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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
- Documentation Accessibility
- 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.
- Related Documentation
- 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

Documentation Accessibility

For information about Oracle's commitment to accessibility, visit the Oracle Accessibility Program website at http://www.oracle.com/pls/topic/lookup?ctx=acc&id=docacc.



Access to Oracle Support

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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.

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 for information about new features in this relaese
- 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 wi	
	action, or terms defined in text or the glossary.



Convention	Meaning
italic	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.

1 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.

- Oracle Database Releases That Support Direct Upgrade
 Review the supported options for direct upgrades to Oracle Database 23ai.
- Overview of Oracle Database Upgrade Tools and Processes Review these topics to understand Oracle Database terms, tools and processes.
- 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.
- About Image-Based Oracle Database Installation Understand image-based installation to simplify installation and configuration of Oracle Database software.

Oracle Database Releases That Support Direct Upgrade

Review the supported options for direct upgrades to Oracle Database 23ai.

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

- 21c
- 19c

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 Oracle Database 19c, 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 23ai.

If you cannot carry out a direct upgrade, then upgrade to the most recent release where direct upgrades from your earlier release Oracle Database 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 AutoUpgrade preupgrade checks twice: First, run the checks and complete an upgrade to an intermediate upgrade release that is supported for direct upgrade to the target upgrade release. Second, run the AutoUpgrade preupgrade checks for the target upgrade release, and upgrade to the latest release.

For example, if the database from which you are upgrading is running Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2) then to upgrade to Oracle Database 21c, follow these steps:

- 1. Upgrade Release 12.2 to release 21c, using the instructions in *Oracle Database Upgrade Guide 21c*, including running an AutoUpgrade precheck for 21c.
- 2. Upgrade Oracle Database 21c directly to Oracle Database 23ai. Use the instructions in this book, *Oracle Database Upgrade Guide*, including running the preupgrade script for Oracle Database 23ai.

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 23ai.

Current Release	Upgrade Options
21c, 19c (all releases)	Direct upgrade is supported. Perform the upgrade using the current Oracle Database Upgrade Guide, which is this guide.
18c	Direct upgrade to Oracle Database 23ai is not supported.
12.2 12.1.0.2. 12.1.0.1	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.
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	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. This restriction does not apply if you use Oracle Data Pump export/import to
	 migrate data to the new release. For example: Releases 12.2.0.1, 12.2.0.2. 12.2.0.3, 12.2.0.4, 18c: Upgrade to Oracle Database 21c, and then upgrade to Oracle Database 23ai. 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), upgrade to Oracle Database 21c, and then upgrade to Oracle Database 23ai. 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

Table 1-1 Examples of Upgrade Paths for Oracle Database 23ai

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.
- 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 the AutoUpgrade utility using the preupgrade parameter.

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.

Replay Upgrade

Enables upgrades to be performed on plugins.

• Fleet Patching and Provisioning (FPP) gold images

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 rhpctl 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.

• Using Oracle Enterprise Manager Fleet Maintenance to upgrade databases.

Fleet Maintenance, a component of Oracle Enterprise Manager, enables you to use the emcli command-line environment to automatically patch and upgrade a large number of databases in your enterprise. Database Fleet Maintenance enables administrators to maintain groups or pools of Oracle Homes and associated databases by applying database updates that include interim one-off patches, including quarterly security patch updates.

Fleet Maintenance facilitates the creation of a gold image using a reference environment, or by updating existing gold images by adding desired patches (standard operating environments). With Fleet Maintenance, you can use those gold images, and deploy them across the enterprise for both patching and upgrade with a single emcli command. Fleet Maintenance comes with an extensive set of precheck and intelligent rollback options, and with a user interface that facilitates tracking deployment progress. If there is an issue with patching or upgrade databases, then the Fleet Maintenance user interface can display the specific logs for those databases.

For more information about Fleet Maintenance, refer to Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control Database Lifecycle Management Administrator's Guide

Oracle Data Pump Export/Import data migration from the Source Database to the new release target database

In this scenario, you install a new release Oracle Database, and then import your database from the source Oracle Database release to a target Oracle Database release. Using Export/Import data migration to move to a new Oracle Database instance can maintain availability, but there are restrictions and tests you should perform, and it can take a long time. You can speed up that process by using Oracle Recovery Manager (RMAN) and Oracle GoldenGate.

Related Topics

- Oracle Data Pump Import
- Oracle Clusterware Administration and Deployment Guide
- Database Fleet Maintenance

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 the AutoUpgrade utility using the preupgrade parameter.

Through its support website, My Oracle Support, Oracle provides late-breaking updates, discussions, and best practices about preupgrade requirements, upgrade processes, postupgrade tasks, compatibility, and interoperability.

Before you begin upgrades, Oracle strongly recommends that you download the latest version of the AutoUpgrade utility, which is available on My Oracle Support. The latest version contains the most recent checks and tests that Oracle can provide to assist you to prepare your system for upgrades, and to complete upgrades successfully. You can perform your upgrades directly using AutoUpgrade. If you do not use AutoUpgrade to perform the upgrade, then to identify potential upgrade issues, you must run AutoUpgrade using the preupgrade parameter in analyze mode. This AutoUpgrade option replaces the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool that you may have used in earlier releases.

Mike Dietrich's blog site, "Upgrade Your Database Now," Daniel Overby Hansen's site, "Databases Are Fun," can offer you the most current insights from the upgrade and migration product managers for Oracle. Their opinions and recommendations are based on their experiences and interactions with Oracle customers, and can save you time and effort. They are highly recommended. You can also view upgrade webinars, which can provide you with examples and scenario details that can help you to prepare for your own upgrades.

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Related Topics

- AutoUpgrade Tool (Doc ID 2485457.1)
- Oracle Database 19c Important Recommended One-off Patches (Doc ID 555.1)
- Upgrade Your Database Now
- Databases Are Fun
- Oracle Database Upgrade Webinars
- Database Upgrades and Migrations

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.
- Updating the Compatibility Level of Oracle Database
 To use some new features in a release, you must update the COMPATIBLE parameter to the release update that contains the new feature.
- 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 utlrp.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 October 2022, Oracle provides quarterly updates in the form of Release Updates (Updates, or RU) and Monthly Recommended Patches (MRPs). Oracle no longer releases patch sets or bundle patch sets. MRPs replace Release Update Revisions (RURs). For more information, see My Oracle Support note 555.1.

Release Numbers and their Meaning

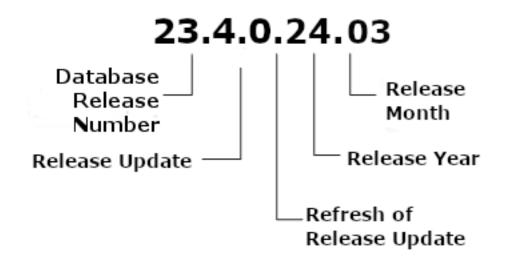
Oracle Database releases are released in version and version full releases.

The version release is designated in the form *major release version*.0.0.0.0.0. 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 2023 has the major release version of 23, and thus its version release is 23.0.0.0.0. This base release number is not updated over the course of the release. You can identify the base release by logging in to SQL*Plus and entering SELECT BANNER FROM V\$VERSION to see the release displayed. For example:

SELECT BANNER FROM V\$VERSION; BANNER --------Oracle Database 23ai Enterprise Edition Release 23.0.0.0.0

The version_full releases are categorized by five numeric segments separated by periods as shown in the following example:





- 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 level. In this example, the release update is Release Update (RU) 4 (04).
- Third numeral: This numeral indicates a refresh of an RU or a Monthly Recommended Patch (MRP) version. In this example, the numeral is 0, indicating that this is the initial release of Release Update 4.
- Fourth numeral: The fourth numeral indicates the year of release for the software, RU, or MRP, by last two digits. In this example, the year is 2024 (24).
- Fifth numeral: This numeral indicates the month (01 through 12) in which a release, RU, or MRP was released. In this example, the month is March (03).

Note:

The first three numerals mainly identify an Oracle Database release.

You can see both the major release version and the compatibility and any RU or MRP updates by entering SELECT BANNER FULL FROM V\$VERSION. For example:

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SQL> SELECT BANNER FULL FROM V$VERSION;
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BANNER_FULL

```
Oracle Database 23ai Enterprise Edition Release 23.0.0.0.0
Version 23.4.0.24.5
```

Monthly Recommended Patches and Release Updates

For each new release update (RU) after October 2022, Oracle provides to customers six MRPs for each RU, with the following characteristics:



- Each MRP for an RU contains all MRPs previously released for the RU, as well as the most current set of recommended one-off patches for the RU. These patches are documented My Oracle Support Note 555.1
- MRPs replace RURs.
- MRPs are available only for the Linux operating system.

Related Topics

- Primary Note for Database Proactive Patch Program (Doc ID 888.1)
- My Oracle Support note 2118136.2

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 an annual Oracle Database release, that statement applies to the entire release. A statement about Oracle Database 23ai, Oracle Database 21c, Oracle Database 19c, or any other release supported for direct upgrade, applies to all component-specific and platform-specific releases within that release, unless otherwise specified.

When a statement is made about a specific Release Update (RU) or Monthly Recommended Patch (MRP), that statement applies to that update or patch.

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 updating 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 23ai.
- 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 23ai.
- About Downgrading and Compatibility for Upgrading Oracle Database Before upgrading to Oracle Database 23ai, you must set the COMPATIBLE initialization parameter to at least 19.0.0.
- How the COMPATIBLE Initialization Parameter Operates in Oracle Database The COMPATIBLE initialization parameter enables or disables Oracle Database features based on release compatibility.

Understanding Oracle Database Compatibility

If new features are incompatible with your earlier release, then updating 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.

Note:

For new installations of Oracle Database 23ai Release Update 6, COMPATIBLE is set by default in the database to 23.6.0. You cannot change COMPATIBLE to an earlier release. Default behavior for COMPATIBLE settings changes in Oracle Database 23ai, as described in "Understanding the COMPATIBLE Initialization Parameter"

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.

For upgrades from Oracle Database 19c and Oracle Database 21c, if you can provide for an additional maintenance window after your upgrade window, then consider increasing the COMPATIBLE parameter to the new release 7 to 10 days after the upgrade, when you have run your applications on the upgraded system, and are sure that a downgrade is not required. If you do not have an additional maintenance window available, then either raise COMPATIBLE after the upgrade (and lose downgrade capability), or continue to use the earlier release COMPATIBLE setting until you are near a maintenance window, so you have the option of downgrading available to you.



Note:

As a general rule, the value of the COMPATIBLE parameter should not be changed for a Release Update (RU), unless you need to enable new functionality that requires a higher compatible setting. In that case, to use the new functionality available in an RU, update the COMPATIBLE setting to the value *major-release-release-update*. For patching of Oracle Database 23ai Release Update 23.4 and 23.5, slightly different rules apply, to accommodate new features rolled out in Oracle Database 23ai.

For example, assume you are running Oracle Database 23ai Release Update 23.4 or 23.5, and the value of COMPATIBLE is 23.0.0. You then apply Oracle Database Release Update 23.6.0.0.0. Do not set the value of COMPATIBLE to 23.6.0; leave it set to 23.0.0, unless you want to enable new functionality that is available in Release Updates 23.6, such as Oracle AI Vector Search. For the next Release Update, continue to leave COMPATIBLE set to 23.0.0 unless you want to use new functionality that is available in the later Release Update. Suppose you want to use a feature that is available in Release update 23.8 and that feature requires a change in the compatible setting. In that case, after you apply the Release Update, you then change COMPATIBLE to 23.8.0.

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 23ai.

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.

The default setting of COMPATIBLE sets the database release compatibility setting for the database, which determines which features are available in the database. To use new database features, you change the COMPATIBLE parameter setting to the new database release.



Caution:

In Oracle Database 23ai, the default COMPATIBLE setting value is different depending on your upgrade scenario, and the Oracle Database 23ai release updates to which you are upgrading. When the COMPATIBLE parameter is upgraded, you cannot change COMPATIBLE to a lower level of compatibility.

- New Installations of Oracle Database 23ai Release Update 23.6: The database is installed with the COMPATIBLE parameter set by default to 23.6.0. You cannot downgrade the COMPATIBLE parameter to a lower level.
- Patches from Oracle Database 23ai Release Update 23.4 and 23.5: The database COMPATIBLE parameter remains at the settiing you had before patching (23.0.0 or 23.4.0 or 23.5.0). However, to use the new features for Oracle AI Vector Search, you must update the COMPATIBLE parameter to 23.6.0. Oracle Database release updates earlier than 23.4 cannot be patched or upgraded.
- Upgrades from Oracle Database 19c or 21c to Oracle Database 23ai: The setting for COMPATIBLE remains the setting you have in your source database. However, to use the new Oracle AI Vector Search features, you must manually set the upgraded database COMPATIBLE parameter to 23.6.0.

Note the following restrictions for COMPATIBLE values:

• The minimum Oracle Database release supported for direct upgrade is Oracle Database 19c (19.0.0).

Before upgrading to Oracle Database 23ai, you must set the COMPATIBLE initialization parameter to at least 19.0.0, which is the minimum compatible setting for Oracle Database 23ai.

- In Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) environments, each Oracle Database instance in the Oracle RAC cluster must run with the same COMPATIBLE setting.
- The compatible parameter must be at least 3 decimal numbers, separated by periods. For example:

SQL> ALTER SYSTEM SET COMPATIBLE = '23.6.0' SCOPE=SPFILE;

Oracle strongly recommends that you only use three decimals in your COMPATIBLE setting.

• After you increase the COMPATIBLE parameter, you cannot downgrade the database, and you cannot flash back to restore points.

Caution:

Oracle recommends that you only raise the COMPATIBLE parameter to the current release level after you have thoroughly tested the upgraded database.

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 COMPATIBILE setting of the upgraded PDB is automatically updated to the COMPATIBLE setting of the later release CDB. The COMPATIBLE setting for PDBs must always be the same setting as CDB\$ROOT.

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 23ai.

Default and Minimum COMPATIBLE Parameter Values

The minimum supported release for direct upgrade to Oracle Database 23ai is Oracle Database 19c. The minimum COMPATIBLE parameter value for Oracle Database 23ai is 19.0.0. The default value for the COMPATIBLE parameter is 23.0.0 for Oracle Database 23ai release updates up to Release Update (RU) 23.6. With RU 23.6, the compatibility setting is changed to 23.6.0.



Before you use a direct upgrade to Oracle Database 23ai, you must set the COMPATIBLE parameter on your source Oracle Database release to at least 19.0.0.

The COMPATIBLE parameter should not be changed for a Release Update (RU) or Monthly Recommended Patches (MRPs). The following table lists the default and minimum values for the COMPATIBLE parameter in Oracle Database 23ai, compared to earlier releases supported for direct upgrade:

Caution:

By default, new database installations for Oracle Database 23ai Release Update 23.6 set compatibility to 23.6.0.

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 COMPATIBILE setting of the upgraded PDB is automatically increased to the COMPATIBLE setting of the later release CDB.

Do not alter the COMPATIBLE parameter to a value other than a default release value. Use only one of the default values listed in the following table.

Oracle Database Release	Default Value	Minimum Value
Oracle Database 23ai	23.6.0	19.0.0
Oracle Database 21c	21.0.0	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

Table 1-2 The COMPATIBLE Initialization Parameter

About Downgrading and Compatibility for Upgrading Oracle Database

Before upgrading to Oracle Database 23ai, you must set the COMPATIBLE initialization parameter to at least 19.0.0.

After upgrading or patching to Oracle Database 23ai, 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 23ai 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. With new installations of Oracle Database 23ai, the default COMPATIBLE parameter setting is 23.6.0.



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 23ai database with the COMPATIBLE initialization parameter set to 19.0.0, then the database software generates database structures on disk that are compatible with Oracle Database Release 19c. 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 19c.

• If you make changes to the database that make the database incompatible with the COMPATIBLE initialization parameter setting for the database, then the database 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 that you made.

See Also:

Oracle Database Concepts for more information about database structures

Updating the Compatibility Level of Oracle Database

To use some new features in a release, you must update the COMPATIBLE parameter to the release update that contains the new feature.

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, some Oracle Database features require that you update the COMPATIBLE setting to the Release Update (RU) in which the feature is made available.

Note:

By default, new installations of Oracle Database available with RU 23.6 have the compatibility setting of the database set to 23.6.0.

- Connect to the united mode CDB root or isolated mode PDB as a user who has been granted administrative privileges.
- 2. Check the current setting of the COMPATIBLE parameter.

For example:

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



To change the COMPATIBLE parameter to the release level that you require to enable a new feature, you can use an ALTER SYSTEM SET COMPATIBLE command, or you can update the initialization parameter. The steps that follow explain how to update the initialization parameter setting by updating a PFILE, using that PFILE to create an SPFILE, and restarting the database.

- 3. From the command line, locate the initialization parameter file for the database instance.
 - UNIX systems: the PFILE is in the ORACLE_HOME/dbs directory. Look for the init/ ORACLE SID.ora (for example, initmydb.ora).
 - Windows systems: The PFILE is in the ORACLE_HOME\database directory, and is traditionally named initORACLE_SID.ora (for example, initmydb.ora).
- 4. Edit the initialization parameter file to use the new COMPATIBLE setting.

For example:

COMPATIBLE=23.6.0

5. Create an SPFILE from the PFILE.

For example:

SQL> CREATE SPFILE FROM PFILE = '\$ORACLE HOME/dbs/initmydb.ora';

 Connect as a user who has the SYSDBA administrative privilege, and then restart the database.

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7. If tablespace encryption is in use, then open the keystore at the database mount. The keystore must be open before you can access data in an encrypted tablespace.

For example:

```
STARTUP MOUNT;
ADMINISTER KEY MANAGEMENT SET KEYSTORE OPEN IDENTIFIED BY keystore_password|EXTERNAL
STORE;
ALTER DATABASE OPEN;
```

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 <code>\$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin</code> 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 utlrp.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.
- Interoperability of Oracle Database Client Releases with Oracle Database Review to understand which Oracle Database client versions are supported to work with different Oracle Database releases.
- 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*.



Interoperability of Oracle Database Client Releases with Oracle Database

Review to understand which Oracle Database client versions are supported to work with different Oracle Database releases.

For information about client support with Oracle Database releases, see "Client / Server Interoperability Support Matrix for Different Oracle Versions (Doc ID 207303.1)"

Related Topics

Client / Server Interoperability Support Matrix for Different Oracle Versions (Doc 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 19.7.0.0.0, the major release is 19 and the RU release number is 7.
- Later Oracle Database releases can access earlier Oracle Database releases. However, this access is only for upgrades. For example, Oracle Database 23ai can access an Oracle Database 19c if the 19c database is started up in upgrade mode.
- 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.
- 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 obtain a high-level overview of 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, using the Export utility.
- 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 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.

Non-CDB Oracle Database upgrades to non-CDB architecture are desupported. Review the upgrade options for this release.

Options for Migration and Upgrades of Oracle Database Non-CDB Architecture to 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 19c into an Oracle Database 19c release CDB). Finish converting the non-CDB Oracle Database to a PDB. Then, upgrade the entire CDB, with its PDBs, to Oracle Database 23ai.

• 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 23ai CDB. Upgrade the plugged-in non-CDB Oracle Database to Oracle Database 23ai. Then, finish converting the non-CDB Oracle Database to a PDB.

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.

Upgrade Technology Methods for Non-CDBs

The following table lists methods that you can use to convert non-CDBs during 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	Use the AutoUpgrade tool to automate the upgrade of your database.	Refer to the chapter Upgrading Non- CDB Oracle Database to PDB Using Replay UpgradeUsing AutoUpgrade for Oracle Database Upgrades" in this guide.



Method	Description	Reference
Oracle GoldenGate	Use Oracle GoldenGate when you cannot allow your Oracle Database to go down. You can also use Oracle GoldenGate to perform a phased migration using an active-active topology, and gradually move your users to the new, upgraded Oracle Database. Additionally, you can use this method to maintain an immediate fallback option using reversed replication in Oracle GoldenGate. Use RMAN to set up a standby database when you can allow your Oracle Database to go down. See Creating a Physical Standby database using RMAN restore database from service (Doc ID 2283978.1)	Refer to Oracle GoldenGate documentation, and to relevant Oracle Database documentation for your use case.
Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control	Oracle provides Cloud Control support for performing database upgrades. This option requires that you purchase the Enterprise Manager Lifecycle Management Pack.	Refer to Online help in Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control
Replay Upgrade	Replay Upgrade Enables upgrades to be performed on plugins.	Refer to Upgrading Non-CDB Oracle Database to PDB Using Replay Upgrade in this guide.

 Table 1-3
 (Cont.) Technology Methods for Migrating and Upgrading Databases During Upgrades

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 an Oracle Data Guard configuration. The procedures are described in online help within Cloud Control.

If you perform a rolling upgrade using a transient logical standby database (including using DBMS_ROLLING), then you must manually load audit records from the operating system spillover location before the switchover. Before you run DBMS_ROLLING.SWITCHOVER, run DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.LOAD_UNIFIED_AUDIT_FILES on the trailing group master (current primary database).



Related Topics

- Oracle Data Guard Broker Upgrading and Downgrading in Oracle Data Guard Broker
- Using DBMS_ROLLING to Perform a Rolling Upgrade in Oracle Data Guard Concepts and Administration

Overview of Steps for Upgrading Oracle Database Using Oracle GoldenGate

Review these steps to obtain a high-level overview of how to upgrade Oracle Database using Oracle GoldenGate.

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

- **1.** Set up a target database running the earlier Oracle Database software release, using an existing database backup.
- 2. Upgrade the target database to the new Oracle Database release.
- 3. Synchronize the target database with the production database.
- 4. Test your environment in active/live mode.
- 5. Switch over the application to the target database.
- 6. Perform comprehensive testing of the new release on the target database, including enabling any features that were installed disabled by default that you plan to use in the new Oracle Database release.
- 7. Upgrade the production database to the new Oracle Database release.

Note:

For complete details of this procedure, refer to the Oracle GoldenGate documentation.

Related Topics

- Oracle GoldenGate documentation
- Testing a Database 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 Microsoft 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:

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.

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.

7. If you have an existing database, then set your ORACLE SID to this preexisting database.

If your existing database is on Microsoft Windows, then you must recreate the database service by using the ${\tt ORADIM}$ utility.

8. Start up your database.

Related Topics

Upgrading Oracle Database

Oracle recommends using AutoUpgrade to perform upgrades of Oracle Database. However, there are other methods available that are useful in certain scenarios.

Migrating from Enterprise Edition to Standard Edition of Oracle Database

Converting from Enterprise Edition to Standard Edition requires exporting and importing data, using the Export utility.

To properly convert from an Enterprise Edition database to a Standard Edition database, you must perform an Export/Import operation. 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 If you want to perform a cross-platform upgrade, then check for platform-specific differences that can cause issues with data transport, particularly platform endianness.

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

If you want to perform a cross-platform upgrade, then check for platform-specific differences that can cause issues with data transport, particularly platform endianness.

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 Oracle Database on Oracle Solaris to an Oracle Database on Microsoft Windows. 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;

Oracle provides options that you can use to transport tablespaces in a database that runs on one platform into a database that runs on a different platform, such as Recovery Manaager (RMAN), and methods such as using image copies.



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 Oracle Data Pump replication, Oracle Data Pump export/import, or Transportable Tablespace, using 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.

Review the relevant documentation to assist you with cross-platform data transport.

Related Topics

- Transporting Data Across Platforms in Oracle Database Administrator's Guide
- Transporting Data Across Platforms in Oracle Database Backup and Recovery User's Guide

About Image-Based Oracle Database Installation

Understand image-based installation to simplify installation and configuration of Oracle Database software.

To install Oracle Database, create the new Oracle home, extract the image file into the newlycreated 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 singleinstance and cluster configurations. If you install or clone an Oracle Database image, then all Oracle Database options such as Oracle Real Application Testing (rat) are enabled by default.

This installation feature streamlines the installation process and supports automation of largescale 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 Monthly Recommended Patches (MRPs).

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.



Z 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.

- Tasks to Prepare for Oracle Database Upgrades Carry out these tasks to prepare your upgrade.
- 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 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.
- 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.
- Requirements for Upgrading Databases That Use Oracle Database Vault You must complete these tasks before starting an upgrade with a database using Oracle Database Vault.
- Back Up Oracle Database Before 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.
- Pre-Upgrade Information Check with AutoUpgrade To obtain a checklist of tasks you must complete before upgrading an Oracle Database, run the AutoUpgrade utility (autoupgrade.jar) in analyze mode.
- Review Deprecated and Desupported Features Before you upgrade, check to see if deprecated or desupported features require attention in your upgrade plan.
- 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 or Patching When you upgrade or patch the database, you install the new Oracle home in a new location (an out-of-place upgrade or patch).
- 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 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 cl

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/

In additon, review Oracle Virtual Classroom presentations that may assist you with understanding how to prepare for successful upgrades, and leverage new Oracle Database features.

Related Topics

- Oracle Database New Features
- Virtual Classroom Series Upgrade to Oracle Database 23ai

Pre-Upgrade Information Check with AutoUpgrade

To obtain a checklist of tasks you must complete before upgrading an Oracle Database, run the AutoUpgrade utility (autoupgrade.jar) in analyze mode.

Oracle recommends that you download and run the most recent release of AutoUpgrade in – analyze mode before you upgrade Oracle Database. AutoUpgrade can identify issues for you to address before you start your upgrade. In certain cases, AutoUpgrade can also generate scripts that can resolve some issues.

Tip:

Consider reviewing Mike Dietrich's upgrade blog for tips and suggestions that can assist you with your upgrade preparations. You can also review the checklist on My Oracle Support, but ensure that you download the latest version of the AutoUpgrade tool, and use the checklist AutoUpgrade generates for your upgrade.

Related Topics

- My Oracle Support AutoUpgrade Tool (Doc ID 2485457.1)
- Upgrade your Database NOW! Mike Dietrich's Oracle Database Upgrade Blog
- Database Preupgrade tool (via autoupgrade.jar) check list (Doc ID 2380601.1)

Review Deprecated and Desupported Features

Before you upgrade, check to see if deprecated or desupported features require attention in your upgrade plan.

Every release, Oracle modifies or removes support for features, views, and parameters, so that Oracle can focus on improving core manageability and functionality of other features in the database. For that reason, as part of your upgrade planning, Oracle recommends that you review the list of features listed as deprecated or desupported in a new release, and determine if these changes are of concern for your applications.



There are two categories of features scheduled for removal:

- 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. Often, Oracle can choose to remove the code required to use the feature. A deprecated feature can be desupported in the next Oracle Database release.

If you see that a feature is deprecated, then Oracle strongly recommends that you stop using that feature as soon as it is practicable for you to do so. Start planning your migration away from deprecated features at the time that they are deprecated.

Related Topics

Oracle Database Changes Desupports and Deprecations

Choose an Upgrade Method for Oracle Database

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

- The AutoUpgrade Utility Method for Upgrading Oracle Database The AutoUpgrade utility identifies issues before upgrades, performs pre- and postupgrade actions, deploys upgrades, performs postupgrade actions, and starts the upgraded Oracle Database.
- The Replay Upgrade Method for Upgrading Oracle Database The Replay Upgrade feature upgrades databases to the multitenant architecture by using previously-captured statements to perform the upgrade.
- 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 AutoUpgrade Utility Method for Upgrading Oracle Database

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

Oracle recommends that you download the most recent version of the AutoUpgrade Utility from My Oracle Support Document 2485457.1, and use autoupgrade.jar to prepare for and to deploy your upgrade. 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. Starting with Oracle Database 21c, when you have an existing target release CDB, you can use AutoUpgrade to convert a non-CDB Oracle Database to a PDB on the target release CDB during the upgrade.

With AutoUpgrade, when you have an existing target release CDB, you can use AutoUpgrade to convert a non-CDB Oracle Database to a PDB on the target release CDB during the upgrade.

Starting with AutoUpgrade version 22.1, Oracle provides REST APIs that enable you to perform upgrades remotely over SSH using Oracle REST Data Services (ORDS) or Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI) REST API. The ORDS database API is a database management and monitoring REST API embedded into Oracle REST Data Services. The OCI REST API is



enabled by configuring the REST Adapter connection to use the OCI Signature Version 1 security policy. You can now use these features to run AutoUpgrade upgrades remotely over HTTPS or HTTP.

The minimum COMPATIBLE parameter setting for the source database must be at least 12.2.0. If the COMPATIBLE setting is a lower version, then during the conversion and upgrade process, COMPATIBLE is set to 12.2.0. During the conversion, the original datafiles are retained. They are not copied to create the new PDB. To enable AutoUpgrade to perform the upgrade, edit the AutoUpgrade configuration file to set the AutoUpgrade parameters target_version to the target CDB release, and identify the CDB to which the upgraded database is placed using target_cdb. During the conversion and upgrade process, AutoUpgrade uses that information to complete the upgrade to the target CDB.

Caution:

Before you run AutoUpgrade to complete the conversion and upgrade. Oracle strongly recommends that you create a full backup of your source database, and complete thorough testing of the upgrade. There is no option to roll back to the non-CDB Oracle Database state after AutoUpgrade starts this procedure.

The Replay Upgrade Method for Upgrading Oracle Database

The Replay Upgrade feature upgrades databases to the multitenant architecture by using previously-captured statements to perform the upgrade.

The Replay Upgrade feature uses capture tables in the CDB\$ROOT of the target release CDB Oracle Database. You install the new Oracle Database release, which uses the multitenant architecture. If you are upgrading a CDB, then each PDB in the CDB is upgraded using Replay Upgrade. If you are upgrading individual PDBs, or upgrading non-CDB databases, then you upgrade each database by plugging it in to the new Oracle Database release, and then opening the database. When the database is opened, the source database is upgraded to the new release. If the source database is a non-CDB, then it is converted from a non-CDB to a PDB, and upgrade statements are replayed into the new Oracle Database, updating in the process the data dictionary for the database tables.

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 Using Export/Import data migration to move to a new Oracle Database instance can maintain availability, but there are restrictions and tests you should perform.
- 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, and plan accordingly.
- About Transporting and Upgrading a Database (Full Transportable Export/Import) You can use file-based or nonfile-based modes for transporting data.



The Effects of Export/Import on Upgraded Oracle Databases

Using Export/Import data migration to move to a new Oracle Database instance can maintain availability, but there are restrictions and tests you should perform.

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 for 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 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. Export/ Import creates an identical copy of the database, but other factors associated with differences between database releases 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 EXLUDE. By using these capabilities, you can narrow the list of objects that you import. By using the QUERY parameters, you can to 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, and plan accordingly.

Migrating an entire Oracle Database by using Oracle Data Pump using Export/Import can take a long time, especially compared to using AutoUpgrade. 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.

There are things you can do to attempt to speed up that process. Follow best practice guidelines, and review Oracle Data Pump performance guidelines in *Oracle Database Utilities*.

Related Topics

- Oracle Data Pump Best Practices
- Data Pump Performance

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

Choose a New Location for Oracle Home when Upgrading or Patching

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

AutoUpgrade performs out-of-place upgrades and patches. This means that the upgrade or the patched Oracle home is in a new Oracle home. 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 or patch process in the out-of-place Oracle home database before replacing your production environment entirely.

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. Because the CDB is the target release, it is already in a new Oracle home for that release. There is no need to choose a new location for installing the target Oracle homes for the PDBs, because the target CDB already has its Oracle home.

Related Topics

How to Speed Up Your Database and GI Patching

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 recomends 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. 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 recomends 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.

For Oracle Database Enterprise Edition, the primary fallback mechanism is Flashback Database. However, Flashback Database can't be used to revert an unplug-plug upgrade or PDB conversion. For unplug-plug upgrades, rely on other fallback strategies, such as an RMAN backup.

If you use AutoUpgrade, then Oracle recommends that you specify target_pdb_copy_option=file_name_convert, in the AutoUpgrade configuration file, where file_name_convert is a convert pattern prefixed to the data files. When you do that, AutoUpgrade directs the database to create copies of the data files before plugging in the database. Choosing to use this method enables you to use the original database as a fallback. However, be aware that when you create data file copies, the upgrade requires additional disk space and extra time.

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*.

In addition, to ensure that you are prepared for a downgrade, review the downgrade chapter and complete any preparation steps you may need to prepare for your release.



Related Topics

- Backing Up the Database
- Using Flashback Database and Restore Points

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 sys@south_sales
Password: password
Connected to "South_Sales"
Connected as SYSDBA.
```

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.
```

Note:



If a file with the name myconfig.txt already exists in the trace directory, the following error is generated:

DGMGRL> EXPORT CONFIGURATION TO 'myconfig.txt'; ORA-16527: Unable to create output file for broker configuration metadata.

To create a new configuration file with the same name as an existing file, first either delete or rename the existing file.

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.

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. If you use Oracle Database Vault, then select **Enterprise Edition** on the Select Database Edition page, click **Select Options**, and enable the component 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.



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. 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. Start Oracle Universal Installer, and install the software.

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

- 4. Run AutoUpgrade with the preupgrade parameter, run in analyze mode. AutoUpgrade can automatically fix many issues, and list other issues in the prefixups file it generates, which you can fix manually before the upgrade.
- 5. Run AutoUpgrade in Deploy mode.



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.

- Release Updates and Requirements for Upgrading Oracle Database Before starting upgrades, update your new release Oracle home to the latest Release Update (Update).
- Upgrades and Transparent Data Encryption
 To upgrade databases using TDE, provide AutoUpgrade with TDE passwords either by
 using the -load_password command line option, or by specifying an external password
 store.
- Recommendations for Oracle Net Services When Upgrading Oracle Database You must ensure that the listener is running in your new release Oracle home.
- When You Must Disable Oracle Database Vault You may need to disable Oracle Database Vault to perform upgrade tasks or correct erroneous configurations.
- 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 use Exclusive Mode
 authentication protocols. 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.
- Resource and Password Parameter Updates for STIG and CIS Profiles Starting with Oracle Database 21c, the upgrade configures Oracle Recommended Profiles, which includes updating an already existing STIG profile, and installing a CIS profile as part of the upgrade.
- Check for Profile Scripts (glogin.sql and login.sql)
 For all upgrade methods, Oracle recommends that you run upgrades without the use of profile scripts.
- Running Upgrades with Read-Only Tablespaces To take user schema-based tablespaces offline during upgrade, use AutoUpgrade with the catctl_options parameter -T option.
- High Availability Options for Oracle Database Review the high availability options available to you for Oracle Database using Standard Edition High Availability, Oracle Restart, Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC), and Oracle RAC One Node.
- Options for High Availability with Oracle Database Standard Edition
 To enable high availability for Oracle Database Standard Edition in releases after Oracle
 Database 19c, learn how you can use Standard Edition High Availability.
- Moving Operating System Audit Records into the Unified Audit Trail Audit records that have been written to the spillover audit files can be moved to the unified audit trail database table.



Non-CDB Upgrades and Oracle GoldenGate

If you are upgrading a Non-CDB Oracle Database where Oracle GoldenGate is deployed, then you must shut down Oracle GoldenGate, and reconfigure it after conversion and upgrade for the multitenant architecture.

Back Up Very Large Databases Before Using AutoUpgrade

If you use partial offline backups with very large databases, then to minimize downtime in the event you need to downgrade your database, check your tablespaces and ensure that all tablespaces required for recovery are backed up.

Release Updates and Requirements for Upgrading Oracle Database

Before starting upgrades, update your new release Oracle home to the latest Release Update (Update).

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

Before you start an upgrade, Oracle strongly recommends that you update your new release Oracle home to the latest quarterly Release Update (Update).

My Oracle Support provides detailed notes about how you can obtain the updates, as well as tools for lifecycle management.. For example:

- My Oracle Support note 2118136.2 contains a download assistant to help you select the updates 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 2118136.2
- My Oracle Support Note 1227443.1

Upgrades and Transparent Data Encryption

To upgrade databases using TDE, provide AutoUpgrade with TDE passwords either by using the -load password command line option, or by specifying an external password store.

Starting with AutoUpgrade version 22.1, you can choose either to provide Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) passwords at the command line during the upgrade to access the source keystores, and have AutoUpgrade create new external keystore on the target system in a location that you choose, or you can specify that AutoUpgrade should access an existing secure external password store (SEPS) that contains the TDE passwords.

Provide TDE Passwords At the Command Line Using Password Initialization and Storage

If you have the TDE passwords for the databases that you want to upgrade, then you can provide those passwords to AutoUpgrade at the command line. AutoUpgrade creates an external key manager generated and maintained by AutoUpgrade. With this configuration, AutoUpgrade supports unmanned or automated operations of TDE-enabled databases. As the upgrade runs, AutoUpgrade can open each source database keystore without prompting for the keystore password, and enroll the target database into the TDE external keystore for key management, so that the target database can start automatically.



- Before running AutoUpgrade, you add the global parameter global.keystore to the configuration file that you use with a database that uses TDE, and specify a secure path to the location of the keystore that you want created for the upgraded database. This path should be different from any other file path you specify in AutoUpgrade, so that the keystore is not in any log file location.
- 2. When you run AutoUpgrade in Deploy mode, you must run it using the -config command line parameter, and with the -load password parameter.
- 3. Before AutoUpgrade starts the database upgrades, AutoUpgrade prompts you to provide the TDE passwords for each database specified in the configuration file that uses TDE. These passwords are used only to access the source release TDE keystores, and to write the TDE passwords to the new target external keystore. No passwords are written to SQL*Plus execution plans during the upgrade. After AutoUpgrade no longer requires the TDE passwords, these passwords are purged from memory. No log records are kept of the passwords.

Note the following security features of the password initialization and storage option:

- You specify the TDE passwords as AutoUpgrade starts to deploy; they are not included in the configuration file.
- AutoUpgrade prompts you to provide the TDE password for each source database specified in your configuration file that contains a TDE keystore.
- AutoUpgrade performs no password logging in any files written by AutoUpgrade during the upgrade. Instead, AutoUpgrade records that the load_password command line option was used during the Deploy.
- As AutoUpgrade runs, it places TDE passwords entered at the command line into secure Java KeyStore objects.
- After the TDE password for an Oracle Database keystore is used for access, and the target database is enrolled into the TDE external keystore for key management, AutoUpgrade clears the Java KeyStore objects containing the password, so that these passwords are no longer in memory.
- AutoUpgrade does not include the keystore file in the zip file that AutoUpgrade generates during the upgrade.
- If the upgrade is a non-CDB or an Unplug-Plug PDB upgrade, then the XML manifest file created by AutoUpgrade for databases undergoing a Non-CDB to PDB or Unplug/Plug upgrade contains TDE encryption keys. This file is also excluded in the zip file generated by AutoUpgrade.

Provide TDE Passwords Using an AUTO LOGIN keystore

If you choose to use an existing external keystore to provide AutoUpgrade with passwords for TDE, then you must perform a one-time setup of an AUTO LOGIN keystore, so that the database can be shut down and restarted without requiring DBA intervention.

To review your existing have an Oracle Wallet value specified, enter the following command:

SQL> show parameter WALLET ROOT;

With AutoUpgrade 22.1 and later, copying the sqlnet.ora file to the new Oracle release is no longer required. If you choose to use a secure external password keystore, then Oracle recommends that you use the WALLET_ROOT static initialization parameter and TDE CONFIGURATION dynamic initialization parameter.



You can specify in your AutoUpgrade configuration file to have the keystore location changed during the upgrade. Alternatively, you can complete this task manually after the upgrade. In either case, ensure that a recent backup has been made of the keystore before you start the upgrade.

If you complete this task manually, then after the upgrade, before you can configure keystores and begin to encrypt data, you must perform a one-time configuration using the <code>WALLET_ROOT</code> and <code>TDE_CONFIGURATION</code> parameters to designate the location and type of keystores that you plan to create.

The <code>WALLET_ROOT</code> parameter specifies the keystore directory location. Before you set <code>WALLET_ROOT</code>, ensure that you have an existing directory that you can use to store keystores. (Typically, this directory is called <code>wallet</code>.)

The TDE_CONFIGURATION parameter specifies the type of keystore (software keystore, hardware keystore, or Oracle Key Vault keystore). If you omit the TDE_CONFIGURATION parameter, then Oracle Database uses the sqlnet.ora file settings. After you set the type of keystore using TDE_CONFIGURATION, when you create the keystore, Oracle Database creates a directory within the WALLET_ROOT location for the keystore type. For example, if you set TDE_CONFIGURATION to FILE, for Transparent Data Encryption keystores, then Oracle Database creates a directory named tde (lower case) within the wallet directory. If you want to migrate from one keystore type that you want to use, and then use the ADMINISTER KEY MANAGEMENT statement to perform the migration. For example, you can migrate from a hardware security module (HSM) keystore to a TDE keystore.

The KEYSTORE_MODE column of the V\$ENCRYPTION_WALLET dynamic view shows whether united mode or isolated mode has been configured.

Note:

In previous releases, the SQLNET.ENCRYPTION_WALLET_LOCATION parameter was used to define the keystore directory location. This parameter has been deprecated. Oracle recommends that you use the WALLET_ROOT static initialization parameter and TDE_CONFIGURATION dynamic initialization parameter instead. You can use the AutoUpgrade utility to perform this update for you during the upgrade.

Related Topics

- Databases are Fun: AutoUpgrade and Transparent Data Encryption (TDE)
- Managing the Keystore and the Primary Encryption Key
- Updating the TDE Wallet Store Location During Upgrade Using AutoUpgrade See how you can use AutoUpgrade configuration file parameters to update your Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) wallet store during upgrade.

Recommendations for Oracle Net Services When Upgrading Oracle Database

You must ensure that the listener is running in your new release Oracle home.

If the Oracle Database that you are upgrading does not have a listener configured, then before you start the upgrade, 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.

Related Topics

SQLNET.COMPRESSION in Oracle Database Net Services Reference

When You Must Disable Oracle Database Vault

You may need to disable Oracle Database Vault to perform upgrade tasks or correct erroneous configurations.

You can reenable Oracle Database Vault after you complete the corrective tasks.

The following situations require you to disable Oracle Database Vault:

- You must install any of the Oracle Database optional products or features, such as Oracle Spatial, by using Database Configuration Assistant (DBCA).
- If you did not configure backup DV_OWNER and DV_ACCTMGR accounts when you registered Oracle Database Vault, and these accounts are inadvertently locked or their passwords forgotten. Note that if your site only has one DV_OWNER user and this user has lost their password, you will be unable to disable Oracle Database Vault. However, if your site's only DV_ACCTMGR user has lost the password, you can disable Database Vault. As a best practice, you should grant the DV_OWNER and DV_ACCTMGR roles to new or existing user accounts, and use the Database Vault Owner and Account Manager accounts that you created when you registered Database Vault as back-up accounts.
- If you want to register Oracle Internet Directory (OID) using Oracle Database Configuration Assistant (DBCA).
- If Oracle Database Vault is enabled and you are upgrading an entire CDB, then use one of the following methods:
 - CDB upgrade method 1: Temporarily grant the DV_PATCH_ADMIN to user SYS commonly by logging into the root container as a common user with the DV_OWNER role, and then issuing the GRANT DV_PATCH_ADMIN TO SYS CONTAINER=ALL statement.
 Oracle Database Vault controls will be in the same state as it was before the upgrade. When the upgrade is complete, log into the root container as the DV_OWNER user and revoke the DV_PATCH_ADMIN role from SYS by issuing the REVOKE DV_PATCH_ADMIN FROM SYS CONTAINER=ALL statement.
 - CDB upgrade method 2: Log into each container as a user who has the DV_OWNER role and then execute the DBMS_MACADM.DISABLE_DV procedure. You must first disable the PDBs (in any order) and then after that, disable the root container last. If you are upgrading only one PDB, then you can disable Oracle Database Vault in that PDB only. After you have completed the upgrade, you can enable Oracle Database Vault by logging into each container as the DV_OWNER user and then executing the DVSYS.DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV procedure. The order of enabling Oracle Database Vault must be the root container first and PDBs afterward. You can enable the PDBs in any order, but the root container must be enabled first.

Note:

Be aware that if you disable Oracle Database Vault, the privileges that were revoked from existing users and roles during the Oracle Database Vault configuration remain in effect.



Related Topics

- Verifying That Database Vault Is Configured and Enabled
- Backup Oracle Database Vault Accounts
- Privileges That Are Revoked from Existing Users and Roles

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_PASSWORDFILE = EXCLUSIVE

Related Topics

ORAPWD Syntax and Command Line Argument Descriptions

Understanding Password Case Sensitivity and Upgrades

By default, Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2) and later releases use Exclusive Mode authentication protocols. 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.

Note:

Starting with Oracle Database 21c, the SEC_CASE_SENSITIVE_LOGON parameter is desupported. You must use a case-sensitive password version. If a user with only a 10G password version is upgraded to Oracle Database 21c, then that user account is locked, until an administrator resets the password.

In previous Oracle Database releases, you could 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 excluded 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.

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.

Update Accounts Using Case-Insensitive Versions

If you have user accounts that have only the case-insensitive 10G password version, then 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.

Related Topics

- 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.

Note:

Starting with Oracle Database 21c, the SEC_CASE_SENSITIVE_LOGON parameter is desupported. You must use a case-sensitive password version.

If you do not want user accounts authenticated with case-insensitive password versions to be locked out of the database after an upgrade, then before the upgrade, 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:

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:

 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.



 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.
- 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.

- 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';
```

9. 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;

10. 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

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 <code>sqlnet.Allowed_logon_version_server</code> is changed to a version that is more permissive than 12, such as 11, do not set the <code>sec_case_sensitive_logon</code> parameter to FALSE.

Related Topics

- Oracle Database Net Services Reference
- Oracle Database Security Guide

Resource and Password Parameter Updates for STIG and CIS Profiles

Starting with Oracle Database 21c, the upgrade configures Oracle Recommended Profiles, which includes updating an already existing STIG profile, and installing a CIS profile as part of the upgrade.

A **profile** is a collection of attributes that apply to a user. It enables a single point of reference for any of multiple users that share those exact attributes.

During Oracle Database upgrades, the Oracle Supplied Profile ORA_STIG_PROFILE user profile is updated in accordance with the most recent system configuration baselines specified by the US Department of Defense Systems Agency (DISA) Security Technical Implementation Guides (STIG) baselines. This update overwrites any password and resource limits that you may have set previously in the ORA_STIG_PROFILE user profile. In addition, a new profile is added, ORA_CIS_PROFILE, which complies with the most recent Center of Internet Security (CIS) baseline updates available to Oracle at the time of the software release. These two profiles are designated **Oracle Recommended Profiles**. These profiles differ from a standard DEFAULT profile, because they are based on the STIG and CIS baselines.



The profiles ORA_STIG_PROFILE and ORA_CIS_PROFILE are created as LOCAL profiles, and the clause CONTAINER=CURRENT clause is used. However, to enhance the security of the profiles that Oracle provides, only the SYS user has permissions to modify these files.

If there are users associated to ORA_STIG_PROFILE, then the following parameters for these users are made stricter after the upgrade:

- PASSWORD LIFE TIME, which is changed to 35.
- PASSWORD_REUSE_TIME, which is changed to 175.
- PASSWORD_GRACE_TIME, which is changed to 0.

For more information about using Oracle Recommended Profiles, refer to Oracle Database Security Guide.

Related Topics

Managing Resources with Profiles

Check for Profile Scripts (glogin.sql and login.sql)

For all upgrade methods, Oracle recommends that you run upgrades without the use of profile scripts.

Depending on the content of profile scripts (glogin.sql and login.sql), there is a risk that these scripts can interfere with the upgrade of Oracle Database, and that you can encounter an UPG-1400 UPGRADE FAILED error, or Unexpected error encountered in catcon, or ORA-04023: Object SYS.STANDARD could not be validated or authorized. Oracle recommends that you remove the site profile script (glogin.sql) from the target Oracle home (located in the Oracle home under /sqlplus/admin) before starting the upgrade. Also ensure that no user profile script is defined, either in the current directory, or specified using the environment variable SQLPATH.

Related Topics

Upgrade and Profile Scripts

Running Upgrades with Read-Only Tablespaces

To take user schema-based tablespaces offline during upgrade, use AutoUpgrade with the catctl options parameter -T option.

For all Oracle Database releases that AutoUpgrade can upgrade, Autoupgrade can read file headers created in earlier releases. 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.

Note:

If you are performing a non-CDB to PDB conversion, then using read-only tablespaces is not a valid fallback option. During a non-CDB to PDB conversion, tablespaces must be online during conversion, because each data file header requires changes during the upgrade.

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 dbupgrade log directory, and run commands in the log files manually to bring up tablespaces. You can view tablespace commands in the following log files:

• Non-CDB Upgrade format: catupgrdYYYYMMDDHHMMSC0.log, where:

YYYY is the year, MM is the month, DD is the day, HH is the hour, MM is the minute in the hour, and SC is the seconds.

• **PDB databases format:** catupgrdYYYYMMDDHHSCpdbname0.log, where:

YYYY is the year, MM is the month, DD is the day, HH is the hour, MM is the minute in the hour, SC is the seconds, and *pdbname* 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

High Availability Options for Oracle Database

Review the high availability options available to you for Oracle Database using Standard Edition High Availability, Oracle Restart, Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC), and Oracle RAC One Node.



The following is an overview of the high availability options available to you for Oracle Database.

Standard Edition High Availability

- Cluster-based active/passive Oracle Database failover solution
- Designed for single instance Standard Edition Oracle Databases
- Available with Oracle Database 19c release update (RU) 19.7 and later
- Requires Oracle Grid Infrastructure 19c RU 19.7 and later, installed as a Standalone Cluster

Oracle Restart

- Oracle Database instance restart only feature and basis for Oracle Automatic Storage Management (Oracle ASM) for standalone server deployments
- For single instance Oracle Databases
- Requires Oracle Grid Infrastructure for a standalone server (no cluster)

Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) One Node

- Provides a cluster-based active/passive Oracle Database failover and online database relocation solution
- Available for Oracle RAC-enabled Oracle Databases
- Only one instance of an Oracle RAC-enabled Oracle Database is running under normal operations
- Enables relocation of the active instance to another server in the cluster in an online fashion. To relocate the active instance, you can temporarily start a second instance on the destination server, and relocate the workload
- Supports Rolling Upgrades patch set, database, and operating system
- Supports Application Continuity
- · Requires Oracle Grid Infrastructure to be installed as a Standalone Cluster

Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC)

- Provides active / active Oracle Database high availability and scalability solution
- Enables multiple servers to perform concurrent transactions on the same Oracle Database
- Provides high availability: a failure of a database instance or server does not interrupt the database service as a whole, because other instances and their servers remain operational
- Supports Rolling Upgrades patch set, database, and operating system
- Supports Application Continuity
- Requires Oracle Grid Infrastructure to be installed as a Standalone Cluster

Options for High Availability with Oracle Database Standard Edition

To enable high availability for Oracle Database Standard Edition in releases after Oracle Database 19c, learn how you can use Standard Edition High Availability.



- Preparing to Upgrade Standard Edition Oracle RAC or Oracle RAC One Node To maintain high availability after migrating from Standard Edition Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC), you can use Standard Edition High Availability.
- Requirements for Using Standard Edition High Availability With Oracle Databases To use Standard Edition High Availability, deploy Oracle Database Standard Edition 2 in accordance with these configuration requirements.

Preparing to Upgrade Standard Edition Oracle RAC or Oracle RAC One Node

To maintain high availability after migrating from Standard Edition Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC), you can use Standard Edition High Availability.

Starting with the Oracle Database 19c release, Oracle Database Standard Edition 2 does not support Oracle RAC. To continue to meet high availability needs for Oracle Database Standard Edition, Oracle is introducing Standard Edition High Availability.

Requirements for Using Standard Edition High Availability With Oracle Databases

To use Standard Edition High Availability, deploy Oracle Database Standard Edition 2 in accordance with these configuration requirements.

- The database is created in a cluster running Oracle Grid Infrastructure for a Standalone Cluster, with its database files placed in Oracle Automatic Storage Management (Oracle ASM) or Oracle Advanced Cluster File System (Oracle ACFS).
- When using the Database Configuration Assistant, do not create a listener when creating an Oracle Database Standard Edition 2 database that you want to configure for Standard Edition High Availability.
- Register the database with Single Client Access Name (SCAN) listeners as remote listeners, and node listeners as the local listener.
- Create a database service. Use this service, instead of the default database service, when you connect applications or database clients to the database.
- Ensure that the server parameter file (spfile) and password file are on Oracle ASM or Oracle ACFS. If the spfile and password file were placed on a local file system when the database was created or configured, then move these files to Oracle ASM or Oracle ACFS.

Refer to the database installation documentation for additional requirements that must be met.

Related Topics

Oracle Database Installation Guide for Linux

Moving Operating System Audit Records into the Unified Audit Trail

Audit records that have been written to the spillover audit files can be moved to the unified audit trail database table.

When the database is not writable (such as during database mounts), if the database is closed, or if it is read-only, then Oracle Database writes the audit records to these external files. The default location for these external files is the <code>\$ORACLE_BASE/audit/\$ORACLE_SID</code> directory.

You can load the files into the database by running the

DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.LOAD_UNIFIED_AUDIT_FILES procedure. If you are loading a large number of operating system audit records in the external files, then consider the impact on the performance.



Follow these steps to load the audit records from operating system files to the AUDSYS schema audit table when the database is writable:

1. Log into the database as a user who has been granted the AUDIT ADMIN role.

Before you can upgrade to the current release or Oracle Database, you must run the DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.LOAD_UNIFIED_AUDIT_FILES procedure from the CDB root to avoid losing operating system spillover files during the upgrade process.

2. Ensure that the database is open and writable.

To find if the database is open and writable, query the V\$DATABASE view.

SELECT NAME, OPEN_MODE FROM V\$DATABASE;

NAME	OPEN_MODE
HRPDB	READ WRITE

You can run the show pdbs command to find information about PDBs associated with the current instance.

3. Run the DBMS AUDIT MGMT.LOAD UNIFIED AUDIT FILES procedure.

For example:

EXEC DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.LOAD_UNIFIED_AUDIT_FILES;

If you want to load a specific batch size of spillover operating system audit files, include the load_batch_size parameter. For example, to load 10 spillover files for the current container:

```
BEGIN
DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.LOAD_UNIFIED_AUDIT_FILES(
    container => 1,
    load_batch_size => 10);
END;
/
```

If you omit the load_batch_size parameter, then the default value of load_batch_size is 3. In that case, EXEC DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.LOAD_UNIFIED_AUDIT_FILES; only loads 3 files at a time.

4. If you want to load individual PDB audit records, then log in to each PDB and run the DBMS AUDIT MGMT.LOAD UNIFIED AUDIT FILES procedure again.

The audit records are loaded into the AUDSYS schema audit table immediately, and then deleted from the <code>\$ORACLE BASE/audit/\$ORACLE SID</code> directory.

If the session ID linked to the spillover audit files is owned by the PMON process, then the files can't be loaded until the database is restarted.

Non-CDB Upgrades and Oracle GoldenGate

If you are upgrading a Non-CDB Oracle Database where Oracle GoldenGate is deployed, then you must shut down Oracle GoldenGate, and reconfigure it after conversion and upgrade for the multitenant architecture.

If you are using Oracle GoldenGate with the non-CDB Oracle Database that you want to upgrade, then before you convert and upgrade the source non-CDB Oracle Database to the multitenant architecture, you must shut down and remove the Oracle GoldenGate processes,



and then reconfigure them after conversion and upgrade for the multitenant architecture. The following is a high level overview of the processes required:

- 1. Drop Oracle GoldenGate users on the source Oracle Database.
- 2. Wait until the Oracle GoldenGate processes finish processing all current DML and DDL data in the Oracle GoldenGate trails, and processes are at End of File (EOF).
- 3. Stop all Oracle GoldenGate processes on the source database.
- 4. Complete the conversion and upgrade of the source non-CDB Oracle Database to the target Oracle Database on the target release CDB.
- 5. Restart the database.
- 6. If you are also upgrading the database from an earlier release to a later major release family (for example, from Oracle Database 12.1 to Oracle Database 19c, which is the terminal patch set of the Oracle Database 12.2 family), then you must install a new version of Oracle GoldenGate that is supported for Oracle Database 19c. If you are upgrading both Oracle Database and Oracle GoldenGate simultaneously, then you must upgrade the database first.

After the database conversion and upgrade is complete, you can create new credentials for the Oracle GoldenGate extract user. With the new credentials you can then create a new Extract process and Extract pump and distribution service for the upgraded Oracle Database PDB on the target CDB, and start up the newly created processes. For more information about completing those procedures after the upgrade, refer to the Oracle GoldenGate documentation.

Related Topics

- Establishing Oracle GoldenGate Credentials
- Configuring Oracle GoldenGate in a Multitenant Container Database

Back Up Very Large Databases Before Using AutoUpgrade

If you use partial offline backups with very large databases, then to minimize downtime in the event you need to downgrade your database, check your tablespaces and ensure that all tablespaces required for recovery are backed up.

If you are using the AutoUpgrade utility for upgrading databases where you have selected partial offline backups as your backup option, then check that all tablespaces that are required for upgrade are in READ WRITE mode, and only after you are sure you have identified all required tablespaces for backup, change the status of all required tables before you take an OFFLINE backup of the tablespaces you require for recovery before you run AutoUpgrade.

The reasons for this guideline are as follows:

During an AutoUpgrade operation, other tablespaces besides SYSTEM, SYSAUX and UNDO may need to be maintained in READ WRITE status for the upgrade. Some of the reasons for this requirement during an upgrade can include:

- Tablespaces that contain dictionary objects
- Tablespaces that are the default tablespace for Oracle-maintained users
- Tablespaces that are the default tablespace for the database

AutoUpgrade detects if all tablespaces needed for the upgrade are in READ WRITE status.

When there are tablespaces that must be changed to READ WRITE mode for the upgrade, then:



- During the PRECHECKS processing mode, AutoUpgrade detects tables in READ ONLY status as an issue.
- During the FIXUP processing mode, AutoUpgrade performs an automatic fixup to update to READ WRITE mode any tablespaces that it detects in READ ONLY mode that must be in READ WRITE mode.

If there are any tablespaces required for upgrade that AutoUpgrade changes from READ ONLY mode to READ WRITE mode, and these tablespaces were not included in your backup before starting AutoUpgrade, then your recovery strategy is at risk. To ensure that your backup is valid for recovery, you must take your OFFLINE backup only after you are sure which tablespaces must be backed up.

To ensure that your partial offline backup contains backups for all tablespaces modified during the upgrade, complete this procedure:

- 1. Put all tablespaces in READ ONLY mode, except for SYSTEM, SYSUX and UNDO and those tablespaces that you know must be in READ WRITE.
- 2. Run the this query for pivot users:

```
(SELECT username
FROM dba users
WHERE user id in (
  SELECT schema# FROM sys.registry$
    WHERE namespace = 'SERVER'
    UNION
    SELECT schema# FROM sys.registry$schemas
   WHERE namespace = 'SERVER'
   UNION
    SELECT user# FROM sys.user$
    WHERE type#=1 AND bitand(spare1,256)=256))
  SELECT tablespace name
  FROM dba tablespaces
  WHERE status <> 'ONLINE' and tablespace name IN
  (
  SELECT property value
  FROM database properties
    WHERE property name = 'DEFAULT PERMANENT TABLESPACE'
    UNION
    SELECT default tablespace
    FROM dba users
    WHERE username IN (SELECT username FROM pivot users)
    UNION
    SELECT tablespace name
    FROM dba segments
    WHERE owner IN (SELECT username FROM pivot_users)
    UNION
    SELECT t.name
    FROM modeltab$ m, ts$ t, sys objects s
    WHERE m.obj#=s.object id and s.ts number=t.ts#
    ) '
```

The next step you take depends on the result of the query:

- If the query returns no rows, then it means that backing up SYSTEM, SYSAUX and UNDO, as well as those tables you specifically know must be in READ WRITE, is sufficient to complete a partial offline backup.
- If the query return rows in tablespaces, then to complete a partial offline backup, you must place these additional tablespaces in READ WRITE mode.
- 3. When you have completed identifying and placing all required tablespaces in READ WRITE mode, take your partial offline backup of those tablespaces. Also back up SYSTEM, SYSAUX and UNDO.redo logs, control files and any other files that you consider relevant for the restore/recovery procedure in case they are needed.
- 4. Run AutoUpgrade in ANALYZE mode. Review the output, and ensure that AutoUpgrade identifies no additional tablespaces reported as READ ONLY that must be put in READ WRITE.

(Optional) Enter the result of the procedure here.

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. 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.

AutoUpgrade run with the -preupgrade parameter in analyze mode displays any deprecated parameters and desupported parameters it finds in the upgrade.xml file that it generates.

Adjust the values of the initialization parameters to at least the minimum values indicated in <code>upgrade.xml</code>

Ensure 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.

2. (Manual upgrades only) If you are upgrading a cluster database, and you are not using AutoUpgrade or Replay Upgrade, 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 *target* Oracle homes.
- Database upgrade is supported when the Oracle home from which the database is being upgraded uses the Windows Built-in Account.
- 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.

Before upgrading manually, or before using the custom files from the older Oracle Base (for example, keystores, 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 Microsoft 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.

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: upg1.target_version=23.

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 <code>Oracle_home</code> is the Oracle home directory, or the environment variable set for the Oracle home, and <code>yourconfig.txt</code> 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.autoupg_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 pdbs parameter is not specified. You only need to specify the pdbs 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 successfuly
                        [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 dbsales, 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

ORACLE Date: Wed Apr 08 14:20:56 CEST 2020 | DB Compatible: 12.2.0 | DB Version: 12.2.0.1.0 | Operating System: Linux CDB1 CDB\$ROOT Containers CDB\$ROOT PreChecks Error(1) PreChecks Warning(1) Turn on the archive mode of the database prior the AutoUpgrade execution PreChecks Recommend(3) The database to be upgraded must have the archive mode on before execute the AutoUpgrade for a fast restoration in case of error PreChecks Info(4) PostChecks Warning(2) The database does not have the archive mode enabled PostChecks Recommend(2) PDB\$SEED PreChecks Warning(1) PreChecks Recommend(3) Load the Unified Audit records from OS spillover audit files to database audit table using DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.LOAD_UNIFIED_AUDIT_FILES api before PreChecks Info(1) upgrade PostChecks Warning(2) PostChecks Recommend(2) Oracle Unified Audit records present in the OS spillover audit files must be loaded to the database audit table before database upgrade to ensure they can be read after upgrade. For more information, refer to "LOAD_UNIFIED_AUDIT_FILES Procedure" in Database PL/SQL Packages and Types Reference. Denver-Sales2 PreChecks Recommend(3) There are Unified Audit records present in the OS spillover audit files PreChecks Info(1) PostChecks Warning(2)

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 pdbs 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
upg1.source_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/12.2.0
upg1.sid=CDB1
upg1.sid=CDB1
upg1.log_dir=/home/oracle/autoupgrade/CDB1
upg1.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.

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 <code>yourconfig.txt</code> 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 preupgrade, upgrade, and postupgrade 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.

You may want to create a test versoin of your current production database.

If you plan to use Oracle 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.



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

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 Database Vault

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

Preparing for Upgrades of Databases with Oracle Database Vault
 If the Oracle Database you plan to upgrade uses Oracle Database Vault, then you must
 disable Oracle Database Vault before starting the upgrade.

Preparing for Upgrades of Databases with Oracle Database Vault

If the Oracle Database you plan to upgrade uses Oracle Database Vault, then you must disable Oracle Database Vault before starting the upgrade.

During the upgrade process, if your source Oracle Database uses Oracle Database Vault, then you must first disable Oracle Database Vault before you start the upgrade.

You have two options you can use:

- Use a manual procedure: Log on as the common Database Vault (DV) administrator in the CDB\$ROOT and grant the DV_PATCH_ADMIN role to SYS, or log in and disable Oracle Database Vault on every container. Procedures vary slightly, depending on your upgrade scenario. This procedure is described in My Oracle Support, "Requirement for Upgrading Database with Database Vault (Doc ID 2757126.1)".
- 2. Download the latest AutoUpgrade Jar file, and perform the procedure described here.

With either option, when you run AutoUpgrade in Analyze mode, it detects that Oracle Database Vault is enabled, and indicates in its report that you must ensure the prerequisites for Oracle Database Vault and upgrade are met.



Example 2-6 AutoUpgrade Procedure for Databases Using Oracle Database Vault

When you use AutoUpgrade, and your database is configured with Oracle Database Vault, the upgrade procedure is as follows:

- 1. Disable Oracle Database Vault.
- 2. Install the new Oracle Database release.
- Download the latest AutoUpgrade JAR file from My Oracle Support note 2485457.1, and replace the AutoUpgrade JAR file in the new Oracle Database release, in the path Oracle home/rdbms/admin
- 4. Run the AutoUpgrade utility (or Database Upgrade Assistant), and complete the upgrade.
- 5. Enable Oracle Database Vault in the upgraded Oracle Database.

Related Topics

- Disabling and Enabling Oracle Database Vault
- Requirement for Upgrading Database with Database Vault (Doc ID 2757126.1)
- AutoUpgrade Tool (Doc ID 2485457.1)

Back Up Oracle Database Before 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 strongly recommends that you create a backup of the Oracle software and databases. For Oracle software running on Microsoft Windows operating systems, you must also take a backup of the Windows registry. On Microsoft Windows, 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.

Before you cleanly shut down the database, you must run AutoUpgrade using the preupgrade parameter. To minimize downtime, you can perform an online backup, or create a guaranteed restore point.

1. Sign on to Oracle RMAN:

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

2. Run the following RMAN commands:

```
RUN
{
    ALLOCATE CHANNEL chan_name TYPE DISK;
    sql 'ALTER SYSTEM ARCHIVE LOG CURRENT';
    BACKUP DATABASE FORMAT '/tmp/db%U' TAG before_upgrade
    PLUS ARCHIVELOG FORMAT '/tmp/arch%U' TAG before_upgrade;
    BACKUP CURRENT CONTROLFILE FORMAT '/tmp/ctl%U' TAG before_upgrade;
}
```

Caution:

You must ensure that no other RMAN backup runs during this backup. If another RMAN command backs up and removes archive log, then this backup could be unrecoverable, because the other RMAN command has removed the archive logs.

Related Topics

- About Online Backups and Backup Mode
- Using Flashback Database and Restore Points
- Backing Up the Database



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Upgrading Databases with Oracle Data Guard Standbys

When you upgrade a database to a new release, you upgrade the primary, and then replicate transactions transactions to the standby using the archive logs from the primary.

This scenario assumes you are using Oracle Data Guard broker.

- Preparing for Upgrades of Databases Using Oracle Data Guard In this scenario, you perform your upgrade using Oracle Data Guard with Data Guard broker, and move the Data Guard broker configuration files before starting your upgrade.
- Manual Non-CDB to PDB Conversion and Upgrade with Data Guard Standby Upgrades with Oracle Data Guard where you want to uprade a non-CDB to a PDB, and reuse the non-CDB stadnby datafiles require a special procedure.
- Before You Patch or Upgrade the Oracle Database Software Before you patch or upgrade your Oracle Database software, review the prerequisites for different use case scenarios.
- Recovering After the NOLOGGING Clause Is Specified Some SQL statements allow you to specify a NOLOGGING clause so that the operation is not logged in the online redo log file.
- Enable an Appropriate Logging Mode As part of preparing the primary database for standby database creation, you must enable a logging mode appropriate to the way you plan to use the Oracle Data Guard configuration.
- Upgrading Oracle Database with a Physical Standby Database in Place These steps show how to upgrade to Oracle Database when a physical standby database is present in the configuration.

Preparing for Upgrades of Databases Using Oracle Data Guard

In this scenario, you perform your upgrade using Oracle Data Guard with Data Guard broker, and move the Data Guard broker configuration files before starting your upgrade.

The default location for the DB_BROKER_CONFIG files is in the dbs 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_FILE*n* 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



 Before you start the upgrade, if you are not using Oracle Automatic Storage Management (Oracle ASM) for storage, then set the Oracle Data Guard files DG_BROKER_CONFIG_FILE1 and DG_BROKER_CONFIG_FILE2 to a separate mount point on your server that is outside of the Oracle home path for either the source or target Oracle Database Oracle homes.

Note:

Prior to Oracle Database 21c, the default ORACLE_HOME layout combined ORACLE_HOME, ORACLE_BASE_HOME and ORACLE_BASE_CONFIG into a single location. Starting with Oracle Database 21c, the only available configuration is a read-only ORACLE_HOME where ORACLE_BASE_HOME and ORACLE_BASE_CONFIG are located separately from ORACLE_HOME. Files such as the Oracle Data Guard Files, which were previously located in the folder dbs, are now located in ORACLE_BASE_CONFIG/dbs.

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.

Oracle recommends that you use AutoUpgrade to complete the upgrade.

See:

AutoUpgrade and Oracle Data Guard

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.

See a Demonstration of how to upgrade with AutoUpgrade and Oracle Data Guard

Daniel Overby Hansen provides you with an overview of how you can use AutoUpgrade to perform upgrades of Oracle Databases using Oracle Data Guard standby databases.

How to Upgrade with AutoUpgrade and Data Guard

Related Topics

Renaming the Broker Configuration Files



Manual Non-CDB to PDB Conversion and Upgrade with Data Guard Standby

Upgrades with Oracle Data Guard where you want to uprade a non-CDB to a PDB, and reuse the non-CDB stadnby datafiles require a special procedure.

When you have an Oracle Data Guard deployment on your non-CDB source Oracle Database configuration, and you want to reuse the source standby database files on your target PDB after you plug the non-CDB in as a PDB into the primary database of an Oracle Data Guard configuration, there are particular steps required that you must perform manually. For the current release of AutoUpgrade, this functionality is not supported.

For instructions on how to complete an upgrade with this scenario, refer to *Reusing the Source* Standby Database Files When Plugging a non-CDB as a PDB into the Primary Database of a Data Guard Configuration (Doc ID 2273304.1)

Related Topics

• Reusing the Source Standby Database Files When Plugging a non-CDB as a PDB into the Primary Database of a Data Guard Configuration (Doc ID 2273304.1)

Before You Patch or Upgrade the Oracle Database Software

Before you patch or upgrade your Oracle Database software, review the prerequisites for different use case scenarios.

- If you are using the Oracle Data Guard broker to manage your configuration, follow the instructions in *Oracle Data Guard Broker*
- Use procedures described in these topics in conjunction with other upgrade procedures and guidelines provided in *Oracle Database Upgrade Guide*.
- Check for NOLOGGING operations. If NOLOGGING operations have been performed then you must update the standby database.

See Recovering After the NOLOGGING Clause Is Specified

- Make note of any tablespaces or data files that need recovery due to OFFLINE IMMEDIATE. Before starting an upgrade, tablespaces or data files should be recovered, and either online or offline.
- In an Oracle Data Guard configuration, all physical and snapshot standby databases must use a copy of the password file from the primary database. Password file changes done on the primary database are automatically propagated to standby databases. Password file changes are events such as when an administrative privilege (SYSDG, SYSOPER, SYSDBA, and so on) is granted or revoked, and when the password of any user with administrative privileges is changed.

Far sync instances are an exception to the automatic updating feature. Updated password files must still be manually copied to far sync instances, because far sync instances receive redo, but do not apply it. When a password file is manually updated at a far sync instance, the redo containing the same password changes from the primary database is automatically propagated to any standby databases that are set up to receive redo from that far sync instance. The password file is updated on the standby when the redo is applied.

Note:

If there are cascaded standbys in your configuration, then those cascaded standbys must follow the same rules as any other standby, but should be shut down last, and restarted in the new home first.

Related Topics

Oracle Data Guard Broker Upgrading and Downgrading

Recovering After the NOLOGGING Clause Is Specified

Some SQL statements allow you to specify a NOLOGGING clause so that the operation is not logged in the online redo log file.

In actuality, when you specify NOLOGGING, a redo record is still written to the online redo log file, but there is no data associated with the record. This specification can result in log application or data access errors at the standby site. Manual recovery might be required to resume applying log files. Depending on whether you have a logical standby or physical standby, you can avoid these errors by doing the following:

Logical standbys

Specify the FORCE LOGGING clause in the CREATE DATABASE or ALTER DATABASE statements.

Physical standbys

Specify a logging mode that is appropriate to the way in which you plan to use your Data Guard configuration.

See Enable an Appropriate Logging Mode.

You can see the current logging mode in the V\$DATABASE.FORCE_LOGGING column (for CDBs), or the DBA PDBS.FORCE LOGGING column (for PDBs).

Enable an Appropriate Logging Mode

As part of preparing the primary database for standby database creation, you must enable a logging mode appropriate to the way you plan to use the Oracle Data Guard configuration.

The default logging mode of a database that is not part of an Oracle Data Guard configuration allows certain data loading operations to be performed in a nonlogged manner. This default mode is not appropriate to a database with a standby, because it leads to the loaded data being missing from the standby, which requires manual intervention to fix.

In addition to the default logging mode, there are three other modes that are appropriate for a primary database:

• FORCE LOGGING mode prevents any load operation from being performed in a nonlogged manner. This mode can slow down the load process, because the loaded data must be copied into the redo logs. FORCE LOGGING mode is enabled using the following command:

SQL> ALTER DATABASE FORCE LOGGING;

• STANDBY NOLOGGING FOR DATA AVAILABILITY mode causes the load operation to send the loaded data to each standby through its own connection to the standby. The commit is



delayed until all the standbys have applied the data as part of running managed recovery in an Active Data Guard environment. It is enabled with the following command:

SQL> ALTER DATABASE SET STANDBY NOLOGGING FOR DATA AVAILABILITY;

• STANDBY NOLOGGING FOR LOAD PERFORMANCE is similar to the previous mode except that the loading process can stop sending the data to the standbys if the network cannot keep up with the speed at which data is being loaded to the primary. In this mode it is possible that the standbys may have missing data, but each standby automatically fetches the data from the primary as a normal part of running managed recovery in an Active Data Guard environment. It is enabled with the following command:

SQL> ALTER DATABASE SET STANDBY NOLOGGING FOR LOAD PERFORMANCE;

When you issue any of these statements, the primary database must at least be mounted (and it can also be open). The statement can take a considerable amount of time to complete, because it waits for all unlogged direct write I/O to finish.

Note:

When you enable STANDBY NOLOGGING FOR DATA AVAILABILITY or STANDBY NOLOGGING FOR LOAD PERFORMANCE on the primary database, any standbys that are using multi-instance redo apply functionality will stop applying redo with the error ORA-10892. You must first restart redo apply and allow the affected standbys to progress past the NOLOGGING operation period and then enable multi-instance redo apply.

Automatic Correction of Non-logged Blocks at a Data Guard Standby Database" is only available on:

- Oracle Database Appliance
- Exadata
- Exadata Cloud Service
- Database Cloud Service Enterprise Edition Extreme Performance

Related Topics

Specifying FORCE LOGGING Mode

💉 See Also:

Oracle Database Administrator's GuideFor more information about the ramifications of specifying FORCE LOGGING mode



Upgrading Oracle Database with a Physical Standby Database in Place

These steps show how to upgrade to Oracle Database when a physical standby database is present in the configuration.

Note:

If the database being upgraded is a member of an Oracle Data Guard broker configuration, then before proceeding, you must disable fast-start failover and shut down the broker. For information about how to do this, see *Oracle Data Guard Broker*.

- **1.** Review and perform the standard preupgrade preparation tasks described in *Oracle Database Upgrade Guide*.
- 2. Install the new release of the Oracle software into a new Oracle home on the physical standby database and primary database systems, as described in *Oracle Database Upgrade Guide*
- 3. Shut down the primary database.
- 4. Shut down physical standby databases.
- Stop all listeners, agents, and other processes running in the Oracle homes that you want to upgrade (Source Oracle homes). Perform this step on all nodes in an Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) environment.
- 6. In the new Oracle home (Target Oracle home), restart all listeners, agents, and other processes that you stopped in the source Oracle home
- 7. Mount physical standby databases on the target Oracle home (upgraded version).

Caution:

Do not open standby databases until the primary database upgrade is completed.

8. Start Redo Apply on the physical standby databases.

Note:

By default, AutoUpgrade disables log shipping. If you have modified your AutoUpgrade configuration file to enable log shipping, then modify your AutoUpgrade configuration file to set the AutoUpgrade locally modifiable global parameter defer_standby_log_shipping to no. For example: upg1.defer_standby_log_shipping=no

- 9. Upgrade the primary database. Physical standby databases are upgraded when the redo generated by the primary database as it is upgraded is applied to standbys.
- 10. Open the upgraded primary database.

11. If Oracle Active Data Guard was being used before the upgrade, then you must reenable it after upgrading.

See Real-time query

12. (Optional) When ready. modify the COMPATIBLE initialization parameter.

Note:

On Microsoft Windows platforms, it is necessary to use the ORADIM utility to delete the database service (for the old database version), and to create a new database service for the new database version. You must replace the <code>OracleServiceSID</code> on both the primary and standby servers.

Related Topics

- Oracle Data Guard Broker Upgrading and Downgrading
- Preparing to Upgrade Oracle Database, Oracle Database Upgrade Guide
- Modifying the COMPATIBLE Initialization Parameter After Upgrading



Postupgrade Tasks for Oracle Database

After you upgrade Oracle Database, complete required postupgrade tasks, and consider recommendations for the new release.

Note:

If you use AutoUpgrade to complete the upgrade, then many of these tasks may be done automatically as part of the upgrade.

- 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 types of upgrades.
- 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.
- Migrating Oracle Database Express Edition to Oracle Database Free You cannot directly upgrade previous releases of Oracle Database Express Edition (XE), but you can export data from earlier Oracle Database XE releases to Oracle Database 23ai Free
- Tasks to Complete After Testing Your Oracle Database Upgrade After you complete your upgrade testing, you may want to complete additional tasks, depending on your system.

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 located in the path <code>\$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin</code>. The 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 4-1 Run a SQL Query on DBA_REGISTRY

To show the current state of the dictionary, perform a SQL query similar to the following example:

Example 4-2 Run SQL Queries to Check for Invalid Objects

To check for invalid objects, you can perform SQL queries, similar to the following examples:

1. This query list all the invalid objects in the database:

```
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 completed recompilation of invalid objects, Oracle-maintained objects should be valid.

To check to ensure Oracle-maintained objects are valid, enter the following query:

```
SQL> select owner, object_name, object_type from sys.dba_invalid_objects
where oracle maintained='Y';
```

3. To list any invalid application objects in the database, enter the following query:

```
SQL> select owner, object_name, object_type from sys.dba_invalid_objects
where oracle maintained='N';
```

Example 4-3 Run the dbupgdiag.sql Script

(Optional) If you want to obtain further information about the upgrade, you can choose to 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/dbupgdiag-script:

```
/u01/dbupdiag-script/ $ sqlplus / as sysdba
sql> alter session set nls_language='American';
```



```
sql> @dbupgdiag.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.

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.

- Setting Environment Variables on Linux and Unix Systems After Manual Upgrades Check that required operating system environment variables point to the directories of the new Oracle Database release.
- Recompile Invalid Objects in the Database After you install, patch, or upgrade a database, recompile invalid objects on the CDB and PDBs with a recompilation driver script.
- 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.
- Setting oratab and Scripts to Point to the New Oracle Location After Upgrading Oracle Database

Scripts should point to the new Oracle home location.

- Replay Upgrade Only: Run Datapatch to Patch the New PDB If you perform a Replay Upgrade, then you must manually run the Datapatch utility on the upgraded database.
- Replay Upgrade Only: Run AutoUpgrade Postfixups Check
 If you perform an upgrade using Replay Upgrade, then you must run AutoUpgrade with the
 postfixups mode.
- 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.
- 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 APEX To avoid invalid objects, drop Oracle APEX 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 reenable Oracle Database Vault, or revoke Oracle Database Vault role granted for 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

Check that required operating system environment variables point to the directories of the new Oracle Database release.

Typically, operating system environment variables are set in profiles and shell scripts. Confirm that the following Oracle user environment variables point to the directories of the new Oracle home:

- ORACLE_HOME
- PATH

Look for other environment variables that refer to the earlier release Oracle home, such as LD_LIBRARY_PATH. In general, you should replace all occurrences of the old Oracle home in your environment variables with the new Oracle home paths.

Related Topics

• Step 2: Ensure That the Required Environment Variables Are Set

Recompile Invalid Objects in the Database

After you install, patch, or upgrade a database, recompile invalid objects on the CDB and PDBs with a recompilation driver script.

By default, AutoUpgrade performs a recompilation of invalid Oracle objects, which is controlled by the configuration file run_utlrp local parameter (default: *prefix.run_utlrp=yes*). In addition, Oracle provides the recompilation scripts utlrp.sql, utlprp.sql, and utlprpom.sql. These scripts are located in the *Oracle_home/rdbms/admin* directory.



Note:

Starting with AutoUpgrade 23.1, when you run the AutoUpgrade utility, AutoUpgrade runs the utlprpom.sql script, and does not run utlrp.sql. When AutoUpgrade is used for upgrades to Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2.0.1) and later releases, AutoUpgrade only recompiles invalid objects owned by Oracle-maintained schemas. Because database upgrades do not need to touch user objects, AutoUpgrade maintains this policy when it recompiles invalid objects.

After installing a database, recomplile all 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 utlrp.sql. For example:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl catcon.pl --n 1 --e --b utlrp --d '''.'''
utlrp.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 utlrp.

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 utlrp.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.

After patching or upgrading a database, there is more than one approach you can use to recompile invalid Oracle-owned and user-owned objects:

Recompile all invalid objects (the invalid objects in both Oracle and user schemas) by using utlrp.sql or utlprp.sql.

If time is a factor and the type of invalid objects is predominately application owned, then you can recompile Oracle-owned invalid objects first, and defer recompiling application-owned invalid objects to a later time. To recompile invalid objects in Oracle schemas, use utlprpom.sql. To recompile the remaining invalid objects, use utlprp.sql or utlprp.sql.

Note:

When you use either utlprp.sql or utlprpom.sql, note that both scripts require you to define the degree of parallelism that the script should use, or determine the number of parallel recompile jobs to use.



The script uses syntax as follows, where *base* is the base name you want to have given to log files, *N* is the number of PDBs on which you want to run recompilation jobs in parallel (degrees of parallelism), *script.sql* is the Oracle recompilation script you chose to use, and *P* is the number of PDBs on which you want to run in parallel:

Suppose you are running recompilation in a CDB using the log file base name recomp, with a degrees of parallelism setting of 3 jobs per PDB container, the script you choose to use is utlprp.sql, and you want to recompile across at most 10 PDBs at a time. In that case, the syntax you use to run the recompile operation is similar to the following,

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catcon.pl -b recomp -
d $ORACLE HOME/rdbms/admin -n 10 -l /tmp utlprp.sql '--p3'
```

Related Topics

Syntax and Parameters for catcon.pl

Track Invalid Object Recompilation Progress

Use these SQL queries to track the progress of utlrp.sql script recompilation of invalid objects.

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.

Oracle recommends that you run the utlrp.sql script after upgrade to recompile invalid objects. You can run SQL queries to monitor the script.

Example 4-4 Number of Invalid Objects Remaining

Enter this query to return the number of remaining invalid objects. This number decreases over time as the utlrp.sql script runs.

select COUNT(*) "OBJECTS WITH ERRORS" from obj\$ where status in (3,4,5,6);

Example 4-5 Number of Objects Recompiled

Enter this query to return the number of objects that utlrp.sql has compiled. This number increases over time as the script runs.

```
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM UTL RECOMP COMPILED;
```



Example 4-6 Number of Objects Recompiled with Errors

Enter this query to return the number of objects that utlrp.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 utlrp.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 21c, 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.

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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 4-7 Copy TNSNAMES.ORA and SQLNET.ORA to New Default Network Administration Directory

In this example, you copy the existing them 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:

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:

```
cd $OLD_ORACLE_HOME/network
scp tnsnames.ora sqlnet.ora \
oracle@racnode2:/u01/app/oracle/homes/OraDB20Home1/network/admin/
```

Example 4-8 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

Setting oratab and Scripts to Point to the New Oracle Location After Upgrading Oracle Database

Scripts should point to the new Oracle home location.

After you upgrade Oracle Database to a new release, your <code>oratab</code> file and any client scripts that set the value of <code>ORACLE_HOME</code> point to the new Oracle home that is created for the new Oracle Database release. AutoUpgrade and Replay Upgrade automatically point <code>oratab</code> to the new Oracle home. However, regardless of the method you use to upgrade, you must check client scripts.

Related Topics

- Step 2: Set Operating System Environment Variables
- My Oracle Support Note 394251.1

Replay Upgrade Only: Run Datapatch to Patch the New PDB

If you perform a Replay Upgrade, then you must manually run the Datapatch utility on the upgraded database.

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.

1. Open the PDB for patching, where *PDB*-name is the name of the PDB::

SQL> alter pluggable database PDB-name open

2. Go to the OPatch directory in the PDB Oracle home directory and run the Datapatch utility.



For example:

```
$ cd $ORACLE_HOME/OPatch
$ ./datapatch
```

Related Topics

Datapatch User Guide (Doc ID 2680521.1)

Replay Upgrade Only: Run AutoUpgrade Postfixups Check

If you perform an upgrade using Replay Upgrade, then you must run AutoUpgrade with the postfixups mode.

Note:

If you ran AutoUpgrade for the upgrade, then you do not need to complete this procedure.

To see how to check your database after upgrades, use the following example.

Example 4-9 Running AutoUpgrade Using Postupgrade Fixup Mode

1. Set the Oracle System Identifier (SID) to the source Oracle Database SID. For example, where the SID is CDB1:

export ORACLE SID=CDB1

2. Set an environment variable for the target version of the upgraded PDB. For example:

export ORACLE_TARGET_VERSION=23.0.0

Note:

If you select the postfixups mode, and you do not specify a target home path, then the default value is specified by the Oracle home environment variable for the Oracle home set for the user running AutoUpgrade (\$ORACLE_HOME on Linux and Unix systems, or %ORACLE_HOME% on Microsoft Windows systems).

- 3. Run postupgrade fixups using AutoUpgrade, and specifying the following:
 - ORACLE_SID specifies the system identifier of the target container database
 - ORACLE_HOME is the Oracle home of the database specified by ORACLE_SID.
 - The inclusion_list contains the name of the PDB. You can specify more PDBs if needed.
 - The dir option specifies the directory where AutoUpgrade can store the logs files.



