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# **Preface**

Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control now offers advanced management and monitoring of Engineered Systems through the following packs:

- Exadata Management Pack provides advanced monitoring, management, and diagnostics features for hybrid Exadata fleets spanning on-premises, Cloud@Customer, Oracle Cloud Infrastructure, and Multicloud, as well as the databases running on these systems.
- Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Pack provides advanced features for managing database fleet backup to one or more Recovery Appliances, and for monitoring and managing a fleet of Recovery Appliances.

Note that some of the features are common to both packs.

This book describes how you can set up and use these packs in Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control to access rich UI and EMCLI management and monitoring features for the respective Engineered Systems. With these packs, you can access the following functionality:

- Rich, multi-tiered dashboards to analyze Exadata and Recovery Appliance capacity, inventory and performance.
- Comprehensive UI console and tooling to monitor and administer Autonomous Health Framework across an Exadata and Recovery Appliance fleet.
- UI, EMCLI, and REST interfaces to patch Exadata infrastructure components, including database servers, storage servers, and switches.
- UI tooling and reports to analyze database CPU usage within an Exadata system.
- UI components to visualize the database topology and inventory for an Exadata Cloud system.
- UI components to visualize the Exascale storage configuration for an Oracle Exadata Database Machine.
- UI and EMCLI workflows to streamline configuration and management of database fleet backup to multiple Recovery Appliances, including advanced backup topologies.
- UI workflow to manage database fleet archival backups from Recovery Appliance to the tape.

In the context of this book, **Engineered Systems** can include one or more of *Oracle Exadata Database Machine*, *Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance*, and *Exadata Cloud* which includes *Oracle Exadata Database Service on Dedicated Infrastructure* and *Oracle Exadata Database Service on Cloud@Customer*.

# **Audience**

This guide is intended for Exadata and Recovery Appliance administrators, and also for database administrators responsible for managing database backups to Recovery Appliance destinations.



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# Related Resources

The information about discovery of the Engineered Systems and their monitoring are available here:

- Introduction to Monitoring Exadata Cloud Service
- Introduction to the Plug-in in Oracle Exadata Database Machine Getting Started Guide
- Get started with Cloud Control for Recovery Appliance
- Oracle Engineered Systems Metric Reference Manual
- Other Engineered Systems Resources

# Conventions

The following text conventions are used in this document:

Convention	Meaning
boldface	Boldface type indicates graphical user interface elements associated with an action, or terms defined in text or the glossary.
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.



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# Introduction to the Engineered Systems Packs

The Exadata and Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance packs contain comprehensive, value-added fleet-level management and monitoring functionality intended for advanced use cases.

#### **Advanced Management and Monitoring Solution**

The advanced management and monitoring functionality offered by these packs for hybrid Engineered System fleets focuses on the following value additions to the existing core management and monitoring functionality contained in the Exadata, ZDLRA, and Database plug-ins:

- Automation of fleet-level, multi-step, complex procedures that cannot be easily performed outside of Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control
- Automation that leverages the inherent Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control capabilities like procedure scheduling and execution, credentials management, and the Software Library to streamline Engineered System configuration and maintenance
- Features at both the individual system and fleet levels that integrate extensive Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control metric data with new UIs and dashboards to provide unique, deep analysis and visualization tools

#### **Core Management and Monitoring Functionality**

The following core management and monitoring functionality is standard in the Exadata and ZDLRA plug-ins:

- Support for new Exadata, ZDLRA, and database software and hardware versions
- Monitoring, including metrics for core functions
- Per-system management workflows for core Exadata and ZDLRA administration operations

For more information about the plug-ins, see Related Resources.

#### Advantages of the Exadata and Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Packs

- Broad feature support across the major Engineered Systems on-premises and Cloud-based variants: Oracle Exadata Database Machine, Oracle Exadata Database Service on Cloud@Customer, Oracle Exadata Database Service on Dedicated Infrastructure, Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance
- User Interfaces, EMCLI verbs, workflows, jobs, and deployment procedures that address advanced Engineered System use cases beyond the functionality currently available in the Exadata, ZDLRA, and Database plug-ins
- Fleet-scale deployment procedures that automate complex, multi-step processes across multiple Exadata systems, Recovery Appliances, databases, and hosts
- Dashboards and consoles that operate at the Engineered System fleet level to provide large scale capacity, inventory and performance analysis, compliance management, and patching management
- Advisors that provide deep, granular database performance analysis capabilities for an individual Exadata

- Workflows and procedures that operate at the database fleet level to provide streamlined end-to-end backup configuration and scheduling for Recovery Appliance destinations
- New Exadata and Recovery Appliance target consoles from which all the new advanced Engineered System fleet management features can be accessed

#### **Benefits of the Exadata Management Pack**

Exadata administrators who need to perform the following activities across a large fleet of onpremises and/or Cloud-based Exadata systems:

- Analyze performance, capacity, and inventory across the Exadata fleet.
- Manage and monitor Exachk compliance check policies, schedules, and invocations across the fleet.
- Perform Exadata hardware component patching across the Exadata fleet.
- Perform noisy-neighbor and CPU utilization analysis across all databases running on an Exadata.
- Visualize Exascale storage usage across all databases running on an Exadata.
- Visualize a detailed inventory of databases running on a Cloud-based Exadata (Oracle Exadata Database Service on Cloud@Customer and Oracle Exadata Database Service on Dedicated Infrastructure).

#### Benefits of the Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Pack

Recovery Appliance and database administrators who need to perform the following activities across a large database fleet combined with one or more Recovery Appliances:

- Analyze performance, capacity, and inventory across the Recovery Appliance fleet.
- Monitor Exachk compliance check policies, schedules, and invocations across the Recovery Appliance fleet.
- Configure multiple databases to send backups and redo to one or more Recovery
  Appliances, including optional configuration of alternate Recovery Appliance destinations.
- Configure databases in one or more Data Guard configurations to send backups and redo from the primary and/or standby databases to one or more Recovery Appliances, including optional configuration of alternate Recovery Appliance destinations.
- Schedule automatic, optimized archival backups for multiple databases from a Recovery Appliance to Oracle Cloud storage or tape.

