a new listener during installation.



The Listener Selection area of the Network Configuration window shows a table with the following columns:

- **Select** column. Select the listeners that you want to update.
- **Name** This column shows listener names.
- **Port** This column shows the ports on which listeners are configured.
- **Oracle Home** This column shows the Oracle home where listeners are configured.
- **Status** This column shows the listener status (up or down).
- **Migrate** Select this column, and choose **Yes** to migrate, or **No** if you do not want to migrate.

You can also select to create a new listener. If you create a new listener, then provide the listener name, the Oracle home where you want it placed, and the port that you want to configure the listener to monitor.

After you make your choices, DBUA completes the following steps for any listeners that you migrate:

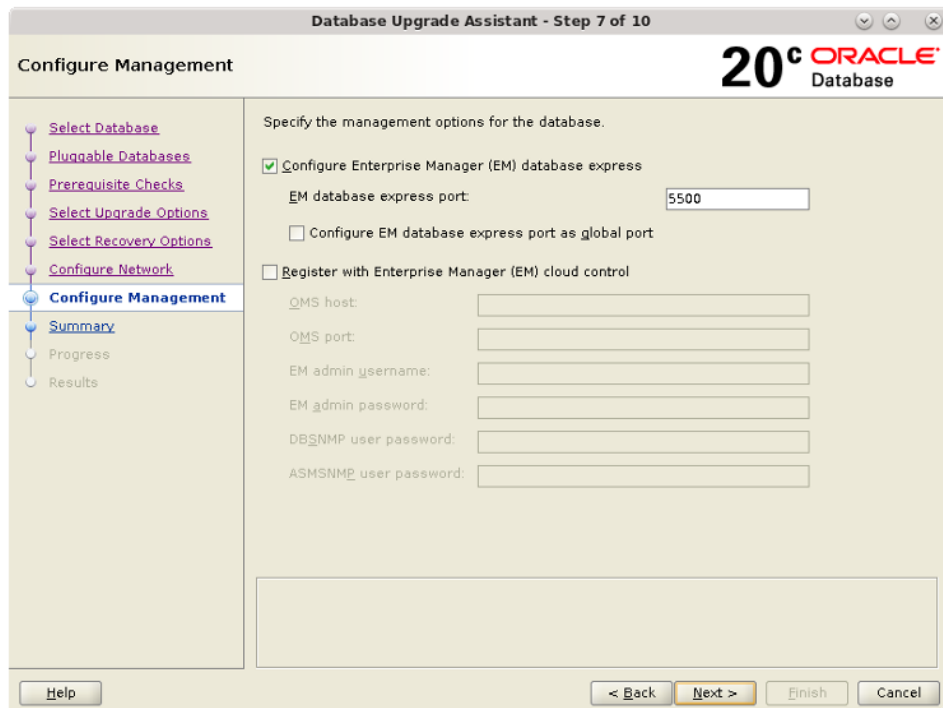
- a. DBUA adds the selected listener to the `listener.ora` file of the target Oracle home, and starts it.
- b. DBUA removes the entry of the upgraded database from the old (source) `listener.ora` file.
- c. DBUA reloads the `listener.ora` file in both the source and target Oracle Database environments.

 **Note:**

If there are other databases registered with the same listener, then their new client connection requests can be affected during listener migration.

Click **Next** when you have completed your choices.

- The Configure Management window appears. In the Configure Management window, select the management options:



- **Configure Enterprise Manager (EM) database express**

Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Express is a web-based database management application that is built into Oracle Database. EM Express replaces the DB Control component that was available in earlier releases. If you select to configure Enterprise Manager Database Express, then Enter the EM Database Express Port number. For example: 5500. You can also select the check box to configure the express port as the global port.

- **Register with Enterprise Manager (EM) Cloud Control**

Registering with Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control adds the database and its related entities, such as Listener, Oracle ASM disk groups, and Oracle Clusterware, as targets that you can manage with EM Cloud Control.

If you select this option, then you must provide information in the following fields:

- OMS Host

- OMS Port
- EM Admin Username
- EM Admin Password
- DBSNMP User Password
- ASMSNMP User Password

When you have completed entering information, click **Next**.