In the following example, ORACLE_SID is specified as CDB23, ORACLE_HOME is specified as /u01/app/oracle/product/23.0.0/dbhome_1, the log file directory is specified as /u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/autoupgrade, and the inclusion_list is specified as PDB1:

```
export ORACLE_SID=CDB23
export ORACLE_HOME=/u01/app/oracle/product/23.0.0/dbhome_1
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -preupgrade "dir=/u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/
autoupgrade,inclusion_list=PDB1" -mode postfixups
```

Note:

If you select the postfixups mode, and you do not specify a target home path, then the default value is specified by the Oracle home environment variable for the Oracle home set for the user running AutoUpgrade (\$ORACLE_HOME on Linux and Unix systems, or %ORACLE_HOME% on Microsoft Windows systems).

4. Check the results of the postfixup script checks in the file postfixups.xml under directory /u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/autoupgrade.

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, if you use AutoUpgrade, review the AutoUpgrade report on invalid objects. If you use a replay upgrade, then check to ensure that any packages that you may 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

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 Textsupplied knowledge bases
- Oracle Database Installation Guide for companion products

Drop Earlier Release Oracle APEX

To avoid invalid objects, drop Oracle APEX 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 21c, DBMS_OBFUSCATION_TOOLKIT is desupported, and replaced with DBMS_CRYPT. In releases earlier than Oracle Database 21c, Oracle APEX continued to have a dependency on DBMS_OBFUSCATION_TOOLKIT. In Oracle Database 21c, 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, when you run AutoUpgrade using the preupgrade parameter, the output upgrade.xml file reports 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 21c, and then drop earlier releases of APEX.

- 1. Log in to the new Oracle Database Oracle home
- 2. Upgrade Oracle APEX, 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
- 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 APEX 18c (18.1), the SYS.WWV_DBMS_SQL object is appended with the Oracle APEX 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 4-10 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 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 <code>ORACLE_BASE_HOME</code> 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 -1 -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 reenable Oracle Database Vault, or revoke Oracle Database Vault role granted for upgrade.

- Upgrading Oracle Database Without Disabling Oracle Database Vault
 To upgrade to Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2.0.1) or later releases, either grant the
 DV_PATCH_ADMIN role to SYS commonly in the root container, and revoke after the upgrade,
 or disable Oracle Database Vault and reenable it after upgrade.
- Postupgrade Scenarios with Oracle Database Vault
 Postupgrade tasks for Oracle Database Vault change, depending on your target Oracle
 Database release, and the option you chose to prepare for upgrade.



Upgrading Oracle Database Without Disabling Oracle Database Vault

To upgrade to Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2.0.1) or later releases, either grant the DV_PATCH_ADMIN role to SYS commonly in the root container, and revoke after the upgrade, or disable Oracle Database Vault and reenable it after upgrade.

If Oracle Database Vault is enabled and you are upgrading an entire CDB, then use one of the following methods:

- CDB upgrade method 1: Temporarily grant the DV_PATCH_ADMIN to user SYS commonly by logging into the root container as a common user with the DV_OWNER role, and then issuing the GRANT DV_PATCH_ADMIN TO SYS CONTAINER=ALL statement. Oracle Database Vault controls will be in the same state as it was before the upgrade. When the upgrade is complete, log into the root container as the DV_OWNER user, and revoke the DV_PATCH_ADMIN role from SYS by issuing the REVOKE DV_PATCH_ADMIN FROM SYS CONTAINER=ALL statement.
- CDB upgrade method 2: Log into each container as a user who has the DV_OWNER role, and then run the DBMS_MACADM.DISABLE_DV procedure. You must first disable Oracle Database Vault on the PDBs, and then after that, disable Oracle Database Vault on the root container last. If you are upgrading only one PDB, then you can disable Oracle Database Vault in that PDB only. After you have completed the upgrade, you can enable Oracle Database Vault by logging into each container as the DV_OWNER user and then executing the DVSYS.DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV procedure. The order of enabling Oracle Database Vault must be the root container first and PDBs afterward. You can enable the PDBs in any order, but the root container must be enabled first.

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.

Note:

This procedure applies to non-CDB upgrades as well

Related Topics

- Oracle Database Overview of Database Patch Delivery Methods for 12.2.0.1 and greater (Doc ID 2337415.1)
- Disabling and Enabling Oracle Database Vault Oracle Database Vault Administrator's Guide

Postupgrade Scenarios with Oracle Database Vault

Postupgrade tasks for Oracle Database Vault change, depending on your target Oracle Database release, and the option you chose to prepare for upgrade.

Upgrades to Oracle Database 21c and Later

You must choose one of the following options:

• Grant the DV PATCH ADMIN role to SYS commonly (container=all).



• Disable Oracle Database Vault before upgrade.

If you granted the DV_PATCH_ADMIN role to SYS before the upgrade, then revoke the DV_PATCH_ADMIN role from SYS after the upgrade. If you disabled Oracle Database Vault, then reenable it after the upgrade is complete.

Upgrades to Oracle Database 18c and 19c

You do not need to disable Oracle Database Vault.

Note:

For all upgrades, after the upgrade is complete, Oracle Database Vault has the same enforcement status that was in place for your source database 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 GuideOracle 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 types of upgrades.

- Back Up the Database Oracle strongly recommends that you at least perform a level 1 backup, or if time allows, perform a level 0 backup.
- Run AutoUpgrade Postupgrade Checks If you did not run AutoUpgrade in deploy mode, then run Autoupgrade with the preupgrade parameter, run in postfixups mode.
- Gathering Dictionary Statistics After Upgrading
 To help to assure good performance, use this procedure to gather dictionary statistics after completing your upgrade.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Migrating Tables from Basic LOBs to SecureFiles
 Oracle recommends that you migrate Basicfile LOB datatype segments to Securefile LOB datatype segments.
- Turn Off Traditional Auditing in Upgraded Oracle Databases Traditional Auditing is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai. Oracle recommends that you turn off traditional audit in your database and use only 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 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 AutoUpgrade preupgrade report instructs you to upgrade the time zone files after completing the database upgrade, and you do not set AutoUpgrade to complete this task for you, then use any of the supported methods to upgrade the time zone file.
- Enabling Disabled Release Update Bug Fixes in the Upgraded Database Because bug fixes in Release Updates that can cause execution plan changes are disabled, Oracle recommends that you enable the disabled bug fixes that you want to use.
- 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

Oracle strongly recommends that you at least perform a level 1 backup, or if time allows, perform a level 0 backup.

Related Topics

Backing Up the Database

Run AutoUpgrade Postupgrade Checks

If you did not run AutoUpgrade in deploy mode, then run Autoupgrade with the preupgrade parameter, run in postfixups mode.



Note:

If you ran AutoUpgrade in deploy mode, then this step was already completed for you, so you do not need to complete it now.

To see how to check your database after upgrades, use the following example.

Example 4-11 Running AutoUpgrade Using Postupgrade Fixup Mode

1. Set the Oracle home environment to the source Oracle Database home:

```
setenv ORACLE HOME /u01/app/oracle/product/12.2.0/dbhome 1
```

2. Set the Oracle System Identifier (SID) to the source Oracle Database SID:

setenv ORACLE SID db122

3. Run AutoUpgrade using the preupgrade parameter in postfixups mode, setting the target home to the target Oracle Database Oracle home. For example:

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -preupgrade "target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/
21.0.0/dbhome 1,dir=/autoupgrade/test/log" -mode postfixups
```

 Check the results of the postfixup script checks in the file postfixups.xml under directory /autoupgrade/test/log/db122/102/postfixups.

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. 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 -1 /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

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

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:

To provide the most correct fixed object statistics for performance tuning, Oracle strongly recommends that you gather baseline statistics at a point when the system is running with a representative workload. For useful results, never run DBMS STATS.GATHER FIXED OBJECTS STATS immediately after the upgrade.



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.

Ensure that your database has run representative workloads, and then 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;

Related Topics

Gathering Database Statistics

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. In Oracle Database 21c and later release, the IGNORECASE parameter for the orapwd file is desupported. All newly created password files are case-sensitive. 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.

Upgraded password files from earlier Oracle Database releases can retain original caseinsensitive 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

To secure your database, create passwords in a secure fashion. If you have default passwords in your database, then change these 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

 Passwords must be at least eight characters, and passwords such as welcome and oracle are not allowed.



- 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.

Related Topics

- Managing the Complexity of Passwords
- Guidelines for Securing User Accounts and Privileges

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:

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.

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.

Starting in Oracle Database 23ai, the 10G password version is no longer supported.

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 desupported 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.

Note:

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, the SHA-1 verifier introduced with Oracle Database 11g is deprecated.

The salted multi-round SHA-512 password hash (also known as "verifier") introduced with Oracle Database 12c provides enhanced security for your password. If 11g verifiers (11G) are still being used in your database, then Oracle recommends resetting them so they can be upgraded to the 12c (12C) de-optimized PBKDF2-based verifier.

- 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 Only the 10G Password Version

You should remove the 10G password version from the accounts of all users and then ensure that users are using the 11G or later verifiers. If you have already upgraded to release 23ai or later, a user who has only the 10G password version cannot log in to the database, because the 10G password version is no longer supported. An administrator will need to manually reset this user's password.

1. Ensure that all clients have the O5L_NP capability by making ensuring that they have the CPUOct2012 patch.

See Oracle Database Net Services Reference for more information about O5L_NP.

Query the DBA_USERS data dictionary view to find user accounts that have only the 10G verifier.

SELECT USERNAME FROM DBA_USERS
WHERE (PASSWORD_VERSIONS = '10G '
OR PASSWORD_VERSIONS = '10G HTTP ')
AND USERNAME <> 'ANONYMOUS';

- 3. After logging in as an account administrator, change the passwords for these accounts so that both the 11G and 12C verifiers can be provisioned for these accounts. (Because the 10G verifier is desupported, users having only this verifier cannot perform this password-change operation themselves, and an administrative user must reset their password.)
- 4. Send the new password to the users using a secure, out-of-band form of communication, and then ask the user to change the password on their own.

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 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.

Related Topics

Oracle Database New Features

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.

Migrating From Rollback Segments To Automatic Undo Mode

If your database release is earlier than Oracle Database 11*g*, 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.

Related Topics

- Introduction to Large Objects and SecureFiles in Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide
- Migrating Columns to SecureFile LOBs in Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide



See Also:

Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide for information about modifying applications to use LOB data

Migrating Tables from Basic LOBs to SecureFiles

Oracle recommends that you migrate Basicfile LOB datatype segments to Securefile LOB datatype segments.

While online redefinition for LONG to LOB migration must be performed at the table level, BasicFile to SecureFile migration can be performed at the table or partition level. To simplify the migration process, consider using the SecureFiles Migration Utility, provided with Oracle Database 23ai and later releases. It automates this task and saves you the time and effort involved in manually running a series of API calls. It also generates several reports that help you decide which BasicFile LOBs you want to migrate and compress.

Related Topics

- Migrating LOBs with SecureFiles Migration Utility in Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide
- Migrating Columns to SecureFile LOBs in Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide

Turn Off Traditional Auditing in Upgraded Oracle Databases

Traditional Auditing is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai. Oracle recommends that you turn off traditional audit in your database and use only unified auditing.

Unified Auditing and Traditional Auditing (mixed mode) has been the default auditing mode from Oracle Database 12c onward. Mixed mode auditing was offered to enable you to become familiar with Unified Auditing, and to transition from Traditional Auditing. With the deprecation of Traditional Auditing in Oracle Database 21c, and the desupport of Traditional Auditing in 23ai, Oracle recommends that you transition to Unified Auditing. Oracle recommends that you turn off traditional audit in your database and use only unified auditing.

- Understanding Auditing for Oracle Database Decide which audit policies you want to use in the upgraded database.
- Turning Off Traditional Auditing and Using Unified Auditing for Oracle Database Use this procedure for multitenant container (CDB) databases to turn off traditional auditing, and to use unified auditing.
- About Managing Earlier Audit Records After You Move to Unified Auditing Review, archive, and purge earlier audit trails in preparation for using the unified audit trail.
- 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 traditional auditing.

Related Topics

How the Unified Auditing Migration Affects Individual Audit Features



Understanding Auditing for Oracle Database

Decide which audit policies you want to use in the upgraded database.

For newly created databases, unified auditing is enabled by default. The predefined audit policies ORA SECURECONFIG and ORA LOGIN LOGOUT policies are enabled out-of-box.

Note: If the database is not writable, then audit records are written to new format operating system files in the \$ORACLE_BASE/audit/\$ORACLE_SID directory.

Related Topics

- Auditing Activities with the Predefined Unified Audit Policies
- Secure Options Predefined Unified Audit Policy

Turning Off Traditional Auditing and Using Unified Auditing for Oracle Database

Use this procedure for multitenant container (CDB) databases to turn off traditional auditing, and to use unified auditing.

Perform the following procedure in the root. The procedure configures both the root CDB and any associated PDBs to use unified auditing.

Note:

Oracle recommends that you start using unified auditing now. It is deprecated in Oracle Database 21c, and desupported in Oracle Database 23ai.

If you need to continue using traditional auditing as a transition, you can disable unified auditing from the container database (CDB) root only, not for individual pluggable databases (PDBs).

However, when unified auditing is disabled, 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.

 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

 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 oracle ORACLE HOME=\$ORACLE HOME

Microsoft Windows

Rename the file <code>%ORACLE_HOME%/bin/orauniaud12.dll.dbl</code> to <code>%ORACLE_HOME%/bin/orauniaud12.dll</code>.

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

After you migrate to unified auditing, refer to "LOB Columns of Database Audit Trails should use Securefile Storage (Doc ID 2659172.1)" and review information about the Oracle home script *Oracle_home*/rdbms/admin/auditpostupgrade.sql. To obtain performance benefits of unified auditing, Oracle strongly recommends that you run this script after completing the upgrade.

Related Topics

• LOB Columns of Database Audit Trails should use Securefile Storage (Doc ID 2659172.1)

About Managing Earlier Audit Records After You Move to Unified Auditing

Review, archive, and purge earlier audit trails in preparation for using the unified audit trail.

After you complete the procedure in Oracle Database to turn off traditional auditing and 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.

Related Topics

- Archiving the Audit Trail
- Purging Audit Trail Records

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 traditional auditing.

After upgrading to the new release Oracle Database, if you choose to continue to use traditional auditing, then Oracle documentation and Oracle Technology Network for earlier releases provides information. Be aware that traditional auditing is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai.

Oracle Database Security Guide is the main source of information for auditing. To obtain information about traditional auditing, you must use the Oracle Database Release 11g version of this manual. To access this guide:

1. Visit the database page on docs.oracle.com site on Oracle Technology Network:

https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/index.html



- 2. Select Oracle Database.
- 3. In the Downloads page, select the **Documentation** tab.
- On the release list field, select Earlier Releases, and select Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2).
- 5. From the Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2) Documentation page, select the **All Books** link to display publications in the documentation set.
- 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

 ...



 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 run 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 run 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 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.



Note:

You can configure AutoUpgrade to perform this task for you. To use AutoUpgrade for this task, specify the configuration file parameter rman_catalog_connect_string, and specify the connect string to the catalog database hosting the RMAN catalog schema. When you run AutoUpgrade, specify the RMAN username and password using the AutoUpgrade command-line parameter load_password with the option group rman. As AutoUpgrade runs, it will prompt you to provide the RMAN username and password, which AutoUpgrade then loads into its keystore, so that AutoUpgrade can connect to the RMAN catalog schema and upgrade the recovery catalog schema.

See Also:

- Maintaining RMAN Backups and Repository Records
- Upgrading the Recovery Catalog
- My Oracle Support RMAN Compatibility Matrix (Doc ID 73431.1)

Upgrading the Time Zone File Version After Upgrading Oracle Database

If the AutoUpgrade preupgrade report instructs you to upgrade the time zone files after completing the database upgrade, and you do not set AutoUpgrade to complete this task for you, then use any of the supported methods to upgrade the time zone file.

By default, AutoUpgrade changes the database time zone to the latest available level. If you don't want the time zone to be upgraded, then you must explicitly set the local parameter timezone upg in your AutoUpgrade configuration file to no. For example:

upg1.timezone_upg=no

Note:

If you explicitly disable the time zone file upgrade in your AutoUpgrade configuration file, then Oracle recommends that you perform this task either as part of your upgrade plan, or at a later point in time.

Related Topics

- Datetime and Time Zone Parameters and Environment Variables
- Primary Note DST FAQ : Updated DST Transitions and New Time Zones in Oracle RDBMS and OJVM Time Zone File Patches (Doc ID 412160.1)

Enabling Disabled Release Update Bug Fixes in the Upgraded Database

Because bug fixes in Release Updates that can cause execution plan changes are disabled, Oracle recommends that you enable the disabled bug fixes that you want to use.



After you upgrade your database, the bug fix patches that can cause execution plan changes included in the Release Updates are installed disabled by default. These bug fixes will not be activated until you enable the fixes. You can either enable these fixes manually, with PFILE or ALTER SYSTEM commands, or you can use the DBMS_OPTIM_BUNDLE package. Starting with AutoUpgrade 19.12, the DBMS_OPTIM_BUNDLE package includes 58 standard fixes. You can now add additional fixes using DBMS_OPTIM_BUNDLE. If you add fixes, then the fixes that you add are run in addition to the default fixes.

Oracle strongly recommends that you enable these disabled patches that you want to use in your production system, and run complete workload performance tests using these patches as part of your upgrade test plan.

For more information about using DBMS_OPTIM_BUNDLE to enable patches that were disabled because they can change execution plans, see *Oracle Database PL/SQL Packages and Types Reference*, and My Oracle Support note 2147007.1.

Related Topics

- DBMS_OPTIM_BUNDLE
- My Oracle Support Doc ID 2147007.1 Managing "installed but disabled" bug fixes in Database Release Updates using DBMS_OPTIM_BUNDLE

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.

 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.

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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 asmdg2:

ALTER DISKGROUP asmdg2 SET ATTRIBUTE 'compatible.asm' = '19.0.0.0.0'

In this case, the disk group can be managed only by Oracle ASM software of release 19c or later. The version of the databases that can use the disk group is controlled by compatible.rdbms. Before advancing compatible.rdbms, ensure that all databases using the disk group have their compatible.rdbms value set at least to the same value as compatible.asm, or to a higher value.



Note:

To prevent writing data formats or structures to disk that are not compatible with earlier releases, so that downgrades are possible, features that require a higher value of compatible.asm to work correctly may be restricted or disabled, even when you set compatible.rdbms to a higher value.

Migrating Oracle Database Express Edition to Oracle Database Free

You cannot directly upgrade previous releases of Oracle Database Express Edition (XE), but you can export data from earlier Oracle Database XE releases to Oracle Database 23ai Free

Oracle Database Express Edition (XE) has been replaced by Oracle Database Free. There is no direct upgrade option. You must use Oracle Data Pump to export data files to Oracle Database Free. For more details, refer to the installation guide for your platform.

Related Topics

- Moving from Previous Versions of Oracle Database XE to Database Free (Linux)
- Moving from Previous Versions of Oracle Database XE to Oracle Database Free (Microsoft Windows)

Tasks to Complete After Testing Your Oracle Database Upgrade

After you complete your upgrade testing, you may want to complete additional tasks, depending on your system.

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.
- 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.

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 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 Real Application Clusters (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

• Overview of Initialization Parameter Files in Oracle RAC

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.
- 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 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. With Oracle's automated upgrade procedures, the tnsnames.ora file is automatically populated with new configuration information and settings. However, you may want to manually update tnsnames.ora and adjust local listener and remote listener parameter references.

💉 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 23.0.0, enter the following statement:

SQL> ALTER SYSTEM SET COMPATIBLE = '23.0.0' 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 23.0.0.0.0, enter the following in the initialization parameter file:

```
COMPATIBLE = 23.0.0
```

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.

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Using AutoUpgrade for Oracle Database Upgrades

Learn how to use AutoUpgrade to simplify your upgrade tasks.

- About Oracle Database AutoUpgrade The AutoUpgrade utility is designed to automate the upgrade process, both before starting upgrades, during upgrade deployments, and during postupgrade checks and configuration migration
- Examples of How to Use AutoUpgrade To guide your upgrade, use 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.
- Understanding Unplug-Plug Upgrades with AutoUpgrade AutoUpgrade can perform an unplug of a pluggable database (PDB) from an earlier release source container database (CDB), plug it into a later release target CDB, and then complete all the steps required to upgrade the PDB to the target CDB release.
- AutoUpgrade Command-Line Parameters and Options Review the AutoUpgrade parameters and select the parameters and options for your Oracle Database upgrade use case.
- AutoUpgrade Utility Configuration Files Parameters and Options 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 Patching AutoUpgrade has enhanced capability that enables it to automate all of the necessary steps in the database patching process, including optional downloading of patches.
- AutoUpgrade Configuration File Examples Use these examples to understand how you can modify your own AutoUpgrade configuration files to perform a variety of configuration actions during the upgrade.



- 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.
- Known Restrictions for AutoUpgrade
 If you encounter issues with your upgrade, review the known restrictions to find solutions.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 is designed to automate the upgrade process, both before starting upgrades, during upgrade deployments, and during postupgrade checks and configuration migration

When you perform upgrades, Oracle recommends that you download the most recent version of the AutoUpgrade utility (autoupgrade.jar) to prepare for and to deploy your upgrade. 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. You can now download the latest AutoUpgrade utility release directly from the Database Upgrades and Migrations page without having to log in to My Oracle Support: Download the AutoUpgrade utility

The autoupgrade.jar file exists by default in the Oracle home (*Oracle_home/rdbms/admin*). 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 the Database Upgrades and Migrations page.



Note:

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

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 copies 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.

Try AutoUpgrade using our Hands-On Lab on Oracle LiveLabs

Oracle LiveLabs provides you with an environment in which you can try out Oracle technology in a free lab environment. Daniel Overby Hansen provides you with a demonstration of how you can use Oracle LiveLabs to set up your own demonstration lab environment in an Oracle Cloud environment. Check it out!

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Related Topics

- Download the AutoUpgrade Utility (latest release)
- Database Upgrades and Migration
- AutoUpgrade Tool (Doc ID 2485457.1)
- Oracle LiveLabs

Examples of How to Use AutoUpgrade

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



These examples are presented in a typical workflow sequence. To see how you can use the configuration file to run scripts with the noconsole parameter, see examples under "How to Use the AutoUpgrade Console."

- 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.

Related Topics

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.

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.

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.

Because the source and target Oracle Database Oracle homes are on different servers, you run fixups on the source server, and the upgrade on the target 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.
- **SYSUPDATES**: The stage in which AutoUpgrade will bring up the Oracle RAC or an individual database for patching or upgrade.

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 Fixups Processing Mode The AutoUpgrade Fixups (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 either the source or target 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.
- The source Oracle Database release 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, and the database is running either on localhost, or where AutoUpgrade is running, then remove the hostname parameter from the AutoUpgrade config file.

- On container databases (CDBs), if you want to upgrade a subset of pluggable databases (PDBs), then the 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 pdbs. If you do not specify a list of PDBs, then AutoUpgrade upgrades all PDBs on the CDB.
- You have the AutoUpgrade jar file (autoupgrade.jar) downloaded or available, and you are able to run it using a Java 8 distribution.
- If you want to run AutoUpgrade in a batch or script, then you have called AutoUpgrade using the noconsole parameter in the command.



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 form 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.

AutoUpgrade utility in Analyze mode runs SELECT statements in the database. It does not perform insert, update, or delete operations. However, be aware that if the database is opened in Read Write mode, then Oracle background processes can be writing to the database to support necessary database functionality. 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, and *path/yourconfig.txt* is the path and filename of your configuration file:

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

For example, suppose you have copied the most recent AutoUpgrade release to the new release Oracle home under rdbms/admin, and set an environment variable for that home to 21CHOME, and copied the configuration file under the Oracle user home, under the directory / scripts, and called it 21config.cfg, you then enter the following command:

java -jar \$21CHOME/rdbms/admin/autoupgrade.jar -config /scratch/scripts/ 21config.cfg -mode analyze -mode analyze

Oracle Database Release 12.2 (12.2.0.1) or newer Oracle homes have a valid java version by default.



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\12.2.0\dbhome_1
#
# Target Oracle Home
#
sales3.target_home=d:\app\oracle\product\21.0.0\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 Fixups Processing Mode

The AutoUpgrade Fixups (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 Fixups 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 Fixups mode prepares the database for upgrade.

Caution:

Oracle recommends that you run AutoUpgrade in Analyze mode separately before running AutoUpgrade in Fixups 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 Fixups mode performs automated fixes to the source database. Because running AutoUpgrade in Fixups 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 Fixups 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 fixups



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

```
Oracle_home/jdk/bin/java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config yourconfig.txt -mode
fixups
```



As AutoUpgrade runs in Fixups 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 Fixups mode does not create a guaranteed restore point. Before starting AutoUpgrade in Fixups 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/jdk/bin/java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config yourconfig.txt -mode
deploy
```

SET	UP (SRP PRE	UPGRADE P	RECHECKS	REFIXUPS
+					
DRAIN	DBUPGRADE	POSTCHECKS	POSTFIXUPS	POSTUPGRAL	SYSUPDATES

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 relevant log files, and to the console, if enabled. 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 either the source or target Oracle home.

You can use the Upgrade mode to divide an upgrade into two parts:

- 1. (Strongly Recommended) Run the Prefixups mode on the source database running on its Oracle home.
- 2. (Optional) Move the source database to a new Oracle home on a different system.
- 3. Perform the upgrade of the database using the Upgrade mode.

Note:

When run in the source Oracle home, AutoUpgrade will start processing the upgrade immediately after skipping the PRECHECKS and PREFIXUPS stages. All other stages (except POSTUPGRADE) typically run during a DEPLOY will be run.

To use the Upgrade mode, the database must be up and running in either the source or the target Oracle home before you run AutoUpgrade in Upgrade mode. This option is particularly of value 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.

This procedure runs the upgrade, and postfixups operations on the database in the new Oracle home location.

Upgrading PDBs with Upgrade Mode

To upgrade a PDB, the following requirements must be met:

- The PDB must already be added to the CDB.
- The PDB must already be opened in Upgrade mode.
- If you ran a manual Non-CDB to PDB or Unplug-Plug procedure, these processes must be fully completed before you run AutoUpgrade.
- When the PDB was not previously added to the CDB, and that PDB had a Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) configuration, you must reimport the TDE after the upgrade is completed.

AutoUpgrade Upgrade Mode in Target Oracle Home

In a CDB, when CDB\$ROOT is in a major version (first numeral), we can use Autoupgrade to upgrade the PDBs that are in a lower version. The process for each PDB that you upgrade is as follows:

DBUpgrade	Postchecks	Postupgrade	Sysupdates

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.



Note:

When you run AutoUpgrade in Upgrade mode, PDBs must already be open in migration mode. There is no automated backup option for this configuration. In this scenario, postupgrade operations are not performed, so you must complete those steps separately later. For example, the following postupgrade operations are not performed:

- Copy of network files (tnsnames.ora, sqlnet.ora, listener.ora and other listener files, LDAP files, oranfstab
- Removal of the guaranteed restore point (GRP) created during the upgrade
- Final restart of an Oracle Real Application Clusters database

AutoUpgrade Upgrade Mode in Source Oracle Home

When the database in open in the source Oracle home, the stages run in the upgrade home depend on whether Fixups have been run on the source Oracle home before you start AutoUpgrade in Upgrade mode:

- If Fixups have already been run on the Source Oracle home, then all of the stages of a typical Deploy mode are run, except for Prechecks and Prefixups.
 Use this option if you can run the Prechecks and Prefixups separately, because AutoUpgrade bypasses running the Prechecks and Prefixups stages during the upgrade itself, which reduces your downtime.
- If fixups on the source Oracle home have not been run within the previous 3 days, then Upgrade mode includes those stages. The result is that running AutoUpgrade in Upgrade mode on the source Oracle home is exactly the same as running AutoUpgrade in Deploy mode, because the Prechecks and Prefixups stages are run as part of the Upgrade mode.

Example 5-1 Running AutoUpgrade in the Target Home After Moving the Database to a New Location

Where *dbname* is the name of your database, you run AutoUpgrade using the following steps:

- 1. If you ran AutoUpgrade with the Prefixups mode:
 - a. Copy the during_upgrade_pfile_dbname.ora file to the default location in the target Oracle home with the default name (initSID.ora).

The during_upgrade_pfile_dbname.ora file is located under the temp directory in the log path used to run AutoUpgrade.

b. (Optional) You can connect to SQL*Plus and create an SPFILE using during upgrade pfile *dbname*.ora in the temp directory. For example:

SQL> create spfile from pfile='/u01/autoupgrade/au21/CDBUP/temp/ during_upgrade_pfile_cdbupg.ora';

- If you did not run AutoUpgrade with the Prefixups mode:
 - a. Copy the initialization file (init.ora or spfile*SID*.ora from the source Oracle home to the target Oracle home location.



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

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

This command runs the upgrade operations on the database.

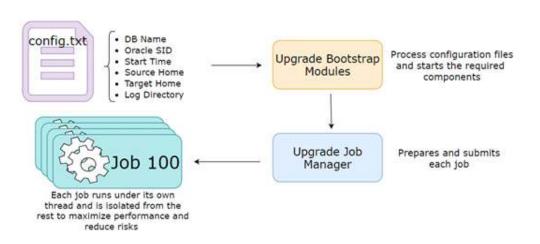
Understanding AutoUpgrade Workflows and Stages

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

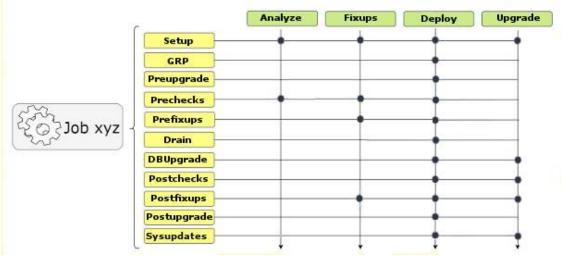
To understand how AutoUpgrade processes a workflow mode, review the following figure, which shows how a deploy processing mode is processed:



\$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, Guaranteed Restore Point (GRP), Preupgrade, Prechecks, Prefixups, Drain, DB (database) Upgrade, Postchecks, Postfixups, Postupgrade, and Sysupdates. 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, Postfixups, and Sysupdates.

Note:

There can be variations in stage order and names (for example, NONCDBTOPDB for non-CDB databases upgraded to PDBs, and UNPLUGWORK for PDB upgrades), and some variations between AutoUpgrade versions. However the primary processing mode stages are similar to this overview.

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.

Starting with Oracle Database 21c, all upgrades must use the multitenant architecture. Use of the non-CDB Oracle Database architecture is desupported. When you migrate your database from the non-CDB architecture to PDBs, 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 earlier release non-CDB Oracle Database when you upgrade and convert to the multitenant architecture. To perform an upgrade and conversion of the non-CDB to a PDB, you provide information about your non-CDB in the AutoUpgrade configuration file. If you prefer, you can also choose to convert your non-CDB Oracle Database to a PDB in the source release, and then plug in the PDB to a target release CDB, where the upgrade is



performed when you plug in the PDB. Alternatively, copy the data files on plug-in to preserve the original database as rollback option.

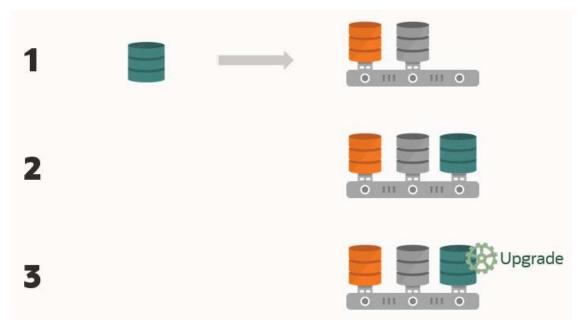
Caution:

Before you run AutoUpgrade to complete the conversion and upgrade. Oracle strongly recommends that you create a full backup of your source database, and complete thorough testing of the upgrade. There is no option to roll back to the non-CDB Oracle Database state after AutoUpgrade starts this procedure.

Figure 5-1 Converting a Non-CDB to a PDB and Upgrading the PDB Using AutoUpgrade

In the following illustration, a non-CDB Oracle Database goes through the following steps:

- 1. AutoUpgrade uses the information you provide in the configuration file to move the non-CDB source release database to the target release Oracle Database.
- 2. The source database is converted to a PDB on the target release.
- 3. The source database (now a PDB) is upgraded to the target release.



Requirements for Source Non-CDB and Target CDB

Requirements on the source non-CDB and target CDB to perform upgrades and conversions to PDBs are as follows:

- The target CDB must be created in advance of performing the upgrade with AutoUpgrade.
- The PDB created from the non-CDB must continue to use the source non-CDB name. You cannot change the name of the database.
- The set of Oracle Database options in the target database must be either be the same as in the source database, or a superset of the options in the source database.



- The endian format of the source non-CDB and target CDB are identical.
- The source non-CDB and target CDB have compatible character sets and national character sets.
- The source non-CDB Oracle Database release and operating system platform must be supported for direct upgrade to the target CDB release.
- Operating system authentication is enabled for the source non-CDB and target CDB.

The minimum COMPATIBLE parameter setting for the source database must be at least 12.2.0. If the COMPATIBLE setting is a lower version, then during the conversion and upgrade process, COMPATIBLE is set to 12.2.0. During the conversion, the original datafiles are retained. They are not copied to create the new PDB. To enable AutoUpgrade to perform the upgrade, edit the AutoUpgrade configuration file to set the AutoUpgrade parameters target_version to the target CDB release, and identify the CDB to which the upgraded database is placed using target_cdb. During the conversion and upgrade process, AutoUpgrade uses that information to complete the upgrade to the target CDB.

Example 5-2 AutoUpgrade Configuration File for Non-CDB to PDB Conversion

To use the non-CDB to PDB option, you must set the parameters <code>target_cdb</code> in the AutoUpgrade configuration file. The <code>target_cdb</code> 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
upgl.sid=s12201
upgl.source_home=/u01/product/12.2.0/dbhome_1
upgl.log_dir=/home/oracle/autoupg
upgl.target_home=/u01/product/21.1.0/dbhome_1
upgl.target_cdb=cdb21x
```

You can see a more detailed example of a non-CDB to PDB upgrade from Oracle Database 12c (12.2) to Oracle Database 19c using the multitenant architecture in the blog post "Unplug / Plug / Upgrade with AutoUpgrade," in Mike Dietrich's Blog, *Upgrade Your Database Now!*, and also a demonstration of the noncdb_to_pdb.sql automatic feature using AutoUpgrade, in *AutoUpgrade to Oracle Database 19c - and plug into a CDB*.

Related Topics

- Can I convert a non-CDB into a CDB? in Mike Dietrich Upgrade Your Database Now
- Unplug / Plug / Upgrade with AutoUpgrade in Mike Dietrich, Upgrade Your Database Now
- AutoUpgrade to Oracle Database 19c and plug into a CDB
- Permitted Features, Options, and Management Packs by Oracle Database Offering

Understanding Unplug-Plug Upgrades with AutoUpgrade

AutoUpgrade can perform an unplug of a pluggable database (PDB) from an earlier release source container database (CDB), plug it into a later release target CDB, and then complete all the steps required to upgrade the PDB to the target CDB release.

There are two workflows for unplug-plug PDB upgrades using AutoUpgrade, depending on how you configure the upgrade:

 You unplug one or more pluggable databases from one source CDB, and plug them into a new release target CDB



 You unplug multiple pluggable databases from different source CDBs, and plug them into a new release target CDB

In addition, for unplug-plug operations, AutoUpgrade now supports moving the default state of a PDB from the source PDB to the target PDB. If you set alter pluggable database save state on a source PDB, then that state is transferred to the target PDB, so that the PDB is automatically opened when CDB\$ROOT is opened. You can also control whether AutoUpgrade keeps or discards the database state by using the AutoUpgrade configuration file local parameter keep_pdb_save_state.

Caution:

As with any other change to the database, before you run AutoUpgrade to complete the conversion and upgrade, Oracle strongly recommends that you implement a reliable backup strategy to prevent unexpected data loss. There is no option to roll back an unplug-plug PDB upgrade after AutoUpgrade starts this procedure. Flashback Database also does not work across the PDB conversion, and is not reversible. Backups are the only fallback strategy.

The following illustration shows the unplug-plug operation, in this case of a single PDB:

- There is one source Oracle Database, and one target release Oracle Database. At this stage, create your configuration file and run AutoUpgrade in Analyze mode (autoupgrade.jar -mode analyze) to check your readiness for upgrade, and to correct any issues that are reported.
- 2. You run AutoUpgrade in Deploy mode (autoupgrade.jar -mode deploy). AutoUpgrade uses the information you provide in the configuration file to move the PDB to the target release, and plug in the PDB.
- 3. AutoUpgrade runs prefixups, and then upgrades the PDB to the target release.

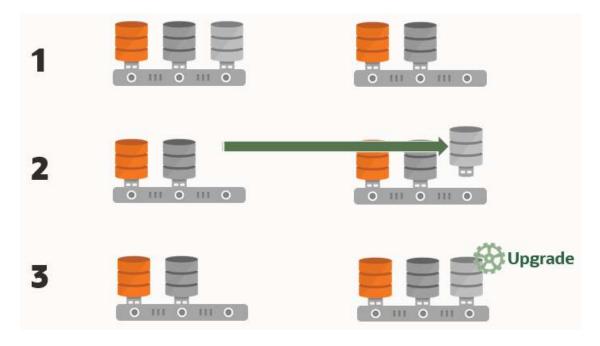


Figure 5-2 Unplug-Plug Upgrades from Source to Target



Requirements for Source and Target CDBs

To perform an unplug-plug upgrade, your source and target CDBs must meet the following conditions:

- You have created the target release CDB, and opened the CDB before starting the unplugplug upgrade.
- The endian format of the source and target CDBs are identical.
- The set of Oracle Database components configured for the target release CDB include all of the components available on the source CDB.
- The source and target CDBs have compatible character sets and national character sets
- The source CDB release must be supported for direct upgrade to the target CDB release.
- External authentication (operating system authentication) is enabled for the source and target CDBs
- The Oracle APEX installation type on the source CDBs should match the installation type on the target CDB.
- There should be no existing guaranteed restore point (GRP) on the non-CDB Oracle Database that you want to plug in to the CDB.

Note:

With AutoUpgrade 22 and later updates, you can now use AutoUpgrade to plug into an Oracle Data Guard configuration. AutoUpgrade creates the PDB with the STANDBYS=NONE clause. After the upgrade, you can re-establish standbys by recovering the data files on the standby databases.

Features of Unplug-Plug Upgrades

When you select an unplug-plug upgrade, depending on how you configure the AutoUpgrade configuration file, you can use AutoUpgrade to perform the following options during the upgrade:

- You can either keep the PDB name that you have in the source CDB, or you can change the PDB name.
- You can make a copy of the data files to the target CDB, while preserving all of the old files.
- You can copy the data files to the target location, and then delete the old files on the source CDB
- You can process one PDB, or you can link to an inclusion list and process many PDBs in one upgrade procedure; the only limit for the number of PDBs you can process are the server limits, and the limits for PDBS on the CDB.

Example 5-3 AutoUpgrade Configuration File for Unplug-Plug Upgrades

To use the unplug-plug PDB upgrade option, you must identify the following values in the AutoUpgrade configuration file:

- The system identifier parameters for the source CDB (parameter sid).
- The target CDB (parameter target_cdb).



• The name of the PDB in the source CDB, and, if you want to convert it, the target conversion name.

For example, where the source CDB is CDB122, the target CDB is cdb21x, the name of the PDB in the source CDB is pdb2, and the conversion name for the PDB that you want on the target CDB is depsales:

```
global.autoupg log_dir=/home/oracle/autoupg
upg1.sid=CDB122
upg1.source_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/12.2.0/dbhome_1
upg1.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19.1.0/dbhome_1
upg1.target_cdb=cdb21x
upg1.pdbs=pdb_2
upg1.target_pdb_name.pdb_2=depsales
upg1.target_pdb_copy_option.pdb_2=file_name_convert=('pdb_2','depsales')
```

AutoUpgrade Command-Line Parameters and Options

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.

AutoUpgrade Command-Line Syntax

To see how to use AutoUpgrade to perform your upgrades, review the syntax and run time use cases.

• debug

The AutoUpgrade parameter debug turns on the AutoUpgrade debug message feature, which assists you with correcting faulty AutoUpgrade job syntax.

clear_recovery_data

The AutoUpgrade parameter clear_recovery_data removes the recovery checkpoint, which causes AutoUpgrade to have a fresh start the next time the tool is launched on specified databases, or on all databases.

config

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

config_values

The AutoUpgrade parameter config_values enables you to provide the same input values about systems as a text configuration file. You can use it conjunction with the config parameter.

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.

- error_code The AutoUpgrade parameter error_code shows the error codes for AutoUpgrade errors.
- listchecks



- load_password
- load_win_credential
- mode

The AutoUpgrade parameter mode value sets the mode from which AutoUpgrade runs.

noconsole

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

• Patch

The AutoUpgrade parameter patch is used to specify that AutoUpgrade is performing a patch operation, and not an upgrade operation.

• preupgrade

The AutoUpgrade parameter preupgrade runs database checks and preupgrade fixups that fix most issues before you start an upgrade, and postupgrade fixups that fix most issues after an upgrade is completed.

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.

• restore

The AutoUpgrade parameter restore performs a system-level restoration of the AutoUpgrade jobs that you specify.

restore_on_fail

The AutoUpgrade parameter restore_on_fail automatically restores any job that failed during the deployment.

• zip

The AutoUpgrade parameter *zip* creates a *zip* file of log files required for filing an AutoUpgrade service request.

AutoUpgrade Command-Line Syntax

To see how to use AutoUpgrade to perform your upgrades, review the syntax and run time use cases.

Prerequisites

 AutoUpgrade is compatible with JDK 8 to JDK 11. You must have at least Java Development Kit (JDK) 8 or a later JDK release 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.

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, every Oracle home includes Java Runtime Environment (JRE) 11. AutoUpgrade is compiled with Java 11, and is compatible with JDK 8 to JDK 11.

• 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.
- 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. For example:

target_cdb=cdb1

• 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 [options]

Multiple options can be concatenated.

Run Type One (Basic) Parameters for AutoUpgrade

Run type one (Basic) parameters and options for AutoUpgrade provide a starting point for preparing for upgrades.

Parameter	Description
-version	Displays the AutoUpgrade version.
-help	Displays the help file for AutoUpgrade syntax.
<pre>-create_sample_file [settings config config-file-name]</pre>	Creates an example configuration file for AutoUpgrade. For a description of the options, see the create_sample_file parameter topic.

Run Type Two (Core) Parameters for AutoUpgrade

Run type two (Core) parameters and options for AutoUpgrade provide essential upgrade functionality for most upgrade scenarios.

Parameter	Description
<pre>-config [config_path - config_values config_values]</pre>	Identifies the configuration file that you use to provide information about databases that you want to upgrade. For a description of the options, see the config parameter topic.
-mode [analyze fixups deploy upgrade postfixups]	Sets the mode from which AutoUpgrade runs. For a description of the options, see the mode parameter topic.
-restore -jobs <i>job#</i>	Performs a system-level restoration of the AutoUpgrade jobs that you specify



Parameter	Description
-restore_on_fail	If set, then when a job fails, the database is restored automatically. Errors in PDBs are not considered irrecoverable, only errors in CDB\$ROOT or Non-CDBs.
-console	Starts AutoUpgrade with the console enabled.
-noconsole	Starts AutoUpgrade with the console disabled.
-proceed	Alters the predefined start_time on scheduled jobs, or jobs during the REFRESHPDB stage
	For a full description of this parameter, see the -proceed parameter topic.
-debug	Enables debug messages.
<pre>-clear_recovery_data [-jobs job#,job#,]</pre>	Removes the recovery information, which causes AutoUpgrade to start from the beginning on all databases, or on databases in a comma-delimited list specified by -jobs. For a full description of the options, see the clear_recovery_data parameter topic.
-restore -jobs job#,job#,	Runs a system-level restoration of the specified jobs. The databases are flashed back to the Guaranteed Restore Point (GRP). Before you run this command, the GRP must already be created by AutoUpgrade. For a full description of the options, see the clear_recovery_data parameter topic.
restore_on_fail	automatically restores any job that failed during the deployment.
-zip [-sid sid] [-d dir]	Zips up log files required for filing an AutoUpgrade service request. For a description of the options, see the zip parameter topic.

Run Type Three (Additional) Parameters for AutoUpgrade

Run type three (Additional) parameters and options for AutoUpgrade are useful for particular upgrade scenarios, such as restarting from a failed point in an upgrade, or running particular fixups.

Parameter	Description
-debug	Enables debug messages.
-error_code	Displays the AutoUpgrade error codes.
-help	Displays the help file for AutoUpgrade syntax.
-mode [analyze fixups postfixups]	Sets the mode from which AutoUpgrade runs. For a description of the options, see the mode parameter topic.
-listchecks	Provides a list of all upgrade checks for an upgrade, or if you specify a particular check, the details about the check you specify.
-load_password	Enables you to enter passwords AutoUpgrade requires safely into AutoUpgrade's keystore.
- load_win_credential	Uses PowerShell to create a credential object so that AutoUpgrade can be run without interruption during the upgrade.
-patch	Specifies that AutoUpgrade is performing a patch operation, and not an upgrade operation.



Parameter	Description
-preupgrade preupgrade_options options	Runs database checks and preupgrade fixups that fix most issues before you start an upgrade, and postupgrade fixups that fix most issues after an upgrade is completed. For a description of the options, see the preupgrade parameter topic.
-settings	Identifies the configuration file that you use to provide custom runtime configuration of the AutoUpgrade utility.

Related Topics

- My Oracle Support note 2485457.1
- Oracle Database Releases That Support Direct Upgrade

debug

The AutoUpgrade parameter debug turns on the AutoUpgrade debug message feature, which assists you with correcting faulty AutoUpgrade job syntax.

Property	Description
Parameter type	string
Syntax	autoupgrade.jar - <i>parameter</i> -debug

Description

The AutoUpgrade debug parameter turns on debugging messages, which can assist you with correcting AutoUpgrade command syntax.

Usage Notes

Use the debug parameter in concert with any other AutoUpgrade parameter.

clear_recovery_data

The AutoUpgrade parameter clear_recovery_data removes the recovery checkpoint, which causes AutoUpgrade to have a fresh start the next time the tool is launched on specified databases, or on all databases.

Property	Description
Parameter type	string
Syntax	<pre>clear_recovery_data [-jobs job_numbers] where: job_numbers is a comma-delimited list of jobs that you want to clear</pre>

Description

The AutoUpgrade clear_recovery_data parameter removes the recovery information, which causes AutoUpgrade to start from the beginning on specified databases, or on all databases.



Usage Notes

Use after manually restoring a database and attempting a new upgrade. If no list of jobs is provided, then by default, all job metadata is removed. Removing the metadata does not remove log files, or reset the job identifier (jobid) counter. Only the AutoUpgrade files used to keep track of the progress of each job are removed.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the clear_recovery_data option after you encounter an issue, fix it, and then run AutoUpgrade again.

You start 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 and clear out the current job state information, specify the job number that is associated with the previously run job. If you specify the job number, then AutoUpgrade only removes the state information for that specific job. The rest of the jobs will remain untouched.

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -mode analyze - clear recovery data -jobs 100
```

Note:

The job ID number associates the job with the database. If you enter the wrong job id, then that causes AutoUpgrade to restart the wrong job from the beginning.

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

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

When you run autoupgrade.jar -config with the -clear_recovery_data parameter, AutoUpgrade only drops state files. It ignores any previously generated log files, so you can retain log files for further reference. Running AutoUpgrade with the -clear_recovery_data parameter also preserves the latest jobid information, so that the jobid AutoUpgrade creates for the next job is the next ID in sequence. By maintaining the jobid state, AutoUpgrade helps you to avoid mixing log output from earlier AutoUpgrade jobs in the same log file. The following are additional examples of how you can run the clear_recovery_data parameter.

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -clear_recovery_data
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -clear_recovery_data -jobs 111,222
```

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	-config [configfile
Default value	None

Description

The config parameter specifies a configuration file name. It takes three arguments:

- The configuration file name
- (Optional) The path to the configuration file, as represented by *config-file*

When used in conjunction with the parameter <code>-load_password</code>, AutoUpgrade also creates a keystore for Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) passwords in the location specified by the global configuration file parameter <code>global.keystore</code>, if that parameter is set in the configuration file for a database.

Examples

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

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

config_values

The AutoUpgrade parameter config_values enables you to provide the same input values about systems as a text configuration file. You can use it conjunction with the config parameter.

Property	Description
Parameter type	String.
Syntax	<pre>-config_values [config-parameterl=value*,config- parameter2=value,]</pre>
Default value	None.

Description

The config_values parameter enables you to provide values about database paths, instances, and target releases through the AutoUpgrade command line that otherwise require you to specify a configuration file. AutoUpgrade then creates a configuration file as the utility runs. Using config values enables you to run AutoUpgrade without a configuration file.



The config_values options are a comma-delimited list that can support multiple database upgrades. Each database configuration is separated by asterisks (*) to identify different databases. Global entries must include the global prefix in the name. For example:

```
global.autoupg log dir=/u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/upgradelogs/
```

Local entries only need to include the name:

```
target home=/u01/app/oracle/product/23.0.0.0/dbhome 1
```

Logging directories are resolved in the following manner.

• Case: Global autoupg_log_dir is not specified.

If the config_file parameter is not passed to AutoUpgrade, then the local directory is used as the global log directory. If the config_file parameter is not passed to AutoUpgrade, then the global log directory defaults to the Java temporary directory:

- Unix and Linux systems: /tmp/autoupgrade
- Microsoft Windows: C:\Users\name\AppData\Local\Temp\autoupgrade
- A configuration file is created with the name autoupgradeYYYYMMMHHMMSS.cfg, where YYYY is year, MMM is month, HH is hour, MM is minute, and SS is second.
- Case: Global autoupg log dir is specified.

If the config_file parameter does not pass the directory to AutoUpgrade, then AutoUpgrade creates a configuration file in the AutoUpgrade log directory specified by the parameter. If the config_file parameter does not pass the directory to AutoUpgrade, then the configuration file is created under the global log directory. If you specify a configuration file name that already exists, then AutoUpgrade renames the existing configuration file using the suffix YYYYMMHHMMMSS.cfg, where YYYY is year, MMM is month, HH is hour, MM is minute, and *SS* is second. For example: on April 29, 2022, at 08:30:04, if configuration file \tmp\autoupgrade.cfg already exists, and you pass the file name -config_file \tmp\autoupgrade.cfg to AutoUpgrade, then the existing file is renamed to \tmp\autoupgrade.cfg.

If you use the <code>-config_values</code> parameter, and the user account running the AutoUpgrade command has the following operating system environment variables set, then AutoUpgrade picks up the path defined for these variables:

- ORACLE HOME The Oracle home path for the source Oracle home
- ORACLE TARGET HOME The target Oracle home path.
 - Linux and Unix: Equivalent to an export ORACLE_TARGET_HOME command. For example: export ORACLE TARGET HOME=/u01/app/oracle/product/23.0.0/
 - Microsoft Windows: Equivalent to a SET ORACLE_TARGET_HOME command. For example: SET ORACLE TARGET HOME=C:\oracle\23.0.0
- ORACLE SID The Oracle Database system identifier (SID).
 - Linux and Unix: Set with the operating system shell command export ORACLE_SID. For example: export ORACLE SID=sales
 - Microsoft Windows: Set with the operating system shell command SET ORACLE_SID command. For example: SET ORACLE SID=sales



- ORACLE_TARGET_VERSION The target release of the new Oracle home. You must set this
 operating system environment variable either when the target Oracle home does not exist.
 - Linux and Unix: Set with export ORACLE_TARGET_VERSION. For example, for Oracle Database 19c:

export ORACLE TARGET VERSION=19.0.0

For Oracle Database 21c:

export ORACLE TARGET VERSION=23.0.0

Microsoft Windows: Set with SET ORACLE TARGET VERSION.

For example, for Oracle Database 19c:

SET ORACLE_TARGET_VERSION=19.1

For example, for Oracle Database 23ai:

```
SET ORACLE TARGET VERSION=23.0.0
```

If you use the config_values parameter in place of a configuration file, and you do not have these operating system environment variables set for the user account running AutoUpgrade, then you must provide at least these four values as arguments using config_values.

Example: Running AutoUpgrade With an Existing Configuration File

Scenario: Running AutoUpgrade with an existing configuration file, using config_values. The following command syntax creates the global.autoupg_log_dir from the local directory where the myconfig.cfg file is created. As a result of this command, the location for global.autoupg_log_dir is set to /dir:

The configuration file myconfig is created in the path /dir, with the following entries:

```
global.autoupg_log_dir=/dir
autoupgradel.source_home=/srcdir
autoupgradel.target_home=/trgdir
autoupgradel.sid=sales
```

Example: Running AutoUpgrade Without Specifying a Value for -config_values

In analyze, fixup, upgrade, or deploy mode, if you have set user environment values that AutoUpgrade requires to run, and you do not pass these values as an argument for – config_values, then AutoUpgrade defaults to using the user environmental variables set on the server.

To understand how this works, suppose you run AutoUpgrade as the user oracle, for which the following environment variables are set, where the target version is Oracle Database 23ai:



- ORACLE HOME is set to /u01/app/oracle/product/19.0.0/dbhome 1
- ORACLE TARGET HOME is set to /u01/app/oracle/product/23.0.0.0/dbhome 1
- ORACLE SID is set to sales
- ORACLE TARGET VERSION is set to 23.1

Now suppose you run the following command at 11:45:15 AM on September 30, 2022:

```
[Wed Sep 30 11:45:15] oracle@example:~$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar - config values -mode analyze
```

Because the log directory was unspecified, AutoUpgrade defaults writing the configuration file for the run to the temporary directory. The configuration file AutoUpgrade creates resides in the path /tmp/autoupgrade as the file/tmp/autoupgrade/autoupgrade20220501114515.cfg, with the following entries:

```
global.autoupg_log_dir=/tmp/autoupgrade
# Value from environmental variable ORACLE_HOME
autoupgrade1.source_home=/u02/app/oracle/19.0.0
# Value from environmental variable ORACLE_TARGET_HOME
autoupgrade1.target_home=/scratch/oracle/23.0.0
# Value from environmental variable ORACLE_SID
autoupgrade1.sid=sales
# Value from environmental variable ORACLE_TARGET_VERSION
autoupgrade1.target version=23.0.0
```

This option enables you to use AutoUpgrade to handle a single database upgrade without requiring you to specify extensive details about the upgrade.

Example: Running AutoUpgrade with -config_values entries for multiple databases

In this scenario, you run AutoUpgrade with -config_values entries for multiple databases, using * to delimit values for each database, with a target release of Oracle Database 21c:

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config /tmp/auto.cfg -config_values
"global.autoupg_log_dir=/scratch/upglogs,source_home=/scratch/
19.0.0,target_home=/scratch/23.0.0,sid=sales,*,source_home=/scratch/
18,target home=/scratch/23.0.0,sid=employees"
```

The configuration file is created in the directory /tmp as /tmp/auto.cfg, with the following entries.

```
global.autoupg_log_dir=/scratch/upglogs
autoupgrade1.source_home=/scratch/19.0.0
autoupgrade1.target_home=/scratch/23.0.0
autoupgrade2.source_home=/scratch/19.0.0
autoupgrade2.target_home=/scratch/23.0.0
autoupgrade2.sid=employees
```



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	autoupgrade.jar -config your-file -mode your-mode

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 enable or disable the AutoUpgrade console using the options -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.

You can use the proceed option to have AutoUpgrade start a job at a time that you specify. You have three options:

- Specify no start time (default: Delay start by one minute after the command is run)
- Specify a start time delay with an hour and minute value from the time the command is run
- Specify a start delay with a day, month, year, minute, and second delay value from the time the command is run

Note:

You can start as many instances of AutoUpgrade as you want, but each instance must use a unique global logging directory (global.autoupg_log_dir). If you only have one global logging directory, then you can only start one instance.

Usage Notes

When you start the console, you can use options within the console.

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
-lsj [(-r -f -p -e)-a number] - number	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.
	-a number: (Optional) Repeats the command after the number of seconds specified by integer value (number).
	-n number: (Required) Number of jobs to display, specified by integer value.
-lsr	Displays the restoration queue.
-lsa	Displays the queue of jobs to stop.
-proceed -job <i>job_number -</i> newStartTime <i>values</i>	Enables you to alter the predefined start_time on scheduled jobs or jobs during the REFRESHPDB stage. Use this feature with the AutoUpgrade hot cloning and relocate feature.
	You must specify a job number by using the -job_numbe flag.
	The -proceed parameter can only be used with the AutoUpgrade Console. You cannot use -proceed in - noconsole mode.
	You can enter -newStartTime to specify a specific time. no value for -newStartTime is specified, then by default the start time is delayed by one minute from the time the command is run for the job specified.
	 job_number specifies the job number where you wa to alter the start time.
	 When specifying a different start time using the hour and minute, the following arguments apply: #h specifies the numeric value of how many hours th job should be delayed. For example: 10h specifies a ten hour delay from the time the command is run.
	 #m is the numeric value of how many minutes past the hour you specify that the job should be delayed. For example, when the specification is +10h17m, the start time is specified as a ten hours and seventeen minutes delay from the time the command is run. When specifying a different date and time start, specify the delay using dd/mm/yyyy hh:mm:ss format, where the delay is by day, month, and year, and the time in 24-hour format by hour, minutes and seconds
	upg> proceed -job 100 -newStartTime +10h17m
-tasks	Displays the tasks that are running.
-clear	Clears the terminal display.



Console Option	Description
-resume -job <i>number</i> [- ignore_errors=ORA- <i>number</i> ,ORA-	Restarts from a previous job that was running, specified by a numeric value (number) for the job.
number]	ignore_errors option: This flag is optional. If there are any resume errors during patching or upgrade stage processing, then that is reported as a stage failure. AutoUpgrade will not proceed to postupgrade operations. There are some cases where an error can be ignored, and postupgrade operations can continue. If you think that a specific error will not affect patching or upgrade, then you can use the ignore_errors option to specify the errors that you want to ignore, so that postupgrade operations can continue. The error numbers are specified by a comma-delimited list of errors. Example:
	-resume -job 444 - ignore_errors=ORA-48101,ORA-00001
-status [-job number -c dbname -config -a number]	Lists the status of a particular job with the response you specify with the flag. Flags:
	-job <i>number</i> : Shows information about a specific job, specified by a numeric value.
	-c dbname: Displays information about the specific database name that you specify (dbname), with detailed information, if available.
	-config number Displays configuration information for the job that you specify.
	-a number: (Optional) Repeats the command after the number of seconds specified by integer value (number).
<pre>-restore [-job (0-9) -all_failed]</pre>	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.
-logs	Displays all log file locations.
-abort -job <i>number</i>	Stops the job specified by the numeric value that you provide (number).
-h[ist][/number]	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.
	 number 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	-create_sample_file config [<i>filename</i>] [full unplug noncdbtopdb] settings [<i>filename</i>]
Default value	For create_sample_file config, if you append a filename to the command, then an example configuration file is created with the name you provide. If you do not provide an output file name, then the example configuration file is created with the name sample_config.cfg.
	You can add a clause to specify the type of AutoUpgrade configuration file, using one of the following options:
	• full: A complete options AutoUpgrade configuration file
	• unplug : An AutoUpgrade configuration file with options for unplug-plug upgrades of PDBs.
	 noncdbtopdb : An AutoUpgrade configuration file with options for nonCDB to PDB upgrades.
	When you add the settings clause, an internal settings configuration file is generated. You can accept the default file name, or specify a file name.

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, either with the name sample_autoupg.cfg, or with a name that you specify.

config: Generates an AutoUpgrade **configuration** file, either with the name sample config.cfg, or with a name that you specify.

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

- config: Generates a template upgrade configuration file of a configuration mode type.
 AutoUpgrade generates a file named sample_config.cfg, or with a name you provide, in the current folder
- settings AutoUpgrade generates a file named sample_autoupg.cfg, or with the name you
 provide, in the current folder.

For both the config and settings 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 config, clause specifying an output configuration file name:

```
[oracle@example ~]$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -create_sample_file config
sales01
Created sample configuration file /home/oracle/sales01.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
```

Example of running the create_sample_file parameter with the settings, clause specifying an output configuration file name:

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

error_code

The AutoUpgrade parameter error code shows the error codes for AutoUpgrade errors.

Property	Description	
Parameter type	string	
Syntax	-error_code [errorcode]	
Default value	When no error code is specified, all AutoUpgrade error codes are displayed in the Console.	
	When an error code is specified, the information about the specified error code is displayed in the Console.	

Examples

When entered without a specification, Autoupgrade produces descriptions of all of the error codes:

```
$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -error_code
ERROR1000.ERROR = UPG-1000
ERROR1000.CAUSE = It was not possible to create the data file where the jobsTable is
being written or there was a problem during the writing, it might be thrown due to a
permission error or a busy resource scenario
ERROR1001.ERROR = UPG-1001
```

ERROR1001.CAUSE = There was a problem reading the state file perhaps there was corruption writing the file and in the next write it might be fixed



```
ERROR1002.ERROR = UPG-1002
ERROR1002.CAUSE = Error deserializing the object for rerun, review log for any errors
.
.
```

When entered with a specific error code, AutoUpgrade provides output for the error that you specify. For example:

java -jar autoupgrade.jar -error_code UPG-3010

This command produces the following output:

ERROR3010.ERROR = UPG-3010 ERROR3010.CAUSE = Error running approot to pdb.sql script

Here is another example:

\$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -error code UPG-1400

This command produces the following output:

ERROR1400.ERROR = UPG-1400 ERROR1400.CAUSE = Database upgrade failed with errors

listchecks

The AutoUpgrade parameter listchecks either provides a list of all upgrade checks for an upgrade, or if you specify a particular check, the details about the check you specify.

Property	Description
Parameter type	string
Syntax	-listchecks [checkname]
Default value	None. If no specific check is specified, then a list of all AutoUpgrade checks is provided.

Examples

When entered without a specification, the Autoupgrade listchecks parameter generates descriptions of all of the checks AutoUpgrade performs for the upgrade.

```
$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -listchecks
Check : AMD_EXISTS
        Description : Starting with Oracle Database 12c, the OLAP Catalog
(OLAP AMD) is desupported and will be automatically marked as OPTION OFF
during the database upgra
de if present. Oracle recommends removing OLAP Catalog (OLAP AMD) before
database upgrade. This step can be manually performed before the upgrade to
reduce downtime.
        Fixup Action : Remove OLAP Catalog by running the {1} SQL
script $ORACLE_HOME/olap/admin/catnoamd.sql script.
        Severity : WARNING
```



```
Fixup Stage : PRE
        Min Version(inclusive) Check applies : NONE
        Max Version (exclusive) Check applies : NONE
        Check Introduced Version : NONE
        Check Removed Version : NONE
        Manual Fixup or Automatic : AUTO
        AutoUpgrade Only : NO
        Run for Datapatch : NO
Check : APEX MANUAL UPGRADE
        Description : Starting with Oracle Database Release 18, APEX is not
upgraded automatically as part of the database upgrade. Refer to My Oracle
Support Note 1088970.
1 for information about APEX installation and upgrades. Refer to MOS Note
1344948.1 for the minimum APEX version supported for your target database
release. Unsupported ver
sions of APEX will be in an INVALID state when its database dependencies are
not in sync with the upgraded database.
        Fixup Action : Upgrade Oracle Application Express (APEX) manually
before or after the database upgrade.
        Severity : WARNING
        Fixup Stage : PRE
        Min Version(inclusive) Check applies : NONE
        Max Version (exclusive) Check applies : NONE
        Check Introduced Version : 18
        Check Removed Version : NONE
        Manual Fixup or Automatic : MANUAL
        AutoUpgrade Only : NO
        Run for Datapatch : NO
Check : APEX PATCH
        Description : The APEX patching process is not performed by the {1}
Oracle database upgrade. The APEX version upgrade only ensures that the APEX
version is upgrade
d to version {3} and does not guarantee the version is brought all the way to
the patched level {2}. If a PDB from this CDB is unplugged and plugged into
another ROOT, the
When entered with a specified check, listchecks provides details about the checks for the
check you specify:
$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -listchecks XDB RESOURCE TYPE
Check : XDB RESOURCE TYPE
        Description : Direct access to either TYPE XDB.XDB$RESOURCE T or
TABLE XDB.XDB$RESOURCE is restricted to Oracle internal code only.
        Fixup Action : Please contact Oracle Support to resolve the problem.
        Severity : ERROR
        Fixup Stage : PRE
        Min Version (inclusive) Check applies : 11.1
        Max Version (exclusive) Check applies : NONE
```

Check Introduced Version : NONE Check Removed Version : NONE Manual Fixup or Automatic : MANUAL AutoUpgrade Only : NO Run for Datapatch : NO

Related Topics

• Databases are Fun: AutoUpgrade New Features: List All Checks

load_password

The AutoUpgrade parameter load_password enables you to enter passwords safely into AutoUpgrade's keystore. When you run AutoUpgrade in analyze mode, you are notified which passwords are needed, and can be loaded into the AutoUpgrade keystore.

Property	Description
Parameter type	string
Syntax	-load_password
Default value	None. AutoUpgrade prompts you for password input values in an interactive prompt.

Description

To provide passwords required for upgrade, you can use the load_password parameter. This parameter must be used in conjunction with the -config parameter and the configuration file global parameter keystore, to designate the location of the dedicated software keystore where AutoUpgrade securely stores passwords. The -load_password parameter takes no arguments. Instead, it starts an interactive prompt with specific commands that enable you to provide information required for the keystore. This option can be used to add Transparent Data Encryption passwords (TDE), My Oracle Support credentials (MOS), Oracle Recovery Manager (RMAN) credentials, and database SYS passwords (PWD). The command options are slightly different for each of these use cases. Common options include the following:

- group [tde|pwd|rman|mos] Specifies the scope of the load password option:
 - mos: Specifies that the load_password options in the group apply to the My Oracle Support user (MOS). This group option applies only when AutoUpgrade is used with the -patch command line option.
 - pwd: Specifies that the load_password options in the group apply to the specified database SYS password (PWD). This group option applies to both upgrades and patching.
 - tde: Specifies that the load_password options in the group apply to Transparent Data Encryption (TDE). This option applies for both upgrades and patching.
 - rman: Specifies that the load_password options in the group apply to the specified database RMAN password (RMAN). This group option applies only when AutoUpgrade is not used with the -patch command line option.
- help

Lists all the available load password commands.



exit

Exits the load_password interactive console. If the keystore has been modified and not yet saved, then you are prompted to determine if you want to save the keystore before exiting.

During the upgrade, AutoUpgrade places passwords in an encrypted password array in memory, so that AutoUpgrade can access source database keystores and resources. No passwords are written to SQL*Plus scripts during the upgrade. After AutoUpgrade no longer requires the passwords, these passwords are purged from memory. No log records are kept of the passwords.

Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) Group Options

Note:

- If you configure an Keystore External Password Store in the database, then AutoUpgrade detects the presence of an Keystore External Password Store, and uses this external password store instead of requiring manual input of the TDE keystore passwords. However, if all databases are configured with Keystore External Password Store, then in some situations, you can still need to define global.keystore.
- In some situations, AutoUpgrade needs access to the AutoUpgrade keystore to write other sensitive information. For example, AutoUpgrade can write transport secrets (passphrases) that are used by ADMINISTER KEY MANAGEMENT EXPORT KEYS and ADMINISTRATER KEY MANAGEMENT IMPORT KEYS commands to AutoUpgrade.

For more information about Keystore External Password Stores, refer to Oracle Database Advanced Security Guide or Oracle Database Data Redaction Guide.

When you run AutoUpgrade using -mode analyze, AutoUpgrade detect which passwords are needed for the databases specified for upgrade in your configuration file, and lists them in the preupgrade summary report. Before the upgrade, you can then use -load_password to enter the passwords for the databases. These passwords are stored safely in AutoUpgrade's own keystore, in the location specified by global.keystore. The passwords are used only to access the source database TDE keystores, and to write the TDE passwords in the target keystores.

Caution:

Because the directory you specify AutoUpgrade to create with global.keystore contains a software keystore, it should be protected using the same security best practices as you use with TDE keystore files.

When you run AutoUpgrade with the -load_parameter option at the command line, AutoUpgrade starts an interactive console so that you can configure password options. The console indicates if you need

• add ORACLE SID [-pdb isolated-pdb]

Adds a TDE password for the specified Oracle System identifier (ORACLE_SID).



If you have an isolated PDB that requires a password, then use the optional -pdb parameter in the configuration file to specify an isolated PDB for which you want to provide a password. If the CDB root and all PDBs are configured in united mode, then the -pdb parameter is not required, as the keystore is shared between the CDB root and all PDBs that are configured in united mode.

• delete ORACLE SID [-pdb isolated-pdb]

Deletes a loaded password for the specified Oracle System identifier (ORACLE SID).

If you loaded a password for an isolated PDB that you want to delete, then use the optional -pdb pdbname parameter in the configuration file to specify the name of the isolated PDB whose password you want to delete. If the CDB root and all PDBs are configured in united mode, then the -pdb parameter is not required.

• list

Lists each Oracle Database by Oracle System Identifier (*ORACLE_SID*), provides details for each database, and indicates if further actions are necessary to perform an encrypted database upgrade. AutoUpgrade starts a deploy mode only when there are no pending actions for any of the databases listed in the configuration file. If an action is required before a database can be upgraded, then the AutoUpgrade check tde_passwords_required fails during the prechecks stage.

My Oracle Support (MOS) Credential Group Options

• add -user email-address

The add -user *email-address* option stores My Oracle Support credentials in the AutoUpgrade Patching keystore, where *email-address* is the user email you specify. When download=YES, the credentials are used to connect to My Oracle Support so that AutoUpgrade can download the required patches.

- list displays whether My Oracle Support credentials have been loaded into the keystore, and if so, whether the loaded credentials could be used successfully to connect to My Oracle Support. You can only load one set of credentials.
- delete -user deletes the My Oracle Support credentials.

Oracle Recovery Manager (RMAN) Credential Group Options

• add ORACLE SID -user username

Adds the username and password for the specified Oracle System identifier (ORACLE SID).

• delete ORACLE SID -user username

Deletes username and password for the specified Oracle System identifier (ORACLE SID).

• list

Lists each Oracle Database by Oracle System Identifier (*ORACLE_SID*), provides details for each database, and indicates if further actions are necessary.

• pwd

Specifies the RMAN password needed to connect to the specified database.

Database SYS Password (PWD) Credential Group Options

add ORACLE_SID -user username

Adds the username and password for the specified Oracle System identifier (ORACLE_SID).



• delete ORACLE SID -user username

deletes username and password for the specified Oracle System identifier (ORACLE SID).

• list

Lists each Oracle Database by Oracle System Identifier (*ORACLE_SID*), provides details for each database, and indicates if further actions are necessary to perform an encrypted database upgrade. AutoUpgrade starts a deploy mode only when there are no pending actions for any of the databases listed in the configuration file. If an action is required before a database can be upgraded, then the AutoUpgrade check tde passwords required fails during the prechecks stage.

• pwd

Specifies the SYS password needed to connect to the specified database. Sampe options as RMAN

• exit

Exits the load_password interactive console. If the keystore has been modified and not yet saved, then you are prompted to determine if you want to save the keystore before exiting.

Examples

TDE Keystore Passwords Added to AutoUpgrade Keystore

Run AutoUpgrade to add the TDE keystore passwords to AutoUpgrade's own keystore, using a configuration file named myconfig.cfg, where -load_password is used to prompt you for TDE passwords of any database where the TDE keystore password is needed:

java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config myconfig.cfg -load password

After the TDE passwords are loaded, you can then either run AutoUpgrade in analyze or config mode:

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

AutoUpgrade uses the TDE password files from its own keystore to access the source database TDE keystores, and to write the TDE passwords in the target database keystores.

Multiple Load Password Options Used with Multiple Source Database Upgrades

In the following example, all of the load_password command options are used to load TDE passwords from source databases db12201, cdb122, and db19x to the common target CDB cdb19x:

```
$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -load_password
Processing config file ...
```

Starting AutoUpgrade Password Loader - Type help for available options Creating new keystore - Password required Enter password: Enter password again: Keystore was successfully created

TDE> add cdb19x Enter your secret/Password:



```
Re-enter your secret/Password:
TDE> add cdb122
Enter your secret/Password:
Re-enter your secret/Password:
TDE> add db12201
Enter your secret/Password:
Re-enter your secret/Password:
TDE> add db19x
Enter your secret/Password:
Re-enter your secret/Password:
TDE> delete cdb19x
TDE> list
+
|ORACLE SID|Action Required | TDE Password |SEPS Status|Active Wallet
Type
| cdb122|
            | Verified| Inactive|
Any|
cdb19x|Add TDE password|No password loaded| Inactive|
Any|
| db12201|
                  Verified| Inactive|
                                              Auto-
login
                  db19x|
                          Verified | Inactive
Any|
+
TDE> help
The following options are available
_____
1 add
2 delete
3 list
4 group
5 save
6 help
7 exit
TDE> save
Convert the keystore to auto-login [YES|NO] ? YES
TDE> exit
AutoUpgrade Password Loader finished - Exiting AutoUpgrade
```

Adding an isolated PDB TDE Keystore Password Added to AutoUpgrade Keystore

In isolated mode, where a pluggable database (PDB) has its own keystore, PDBs are allowed to independently create and manage their own keystore. For isolated mode PDBs, start the AutoUpgrade Password Loader, and use the syntax add Oracle_SID -pdb pdbname, where Oracle SID is the name of the CDB root, and pdbname is the name of the isolated PDB.

For example, where CDB root is cdb19x and the isolated PDB name is iso:

TDE> add cdb19x -pdb iso



```
Enter your secret/Password:
Re-enter your secret/Password:
```

Related Topics

- About Configuring United Mode
- About Configuring an External Keystore
- Configuring Auto-Open Connections into External Key Managers

load_win_credential

The AutoUpgrade parameter load_win_credential uses PowerShell to create a credential object so that AutoUpgrade can be run without interruption during the upgrade.

Description

To provide passwords required for upgrade on Microsoft Windows platforms, you can use the load_win_credential parameter. This parameter must be used in conjunction with the config parameter, and with a configuration file that specifies the local wincredential
parameter. The parameter starts up a Microsoft Windows PowerShell credential request,
where you can provide Administrator credentials to create a PowerShell credential object. By
default, the Windows PowerShell Credential request is for the local machine. You provide the
user name for the credential (the owner of the Oracle binaries) and that user password.
Windows Powershell then generates a credential using the format database-name.xml, where
database-name is the name of the database that you specified in your local configuration file
SID entry. For example, upg1.sid=sales1 in the configuration file with the wincredential entry
upg1.wincredential=C:\Users\oracle\cred generates the powershell credential file
sales1.xml in the path sales1.wincredential=C:\Users\oracle\cred

After AutoUpgrade no longer requires the passwords, these passwords are purged from memory. No log records are kept of the passwords.

Note:

If you do not provide a system identifier (SID) as an option to the – load_win_credential parameter, and if only one database is specified in the configuration file (config file), then AutoUpgrade uses the only SID in the configuration file. Specifying the SID is optional.

However, if two or more SIDs are specified in the config file, then you must specify the SID for each database, then AutoUpgrade is unable to identify for which SID it should use the credentials. The result is an error.

Usage Notes

When you run AutoUpgrade for the database upgrade, AutoUpgrade reads the credential from the path specified by the local wincredential, so that AutoUpgrade is able to create services automatically in the Target database without requiring an administrator to provide Administrator credentials manually during the upgrade.



Be aware that the account used in your connection can be restricted by a local security policy so that it either is not allowed to log on, or the login may be denied. If that is the case, then you see an error such as the following:.

```
Start-Process : This command cannot be run due to the error:
Logon failure: the user has not been granted the requested
logon type at this computer.
At line:1 char:1
```

To work around that error, work with your Microsoft Windows administrator to add the user account running AutoUpgrade to the local policy setting:

- 1. Log on to the system (preferably as an administrator user).
- 2. Go to Local Security Policy.
- Navigate to Security Settings, select Local Policies, and select User Rights Assignment.
- 4. For the following policies, verify that either the group to which the user running AutoUpgrade belongs or the user account itself is added to the following lists:
 - Access this computer from Network
 - Allow log on locally
 - Allow log on through Remote Desktop Services

For details, see Microsoft Support: "Logon type has not been granted."

Example

In the following example, you complete these steps in order to automate calling the Administrator credentials during the upgrade:

1. Create the configuration file, using the wincredential local parameter to specify the location for the Windows Powershell credential for the source database db12201:

```
global.autoupg_log_dir=C:\Users\oracle\autoupg
global.target.version=19.0.0
global.target home=C:\u01\app\oracle\product\19\dbhome 1
```

upg1.sid=db12201

```
upg1.source_home=C:\u01\app\oracle\product\12.2\dbhome_1
upg1.log_dir=C:\Users\Oracle\autoupg
upg1.upgrade_node=localhost
upg1.target_base=C:\u01\app\oracle
upg1.target_version=19.0.0.0
upg1.wincredential=C:\Users\oracle\cred
```

 Run AutoUpgrade in Configuration mode, using the load_win_credential command-line parameter. If there s only one SID in your configuration file, then specifying the system identifier (SID) is optional, but not required. For example:

```
C:\Users\oracle>java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -
load_win_credential db12201
AutoUpgrade 24.1.240306 launched with default internal options
Processing config file ...
```



Note:

If the config file contains multiple SIDs, then you must specify the SID when you run AutoUpgrade. If you do not specify the SID when there are multiple SIDs in the configuration file, then the result is an error.

- 3. A Microsoft Windows Powershell Credential prompt opens. Provide the credentials for the Oracle Database binary owner. PowerShell then generates the credential object (in this example, db12201.xml), and places it in the path that you specified with the wincredential parameter.
- During the upgrade, run AutoUpgrade using the configuration file that specifies the credential object path. For example:

```
C:\Users\oracle>java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -mode deploy
```

AutoUpgrade processes the upgrade without prompting you for credentials.

Suppose your configuration file contains two SIDs, db12201 and db19x:

```
upg1.sid=db12201
upg1.source_home=C:\databases\ee\product\12.2\dbhome_1
upg1.target_home=C:\databases\ee\product\18x\dbhome_1
upg1.wincredential=C:\Users\oracle\cred
```

```
upg2.sid=db19x
upg2.source_home=C:\databases\ee\product\18x\dbhome_1
upg2.target_home=C:\databases\ee\product\19x
upg2.wincredential=C:\Users\oracle\anothercred
```

In this case, running java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg load_win_credential without specifying the SID results in an error. When you run AutoUpgrade in Configuration mode to load credentials, you **must** provide the SID so that AutoUpgrade can load the credentials for that SID. For example, to load the correct credentials for db12201:

java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config2.cfg -load_win_credential db12201

To load credentials for db19x, you conversely must specify the db19x SID:

java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config2.cfg -load win credential db19x

Related Topics

Microsoft Support: Logon type has not been granted

mode

The AutoUpgrade parameter mode value sets the mode from which AutoUpgrade runs.

Property	Description
Parameter type	string



Property	Description
Syntax	<pre>-mode = [analyze create_home download fixups deploy upgrade postfixups]</pre>
Default value	None. Choose one of the following options:
	 analyze: Runs upgrade readiness checks in the source Oracle home. create_home: Used with AutoUpgrade patching only. When set, a new target Oracle home is created as part of the patching operation without requiring a source database. download: Used with AutoUpgrade patching only. When set, AutoUpgrade downloads patches specified in the configuration file, and then exits.
	• fixups : Runs the upgrade readiness checks and preupgrade fixups, but does not perform the upgrade.
	• deploy : Performs the upgrade of the databases from start to finish.
	• upgrade : Performs the database upgrade and postupgrade actions. Databases in the target Oracle homes must be up and running before you start this mode. Note: If autoupgrade.jar is run with the -patch parameter, then the command cannot include the -mode upgrade option.
	 postfixups Runs postfixups of databases in the target Oracle home.

Examples

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -mode analyze
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -mode deploy
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -preupgrade "target_version=21" -mode fixups
```

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	-noconsole

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

Patch

The AutoUpgrade parameter patch is used to specify that AutoUpgrade is performing a patch operation, and not an upgrade operation.

Property	Description
Parameter type	String
Syntax	-patch
Default value	Not applicable

Description

The patch command-line parameter specifies that the autoupgrade.jar command starts an AutoUpgrade patching operation.

Usage Notes

This parameter is used only with AutoUpgrade patching. It cannot be used with the – preupgrade command-line option. All other command-line options can be used with the patch option.

The -mode operations analyze, fixup, deploy, download, and create_home are supported with the patch command-line parameter. The modes download and create_home are specifically for use with the patch parameter:

- -mode download: Specifies to download specified patches and then exit.
- -mode create_home Specifies to create the new target Oracle home without requiring a source database
- -mode opatch Specifies to use the latest version of OPatch.

Example

In this example, the patch parameter is used with -mode download to automatically download the patches specified in the configuration file:

java -jar autoupgrade.jar -patch -mode download

preupgrade

The AutoUpgrade parameter preupgrade runs database checks and preupgrade fixups that fix most issues before you start an upgrade, and postupgrade fixups that fix most issues after an upgrade is completed.



Property	Description
Parameter type	string
Syntax	-preupgrade preupgrade_options -mode [analyze fixups postfixups]
Default value	analyze

Description

The -preupgrade clause of AutoUpgrade replaces the functions previously preformed by the manual Pre-Upgrade Information Tool (preupgrade.jar) in previous releases. The -mode clause takes one of three values:

- analyze: Check your system for readiness to upgrade.
- fixups: Perform fixups as needed on your source Oracle Database release in preparation for upgrade
- postfixups: Perform fixups on your target Oracle Database release after upgrade is completed.

If no value for -mode is specified, then by default the -preupgrade parameter defaults to analyze mode.

Usage Notes

Use the preupgrade clause only if you want to obtain the same features previously made available with the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool (preupgrade.jar). For most upgrade scenarios, you do not need to use this parameter.

The -preupgrade parameter requires preupgrade_options, which specifies a list of commadelimited option-value pairs in the following format: option1=value1, option2=value2,...

Arguments

• target_version=release-number: Specifies the target Oracle Database release version, which is the release to which you want to upgrade.

The value for this argument is required by the analyze and fixups modes. However, the target release can be derived from target_home. Accordingly, for analyze and fixups modes, either target_version or target_home must be specified. The value for target_version must be 12.2, or a later release value.

• target_home=[target-path|env-variable]: Specifies the Oracle Database home location of the target release to which you want to upgrade, which can either be the Oracle home path, or an operating system path variable.

This argument is mandatory if you select the <code>postfixups</code> mode. If you select the <code>postfixups</code> mode, and you do not specify a target home path, then the default value is specified by the Oracle home environment variable for the Oracle home set for the user running AutoUpgrade (<code>\$ORACLE_HOME</code> on Linux and Unix systems, or <code>%ORACLE_HOME</code> on Microsoft Windows systems).

• oh=[source-path|env-variable]: Specifies the Oracle Database home location of the source release from which you want to upgrade, which can either be the Oracle home path, or an operating system path variable.

This argument is mandatory if you select the analyze or fixups mode. If you select either analyze or fixups modes, and you do not specify a source home path, then the default value is specified by the Oracle home environment variable for the Oracle home set for the user running AutoUpgrade (\$ORACLE_HOME on Linux and Unix systems, *ORACLE_HOME* on Microsoft Windows systems).

- sid=system-identifier: Specifies an Oracle system identifier for the source database that you want to upgrade. This argument is mandatory for analyze or fixups modes. If you select either the analyze or the fixups mode, and you do not specify a system identifier, then the default value is specified by the Oracle home environment variable for the Oracle home set for the user running AutoUpgrade (\$ORACLE_SID on Linux and Unix systems, &ORACLE_SID & on Microsoft Windows systems).
- dir=path: Directs the output to a specific directory. If you do not specify an output directory with the dir argument, then the output is directed to a folder called autoupgrade that is placed in the temporary directory on your system. Typically, that directory is in one of the following locations:
 - Linux or Unix: /tmp, or /var/tmp.
 - Microsoft Windows: C:\WINNT\TEMP
- inclusion_list=*list*: Specifies a list of pluggable databases (PDBs) inside a container database (CDBs) that you want to include for processing. Provide a space-delimited list of PDBs that you want processed, in one of the following two formats, where pdb1, pdb2, and pdb3 are PDBs that you want processed:
 - pdb1 pdb2 pdb3
 - (pdb1 pdb2 pdb3)

If you do not specify a list of PDBs, then all PDBs in a CDB are processed.

- exclusion_list=*list*: Specifies a list of pluggable databases (PDBs) inside a container database (CDBs) that you want to exclude for processing. Provide a space-delimited list of PDBs that you want processed, in one of the following two formats, where pdb1, pdb2, and pdb3 are PDBs that you want processed:
 - pdb1 pdb2 pdb3
 - (pdb1 pdb2 pdb3)

If you do not specify a list of PDBs, then all PDBs in a CDB are processed.

• user=username: Specifies the Oracle Database user name that the AutoUpgrade utility uses to connect to Oracle Database If the user is specified, then AutoUpgrade prompts for the user name password input on the command line. If no user name is specified, then AutoUpgrade uses operating system authentication for the Oracle Database connection.

Modes

- analyze (Default value): Runs Autoupgrade in Analyze mode, with all of the preupgrade checks that apply for the target release argument that you specify. If you do not specify a mode, then AutoUpgrade defaults to analyze.
- fixups: Runs preupgrade fixups (when available) for all issues reported by AutoUpgrade Analyze preupgrade checks on the source database that must be fixed before upgrade. All checks are run.

Fixup results are reported in the file upgrade.xml. That file is placed in the path *log_dir/db* name/jobnumber/prefixups/prefixups.xml, where *log dir* is the log directory that



you specify using the dir argument, *db_name* is the name of the source database, and *jobnumber* is the AutoUpgrade job number.

 postfixups: Runs postupgrade fixups (when available) for all issues reported by AutoUpgrade Analyze preupgrade checks on the upgraded database that you must fix after the upgrade is completed.

Postfixup results are reported in the file <code>postfixups.xml</code>. That file is placed in the path <code>log_dir/db_name/jobnumber/postfixups</code>, where <code>log_dir</code> is the log directory that you specify using the dir argument, <code>db_name</code> is the name of the source database, and <code>jobnumber</code> is the AutoUpgrade job number.

Examples

Running AutoUpgrade with the preupgrade clause using analyze mode, and specifying that the target release is Oracle Database 23ai.

java -jar autoupgrade.jar -preupgrade "target version=23" -mode analyze

Running AutoUpgrade with the preupgrade clause using fixups mode, and specifying that the target release is Oracle Database 23ai.

java -jar autoupgrade.jar -preupgrade "target version=23" -mode fixups

Running AutoUpgrade with the preupgrade clause using postfixups mode, and specifying that the target Oracle home is in the path C:\app\oracle\product\23.0.0\dbhome_1.

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -preupgrade
"target_home=C:\app\oracle\product\23.0.0\dbhome_1" -mode postfixups
```

Running AutoUpgrade with the preupgrade clause without specifying the mode, and specifying that the target release is Oracle Database 23ai. In this case, the mode used is the default mode, analyze.