# Features of the Engineered Systems Packs

The following features are included in the Exadata Management Pack and Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Pack.

#### Topics:

- Features Common to Both Packs
- Features Specific to Exadata Management Pack
- Features Specific to Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Pack (ZDLRA)

Features, Packs Supporting Them, and the Plug-ins Required:



Feature	Supporting Pack	Required Plug-in
Engineered System Fleet Console	Not licensed	Exadata
Exadata Fleet Dashboards	<ul><li>Exadata Management Pack</li><li>Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Pack</li></ul>	Exadata
Engineered System Autonomous Health Framework Administration	<ul><li>Exadata Management Pack</li><li>Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Pack</li></ul>	Exadata
Database Impact Advisor	Exadata Management Pack	Exadata
I/O Resource Management Advisor	Exadata Management Pack	Exadata
Exadata Cloud Advanced Monitoring	Exadata Management Pack	Exadata
Exadata Exascale Advanced Monitoring	Exadata Management Pack	Exadata
Exadata Infrastructure Patching Using Fleet Maintenance	Exadata Management Pack	Exadata
Database Fleet Backup Configuration and Scheduling for Recovery Appliance	Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Pack	<ul><li>Database</li><li>ZDLRA</li></ul>
Recovery Appliance Protected Database Fleet Archival Backup Management	Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Pack	ZDLRA
Database Fleet Advanced Backup Configuration for Recovery Appliance Using EMCLI	Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Pack	<ul><li>Database</li><li>ZDLRA</li></ul>

#### **Features Common to Both Packs**

#### Engineered System Fleet Console

Although it's a standard Exadata and ZDLRA plug-in feature and not part of a pack, the Engineered System Fleet Console is the gateway to many of the features in Exadata Management Pack and Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Pack. This page is the new destination for the **Exadata** and **Recovery Appliance** menu items under **Targets**, with a separate tab for each target type. It encompasses all functionality of the previous fleet pages for these target types, plus the following new features:

- Top-level charts summarizing fleet target status, member status, and pack enablement status
- Table columns indicating whether a specific Exadata or Recovery Appliance target has the respective pack enabled
- Launch menu where most fleet-level pack features can be accessed

#### Exadata Fleet Dashboards

The Exadata Fleet Dashboards distill Exadata component hardware and software metric data for individual Exadata (on-premises and Cloud-based) and Recovery Appliance systems into integrated, detailed, fleet-level visualizations that can be highly customized through an extensive set of filters across different dimensions. The available dashboards are as follows:

 Exadata Fleet Configuration: This dashboard shows the current Exadata hardware and software configuration across the Exadata and Recovery Appliance fleet or filtered subset of the fleet, and includes the following data:

- \* Engineered System Overview: Type, hardware generation, deployment type, service type, database deployment option, and switch type
- \* Hardware Configuration: Exadata generation, database server model, storage server model, storage server media type, and switch model
- \* Software Configuration: Host operating system version, database server ILOM version, storage server Exadata system software version, database server Exadata system software version, and switch version
- \* Database Configuration: Container type, database version, pluggable database version, ASM disk group redundancy, and Grid Infrastructure version
- Exadata Fleet Aggregated Capacity: This dashboard aggregates important capacity related metrics to visualize the overall capacity of the Exadata and Recovery Appliance fleet or filtered subset of the fleet, regardless of how each individual system is deployed. Data is averaged over the last 31 days. The dashboard includes the following data:
  - Database Server CPU and Memory: Database server CPU and memory allocation and utilization
  - \* Storage: Storage allocation and utilization
  - \* Storage Server I/O: Storage server flash and hard disk read/write utilization, load, throughput, latency and IOPS
- Exadata Fleet Capacity: This dashboard shows individual Exadata capacity across
  the Exadata and Recovery Appliance fleet or filtered subset of the fleet, allowing
  comparison by system. Data is averaged over the last 31 days. The dashboard
  includes the following data:
  - \* Database Server CPU and Memory: CPU utilization and memory utilization
  - \* Storage: ASM Data disk group usage, database storage usage growth, ASM Data disk group growth, ASM recovery disk group growth
  - \* Storage Server I/O: Disk and flash read and write latency, utilization, IOPS, throughput, and total disk/flash IOPS and throughput.
  - Database Server CPU and Memory Details: CPU and memory utilization
  - Storage Details: Disk group space utilization and database tablespace utilization
  - \* Storage Server I/O Details: Capacity, disk read latency/utilization/IOPS/throughput and flash latency/utilization/IOPS/throughput
- Exadata Fleet Component Capacity: This dashboard shows individual Exadata component capacity across the Exadata and Recovery Appliance fleet or filtered subset of the fleet, allowing identification and comparison of components that may be over or under-utilized. Data is averaged over the last 31 days. The information categories are similar to the Exadata Fleet Capacity dashboard, but the data is shown on a per-component basis instead of a per-system basis.

For details about the feature, see Exadata Fleet Dashboards.

- Engineered System Autonomous Health Framework Administration
   The Engineered System Autonomous Health Framework (AHF) Administration console provides comprehensive monitoring and management of AHF and Exachk across the Engineered System fleet, including the following features:
  - Monitoring of AHF software versions, upgrade status, service status, Exachk status, and Exachk runs across the Exadata and Recovery Appliance fleet
  - Management of AHF software automatic and manual upgrades across the Exadata fleet



- Management of Exachk automatic and manual invocations across the Exadata fleet
- Invocation of AHF commands across the Exadata fleet

For details about the feature, see Engineered System Autonomous Health Framework Administration.

#### **Features Specific to Exadata Management Pack**

#### Database Impact Advisor

The Database Impact Advisor can be run against an individual Exadata system to perform system-wide database CPU usage *noisy-neighbor* analysis in order to identify databases whose performance is potentially impacted by other databases or other operating system processes. The analysis applies algorithms established by the Autonomous Health Framework (AHF) Balance feature to Enterprise Manager historical metric data from past 30 days. Further, the Database Impact Advisor integrates directly with AHF Balance to generate recommendations for optimizing Database Resource Manager (DBRM) settings across all databases to minimize any CPU-based performance impacts that were found.