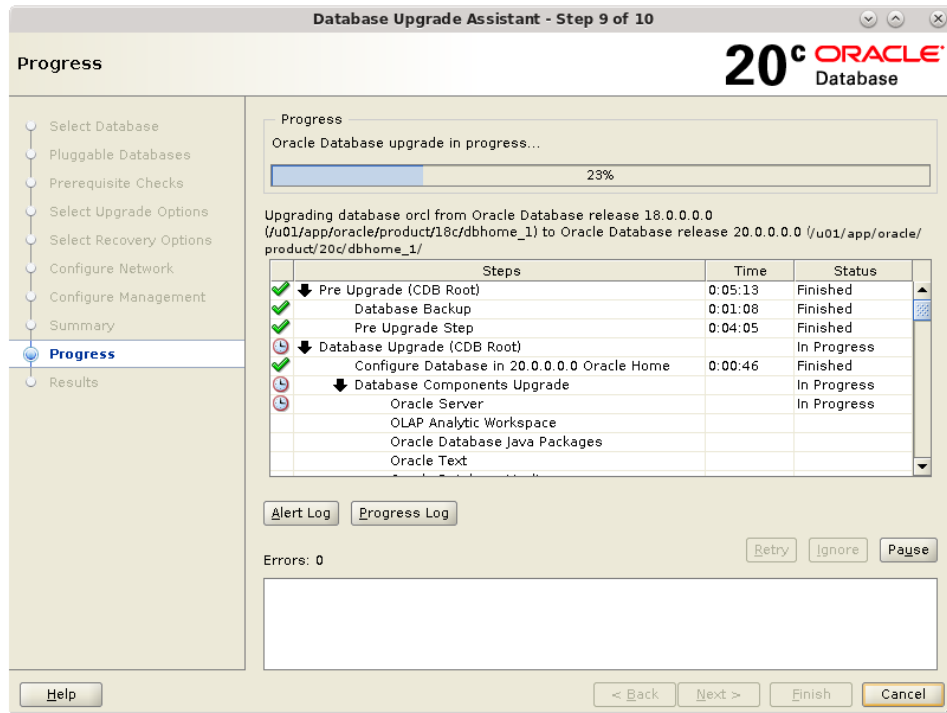
10. The Summary window opens. The Summary window shows the information that you have provided for the upgrade. Scroll down the list to review the information. The summary includes information such as the following:

- Source Database
- Target Database
- Pluggable Databases
- Pre-Upgrade Checks
- Initialization Parameters changes
- Timezone Upgrade

Check your selections. Then, either select a link to the item that you want to change, or click **Back** to go to earlier pages, or select **Finish**:

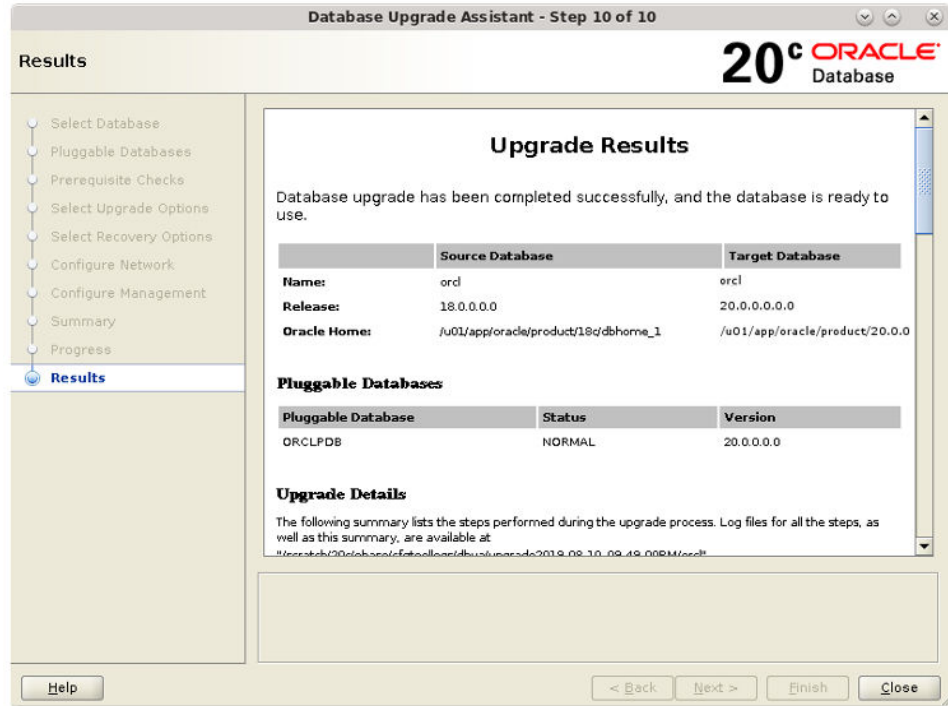
- If you see information in the Summary window that you want to correct, then click a link on an item that you want to update, or click **Back** to navigate backward through the DBUA configuration interview.
- Click **Finish** if the information that you see in the Summary window is correct. The upgrade begins after you select **Finish**.

The Progress window displays with the progress bar, as DBUA begins the upgrade. The Progress window displays a table that shows the steps DBUA is completing during the upgrade. This table shows the time duration, and the upgrade steps status as the upgrade proceeds. DBUA provides a **Stop** button in case you must cancel the upgrade at this point.



When the upgrade has progressed through finishing the upgrade of the CDB root and each PDB seed, the Progress window marks the status as **Finished**.

- After the upgrade is complete, the Results window opens. The Results window displays information about the original database, and about the upgraded database. The Upgrade Results report also shows changes that DBUA made to the initialization parameters. If you are upgrading a multitenant architecture database, then the Results window also shows pluggable databases, and the directory where log files are stored after the upgrade. Scroll down to see more details about preupgrade checks. If the upgrade is successful, then the Upgrade Results field reports the results, and you do not see warning messages. If the upgrade was unsuccessful, then the **Restore Database** button is displayed on the lower right corner below the display field. You can click this button to start a database restoration.



12. Optional: Examine the log files to obtain more details about the upgrade process. If the Oracle base environment variable is set, then the DBUA log files are located in the path `/ORACLE_BASE/cfgtoollogs/dbua/upgradesession_timestamp/SID`. If Oracle base is not set, then the DBUA log files are located in the path `/ORACLE_HOME/cfgtoollogs/dbua/upgradesession_timestamp/SID`

 **Note:**

An HTML version of the Upgrade Results window is also saved in the log files directory. You can click the links in this HTML window to view the log windows in your browser.

If you are satisfied with the upgrade results, then click **Close** to quit DBUA.

13. After your upgrade is completed, carry out post-upgrade procedures described in this book. When you have completed post-upgrade procedures, your upgraded database is ready to use.

 **Caution:**

To prevent unauthorized use of the database, Oracle recommends that you change all user passwords immediately after you upgrade your database.

If the default security settings for Oracle Database 12c and later releases are in place, then passwords must be at least eight characters. Passwords such as `welcome` and `oracle` are not allowed.

Moving a Database from an Existing Oracle Home

Use this procedure to migrate Oracle Databases to another Oracle Database home.

You can use Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA) to migrate Oracle Database databases from an existing Oracle home to another Oracle home.

1. Start DBUA.

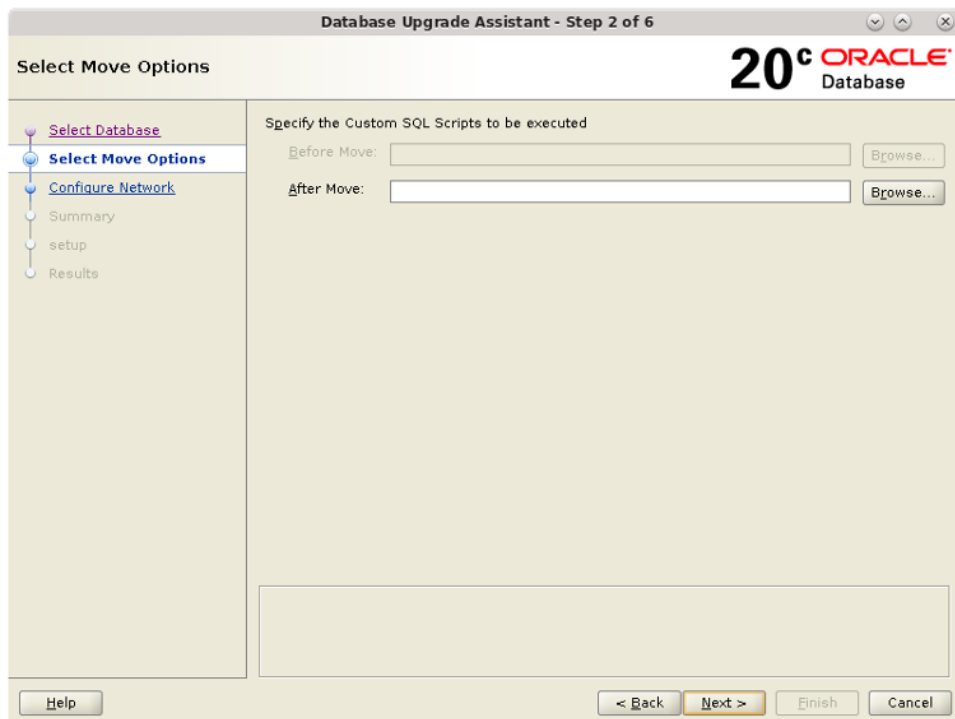
DBUA opens the Select Database window.