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -preupgrade "target version=23"
```

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	-settings my-custom-advanced-settings
Default value	Not applicable

Description

The settings parameter has the required argument of the name and path to the settings configuration file, which you have modified with custom settings. The settings parameter 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

In this example, settings specifies a settings input file called my_custom_advanced_settings.cfg.

```
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.version 22.1.220304
build.date 2022/03/04 13:29:34 -0500
build.hash 29007da
build.hash_date 2022/03/04 12:48:36 -0500
build.supported_target_versions 12.2,18,19,21
build.type production
```

restore

The AutoUpgrade parameter restore performs a system-level restoration of the AutoUpgrade jobs that you specify.



Property	Description
Parameter type	string
Syntax	-restore -jobs job#,job#
Default value	Not applicable.

Description

Use this optional parameter to specify a system-level restoration of the jobs you specify, using a comma-delimited list of job numbers. The databases in the upgrade jobs that you specify are flashed back to the Guarantee Restore Point (GRP). Before you run this command, the GRP must have been created by AutoUpgrade.

Examples

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -restore -jobs 111
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -restore -jobs 111,222 -console
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -restore -jobs 111,222 -noconsole
```

restore_on_fail

The AutoUpgrade parameter <code>restore_on_fail</code> automatically restores any job that failed during the deployment.

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

Description

Use this optional parameter to specify that AutoUpgrade restores any jobs that failed during the upgrade deployment.

Examples

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

zip

The AutoUpgrade parameter zip creates a zip file of log files required for filing an AutoUpgrade service request.

Property	Description
Parameter type	string
Syntax	-zip [-sid sid] [-d dir] [- zip_exclusion_list exclusion_list]
Default value	Not applicable.



Description

Use this optional parameter to create a zip file that you can send to Oracle Support that contains the log files for jobs that are the object of your service request. Use the -sid clause to specify a comma-delimited list of system identifiers (SIDs) of databases whose log files you want to send. If no SID value is defined, then AutoUpgrade creates a zip file for all databases specified in the configuration file. Use the -d clause to specify a specific output directory. If no directory is specified, then the current directory from which the command is run is used for the zip file output. Use the -zip_exclusion_list clause to specify a double-comma-delimited regular string list that is used to exclude files that match any regular string from the zip file.

Usage Notes



Examples

java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config yourconfig.cfg -zip

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config yourconfig.cfg -zip -sid sales1,sales2 -d /
scratch/upgrd
```

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config yourconfig.cfg -zip -zip_exclusion_list ".*/
db11204/.*"
```

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config yourconfig.cfg -zip -zip_exclusion_list "/home/
oracle/autopatch/DB19X/100/goldimage/db_home_2023-09-21_09-18-13AM.zip,,/home/
oracle/autopatch/DB19X/100/extract/35320081/.*"
```

AutoUpgrade Utility Configuration Files Parameters and Options

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

Before you can use an AutoUpgrade processing mode, you must create an AutoUpgrade configuration file for the databases that you want to upgrade.

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.

- Locally Modifiable Global Parameters for AutoUpgrade Configuration File Required configuration parameters for AutoUpgrade can be set either globally for all upgrades, or locally.
- 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.
- 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.



Locally Modifiable Global Parameters for AutoUpgrade Configuration File

Required configuration parameters for AutoUpgrade can be set either globally for all upgrades, or locally.

Usage Notes

If you set required AutoUpgrade parameters globally, as a locally modifiable global parameter, then these parameters can be overridden by local parameters set for particular upgrades, so that you can better control AutoUpgrade job processing.

With locally modifiable global parameters, you can use the prefix global to set values for required parameters as global parameters for all jobs in your AutoUpgrade configuration file, but identify the same parameter with a local job prefix to reset the global value to a different value 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.

Note:

These parameters are available in the latest version of AutoUpgrade that you can download from My Oracle Support.

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.

```
For example, with global.target_home, 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/23.0.0/dbhome01
upgrade3.target home=/u03/app/oracle3/19.1.0/dbhome3
```

- defer_standby_log_shipping
- dictionary_stats_after (Optional) Specifies that AutoUpgrade gathers data dictionary statistics on the target database after the upgrade is complete.
- dictionary_stats_before
 (Optional) Specifies that AutoUpgrade gathers data dictionary statistics on the source
 database before starting the upgrade.
- drop_grp_after_upgrade Deletes the Guaranteed Restore Point (GRP) after database upgrade.



- enable_local_undo
 For a CDB upgrade, specifies whether or not LOCAL undo should be enabled before the upgrade of CDB\$ROOT.
- export_rman_backup_for_noncdb_to_pdb
 (Optional) Specifies that AutoUpgrade transports metadata from the source non-CDB database to the target PDB database as part of the conversion process.
- fixed_stats_before
 (Optional) Specifies that AutoUpgrade gathers fixed object statistics on the source database before starting the upgrade.
- manage_network_files
 Specifies whether network files are processed during the upgrade.
- patch_in_upgrade_mode

(Optional) Specifies that the database that you want to patch is patched in upgrade mode, instead of normal mode.

remove_underscore_parameters

Removes underscore (hidden) parameters from PFILE files during upgrade, and after upgrade, for all Oracle Databases in the configuration file.

• restoration

(Available with Enterprise Edition only) Generates a Guaranteed Restore Point (GRP) for database restoration.

- rman_catalog_connect_string
 (Optional) Specifies the RMAN connection string used to connect to an RMAN database.
- target_base Specifies the target ORACLE_BASE path for the target Oracle home.
- target_home

(Required for upgrade and deploy modes, if the target home is not on the system. Optional for analyze and fixups mode.) Specifies the target Oracle home (ORACLE_HOME) path.

target_version

(**Required if target Oracle home is not on the system, or is release 12.2**) Specifies the target release version on which you want AutoUpgrade to perform the upgrade.

defer_standby_log_shipping

Defers shipping logs from the primary database to any standby database. All log archive destionations (log archive dest n) are set to deferred.

Usage Notes

By default, log shipping occurs as part of the upgrade. When Autoupgrade defers log shipping, you receive a notice that log shipping is deferred, and that after the upgrade completes successfully, you need to reenable shipping logs from the primary database to the secondary database.



Note:

This configuration file parameter affects not only standby databases, but all products or services that receive redo from the primary database, such as Oracle Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance (ZDLRA) real-time log transport, and Oracle GoldenGate downstream capture.

Options

[yes | no]

The default value is no

The default is no (log-shipping is not deferred). If you change the default to Yes, then log shipping is deferred, and you must choose to re-enable it manually after upgrade.

Example

```
defer_standby_log_shipping=yes
```

dictionary_stats_after

(Optional) Specifies that AutoUpgrade gathers data dictionary statistics on the target database after the upgrade is complete.

Usage Notes

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. When you specify yes, AutoUpgrade gathers dictionary statistics after the upgrade is completed.

Options

```
[yes | no]
```

The default value is Yes.

Example

global.dictionary_stats_after=yes

sales.dictionary_stats_after=yes

dictionary stats before

(Optional) Specifies that AutoUpgrade gathers data dictionary statistics on the source database before starting the upgrade.

Usage Notes

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. When you specify yes, AutoUpgrade gathers dictionary statistics before beginning the upgrade.



Options

[yes | no]

The default value is Yes.

Example

global.dictionary_stats_before=yes

sales.dictionary stats before=yes

drop_grp_after_upgrade

Deletes the Guaranteed Restore Point (GRP) after database upgrade.

Usage Notes

If you select this option, then GRP is deleted after upgrade completes successfully.

Options

[yes | no]

The default value is no.

Example

global.drop_grp_after_upgrade=yes

sales.drop_grp_after_upgrade=yes

enable_local_undo

For a CDB upgrade, specifies whether or not LOCAL undo should be enabled before the upgrade of CDB\$ROOT.

Usage Notes

If you select this option, then AutoUpgrade runs the following statement before upgrade: ALTER DATABASE LOCAL UNDO ON;.

When local undo is first enabled, the size of the undo tablespace in PDB\$SEED is determined as a factor of the size of the undo tablespace in CDB\$ROOT. The default is 30 percent of the undo tablespace size. Every other PDB in the CDB inherits this property from PDB\$SEED. Ensure that there is enough space to allocate new UNDO tablespaces.

Options

[yes | no]

The default value is no.



Example

enable local undo=yes

export_rman_backup_for_noncdb_to_pdb

(Optional) Specifies that AutoUpgrade transports metadata from the source non-CDB database to the target PDB database as part of the conversion process.

Usage Notes

When converting a non-CDB to a PDB, you can extract the RMAN metadata from the source database, and put it into the target database, so that the metadata it will be available after the PDB conversion. Using this parameter enables the backups to be used as "pre-plugin" backups. If you want to restore the PDB right after plug-in, then the pre-plugin backups option can help to save time and effort.

This parameter applies to non-CDB to PDB conversions only (not with refreshable clone PDBs). In all other cases, the parameter should be ignored.

Options

[yes | no]

The default value is no.

Example

sales.export rman backup for noncdb to pdb=yes

fixed stats before

(Optional) Specifies that AutoUpgrade gathers fixed object statistics on the source database before starting the upgrade.

Usage Notes

Before an upgrade, Oracle recommends that you regather fixed object statistics.

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 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.

Options

[yes | no]

The default value is Yes.



Example

global.fixed stats before=yes

sales.fixed_stats_before=yes

manage_network_files

Specifies whether network files are processed during the upgrade.

Usage Notes

If you select this option, then AutoUpgrade processes network files, depending on the option that you specify.

The following network files are processed: oranfstab, ldap.ora, tnsnames.ora, sqlnet.ora, and listener.ora

Options

[FULL|SKIP|IGNORE READ ONLY]

- FULL: (default) Raise all exceptions encountered during the copy and merge of network files into the target Oracle home.
- SKIP: Do not process network files during postupgrade.
- IGNORE_READ_ONLY: Attempt to copy and merge network files, but do not raise an exception during the upgrade if the target file is read only

Example

manage network files=ignore read only

patch_in_upgrade_mode

(Optional) Specifies that the database that you want to patch is patched in upgrade mode, instead of normal mode.

Usage Notes

In AutoUpgrade 23.4 and earlier versions, the default for patching has been to perform patching in upgrade mode. Starting with AutoUpgrade 24.1, the default is to perform patching in normal mode. If you prefer to perform patching only in upgrade mode, then you can use this parameter to override that default behavior, and patch in upgrade mode.

Options

[yes | no]

The default value is no.

Example

sales.patch_in_upgrade_mode=yes



remove_underscore_parameters

Removes underscore (hidden) parameters from PFILE files during upgrade, and after upgrade, for all Oracle Databases in the configuration file.

Usage Notes

Underscore parameters should only be used by advice of Oracle Support.

Options

[yes | no]

The default value is no.

Example

global.remove underscore parameters=yes

restoration

(Available with Enterprise Edition only) Generates a Guaranteed Restore Point (GRP) for database restoration.

Usage Notes

This option determines whether database backup and database restoration must be performed manually by the DBA.

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 is in place.

Options

[yes | no]

The default value is yes.

Example

global.restoration=no

rman_catalog_connect_string

(Optional) Specifies the RMAN connection string used to connect to an RMAN database.

Usage Notes

To use this feature, you must save the RMAN username and password in the keystore using the AutoUpgrade command-line parameter load password.



Example

```
global.target_base=/u01/app/oracle
sales4.rman_catalog_connect_string=string-alias
```

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target_base

Specifies the target ORACLE BASE path for the target Oracle home.

Example

```
global.target_base=/u01/app/oracle
sales4.target_base=/u04/app/oracle4
```

target_home

(Required for upgrade and deploy modes, if the target home is not on the system. Optional for analyze and fixups mode.) Specifies the target Oracle home (ORACLE_HOME) path.

Usage Notes

Use this option to specify the path to the target database home for the upgrade. This parameter can overwrite a global target home setting.

sales1.target_home=/target/Oracle/home

Options

Earlier releases of AutoUpgrade required you to set target_home and target_version. In later releases of AutoUpgrade, this restriction has been lifted for both Analyze and Fixups modes. However, if you don't set target_home, then you must specify target_version. Either one of them must be present.

Example

```
sales3.target_home=/U01/app/oracle/product/19.0.0/dbhome_1
sales1.target_home=/U01/app/oracle/product/23.0.0/dbhome_1
```

target version

(**Required if target Oracle home is not on the system, or is release 12.2**) Specifies the target release version on which you want AutoUpgrade to perform the upgrade.

Usage Notes

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.

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.

Options

Valid values

- 12.2
- 18
- 19
- 21
- 23

Example

```
global.target_version=23
employees.target version=19
```

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. Local parameters that either must be set locally, or as a locally modifiable global parameter are indicated by (**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/12.2/dbhome1
.
.
employees.sid=salescdb
employees.source_home-/03/app/oracle/21/dbhome1
```

- add_after_upgrade_pfile
 (Optional) Specifies a path and file name of a PFILE whose parameters you want to add
 after the upgrade.
- add_during_upgrade_pfile
 (Optional) Specifies a path and file name of a PFILE whose parameters you want to add
 during the upgrade.



• after_action

(Optional) In deploy mode, specifies a custom action that you want to have performed after completing the deploy job for the database identified by the prefix address.

before_action

(Optional) In deploy mode, 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 (global.before_action)

catctl_options

(Optional) Specifies one or more of a set of catctl.pl options that you can select for AutoUpgrade to submit for catctl.pl to override default behavior.

checklist

(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.

close_source

(Optional) Closes the source non-CDB or source PDB just before AutoUpgrade starts a non-CDB to PDB conversion, starts an unplug-relocate upgrade, or uses a refreshable clone PDB.

• del_after_upgrade_pfile

(Optional) Specifies a path and file name of a PFILE whose parameters you want to have removed after upgrade.

del_during_upgrade_pfile

(Optional) Specifies a path and file name of a PFILE whose parameters you want to have removed during upgrade.

delete_wincredential_file

(Optional) Deletes the Microsoft Windows credential object file when the AutoUpgrade job is complete.

• download

(Optional for AutoUpgrade patching) Specifies whether to automatically download patches from My Oracle Support. .

drop_win_src_service

(Optional) For upgrades on Microsoft Windows, specifies whether to drop the Windows operating system service for the source Oracle Database after upgrade.

• env

(Optional) Specifies custom operating system environment variables set on your operating system, excluding ORACLE_SID, ORACLE_HOME, ORACLE_BASE, and TNS_ADMIN.

exclusion_list

(Optional) Sets a list of PDBs that you want to be excluded from the AutoUpgrade run. This parameter only applies to the multitenant architecture (CDB) databases. If you are plugging in and upgrading a non-CDB database, then this parameter is ignored.

• folder

(Required for AutoUpgrade patching) Specifies the directory that contains the patch zip files as well as the required Oracle Database base image.

home_settings.ru_apply

(Optional) Specifies whether a release update (RU) is installed at the same time as the ORACLE HOME, or installed as a separate step by OPatch.



ignore_errors

(Optional) Enables you to specify a comma-delimited list of specific Oracle errors that you want AutoUpgrade to ignore during the upgrade or patching process.

- keep_pdb_save_state
 (Optional) Specifies that if the PDB has a saved state in the source CDB, then you can
 either save or not save the PDB state on the target CDB.
- keep_source_pdb

(Optional) Specifies if the source PDB in an unplug-plug upgrade operation is kept in a closed state instead of being removed from the source CDB.

log_dir

(Optional) 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.

• manage_standbys_clause

(Optional) Specifies whether standby Oracle Data Guard standby databases you identify by DB_UNIQUE_NAME are excluded from AutoUpgrade plug-in upgrades, so that standby database files can be reused.

method

(Optional for AutoUpgrade patching) Specifies whether to create a new target Oracle home, and if so, how it will be created.

parallel_pdb_creation_clause

(Optional) Specifies the number of parallel execution servers to use when creating a pluggable database. This can be used for scenarios like PDB relocate, clone PDB, etc. It doesn't apply for cases when creating a PDB using an XML file.

patch

(Required for AutoUpgrade patching) Specifies a comma-delimited list of the patches that you want to install.

• patch_in_upgrade_mode

(Optional) Specifies that the database that you want to patch is patched in upgrade mode, instead of normal mode.

• pdbs

(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.

• platform

(Optional) Specifies the platform used by AutoUpgrade Patching when downloading patches from My Oracle Support.

• raise_compatible

(Optional) Increases the Oracle Database COMPATIBLE initialization parameter to the default value of the target release after the upgrade is completed successfully.

• remove_rac_config

(Optional) Specifies whether to remove a non-CDB Oracle RAC database from clusterware on the source Oracle home after a successful conversion to the target CDB home, or to leave the source database unchanged.

• remove_underscore_parameters

(Optional) Removes underscore (hidden) parameters from PFILE files during upgrade, and after upgrade, for all Oracle Databases in the configuration file.

replay

(Optional) Specifies whether to use replay to upgrade the database.



restoration

(Optional) Generates a Guaranteed Restore Point (GRP) for database restoration.

revert_after_action

(Optional) Specifies a custom action that you want to have run on the operating system after a system restoration is completed for the specific database job addressed by the prefix, and the database is up.

revert_before_action

(Optional) Specifies a custom action that you want to have run on the operating system before a system restoration is completed for the specific database job addressed by the prefix, and the database is up.

run_dictionary_health

(Optional) Specifies whether you run Oracle Dictionary Health Checks as part of preupgrade checks to identify database dictionary inconsistencies.

run_utlrp

(Optional) Enables or disables running a version of utlrp.sql as part of post upgrade, to recompile only invalid objects in Oracle-maintained schemas.

sid

(Required) Identifies the Oracle system identifier (SID) of the database that you want to upgrade.

- skip_tde_key_import
 (Optional) When set to yes, the upgrade is run, but import of the source database
 KeyStore into the target database is skipped, without raising an error.
- source_base
 (Optional) Specifies the source ORACLE BASE path for the source Oracle home.
- source_dblink
 (Optional) Specifies the database link set up for an unplug-plug relocate (hot clone) upgrade.
- source_home

(Required for analyze, fixups, and deploy modes. Optional for upgrade mode.) Current Oracle home (ORACLE_HOME) of the database that you want to upgrade.

- source_ldap_admin_dir (Optional) Specifies the path to the LDAP ADMIN directory in the source database home.
- source_tns_admin_dir (Optional) Specifies the path to the TNS ADMIN directory in the source database home.
- start_time

(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.

target_base

(Optional) Specifies the target ORACLE_BASE path for the target Oracle home.

- target_cdb (Optional) Specifies the SID of the target CDB into which a non-CDB Oracle Database is plugged in.
 - target_pdb_copy_option=file_name_convert
 (Optional) Specifies the file_name_convert option used by the create pluggable database
 statement that AutoUpgrade runs when converting a non-CDB database to a PDB or an
 existing PDB from a different source CDB into a PDB in the specified target CDB.



- target_pdb_name
 (Optional) Specifies the name that you want to assign to a non-CDB source Oracle
 Database after it is plugged in to the target CDB.
- target_ldap_admin_dir
 (Optional) Specifies the path to the LDAP ADMIN directory in the target database home.
- target_tns_admin_dir (Optional) Specifies the path to the TNS_ADMIN directory in the target database home.
- timezone_upg

(Optional) Enables or disables running the time zone upgrade as part of the AutoUpgrade process.

tune_setting

(Optional) Enables special workflows that alter the behavior of AutoUpgrade during runtime, depending on the workflow option that you specify.

- upgrade_node
 (Optional) Specifies the node on which the current user configuration is valid. The default value is localhost.
- wincredential

(Optional) Specifies the location of a Microsoft Windows credential object file that you have previously generated with the AutoUpgrade command-line parameter load_win_credential.

add_after_upgrade_pfile

(Optional) Specifies a path and file name of a PFILE whose parameters you want to add after the upgrade.

Examples

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.

Examples

sales3.add during upgrade pfile=/path/to/my/newpfile.ora

after action

(Optional) In deploy mode, specifies a custom action that you want to have performed after completing the deploy job for the database identified by the prefix address.

Usage Notes

The script that you use must be in the form of *name.ext* (for example, myscript.sh, so that AutoUpgrade can identify the type of script that you want to run. Permitted extension options:

- Unix shell (.sh)
- Microsoft Windows batch (.bat, .cmd)



- Microsoft Windows PowerShell (.ps1)
- Oracle SQL file (.sql), with a local operation only designated by the prefix.

By default, if the script fails, then AutoUpgrade continues to run. Use the Y 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.

In contrast to the global after_action parameter, the local after_action 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 CDB\$ROOT. 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.

The output of the script is captured and stored in files. Both stdout and stderr are captured. The files are stored in the postupgrade subdirectory in the directory matching the specific database or job.

The following environment variables are set in the shell that runs the script:

- ORACLE_SID
- ORACLE UNQNAME
- ORACLE BASE
- ORACLE HOME
- TNS ADMIN

Examples

Run the specified script after AutoUpgrade starts processing, with the Y flag set to stop AutoUpgrade if the script fails:

```
sales2.after action=/user/path/script.sh Y
```

Run the specified script after AutoUpgrade starts processing the deploy option, with AutoUpgrade set to continue to run if the script fails:

```
sales3.after action=/user/path/script.sh
```

before_action

(Optional) In deploy mode, 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 (global.before_action)

Usage Notes

The script that you use must be in the form of *name.ext* (for example, myscript.sh), so that AutoUpgrade can identify the type of script that you want to run. Permitted extension options:

- Unix shell (.sh)
- Microsoft Windows batch (.bat, .cmd)
- Microsoft Windows PowerShell (.ps1)



• Oracle SQL file (.sql), with a local operation only designated by the prefix.

By default, if the script fails, then AutoUpgrade continues to run. Use the Y 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.

In contrast to the global before_action parameter, the local before_action 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 CDB\$ROOT. 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.

The output of the script is captured and stored in files. Both stdout and stderr are captured. The files are stored in the preupgrade subdirectory in the directory matching the specific database or job.

The following environment variables are set in the shell that runs the script:

- ORACLE SID
- ORACLE UNQNAME
- ORACLE BASE
- ORACLE HOME
- TNS ADMIN

Examples

Run the specified script before AutoUpgrade starts processing deploy mode, with the Y flag set to stop AutoUpgrade if the script fails:

sales.before action=/user/path/script.sh Y

Run the specified script before AutoUpgrade starts processing, with AutoUpgrade set to continue to run if the script fails:

```
sales4.before action=/user/path/script.sh
```

catctl_options

(Optional) Specifies one or more of a set of catctl.pl options that you can select for AutoUpgrade to submit for catctl.pl to override default behavior.

Usage Notes

Available catctl.pl options:

- -n Number of processes to use for parallel operations. For Replay upgrades, the number of parallel processes used for the upgrade defaults to the value of (CPU_COUNT divided by 4). For Classic upgrades, the default for CDB\$ROOT and NON-CDB databases is 8.
- -N Number of processors to use when upgrading PDBs. For Replay upgrades, the number of parallel processes used for the upgrade defaults to the value of (CPU_COUNT divided by 4) For Classic upgrades, the default is 2



- Takes offline user schema-based table spaces.
- -z Turns on production debugging information for catcon.pl.

Examples

sales4.catctl options=-n 24 -N 4

Related Topics

Upgrade Script (catctl.pl) Parameters

checklist

(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.

Usage Notes

To use this parameter during other AutoUpgrade modes, you must run AutoUpgrade in analyze mode. After AutoUpgrade finishes the analysis, you can then find the checklist file identified by the database name under the precheck directory (*dbname_checklist.cfg*). 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.

Examples

sales.checklist=/u01/app/oracle/upgrade-jobs/salesdb checklist.cfg

In the preceding example, salesdb_checklist.cfg is the checklist configuration file for the database salesdb.

close_source

(Optional) Closes the source non-CDB or source PDB just before AutoUpgrade starts a non-CDB to PDB conversion, starts an unplug-relocate upgrade, or uses a refreshable clone PDB.

Usage Notes

During the operations described above, if close_source is set to yes (the default), then AutoUpgrade closes source non-CDB or source PDB just before starting the upgrade. Additionally, if Oracle Real Application Clusters or Oracle Grid Infrastructure (CRS) services are configured for a non-CDB source, then they are disabled before starting the upgrade.

This parameter can only be used when the source and target databases are both on the same system. When they are on different systems, the source non-CDB or PDB cannot be closed, because AutoUpgrade has no access to it.

Options

[yes | no]

The default value is yes.

Examples

sales3.close source=yes

del after upgrade pfile

(Optional) Specifies a path and file name of a PFILE whose parameters you want to have removed after upgrade.

Examples

sales3.del after upgrade pfile=/path/to/my/pfile del.ora

del_during_upgrade_pfile

(Optional) Specifies a path and file name of a PFILE whose parameters you want to have removed during upgrade.

Examples

sales3.del during upgrade pfile=/path/to/my/oldpfile.ora

delete_wincredential_file

(Optional) Deletes the Microsoft Windows credential object file when the AutoUpgrade job is complete.

Usage Notes

When set to NO, AutoUpgrade does not delete the Microsoft Windows file credential after the AutoUpgrade job first using the credential is completed. The default value is YES.

The purpose of this parameter is to enable you to choose whether AutoUpgrade immediately deletes the Microsoft Windows object credentials loaded with the wincredential parameter after these credentials are first used, or if you want to be able to reuse the Windows object credential with other AutoUpgrade patching or upgrading operations.

Note:

If you set delete_wincredential_file to NO, then you must manually delete that credential after your AutoUpgrade jobs are complete. AutoUpgrade provides a notice in the postupgrade summary report to tell you that the Windows credential file was not removed, and that you should remove this credential file manually.



Use case:

You are performing multiple upgrades or patching operation with AutoUpgrade, and you want to specify credentials for the owner of database binaries on a Microsoft Windows server for more than one upgrade or patching operation so that they can all complete automatically. When you specify the wincredential parameter to load the credentials, and then also specify delete_wincredential_file to NO, AutoUpgrade can use that credential for multiple upgrades or patches of the same Oracle Database, or for different Oracle Databases. To use this feature, you must have already created the Windows PowerShell credential object, and then specify that credential object in the configuration file using wincredential.

Example

In the following example, the local configuration file setting wincredential provides the location where the Microsoft Windows credentials have been loaded, and delete_wincredential_file=NO specifies that AutoUpgrade does not automatically delete the Windows object credential file after the db12201 database operation is complete.

```
global.autoupg_log_dir=C:\Users\oracle\autoupg
global.target.version=19.0.0
global.target_home=C:\u01\app\oracle\product\19\dbhome_1
upg1.sid=db12201
upg1.source_home=C:\u01\app\oracle\product\12.2\dbhome_1
upg1.log_dir=C:\Users\Oracle\autoupg
upg1.upgrade_node=localhost
upg1.target_base=C:\u01\app\oracle
```

```
upg1.target version=19.0.0.0
```

```
upg1.wincredential=C:\Users\oracle\cred
```

upg1.delete_wincredential_file=NO

download

(Optional for AutoUpgrade patching) Specifies whether to automatically download patches from My Oracle Support. .

Usage Notes

Specifies whether to automatically download patches from My Oracle Support. The default is YES.

When set to YES, you must also load the My Oracle Support (MOS) credentials into AutoUpgrade Patching at the command line using the -load password command-line option.

The patches that are downloaded are placed into the directory folder specified by the folder parameter.

If proxy information is required to connect to My Oracle Support, then set proxy values using the Linux operating system environment variables https proxy, http proxy, and no proxy.

Options

[yes | no]

The default value is yes.



Examples

Override the default (yes) so that you use patches that you have downloaded manually instead of having AutoUpgrade download the patches automatically:

upg1.download=no

drop_win_src_service

(Optional) For upgrades on Microsoft Windows, specifies whether to drop the Windows operating system service for the source Oracle Database after upgrade.

Usage Notes

By default, for Oracle Database upgrades on Microsoft Windows operating systems, after AutoUpgrade shuts down the Windows Oracle Database service and completes the upgrade, it leaves the service in place. Leaving the service down but in place gives you the option to restore the database to the source Oracle home without having to recreate the Microsoft Windows service for the database. However, you can choose to have the Microsoft Windows service for the source database removed automatically after upgrade is completed successfully. If either no is specified, or no value is is specified, then the service is shut down on the source, but left in place after the upgrade.

Options

[yes | no]

The default value is no.

Examples

upg1.drop_win_src_service=yes

env

(Optional) Specifies custom operating system environment variables set on your operating system, excluding ORACLE_SID, ORACLE_HOME, ORACLE_BASE, and TNS_ADMIN.

Usage Notes

Use this parameter to provide environment setting that are indicated in the database sqlnet.ora file, such as secure socket layer cipher suites that are used for Oracle Wallet. Multiple settings are comma-delimited.

Syntax:

```
prefix=VARIABLE1=value1 [, VARIABLE2=value2, ...]
```



Example

Assume that for the PDB sales2, the value for WALLET_LOCATION is set using custom environment variables:

```
WALLET_LOCATION=
(SOURCE=
(METHOD=file)
(METHOD DATA=(DIRECTORY=/databases/wallets/$CUSTOM ENV1/$CUSTOM ENV2))
```

In that case, for AutoUpgrade to know what those custom environment variables are, you must provide them using the env parameter, where *dir1* is the path indicated by the environment variable CUSTOM ENV1, and *dir2* is the path specified by CUSTOM ENV2:

sales2.env=CUSTOM ENV1=dir1,CUSTOM ENV2=dir2

exclusion list

(Optional) Sets a list of PDBs that you want to be excluded from the AutoUpgrade run. This parameter only applies to the multitenant architecture (CDB) databases. If you are plugging in and upgrading a non-CDB database, then this parameter is ignored.

Usage Notes

Use this parameter to provide a list of PDBs to exclude from the AutoUpgrade run. The PDB list is comma-delimited. It can contain either a list of PDB names, or an asterisk character (*), which indicates that you want ot exclude all PDBs that are open on the CDB at the time that you run AutoUpgrade.

Syntax:

prefix.exclusion list=[pdb-name|*][,pdb-name,...]

Examples

Assume that you want to exclude PDBs pdb1 and pdb2 from the upgrade of cdb sales1. The following entry in the configuration file excludes pdb1 and pdb2 from being processed during the AutoUpgrade run:

```
sales1.exclusion list=pdb1,pdb2
```

This entry in the configuration file excludes all open PDBs from the CDB sales2:

```
sales2.exclusion list=*
```



folder

(Required for AutoUpgrade patching) Specifies the directory that contains the patch zip files as well as the required Oracle Database base image.

Usage Notes

For AutoUpgrade to perform patching, you must identify the directory that contains the patch zip files. This directory must also contain the Oracle Database base image. There is no default value. You must provide the directory path. This parameter also is used in conjunction with the download parameter as follows:

When download=YES, the directory specified by the folder parameter is the directory to which the patches will be downloaded

When download=NO, the directory specified by the folder parameter is the directory that must contain the patches that have been manually downloaded.

The directory that you specify with the folder parameter must contain the base image of the source database's release (for example, Oracle Database Release 19.3).

Examples

upg1.folder=/storage/patches

home_settings.ru_apply

(Optional) Specifies whether a release update (RU) is installed at the same time as the ORACLE HOME, or installed as a separate step by OPatch.

Usage Notes

Options: YES or NO. The default value is NO, unless the current operating system is Oracle Linux 9 or higher.

When the parameter is specified to YES on a platform other than Microsoft Windows, the RU being installed during a deploy operation is installed when runInstaller is run using the – applyRU command line option. When the parameter is specified to NO, the RU is then installed separately by running OPatch after the ORACLE HOME has already been installed.

Examples

upg1.home_settings.ru_apply=true

ignore_errors

(Optional) Enables you to specify a comma-delimited list of specific Oracle errors that you want AutoUpgrade to ignore during the upgrade or patching process.

Usage Notes

If you add this parameter to your configuration file, then the error numbers that you specify are ignored during the upgrade for the upgrade prefix that you specify.



Examples

sales3.ignore errors=ORA-48181,ORA-00001

keep_pdb_save_state

(Optional) Specifies that if the PDB has a saved state in the source CDB, then you can either save or not save the PDB state on the target CDB.

Usage Notes

This parameter applies to the Unplug-Plug flow (including restorations). If the PDB state is saved in the source CDB, then by default that same saved state continues to be saved after the upgrade process (default is <code>yes</code>). When <code>keep_pdb_save_state</code> is set to no, the source PDB state is not saved after the upgrade. You can choose to set <code>keep_pdb_save_state</code> to no when you are advised to do so in AutoUpgrade preupgrade checks. For example, with Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) upgrades, Oracle recommends that you do not keep the source PDB saved state.

Options

[yes | no]

The default value is yes.

Example

sales1.keep pdb save state.pdbA=no

keep_source_pdb

(Optional) Specifies if the source PDB in an unplug-plug upgrade operation is kept in a closed state instead of being removed from the source CDB.

Usage Notes

By default, the source PDB is removed from the source CDB during the upgrade process. When keep_source_pdb is set to YES, the source PDB is not removed from the earlier release system. You are only able to set the parameter to YES when the copy option is specified in the parameter target_pdb_copy_option. When the copy option is not used, this parameter is ignored, because the PDB must be dropped. Without a copy, the existing datafiles can only be used by a single CDB.

Options

[yes | no]

The default value is no.

Example

sales1.keep_source_pdb=yes



log_dir

(Optional) 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.

Usage Notes

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 sales, and where log_dir is identified as upgrade-jobs, and *stage1*, *stage2*, and *stagen* represent stages of the upgrades:

/u01/app/oracle/upgrade-jobs

/temp/ /sales/ /sales/stage1 /sales/stage2 /sales/stagen

You cannot use wild cards for paths, such as tilde (~). You must use a complete path.

Note:

On Microsoft Windows platforms, global.autoupg_log and log_dir should be configured on the same drive.

Example

salesdb.log dir=/u01/app/oracle/upgrade-jobs

By default, if the global configuration file parameter global.autoupg_log_dir is specified, and you do not specify log dir, then the default is the path specified in global.autoupg log dir.

When neither global.autoupg_log_dir nor log_dir is specified, then by default the log files are placed in the location indicated by the orabase utility for the databases that you include in your configuration file. In that case, the default logs directory is in the path <code>ORACLE_BASE/</code> cfgtoollogs/autoupgrade.

If the orabase utility fails for all databases included in the configuration file, then the log file location is then based on the temp directory for the user running AutoUpgrade.

manage standbys clause

(Optional) Specifies whether standby Oracle Data Guard standby databases you identify by DB_UNIQUE_NAME are excluded from AutoUpgrade plug-in upgrades, so that standby database files can be reused.

Usage Notes

Before upgrades of database configurations with standby databases, to reduce potential issues, Oracle recommends that you run AutoUpgrade in analyze mode on your standby databases.



Options

In the following syntax, *pdb-name* is a DB_UNIQUE_NAME of a source PDB that you are upgrading to the target CDB in an unplug/plug upgrade.

```
manage_standbys_clause=STANDBYS=[NONE|ALL|ALL EXCEPT ('pdb-name', 'pdb-
name', ...)|STANDBYS=('pdb-name', 'pdb-name', ...)]
```

The default value is NONE.

Examples

In the following example, any non-CDB or pluggable database that is a member of an Oracle Data Guard standby is not excluded from AutoUpgrade plug-in upgrades:

```
upg2.sid=cdb1
upg2.pdbs=*
upg2.target_cdb=cdb21x
upg2.source_home=/source/18x
upg2.target_home=/target/21x
upg2.manage_standbys_clause=standbys=none
```

In the following example, applying the redo on data files on all standby databases is deferred on all AutoUpgrade plug-in upgrades:

```
upg3.sid=cdb2
upg3.pdbs=*
upg3.target_cdb=cdb21x
upg3.source_home=/source/18x
upg3.target_home=/target/21x
upg3.manage_standbys_clause=standbys=all
```

In the following example, during the AutoUpgrade plug-in upgrades, applying the redo on data files is deferred on all standby PDBs except PDBs cdb3 stby 1 and cdb3 stby 2.

```
upg4.sid=cdb3
upg4.pdbs=*
upg4.target_cdb=cdb21x
upg4.source_home=/source/12.2x
upg4.target_home=/target/21x
upg4.manage_standbys_clause=standbys=all_except ('cdb3_stby 1','cdb3_stby 2')
```

In the following example, during the AutoUpgrade plug-in upgrades, applying the redo on data files is deferred only on standby PDB cdb4_stby1.

```
upg4.sid=cdb4
upg4.pdbs=*
upg4.target_cdb=cdb21x
upg4.source_home=/source/12.2x
```



```
upg4.target_home=/target/21x
upg4.manage standbys clause=standbys=('cdb4 stby 1')
```

method

(Optional for AutoUpgrade patching) Specifies whether to create a new target Oracle home, and if so, how it will be created.

Usage Notes

The default value is <code>outofplace</code>. At the time of this release, outofplace is the only permitted value. When the AutoUpgrade command-line parameter <code>-patch</code> is used, AutoUpgrade creates a new target Oracle home using the base image contained in the directory specified by the <code>folder</code> parameter. Oracle recommends that all patching is performed as out-of-place patching, where a new Oracle home is created.

Examples

upg1.method=outofplace

parallel_pdb_creation_clause

(Optional) Specifies the number of parallel execution servers to use when creating a pluggable database. This can be used for scenarios like PDB relocate, clone PDB, etc. It doesn't apply for cases when creating a PDB using an XML file.

Usage Notes

This parameter is optional. You can use this parameter to specify the number of parallel execution servers to copy the new PDB's data files to a new location when creating a PDB. This may result in faster creation of the PDB. Scenarios where you can take advantage of this option is when you want to upgrade and convert a non-CDB Oracle Database to a PDB, or you want to unplug a PDB from a source release CDB and relocate it in for an upgrade to a target release CDB.

The parameter is specific for every source database or pluggable database on the AutoUpgrade configuration file. The CDB can ignore this setting, depending on the current database load and the number of available parallel execution servers. Using this parameter enables you to provide better control of the load placed on the target database.

Note:

Note: This feature does not work during unplug/plug processes.

Options

Use an integer value to specify the number of servers to run in parallel, where *source-db-name-or-pdb* is the non-CDB database name or the PDB name, and *integer-value* is a numeric value specifying the number of servers to run in parallel::

prefix.parallel pdb creation clause.source-db-name-or-pdb='integer-value'



Example

In the following example, 16 servers are specified as the limit for the number of servers to run in parallel.

upg1.parallel_pdb_creation_clause.pdb1=16

patch

(Required for AutoUpgrade patching) Specifies a comma-delimited list of the patches that you want to install.

Usage Notes

Required for AutoUpgrade patching.

Options

[recommended|ru|ru:x.y|opatch|ojvm|ojvm:x.y|dpbp|patch-number]

The default value is RECOMMENDED.

Options:

- RECOMMENDED: Alias for all of the following options: RU, OPATCH, OJVM, DPBP.
- RU: Latest release update
- RU:x.y: A release update (RU) of the specified release version, where x is the major release number, and y is the RU. For example: RU:19.24
- OPATCH: Use latest version of OPatch
- OJVM: Apply the Oracle Java VM patch that applies to the specified RU.
- OJVM: x.y: Apply the Oracle Java VM patch of the specified release version, where x is the major release number, and y is the RU. For example: OJVM:19.24
- DPBP: Apply the Oracle Data Pump patch for the specified RU
- patch-number: specifies a specific one-off patch that you want AutoUpgrade to apply.

Examples

patch-number: Provide a specific one-off patch number.

upg1.patch=ru:19.24,12345678,opatch

Apply recommended patches, which includes the set of recommended patch options: RU (the latest release update for the base image), as well as OPATCH, OJVM, and DPBP:

upg1.patch=recommended



patch_in_upgrade_mode

(Optional) Specifies that the database that you want to patch is patched in upgrade mode, instead of normal mode.

Usage Notes

In AutoUpgrade 23.4 and earlier versions, the default for patching has been to perform patching in upgrade mode. Starting with AutoUpgrade 24.1, the default is to perform patching in normal mode. If you prefer to perform patching only in upgrade mode, then you can use this parameter to override that default behavior, and patch in upgrade mode.

Options

[yes | no]

The default value is no.

Example

sales.patch_in_upgrade_mode=yes

pdbs

(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.

Usage Notes

The PDB list is comma-deliminated. 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 the parameter is not specified, then the default value is *.

If running in ANALYZE mode, AutoUpgrade ignores the PDBs in a mounted state.

If running in FIXUPS, DEPLOY or UPGRADE mode, AutoUpgrade opens the PDBs in mount state in read-write mode, upgrade mode, or both, depending on the execution mode.

Example

```
sales1.pdbs=pdb1, pdb2, pdbn
upgr1.pdbs=*
```

platform

(Optional) Specifies the platform used by AutoUpgrade Patching when downloading patches from My Oracle Support.

Usage Notes

The parameter platform specifies which platform patches AutoUpgrade uses for patching. AutoUpgrade Patching supports the following platforms:

AIX.x64 IBM AIX on POWER Systems (64-Bit)



- ARM.x64 LINUX ARM (aarch64)
- LINUX.X64 Linux x86-64
- SPARC.x64 Oracle Solaris on SPARC (64-Bit)
- SOLARIS.x64 Oracle Solaris on x86-64 (64-Bit)
- WINDOWS.X64 Microsoft Windows x64 (64-bit).

If the current operating system is one of the supported platforms, then the default value matches that platform. Otherwise, the default value is LINUX.X64

Options

[AIX.x64|ARM.x64|LINUX.X64|SPARC.x64|SOLARIS.x64|WINDOWS.X64]

The default value is LINUX.X64.

Example

upg1.platform=LINUX.X64

raise_compatible

(Optional) Increases the Oracle Database COMPATIBLE initialization parameter to the default value of the target release after the upgrade is completed successfully.

Usage Notes

Options:

- Y : Increase the COMPATIBLE parameter setting to the target release
- N : Do not increase the COMPATIBLE parameter setting to the target release
- Increase the COMPATIBLE level to a specific release update (RU) level (for example, 23.0, 23.4, 23.7)

The default is N.



Caution:

- After the COMPATIBLE parameter is increased, database downgrade is not possible.
- Oracle recommends that you only raise the COMPATIBLE parameter to the current release level after you have thoroughly tested the upgraded database.
- Regardless of what value you use for the autoupgrade command-line parameter restore, if you set the value of the configuration file parameter raise_compatible to yes, then before starting the upgrade, you must delete manually any guaranteed restore point you have created. After the upgrade is completed successfully, AutoUpgrade deletes the guaranteed restore point it creates before starting the upgrade. When AutoUpgrade starts the POSTUPGRADE stage, there is no way to restore the database.
- If you specify to raise COMPATIBLE to a target RU level, then the the RU level you specify cannot be greater than the target Oracle home release. For example, if the target Oracle home release is Oracle Database 23ai updated to RU 23.4, then 23.7 is not a valid value for raise_compatible.

Examples

Raise COMPATIBLE to the level of the target Oracle Database home:

sales1.raise compatible=yes

Raise COMPATIBLE to RU 23.4:

sales1.raise compatible=23.4

Raise COMPATIBLE to RU 23.7:

sales1.raise compatible=23.7

remove_rac_config

(Optional) Specifies whether to remove a non-CDB Oracle RAC database from clusterware on the source Oracle home after a successful conversion to the target CDB home, or to leave the source database unchanged.

Usage Notes

By default, the source Oracle RAC database configuration on a non-CDB is removed from the source Oracle Grid Infrastructure when it is migrated to a CDB during the upgrade process. When remove_rac_config is set to no, the source Oracle RAC database is not removed from the earlier release non-CDB system.

Options

[yes | no]



The default value is yes.

Example

```
upg1.remove_rac_config=no
```

remove_underscore_parameters

(Optional) Removes underscore (hidden) parameters from PFILE files during upgrade, and after upgrade, for all Oracle Databases in the configuration file.

Usage Notes

Underscore parameters should only be used by advice of Oracle Support.

Options

[yes | no]

The default value is no.

Example

sales1.remove underscore parameters=yes

replay

(Optional) Specifies whether to use replay to upgrade the database.

Usage Notes

By default, AutoUpgrade performs a Classic upgrade to upgrade the database.

Options

[yes | no]

The default value is no.

Example

upg1.replay=yes

restoration

(Optional) Generates a Guaranteed Restore Point (GRP) for database restoration.

Usage Notes

If left at default value (yes), a fast recovery area configuration is required to create a GRP. If you set restoration=no, then both the database backup and restoration must be performed manually. Set to no for databases that operate in NOARCHIVELOG mode, and for Standard Edition and Standard Edition 2 databases, which do not support the Oracle Flashback technology feature Flashback Database. If you do not specify the parameter, then the default value (yes) is used, and a guaranteed restore point is created.



Options

[yes | no]

The default value is yes.

Example

sales1.restoration=no

revert after action

(Optional) Specifies a custom action that you want to have run on the operating system after a system restoration is completed for the specific database job addressed by the prefix, and the database is up.

Usage Notes

The action that you specify with <code>revert_after_action</code> runs on the target Oracle home binaries after the restoration process is completed, and the database is up.

The script that you specify to run must be in the form of *name.ext* (for example, <code>myscript.sh</code>), so that AutoUpgrade can identify the type of script that you want to run. Permitted extension options:

- Unix shell (.sh)
- Microsoft Windows batch (.bat, .cmd)
- Microsoft Windows PowerShell (.ps1)
- Oracle SQL script (.sql), with a local operation on the database designated by the revert before action parameter prefix.

Options

Stop on fail: [Y | N]. The default is N.

By default, if the specified script fails, then AutoUpgrade continues to run (\mathbb{N} . To specify that AutoUpgrade stops if the script fails, use the Y flag. If the script finishes running on the operating system with a status different than 0, then AutoUpgrade identifies the script as failed.

Examples

Run the script you specify on the operating system after AutoUpgrade completes processing the restoration, with the Y flag set to stop AutoUpgrade if the script fails:

sales3.revert after action =/user/path/script.sh Y

Run the script you specify on the operating system after AutoUpgrade completes processing the restoration. With no flag, the default stop on fail option is N, so AutoUpgrade continues to run if the script fails:

```
sales3.revert_after_action =/user/path/script.sh
```



revert_before_action

(Optional) Specifies a custom action that you want to have run on the operating system before a system restoration is completed for the specific database job addressed by the prefix, and the database is up.

Usage Notes

The action that you specify with <code>revert_before_action</code> runs on the target Oracle home binaries before database restoration is started, and the database is up.

The script that you specify to run must be in the form of *name.ext* (for example, <code>myscript.sh</code>), so that AutoUpgrade can identify the type of script that you want to run. Permitted extension options:

- Unix shell (.sh)
- Microsoft Windows batch (.bat, .cmd)
- Microsoft Windows PowerShell (.ps1)
- Oracle SQL script (.sql), with a local operation on the database designated by the revert before action parameter prefix.

Options

Stop on fail: [Y | N]. The default is N.

By default, if the specified script fails, then AutoUpgrade continues to run (\mathbb{N} . To specify that AutoUpgrade stops if the script fails, use the \mathbb{Y} flag. If the script finishes running on the operating system with a status different than 0, then AutoUpgrade identifies the script as failed.

Examples

Run the script you specify on the operating system before AutoUpgrade starts the restoration, with the Y flag set to stop AutoUpgrade if the script fails:

sales3.revert before action =/user/path/script.sh Y

Run the script you specify on the operating system before AutoUpgrade starts the restoration. With no flag, the default stop on fail option is \mathbb{N} , so AutoUpgrade continues to run if the script fails:

sales3.revert before action =/user/path/script.sh

run dictionary health

(Optional) Specifies whether you run Oracle Dictionary Health Checks as part of preupgrade checks to identify database dictionary inconsistencies.

Usage Notes

To help to identify database dictionary inconsistencies, you can specify that AutoUpgrade runs the DBMS_DICTIONARY_CHECK PL/SQL package on the source database as part of preupgrade checks. If set, the AutoUpgrade run_dictionary_health parameter enables you to specify for each upgrade source database that AutoUpgrade runs either the full array of Oracle Dictionary



Health Checks on the database dictionary, or that it runs only the most critical set of checks. If the check detects potential or critical problems with the database dictionary, then it prevents the upgrade from starting.

Oracle Dictionary Health Check results are stored under the AutoUpgrade precheck directory in the format *dbname_healthcheck_result.log*, where *dbname* is the name of the database on which the check was run. For more information about Oracle Dictionary Health Check, refer to the DBMS_HCHECK package documentation in Oracle Database PL/SQL Packages and Types Reference.

Options

[full| critical]

If the parameter is not set, then the default is to not run DBMS DICTIONARY CHECK.

Example

```
sales1.run_dictionary_health=full
sales2.run_dictionary_health=critical
```

Related Topics

DBMS_DICTIONARY_CHECK PL/SQL Package

run_utlrp

(Optional) Enables or disables running a version of utlrp.sql as part of post upgrade, to recompile only invalid objects in Oracle-maintained schemas.

Usage Notes

The <code>utlrp</code> utility recompiles all Data Dictionary objects that become invalid during a database upgrade. If you set <code>run_utlrp=no</code>, or if you want invalid user objects also to be recompiled, then Oracle recommends that you use this utility to recompile invalid objects after upgrading with AutoUpgrade.

Note:

Starting with AutoUpgrade 23.1, when you run the AutoUpgrade utility, AutoUpgrade runs the utlprpom.sql script, and does not run utlrp.sql. When AutoUpgrade is used for upgrades to Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2.0.1) and later releases, AutoUpgrade only recompiles invalid objects owned by Oracle-maintained schemas. Because database upgrades do not need to touch user objects, AutoUpgrade maintains this policy when it recompiles invalid objects.

Options

[yes | no]

The default value is yes.



Example

prefix.run_utlrp=yes

sid

(Required) Identifies the Oracle system identifier (SID) of the database that you want to upgrade.

Usage Notes

This parameter is case-sensitive.

Example

sales1.sid=salesdb

skip_tde_key_import

(Optional) When set to yes, the upgrade is run, but import of the source database KeyStore into the target database is skipped, without raising an error.

Usage Notes

Note:

This parameter is deprecated, because it is no longer needed. It can be removed in a future AutoUpgrade release. Instead of using this parameter, Oracle recommends that you either use the -load_password command line option to add the TDE password to AutoUpgrade's keystore, or add the TDE password to a Secure External Password Store (SEPS).

You can use this option for nonCDB-to-PDB and unplug/plug operations. When import of the source database KeyStore into the target database is skipped, AutoUpgrade will leave the PDB open in upgrade mode, so that you can import the keys manually yourself. After you import the keys, you must then restart the database in normal mode.

Options

[yes | no]

The default value is no.

Example

sales1.skip_tde_key_import=yes



source_base

(Optional) Specifies the source ORACLE_BASE path for the source Oracle home.

Examples

```
source_base=/u01/app/oracle
sales4.source_base=/u04/app/oracle4
```

source_dblink

(Optional) Specifies the database link set up for an unplug-plug relocate (hot clone) upgrade.

Usage Notes

To set up an unplug-plug relocate upgrade for a non-CDB or a PDB, you must first set up a database link between the source database and the target database location. You then pass that database link to AutoUpgrade using the <code>source_dblink</code> parameter. You identify source database name associated with the database link as a suffix to <code>source_dblink</code>. parameter. You also have the option to specify a time value, in seconds, that the database is refreshed from the database link.

Note:

This option is available for source database releases Oracle Database 12.1.0.2 and later.

The source_dblink parameter becomes active when you use the target_pdb_copy_option parameter. When you use source_dblink, you must also must specify a value for the file_name_convert parameter, either to convert file names, or to specify not to convert file names. If file_name_convert is set to none, then you must also set db_create_file_dest to specify where you want to place the database files.

You can also choose to set a refresh interval, in seconds, specifying how frequently the target database is updated over the database link from the source database. You can use the refresh interval with the <code>start_time</code> parameter to keep the source database refreshed for the target location. If no refresh rate is specified, then the source database is cloned only one time, and no refresh occurs. If the refresh rate is specified, but you do not specify a future start time using the <code>start_time</code> parameter, then the refresh interval value is ignored, and the database is cloned only one time.

Options

- (Required) The source database name, specified as a suffix.
- (Required) The name of the database link that you created.
- (Optional) The refresh rate for the target database from the source database, in seconds. If you specify a refresh rate, then typically you also specify a future start time using the start_time parameter.
- (Optional) CLONE_ONLY. Adding this option specifies that the PDB that is created is a clone that is never refreshed, and that the upgrade is started immediately after the clone



operation is completed. This option is required when the source is Oracle Database 12.1 (Release 12.1.0.2).

Examples

In the following example, two database links are created:

pdbxcdb18x_link, created on the PDB source database named pdbx:

```
CREATE DATABASE LINK pdbxcdb18x_link CONNECT TO remote-user IDENTIFIED BY
password
USING'(DESCRIPTION = (ADDRESS = (PROTOCOL = TCP)(HOST
GRANT CREATE SESSION, CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE, SELECT_CATALOG_ROLE TO
remote-user;
GRANT READ ON sys.enc$ TO remote-user;
```

db18x link, created on the non-CDB source database named db18x:

```
CREATE DATABASE LINK db18x_link CONNECT TO remote-user IDENTIFIED BY
password
USING'(DESCRIPTION =(ADDRESS = (PROTOCOL = TCP)(HOST = db-node1)(PORT =
1521))
(CONNECT DATA = (SERVICE NAME = db18x)))';
```

In the AutoUpgrade configuration file, the database name associated with the database link is specified by using that name as a suffix to <code>source_dblink</code>: The suffix: <code>pdbx</code> for the PDB source database, and the suffix <code>dbl8x</code> for the non-CDB source database.

In the following example, <code>source_dblink</code> is used to specify the dblink for the source database <code>pdbx</code>. The PDB upgrade deployment starts immediately after you start AutoUpgrade, because no time interval is specified:

upg1.source dblink.pdbx=pdbxcdb18x

Using the same configuration file, AutoUpgrade starts the upgrade of the database named db18x in 1 hour and 40 minutes after AutoUpgrade is started from the command line. Between the time that AutoUpgrade is started, and the deployment time specified by start_time, the cloned target database is refreshed every 20 seconds from the source.

```
upg1.source_dblink.db18x=db18x_link 20
upg1.start time=+1h40m
```

In the following example, the source database db18x is cloned to the target PDB db18x_link, and the upgrade is started immediately after that source database is cloned successfully:

upg1.source dblink.db18x=db18x link CLONE ONLY



source_home

(Required for analyze, fixups, and deploy modes. Optional for upgrade mode.) Current Oracle home (ORACLE_HOME) of the database that you want to upgrade.

Usage Notes

For the mode upgrade, the source home and target home values can be the same path.

Example

sales2.source home=/path/to/my/source/oracle/home

source_ldap_admin_dir

(Optional) Specifies the path to the LDAP_ADMIN directory in the source database home.

Usage Notes

This parameter has no effect on Microsoft Windows, because on Windows, the LDAP_ADMIN environmental variable is set within the registry.

Example

sales1.source_ldap_admin_dir=/u01/app/oracle/12.2/dbhome01/ldap/admin

source_tns_admin_dir

(Optional) Specifies the path to the TNS ADMIN directory in the source database home.

Usage Notes

This parameter has no effect on Microsoft Windows, because on Windows, the TNS_ADMIN environmental variable is set within the registry.

Example

sales1.source tns admin dir=/u01/app/oracle/12.2/dbhome01/network/admin

start time

(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.

Usage Notes

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.



Permitted values:

```
now
30/12/2019 15:30:00
01/11/2020 01:30:15
2/5/2020 3:30:50
```

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.

Values are invalid that use the wrong deliminator for the date or time element, or that use the wrong date or hour format, such as the following:

```
30-12-2019 15:30:00
01/11/2020 3:30:15pm
2020/06/01 01:30:15
```

Examples

```
sales1.start_time=now
sales2.start_time=07/11/2020 01:30:15
```

target_base

(Optional) Specifies the target ORACLE BASE path for the target Oracle home.

Examples

```
target_base=/u01/app/oracle
sales4.target_base=/u04/app/oracle4
```

target_cdb

(Optional) Specifies the SID of the target CDB into which a non-CDB Oracle Database is plugged in.

Usage Notes

This parameter is mandatory when you want to upgrade and convert a non-CDB Oracle Database. It is case-sensitive.

Example

emp.target cdb=salescdb



target_pdb_copy_option=file_name_convert

(Optional) Specifies the file_name_convert option used by the create pluggable database statement that AutoUpgrade runs when converting a non-CDB database to a PDB or an existing PDB from a different source CDB into a PDB in the specified target CDB.

Usage Notes

Caution:

Specifying <code>target_pdb_copy_option</code> enables AutoUpgrade to manage the recovery as needed. When <code>target_pdb_copy_option</code> is not set, and the default <code>nocopy</code> option is used, there is no recovery of the default PDB. Ensure that you have a backup of your source PDB.

This option is only used when creating a pluggable database within the target CDB. If you do not specify this parameter, then the default value of the parameter is NOCOPY, and existing data files on the source database are reused. When you do specify this parameter, then you must append a suffix to the parameter that specifies either the source database name or PDB name (target_pdb_copy_option.*suffix*, and specify file_name_convert= with one of the following options:

- Specify source file names (f) and target replacement file names (r) ('f', 'r'), or specify NONE
- If you are creating a refreshable clone database, then append a suffix to the parameter that specifies either the source database name or PDB name (target pdb copy option.suffix

On the target CDB, if you are using ASM, or if you have the parameters DB_CREATE_FILE_DEST or PDB_FILE_NAME_CONVERT set, and you want these parameters on the target CDB to take effect for replacement file names, then set the value of prefix.target_pdb_copy_option.source-db-name-or-pdb=file name convert=NONE.

If you want one or more data file names changed during conversion on the target CDB, then enter values for the parameter to indicate the source database name or PDB, specified as a suffix, the source filename you want to change, and the target filename to which you want the existing files copied, using the syntax $prefix.target_pdb_copy_option.source-db-name-or-$ <math>pdb=('f1', 'r1', 'f2', 'r2', ...), where f1 is the first filename pattern on your source, r1 is the first replacement filename pattern on your target CDB, f2 is the second filename pattern on your source, r2 is the second replacement file pattern on your target CDB, and so on.

Syntax

prefix.target_pdb_copy_option.source-db-name-or-pdb=file_name_convert=('f1',
'r1', 'f2', 'r2', 'f3', 'r3'...)



Example

In this example, AutoUpgrade will copy existing datafiles during conversion of a database specified with the prefix string upg1, and with the suffix sales to replace the file path string and filename /old/path/pdb 2 with the file path string and filename /new/path/depsales:

```
upg1.target_pdb_copy_option.sales=file_name_convert=('/old/path/pdb_2', '/new/
path/depsales')
```

To convert OMF files with target_pdb_copy_optionsource-db-name-orpdb=file_name_convert, the target Oracle home must be Oracle Database 19c Release Update 6 or later (19.6.0), or Oracle Database 18c Release Update 10 or later (18.10.0).

In this example, the parameter is configured so that data files that are stored on Oracle ASM, but not stored as Oracle-managed files, are copied from +DATA/dbname/sales to +DATA/dbname/depsales:

```
upg1.target_pdb_copy_option.sales=file_name_convert=('+DATA/dbname/sales',
'+DATA/dbname/depsales')
```

target_pdb_name

(Optional) Specifies the name that you want to assign to a non-CDB source Oracle Database after it is plugged in to the target CDB.

Usage Notes

This parameter is optional. It is used when you want to upgrade and convert a non-CDB Oracle Database to a PDB, or you want to unplug a PDB from a source release CDB and plug it in for an upgrade to a target release CDB.

When you upgrade and convert an existing non-CDB database to a PDB on a target CDB, the target_cdb parameter is mandatory, because it specifies the target CDB. If you want to determine how the PDB is created on the target CDB, you can use the optional parameters target_pdb_name and target_pdb_copy_option to specify how the PDB is created on the target CDB. However, if neither optional parameters are used, then a full upgrade of the source CDB is performed.

The default name for the target PDB when you convert a non-CDB to a PDB is to use the database unique name of the non-CDB Oracle Database. To specify a name that is different from the existing name of the non-CDB when you plug it in to the CDB, set the new name by using target_pdb_name. In addition, if you are creating a refreshable clone database, then append a suffix to the parameter that specifies either the source database name or PDB name (target name.suffix)

Examples

In the following example, the source non-CDB database is emp19. The target_pdb_name parameter is used to change the name to emp23pdb on the target CDB database.

```
upg.target pdb name=emp23pdb
```

For a refreshable clone, add a prefix to indicate the source database for the clone. In this example, the source container database is db122b and we are cloning pdb1 from db122b into



the target container database db19. The suffix pdb1 is used as the identifier for both target_pdb_name and source_dblink. The pdb1 suffix identifier associates both the target PDB name and the dblink used to move the data from the source, pdb1, into the target PDB PLUG122.

```
global.autoupg_log_dir=/tmp/logs
upg1.source_home=/u01/app/oracle/122
upg1.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/19
upg1.sid=db122b
upg1.target_cdb=db19
upg1.pdbs=pdb1
upg1.target_pdb_name.pdb1=PLUG122
upg1.target_pdb_copy_option.pdb1=file_name_convert=('/u01/app/oracle/oradata/
db122b/pdb1', '/u01/app/oracle/plug/pdb122b')
upg1.source_dblink.pdb1=pdbxcdb122x_link
```

target_ldap_admin_dir

(Optional) Specifies the path to the LDAP ADMIN directory in the target database home.

Example

sales1.target ldap admin dir=/u01/app/oracle/19/dbhome01/ldap/admin

target tns admin dir

(Optional) Specifies the path to the TNS ADMIN directory in the target database home.

Example

sales1.target tns admin dir=/u01/app/oracle/19/dbhome01/network/admin

timezone_upg

(Optional) Enables or disables running the time zone upgrade as part of the AutoUpgrade process.

Usage Notes

To preserve data integrity, Oracle recommends that you upgrade the time zone file (DST) 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 timestamp with time zone table columns. Note that this setting can be disabled by overwriting the fixup on the checklist file.

If you explicitly disable the time zone file upgrade in your AutoUpgrade configuration file, then Oracle recommends that you perform this task either as part of your upgrade plan, or at a later point in time.

Options

[yes | no]

The default value is yes for upgrade, and no for patching.



Example

sales1.timezone_upg=no

Note:

If you patch a database with RU 19.18 or later, then updated time zone files are installed in the Oracle home by default. A new database created with Database Configuration Assistant (DBCA) in a patched Oracle home will be created with the latest time zone files.

tune_setting

(Optional) Enables special workflows that alter the behavior of AutoUpgrade during runtime, depending on the workflow option that you specify.

Usage Notes

The tune_setting parameter enables you to fine-tune upgrade steps or the resources allocated to the processing of the upgrades specified by the container databases or pluggable databases (CDBs or PDBs) specified by the parameter prefix in your AutoUpgrade configuration file. This capability can be useful for some upgrades if you find the default AutoUpgrade values are insufficient for your system requirements, or when you want to enable nondefault AutoUpgrade options.

Syntax

prefix.tune_setting=option[, option, option, ...]

Select the tune_setting options that provide the AutoUpgrade runtime tuning that you require from the list that follows. To combine multiple tuning options with the tune_setting parameter, use comma delimiters. Example:

```
sales3.tune_setting=proactive_fixups=true,query_hint_parallel=8,utlrp_threads_
per pdb=8
```

Note:

You can concatenate multiple parameters together in a single tune setting entry

Option	Description
active_nodes_limit	Sets a new total of active cluster member nodes that you want to use during a distributed upgrade of Oracle Real Application Clusters databases. The default is 2. If the number you specify is equal to or greater than the maximum number of cluster member nodes, then all nodes are taken.
	<pre>sales3.tune_setting=active_nodes_limit=4</pre>



Option	Description
distributed_upgrade	Specifies that AutoUpgrade performs a distributed upgrade . A distributed upgrade leverages the resources of the Oracle Clusterware cluster member nodes to perform the upgrades of PDBs more rapidly on the cluster. Use this option when a CDB in an Oracle RAC cluster of at least two nodes is being upgraded. When you choose this option, the proactive_fixups option is also enabled by default. Example:
	<pre>sales3.tune_setting=proactive_fixups=true,distribut ed_upgrade=true</pre>
	Note: Distributed upgrades are not supported on Microsoft Windows.
make_pdbs_available	Opens the PDBs designated by the prefix in read/write and non- restricted mode after postfixups are complete when proactive fixups mode is used. This option enables PDBs designated by the prefix to become available for service immediately after the upgrade is completed, while other PDBs continue to be upgraded, which can be useful for large fleet upgrade deployments. Precautions:
	Choosing this option enables the PDBs you designate to accept service requests from users, while other PDBs are being upgraded. The response time of the PDBs for service requests, and the time required for ongoing PDB upgrades can each be affected.
	Example:
	<pre>sales3.tune_setting=make_pdbs_available=true</pre>
proactive_fixups	Enables proactive fixups mode, where the PDBs are upgraded as the last stage of the upgrade. When the number of PDBs is higher than the CPU count defined in the database, divided by 2, choosing this tuning option can result in a faster upgrade. Example:
	<pre>sales3.tune_setting=proactive_fixups=true Precautions:</pre>
	If the number of CPUs is higher than the number of PDBs, then changing this setting may not improve performance.
query_hint_parallel	Specifies a parallel thread specification to the code that gathers data from the tablespaces during the query of the PDBs specified by the prefix, so that you can allocate a greater number or lesser number of parallel threads to the PDBs specified by the prefix. Example:
	<pre>sales3.tune_setting=query_hint_parallel=8</pre>
	Choosing this option can cause AutoUpgrade to consume more system resources.
	Option NO_HINT avoids the use of optimizer hints on the query that gathers information about database tablespaces. This option can be useful in environments where existing hints (materialize and parallel) affect the performance of the query. For example:
	<pre>sales3.tune_setting=query_hint_parallel=NO_HINT</pre>
	— — — —

Option	Description
utlrp_threads_per_pdb	Overwrites default maximum number of threads generated by the recompilation of invalid objects in the CDB, and uses the number of threads that you specify. Example:
	<pre>sales3.tune_setting=utlrp_threads_per_pdb=8</pre>
	Precautions:
	If the number of threads specified exceeds available threads on the system, then performance can be compromised.
utlrp_pdb_in_parallel	Overwrites default maximum number of concurrent recompilation threads to the number that you specify. Use this option to overwrite the default maximum number of concurrent processes of recompilation of invalid objects. Example:
	<pre>sales3.tune_setting=utlrp_pdb_in_parallel=2</pre>
	Precautions:
	Each PDB process requires from the system as many threads as specified by utlrp_threads_per_pdb.

Examples

In the following example, the database upgrades specified with the prefix sales3 are Oracle Real Application Clusters Oracle Database instances. The tune_setting parameter is used to set these database instances to use the setting distributed_upgrade, which distributes the upgrade load across multiple CDBs in the Oracle Grid Infrastructure cluster:

sales3.tune setting=distributed upgrade=true

In the following example, the database upgrades specified with the prefix sales3 are tuned with multiple tune setting parameter options:

sales3.tune_setting=proactive_fixups=true,query_hint_parallel=8,utlrp_threads_
per pdb=8

upgrade_node

(Optional) Specifies the node on which the current user configuration is valid. The default value is localhost.

Usage Notes

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 upgrade_node parameter does not correspond to the current host name. It does not enable running AutoUpgrade remotely. You can use the keyword localhost as a wild card to indicate that databases on the local host should be processed.

Use case:

The configuration file config.cfg contains 10 databases. Five of the databases have the value of upgrade_node set to denver01. The remaining five have the value of upgrade_node set to denver02. If AutoUpgrade is run on the server denver01 using the configuration file config.cfg, then AutoUpgrade only processes the databases where upgrade_node is set to



denver01. 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.

Example

hostname denver02 sales1.upgrade_node=denver01

wincredential

(Optional) Specifies the location of a Microsoft Windows credential object file that you have previously generated with the AutoUpgrade command-line parameter load_win_credential.

Usage Notes

The purpose of this parameter is to create a credentials file to store the user and password credentials for the owner of the Oracle database binaries, and to specify the location of the Administrator PowerShell credential object for those credentials, so that AutoUpgrade can be run using that that credential object during the Oracle Database upgrade. To use this feature, you must have already created the Windows PowerShell credential object, and then specify that credential object in the configuration file using wincredential.

Use case:

You want to specify credentials for the owner of database binaries on a Microsoft Windows server. To specify these credentials, after you enter the wincredential paramter in your configuration file, you run AutoUpgrade in Configuration mode using the load_win_credentials command-line paramter, and provide credentials as prompted. Microsoft Window Powershell then creates the credential object, and stores the generated credential object in the path location you specify with wincredential. For example, in the following file, the location of the credential file is specified with upg1.wincredential=C:\Users\oracle\cred

Example

```
global.autoupg_log_dir=C:\Users\oracle\autoupg
global.target.version=19.0.0
global.target_home=C:\u01\app\oracle\product\19\dbhome_1
upg1.source_home=C:\u01\app\oracle\product\12.2\dbhome_1
upg1.log_dir=C:\Users\Oracle\autoupg
upg1.upgrade_node=localhost
upg1.target_base=C:\u01\app\oracle
upg1.target_version=19.0.00
upg1.wincredential=C:\Users\oracle\cred
```



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, except for target_home when using upgrade or deploy mode. All global parameters take the prefix global.

The add_after_upgrade_pfile and del_during_upgrade_pfile global and local PFILE parameters operations are run in the following hierarchical order:

- 1. Global Actions
 - a. Remove global
 - b. Add global
- 2. Local Actions
 - a. Remove local
 - b. Add local
- add_after_upgrade_pfile

(Optional) Specifies a path and file name of a PFILE whose parameters you want to add after the PFILE is upgraded.

add_during_upgrade_pfile

(Optional) Specifies a path and file name of a PFILE whose parameters you want to add during the PFILE is upgraded.

after_action

(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.

• autoupg_log_dir

(Deprecated) Sets the location of the log files, and temporary files that belong to global modules, which AutoUpgrade uses.

• before_action

(Optional) Specifies a custom user script that you want to have run for all upgrades before starting the upgrade jobs.

catctl_options

(Optional) Specifies one or more of a set of catctl.pl options that you can select for AutoUpgrade to submit for catctl.pl to override default behavior.

- del_after_upgrade_pfile
 (Optional) Specifies a path and file name of a PFILE whose parameters you want to have
 removed after the PFILE upgrade.
- del_during_upgrade_pfile
 (Optional) Specifies a path and file name of a PFILE whose parameters you want to have
 removed during the PFILE upgrade.
- drop_grp_after_upgrade (Optional) Deletes the Guaranteed Restore Point (GRP) after database upgrade.



global_log_dir

(Optional) Sets the location of the AutoUpgrade log files, and temporary files that belong to global modules, which AutoUpgrade uses.

- json_progress_writing_interval
- keystore
- raise_compatible

(Optional) Increases the compatible parameter to the default value of the target release after the upgrade is completed successfully.

replay

(Optional) Specifies whether to use replay to upgrade the database.

- target_base (Optional) Specifies the target ORACLE_BASE path for the target Oracle home.
- target_home
 (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.
- target_version

(Optional) Specifies the target release version on which you want AutoUpgrade to perform the upgrade.

• upgradexml (Optional) Generates the upgrade.xml file.

add_after_upgrade_pfile

(Optional) Specifies a path and file name of a PFILE whose parameters you want to add after the PFILE is upgraded.

Usage Notes

This specification applies to all databases in the user configuration file.

Example

global.add after upgrade pfile=/path/to/my/add after.ora

add_during_upgrade_pfile

(Optional) Specifies a path and file name of a PFILE whose parameters you want to add during the PFILE is upgraded.

Usage Notes

This specification applies to all databases in the user configuration file.

Example

global.add_during_upgrade_pfile=/path/to/my/add_during.ora



after_action

(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.

Usage Notes

The script that you use must be in the form of *name.ext* (for example, <code>myscript.sh</code>, so that AutoUpgrade can identify the type of script that you want to run. Permitted extension options:

- Unix shell (.sh)
- Microsoft Windows batch (.bat, .cmd)
- Microsoft Windows PowerShell (.ps1)

By default, if the script fails, then AutoUpgrade continues to run. Use the Y 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.

The output of the script is captured and stored in files. Both stdout and stderr are captured. The files are stored in the postupgrade subdirectory in the directory matching the specific database or job.

The following environment variables are set in the shell that runs the script:

- ORACLE SID
- ORACLE_UNQNAME
- ORACLE_BASE
- ORACLE HOME
- TNS_ADMIN

Examples

If the script fails, then stop AutoUpgrade:

global.after_action=/path/to/my/script.sh Y

If the script fails, then continue AutoUpgrade:

global.after action=/path/to/my/script.sh

autoupg_log_dir

(Deprecated) Sets the location of the log files, and temporary files that belong to global modules, which AutoUpgrade uses.

Usage Notes

This parameters is now deprecated in favor of global_log_dir, which is now used with both AutoUpgrade upgrades and patching.

You can configure different log directory path in the userconfig file in the logs directory for a specific prefix



This parameter cannot be used with AutoUpgrade Patching.

Note:

On Microsoft Windows platforms, global.autoupg_log and log_dir should be configured on the same drive.

If you do not set this parameter to a path, then by default the log files are placed in the location indicated by the orabase utility for the databases that you include in your configuration file. In that case, the default logs directory is in the path ORACLE BASE/cfgtoollogs/autoupgrade.

If the orabase utility fails for all databases included in the configuration file, then the log file location is then based on the temp directory for the user running AutoUpgrade.

Examples

```
global.autoupg log dir=/path/to/my/global/log/dir
```

Configure different log directory path in the userconfig file in the logs directory for a specific prefix

```
global.autoupg_log_dir=/path/to/my/global/log/dir
myprefix.log_dir=global.global_log_dir:different/path
```

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 *myprefix*:

/path/to/my/global/log/dir/different/path

before_action

(Optional) Specifies a custom user script that you want to have run for all upgrades before starting the upgrade jobs.

Usage Notes

The script that you use must be in the form of *name.ext* (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 (local.before_action)

Permitted extension options:

- Unix shell (.sh)
- Microsoft Windows batch (.bat, .cmd)
- Microsoft Windows PowerShell (.ps1)

By default, if the script fails, then AutoUpgrade continues to run. Use the Y 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.



The output of the script is captured and stored in files. Both stdout and stderr are captured. The files are stored in the preupgrade subdirectory in the directory matching the specific database or job.

The following environment variables are set in the shell that runs the script:

- ORACLE SID
- ORACLE UNQNAME
- ORACLE_BASE
- ORACLE_HOME
- TNS_ADMIN

Examples

If the script fails, then stop AutoUpgrade:

global.before action=/path/to/my/script.sh Y

If the script fails, then continue AutoUpgrade:

global.before_action=/path/to/my/script.sh

catctl_options

(Optional) Specifies one or more of a set of catctl.pl options that you can select for AutoUpgrade to submit for catctl.pl to override default behavior.

Options

Available catctl.pl options:

- -n Number of processes to use for parallel operations. For Replay upgrades, the number of parallel processes used for the upgrade defaults to the value of (CPU_COUNT divided by 4). For Classic upgrades, the default for CDB\$ROOT is 8, and the default for non-CDB databases is 8.
- -N Number of processors to use when upgrading PDBs. For Replay upgrades, the number of parallel processes used for the upgrade defaults to the value of (CPU_COUNT divided by 4) For Classic upgrades, the default is 2
- -T Takes offline user schema-based table spaces.
- -z Turns on production debugging information for catcon.pm.

Examples

global.catctl options=-n 24 -N 4

Related Topics

Upgrade Script (catctl.pl) Parameters



del_after_upgrade_pfile

(Optional) Specifies a path and file name of a PFILE whose parameters you want to have removed after the PFILE upgrade.

Usage Notes

This specification applies to all databases in the user configuration file.

Example

global.del after upgrade pfile=/path/to/my/del after.ora

del_during_upgrade_pfile

(Optional) Specifies a path and file name of a PFILE whose parameters you want to have removed during the PFILE upgrade.

Usage Notes

This specification applies to all databases in the user configuration file.

Example

global.del_during_upgrade_pfile=/path/to/my/del_during.ora

drop_grp_after_upgrade

(Optional) Deletes the Guaranteed Restore Point (GRP) after database upgrade.

Usage Notes

If you select this option, then GRP is deleted after upgrade completes successfully. If you set raise_compatible to yes, then you must also set the parameter drop_grp_after_upgrade to yes.

Options

[yes | no]

The default value is no.

Example

global.drop grp after upgrade=yes



global_log_dir

(Optional) Sets the location of the AutoUpgrade log files, and temporary files that belong to global modules, which AutoUpgrade uses.

Usage Notes

This configuration parameter is used for patching and upgrade. This parameter replaces <code>autoupg_log_dir</code> parameter, which is deprecated. You can configure a different log directory path in the <code>userconfig</code> file in the logs directory for a specific prefix.

If you do not set this parameter to a path, then by default the log files are placed in the location indicated by the orabase utility for the databases that you include in your configuration file. In that case, the default logs directory is in the path <code>ORACLE_BASE/cfgtoollogs/</code> autoupgrade_patching.

If the orabase utility fails for all databases included in the configuration file, then the log file location is then based on the temp directory for the user running AutoUpgrade.

Examples

global.global log dir=/path/to/my/global/log/dir

Configure different log directory path in the userconfig file in the logs directory for a specific prefix

```
global.global_log_dir=/path/to/my/global/log/dir
myprefix.log_dir=global.global_log_dir:different/path
```

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 *myprefix*:

```
/path/to/my/global/log/dir/different/path
```

The following is an example of a configuration file suing the global_log_dir parameter:

```
global.global_log_dir=/logs/patching
global.keystore=/secure/keystore
upg1.sid=DB19X
upg1.source_home=/databases/19x/dbhome_1
upg1.target_home=/databases/19x/dbhome_2
upg1.folder=/storage/patches
upg1.download=YES
```

json progress writing interval

(Optional) Sets the time interval for how often to write the AutoUpgrade progress JSON report.

Usage Notes

This parameter specifies how often the AutoUpgrade progress JSON report is written. If you do not set this parameter, then by default the AutoUpgrade progress JSON report interval is 30 seconds



Example

In the following example, global.json_progress_writing_interval=90 is used to specify that the JSON progress report is written every 90 seconds to the log directory specified by global.autoupg_log_dir:

```
global.json_progress_writing_interval=90
global.autoupg_log_dir=/path/to/my/global/log/dir
```

keystore

(Optional) Specifies the location for a dedicated software keystore used exclusively by AutoUpgrade to store passwords, and other sensitive information.

Usage Notes

You can use the keystore parameter to specify where you want AutoUpgrade to create a dedicated software keystore that is used exclusively by AutoUpgrade.

The AutoUpgrade keystore contains the file <code>ewallet.p12</code> (similar to other kind of keystores used by the database). The file is created when you use the <code>save</code> command in the TDE prompt. If you choose to generate an auto-login keystore, then the file <code>cwallet.sso</code> is created as well. If you have an auto-login keystore, then AutoUpgrade does not prompt for a keystore password when AutoUpgrade starts.

The keystore generated by AutoUpgrade contains sensitive information, and is protected by a password that you choose when the keystore is used for the first time. Each time changes are made to the keystore, the password must be supplied. Unless you decide to create an autologin keystore for AutoUpgrade, each time you start AutoUpgrade, and AutoUpgrade requires information from the keystore, you must provide the keystore password.

Caution:

Because the directory you specify with global.keystore contains a software keystore, it should be protected using the same security best practices as you use with all other highly secure keystore files.

Example

In the following example, replace ORACLE_SID with the system identifier of the database using the keystore.

global.keystore=/etc/oracle/keystores/ORACLE SID/autoupgrade



raise_compatible

(Optional) Increases the compatible parameter to the default value of the target release after the upgrade is completed successfully.

Usage Notes

If you select this option, then GRP is deleted after upgrade completes successfully. If you set raise_compatible to yes, then you must also set the parameter drop_grp_after_upgrade to yes.

Caution:

- After the COMPATIBLE parameter is increased, database downgrade is not possible.
- Oracle recommends that you only raise the COMPATIBLE parameter to the current release level after you have thoroughly tested the upgraded database.
- Regardless of what value you use for the autoupgrade command-line parameter restore, if you set the value of the configuration file parameter raise_compatible to yes, then before starting the upgrade, you must delete manually any guaranteed restore point you have created. After the upgrade is completed successfully, AutoUpgrade deletes the guaranteed restore point it creates before starting the upgrade. When AutoUpgrade starts the POSTUPGRADE stage, there is no way to restore the database.
- If you set raise_compatible to yes, then you must also set the parameter drop_grp_after_upgrade to yes.

Options

[yes | no]

The default value is no.

Example

global.raise_compatible=yes

replay

(Optional) Specifies whether to use replay to upgrade the database.

Usage Notes

By default, AutoUpgrade performs a Classic upgrade to upgrade the database.

Options

[yes | no]

The default value is no.



Example

global.replay=yes

target_base

(Optional) Specifies the target ORACLE_BASE path for the target Oracle home.

Usage Notes

Use of this parameter is only required in rare cases.

Example

```
global.target_base=/u01/app/oracle
sales4.target_base=/u04/app/oracle4
```

target_home

(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.

Usage Notes

Use this option to avoid specifying the same $target_home$ multiple times. This parameter can be overwritten locally.

Earlier releases of AutoUpgrade required you to set <code>target_home</code> and <code>target_version</code> in the configuration file. In later releases of AutoUpgrade, this restriction has been lifted for both <code>Analyze</code> and <code>Fixups</code> modes. However, if you don't set <code>target_home</code>, then you must specify <code>target_version</code>. Either one of them must be present.

Example

global.target home=/target/Oracle/home

target_version

(Optional) Specifies the target release version on which you want AutoUpgrade to perform the upgrade.

Usage Notes

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.

Valid values

- 12.2
- 18
- 19



- 21
- 23

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.

Example

```
global.target_version=19
employees.target version=12.2
```

upgradexml

(Optional) Generates the upgrade.xml file.

Usage Notes

The upgrade.xml generated 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.

Options

[yes | no]

The default value is no.

Example

global.upgradexml=yes

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

- 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.
- AutoUpgrade Process Flow for Oracle Grid Infrastructure Managed Configurations When AutoUpgrade detects Oracle RAC or Oracle RAC One Node, it proceeds to perform upgrade steps required for all Oracle RAC instances.
- Oracle RAC Requirements for Upgrade with AutoUpgrade
 To determine if AutoUpgrade can upgrade your Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) or Oracle RAC One Node database, review the use case requirements.
- Preparing for Oracle RAC Upgrades Using AutoUpgrade Review to find what information you must collect before the upgrade, and other upgrade preparation guidelines.



- AutoUpgrade and Oracle Data Guard Starting with Oracle Database 21c, AutoUpgrade can simplify the upgrade process for your primary and secondary databases configured for Oracle Data Guard.
- How to Run AutoUpgrade Using the Fast Deploy Option To minimize downtime, you can upgrade your database by running AutoUpgrade using the Fast Deploy option.
- How to Perform an Unplug-Plug Upgrade of an Encrypted PDB Learn how you can perform unplug-plug upgrades of encrypted PDBs using the AutoUpgrade Utility.
- How to Perform a Non-CDB to PDB Conversion of an Encrypted PDB With AutoUpgrade 22.1 and later updates, AutoUpgrade simplifies the upgrade and conversion of Oracle Databases that use Transparent Data Encryption (TDE).

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 you can recover from a failed 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 use the target_pdb_copy_option in your configuration file to create copies of your data files, then your existing database is available as a backup. This is a safe option, but will require additional time and disk space. 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 guaranteed 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 5-4 Upgrading and Converting a Non-CDB to Oracle Database 19c Using Multitenant Architecture

During the Deploy conversion and upgrade workflow, AutoUpgrade creates a GRP, and runs the Prefixup stage. 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, and you did not choose to use the <code>target_pdb_copy_option</code> in your configuration file to create copies of your data files, then be aware that AutoUpgrade cannot recover and restore the database. In that event, you must restore the database manually.

AutoUpgrade Process Flow for Oracle Grid Infrastructure Managed Configurations

When AutoUpgrade detects Oracle RAC or Oracle RAC One Node, it proceeds to perform upgrade steps required for all Oracle RAC instances.

When you start AutoUpgrade, it detects when Oracle Database is managed with Oracle Grid Infrastructure, either with Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC), or an Oracle RAC One Node configuration. Before you start AutoUpgrade, you must already have upgraded Oracle Grid Infrastructure to a release equal to or more recent than the Oracle Database release to which you are upgrading.

Note:

Choosing this upgrade option requires downtime of the clustered database while AutoUpgrade completes upgrades of database instances, and system configuration. If you use Oracle Enterprise Manager, then you must reconfigure it after the upgrade.