The Database Impact Advisor offers the following features:

- Summary of potentially impacted databases
- Summary of impacts across clusters, hosts, databases and instances
- Detailed CPU impact breakdown by Exadata, cluster, host, database, and instance:
  - Impact status (PASS/WARNING/FAIL) at each level
  - \* Number of impacted and exposed hours for each database and instance
- In-context per-instance historical charts showing:
  - \* CPU usage in comparison with the DBRM guarantee and limit
  - \* CPU usage in comparison with other instances and process on the host
  - Impacted and exposed time ranges
  - Occurrences of notable database and Exadata incidents
- Overall CPU allocation breakdown across database instances, grouped by cluster and host, and filtered by impact status
- Generation and display of AHF Balance reports at the Exadata, cluster, and database levels
- Integrated management of a specific AHF installation for use with Enterprise Manager analytics

For details about the feature, see Database Impact Advisor.

#### I/O Resource Management Advisor

The I/O Resource Management Advisor facilitates effective usage of Exadata I/O Resource Management (IORM) by providing tools to analyze flash I/O utilization across all databases running on an Exadata system and to identify potential measures to optimize system I/O resource usage. It provides the following capabilities:

Comprehensive System-Level I/O Overview: Different visualizations at multiple levels like treemaps, tables and metric charts provide a comprehensive overview of IORM settings and a summary of I/O utilization across the Exadata system. These visualizations allow identification of any container database (CDB), pluggable database (PDB), or non-container database that is experiencing flash I/O throttling due to system limits or I/O usage by neighboring databases.



Detailed Database-Level I/O Analysis: Once a potentially impacted database is identified, additional drill-down visualizations allow analysis of the I/O performance history of a database and its neighbors across multiple dimensions, including I/O utilization, throughput, and latency. Analysis at this level can assist in determining whether a database is actually experiencing throttling and associated performance degradation, and whether its IORM plan needs to be updated.

For details about the feature, see I/O Resource Management Advisor.

#### Exadata Cloud Advanced Monitoring

The **Exadata Infrastructure** target (used for *Oracle Exadata Database Service on Cloud@Customer* and *Oracle Exadata Database Service on Dedicated Infrastructure*) home page provides advanced database inventory monitoring through the **Databases** tab. This tab provides a Sankey-based topology diagram and a tabular listing of database inventory on the system, tracing the topology starting from the database major version down through the minor version (patch release), Oracle home, number of container/noncontainer databases, number of pluggable databases, ending with the specific pluggable (or non-container) databases.

For details about the feature, see Exadata Cloud Advanced Monitoring.

#### Exadata Exascale Advanced Monitoring

The Exascale target home page provides advanced IOPS monitoring through the IOPS tab using an interactive Sankey-based illustration of IOPS allocations across the Vaults, Storage Pools, and Databases. You can use advanced filtering options to visually identify IOPS bottlenecks in the Exascale topology and view these in context with historical Exascale IOPS utilization in order to triage performance issues.

For details about the feature, see Exadata Exascale Advanced Monitoring.

#### Exadata Infrastructure Patching Using Fleet Maintenance

Exadata Fleet Maintenance is a solution designed to simplify and streamline the patching process for your entire Exadata infrastructure, ensuring optimal performance, security, and uptime.

For details about the feature, see Exadata Infrastructure Patching Using Fleet Maintenance.

#### Features Specific to Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Pack (ZDLRA)

The Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Pack offers an integrated suite of tools like UIs, EMCLI verbs, REST APIs, and associated deployment procedures to manage the end-to-end backup lifecycle for a database fleet. For database administrators managing fleet backups, the fundamental initial task is to configure the database fleet to send backups and redo to one or more Recovery Appliances. Next, the Oracle-suggested incremental-forever backup strategy must be scheduled, followed by ongoing fleet configuration updates and maintenance. All aspects of these tasks can be managed by the following tools:

#### Database Fleet Backup Configuration and Scheduling for Recovery Appliance

#### Configure Fleet Backup to Recovery Appliance

This wizard-style UI provides the ability to configure a hybrid fleet of databases (versions, types, roles) to send backups and redo to a Recovery Appliance, that is, configure them for Recovery Appliance protection. It submits a deployment procedure that fully automates all aspects of configuring the databases, including database, Grid Infrastructure, SQLNET.ORA file, wallet, and recovery catalog settings. The workflow and associated deployment procedure offer the following features:

- Selection of multiple individual databases or a group target containing the databases to be configured
- Support for all database versions, platforms, and types (single-instance and RAC)



- \* Support for configuring backup from Data Guard primary and standby databases
- Support for Recovery Appliance Backup and Recovery Continuity (designation of an alternate Recovery Appliance for backups and redo in the event of a failure)
- \* Optional auto-configure mode for groups, whereby databases that subsequently join the group will be automatically configured without user intervention
- \* UI functionality also accessible via an Enterprise Manager REST API and an EMCLI verb

For details about the feature, see Database Fleet Backup Configuration for Recovery Appliance.

#### Schedule Fleet Backup to Recovery Appliance

This wizard-style UI is associated with the Configure wizard above. It provides the ability to schedule the standardized Oracle-suggested Recovery Appliance backup strategy for a fleet of databases that have already been configured for Recovery Appliance protection. It schedules a recurring deployment procedure that invokes individual database backups in parallel. The workflow and associated deployment procedure offer the following features:

- \* Selection of multiple individual databases or a group target containing the databases to be backed-up (can use the same group targets as Configure wizard)
- \* Implementation of Oracle-suggested incremental-forever, daily backup strategy
- \* New databases that join the group are automatically picked up in subsequent scheduled backup executions
- \* All backups start on same schedule, and run in parallel
- \* Individual databases can backup to different Recovery Appliances (depending on which Recovery Appliance they were configured to send backups to)
- UI functionality also accessible with the Enterprise Manager REST API and EMCLI verb

For details about the feature, see Database Fleet Backup Scheduling for Recovery Appliance.

For a discussion on end-to-end use case for implementing configuration and scheduling, see Touchless Automated End-to-End Database Fleet Backup Management.

- Recovery Appliance Protected Database Fleet Archival Backup Management A Recovery Appliance administrator may need to perform and manage archival backups of certain databases in the fleet to meet regulatory requirements. This can be accomplished by using the Create Archival Backup workflow, which is accessible from the Recovery Appliance target Archival Backups page. The Create Archival Backup workflow submits a deployment procedure that, for each database, polls the Recovery Appliance for the availability of an indexed backup correlating to the desired archival backup point in time, and then invokes the archival backup. The workflow and associated deployment procedure offer the following features:
  - Selection of an individual protected database or all databases within a Recovery Appliance protection policy
  - The ability to perform a one-time archival backup or schedule repeating archival backups
  - Creation of the archival backup based on a point in time for individual and multiple databases, or a system change number (SCN) or restore point for individual databases
  - Specification of the backup retention time
  - Specification of compression and encryption options



 Special verification measures to ensure creation of optimized archival backups that contain the minimum possible number of archived log backups

For details about the feature, see Recovery Appliance Protected Database Fleet Archival Backup Management.

 Database Fleet Advanced Backup Configuration for Recovery Appliance Using EMCLI

Support for configuration of advanced backup topologies beyond the scenarios covered by the above UI tooling is available via EMCLI. In addition to all the UI capabilities, the EMCLI configure\_db\_ha command also allows configuration of the databases in a Data Guard configuration to send backup and redo to multiple Recovery Appliances, in accordance with several possible Maximum Availability Architecture (MAA) recommended database protection configurations. Further, even when submitting a fleet operation, use of EMCLI allows highly granular per-database customization of backup configuration and scheduling options. The EMCLI configure\_db\_ha command submits the same deployment procedure as the above UI workflow, ensuring consistent results regardless of what interface is used. The EMCLI configure\_db\_ha command offers the following advanced features:

- Configuration of the following Oracle MAA backup configurations (involves Data Guard databases and two Recovery Appliances):
  - \* MAA Gold: Backups scheduled from both primary and standby databases to different Recovery Appliances that are not configured for backup replication
  - \* MAA Gold + ZDLRA Backup Anywhere Replication: Backups scheduled from either the primary or standby database to their respective local Recovery Appliance, with Backup Anywhere replication configured between the Recovery Appliances
- Configuration of ZDLRA Backup and Recovery Continuity with the above MAA
   Gold configurations (involves Data Guard databases and four Recovery Appliances):
  - \* Specification of a preferred Recovery Appliance and alternate Recovery Appliance for both the primary and standby database (preferred and alternate Recovery Appliances must be configured for *Backup Anywhere* replication)
  - \* Backups go to the preferred Recovery Appliance by default and automatically failover to the alternate Recovery Appliance if needed.
- Configuration of ZDLRA Backup and Recovery Continuity for a Non-Data Guard Database:
  - Specification of a preferred Recovery Appliance and alternate Recovery Appliance for the database
  - \* Backups go to the Preferred Recovery Appliance and automatically failover to the alternate Recovery Appliance ensuring Backup and Recovery Continuity.

For details about the feature, see Database Fleet Advanced Backup Configuration for Recovery Appliance Using EMCLI.



# Configure Access to the Engineered Systems Packs

#### **Topics:**

- Configure Access to the Exadata Management Pack
- Configure Access to the Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Pack

Also, see Displaying Management Pack Information in Enterprise Manager in *Licensing Information User Manual*.

To modify the default settings for the new targets discovered in Enterprise Manager Cloud Control, see the section **Default Settings** in Enabling and Disabling Management Packs in Enterprise Manager in *Licensing Information User Manual*.

# Configure Access to the Exadata Management Pack

The Exadata Management Pack is enabled by default. Hence, you will be able to leverage the features of the pack automatically.

However, to disable or to re-enable the access of the pack at a later point if you had disabled it, follow these steps:

- 1. Log in to your Enterprise Manager Cloud Control account.
- Click Settings, click Management Packs, and click Management Pack Access. The Management Packs page opens. Here, all the targets and the applicable packs are listed. The Target based pack access is enabled by default.
- 3. From the **Search** menu, select from the targets for which Exadata Management Pack is applicable. Select **Exadata Infrastructure** or **Oracle Exadata Database Machine**.
  - The specified type of Exadata targets are displayed in the table.
- Enable or disable the Exadata Management Pack check box corresponding to your targets. Click Apply.

Alternatively, if you want to enable the pack for all your Exadata targets, follow these steps:

- Log in to your Enterprise Manager Cloud Control account.
- Click Settings, click Management Packs, and click Management Pack Access. The Management Packs page opens. Here, all the targets and the applicable packs are listed. The Target Based pack access is enabled by default.
- Change the Pack access to Patch Based Batch Update. Now you can select from the available packs to apply on your targets.
- Under Type, select the type of target for which you want to select the pack. Select
   Exadata Infrastructure or Oracle Exadata Database Machine. Now the packs applicable for your type of target are listed.
- Select Exadata Management Pack and click Move. Now the pack is listed in the Selected Packs section.

Click the Enable button for Access. Click Apply.

# Configure Access to the Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Pack

The Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Pack is enabled by default. Hence, you will be able to leverage the features of the pack automatically.

However, to disable or to re-enable the access of the pack at a later point if you had disabled it, follow these steps:

- Log in to your Enterprise Manager Cloud Control account.
- Click Settings, click Management Packs, and click Management Pack Access. The Management Packs page opens. Here, all the targets and the applicable packs are listed. The Target based pack access is enabled by default.
- 3. From the **Search** menu, select from the targets for which Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Pack is applicable. Select **Recovery Appliance**.
  - The specified type of Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance targets are displayed in the table.
- 4. Enable or disable the **Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Pack** check box corresponding to your targets. Click **Apply**.

Alternatively, if you want to enable the pack for all your Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance targets, follow these steps:

- 1. Log in to your Enterprise Manager Cloud Control account.
- Click Settings, click Management Packs, and click Management Pack Access. The Management Packs page opens. Here, all the targets and the applicable packs are listed. The Target Based pack access is enabled by default.
- 3. Change the Pack access to **Patch Based Batch Update**. Now you can select from the available packs to apply on your targets.
- 4. Under **Type**, select the type of target for which you want to select the pack. Select **Recovery Appliance**. Now the packs applicable for your type of target are listed.
- Select Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Pack and click Move. Now the pack is listed in the Selected Packs section.
- Click the Enable button for Access. Click Apply.



# Using the Engineered Systems Packs

#### **Prerequisites**

The Exadata and Recovery Appliance fleet pages and the features of the Exadata and Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Packs require *Oracle Text* to be installed on the Enterprise Manager Repository Database. For steps to install *Oracle Text*, see Issues with Performance or Missing Data in Exadata Pages.

#### **Topics:**

- · Features Common in Both Packs
- Exadata Management Pack Features
- Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Pack Features

### Features Common in Both Packs

#### Topics:

- Exadata Fleet Dashboards
- Engineered System Autonomous Health Framework Administration

# **Exadata Fleet Dashboards**

The Exadata Dashboards are a set of Oracle-defined dashboards that distill Exadata component hardware and software metric data for individual Exadata (on-premises and Cloudbased) and Recovery Appliance systems into integrated, detailed fleet-level visualizations.

These dashboards are part of the Exadata Management Pack and Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Pack, and will include data only for Database Machine, Exascale Infrastructure, and Recovery Appliance targets for which the corresponding pack is enabled. Some of the dashboards incorporate database target information for the databases running on the Engineered Systems. Since such data will only be shown for databases monitored by Oracle Enterprise Manager, it is recommended that all Oracle Enterprise Manager databases be discovered in Oracle Enterprise Manager in order to leverage the full capability of the dashboards.

#### **Topics:**

- Example Scenario to Analyze Capacity and Resource Usage With the Dashboards
- Filters for Dashboards
- Exadata Fleet Configuration
  - Overview
  - Hardware
  - Software

- Database
- Exadata Fleet Aggregated Capacity
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  - Storage Server I/O Details

#### Example Scenario to Analyze Capacity and Resource Usage With the Dashboards

- Get a high-level overview of resource usage across the fleet: Start with the Exadata Fleet Aggregated Capacity dashboard, using the filters to narrow down the results to a subset of the fleet, say all Engineered System Type = Exadata with Lifecycle Status = Production and Location = Chicago. If a trend of high storage utilization is noted, then the next step would be to consult the Exadata Fleet Capacity dashboard to view the bubble charts representing individual Engineered Systems and compare their metrics.
- Identify which Exadata systems need attention: After navigating to the Exadata Fleet Capacity dashboard, the filter settings set on the previous dashboard are automatically carried over and the dashboard displays each Exadata system as a bubble on the Storage charts. This makes it easy to identify which Exadata systems are contributing towards the high storage utilization. If filtering with *Group By = Department* shows that the Exadata targets in the sales department have higher storage utilization than the others, then filtering by *Target Property: Department = Sales* would focus attention only on the systems with higher storage utilization.
- Analyze usage for components within an Exadata system: The next step is to consult
  the Exadata Fleet Component Capacity dashboard. With the same filters automatically
  applied, the bubble charts would show the usage patterns of ASM Data and Recovery disk
  groups for the production Exadata systems in Chicago serving the sales department. The
  growth for these disk groups could be analyzed further in the adjacent bubble charts and
  tables.
- Analyze metric trends: If the analysis shows that the high storage utilization is isolated to
  one Database Machine (DBM1), this can be further isolated by going back to the Exadata
  Fleet Aggregated Capacity dashboard to view the storage utilization metric history for this
  Exadata by specifying filter Engineered System Target Name = DBM1.



#### **Filters for Dashboards**

A common filter section is available across all Exadata Fleet Dashboards to customize the data displayed, allowing for a more focused and manageable data set in each dashboard. These filters are *sticky*, in that they retain their values when navigating across different Exadata Fleet Dashboards, as applicable.



The Engineered System Target Name, Engineered System Type, and Engineered System Deployment Type filters are applied at the Engineered System target level. When applied, they refine the dashboard content, displaying results from the matched Engineered Systems as well as their hierarchy. The Group By filter is applicable only to the Exadata Fleet Capacity and Exadata Component Capacity dashboards.

The remaining filters are applied at the individual component level. When the filter criteria are met for at least one component of an Engineered System, the entire Engineered System and all its components are considered a match and rendered along with all other matched systems on the dashboard.

The following supported filters are common across all Exadata Fleet Dashboards:

Filter	<b>Supported Operators</b>	Supported Values
Engineered System Target Name	• Equal to	Any valid Oracle Enterprise
	<ul> <li>Not equal to</li> </ul>	Manager target name pattern.
	• Contains	
	<ul> <li>Does not contain</li> </ul>	
	• Starts with	
	<ul> <li>Does not start with</li> </ul>	
	• Ends with	
	<ul> <li>Does not end with</li> </ul>	
Engineered System Type	Equal to	Exadata
		<ul> <li>Recovery Appliance</li> </ul>
Engineered System Deployment	Equal to	Cloud@Customer
Туре		<ul> <li>On-Premises</li> </ul>
		Oracle Cloud Infrastructure



Filter	Supported Operators	Supported Values
Exadata Generation	Equal to	The Exadata hardware rack generation; for example, X8-2, X7-2.
		The Exadata generation is derived from the storage server make/model or the database server rack identifier; for example:
		<ul> <li>If the storage server make/ model value is Oracle Corporation ORACLE SERVER X8-2L High Capacity, then the generation is inferred to be X8-2.</li> </ul>
		If the database server rack identifier is Exadata     Database Machine X8-2     AK00831126, then the generation is inferred to be X8-2.
Host Operating System Major Version	Equal to	The host operating system version in the format X.Y; for example, 8.9, 7.9.
		The major version is derived from the full version by extracting the first two numbers in the dotted notation. Usually, the host OS version contains five numbers separated by dots; for example, 8.9.0.0.0 would yield a major version of 8.9.
Exadata Software Major Version	Equal to	The Exadata software version in the format X.Y; for example, 21.0, 23.0.
		The major version is derived from the full version by extracting the first 2 numbers in the dotted notation; for example, if the full version of the storage server is 21.0.0.0.0, the major version is 21.0.
Target Properties:  Contact	Equal to	Filters will be populated based on the values set for the target
Cost Center		properties.
<ul> <li>CSI</li> <li>Comment</li> <li>Department</li> <li>Downtime Contact</li> <li>Lifecycle Status</li> </ul>		Targets within the hierarchy of the Exadata or Recovery Appliance topology can have different properties set at the target level. If any of the targets in the hierarchy match the filter criteria,
<ul><li> Line of Business</li><li> Location</li><li> Site</li></ul>		the dashboard will include results from the parent Exadata or Recovery Appliance.



Filter	<b>Supported Operators</b>	Supported Values
Group By	Equal to	This option is available only for the Exadata Fleet Capacity and Exadata Component Capacity dashboards. It helps to categorize results based on the selection, and renders them with different colors. For instance, if <i>Group By</i> = Department is set and the results contain three departments (HR, Finance, Sales), then the bubbles on the Exadata Fleet Capacity dashboard is rendered in three colors, each corresponding to one department.

- All filters described above are applied using the AND condition. For example, specifying the filters as *Engineered System Target Name* = abc with *Target Property:Location* = *Austin* customizes the dashboard content with results that match both these criteria.
- The Host Operating System Major Version filter and the Exadata Software Major Version filter are applied to the appropriate child component targets under the parent Engineered System target. An Engineered System and all its components are considered a match if any one of the version filter criteria is met. For example, a filter on Host Operating System Major Version = 8.7 and Exadata Software Major Version = 24.1 selects Engineered Systems and all their components if at least one of their hosts has operating system major version 8.7 or if at least one of their storage servers has Exadata software version 24.1.

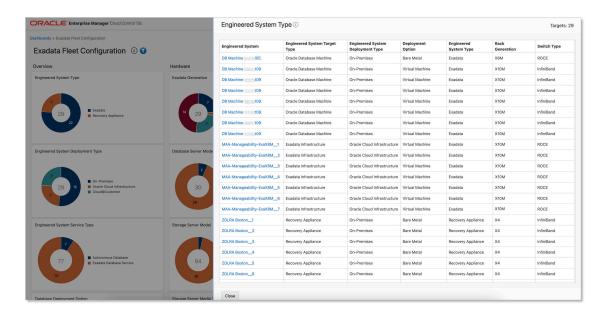
# **Exadata Fleet Configuration**

The Exadata Fleet Configuration dashboard shows the Exadata hardware and software configurations across the Exadata and Recovery Appliance fleet, based on the last known metric collection. You can apply the filters to limit the display to a subset of systems.





Click the numbers in the center of the ring charts or a ring chart section to see a detailed, indepth breakdown of the dataset. The image below is an example of the details displayed when the number at the center of the *Engineered System Type* ring chart is clicked:



The Exadata Fleet Configuration dashboard has four vertical sections:

- Overview
- Hardware
- Software
- Database

#### Overview

The ring charts in this section summarize the basic characteristics of the Engineered System fleet:

- **Engineered System Type**: The distribution of system types. Possible values are *Exadata* or *Recovery Appliance*. *Exadata* includes Database Machine and Exadata Infrastructure targets.
- **Engineered System Deployment Type**: The distribution of deployment types. Possible values are *Cloud@Customer*, *On-Premises*, and *Oracle Cloud Infrastructure*.
- Engineered System Service Type: The distribution of cloud service types across Exadata VM Clusters and Autonomous Exadata VM Clusters. Possible values are Autonomous Database and Exadata Database Service.
- **Database Deployment Option:** The distribution of Exadata deployment options. Possible values are *Virtual Machine* and *Bare Metal*.
- **Switch Type:** The distribution of network and management switch types. Possible values are *Infiniband* and *RoCE*.

#### **Hardware**

The ring charts in this section summarize key hardware characteristics of the Engineered System fleet:



- Exadata Generation: The distribution of Exadata hardware rack generations; for example, X8-2, X7-2. Database Machines composed of multiple racks of different generations are categorized as Mixed.
- Database Server Model: The distribution of hardware models of the database servers; for example, Oracle Corporation ORACLE SERVER X7-2L High Capacity, Oracle Corporation ORACLE SERVER X8-2L High Capacity.
- Storage Server Model: The distribution of hardware models of the storage servers; for example, X7, X8.
- Storage Server Media Type: The distribution of storage server media types. Possible values are Extreme Flash and High Capacity.
- **Switch Model**: The distribution of network switch hardware models; for example, *N9K-C9348GC-FXP*, *Sun Datacenter InfiniBand Switch 36*.

#### **Software**

The ring charts in this segment summarize key characteristics of the software running on components of the Engineered System fleet:

- Host Operating System Major Version: The distribution of host operating system major versions; for example, 8.9, 7.9.
- Database Server ILOM Version: The distribution of ILOM server major software versions; for example, 5.1, 6.1.
- Storage Server Exadata Software Version: The distribution of storage server major software versions; for example, 26.1, 23.1.
- Database Server Exadata System Software Version: The distribution of database server Exadata software major versions; for example, 24.1, 23.1.
- **Switch Version**: The distribution of network switch software versions; for example, *10.3*, *10.4*.

#### **Database**

The ring charts in this segment summarize key characteristics of databases deployed on the Engineered System fleet:

- Database Container Type: The distribution of container and non-container databases.
   Possible values are CDB and Non-CDB.
- Database Version: The distribution of database release update versions for CDBs and non-CDBs; for example, 19.19, 23.5.
- Pluggable Database Version: The distribution of database release update versions for pluggable databases; for example, 19.19, 23.5.
- ASM Disk Group Redundancy Type: The distribution of ASM disk group redundancy levels. Possible values are High, Low, and Normal.
- **Grid Infrastructure Version**: The distribution of grid infrastructure release update versions; for example, *19.19*, *23.5*.

# **Exadata Fleet Aggregated Capacity**

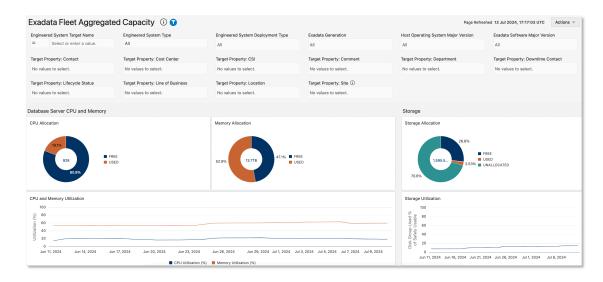
The Exadata Fleet Aggregated Capacity dashboard summarizes the capacity averaged over the last 31 days for the Exadata and Recovery Appliance fleet or filtered subset of the fleet. It provides a high-level summary of fleet resource usage indicating overall average utilization.

This dashboard is organized into two sections:



- Database Server CPU and Memory, and Storage
- Storage Server I/O

#### **Database Server CPU and Memory, and Storage**



The ring charts in these sections summarize the average CPU, memory and storage resource allocation across the Engineered System fleet over the last 31 days.

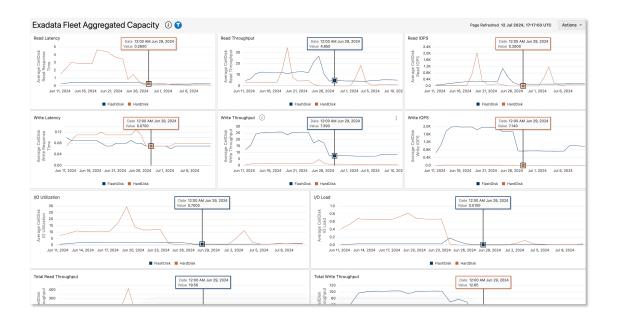
- CPU Allocation: Shows total, free and used CPU on the database servers
- Memory Allocation: Shows total, free, and used memory on the on the database servers
- Storage Allocation: Shows total, free and used storage space on the disk groups across all the ASM clusters

The line charts below the ring charts illustrate the utilization trend of these resources for the last 31 days, aggregated across all the Engineered Systems. Analyze these charts in conjunction with each other to understand the resource usage. For instance, if the ring charts show low storage utilization but the corresponding line chart shows peaks of high storage utilization over the last 31 days, it may warrant deeper investigation into whether storage has recently been cleaned up. Further insight as to which systems have contributed to the high usage could be obtained by going to the Exadata Fleet Capacity and Exadata Fleet Component Capacity dashboards. Conversely, if the ring charts show low storage utilization and the line charts also show low average storage utilization over the last 31 days, it may broadly indicate that this subset of Engineered Systems can accommodate more data storage.

#### Storage Server I/O

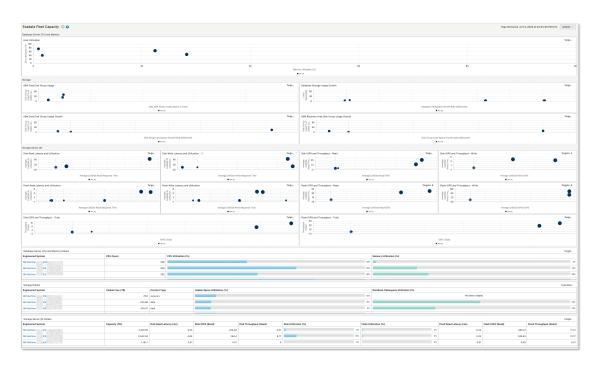
This section consists of line charts that help in visually correlating key storage server performance indicator metrics like *disk read/write latency, throughput and IOPS, I/O load,* and *I/O utilization*. All the charts in this section have congruous timelines. The metric values on all the charts for a specific time can be viewed together by moving the cursor to a position on any of the charts. Correlating these metrics can be especially helpful in performance diagnostics; for example, to determine whether time periods with high latencies can be correlated to time periods of high I/O load.





# **Exadata Fleet Capacity**

The Exadata Fleet Capacity dashboard shows individual Exadata capacity averaged over the last 31 days across the Exadata and Recovery Appliance fleet or filtered subset of the fleet, allowing comparison by system.



The dashboard includes multiple sections that provide detailed insights into specific dimensions of fleet resource capacity like *host utilization*, *storage utilization*, *I/O performance*, *CPU*, *memory*, *disk usage*, and *IOPS* (input/output operations per second). Detailed descriptions for each section are provided below:

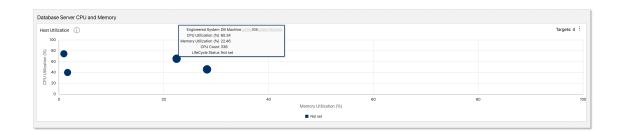
- Database Server CPU and Memory
- Storage



- Storage Sever I/O
- Database Server CPU and Memory Details
- Storage Details
- Storage Server I/O Details

#### **Database Server CPU and Memory**

The *Host Utilization* bubble chart in this section visualizes the average utilization of CPU and memory across all hosts (database servers) in an Engineered Systems over the past month.

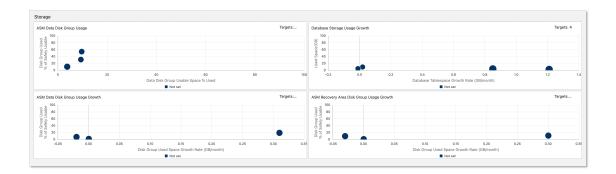


- X-axis (Memory Utilization %): Represents the memory utilization percentage, ranging from 0% to 100%
- Y-axis (CPU Utilization %): Represents the CPU utilization percentage, ranging from 0% to 100%
- Bubbles: Each bubble corresponds to a different Engineered System.
  - The size of the bubble indicates the total CPU count of the database servers in an Engineered System, with larger bubbles representing Engineered Systems with a higher number of CPUs.
  - The color of the bubbles is determined by the Group By filter setting.
- Tooltip: A tooltip provides detailed information for a specific Engineered System when hovered over. For example, the Database Machine target shown in the example above has a CPU utilization of 65.34%, memory utilization of 22.46%, and a CPU count of 336. The lifecycle status for this target is not set.

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  - In all the bubble charts, the tooltip displays the values for the target property as specified in the *Group By* filter. The bubble color is determined by the value of the specified target property.

#### **Storage**

This section presents an overview of the storage utilization through four scatter plots, offering insights into disk space usage and growth.



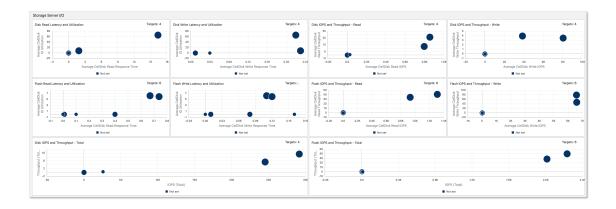
- ASM Data Disk Group Usage: The chart shows the average usage across all ASM disk groups used for storing datafiles across all the clusters in an Engineered System over the past month.
  - Y-axis: Space used by disk groups as a percentage of safely usable space
  - X-axis: Disk group percentage of usable space used
  - Bubbles: Each bubble represents an Engineered System. The size of the bubble is proportional to the total capacity of all disk groups used for storing datafiles across all the ASM clusters in the Engineered System.
- Database Storage Usage Growth: The chart shows the average database storage usage growth of Engineered Systems in the fleet over the past month.
  - Y-axis: Used space in GB
  - X-axis: Database tablespace growth rate in GB/month
  - Bubbles: Each bubble represents an Engineered System. The size of the bubble is proportional to the allocated storage capacity of all the databases on the Engineered System.
- ASM Data Disk Group Usage Growth Chart: The chart shows the average usage growth across all ASM disk groups used for storing datafiles across all the clusters in an Engineered System over the past month.
  - Y-axis: Space used by disk groups as a percentage of safely usable space
  - X-axis: Disk group used space growth rate in GB/month
  - Bubbles: Each bubble represents an Engineered System. The size of the bubble is proportional to the total capacity of all disk groups used for storing datafiles across all the ASM clusters in the Engineered System.
- ASM Recovery Area Disk Group Usage Growth: The chart shows the average usage across all ASM disk groups used for storing recovery files across all the clusters in an Engineered System over the past month.
  - Y-axis: Space used by disk groups as a percentage of safely usable space
  - X-axis: Disk group used space growth rate in GB/month
  - Bubbles: Each bubble represents an Engineered System. The size of the bubble is proportional to the total capacity of all disk groups used for storing recovery files across all the ASM clusters in the Engineered System.

The disk group content type for these charts is determined by examining the value of the ASM content.type attribute: data indicates datafiles, recovery indicates recovery files.

#### Storage Sever I/O

This section provides an overview of the various performance metrics related to I/O serviced by flash and hard disks across all Engineered System storage servers. Each chart provides detailed insights into different aspects of storage performance, including latency, utilization, IOPS, and throughput. Each bubble on the charts represents an Engineered System. The size of the bubble is proportional to the number of storage servers on the Engineered System.





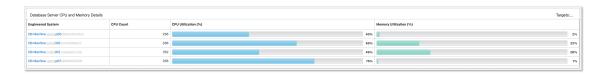
- **Disk Read Latency and Utilization**: The chart shows the average read latency and utilization values of the storage server disks over the past month.
  - Y-axis: Average Disk I/O Utilization
  - X-axis: Average Disk Read Response Time
- **Disk Write Latency and Utilization**: The chart shows the average write latency and utilization values of the disk storage over the past month.
  - Y-axis: Average Disk I/O Utilization
  - X-axis: Average Disk Write Response Time
- Disk IOPS and Throughput Read: The chart shows the average IOPS and throughput values of read operations on the disk storage over the past month.
  - Y-axis: Average Disk Read Throughput
  - X-axis: Average Disk Read IOPS
- **Disk IOPS and Throughput Write**: The chart shows the average IOPS and throughput values of write operations on the disk storage over the past month.
  - Y-axis: Average Disk Write Throughput
  - X-axis: Average Disk Write IOPS
- **Flash Read Latency and Utilization**: The chart shows the average read latency and utilization values of the flash storage over the past month.
  - Y-axis: Average Disk I/O Utilization
  - X-axis: Average Disk Read Response Time
- Flash Write Latency and Utilization: The chart shows the average read latency and utilization values of the flash storage over the past month.
  - Y-axis: Average Disk I/O Utilization
  - X-axis: Average Disk Write Response Time
- Flash IOPS and Throughput Read: The chart shows the average IOPS and throughput values of read operations on the flash storage over the past month.
  - Y-axis: Average Disk Read Throughput
  - X-axis: Average Disk Read IOPS
- **Flash IOPS and Throughput Write**: The chart shows the average IOPS and throughput values of write operations on the flash storage over the past month.
  - Y-axis: Average Disk Write Throughput



- X-axis: Average Disk Write IOPS
- **Disk IOPS and Throughput Total**: The chart shows the average IOPS and throughput values for both read and write operations on the disk storage over the past month.
  - Y-axis: Throughput (Total)
  - X-axis: IOPS (Total)
- Flash IOPS and Throughput Total: The chart shows the average IOPS and throughput values for both read and write operations on the flash storage over the past month.
  - Y-axis: Throughput (Total)
  - X-axis: IOPS (Total)

#### **Database Server CPU and Memory Details**

The **Database Server CPU and Memory Details** table summarizes CPU and memory utilization for Engineered Systems. This table allows comparison of resource usage across different systems, which can be useful for performance monitoring, capacity planning, and identifying potential bottlenecks in CPU and memory utilization.

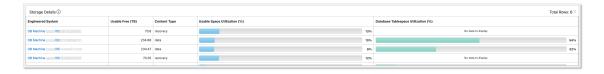


The table contains the following columns:

- Engineered System: Name of the Engineered System. Click the name of the target to navigate to its home page.
- CPU Count: Number of CPUs for each system
- CPU Utilization (%): