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This guide provides instructions about installing and configuring Oracle Database Instant Client for Apple Mac OS X (Intel)(32-bit) and Apple Mac OS X (Intel)(64-bit).

The preface contains the following topics:

- **Audience**
- **Accessing Documentation**
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### Audience

This guide is intended for anyone responsible for installing Oracle Database Instant Client 12c Release 1 (12.1). Additional platform-specific installation guides for Oracle Database, Oracle Real Application Clusters, Oracle Clusterware, Oracle Database Examples, and Oracle Enterprise Manager Grid Control are available on the relevant installation media.

**See Also:**

- Oracle Database Installation Guide to install Oracle Database using the default settings
- You can view more information about supported Application Programming Interfaces (API) at https://docs.oracle.com/database/121/nav/portal_5.htm

### Accessing Documentation

The product-specific and platform-specific documentation for Oracle Database products are available in both, PDF and HTML formats. You can view and download the documentation at http://docs.oracle.com/en/database/database.html

### Related Documentation

The related documentation for Oracle Database 12c products includes the following manuals:
**Command Syntax**

UNIX command syntax appears in **monospace** font. The dollar character ($), number sign (#), or percent character (%) are UNIX command prompts. Do not enter them as part of the command. The following command syntax conventions are used in this guide:

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Overview of Oracle Database Instant Client Installation

This chapter describes the different installation types of Oracle Database Instant Client and issues to consider before you install Oracle Database Instant Client:

- Planning Your Installation
- Installation Considerations
- Oracle Database Instant Client Installation Types
- Oracle Database Instant Client and Oracle Database Interoperability
- Simplified Patching of Timestamp with Time Zone Data Type

1.1 Planning Your Installation

The Oracle Database installation process consists of the following phases:

1. **Review the licensing information:** Although the installation media in your media pack contain many Oracle components, you are permitted to use only those components for which you have purchased licenses.

   Oracle Support Services does not provide support for components for which licenses have not been purchased.

   **See Also:** *Oracle Database Licensing Information*

2. **Plan the installation:** This chapter describes the Oracle products that you can install and issues that you must consider before starting the installation.

3. **Complete preinstallation tasks:** Chapter 2 describes preinstallation tasks that you must complete before installing the product.

4. **Install the software:** Chapter 3 describes how to install Oracle Database Instant Client.

5. **Complete postinstallation tasks:** Chapter 4 describes recommended and required postinstallation tasks.

1.2 Installation Considerations

This section contains hardware and software certification information that you should consider before deciding to install this product.

The platform-specific hardware and software requirements included in this guide were current when this guide was published. However, because new platforms and
operating system software versions might be certified after this guide is published, review the certification matrix on the My Oracle Support website for the most up-to-date list of certified hardware platforms and operating system versions. The My Oracle Support website is available at

https://support.oracle.com/

You must register online before using My Oracle Support. After logging in, from the menu options, select the Certifications tab. On the Certifications page, use the Certification Search options to search by Product, Release, and Platform. You can also search using the Certification Quick Links options such as Product Delivery and Lifetime Support.

1.3 Oracle Database Instant Client Installation Types

In Oracle Database Instant Client 12c Release 1, Instant Client and Instant Client Light are the only supported installation types.

The Instant Client installation type enables you to install only the shared libraries required by Oracle Call Interface (OCI), Oracle C++ Call Interface (OCCI), Pro*C, or Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) OCI applications.

See Also: Oracle Call Interface Programmer’s Guide or Oracle Database JDBC Developer’s Guide for more information about Instant Client

The Instant Client Light (English) version of Instant Client further reduces the disk space requirements of the instant client installation. The size of the library has been reduced by removing error message files for languages other than English and leaving only a few supported character set definitions out of around 250.

This Instant Client Light version is geared toward applications that use either US7ASCII, WE8DEC, WE8ISO8859P1, WE8MSWIN1252, or a Unicode character set. There is no restriction on the LANGUAGE and the TERRITORY fields of the NLS_LANG setting, so the Instant Client Light operates with any language and territory settings. Because only English error messages are provided with the Instant Client Light, error messages generated on the instant client side, such as Net connection errors, are always reported in English, even if NLS_LANG is set to a language other than AMERICAN. Error messages generated by the database side, such as syntax errors in SQL statements, are in the selected language provided the appropriate translated message files are installed in the Oracle home of the database instance.

Instant Client Light supports the following instant client character sets:

- Single-byte
  - US7ASCII
  - WE8DEC
  - WE8MSWIN1252
  - WE8MSWIN1252
  - WE8ISO8859P1
- Unicode
  - UTF8
  - AL16UTF16
Instant Client Light can connect to databases having one of these database character sets:

- US7ASCII
- WE8DEC
- WE8MSWIN1252
- WE8ISO8859P1
- WE8EBCDIC37C
- WE8EBCDIC1047
- UTF8
- AL32UTF8

The advantage of using Instant Client Light is that it has a smaller footprint than the regular Instant Client. The shared libraries, which an application must load, are only 34 MB as opposed to the 110 MB that regular Instant Client uses. Therefore, the applications use less memory.

1.4 Oracle Database Instant Client and Oracle Database Interoperability

For information about interoperability between Oracle Database Instant Client and Oracle Database releases, see Note 207303.1 on the My Oracle Support website at https://support.oracle.com/CSP/main/article?cmd=show&type=NOT&id=207303.1

1.5 Simplified Patching of Timestamp with Time Zone Data Type

Starting with Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1), the patching process of `TIMESTAMP WITH TIMEZONE` data type values is simplified.

**See Also:**  "Changes in This Release for Oracle Database Globalization Support Guide" and "Clients and Servers Operating with Different Versions of Time Zone Files" in Oracle Database Globalization Support Guide for information about simplified patching process and how certain clients work with server with different time zone files.
Oracle Database Instant Client Preinstallation Tasks

This chapter describes the tasks that you must complete before you install Oracle Instant Client. It includes the following information:

- Checking the Hardware Requirements
- Checking the Software Requirements

2.1 Checking the Hardware Requirements

The system must meet the following minimum hardware requirements for Oracle Database Instant Client 12c Release 1:

- Memory Requirements
- System Architecture
- Disk Space Requirements

2.1.1 Memory Requirements

The following are the memory requirements for Oracle Database Instant Client 12c Release 1 (12.1):

- At least 512 MB of RAM.

To determine the physical RAM size, use System Profiler (/Applications/Utilities/System Profiler) or enter the following command:

$ /usr/sbin/system_profiler SPHardwareDataType | grep Memory

If the size of the physical RAM is less than the required size, then you must install more memory before continuing.

The following are the RAM requirements:

- Up to 512 MB
- Between 513 MB and 726 MB
- More than 726 MB

To determine the available RAM, enter the following command:

$ free
Checking the Software Requirements

2.1.2 System Architecture
To determine whether the system architecture can run the software, enter the following command:

```
$ uname -p
```

**Note:** This command displays the processor type. The command output must be `i386`. If you do not see the expected output, then you cannot install the software on this system.

2.1.3 Disk Space Requirements
The minimum disk space requirement for software files for Oracle Database Instant Client 12c Release 1 (12.1) is 220 MB.

To determine the amount of free disk space available, enter the following command:

```
$ df -h
```

2.2 Checking the Software Requirements
Depending on the products that you intend to install, verify that the following software is installed on the system. The procedure following the table describes how to verify whether these requirements are addressed.

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<th>Table 2–1 Minimum Software Requirements</th>
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| **Operating system** | The following or later versions of the operating system are supported for Oracle Database 12c Release 1 (12.1):
|   | ■ Apple Mac OS X El Captain 10.11.1
|   | ■ Apple Mac OS X Yosemite 10.10.4
|   | ■ Apple Mac OS X Mavericks 10.9.2
| **Tools** | ■ Xcode 5.0.2 or later
|   | ■ GNU C compiler (gcc) version 4.2.1 or later
|   | This version of gcc is included in Xcode 5.0.2 or later.
|   | ■ JDK 1.6.0_65 or later for Apple Mac OS X Mavericks
| **Pro*C/C++, Oracle Call Interface, Oracle C++ Call Interface** | The version of the GNU C and C++ compiler listed previously is supported for use with these products.
| **Oracle JDBC/OCI Drivers** | You must use JDBC-OCI 1.6.0 or later versions with the JNDI extension.
| **Oracle ODBC Driver** | Download and install unixODBC-2.3.1 or later from [http://www.unixodbc.org](http://www.unixodbc.org).

To ensure that the system meets these requirements:

1. To determine the operating system version, enter the following command:

```
$ sw_vers
```

The output of this command must be similar to the following:

```
ProductName: Mac OS X
```
Checking the Software Requirements

ProductVersion: 10.9.5
BuildVersion: 13F34

Note: Only the versions listed in the previous table are supported. Do not install the software on other versions of Apple Mac OS X.

2. To determine if the required version of gcc is installed, enter the following command:
   $ gcc -v

   This command returns output similar to the following:
   Configured with: --prefix=/Applications/Xcode.app/Contents/Developer/usr
   --with-gxx-include-dir=/usr/include/c++/4.2.1
   Apple LLVM version 6.0 (clang-600.0.57) (based on LLVM 3.5svn)
   Target: x86_64-apple-darwin13.1.0
   Thread model: posix

   If the required version (including the date and build number) or a later version is not installed, then download and install Xcode 5.0.2 or later. You can download this software from the Apple Developer Connection website at https://developer.apple.com/

   3. To determine if the correct version of Xcode is installed, enter the following command:
   $ /usr/bin/xcodebuild -version

   This command returns output similar to the following:
   Xcode 5.0.2
   Build version 5A3005

   If the required version (including the date and build number) or a later version is not installed, then download and install Xcode 5.0.2 or later. You can download this software from the Apple Developer Connection website at https://developer.apple.com/

2.2.1 Instant Client Light Requirements

   In addition to the requirements described in the preceding section, if you plan to use Instant Client Light, then the applications must use the following languages and character sets:

   - **Language:** Any language that is supported by Oracle
   - **Territory:** Any territory that is supported by Oracle
   - **Character sets:**
     - Single byte
       - US7ASCII
       - WE8DEC
       - WE8MSWIN1252
       - WE8ISO8859P1
- Unicode
  * UTF8
  * AL16UTF16
  * AL32UTF8

Instant Client Light can connect to databases having one of the following
database character sets:
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  * WE8ISO8859P1
  * WE8EBCDIC37C
  * WE8EBCDIC1047
  * UTF8
  * AL32UTF8

Instant Client Light can also operate with the OCI Environment handles created in the
OCI_UTF16 mode.

The language, territory, and character sets are determined by the \texttt{NLS_LANG}
environment variable.

\underline{Note:} Ensure that you set the \texttt{NLS_LANG} environment variable to the
required character set before you run Oracle Database Instant Client.
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Installing and Removing Oracle Database Instant Client

The Oracle Database Instant Client software is available on Oracle Technology Network website. This chapter describes the following sections:

- Downloading and Installing the Oracle Database Instant Client Software
- Removing the Oracle Database Instant Client Software

3.1 Downloading and Installing the Oracle Database Instant Client Software

Download and install Oracle Database Instant Client 12c Release 1 (12.1) by completing the following steps:


2. Create a directory on your computer, for example, instantclient. Choose a directory to install the Oracle Instant Client and unzip the downloaded zip file in that directory. The unzipped file creates the instantclient_12_1 directory.

3. Set the NLS_LANG environment variable to the required character set.
   
   For example, an NLS_LANG of american_america.utf8 is a valid setting. It is in the following format:
   
   [NLS_LANGUAGE]_[NLS_TERRITORY].[NLS_CHARACTERSET]
   
   Refer to "Setting the NLS_LANG Environment Variable" for information about setting the NLS_LANG environment variable to the required character set.

   This completes the installation of Oracle Database Instant Client.

3.2 Removing the Oracle Database Instant Client Software

To remove the Oracle Database Instant Client software, delete the instantclient_12_1 directory.
This chapter describes how to complete postinstallation tasks after you have installed the Oracle Database Instant Client software. It includes information about the following topics:

- Recommended Postinstallation Tasks
- Required Product-Specific Postinstallation Tasks

Oracle recommends that you perform the tasks listed in "Recommended Postinstallation Tasks" on page 4-2 after all installations.

If you install and intend to use any of the products listed in "Required Product-Specific Postinstallation Tasks" on page 4-4, then you must perform the tasks listed in the product-specific subsections.

### 4.1 Using Oracle Database Instant Client

You can build a C/C++ application that uses Oracle Database Instant Client and connect to an Oracle Database server. If you want to build a 64-bit application and use `instantclient_12_1/sdk/demo.mk` file, then perform the following steps:

1. Set the `BUILD64` environment variable to `T`.
2. Edit the `instantclient_12_1/sdk/demo.mk` file and set the `CC` and `cc` to your `gcc` location.
3. Compile the C/C++ application using the flags specified in the `demo.mk` file, namely, `-idirafter .` `-DMAC_OSX -D_GNU_SOURCE -D_REENTRANT -g -m64 -mmacosx-version-min=10.9 <c_file_name> -I../include`.
4. Start `make -f demo.mk buildoci EXE=cdemo81 OBJS=cdemo81.o` for a working demonstration of the options.

The compilation options are as follows:

```
-cc -DMAC_OSX -D_GNU_SOURCE -D_REENTRANT -g -m64
-mmacosx-version-min=10.9 <c_file_name> -I../include
```

The link options are as follows:

```
-g -m64 -mmacosx-version-min=10.9 -rpath full_path_to_instantclient_12_2
libs application_name -L/. -llocci -lclntsh -lpthread
```
4.2 Recommended Postinstallation Tasks

Oracle recommends that you perform the tasks described in the following sections after completing an installation:

■ Connecting Instant Client or Instant Client Light to an Oracle Database
■ Setting the NLS_LANG Environment Variable
■ Updating Instant Client

4.2.1 Connecting Instant Client or Instant Client Light to an Oracle Database

Use one of the following methods to specify the database connection information for the instant client application:

■ For OCI and OCCI programs, use the following connection string format:

```
host[:port][/service_name][:server][/instance_name]
```

■ Set the `TNS_ADMIN` environment variable to specify the location of the `tnsnames.ora` file and specify a service name from that file.