All databases on the server are listed. DBUA indicates the type of operation that you can perform for each database (upgrade, move, in place), depending on the database release and location.

Select a database that you want to move to the new Oracle home. If you have not enabled operating system authentication for the database, then provide the SYSDBA user name and password for the database that you select.

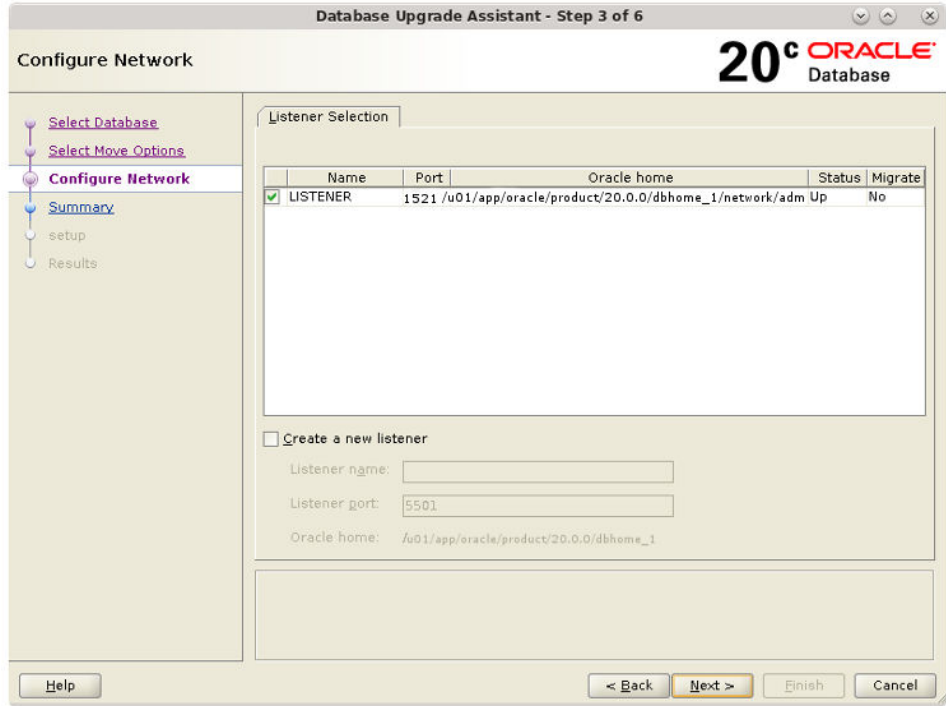
Click **Next**. The Move Database Options window appears.

2. In the Select Move Options window, you can specify custom SQL scripts that you want to run after moving the database, and identify where the files are located.



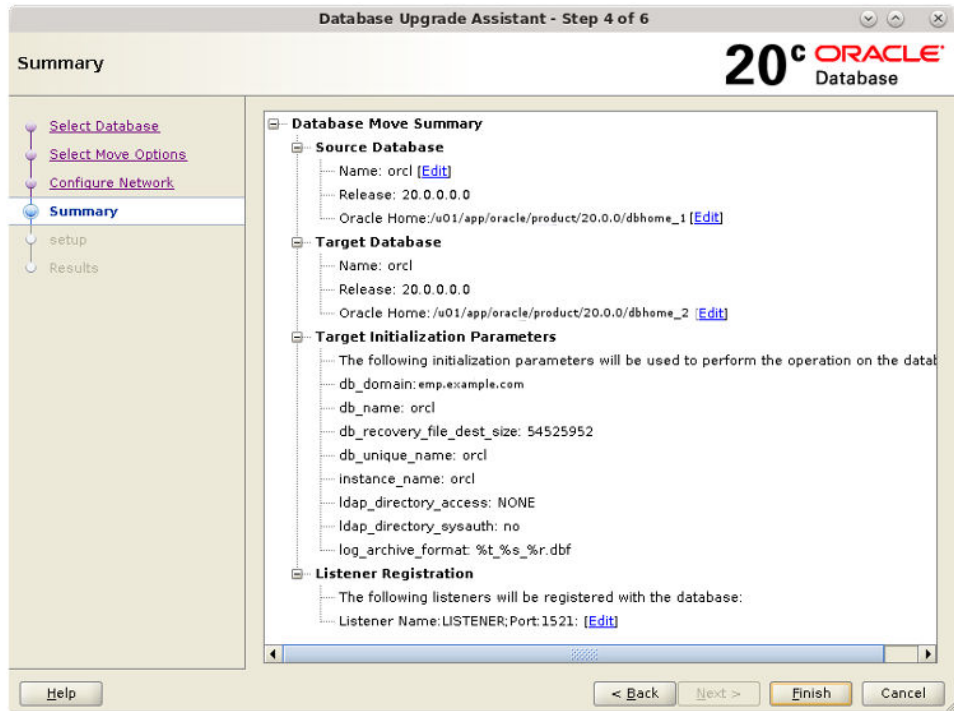
Click **Next**. The Configure Network window appears.

3. On single-instance systems, you can either select an existing listener, or create a new listener. If you create a new listener, then you must provide a listener name, and a port number for the listener.



Click **Next**. The Database Move Summary window appears.

- Review the summary for the move operation.



After you complete your review, click **Next**.

5. The Setup window appears, which shows DBUA processes as it moves the database.
6. When the move operation completes, click **Finish**.
7. The Results window appears. You can review the source and target database information, and check move steps, or check log files. When you are finished with your review, click **Close**.

Using DBUA in Silent Mode to Upgrade Oracle Database

You can DBUA with the `-silent` command line option to carry out noninteractive (“silent”) upgrades using DBUA.

. In silent mode, DBUA does not present a user interface. DBUA writes messages (including information, errors, and warnings) to a log file in `ORACLE_HOME/cfgtools/dbua/upgradesession_timestamp`, where `session_timestamp` represents the timestamp for the upgrade that DBUA has run. Oracle strongly recommends that you read the resulting DBUA log files to ensure a successful upgrade.

- [Running DBUA in Silent Mode](#)
Use this procedure to start DBUA in noninteractive (or “silent”) mode.
- [DBUA Command-Line Syntax for Active and Silent Mode](#)
Use this syntax to run Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA) either interactively, or by using the `-silent` option.

Running DBUA in Silent Mode

Use this procedure to start DBUA in noninteractive (or “silent”) mode.

1. To start DBUA in silent mode, enter the `dbua -silent -sid` command. The command starts DBUA in silent mode, and identifies the database that you want to upgrade.

For example, enter the following command, where the database name is ORCL:

```
dbua -silent -sid ORCL &
```

DBUA Command-Line Syntax for Active and Silent Mode

Use this syntax to run Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA) either interactively, or by using the `-silent` option.

Purpose

When you run DBUA by using the command-line option, you can specify all valid DBUA options in a script form. The script form enables you to avoid entering configuration information in a graphic user interface dialog.

File Path

```
$ORACLE_HOME/directory_name
```

Syntax

Usage: dbua [*flag*] [*option*]

Flags

- createPartialBackup Flag to create a new offline partial RMAN backup by setting the user tablespaces in Read-Only mode.
- backupLocation Flag to identify the path for the RMAN backup.
- disableParallelUpgrade Flag to disable the parallel execution of database upgrade.
- executePreReqs Flag to run the preupgrade checks alone for the specified database.
- sid | -dbName
- sid
- dbName
- help - Shows this usage help.
- ignorePreReqs Ignore error conditions in preupgrade checks.
- silent Runs configuration in silent mode.
- sid | -dbName
- sid
- dbName
- skipListenersMigration Flag to bypass the listener migration process as part of the database upgrade.

Options

The DBUA command line options are as follows:

```
[-asmsnmpPassword - ASMSNMP user password]
[-backupLocation - Directory-where-you-want-to-back-up-your-database-
before-starting-upgrade]
[-createGRP - [True | false] Create a guaranteed restore point when database is
in archive log and flashback mode.
[-createListener - [true [listenerName:lsnrPort] | false]] Create a listener in
later release Oracle home. If true, then add: listenerName:lsnrPort
[-dbName - database-name]
[-oracleHome - Oracle-home-path-of-database]
[-sysDBAUserName - User-name-with-SYSDBA-privileges]
[-sysDBAPassword - Password-for-sysDBAUserName-user-name]
[-dbsnmpPassword - DBSNMP-user-password]
[-disableUpgradeScriptLogging - [true | false]] This command disables the
detailed log generation for running SQL scripts during the upgrade process. By default
this is enabled. To enable the log generation, don't specify this command.
[-emConfiguration - [DBEXPRESS | CENTRAL | BOTH | NONE] Specifies Enterprise
Manager information.
[-dbsnmpPassword - DBSNMP-user password]
[-emPassword - Enterprise-Manager-administration-user-password]
[-emUser - Enterprise-Manager-Administration-username-to-add-or-modify-
targets]
[-emExpressPort - port-for-EM-Express]
[-omsHost - Enterprise-Manager-management-server-host-name]
[-omsPort - Enterprise-Manager-management-server-port-number]
[-asmsnmpPassword - ASMSNMP-user-password]
[-ignoreScriptErrors - [true | false]] Specify this flag for ignoring ORA errors
during custom scripts.
```

`[-initParam - name=value,name=value,...]` Specify a comma separated list of initialization parameter values of the format `name=value,name=value`

`[-initParamsEscapeChar - [escape character]` Escape character for comma when a specific `initParam` has multiple values. If the escape character is not specified, then backslash (`\`) is the default escape

`[-excludeInitParams - comma-delimited-list-of-initialization-parameters-to-exclude]`

`[-keepDeprecatedParams - [true | false]]` Retain (or not) deprecated parameters during database upgrade.

`[-localListenerWithoutAlias]` Sets `LOCAL_LISTENER` without TNS Alias.

`[-listeners listenerName:Oracle Home, listenerName:Oracle Home, ...]` Registers the database with existing listeners. Specify listeners by comma-delimited list in the form `listenerName:Oracle Home`. Listeners from earlier release Oracle homes are migrated to *newer release*, `lsnrName2` or `-listeners lsnrName1:Oracle home path,-listeners lsnrName2:Oracle home path`. DBUA searches specified listeners from the Grid Infrastructure home (if configured), the target home, and source home.

`[-localRacSid - local-System-Identifier-of-cluster-database]` Use if the cluster database is not registered in the Oracle Cluster Registry (OCR).

`[-logDir - Path-to-a-custom-log-directory]`

`[-newGlobalDbName - New Global Database Name]` This option can only be used for Oracle Express Edition upgrades

`[-newSid - New System Identifier]` This option can only be used for Oracle Express Edition upgrades

`[-newInitParam - name=value,name=value,...]` Specify a comma-delimited list of initialization parameter values of the format `name=value,name=value`. Use this option to specify parameters that are allowed only on the target Oracle home.

`[-initParamsEscapeChar - escape character]` Specify an escape character for comma when a specific `initParam` has multiple values. If the escape character is not specified, then backslash (`\`) is the default escape.

`[-oracleHomeUserPassword - Oracle-Home-user-password]`

`[-pdbs - [All | NONE | pdb, pdb,...]]` Specify ALL to select all PDBs, NONE to select no PDBs, or provide a comma-delimited list with the names of the pluggable databases (PDBs) that you want upgraded.

`-sid | -dbName`
`-sid - System Identifier`

`[-oracleHome - Oracle home path of the database]`

`[-sysDBAUserName - User-name-with-SYSDBA-privileges]`

`[-sysDBAPassword - Password-for-sysDBAUserName-user-name]`

`-dbName - Database-Name`

`[-oracleHome - Oracle-home-path-of-database]`

`[-sysDBAUserName - User-name-with-SYSDBA-privileges]`

`[-sysDBAPassword - Password-for-sysDBAUserName-user-name]`

`[-pdbsWithPriority - pdb:priority, pdb:priority, pdb:priority,...]` Specify a comma-delimited list of pluggable databases (PDB) that you want upgraded, including their corresponding priorities (1 the top priority).

`-sid | -dbName`
`-sid - system-identifier`

`[-oracleHome - Oracle-home-path-of-database]`

`[-sysDBAUserName - User-name-with-SYSDBA-privileges]`

`[-sysDBAPassword - Password-for-sysDBAUserName-user-name]`

`-dbName - database-name`

`[-oracleHome - Oracle-home-path-of-the-database]`

`[-sysDBAUserName - User-name-with-SYSDBA-privileges]`

[-sysDBAPassword - *Password-for-sysDBAUserName-user-name*]
 [-performFixUp - [true | false]] Enable or disable fixups for the silent upgrade mode.
 [-postUpgradeScripts - *SQLscript, SQLscript,...*] Specify a comma-delimited list of SQL scripts with their complete pathnames. After the upgrade completes, these SQL scripts are run.
 [-preUpgradeScripts - *SQLscript, SQLscript,...*] Specify a comma-delimited list of SQL scripts with their complete pathnames. Before the upgrade starts, these SQL scripts are run.
 [-recompile_invalid_objects - [true | false]] If true, then recompiles invalid objects as part of the upgrade.
 [-upgrade_parallelism - *number*] Numeric value for the number of CPUs that you want to use for parallel upgrade.
 [-upgradeTimezone - [true | false]] If true, then upgrades the timezone files of the database during the upgrade.
 [-upgradeXML - *Path-to-existing-preupgrade-XML-file*] This option only applies to in-place database upgrades.
 [-useExistingBackup - [true | false]] Use to enable restoration of the database using existing RMAN backup.
 [-useGRP - *Name-of-existing-guaranteed-restore-point*] Use to enable restoration of the database using a specified guaranteed restore point.

Example B-1 Selecting a Database for Upgrade with DBUA

The following command selects the database `orcl` for upgrade:

```
dbua -sid orcl
```

Note:

You can use DBUA commands to set passwords. If the default Oracle Database security settings are in place, then passwords must be at least eight characters, and passwords such as `welcome` and `oracle` are not allowed.

Example B-2 Selecting a Database for Upgrade with DBUA Using Noninteractive ("Silent") Option

The following command selects the database `orcl` for upgrade using the noninteractive ("silent") option:

```
dbua -silent -sid orcl
```

Example B-3 Use Cases for Running DBUA in Noninteractive ("Silent") Mode

The examples that follow illustrate how you can use DBUA with the noninteractive ("silent") option to carry out a variety of upgrade scenarios.

```
dbua -silent -sid sidb112 -backupLocation /u01/sidb1123/backup -
sysDBAUserName sys -sysDBAPassword r3aDy2upg -oracleHome /u01/app/product/
11.2.0/dbhome_1 -upgradeTimezone true dbua -silent -sid sidb1123 -
backupLocation /u01/sidb1123/backup -sysDBAUserName sys -sysDBAPassword
```



```
r3aDy2upg -oracleHome /u01/app/product/11.2.0/dbhome_1 -  
upgrade_parallelism 1 -upgradeTimezone true
```

```
dbua -silent -sid db1124 -backupLocation /u01/sidb1123/backup -  
sysDBAUserName sys -sysDBAPassword r3aDy2upg -performFixUp true -  
upgradeTimezone true
```

```
dbua -silent -dbName rdbcdb -oracleHome /u01/app/product/11.2.0/dbhome_1 -  
sysDBAUserName sys -sysDBAPassword r3aDy2upg -backupLocation /u01/sidb1123/  
backup -recompile_invalid_objects true -upgradeTimezone true
```

```
dbua -silent -dbName amdb -oracleHome /u01/app/product/11.2.0/dbhome_1 -  
sysDBAUserName sys -sysDBAPassword r3aDy2upg -recompile_invalid_objects  
true -useGRP GRP_20170620bfupgrade -upgradeTimezone true
```

```
dbua -silent -dbName rdb121 -oracleHome /u01/app/product/12.1.0/dbhome_2 -  
sysDBAUserName sys -sysDBAPassword r3aDy2upg -backupLocation /u01/sidb1123/  
backup -recompile_invalid_objects true -upgradeTimezone true
```

```
dbua -silent -dbName ronedb -oracleHome /u01/app/product/12.1.0/dbhome_2 -  
sysDBAUserName sys -sysDBAPassword r3aDy2upg -  
changeUserTablespacesReadOnly true -recompile_invalid_objects true -  
upgradeTimezone true -createGRP true
```



Note:

Refer to *Oracle Database Security Guide* for information about security best practices.

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- *Oracle Database Security Guide*

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