During an upgrade, when AutoUpgrade detects that the Oracle Database is an Oracle Clusterware resource, it performs the following steps, in sequence:

- **1.** AutoUpgrade shuts down the database, or all instances of the Oracle RAC database.
- 2. AutoUpgrade disables Oracle RAC and Oracle RAC One Node services.
- 3. If the Oracle Clusterware resource is Oracle RAC, then AutoUpgrade disables the Oracle RAC database resource in Oracle Clusterware.
- 4. AutoUpgrade starts up the Oracle Database instance:
 - If the instance was an Oracle RAC instance, then AutoUpgrade starts the local Oracle Database instance in upgrade mode, with CLUSTER DATABASE set to false.
 - If the instance was a single-instance Oracle Database, then it starts up the instance in normal mode.
- 5. AutoUpgrade upgrades the local Oracle Database Oracle home binaries to the new Oracle Database release binaries.
- 6. During an upgrade, AutoUpgrade runs srvctl upgrade database from the local Oracle Database home, and for Oracle RAC, upgrades the configuration of the Oracle RAC services to the new release. During a patch operation, instead of srvctl upgrade database, AutoUpgrade runs srvctl modify database.
- 7. AutoUpgrade enables Oracle Grid Infrastructure services for the database, using srvctl enable database. For Oracle RAC instances, it changes CLUSTER DATABASE to true.



- 8. AutoUpgrade recreates the server parameter file (SPFILE) with the updated parameters, and the parameter options you previously set for your environment that are not affected by the release upgrade.
- If the Oracle Database is an instance of an Oracle RAC database, then AutoUpgrade repeats this process on each other cluster member node, until all instances of the Oracle RAC database are upgraded.
- **10.** AutoUpgrade starts up the Oracle Database. For Oracle RAC, it starts all instances of Oracle Real Application Clusters on the cluster.

During a patch operation, the process is similar, with the following differences:

- **1.** AutoUpgrade shuts down the database, or all instances of the Oracle RAC database.
- 2. AutoUpgrade disables Oracle RAC and Oracle RAC One Node services.
- 3. If the Oracle Clusterware resource is Oracle RAC, then AutoUpgrade disables the Oracle RAC database resource in Oracle Clusterware.
- 4. AutoUpgrade starts up the Oracle Database instance:
 - If the instance was an Oracle RAC instance, then AutoUpgrade starts the local Oracle Database instance in upgrade mode, with CLUSTER DATABASE set to false.
 - If the instance was a single-instance Oracle Database, then it starts up the instance in normal mode.

In comparison to an upgrade operation, patch maintenance also performs the following steps in this stage, so that the database is ready to start up after the drain stage is complete:

- AutoUpgrade upgrades the local Oracle Database Oracle home binaries to the new Oracle Database release binaries.
- AutoUpgrade runs srvctl modify database from the local Oracle Database home, and patches the database. For Oracle RAC, it also patches the configuration of the Oracle RAC services to the new release update.
- AutoUpgrade enables Oracle Grid Infrastructure services for the database, using srvctl enable database. F
- AutoUpgrade recreates the server parameter file (SPFILE) with the updated parameters, and the parameter options you previously set for your environment that are not affected by the release patch maintenance.
- If the Oracle Database is an instance of an Oracle RAC database, then AutoUpgrade repeats this process on each other cluster member node, until all instances of the Oracle RAC database are upgraded.
- AutoUpgrade starts up the Oracle Database. For Oracle RAC, it starts all instances of Oracle Real Application Clusters on the cluster.

Oracle RAC Requirements for Upgrade with AutoUpgrade

To determine if AutoUpgrade can upgrade your Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) or Oracle RAC One Node database, review the use case requirements.

Requirements for Using AutoUpgrade with Oracle RAC Databases

You can use AutoUpgrade to perform upgrades of Oracle RAC or Oracle Real Application Clusters One Node systems. However, your system must meet all of the following requirements:



- Using AutoUpgrade with Oracle RAC deployments is now support for both POSIX systems and Microsoft Windows systems.
- For Microsoft Windows only, AutoUpgrade has integrated the Oracle RAC API, so there is no requirement to have SSH enabled on the Windows platforms. AutoUpgrade is supported with releases 19, 21 and 23 of Oracle Grid Infrastructure on Microsoft Windows. Database upgrades and patching are supported for databases that run in the supported Oracle Grid Infrastructure releases. Oracle recommends using the AutoUpgrade Windows Credentials feature as a complete solution when upgrading or patching in a Microsoft Windows Oracle RAC environment.
- Must meet the upgrade requirements to upgrade to the new Oracle Database release.
- Must be registered and managed through the Server Control (SRVCTL) utility.

Required Tasks for Database Administrators to Use AutoUpgrade

As the database administrator, you must complete the following tasks:

- Create an adequate backup strategy to prevent data loss from any problems resulting from the upgrade.
- Configure Listener and Transparent Network Substrate (TNS) files, both for local tnsnames.ora and SCAN listeners, if needed.
- Configure Oracle Wallet certificates and management (if needed), and configure for automatic login.

Related Topics

Enabling Full Deployments for AutoUpgrade

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, 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

AutoUpgrade does not perform upgrades of the Oracle Clusterware and Oracle ASM components 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 an SPFILE on the cluster using Oracle ASM, then you do not need to complete this procedure.

AutoUpgrade and Oracle Data Guard

Starting with Oracle Database 21c, AutoUpgrade can simplify the upgrade process for your primary and secondary databases configured for Oracle Data Guard.



- How AutoUpgrade Performs Oracle Data Guard Upgrades AutoUpgrade can detect Oracle Data Guard configurations, and defer shipping logs to standby databases configured for the primary database.
- Steps AutoUpgrade Completes for Oracle Data Guard Upgrades The steps that AutoUpgrade completes vary, depending on whether standby databases are managed manually, or through Data Guard Broker.
- Steps After the Primary Database is Upgraded For Oracle Data Guard upgrades, after you upgrade the primary database you must complete these procedures.

How AutoUpgrade Performs Oracle Data Guard Upgrades

AutoUpgrade can detect Oracle Data Guard configurations, and defer shipping logs to standby databases configured for the primary database.

AutoUpgrade automatically detects the presence of an Oracle Data Guard deployment, and whether that deployment is configured manually, or uses Data Guard Broker to manage and monitor Oracle Data Guard configurations.

When you set the parameter defer_standby_log_shipping to no (the default) in the configuration file, AutoUpgrade can defer the log-shipping to configured standby databases, both when Oracle Data Guard is configured manually, and when Oracle Data Guard is configured through Data Guard Broker.

Preparation Before AutoUpgrade Upgrades of Databases with Oracle Data Guard

Before you begin the upgrade, to be prepared in case of a failure during the primary database upgrade, or in case the primary database must be reverted to the source Oracle home, ensure that your standby databases are protected and recoverable.

Steps AutoUpgrade Completes for Oracle Data Guard Upgrades

The steps that AutoUpgrade completes vary, depending on whether standby databases are managed manually, or through Data Guard Broker.

For Oracle Data Guard earlier release (**source**) databases where Oracle Data Guard is managed manually, or through Data Guard Broker, to manage log-shipping to standby databases, you can set defer_standby_log_shipping=yes in your AutoUpgrade configuration file (the default is no). However, the specific actions that AutoUpgrade takes vary, depending on how you manage standby databases.

Note:

For standby databases managed either manually or through Data Guard Broker, after the upgrade completes, you must run ENABLE DATABASE database-name; on each of the standby archive log destinations after successful upgrade on the primary database, and perform all steps needed to have standby databases upgraded through the redo log apply.

Manually Managed Oracle Data Guard Standby Databases

For Oracle Data Guard standby databases supported for direct upgrade, AutoUpgrade places in DEFER mode all VALID and ENABLED standby archive log destinations before starting the



upgrade process for both manually managed and Data Guard Broker managed standby databases.

Data Guard Broker-Managed Oracle Data Guard Standby Databases

For Oracle Database releases supported for direct upgrade with Oracle Data Guard standby databases that are managed using Data Guard Broker, AutoUpgrade completes the following actions:

- The primary database state is set to TRANSPORT-OFF to all standby databases configured with Data Guard Broker
- The Data Guard Broker files are copied from the source Oracle home to the target Oracle home.

Note:

If the Data Guard Broker files are located outside of the Oracle home, then files are not found and copied.

Steps After the Primary Database is Upgraded

For Oracle Data Guard upgrades, after you upgrade the primary database you must complete these procedures.

- Ensure that redo transport is enabled on the primary database, so that the upgrade is applied to the standby databases.
- Check that the archives are applied, and that there is a minimal gap. Oracle recommends that Apply Lag and Transport Lag is not bigger than 5 minutes.

Example 5-5 Checking Redo Transport Service Status

To check the status of the redo transport services on the primary database, use the Data Guard broker command-line interface (DGMGRL) LogXptStatus monitorable property. For example:

DGMGRL> SHOW DATABASE 'sales1' 'LogXptStatus' ;

Example 5-6 Checking Apply Lag and Transport Lag

To check that the archives are applied, and verify that Apply Lag and Transport Lag is not bigger than 5 minutes, log in to the primary database and submit a SQL query similar to the following:

```
[oracle]$ sqlplus / as sysdba
SYS@sales1>
SET LINESIZE 200
COL VALUE FOR A30
SELECT NAME,VALUE,TIME_COMPUTED,DATUM_TIME FROM V$DATAGUARD_STATS WHERE NAME
LIKE '%lag';
```



The result should be similar to this output:

Related Topics

Scenario 13: Monitoring a Data Guard Configuration

How to Run AutoUpgrade Using the Fast Deploy Option

To minimize downtime, you can upgrade your database by running AutoUpgrade using the Fast Deploy option.

Starting with AutoUpgrade 21.2, if your applications require minimal downtime, you can now upgrade with less downtime by using Fast Deploy. With the Fast Deploy option, you can run the prechecks and prefixups while the database is still online. After the fixups run on the source database, you can then run AutoUpgrade in Deploy mode, and skip the prechecks and prefixups stages, so that only the actual upgrade requires downtime.

Note:

Oracle recommends that you run AutoUpgrade using standard Analyze and Deploy modes. If you choose to use the Fast Deploy method, then be aware that there is a small risk that new issues can develop in the time duration after you run AutoUpgrade in the preupgrade Analyze mode and before you run AutoUpgrade in Upgrade mode, which can cause a problem. Assess that risk, and take precautions accordingly.

- Create your AutoUpgrade configuration file, providing information about your source and target systems, and your upgrade preferences. In the steps that follow, that file name is myconfig.cfg.
- 2. Analyze the database using Analyze mode.

- java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config myconfig.cfg -mode analyze

3. Run the preupgrade fixups using Fixups mode.

- java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config myconfig.cfg -mode fixups

4. Upgrade the database using Upgrade mode.

- java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config myconfig.cfg -mode upgrade

As this command runs, the database can experience downtime, because databases being upgraded are opened in UPGRADE mode in the target Oracle home.



How to Perform an Unplug-Plug Upgrade of an Encrypted PDB

Learn how you can perform unplug-plug upgrades of encrypted PDBs using the AutoUpgrade Utility.

Caution:

If you choose to specify the directory for AutoUpgrade to create with global.keystore, then be aware that it contains a software keystore. It should be protected using the same security best practices as you use with the TDE keystore files.

To perform upgrades of encrypted PDBs, AutoUpgrade requires loading the password for the TDE keystore into its own secure keystore. To load the passwords, you set the AutoUpgrade global configuration file parameter keystore in your configuration file, and run AutoUpgrade using the command-line parameter load_password. This parameter must be used in conjunction with the -config parameter. It takes no arguments. Instead, it starts an interactive prompt with specific commands that enable you to provide information required for the keystore. AutoUpgrade stores the passwords you load securely during the upgrade, and uses those passwords when needed.

Note:

If the database is using an Oracle Secure External Password Store (SEPS), and a TDE keystore password is required, then AutoUpgrade uses the IDENTIFIED BY EXTERNAL STORE clause, so it does not require loading passwords into the AutoUpgrade password keystore. However, if all databases are configured with a Secure External Password Store, then you still need to define global.keystore in your configuration file.

The AutoUpgrade keystore is similar to other keystores that Oracle Database uses. You have the option to create it as an auto-login keystore. For example, if the external keystore is <code>ewallet.p12</code> AutoUpgrade creates an auto-login keystore <code>cwallet.sso</code>, which is used to open the <code>ewallet.p12</code> keystore.

Before you begin to upgrade the encrypted PDB, the following must be true:

- AutoUpgrade must be version 22.2 or later. Oracle strongly recommends that you always download and run the latest version of AutoUpgrade.
- You must use an external TDE keystore
- You have to have available to you the external keystore password of the source and target CDB.

Example 5-7 Upgrading an Encrypted PDB with an Unplug Plug Upgrade Using AutoUpgrade

In the following example, an Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2) PDB using Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) is upgraded to Oracle Database 19c, using the AutoUpgrade load_password command option with the AutoUpgrade configuration file keystore parameter to provide a secure store for the TDE keys during the upgrade.

1. Ensure that you have the latest version of AutoUpgrade:

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

If the AutoUpgrade version is an earlier release, then download the most recent version of AutoUpgrade from My Oracle Support AutoUpgrade Tool (Doc ID 2485457.1)

2. Create your AutoUpgrade configuration file. In this example, the configuration file PDB1.cfg is created with the path to the keystore, which is specified in the admin folder under the Oracle base directory, in the path /u01/app/oracle/admin/autoupgrade/keystore. The source CDB is CDB1, and the target CDB is CDB2:

```
global.autoupg_log_dir=/u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/autoupgrade
global.keystore=/u01/app/oracle/admin/autoupgrade/keystore
upg1.log_dir=/u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/autoupgrade/DB12
upg1.source_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/12.2.0/dbhome_1
upg1.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19.1.0/dbhome_1
upg1.sid=CDB1
upg.pdbs=PDB1
upg1.target_cdb=CDB2
```

Note:

If you do not specify a keystore location, and an AutoUpgrade keystore has not been created previously, then AutoUpgrade creates the AutoUpgrade keystore for you.

3. Run AutoUpgrade in Analyze mode:

\$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config PDB1.cfg -mode analyze

The summary report indicates that TDE keystore passwords are needed before starting the upgrade (TDE_PASSWORDS_REQURED):

4. Add the TDE keystore passwords into the AutoUpgrade keystore:

\$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config PDB1.cfg -load password



The first time you run AutoUpgrade with the -load_password command option, you are prompted to create a password for the AutoUpgrade keystore, where TDE passwords can be stored securely:

```
Starting AutoUpgrade Password Loader - Type help for available options
Creating new keystore - Password required
Enter password:
Enter password again:
Keystore was successfully created
```

If do not use a SEPS keystore, then AutoUpgrade prompts you to add the TDE keystore passwords for the databases specified with source_home in your configuration file to AutoUpgrade's own keystore, where that database requires a TDE keystore password. This is what we have specified in the configuration file example.

In the following example, the source and target TDE keystore passwords are loaded:

```
TDE> ADD CDB1
Enter your secret/Password:
Re-enter your secret/Password:
```

```
TDE> ADD CDB2
Enter your secret/Password:
Re-enter your secret/Password:
```

Confirm that the passwords are loaded:

```
TDE> LIST
+----+
|ORACLE SID |Action Required |TDE Password |SEPS Status |Active
Wallet Type |
+----+
| CDB1 |
           | Verified | Inactive | Auto-
   |
login
           | Verified | Inactive |
     | CDB2
    |
Any
+----+
```

When the Action Required column is empty, the TDE passwords are available for the upgrade.

If you use a SEPS keystore on the source CDB or target CDB, then AutoUpgrade automatically detects the SEPS keystore as the source for the TDE password. AutoUpgrade uses the IDENTIFIED BY EXTERNAL STORE clause, and does not need to load the TDE keystore passwords to the AutoUpgrade keystore. Again, the TDE LIST command should show an empty Action Required column:

```
TDE> LIST
+------+
+------+
|ORACLE_SID |Action Required | TDE Password |SEPS Status
```



Active Wallet			- 4	
+				
CDB1	I		No password loaded	Verified
Any CDB2	I	I	No password loaded	Verified
Any +	+		_+	-+
+	·	+		

Both options can be used in the same configuration file. For example, if you do not use a SEPS keystore for the source non-CDB database, but you do use a SEPS keystore for the target CDB, then you only need to load a password for the source non-CDB.

 Save the TDE passwords into the AutoUpgrade keystore. (Optional): In this example, we will convert the keystore to an auto-login keystore:

```
TDE> save
Convert the keystore to auto-login [YES|NO] ? YES
TDE> exit
```

6. Analyze the PDB again:

\$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config PDB1.cfg -mode analyze

Review the report and confirm all issues are resolved.

7. Start the upgrade and conversion:

\$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config PDB1.cfg -mode deploy

8. AutoUpgrade proceeds to upgrade PDB1 on the target Oracle Database, using the TDE passwords as needed to complete the upgrade. Because in this example we have configured AutoUpgrade to create an AutoUpgrade auto-login keystore, and access the TDE passwords using its own secure keystore, you are not prompted to provide TDE passwords during the upgrade.

Related Topics

- Managing the Secure External Password Store for Password Credentials
- Upgrading an Encrypted PDB
- AutoUpgrade Tool (Doc ID 2485457.1)

How to Perform a Non-CDB to PDB Conversion of an Encrypted PDB

With AutoUpgrade 22.1 and later updates, AutoUpgrade simplifies the upgrade and conversion of Oracle Databases that use Transparent Data Encryption (TDE).

To protect sensitive information during upgrades while simplifying the upgrade process, you can use the AutoUpgrade global configuration file parameter keystore, and the AutoUpgrade command-line parameter load_password to load TDE passwords securely into the AutoUpgrade keystore, and use those passwords when needed.

Before you can use the AutoUpgrade keystore, you specify the location of the external password store in your AutoUpgrade configuration file using global.keystore.



Note:

If you specify the AutoUpgrade keystore path, then that path should be different from any other file path you specify in AutoUpgrade, so that the keystore is not in any log file location. If the AutoUpgrade keystore path directory does not exist, then AutoUpgrade automatically creates it.

If the database is using an Oracle Secure External Password Store (SEPS), and a TDE keystore password is required, then AutoUpgrade uses the IDENTIFIED BY EXTERNAL STORE clause, so it does not require loading passwords into the AutoUpgrade password keystore. However, if all databases are configured with a Secure External Password Store, you still need to define global.keystore in your configuration file.

Example 5-8 Upgrading a Database Using TDE and Converting from Non-CDB to PDB

In the following example, an Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2) non-CDB database using Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) is upgraded to Oracle Database 19c and converted to a PDB, using the AutoUpgrade load_password command option with the AutoUpgrade configuration file keystore parameter to provide a secure store for the TDE keys during PDB conversion and upgrade.

1. Ensure that you have the latest version of AutoUpgrade:

\$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -version

If the AutoUpgrade version is an earlier release, then download the most recent version of AutoUpgrade from My Oracle Support AutoUpgrade Tool (Doc ID 2485457.1)

 Create your AutoUpgrade configuration file. In this example, the path to the keystore is specified in the admin folder under the Oracle base directory, in the path /u01/app/ oracle/admin/autoupgrade/keystore:

```
global.autoupg_log_dir=/u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/autoupgrade
global.keystore=/u01/app/oracle/admin/autoupgrade/keystore
upg1.log_dir=/u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/autoupgrade/DB12
upg1.source_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/12.2.0
upg1.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19.1.0
upg1.sid=DB12
upg1.target_cdb=CDB2
```

3. Run AutoUpgrade in Analyze mode:

\$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config DB12.cfg -mode analyze

The summary report indicates that no additional preupgrade tasks need to be completed before starting the upgrade:

```
[Stage Name]PRECHECKS[Status]SUCCESS[Start Time]2022-03-30 10:28:38[Duration]/u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/autoupgrade/DB12/DB12/100/
```



```
prechecks

[Detail] /u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/autoupgrade/DB12/DB12/100/

prechecks/db12_preupgrade.log

Check passed and no manual intervention needed
```

If the TDE PASSWORDS REQUIRED check fails, then load the TDE password:

```
$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config DB12.cfg -load password
```

The first time you run AutoUpgrade with the -load_password command option, if AutoUpgrade requires a TDE password to perform the upgrade, then you are prompted to create a password for the AutoUpgrade keystore, where the TDE password can be stored securely:

```
Starting AutoUpgrade Password Loader - Type help for available options
Creating new keystore - Password required
Enter password:
Enter password again:
Keystore was successfully created
```

If do not use a SEPS keystore, then AutoUpgrade prompts you to add the TDE keystore passwords for the databases specified with source_home in your configuration file to AutoUpgrade's own keystore, where that database requires a TDE keystore password. This is what we have specified in the configuration file example.

In the following example, the source and target TDE keystore passwords are loaded:

```
TDE> ADD DB12
Enter your secret/Password:
Re-enter your secret/Password:
TDE> ADD CDB2
```

```
Enter your secret/Password:
Re-enter your secret/Password:
```

4. To check the TDE configuration, you can run AutoUpgrade again using the load_password command parameter. This time, because the password is already loaded, the TDE console prompt appears. Run the TDE console list command to check the TDE configuration:

```
$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config DB12.cfg -load password
TDE> list
+----+
|ORACLE SID|Action Required| TDE Password |SEPS Status|Active Wallet
Type
+----+
   CDB2 |
                |No password loaded| Verified|
L
Any|
1
    DB12|
           |No password loaded| Unknown|
                                        Auto-
login|
```



+-----+

In the table output for the list command, the Action Required column is empty. This result verifies that you have provided the TDE keystore password. In the SEPS Status column, AutoUpgrade reports that it checked the password storage access on the target Oracle Database, CDB2, and confirms that the password works. Because the TDE console functionality to check the password was a feature added in Oracle Database 19c, AutoUpgrade is unable to confirm the password check for TDE on Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2), so the result Unknown is expected.

If you use a SEPS keystore on the source CDB or target CDB, then AutoUpgrade automatically detects the SEPS keystore as the source for the TDE password. AutoUpgrade uses the IDENTIFIED BY EXTERNAL STORE clause, and does not need to load the TDE keystore passwords to the AutoUpgrade keystore. Again, the TDE LIST command should show an empty Action Required column.

Both options can be used in the same configuration file. For example, if you do not use a SEPS keystore for the source non-CDB database, but you do use a SEPS keystore for the target CDB, then you only need to load a password for the source non-CDB.

5. Start the upgrade and conversion:

```
$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config DB12.cfg -mode deploy
```

AutoUpgrade proceeds to upgrade and convert the source non-CDB Oracle Database to a
PDB on the target Oracle Database, using the TDE passwords as needed to complete the
upgrade.

Caution:

As with any other Oracle Database keystore, protect the AutoUpgrade keystore files:

- Apply restrictive file system permissions
- Audit access
- Back up the keystore

Related Topics

- Managing the Secure External Password Store for Password Credentials
- AutoUpgrade and Secure External Password Store Enables Complete Automation
- AutoUpgrade Tool (Doc ID 2485457.1)

AutoUpgrade Patching

AutoUpgrade has enhanced capability that enables it to automate all of the necessary steps in the database patching process, including optional downloading of patches.

How AutoUpgrade Performs AutoUpgrade Patching

AutoUpgrade Patching extends the AutoUpgrade upgrade process to patching, which enables you to perform out-of-place patching for multiple databases using a single command.



- AutoUpgrade Patching Stages and Workflows AutoUpgrade Patching supports three different job modes. Each mode runs a different set of stages.
- PDB Priority and AutoUpgrade
 For both AutoUpgrade patching and upgrades, AutoUpgrade honors how PDBs will be prioritized by setting the priority on specifuc PDBs.
- Configuration Parameters and Command-Line Options for AutoUprade Patching In addition to other configuration file parameters and command-line options, there are specific parameters and options for AutoUpgrade Patching.
- AutoUpgrade Patching Configuration Files and Log Files
 See examples of configuration files and log files for AutoUpgrade Patching.
- AutoUpgrade Patching Workflow Examples
 Use this example of an AutoUpgrade patching workflow to understand the AutoUpgrade
 patching procedure.

How AutoUpgrade Performs AutoUpgrade Patching

AutoUpgrade Patching extends the AutoUpgrade upgrade process to patching, which enables you to perform out-of-place patching for multiple databases using a single command.

Note:

Oracle recommends that you use Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning for Oracle Real Application Clusters environments.

With the latest release of AutoUpgrade the AutoUpgrade Patching procedure can be performed on Release Update (RU), Monthly Recommended Patches (MRPs), and one-off patches, using out-of-place patching. When you patch from an earlier RU or MRP with AutoUpgrade, the simplicity, reliability, and recoverability of AutoUpgrade is extended to the patching process. As a result, patching is easier to perform, and you also obtain simpler recovery from any issues that can arise during the patch deployment.

There are no additional parameters or options that you need to set in the configuration file for AutoUpgrade to perform patching. Just specify the source and target Oracle homes, and AutoUpgrade will apply changes to the databases. When the source and target Oracle homes are the same Oracle Database release (for example, from 19.11 to 19.13), AutoUpgrade identifies the operation as an RU or MRP patch operation. This capability also applies to one-off patches: If the RU or MRP applied to the target Oracle home is later than the RU or MRP of the source Oracle home, then you can apply one-off patches as needed to the target Oracle home using this method.

As AutoUpgrade performs the patch operation, it uses Datapatch to apply an RU or MRP to databases. The process of patching takes advantage of existing AutoUpgrade options and operations, as with a full release upgrade, including creating a Guarantee Restore Point. During the patching process, the database is shut down in the source Oracle home, and brought back up in the target Oracle home. RU or MRP updates are performed in upgrade mode, using Datapatch.



Note:

AutoUpgrade does not perform rolling upgrades of Oracle Database releases. Oracle recommends that you use Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning to be able to obtain rolling patch maintenance for Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) environments.

Benefits of AutoUpgrade Patching

- AutoUpgrade enables patching of all databases specified in the configuration file, in one operation.
- Resume capabilities are already included with AutoUpgrade.
- Restore capabilities are provided so that it is possible to roll back to the earlier release Oracle home:
 - Restore using the Guarantee Restore Point (GRP) generated during the patching process.
 - If a GRP is not present, then the Datapatch rollback functionality can also perform a restore. AutoUpgrade detects that a GRP does not exist, and automatically performs the restore using Datapatch. To enable a Datapatch rollback restore, set the restoration configuration option to no. For example: sales1.restoration=no.
- Oracle RAC management is provided automatically with AutoUpgrade.
- The error management reporting features of AutoUpgrade are extended to patching.
- The JSON status and progress reporting of AutoUpgrade are extended to patching.
- AutoUpgrade uses the Datapatch JSON status files to determine success or failure of each process, and reports those results to you at the completion of the process.

Features Supported for AutoUpgrade Patching

The following features are provided with AutoUpgrade Patching

- Patching of databases encrypted with Transparent Data Encryption (TDE).
- Hot Cloning/Relocate, which enables you to create PDBs from a Non-CDB, or from a PDB on a remote host.
- Proactive Fixups, which runs postfixups on the PDB as soon as the PDB is patched. Note that proactive fixups is currently not supported on Microsofts Windows.
- Multi-node patching and upgrades using Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC), which enables AutoUpgrade to spread the workload across multiple nodes.
- Configuration management, by copying or merging the source Oracle home configuration files (tnsnames.ora, sqlnet.ora, and other files) to the target Oracle home.
- Analysis of the database before starting a patching procedure, to ensure patch readiness.
- Running fixups during production before patching, so that you reduce downtime. You can then use -mode upgrade to bypass running fixups and proceed directly to patching the database.
- Performing all patching tasks in Deploy mode, to achieve end-to-end patching.
- Enhanced reporting of the patching process, which enables you to diagnose errors more easily by using the datapatch summary.log report.



- Datapatch log files found in the Datapatch summary JSON file are copied to the output file of the apply or rollback operational logs as follows:
 - Apply log format, where *dbname* is the name of the database: applydatapatchlogfiles#*dbname*.log
 - Rollback log format, where *dbname* is the name of the database: rollbackdatapatchlogfiles#*dbname*.log
- Datapatch output is logged to following operational logs:
 - Apply log format, where *dbname* is the name of the database: applyautoupgrade#*dbname*.log
 - Rollback log format, where *dbname* is the name of the database: rollbackautoupgrade#*dbname*.log
- Datapatch JSON output is logged to the following operational logs:
 - Apply log format, where *dbname* is the name of the database: applydatapatchsummary#*dbname*.log
 - Rollback log format, where *dbname* is the name of the database: rollbackdatapatchsummary#*dbname*.log
- Storage of all related patching log files produced by AutoUpgrade are stored in the dbupgrade directory.
- Standard Datapatch log files are stored in *Oracle-base*/cfgtoollogs/sqlpatch.
- Starting with AutoUpgrade 23.1, Patching is supported for single-instance databases on Microsoft Windows. It is not supported with Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC).

Requirements and Restrictions for using AutoUpgrade Patching

- Downtime is required to use AutoUpgrade Patching:
 - After the patch operation is completed, the database is restarted.
 - Patching in normal mode enables the database to be available in the target home while the patching is proceeding.
 - Patching in upgrade mode requires the patching to be completed before the database is restarted in the target home.
 - During the patch operation, the CDB and PDBs are opened in normal mode after drain operations complete, and patching proceeds. However, rolling patching for Oracle Real Application Clusters is not supported at this time.
 - To enable PDBs to become available as soon as they are successfully patched, then ensure that you set the tune_settings option make_pdbs_avaliable to true in your configuration file. For example: sales3.tune_setting=proactive_fixups=true,make_pdbs_available=true
 - Because downtime is required, rolling upgrades of Oracle RAC are not supported at this time.
- AutoUpgrade can support a target RU or MRP that has additional patches applied. However, the source Oracle Database must be on an earlier RU or MRP than the target Oracle Database RU or MRP.
- AutoUpgrade does not move the listener to the new Oracle home. If needed, you must manually move the listener to the new Oracle home before you start AutoUpgrade.
- Installation and configuration of the target Oracle Database home must be complete before you can run RUs and MRPs on the target home using AutoUpgrade Patching. If a target



RU is patched after it has been applied to the database, then you can no longer use AutoUpgrade Patching. Instead, you must use Datapatch to apply the updates.

- Performing rolling patches of Oracle Database (single-instance or Oracle RAC) is not supported. When you use AutoUpgrade Patching on a single-instance or Oracle RAC Oracle Database, AutoUpgrade's Oracle RAC management will shut down the database on all nodes.
- The target Oracle Database RU must be at least Oracle Database 19c, RU 19.3, or later releases. You cannot use AutoUpgrade Patching to perform RUs or MRPs to earlier Oracle Database releases.
- The effect of AutoUpgrade Patching on databases using Oracle Data Guard Physical Standby or Oracle Data Guard Logical Standby and Rolling Upgrade is the same as with using Datapatch. AutoUpgrade patching can be a part of the procedures.

Note:

Oracle recommends that you use Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning for databases deployed with Oracle Data Guard

- AutoUpgrade supports physically moving a database to different hardware. When the database is moved to a different target system, AutoUpgrade Patching can be used with the -mode upgrade option. However, when the database is moved to a different system, AutoUpgrade is unable to perform a restore of the database. In that case, the upgrade options for patching follow the same rules that apply for upgrading your database.
- In describing AutoUpgrade, this documentation generally refers to AutoUpgrade performing upgrades. When AutoUpgrade performs patching, patching is functionally similar to upgrades. Accordingly, references to upgrades in this guide or in diagrams are applicable to both upgrade and patching with AutoUpgrade Patching.
- Performing patching with AutoUpgrade Patching supports all AutoUpgrade -mode options except the preupgrade mode, which is only supported for upgrades.
- When patching or upgrading relocatable PDBs the configuration file cannot contain a mixture of patch clone PDBs and upgraded clone PDBs. The configuration for the clone PDBs must be either all upgrade clones, or all patched clones.
- AutoUpgrade patching supports only one catctl_options setting, -n number, where number is the number of processes to use for parallel operations. The catctl_options=-n setting enables you to control the total number of PDBs that you want to run concurrently during the patching process. The default is CPU_COUNT divided by 2. For example if CPU_COUNT is set to 24 then by default, 12 PDBs (Datapatch instances) can run concurrently during the patching process.

To overwrite the default, add *prefix*.catctl_options to your configuration file with a value for the number of concurrent Datapatch instances you want to run. For example, to configure AutoUpgrade to run 6 PDBs (Datapatch instances) for the patch operations specified with the prefix sales, overriding the default, add the following line to your configuration file:

sales.catctl options=-n 6



Caution:

For 19.13 and earlier release updates (RUs), Oracle strongly recommends that you set the catctl options parameter for patching operations.

With 19.13 and earlier RUs, the default value of SQL*Plus processors allocated to each Datapatch instance is CPU_COUNT multiplied by two (CPU_COUNT*2) processors for each Datapatch instance that AutoUpgrade starts. This default SQL*Plus processor allocation can quickly overload your system. To restrict system resources allocated to the patch operation, restricting how many Datapatch instances running simultaneously is the only option. For RU 19.13 and later, only one SQL*Plus process is started for each instance of Datapatch. This change enables AutoUpgrade to run more PDBs in parallel without consuming a large amount of system resources.

Security Characteristics of AutoUpgrade Patching

- The user running AutoUpgrade Patching must have the SYSDBA system privilege to log into the database, and run the patching operation. For an Oracle Real Application Clusters database, the user must be the owner of the source and target Oracle Database Oracle homes.
- The same security rules that apply for upgrades also apply with AutoUpgrade Patching.

Performance Characteristics of AutoUpgrade Patching

- The speed of deploying an RU or MRP depends on the number of PDBs in a CDB, and on changes in the release update or release update revision. If the number of changes from the source RU or MRP patches are relatively few, then deployment of patches should be quick. If the patches have many changes, then applying the patches requires more time.
- Because AutoUpgrade Patching includes a number of additional automated procedures, release update deployment is slightly slower than running Datapatch manually. For example, AutoUpgrade Patching automatically includes recompiling invalid objects, and configuring Oracle RAC management on the target system.

What Happens If AutoUpgrade Patching Rolls Back a Release Update

- AutoUpgrade uses the Guarantee Restore Point (GRP) generated during the patch process to roll back to the earlier release Oracle home.
- If no GRP is created, then AutoUpgrade automatically calls Datapatch to rollback the changes.

Related Topics

- Mike Dietrich Upgrade Your Database Now: AutoUpgrade's Patching: the feature you waited for
- Daniel Overby Hansen Databases are Fun: How To Roll Back After Patching

AutoUpgrade Patching Stages and Workflows

AutoUpgrade Patching supports three different job modes. Each mode runs a different set of stages.



AutoUpgrade Patching supports four different job modes. Each mode runs a different set of stages. In AutoUpgrade Patching operations, there are four job modes, with AutoUpgrade stages that are completed in these modes:

- Analyze: In this mode, the PRECHECKS stage is run.
- Fixups: In this mode, the PRECHECKS and PREFIXUPS stages are run.
- **Deploy**: In this mode, the following stages are run: GRP, PREACTIONS, PRECHECKS, PREFIXUPS, EXTRACT, DBTOOLS, INSTALL, ROOTSH, OPTIONS, OPATCH, AUTOUPGRADE, POSTCHECKS, POSTFIXUPS, POSTACTIONS, and DROPGRP.
- **create_home**: In this mode, the following stages are run: EXTRACT, INSTALL, ROOTSH, DBTOOLS, and OPATCH.

The stages performed during AutoUpgrade Patching are consistent with stages performed in other AutoUpgrade operations, but the descriptions that follow provide you with further information in a patching context.

Processes Performed During AutoUpgrade Patching Stages

- **GRP** When restoration=YES is set in the AutoUpgrade configuration file, creates a Guaranteed Restore Point (GRP) in the database before applying the patches
- **PREACTIONS** Runs any actions defined by the before_action parameter in the AutoUpgrade configuration file
- PRECHECKS Runs the patching prechecks
- **PREFIXUPS** Runs the fixups for any failing prechecks that have an automated fixup
- EXTRACT Extracts the base image that will be used to create the new target Oracle home.
- DBTOOLS Installs a newer version of OPatch into the target Oracle home, if necessary
- INSTALL Installs the new target Oracle home by running runInstaller in silent mode
- **ROOTSH** Reminds the user performing AutoUpgrade patching to run root.sh from the target Oracle home after patching is complete. This action is not automatically performed by AutoUpgrade Patching
- **OPTIONS** Synchronizes the binary options from the source ORACLE_HOME with the newly created target ORACLE HOME. The supported options include the following:
 - ASM (Oracle Automatic Storage Management)
 - OLAP (Online Analytic Processing)
 - PART (Partitioning)
 - RAT (Oracle Real Application Testing)
 - UNIAUD (Unified Auditing)
- **OPATCH** Installs each of the necessary patches
- **PATCHING** Runs a second copy of AutoUpgrade without the -patch option to move the database from the source Oracle home to the target Oracle home
- POSTCHECKS Runs the patching postchecks
- **POSTFIXUPS** Runs the fixups for any failing postchecks that have an automated fixup
- POSTACTIONS Runs any actions defined by the after_action parameter in the AutoUpgrade configuration file



 DROPGRP Drops the guaranteed restore point (GRP) if one was created by AutoUpgrade Patching, and if drop_grp_after_patching=YES is set in the AutoUpgrade configuration file.

AutoUpgrade Patching Status and Progress Files

Status and progress files are available in the directory that you specify in the AutoUpgrade configuration file with the configuration parameter global_global_log_dir. The locattion of these files are placed as follows, where global-log is the directory path specified by global_global_log_dir:

global log/cfgtoollogs/patch/auto/status/

AutoUpgrade with the -patch parameter

Note:

Oracle recommends that you use Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning (FPP) for Oracle Real Application Clusters and deployments with Oracle Data Guard.

AutoUpgrade patching using the -patch parameter performs out-of-place patch maintenance, which is Oracle's recommended method of patching. In out-of-place patching, AutoUpgrade creates a new target Oracle home using a base image of the database's initial release. It installs the patches that you specify, and then moves the source database to the new target Oracle home. In addition, you can use AutoUpgrade for patch maintenance for database releases where you are unable to use FPP or DBCA

To use AutoUpgrade patching, your system should be consistent with the following requirements:

- Single-Instance Oracle Database
- Oracle Release 19c (19.3) or later release

PDB Priority and AutoUpgrade

For both AutoUpgrade patching and upgrades, AutoUpgrade honors how PDBs will be prioritized by setting the priority on specifuc PDBs.

The priority set on each of the PDBs is used to determine which PDBs will be patched or upgraded first. For both patching and upgrades, the control structure CDB\$ROOT and the template structure PDB\$SEED will always be updated first. All other PDBs will be updated after CDB\$ROOT is updated. PDB\$SEED will always be processed in the first batch. When priority is set on PDBs, the PDBs are updated in priority order. For example, PDBs with priority 3 will be processed before PDBs with priority 4. PDBs with no priority will be processed last.

This AutoUpgrade feature is supported for Oracle Database 12c release 2 and later releases.

Related Topics

• To Set the Priority of a PDB



Configuration Parameters and Command-Line Options for AutoUprade Patching

In addition to other configuration file parameters and command-line options, there are specific parameters and options for AutoUpgrade Patching.

To specify the AutoUpgrade Patching process options, you use configuration parameters that apply specifically patching.

Note:

AutoUpgrade Patching requires the Oracle Database 19.3 base image to be available in the directory specified by the folder configuration parameter. The base image can not be automatically downloaded by AutoUpgrade Patching, but can be done manually from this link:

https://www.oracle.com/database/technologies/oracle19c-linux-downloads.html

Downloading the Oracle Database 19.3 base image is a one-time operation. The same base image can be reused for all outofplace patching options that are performed by AutoUpgrade Patching.

Parameter	Description
folder	Specifies the directory that contains the patch zip files as well as the required base image. There is no default value. You must provide the directory path.
	When download=YES, this is the directory to which the patches will be downloaded
	When download=NO, this is the directory that must contain the patches that have been manually downloaded.
	The directory that you specify with the folder parameter must contain the base image of the source database's release (for example, Oracle Database Release 19.3).

Table 5-1 AutoUpgrade Patching Configuration File Parameters

Parameter	Description		
patch	A comma-delimited list of the patches that you want to install.		
	Note : When method=outofplace is set, then the patch list must include RU,OPATCH		
	The default value is RECOMMENDED.		
	Supported value: RECOMMENDED: Alias for all of the following options: RU, OPATCH, OJVM, DPBP.		
	RU: Latest release update		
	RU: x. y: A release update (RU) of the specified release version, where x is the major release number, and y is the RU. For example: $RU:19:24$		
	OPATCH: Use latest version of OPatch		
	OJVM: Apply the Oracle Java VM patch that applies to the specified RU.		
	OJVM: x. y: Apply the Oracle Java VM patch of the specified release version, where x is the major release number, and y is the RU. For example: RU:19.24		
	DPBP: Apply the Oracle Data Pump patch for the specified RU		
	<pre>patch-number: Provide a specific one-off patch number. For example: upg1.patch=p12345678_19.21.0.0.123456</pre>		
download	Specifies whether to automatically download patches from My Oracle Support. The default is YES.		
	When set to YES, you must also load the My Oracle Support (MOS) credentials into AutoUpgrade Patching using the -load_password command-line option.		
	The patches that are downloaded are placed into the directory folder specified by the folder parameter.		
	If proxy information is required to connect to My Oracle Support, then set proxy values using the Linux operating system environment variables <pre>https_proxy, http_proxy, and no_proxy.</pre>		
method	Specifies whether to create a new target Oracle home, and if so, how it will be created. The default value is OUTOFPLACE.		
	OUTOFPLACE: Creates a new target Oracle home using the base image contained in the directory specified by the folder parameter.		

Table 5-1 (Cont.) AutoUpgrade Patching Configuration File Parameters

For AutoUpgrade Patching, you must specify the following command-line options:

Table 5-2 AutoUpgrade Patching Command-Line Options

Command-Line Option	Description
target_home	Specifies the directory that will be used to create the new target Oracle home.
	This directory will be created by AutoUpgrade Patching and should not exist or be empty. Ensure that the location you specify on the filesystem contains sufficient free disk space for the creation of a new Oracle home.



Command-Line Option	Description
sid	Specifies the ORACLE_SID value of the source database.
	If you specify -config_values and the ORACLE_SID Linux environment variable is defined, then this parameter becomes optional.
source_home	Specifies the Oracle home value of the source database.
	If you specify -config_values and the ORACLE_HOME Linux environment variable is defined, then this parameter becomes optional.
keystore	Specifies the secure directory (keystore) that will contain the keystore files.
	If you specify DOWNLOAD=NO, then this parameter becomes optional.

Table 5-2 (Cont.) AutoUpgrade Patching Command-Line Options

AutoUpgrade Patching Configuration Files and Log Files

See examples of configuration files and log files for AutoUpgrade Patching.

An AutoUpgrade Patching configuration file is essentially the same as an AutoUpgrade configuration file for upgrades. However, instead of AutoUpgrade using the parameters you specify to perform an upgrade, AutoUpgrade performs a patch operation from a source Oracle Database patch release to a target Oracle Database patch release, and AutoUpgrade runs Datapatch as part of the procedure.

Example 5-9 AutoUpgrade Configuration Files for Different Patching Scenarios

In the following configuration file examples, the following Oracle Databases are patched from Oracle Database 19c patched to Release Update (RU) 11 to 19c RU 13:

- A non-CDB database patched from 19.11.0 to 19.13.0, designated with the prefix patch1
- An Oracle Database 19c CDB patched from 19.11 to 19.13, designated with the prefix patch2
- An encrypted PDB patched by unplug-plug, designated with the prefix patch3
- A non-CDB, which is patched and converted to a CDB, designated with the prefix patch4
- A CDB with a PDB that is relocated during the patching operation, designated with the prefix patch5
- An Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) database, designated with the prefix patch6
- An Oracle RAC database in a distributed cluster configuration, designated with the prefix patch7

```
#
#
Global log directory for patch logs
#
global.autoupg_log_dir=/databases/patchlogs
#
# Non-CDB patch to Non-CDB patch, source and target home
#
```



```
patch1.sid=db19
patch1.source home=/databases/ee/product/1911/dbhome 1
patch1.target home=/databases/ee/product/1913/dbhome 2
# CDB patch, Source and Target home
#
patch2.sid=cdb19
patch2.source home=/databases/ee/product/1911/dbhome 1
patch2.target home=/databases/ee/product/1913/dbhome 2
# Unplug-Plug with KeyStore
global.keystore=/databases/tde
patch3.sid=cdb19
patch3.source home=/databases/ee/product/1911/dbhome 1
patch3.target home=/databases/ee/product/1913/dbhome 2
patch3.target cdb=cdb1913
patch3.target pdb name=sales
patch3.target_pdb_copy_option=file_name_convert=('/databases/ee/oradata/CDB19/
sales', '/databases/ee/oradata/CDB1913/sales')
# Non-CDB to CDB, Source and Target home
#
patch4.sid=db19
patch4.source home=/databases/ee/product/1911/dbhome 1
patch4.target home=/databases/ee/product/1913/dbhome 2
patch4.target cdb=cdb1913
patch4.target pdb name=emp
patch4.target pdb copy option=file name convert=('/databases/ee/oradata/
DB19', '/databases/ee/oradata/CDB1913/emp')
#
# Patch relocate DB
#
patch5.sid=cdb19
patch5.source home=/databases/ee/product/1911/dbhome 1
patch5.target home=/databases/ee/product/1913/dbhome 2
patch5.target cdb=cdb1913
patch5.pdbs=cars
patch5.target pdb copy option.cars=file name convert=('/databases/ee/oradata/
CDB19/cars', '/databases/ee/oradata/CDB1913/cars')
patch5.source dblink.cars=db19 link
#
# Oracle RAC
#
patch6.sid=rac1
patch6.source home=/databases/ee/product/1911/dbhome 1
patch6.target home=/databases/ee/product/1913/dbhome 2
#
# Distributed Oracle RAC with proactive fixups
#
patch7.sid=rac2
patch7.source home=/databases/ee/product/1911/dbhome 1
patch7.target home=/databases/ee/product/1913/dbhome 2
patch7.tune setting=distributed upgrade=true
```



Example 5-10 A Summary Log File for AutoUpgrade Patching

In this patching summary report file, you can see how AutoUpgrade applies patches to the CDB and PDBs.

```
Datapatch Apply Summary Report for CDB$ROOT
   Return code = 0 SUCCESS
   Failure reason = null
Total time = 161.721805095673
   Install patches = 1
   Database Open = SUCCESS
Invocation Log = /databases/cfgtoollogs/sqlpatch/
sqlpatch 17781 2022 05 18 10 57 58/sqlpatch invocation.log
   Bootstrap Required = 1
   Bootstrap Status = SUCCESS
   Bootstrap Log = /databases/cfgtoollogs/sglpatch/
sqlpatch 17781 2022 05 18 10 57 58/bootstrap1 CDB19X CDBROOT.log
   Total patches = 1
   Patch Key = 33192793-24462514
                  = apply
   Mode
                  = SUCCESS
   Status
   Patch Log File = /databases/cfgtoollogs/sqlpatch/
33192793/24462514/33192793 apply CDB19X CDBROOT 2022May18 10 58 06.log
   RU Log File = /databases/cfgtoollogs/sqlpatch/
33192793/24462514/33192793 ru apply CDB19X CDBROOT 2022May18 10 58 05.log
   RU Errors = N/A
* *
      Datapatch Apply Summary Report for PDBX
   Return code = 0 SUCCESS
   Failure reason = null
   Total time = 123.969398021698
   Install patches = 1
   Database Open = SUCCESS
Invocation Log = /databases/cfgtoollogs/sqlpatch/
sqlpatch 18416 2022 05 18 11 01 40/sqlpatch_invocation.log
   Bootstrap Required = 1
   Bootstrap Status = SUCCESS
   Bootstrap Log = /databases/cfgtoollogs/sqlpatch/
sqlpatch 18416 2022 05 18_11_01_40/bootstrap1_CDB19X_PDBX.log
   Total patches = 1
              = 33192793-24462514
= apply
   Patch Key
   Mode
   Status
   Status = SUCCESS
Patch Log File = /databases/cfgtoollogs/sqlpatch/
33192793/24462514/33192793 apply CDB19X PDBX_2022May18_11_01_55.log
   RU Log File = /databases/cfgtoollogs/sqlpatch/
33192793/24462514/33192793 ru apply CDB19X PDBX 2022May18 11 01 55.log
```

```
RU Errors
                    = N/A
++
       Datapatch Apply Summary Report for PDB$SEED
   Return code = 0 SUCCESS
   Failure reason = null
                  = 124.234117984772
   Total time
   Install patches = 1
   Database Open = SUCCESS
Invocation Log = /databases/cfgtoollogs/sqlpatch/
sqlpatch 18406 2022 05 18 11 01 40/sqlpatch invocation.log
   Bootstrap Required = 1
   Bootstrap Status = SUCCESS
   Bootstrap Log = /databases/cfgtoollogs/sqlpatch/
sqlpatch 18406 2022 05 18 11 01 40/bootstrap1 CDB19X PDBSEED.log
   Total patches = 1
   Patch Key = 33192793-24462514
   Mode = apply
Status = SUCCESS
Patch Log File = /databases/cfgtoollogs/sqlpatch/
                   = apply
33192793/24462514/33192793 apply CDB19X PDBSEED 2022May18 11 01 55.log
  RU Log File = /databases/cfgtoollogs/sqlpatch/
33192793/24462514/33192793 ru apply CDB19X PDBSEED_2022May18_11_01_55.log
   RU Errors = N/A
```

AutoUpgrade Patching Workflow Examples

Use this example of an AutoUpgrade patching workflow to understand the AutoUpgrade patching procedure.

In this scenario, you use AutoUpgrade Patching to download the patch, deploy the patch, and start the patching operation.

Example 5-11 Configuration files for AutoUpgrade Patching

You can choose to have AutoUpgrade patching to download patches, or you can first download patches manually and then run AutoUpgrade patching.

In the following configuration file example, we set the download option for job upg1 to YES:

```
global.global_log_dir=/logs/patching
global.keystore=/secure/keystore
upg1.sid=DB19X
upg1.source_home=/databases/19x/dbhome_1
upg1.target_home=/databases/19x/dbhome_2
upg1.folder=/storage/patches
upg1.download=YES
```

In the following configuration file example, we set the download option for job upg1 to NO:

```
global.global_log_dir=/logs/patching
upg1.sid=DB19X
```



```
upg1.source_home=/databases/19x/dbhome_1
upg1.target_home=/databases/19x/dbhome_2
upg1.folder=/storage/patches
upg1.patch=RU,OPATCH
upg1.download=NO
```

Example 5-12 AutoUpgrade Patching Download Option

To enable AutoUpgrade patching to automatically download patches, you have to set the download parameter in the configuration file for the job running the patch. As AutoUpgrade runs, all identified patches will be automatically downloaded and verified. If a patch is already in the directory that you defined in the configuration file using the folder configuration parameter, then download of that patch will be skipped. If a proxy is needed to connect to My Oracle Support, then you can set the Linux environment variables https_proxy, http_proxy and no proxy so that AutoUpgrade can connect to Oracle Support.

Complete this procedure:

1. Ensure that the configuration file uses the download=YES option, or leave this option unspecified; the default value will include it. The global keystore parameter will also be required.

For example:

```
global.global_log_dir=/logs/patching
global.keystore=/secure/keystore
. . .
upg1.sid=DB19X
upg1.source_home=/databases/19x/dbhome_1
upg1.target_home=/databases/19x/dbhome_2
upg1.folder=/patches
upg1.patch=RECOMMENDED
upg1.download=YES
```

 Load the My Oracle Support credentials into the keystore by using the -load_password command line option:

java -jar autoupgrade.jar -patch -config config.cfg -load_password

When the password console loads, add the necessary My Oracle Support credentials by using the ${\tt add}$ option.

For example:

```
MOS> group MOS
MOS> add -user user@company.com
Enter your secret/Password:
Re-enter your secret/Password:
MOS> list
MOS Credentials Loaded - Connection Successful
```

3. Run AutoUpgrade Patching in any of the supported modes: ANALYZE, FIXUPS, DEPLOY, DOWNLOAD, CREATE_HOME.



For example, run the analyze mode:

java -jar autoupgrade.jar -patch -config config.cfg -mode analyze

Example 5-13 AutoUpgrade Patching Deploy Option

After you have loaded My Oracle Support credentials into the keystore, you can patch the source database using the DEPLOY option.

In the following example, using the same configuration file (config.cfg) for the 19X database shown in the previous example, we deploy the patches with AutoUpgrade:

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

The console output for this example operation is as follows:

Please check the summary report at:

```
AutoUpgrade Patching 24.1.240816 launched with default internal options
  Processing config file ...
  Loading AutoUpgrade Patching keystore
  _____
  Downloading files to /patches
  _____
  DATABASE RELEASE UPDATE 19.24.0.0.0
     File: p36582781 190000 Linux-x86-64.zip - VALIDATED
  DATAPUMP BUNDLE PATCH 19.24.0.0.0
     File: p36682332 1924000DBRU Generic.zip - VALIDATED
  OJVM RELEASE UPDATE 19.24.0.0.0
     File: p36414915 190000 Linux-x86-64.zip - VALIDATED
  OPatch 12.2.0.1.43 for DB 19.0.0.0.0 (Jul 2024)
     File: p6880880_190000 Linux-x86-64.zip - VALIDATED
  _____
  +-----+
  | Starting AutoUpgrade Patching execution |
  +-----+
  1 Non-CDB(s) will be processed
  Type 'help' to list console commands
  patch> Job 100 completed
  ----- Final Summary -----
  Number of databases
                            [1]
  Jobs finished
                             [1]
  Jobs failed
                            [0]
  Jobs restored
                            [0]
  Jobs pending
                            [0]
  ---- Drop GRP at your convenience once you consider it is no longer needed
____
  Drop GRP from DB19X: drop restore point AU PATCHING 9212 DB19X1919000
```

/logs/patching/cfgtoollogs/patch/auto/status/status.html
/logs/patching/cfgtoollogs/patch/auto/status/status.log

AutoUpgrade Configuration File Examples

Use these examples to understand how you can modify your own AutoUpgrade configuration files to perform a variety of configuration actions during the upgrade.

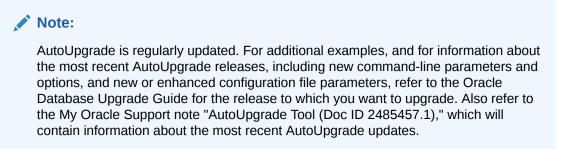
- Create Configuration File for AutoUpgrade
 To use AutoUpgrade to complete the upgrade, you first create a configuration file with
 AutoUpgrade from the new release Oracle home.
- Updating the TDE Wallet Store Location During Upgrade Using AutoUpgrade See how you can use AutoUpgrade configuration file parameters to update your Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) wallet store during upgrade.
- AutoUpgrade Configuration File with Two Database Entries See how you can specify upgrade options for multiple databases in a configuration file.
- Standardizing Upgrades With AutoUpgrade Configuration File Entries See how to enforce standardization of your database configurations during upgrades using AutoUpgrade.
- AutoUpgrade Configuration File for Incremental Upgrade of a Set of PDBs See how you can selectively upgrade a subset of PDBs using AutoUpgrade, without affecting the other PDBs on the source CDB.
- AutoUpgrade Configuration File For Upgrading PDBs Already in the Target CDB See how you can specify an upgrade of earlier release PDBs that are on a later release CDB.
- How to Run AutoUpgrade in a Script or Batch job Learn how to run AutoUpgrade in your own scripts in noninteractive mode by calling AutoUpgrade using the noconsole parameter.
- Unplug-Plug Relocate Upgrades With AutoUpgrade See how you can use the Unplug-Plug Relocate feature (also known as Hot-Cloning upgrade) to create PDBs that can be refreshed for a given period before upgrading them.
- Ignore Fixups and Checks Using the AutoUpgrade Configuration File
 To skip an entire check and fixup step for a database, you can direct AutoUpgrade to read
 the fixup runfix flag from the fixups checklist file, and set the flag for that fixup from YES to
 SKIP.
- Run Custom Scripts Using AutoUpgrade Learn how to use AutoUpgrade to run your own scripts as part of the deploy process.

Create Configuration File for AutoUpgrade

To use AutoUpgrade to complete the upgrade, you first create a configuration file with AutoUpgrade from the new release Oracle home.

In the following example, the AutoUpgrade utility is run using the parameter sample_config_file. This parameter generates a configuration file in the home of the user running AutoUpgrade that you can edit to provide environment paths and settings and upgrade preferences for the upgrade. To generate the configuration file (config), you run AutoUpgrade from the new release Oracle Database home using the sample_config_file parameter, and specify an output file name.





In this example, user oracle navigates to the location of an earlier release Oracle home, which in this example is Oracle Database 19c:

```
cd /u01/app/oracle/product/19.0.0/
```

Next, the Oracle user starts AutoUpgrade from the Oracle Database 23ai Oracle home, and creates a configuration file in its user home directory, /home/oracle:

```
java -jar /u01/app/oracle/product/23/rdbms/admin/autoupgrade.jar -
create_sample_file config
Created sample configuration file /home/oracle/sample config.cfg
```

After you create the configuration file, open it up in your preferred text editor, and modify parameter settings as needed for your environment.

```
cd /
vi sample_config.cfg
```

Related Topics

- Oracle Database Documentation
- AutoUpgrade Tool (Doc ID 2485457.1)

Updating the TDE Wallet Store Location During Upgrade Using AutoUpgrade

See how you can use AutoUpgrade configuration file parameters to update your Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) wallet store during upgrade.

In previous releases, if you used Oracle Wallet with TDE, then you specified the location of the existing keystore directory location by using the deprecated sqlnet.ora parameter SQLNET.ENCRYPTION_WALLET_LOCATION. In Oracle Database 19c and later releases, you should specify the keystore location by using the WALLET_ROOT system parameter in the database initialization parameter file (PFILE). What you need to do depends on how your source Oracle Database release is configured:

- If your source Oracle Database release has WALLET_ROOT set already, then the parameter files that AutoUpgrade generates automatically pick up the WALLET_ROOT system parameter from the source database during the upgrade, and use that parameter in target database parameter files.
- If your source Oracle Database release does not have the initialization parameter WALLET ROOT set, then you can use AutoUpgrade to complete that task during the upgrade.



- Create a text file on your operating system with the WALLET_ROOT initialization parameter value for the directory that you want to use, and that provides the configuration option you want for the TDE_CONFIGURATION dynamic initialization parameter to create the type of keystores that you require. For example, if you configure TDE_CONFIGURATION to use FILE for Transparent Data Encryption software keystores, then Oracle Database creates the software keystore in WALLET_ROOT/tde (lower case).
- 2. In the AutoUpgrade configuration file, use the AutoUpgrade configuration file parameters add_during_upgrade_pfile and add_after_upgrade_pfile to refer to that file on the operating system to set WALLET ROOT and TDE CONFIGURATION during the upgrade.

For example, if you want WALLET_ROOT to use the path /u01/app/oracle/admin/hr/wallet, and Transparent Data Encryption to store software keystores in the location WALLET_ROOT/tde, then you can create a text file called tde-upgrade, which contains the following lines:

```
WALLET_ROOT=/u01/app/oracle/admin/hr/wallet
tde configuration="KEYSTORE CONFIGURATION=FILE"
```

You can then specify for AutoUpgrade to set these parameters in the AutoUpgrade configuration file. For example, to set the Transparent Data Encryption keystore during and after the upgrade, as part of the AutoUpgrade operation, add the following line to your local configuration file to call that text file:

```
# # Example local pfile configuration entries
upg1.add_after_upgrade_pfile=/usr/home/oracle/tde-upgrade
upg1.add during upgrade pfile=/usr/home/oracle/tde-upgrade
```

Related Topics

How Configuring Transparent Data Encryption Works

AutoUpgrade Configuration File with Two Database Entries

See how you can specify upgrade options for multiple databases in a configuration file.

This example is of an AutoUpgrade configuration file that specifies the upgrade of two databases. The configuration file specifies that AutoUpgrade performs the following actions:

Database 1

- An in-place database upgrade of the Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2) CDB, where the source and target Oracle homes use the same Oracle Base directory (the database home directory for Oracle Database installation owner oracle (/u01/app/oracle/) on the same server hardware, with the same system identifier (sid=HR1).
- During the upgrade, all the PDBs of the CDB are upgraded (pdbs=*)
- The upgrade starts immediately (start_time=now)
- The database upgrade logs will be sent to the path /database/logs/hr (log_dir=/ database/logs/hr)
- The Time Zone upgrade will run on all the containers (timezone_upg=yes)

Database 2

• An in-place database upgrade of the Oracle Database 18c CDB, where the source and target Oracle homes use the same Oracle Base directory (the database home directory for



Oracle Database installation owner oracle (/u01/app/oracle/) on the same server hardware, with the same system identifier (sid=SALES1).

- The upgrade starts immediately (start_time=now)
- The database upgrade logs will be sent to the path /database/logs/sales (log_dir=/ database/logs/sales).
- The Time Zone upgrade will not run on any containers (timezone upg=no).

For both databases:

- The parameter upgrade_node specifies the actual system host name (nodename-1), and not to an alias assigned to the host name. (You can also use the keyword localhost to refer to the current system.)
- The global AutoUpgrade log files (also known as job manager logs) are placed under the path /database/jobmgr (autoupg log dir=/database/jobmgr).

```
#
# Global logging directory pertains to all jobs
#
global.autoupg log dir=/database/jobmgr
#
# Database 1
#
upg1.source home=/u01/app/oracle/product/12.2.0.2/dbhome 1
upg1.target home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19.0.0/dbhome 1
upg1.sid=HR1
upg1.start time=now
upg1.pdbs=*
upg1.log dir=/database/logs/hr
upg1.upgrade node=nodename1
upg1.run utlrp=yes
upg1.timezone upg=yes
upg1.target version=21
#
# Database 2
#
upg2.source home=/u01/app/oracle/product/18.0.0/dbhome 1
upg2.target home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19.0.0/dbhome 1
upg2.sid=SALES1
upg2.start time=now
upg2.log dir=/database/logs/sales
upg2.upgrade node=nodename1
upg2.timezone upg=no
upg2.target version=21
```

On the Oracle Database Upgrades and Migration YouTube Channel, you can see a similar upgrade scenario, *Oracle Database AutoUpgrade 19c - Upgrading 2 databases in parallel* (11:57), demonstrated by Mike Dietrich.

Related Topics

Oracle Database AutoUpgrade 19c - Upgrading 2 databases in parallel

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Standardizing Upgrades With AutoUpgrade Configuration File Entries

See how to enforce standardization of your database configurations during upgrades using AutoUpgrade.

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_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_during_addinit.ora
upgl.del_after_upgrade_pfile=/database/pfiles/hr_after_delinit.ora
upgl.add_after_upgrade_pfile=/database/pfiles/hr_after_delinit.ora
upgl.add_after_upgrade_pfile=/database/pfiles/hr_after_delinit.ora
upgl.add_after_upgrade_pfile=/database/pfiles/hr_after_delinit.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 <code>after_upgrade_pfile_dbname</code> is used to create the database <code>SPFILE</code> during the postupgrade process.

AutoUpgrade Configuration File for Incremental Upgrade of a Set of PDBs

See how you can selectively upgrade a subset of PDBs using AutoUpgrade, without affecting the other PDBs on the source CDB.

In this scenario, you upgrade two specific PDBs, without upgrading the other PDBs in the source CDB, To perform the incremental upgrade, you direct AutoUpgrade in the configuration file to unplug the PDBs you specify from an earlier release CDB, plug them into a target release CDB, and then upgrade the earlier release PDBs on the target CDB. This selection of PDBs to unplug, plug in, and upgrade, enables you to perform an incremental upgrade of PDBs on the earlier release CDB to reduce downtime.

The following configuration file identifies the CDB CDB122 as the source CDB. The source CDB has 10 PDBs, PDB1 through PDB10, but only PDB1 and PDB2 are upgraded. During the upgrade,



the PDB named PDB2 has its name changed to DEPSALES, and the database file names for PDB2 are changed to DEPSALES:

```
global.autoupg_log_dir=/home/oracle/autoupg
upgl.sid=CDB122
upgl.source_home=/u03/app/oracle/product/12.2.0/dbhome_1
upgl.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/21.0.0/dbhome_1
upgl.target_cdb=CDB21C
upgl.pdbs=PDB2, PDB1
upgl.target_pdb_name.PDB2=DEPSALES
upgl.target_pdb_name.PDB1=EMPLOYEES
upgl.target_pdb_copy_option.PDB2=file_name_convert=('PDB2','DEPSALES')
```

This configuration file directs AutoUpgrade to do the following:

- Select PDBs from the source Oracle Database CDB122 in the home /u03/app/oracle/ product/12.2.0/dbhome_1
- Upgrade PDBs PDB2 and PDB1 to the target Oracle Database 21c Oracle home /u01/app/ oracle/product/21.0.0/dbhome 1
- Change the name of PDB2 to DEPSALES, and copy the PDB2 files using the new filename DEPSALES.
- Change the name of PDB1 to EMPLOYEES.

AutoUpgrade Configuration File For Upgrading PDBs Already in the Target CDB

See how you can specify an upgrade of earlier release PDBs that are on a later release CDB.

In this scenario, you upgrade specific PDBs that were excluded in a previous upgrade of the CDB and PDBs, or PDBs that were added to the CDB through manual Non-CDB to PDB or Unplug-Plug operations. The PDBs are in an earlier release version.

The configuration file has a Database 1 section that identifies the CDB database as CDB19X, which is the CDB that has the existing PDBs PDB1 and PDB2. In this scenario CDB19X has 10 PDBs, PDB1 through PDB10, but PDB1 and PDB2 were excluded from an earlier upgrade procedure. CDB19X and PDBs 3 through 10 are all upgraded to the later release, but PDB1 and PDB2 remain on an earlier release. We will now run AutoUpgrade to upgrade the remaining two PDBs on the earlier release, specifying that the target upgrade PDBs PDB1 and PDB2 are on CDB19X (upg1.sid=CDB19X), and the upgrade should start immediately with upg.start time=now.

Note:

Before you begin, the PDBs PDB1 and PDB2 must already be in Upgrade mode.

Update the configuration file (config.cfg):

```
#
# Global logging directory pertains to all jobs
#
global.autoupg_log_dir=/home/oracle/autoupg
```



```
#
# Database 1
#
upg1.sid=CDB19X
upg1.start_time=now
upg1.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19.0.0/dbhome_1
upg1.pdbs= PDB1,PDB2
```

Start the upgrade with AutoUpgrade:

java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -mode upgrade

How to Run AutoUpgrade in a Script or Batch job

Learn how to run AutoUpgrade in your own scripts in noninteractive mode by calling AutoUpgrade using the noconsole parameter.

By default, AutoUpgrade runs in console mode, which enables you to run commands to monitor specific aspects of your AutoUpgrade jobs while they are running on your systems.

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

Example 5-14 Running a script using noconsole mode

In this example, AutoUpgrade is run in Deploy mode, using the settings specified in the configuration file autoupgrade.cfg, and turning off console using the noconsole parameter.

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

Using the noconsole mode turns off requirements for user input, so you can enter this command in a script to run the upgrades you specify in the configuration file.

Unplug-Plug Relocate Upgrades With AutoUpgrade

See how you can use the Unplug-Plug Relocate feature (also known as Hot-Cloning upgrade) to create PDBs that can be refreshed for a given period before upgrading them.

You can use the Unplug-Plug relocate upgrade as a method to create clones from other PDBs, or from non-CDB databases. If the source database is a non-CDB, then AutoUpgrade upgrades and converts the non-CDB as part of the upgrade process. This feature is compatible with Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1.0.2) and later releases as the source release. Starting with AutoUgrade version 22.5, AutoUpgrade supports unplug-relocate operations using a source of at least Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1.0.2). When a 12.1.0.2 source is used, the deploy operation requires the source to be in read only mode, and the target CDB to not be in local undo mode. The CLONE_ONLY option is also required when specifying the source_dblink parameter.Oracle Database Release 11g (11.2) is not compatible as a source version for the AutoUpgrade Hot-Cloning feature.



To use the Unplug-Plug relocate upgrade method, the following configuration must be complete:

- On the database that you plan to clone, a user must exist that is granted the CREATE SESSION, CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE, SELECT_CATALOG_ROLE, and GRANT READ ON sys.enc\$ privileges.
- On the CDB where you plan to relocate the PDB, you must create a database link (@dblink) on the CDB that points to the database that you plan to clone.
- The target CDB must have configured all of the components that the source database has configured, or the upgrade process will fail.

Make a note of the database link, because you need it to fill out the AutoUpgrade configuration file.

In the following example, we will go through each step in the process, for both a non-CDB and a PDB. The scenario below is composed of two hosts:

- db-node1: The source database host location, where step 1 is run.
- db-node2: The target database host location, where step 2 is run.

Note:

This example uses two separate hosts, but this procedure can also be run on a single host.

- 1. Grant a user on the database that you want to clone the CREATE SESSION, CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE, and SELECT_CATALOG_ROLE privileges. Also, on SYS, give the user GRANT READ ON sys.enc\$. In this example, the user clone is created with these privileges,
 - Non-CDB:

```
alter system set local_listener='(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=TCP)(HOST=db-nodel)
(PORT=1521))';
ALTER SYSTEM REGISTER;
CREATE USER clone IDENTIFIED BY some-password;
GRANT CREATE SESSION, CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE, SELECT_CATALOG_ROLE TO
clone;
GRANT READ ON sys.enc$ TO user;
```

• PDB:

```
alter system set local_listener='(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=TCP)(HOST=db-node1)
(PORT=1521))';
ALTER SYSTEM REGISTER;
CREATE USER c##clone IDENTIFIED BY some-password CONTAINER=ALL;
GRANT CREATE SESSION, CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE, SELECT_CATALOG_ROLE TO
c##clone CONTAINER=ALL;
GRANT READ ON sys.enc$ TO c##clone CONTAINER=ALL;
```

On a PDB, you can also limit the scope of creating the user to a single PDB on the CDB by specifying a particular PDB name. For example:

CREATE USER c##clone IDENTIFIED BY some-password CONTAINER=PDBX;



2. Configure the CDB to which you want to clone the PDB by creating a database link pointing to the source database on the source system that you plan to clone.

In the following example, the database link points to the source database db18x:

Non-CDB

In the following example, the database link points to the source database db18x:

```
CREATE DATABASE LINK db18x_link

CONNECT TO clone IDENTIFIED BY some-password

USING'(DESCRIPTION =(ADDRESS = (PROTOCOL = TCP)(HOST = db-node1)(PORT =

1521))(CONNECT DATA = (SERVICE NAME = db18x)))';
```

PDB

In the following example, the database link points to the source PDB pdbx on the CDB cdb18x:

```
CREATE DATABASE LINK pdbxcdb18x_link

CONNECT TO c##clone IDENTIFIED BY some-password

USING'(DESCRIPTION =(ADDRESS = (PROTOCOL = TCP)(HOST = db-node1) (PORT =

1521))(CONNECT_DATA = (SERVICE_NAME = pdbx)))';
```

3. Update the AutoUpgrade configuration file with the information needed to identify the databases that you want to clone.

Each database that you plan to clone must have the AutoUpgrade local parameter target pdb copy option set to convert file names.

Note:

On the target CDB, if you have the parameters DB_CREATE_FILE_DEST or PDB_FILE_NAME_CONVERT set, and you want these parameters on the target CDB to take effect, then set the value of

prefix.target_pdb_copy_option=file_name_convert=NONE. However, you must have a file name and path specified either in the configuration file, or on the target CDB, or the upgrade will fail.

By using the prefix for local parameters for each database, you can combine non-CDB and PDB upgrades in the same configuration file to relocate both non-CDBs and PDBs to the same target CDB. The following is an example of the relevant portion of the configuration file where both the non-CDB database db18x is configured for upgrade, and the PDB pdbx is configured for upgrade. In this case, file names for db18x are set to change the prepended name from DB18x to db18x, and the file names for the :

```
upg1.sid=db18x
upg1.source_home=/source/18x
upg1.target_home=/target/19x
upg1.target_cdb=cdb19x
upg2.sid=cdb18x
upg2.pdbs=pdbx
upg2.target_cdb=cdb19x
upg2.source_home=/source/18x
upg2.target_home=/target/19x
```

Each database has a target_pdb_copy_option set. For example, here the non-CDB filenames are converted from the prepended string DB18X to db18x:

```
upgl.target pdb copy option.db18x=file name convert=('DB18X', 'db18x')
```

Each database must have the local parameter <code>source_dblink</code> set to the database link that you created on the target CDB:

```
upg1.source dblink.db18x=db18x link
```

To improve consistency, you can also use the local parameter start_time in combination with source_dblink with the optional refresh rate (in seconds) to set a refresh rate for the data, and schedule the job start time. The following parameters combined start AutoUpgrade, but sets a delay for the deployment of the upgrade of one hour and 40 minutes from the time that AutoUpgrade was started, and sets a refresh rate from the source database files to the target database files every 20 seconds:

```
upg1.source_dblink.db18x=db18x_link 20
upg1.start_time=+1h40m
```

If you do not set a refresh rate for <code>source_dblink</code>, then the database files of the cloned database are cloned only once, without a refresh. If <code>start_time</code> is not set (so there is no delay in the processing of the upgrade), then the <code>source_dblink</code> refresh rate value is ignored.

 Start the Unplug-Plug relocate deployment, specifying the configuration file you created for this task:

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

Example 5-15 Configuration File for Unplug-Plug Relocate of Non-CDB and PDB with No Refresh Rate for Data Files

```
global.autoupg log dir=/home/oracle/xupg
#database1
upg1.sid=cdb18x
upgl.target cdb=cdb19x
upg1.source home=/databases/ee/product/18x/dbhome 1
upg1.target home=/databases/ee/product/19x/dbhome 1
upg1.pdbs=pdbx
upgl.target pdb name.pdbx=pdbxr
upg1.target pdb copy option.pdbx=file name convert=('pdbx', 'pdbxr')
upg1.source dblink.pdbx=pdbxcdb18x link
#database2
upq2.sid=db18x
upg2.target cdb=cdb19x
upg2.source home=/databases/ee/product/18x/dbhome 1
upg2.target home=/databases/ee/product/19x/dbhome 1
upg2.target pdb copy option.db18x=file name convert=('DB18X', 'db18x')
upg2.source dblink.db18x=db18x link
upg2.target pdb name.db18x=db18x
```



Example 5-16 Configuration File for Unplug-Plug Relocate of Non-CDB and PDB with Deployment Delay and Refresh Rate for Data Files

```
global.autoupg log dir=/home/oracle/xupg
#database1
upq1.sid=cdb18x
upgl.target cdb=cdb19x
upg1.source home=/databases/ee/product/18x/dbhome 1
upg1.target home=/databases/ee/product/19x/dbhome 1
upq1.pdbs=pdbx
upgl.target pdb name.pdbx=pdbxr
upg1.target pdb copy option.pdbx=file name convert=('pdbx', 'pdbxr')
upg1.source dblink.pdbx=pdbxcdb18x link 600
upg1.start time=+3h
#database2
upq2.sid=db18x
upg2.target cdb=cdb19x
upg2.source home=/databases/ee/product/18x/dbhome 1
upg2.target home=/databases/ee/product/19x/dbhome 1
upg2.target pdb copy option.db18x=file name convert=('DB18X', 'db18x')
upg2.source dblink.db18x=db18x link 900
upg2.target pdb name.db18x=db18x
upg2.start time=+3h30m
```

Example 5-17 Simple Configuration File for Unplug-Plug Relocate of a PDB

```
global.autoupg_log_dir=/home/oracle/xupg #database1
upg1.sid=cdb18x
upg1.target_cdb=cdb19x
upg1.source_home=/databases/ee/product/18x/dbhome_1
upg1.target_home=/databases/ee/product/19x/dbhome_1
upg1.pdbs=pdbx
upg1.target_pdb_copy_option.pdbx=file_name_convert=('pdbx', 'pdbxr')
upg1.source_dblink.pdbx=pdbxcdb18x_link
```

For more examples of unplug-plug upgrades, see Mike Dietrich's blog, "Upgrade Your Database Now!" and Daniel Overby Hansen's blog, "Databases are Fun". New use case examples are regularly presented on these sites. Two examples are appended below.

Related Topics

- Unplug/Plug Upgrade with AutoUpgrade
- Upgrading an Encrypted PDB

Ignore Fixups and Checks Using the AutoUpgrade Configuration File

To skip an entire check and fixup step for a database, you can direct AutoUpgrade to read the fixup runfix flag from the fixups checklist file, and set the flag for that fixup from YES to SKIP.

To override the default list of fixups that AutoUpgrade performs automatically for upgrades, you can load an existing checklist of fixup steps in to AutoUpgrade by using the local configuration file parameter checklist. In the checklist that you specify with the local parameter, you can set a precheck fixup as follows:

YES (the default): Run checks, and run fixups



- NO: Run checks, but do not run fixups.
- SKIP: Do not run checks, and do not run fixups.

In the configuration file, the local parameter checklist is used to direct AutoUpgrade to an existing checklist file.

```
global.autoupg_log_dir=/home/oracle/autoupg
upg1.sid=db12204
upg1.source_home=/databases/ee/product/12.2.0/dbhome_1
upg1.target_home=/databases/ee/product/21.1.0/dbhome_1
upg1.checklist=/home/oracle/autoupg/db12204/100/prechecks/
```

```
db11204_checklist.cfg
```

In the Fixups checklist file, the runfix flag for the DICTIONARY_STATS fixup is is set to skip that step.

```
[SID] [db21.1.0]
_____
[container] [db21.1.0]
_____
[checkname] EXISTENCE OF DATAPUMP AQ TABLES
[stage] PRECHECKS
[fixup available] YES
[runfix] YES
[severity] WARNING
_____
[checkname] DICTIONARY STATS
[stage] PRECHECKS
[fixup available] YES
[runfix] SKIP
[severity] RECOMMEND
              _____
```

Run Custom Scripts Using AutoUpgrade

Learn how to use AutoUpgrade to run your own scripts as part of the deploy process.

You can configure four parameters in the configuration file that enable you to run custom scripts:

• before action

Run a custom script on the source Oracle home before the database is upgraded, during the Preupgrade stage when the database is up.

• after action

Run a custom script on the target Oracle home after the database is upgraded, during the Postupgrade stage or PDB upgrade stage, depending on the options set in the configuration file.

revert_before_action

Run a custom script on the target Oracle home before the database is restored, typically when the database is still up. Due to the nature of the upgrade process, be aware that the



database can be down when the script is started. You can use this script to undo actions performed by a before action custom script.

revert_after_action

Run a custom script on the source Oracle home after the database restored, and the database is up. You can use this script to undo actions performed by an <code>after_action</code> custom script.

See parameter descriptions under "AutoUpgrade Utility Configuration Files" for more detailed information about these parameters.

Example 5-18 Using before_action and after_action in the Configuration File

In the following example of configuration file config.cfg, the local parameter <code>before_action</code> is used in the configuration file to run the script <code>script1.sh</code> in the path /path/to/a/ before the restoration, and the local parameter <code>after_action</code> is used to run the script <code>script2.sh</code> in the path /path/to/a/ after the upgrade.

```
config.cfg
```

```
global.autoupg_log_dir=/home/oracle/autoupg
upg1.sid=db12204
upg1.source_home=/databases/ee/product/12.2.0/dbhome_1
upg1.target_home=/databases/ee/product/19.0.0/dbhome_1
upg1.before_action=/path/to/a/script1.sh
upg1.after_action=/path/to/a/script2.sh
```

The configuration file is called by AutoUpgrade from the command line:

java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -restore -jobs 100,101,...

Because these scripts are run during the preupgrade and postupgrade stages, restoration to the GRP occurs before or after the scripts are run. The scripts do not affect the actual GRP process itself, which makes them safer for reruns if the script actions can affect the database.

Example 5-19 Using revert_before_action and revert_after_action in the Configuration File

In the following example of configuration file <code>config.cfg</code>, the local parameter <code>revert_before_action</code> is used in the configuration file to run the script <code>script3.sh</code> in the path /path/to/a/ before the restoration, and the local parameter <code>revert_after_action</code> is used to run the script <code>script4.sh</code> in the path /path/to/a/ after the upgrade.

```
global.autoupg_log_dir=/home/oracle/autoupg
upg1.sid=db12204
upg1.source_home=/databases/ee/product/12.2.0/dbhome_1
upg1.target_home=/databases/ee/product/19.0.0/dbhome_1
upg1.revert_before_action=/path/to/a/script3.sh
upg1.revert_after_action=/path/to/a/script4.sh
```

Again, the configuration file is used to direct AutoUpgrade as it runs the restore jobs:

java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -restore -jobs 100,101,...



In this case, the scripts are run on the target Oracle Database binaries when the database is up. The script3.sh script called by revert_before_action is run when the database is up, before starting the restoration to the GRP, and the script4.sh script called by revert_after_action is run on the database after restoration to the earlier release is complete, and the database is up in the original Oracle home.

Related Topics

AutoUpgrade Utility Configuration Files

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 5-3 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.
lsjNoConsoleTimer	30	Runtime interval in seconds of the lsj command for noconsole. The interval should be between 7 and 1200 seconds.
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.).
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.



Parameter	Default	Description
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 postupgrade job is automatically terminated.
dbGrpAbortTimer	3	Number of minutes to wait before the guarantee restore point job is automatically terminated.

Table 5-3 (Cont.) Internal Settings Configuration File Parameters for AutoUpgrade

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 autoupg_log_dir. By default, the global parameter has the following definition:

```
global.autoupg_log_dir=/database/jobmgr
```

AutoUpgrade configuration and status file paths are relative to the directory path that you establish with global.autoupg_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.
- autoupgrade YYYYMMDD.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 YYYYYMMDD 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:

- autoupgrade YYYYMMDDHHMISCdbname.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 5-20 Setting up Archive Logging and Fast Recovery Area (FRA) Before Using AutoUpgrade

In the following example, *your-directory-or-diskgroup* is the directory path or disk group where your recovery area is placed. The value for DB_RECOVERY_FILE_DEST_SIZE is specified as 50GB, but you should use the value that you require for your recovery area.

```
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 ='your-directory-or-diskgroup'
scope=both sid='*';
alter database archivelog;
alter database open;
alter pluggable database all open;
```

Example 5-21 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 5-22 Transparent Data Encryption and AutoUpgrade

To enable the AutoUpgrade utility to obtain the privileges required for copying transparent data encryption keystores, you must enable auto-login for these keystores 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.

In addition, AutoUpgrade looks for the location of the Oracle Net administration directory using the TNS_ADMIN environment variable. If your TNS_ADMIN environment variable is not defined, then the path to the network administration directory defaults to the path *Oracle_home/* network/admin. If you need to specify a different path, then specify the path in your configuration file using the local configuration parameter source_tns_admin_dir, and if necessary, the target path with target tns admin dir.

Enable an Auto-Login or a Local Auto-Login Software Keystore by using the ADMINISTRATOR KEY MANAGEMENT or SYSKM privilege on your existing keystore. For example, to create an autologin software keystore of the password-protected keystore that is located in the /etc/ORACLE/ WALLETS/orcl directory:

```
ADMINISTER KEY MANAGEMENT CREATE AUTO_LOGIN KEYSTORE
FROM KEYSTORE '/etc/ORACLE/WALLETS/tde'
IDENTIFIED BY password;
```

keystore altered.

Note:

After AutoUpgrade completes copying the transparent data encryption keystores, disable auto login, so that your previous release security is restored.

Related Topics

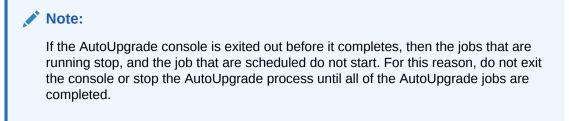
- Creating an Auto-Login or a Local Auto-Login Software Keystore
- Overview of Local Naming Parameters
- Oracle Database Enterprise User Security Administrator's Guide
- DB_RECOVERY_FILE_DEST

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.





Example 5-23 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.

Known Restrictions for AutoUpgrade

If you encounter issues with your upgrade, review the known restrictions to find solutions.

- AutoUpgrade and Disk Space Issues
 If you run out of disk space while running AutoUpgrade, then review and apply the
 solutions outlined here.
- AutoUpgrade and OracleServiceAutoUpgradeSid The ability to use the Microsoft Windows service OracleServiceAutoUpgradeSid for patching and upgrading is deprected.

AutoUpgrade and Disk Space Issues

If you run out of disk space while running AutoUpgrade, then review and apply the solutions outlined here.

To assist you to avoid disk space issues. Oracle has added a check to calculate the required disk space. To see log sizing specifications, review the AutoUpgrade analyze reports. If the database runs out of disk space during the upgrade, then free up the required disk space for the database, and resume the job, if necessary.



Example 5-24 Disk Space Errors While Upgrade is Running

1. Stop the current running upgrade

```
abort -job 100
```

- 2. Free up disk space so that the upgrade can resume.
- 3. Resume the stopped upgrade

resume -job 100

Example 5-25 Disk Space Errors After Upgrade has Completed

If AutoUpgrade completes with disk space errors then proceed as follows:

- 1. Free up disk space so that the upgrade can resume.
- 2. Restart AutoUpgrade to complete any remaining issues.

For example, where the configuration file name is *yourconfigfile.cfg*:

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

AutoUpgrade and OracleServiceAutoUpgradeSid

The ability to use the Microsoft Windows service OracleServiceAutoUpgradeSid for patching and upgrading is deprected.

In previous releases, while it was not documented, it was possible to create the Microsoft Windows service OracleServiceAutoUpgradeSid for patching and upgrading. This capability will be removed. In future releases, AutoUpgrade will only support the creation of Microsoft Windows services for Oracle that require passwords to use the AutoUpgrade load_win_credential parameter. When this parameter is used, AutoUpgrade will then be able to create Oracle Services with the correct password in a secure manner, and provide a seamless operation for database administrators.

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 clear_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 -clear_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 Keystore With Credentials Not Set With AUTOLOGIN

Problem Description: You run the tool, and you have keystore credentials configured, but AutoUpgrade is unable to log in to the database.

Workaround: Create an Autologin Keystore, and configure the database with auto-login enabled.

At the time of this release. AutoUpgrade does not support the use of keystore credentials unless they are configured for automatic logins into the database

Related Topics

Performing Operations That Require a Keystore Password

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/repressstandard/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 5-26 Starting Up the AutoUpgrade Utility in Analyze Mode

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

Example 5-27 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
upg1.sid=db11204
upg1.source_home=/databases/ee/product/11.2.0/dbhome_1
upg1.target_home=/databases/ee/product/18x/dbhome_1
upg1.target_base=/databases
upg1.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 <code>fixup_available</code> value is <code>YES</code>. That means that there is a fixup available, which you choose not to run. If no fixup is available, then the value for <code>runfix is N/A</code>.

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
upg1.sid=db11204
upg1.source_home=/databases/ee/product/11.2.0/dbhome_1
upg1.target_home=/databases/ee/product/18x/dbhome_1
upg1.target_base=/databases
upg1.target_version=18.8.0
upg1.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 5-28 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]
<pre>[checkname] [stage] [fixup_available] [runfix] [severity]</pre>	AMD_EXISTS PRECHECKS YES YES WARNING
<pre>[checkname] [stage] [fixup_available] [runfix] [severity]</pre>	DEPEND_USR_TABLES POSTCHECKS YES YES 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
```

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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Using Other Methods for Oracle Database Upgrades

Oracle recommends using AutoUpgrade to perform upgrades of Oracle Database. However, there are other methods available that are useful in certain scenarios.

Note:

Starting with Oracle Database 21c, non-CDB architecture is desupported. You must upgrade a non-CDB Oracle Database to a PDB on a CDB.

Other options to AutoUpgrade to convert non-CDBs include the following:

- Plug in the non-CDB Oracle Database to an Oracle Database 23ai container database (CDB), and open the PDB in read-write, non-restricted mode. When the PDB is opened, the database is upgraded, and the data dictionary is converted from a non-CDB to a PDB. This is the Replay Upgrade method
- 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, proceed with an upgrade of the CDB and all PDBs to Oracle Database 23ai. This is the AutoUpgrade method.
- Convert the non-CDB to a PDB, install the new Oracle Database release, create a Gold Image and then use a fleet image deployment to upgrade the database.

Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA) is desupported except on Windows as of Oracle Database 23.4. Oracle recommends using AutoUpgrade to upgrade your database.

To improve the reliability and support for Oracle Database upgrades, Oracle is desupporting Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA), and manual upgrades using the Parallel Upgrade Utility (catctl.pl), and the database upgrade scripts dbupgrade and dbupgrade.cmd. Use AutoUpgrade for Oracle Database upgrades. Replacing obsolete upgrade methods enables Oracle to focus on improving and extending the features and manageability of 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 Oracle Database Releases Using Replay Upgrade To upgrade from an earlier release, you can use the Replay Upgrade procedure to convert and upgrade a non-CDB to a PDB.



- Upgrading Non-CDB Oracle Database Release with the Source CDB A non-CDB database can be upgraded as part of the upgrade of the source release CDB to the target release.
- 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.

Upgrading Oracle Database Releases Using Replay Upgrade

To upgrade from an earlier release, you can use the Replay Upgrade procedure to convert and upgrade a non-CDB to a PDB.

- Upgrading 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 Replay Upgrade method is enabled for upgrades on PDBs. However, you can enable or disable the use of this 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 Replay Upgrade method.
- Adopting and Upgrading a Non-CDB as a PDB with Replay Upgrade To simplify your upgrades, you can convert and upgrade a non-CDB into a PDB by using the Replay Upgrade method.
- Upgrading an Earlier Release With an Unplug-Plug Upgrade You can upgrade an earlier release PDB by plugging it into a later release CDB using an automatic Replay Upgrade.
- Failure and Recovery Scenarios for Replay Upgrade Processes Learn how to check for errors and issues in log files and trace files for an Replay Upgrade (Replay Upgrade).

Upgrading 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.

Note:

Replay Upgrade replaces the classic Parallel Upgrade, but you are still required to run pre-upgrade and post-upgrade tasks as specified elsewhere in the documentation.

Before you start an upgrade, the following steps must be performed:

- Install the new release software for Oracle Database.
- Create a new CDB on the new release, or use an existing one..
- Perform the preupgrade activities as explained in Chapter 2 in this guide, Preparing to Upgrade Oracle Database.



Note:

When you plug in PDBs and upgrade the PDBs on PDB open using Replay Upgrade, Oracle recommends that you upgrade a number of PDBs equivalent to no more than one-fourth (¼) of the value of the Oracle Database initialization parameter CPU_COUNT, which specifies the number of CPU core (processors) available for Oracle Database to use. With classic Parallel Upgrade, the default number of PDBs upgraded at a time is no more than one-half (½) of the value of CPU_COUNT.

You can complete an upgrade using the Replay Upgrade method either by using Upgrade on PDB Open, or with the AutoUpgrade Utility.

After the upgrade, the following steps must be performed, as specified in Chapter 7, "Post-Upgrade Tasks for Oracle Database":

- Run Datapatch to patch the new PDB.
- Use AutoUpgrade to perform postupgrade checks.

Replay Upgrade Using 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.

How to Disable or Enable Replay Upgrade

By default, the Replay Upgrade method is enabled for upgrades on PDBs. However, you can enable or disable the use of this method.

You can use this SQL query to determine whether Replay Upgrade is active:

```
select property_name, property_value
from database_properties
where property name in ('UPGRADE PDB ON OPEN');
```

To disable Replay Upgrade, run the following command, on either CDB\$ROOT or a particular PDB:

ALTER DATABASE UPGRADE SYNC OFF

If you disable Replay Upgrade, then you must upgrade the PDB using AutoUpgrade.

To re-enable the Replay Upgrade behavior, enter the following command

ALTER DATABASE UPGRADE SYNC ON

AutoUpgrade by default does not use Replay Upgrade. It uses the classic Parallel Upgrade scripts. If you want to force AutoUpgrade to use Replay Upgrade, then add the following to



your AutoUpgrade configuration file, where *prefix* is the upgrade prefix used for the upgrade in your configuration file:

prefix.replay=yes

Note:

You can manage use of the Replay Upgrade method 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 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 21c 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 convert and upgrade a non-CDB into a PDB by using the Replay Upgrade method.

Before you start an upgrade, the following steps must be performed:

- Install the new release software for Oracle Database
- Prepare the new Oracle home



 Perform the preupgrade activities as explained in Chapter 2 of this guide, "Preparing to Upgrade Oracle Database".

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, or use an existing one.
- 2. Analyze the database for upgrade readiness. Run AutoUpgrade in analyze mode and check the outcome of the analysis in the summary report. AutoUpgrade prints the location of the summary report upon completion of the check. For example:

```
export ORACLE_SID=NCDB
export ORACLE_HOME=/u01/app/oracle/product/19.0.0/dbhome_1
export ORACLE_TARGET_HOME=/u01/app/oracle/product/23.0.0/dbhome_1
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config_values "target_cdb=CDB23" -mode analyze
```

 During the pre-upgrade analysis, AutoUpgrade detects whether any changes are needed to the database before starting the upgrade. Perform those changes by starting AutoUpgrade in fixups mode. For example:

```
export ORACLE_SID=NCDB
export ORACLE_HOME=/u01/app/oracle/product/19.0.0/dbhome_1
export ORACLE_TARGET_HOME=/u01/app/oracle/product/23.0.0/dbhome_1
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config values "target cdb=CDB23" -mode fixups
```

- 4. Place the non-CDB in read-only mode.
- 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 data files to plug the non-CDB into a CDB.

6. 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;
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.

- 7. Shut down the non-CDB.
- 8. Plug in the non-CDB to the higher-release 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.

9. To confirm replay upgrade is turned on, enter the following:

```
select property_name, property_value
from database_properties
where property name in('UPGRADE PDB ON OPEN', 'CONVERT NONCDB ON OPEN');
```

10. 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 'APP\$CDB\$CATALOG' 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='APP\$CDB\$CATALOG'.
- **11.** Run Datapatch to patch the new PDB:

datapatch -pdbs ncdb

- 12. Run postupgrade fixups using AutoUpgrade, and specifying the following:
 - ORACLE_SID specifies the system identifier of the target container database
 - ORACLE HOME is the Oracle home of the database specified by ORACLE SID.
 - The inclusion_list contains the name of the PDB (the former non-CDB). You can specify more PDBs if needed.
 - The dir option specifies the directory where AutoUpgrade can store the logs files.

In the following example, ORACLE_SID is specified as CDB23, ORACLE_HOME is specified as /u01/app/oracle/product/23.0.0/dbhome_1, the log file directory is specified as /u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/autoupgrade, and the inclusion_list is specified as NCDB:

```
export ORACLE_SID=CDB23
export ORACLE_HOME=/u01/app/oracle/product/23.0.0/dbhome_1
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -preupgrade "dir=/u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/
autoupgrade,inclusion list=NCDB" -mode postfixups
```

13. Back up the PDB.

Oracle strongly recommends that you back up the PDB. A PDB that is not backed up can be recovered using a combination of preplugin backups from the non-CDB and the backups from the CDB. However, recovery is much more cumbersome and complex than a regular restore operation.

14. Perform the post-upgrade tasks as specified in Chapter 7, "Post-Upgrade Tasks for Oracle Database".



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.

Upgrading an Earlier Release With an Unplug-Plug Upgrade

You can upgrade an earlier release PDB by plugging it into a later release CDB using an automatic Replay Upgrade.

General Prerequisites

- Complete the prerequisites described in "General Prerequisites for PDB Creation" in *Oracle Multitenant Administrator's Guide*
- Either the XML file that describes the PDB or the .pdb archive file must exist in a location that is accessible to the CDB.

The USING clause must specify the XML file or the .pdb archive file. If the PDB's XML file is unusable or cannot be located, then use the DBMS_PDB.RECOVER procedure to generate an XML file using the PDB's data files.

- If an XML file (not a .pdb file) is specified in the USING clause, then the files associated with the PDB (such as the data files and wallet file) must exist in a location that is accessible to the CDB.
- If the target database for the plugin operation is the primary database in an Oracle Data Guard configuration, then ensure that the standby database can locate the files for the plugged-in PDB.

On the standby database, set the STANDBY_PDB_SOURCE_FILE_DIRECTORY initialization parameter to a location that contains the source data files for instantiating the PDB. If the files are not found, then the standby database tries to locate the files in the OMF location. If not found in the OMF location, then you must copy the data files to the OMF location on the standby database, and restart redo apply on the standby database.

- The source and target CDB platforms must meet the following requirements:
 - They must have the same endianness.
 - The database options installed on the source platform must be the same as, or a subset of, the database options installed on the target platform.
- If you are creating an application PDB, then the application name and version of the unplugged PDB must match the application name and version of the application container into which the application PDB is being plugged.



Note:

If you are plugging in a PDB that includes data that was encrypted with Transparent Data Encryption, then follow the instructions in *Oracle Database Advanced Security Guide* for united mode and *Oracle Database Advanced Security Guide* for isolated mode.

Character Set Prerequisites

You must meet the following prerequisites for matching the character sets:

• If the character set of the CDB into which the PDB is being plugged is not AL32UTF8, then the CDB that contained the unplugged PDB and the target CDB must have compatible character sets and national character sets. To be compatible, the character sets and national character sets must meet the requirements specified in *Oracle Database Globalization Support Guide*.

If the character set of the CDB into which the PDB is being plugged is AL32UTF8, then this requirement does not apply.

Note:

Oracle Multitenant does not support a LOB in one container from being accessed by a container with a different character set using data links, extended data links, or the CONTAINERS() clause. For example, if the CDB root and salespdb have different character sets, then a CONTAINERS() query run in the CDB root should not access LOBs stored in salespdb.

• If you are creating an application PDB, then the application PDB must have the same character set and national character set as the application container.

If the database character set of the CDB is AL32UTF8, then the character set and national character set of the application container can be different from the CDB. However, all application PDBs in an application container must have same character set and national character set, matching that of the application container.

To determine whether the preceding requirements are met, use the DBMS_PDB.CHECK_PLUG_COMPATIBILITY function. Step 2 in the following procedure describes using this function.

1. In SQL*Plus, ensure that the current container is the CDB root or application root of the target CDB.

When the current container is the CDB root, the PDB is created in the CDB. When the current container is an application root, the application PDB is created in the application container.

- 2. (Optional) Run the DBMS_PDB.CHECK_PLUG_COMPATIBILITY function to determine whether the unplugged PDB is compatible with the CDB.
 - a. If the PDB is not yet unplugged, then run the DBMS_PDB.DESCRIBE procedure to produce an XML file that describes the PDB.

If the PDB is already unplugged, then proceed to Step 2b.



For example, to generate an XML file named salespdb.xml in the /disk1/oracle directory, run the following procedure:

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_PDB.DESCRIBE(
    pdb_descr_file => '/disk1/oracle/salespdb.xml',
    pdb_name => 'SALESPDB');
END;
/
```

If the PDB is in a remote CDB, then you can include <code>@database_link_name</code> in the <code>pdb_name</code> parameter, where <code>database_link_name</code> is the name of a valid database link to the remote CDB or to the PDB. For example, if the database link name to the remote CDB is rcdb, then set the pdb name value to <code>SALESPDB@rcdb</code>.

b. Run the DBMS PDB.CHECK PLUG COMPATIBILITY function.

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 PDB described by the /disk1/usr/salespdb.xml file is compatible with the current CDB, run the following PL/SQL block:

If the output is YES, then the PDB is compatible, and you can continue with the next step. If the output is NO, then the PDB is not compatible: check the PDB PLUG IN VIOLATIONS view to see why it is not compatible.

Note:

You can specify a .pdb archive file in the pdb_descr_file parameter.

- 3. If the PDB is not unplugged, then unplug it.
- 4. Run the CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE ... USING statement, specifying the XML file or the .pdb archive file in the USING clause. Specify other clauses when they are required.



After you create the PDB, it is in mounted mode, and its status is NEW. You can view the open mode of a PDB by querying the OPEN_MODE column in the V\$PDBS view. You can view the status of a PDB by querying the STATUS column of the CDB_PDBS or DBA_PDBS view.

A new default service is created for the PDB. The service has the same name as the PDB and can be used to access the PDB. Oracle Net Services must be configured properly for clients to access this service.

5. 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.

Opening a PDB upgrades it automatically when a version mismatch occurs between the PDB and the CDB root. The Replay Upgrade on PDB Open optimization, which is the default, avoids manual error correction by re-executing statements stored in capture tables. The mechanism is the same used in application synchronization.

When the PDB is opened, the database automatically performs a Replay Upgrade.

6. After the replay upgrade is complete, back up the PDB.

Caution:

A PDB cannot be recovered unless it is backed up. For more information about PDB and application containers, see *Oracle Multitenant Administrator's Guide*

Related Topics

Creating PDBs and Application Containers in Oracle Multitenant Administrator's Guide

Failure and Recovery Scenarios for Replay Upgrade Processes

Learn how to check for errors and issues in log files and trace files for an Replay Upgrade (Replay Upgrade).

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 check the value, you can use the following SQL query:

```
select property_value
from database_properties
where property name='PDB UPGRADE SYNC';
```

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 diagnostic 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.

Upgrading Non-CDB Oracle Database Release with the Source CDB

A non-CDB database can be upgraded as part of the upgrade of the source release CDB to the target release.

- 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.

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.

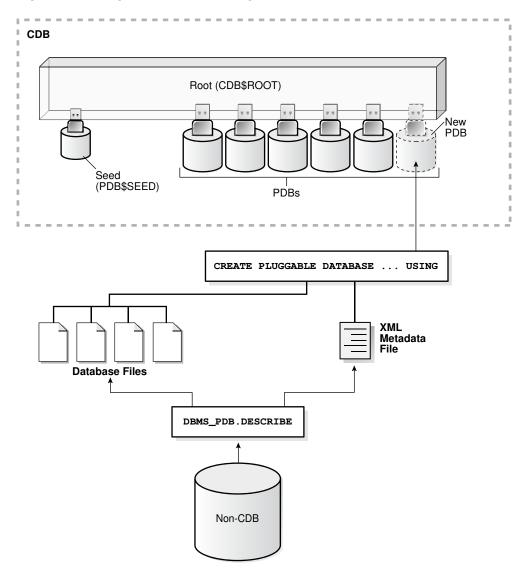


Figure 6-1 Plug In a Non-CDB Using the DBMS_PDB.DESCRIBE Procedure

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.
- 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.

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 or upgraded Oracle Database release, and using the command <code>rhpctl upgrade database</code> to upgrade the earlier release Oracle Database in a fleet image deployment. 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.

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.
- 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 rhpctl upgrade database. This command uses 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



7 Troubleshooting the Upgrade for Oracle Database

Use these troubleshooting tips to address errors or issues that you may encounter while upgrading your database.

- 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.
- Fixed View Queries Restriction When 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.
- Resolving PDBs in Restricted Mode After Successful Upgrades If your upgrade is successful, but the upgraded PDBs are in Restricted Mode, then this may be due to components set to OPTION OFF.
- 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 utlrp.sql This error may indicate that your Oracle configuration does not have sufficient number of processes available for the recompile.
- 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 Failed Upgrades Where Only Datapatch Fails If only datapatch fails during an upgrade, then rerun datapatch directly.

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 21c, you must use the multitenant architecture for Oracle Database upgrades. When you attempt to upgrade a non-CDB Oracle Database release to Oracle Database 21c, 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.

Fixed View Queries Restriction When 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

Resolving PDBs in Restricted Mode After Successful Upgrades

If your upgrade is successful, but the upgraded PDBs are in Restricted Mode, then this may be due to components set to OPTION OFF.

If a PDB is opened in restricted mode, then query pdb_plug_in_violations for errors to see if this result is due to one or more components in that PDB with OPTION OFF status. If the result of your query shows a database option mismatch for the same components, then close and restart the PDB. After the restart, check to see of the PDB status for RESTRICTED mode is changed from YES to NO.

For example, look for Database option mismatch results similar to the following:

```
SQL> select time, message from pdb_plug_in_violations where status='PENDING'
and type='ERROR';
TIME -----MESSAGE------
```

11-SEP-20 12.40.56.096230 PM Database option APS mismatch: PDB installed version 21.0.0.0.0. CDB installed version NULL.

11-SEP-20 12.40.56.096789 PM Database option DV mismatch: PDB installed version 21.0.0.0.0. CDB installed version NULL.

11-SEP-20 12.40.56.097315 PM

Database option OLS mismatch: PDB installed version 21.0.0.0.0. CDB installed version NULL.

```
11-SEP-20 12.40.56.098157 PM
Database option XOQ mismatch: PDB installed version 21.0.0.0.0. CDB installed
version NULL.
```

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.

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 did not run AutoUpgrade with the preupgrade parameter before starting the upgrade, then the catctl.pl and catupgrd.sql scripts terminate with errors such as the following:

ORA-00942: table or view does not exist ORA-00904: "TZ_VERSION": invalid identifier ORA-01722: invalid number

Note:

AutoUpgrade and Replay Upgrade are the only supported method for upgrading to Oracle Database 23ai. All other methods, including Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA), are desupported.

If you receive any of these errors, then use this procedure to correct the problem:

- 1. Enter a SHUTDOWN ABORT command, and wait for the command to complete running.
- Revert to the original Oracle home directory
- 3. Run the AutoUpgrade utility using the preupgrade parameter, and correct the issues that it reports in the upgrade.xml file.

Related Topics

Pre-Upgrade Information Tool for Oracle Database
 Learn how to obtain the same features previously offered through the Pre-Upgrade
 information tool (preupgrade.jar) by using AutoUpgrade with the preupgrade clause.

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. 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")
```

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 catugrd.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

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.
- 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 utlrp.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 utlrp.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 utlrp.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.

• NO SCRIPT

The component upgrade script was not found in <code>\$ORACLE_HOME</code>. Check the install logs, install the component software, and rerun the script.

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 utlusts.sql displays an upgrade report.

Example of an Upgrade Summary Report

Oracle Database Release 23 Post-Upgrade Status Tool 02-10-2023 18:17:0 Container Database: MYCDB [CON ID: 1 => CDB\$ROOT] Component Current Full Elapsed Time Name Status Version HH:MM:SS Oracle Server UPGRADED 23.1.0.0.0 00:13:01 23.1.0.0.0 00:02:37 JServer JAVA Virtual Machine UPGRADED Oracle XDK 23.1.0.0.0 00:00:40 UPGRADED Oracle Database Java Packages 23.1.0.0.0 00:00:06 UPGRADED 23.1.0.0.0 00:00:12 OLAP Analytic Workspace UPGRADED Oracle Label Security 23.1.0.0.0 00:00:07 UPGRADED 23.1.0.0.0 00:00:15 Oracle Database Vault UPGRADED Oracle Text 23.1.0.0.0 00:00:34 UPGRADED Oracle Workspace Manager 23.1.0.0.0 00:00:49 UPGRADED UPGRADED 23.1.0.0.0 00:00:00 Oracle Real Application Clusters 23.1.0.0.0 00:01:01 Oracle XML Database UPGRADED Spatial UPGRADED 23.1.0.0.0 00:03:43 Oracle OLAP API UPGRADED 23.1.0.0.0 00:00:07 Datapatch 00:00:09 Final Actions 00:00:16 00:00:00 Post Upgrade Total Upgrade Time: 00:21:44 [CON ID: 1 => CDB\$ROOT] Database time zone version is 32. It is older than current release time zone version 40. Time zone upgrade is needed using the DBMS DST package. Oracle Database Release 23 Post-Upgrade Status Tool 02-10-2023 18:47:1 Container Database: MYCDB [CON ID: 3 => CDB1 PDB1] Component Current Full Elapsed Time Status Version HH:MM:SS Name 23.1.0.0.0 00:20:31 Oracle Server UPGRADED 23.1.0.0.0 00:01:42 JServer JAVA Virtual Machine UPGRADED 23.1.0.0.0 00:00:38 Oracle XDK UPGRADED Oracle Database Java Packages UPGRADED 23.1.0.0.0 00:00:06 23.1.0.0.0 00:00:15 OLAP Analytic Workspace UPGRADED 23.1.0.0.0 00:00:06 Oracle Label Security UPGRADED 23.1.0.0.0 00:00:18 Oracle Database Vault UPGRADED 23.1.0.0.0 00:00:23 Oracle Text UPGRADED Oracle Workspace Manager 23.1.0.0.0 00:00:41 UPGRADED Oracle Real Application Clusters 23.1.0.0.0 00:00:00 UPGRADED Oracle XML Database 23.1.0.0.0 00:01:06 UPGRADED

UPGRADED

UPGRADED

Spatial

Datapatch

Oracle OLAP API

Final Actions

23.1.0.0.0 00:03:02

23.1.0.0.0 00:00:07

00:00:06

00:00:13

Post Upgrade

00:00:00

Total Upgrade Time: 00:27:41 [CON_ID: 3 => CDB1 PDB1]

Database time zone version is 32. It is older than current release time zone version 40. Time zone upgrade is needed using the DBMS DST package.

Oracle Database Release 23 Post-Upgrade Status Tool 02-10-2023 18:54:5 Container Database: MYCDB [CON_ID: 2 => PDB\$SEED]

Component Name	Current Status	Full Version	Elapsed Time HH:MM:SS
Oracle Server JServer JAVA Virtual Machine Oracle XDK Oracle Database Java Packages OLAP Analytic Workspace	VALID VALID VALID VALID VALID	23.1.0.0.0 23.1.0.0.0 23.1.0.0.0 23.1.0.0.0 23.1.0.0.0	00:01:42 00:00:38 00:00:06
Oracle Label Security Oracle Database Vault Oracle Text Oracle Workspace Manager Oracle Real Application Clusters	VALID VALID VALID VALID OPTION OFF	23.1.0.0.0 23.1.0.0.0 23.1.0.0.0 23.1.0.0.0 23.1.0.0.0	00:00:18 00:00:23 00:00:38 00:00:01
Oracle XML Database Spatial Oracle OLAP API Datapatch Final Actions Post Upgrade Post Compile	VALID VALID VALID	23.1.0.0.0 23.1.0.0.0 23.1.0.0.0	00:03:02

Total Upgrade Time: 00:35:16 [CON_ID: 2 => PDB\$SEED *] Asterisks denotes compilation time has been included during the upgrade process.

Database time zone version is 32. It is older than current release time zone version 40. Time zone upgrade is needed using the DBMS DST package.

Upgrade Times Sorted In Descending Order

Total Upgrade Time: 00:35:16 [CON_ID: 2 => PDB\$SEED *] Total Upgrade Time: 00:27:41 [CON_ID: 3 => CDB1_PDB1] Total Upgrade Time: 00:21:44 [CON_ID: 1 => CDB\$ROOT] Grand Total Upgrade Time: [0d:1h:1m:0s]

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.

 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).



- 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 Failed Upgrades Where Only Datapatch Fails

If only datapatch fails during an upgrade, then rerun datapatch directly.

The Datapatch script is a shell 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 the datapatch script 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.

On Linux and Unix:

./datapatch -verbose

On Microsoft Windows:

datapatch -verbose



Postupgrade Tasks for Oracle Database

After you upgrade Oracle Database, complete required postupgrade tasks, and consider recommendations for the new release.

Note:

If you use AutoUpgrade to complete the upgrade, then many of these tasks may be done automatically as part of the upgrade.

- 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 types of upgrades.
- 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.
- Migrating Oracle Database Express Edition to Oracle Database Free You cannot directly upgrade previous releases of Oracle Database Express Edition (XE), but you can export data from earlier Oracle Database XE releases to Oracle Database 23ai Free
- Tasks to Complete After Testing Your Oracle Database Upgrade After you complete your upgrade testing, you may want to complete additional tasks, depending on your system.

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 located in the path <code>\$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin</code>. The 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 8-1 Run a SQL Query on DBA_REGISTRY

To show the current state of the dictionary, perform a SQL query similar to the following example:

Example 8-2 Run SQL Queries to Check for Invalid Objects

To check for invalid objects, you can perform SQL queries, similar to the following examples:

1. This query list all the invalid objects in the database:

```
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 completed recompilation of invalid objects, Oracle-maintained objects should be valid.

To check to ensure Oracle-maintained objects are valid, enter the following query:

```
SQL> select owner, object_name, object_type from sys.dba_invalid_objects
where oracle maintained='Y';
```

3. To list any invalid application objects in the database, enter the following query:

```
SQL> select owner, object_name, object_type from sys.dba_invalid_objects where oracle maintained='N';
```

Example 8-3 Run the dbupgdiag.sql Script

(Optional) If you want to obtain further information about the upgrade, you can choose to 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/dbupgdiag-script:

```
/u01/dbupdiag-script/ $ sqlplus / as sysdba
sql> alter session set nls language='American';
```



```
sql> @dbupgdiag.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.

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.

- Setting Environment Variables on Linux and Unix Systems After Manual Upgrades Check that required operating system environment variables point to the directories of the new Oracle Database release.
- Recompile Invalid Objects in the Database After you install, patch, or upgrade a database, recompile invalid objects on the CDB and PDBs with a recompilation driver script.
- 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.
- Setting oratab and Scripts to Point to the New Oracle Location After Upgrading Oracle Database

Scripts should point to the new Oracle home location.

- Replay Upgrade Only: Run Datapatch to Patch the New PDB If you perform a Replay Upgrade, then you must manually run the Datapatch utility on the upgraded database.
- Replay Upgrade Only: Run AutoUpgrade Postfixups Check
 If you perform an upgrade using Replay Upgrade, then you must run AutoUpgrade with the
 postfixups mode.
- 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.
- 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 APEX To avoid invalid objects, drop Oracle APEX 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.
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- 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

Check that required operating system environment variables point to the directories of the new Oracle Database release.

Typically, operating system environment variables are set in profiles and shell scripts. Confirm that the following Oracle user environment variables point to the directories of the new Oracle home:

- ORACLE_HOME
- PATH

Look for other environment variables that refer to the earlier release Oracle home, such as LD_LIBRARY_PATH. In general, you should replace all occurrences of the old Oracle home in your environment variables with the new Oracle home paths.

Related Topics

• Step 2: Ensure That the Required Environment Variables Are Set

Recompile Invalid Objects in the Database

After you install, patch, or upgrade a database, recompile invalid objects on the CDB and PDBs with a recompilation driver script.

By default, AutoUpgrade performs a recompilation of invalid Oracle objects, which is controlled by the configuration file run_utlrp local parameter (default: *prefix.run_utlrp=yes*). In addition, Oracle provides the recompilation scripts utlrp.sql, utlprp.sql, and utlprpom.sql. These scripts are located in the *Oracle_home/rdbms/admin* directory.



Note:

Starting with AutoUpgrade 23.1, when you run the AutoUpgrade utility, AutoUpgrade runs the utlprpom.sql script, and does not run utlrp.sql. When AutoUpgrade is used for upgrades to Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2.0.1) and later releases, AutoUpgrade only recompiles invalid objects owned by Oracle-maintained schemas. Because database upgrades do not need to touch user objects, AutoUpgrade maintains this policy when it recompiles invalid objects.

After installing a database, recomplile all 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 utlrp.sql. For example:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl catcon.pl --n 1 --e --b utlrp --d '''.'''
utlrp.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 utlrp.

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 utlrp.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.

After patching or upgrading a database, there is more than one approach you can use to recompile invalid Oracle-owned and user-owned objects:

Recompile all invalid objects (the invalid objects in both Oracle and user schemas) by using utlrp.sql or utlprp.sql.

If time is a factor and the type of invalid objects is predominately application owned, then you can recompile Oracle-owned invalid objects first, and defer recompiling application-owned invalid objects to a later time. To recompile invalid objects in Oracle schemas, use utlprpom.sql. To recompile the remaining invalid objects, use utlprp.sql or utlprp.sql.

Note:

When you use either utlprp.sql or utlprpom.sql, note that both scripts require you to define the degree of parallelism that the script should use, or determine the number of parallel recompile jobs to use.



The script uses syntax as follows, where *base* is the base name you want to have given to log files, *N* is the number of PDBs on which you want to run recompilation jobs in parallel (degrees of parallelism), *script.sql* is the Oracle recompilation script you chose to use, and *P* is the number of PDBs on which you want to run in parallel:

Suppose you are running recompilation in a CDB using the log file base name recomp, with a degrees of parallelism setting of 3 jobs per PDB container, the script you choose to use is utlprp.sql, and you want to recompile across at most 10 PDBs at a time. In that case, the syntax you use to run the recompile operation is similar to the following,

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catcon.pl -b recomp -
d $ORACLE HOME/rdbms/admin -n 10 -l /tmp utlprp.sql '--p3'
```

Related Topics

Syntax and Parameters for catcon.pl

Track Invalid Object Recompilation Progress

Use these SQL queries to track the progress of utlrp.sql script recompilation of invalid objects.

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.

Oracle recommends that you run the utlrp.sql script after upgrade to recompile invalid objects. You can run SQL queries to monitor the script.

Example 8-4 Number of Invalid Objects Remaining

Enter this query to return the number of remaining invalid objects. This number decreases over time as the utlrp.sql script runs.

select COUNT(*) "OBJECTS WITH ERRORS" from obj\$ where status in (3,4,5,6);

Example 8-5 Number of Objects Recompiled

Enter this query to return the number of objects that utlrp.sql has compiled. This number increases over time as the script runs.

```
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM UTL RECOMP COMPILED;
```



Example 8-6 Number of Objects Recompiled with Errors

Enter this query to return the number of objects that utlrp.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 utlrp.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 21c, 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.

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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 8-7 Copy TNSNAMES.ORA and SQLNET.ORA to New Default Network Administration Directory

In this example, you copy the existing them 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:

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:

```
cd $OLD_ORACLE_HOME/network
scp tnsnames.ora sqlnet.ora \
oracle@racnode2:/u01/app/oracle/homes/OraDB20Home1/network/admin/
```

Example 8-8 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

Setting oratab and Scripts to Point to the New Oracle Location After Upgrading Oracle Database

Scripts should point to the new Oracle home location.

After you upgrade Oracle Database to a new release, your <code>oratab</code> file and any client scripts that set the value of <code>ORACLE_HOME</code> point to the new Oracle home that is created for the new Oracle Database release. AutoUpgrade and Replay Upgrade automatically point <code>oratab</code> to the new Oracle home. However, regardless of the method you use to upgrade, you must check client scripts.

Related Topics

- Step 2: Set Operating System Environment Variables
- My Oracle Support Note 394251.1

Replay Upgrade Only: Run Datapatch to Patch the New PDB

If you perform a Replay Upgrade, then you must manually run the Datapatch utility on the upgraded database.

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.

1. Open the PDB for patching, where *PDB*-name is the name of the PDB::

SQL> alter pluggable database PDB-name open

2. Go to the OPatch directory in the PDB Oracle home directory and run the Datapatch utility.



For example:

```
$ cd $ORACLE_HOME/OPatch
$ ./datapatch
```

Related Topics

Datapatch User Guide (Doc ID 2680521.1)

Replay Upgrade Only: Run AutoUpgrade Postfixups Check

If you perform an upgrade using Replay Upgrade, then you must run AutoUpgrade with the postfixups mode.

Note:

If you ran AutoUpgrade for the upgrade, then you do not need to complete this procedure.

To see how to check your database after upgrades, use the following example.

Example 8-9 Running AutoUpgrade Using Postupgrade Fixup Mode

1. Set the Oracle System Identifier (SID) to the source Oracle Database SID. For example, where the SID is CDB1:

export ORACLE SID=CDB1

2. Set an environment variable for the target version of the upgraded PDB. For example:

export ORACLE_TARGET_VERSION=23.0.0

Note:

If you select the postfixups mode, and you do not specify a target home path, then the default value is specified by the Oracle home environment variable for the Oracle home set for the user running AutoUpgrade (\$ORACLE_HOME on Linux and Unix systems, or %ORACLE_HOME% on Microsoft Windows systems).

- 3. Run postupgrade fixups using AutoUpgrade, and specifying the following:
 - ORACLE_SID specifies the system identifier of the target container database
 - ORACLE_HOME is the Oracle home of the database specified by ORACLE_SID.
 - The inclusion_list contains the name of the PDB. You can specify more PDBs if needed.
 - The dir option specifies the directory where AutoUpgrade can store the logs files.



In the following example, ORACLE_SID is specified as CDB23, ORACLE_HOME is specified as /u01/app/oracle/product/23.0.0/dbhome_1, the log file directory is specified as /u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/autoupgrade, and the inclusion_list is specified as PDB1:

```
export ORACLE_SID=CDB23
export ORACLE_HOME=/u01/app/oracle/product/23.0.0/dbhome_1
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -preupgrade "dir=/u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/
autoupgrade,inclusion list=PDB1" -mode postfixups
```

Note:

If you select the postfixups mode, and you do not specify a target home path, then the default value is specified by the Oracle home environment variable for the Oracle home set for the user running AutoUpgrade (\$ORACLE_HOME on Linux and Unix systems, or %ORACLE_HOME% on Microsoft Windows systems).

4. Check the results of the postfixup script checks in the file postfixups.xml under directory /u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/autoupgrade.

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, if you use AutoUpgrade, review the AutoUpgrade report on invalid objects. If you use a replay upgrade, then check to ensure that any packages that you may 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

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 Textsupplied knowledge bases
- Oracle Database Installation Guide for companion products

Drop Earlier Release Oracle APEX

To avoid invalid objects, drop Oracle APEX 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 21c, DBMS_OBFUSCATION_TOOLKIT is desupported, and replaced with DBMS_CRYPT. In releases earlier than Oracle Database 21c, Oracle APEX continued to have a dependency on DBMS_OBFUSCATION_TOOLKIT. In Oracle Database 21c, 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, when you run AutoUpgrade using the preupgrade parameter, the output upgrade.xml file reports 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 21c, and then drop earlier releases of APEX.

- 1. Log in to the new Oracle Database Oracle home
- 2. Upgrade Oracle APEX, 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
- 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 APEX 18c (18.1), the SYS.WWV_DBMS_SQL object is appended with the Oracle APEX 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 8-10 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 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 <code>ORACLE_BASE_HOME</code> 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 reenable Oracle Database Vault, or revoke Oracle Database Vault role granted for upgrade.

- Upgrading Oracle Database Without Disabling Oracle Database Vault
 To upgrade to Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2.0.1) or later releases, either grant the
 DV_PATCH_ADMIN role to SYS commonly in the root container, and revoke after the upgrade,
 or disable Oracle Database Vault and reenable it after upgrade.
- Postupgrade Scenarios with Oracle Database Vault
 Postupgrade tasks for Oracle Database Vault change, depending on your target Oracle
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If Oracle Database Vault is enabled and you are upgrading an entire CDB, then use one of the following methods:

- CDB upgrade method 1: Temporarily grant the DV_PATCH_ADMIN to user SYS commonly by logging into the root container as a common user with the DV_OWNER role, and then issuing the GRANT DV_PATCH_ADMIN TO SYS CONTAINER=ALL statement. Oracle Database Vault controls will be in the same state as it was before the upgrade. When the upgrade is complete, log into the root container as the DV_OWNER user, and revoke the DV_PATCH_ADMIN role from SYS by issuing the REVOKE DV_PATCH_ADMIN FROM SYS CONTAINER=ALL statement.
- CDB upgrade method 2: Log into each container as a user who has the DV_OWNER role, and then run the DBMS_MACADM.DISABLE_DV procedure. You must first disable Oracle Database Vault on the PDBs, and then after that, disable Oracle Database Vault on the root container last. If you are upgrading only one PDB, then you can disable Oracle Database Vault in that PDB only. After you have completed the upgrade, you can enable Oracle Database Vault by logging into each container as the DV_OWNER user and then executing the DVSYS.DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV procedure. The order of enabling Oracle Database Vault must be the root container first and PDBs afterward. You can enable the PDBs in any order, but the root container must be enabled first.

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.

Note:

This procedure applies to non-CDB upgrades as well

Related Topics

- Oracle Database Overview of Database Patch Delivery Methods for 12.2.0.1 and greater (Doc ID 2337415.1)
- Disabling and Enabling Oracle Database Vault Oracle Database Vault Administrator's Guide

Postupgrade Scenarios with Oracle Database Vault

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Upgrades to Oracle Database 21c and Later

You must choose one of the following options:

• Grant the DV PATCH ADMIN role to SYS commonly (container=all).



• Disable Oracle Database Vault before upgrade.

If you granted the DV_PATCH_ADMIN role to SYS before the upgrade, then revoke the DV_PATCH_ADMIN role from SYS after the upgrade. If you disabled Oracle Database Vault, then reenable it after the upgrade is complete.

Upgrades to Oracle Database 18c and 19c

You do not need to disable Oracle Database Vault.

Note:

For all upgrades, after the upgrade is complete, Oracle Database Vault has the same enforcement status that was in place for your source database 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 GuideOracle Database Security Guide for information
 about setting the password versions of users



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.

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By default, AutoUpgrade performs a recompilation of invalid Oracle objects, which is controlled by the configuration file run_utlrp local parameter (default: *prefix.run_utlrp=yes*). In addition, Oracle provides the recompilation scripts utlrp.sql, utlprp.sql, and utlprpom.sql. These scripts are located in the *Oracle home/rdbms/admin* directory.

Note:

Starting with AutoUpgrade 23.1, when you run the AutoUpgrade utility, AutoUpgrade runs the utlprpom.sql script, and does not run utlrp.sql. When AutoUpgrade is used for upgrades to Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2.0.1) and later releases, AutoUpgrade only recompiles invalid objects owned by Oracle-maintained schemas. Because database upgrades do not need to touch user objects, AutoUpgrade maintains this policy when it recompiles invalid objects.

After installing a database, recomplile all 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 utlrp.sql. For example:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl catcon.pl --n 1 --e --b utlrp --d '''.'''
utlrp.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 utlrp.

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 utlrp.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.

After patching or upgrading a database, there is more than one approach you can use to recompile invalid Oracle-owned and user-owned objects:

Recompile all invalid objects (the invalid objects in both Oracle and user schemas) by using utlrp.sql or utlprp.sql.

If time is a factor and the type of invalid objects is predominately application owned, then you can recompile Oracle-owned invalid objects first, and defer recompiling application-owned invalid objects to a later time. To recompile invalid objects in Oracle schemas, use utlprpom.sql. To recompile the remaining invalid objects, use utlpp.sql or utlprp.sql.

Note:

When you use either utlprp.sql or utlprpom.sql, note that both scripts require you to define the degree of parallelism that the script should use, or determine the number of parallel recompile jobs to use.

The script uses syntax as follows, where *base* is the base name you want to have given to log files, *N* is the number of PDBs on which you want to run recompilation jobs in parallel (degrees of parallelism), *script.sql* is the Oracle recompilation script you chose to use, and *P* is the number of PDBs on which you want to run in parallel:

Suppose you are running recompilation in a CDB using the log file base name recomp, with a degrees of parallelism setting of 3 jobs per PDB container, the script you choose to use is



utlprp.sql, and you want to recompile across at most 10 PDBs at a time. In that case, the syntax you use to run the recompile operation is similar to the following,

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catcon.pl -b recomp -
d $ORACLE HOME/rdbms/admin -n 10 -l /tmp utlprp.sql '--p3'
```

Related Topics

Syntax and Parameters for catcon.pl

Track Invalid Object Recompilation Progress

Use these SQL queries to track the progress of utlrp.sql script recompilation of invalid objects.

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.

Oracle recommends that you run the utlrp.sql script after upgrade to recompile invalid objects. You can run SQL queries to monitor the script.

Example 8-11 Number of Invalid Objects Remaining

Enter this query to return the number of remaining invalid objects. This number decreases over time as the utlrp.sql script runs.

select COUNT(*) "OBJECTS WITH ERRORS" from obj\$ where status in (3,4,5,6);

Example 8-12 Number of Objects Recompiled

Enter this query to return the number of objects that utlrp.sql has compiled. This number increases over time as the script runs.

SELECT COUNT(*) FROM UTL RECOMP COMPILED;

Example 8-13 Number of Objects Recompiled with Errors

Enter this query to return the number of objects that utlrp.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 utlrp.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 21c, 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.

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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 8-14 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:

cd \$ORACLE HOME/network



 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:

```
cd $OLD_ORACLE_HOME/network
scp tnsnames.ora sqlnet.ora \
oracle@racnode2:/u01/app/oracle/homes/OraDB20Home1/network/admin/
```

Example 8-15 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
```

Setting oratab and Scripts to Point to the New Oracle Location After Upgrading Oracle Database

Scripts should point to the new Oracle home location.

After you upgrade Oracle Database to a new release, your <code>oratab</code> file and any client scripts that set the value of <code>ORACLE_HOME</code> point to the new Oracle home that is created for the new Oracle Database release. AutoUpgrade and Replay Upgrade automatically point <code>oratab</code> to the new Oracle home. However, regardless of the method you use to upgrade, you must check client scripts.

Related Topics

- Step 2: Set Operating System Environment Variables
- My Oracle Support Note 394251.1

Replay Upgrade Only: Run Datapatch to Patch the New PDB

If you perform a Replay Upgrade, then you must manually run the Datapatch utility on the upgraded database.

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.

1. Open the PDB for patching, where PDB-name is the name of the PDB::

SQL> alter pluggable database PDB-name open

- Go to the OPatch directory in the PDB Oracle home directory and run the Datapatch utility. For example:
 - \$ cd \$ORACLE_HOME/OPatch
 - \$./datapatch



Related Topics

Datapatch User Guide (Doc ID 2680521.1)

Replay Upgrade Only: Run AutoUpgrade Postfixups Check

If you perform an upgrade using Replay Upgrade, then you must run AutoUpgrade with the postfixups mode.

Note: If you ran AutoUpgrade for the upgrade, then you do not need to complete this procedure.

To see how to check your database after upgrades, use the following example.

Example 8-16 Running AutoUpgrade Using Postupgrade Fixup Mode

1. Set the Oracle System Identifier (SID) to the source Oracle Database SID. For example, where the SID is CDB1:

export ORACLE SID=CDB1

2. Set an environment variable for the target version of the upgraded PDB. For example:

export ORACLE TARGET VERSION=23.0.0

Note:

If you select the postfixups mode, and you do not specify a target home path, then the default value is specified by the Oracle home environment variable for the Oracle home set for the user running AutoUpgrade (\$ORACLE_HOME on Linux and Unix systems, or %ORACLE_HOME% on Microsoft Windows systems).

- 3. Run postupgrade fixups using AutoUpgrade, and specifying the following:
 - ORACLE SID specifies the system identifier of the target container database
 - ORACLE HOME is the Oracle home of the database specified by ORACLE SID.
 - The inclusion_list contains the name of the PDB. You can specify more PDBs if needed.
 - The dir option specifies the directory where AutoUpgrade can store the logs files.

In the following example, ORACLE_SID is specified as CDB23, ORACLE_HOME is specified as /u01/app/oracle/product/23.0.0/dbhome_1, the log file directory is specified as /u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/autoupgrade, and the inclusion_list is specified as PDB1:

```
export ORACLE_SID=CDB23
export ORACLE HOME=/u01/app/oracle/product/23.0.0/dbhome 1
```



java -jar autoupgrade.jar -preupgrade "dir=/u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/ autoupgrade,inclusion_list=PDB1" -mode postfixups

Note:

If you select the postfixups mode, and you do not specify a target home path, then the default value is specified by the Oracle home environment variable for the Oracle home set for the user running AutoUpgrade (\$ORACLE_HOME on Linux and Unix systems, or %ORACLE_HOME% on Microsoft Windows systems).

4. Check the results of the postfixup script checks in the file postfixups.xml under directory /u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/autoupgrade.

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, if you use AutoUpgrade, review the AutoUpgrade report on invalid objects. If you use a replay upgrade, then check to ensure that any packages that you may 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
```

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 Textsupplied knowledge bases
- Oracle Database Installation Guide for companion products



Drop Earlier Release Oracle APEX

To avoid invalid objects, drop Oracle APEX 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 21c, DBMS_OBFUSCATION_TOOLKIT is desupported, and replaced with DBMS_CRYPT. In releases earlier than Oracle Database 21c, Oracle APEX continued to have a dependency on DBMS_OBFUSCATION_TOOLKIT. In Oracle Database 21c, 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, when you run AutoUpgrade using the preupgrade parameter, the output upgrade.xml file reports 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 21c, and then drop earlier releases of APEX.

- 1. Log in to the new Oracle Database Oracle home
- 2. Upgrade Oracle APEX, 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 APEX 18c (18.1), the SYS.WWV_DBMS_SQL object is appended with the Oracle APEX 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 8-17 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 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 <code>ORACLE_BASE_HOME</code> 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 reenable Oracle Database Vault, or revoke Oracle Database Vault role granted for upgrade.

- Upgrading Oracle Database Without Disabling Oracle Database Vault To upgrade to Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2.0.1) or later releases, either grant the DV_PATCH_ADMIN role to SYS commonly in the root container, and revoke after the upgrade, or disable Oracle Database Vault and reenable it after upgrade.
- Postupgrade Scenarios with Oracle Database Vault Postupgrade tasks for Oracle Database Vault change, depending on your target Oracle Database release, and the option you chose to prepare for upgrade.

Upgrading Oracle Database Without Disabling Oracle Database Vault

To upgrade to Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2.0.1) or later releases, either grant the DV_PATCH_ADMIN role to SYS commonly in the root container, and revoke after the upgrade, or disable Oracle Database Vault and reenable it after upgrade.

If Oracle Database Vault is enabled and you are upgrading an entire CDB, then use one of the following methods:

- CDB upgrade method 1: Temporarily grant the DV_PATCH_ADMIN to user SYS commonly by
 logging into the root container as a common user with the DV_OWNER role, and then issuing
 the GRANT DV_PATCH_ADMIN TO SYS CONTAINER=ALL statement. Oracle Database Vault
 controls will be in the same state as it was before the upgrade. When the upgrade is
 complete, log into the root container as the DV_OWNER user, and revoke the DV_PATCH_ADMIN
 role from SYS by issuing the REVOKE DV PATCH_ADMIN FROM SYS CONTAINER=ALL statement.
- CDB upgrade method 2: Log into each container as a user who has the DV_OWNER role, and then run the DBMS MACADM.DISABLE DV procedure. You must first disable Oracle Database



Vault on the PDBs, and then after that, disable Oracle Database Vault on the root container last. If you are upgrading only one PDB, then you can disable Oracle Database Vault in that PDB only. After you have completed the upgrade, you can enable Oracle Database Vault by logging into each container as the DV_OWNER user and then executing the DVSYS.DBMS_MACADM.ENABLE_DV procedure. The order of enabling Oracle Database Vault must be the root container first and PDBs afterward. You can enable the PDBs in any order, but the root container must be enabled first.

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.

Note:

This procedure applies to non-CDB upgrades as well

Related Topics

- Oracle Database Overview of Database Patch Delivery Methods for 12.2.0.1 and greater (Doc ID 2337415.1)
- Disabling and Enabling Oracle Database Vault Oracle Database Vault Administrator's Guide

Postupgrade Scenarios with Oracle Database Vault

Postupgrade tasks for Oracle Database Vault change, depending on your target Oracle Database release, and the option you chose to prepare for upgrade.

Upgrades to Oracle Database 21c and Later

You must choose one of the following options:

- Grant the DV PATCH ADMIN role to SYS commonly (container=all).
- Disable Oracle Database Vault before upgrade.

If you granted the DV_PATCH_ADMIN role to SYS before the upgrade, then revoke the DV_PATCH_ADMIN role from SYS after the upgrade. If you disabled Oracle Database Vault, then reenable it after the upgrade is complete.

Upgrades to Oracle Database 18c and 19c

You do not need to disable Oracle Database Vault.

Note:

For all upgrades, after the upgrade is complete, Oracle Database Vault has the same enforcement status that was in place for your source database 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 <code>SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER</code> 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 GuideOracle 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 types of upgrades.

- Back Up the Database Oracle strongly recommends that you at least perform a level 1 backup, or if time allows, perform a level 0 backup.
- Run AutoUpgrade Postupgrade Checks If you did not run AutoUpgrade in deploy mode, then run Autoupgrade with the preupgrade parameter, run in postfixups mode.
- Gathering Dictionary Statistics After Upgrading To help to assure good performance, use this procedure to gather dictionary statistics after completing your upgrade.



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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Migrating Tables from Basic LOBs to SecureFiles
 Oracle recommends that you migrate Basicfile LOB datatype segments to Securefile LOB datatype segments.
- Turn Off Traditional Auditing in Upgraded Oracle Databases Traditional Auditing is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai. Oracle recommends that you turn off traditional audit in your database and use only 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 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 AutoUpgrade preupgrade report instructs you to upgrade the time zone files after
 completing the database upgrade, and you do not set AutoUpgrade to complete this task
 for you, then use any of the supported methods to upgrade the time zone file.
- Enabling Disabled Release Update Bug Fixes in the Upgraded Database Because bug fixes in Release Updates that can cause execution plan changes are disabled, Oracle recommends that you enable the disabled bug fixes that you want to use.
- 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

Oracle strongly recommends that you at least perform a level 1 backup, or if time allows, perform a level 0 backup.

Related Topics

Backing Up the Database

Run AutoUpgrade Postupgrade Checks

If you did not run AutoUpgrade in deploy mode, then run Autoupgrade with the preupgrade parameter, run in postfixups mode.

Note:

If you ran AutoUpgrade in deploy mode, then this step was already completed for you, so you do not need to complete it now.

To see how to check your database after upgrades, use the following example.

Example 8-18 Running AutoUpgrade Using Postupgrade Fixup Mode

1. Set the Oracle home environment to the source Oracle Database home:

setenv ORACLE_HOME /u01/app/oracle/product/12.2.0/dbhome_1

2. Set the Oracle System Identifier (SID) to the source Oracle Database SID:

setenv ORACLE SID db122



3. Run AutoUpgrade using the preupgrade parameter in postfixups mode, setting the target home to the target Oracle Database Oracle home. For example:

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -preupgrade "target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/
21.0.0/dbhome_1,dir=/autoupgrade/test/log" -mode postfixups
```

 Check the results of the postfixup script checks in the file postfixups.xml under directory /autoupgrade/test/log/db122/102/postfixups.

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. 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 -1 /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

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

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:

To provide the most correct fixed object statistics for performance tuning, Oracle strongly recommends that you gather baseline statistics at a point when the system is running with a representative workload. For useful results, never run DBMS STATS.GATHER FIXED OBJECTS STATS immediately after the upgrade.

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.

Ensure that your database has run representative workloads, and then 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;

Related Topics

Gathering Database Statistics

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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. In Oracle Database 21c and later release, the IGNORECASE parameter for the orapwd file is desupported. All newly created password files are case-sensitive. 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.

Upgraded password files from earlier Oracle Database releases can retain original caseinsensitive 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

To secure your database, create passwords in a secure fashion. If you have default passwords in your database, then change these 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

- Passwords must be at least eight characters, and passwords such as welcome and oracle are not allowed.
- 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.

Related Topics

- Managing the Complexity of Passwords
- Guidelines for Securing User Accounts and Privileges

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:

 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.

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.

Starting in Oracle Database 23ai, the 10G password version is no longer supported.

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 ADAMS CLARK PRESTON BLAKE	10G 11G 12C 10G 11G 10G 11G 11G 10G



The PASSWORD_VERSIONS column shows the list of password versions that exist for the account. 10G refers to the desupported 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.

Note:

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, the SHA-1 verifier introduced with Oracle Database 11g is deprecated.

The salted multi-round SHA-512 password hash (also known as "verifier") introduced with Oracle Database 12c provides enhanced security for your password. If 11g verifiers (11G) are still being used in your database, then Oracle recommends resetting them so they can be upgraded to the 12c (12C) de-optimized PBKDF2-based verifier.

- 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 Only the 10G Password Version

You should remove the 10G password version from the accounts of all users and then ensure that users are using the 11G or later verifiers. If you have already upgraded to release 23ai or later, a user who has only the 10G password version cannot log in to the database, because the 10G password version is no longer supported. An administrator will need to manually reset this user's password.

1. Ensure that all clients have the O5L_NP capability by making ensuring that they have the CPUOct2012 patch.

See Oracle Database Net Services Reference for more information about O5L_NP.

2. Query the DBA_USERS data dictionary view to find user accounts that have only the 10G verifier.

```
SELECT USERNAME FROM DBA_USERS
WHERE ( PASSWORD_VERSIONS = '10G '
OR PASSWORD_VERSIONS = '10G HTTP ')
AND USERNAME <> 'ANONYMOUS';
```

3. After logging in as an account administrator, change the passwords for these accounts so that both the 11G and 12C verifiers can be provisioned for these accounts. (Because the 10G verifier is desupported, users having only this verifier cannot perform this password-change operation themselves, and an administrative user must reset their password.)



4. Send the new password to the users using a secure, out-of-band form of communication, and then ask the user to change the password on their own.

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 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.

Related Topics

• Oracle Database New Features



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.

Migrating From Rollback Segments To Automatic Undo Mode

If your database release is earlier than Oracle Database 11*g*, 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.
- 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.

Related Topics

- Introduction to Large Objects and SecureFiles in Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large
 Objects Developer's Guide
- Migrating Columns to SecureFile LOBs in Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide

See Also:

Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide for information about modifying applications to use LOB data

Migrating Tables from Basic LOBs to SecureFiles

Oracle recommends that you migrate Basicfile LOB datatype segments to Securefile LOB datatype segments.

While online redefinition for LONG to LOB migration must be performed at the table level, BasicFile to SecureFile migration can be performed at the table or partition level. To simplify the migration process, consider using the SecureFiles Migration Utility, provided with Oracle Database 23ai and later releases. It automates this task and saves you the time and effort involved in manually running a series of API calls. It also generates several reports that help you decide which BasicFile LOBs you want to migrate and compress.

Related Topics

- Migrating LOBs with SecureFiles Migration Utility in Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide
- Migrating Columns to SecureFile LOBs in Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide

Turn Off Traditional Auditing in Upgraded Oracle Databases

Traditional Auditing is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai. Oracle recommends that you turn off traditional audit in your database and use only unified auditing.

Unified Auditing and Traditional Auditing (mixed mode) has been the default auditing mode from Oracle Database 12c onward. Mixed mode auditing was offered to enable you to become familiar with Unified Auditing, and to transition from Traditional Auditing. With the deprecation of Traditional Auditing in Oracle Database 21c, and the desupport of Traditional Auditing in 23ai, Oracle recommends that you transition to Unified Auditing. Oracle recommends that you turn off traditional audit in your database and use only unified auditing.

- Understanding Auditing for Oracle Database Decide which audit policies you want to use in the upgraded database.
- Turning Off Traditional Auditing and Using Unified Auditing for Oracle Database Use this procedure for multitenant container (CDB) databases to turn off traditional auditing, and to use unified auditing.
- About Managing Earlier Audit Records After You Move to Unified Auditing Review, archive, and purge earlier audit trails in preparation for using the unified audit trail.
- 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 traditional auditing.

Related Topics

• How the Unified Auditing Migration Affects Individual Audit Features

Understanding Auditing for Oracle Database

Decide which audit policies you want to use in the upgraded database.

For newly created databases, unified auditing is enabled by default. The predefined audit policies ORA_SECURECONFIG and ORA_LOGIN_LOGOUT policies are enabled out-of-box.

Note:

If the database is not writable, then audit records are written to new format operating system files in the <code>\$ORACLE_BASE/audit/\$ORACLE_SID</code> directory.

Related Topics

- Auditing Activities with the Predefined Unified Audit Policies
- Secure Options Predefined Unified Audit Policy

Turning Off Traditional Auditing and Using Unified Auditing for Oracle Database

Use this procedure for multitenant container (CDB) databases to turn off traditional auditing, and to use unified auditing.

Perform the following procedure in the root. The procedure configures both the root CDB and any associated PDBs to use unified auditing.



Note:

Oracle recommends that you start using unified auditing now. It is deprecated in Oracle Database 21c, and desupported in Oracle Database 23ai.

If you need to continue using traditional auditing as a transition, you can disable unified auditing from the container database (CDB) root only, not for individual pluggable databases (PDBs).

However, when unified auditing is disabled, 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.

 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

 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 oracle ORACLE HOME=\$ORACLE HOME

Microsoft Windows

Rename the file <code>%ORACLE_HOME%/bin/orauniaud12.dll.dbl</code> to <code>%ORACLE_HOME%/bin/orauniaud12.dll.</code>

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
```

After you migrate to unified auditing, refer to "LOB Columns of Database Audit Trails should use Securefile Storage (Doc ID 2659172.1)" and review information about the Oracle home script *Oracle_home/rdbms/admin/auditpostupgrade.sql*. To obtain performance benefits of unified auditing, Oracle strongly recommends that you run this script after completing the upgrade.

Related Topics

• LOB Columns of Database Audit Trails should use Securefile Storage (Doc ID 2659172.1)

About Managing Earlier Audit Records After You Move to Unified Auditing

Review, archive, and purge earlier audit trails in preparation for using the unified audit trail.



After you complete the procedure in Oracle Database to turn off traditional auditing and 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.

Related Topics

- Archiving the Audit Trail
- Purging Audit Trail Records

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 traditional auditing.

After upgrading to the new release Oracle Database, if you choose to continue to use traditional auditing, then Oracle documentation and Oracle Technology Network for earlier releases provides information. Be aware that traditional auditing is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai.

Oracle Database Security Guide is the main source of information for auditing. To obtain information about traditional auditing, you must use the Oracle Database Release 11g version of this manual. To access this guide:

1. Visit the database page on docs.oracle.com site on Oracle Technology Network:

https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/index.html

- 2. Select Oracle Database.
- 3. In the Downloads page, select the **Documentation** tab.
- On the release list field, select Earlier Releases, and select Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2).
- 5. From the Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2) Documentation page, select the **All Books** link to display publications in the documentation set.
- 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.

 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;

 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 run 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 run 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 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.

Note:

You can configure AutoUpgrade to perform this task for you. To use AutoUpgrade for this task, specify the configuration file parameter rman_catalog_connect_string, and specify the connect string to the catalog database hosting the RMAN catalog schema. When you run AutoUpgrade, specify the RMAN username and password using the AutoUpgrade command-line parameter load_password with the option group rman. As AutoUpgrade runs, it will prompt you to provide the RMAN username and password, which AutoUpgrade then loads into its keystore, so that AutoUpgrade can connect to the RMAN catalog schema and upgrade the recovery catalog schema.

See Also:

- Maintaining RMAN Backups and Repository Records
- Upgrading the Recovery Catalog
- My Oracle Support RMAN Compatibility Matrix (Doc ID 73431.1)

Upgrading the Time Zone File Version After Upgrading Oracle Database

If the AutoUpgrade preupgrade report instructs you to upgrade the time zone files after completing the database upgrade, and you do not set AutoUpgrade to complete this task for you, then use any of the supported methods to upgrade the time zone file.



By default, AutoUpgrade changes the database time zone to the latest available level. If you don't want the time zone to be upgraded, then you must explicitly set the local parameter timezone upg in your AutoUpgrade configuration file to no. For example:

upg1.timezone_upg=no

Note:

If you explicitly disable the time zone file upgrade in your AutoUpgrade configuration file, then Oracle recommends that you perform this task either as part of your upgrade plan, or at a later point in time.

Related Topics

- Datetime and Time Zone Parameters and Environment Variables
- Primary Note DST FAQ : Updated DST Transitions and New Time Zones in Oracle RDBMS and OJVM Time Zone File Patches (Doc ID 412160.1)

Enabling Disabled Release Update Bug Fixes in the Upgraded Database

Because bug fixes in Release Updates that can cause execution plan changes are disabled, Oracle recommends that you enable the disabled bug fixes that you want to use.

After you upgrade your database, the bug fix patches that can cause execution plan changes included in the Release Updates are installed disabled by default. These bug fixes will not be activated until you enable the fixes. You can either enable these fixes manually, with PFILE or ALTER SYSTEM commands, or you can use the DBMS_OPTIM_BUNDLE package. Starting with AutoUpgrade 19.12, the DBMS_OPTIM_BUNDLE package includes 58 standard fixes. You can now add additional fixes using DBMS_OPTIM_BUNDLE. If you add fixes, then the fixes that you add are run in addition to the default fixes.

Oracle strongly recommends that you enable these disabled patches that you want to use in your production system, and run complete workload performance tests using these patches as part of your upgrade test plan.

For more information about using DBMS_OPTIM_BUNDLE to enable patches that were disabled because they can change execution plans, see *Oracle Database PL/SQL Packages and Types Reference*, and My Oracle Support note 2147007.1.

Related Topics

- DBMS_OPTIM_BUNDLE
- My Oracle Support Doc ID 2147007.1 Managing "installed but disabled" bug fixes in Database Release Updates using DBMS_OPTIM_BUNDLE

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 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 types of upgrades.

- Back Up the Database Oracle strongly recommends that you at least perform a level 1 backup, or if time allows, perform a level 0 backup.
- Run AutoUpgrade Postupgrade Checks If you did not run AutoUpgrade in deploy mode, then run Autoupgrade with the preupgrade parameter, run in postfixups mode.
- Gathering Dictionary Statistics After Upgrading To help to assure good performance, use this procedure to gather dictionary statistics after completing your upgrade.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.



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- 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.
- Migrating Tables from Basic LOBs to SecureFiles
 Oracle recommends that you migrate Basicfile LOB datatype segments to Securefile LOB datatype segments.
- Turn Off Traditional Auditing in Upgraded Oracle Databases Traditional Auditing is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai. Oracle recommends that you turn off traditional audit in your database and use only 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 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 AutoUpgrade preupgrade report instructs you to upgrade the time zone files after completing the database upgrade, and you do not set AutoUpgrade to complete this task for you, then use any of the supported methods to upgrade the time zone file.
- Enabling Disabled Release Update Bug Fixes in the Upgraded Database Because bug fixes in Release Updates that can cause execution plan changes are disabled, Oracle recommends that you enable the disabled bug fixes that you want to use.
- 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

Oracle strongly recommends that you at least perform a level 1 backup, or if time allows, perform a level 0 backup.

Related Topics

Backing Up the Database

Run AutoUpgrade Postupgrade Checks

If you did not run AutoUpgrade in deploy mode, then run Autoupgrade with the preupgrade parameter, run in postfixups mode.



Note:

If you ran AutoUpgrade in deploy mode, then this step was already completed for you, so you do not need to complete it now.

To see how to check your database after upgrades, use the following example.

Example 8-19 Running AutoUpgrade Using Postupgrade Fixup Mode

1. Set the Oracle home environment to the source Oracle Database home:

```
setenv ORACLE HOME /u01/app/oracle/product/12.2.0/dbhome 1
```

2. Set the Oracle System Identifier (SID) to the source Oracle Database SID:

setenv ORACLE SID db122

3. Run AutoUpgrade using the preupgrade parameter in postfixups mode, setting the target home to the target Oracle Database Oracle home. For example:

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -preupgrade "target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/
21.0.0/dbhome 1,dir=/autoupgrade/test/log" -mode postfixups
```

 Check the results of the postfixup script checks in the file postfixups.xml under directory /autoupgrade/test/log/db122/102/postfixups.

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. 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

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

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:

To provide the most correct fixed object statistics for performance tuning, Oracle strongly recommends that you gather baseline statistics at a point when the system is running with a representative workload. For useful results, never run DBMS STATS.GATHER FIXED OBJECTS STATS immediately after the upgrade.

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.

Ensure that your database has run representative workloads, and then 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;
```

Related Topics

Gathering Database Statistics

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. In Oracle Database 21c and later release, the IGNORECASE parameter for the orapwd file is desupported. All newly created password files are case-sensitive. 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.

Upgraded password files from earlier Oracle Database releases can retain original caseinsensitive 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
```

To secure your database, create passwords in a secure fashion. If you have default passwords in your database, then change these 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

- Passwords must be at least eight characters, and passwords such as welcome and oracle are not allowed.
- 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.

Related Topics

- Managing the Complexity of Passwords
- Guidelines for Securing User Accounts and Privileges

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:

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);

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.

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.

Starting in Oracle Database 23ai, the 10G password version is no longer supported.



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 desupported 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.

Note:

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, the SHA-1 verifier introduced with Oracle Database 11g is deprecated.

The salted multi-round SHA-512 password hash (also known as "verifier") introduced with Oracle Database 12c provides enhanced security for your password. If 11g verifiers (11G) are still being used in your database, then Oracle recommends resetting them so they can be upgraded to the 12c (12C) de-optimized PBKDF2-based verifier.

- 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 Only the 10G Password Version

You should remove the 10G password version from the accounts of all users and then ensure that users are using the 11G or later verifiers. If you have already upgraded to release 23ai or later, a user who has only the 10G password version cannot log in to the database, because the



10G password version is no longer supported. An administrator will need to manually reset this user's password.

1. Ensure that all clients have the O5L_NP capability by making ensuring that they have the CPUOct2012 patch.

See Oracle Database Net Services Reference for more information about O5L_NP.

Query the DBA_USERS data dictionary view to find user accounts that have only the 10G verifier.

```
SELECT USERNAME FROM DBA_USERS
WHERE ( PASSWORD_VERSIONS = '10G '
OR PASSWORD_VERSIONS = '10G HTTP ')
AND USERNAME <> 'ANONYMOUS';
```

- **3.** After logging in as an account administrator, change the passwords for these accounts so that both the 11G and 12C verifiers can be provisioned for these accounts. (Because the 10G verifier is desupported, users having only this verifier cannot perform this password-change operation themselves, and an administrative user must reset their password.)
- 4. Send the new password to the users using a secure, out-of-band form of communication, and then ask the user to change the password on their own.

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 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.

Related Topics

Oracle Database New Features

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.

Migrating From Rollback Segments To Automatic Undo Mode

If your database release is earlier than Oracle Database 11*g*, 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.

Related Topics

- Introduction to Large Objects and SecureFiles in Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large
 Objects Developer's Guide
- Migrating Columns to SecureFile LOBs in Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide



See Also:

Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide for information about modifying applications to use LOB data

Migrating Tables from Basic LOBs to SecureFiles

Oracle recommends that you migrate Basicfile LOB datatype segments to Securefile LOB datatype segments.

While online redefinition for LONG to LOB migration must be performed at the table level, BasicFile to SecureFile migration can be performed at the table or partition level. To simplify the migration process, consider using the SecureFiles Migration Utility, provided with Oracle Database 23ai and later releases. It automates this task and saves you the time and effort involved in manually running a series of API calls. It also generates several reports that help you decide which BasicFile LOBs you want to migrate and compress.

Related Topics

- Migrating LOBs with SecureFiles Migration Utility in Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects Developer's Guide
- Migrating Columns to SecureFile LOBs in Oracle Database SecureFiles and Large Objects
 Developer's Guide

Turn Off Traditional Auditing in Upgraded Oracle Databases

Traditional Auditing is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai. Oracle recommends that you turn off traditional audit in your database and use only unified auditing.

Unified Auditing and Traditional Auditing (mixed mode) has been the default auditing mode from Oracle Database 12c onward. Mixed mode auditing was offered to enable you to become familiar with Unified Auditing, and to transition from Traditional Auditing. With the deprecation of Traditional Auditing in Oracle Database 21c, and the desupport of Traditional Auditing in 23ai, Oracle recommends that you transition to Unified Auditing. Oracle recommends that you turn off traditional audit in your database and use only unified auditing.

- Understanding Auditing for Oracle Database Decide which audit policies you want to use in the upgraded database.
- Turning Off Traditional Auditing and Using Unified Auditing for Oracle Database Use this procedure for multitenant container (CDB) databases to turn off traditional auditing, and to use unified auditing.
- About Managing Earlier Audit Records After You Move to Unified Auditing Review, archive, and purge earlier audit trails in preparation for using the unified audit trail.
- 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 traditional auditing.

Related Topics

• How the Unified Auditing Migration Affects Individual Audit Features

Understanding Auditing for Oracle Database

Decide which audit policies you want to use in the upgraded database.



For newly created databases, unified auditing is enabled by default. The predefined audit policies ORA SECURECONFIG and ORA LOGIN LOGOUT policies are enabled out-of-box.

Note:

If the database is not writable, then audit records are written to new format operating system files in the <code>\$ORACLE BASE/audit/\$ORACLE SID</code> directory.

Related Topics

- Auditing Activities with the Predefined Unified Audit Policies
- Secure Options Predefined Unified Audit Policy

Turning Off Traditional Auditing and Using Unified Auditing for Oracle Database

Use this procedure for multitenant container (CDB) databases to turn off traditional auditing, and to use unified auditing.

Perform the following procedure in the root. The procedure configures both the root CDB and any associated PDBs to use unified auditing.

Note:

Oracle recommends that you start using unified auditing now. It is deprecated in Oracle Database 21c, and desupported in Oracle Database 23ai.

If you need to continue using traditional auditing as a transition, you can disable unified auditing from the container database (CDB) root only, not for individual pluggable databases (PDBs).

However, when unified auditing is disabled, 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.



 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

 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 oracle ORACLE HOME=\$ORACLE HOME

Microsoft Windows

```
Rename the file <code>%ORACLE_HOME%/bin/orauniaud12.dll.dbl</code> to <code>%ORACLE_HOME%/bin/orauniaud12.dll</code>.
```

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

After you migrate to unified auditing, refer to "LOB Columns of Database Audit Trails should use Securefile Storage (Doc ID 2659172.1)" and review information about the Oracle home script *Oracle_home/rdbms/admin/auditpostupgrade.sql*. To obtain performance benefits of unified auditing, Oracle strongly recommends that you run this script after completing the upgrade.

Related Topics

• LOB Columns of Database Audit Trails should use Securefile Storage (Doc ID 2659172.1)

About Managing Earlier Audit Records After You Move to Unified Auditing

Review, archive, and purge earlier audit trails in preparation for using the unified audit trail.

After you complete the procedure in Oracle Database to turn off traditional auditing and 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.

Related Topics

- Archiving the Audit Trail
- Purging Audit Trail Records

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 traditional auditing.

After upgrading to the new release Oracle Database, if you choose to continue to use traditional auditing, then Oracle documentation and Oracle Technology Network for earlier releases provides information. Be aware that traditional auditing is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai.

Oracle Database Security Guide is the main source of information for auditing. To obtain information about traditional auditing, you must use the Oracle Database Release 11g version of this manual. To access this guide:

1. Visit the database page on docs.oracle.com site on Oracle Technology Network:

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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

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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.

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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;

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        PDB_NAME
        PDB_GUID

        HR_PDB
        33D96CA7862D53DFE0534DC0E40A7C9B

        ...
        ...
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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:

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5. If the database is in open read write mode, then run the DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.LOAD_UNIFIED_AUDIT_FILES procedure.

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For example, if you want to run 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 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.

Note:

You can configure AutoUpgrade to perform this task for you. To use AutoUpgrade for this task, specify the configuration file parameter rman_catalog_connect_string, and specify the connect string to the catalog database hosting the RMAN catalog schema. When you run AutoUpgrade, specify the RMAN username and password using the AutoUpgrade command-line parameter load_password with the option group rman. As AutoUpgrade runs, it will prompt you to provide the RMAN username and password, which AutoUpgrade then loads into its keystore, so that AutoUpgrade can connect to the RMAN catalog schema and upgrade the recovery catalog schema.



See Also:

- Maintaining RMAN Backups and Repository Records
- Upgrading the Recovery Catalog
- My Oracle Support RMAN Compatibility Matrix (Doc ID 73431.1)

Upgrading the Time Zone File Version After Upgrading Oracle Database

If the AutoUpgrade preupgrade report instructs you to upgrade the time zone files after completing the database upgrade, and you do not set AutoUpgrade to complete this task for you, then use any of the supported methods to upgrade the time zone file.

By default, AutoUpgrade changes the database time zone to the latest available level. If you don't want the time zone to be upgraded, then you must explicitly set the local parameter timezone upg in your AutoUpgrade configuration file to no. For example:

upg1.timezone_upg=no

Note:

If you explicitly disable the time zone file upgrade in your AutoUpgrade configuration file, then Oracle recommends that you perform this task either as part of your upgrade plan, or at a later point in time.

Related Topics

- Datetime and Time Zone Parameters and Environment Variables
- Primary Note DST FAQ : Updated DST Transitions and New Time Zones in Oracle RDBMS and OJVM Time Zone File Patches (Doc ID 412160.1)

Enabling Disabled Release Update Bug Fixes in the Upgraded Database

Because bug fixes in Release Updates that can cause execution plan changes are disabled, Oracle recommends that you enable the disabled bug fixes that you want to use.

After you upgrade your database, the bug fix patches that can cause execution plan changes included in the Release Updates are installed disabled by default. These bug fixes will not be activated until you enable the fixes. You can either enable these fixes manually, with PFILE or ALTER SYSTEM commands, or you can use the DBMS_OPTIM_BUNDLE package. Starting with AutoUpgrade 19.12, the DBMS_OPTIM_BUNDLE package includes 58 standard fixes. You can now add additional fixes using DBMS_OPTIM_BUNDLE. If you add fixes, then the fixes that you add are run in addition to the default fixes.

Oracle strongly recommends that you enable these disabled patches that you want to use in your production system, and run complete workload performance tests using these patches as part of your upgrade test plan.

For more information about using DBMS_OPTIM_BUNDLE to enable patches that were disabled because they can change execution plans, see *Oracle Database PL/SQL Packages and Types Reference*, and My Oracle Support note 2147007.1.



Related Topics

- DBMS_OPTIM_BUNDLE
- My Oracle Support Doc ID 2147007.1 Managing "installed but disabled" bug fixes in Database Release Updates using DBMS_OPTIM_BUNDLE

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)

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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 asmdg2:

ALTER DISKGROUP asmdg2 SET ATTRIBUTE 'compatible.asm' = '19.0.0.0.0'

In this case, the disk group can be managed only by Oracle ASM software of release 19c or later. The version of the databases that can use the disk group is controlled by compatible.rdbms. Before advancing compatible.rdbms, ensure that all databases using the disk group have their compatible.rdbms value set at least to the same value as compatible.asm, or to a higher value.

Note:

To prevent writing data formats or structures to disk that are not compatible with earlier releases, so that downgrades are possible, features that require a higher value of compatible.asm to work correctly may be restricted or disabled, even when you set compatible.rdbms to a higher value.

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Migrating Oracle Database Express Edition to Oracle Database Free

You cannot directly upgrade previous releases of Oracle Database Express Edition (XE), but you can export data from earlier Oracle Database XE releases to Oracle Database 23ai Free

Oracle Database Express Edition (XE) has been replaced by Oracle Database Free. There is no direct upgrade option. You must use Oracle Data Pump to export data files to Oracle Database Free. For more details, refer to the installation guide for your platform.

Related Topics

- Moving from Previous Versions of Oracle Database XE to Database Free (Linux)
- Moving from Previous Versions of Oracle Database XE to Oracle Database Free (Microsoft Windows)

Tasks to Complete After Testing Your Oracle Database Upgrade

After you complete your upgrade testing, you may want to complete additional tasks, depending on your system.

Note:

If you completed your upgrade using the AutoUpgrade utility, then you only have to complete the following:

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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.

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Related Topics

Overview of Initialization Parameter Files in Oracle RAC

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3. Review the output of the ctx_oh_files.sql command, and copy the files to the new Oracle home.

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If you are using Oracle Clusterware, then you must upgrade the Oracle Clusterware keys for the database.

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ORACLE_HOME/bin/srvctl upgrade database -db name -o ORACLE_HOME

Related Topics

Oracle Real Application Clusters Administration and Deployment Guide

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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 authentication 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.

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.

Related Topics

Database Features and Licensing App

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.

Related Topics

Oracle SQL Reserved Words and Keywords

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.

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

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 12*c* 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 12*c* 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 Oracle Call Interface
 (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.

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.

Using image-based installation, you can install Oracle Database Client 64-bit configurations of the Administrator installation type.

32-bit Oracle Database clients are desupported in Oracle Database 23ai.

Oracle has discontinued developing 32-bit Oracle Database clients. Oracle recommends that you use 64-bit Oracle Database clients. If you are using 32-bit applications, then you can continue to use older 32-bit Oracle Database clients, subject to "Client / Server Interoperability Support Matrix for Different Oracle Versions (Doc ID 207303.1)," and the release support lifecycle (My Oracle Support 742060.1).

About Linking Applications with Newer Libraries

You can link the code generated by precompiler applications and Oracle Call Interface (OCI) with a release of the client library that equals or is later than the server release.

The OCI runtime library that you use must either be the same release, or a later release, 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++ Developer's Guide
- Oracle Call Interface Developer's Guide\



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

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 thaqt you want to use.

Related Topics

Oracle Database New 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.

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 The downgrade options you have depend on the original Oracle Database release from which the database was upgraded.
- Prepare to Downgrade a Standby Database with the Primary If you are using an Oracle Data Guard Standby database, then review the procedure you can use to downgrade the standby database with the primary database
- Check COMPATIBLE Parameter when Downgrading Oracle Database If COMPATIBLE has been changed after the upgrade, then it is no longer possible to downgrade an Oracle 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.
- Using Scripts to Downgrade Oracle Database 23ai 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 APEX Use this procedure to avoid INVALID OBJECTS OWNED BY APEX_050000 errors when you downgrade PDBs that contain Oracle APEX (formerly 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

The downgrade options you have depend on the original Oracle Database release from which the database was upgraded.

Releases Supported for Downgrades

You can downgrade a PDB or CDB from Oracle Database 23ai to Oracle Database 21c or Oracle Database 19c. If you upgraded a non-CDB from 19c and converted to a PDB, you can only downgrade to a PDB on Oracle Database 19c. You can't revert the PDB conversion.



Note: Starting with Oracle Database 21c, non-CDB architecture is desupported.

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."

Oracle Database Release or Edition	Downgradable (Yes/No)	Notes
21	Yes	 Install 21c (21.6) Apply Overlay patch p33809904_216000DBRU_Generic.zip Upgrade the DB from 21c to 23ai Run catdwgrd.sql on Target home (23ai) Run catrelod.sql on Source home (21c) 6) Run utlrp.sql on Source home (21c)
19	Yes	No additional information at this time.
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 emdwgrd 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.

Table 10-1 Supported Releases and Editions for Downgrading

Recommendations to Review Before Downgrading

Before you start the downgrade procedure, Oracle recommends that you install the latest Release Update in both Oracle homes (the one that you downgrade from, and the one to which you downgrade) before you downgrade a CDB, or before you unplug and downgrade a PDB.

The latest Release Update Patches are available for download on My Oracle Support. Review "Primary Note for Database Proactive Patch Program (Doc ID 888.1)" on My Oracle Support for your release.

The minimum compatibility setting for Oracle Database 23ai is 19. You cannot downgrade to releases earlier than the minimum compatibility setting for the new Oracle Database release.

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.
- 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

- My Oracle Support Doc ID 888.1
- READ and SELECT Object Privileges in Oracle Database Security Guide

Prepare to Downgrade a Standby Database with the Primary

If you are using an Oracle Data Guard Standby database, then review the procedure you can use to downgrade the standby database with the primary database

You can downgrade a database without breaking the standby database. To downgrade Oracle Database when a physical or logical standby database is present in the Oracle Data Guard configuration, use the procedure for your downgrade scenario as described in " Patching, Upgrading, and Downgrading Databases in an Oracle Data Guard Configuration" in *Oracle Data Guard Concepts and Administration*

Related Topics

- Databases are Fun: Downgrade and Data Guard (Oracle Database 19c)
- Patching, Upgrading, and Downgrading Databases in an Oracle Data Guard Configuration

Check COMPATIBLE Parameter when Downgrading Oracle Database

If COMPATIBLE has been changed after the upgrade, then it is no longer possible to downgrade an Oracle 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:

New installations of Oracle Database 23ai Release Update 23.6 automatically update the COMPATIBLE parameter setting to 23.6.

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.

If time does not allow for you to complete a full level 0 backup, then at least complete a level 1 backup.

Related Topics

Backing Up the Database in Oracle Database Backup and Recovery User's Guide

Using Scripts to Downgrade Oracle Database 23ai

To automate downgrades, Oracle provides the <code>dbdowngrade</code> utility script. When necessary, you can also continue to run <code>catdwgrd.sql</code> manually, as in previous releases.

- Using Dbdowngrade to Downgrade Oracle Databases To an Earlier Release To downgrade to a previous database release, Oracle recommends that you run the downgrade script dbdowngrade.
- Downgrading Oracle Databases 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 to a previous database release, Oracle recommends that you run the downgrade script dbdowngrade.

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. If you prefer to be in control of the number of resources used for a downgrade, then you can run the catdwgrd.sql script manually, as in previous releases. After you downgrade to the earlier database release, you can then appy any release update to that earlier release.

The dbdowngrade shell command is located in the file path <code>\$ORACLE_HOME/bin</code> on Linux and Unix, and <code>%ORACLE_HOME%/bin</code> 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:

- You can downgrade all databases in a multitenant container database (CDB), or one pluggable database (PDB) within a CDB.
- After the COMPATIBLE parameter is increased, database downgrade is not possible.
- You can only downgrade to the release from which you upgraded.
- 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.

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.

 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*

5. 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.

```
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

6. 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"
```

- 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.

8. Start up the database in the lower version Oracle home in Upgrade mode. Run catcon.pl to run catrelod.sql on the CDB.

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catcon.pl -e -n 1 -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.

9. Run the utlrp.sql script to recompile any remaining stored PL/SQL and Java code:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catcon.pl 1 -e -b utlrp -
d $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin utlrp.sql
```

The utlrp.sql script recompiles all existing PL/SQL modules previously in INVALID state, such as packages, procedures, types, and so on. The log file utlrp0.log is generated. That log file lists the recompilation results.

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.



These scripts create log files. If you run dbdowngrade with the -1 filepath, where filepath is the path where you want log files created, then dbdowngrade creates the directory you specify, and places log files there. For example:

```
./dbdowngrade -1 /databases/downgrade/logs
```

If you do not specify a directory for log files, then the log files produced by the downgrade scripts are placed under the first directory found of one of these three options, in order of precedence:

- 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/23.0.0/dbhome_1
```

In this example, the \$ORACLE_BASE directory is /u01/app/oracle/product/23.0.0/ dbhome_1, and the logs are located in /u01/app/oracle/product/23.0.0/dbhome_1/ cfgtoollogs/downgrade. In the directory, the log files are prefixed with the string catdwgrd.

To further manage how the dbdowngrade script runs, you can specify the following additional options:

- -d *directory-path* Specify the directory path, defined by *directory-path*, where you want the catdwgrd.sql file placed
- -e Specify that you want to turn echo off while catdwgrd.sql runs (the default is set to on).
- -n number Specify the number of parallel processes you want the dbdowngrade command to use. By default, the number of processes is equal to the number of CPUs divided by 2 (cpu count/2).
- -b log-file-name-base Specify a different base file name (the value you provide for the variable log-file-name-base) for log files generated by the manual downgrade script catdwgrd. If you do not specify a different base file name, then the default file base name is catdwgrd.
- -h Specify that you want dbdowngrade to display a list of command options. The dbdowngade script then outputs command options to the screen, and exits.

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 <code>\$ORACLE BASE/homes</code>.

Related Topics

Syntax and Parameters for catcon.pl



Downgrading Oracle Databases 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 23ai to Oracle Database 21c 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 21c, non-CDB architecture is desupported. If you upgraded a non-CDB and converted to a PDB, you can only downgrade back to a PDB. It's not possible to revert the non-CDB to PDB conversion. Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, Oracle Label Security is desupported.

- 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.

 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. In case of errors during startup, you can be required to use the PFILE option to specify the location of your initialization parameter file.

```
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. Use the following command to start the downgrade on the CDB, using catdwgrd as the log file base:

```
$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 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 catdgwrd.sq 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.

8. Shut down the instance:

SQL> SHUTDOWN IMMEDIATE

- 9. Exit SQL*Plus.
- **10.** 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.



- 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\INIT*SID*.ORA

The syntax for ORADIM includes the following variables:

Variable	Description		
SID	Same system identifier (SID) name as the SID of the database being downgraded.		
PASSWORD	Password for the database instance. This password is the password for the user connected with SYSDBA privileges. The -INTPWD option is not required. If you are prompted for a password, then use the password for the standard user account for this Windows platform.		
USERS	Maximum number of users that can be granted SYSDBA and SYSOPER privileges.		
ORACLE_HOME	Oracle home directory of the database to which you are downgrading. Ensure that you specify the full path name with the option -PFILE, including the drive letter where the Oracle home directory is mounted.		
	See Oracle Database Administrator's Guide 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



11. 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

- 12. 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.)
- **13.** Start SQL*Plus, and connect to the database instance as a user with SYSDBA privileges.

```
connect / as sysdba
startup upgrade;
alter pluggable database all open upgrade;
```

14. Use catcon.pl to run catrelod.sql on CDB databases.

Example:

```
$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.

15. Shut down and restart the instance for normal operation:

```
SQL> SHUTDOWN IMMEDIATE
SQL> STARTUP
```

You can be required to use the optionPFILE 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

- **16.** 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

17. Run the utlrp.sql script to recompile any remaining stored PL/SQL and Java code.

Use this procedure on the CDB, using log file base utlrp:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/catcon.pl -n 1 -e -b utlrp -
d $ORACLE HOME/rdbms/admin utlrp.sql
```

The utlrp.sql script recompiles all existing PL/SQL modules previously in INVALID state, such as packages, procedures, types, and so on. The log file utlrp0.log is generated. That log file lists the recompilation results.

If you are downgrading back to Oracle Database 19c, and if Oracle APEX (formerly Application Express) exists in the database, then after <code>ultrp.sql</code> completes running, run the script <code>sys.validate_apex</code> to validate the APEX downgrade. You must validate APEX manually only for Oracle Database 19c. For other releases, running <code>sys.validate_apex</code> manually is not required.

18. Exit SQL*Plus.

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.

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;



 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.pl.

Run catdwgrd as follows, where *output-directory* is the output directory, and catdwgrd is the log file base:

```
$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 Oracle Database 23ai CDB:

- 1. Connect to the upgraded CDB.
- 2. Close the PDB that you want to unplug.

```
SQL> alter pluggable database PDB1 close;
```

 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 utlrp in the PDB:

SQL> @\$ORACLE HOME/rdbms/admin/utlrp.sql

The utlrp.sql script recompiles all existing PL/SQL modules that were previously in an INVALID state, such as packages, procedures, types, and so on.

Related Topics

Syntax and Parameters for catcon.pl

Downgrading PDBs That Contain Oracle APEX

Use this procedure to avoid INVALID OBJECTS OWNED BY APEX_050000 errors when you downgrade PDBs that contain Oracle APEX (formerly Application Express).

After you downgrade the PDB to an earlier release, enter a SQL statement similar to the following to drop the Oracle APEX user:, where the log file base is drop apex5:

\$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.
- Reenabling Oracle RAC After Downgrading Oracle Database After the downgrade, you can re-enable Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC).
- Reenabling Oracle Database Vault after Downgrading Oracle Database
 You must do this if you are instructed during the downgrade to disable Oracle Database
 Vault.
- Downgrade the Oracle Grid Infrastructure Configuration for the Database
 After a downgrade. you must change the Oracle Grid Infrastructure registration to start the database release in the earlier release Oracle Database home.



- 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 APEX to the Earlier Release
 After a downgrade, if you upgraded Oracle APEX (formerly Oracle Application Express) at
 the same time as you upgraded Oracle Database, then you must complete steps to revert
 to the earlier 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.
- Checking Validity of Registry Components After Downgrade
 Check the validity of registry components and identify any invalid components.

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. However, if you are in any doubt about whether new patches are installed, then run datapatch. There is no safety concern that prevents you from running datapatch as many times as you require to be certain that patches are applied to the database.

Reenabling Oracle RAC After Downgrading Oracle Database

After the downgrade, you can re-enable Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC).

For downgrades with Oracle RAC databases, where you set <code>CLUSTER_DATABASE=FALSE</code> for the downgrade, you can now set <code>CLUSTER_DATABASE=TRUE</code> again and start with all instances in the RAC cluster.

Reenabling 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 databaseTo use Oracle Database Vault after downgrading, you must register it to reenable it.

Related Topics

Registering Oracle Database Vault



Downgrade the Oracle Grid Infrastructure Configuration for the Database

After a downgrade. you must change the Oracle Grid Infrastructure registration to start the database release in the earlier release Oracle Database home.

Later release Oracle Grid Infrastructure can run earlier Oracle Database releases. Oracle does not recommend that you downgrade Oracle Grid Infrastructure, unless you encounter an issue related specifically to Oracle Grid Infrastructure. However, after you downgrade your Oracle Database release, you must use the command srvctl downgrade database to configure Oracle Clusterware to start the database in the earlier release Oracle home.

To configure Oracle Clusterware to start the database in the earlier release Oracle home, use the following command syntax, where <code>\$LATER_RELEASE_ORACLE_HOME</code> is the path (or environment variable) to the later release Oracle home, <code>old_release_oracle_home</code> is the path to the earlier release Oracle home, and <code>old-release</code> is the earlier release Oracle Database release:

\$LATER_RELEASE_ORACLE_HOME/bin/srvctl downgrade database -d \$ORACLE_UNQNAME o old_release_oracle_home -t old-release

For example:

\$ORACLE_HOME/bin/srvctl downgrade database -d \$ORACLE_UNQNAME -o /u02/app/ oracle/product/19/db 1/ -t 19.0.0

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.

- 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 APEX to the Earlier Release

After a downgrade, if you upgraded Oracle APEX (formerly Oracle Application Express) at the same time as you upgraded Oracle Database, then you must complete steps to revert to the earlier release.

To complete the downgrade of Oracle APEX after a database downgrade, complete all the steps listed in *Oracle APEX Installation Guide* to revert your Oracle APEX 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 APEX at the same time that you upgraded the database.

Related Topics

Oracle APEX 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.
•	DB	on-CDB Oracle Database: Oracle recommends that you use the MS_STATS.GATHER_DICTIONARY_STATS procedure to gather these statistics. For example, Iter 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 -1 /tmp -c
'SALES1' -b gatherstats -- --x"exec dbms stats.gather dictionary stats"

In the preceding example the -c <code>SALES1</code> option specifies a PDB inclusion list for the command that you run, specifying the database named <code>SALES1</code>. The option -b <code>gatherstatsspecifies</code> 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

Checking Validity of Registry Components After Downgrade

Check the validity of registry components and identify any invalid components.

After the downgrade, check the state of the components in the database. If you downgrade a complete CDB, then you can use the CDB_REGISTRY view. You can also check an individual PDB using DBA REGISTRY. Ensure that all components are either VALID or OPTION OFF.

Example 10-1 Check Registry on a CDB with CDB_REGISTRY View

```
set line 200
set pages 1000
col COMP_ID format a8
col COMP_NAME format a34
col SCHEMA format a12
col STATUS format a10
col VERSION format a12
col CON_ID format 99
select CON ID, COMP ID, comp name, schema, status, version from CDB REGISTRY
```

Example 10-2 Check Registry on a PDB with DBA_REGISTRY View

```
set line 200
set pages 1000
col COMP_ID format a8
col COMP_NAME format a34
col SCHEMA format a12
col STATUS format a10
col VERSION format a12
```

```
select COMP_ID, comp_name, schema, status, version from DBA_REGISTRY order by
1;
```

Related Topics

order by 1,2;

- Upgrade Your Database Now! Database Migration from non-CDB to PDB The Component Pitfall
- CHECK_COMPONENTS.SQL Script Displays installed components from DBA_REGISTRY



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 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 10-3 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 trial 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:

5. Identify the unified audit trails:

SQL> CREATE TABLE UA DATA AS (SELECT * FROM UNIFIED AUDIT TRAIL);

6. 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 catdwngrd.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
```

 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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Oracle Database Changes, Desupports, and Deprecations

To assist you with developing a long-term plan for your database patching and upgrades, Oracle provides this list of changes, deprecations and desupports across multiple releases.

This document is updated regularly to reflect information Oracle can provide about releases as they happen, so that you can plan for changes in releases that you plan to move to at a later date. For example, if you are upgrading to Oracle Database 19c, it can be helpful for your long-term planning to be aware of features that have been desupported in a later release, or for which there is a deprecation notice in a later release. In addition, it can be helpful to be aware that security protocols or default parameter settings have changed in a later release, so that you can begin your preparations for that change in your current release well before you want to upgrade to a release where those deprecations or desupports are in effect.

- About Deprecated and Desupported Status
 In addition to new features, Oracle Database releases can modify, deprecate or desupport
 features, and introduce upgrade behavior changes for your database
- Desupported and Deprecated Release Notice Dates
 You can identify the date that a desupport or deprecation notice has been published by using the datestamp on the topic.
- Using the ORADiff Tool to Find Release Changes
 To help you to find changes in parameter defaults, users, roles, and other changes
 between database releases, Oracle recommends that you use Oracle Database Release
 Diff Utility (ORADiff).
- Oracle Database 23ai Behavior Changes, Desupports, and Deprecations Review for descriptions of Oracle Database 23ai release changes.
- Oracle Database 21c Behavior Changes, Desupports, and Deprecations Review for descriptions of Oracle Database 21c release changes.
- Oracle Database 19c Behavior Changes, Desupports, and Deprecations Review for descriptions of Oracle Database 19c release changes.
- Oracle Database 18c Behavior Changes, Desupports, and Deprecations Review for descriptions of Oracle Database 18c release changes.
- Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2) Behavior Changes, Desupports, and Deprecations Review for descriptions of Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2) changes.
- Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1) Behavior Changes, Desupports, and Deprecations Review for descriptions of Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1) changes.

About Deprecated and Desupported Status

In addition to new features, Oracle Database releases 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 the Oracle Database release for which the deprecation notice is published.
- **Desupported** features are features that are no longer supported by fixing bugs related to that feature in the Oracle Database release for which the desupport notice is published. Often, Oracle can choose to remove the code required to use the feature. A deprecated feature can be desupported in the next Oracle Database release.

Desupported and Deprecated Release Notice Dates

You can identify the date that a desupport or deprecation notice has been published by using the datestamp on the topic.

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The text above this sentence is a datestamp. It indicates that this topic was added with the September 2023 update to upgrade guides. Starting with August 2023, Oracle is adding this timestamp to the desupport and deprecation topics.

Using the ORADiff Tool to Find Release Changes

To help you to find changes in parameter defaults, users, roles, and other changes between database releases, Oracle recommends that you use Oracle Database Release Diff Utility (ORADiff).

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The Oracle Database Release Diff Utility (ORADiff) is an Oracle tool that allows you to compare two Oracle Database releases, or between release updates. It reports differences in parameters, privileges, users and roles, reserved words, patch fixes, database homes, objects, and more. It can also be used to obtain an inventory of these items for a particular release. ORAdiff data is refreshed when a new Release Update is released, which is every quarter. You can also generate a report that you can use to identify items that have been removed or changed from your source database release to the target database release. Check it out!

To use ORADiff, you must log in with your Oracle account Single Sign-On (SSO) user.

Related Topics

- ORADiff
- ORAdiff is live compare two Oracle Database and Patch releases
- ORAdiff Find the differences between two Oracle Database releases

Oracle Database 23ai Behavior Changes, Desupports, and Deprecations

Review for descriptions of Oracle Database 23ai release changes.

- Behavior Changes for Oracle Database 23ai Upgrade Planning Review these selected behavior changes to help plan for upgrades to Oracle Database 23ai.
- Desupported Features in Oracle Database 23ai As part of your upgrade plan, review the desupported features in this Oracle Database release.



- Desupported Parameters in Oracle Database 23ai As part of your upgrade plan, review the initialization parameters that are not supported starting with this Oracle Database release.
- Deprecated Features in Oracle Database 23ai
 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 23ai As part of your upgrade plan, review the views that are deprecated starting with this Oracle Database release.
- Deprecated Parameters in Oracle Database 23ai
 As part of your upgrade plan, review the initialization parameters listed here that are deprecated starting with this Oracle Database release.

Behavior Changes for Oracle Database 23ai Upgrade Planning

Review these selected behavior changes to help plan for upgrades to Oracle Database 23ai.

Behavior changes can include default changes for parameters or features, product name changes, and other changes to the database configuration that may require your attention.

- Oracle Database Release Number Changes The data provided in VERSION, VERSION_LEGACY and VERSION_FULL release number values are updated in Oracle Database 23ai.
- Oracle Spatial and Obsolete Objects
 If you previously used Oracle Multimedia or Oracle Locator for media objects, then Oracle
 Spatial is installed during the upgrade to Oracle Database 23ai if MDSYS-owned Locator
 objects exist in the database.
- REST APIs for AutoUpgrade

To facilitate safe and secure remote use of the AutoUpgrade utility for Oracle Database upgrades, AutoUpgrade now provides REST APIs (ORDS and OCI).

- XML JSON Search Index Enhancements Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, enhancements to JSON search can be a factor in your upgrade planning.
- SQL/JSON Function JSON_VALUE With a Boolean JSON Value Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, the data type BOOLEAN is added to Oracle SQL. This feature extends SQL/JSON operators to allow returning a BOOLEAN value or accepting one
- Migrate from Non-AES Algorithms in FIPS Before Upgrade
 If you use Transparent Data Encryption (TDE), then you must migrate your source database to AES encryption before starting your upgrade to Oracle Database 23ai.
- Oracle OLAP Deprecation Extended Analytic workspaces, the OLAP DML programming language, financial reporting, and the OLAP Java API continue to be deprecated in Oracle Database 23ai.
- About Read-Only Oracle Homes With Oracle Database 23ai, an Oracle home is available in read/write mode by default. However, you can choose to configure an Oracle home in read-only mode after you have performed a software-only Oracle Database installation.
- SYSDATE and SYSTIMESTAMP Reflect PDB Time Zone Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, SYSDATE and SYSTIMESTAMP can be managed separately for each database, following the individual database time zone setting.



- Oracle Spatial GeoRaster JPEG Compression on 4-band Raster Blocks Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, JPEG compression on Oracle Spatial GeoRaster object can only be applied on 1-band and 3-band raster blocks.
- Document-Identifier Field Names for Duality Views Requirements Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, release update 23.4, when you are using duality views, the document-identifier field name must be id.
- BIGFILE Is the Default for SYSAUX, SYSTEM, and USER Tablespaces Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, newly created databases use BIGFILE as the default for the SYSTEM, SYSAUX, and USER tablespaces.
- Terminal Release of Stored Outlines
 Oracle Database 23ai is the terminal release of stored outlines. Migrate all stored outlines to SQL plan baselines.

Oracle Database Release Number Changes

The data provided in VERSION, VERSION_LEGACY and VERSION_FULL release number values are updated in Oracle Database 23ai.

Base Version release

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 2023 has the major release version of 23, and thus its version release is 23.0.0.0. This base version release number is not updated over the course of the release. You can identify the base release by logging in to SQL*Plus and entering SELECT BANNER FROM V\$VERSION to see the release displayed. This is the value associated with the COMPATIBLE initialization parameter.

Version Full release

The version_full releases are categorized by five numeric segments separated by periods, which designate the base database release, the release update, the refresh of the release update, the release month, and the release year. This value is visible in trace files. You can see the difference in the following example, comparing the same SQL command output between Oracle Database 23ai and 19c. In the Oracle Database 23ai output, the VERSION_FULL value provides the base release (23), the release update (4), the refresh of the release update (0), and the year and month (24.03), while the Oracle Database 19c output for VERSION_FULL indicates only the base release and the release update (19.8):

SQL> select INSTANCE NAME, VERSION, VERSION LEGACY, VERSION FULL from v\$instance;

INSTANCE_NAME	VERSION	VERSION_LEGACY	VERSION_FULL
orcl	23.0.0.0.0	23.0.0.0.0	23.4.0.24.03

```
19c
```

SQL> select INSTANCE_NAME, VERSION, VERSION_LEGACY, VERSION_FULL from v\$instance;

INSTANCE_NAME	VERSION	VERSION_LEGACY	VERSION_FULL
orcl19800	19.0.0.0.0	19.0.0.0.0	19.8.0.0.0



Related Topics

About Oracle Database Release Numbers

Oracle Spatial and Obsolete Objects

If you previously used Oracle Multimedia or Oracle Locator for media objects, then Oracle Spatial is installed during the upgrade to Oracle Database 23ai if MDSYS-owned Locator objects exist in the database.

If Oracle Spatial is not needed, then to avoid triggering a Spatial installation during upgrade, remove Locator objects before you start the upgrade. To remove Oracle Spatial, run <code>\$ORACLE HOME/md/admin/deinssdo.sql</code> in the earlier release Oracle home.

If Oracle Spatial is needed, then to reduce downtime, install Oracle Spatial manually before starting the upgrade. To install Oracle Spatial, run <code>\$ORACLE_HOME/md/admin/mdinst.sql</code> in the earlier release Oracle home.

- For upgrades to Oracle Database 21c, if the MDSYS schema existed in the database, but Oracle Spatial (SDO) did not, then Oracle Locator (LCTR) was installed into the database registry.
- During upgrades to Oracle Database 23ai, Oracle Multimedia (ORDIM) is removed. LCTR is also removed if it exists in the database registry. If Locator objects in the MDSYS schema exist in the database, and SDO does not, then SDO is installed.
- If you downgrade from Oracle Database 23ai, then ORDIM is not restored as part of the downgrade.
- If you downgrade from Oracle Database 23ai to Oracle Database 21c, then LCTR is reinstalled.
- If you are plugging in a lower version non-CDB or PDB with ORDIM, or LCTR, or both in its database registry into a target 23ai CDB where SDO is not installed, then install SDO in the Oracle Database 23ai CDB\$ROOT before the plugin.

Related Topics

- Changes in This Release for Oracle Spatial and Graph Developer's Guide
- Pitfall: Upgrade to 21c fails when ORDIM is Present but no SDO
- My Oracle Support Doc ID 2555923.1

REST APIs for AutoUpgrade

To facilitate safe and secure remote use of the AutoUpgrade utility for Oracle Database upgrades, AutoUpgrade now provides REST APIs (ORDS and OCI).

The Oracle REST Data Services (ORDS) database API is a database management and monitoring REST API embedded into Oracle REST Data Services. The Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI) REST API is enabled by configuring the REST Adapter connection to use the OCI Signature Version 1 security policy. You can now use these features to run AutoUpgrade upgrades remotely over SSH. AutoUpgrade 22 and later versions support the use of the AutoUpgrade REST APIs.

Related Topics

https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/oracle/oracle-database/19/dbrst/

XML JSON Search Index Enhancements

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, enhancements to JSON search can be a factor in your upgrade planning.

After you complete upgrade testing, to take advantage of the XML Search Index enhancements introduced in Oracle Database 23ai, you may want to plan to recreate your Oracle Text indexes and JSON Search Indexes after you update the COMPATIBLE parameter to 23.0.0.0. However, there are no functionality changes to existing XQuery Full Text Indexes. These indexes will remain usable even after updating your COMPATIBLE setting.

After updating your COMPATIBLE parameter setting, existing JSON Search Indexes will be treated as including all available paths. Existing JSON Search Indexes that you do not recreate will remain usable. Path-aware JSON Search Indexes were introduced in Oracle Database 21c, so upgrade changes to JSON Search Indexes to enable path awareness are already handled as part of the upgrade to Oracle Database 21c. The XML Search Index and INCLUDE path clause features introduced with Oracle Database 23ai will require the database compatible setting to be set to 23.0.0.0.

The indexing syntax you used in previous releases continues to be usable. However, syntax introduced with Oracle Database 23ai for existing indexing features will also become available, even with no compatibility setting change. However, for JSON Search Indexes, the VALUE mode and path-subsetting features will only be available after you create the index on a JSON type column.

After you upgrade COMPATIBLE to 23.0.0.0, downgrade of the database is prevented in the following scenarios:

- In the presence of XML Search Indexes
- In the presence of XML or JSON Search Indexes using path-subsetting.

SQL/JSON Function JSON_VALUE With a Boolean JSON Value

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, the data type BOOLEAN is added to Oracle SQL. This feature extends SQL/JSON operators to allow returning a BOOLEAN value or accepting one as input.

After you update the COMPATIBLE parameter to 23.0.0.0, SQL/JSON path-expression item methods boolean() and booleanOnly() now return a SQL BOOLEAN value. This means that, in a query that has json_value semantics, a value produced by the item method is of type BOOLEAN by default: the value is handled as if it were controlled by a json_value RETURNING clause of type BOOLEAN.

In earlier releases, these methods returned a VARCHAR2 (20) value 'true' or 'false'. If you need to obtain a VARCHAR2 value (for compatibility reasons, for example), then you can wrap the value with SQL function to char.

Related Topics

 Oracle Database JSON Developer's GuideUsing SQL/JSON Function JSON_VALUE With a Boolean JSON Value

Migrate from Non-AES Algorithms in FIPS Before Upgrade

If you use Transparent Data Encryption (TDE), then you must migrate your source database to AES encryption before starting your upgrade to Oracle Database 23ai.

In Oracle Database 23ai, when you use Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) configured for the Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS), only Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) ciphers AES-128, AES-192, and AES-256 are allowed. If your source Oracle Database is configured for the FIPS mode, and it is using any other algorithms to encrypt a column or a tablespace, then the column and tablespace must be rekeyed using AES before upgrade.

If you upgrade your source database and it is using desupported algorithms for encryption, then the upgraded database will either fail to start up, or encrypted tablespaces will not be available, because the database cannot decrypt tablespace keys. In that case, Oracle recommends that you downgrade your database, upgrade your encryption keys to the supported AES ciphers, and then restart the upgrade.

Oracle OLAP Deprecation Extended

Analytic workspaces, the OLAP DML programming language, financial reporting, and the OLAP Java API continue to be deprecated in Oracle Database 23ai.

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Be aware that OLAP will not be supported beyond the term of the current release (Oracle Database 23ai) premier support. Oracle strongly recommends that you do not start new projects using OLAP and begin migrating applications using OLAP to alternatives now. If your application requires an in-database dimensional model, then consider using Oracle Analytic Views. Analytic views provide a dimensional semantic model, calculations, and query semantics using data in Oracle Database. When used with columnar tables, analytic views provide query performance similar to the OLAP Option. If your application requires support for advanced dimensional analytics, what-if analysis, or forecasting, then consider Oracle Essbase. Oracle Essbase is a multidimensional database management system with support for complex dimensional business analytics.

About Read-Only Oracle Homes

With Oracle Database 23ai, an Oracle home is available in read/write mode by default. However, you can choose to configure an Oracle home in read-only mode after you have performed a software-only Oracle Database installation.

A read-only Oracle Home simplifies provisioning by implementing separation of installation and configuration.

In a read-only Oracle home, all the configuration data and log files reside outside of the readonly Oracle home.

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

Note:

This feature does not affect how database administrators monitor, diagnose, and tune their system performance.

SYSDATE and SYSTIMESTAMP Reflect PDB Time Zone

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, SYSDATE and SYSTIMESTAMP can be managed separately for each database, following the individual database time zone setting.

To increase the applicability and transparency of multitenant for even more consolidations of independent databases, pluggable databases (PDBs) can now be managed individually for databases in container databases (CDBs). All user-visible operations and internal functions (for example, Oracle Scheduler or Oracle Flashback technology) adhere to this setting.

In previous releases, the SYSDATE and SYSTIMESTAMP settings were centrally managed, following the operating system level of the database host. With this update, Oracle Multitenant enables an Oracle Database to consolidate multiple pluggable databases as self-contained databases, improving resource utilization and database management. If you do not change your initialization parameters after the upgrade, then the default remains, and all pluggable databases inherit the system time from the operating system.

Related Topics

• TIME_AT_DBTIMEZONE

Oracle Spatial GeoRaster JPEG Compression on 4-band Raster Blocks

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, JPEG compression on Oracle Spatial GeoRaster object can only be applied on 1-band and 3-band raster blocks.

If you have any GeoRaster objects that have 4-band raster blocks, then you must reblock the objects to 1-band or 3-band raster blocks before applying the JPEG compression. If you have any GeoRaster objects that have JPEG compression on 4-band raster blocks in previous releases, then you must reblock them to 1-band or 3-band raster blocks before upgrading to Oracle Database 23ai.

Related Topics

My Oracle Support Doc ID 2960620.1

Document-Identifier Field Names for Duality Views Requirements

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, release update 23.4, when you are using duality views, the document-identifier field name must be _id.

The name _id is the required (and only) document identifier that you can use for duality views. Duality views that do not use the _id identifier field will fail. This restriction applies with Oracle Database 23ai (23.4) and later updates.

Related Topics

 "Document-Identifier Fields for Duality Views" in JSON-Relational Duality Developer's Guide

BIGFILE Is the Default for SYSAUX, SYSTEM, and USER Tablespaces

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, newly created databases use BIGFILE as the default for the SYSTEM, SYSAUX, and USER tablespaces.

A **bigfile** tablespace is a tablespace with a single, but large datafile. Traditional small file tablespaces (smallfile), in contrast, typically contain multiple datafiles, but the files cannot be as large. Making SYSAUX, SYSTEM and USER tablespaces bigfile tablespaces by default will



benefit large databases by reducing the number of datafiles, thereby simplifying datafile, tablespace and overall global database management for users.

Terminal Release of Stored Outlines

Oracle Database 23ai is the terminal release of stored outlines. Migrate all stored outlines to SQL plan baselines.

Stored outlines were deprecated in Oracle Database 11g. Oracle is preparing to discontinue further support for stored outlines. Alternative functionality is provided using SQL Plan Management baselines, which provide numerous enhancements.

Desupported Features in Oracle Database 23ai

As part of your upgrade plan, review the desupported features in this Oracle Database release.

- ODP.NET OracleConfiguration.DirectoryType Property and .NET Configuration File DIRECTORY_TYPE Setting Desupported
- Original Export Utility (EXP) Desupported The original Oracle Database Export (exp) utility is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai.
- MySQL Client Library Driver for Oracle Desupported
- ACFSUTIL REPL REVERSE Desupported
- Cluster Domain Domain Services Cluster Desupported
- DBSNMP Packages for Adaptive Thresholds Feature Desupported DBSNMP PL/SQL packages associated with the Adaptive Thresholds feature are desupported in Oracle Database 23ai.
- Policy-Managed Database Deployment Desupported The policy-managed database deployment option is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai.
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ODP.NET OracleConfiguration.DirectoryType Property and .NET Configuration File DIRECTORY_TYPE Setting Desupported

The Oracle Data Provider for .NET DirectoryType property that is part of the OracleConfiguration class is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai. Date: April 2023

The .NET configuration file DIRECTORY_SERVER_TYPE setting replaces the DIRECTORY_TYPE setting. The OracleConfiguration DirectoryServerType property replaces the DirectoryType property. All of these properties have identical functionality. Oracle recommends to developers to use and migrate to the DirectoryServerType property. The DirectoryServerType name better aligns with the ldap.ora parameter, DIRECTORY_SERVER_TYPE, which provides equivalent functionality.



Original Export Utility (EXP) Desupported

The original Oracle Database Export (exp) utility is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: April 2023

Oracle recommends that you use Oracle Data Pump Export (expdp).

MySQL Client Library Driver for Oracle Desupported

The MySQL Client Library Driver for Oracle is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai. **Date: April 2023**

The MySQL Client library driver, liboramysql, was deprecated in Oracle Database 21c. It is now desupported. There is no replacement. This desupport does not affect the ability of older Oracle Database Client releases that use liboramysql to connect to the database. However, the features available to use through these clients eventually can be limited.

ACFSUTIL REPL REVERSE Desupported

The acfsutil repl reverse command is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai. Use repl failover or repl switchover instead.

Date: April 2023

The Oracle Automatic Cluster File System (ACFS) command utility acfsutil includes the commands repl failover and repl switchover. These commands provide more functionality, including all the functions of acfsutil repl reverse. For this reason, Oracle is desupporting the acfsutil repl reverse command.

Cluster Domain - Domain Services Cluster Desupported

Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 23ai, Domain Services Clusters (DSC), which is part of the Oracle Cluster Domain architecture, are desupported. **Date: April 2023**

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 desupported in Oracle Database 23ai. 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.

DBSNMP Packages for Adaptive Thresholds Feature Desupported

DBSNMP PL/SQL packages associated with the Adaptive Thresholds feature are desupported in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: April 2023

Beginning with Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control 13.5, all features of Database Server Adaptive Thresholds and Baseline Metric Thresholds are removed for all Oracle Database targets. The following database server side packages that support this feature are longer available: DBSNMP.BSLN, DBSNMP.BSLN_INTERNAL. DBSNMP.MGMT_RESPONSE continues to be supported. For more information about this deprecation and desupport, refer to My Oracle Support 2697846.1

Policy-Managed Database Deployment Desupported

The policy-managed database deployment option is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: April 2023

Policy-managed databases were deprecated in Oracle Database 21c, and admin-managed database deployment was enhanced with functions similar to policy managed databases. By converging the automation provided by policy-managed database with the consistency of an admin-managed database, Oracle seeks to simplify database management tasks for database administrators. This converged database deployment provides the best of both options, such as providing the options to rank and define the order of database startup, without requiring you to choose a specific style during deployment.

Enterprise User Security User Migration Utility Desupport

Starting with Database 23ai, the User Migration Utility (UMU) part of Enterprise User Security (EUS) is desupported.

Date: April 2023

There is no workaround.

Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Express Desupported

Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Express (EM Express) is desupported in Oracle Database Release 23ai.

Date: April 2023

EM Express is a web-based database management tool that is built inside Oracle Database. It supports key performance management and basic database administration functions. EM Express was deprecated in Oracle Database 21c. Many of EM Express's capabilities are now available in Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI) Database Management service, Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control, or Oracle SQL Developer.

Instead of EM Express, Oracle recommends that you choose a tool that fits the requirements and deployment type (cloud, on-premises, or hybrid) from OCI Database Management service, Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control or Oracle SQL Developer Web or Oracle SQL Developer desktop products.

Oracle Wallet Manager (OWM) Desupported

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, the Oracle Wallet Manager (OWM) is desupported.

Date: April 2023

 $Oracle\ recommends\ using\ the\ {\tt orapki}\ command\ line\ tool\ to\ replace\ OWM.$

RASADM Desupported

The Real Application Security GUI administration tool (RASADM) is desupported with Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: April 2023



RASADM is no longer supported for use with Oracle Database 23ai. Oracle recommends that you use the RAS PL/SQL API which includes all the functionality of RASADM.

Oracle Label Security Parameters and Functions Desupported

Oracle Label Security (OLS) parameters and functions that were deprecated in Oracle Database 12c are desupported in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: April 2023

These previously deprecated OLS parameters and functions have alternate parameters that can be used.

The following OLS functions and parameters are desupported:

Least_UBOUND. Use ols_GREATEST_LBOUND instead. LUBD. Use ols_GLBD instead. DOMINATES. Use the ols_DOMINATES standalone function instead. DOM. Use the ols_STRICTLY_DOMINATES standalone function instead. STRICTLY_DOMINATES. Use the ols_STRICTLY_DOMINATES standalone function instead. S_DOM. Use the ols_STRICTLY_DOMINATES standalone function instead. DOMINATED_BY. Use the ols_DOMINATED_BY standalone function instead. DOM_BY. Use the ols_DOMINATED_BY standalone function instead. STRICTLY_DOMINATED_BY. Use the OLS_STRICTLY_DOMINATED_BY standalone function instead. STRICTLY_DOMINATED_BY. Use the OLS_STRICTLY_DOMINATED_BY standalone function instead.

S_DOM_BY. Use the OLS_STRICTLY_DOMINATED_BY standalone function instead.

Also, the OLS standalone function SA_UTL.DOMINATES boolean datatype is desupported. The SA_UTL.DOMINATES function that uses the NUMBER datatype is not deprecated.

For reference about alternatives see: Oracle Label Security Administrator's Guide Deprecated Features

Oracle Internet Directory with Oracle Label Security Desupported

The integration of Oracle Internet Directory (OID) with Oracle Label Security (OLS) is desupported with Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: April 2023

The use of OID to store OLS policies and labels is desupported with Oracle Database 23ai. No replacement for this feature is planned. If you are using this feature, then you must create a custom method to copy and store this information.

Granting Administrative Privilege to RADIUS Users Desupported

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, users authenticating to the database using the legacy RADIUS API no longer are granted administrative privileges.

Date: April 2023

In previous releases, users authenticating with RADIUS API could be granted administrative privileges such as SYSDBA or SYSBACKUP. In Oracle Database 23ai, Oracle introduces a new RADIUS API that uses the latest standards. To grant administrative privileges to users, ensure the database connection to the database uses the new RADIUS API, and that you are using the Oracle Database 23ai client to connect to the Oracle Database 23ai server.



Transparent Data Encryption PKI Keys Desupported

Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) public key infrastructure (PKI) keys are desupported with Oracle Database 23ai

Date: April 2023

The deprecation of TDE PKI keys was announced with Oracle Database 12c. Oracle recommends using one of the current TDE keys instead. Follow the documentation to rekey your database with a new TDE key before upgrading the Oracle Database 23ai. If the upgrade script detects PKI keys used with TDE, then the script will stop and notify you to rekey the TDE Master Key before upgrade.

Related Topics

• Setting or Rekeying the TDE Master Encryption Key in the Keystore

GOST and SEED TDE Cryptographic Encryption Algorithms Desupported

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, the Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) encryption libraries for the GOST and SEED algorithms are desupported and removed. The GOST and SEED decryption libraries are deprecated. Both are removed on HP Itanium platforms.

Date: April 2023

GOST 28147-89 has been deprecated by the Russian government, and SEED has been deprecated by the South Korean government. If you need South Korean government-approved TDE cryptography, then use ARIA instead. If you are using GOST 28147-89, then you must decrypt and encrypt with another supported TDE algorithm. The decryption algorithms for GOST 28147-89 and SEED are included with Oracle Database 23ai, but are deprecated, and the GOST encryption algorithm is desupported with Oracle Database 23ai. If you are using GOST or SEED for TDE encryption, then Oracle recommends that you perform an online rekey operation before upgrading to Oracle Database 23ai. However, with the exception of the HP Itanium platform, the GOST and SEED decryption libraries are available with Oracle Database 23ai, so you can also decrypt after upgrading.

Oracle Database 10G Password Verifier Desupported

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, the 10G database password verifier is desupported.

Date: April 2023

The database password verifier for Oracle Database 10g, 10G is no longer supported or available on Oracle Database 23ai. Refer to the database upgrade guide preinstallation chapters for information about how to identify the Oracle Database 10G database password verifiers, and how to update the database user to use the latest and most secure database password verifier cryptography.

Parameters associated with the 10G verifiers were desupported with Oracle Database 21c:

- IGNORECASE
- SEC CASE SENSITIVE LOGON

The 11G and 12C verifiers were the default password verifiers starting with Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2). The following related parameter values are also desupported:

SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER values of 8, 9, 10 and 11 are now removed (12 and 12a remain).



• SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_CLIENT value of 11 is now removed (12 and 12a remain).

In addition, note the following:

- Patched 10g and 11g clients using the 12c verifier will continue to work.
- Client capabilities listed in the Database Net Services Reference are modified.
- O3L, O4L, and O5L client capabilities are removed from the client capabilities table.

Transport Layer Security versions 1.0 and 1.1 Desupported

Starting with Database 23ai, the use of Transport Layer Security protocol versions 1.0 and 1.1 are desupported.

Date: April 2023

In most cases, this change will not have any impact, because the database client and server will negotiate the use of the most secure protocol and cipher algorithm. However, if TLS 1.0 or 1.1 has been specified, then you must either remove it to allow the database server and client to pick the most secure protocol, or you must specify either TLS 1.2, or TLS 1.3, or both, for the protocol. Oracle recommends using the latest, most secure protocol. That protocol is TLS 1.3, which is introduced with Oracle Database 23ai.

Unix Crypt (MD5crypt) Password Verifier Desupported

The Unix Crypt (MD5crypt) password verifier algorithm is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai server and clients.

Date: April 2023

Enterprise User Security (EUS) customers with users in Oracle Internet Directory (OID) potentially can be using older, less secure password verifiers generated by Unix Crypt, either by OID, or by the operating system, before they were migrated to OID. Compared to current methods to hash the password, Unix Crypt is a less secure algorithm. Oracle Database can no longer authenticate EUS or OID users with the older password verifiers. Oracle recommends that you reset passwords in OID now, using newer, more secure hashing algorithms.

FIPS Strength 80 Encryption Desupported

FIPS encryption strength 80 is desupported with the release of Oracle Database 23ai. Use FIPS encryption strength 112 instead.

Date: April 2023

FIPS encryption strength 80 is equivalent to the 1024 key lengths for RSA, Diffie-Hellman (DH), and Digital Signature Algorithm (DSA). The lower strength 0 (RSA/DH/DSA 512 key length) was desupported for FIPS use with Oracle Database 21c. The only remaining FIPS encryption strength supported for Oracle Database 23ai is 112 (RSA/DH/DSA 2048 key length). The encryption strength of 80 and 0 are still available for non-FIPS use. Oracle recommends that you use FIPS 112, because FIPS encryption strength 112 is much stronger than FIPS encryption strength 80, and the longer key lengths are used with Oracle Database 23ai.

Diffie-Hellman Anonymous Ciphers Desupported

The use of Diffie-Hellman anonymous ciphers (DH anon) is desupported with Oracle Database 23ai for both outbound connections and for database client/server connections.

Date: April 2023

Removing the DH anon ciphers improves the security for Oracle Database connections.

The following 3 ciphers are desupported with Oracle Database 23ai:

- TLS_DH_ANON_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384
- TLS DH ANON WITH AES 128 GCM SHA256
- SSL_DH_ANON_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA

If you are an Enterprise User Security (EUS) customer, then you must confirm that you are using server-based TLS authentication in your OID connections. For database client/server connections, you should allow the server and client to negotiate for the strongest possible connection. If a DH anon cipher was specified, then you must remove that cipher, and the database server must be authenticated for a 1-way TLS connection.

Oracle Database Extensions for .NET Desupported

Oracle Database Extensions for .NET is desupported. Oracle recommends that you either place .NET code in the middle tier, or use the External Procedures feature, or rewrite the code using PL/SQL or Java.

Date: April 2023

Oracle Database Extensions for .NET is a feature of Oracle Database on Microsoft Windows that enables you to use stored procedures and functions written in a language managed by .NET, such as C#.

Oracle Database hosts the Microsoft Common Language Runtime (CLR) in an external process, outside of the Oracle Database process. Application developers can write stored procedures and functions using any .NET compliant language, such as C# and VB.NET, and use these .NET stored procedures in the database, in the same manner as other PL/SQL or Java stored procedures. .NET stored procedures can be called from PL/SQL packages, procedures, functions, and triggers; from SQL statements; or from anywhere a PL/SQL procedure or function can be called.

Migration options include:

- Moving the .NET code (assemblies) into a middle tier
- Using the External Procedures feature to have the external process load and execute the .NET assembly
- Rewriting the stored procedures using PL/SQL or Java

Quality of Service Management Desupported

Starting with Oracle Database Release 23ai, Oracle Quality of Service Management (QoSM, or QoS Management) is desupported.

Date: April 2023

Oracle QoSM automates the workload management for an entire system by adjusting the system configuration based on predefined policies to keep applications running at the performance levels needed. Applications and databases are increasingly deployed in systems that provide some of the resource management capabilities of QoSM. At the same time, Oracle's Autonomous Health Framework has been enhanced to adjust and provide



recommendations to mitigate events and conditions that impact the health and operational capability of a system and its associated components. For those reasons, QoSM and its Memory Guard feature are desupported with Oracle Database 23ai.

Traditional Auditing Desupported

Traditional auditing is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai. Oracle recommends that you use unified auditing.

Date: April 2023

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, unified auditing is the way forward to perform Oracle Database auditing. Unified auditing offers more flexibility to perform selective and effective auditing, which helps you focus on activities that really matter to your enterprise. Unified auditing has one single and secure unified trail, conditional policy for audit selectivity, and default preconfigured policies for simplicity. To improve security and compliance, Oracle strongly recommends that you use unified auditing.

Related Topics

• Handling the Desupport of Traditional Auditing

Desupport of config.sh

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, the Oracle Grid Infrastructure Configuration Wizard tool (config.sh) is desupported. Use gridSetup.sh instead.

Date: April 2023

With the introduction of image-based Oracle Grid Infrastructure installation, the config.sh functionality has become obsolete. The gridSetup.sh script supports the response file functionality previously used with config.sh.

OLS Table LABELS Column Desupport

The LABELS column in the ALL_SA_USER_LABELS and DBA_SA_USER_LABELS OLS tables is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: April 2023

The LABELS column was previously deprecated for Oracle Label Security (OLS), because it duplicates information available in the other columns. This change improves the usability of these tables, because you no longer need to choose which column you should reference.

Desupport of 32-Bit Oracle Database Clients

32-bit Oracle Database clients are desupported in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: April 2023

Oracle has discontinued developing 32-bit Oracle Database clients. Oracle recommends that you use 64-bit Oracle Database clients. If you are using 32-bit applications, then you can continue to use older 32-bit Oracle Database clients, subject to "Client / Server Interoperability Support Matrix for Different Oracle Versions (Doc ID 207303.1)," and the release support lifecycle (My Oracle Support 742060.1).



Related Topics

- Client / Server Interoperability Support Matrix for Different Oracle Versions (Doc ID 207303.1)
- Release Schedule of Current Database Releases (Doc ID 742060.1)

Desupport of Oracle GoldenGate Replication for Oracle Globally Distributed Database High Availability

The use of Oracle GoldenGate Replication for Shard-Level High Availability in Oracle Globally Distributed Database (formerly known as Oracle Sharding) is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: April 2023

Grid Infrastructure Management Repository (GIMR) Desupported

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, the use of Grid Infrastructure Management Repository (GIMR) is desupported.

Date: July 2023

Oracle is using another repository to store metadata. The use of GIMR is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai. This transition is planned so that there will be no effect on features using GIMR (GIMR clients), such as Oracle Autonomous Health Framework (AHF), Cluster Health Monitor (CHM), Oracle Cluster Health Advisor (CHA), or Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning (FPP).

Data Recovery Advisor (DRA) Desupport

Starting in Oracle Database 23ai, the Data Recovery Advisor (DRA) feature is desupported.

Date: July 2023

The desupport of DRA includes desupporting the following Oracle Recovery Manager (RMAN) commands: LIST FAILURE, ADVISE FAILURE, REPAIR FAILURE, and CHANGE FAILURE. Database administrators will no longer have access to these commands. There is no replacement feature for DRA.

DBUA and Manual Upgrade Methods Desupported

AutoUpgrade and Replay Upgrade are the only supported method for upgrading to Oracle Database 23ai. All other methods, including Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA), are desupported.

Date: July 2023

Except for AutoUpgrade and Replay Upgrade, all other methods for upgrading are desupported for upgrades and migrations to Oracle Database 23ai, including Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA) and the Parallel Upgrade Utility (dbupgrade or catctl.pl). This desupport notice applies to upgrades whether they are done on-premises, in any cloud, or in a hybrid approach. Oracle AutoUpgrade or Replay Upgrade are the only supported tools to upgrade Oracle Database, with or without a migration to the multitenant (CDB) architecture.

Related Topics

AutoUpgrade Tool (Doc ID 2485457.1)



Desupport of Oracle Data Masking and Subsetting with Oracle Real Application Testing

The integration of data masking with Oracle Real Application Testing is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: November 2023

For testing, Oracle recommends that you keep the test database in the production realm for security, but create user accounts for testing that cannot access your data to run both SQL Performance Analyzer (SPA) trials and Database Replay.

Desupport of Shared Grid Naming Service Option for Addresses

The Shared GNS option of Grid Naming Service for name resolution in a cluster is desupported in Oracle Grid Infrastructure 23ai.

Date: December 2023

The Shared GNS name resolution option is a daemon running on one cluster that is configured to provide name resolution for all clusters in domains that are delegated to GNS for resolution, which can be centrally managed using SRVCTL commands. Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, both the option of using role to specify a primary or secondary role for GNS and the option of using Shared GNS are discontinued as deployment options. Existing configurations using these features will still work after upgrade, but they will not be available for new GNS deployments. Oracle recommends that you use your own DNS to configure client connections to Oracle Grid Infrastructure.

DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.FLUSH_UNIFIED_AUDIT_TRAIL Procedure Desupported

The DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT procedure DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT.FLUSH_UNIFIED_AUDIT feature is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: December 2023

This procedure is no longer necessary because audit records now bypass the common logging infrastructure queues and are directly written to a new internal relational table.

AUDIT_TRAIL_WRITE Mode of the AUDIT_TRAIL_PROPERTY Parameter Desupported

The DBMS_AUDIT_MGMT AUDIT_TRAIL_WRITE Mode of the AUDIT_TRAIL_PROPERTY feature is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: December 2023

This procedure is no longer necessary because audit records now bypass the common logging infrastructure queues and are directly written to a new internal relational table.

Cluster Time Synchronization Service Desupported

Cluster Time Synchronization Service (CTSS) is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: January 2024

To synchronize time between cluster member nodes, use either an operating system configured network time protocol such as ntp or chrony, or Microsoft Windows Time service. To verify that you have network time synchronization configured, you can use the cluvfy comp clocksync -n allnodes command.

Oracle Connection Manager Parameter (CMAN) Password Access Desupported

The use of password access to Oracle Connection Manager parameters is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: March 2024

Oracle provides an enhanced connection method, Local Operating System Authentication" (LOSA), which permits only the user who started CMAN to perform admin operations. This method is consistent with other operating system authentication methods used with Oracle Database. If you are currently using password access to CMAN, then Oracle recommends that you remove the CMAN password, and instead rely on LOSA.

Desupport of EUS Current User Database Links

Current user database links for Enterprise User Security (EUS) are not supported in Oracle Database 23ai

Date: April 2024

Because Oracle Database releases after Oracle Database 19c only use the multitenant architecture, the use of EUS current user database links (CREATE DATABASE LINK...TO CURRENT_USER) is not supported in releases after Oracle Database 19c. Oracle recommends that you use fixed user or connected user database links with EUS.

Desupport of oracle.jdbc.rowset Package

The Java oracle.jdbc.rowset package is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: May 2024

Oracle recommends that you use the Standard JDBC Rowset package to replace this feature.

Desupport of ACFS on IBM AIX

Oracle Advanced Cluster File System (ACFS) on IBM AIX is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai

Date: December 2024

To align the support for the IBM AIX platform, Oracle Advanced Cluster File System (ACFS) on IBM AIX is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai. For data or files currently stored on an ACFS file system that cannot be stored in Oracle Database, you can use the IBM General Parallel File System (GPFS).

RECOVER...SNAPSHOT TIME Desupported

The RECOVER...SNAPSHOT TIME method of recovering a database to a point in time using a particular snapshot is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: February 2025



Instead of RECOVER...SNAPSHOT TIME, Oracle recommends that you use ALTER DATABASE BEGIN/END BACKUP before and after creating the storage snapshot of the data files and then use RECOVER .. UNTIL TIME to a specific timestamp or system change number (SCN) after the END BACKUP completion time. Oracle recommends that ALTER DATABASE BEGIN/END BACKUP always be used when performing snapshots on a running database to ensure data recovery integrity. Archived log redo logs must be separately backed up and restored for recovery operations.

Note that Oracle's best practice for database backup and recovery is to use Recovery Manager (RMAN) only, not storage snapshots, and is integrated with Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance (ZDLRA) to offer the highest levels of database protection.

Related Topics

• IT Infrastructure Engineered Systems Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance

Desupported Parameters in Oracle Database 23ai

As part of your upgrade plan, review the initialization parameters that are not supported starting with this Oracle Database release.

- EXTERNAL_NAME Parameter in SYS_CONTEXT USERENV Desupported The EXTERNAL_NAME parameter in SYS_CONTEXT_USERENV is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai
- Service Attribute Value SESSION_STATE_CONSISTENCY = STATIC Desupported The service attribute values FAILOVER_TYPE = TRANSACTION with SESSION_STATE_CONSISTENCY = STATIC are no longer a supported service attribute combination.
- Oracle Label Security Parameters and Functions Desupported
 Oracle Label Security (OLS) parameters and functions that were deprecated in Oracle
 Database 12c are desupported in Oracle Database 23ai.
- ENCRYPTION_WALLET_LOCATION Parameter Desupported Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, the parameter ENCRYPTION_WALLET_LOCATION is desupported.
- ADD_SSLV3_TO_DEFAULT SQLNET.ORA Parameter (and SSLv3) Desupported Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, the Secure Socket Layer v3 protocol (SSLv3) is no longer supported for database server-client connections, and the sqlnet.ora parameter ADD SSLV3 TO DEFAULT has been removed.
- Desupport of OPTIMIZER_SECURE_VIEW_MERGING Parameter
 Oracle is desupporting the initialization parameter OPTIMIZER_SECURE_VIEW_MERGING in
 Oracle Database 23ai

EXTERNAL_NAME Parameter in SYS_CONTEXT USERENV Desupported

The EXTERNAL_NAME parameter in SYS_CONTEXT USERENV is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai

Date: April 2023

The EXTERNAL_NAME parameter was deprecated in Oracle Database 10g. Two newer parameters, AUTHENTICATED_IDENTITY and ENTERPRISE_IDENTITY, offer more information. EXTERNAL NAME is removed in Oracle Database 23ai.



Service Attribute Value SESSION_STATE_CONSISTENCY = STATIC Desupported

The service attribute values FAILOVER_TYPE = TRANSACTION with SESSION_STATE_CONSISTENCY = STATIC are no longer a supported service attribute combination.

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In previous releases, you could use the service parameter <code>SESSION_STATE_CONSISTENCY</code> to manage session state automatically using Application Continuity by setting <code>SESSION_STATE_CONSISTENCY</code> to <code>DYNAMIC</code> or <code>STATIC</code>. However, starting with Oracle Database 23ai, you can no longer use the <code>STATIC</code> option. Instead, use one of the following failover options:

- FAILOVER_TYPE = AUTO with SESSION_STATE_CONSISTENCY = AUTO
- FAILOVER TYPE = TRANSACTION with SESSION STATE CONSISTENCY = DYNAMIC

These configurations enforce session state tracking in Oracle Database, ensuring that session state is preserved at session migration and session failover.

Note that starting with Oracle Database 21c, you may also wish to set the RESET_STATE attribute to clear your session state set by applications in request at the end of the request. For more information, see RESET_STATE. For planned maintenance, Oracle recommends that you drain requests from Oracle Database connection pools in combination with Application Continuity for those requests that do not complete.

Related Topics

Session State Consistency

Oracle Label Security Parameters and Functions Desupported

Oracle Label Security (OLS) parameters and functions that were deprecated in Oracle Database 12c are desupported in Oracle Database 23ai.

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These previously deprecated OLS parameters and functions have alternate parameters that can be used.

The following OLS functions and parameters are desupported:

Least_UBOUND. Use ols_GREATEST_LBOUND instead. LUBD. Use ols_GLBD instead. DOMINATES. Use the ols_DOMINATES standalone function instead. DOM. Use the ols_STRICTLY_DOMINATES standalone function instead. STRICTLY_DOMINATES. Use the ols_STRICTLY_DOMINATES standalone function instead. S_DOM. Use the ols_STRICTLY_DOMINATES standalone function instead. DOMINATED_BY. Use the ols_DOMINATED_BY standalone function instead. DOM_BY. Use the ols_DOMINATED_BY standalone function instead. STRICTLY_DOMINATED_BY. Use the OLS_STRICTLY_DOMINATED_BY standalone function instead. STRICTLY_DOMINATED_BY. Use the OLS_STRICTLY_DOMINATED_BY standalone function instead. STRICTLY_DOMINATED_BY. Use the OLS_STRICTLY_DOMINATED_BY standalone function instead.

Also, the OLS standalone function SA_UTL.DOMINATES boolean datatype is desupported. The SA_UTL.DOMINATES function that uses the NUMBER datatype is not deprecated.



For reference about alternatives see: Oracle Label Security Administrator's Guide Deprecated Features

ENCRYPTION_WALLET_LOCATION Parameter Desupported

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, the parameter ENCRYPTION_WALLET_LOCATION is desupported.

Date: April 2023

To store and retrieve the TDE wallet, use the WALLET_ROOT structure (introduced with Oracle Database 18c).

Note:

If Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) is enabled, but WALLET_ROOT is not configured, then you will be blocked from upgrading to Oracle Database 23ai. This block for upgrades of databases using TDE is to prevent the possibility of not being able to open the database after the upgrade.

ADD_SSLV3_TO_DEFAULT SQLNET.ORA Parameter (and SSLv3) Desupported

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, the Secure Socket Layer v3 protocol (SSLv3) is no longer supported for database server-client connections, and the sqlnet.ora parameter ADD_SSLV3_TO_DEFAULT has been removed.

Date: April 2023

SSLv3 is a much less secure protocol to secure the database server-to-client connection. Instead of using SSLv3, allow the database server and client to negotiate the most secure protocol that is common between the server and the client. Oracle Database 23ai provides TLS 1.2 and TLS 1.3 protocols for certificate-based network encryption.

Desupport of OPTIMIZER_SECURE_VIEW_MERGING Parameter

Oracle is desupporting the initialization parameter OPTIMIZER_SECURE_VIEW_MERGING in Oracle Database 23ai

April 2024

The init.ora parameter OPTIMIZER_SECURE_VIEW_MERGING enabled the optimizer to use view merging without performing the checks that would otherwise be performed to ensure that view merging does not violate any security intentions of the view creator. There is no replacement for this parameter. If you need to use this parameter, then contact Oracle Support.

Deprecated Features in Oracle Database 23ai

As part of your upgrade plan, review the features that are deprecated in this Oracle Database release, and review alternatives for your application strategies.

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The ability to set a schema to PROXY ONLY CONNECT is deprecated in Oracle Database 23ai.



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 The UPDATE SDATA API in Oracle Text is deprecated in Oracle Database 23ai.
- Oracle JDBC-OCI Thick Driver Deprecation The Oracle JDBC Oracle Call Interface (OCI) Type 2 client driver (also known as a "thick" driver) is deprecated in Oracle Database 23ai.
- Deprecation of SQLJ Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, the SQLJ method of embedding SQL statements in Java code is deprecated.
- Oracle JDBC Proprietary BLOB/CLOB Open and Close Methods Deprecation The Oracle JDBC methods open(), close(), and isClosed() in OracleBlob, OracleClob, and OracleBfile are deprecated for removal in Oracle Database 23ai.
- Autonomous Heath Framework Scope (AHF Scope) Deprecated The Autonomous Health Framework Scope (AHF Scope) feature of Cluster Health Advisor (CHA) is deprecated in Oracle Database 23ai.

PROXY_ONLY_CONNECT Deprecation

The ability to set a schema to PROXY_ONLY_CONNECT is deprecated in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: April 2023

Setting a schema to be PROXY_ONLY_CONNECT is deprecated in this release, and can be desupported in a future release. Oracle recommends that you use SCHEMA ONLY user accounts instead of PROXY_ONLY_CONNECT. Schema-Only Accounts don't have passwords associated with the schema, so you can't directly log in to the schema, and passwords don't need to be rotated.

Oracle Database 11g SHA-1 Verifier Deprecated

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, the SHA-1 verifier introduced with Oracle Database 11g is deprecated.

Date: April 2023

The salted multi-round SHA-512 password hash (also known as "verifier") introduced with Oracle Database 12c provides enhanced security for your password. If 11g verifiers (11G) are still being used in your database, then Oracle recommends resetting them so they can be upgraded to the 12c (12C) de-optimized PBKDF2-based verifier.

RADIUS API Based on RFC-2138 is Deprecated

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, the older RADIUS API that is based on Request for Comments (RFC) 2138 is deprecated.

Oracle Database 23ai introduces an updated RADIUS API based on RFC 6613 and RFC 6614. Oracle recommends that you start planning on migrating to use the new RADIUS API as soon as possible. The new API is enabled by default. These parameters associated with the older RADIUS API are also deprecated: SQLNET.RADIUS_ALTERNATE, SQLNET.RADIUS_ALTERNATE_PORT, SQLNET.RADIUS_AUTHENTICATION, and SQLNET.RADIUS_AUTHENTICATION_PORT. Refer to the Radius API documentation for information on changing the default to use the older RADIUS API.

Enterprise User Security (EUS) Deprecated

Enterprise User Security (EUS) is deprecated with Oracle Database 23ai.

Oracle recommends that you migrate to using Centrally Managed Users (CMU). This feature enables you to directly connect with Microsoft Active Directory without an intervening directory service for enterprise user authentication and authorization to the database. If your Oracle Database is in the cloud, you can also choose to move to one of the newer integrations with a cloud identity provider.

Auto-Login Wallet Version 6 Deprecated

Oracle has introduced a new auto-login wallet version (7) with Oracle Database 23ai. Version 6 of the Oracle local auto-login wallet is deprecated.

Date: April 2023

You can update your local auto-login wallet by modifying it with orapki.

WALLET_LOCATION Parameter Deprecated

The parameter WALLET_LOCATION is deprecated for use with Oracle Database 23ai for the Oracle Database server. It is not deprecated for use with the Oracle Database client or listener.

Date: April 2023

For Oracle Database server, Oracle recommends that you use the <code>WALLET_ROOT</code> system parameter instead of using <code>WALLET_LOCATION</code>.

RAS Mid-Tier Session Support for Fusion Middleware Deprecated

Oracle Real Application Security (RAS) mid-tier master session support for Fusion Middleware application session service is deprecated with Oracle Database 23ai

Date: April 2023

This filter created the RAS session automatically for the FMW application server. Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, you now need to write the code to create the RAS session in the future, just as you would be required to do for any other application server.



Oracle Data Provider for .NET, Unmanaged Driver Deprecation

Oracle Data Provider for .NET (ODP.NET), Unmanaged Driver is deprecated in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: April 2023

ODP.NET provides ADO.NET-based data access to Oracle Database. There are two primary Oracle data access drivers for Microsoft .NET Framework: ODP.NET, Managed Driver and ODP.NET, Unmanaged Driver. In Oracle Database 23ai, ODP.NET, Managed Driver supports all major features available in ODP.NET, Unmanaged Driver with the same application programming interfaces and configuration settings. Code migration from unmanaged ODP.NET to managed ODP.NET is straightforward for the vast majority of existing .NET applications. Oracle recommends that you migrate existing unmanaged ODP.NET applications to ODP.NET, Managed Driver. The ODP.NET, Unmanaged Driver can be desupported in a future release.

ODP.NET, Managed Driver is a more compact and simpler install that can be consumed via NuGet packaging. Unmanaged ODP.NET is not available as a NuGet package. It is easier to manage multiple managed ODP.NET deployments on the same machine than multiple unmanaged ODP.NET deployments. These advantages make managed ODP.NET preferable for customer use over unmanaged ODP.NET. Because unmanaged ODP.NET no longer has any advantages over managed ODP.NET, Oracle has chosen to deprecate unmanaged ODP.NET.

GOST and SEED Algorithms Deprecation

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, the Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) decryption libraries for the GOST and SEED algorithms are deprecated, and encryption to GOST and SEED are desupported.

Date: April 2023

GOST 28147-89 has been deprecated by the Russian government, and SEED has been deprecated by the South Korean government. If you need South Korean government-approved TDE cryptography, then use ARIA instead. If you are using GOST 28147-89, then you must decrypt and encrypt with another supported TDE algorithm. The decryption algorithms for GOST 28147-89 and SEED are included in Oracle Database 23ai, but are deprecated, and the GOST encryption algorithm is desupported with Oracle Database 23ai. If you are using GOST or SEED for TDE encryption, then Oracle recommends that you online re-key to another algorithm before upgrading to Oracle Database 23ai. However, with the exception of the HP Itanium platform, the GOST and SEED decryption libraries are available with Oracle Database 23ai, so you can also decrypt after upgrading.

Oracle Persistent Memory Deprecation

Oracle Persistent Memory Database (PMEM) is deprecated as of Oracle Database 23ai due to Intel discontinuing Optane Persistent Memory hardware.

Date: April 2023

Intel has announced they will discontinue the Optane Persistent Memory product. Therefore, Oracle Persistent Memory Database is being deprecated.



PMEM Support in Oracle Memory Speed File System Deprecation

Oracle Memory Speed (OMS) File System is deprecated in Oracle Database 23ai for use with Intel Optane Persistent Memory.

Date: April 2023

Intel has announced they will discontinue the Optane Persistent Memory product. Therefore, use of Oracle Memory Speed (OMS) File System is being deprecated.

Service Name with Partial DN Matching and Server-only Certificate Check Deprecation

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, matching (partial and full) is not limited to the database server certificate. The listener certificate is also checked, and the <code>SERVICE_NAME</code> parameter is ignored for partial DN matching.

Date: April 2023

Server-side certificate verification through distinguished name (DN) is changed as follows: Both the listener certificate and the database server certificate are checked. In earlier Oracle Database releases, only the database server certificate was checked. In most production cases, the same certificate is used by the listener and the database. In cases where different certificates are used, DN matching can require new certificates to allow partial DN matching on SAN or hostname certificate information. In addition to checking the listener certificate, when using partial DN matching is used, the SERVICE_NAME parameter will be ignored Only the hostname connect string parameter will be checked against the certificate common name (CN) and subject alternate name (SAN) fields. To revert to the behavior in earlier releases (using the service name in addition to hostname, and only checking the database server certificate), set the new parameter: SSL ALLOW WEAK DN MATCH=TRUE. The default is FALSE.

Deprecation of the mkstore Command-Line Utility

The mkstore wallet management command line tool is deprecated with Oracle Database 23ai, and can be removed in a future release.

Date: April 2023

To manage wallets, Oracle recommends that you use the orapki command line tool.

Network Data Model (NDM) XML API Deprecation

The Network Data Model (NDM) XML API used by the NDM feature of Oracle Spatial is deprecated in Oracle Database Release 23ai.

Date: April 2023

To efficiently and securely implement your customized network analysis, Oracle Spatial is deprecating the NDM XML API. Instead, use the Load On Demand (LOD) API. The LOD API provides customization interfaces that allow you to easily and securely implement your customization. In addition, you can also use the NDM Contraction Hierarchies REST API for high performance network analysis.



Two Subprograms in SDO_GEOR_ADMIN Package Deprecation

The GeoRaster subprograms SDO_GEOR_ADMIN.isUpgradeNeeded and SDO_GEOR_ADMIN.upgradeGeoRaster in SDO_GEOR_ADMIN package, which are used to maintain the GeoRaster objects in the database, are deprecated in Oracle Database Release 23ai.

Date: April 2023

As the size of the GeoRaster database increases, the performance of the SDO_GEOR_ADMIN.isUpgradeNeeded and SDO_GEOR_ADMIN.upgradeGeoRaster subprograms are not efficient. Instead, Oracle recommends that you use alternative subprograms, such as SDO_GEOR_ADMIN.checkSysdataEntries, SDO_GEOR_ADMIN.maintainSysdataEntries and a few other subprograms to maintain the GeoRaster objects and their system data in Oracle Database.

Detailed instructions on how to run the alternative subprograms to maintain GeoRaster databases are available in *Oracle Spatial Spatial GeoRaster Developer's Guide*.

SDO_GEOR.importFrom and SDO_GEOR.exportTo subprograms in SDO_GEOR Package Deprecations

The GeoRaster subprograms SDO_GEOR.importFrom and SDO_GEOR.exportTo in the SDO_GEOR package are deprecated in Oracle Database Release 23ai.

Date: April 2023

The SDO_GEOR.importFrom and SDO_GEOR.exportTo subprograms support very small images stored in a few general image file formats. They are limited by many usage restrictions, by low performance, and they are not supported in Oracle Autonomous Database. To load and export image and raster files, Oracle recommends that you replace these deprecated subprograms with alternative options, such as the SDO_GEOR_GDAL.translate subprogram, GDAL, or the GDAL-Based GeoRaster ETL . These options support various geospatial images in more than 100 formats without many restrictions, and have much greater performance and scalability.

WAIT Option of Oracle Data Guard SWITCHOVER Command

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, the WAIT option of the Oracle Data Guard SWITCHOVER command is deprecated.

Date: April 2023

In Oracle Database 21c, Oracle introduced a new Oracle Data Guard property, DrainTimeout, which overrides the default for drain_timeout of database services registered in Oracle Clusterware when a SWITCHOVER is issued. The Oracle Data Guard WAIT option in the SWITCHOVER command is now redundant. Oracle recommends the new DrainTimeout property.

DBMS_RESULT_CACHE Function Name Deprecations

Oracle is changing the names of several DBMS_RESULT_CACHE function names in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: April 2023

The following functions and procedures are deprecated:

BLACK_LIST function. Use BLOCK_LIST function.



- BLACK_LIST_ADD procedure. Use BLOCK_LIST_ADD procedure.
- BLACK_LIST_CLEAR procedure. Use BLOCK_LIST_CLEAR procedure
- BLACK_LIST_REMOVE procedure. Use BLOCK_LIST_REMOVE procedure
- OBJECT_BLACK_LIST function. Use OBJECT_BLOCK_LIST function
- OBJECT_BLACK_LIST_ADD procedure. Use OBJECT_BLOCK_LIST_ADD procedure.
- OBJECT_BLACK_LIST_CLEAR procedure. Use OBJECT BLOCK LIST_CLEAR procedure.
- OBJECT_BLACK_LIST_REMOVE procedure. Use OBJECT_BLOCK_LIST_REMOVE procedure.

Oracle ACFS Snapshot Remastering Deprecation

Starting with Oracle Database Release 23ai, the Snapshot Remastering feature of Oracle Advanced Cluster File System (ACFS) is deprecated.

Date: April 2023

This feature can be desupported in a future release without replacement. Desupporting features with limited adoption enables Oracle to focus on improving core scaling, availability, and manageability.

Oracle ACFS Compression Deprecation

The ACFS compression feature of Oracle Advanced Cluster File System (ACFS) is deprecated in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: April 2023

This feature can be desupported in a future release without replacement. Desupporting features with limited adoption enables Oracle to focus on improving core scaling, availability, and manageability.

Oracle Virtual Directory with Real Application Security Deprecation

The use of Oracle Virtual Directory with Oracle Real Application Security is deprecated with Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: July 2023

Using OVD with Oracle Real Application Security is deprecated, because OVD is no longer updated as a separate product

BIG_IO Attribute in Oracle Text Deprecation

The BIG_IO attribute of the CONTEXT indextype is deprecated with Oracle Database 23ai, and can be disabled or removed in a future release.

Date: July 2023

Oracle recommends that you allow this value to be set to its default value of N. BIG_IO was introduced to reduce the cost of seeks when index postings exceeded 4KB in length. However, the internal code is relatively inefficient, and the attribute cannot be combined with newer index options. Seek cost is much less relevant for solid state disks or non-volatile memory devices (NVMe), and seek cost is irrelevant when postings are cached. This setting is therefore of little benefit for most indexes.



ASYNCHRONOUS_UPDATE in Oracle Text Deprecation

The ASYNCHRONOUS_UPDATE setting of the CONTEXT indextype is deprecated in Oracle Database 23ai, and can be ignored or removed in a future release.

Date: July 2023

Oracle can ignore or remove this attribute in a future release. Oracle recommends that you allow this value to be set to its default value, SYNCHRONOUS_UPDATE. To avoid unexpected loss of results during updates, use SYNC (ON COMMIT) or SYNC(EVERY [time-period]) with a short time period.

The ASYNCHRONOUS_UPDATE setting was introduced as a workaround for the fact that updates are implemented as "delete followed by insert," and that deletes are immediate (on commit), while inserts are only performed during an index sync. However, this setting is incompatible with several other index options. Oracle recommends that you discontinue its use.

Oracle Text CTXCAT Indextype Deprecation

The Oracle Text indextype CTXCAT is deprecated with Oracle Database 23ai. The indextype itself, and it's operator CTXCAT, can be removed in a future release.

Date: July 2023

Both CTXCAT and the use of CTXCAT grammar as an alternative grammar for CONTEXT queries is deprecated. Instead, Oracle recommends that you use the CONTEXT indextype, which can provide all the same functionality, except that it is not transactional. Near-transactional behavior in CONTEXT can be achieved by using SYNC (ON COMMIT) or, preferably, SYNC (EVERY [time-period]) with a short time period.

CTXCAT was introduced when indexes were typically a few megabytes in size. Modern, large indexes, can be difficult to manage with CTXCAT. The addition of index sets to CTXCAT can be achieved more effectively by the use of FILTER BY and ORDER BY columns, or SDATA, or both, in the CONTEXT indextype. CTXCAT is therefore rarely an appropriate choice. Oracle recommends that you choose the more efficient CONTEXT indextype.

Oracle XML DB Repository Deprecation

The Oracle XML DB Repository is deprecated with Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: July 2023

Oracle recommends that you replace any functionality used in XML DB Repository with alternative technologies. As a result of this deprecation, all XML DB Repository interfaces (for example Repository-specific Java classes oracle.xdb.servlet, oracle.xdb.event, and oracle.xdb.spi) are consequently deprecated as well.

DBMS XMLGEN Deprecation

The PL/SQL package DBMS XMLGEN is deprecated in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: July 2023

DBMS_XMLGEN is a non-standard Oracle-proprietary package that is provided to generate and convert XML documents from SQL queries or with PL/SQL. This package is deprecated, and can be desupported in a future release. Oracle recommends that you use SQL/XML operators



to generate XML from relational columns instead. Using ANSI SQL/XML operators for any generation and modification of XML documents provides a standardized and future-proof way to work with XML documents.

DBMS_XMLSTORE Deprecation

The PL/SQL package DBMS_XMLSTORE is deprecated in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: July 2023

DBMS_XMLSTORE is a non-standard Oracle-proprietary package that enables you to store and manipulate XML data in Oracle Database. This package is deprecated, and can be desupported in a future release. Oracle recommends that you use regular SQL DML and with standard XQuery and SQL/XML to store and manage XML data. Using standard functionality provides future-proof way to store and manipulate XML data.

Deprecation of Unstructured XML Indexes

Unstructured XML indexes are deprecated in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: July 2023

Unstructured XML indexes are deprecated and superseded by XML search indexes. Oracle recommends that you use XML search indexes or structured XML indexes.

DBMS_HANG_MANAGER Package Deprecation

The DBMS_HANG_MANAGER package is deprecated in Oracle Database 23ai. Use DBMS BLOCKER RESOLVER instead.

Date: July 2023

The DBMS_HANG_MANAGER package provides a method of changing some configuration parameters and constraints to address session issues. This package is being replaced with DBMS BLOCKER RESOLVER. DBMS HANG MANAGER can be removed in a future release.

Zero Downtime Upgrade (ZDU) Deprecation

The Zero Downtime Upgrade (ZDU) feature of Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning (FPP) is deprecated in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: July 2023

ZDU uses either Transient Logical Standby or Oracle GoldenGate classic. However, Transient Logical Standby does not support the latest data types, and the Oracle GoldenGate classic implementation is deprecated. Instead of ZDU, Oracle recommends that you use FPP in combination with the DBMS_ROLLING PL/SQL package: You can use FPP for the provisioning and deployment of new Oracle homes, and you can use DBMS_ROLLING as a streamlined method of performing rolling upgrades.

The DBMS_ROLLING package is closely integrated with Application Continuity to help to minimize disruptions in the database tier, and mask rolling patching activities.

Related Topics

Using DBMS_ROLLING to Perform a Rolling Upgrade



Highly Available Grid Naming Service (GNS) Deprecation

The Highly Available Grid Naming Service feature of Grid Naming Service (GNS) in Oracle Grid Infrastructure is deprecated in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: December 2023

The highly-available GNS provides the ability to run multiple GNS instances in a multi-cluster environment with different roles. This feature is being deprecated. There is no replacement.

Traditional Auditing Packages and Functions Deprecated

Traditional auditing packages and functions are deprecated in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: September 2023

With the desupport of traditional auditing, the PL/SQL packages and functions associated with traditional auditing are deprecated, This deprecation includes the packages and functions INIT_CLEANUP, DEINIT_CLEANUP, and IS_CLEANUP_INITIALIZED. While these packages or functions continue to operate in Oracle Database 23ai, you can neither add to or modify traditional auditing configurations.

MDSYS-Owned RDF Graph Networks Deprecated

Creation of RDF graph networks in the MDSYS schema is deprecated. Oracle recommends that you create RDF graph networks in a user schema, which was enabled in Oracle Database 19c.

Date: November 2023

An RDF graph network is a logical structure a developer creates to contain multiple RDF graphs. Starting with Oracle Database 19c, RDF graph networks can be created in a user schema. It is simpler for developers to create RDF graph networks in a user schema, and this method makes it easier to share graphs with other user schemas. Creating RDF graph networks in user schemas is also more secure, as developers can create RDF graph networks without requiring DBA privileges.

TREAT (expr AS JSON) Deprecated

The operator TREAT (expr AS JSON) is deprecated, because SQL data type JSON is now available.

Date: November 2023

The TREAT (expr as JSON) functionality is no longer needed, as this function is replaced with the JSON constructor. For this reason, Oracle is deprecating the TREAT AS JSON operator in Oracle Database 23ai.

Deprecation of Out-of-Place Patching with Opatch and OPatchAuto

The use of OPatch and OPatchAuto for out-of-place patching continues to be deprecated.

Date: December 2023

For patching in Oracle Database 23ai, Oracle recommends that you use out-of-place patching using Gold images to apply quarterly release updates (RUs). This deprecation does not affect in-place patching. If you want to perform in-place patching, then OPatch and OPatchAuto



continue to be available for this purpose. The Oracle Database 23ai Free release is not supported for patching with RUs.

RCONFIG Utility Deprecation

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, the RCONFIG utility is deprecated.

Date: January 2024

Oracle recommends that you use Database Configuration Assistant (DBCA). Beginning with Oracle Enterprise Manager 13c Release 5 Update 23 (13.5.0.23), converting a single-instance database to Oracle RAC through Oracle Enterprise Manager using the RCONFIG utility is no longer supported.

Related Topics

Converting Single-Instance Oracle Databases to Oracle RAC and Oracle RAC One Node

UPDATE_SDATA API Deprecation

The UPDATE SDATA API in Oracle Text is deprecated in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: February 2024

Instead of modifying the index, Oracle recommends that you update the underlying data.

Oracle JDBC-OCI Thick Driver Deprecation

The Oracle JDBC Oracle Call Interface (OCI) Type 2 client driver (also known as a "thick" driver) is deprecated in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: May 2024

Most Java applications that use Open Database Connectivity (ODBC) with Oracle JDBC drivers use the Thin driver. To enable Oracle to allocate resources to better address customer requirements, Oracle is deprecating the JDBC-OCI driver.

Deprecation of SQLJ

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, the SQLJ method of embedding SQL statements in Java code is deprecated.

Date: May 2024

In place of SQLJ, Oracle recommends that you directly use the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) APIs (dynamic SQL, prepared statements or PL/SQL blocks).

Oracle JDBC Proprietary BLOB/CLOB Open and Close Methods Deprecation

The Oracle JDBC methods open(), close(), and isClosed() in OracleBlob, OracleClob, and OracleBfile are deprecated for removal in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: July 2024

Oracle is deprecating these methods, which are replaced with <code>openLob()</code>, <code>closeLob()</code> and <code>isClosedLob()</code>. The method <code>close()</code> conflicts with the interface type <code>java.lang.Autocloseable</code>. Removing the proprietary method <code>close()</code> makes it possible for <code>java.lang</code> OracleBlob, <code>java.lang.OracleClob</code>, and <code>java.lang.OracleBfile</code> to extend the



Autocloseable interface at some future time. The <code>open()</code> and <code>isClosed()</code> methods will be removed and replaced in a future release to maintain rational names for these methods.

Autonomous Heath Framework Scope (AHF Scope) Deprecated

The Autonomous Health Framework Scope (AHF Scope) feature of Cluster Health Advisor (CHA) is deprecated in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: April 2025

To enable Oracle to allocate resources to better address customer requirements, Oracle is discontinuing AHF Scope. In its place, Oracle recommends that you use Autonomous Health Framework Insights (AHF Insights).

Deprecated Views in Oracle Database 23ai

As part of your upgrade plan, review the views that are deprecated starting with this Oracle Database release.

- V\$DATABASE.FS_FAILOVER Columns in V\$DATABASE View Deprecated Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, all V\$DATABASE.FS_FAILOVER columns in the V\$DATABASE view are deprecated. Use the V\$FAST_START_FAILOVER_CONFIG view.
- V\$PQ_SLAVE View Deprecation Oracle is replacing the view V\$PQ_SLAVE with V\$PX_SERVER in Oracle Database 23ai.
- V\$FS_FAILOVER_STATS View Deprecation The view V\$FS_FAILOVER_STATS is deprecated and replaced by the view V\$DG_BROKER_ROLE_CHANGE in Oracle Database 23ai.
- DBA_HANG_MANAGER_PARAMETERS Data Dictionary View Deprecation The DBA_HANG_MANAGER_PARAMETERS static Data Dictionary view is deprecated with Oracle Database 23ai. Use DBA_BLOCKER_RESOLVER_PARAMETERS instead.
- V\$RECOVERY_SLAVE View Deprecation
 Oracle is replacing the view V\$RECOVERY_SLAVE with V\$RECOVERY_WORKER in Oracle
 Database 23ai.

V\$DATABASE.FS_FAILOVER Columns in V\$DATABASE View Deprecated

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, all v\$DATABASE.FS_FAILOVER columns in the v\$DATABASE view are deprecated. Use the v\$FAST START FAILOVER CONFIG view.

Date: April 2023

Oracle is introducing the V\$FAST_START_FAILOVER_CONFIG view, which contains configuration details about the Oracle Data Guard fast-start failover feature. As a result, the FS_FAILOVER_* columns in the V\$DATABASE view are deprecated. Instead, use the corresponding columns in the V\$FAST_START_FAILOVER_CONFIG view.

The column replacements are as follows:

- V\$DATABASE.FS_FAILOVER_MODE: Replace with V\$FAST_START_FAILOVER_CONFIG.FAST_START_FAILOVER_MODE
- V\$DATABASE.FS FAILOVER STATUS: Replace with V\$FAST START FAILOVER CONFIG.STATUS
- V\$DATABASE.FS_FAILOVER_CURRENT_TARGET: Replace with V\$FAST_START_FAILOVER_CONFIG.CURRENT_TARGET



- V\$DATABASE.FS_FAILOVER_THRESHOLD: Replace with V\$FAST START FAILOVER CONFIG.THRESHOLD
- V\$DATABASE.FS_FAILOVER_OBSERVER_PRESENT: Replace with V\$FAST_START_FAILOVER_CONFIG.OBSERVER_PRESENT
- V\$DATABASE.FS_FAILOVER_OBSERVER_HOST: **Replace with** V\$FAST_START_FAILOVER_CONFIG.OBSERVER_HOST

V\$PQ_SLAVE View Deprecation

Oracle is replacing the view U\$PQ SLAVE with V\$PX SERVER in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: April 2023

Use V\$PX SERVER in place of V\$PQ SLAVE.

V\$FS_FAILOVER_STATS View Deprecation

The view V\$FS_FAILOVER_STATS is deprecated and replaced by the view V\$DG_BROKER_ROLE_CHANGE in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: April 2023

The view V\$FS_FAILOVER_STATS displayed one row with limited information about the last faststart failover that occurred. The data was available in the primary database only, and was not persisted across database restarts. The new view V\$DG_BROKER_ROLE_CHANGE contains detailed information about the last ten role changes, including switchover, failover, and reinstate, across the Data Guard broker configuration, and provides richer information than the deprecated view V\$FS_FAILOVER_STATS.

DBA_HANG_MANAGER_PARAMETERS Data Dictionary View Deprecation

The DBA_HANG_MANAGER_PARAMETERS static Data Dictionary view is deprecated with Oracle Database 23ai. Use DBA_BLOCKER_RESOLVER_PARAMETERS instead.

Date: July 2023

The DBA_HANG_MANAGER_PARAMETERS static Data Dictionary view shows the available usertunable DBMS_BLOCKER_RESOLVER parameters and values, formerly available as DBA_HANG_MANAGER_PARAMETERS. This view is being replaced with DBA_BLOCKER_RESOLVER_PARAMETERS. DBA_HANG_MANAGER_PARAMETERS can be removed in a future release.

V\$RECOVERY_SLAVE View Deprecation

Oracle is replacing the view V\$RECOVERY_SLAVE with V\$RECOVERY_WORKER in Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: August 2023

Use v\$recovery_worker in place of v\$recovery_slave.

Deprecated Parameters in Oracle Database 23ai

As part of your upgrade plan, review the initialization parameters listed here that are deprecated starting with this Oracle Database release.



To obtain the current list of all deprecated parameters in your database release, run the following query in SQL*Plus:

```
SELECT name from v$parameter
WHERE isdeprecated = 'TRUE' ORDER BY name;
```

- ENCRYPT_NEW_TABLESPACES Deprecation Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, the ENCRYPT_NEW_TABLESPACES initialization parameter is deprecated.
- ALLOW_MD5_CERTS and ALLOW_SHA1_CERTS sqlnet.ora Parameter Deprecation Starting in Oracle Database 23ai, the ALLOW_MD5_CERTS and ALLOW_SHA1_CERTS sqlnet.ora parameters are deprecated.
- MY_WALLET_DIRECTORY Connect String Deprecated The connect string parameter MY_WALLET_DIRECTORY has been deprecated with Oracle Database 23ai.
- FIPS Parameters Deprecated Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, several parameters associated with FIPS_140 are deprecated.
- ONE_STEP_PLUGIN_FOR_PDB_WITH_TDE Initialization Parameter Deprecated The parameter ONE_STEP_PLUGIN_FOR_PDB_WITH_TDE is deprecated with Oracle Database 23ai.
- Traditional Audit Initialization Parameters Deprecated With the desupport of creating and modifying traditional audit policies with Oracle Database 23, the traditional audit parameters are deprecated.
- PRE_PAGE_SGA Initialization Parameter Deprecated
- REMOTE_OS_ROLES Initialization Parameter Deprecated
 The REMOTE_OS_ROLES initialization parameter is deprecated in Oracle Database 23ai

ENCRYPT_NEW_TABLESPACES Deprecation

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, the ENCRYPT_NEW_TABLESPACES initialization parameter is deprecated.

Date: April 2023

Oracle recommends that you use the initialization parameter TABLESPACE_ENCRYPTION, which is new for Oracle Database 23ai.

ALLOW_MD5_CERTS and ALLOW_SHA1_CERTS sqlnet.ora Parameter Deprecation

Starting in Oracle Database 23ai, the ALLOW_MD5_CERTS and ALLOW_SHA1_CERTS sqlnet.ora parameters are deprecated.

Date: April 2023

Instead of these parameters, use the <code>ALLOWED_WEAK_CERT_ALGORITHMS sqlnet.ora</code> parameter, which is new with Oracle Database 23ai.



MY_WALLET_DIRECTORY Connect String Deprecated

The connect string parameter MY_WALLET_DIRECTORY has been deprecated with Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: April 2023

Oracle recommends that you use <code>WALLET_LOCATION</code> in the connect string to override the <code>sqlnet.oraWALLET_LOCATION</code> setting. <code>WALLET_LOCATION</code> has been updated for connect strings so that the same parameter can be used in <code>sqlnet.ora</code> and in <code>tnsnames.ora</code> This change simplifies the parameters that you need to remember. Oracle recommends that you change your client connect strings to use <code>WALLET_LOCATION</code> instead of <code>MY_WALLET_DIRECTORY</code>.

FIPS Parameters Deprecated

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, several parameters associated with FIPS_140 are deprecated.

Date: April 2023

FIPS_140 in FIPS.ORA can be used to enable FIPS for all features starting with Oracle Database 23ai. The following FIPS parameters are deprecated:

- SQLNET.ORA: FIPS_140 to enable FIPS for native network encryption
- FIPS.ORA: SSLFIPS 140 to enable FIPS for TLS
- Initialization parameter: DBFIPS 140 to enable FIPS for TDE and DBMS CRYPTO

ONE_STEP_PLUGIN_FOR_PDB_WITH_TDE Initialization Parameter Deprecated

The parameter ONE STEP PLUGIN FOR PDB WITH TDE is deprecated with Oracle Database 23ai.

Date: July 2023

ONE_STEP_PLUGIN_FOR_PDB_WITH_TDE enables you to clone remotely or to relocate encrypted PDBs without providing the Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) keystore password. However, EXTERNAL STORE provides the same functionality, and is universally applicable to all ADMINISTER KEY MANAGEMENT statements that do not change the TDE configuration. Instead of using ONE_STEP_PLUGIN_FOR_PDB_WITH_TDE, Oracle recommends that you use the IDENTIFIED BY EXTERNAL STORE clause for the ADMINISTER KEY MANAGEMENT statement.

Traditional Audit Initialization Parameters Deprecated

With the desupport of creating and modifying traditional audit policies with Oracle Database 23, the traditional audit parameters are deprecated.

Date: July 2023

Traditional audit policies are available after upgrading, but the initialization parameters associated with those policies are deprecated. These deprecated parameters include the following:

- AUDIT_TRAIL
- AUDIT_SYS_OPERATIONS
- AUDIT_FILE_DEST



• AUDIT_SYSLOG_LEVEL

Oracle recommends that you migrate to unified auditing as soon as possible, because these traditional audit parameters can be removed in a future database release.

PRE_PAGE_SGA Initialization Parameter Deprecated

Oracle is deprecating PRE_PAGE_SGA because it is obsolete. Setting the parameter typically provides little or no potential performance benefits, and can create problems. **Date: August 2023**

The Oracle Database design for SGA packaging has evolved over time, so that process startup effects on the SGA are initiated after instance startup, and there is little to no benefit in changing the value for <code>PRE_PAGE_SGA</code>. The only use case for this parameter is on Oracle Exadata systems, which should have <code>PRE_PAGE_SGA</code> set to <code>TRUE</code>.

REMOTE_OS_ROLES Initialization Parameter Deprecated

The REMOTE OS ROLES initialization parameter is deprecated in Oracle Database 23ai

Date: January 2025

The REMOTE_OS_ROLES instructed the database to grant database roles based on the user's operating system group information in the database client. This feature was particularly for use with the initialization parameter REMOTE_OS_AUTHENT, which was deprecated, and desupported with Oracle Database 21c. The Oracle Database client can no longer authenticate a user within Oracle Database. This initialization parameter accordingly no longer has a supported use case, and is now deprecated.

Oracle Database 21c Behavior Changes, Desupports, and Deprecations

Review for descriptions of Oracle Database 21c release changes.

- Behavior Changes for Oracle Database 21c Upgrade Planning Review these behavior changes to help plan for upgrades to Oracle Database 21c.
- Desupported Features in Oracle Database 21c As part of your upgrade plan, review the desupported features in this Oracle Database release.
- Desupported Views in Oracle Database 21c
 Review this list of desupported views for changes and replacements in view settings in this release.
- Desupported Initialization Parameters in Oracle Database 21c Review this list of desupported initialization parameters for changes and replacements in parameter settings in this release.
- Deprecated Features in Oracle Database 21c
 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 21c
 As part of your upgrade plan, review the views that are deprecated starting with this Oracle Database release.



Deprecated Parameters in Oracle Database 21c

As part of your upgrade plan, review the initialization parameters that are deprecated starting with this Oracle Database release.

Behavior Changes for Oracle Database 21c Upgrade Planning

Review these behavior changes to help plan for upgrades to Oracle Database 21c.

Behavior changes can include default changes for parameters or features, product name changes, and other changes to the database configuration that may require your attention.

- About Read-Only Oracle Homes in Oracle Database 21c Starting with Oracle Database 21c, an Oracle Database installation configures all Oracle Database homes in read-only mode by default.
- Multitenant Upgrades Only in Oracle Database 21c
 Starting with Oracle Database 21c, 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)
- Relocation of HR Sample Schema Starting with Oracle Database 21c, the HR sample schema no longer ships as part of Oracle Database.
- Manage DRCP on PDBs
 Starting with Oracle Database 21c, Database Resident Connection Pool (DRCP) can be
 configured and managed for individual PDBs.
- Oracle Advanced Cluster File System (Oracle ACFS) Name Change Starting with Oracle Database 21c, the name of Oracle Automatic Storage Management Cluster File System (Oracle ACFS) is changed to Oracle Advanced Cluster File System (Oracle ACFS).
- Windows Authentication No Longer Uses NTLM by Default For Microsoft Windows installations with AUTHENTICATION_SERVICES=NTS, in this Oracle Database release, the SQLNET.NO_NTLM parameter setting in the sqlnet.ora file defaults to TRUE, which can cause ORA-12638 errors.

About Read-Only Oracle Homes in Oracle Database 21c

Starting with Oracle Database 21c, an Oracle Database installation configures all Oracle Database homes in read-only mode by default.

Note:

This description of read-only Oracle home installation describes the default in Oracle Database 21c, where the only available configuration was a read-only Oracle home, and a software-only Oracle Database installation was not an option.

A read-only Oracle Home simplifies provisioning by implementing separation of installation and configuration.

Before Oracle Database 21c, the default ORACLE_HOME layout combined ORACLE_HOME, ORACLE BASE HOME and ORACLE BASE CONFIG into a single location. Starting with Oracle



Database 21c, the only available configuration is a read-only <code>ORACLE_HOME</code> where <code>ORACLE</code> BASE HOME and <code>ORACLE</code> BASE CONFIG are located separately from <code>ORACLE</code> HOME.

In a read-only Oracle home, all the configuration data and log files reside outside of the readonly Oracle home.

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

Note:

This feature does not affect how database administrators monitor, diagnose, and tune their system performance.

Multitenant Upgrades Only in Oracle Database 21c

Starting with Oracle Database 21c, Oracle Database is only supported using the multitenant architecture.

Note:

A multitenant container database is the only supported architecture in Oracle Database 21c and later releases. 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)

Date: May 2021

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, or that you use the logical replication features of Oracle GoldenGate.

Relocation of HR Sample Schema

Starting with Oracle Database 21c, the HR sample schema no longer ships as part of Oracle Database.



To install the HR schema, refer to the section "Installing Sample Schemas" in Oracle Database Database Sample Schemas

Related Topics

Installation of Sample Schemas

Manage DRCP on PDBs

Starting with Oracle Database 21c, Database Resident Connection Pool (DRCP) can be configured and managed for individual PDBs.

When you choose to configure DRCP so that it is managed from individual PDBs, you can configure, manage, and monitor pools on individual pluggable databases (PDBs).

In previous releases, the DRCP pool was used by the entire container database (CDB). This feature eases the management of DRCP pool by changing the granularity of the DRCP pool from the entire CDB to a DRCP pool for individual PDBs. This change enables tenant administrators to configure and manage independent tenant-specific DRCP pools.

This feature is enabled by a new database parameter, ENABLE_PER_PDB_DRCP. By default the parameter is set to ENABLE_PER_PDB_DRCP=FALSE. If you set ENABLE_PER_PDB_DRCP=TRUE, then this feature is enabled.

When you upgrade a PDB to Oracle Database 21c, the default connection pool for the PDB is created in the PDB. If you then enable this feature with the initialization parameter, then instead of managing connection pooling at the CDB, the connection pool is managed locally by the PDB.

Oracle Advanced Cluster File System (Oracle ACFS) Name Change

Starting with Oracle Database 21c, the name of Oracle Automatic Storage Management Cluster File System (Oracle ACFS) is changed to Oracle Advanced Cluster File System (Oracle ACFS).

This change is only a change of the name. The basic function of Oracle's cluster file system continues to be the same. Oracle continues to develop and enhance Oracle ACFS.

Windows Authentication No Longer Uses NTLM by Default

For Microsoft Windows installations with AUTHENTICATION_SERVICES=NTS, in this Oracle Database release, the SQLNET.NO_NTLM parameter setting in the sqlnet.ora file defaults to TRUE, which can cause ORA-12638 errors.

In previous releases, the default for SQLNET.NO_NTLM was FALSE. SQLNET.NO_NTLM controls whether NTLM can be used with NTS authentication (AUTHENTICATION_SERVICES=NTS). A TRUE setting means that NTLM cannot be used in NTS authentication. Because NTLM does not normally provide mutual authentication and is hence less secure, a TRUE setting for SQLNET.NO_NTLM makes the database and client more secure.

The SQLNET.NO_NTLM parameter is used on both the server and the client. If you have upgraded a Microsoft Windows installation of Oracle Database, or upgraded a client in which SQLNET.NO_NTLM had not been set, then its default will be TRUE. In that case, when you have SQLNET.AUTHENTICATION_SERVICES=NTS in your sqlnet.ora, clients can encounter the error ORA-12638: Credential retrieval failed.



If you prefer to use NTLM authentication for certain clients, then set this parameter as required in client-side sqlnet.ora files:

SQLNET.NO NTLM=FALSE

You must include this setting on both the server and client, and this setting should be the same on both. Ideally, you should ensure that SQLNET.NO_NTLM is set to TRUE. However, if there is an authentication failure in extproc, a virtual account, or a local account on Windows, set the client SQLNET.NO_NTLM to FALSE, and then retry the login. If you change SQLNET.NO_NTLM on the server, then you must restart the database.

Related Topics

- Guideline for Securing Authentication for Oracle Database Microsoft Windows Installations
- Upgrade Your Database Now ORA-12638 on Windows only from Oracle 19.10.0 onwards
- Windows : While Connect to Database Getting ORA-12638 After Applying Jan 2021 WINDBBP 19.10.0.0.210119 On Windows 64/32 Bit Database Client (Doc ID 2757734.1)

Desupported Features in Oracle Database 21c

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 21c, the package DBMS_OBFUSCATION_TOOLKIT is desupported, and replaced with DBMS_CRYPTO.
- Desupport of Several XML Database (XDB) features Starting with Oracle Database 21c, several XML Database features are desupported.
- Desupport of DBMS_LOB.LOADFROMFILE and LOB Buffering Starting in Oracle Database 21c, 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 21c, the data types DBMS_CRYPTO_TOOLKIT_TYPES and package DBMS_CRYPTO_TOOLKIT are desupported.
- Desupport of Non-CDB Oracle Databases Starting with Oracle Database 21c, installation of non-CDB Oracle Database architecture is no longer supported.
- Desupport of Cluster Domain Member Clusters Effective with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 21c, 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 21c, 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 21c, the Oracle Grid Infrastructure feature Oracle Advanced
 Cluster File System (Oracle ACFS) is desupported with Microsoft Windows



- Desupport of Oracle ACFS Security (Vault) and ACFS Auditing Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 21c, Oracle Advanced 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 21c, Oracle Advanced Cluster File System (ACFS) on Member Clusters (ACFS Remote) is desupported.
- Desupport of ACFS Encryption on Solaris and Windows Starting with Oracle Database 21c, Oracle ACFS Encryption is desupported with no replacement on Oracle Solaris and Microsoft Windows.
- Desupport of ACFS Replication REPV1 Starting with Oracle Database 21c, the Oracle ACFS replication protocol repv1 is desupported.
- Desupport of Vendor Clusterware Integration with Oracle Clusterware Starting with Oracle Clusterware 21c, 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 21c.
- Desupport of Deprecated Oracle Database Vault Roles The Oracle Database Vault roles DV_PUBLIC, DV_REALM_OWNER, and DV_REALM_RESOURCE are desupported in Oracle Database 21c.
- Desupport of Anonymous RC4 Cipher Suite The use of the anonymous RC4 cipher suite for non-authenticated TLS connections is desupported in Oracle Database 21c (SSL_DH_anon_WITH_RC4_128_MD5)
- Desupport of Adobe Flash-Based Oracle Enterprise Manager Express Flash-based Oracle EM Express is desupported in Oracle 21c. Use the JET-based Oracle EM Express, which is the default.
- Desupport of Intelligent Data Placement (IDP) Intelligent Data Placement (IDP) is desupported in Oracle Database 21c.
- Desupport of XML DB Content Connector Oracle XML DB Content Connector was deprecated in Oracle Database 12c Release 2. It is desupported and removed in Oracle Database 21c.
- Desupport of DBMS_XMLSAVE
 The PL/SQL package DBMS_XMLSAVE is desupported in Oracle Database 21c. Use
 DBMS_XMLSTORE instead.
- Desupport of DBMS_XMLQUERY The PL/SQL package DBMS_XMLQUERY is desupported in Oracle Database 21c. Use DBMS_XMLGEN instead.
- Desupport of FIPS Protect and Process Strength 0 The protect and process strength 0 (RSA key length 512) equivalent is desupported for FIPS. This strength is still available for the non-FIPS mode.
- Desupport of PDB Flat File Dictionary Dumps The ability to create flat file dictionary dumps of pluggable databases (PDBs) is desupported in Oracle Database 21c.
- Desupport of Oracle Fail Safe Starting with Oracle Database 21c, Oracle Fail Safe is desupported for Oracle Database releases.



Desupport of EUS Current User Database Links
 Current user database links for Enterprise User Security (EUS) are not supported in Oracle Database 21c.

Desupport of DBMS_OBFUSCATION_TOOLKIT Package

Starting in Oracle Database 21c, the package DBMS_OBFUSCATION_TOOLKIT is desupported, and replaced with DBMS_CRYPTO.

Date: May 2021

DBMS_OBFUSCATION_TOOLKIT was deprecated in Oracle Database 10g Release 2. It is now removed in Oracle Database 21c. 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 21c, several XML Database features are desupported.

Date: May 2021

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 21c, the Large Object (LOB) features DBMS_LOB.LOADFROMFILE and LOB buffering are desupported.

Date: May 2021

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.

Date: May 2021

The following Oracle Data Guard broker properties are desupported in Oracle Database 21c:

- 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 21c:

- LsbyMaxEventsRecorded
- LsbyMaxServers
- LsbyMaxSga
- LsbyPreserveCommitOrder
- LsbyRecordAppliedDdl
- LsbyRecordSkippedDdl
- LsbyRecordSkipErrors
- LsbyParameter

Desupport of DBMS_CRYPTO_TOOLKIT_TYPES and DBMS_CRYPTO_TOOLKIT

Starting with Oracle Database 21c, the data types DBMS_CRYPTO_TOOLKIT_TYPES and package DBMS CRYPTO TOOLKIT are desupported.

Date: May 2021

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 21c.



Desupport of Non-CDB Oracle Databases

Starting with Oracle Database 21c, installation of non-CDB Oracle Database architecture is no longer supported.

Date: May 2021

The non-CDB architecture was deprecated in Oracle Database 12c. It is desupported in Oracle Database 21c. 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 21c, Member Clusters, which are part of the Oracle Cluster Domain architecture, are desupported.

Date: May 2021

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 Advanced 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 21c, the Unicode Collation Algorithm (UCA) 6.1 collations (UCA0610 *) are desupported. Use UCA 12.1 instead.

Date: May 2021

Oracle recommends that you use the latest supported version of Unicode Collation Algorithm (UCA) collations, which in Oracle Database 21c 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 21c, the Oracle Grid Infrastructure feature Oracle Advanced Cluster File System (Oracle ACFS) is desupported with Microsoft Windows

Date: May 2021

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 21c, Oracle Advanced Cluster File System (ACFS) Security (Vault) and ACFS Auditing are desupported.

Date: May 2021

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. As part of this desupport, the following views are removed:

V\$ASM_ACFS_SEC_ADMIN V\$ASM_ACFS_SEC_CMDRULE V\$ASM_ACFS_SEC_REALM V\$ASM_ACFS_SEC_REALM_FILTER V\$ASM_ACFS_SEC_REALM_GROUP V\$ASM_ACFS_SEC_REALM_USER V\$ASM_ACFS_SEC_RULE V\$ASM_ACFS_SEC_RULESET V\$ASM_ACFS_SEC_RULESET_RULE V\$ASM_ACFS_SEC_RULESET_RULE V\$ASM_ACFS_SEC_RULESET_RULE

Desupport of Oracle ACFS on Member Clusters (ACFS Remote)

Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 21c, Oracle Advanced Cluster File System (ACFS) on Member Clusters (ACFS Remote) is desupported.

Date: May 2021

Oracle Advanced 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.

Desupport of ACFS Encryption on Solaris and Windows

Starting with Oracle Database 21c, Oracle ACFS Encryption is desupported with no replacement on Oracle Solaris and Microsoft Windows.

Date: May 2021

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 21c, the Oracle ACFS replication protocol repv1 is desupported.

Date: May 2021

The initial ACFS replication protocol repv1 was released with Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2). The rep1v2 protocol has been required since Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2). The rep1v1 protocol was available only during the required upgrade to rep1v2 in 12.2 and later

releases. The replui protocol was deprecated in Oracle Database 19c. It is desupported in Oracle Database 21c.

Desupport of Vendor Clusterware Integration with Oracle Clusterware

Starting with Oracle Clusterware 21c, the integration of vendor or third party clusterware with Oracle Clusterware is desupported.

Date: May 2021

The integration of vendor clusterware with Oracle Clusterware is desupported in Oracle Database 21c. 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. This desupport applies to clustered deployments, including Oracle Real Application Clusters and Oracle RAC One Node.

Related Topics

• About vendor clusterware support for Oracle Clusterware (Doc ID 3044222.1)

Desupport of VERIFY_FUNCTION and VERIFY_FUNCTION_11G

The VERIFY_FUNCTION and VERIFY_FUNCTION_11G password verify functions are desupported in Oracle Database 21c.

Date: May 2021

These older functions are desupported because they enforce the weaker password restrictions from earlier releases. Instead, use the functions <code>ORA12C_VERIFY_FUNCTION</code>, <code>ORA12C_STRONG_VERIFY_FUNCTION</code>, or <code>ORA12C_STIG_VERIFY_FUNCTION</code>. These functions enforce stronger, more up-to-date password verification restrictions.

Desupport of Deprecated Oracle Database Vault Roles

The Oracle Database Vault roles DV_PUBLIC, DV_REALM_OWNER, and DV_REALM_RESOURCE are desupported in Oracle Database 21c.

Date: May 2021

Oracle deprecated these Oracle Database Vault roles in Oracle Database 19c. The roles are granted powerful privileges, but were seldom used. During upgrades to Oracle Database 21c, these roles are removed, and are not available in new Oracle Database installations. If you are using these roles, and you are upgrading your database, then note the roles and privileges granted to them and then create roles for these privileges after the upgrade is complete.

Desupport of Anonymous RC4 Cipher Suite

The use of the anonymous RC4 cipher suite for non-authenticated TLS connections is desupported in Oracle Database 21c (SSL_DH_anon_WITH_RC4_128_MD5)

Date: May 2021



Oracle recommends that you use the more secure authenticated connections available with Oracle Database. If you use anonymous Diffie-Hellman with RC4 for connecting to Oracle Internet Directory for Enterprise User Security, then you must migrate to use a different algorithm connection. Oracle recommends that you use either TLS one-way, or mutual authentication using certificates.

Desupport of Adobe Flash-Based Oracle Enterprise Manager Express

Flash-based Oracle EM Express is desupported in Oracle 21c. Use the JET-based Oracle EM Express, which is the default.

Date: May 2021

Adobe Flash is desupported by all major browsers starting in January 2021. Oracle Database 19c and later releases of Oracle Enterprise Manager Express (Oracle EM Express) use Oracle JavaScript Extension Toolkit (JET) technology as a replacement for Flash.

Desupport of Intelligent Data Placement (IDP)

Intelligent Data Placement (IDP) is desupported in Oracle Database 21c.

Date: May 2021

Intelligent Data Placement helped to place data on physical storage disks to reduce latency. This feature was deprecated in Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2). There is no replacement. Views and ASM disk group attributes associated with this feature are also desupported.

Desupport of XML DB Content Connector

Oracle XML DB Content Connector was deprecated in Oracle Database 12c Release 2. It is desupported and removed in Oracle Database 21c.

Date: May 2021

XML DB Content Connector implemented the Java standard JSR-170 API. This standard has been replaced by Java standard JSR-283.

Desupport of DBMS_XMLSAVE

The PL/SQL package DBMS_XMLSAVE is desupported in Oracle Database 21c. Use DBMS_XMLSTORE instead.

Date: May 2021

Replace DBMS_XMLSAVE calls with DBMS_XMLSTORE.

Desupport of DBMS_XMLQUERY

The PL/SQL package DBMS_XMLQUERY is desupported in Oracle Database 21c. Use DBMS XMLGEN instead.

Date: May 2021

Replace calls to DBMS_XMLQUERY with DBMS_XMLGEN.



Desupport of FIPS Protect and Process Strength 0

The protect and process strength 0 (RSA key length 512) equivalent is desupported for FIPS. This strength is still available for the non-FIPS mode.

Date: May 2021

The default protect and process strength for Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) mode is currently 80. The equivalent RSA key strength is 1024. The equivalent ECC key strength is curves with minimum ECC curve key length 160, ECC named curves P192, K163 and B163 and above. The equivalent DH/DSA (Diffie Hellman, Digital Signature Algorithm) key length is 1024. Oracle recommends that you use FIPS protect strength 112, because the default FIPS protect strength, 80, is deprecated.

Desupport of PDB Flat File Dictionary Dumps

The ability to create flat file dictionary dumps of pluggable databases (PDBs) is desupported in Oracle Database 21c.

Date: May 2021

In previous releases, using a flat file dictionary was one means of mining the redo logs for the changes associated with a specific PDB whose data dictionary was contained within the flat file. This feature is now desupported. Starting with Oracle Database 21c, Oracle recommends that you call DBMS_LOGMNR.START_LOGMNR, and supply the system change number (SCN) or time range that you want to mine. The SCN or time range options of START_LOGMNR are enhanced to support mining of individual PDBs.

Desupport of Oracle Fail Safe

Starting with Oracle Database 21c, Oracle Fail Safe is desupported for Oracle Database releases.

Date: June 2021

This desupport notice does not apply to earlier releases of Oracle Database. Oracle Fail Safe will continue to be supported for the lifetime of Oracle Database 19c. For Oracle Database releases starting with Oracle Database 21c, if you are running Oracle Database on Microsoft Windows, then Oracle recommends that you investigate other failover solutions, such as Oracle RAC One Node, or Oracle Database Standard Edition High Availability.

Desupport of EUS Current User Database Links

Current user database links for Enterprise User Security (EUS) are not supported in Oracle Database 21c.

Date: April 2024

Because Oracle Database releases after Oracle Database 19c only use the multitenant architecture, the use of EUS current user database links (CREATE DATABASE LINK...TO CURRENT_USER) is not supported in releases after Oracle Database 19c. Oracle recommends that you use fixed user or connected user database links with EUS.



Desupported Views in Oracle Database 21c

Review this list of desupported views for changes and replacements in view settings in this release.

 Desupport of V\$OBJECT_USAGE View The view V\$OBJECT_USAGE is desupported in Oracle Database 21c. Use USER_OBJECT_USAGE instead.

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Date: October 2021

The V\$OBJECT_USAGE view displayed statistics about index usage gathered from the database for the indexes owned by the current user. This view was deprecated in Oracle Database 12c Release 1. It is now desupported. To obtain statistics about index usage owned by a user, use the USER_OBJECT_USAGE view instead of the V\$OBJECT_USAGE view.

Desupported Initialization Parameters in Oracle Database 21c

Review this list of desupported initialization parameters for changes and replacements in parameter settings in this release.

- Desupport of UNIFIED_AUDIT_SGA_QUEUE_SIZE Starting in Oracle Database 21c, the initialization parameter UNIFIED_AUDIT_SGA_QUEUE_SIZE is desupported.
- Desupport of IGNORECASE Parameter for Passwords Starting in Oracle Database 21c, 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 21c, the DISABLE_DIRECTORY_LINK_CHECK parameter is desupported, with no replacement.
- Desupport of REMOTE_OS_AUTHENT Parameter The Oracle Database initialization parameter REMOTE_OS_AUTHENT has been removed from Oracle Database 21c.
- Desupport of SEC_CASE_SENSITIVE_LOGON The SEC CASE SENSITIVE LOGON parameter is desupported in Oracle Database 21c.
- Desupport of CLUSTER_DATABASE_INSTANCES Parameter The CLUSTER_DATABASE_INSTANCES parameter is desupported in 21c. There is no replacement.

Desupport of UNIFIED_AUDIT_SGA_QUEUE_SIZE

Starting in Oracle Database 21c, the initialization parameter UNIFIED_AUDIT_SGA_QUEUE_SIZE is desupported.

May 2021



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 21c, the IGNORECASE parameter for the orapwd file is desupported. All newly created password files are case-sensitive.

May 2021

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 21c, the DISABLE_DIRECTORY_LINK_CHECK parameter is desupported, with no replacement.

May 2021

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.

Desupport of REMOTE_OS_AUTHENT Parameter

The Oracle Database initialization parameter REMOTE_OS_AUTHENT has been removed from Oracle Database 21c.

May 2021

REMOTE_OS_AUTHENT was deprecated in Oracle Database 11g. To prevent potentially insecure connections to the database, Oracle is removing this authentication option in Oracle Database 21c.

Desupport of SEC_CASE_SENSITIVE_LOGON

The SEC CASE SENSITIVE LOGON parameter is desupported in Oracle Database 21c.

May 2021

The SEC_CASE_SENSITIVE_LOGON parameter was deprecated in Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1). To ensure that new passwords are case-sensitive, Oracle is removing this parameter from Oracle Database 21c.

Related Topics

Checking for Accounts Using Case-Insensitive Password Version

Desupport of CLUSTER_DATABASE_INSTANCES Parameter

The CLUSTER_DATABASE_INSTANCES parameter is desupported in 21c. There is no replacement.

October 2021

The init.ora parameter CLUSTER_DATABASE_INSTANCES specified the number of configured Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) instances. This parameter was deprecated in Oracle Database 19c, because 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.

Deprecated Features in Oracle Database 21c

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 AUTO OPTIMIZE Framework
 In Oracle Database Release 21c, 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 21c, CTXFILTERCACHE is deprecated, and also CTX_FILTER_CACHE_STATISTICS and QUERY_FILTER_CACHE_SIZE.
- Deprecation of Policy-Managed Databases Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 21c, policy-managed databases are deprecated.
- Deprecation of Traditional Auditing Traditional auditing is deprecated in Oracle Database 21c. Oracle recommends that you use unified auditing, which enables selective and more effective auditing inside Oracle Database.
- Deprecation of Older Encryption Algorithms Starting with Oracle Database 21c, older encryption and hashing algorithms are deprecated.
- Deprecation of Cluster Domain Domain Services Cluster Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 21c, 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 21c. Use EUS Manager (EUSM) features 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)
- Deprecation of Sharded Queues AQ sharded queues are deprecated in Oracle Database 21c. 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 21c.

- Deprecation of TLS 1.0 and 1.1 Transport Layer Security Starting with Oracle Database 21c, Transport Layer Security protocol versions 1.0 and 1.1 (TLS 1.0 and TLS 1.1) are deprecated.
- Deprecation of Unix Crypt (or MD5crypt) Password Verifier The Unix Crypt (MD5crypt) password verifier algorithm is deprecated in Oracle Database 21c server and clients, and passwords using this algorithm will stop working in a future release.
- Deprecation of ODP.NET OracleConfiguration.DirectoryType Property The Oracle Data Provider for .NET OracleConfiguration DirectoryType property and .NET configuration file DIRECTORY_TYPE setting are deprecated in Oracle Database 21c, and can be desupported in a future release.
- Deprecation of Weaker Encryption Key Strengths The use of weaker encryption keys is deprecated in Oracle Database 21c.
- Deprecation of DBSNMP Packages for Adaptive Thresholds Feature DBSNMP PL/SQL packages associated with the Adaptive Thresholds feature are deprecated in Oracle Database 21c.
- Deprecation of Oracle GoldenGate Replication for Oracle Sharding High Availability Oracle GoldenGate replication support for Oracle Sharding High Availability is deprecated in Oracle Database 21c.
- Deprecation of Anonymous Cipher Suites with Outbound TLS Connections Anonymous cipher suites for outbound TLS connections (Database to other services) are deprecated with Oracle Database 21c.
- Deprecation of the KERBEROS5PRE Adapter The use of the KERBEROS5PRE adapter is deprecated with Oracle Database 21c. Oracle recommends that you use the KERBEROS5 adapter instead.
- Deprecation of Oracle Wallet Manager Oracle Wallet Manager (OWM) is deprecated with Oracle Database 21c.
- Deprecation of Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Express Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Express (EM Express) is deprecated, and will be removed in a future Oracle Database release.
- Deprecation of Service Attribute Value SESSION_STATE_CONSISTENCY = STATIC The combination of session attribute values FAILOVER_TYPE = TRANSACTION with SESSION_STATE_CONSISTENCY = STATIC is deprecated in Oracle Database 21c.
- Deprecation of SHA-1 use for SQLNET and DBMS_CRYPTO The use of SHA-1 with DBMS_CRYPTO, SQLNET.CRYPTO_CHECKSUM_TYPES_CLIENT and SQLNET.CRYPTO_CHECKSUM_TYPES_SERVER is deprecated.
- Deprecation of ACFSUTIL REPL REVERSE The acfsutil repl reverse command is deprecated in Oracle Database 21c. Use repl failover Or repl switchover instead.
- Deprecation of Oracle OLAP Analytic workspaces, the OLAP DML programming language, and the OLAP Java API are deprecated in Oracle Database 21c.
- Deprecation of Oracle Database Extensions for .NET
 Oracle Database Extensions for .NET is deprecated in Oracle Database 21c. Oracle
 recommends that you either place .NET code in the middle tier, or use the External
 Procedures feature, or rewrite the code using PL/SQL or Java.

Deprecation of Repository Events

The use of repository events to trigger application actions is deprecated in Oracle Database 21c (21.3). There is no replacement.

- Deprecation of Quality of Service Management Starting with Oracle Database Release 21c, Oracle Quality of Service Management (QoSM, or QOS Management) is deprecated.
- Grid Infrastructure Management Repository Deprecation The Grid Infrastructure Management Repository (GIMR), or Management Database (MGMTDB), is deprecated in Oracle Database 21c.

Deprecation of AUTO OPTIMIZE Framework

In Oracle Database Release 21c, 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.

Date: May 2021

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 21c, CTXFILTERCACHE is deprecated, and also CTX_FILTER_CACHE_STATISTICS and QUERY_FILTER_CACHE_SIZE.

Date: May 2021

The CTXFILTERCACHE query operator was designed to speed up commonly-used expressions in queries. In Oracle Database Release 21c, 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 21c, policy-managed databases are deprecated.

Date: May 2021

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 21c. Oracle recommends that you use unified auditing, which enables selective and more effective auditing inside Oracle Database.

Date: May 2021

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 Encryption Algorithms

Starting with Oracle Database 21c, older encryption and hashing algorithms are deprecated.

Date: May 2021

The deprecated algorithms for DBMS_CRYPTO and native network encryption include MD4, MD5, DES, 3DES, and RC4-related algorithms as well as 3DES for Transparent Data Encryption (TDE). Removing older, less secure cryptography algorithms prevents accidental use of these algorithms. To meet your security requirements, Oracle recommends that you use more modern cryptography algorithms, such as the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES).

As a consequence of this deprecation, Oracle recommends that you review your network encryption configuration to see if you have specified use of any of the deprecated algorithms. If any are found, then switch to using a more modern cipher, such as AES. Also, if you are currently using 3DES encryption for your TDE deployment, then you should plan to migrate to a more modern algorithm such as AES. For more information, refer to *Oracle Database Security Guide*

Deprecation of Cluster Domain - Domain Services Cluster

Starting with Oracle Grid Infrastructure 21c, Domain Services Clusters (DSC), which is part of the Oracle Cluster Domain architecture, are deprecated.

Date: May 2021

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 21c. Use EUS Manager (EUSM) features instead.

Date: May 2021

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.

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)

Date: May 2021

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 21c. Use Transactional Event Queues (TEQ) instead.

Date: May 2021

Starting with Oracle Database 21c, AQ sharded queues are being repackaged as Transactional Event Queues (TEQ). In the Oracle Database 21c 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 21c.

Date: May 2021

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.

Deprecation of TLS 1.0 and 1.1 Transport Layer Security

Starting with Oracle Database 21c, Transport Layer Security protocol versions 1.0 and 1.1 (TLS 1.0 and TLS 1.1) are deprecated.

Date: May 2021

In accordance with security best practices, Oracle has deprecated the use of TLS 1.0 and TLS 1.1. To meet your security requirements, Oracle strongly recommends that you use TLS 1.2 instead.

Deprecation of Unix Crypt (or MD5crypt) Password Verifier

The Unix Crypt (MD5crypt) password verifier algorithm is deprecated in Oracle Database 21c server and clients, and passwords using this algorithm will stop working in a future release.

Date: May 2021

Enterprise User Security (EUS) customers with enterprise users in Oracle Internet Directory (OID) potentially can be using older, less secure password verifiers generated by Unix Crypt, either by OID, or by the operating system, before they were migrated to OID. Unix Crypt is a less secure algorithm to hash passwords. When MD5crypt is removed, Oracle Database can no longer authenticate EUS or OID users with the Unix Crypt passwrod verifier type. Oracle recommends that you reset passwords in OID now, using newer, more secure hashing algorithms.

Deprecation of ODP.NET OracleConfiguration.DirectoryType Property

The Oracle Data Provider for .NET OracleConfiguration DirectoryType property and .NET configuration file DIRECTORY_TYPE setting are deprecated in Oracle Database 21c, and can be desupported in a future release.

Date: May 2021

The OracleConfiguration DirectoryServerType property replaces the DirectoryType property. The .NET configuration file DIRECTORY_SERVER_TYPE setting replaces the DIRECTORY_TYPE setting. All these properties have identical functionality. Oracle recommends to developers that you use and migrate to the new properties. The DirectoryServerType and DIRECTORY_SERVER_TYPE names better align with the ldap.ora parameter, DIRECTORY_SERVER_TYPE, which provides equivalent functionality.

Deprecation of Weaker Encryption Key Strengths

The use of weaker encryption keys is deprecated in Oracle Database 21c.

Date: May 2021

The security strength of the cipher algorithms have been changed in Oracle Database 21c with the introduction of the newest RSA BSAFE Micro Edition Suite (MES) v 4.5. The following cipher algorithms are deprecated:

- For FIPS mode
 - The FIPS default protect strength of 80 has been deprecated. This strength is still available, but will not be the default protect strength in the future. The new default protect strength for FIPS mode will be 112.
 - * When the default FIPS protect strength changes from 80 to 112 with a later release, you can still revert to using the older, less secure FIPS protect strength 80 by setting a parameter.
 - Diffie Hellman and Digital Signature Algorithm (DH/DSA) with 1024 key size is deprecated. The new minimum supported key size will be 2048. The 1024 key size support will remain available when the default protect strength will be changed to 112



bits of security strength (equivalent to 2048 key size), the process strength remains at 80 bits of security strength (equivalent to 1024 key size).

- For non-FIPS mode
 - Both protect and process strength 0 (RSA key length 512) are deprecated. By default, both protect and process strength are now 80. Protect and process strength 0 (RSA key 512 and equivalent) is still available, but not recommended for use.

Related Topics

• Managing Deprecated Weaker Algorithm Keys

Deprecation of DBSNMP Packages for Adaptive Thresholds Feature

DBSNMP PL/SQL packages associated with the Adaptive Thresholds feature are deprecated in Oracle Database 21c.

Date: May 2021

Beginning with Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control 13.5, all features of Database Server Adaptive Thresholds and Baseline Metric Thresholds will be removed for all Oracle Database targets. The following database server side packages that support this feature will no longer be available: DBSNMP.BSLN, DBSNMP.BSLN_INTERNAL and DBSNMP.MGMT_RESPONSE.

For more information about this deprecation, refer to My Oracle Support 2697846.1

Related Topics

My Oracle Support Note 2697846.1

Deprecation of Oracle GoldenGate Replication for Oracle Sharding High Availability

Oracle GoldenGate replication support for Oracle Sharding High Availability is deprecated in Oracle Database 21c.

Date: May 2021

Deprecation of Anonymous Cipher Suites with Outbound TLS Connections

Anonymous cipher suites for outbound TLS connections (Database to other services) are deprecated with Oracle Database 21c.

Date: May 2021

Anonymous cipher suites only encrypt the connection between client and server without authenticating either party leaving it vulnerable to a person-in-the-middle attack. The following three anonymous cipher suites are deprecated with this release:

- NZTLS_DH_ANON_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384
- NZTLS_DH_ANON_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256
- NZSSL DH ANON WITH 3DES EDE CBC SHA

To provide better protection for your connections, Oracle recommends using the strongest possible non-anonymous TLS cipher suites.



Deprecation of the KERBEROS5PRE Adapter

The use of the KERBEROS5PRE adapter is deprecated with Oracle Database 21c. Oracle recommends that you use the KERBEROS5 adapter instead.

Date: May 2021

The KERBEROS5 adapter is the primary adapter supported by Oracle for Kerberos authentication. KERBEROS5PRE is not needed anymore, and will be desupported in a future release. This change simplifies Kerberos configuration.

Deprecation of Oracle Wallet Manager

Oracle Wallet Manager (OWM) is deprecated with Oracle Database 21c.

Date: May 2021

Instead of using Oracle Wallet Manager, Oracle recommends that you use the command line tool ${\tt orapki}$.

Deprecation of Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Express

Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Express (EM Express) is deprecated, and will be removed in a future Oracle Database release.

Date: May 2021

EM Express is a web-based database management tool that is built inside the Oracle Database. It supports key performance management and basic database administration functions. Many of EM Express's capabilities are also available in Oracle SQL Developer, which is included in all Oracle Database editions. Oracle recommends that you replace your use of EM Express with Oracle SQL Developer.

Deprecation of Service Attribute Value SESSION STATE CONSISTENCY = STATIC

The combination of session attribute values FAILOVER_TYPE = TRANSACTION with SESSION STATE CONSISTENCY = STATIC is deprecated in Oracle Database 21c.

Date: May 2023

The use of session attribute values FAILOVER_TYPE = TRANSACTION with SESSION STATE CONSISTENCY = STATIC is no longer a supported service attribute combination.

Instead use one of the following combinations in the service configuration:

- FAILOVER_TYPE = AUTO with SESSION_STATE_CONSISTENCY = AUTO
- FAILOVER TYPE = TRANSACTION with SESSION STATE CONSISTENCY = DYNAMIC

These configurations enforce session state tracking in Oracle Database, ensuring that session state is preserved at session migration and session failover. Note that starting with Oracle Database 21c, you may also wish to set the RESET_STATE attribute to clear your session state set by applications in request at the end of the request. For more information, see RESET_STATE.



Deprecation of SHA-1 use for SQLNET and DBMS_CRYPTO

The use of SHA-1 with DBMS_CRYPTO, SQLNET.CRYPTO_CHECKSUM_TYPES_CLIENT and SQLNET.CRYPTO CHECKSUM TYPES SERVER is deprecated.

May 2021

Using SHA-1 (Secure Hash Algorithm 1) with the parameters SQLNET.CRYPTO_CHECKSUM_TYPES_CLIENT and SQLNET.CRYPTO_CHECKSUM_TYPES_SERVER is deprecated in this release, and can be desupported in a future release. Using SHA-1 ciphers with DBMS_CRYPTO is also deprecated (HASH_SH1, HMAC_SH1). Instead of using SHA1, Oracle recommends that you start using a stronger SHA-2 cipher in place of the SHA-1 cipher.

Deprecation of ACFSUTIL REPL REVERSE

The acfsutil repl reverse command is deprecated in Oracle Database 21c. Use repl failover Or repl switchover instead.

Date: August 2021

The Oracle Advanced Cluster File System (ACFS) command utility acfsutil includes the commands repl failover and repl switchover. These commands provide more functionality, including all the functions of acfsutil repl reverse. For this reason, Oracle is deprecating the acfsutil repl reverse command.

Deprecation of Oracle OLAP

Analytic workspaces, the OLAP DML programming language, and the OLAP Java API are deprecated in Oracle Database 21c.

Date: August 2021

For new applications requiring advanced analytic capabilities, Oracle recommends that you consider analytic views (a feature of Oracle Database), or Oracle Essbase. Oracle analytic views are a feature of every Oracle Database edition. If your application uses OLAP for dimensional query and reporting applications, then Oracle recommends that you consider Oracle analytic views as a replacement for OLAP. Analytic views provide a fast and efficient way to create analytic queries of data stored in existing database tables and views. With Oracle analytic views, you obtain a dimensional query model and supporting metadata without requiring a "cube build/update" process. The elimination of the cube build/update process relieves scalability constraints (model complexity and data volume), simplifies the data preparation pipeline, and reduces or eliminates data latency. In addition, you can use analytic views with OLTP applications, external tables, and non-relational data types (for example, JSON) when these non-relational data types are wrapped by relational views.

Deprecation of Oracle Database Extensions for .NET

Oracle Database Extensions for .NET is deprecated in Oracle Database 21c. Oracle recommends that you either place .NET code in the middle tier, or use the External Procedures feature, or rewrite the code using PL/SQL or Java.

Date: September 2021

Oracle Database Extensions for .NET is a feature of Oracle Database on Microsoft Windows that enables you to use stored procedures and functions written in a language managed by .NET, such as C#.



Oracle Database hosts the Microsoft Common Language Runtime (CLR) in an external process, outside of the Oracle Database process. Application developers can write stored procedures and functions using any .NET compliant language, such as C# and VB.NET, and use these .NET stored procedures in the database, in the same manner as other PL/SQL or Java stored procedures. .NET stored procedures can be called from PL/SQL packages, procedures, functions, and triggers; from SQL statements; or from anywhere a PL/SQL procedure or function can be called.

Migration options include:

- Moving the .NET code (assemblies) into a middle tier
- Using the External Procedures feature to have the external process load and execute the .NET assembly
- Rewriting the stored procedures using PL/SQL or Java

Deprecation of Repository Events

The use of repository events to trigger application actions is deprecated in Oracle Database 21c (21.3). There is no replacement.

October 2021

Repository events are events that can be used to trigger application actions. Repository events include repository changes, such as creating, deleting, locking, unlocking, rendering, linking, unlinking, placing under version control, checking in, checking out, unchecking out (reverting a checked out version), opening, and updating a resource. The deprecation of the use of repository events includes deprecation of the DBMS_XEVENT package, and the following subprogram groups:

- XDBevent
- XDBRepositoryEvent
- XDBHandler
- XDBHandlerList
- XDBPath
- XDBLink

Deprecation of Quality of Service Management

Starting with Oracle Database Release 21c, Oracle Quality of Service Management (QoSM, or QOS Management) is deprecated.

Date: November 2022

Oracle QoSM automates the workload management for an entire system by adjusting the system configuration based on predefined policies to keep applications running at the performance levels needed. Applications and databases are increasingly deployed in systems that provide some of the resource management capabilities of QoSM. At the same time, Oracle's Autonomous Health Framework has been enhanced to adjust and provide recommendations to mitigate events and conditions that impact the health and operational capability of a system and its associated components. For those reasons, QoSM is deprecated with Oracle Database 21c.



Grid Infrastructure Management Repository Deprecation

The Grid Infrastructure Management Repository (GIMR), or Management Database (MGMTDB), is deprecated in Oracle Database 21c.

Date: May 2023

Solutions using the GIMR (GIMR clients) such as Oracle Autonomous Health Framework (AHF), Cluster Health Monitor (CHM), Oracle Cluster Health Advisor (CHA), or Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning (FPP), will automatically transition to alternative repositories as needed. As a purpose-built database used exclusively by GIMR clients, the deprecation and potential removal of the GIMR in future releases will be seamless for Oracle Grid Infrastructure and related services.

Deprecated Views in Oracle Database 21c

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 21c

As part of your upgrade plan, review the initialization parameters that are deprecated starting with this Oracle Database release.

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- Initialization parameters:
 - AUDIT_FILE_DEST
 - AUDIT_SYS_OPERATIONS
 - AUDIT_SYSLOG_LEVEL
 - AUDIT_TRAIL



Oracle Database 19c Behavior Changes, Desupports, and Deprecations

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.
- Desupported Features in Oracle Database 19c
 As part of your upgrade plan, review the features that are desupported in Oracle Database 19c.
- Desupported Parameters in Oracle Database 19c As part of your upgrade plan, review the initialization parameters that are not supported starting with Oracle Database 19c.
- Deprecated Features in Oracle Database 19c
 As part of your upgrade plan, review the features that are deprecated in Oracle Database
 19, 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 Oracle Database 19c.

Behavior Changes for Oracle Database 19c Upgrade Planning

Review these behavior changes to help plan for upgrades to Oracle Database 19c.

Behavior changes can include default changes for parameters or features, product name changes, and other changes to the database configuration that may require your attention.

- All Time Zone Files (DST) Included in Release Updates (RUs) Starting with Oracle Database 19c RU 19.18.0, all available DST patches are installed with the RU, and deployed into the Oracle_home/oracore/zoneinfo directory.
- 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.
- About Standard Edition High Availability In this release, you can install Oracle Database Standard Edition 2 in high availability mode.



- Manage "Installed but Disabled" Module Bug Fixes with DBMS_OPTIM_BUNDLE To manage the implementation of Oracle Database bug fixes that cause a SQL execution plan change, use DBMS_OPTIM_BUNDLE.
- Windows Authentication No Longer Uses NTLM by Default For Microsoft Windows installations with AUTHENTICATION_SERVICES=NTS, in this Oracle Database release, the SQLNET.NO_NTLM parameter setting in the sqlnet.ora file defaults to TRUE, which can cause ORA-12638 errors.

All Time Zone Files (DST) Included in Release Updates (RUs)

Starting with Oracle Database 19c RU 19.18.0, all available DST patches are installed with the RU, and deployed into the *Oracle home/oracore/zoneinfo* directory.

Installing DST patches does not affect current database operation. However, installing the patches with the RU makes it easier for you to adjust the timezone version of your database, if you have a requirement to do so. For example, if you are using Transportable Tablespaces, or Full Transportable Export/Import, then you must ensure that your source and target databases are using identical character sets and identical time zone settings. With this change, you can more easily choose to change your destination database to use a different time zone file version than the default.

Note:

By default, AutoUpgrade changes the database time zone to the latest available level. If you don't want the time zone to be upgraded, then you must explicitly set the local parameter timezone_upg in your AutoUpgrade configuration file to no. For example:

upg1.timezone upg=no

When you patch a database with RU 19.18 or later, a new database created with Database Configuration Assistant (DBCA) in that patched Oracle home will be created with the latest time zone files.

Related Topics

- Choosing a Time Zone File
- RUs contain now all available DST patches
- Primary Note DST FAQ : Updated DST Transitions and New Time Zones in Oracle RDBMS and OJVM Time Zone File Patches (Doc ID 412160.1)

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

Property	Oracle Database 18c and earlier releases	Oracle Database 19c and later releases
Archive location	OnlineArchiveLocation	ArchiveLocation
Alternate location	OnlineAlternateLocation	AlternateLocation
Standby archive location	StandbyArchiveLocation	StandbyArchiveLocation
Standby alternate location	StandbyAlternateLocation	StandbyAlternateLocation

Table 11-1 Oracle Data Guard Property Name Changes

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.

In upgrades of Oracle Database 19c and later releases, if the upgrade can recreate existing DBMS_JOB jobs using DBMS_SCHEDULER, then for backward compatibility, after the upgrade, DBMS_JOB continues to act as a legacy interface to the DBMS_SCHEDULER job. If existing jobs cannot be recreated using DBMS_SCHEDULER because of issues with the metadata, then you receive a JOB_TABLE_INTEGRITY warning when you run upgrade prechecks. In that case, you have three options:

- Fix the metadata. After the upgrade continue to run after the upgrade using DBMS_JOBS as an interface, and run as DBMS_SCHEDULER jobs.
- Drop the jobs, if no longer required.
- Drop DBMS JOBS jobs, and recreate the jobs manually using DBMS SCHEDULER.

For existing jobs created with DBMS_JOB that are recreated during the upgrade, the legacy DBMS_JOB job is still present as an interface, but using it always creates a DBMS_SCHEDULER entry. Apart from the interface, the job is run as a DBMS_SCHEDULER job. If you subsequently disable the DBMS_JOB job created before the upgrade, then the DBMS_SCHEDULER job is also disabled. To avoid this behavior,drop the legacy job, and replace it with a DBMS_SCHEDULER job.

For all new jobs, use DBMS SCHEDULER.

About Standard Edition High Availability

In this release, you can install Oracle Database Standard Edition 2 in high availability mode.

Standard Edition High Availability provides cluster-based failover for single-instance Standard Edition Oracle Databases using Oracle Clusterware.

Oracle Standard Edition High Availability benefits from the cluster capabilities and storage solutions that are already part of Oracle Grid Infrastructure, such as Oracle Clusterware, Oracle Automatic Storage Management (Oracle ASM) and Oracle Advanced Cluster File System (Oracle ACFS).

Using integrated, shared, and concurrently mounted storage, such as Oracle ASM and Oracle ACFS for database files as well as for unstructured data, enables Oracle Grid Infrastructure to restart an Oracle Database on a failover node much faster than any cluster solution that relies on failing over and remounting volumes and file systems.

Standard Edition High Availability is supported on Linux x86-64.

Note:

This section is specific to Standard Edition High Availability, which provides clusterbased database failover for Standard Edition Oracle Databases 23ai and later. For more information about high availability options for Oracle Database, see Oracle Clusterware Administration and Deployment Guide.

Manage "Installed but Disabled" Module Bug Fixes with DBMS_OPTIM_BUNDLE

To manage the implementation of Oracle Database bug fixes that cause a SQL execution plan change, use DBMS_OPTIM_BUNDLE.

After you upgrade your database, the bug fix patches that can cause execution plan changes included in the Release Updates are installed disabled by default. These bug fixes will not be activated until you enable the fixes. You can either enable these fixes manually, or use the DBMS OPTIM BUNDLE package.

Oracle strongly recommends that you enable these disabled patches that you want to use in your production system, and run complete workload performance tests using these patches as part of your upgrade test plan.

For more information about using DBMS_OPTIM_BUNDLE to enable patches that were disabled because they can change execution plans, see *Oracle Database PL/SQL Packages and Types Reference*, and My Oracle Support note 2147007.1.

Related Topics

- DBMS_OPTIM_BUNDLE
- My Oracle Support Doc ID 2147007.1 Managing "installed but disabled" bug fixes in Database Release Updates using DBMS_OPTIM_BUNDLE

Windows Authentication No Longer Uses NTLM by Default

For Microsoft Windows installations with AUTHENTICATION_SERVICES=NTS, in this Oracle Database release, the SQLNET.NO_NTLM parameter setting in the sqlnet.ora file defaults to TRUE, which can cause ORA-12638 errors.

Date: August 2023

In previous releases, the default for SQLNET.NO_NTLM was FALSE. SQLNET.NO_NTLM controls whether NTLM can be used with NTS authentication (AUTHENTICATION_SERVICES=NTS). A TRUE setting means that NTLM cannot be used in NTS authentication. Because NTLM does not normally provide mutual authentication and is hence less secure, a TRUE setting for SQLNET.NO_NTLM makes the database and client more secure.



The SQLNET.NO_NTLM parameter is used on both the server and the client. If you have upgraded a Microsoft Windows installation of Oracle Database, or upgraded a client in which SQLNET.NO_NTLM had not been set, then its default will be TRUE. In that case, when you have SQLNET.AUTHENTICATION_SERVICES=NTS in your sqlnet.ora, clients can encounter the error ORA-12638: Credential retrieval failed.

If you prefer to use NTLM authentication for certain clients, then set this parameter as required in client-side sqlnet.ora files:

SQLNET.NO NTLM=FALSE

You must include this setting on both the server and client, and this setting should be the same on both. Ideally, you should ensure that SQLNET.NO_NTLM is set to TRUE. However, if there is an authentication failure in extproc, a virtual account, or a local account on Windows, set the client SQLNET.NO_NTLM to FALSE, and then retry the login. If you change SQLNET.NO_NTLM on the server, then you must restart the database.

Related Topics

- Upgrade Your Database Now ORA-12638 on Windows only from Oracle 19.10.0 onwards
- Windows : While Connect to Database Getting ORA-12638 After Applying Jan 2021 WINDBBP 19.10.0.0.210119 On Windows 64/32 Bit Database Client (Doc ID 2757734.1)

Desupported Features in Oracle Database 19c

As part of your upgrade plan, review the features that are desupported in Oracle Database 19c.

- Desupport of Oracle Data Provider for .NET Promotable Transaction Setting
- Desupport of Oracle Multimedia
- 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. Date: April 2019

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. **Date: April 2019**

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 APEX Media Extension (AME). 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

https://www.apexmediaextension.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.

Date: April 2019

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.

Date: April 2019

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.

Date: April 2019

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.

Date: April 2019

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.

Date: April 2019

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.

Date: April 2019

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).

Date: April 2019

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 Oracle Database 19c.

- 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.
- Desupport of OPTIMIZE_PROGRESS_TABLE Parameter OPTIMIZE_PROGRESS_TABLE for Oracle GoldenGate Integrated Replicat, XStream In, and Logical Standby, 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.

Date: April 2019

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.

Date: April 2019



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 07_DICTIONARY_ACCESSIBILITY is desupported in Oracle Database 19c.

Date: November 2019

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.

Desupport of OPTIMIZE_PROGRESS_TABLE Parameter

OPTIMIZE_PROGRESS_TABLE for Oracle GoldenGate Integrated Replicat, XStream In, and Logical Standby, is desupported in Oracle Database 19c.

Date: September 2020

The apply parameter <code>OPTIMIZE_PROGRESS_TABLE</code> for Oracle GoldenGate Integrated Replicat, XStream In, and Logical Standby, is desupported in Oracle Database 19c. Before you upgrade to Oracle Database 19, you must turn off this parameter. If <code>OPTIMIZE_PROGRESS_TABLE</code> is set to ON, then stop apply gracefully, turn off the parameter, and restart apply. For GoldenGate Apply and XStream, this parameter is set to OFF by default.

Deprecated Features in Oracle Database 19c

As part of your upgrade plan, review the features that are deprecated in Oracle Database 19, and review alternatives for your application strategies.

- Deprecation of URL_DATASTORE Text Type Starting with Oracle Database 19c, the Oracle Text type url_DATASTORE is deprecated. Use NETWORK_DATASTORE instead.
- Deprecation of FILE_DATASTORE Type Starting with Oracle Database 19c, the Oracle Text type FILE_DATASTORE is deprecated. Use DIRECTORY_DATASTORE instead.
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Deprecation of URL_DATASTORE Text Type

Starting with Oracle Database 19c, the Oracle Text type URL_DATASTORE is deprecated. Use NETWORK DATASTORE instead.

Date: April 2019

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 FILE_DATASTORE Type

Starting with Oracle Database 19c, the Oracle Text type FILE_DATASTORE is deprecated. Use DIRECTORY_DATASTORE instead.

Date: April 2019

Oracle recommends that you replace FILE_DATASTORE text indexes with the DIRECTORY_DATASTORE index type, which is available starting with Oracle Database 19c. DIRECTORY_DATASTORE provides greater security because it enables file access to be based on directory objects.



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.

Date: April 2019

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.

Date: April 2019

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).

Date: April 2019

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.

Date: April 2019

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.

Date: April 2019

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.

Date: April 2019



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.

Date: April 2019

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.

Date: April 2019

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 Database Vault role DV_REALM_OWNER role is deprecated with no replacement.

Date: April 2019

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 Database Vault role DV_REALM_RESOURCE is deprecated with no replacement.

Date: April 2019

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 Database Vault role DV PUBLIC role is deprecated with no replacement.

Date: April 2019

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.

Date: April 2019

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 OLAP

Analytic workspaces, the OLAP DML programming language, and the OLAP Java API are deprecated in Oracle Database 19c.

Date: April 2019

This deprecation is announced in Oracle Database 19c and Oracle Database 21c. For new applications requiring advanced analytic capabilities, Oracle recommends that you consider analytic views (a feature of Oracle Database), or Oracle Essbase. Oracle analytic views are a feature of every Oracle Database edition. If your application uses OLAP for dimensional query and reporting applications, then Oracle recommends that you consider Oracle analytic views as a replacement for OLAP. Analytic views provide a fast and efficient way to create analytic queries of data stored in existing database tables and views. With Oracle analytic views, you obtain a dimensional query model and supporting metadata without requiring a "cube build/update" process. The elimination of the cube build/update process relieves scalability

constraints (model complexity and data volume), simplifies the data preparation pipeline, and reduces or eliminates data latency. In addition, you can use analytic views with OLTP applications, external tables, and non-relational data types (for example, JSON) when these non-relational data types are wrapped by relational views.

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.

Date: April 2019

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.

Date: October 2019

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

Date: October 2019

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.

Date: October 2019

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.

Date: October 2019

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.

Date: October 2019

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. This deprecation applies to clustered deployments, including Oracle Real Application Clusters and Oracle RAC One Node.

Deprecation of Black Box Virtual Machine Management Using Oracle Clusterware

Direct management of virtual machine (VM) resources using Oracle Clusterware is deprecated in Oracle Grid Infrastructure 19c, and can be removed in a future release.

Date: May 2020

Oracle continues to support the use of Oracle Clusterware to monitor and manage the availability of remotely deployed Oracle VMs. However, this support will be removed in an upcoming release.

Deprecation of OPatch and OPatchAuto for Out-of-Place Patching

Oracle recommended out-of-place patching using Opatch and OPatchAuto, but Oracle is transitioning to a simpler and easier Gold image process for out-of-place patching starting with Oracle Database 23ai On Premises.

Date: May 2023

Oracle continues to recommend out-of-place patching for the Oracle Database and Oracle Grid Infrastructure homes for Oracle Database 19c and 21c. However, Oracle is transitioning to a streamlined process that uses Gold Images for out-of-place patching of Oracle Database. In addition, Oracle also provides the fully automated Fleet Patching and Provisioning solution for patching your software. Accordingly, Oracle is announcing the deprecation of using Opatch and OpatchAuto for out-of-place patching. This deprecation does not affect in-place patching. For Oracle Grid Infrastructure, Oracle recommends that you use gridSetup.sh with the switchGridHomes option. For standalone database homes, Oracle recommends that you use a fresh installation, and perform an out-of-place patch using Oracle Universal Installer with the applyRU and applyOneOffs options. You can then patch your databases either with AutoUpgrade, or with Fleet Patching and Provisioning, which automates the entire patch process for you.

Data Recovery Advisor (DRA) Deprecation

Starting in Oracle Database 19c, the Data Recovery Advisor (DRA) feature is deprecated.

Date: July 2023

The deprecation of DRA includes deprecation of the following Oracle Recovery Manager (RMAN) commands: LIST FAILURE, ADVISE FAILURE, REPAIR FAILURE, and CHANGE FAILURE. Database administrators will no longer have access to these commands. There is no replacement feature for DRA.

DBUA and Manual Upgrade Deprecated

Oracle recommends using AutoUpgrade for database upgrades.

Date: July 2023

To improve the reliability and support for Oracle Database upgrades, Oracle is deprecating Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA), and manual upgrades using the Parallel Upgrade Utility (catctl.pl), and the database upgrade scripts dbupgrade and dbupgrade.cmd in Oracle Database 19c. Use AutoUpgrade for Oracle Database upgrades. These obsolete upgrade methods can be removed in a future release update. Deprecating obsolete upgrade methods enables Oracle to focus on improving and extending the features and manageability of the AutoUpgrade utility.

Cluster Time Synchronization Service Deprecation

Cluster Time Synchronization Service (CTSS) is deprecated in Oracle Database 19c.

Date: January 2024

To synchronize time between cluster member nodes, use either an operating system configured network time protocol such as ntp or chrony, or Microsoft Windows Time service.
To verify that you have network time synchronization configured, you can use the cluvfy comp clocksync -n all command.

ACFS Deprecation on IBM AIX

The ACFS storage option on IBM AIX is deprecated in Oracle Database 19c.

Date: December 2024

To align the support for the IBM AIX platform, Oracle Automatic Storage Management Cluster File System (ACFS) on IBM AIX (called Oracle Advanced Cluster File System starting with Oracle Database 21c) is deprecated in Oracle Database 19c. For data or files currently stored on an ACFS file system that cannot be stored in the Oracle database, the IBM General Parallel File System (GPFS) can be used.



RECOVER...SNAPSHOT TIME Deprecated

The RECOVER...SNAPSHOT TIME method of recovering a database to a point in time using a particular snapshot is deprecated in Oracle Database 19c.

Date: February 2024

Instead of RECOVER...SNAPSHOT TIME, Oracle recommends that you use ALTER DATABASE BEGIN/END BACKUP before and after creating the storage snapshot of the data files and then use RECOVER .. UNTIL TIME to a specific timestamp or system change number (SCN) after the END BACKUP completion time. Oracle recommends that ALTER DATABASE BEGIN/END BACKUP always be used when performing snapshots on a running database to ensure data recovery integrity. Archived log redo logs must be separately backed up and restored for recovery operations.

Note that Oracle's best practice for database backup and recovery is to use Recovery Manager (RMAN) only, not storage snapshots, and is integrated with Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance (ZDLRA) to offer the highest levels of database protection.

Related Topics

IT Infrastructure Engineered Systems Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance

Oracle Data Masking and Subsetting with Oracle Real Application Testing Deprecated

The integration of data masking with Oracle Real Application Testing is deprecated in Oracle Database 19c.

Date: February 2024

For testing, Oracle recommends that you keep the test database in the production realm for security, but create user accounts for testing that cannot access your data to run both SQL Performance Analyzer (SPA) trials and Database Replay.

Oracle ASM Filter Driver (ASMFD) Deprecated

Oracle is deprecating the optional Oracle ASM Filter Driver (Oracle ASMFD) for Linux.

Date: March 2025

Oracle ASM Filter Driver is used with Oracle Grid Infrastructure deployments. Oracle previously recommended that you install Oracle ASMFD for your system during the installation of Oracle Grid Infrastructure, which required that you migrated Oracle ASM disk groups and deinstall Oracle ASMLib. However, due to industry developments, it has become necessary to reverse this process. Because this is an optional driver associated with an operating system, continuing support depends on the operating system on which your Oracle Grid Infrastructure environment is deployed. Existing operating system installations of Oracle ASMFD continue to function, but this feature is deprecated. Installations do not require Oracle ASMFD, but if you want to continue to obtain the benefits of an operating system driver, then Oracle recommends that you migrate to Oracle ASMLib.

Deprecated Initialization Parameters in Oracle Database 19c

As part of your upgrade plan, review the initialization parameters that are deprecated in Oracle Database 19c.



- 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)

Date: April 2019

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.

Date: April 2019

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 <code>SERVICE_NAMES</code> parameter is deprecated. It can be desupported in a future release.

Date: November 2019



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.

Oracle Database 18c Behavior Changes, Desupports, and Deprecations

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
- 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.
- 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.
- Deprecated Features in Oracle Database 18c Review the deprecated features listed in this section to prepare to use alternatives after you upgrade.

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 12*c* 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 <code>%ORACLE_HOME%\bin\oramtsctl.exe -new</code>

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 runs 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-23ai configure 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, LevelORecord, is returned, and also an expanded description of all the nested types within LevelORecord. 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	LEVELORECORD	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	LEVELORECORD	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 12*c* 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, run AutoUpgrade in analyze mode. Oracle recommends that you instead use directory objects in place of symbolic links.



Example 11-1 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 Ia.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 12*c* 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

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 withOracle 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 withOracle 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
- ADDSERVLETSECROLE
- ADDXMLEXTENSION
- CFG GET
- CFG REFRESH
- CFG UPDATE
- DELETEHTTPEXPIREMAPPING
- DELETEMIMEMAPPING
- DELETESCHEMALOCMAPPING
- DELETESERVLET
- DELETESERVLETMAPPING
- DELETESERVLETSECROLE
- 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.



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.

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.
- Deprecation of Oracle Multimedia Starting in Oracle Database 18c, Oracle Multimedia is deprecated. Oracle Multimedia will be desupported in 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.

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.

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 11-2	Deprecated columns in Oracle Label Security Views
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Data Dictionary View	Deprecated Column
ALL_SA_USER_LABELS	LABELS
ALL_SA_USERS	USER_LABELS
DBA_SA_USER_LABELS	LABELS
DBA_SA_USERS	USER_LABELS

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 -1. 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.

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.

Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2) Behavior Changes, Desupports, and Deprecations

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)
- Desupported Features in Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2) Review this list of desupported features as part of your upgrade planning.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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 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.
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- 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 utlrp 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

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 who 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 <code>ALLOW_GROUP_ACCESS_TO_SGA</code> 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.

Note:

The information in this notice as published for Oracle Database Release 2 (12.2) is obsolete. All manual script methods for upgrading Oracle Database were deprecated starting with Oracle Database 19c, and desupported in Oracle Database 23ai. For all releases, Oracle recommends that you perform upgrades using the AutoUpgrade utility. Listen to Roy Swonger tell you about this change, read Mike Dietrich's page about the history behind the development of AutoUpgrade, view Daniel Overby Hanson's video that shows you how you can test your own upgrade using AutoUpgrade, and have a look at the "Hitchhiker's Guide for Upgrading to Oracle Database 19c."

Related Topics

- Upgrade Your Database Now: DBUA Deprecation and future Desupport in Oracle Database 23ai
- Hitchhiker's Guide for Upgrading to Oracle Database 19c

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.

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 12.

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 and Offline 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.
- 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 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 12.2 and later releases. 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) and later releases.
- 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 automatons 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, processed 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 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.

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 12*c* 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).

Note:

The Pre-Upgrade Information Tool is now replaced with the AutoUpgrade Utility, which can assist you with upgrades from Oracle Database 11.2.0.4 and later releases. Download the latest available version.

Related Topics

My Oracle Support note 2485457.1

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 12*c* 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 serverside SQLJ code.

Oracle supports using client-side SQLJ. However, Oracle does not support the use of serverside 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: instance of. 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)



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 <code>USE_INDIRECT_DATA_BUFFERS</code> 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

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 ${\it method}$ 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 thirdparty 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 <code>oracle.sql</code> and <code>oracle.jdbc</code> Java packages. Starting with Oracle Database 12c release 2 (12.2), the <code>oracle.sql</code> classes that extend <code>oracle.sql</code>.DatumWithConnection are deprecated. The <code>oracle.jdbc</code> 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 12*c* 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 <code>ORA12C_VERIFY_FUNCTION</code> and <code>ORA12C_STRONG_VERIFY_FUNCTION</code>. 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
- DELETEMIMEMAPPING
- DELETESCHEMALOCMAPPING
- DELETESERVLET
- DELETESERVLETMAPPING
- DELETESERVLETSECROLE
- DELETEXMLEXTENSION
- GETFTPPORT
- GETHTTPPORT
- GETLISTENERENDPOINT
- SETFTPPORT
- SETHTTPPORT
- 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.



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

Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1) Behavior Changes, Desupports, and Deprecations

Review for descriptions of Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1) changes.

- Behavior Changes for Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1) Review these behavior changes to help plan for upgrades to Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1)
- Desupported Features in Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1) Review this list of desupported features as part of your upgrade planning.
- 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.
- Deprecated Initialization Parameters in Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1) As part of your upgrade plan, review the initialization parameters that are deprecated in Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1).
- Deprecated Views in Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1) Review the deprecated features listed in this section to prepare to use alternatives after you upgrade. Features deprecated in an earlier release can be desupported in a later release.

Behavior Changes for Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1)

Review these behavior changes to help plan for upgrades to Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1)

- Error Associated with catupgrd.sql Run Without PARALLEL=NO If you choose to run the catupgrd.sql script instead of running catctl.pl), then you now must provide information for an additional input parameter, PARALLEL.
- Change for Standalone Deinstallation Tool Starting with Oracle Database 12c, the deinstallation standalone utility is replaced with a deinstall option using Oracle Universal Installer (OUI).
- Changes to Security Auditing Features The full set of auditing features are available automatically in Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1) and later releases.
- Upgrading a System that Did Not Have SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION
 Parameter Setting
 Review the parameter setting for SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER to
- determine its implications for security and client connections to the upgraded database.
- Oracle Warehouse Builder (OWB) Not Installed with Oracle Database Oracle Warehouse Builder must be installed separately.
- About Upgrading Oracle Database Release 10.2 or 11.1 and OCFS and RAW Devices If you are upgrading an Oracle Database release 10.2.0.5 or release 11.1.0.7 environment that stores Oracle Clusterware files on OCFS on Windows or RAW devices, then you cannot directly upgrade to Oracle Database 12*c* release 1 (12.1).
- Change to VARCHAR2, NVARCHAR2, and RAW Datatypes You can increase the MAX_STRING_SIZE value for these datatypes to 32767 bytes in Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1) and later releases.
- Changed Default for RESOURCE_LIMIT Parameter RESOURCE_LIMIT is set to TRUE by default.
- Oracle XML DB is Mandatory and Cannot Be Uninstalled Starting with Oracle Database 12c, Oracle XML DB is a mandatory component of Oracle Database.



Direct NFS Enabled By Default for Oracle RAC In Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1) and later releases, Direct NFS (DNFS) is enabled by default with Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) installations.

Error Associated with catupgrd.sql Run Without PARALLEL=NO

If you choose to run the catupgrd.sql script instead of running catctl.pl), then you now must provide information for an additional input parameter, PARALLEL.

For example:

SQL> catupgrd.sql PARALLEL=NO

If you run catupgrd.sql without the parameter, then Oracle displays the following error message:

NOTE

The catupgrd.sql script is being deprecated in the 12.1 release of Oracle Database. Customers are encouraged to use catctl.pl as the replacement for catupgrd.sql when upgrading the database dictionary.

cd \$ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin
\$ORACLE_HOME/perl/bin/perl catctl.pl -n 4 catupgrd.sql

Refer to the Oracle Database Upgrade Guide for more information.

This database upgrade procedure must be called with the following argument when invoking from the SQL prompt:

@catupgrd.sql PARALLEL=NO

Change for Standalone Deinstallation Tool

Starting with Oracle Database 12c, the deinstallation standalone utility is replaced with a deinstall option using Oracle Universal Installer (OUI).

You can also run the deinstallation tool from the base directory of the installation media for Oracle Database, Oracle Database Client, or Oracle Grid Infrastructure.

Run the deinstallation tool by using the <code>runInstaller</code> command on Linux and UNIX, or <code>setup.exe</code> on Windows, with the <code>-deinstall</code> and <code>-home</code> options.

See Also:

- Oracle Database Installation Guide for your operating system for information about using OUI and runInstaller
- Oracle Grid Infrastructure Installation Guide for your operating system

Changes to Security Auditing Features

The full set of auditing features are available automatically in Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1) and later releases.

The auditing functionality is redesigned in Oracle Database 12c. When you create a new database with Oracle Database 12c, the full set of auditing enhancement features are automatically available. If you upgrade from an earlier release, then you are given the option of using some of the new audit features and the audit functionality from the release from which you upgraded. Oracle strongly recommends that you migrate to the full set of the latest audit features.

See Also:

Oracle Database Security Guide for information about new auditing features and changes for security

Upgrading a System that Did Not Have SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION Parameter Setting

Review the parameter setting for SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER to determine its implications for security and client connections to the upgraded database.

If you are upgrading a system that did not have a SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION parameter setting (that is, it was using the default SQLNet setting 8), then the new default value for the login verifier is set to 11, which sets the 11g password verifier (11G) in Oracle Database 18c. This value permits Oracle Database 10g, 11g, 12c, and 18c clients to connect to the database, as well as Oracle Database 19c clients.

If you do not provide a parameter setting for SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER (or the deprecated SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION) in the upgraded Oracle Database server, then the Oracle Database 19c default is 11. This value enables connections from clients using releases earlier than Oracle Database release 11.2.0.3 that have not applied *critical patch update CPU Oct 2012*, or later patches, and that must use the Oracle Database 10g verifier (10G) to connect.

The higher the setting, the more restrictive the use of verifiers. A setting of 8 permits the most verifiers. For example, the 10G, 11G, and 12C verifiers are all permitted with this setting. A setting of 12a only permits the 12C verifier. For greater security, consider setting SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER to 12a. A setting of 12 permits both the 11G and 12C verifier to be used for authentication.

See Also:

Oracle Database Security Guide for additional information about verifier settings and client access



Oracle Warehouse Builder (OWB) Not Installed with Oracle Database

Oracle Warehouse Builder must be installed separately.

Starting with Oracle Database 12c, Oracle Warehouse Builder (OWB) is not installed as part of the software for Oracle Database. An installer for Oracle Warehouse Builder is available on Oracle Technology Network. OWB components that may exist from earlier releases are not upgraded as part of the Oracle Database upgrade process.

About Upgrading Oracle Database Release 10.2 or 11.1 and OCFS and RAW Devices

If you are upgrading an Oracle Database release 10.2.0.5 or release 11.1.0.7 environment that stores Oracle Clusterware files on OCFS on Windows or RAW devices, then you cannot directly upgrade to Oracle Database 12*c* release 1 (12.1).

You must first perform an interim upgrade to Oracle Database release 11.2, and then migrate Oracle Clusterware files to Oracle Automatic Storage Management (Oracle ASM). Then you can upgrade from release 11.2 to Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1).

See Also:

- http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/documentation/index.html to obtain Oracle Database Upgrade Guide for Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2)
- Oracle Database Installation Guide for your operating system for procedures on installing the Oracle Database software
- Oracle Automatic Storage Management Administrator's Guide for information about migrating a database to use Oracle Automatic Storage Management (Oracle ASM)

Change to VARCHAR2, NVARCHAR2, and RAW Datatypes

You can increase the MAX_STRING_SIZE value for these datatypes to 32767 bytes in Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1) and later releases.

Starting with Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1), you can increase the maximum size of the VARCHAR2, NVARCHAR2, and RAW datatypes to 32767 bytes. This size increase is possible if you set the COMPATIBLE initialization parameter to 12.0 or higher, and you set the MAX_STRING_SIZE initialization parameter to EXTENDED. This size increase is available for non-CDB Oracle Database instances, and for PDBs in multitenant architecture.

If you want to make this change, then you must run the utl32k.sql script in UPGRADE mode. After you run the script, you can set MAX_STRING_SIZE to EXTENDED.

Caution:

When you increase the COMPATIBLE initialization to 12.0 or higher, you cannot reverse this change.



Changed Default for RESOURCE_LIMIT Parameter

RESOURCE_LIMIT is set to TRUE by default.

The Oracle Database RESOURCE_LIMIT parameter determines if resource limits are enforced in database profiles. In this release, the RESOURCE_LIMIT parameter is set to TRUE by default. If Oracle resource limits are disabled, then any defined profile limits are ignored. This behavior does not apply to password resources.

Check the resource_limit parameter setting by entering the following SQL*Plus command:

SQL> select value from v\$parameter where name = 'resource limit';

Oracle XML DB is Mandatory and Cannot Be Uninstalled

Starting with Oracle Database 12c, Oracle XML DB is a mandatory component of Oracle Database.

You cannot uninstall Oracle XML DB, and there is no option to exclude it when you create an Oracle Database. Oracle XML DB is automatically installed or upgraded when you upgrade an existing Oracle Database to Oracle Database 12c.

Direct NFS Enabled By Default for Oracle RAC

In Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1) and later releases, Direct NFS (DNFS) is enabled by default with Oracle Real Application Clusters (Oracle RAC) installations.

By default, Direct NFS Client is installed in an enabled state for Oracle RAC installations. This is different from Oracle Database single-instance installations, in which you have to enable Direct NFS, and the Direct NFS Client is disabled by default as part of installation. If you upgrade an Oracle RAC Oracle Database release to Release 12.1 or later releases, and you do not have Direct NFS enabled on your source database, then you encounter the error message ORA-17500: ODM err:Operation not permitted.

For more information about this change, and to review options in preparation for your upgrade, refer to My Oracle Support notes 954425.1, and 1966267.1

Related Topics

- My Oracle Support Doc ID 954425.1
- My Oracle Support Doc ID 1966267.1

Desupported Features in Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1)

Review this list of desupported features as part of your upgrade planning.

- Desupport for Raw Storage Devices Starting with Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1), block file storage on raw devices is not supported.
- Desupport of ALTER INDEX OPTIMIZE for Text Indexes The ALTER INDEX OPTIMIZE [token index_token | fast | full [maxtime (time | unlimited)] operation is not supported for Oracle Database 12c.



- Desupport of CLEANUP_ORACLE_BASE Property In Oracle Database 12c, the CLEANUP_ORACLE_BASE property is removed for response file (silent) deinstalls.
- Desupport of Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control Starting with Oracle Database 12*c*, Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control is desupported and is no longer available.
- Desupported Cipher Suites for Secure Sockets Layer (SSL)
 Review this list of desupported cipher suites if you use Oracle Advanced Security.
- Desupport of Database Rules Manager (RUL) and Expression Filter (EXF) Starting with Oracle Database 12c release 1, the Expression Filter (EXF) and Database Rules Manager (RUL) features are desupported.
- Desupport of cluvfy comp cfs for OCFS The cluvfy comp cfs component verification command option is removed from Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1).
- Desupport of Change Data Capture Oracle Change Data Capture is not included in Oracle Database 12c and is replaced with Oracle GoldenGate.
- Desupported Features in Oracle Data Mining These Oracle Data Mining features are desupported in Oracle Database 12c.
- Desupported Implicit Connection Caching Implicit Connection Caching is desupported in Oracle Database 12c.
- Desupport of ABN Models for Oracle Data Mining Upgrades Starting with Oracle Database 12c, Oracle is desupporting the Data Mining Java API and the Adaptive Bayes Network (ABN) algorithm.
- Desupport of OLAP Catalog (AMD) Starting with Oracle Database 12c, the Common Warehouse Metamodel (CWM) standard is desupported for the OLAP catalog (AMD).
- Desupport of CSSCAN and CSALTER for Oracle Globalization
 Oracle Database 12c includes Oracle Database Migration Assistant for Unicode (DMU), and Oracle is desupporting the legacy database tools CSSCAN and CSALTER.
- Desupport of Oracle Net Connection Pooling In Oracle Database 12c, Oracle Net connection pooling is no longer supported.
- Desupport of Oracle Net Listener Password
 In Oracle Database 12c, the Oracle Net Listener password feature is no longer supported.
- Desupport of Oracle Names Oracle Names was desupported as a naming method in Oracle Database 11g. You must migrate to directory naming.
- Desupport of Oracle Names Control Utility for Oracle Net Services The Oracle Names Control Utility is desupported. Starting with Oracle Database 10*g*, it is not available.
- Desupport of CTXXPATH in Oracle Text and Oracle XML DB The CTXSYS.CTXXPATH index is desupported, starting with Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1).
- Desupport of SQLNET.KERBEROS5_CONF_MIT Parameter for Oracle Net Services The SQLNET.KERBEROS5_CONF_MIT networking parameter is no longer needed and is not supported in sqlnet.ora.



- Desupport of ALTER INDEX OPTIMIZE for Text Indexes The ALTER INDEX OPTIMIZE [token index_token | fast | full [maxtime (time | unlimited)] operation is not supported for Oracle Database 12c.
- Desupport of SYNC [MEMORY memsize] for Text Indexes The SYNC [MEMORY memsize] operation is not supported for Oracle Database 12c
- Desupported Features on Microsoft Windows Platforms Review these topics to learn which features are deprecated or desupported with Oracle Database 12*c* for Microsoft Windows.

Desupport for Raw Storage Devices

Starting with Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1), block file storage on raw devices is not supported.

You must migrate any data files stored on raw devices to Oracle ASM, to a cluster file system, or to a Network File System (NFS).

This desupport guideline also applies to OCR and voting disk files for Oracle Clusterware. You cannot store OCR or voting disk files on raw devices. Before you start the upgrade, you must move Oracle Clusterware files from raw devices to a supported storage option.

Desupport of ALTER INDEX OPTIMIZE for Text Indexes

The ALTER INDEX OPTIMIZE [token index_token | fast | full [maxtime (time | unlimited)] operation is not supported for Oracle Database 12c.

To optimize your index, use CTX_DDL.OPTIMIZE_INDEX.

See Also:

Oracle Text Reference for information about OPTIMIZE_INDEX

Desupport of CLEANUP_ORACLE_BASE Property

In Oracle Database 12*c*, the CLEANUP_ORACLE_BASE property is removed for response file (silent) deinstalls.

It is no longer supported to use CLEANUP_ORACLE_BASE to remove an Oracle base during silent or response file mode deinstalls.

Desupport of Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control

Starting with Oracle Database 12*c*, Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Control is desupported and is no longer available.

Oracle introduces Oracle Enterprise Manager Database Express (Oracle EM Express) as a replacement. Oracle EM Express is installed when you upgrade to Oracle Database 12c.

You can carry out a manual configuration of the HTTP port for Oracle EM Express:



1. Look in the init.ora/spfile (default setting) for the following string:

```
dispatchers=(PROTOCOL=TCP) (SERVICE=sample XDB)
```

Check the Oracle EM Express port configuration:

SQL> select DBMS_XDB_CONFIG.getHTTPport() from dual; SQL> select DBMS_XDB_CONFIG.getHTTPSport() from dual;

2. Set new ports. For example:

```
SQL> exec DBMS_XDB_CONFIG.setHTTPport(5500);
SQL> exec DBMS_XDB_CONFIG.setHTTPSport(8080);
```

 Access the Oracle EM Express home page in the browser. For example, using the settings you have provided, check the following path, where *database* is your SID, *hostname* is your fully qualified domain name, and *port* is the port you assigned:

http://database-hostname:port/em

For example:

http://localhost:5500/em

 Repeat this configuration step for the CDB, and for every PDB, using different port numbers.

💉 See Also:

- Oracle Database Concepts for an overview of Oracle EM Express
- Oracle Database 2 Day DBA for information about using Oracle EM Express
- Oracle Database Concepts for an introduction to Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control

Desupported Cipher Suites for Secure Sockets Layer (SSL)

Review this list of desupported cipher suites if you use Oracle Advanced Security.

Oracle Advanced Security has desupported the following cipher suites in Oracle Database 12c:

- SSL_DH_anon_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA
- SSL_RSA_EXPORT_WITH_DES40_CBC_SHA
- SSL_RSA_EXPORT_WITH_RC4_40_MD5
- SSL_RSA_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA





Oracle Database Security Guide for information about supported SSL cipher suites

Desupport of Database Rules Manager (RUL) and Expression Filter (EXF)

Starting with Oracle Database 12c release 1, the Expression Filter (EXF) and Database Rules Manager (RUL) features are desupported.

If you are using Rules Manager, then Oracle recommends that you migrate to Oracle Business Rules, which is a component of Oracle Fusion Middleware. The Continuous Query Notification feature of Oracle Database replaces Expression Filter.

This script is executed by the upgrade process. To remove these components before upgrading, run the catnoexf.sql script before the upgrade. The catnoexf.sql script is located under ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/admin/.

See Also:

https://support.oracle.com/CSP/main/article?cmd=show&type=NOT&id=1244535.1

Desupport of cluvfy comp cfs for OCFS

The cluvfy comp cfs component verification command option is removed from Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1).

The Cluster Verification Utility (cluvfy) option comp cfs is removed in Oracle Database 12.1, because Oracle Cluster File System (OCFS) is no longer supported.

See Also:

Oracle Clusterware Administration and Deployment Guide for more information about cluster administration

Desupport of Change Data Capture

Oracle Change Data Capture is not included in Oracle Database 12c and is replaced with Oracle GoldenGate.



Desupported Features in Oracle Data Mining

These Oracle Data Mining features are desupported in Oracle Database 12c.

• The Oracle Data Mining Java API is no longer available. The programmatic interfaces to Oracle Data Mining 12c consist of two PL/SQL packages, DBMS_DATA_MINING and DBMS_DATA_MINING_TRANSFORM, and a family of SQL language functions for scoring data.

See Also:

Oracle Data Mining User's Guide for information about the Data Mining PL/SQL packages

• The Adaptive Bayes Network (ABN) algorithm is no longer available. The Decision Tree algorithm replaces ABN in Oracle Data Mining 12c.

See Also:

Oracle Data Mining Concepts for information about the Decision Tree algorithm

Desupported Implicit Connection Caching

Implicit Connection Caching is desupported in Oracle Database 12c.

Use Universal Connection Pool instead.

🖍 See Also:

Oracle Universal Connection Pool for JDBC Developer's Guide for information

Desupport of ABN Models for Oracle Data Mining Upgrades

Starting with Oracle Database 12c, Oracle is desupporting the Data Mining Java API and the Adaptive Bayes Network (ABN) algorithm.

Because Oracle is desupporting these features, you cannot upgrade models created by the Oracle Data Mining Java API from Oracle Database release 11g to Oracle Database 12c. All other models and metadata are upgraded automatically during the upgrade from Oracle Database 11g to Oracle Database 12c. ABN models can be upgraded, but you cannot use them in an Oracle Database 12c database. You must drop ABN models either before the upgrade or afterward. You can replace ABN models by building new classification models in the Oracle Database 12c database.



See Also:

Oracle Data Mining User's Guide for information about the Data Mining API and data mining models

Desupport of OLAP Catalog (AMD)

Starting with Oracle Database 12c, the Common Warehouse Metamodel (CWM) standard is desupported for the OLAP catalog (AMD).

CWM standard support was deprecated in Oracle Database 11g Release 2 (11.2). If your existing database has CWM metadata in the OLAP catalog, and you upgrade to Oracle Database 12c, then the upgraded database has the AMD component. If the database you upgrade does not have the AMD component, then the upgraded Oracle Database 12c database also does not have the AMD component, because new installations for Oracle Database 12c do not include AMD. If your database has the AMD component, and you want to remove it, then run the catnoamd.sql script that is located in the pathORACLE_HOME/olap/ admin/catnoamd.sql. You can run this script either before or after you complete your upgrade.

Note:

If the OLAP catalog exists in the database you are upgrading, then you can see AMD OLAP Catalog OPTION OFF and invalid CWM OLAP objects. You can safely ignore the invalid OLAP objects, because they are not needed.

See Also:

- Oracle OLAP Java API Developer's Guide for information about OLAP Java API metadata
- Oracle OLAP User's Guide for more information about the OLAP option of Oracle Database and online analytic processing

Desupport of CSSCAN and CSALTER for Oracle Globalization

Oracle Database 12*c* includes Oracle Database Migration Assistant for Unicode (DMU), and Oracle is desupporting the legacy database tools CSSCAN and CSALTER.

DMU provides a complete end-to-end Unicode migration solution for database administrators. Starting with Oracle Database 12*c*, DMU is included with Oracle Database. The CSSCAN and CSALTER tools are no longer included or supported.



Desupport of Oracle Net Connection Pooling

In Oracle Database 12c, Oracle Net connection pooling is no longer supported.

Oracle Net connection pooling was deprecated in Oracle Database 11g. This deprecation included the DISPATCHERS attributes TICKS, SESSIONS, and CONNECTIONS.

See Also:

Oracle Database Net Services Administrator's Guide for information about configuring dispatchers

Oracle Database Net Services Administrator's Guide for information about Oracle Connection Manager Parameters (cman.ora)

Desupport of Oracle Net Listener Password

In Oracle Database 12c, the Oracle Net Listener password feature is no longer supported.

This change does not cause a loss of security, because Oracle Database enforces authentication through local operating system authentication.

Related Topics

Oracle Database Net Services Reference

Desupport of Oracle Names

Oracle Names was desupported as a naming method in Oracle Database 11g. You must migrate to directory naming.

See Also:

Oracle Database Net Services Administrator's Guide for additional information about migrating to directory naming

Desupport of Oracle Names Control Utility for Oracle Net Services

The Oracle Names Control Utility is desupported. Starting with Oracle Database 10*g*, it is not available.

Desupport of the Oracle Names Control Utility includes desupporting all the related control utility commands. Oracle Database clients cannot use a Names Server to resolve connect strings. Migrate your applications to Oracle Internet Directory with LDAP directory naming.



See Also:

Oracle Database Net Services Reference for information about configuring the directory naming method

Desupport of CTXXPATH in Oracle Text and Oracle XML DB

The CTXSYS.CTXXPATH index is desupported, starting with Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1).

The desupport of CTXSYS.CTXXPATH does not affect CTXCAT. Use XMLIndex indexes instead.

Desupport of SQLNET.KERBEROS5_CONF_MIT Parameter for Oracle Net Services

The SQLNET.KERBEROS5_CONF_MIT networking parameter is no longer needed and is not supported in sqlnet.ora.

By default, the value of SQLNET.KERBEROS5_CONF_MIT is set to FALSE. This parameter setting has no affect on the Kerberos configuration. In previous releases, when SQLNET.KERBEROS5_CONF_MIT is set to TRUE, the parameter set parsing in a format as specified by MIT Kerberos 5. However, this parameter setting is no longer required. Starting with Oracle Database 12c, only MIT Kerberos 5 configuration is supported.

💉 See Also:

Oracle Database Net Services Reference for information about Kerberos parameters for the sqlnet.ora file

Desupport of ALTER INDEX OPTIMIZE for Text Indexes

The ALTER INDEX OPTIMIZE [token index_token | fast | full [maxtime (time | unlimited)] operation is not supported for Oracle Database 12c.

To optimize your index, use CTX_DDL.OPTIMIZE_INDEX.

See Also:

Oracle Text Reference for information about OPTIMIZE_INDEX

Desupport of SYNC [MEMORY memsize] for Text Indexes

The SYNC [MEMORY memsize] operation is not supported for Oracle Database 12c

To synchronize your index, use CTX_DDL.SYNC_INDEX.

Related Topics

Oracle Text Reference

Desupported Features on Microsoft Windows Platforms

Review these topics to learn which features are deprecated or desupported with Oracle Database 12*c* for Microsoft Windows.

- Desupport of Oracle COM Automation on Windows Oracle Database 12c does not contain Oracle COM Automation.
- Desupport of Oracle Objects for OLE
 Oracle Database 12c does not contain Oracle Objects for OLE on Microsoft Windows systems.
- Desupport of Oracle Counters for Windows Performance Monitor Oracle Database 12c does not contain Oracle Counters for Windows Performance Monitor.
- Desupport of Oracle Cluster File System (OCFS) on Windows Starting with Oracle Database 12c, Oracle Cluster File System (OCFS) is desupported on Windows. Support and distribution of OCFS on Linux (OCFS and OCFS2) remains unaffected by this desupport notice.

Desupport of Oracle COM Automation on Windows

Oracle Database 12c does not contain Oracle COM Automation.

This feature was deprecated in Oracle Database 11*g*, which is the last database release that contains the database component Oracle COM Automation. Oracle recommends that you migrate your Oracle COM applications to current technology, such as the .NET Framework.

See Also: https://support.oracle.com/CSP/main/article?cmd=show&type=NOT&id=1175293.1

Desupport of Oracle Objects for OLE

Oracle Database 12c does not contain Oracle Objects for OLE on Microsoft Windows systems.

Oracle Objects for OLE is deprecated in Oracle Database 11g. You can migrate your code to the OLE DB data access standard and ActiveX Data Objects (ADO), or you can migrate your applications to .NET (or Java or another application architecture) and use another driver.

See Also:

https://support.oracle.com/CSP/main/article?cmd=show&type=NOT&id=1175303.1



Desupport of Oracle Counters for Windows Performance Monitor

Oracle Database 12c does not contain Oracle Counters for Windows Performance Monitor.

Oracle Counters for Windows Performance Monitor was deprecated in Oracle Database 11*g*. The counters are not installed by default in earlier releases, and the counters only work on Windows. For monitoring, Oracle recommends that you use Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control.



Desupport of Oracle Cluster File System (OCFS) on Windows

Starting with Oracle Database 12*c*, Oracle Cluster File System (OCFS) is desupported on Windows. Support and distribution of OCFS on Linux (OCFS and OCFS2) remains unaffected by this desupport notice.

Databases currently using OCFS on Windows to host either the Oracle cluster files (Oracle Cluster Registry and voting files) or database files or both need to have these files migrated off OCFS *before* upgrading to Oracle Database 12*c*.

💉 See Also:

- Oracle Automatic Storage Management Administrator's Guide for information about migrating a database to use Oracle Automatic Storage Management (Oracle ASM)
- https://support.oracle.com/CSP/main/article? cmd=show&type=NOT&id=1392280.1

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 Non-CDB Architecture The non-CDB architecture is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c. It can be desupported and unavailable in a release after Oracle Database 19c.
- Deprecation of catupgrd.sql Script and Introduction of Parallel Upgrade Utility In Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1), Oracle recommends that you use the Parallel Upgrade Utility (catctl.plinstead of catupgrd.sql to enable parallel upgrades.
- DELETE_CATALOG_ROLE Deprecated The DELETE CATALOG ROLE database role is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c.
- Deprecated Functions and Parameters in Oracle Label Security Nine Oracle Label Security features are deprecated in Oracle Database 12c release 1.



- Deprecated API for Oracle Database Vault The DVSYS.DBMS_MACADM.SYNC_RULES procedure is deprecated, because its functionality is built into the rule creation functionality.
- Deprecated Default Realms for Oracle Database Vault The Oracle Data Dictionary realm and Oracle Enterprise Manager realm are deprecated in this release.
- Deprecated Default Rule Sets for Oracle Database Vault Rule sets listed here are deprecated with Oracle Database 12c Release 1.
- Deprecation of Windows NTS Authentication Using the NTLM Protocol Because of security vulnerabilities, NTLM is deprecated as of Oracle Database 12c.
- Deprecation of Public Key Infrastructure for Transparent Data Encryption Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) is deprecated for Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) in Oracle Database 12c.
- Oracle Data Guard Broker Deprecated Features
 Review these deprecations if you use Oracle Data Guard Broker.
- Deprecated EndToEndMetrics-related APIs EndToEndMetrics -related APIs are deprecated in Oracle Database 12c. Use Universal Connection Pool instead.
- Deprecation of Oracle Restart Oracle Restart, also known as Oracle Grid Infrastructure for a Standalone Server, is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c.
- Deprecation of -checkpasswd for QOSCTL Quality of Service (QoS) Command The syntax qosctl -checkpasswd username password is deprecated.
- Deprecated NT LAN Manager (NTLM) Protocol for Oracle Net Services The NT LAN Manager (NTLM) protocol for domain authentication is deprecated in the Oracle Windows adapter.
- Deprecated Features for Oracle Call Interface Oracle Call Interface (OCI) features listed here are deprecated in Oracle Database 12c. They can be desupported in a future release
- Deprecation of Oracle Streams Oracle Streams is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c. It can be desupported and unavailable in a later Oracle Database release.
- Oracle Data Provider for .NET Deprecated Programming Interfaces Oracle Data Provider for .NET application programming interfaces for Transaction Guard are deprecated in Oracle Database 12c (12.1.0.2), and can be desupported in a future release.
- VPD Support in Oracle Database Semantic Technologies is Deprecated The Virtual Private Database (VPD) is deprecated for Oracle Database Semantic Technologies in Oracle Database 12c (12.1).
- Version-Enabled Models Support In Oracle Database Semantic Technologies The version-enabled models feature is deprecated for Oracle Database Semantic Technologies in Oracle Database 12*c* (12.1).
- Deprecation of Advanced Replication Oracle Database Advanced Replication is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c.
- Deprecation of Single-Character SRVCTL CLI Options Starting with Oracle Database 12c, single-character options are deprecated. They can be desupported in a later release.



- Deprecation of Stored List of Administrative Users for Cluster Administration Cluster administration is managed differently starting with Oracle Database 12c.
- Deprecation of SQLJ Inside the Server SQLJ usage inside the database server is deprecated in this release.
- Deprecated Oracle Update Batching Oracle Update Batching APIs are deprecated in Oracle Database 12c.
- Deprecated EndToEndMetrics-related APIs EndToEndMetrics -related APIs are deprecated in Oracle Database 12c. Use Universal Connection Pool instead.
- Deprecated Stored Outlines Stored outlines are deprecated in Oracle Database 12c.
- Deprecated Concrete Classes in oracle.sql Package The concrete classes in the oracle.sql package are deprecated in Oracle Database 12c.
- Deprecated defineColumnType Method The JDBC method defineColumnType is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c Release 1.
- Deprecated CONNECTION_PROPERTY_STREAM_CHUNK_SIZE Property The JDBC property CONNECTION_PROPERTY_STREAM_CHUNK_SIZE is deprecated in this release.
- Oracle Data Pump Export Utility Features The XML_CLOBS option of the Oracle Data Pump Export DATA_OPTIONS parameter is deprecated.
- Version-Enabled Models Support In Oracle Database Semantic Technologies The version-enabled models feature is deprecated for Oracle Database Semantic Technologies in Oracle Database 12c (12.1).
- Deprecated defineColumnType Method The JDBC method defineColumnType is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c Release 1.
- Deprecated NT LAN Manager (NTLM) Protocol for Oracle Net Services The NT LAN Manager (NTLM) protocol for domain authentication is deprecated in the Oracle Windows adapter.
- Deprecated Features for Oracle Call Interface Oracle Call Interface (OCI) features listed here are deprecated in Oracle Database 12c. They can be desupported in a future release
- Deprecation of Stored List of Administrative Users for Cluster Administration Cluster administration is managed differently starting with Oracle Database 12c.
- Deprecation of -cleanupOBase The -cleanupOBase flag of the deinstallation tool is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1).
- 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 Advanced Replication
 Oracle Database Advanced Replication is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c.
- DICOM in Oracle Multimedia Deprecated in Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1) In Oracle Database 12c, ORDImage support for Oracle Multimedia DICOM is deprecated.
- Deprecation of JPublisher



Deprecation of Non-CDB Architecture

The non-CDB architecture is 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.

Note:

There remain a small number of features that do not work with the CDB architecture (see README, section 2.2.1 "Features Restricted or Not Available for a Multitenant Container Database"). If you need these features, then continue to use the non-CDB architecture until your required feature works with the CDB architecture.

Deprecation of catupgrd.sql Script and Introduction of Parallel Upgrade Utility

In Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1), Oracle recommends that you use the Parallel Upgrade Utility (catcl.plinstead of catupgrd.sql to enable parallel upgrades.

Oracle Database 12c release 1 (12.1) introduces the new Parallel Upgrade Utility, catctl.pl. This utility replaces the catupgrd.sql script that was used in earlier releases. Although you can still use the catupgrd.sql script, it is deprecated starting with Oracle Database 12c. It will be removed in future releases. Oracle recommends that you perform database upgrades by using the new Parallel Upgrade Utility.

DELETE_CATALOG_ROLE Deprecated

The DELETE CATALOG ROLE database role is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c.

🖍 See Also:

Oracle Database Reference for information about this role and dictionary objects

Deprecated Functions and Parameters in Oracle Label Security

Nine Oracle Label Security features are deprecated in Oracle Database 12c release 1.

The Oracle Label Security features listed here are deprecated in Oracle Database 12*c* release 1. They can be desupported in a future release. Oracle recommends that you use the alternative features listed here.

- LEAST_UBOUND. Use OLS_GREATEST_LBOUND instead.
- LUBD. Use OLS_GLBD instead.
- DOMINATES. Use OLS_DOMINATES instead.
- DOM. Use OLS_STRICTLY_DOMINATES instead.
- STRICTLY_DOMINATES. Use OLS_STRICTLY_DOMINATES instead.
- S_DOM. Use OLS_STRICTLY_DOMINATES instead.



- DOMINATED_BY. Use OLS_DOMINATED_BY instead.
- DOM_BY. Use OLS_DOMINATED_BY instead.
- STRICTLY_DOMINATED_BY. Use OLS_STRICTLY_DOMINATED_BY instead.
- S_DOM_BY. Use OLS_STRICTLY_DOMINATED_BY instead.

See Also:

- Oracle Label Security Administrator's Guide for information about finding greatest lower bound with GREATEST_LBOUND
- Oracle Label Security Administrator's Guide for information about OLS_GLBD
- Oracle Label Security Administrator's Guide for information about the OLS_DOMINATES standalone function
- Oracle Label Security Administrator's Guide for information about OLS_STRICTLY_DOMINATES standalone function
- Oracle Label Security Administrator's Guide for information about OLS_DOMINATED_BY standalone function
- Oracle Label Security Administrator's Guide for information about OLS_STRICTLY_DOMINATED_BY standalone function

Deprecated API for Oracle Database Vault

The DVSYS.DBMS_MACADM.SYNC_RULES procedure is deprecated, because its functionality is built into the rule creation functionality.

See Also: Oracle Database Vault Administrator's Guide for information on rule creation

Deprecated Default Realms for Oracle Database Vault

The Oracle Data Dictionary realm and Oracle Enterprise Manager realm are deprecated in this release.

The objects formerly protected by the Oracle Data Dictionary realm have been migrated to new realms.

See Also:

Oracle Database Vault Administrator's Guide for information about new realms and default realms



Deprecated Default Rule Sets for Oracle Database Vault

Rule sets listed here are deprecated with Oracle Database 12c Release 1.

The following rule sets are deprecated in this release:

- Allow Oracle Data Pump Operation rule set
- Allow Scheduler Job rule set

Related Topics

Oracle Database Vault Administrator's Guide

Deprecation of Windows NTS Authentication Using the NTLM Protocol

Because of security vulnerabilities, NTLM is deprecated as of Oracle Database 12c.

Windows users can no longer authenticate using the NTS adaptor on Windows clients and servers that require the NT Lan Manager (NTLM) protocol. Windows users can still use Kerberos. NTLM is still used for local user authentication, and in cases in which the database service runs as a local user.

A new client side sqlnet.ora boolean parameter NO_NTLM (defaulting to false) allows you to control when NTLM is used in NTS authentication. When you set NO_NTLM to true, this parameter value prevents NTLM from being used in Windows NTS authentication.

See Also:

Oracle Database Platform Guide for Microsoft Windows for information on changes that affect the Windows platform in this release

Deprecation of Public Key Infrastructure for Transparent Data Encryption

Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) is deprecated for Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) in Oracle Database 12c.

To configure TDE, use the ADMINISTER KEY MANAGEMENT SQL statement. Other implementations of PKI are not affected.

🖍 See Also:

Oracle Database Advanced Security Administrator's Guide for information about configuring TDE

Oracle Data Guard Broker Deprecated Features

Review these deprecations if you use Oracle Data Guard Broker.

As part of Oracle Data Guard Broker's support for Separation of Duty features, the following broker properties are deprecated in Oracle Database 12c :



- LsbyASkipCfgPr
- LsbyASkipErrorCfgPr
- LsbyASkipTxnCfgPr
- LsbyDSkipCfgPr
- LsbyDSkipErrorCfgPr
- LsbyDSkipTxnCfgPr
- LsbySkipTable
- LsbySkipTxnTable

There are no replacements.

Deprecated EndToEndMetrics-related APIs

EndToEndMetrics -related APIs are deprecated in Oracle Database 12c. Use Universal Connection Pool instead.

The following APIs are deprecated and marked deprecated in the JDBC Javadoc:

- getEndToEndMetrics
- getEndToEndECIDSequenceNumber
- setEndToEndMetrics
- setApplicationContext
- clearAllApplicationContext

See Also:

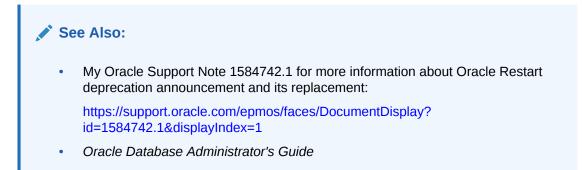
Oracle Database JDBC Developer's Guide and the JDBC Javadoc for information about Universal Connection Pool

Deprecation of Oracle Restart

Oracle Restart, also known as Oracle Grid Infrastructure for a Standalone Server, is deprecated in Oracle Database 12*c*.

Oracle Restart is restricted to manage single-instance Oracle databases and Oracle ASM instances only, and is subject to desupport in future releases. Oracle continues to provide Oracle ASM as part of the Oracle Grid Infrastructure installation for Standalone and Cluster deployments, and Oracle continues to provide Oracle RAC One Node.





Deprecation of -checkpasswd for QOSCTL Quality of Service (QoS) Command

The syntax qosctl -checkpasswd username password is deprecated.

See Also:

Oracle Database Quality of Service Management User's Guide for information about QOSCTL syntax and commands

Deprecated NT LAN Manager (NTLM) Protocol for Oracle Net Services

The NT LAN Manager (NTLM) protocol for domain authentication is deprecated in the Oracle Windows adapter.

Only Kerberos authentication is used for the NTS adapter.

See Also:

Oracle Database Net Services Reference for information on Kerberos parameters for the sqlnet.ora file

Deprecated Features for Oracle Call Interface

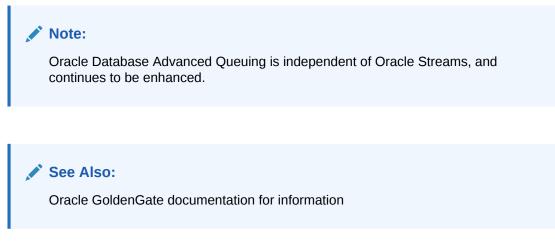
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- OCI deployment parameters in sqlnet.ora are deprecated. These include the following parameters:
 - OCI client result cache parameters: OCI_RESULT_CACHE_MAX_SIZE,
 OCI RESULT CACHE MAX RSET SIZE, and OCI RESULT CACHE MAX RSET ROWS

Deprecation of Oracle Streams

Oracle Streams is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c. It can be desupported and unavailable in a later Oracle Database release.

Use Oracle GoldenGate to replace all replication features of Oracle Streams.



Oracle Data Provider for .NET Deprecated Programming Interfaces

Oracle Data Provider for .NET application programming interfaces for Transaction Guard are deprecated in Oracle Database 12c (12.1.0.2), and can be desupported in a future release.

The following application programming interfaces are deprecated:

- OracleLogicalTransactionStatus class
- OracleConnection.LogicalTransactionId property
- OracleConnection.GetLogicalTransactionStatus method

VPD Support in Oracle Database Semantic Technologies is Deprecated

The Virtual Private Database (VPD) is deprecated for Oracle Database Semantic Technologies in Oracle Database 12c (12.1).

Transition existing Semantic Technologies applications that depend on Virtual Private Database (VPD) to use Oracle Label Security (OLS) instead.

🖍 See Also:

Oracle Database Semantic Technologies Developer's Guide for information about fine-grained access control for RDF data

Version-Enabled Models Support In Oracle Database Semantic Technologies

The version-enabled models feature is deprecated for Oracle Database Semantic Technologies in Oracle Database 12c (12.1).

The specific alternative to using Workspace Manager with semantic data depends on the purpose of the application.



See Also:

Oracle Database Semantic Technologies Developer's Guide for information about Workspace Manager support for RDF data

https://support.oracle.com/CSP/main/article?cmd=show&type=NOT&id=1468273.1 for more information about use cases and recommended alternatives

Deprecation of Advanced Replication

Oracle Database Advanced Replication is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c.

Read-only materialized views are still supported with basic replication.

Use Oracle GoldenGate to replace all features of Advanced Replication. This guidance includes multimaster replication, updateable materialized views, and deployment templates.

See Also:

Oracle GoldenGate documentation

Deprecation of Single-Character SRVCTL CLI Options

Starting with Oracle Database 12*c*, single-character options are deprecated. They can be desupported in a later release.

The Server Control Utility (SRVCTL) command line interface (CLI) supports long GNU-style options in addition to short CLI options used in earlier releases.

See Also:

Oracle Real Application Clusters Administration and Deployment Guide for information about SRVCTL

Deprecation of Stored List of Administrative Users for Cluster Administration

Cluster administration is managed differently starting with Oracle Database 12c.

Starting with Oracle Database 12*c*, the method of cluster administration using a stored list of administrative users is being replaced with more comprehensive management of administrative user roles by configuring the access control list of the policy set.



See Also:

Oracle Clusterware Administration and Deployment Guide for more information about cluster administration

Deprecation of SQLJ Inside the Server

SQLJ usage inside the database server is deprecated in this release.

The capability of translating and running SQLJ applications inside the database will not be available in later releases. SQLJ can only be used as a client tool to translate the applications that can connect to Oracle Database and run as a client. SQLJ cannot be used inside stored procedures, functions, or triggers.

Deprecated Oracle Update Batching

Oracle Update Batching APIs are deprecated in Oracle Database 12c.

The following APIs are deprecated and marked deprecated in the JDBC Javadoc:

- OraclePreparedStatement.setExecuteBatch()
- OraclePreparedStatement.getExecuteBatch()
- OracleCallableStatement.setExecuteBatch()

Use Standard Update Batching instead.

Related Topics

Oracle Database JDBC Developer's Guide

Deprecated EndToEndMetrics-related APIs

EndToEndMetrics -related APIs are deprecated in Oracle Database 12c. Use Universal Connection Pool instead.

The following APIs are deprecated and marked deprecated in the JDBC Javadoc:

- getEndToEndMetrics
- getEndToEndECIDSequenceNumber
- setEndToEndMetrics
- setApplicationContext
- clearAllApplicationContext

🖍 See Also:

Oracle Database JDBC Developer's Guide and the JDBC Javadoc for information about Universal Connection Pool



Deprecated Stored Outlines

Stored outlines are deprecated in Oracle Database 12c.

Use plan baselines instead.

See Also: Oracle Database SQL Tuning Guide for information about migrating stored outlines to plan baselines

Deprecated Concrete Classes in oracle.sql Package

The concrete classes in the oracle.sql package are deprecated in Oracle Database 12c.

These classes are replaced with new interfaces in the oracle.jdbc package.

See Also: Oracle Database JDBC Developer's Guide for information about the new interfaces for oracle.jdbc

Deprecated defineColumnType Method

The JDBC method defineColumnType is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c Release 1.

Deprecated CONNECTION_PROPERTY_STREAM_CHUNK_SIZE Property

The JDBC property CONNECTION_PROPERTY_STREAM_CHUNK_SIZE is deprecated in this release.

Oracle Data Pump Export Utility Features

The XML_CLOBS option of the Oracle Data Pump Export DATA_OPTIONS parameter is deprecated.

See Also:

Oracle Database Utilities for information about the Export DATA_OPTIONS parameter



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The specific alternative to using Workspace Manager with semantic data depends on the purpose of the application.

🖍 See Also:

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 $\it Oracle \ Database \ Net \ Services \ Reference$ for information on Kerberos parameters for the <code>sqlnet.ora</code> file

Deprecated Features for Oracle Call Interface

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Starting with Oracle Database 12*c*, the method of cluster administration using a stored list of administrative users is being replaced with more comprehensive management of administrative user roles by configuring the access control list of the policy set.

🖍 See Also:

Oracle Clusterware Administration and Deployment Guide for more information about cluster administration

Deprecation of -cleanupOBase

The -cleanupOBase flag of the deinstallation tool is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1).

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
- DELETEMIMEMAPPING
- DELETESCHEMALOCMAPPING
- DELETESERVLET
- DELETESERVLETMAPPING
- DELETESERVLETSECROLE
- DELETEXMLEXTENSION
- GETFTPPORT
- GETHTTPPORT
- GETLISTENERENDPOINT
- SETFTPPORT
- SETHTTPPORT
- 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.

Deprecation of Advanced Replication

Oracle Database Advanced Replication is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c.

Read-only materialized views are still supported with basic replication.

Use Oracle GoldenGate to replace all features of Advanced Replication. This guidance includes multimaster replication, updateable materialized views, and deployment templates.

🖍 See Also:

Oracle GoldenGate documentation



DICOM in Oracle Multimedia Deprecated in Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1)

In Oracle Database 12c, ORDImage support for Oracle Multimedia DICOM is deprecated.

Deprecation of JPublisher

Oracle JPublisher is deprecated in Oracle Database 12*c* Release 1, as of October 2014, and all JPublisher features are desupported and unavailable in Oracle Database 12*c* Release 2. Oracle recommends that you use the alternatives listed here:

- To continue to use Web service callouts, Oracle recommends that you use the OJVM Web Services Callout utility, which is a replacement for the Web Services Callout utility.
- To create Java client applications for PL/SQL programs and SQL objects, Oracle recommends that developers use other JDK development tools that assist you to create java STRUCT classes, and other prestructured options.

See Also:

My Oracle Support Note 1937939.1 for more information about JPublisher deprecation and desupport: https://support.oracle.com/CSP/main/article?cmd=show&type=NOT&id=1937939.1

Also, see JDK Tools and Utilities on Oracle Technology Network:

http://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/technotes/tools/

Deprecated Initialization Parameters in Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1)

As part of your upgrade plan, review the initialization parameters that are deprecated in Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1).

- FILE_MAPPING Initialization Parameter Deprecated The FILE_MAPPING initialization parameter is deprecated. It is still supported for backward compatibility.
- RDBMS_SERVER_DN Initialization Parameter Deprecated The initialization parameter RDBMS_SERVER_DN is deprecated in Oracle Database release 12.1.0.2.
- Deprecation of IGNORECASE and SEC_CASE_SENSITIVE_LOGON The IGNORECASE argument of ORAPWD and the SEC_CASE_SENSITIVE_LOGON system parameter are deprecated in Oracle Database 12c.
- Deprecation of SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION Parameter The SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION parameter is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c.
- LOG_ARCHIVE_LOCAL_FIRST Initialization Parameter Desupported The LOG_ARCHIVE_LOCAL_FIRST initialization parameter is removed and desupported in Oracle Database 12c.



FILE_MAPPING Initialization Parameter Deprecated

The FILE_MAPPING initialization parameter is deprecated. It is still supported for backward compatibility.



RDBMS_SERVER_DN Initialization Parameter Deprecated

The initialization parameter RDBMS_SERVER_DN is deprecated in Oracle Database release 12.1.0.2.

Use LDAP DIRECTORY ACCESS instead of RDBMS SERVER DN.

See Also:

Oracle Database Reference for information about this parameter

Deprecation of IGNORECASE and SEC_CASE_SENSITIVE_LOGON

The IGNORECASE argument of ORAPWD and the SEC_CASE_SENSITIVE_LOGON system parameter are deprecated in Oracle Database 12c.

By default, passwords in Oracle Database 12c are case-sensitive.

See Also:

Oracle Database Security Guide for more information about configuring authentication and password protection

Deprecation of SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION Parameter

The SQLNET.ALLOWED LOGON VERSION parameter is deprecated in Oracle Database 12c.

SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION is replaced with two new Oracle Net Services parameters:

- SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER
- SQLNET.ALLOWED LOGON VERSION CLIENT



Related Topics

- Upgrading a System that Did Not Have SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION Parameter Setting
 Review the parameter setting for SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_SERVER to determine its implications for security and client connections to the upgraded database.
- 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.

🖍 See Also:

Oracle Database Net Services Reference for information about SQLNET.ALLOWED LOGON VERSION SERVER

Oracle Database Net Services Reference for information about SQLNET.ALLOWED LOGON VERSION CLIENT

Oracle Database Security Guide for information about this deprecation

LOG_ARCHIVE_LOCAL_FIRST Initialization Parameter Desupported

The LOG_ARCHIVE_LOCAL_FIRST initialization parameter is removed and desupported in Oracle Database 12c.

LOG_ARCHIVE_LOCAL_FIRST specified when the archiver processes (ARCn) transmit redo data to remote standby database destinations. It was deprecated in Oracle Database 11g.

Oracle recommends that you use LOG_ARCHIVE_DEST_*n*. Set the attributes for the LOG_ARCHIVE_DEST_*n* initialization parameter to control different aspects of how redo transport services transfer redo data from a production or primary database destination to another (standby) database destination.

Deprecated Views in Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1)

Review the deprecated features listed in this section to prepare to use alternatives after you upgrade. Features deprecated in an earlier release can be desupported in a later release.

The following views are deprecated:

- ALL SCHEDULER CREDENTIALS view. See Oracle Database Reference for more information.
- DBA NETWORK ACL PRIVILEGES view. See Oracle Database Reference for more information.
- DBA_NETWORK_ACLS view. See Oracle Database Reference for more information.
- DBA SCHEDULER CREDENTIALS view. See Oracle Database Reference for more information.
- USER_NETWORK_ACL_PRIVILEGES view. See Oracle Database Reference for more information.
- USER SCHEDULER CREDENTIALS view. See Oracle Database Reference for more information.
- V\$OBJECT_USAGE view. Use the USER_OBJECT_USAGE view instead. See Oracle Database Reference for more information.



See Also:

Oracle Database Administrator's Guide for information about specifying Scheduler job credentials

A Oracle Database Upgrade Utilities

Oracle Upgrade utility scripts help to carry out Oracle Database upgrades.

- Scripts Associated with Upgrading Oracle Database Oracle provides a set of tools and scripts that assist with specific tasks assocaited with upgrades.
- Upgrade Script (catctl) Parameters AutoUpgrade and Replay Upgrade use catctl parameters to perform upgrades.
- Pre-Upgrade Information Tool and AutoUpgrade Preupgrade Learn how to obtain the same features previously offered through the Pre-Upgrade information tool (preupgrade.jar) by using AutoUpgrade with the preupgrade clause.

Scripts Associated with Upgrading Oracle Database

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Son	me of the scripts Oracle provides cannot be run in UPGRADE mode.
Dat met	rting with Oracle Database 23ai, the use of manual scripts to upgrade Oracle tabase is desupported. AutoUpgrade and Replay Upgrade are the only supported thod for upgrading to Oracle Database 23ai. All other methods, including tabase Upgrade Assistant (DBUA), are desupported.

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
catcon.pl	The use of this upgrade script is desupported in Oracle Database 23ai.
dbdowngrade	Shell script utility that calls the catdwgrd.sql script, and ensures that calls to the catcon.pl 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.
catdwgrd.sql	This is the downgrade script, which is used in the procedure to downgrade to the earlier release from which you upgraded.



Script	Description
catuptabdata.sql	The catuptabdata.sql script is run automatically by catuppst.sql to run ALTER TABLE UPGRADE on any Oracle- Maintained tables that are affected by changes to Oracle-Maintained types during the upgrade. You can run the catuptabdata.sql 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.
emremove.sql	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. 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.
postupgrade_fixups.sql	The postupgrade_fixups.sql script is supplied with Oracle Database. Run postupgrade_fixups.sql after upgrading. You can run this script any time after upgrading.
utlprpom.sql	Starting with AutoUpgrade 23.1, when you run the AutoUpgrade utility, AutoUpgrade runs the utlprpom.sql script, and does not run utlrp.sql. When AutoUpgrade is used for upgrades to Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2.0.1) and later releases, AutoUpgrade only recompiles invalid objects owned by Oracle-maintained schemas. Because database upgrades do not need to touch user objects, AutoUpgrade maintains this policy when it recompiles invalid objects.
utlrp.sql	Use utlrp.sql to recompile stored PL/SQL and Java code. This script recompiles invalid objects owned by user schemas.
utlusts.sql	The utlusts.sql Post-Upgrade Status Tool is supplied with Oracle Database and displays the version and elapsed upgrade time for each component in DBA_REGISTRY. The Post-Upgrade Status Tool can be run any time after upgrading the database.
utluptabdata.sql	Run the utluptabdata.sql script after upgrades to perform an ALTER TABLE UPGRADE command on any user tables that depend on Oracle-Maintained types that changed during the upgrade. You must run the utluptabdata.sql script either with a user account that is assigned the ALTER TABLE system privilege for all of the tables that you want to upgrade, or by a user account with SYSDBA system privileges that is connected AS SYSDBA). 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 READ ONLY.

Table A-1	(Cont.) Upgrade, Post-Upgrade, and Downgrade Scripts
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Upgrade Script (catctl) Parameters

AutoUpgrade and Replay Upgrade use catctl parameters to perform upgrades.

Note:

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, the catctl script is desupported. However, AutoUpgrade and Replay Upgrade integrate the options associated with catctl as part of their upgrade procedure. To use these options, refer to the Global or Local AutoUpgrade catctl_options parameters.

Parameter	Description
-n	Specifies the number of processes to use for parallel operations.
	The number of PDBs upgraded concurrently is controlled by the value of the $-n$ parameter. Multiple PDB upgrades are processed together. The default value is the number of CPUs on your system. A cpu_count equal to 24 equates to a default value of 24 for $-n$.
	Values for the -n parameter:
	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 $-\mathbb{N}$.
-N	Specifies the number of SQL processors to use when upgrading PDBs.
	The maximum value is 8. The minimum value is 1. The default value is 2.
-t	Uses classic upgrade for the upgrade, instead of the default Replay Upgrade process.
-T	Takes offline user schema-based table spaces.
- Z	Turns on production debugging information for catcon.pm.

Table A-2 catctl.pl Parameters

Pre-Upgrade Information Tool and AutoUpgrade Preupgrade

Learn how to obtain the same features previously offered through the Pre-Upgrade information tool (preupgrade.jar) by using AutoUpgrade with the preupgrade clause.

Starting with Oracle Database 23ai, all manual upgrade scripts are desupported. Upgrade options formerly available with manual upgrade scripts are are now offered using the AutoUpgrade tool

- Using AutoUpgrade To Obtain Pre-Upgrade Information Tool Checks Learn how to obtain the same system checks you obtained previously through the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool (preupgrade.jar) by using the AutoUpgrade utility.
- Examples of Preupgrade and Postupgrade Checks Review the upgrade scenario examples to understand the differences between the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool and AutoUpgrade using the preupgrade parameter.

Using AutoUpgrade To Obtain Pre-Upgrade Information Tool Checks

Learn how to obtain the same system checks you obtained previously through the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool (preupgrade.jar) by using the AutoUpgrade utility.

To see how to use AutoUpgade to perform a check you performed in the past using the Pre-Upgrade Information tool, review the comparison table that follows, and review the examples in this topic.

For full details about how to use the AutoUpgrade utility to perform checks and run scripts, refer to the topic Preupgrade under "AutoUpgrade Command Line Parameters."

Check	Pre-Upgrade Information Tool	AutoUpgrade
Check source Oracle Database release readiness for upgrade	Run preupgrade.jar for database checks. The generated file upgrade.xml shows check results.	Run AutoUpgrade with the preupgrade parameter, run in analyze mode. Obtain results from upgrade.xml, which is located in the directory Log_dir/database_name/ job_number/prechecks/.
Obtain and run scripts to fix some issues found in the source Oracle Database to prepare for upgrade.	Run preupgrade.jar to obtain scripts (preupgrade_fixups.sql and preupgrade_fixups_pdbname. sql), which you run manually using SQL*Plus	Run Autoupgrade with the preupgrade parameter, run in fixups mode. AutoUpgrade runs all database checks, and on the basis of those results, runs fixups automatically.
Obtain and run scripts to perform some postupgrade fixes on the upgraded Oracle Database	Run preupgrade.jar to obtain scripts (postupgrade_fixups.sql and postupgrade_fixups_pdbname .sql), which you run manually using SQL*Plus	Run Autoupgrade with the preupgrade parameter, run in postfixups mode. AutoUpgrade runs all database checks, and on the basis of those results, runs postfixups automatically.

Table A-3 Comparison of Preupgrade and Postupgrade Checks

Related Topics

preupgrade

The AutoUpgrade parameter preupgrade runs database checks and preupgrade fixups that fix most issues before you start an upgrade, and postupgrade fixups that fix most issues after an upgrade is completed.

Examples of Preupgrade and Postupgrade Checks

Review the upgrade scenario examples to understand the differences between the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool and AutoUpgrade using the preupgrade parameter.

In the examples that follow, consider the following configurations:

- Source: Oracle Database 12c Release 2 (12.2.0.1) Enterprise Edition
- Oracle home: /u01/app/oracle/product/12.2.0/dbhome_1
- Oracle System Identifier (SID): db122



- Target: Oracle Database 19c for the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool, and Oracle Database 21c for AutoUpgrade using the preupgrade parameter
- Target release Oracle home for Pre-Upgrade Information Tool: /u01/app/oracle/product/ 19.0.0/dbhome_1
- Target release Oracle home for AutoUpgrade using the preupgrade parameter: /u01/app/ oracle/product/21.0.0/dbhome_1

Example A-1 Non-CDB Upgrade Database Checks Using AutoUpgrade Preupgrade Parameter

Previously, when you used the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool, to run all database prechecks, you completed steps in this order:

- 1. Run setenv ORACLE HOME /u01/app/oracle/product/12.2.0/dbhome 1
- 2. Run setenv ORACLE SID db122
- 3. Switch directory to the target Oracle home: /u01/app/oracle/product/19.0.0/dbhome_1/ rdbms/admin
- Run the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool:, directing output to a directory: java -jar preupgrade.jar dir /user/log
- 5. Check the upgrade.xml file in the log directory
- 6. Find preupgrade_fixups.sql and postupgrade_fixups.sql in the log directory you specified (/user/log/cfgtoollogs/db122/preupgrade).

Now, with the AutoUpgrade tool using the preupgrade parameter, you run steps in this order:

- 1. Run setenv ORACLE HOME /u01/app/oracle/product/12.2.0/dbhome 1
- 2. Run setenv ORACLE SID db122
- Run java -jar autoupgrade.jar -preupgrade "target_version=21,dir=/ autoupgrade/test/log"
- 4. Check upgrade.xml under the directory /autoupgrade/test/log/db122/100/prechecks

Example A-2 Non-CDB Upgrade Running Prefixups Using AutoUpgrade Preupgrade Parameter

Previously, when you used the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool, to run prefixups on your source database, you completed steps in this order:

- Change directory to the source Oracle home: /u01/app/oracle/product/12.2.0/ dbhome 1
- 2. Start SQL*Plus
- Using SQL*Plus, run preupgrade_fixups.sql generated in the directory you specified (/ user/log/cfgtoollogs/db122/preupgrade)
- 4. Check fixups results from the SQL*Plus output.

Now, with the AutoUpgrade tool using the preupgrade parameter, you run preupgrade fixups as follows:

- 1. Run setenv ORACLE HOME /u01/app/oracle/product/12.2.0/dbhome 1.
- 2. Run setenv ORACLE SID db122.
- 3. Run java -jar autoupgrade.jar -preupgrade "target_version=21,dir=/ autoupgrade/test/log" -mode fixups. The scripts run automatically.



4. Check prefixups.xml under the directory /autoupgrade/test/log/db122/102/prefixups.

Example A-3 Non-CDB Upgrade Running Postupgrade Fixups Using AutoUpgrade Preupgrade Parameter

Previously, when you used the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool, to run postupgrade fixups on your source database, you completed steps in this order:

- Start SQL*Plus under the source Oracle Home: /u01/app/oracle/product/12.2.0/ dbhome 1
- Using SQL*Plus, run postupgrade_fixups.sql generated in the directory you specified (/ user/logcfgtoollogs/db122/preupgrade).
- 3. Check fixups results from SQL*Plus output.

Now, with the AutoUpgrade tool using the preupgrade parameter, you run postupgrade fixups as follows:

- 1. Run setenv ORACLE HOME /u01/app/oracle/product/12.2.0/dbhome 1.
- 2. Run setenv ORACLE SID db122.
- 3. Run java -jar autoupgrade.jar -preupgrade "target_home=/u01/app/oracle/ product/21.0.0/dbhome 1,dir=/autoupgrade/test/log" -mode postfixups
- 4. Check postfixups.xml under directory /autoupgrade/test/log/db122/102/postfixups.

Example A-4 Comparison of Output Examples for Pre-Upgrade Information Tool and AutoUpgrade

The following is an example of the output generated by running prechecks with the Pre-Upgrade Information tool (using Oracle Database 19c as the target release), and AutoUpgrade using the Pre-Upgrade Information Tool (using an upgrade to Oracle Database 21c). Note that you are required to run scripts manually after the script completes:

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[oracle@localhost preupgrade]$ java -jar /databases/product/19c/dbhome 1/
rdbms/admin/preupgrade.jar \
xml dir /autoupgrade/test/preupgrade
_____
PREUPGRADE SUMMARY
_____
/autoupgrade/test/preupgrade/upgrade.xml
/autoupgrade/test/preupgrade/preupgrade fixups.sql
/autoupgrade/test/preupgrade/postupgrade fixups.sql
Execute fixup scripts as indicated below:
Before upgrade:
Log into the database and execute the preupgrade fixups
@/autoupgrade/test/preupgrade/preupgrade fixups.sql
After the upgrade:
Log into the database and execute the postupgrade fixups
@/autoupgrade/test/preupgrade/postupgrade fixups.sgl
Preupgrade complete: 2020-07-06T16:35:14
```



The following is an example for running AutoUpgrade with the preupgrade parameter using analyze mode, with the target release Oracle Database 21c.

```
[oracle@localhost /autoupgrade]$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -preupgrade
"target version=21, dir=/autoupgrade/test/log" -mode analyze
AutoUpgrade tool launched with default options
Processing config file ...
+----+
| Starting AutoUpgrade execution |
+----+
1 databases will be analyzed
Type 'help' to list console commands
upg> Job 102 completed
----- Final Summary ------
Number of databases [ 1 ]
Jobs finished successfully [1]
Jobs failed [0]
Jobs pending [0]
----- JOBS FINISHED SUCCESSFULLY ------
Job 102 for db122
```

B AutoUpgrade Error Messages

AutoUpgrade provides a set of errors and messages for failures in preupgrade, upgrade, and postupgrade errors.

Host Errors (UPG-1000 to UPG-1200)

- UPG-1000: It was not possible to create the data file where the jobsTable is being written or there was a problem during the writing, it might be thrown due to a permission error or a busy resource scenario.
- UPG-1001: There was a problem reading the state file perhaps there was corruption writing the file and in the next write it might be fixed.
- UPG-1002: Error deserializing the object for rerun, review log for any errors.
- UPG-1100: Either the console or the job manager were interrupted and it might lead to unknown errors because if there were active tasks running they won't be able to be finish gracefully nor we will guarantee that we track their progress properly.
- UPG-1200: Error reading the standard input, perhaps a malformed character or there was a problem with the process's stdin.

Preupgrade Errors (UPG-1300 to UPG-1319)

- UPG-1300: The current execution of the database fixups was interrupted and a set of checks is still pending.
- UPG-1301: The current execution of the database fixups was not completed.
- UPG-1302: The current execution of the database checks was interrupted.
- UPG-1303: A failed check has an ERROR severity but the fixup is unavailable or failed to correct the problem. Manually fix the problem and rerun AutoUpgrade.
- UPG-1304: IO error creating before, during or after upgrade pfile
- UPG-1305: Error executing SQL statement in upgrade inspector during database preupgrade checks.
- UPG-1306: Error during the database preupgrade checks in upgrade inspector.
- UPG-1307: Error running database postupgrade checks in upgrade inspector.
- UPG-1308: Error running database postupgrade checks in upgrade inspector.
- UPG-1309: Error accessing the log file that contains the check list (CFG format).
- UPG-1310: Error accessing the log file that contains the check list (log format).
- UPG-1311: Error accessing the checks HTML report file.
- UPG-1312: A failed check has an ERROR severity but the fixup is unavailable or failed to correct the problem. Manually fix the problem and rerun AutoUpgrade.
- UPG-1313: Internal error, contact Oracle Support.
- UPG-1314: User requested an abort of the checks.
- UPG-1315: User requested an abort of the fixups.



- UPG-1316: Error running database checks or fixups.
- UPG-1317: Required checklist file unavailable; unable to run fixups.
- UPG-1318: Error creating custom pfiles.
- UPG-1319: Loading the current state of the database failed.

Upgrade Process Errors (UPG-1400 to UPG-1420)

- UPG-1400: Database upgrade failed with errors.
- UPG-1401: Opening database for upgrade in the target home failed.
- UPG-1402: GRP creation prior to upgrade failed.
- UPG-1403: Drop of existing GRP failed.
- UPG-1404: Error running upgrade.
- UPG-1405: Database upgrade was interrupted.
- UPG-1406: Unexpected Exception occurred during database compilations.
- UPG-1407: IO error creating database spfile.
- UPG-1408: Unable to open pdb in upgrade mode.
- UPG-1409: Unable to open pdb in normal mode.
- UPG-1410: Unable to open database in normal mode.
- UPG-1411: Invalid version of catctl.pl and catctl.pm.
- UPG-1412: Unable to query database.
- UPG-1413: Error occurred during upgrade.
- UPG-1414: Database compilation interrupted.
- UPG-1415: Database upgrade interrupted by a system shutdown or CTRL+C.
- UPG-1416: Error during database compilations.
- UPG-1417: PDB upgrade failed with errors.
- UPG-1418: Database upgrade failed; review the upgrade log files.
- UPG-1419 Database upgrade job has been killed, by abort or restore.
- UPG-1420 Enabling Local Undo failed.

Postupgrade Errors (UPG-1500 to UPG-1523)

- UPG-1500: Database post upgrade failed.
- UPG-1501: Oratab file not readable.
- UPG-1502: Oratab file not writable.
- UPG-1503: IO error updating the oratab file.
- UPG-1504: Error writing to oratab file.
- UPG-1505: Error copying listener.ora file in postupgrade.
- UPG-1506: Error copying tnsnames.ora file in postupgrade.
- UPG-1507: Error copying sqlnet.ora file in postupgrade.
- UPG-1508: Error processing the ifile.
- UPG-1509: Error copying the wallet files.



- UPG-1510: Unable to create the postupgrade directory.
- UPG-1511: Error during user-defined postupgrade action.
- UPG-1512: Error copying the password files.
- UPG-1513: Error restoring the database state.
- UPG-1514: Error deserializing the database state.
- UPG-1515: Error dropping the GRP.
- UPG-1516: Error restarting the database.
- UPG-1517: Error recreating the final spfile.
- UPG-1518: An error occurred while copying Context text files in Postupgrade phase.
- UPG-1519: An error occurred while generating Context text file list in Drain phase.
- UPG-1520: Error copying oranfstab file in postupgrade.
- UPG-1521: Error copying ldap.ora file in postupgrade.
- UPG-1522: Error updating network file's ORACLE_HOME in postupgrade.
- UPG-1523: Error restarting the pdbs.

Database Upgrade Stage Errors (UPG-1600 to UPG-2002)

- UPG-1600: Error copying the pfile during an UPGRADE mode job.
- UPG-1601: Error reading the error properties file.
- UPG-1602: Job killed.
- UPG-1603: Error executing a database command for PDB\$SEED.
- UPG-1604: Error executing a database command.
- UPG-1605: Unable to abort a job in a unsupported stage.
- UPG-1606: Source version cannot be upgraded to the specified target version.
- UPG-1607: Target version is not supported by AutoUpgrade.
- UPG-1608: Unable to determine database version; review the logs files.
- UPG-1699: Error finding error definition, contact Oracle Support.
- UPG-1700: Error generating Windows services in drain module.
- UPG-1701: Error stopping queue jobs during drain.
- UPG-1702: Error deleting service during drain, review log files.
- UPG-1703: Error creating service during drain, review log files.
- UPG-1704: Error commenting service during drain, review log files.
- UPG-1705: Error changing service owner during drain, review log files.
- UPG-1706: Error starting service during drain, review log files.
- UPG-1707: Error stopping service during drain, review log files.
- UPG-1708: Error changing the source database state.
- UPG-1709: Error serializing the database state.
- UPG-1710: Error during PDB operation in drain.
- UPG-1711: An error occurred while deferring Standby in Drain phase.



- UPG-1800: Progress report is empty, review log file.
- UPG-1900: Unable to create preupgrade directory.
- UPG-1901: Error during user-defined preupgrade action.
- UPG-2000: Creation of GRP failed.
- UPG-2001: Unable to drop GRP.
- UPG-2002: Restoration of the GRP failed.

Non-CDB to CDB Upgrade Errors (UPG-3000 to CON4001)

- UPG-3000: Error executing noncdbtopdb task.
- UPG-3001: Could not describe the specified database.
- UPG-3002: Could not execute database action.
- UPG-3003: Plugin violations found.
- UPG-3004: Could not create pluggable database.
- UPG-3005: Error running noncdb_to_pdb.sql script.
- UPG-3006: Error starting the database.
- UPG-3007: User requested an abort of the noncdbtopdb task.
- UPG-3008: Unable to remove the oratab entry of the source DB.
- UPG-3009: After running noncdb_to_pdb.sql, the pdb was closed or was opened in restricted mode.
- UPG-3010: Error running approot_to_pdb.sql script.
- UPG-3100: Unable to list RAC service
- UPG-3101: Unable to shutdown RAC services.
- UPG-3102: Unable to shutdown RAC database.
- UPG-3103: Failed to disable RAC database.
- UPG-3104: Unable to remove spfile parameter.
- UPG-3105: Unable to start RAC database.
- UPG-3106: Unable to upgrade RAC database on CRS.
- UPG-3107: Unable to update spfile information on CRS.
- UPG-3108: Failed to enable RAC database on CRS.
- UPG-3109: Unable to stop current instance.
- UPG-3110: Unable to downgrade RAC database source binaries on CRS.
- UPG-3111: Failed to enable RAC database source binaries on CRS.
- UPG-3112: Unable to start RAC database after downgrade source binaries on CRS.
- UPG-3113: After executing "srvctl stop database", AutoUpgrade sees that the RAC database is still up, which suggests that the database was started up manually and not via CRS. This condition can cause AutoUpgrade to stop the current job.
- CON-4000: Database {0} shutdown or open with incorrect binaries for {1}. Ensure it is open with {2}.
- CON-4001: Database {0} currently has a status of {1}. For {2} mode, open it with one of the following: {3}.



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Related Topics

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Install cURL

The examples within this document use the cURL command-line tool to demonstrate how to access the Autoupgrade REST API.



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Install cURL

The examples within this document use the cURL command-line tool to demonstrate how to access the Autoupgrade REST API.

To connect securely to the server, you must install a version of cURL that supports SSL and provide an SSL certificate authority (CA) certificate file or bundle to authenticate against the Verisign CA certificate.

- 1. In your browser, navigate to the cURL home page, and click **Download** in the left navigation menu.
- 2. On the cURL Releases and Downloads page, locate the SSL-enabled version of the cURL software that corresponds to your operating system, click the link to download the tar or ZIP file, and install the software.
- 3. Navigate to the cURL CA certificates extracted from Mozilla page, and download the The Mozilla CA certificate store in PEM format (cacert.pem) in the folder where you installed cURL.
- 4. Open a command window, navigate to the directory where you installed cURL, and set the cURL environment variable, CURL_CA_BUNDLE, to the location of an SSL certificate authority (CA) certificate bundle. For example:

C:\curl> set CURL CA BUNDLE=cacert.pem

You are now ready to send REST requests to the AutoUpgrade REST API instance using cURL.

Related Topics

- cURL command line tool and library
- CA certificates extracted from Mozilla

How to Set Up and Use AutoUpgrade REST APIs

To use the AutoUpgrade REST APIs, you must install Oracle REST Data Services, and enable AutoUpgrade REST service.

Before you enable or install the AutoUpgrade REST API, ensure that you have completed installation of the Oracle REST Data Services in standalone mode:

Configuring and Installing Oracle REST Data Services

1. After installing ords.war and before starting ORDS service, you must set the autoupgrade.api.enabled property to true (the default is false), and set the environment variables for the APIs.

In the following example:

• autoupgrade.api.loglocation is specified to the path /databases/working



- autoupgrade.api.aulocation specifies that the autoupgrade.jar file is set in the path / autoupgrade/ords/ords/autoupgrade.jar
- autoupgrade.api.jvmlocation specifies that the Java location is in /usr/bin/java.

```
java -jar ords.war set-property autoupgrade.api.enabled true
java -jar ords.war set-property autoupgrade.api.loglocation /databases/
working
java -jar ords.war set-property autoupgrade.api.aulocation
/autoupgrade/ords/ords/autoupgrade.jar
java -jar ords.war set-property autoupgrade.api.jvmlocation /usr/bin/java
```

2. Revise your AutoUpgrade configuration file to use a JSON format.

To submit a new task through AutoUpgrade REST APIs, you must convert the standard AutoUpgrade configuration file format to JSON format.

For example, here is a standard configuration file (config.cfg) for AutoUpgrade:

```
[oracle@localhost curl]$ more config.cfg
#Global configurations
#Autoupgrade's global directory, non-job logs generated,
#temp files created and other autoupgrade files will be
#send here
global.autoupg log dir=/autoupgrade/test/glog
#
# Database number 1
#
upg1.start time=NOW
upg1.source home=/databases/product/12.2.0/dbhome 1
upg1.target home=/databases/product/19c/dbhome 1
upq1.sid=db122
upg1.log dir=/autoupgrade/test/log
upg1.upgrade node=localhost
upgl.target version=19.1
```

Here is the same configuration file, specifying the same parameter information, but rewritten as a JSON configuration input file (config.json) for use with the AutoUpgrade REST API method:

```
[oracle@localhost curl]$ more config.json
{
    "global": {
        "autoupg_log_dir": "/autoupgrade/test/glog"
    },
    "jobs": [{
        "start_time": "NOW",
        "source_home": "/databases/product/12.2.0/dbhome_1",
        "target_home": "/databases/product/19c/dbhome_1",
        "sid": "db122",
        "log_dir": "/autoupgrade/test/log",
        "upgrade_node": "localhost",
        "target_version": "19.1"
    }]
}
```



How to Use AutoUpgrade REST API Authentication Privileges

To configure users with AutoUpgrade Administrator user privileges to access AutoUpgrade REST APIs, complete this setup procedure.

AutoUpgrade REST API has it's own authentication role for Oracle REST Data Services (ORDS), called AutoUpgrade Administrator. If the ORDS configuration parameter autoupgrade.api.ordsauth is set to true, then an ORDS user requires the AutoUpgrade Administrator role to use AutoUpgrade REST APIs.

To disable this feature, enter the following command:

java -jar ords.war set-property autoupgrade.api.ordsauth false

When autoupgrade.api.ordsauth is set to true, you must explicitly grant the AutoUpgrade Administrator role to users before they can access the AutoUpgrade REST APIs.

Before you enable or disable the AutoUpgrade REST API Administrator role, ensure that you have completed installation of the Oracle REST Data Services in standalone mode:

Configuring and Installing Oracle REST Data Services

1. After installing ords.war and before starting ORDS service, ensure that autoupgrade.api.ordsauth is set to true:

java -jar ords.war set-property autoupgrade.api.ordsauth true

2. Create a user with the AutoUpgrade Administrator role. For example, the following command creates the user roderigo with the AutoUpgrade Administrator role:

[oracle@localhost ords]\$ java -jar ords.war user roderigo "AutoUpgrade Administrator"

Enter a password for user roderigo:

Confirm password for user roderigo:

- 3. Start the ords.war server.
- Ensure that the user that you have created can access the AutoUpgrade endpoints successfully.

The following is an example of successful authentication with user roderigo:

```
[oracle@localhost curl]$ curl -u roderigo
"http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/tasks"
```

Enter host password for user 'roderigo':

{

```
"total_tasks": 0,
```

```
"tasks": [
```



}
The following is an example of unsuccessful authentication:
[oracle@localhost curl]\$ curl "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/tasks"
{
 "code": "Unauthorized",
 "message": "Unauthorized",
 "type": "tag:oracle.com,2020:error/Unauthorized",
 "instance": "tag:oracle.com,2020:ecid/LI6fVLjXrI2rvmEFoBzAAw"
}

- 5. Create additional authenticated users as needed for the AutoUpgrade REST APIs.
- 6. Use the following command to disable the AutoUpgrade REST API authorization:

java -jar ords.war set-property autoupgrade.api.ordsauth false

7. Restart the ORDS server.

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8. You should now be able to access AutoUpgrade REST API endpoints directly without requiring password authentication:

```
[oracle@localhost curl]$ curl "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/tasks"
{
    "total_tasks": 0,
    "tasks": [
    ]
}
```

REST APIs for AutoUpgrade

These REST APIs are available for the AutoUpgrade REST services feature in Oracle REST Data Services (ORDS).

- Create a New AutoUpgrade Task Submit an AutoUpgrade task through the REST API, either with or without a JSON configuration file.
- Progress Report Request for an AutoUpgrade Task
 Use the progress API to get a progress report of an AutoUpgrade task specified by the taskid.
- Console Request for an AutoUpgrade Task
 Use the console API to get a console for the AutoUpgrade task specified by the taskid.
- Task Details Request for AutoUpgrade Use the task API to get AutoUpgrade task details for the task specified by the taskid.
- Task List Request for AutoUpgrade Tasks Use the tasks API to get an AutoUpgrade task list.
- Log or Log List for an AutoUpgrade Task Use the log API to open a log, or to get a log list of a task specified by taskid.
- Status Report of Task Request for AutoUpgrade Use the status API to get a status report of an AutoUpgrade task specified by the taskid.

Create a New AutoUpgrade Task

Submit an AutoUpgrade task through the REST API, either with or without a JSON configuration file.

Method

POST

Path

/autoupgrade/task

Usage Notes

There are two uses:

- Submit an AutoUpgrade task. To submit the task, the databases specified in the AutoUpgrade configuration file must be on the same host as the Oracle REST Data Services server instance, and the target database release must be a release that is supported for direct upgrade from the source database release. The AutoUpgrade configuration file must be uploaded through the HTTP or HTTPS request body in JSON format.
- 2. Resubmit an existing task through the AutoUpgrade REST APIs. When you resubmit a task by providing an existing taskid parameter, the configuration file previously associated with that task is used, so you do not need to provide a configuration file. However, you can specify different values for the parameters mode and restore_on_fail. For example: you can submit a task where the mode parameter is set to analyze. After the analyze tasks complete without any check failures, you can resubmit the task with the same taskid, but proceed to upgrade the database by changing the mode parameter to deploy.

Request

Path parameters:



Parameter	Description	
mode	(Required) AutoUpgrade processing mode. Options: analyze, fixups, deploy, upgrade, postfixups.	
restore_on_fail	(Optional) Generates a restore point during the upgrade. Options: yes, no	
taskid	(Optional) Reruns the existing AutoUpgrade task that you specify with a taskid.	

Response

- 201 Response: Description of the new AutoUpgrade task.
- 400 Response: Returned if parameters are missing.

Examples

Example C-1 Submit an AutoUpgrade Task Request

The following example shows how to submit an AutoUpgrade configuration file to create a new AutoUpgrade task in analyze mode by submitting a POST request on the REST resource using cURL

```
curl --data-binary "@config.json" -X POST --header "Content-Type:application/
json"
'http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/task?mode=analyze'
```

In the JSON configuration file (config.json) for this analyze request, there is one source database instance, db122, which you specify to upgrade from Oracle Database 12c (12.2) to Oracle Database 19c:

```
{
"global": {
    "autoupg_log_dir": "/autoupgrade/test/glog"
    },
    "jobs": [{
        "start_time": "NOW",
        "source_home": "/databases/product/12.2.0/dbhome_1",
        "target_home": "/databases/product/19.0.0/dbhome_1",
        "sid": "db122",
        "log_dir": "/autoupgrade/test/log",
        "upgrade_node": "localhost",
        "target_version": "19.1"
    }]
}
```

The location of the returning header for this task request can be used to view the AutoUpgrade task.

```
Type:application/json" 'http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/task?mode=analyze' -
i
HTTP/1.1 201 Created
Date: Thu, 14 Oct 2021 19:52:59 GMT
```



```
Set-Cookie: JSESSIONID=node01efwo2229s7kj11rxw212mltc10.node0; Path=/
Expires: Thu, 01 Jan 1970 00:00:00 GMT
Content-Type: application/json
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
Location: http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/task?
taskid=job_2021-10-14_15_53_00.085_0
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
```

The 201 response body for this analyze request shows the AutoUpgrade job status description, returned in JSON format:

```
{
    "taskid": "job 2021-10-14 15 53 00.085 0",
    "status": "submitted",
    "message": "",
    "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/task?
taskid=job 2021-10-14 15 53 00.085 0",
    "config": {
        "global": {
            "autoupg log dir": "/autoupgrade/test/glog"
        },
        "jobs": [
            {
                "start time": "NOW",
                "source home": "/databases/product/12.2.0/dbhome 1",
                "target home": "/databases/product/19.1.0/dbhome 1",
                "sid": "db122",
                "log dir": "/autoupgrade/test/log",
                "upgrade node": "localhost",
                "target version": "19.1"
            }
        1
    }
}
```

Example C-2 Response for an AutoUpgrade Job After a Faulty Request

In the following example, an AutoUpgrade job is submitted with an invalid mode parameter:

```
curl --data-binary "@config.json" -X POST --header "Content-Type:application/
json"
'http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/task?mode=NULL'
```

The 400 response header to the faulty request is as follows:

```
Type:application/json" 'http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/task?mode=null' -i
HTTP/1.1 400 Bad Request
Date: Wed, 20 Oct 2021 18:02:46 GMT
Content-Type: application/json
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
```



The following example shows this 400 response body, returned in JSON format:

```
{
    "taskid": "job_2021-10-20_14_02_46.855_4",
    "status": "Bad Request",
    "message": "AutoUpgrade parameter mode is invalid.",
    "link": "",
    "config": null
}
```

Example C-3 Rerunning an AutoUpgrade Job Using a taskid

In this example, Task ID job 2021-10-14 15 53 00.085 0 is rerun in analyze mode:

```
curl -X POST 'http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/task?
mode=analyze&taskid=job 2021-10-14 15 53 00.085 0'
```

The 201 response header for this rerun job is as follows:

```
HTTP/1.1 201 Created
Date: Mon, 10 Jan 2022 19:44:40 GMT
Set-Cookie: JSESSIONID=node0sjsoy3w4cntl13qnat979zc6n4.node0; Path=/
Expires: Thu, 01 Jan 1970 00:00:00 GMT
Content-Type: application/json
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
Location: http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/task?
taskid=job_2022-01-10_14_19_09.156_1
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
```

The task body describes the task in JSON format:

```
"taskid": "job 2021-10-14 15 53 00.085 0",
                                                 "status": "submitted",
"message": "",
               "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/task?
taskid=job 2021-10-14 15 53 00.085 0",
          "config": {
              "global": {
                  "autoupg log dir": "/autoupgrade/test/glog"
              },
              "jobs": [
                  {
                      "start time": "NOW",
                      "source home": "/databases/product/12.2.0/dbhome 1",
                      "target home": "/databases/product/19.1.0/dbhome 1",
                      "sid": "db122",
                      "log dir": "/autoupgrade/test/log",
                      "upgrade node": "localhost",
                      "target version": "19.1"
                  }
              1
          } }
```



Progress Report Request for an AutoUpgrade Task

Use the ${\tt progress}$ API to get a progress report of an AutoUpgrade task specified by the taskid.

Method

GET

Path

/autoupgrade/progress

Usage Notes

When you submit the progress request for the task that you specify with the taskid, you receive a report of the progress of the AutoUpgrade task identified by that taskid.

Requests

Request parameters:

Parameter	Description
taskid	(Required) Identifies the task for which you want to obtain the progress report.

Response

- 200 Response: Reports the progress of the task that you specify with the taskid.
- 400 Response: Reports that the taskid is missing
- 404 Response: Reports that the taskid is invalid

Examples

Example C-4 Submit Task Progress Report GET Request

The following example shows how to get an AutoUpgrade task progress by providing an AutoUpgrade taskid with cURL.

```
curl http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/progress?
taskid=job 2021-10-20 14 44 57.11 1
```

This is the 200 response to the preceding GET task progress report for a job:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Wed, 20 Oct 2021 19:56:32 GMT
Set-Cookie: JSESSIONID=nodeOlrkapzylgd2tljf28bghba9bx6.nodeO; Path=/
Expires: Thu, 01 Jan 1970 00:00:00 GMT
Content-Type: application/json
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
```



The 200 response body for this GET progress report for a job request is as follows, in JSON format:

```
{
    "taskid": "job 2021-10-20 14 44 57.11 1",
    "status": "successful",
    "message": "",
    "autoupgrade progress": {
        "totalJobs": 1,
        "totalFinishedJobs": 1,
        "startTime": "2021-10-20 14:44:59",
        "lastUpdateTime": "2021-10-20 14:45:10",
        "jobs": [
            {
                "sid": "db122",
                "jobNo": 100,
                "isCDB": false,
                "totalPercentCompleted": 100,
                "totalContainers": 1,
                "totalStages": 1,
                "additionalInfo": "",
                "lastUpdateTime": "2021-10-20 14:45:10",
                "stages": [
                    {
                         "stage": "PRECHECKS",
                         "percentCompleted": "100",
                         "totalChecks": 104,
                         "totalCompletedChecks": 104,
                         "additionalInfo": "",
                         "lastUpdateTime": "2021-10-20 14:44:59",
                         "containers": [
                             {
                                 "container": "db122",
                                 "totalChecks": 104,
                                 "completedChecks": 104,
                                 "succeededChecks": 91,
                                 "failedChecks": 13,
                                 "runningChecks": [
                                 ],
                                 "finishedChecks": [
                                     "PLUGIN COMP COMPATIBILITY",
                                     "AMD EXISTS",
                                     "COMPATIBLE NOT SET",
                                     "COMPATIBLE PARAMETER",
                                     "CASE INSENSITIVE AUTH",
                                     "CYCLE NUMBER",
                                     "CREATE WINDOWS SERVICE",
                                     "AUDTAB ENC TS",
                                     "CONC RES MGR",
                                     "DATA MINING OBJECT",
                                     "DV ENABLED",
                                     "AWR EXPIRED SNAPSHOTS",
                                     "DV SIMULATION",
                                     "DEPEND USR TABLES",
                                     "FLASH RECOVERY AREA SETUP",
                                     "FILES NEED RECOVERY",
```

"INVALID SYS TABLEDATA", "INVALID OBJECTS EXIST", "JAVAVM STATUS", "ORACLE RESERVED USERS", "HIDDEN PARAMS", "JVM MITIGATION PATCH", "TRGOWNER NO ADMNDBTRG", "MV REFRESH", "PENDING_DST_SESSION", "RAISE COMPATIBLE", "COMPATIBLE PFILES", "INVALID USR TABLEDATA", "POST JVM MITIGAT PATCH", "PURGE RECYCLEBIN", "PRE FIXED OBJECTS", "SYNC STANDBY_DB", "SYS DEFAULT TABLESPACE", "TWO PC TXN EXIST", "UNDERSCORE EVENTS", "UNIAUD TAB", "XBRL VERSION", "PARAMETER DEPRECATED", "XDB RESOURCE_TYPE", "PARAMETER NEW NAME VAL", "PARAMETER OBSOLETE", "PARAMETER RENAME", "MIN ARCHIVE DEST SIZE", "NEW TIME ZONES EXIST", "PARAMETER MIN VAL", "DISK SPACE FOR RECOVERY AREA", "PA PROFILE", "UPG BY STD UPGRD", "MIN RECOVERY AREA SIZE", "OLS VERSION", "ROLLBACK SEGMENTS", "ARCHIVE MODE ON", "PGA_AGGREGATE_LIMIT", "APEX MANUAL_UPGRADE", "TABLESPACES", "OLAP PAGE POOL SIZE", "STANDARD EDITION", "TEMPTS NOTEMPFILE", "TS FORUPG STATUS", "APPL PRINCIPAL", "TDE IN USE", "STREAMS_SETUP", "DIR SYMLINKS", "ORDIM DESUPPORT", "UTLRP RUN SERIAL", "DESUPPORT_RAC_ON_SE", "COMPATIBLE GRP", "EDS EXISTS", "UNIAUD RECORDS IN_FILE", "JOB TABLE INTEGRITY", "TARGET CDB COMPATIBILITY", "DUPLICATE_DB_HASHES",

```
"UNPLUG_PLUG_UPGRADE",
                                      "ENABLE_LOCAL_UNDO",
                                      "AUTO LOGIN KEYSTORE REQUIRED",
                                      "NO KEYSTORE FILES",
                                      "INFORM DROP GRP",
                                      "PRE DISABLE BCT UPG",
                                      "MAX STRING SIZE ON DB",
                                      "POST RECOMPILE IN CDB",
                                      "TEMPTS ALLOFFLINE",
                                      "PRE RECOMPILE IN CDB",
                                      "MAX DB FILES EXCEEDED",
                                      "POST DISABLE BCT UPG",
                                      "TARGET HOME_REGISTERED_INVENTORY",
                                     "ISRAC SWITCHEDON TARGETHOME",
                                      "KEYSTORE_CONFLICT",
                                      "WALLET ROOT KEYSTORE",
                                      "ORACLE HOME KEYSTORE",
                                      "DEPLOY JOB VALIDATIONS",
                                      "DUPLIC SYS SYSTEM OBJS"
                                 ],
                                 "checksWithExecutionError": [
                                 ],
                                 "checksFailed": [
                                     "DICTIONARY STATS",
                                     "POST DICTIONARY",
                                      "POST FIXED OBJECTS",
                                      "OLD TIME ZONES EXIST",
                                      "MANDATORY UPGRADE CHANGES",
                                      "RMAN RECOVERY VERSION",
                                      "TABLESPACES INFO",
                                      "ORDIM INFO DESUPPORT",
                                     "POST UTLRP",
                                      "COMPONENT INFO",
                                      "INVALID ORA OBJ INFO",
                                      "INVALID APP OBJ INFO",
                                     "TIMESTAMP MISMATCH"
                                 ],
                                 "additionalInfo": "",
                                 "lastUpdateTime": "2021-10-20 14:45:10"
                             }
                         ]
                     }
                ],
                "summary": [
                     {
                         "stage": "PRECHECKS",
                         "complete": "Yes",
                         "duration": "11.08S"
                     }
                ]
            }
        ]
   }
}
```



Example C-5 Task Progress Report Request With an Invalid Task ID

In this example, the task report progress is submitted for an invalid task id:

```
curl http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/progress?taskid=null
```

The 404 response header for the preceding invalid request is as follows:

```
HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found
Date: Wed, 20 Oct 2021 18:49:12 GMT
Set-Cookie: JSESSIONID=node06xkycdfv7k1f1bus3q43zefum2.node0; Path=/
Expires: Thu, 01 Jan 1970 00:00:00 GMT
Content-Type: application/json
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
```

The 404 response body for this request is as follows, returned in JSON format:

```
{
    "taskid": "null",
    "status": "Bad Request",
    "message": "taskid is invalid.",
    "link": "",
    "config": ""
}
```

Console Request for an AutoUpgrade Task

Use the console API to get a console for the AutoUpgrade task specified by the taskid.



Response

- 200 Response: An AutoUpgrade console opens.
- 400 Response: Reports that the taskid is missing
- 404 Response: Reports that the taskid is invalid

Examples

Example C-6 Submit Task Console GET Request

The following example shows how to submit a console request by providing an AutoUpgrade taskid with cURL:

```
curl http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/console?
taskid=job 2021-10-20 14 44 57.11 1
```

The 200 response header for the preceding GET task console request is as follows:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Wed, 20 Oct 2021 20:09:04 GMT
Set-Cookie: JSESSIONID=nodeOlhwo60q3c5irz1pnn4fa8hhm2k9.node0; Path=/
Expires: Thu, 01 Jan 1970 00:00:00 GMT
Content-Type: plain/text
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
```

The 200 response body for this request is as follows, reporting the progress of the AutoUpgrade job returned in plain (text) format:

```
AutoUpgrade tool launched with default options
Processing config file ...
+----+
| Starting AutoUpgrade execution |
+----+
1 databases will be analyzed
Job 100 database db122
Job 100 completed
----- Final Summary -----
Number of databases
                         [1]
Jobs finished
                           [1]
Jobs failed
                           [0]
Jobs restored
                           [0]
Jobs pending
                          [0]
Please check the summary report at:
/databases/working/job 2021-10-20 14 44 57.11 1/cfgtoollogs/upgrade/auto/
status/status.html
/databases/working/job 2021-10-20 14 44 57.11 1/cfgtoollogs/upgrade/auto/
status/status.log
```



Example C-7 Response Header for a Console Request With an Invalid Task ID

In this example, the console request is submitted for an invalid task id:

```
curl http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/console?taskid=null
```

The preceding request returns the following 404 header response to the Console request:

```
HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found
Date: Wed, 20 Oct 2021 18:49:12 GMT
Set-Cookie: JSESSIONID=node06xkycdfv7k1f1bus3q43zefum2.node0; Path=/
Expires: Thu, 01 Jan 1970 00:00:00 GMT
Content-Type: application/json
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
```

The 404 response body for this Console request is as follows, returned in JSON format:

```
{
    "taskid": "null",
    "status": "Bad Request",
    "message": "taskid is invalid.",
    "link": "",
    "config": ""
}
```

Task Details Request for AutoUpgrade

Use the task API to get AutoUpgrade task details for the task specified by the taskid.

Method

GET

Path

/autoupgrade/task

Usage Notes

When you provide a taskid, you obtain details about the task that is associated with that taskid.

For example:

```
curl http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/task?
taskid=job_2021-10-20_14_44_57.11_1
```

Request

Path parameters:



Parameter	Description
taskid	(Required) System-generated identifier for the task for which you want to obtain details

Response

- 200 Response: Reports details of the task that you specify with the taskid.
- 400 Response: Reports that the taskid is missing
- 404 Response: Reports that the taskid is invalid

Example C-8 Submit Task Details GET Request

The following example shows how to submit an AutoUpgrade get task details request by providing an AutoUpgrade taskid with cURL:

```
curl http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/task?
taskid=job_2021-10-20_14_44_57.11_1
```

The 200 response to the preceding get task details request is as follows. The Location header returns the URI that you can use to view the AutoUpgrade task.

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Wed, 20 Oct 2021 18:45:20 GMT
Set-Cookie: JSESSIONID=nodeOtl6lz63xj3xd11i05p8bfmw8u1.node0; Path=/
Expires: Thu, 01 Jan 1970 00:00:00 GMT
Content-Type: application/json
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
Location: http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/task?
taskid=job_2021-10-20_14_44_57.11_1
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
```

The 200 response body to this GET task details request is as follows, returned in a JSON format:

```
{
    "taskid": " job 2021-10-20 14 44 57.11 1",
    "status": "submitted",
    "message": "",
    "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/task?
taskid=job 2021-10-14 15 53 00.085 0",
    "config": {
        "global": {
            "autoupg log dir": "/autoupgrade/test/glog"
        },
        "jobs": [
            {
                "dbname": "db122",
                "start time": "NOW",
                "source home": "/databases/product/12.2.0/dbhome 1",
                "target home": "/databases/product/19c/dbhome 1",
                "sid": "db122",
                "log dir": "/autoupgrade/test/log",
```

```
"upgrade_node": "localhost",
    "target_version": "19.1"
    }
]
```

Example C-9 Task Details Request with an Invalid taskid

A GET request with an invalid taskid is submitted:

curl http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/task?taskid=null

The 404 response header for the invalid request is as follows:

```
{HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found
Date: Wed, 20 Oct 2021 18:49:12 GMT
Set-Cookie: JSESSIONID=node06xkycdfv7k1f1bus3q43zefum2.node0; Path=/
Expires: Thu, 01 Jan 1970 00:00:00 GMT
Content-Type: application/json
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
```

The 404 response body to this request is as follows, returned in JSON format:

```
{
    "taskid": "null",
    "status": "Bad Request",
    "message": "taskid is invalid.",
    "link": "",
    "config": ""
}
```

Task List Request for AutoUpgrade Tasks

Use the tasks API to get an AutoUpgrade task list.

Method

GET

}

Path

/autoupgrade/tasks

Requests

There are no parameters.

Response

200 Response: Reports details of all tasks.



Usage Notes

Use this method to obtain a list of tasks.

Example C-10 Submit Task List GET Request

The following example shows how to get an AutoUpgrade task list with cURL:

```
curl http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/tasks
```

The following example shows a response header for a GET task list request:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Wed, 20 Oct 2021 19:51:46 GMT
Set-Cookie: JSESSIONID=node0yawyihk3msz91eeauxijfaw6z3.node0; Path=/
Expires: Thu, 01 Jan 1970 00:00:00 GMT
Content-Type: application/json
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
```

The 200 response body for this list request is as follows, returned in JSON format:

```
{
    "total tasks": 2,
    "tasks": [
        {
            "mode": "analyze",
            "taskid": "job 2021-10-20 14 44 57.11 1",
            "config": {
                "jobs": [
                     {
                         "source home": "/databases/product/12.2.0/dbhome 1",
                         "sid": "db122"
                     }
                1
            },
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/task?
taskid=job 2021-10-20 14 44 57.11 1"
        },
        {
            "mode": "analyze",
            "taskid": "job 2021-10-20 15 54 01.568 2",
            "config": {
                "jobs": [
                     {
                         "source home": "/databases/product/12.2.0/dbhome 1",
                         "sid": "db122"
                     }
                ]
            },
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/task?
taskid=job 2021-10-20 15 54 01.568 2"
        }
```



] }

Log or Log List for an AutoUpgrade Task

Use the log API to open a log, or to get a log list of a task specified by taskid.

Method

GET

Path

/autoupgrade/log

Usage Notes

When you submit a log request with the type or name, you receive an AutoUpgrade log for the task, specified by taskid. If you do not provide the type or name, then you receive an AutoUpgrade log list, which includes all HTML, JSON, and XML log files for the task, specified by taskid.

Request

Request parameters:

Parameter	Description
taskid	(Required) Specifies the AutoUpgrade task ID for which you want to open a log, or list logs.
type	(Optional) Specifies the type of an AutoUpgrade log. Options:
	autolog: AutoUpgrade log file
	errlog: Errors log file
	userlog: user log file
name	(Optional) Specify the filename of a specific log within a task ID log list.

Response

- 200 Response: AutoUpgrade opens the AutoUpgrade task err/user/auto log for the taskid that you specify.
- 400 Response: Reports that the taskid is missing
- 404 Response: Reports that the taskid is invalid



Examples

Example C-11 Submit Task Log GET Request

The following example shows how to get an AutoUpgrade user log by providing an AutoUpgrade taskid and type with cURL:

```
curl "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
type=userlog&taskid=job_2021-10-20_14_44_57.11_1"
```

The 200 response header to the preceding task log request with type specified as userlog is as follows:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Wed, 20 Oct 2021 20:30:02 GMT
Set-Cookie: JSESSIONID=node0jrq0bg40ya86mr8icb87d8z16.node0; Path=/
Expires: Thu, 01 Jan 1970 00:00:00 GMT
Content-Type: plain/text
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
```

The 200 response body for this request is as follows, returned in plain (text) format for a task log with type specified as userlog:

```
2021-10-20 14:44:57.737 INFO
build.hash:71778e3
build.version:23.0.0
build.date:2021/05/05 10:42:40 -0700
build.max_target_version:23
build.supported_target_versions:12.2,18,19,21,23
build.type:beta
build.hash_date:2021/04/15 15:06:03 -0700
build.label:rest_api
```

```
2021-10-20 14:44:57.791 INFO Loading user config file metadata
2021-10-20 14:44:58.598 INFO The target_version parameter was updated from
19.1 to 19.3.0.0.0 due to finding a more accurate value
2021-10-20 14:44:58.844 INFO srvctl command is not available or user does not
have permission to execute it
2021-10-20 14:44:59.163 INFO Finished processing dbEntry job_0
2021-10-20 14:44:59.475 INFO Current settings Initialized
2021-10-20 14:44:59.576 INFO Job 100 database db122
2021-10-20 14:45:11.685 INFO Job 100 completed
```

Example C-12 Response Header for a Log Request With an Invalid Task ID

In this example, the GET log request is submitted for an invalid task id:

curl http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?taskid=null



This request returns the following 404 header response:

```
HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found
Date: Wed, 20 Oct 2021 18:49:12 GMT
Set-Cookie: JSESSIONID=node06xkycdfv7k1f1bus3q43zefum2.node0; Path=/
Expires: Thu, 01 Jan 1970 00:00:00 GMT
Content-Type: application/json
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
```

The 404 response body for the invalid taskid is as follows, returned in JSON format:

```
{
    "taskid": "null",
    "status": "Bad Request",
    "message": "taskid is invalid.",
    "link": "",
    "config": ""
}
```

Example C-13 Response Body for a Task ID Log List

The following example shows how to get an AutoUpgrade log list by providing an AutoUpgrade taskid with cURL. :

```
curl 'http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid='job 2022-01-10 14:19:09.156 1
```

The following example shows the 200 response body showing the log list for the taskid, returned in JSON format:

```
{
    "logs": [
        {
            "filename": "cfgtoollogs/upgrade/auto/autoupgrade.log",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=cfgtoollogs/upgrade/auto/
autoupgrade.log"
        },
        {
            "filename": "cfgtoollogs/upgrade/auto/autoupgrade user.log",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=cfgtoollogs/upgrade/auto/
autoupgrade user.log"
        },
        {
            "filename": "cfgtoollogs/upgrade/auto/autoupgrade err.log",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=cfgtoollogs/upgrade/auto/
autoupgrade err.log"
        },
        {
            "filename": "cfgtoollogs/upgrade/auto/status/status.json",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
```

```
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=cfqtoollogs/upgrade/auto/status/
status.json"
        },
        {
            "filename": "cfgtoollogs/upgrade/auto/status/progress.json",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=cfqtoollogs/upgrade/auto/status/
progress.json"
        },
            "filename": "cfgtoollogs/upgrade/auto/status/status.html",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=cfqtoollogs/upgrade/auto/status/
status.html"
        },
        {
            "filename": "cfgtoollogs/upgrade/auto/status/status.log",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=cfgtoollogs/upgrade/auto/status/
status.log"
        },
        {
            "filename": "db122/100/autoupgrade 20220110.log",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=db122/100/autoupgrade 20220110.log"
        },
        {
            "filename": "db122/100/autoupgrade 20220110 user.log",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job_2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=db122/100/
autoupgrade 20220110 user.log"
        },
        {
            "filename": "db122/100/autoupgrade err.log",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=db122/100/autoupgrade err.log"
        },
        ł
            "filename": "db122/100/prechecks/prechecks db122.log",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job_2022-01-10_14 19 09.156 1&name=db122/100/prechecks/
prechecks db122.log"
        },
            "filename": "db122/100/prechecks/db122 checklist.xml",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=db122/100/prechecks/
db122 checklist.xml"
        },
            "filename": "db122/100/prechecks/db122 checklist.json",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=db122/100/prechecks/
db122 checklist.json"
        },
        {
```

```
"filename": "db122/100/prechecks/db122 preupgrade.html",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=db122/100/prechecks/
db122 preupgrade.html"
        },
            "filename": "db122/100/prechecks/upgrade.xml",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=db122/100/prechecks/upgrade.xml"
        },
        {
            "filename": "db122/100/prechecks/db122 preupgrade.log",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=db122/100/prechecks/
db122_preupgrade.log"
        },
            "filename": "db122/101/autoupgrade 20220110.log",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=db122/101/autoupgrade 20220110.log"
        },
        {
            "filename": "db122/101/autoupgrade 20220110 user.log",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job_2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=db122/101/
autoupgrade 20220110 user.log"
        },
            "filename": "db122/101/autoupgrade err.log",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=db122/101/autoupgrade err.log"
        },
        {
            "filename": "db122/101/prechecks/prechecks db122.log",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=db122/101/prechecks/
prechecks db122.log"
        },
            "filename": "db122/101/prechecks/db122 checklist.xml",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=db122/101/prechecks/
db122 checklist.xml"
        },
            "filename": "db122/101/prechecks/db122 checklist.json",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=db122/101/prechecks/
db122 checklist.json"
        },
            "filename": "db122/101/prechecks/db122 preupgrade.html",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=db122/101/prechecks/
db122 preupgrade.html"
        },
```

```
"filename": "db122/101/prechecks/upgrade.xml",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=db122/101/prechecks/upgrade.xml"
        },
            "filename": "db122/101/prechecks/db122 preupgrade.log",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=db122/101/prechecks/
db122 preupgrade.log"
        },
        ł
            "filename": "db122/102/autoupgrade 20220110.log",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job_2022-01-10_14_19_09.156 1&name=db122/102/autoupgrade 20220110.log"
        },
            "filename": "db122/102/autoupgrade 20220110 user.log",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=db122/102/
autoupgrade 20220110 user.log"
        },
            "filename": "db122/102/autoupgrade err.log",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=db122/102/autoupgrade err.log"
        },
            "filename": "db122/102/prechecks/prechecks db122.log",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=db122/102/prechecks/
prechecks db122.log"
        },
            "filename": "db122/102/prechecks/db122 checklist.xml",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=db122/102/prechecks/
db122 checklist.xml"
        },
        {
            "filename": "db122/102/prechecks/db122 checklist.json",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=db122/102/prechecks/
db122 checklist.json"
        },
            "filename": "db122/102/prechecks/db122 preupgrade.html",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=db122/102/prechecks/
db122 preupgrade.html"
        },
            "filename": "db122/102/prechecks/upgrade.xml",
            "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job 2022-01-10 14 19 09.156 1&name=db122/102/prechecks/upgrade.xml"
        },
```

```
{
    "filename": "db122/102/prechecks/db122_preupgrade.log",
    "link": "http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job_2022-01-10_14_19_09.156_1&name=db122/102/prechecks/
db122_preupgrade.log"
    }
}
```

Example C-14 Request a Specific Log with name Parameter

The following example shows how to request a specific log file within a task ID log list, by providing the filename with the name parameter, and the taskid of the task that generated the log:

```
curl 'http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/log?
taskid=job_2022-01-10_14_19_09.156_1&name=db122/102/
autoupgrade 20220110 user.log'
```

This request returns this 200 response body that displays the log file information for the filename specified:

```
2022-01-10 14:44:43.447 INFO
build.hash:71778e3
build.version:23.0.0
build.date:2021/05/05 10:42:40 -0700
build.max_target_version:23
build.supported_target_versions:12.2,18,19,21,23
build.type:beta
build.hash_date:2021/04/15 15:06:03 -0700
build.label:rest_api
```

```
2022-01-10 14:44:49.529 INFO Analyzing db122, 104 checks will run using 4 threads
```

Status Report of Task Request for AutoUpgrade

Use the status API to get a status report of an AutoUpgrade task specified by the taskid.

Method

GET

Path

/autoupgrade/status

Usage Notes

To receive an AutoUpgrade task status in JSON format, submit an AutoUpgrade taskid.



Request

Path parameters:

Parameter	Description
taskid	(Required) System-generated identifier for the task for which you want to obtain status.

Response

- 200 Response: Reports the status of the task that you specify with the taskid.
- 400 Response: Reports that the taskid is missing
- 404 Response: Reports that the taskid is invalid

Examples

Example C-15 Submit Task Status GET Request

The following example shows how to get an AutoUpgrade task status request with cURL:

```
curl http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/status?
taskid=job 2021-10-20 14 44 57.11 1
```

This is the 200 response header for the preceding GET task status report request:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Wed, 20 Oct 2021 19:51:46 GMT
Set-Cookie: JSESSIONID=node0yawyihk3msz91eeauxijfaw6z3.node0; Path=/
Expires: Thu, 01 Jan 1970 00:00:00 GMT
Content-Type: application/json
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
```

This is the response body for the GET task status report request, in JSON format:

```
{
    "taskid": "job 2021-10-20 14 44 57.11 1",
    "status": "successful",
    "message": "",
    "autoupgrade status": {
        "totalJobs": 1,
        "lastUpdateTime": "2021-10-20 14:45:11",
        "jobs": [
            {
                "sid": "db122",
                "jobNo": 100,
                "logDirectory": "/databases/working/
job_2021-10-20_14 44 57.11 1/db122/100",
                "conNumber": 1,
                "lastUpdateTime": "2021-10-20 14:45:11",
                "modules": [
                     {
                         "moduleName": "PRECHECKS",
```



```
"status": 0,
"errors": [
],
"lastUpdateTime": "2021-10-20 14:45:11"
}
]
}
}
```

Example C-16 Submit Task Status GET Request with an invalid taskid

In the following example, an AutoUpgrade GET task status request is submitted with an invalid taskid parameter:

```
curl http://localhost:8080/autoupgrade/status?taskid=null
```

The 404 response header for the preceding invalid GET task status request is as follows:

```
HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found
Date: Wed, 20 Oct 2021 18:49:12 GMT
Set-Cookie: JSESSIONID=node06xkycdfv7k1f1bus3q43zefum2.node0; Path=/
Expires: Thu, 01 Jan 1970 00:00:00 GMT
Content-Type: application/json
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
```

The response body for this invalid GET task status request is as follows, in JSON format:

```
{
    "taskid": "null",
    "status": "Bad Request",
    "message": "taskid is invalid.",
    "link": "",
    "config": ""
}
```



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