■ Set the `TNS_ADMIN` and the `TWO_TASK` environment variables to specify a service name from the `tnsnames.ora` file.

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**Note:** You do not need to specify the `ORACLE_HOME` variable.

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After checking the environment variable, you can use any of the following methods to specify Oracle Database connection information for client applications:

■ Specifying a Connection by Using the Easy Connect Naming Method
■ Specifying a Connection Using an Empty Connect String and TWO_TASK

4.2.1.1 Specifying a Connection by Using the Easy Connect Naming Method

You can specify a connection address to an Oracle Database directly from a client application, without having to configure a `tnsnames` setting for the Instant Client. This method is convenient as you do not have to create and manage a `tnsnames.ora` file. However, the application users must specify the host name and port number when they want to log in to the application.

For example, if you run SQL*Plus on the client computer and want to connect to the `sales_us` database, which is located on a server whose host name is `shobeen` and port number is 1521, then you can log in as follows:

```
sqlplus system/admin@shobeen:1521/sales_us
```

Similarly, in the application code, you can use Oracle Call Interface net naming methods to create the Instant Client-to-Oracle Database connection. For example, the following formats in the `OCIServerAttach()` call specify the connection information:

■ Specify a SQL connect URL string using one of the following formats:

```
[ ( username, [ "'" , password ] | "" ), [ "" , db_address ] ], [ admin_role ],
[ initial_edition ]
```

or

```
scott/tiger@inst1
```
- Alternatively, you can specify the SQL connect information as an Oracle Net keyword-value pair. For example:

```
"(DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp) (HOST=shobeen) (PORT=1521))
(CONNECT_DATA=(SERVICE_NAME=sales_us)))"
```

See Also: Oracle Call Interface Programmer’s Guide for more information about using Oracle Call Interface Instant Client

4.2.2.2 Specifying a Connection Using an Empty Connect String and TWO_TASK
You can set the connect string to an empty connect string (""), and then set the TWO_TASK environment variable to one of the following values:

- A direct address, as described under “Specifying a Connection by Using the Easy Connect Naming Method” on page 4-2
- Oracle Net keyword-value pair
- A tnsnames.ora entry and TNS_ADMIN is set to the location of tnsnames.ora

This method allows the applications to specify internally a connection string if the application code itself uses an empty connection string. The benefit of an empty connect string is that the application itself does not have to specify the tnsnames.ora entry. Instead, when a user starts the application, the location of the database is determined by a script or the environment, depending on where you have set the TWO_TASK environment variable. The disadvantage of using empty strings is that you must configure this additional information in order for the application to connect to the database.

4.2.2 Setting the NLS_LANG Environment Variable

NLS_LANG is an environment variable that specifies the locale behavior for Oracle software. This variable sets the language and territory used by the client application and the database user session. It also declares the character set of the client, which is the character set of data entered or displayed by an Oracle client program, such as SQL*Plus.

**Note:** The character set of the data displayed is determined by the environment of the operating system, such as keyboard driver and fonts in use. The NLS_LANG character set should match the operating system.


4.2.3 Updating Instant Client

To update Instant Client:

1. Download Instant Client from Oracle Technology Network at


2. If you want to place the files in the existing directory, then ensure that the directory is empty.
If you want to place the files into a different directory (and remove the previous files), ensure that you update the environment variable setting to reflect the new location.

**Note:** A restriction on Instant Client or Instant Client Light is that you cannot perform patch upgrades using the opatch utility because the Instant Client installation does not create an inventory, which the patch upgrade process must access for patch upgrades.

### 4.3 Required Product-Specific Postinstallation Tasks

The following sections describe postinstallation tasks that you must perform if you install and intend to use Oracle Precompliers:

**Note:** You must perform postinstallation tasks only for products that you intend to use.

#### 4.3.1 Configuring Oracle Precompilers

This section describes postinstallation tasks for Pro*C/C++.

##### 4.3.1.1 Configuring Pro*C/C++

Verify that the `PATH` environment variable setting includes the directory that contains the C compiler executable. The default directory for the `gcc` compiler executable is `/usr/bin`.

**See Also:** *Pro*C/C++ Programmer’s Guide* for more information about setting environment variables
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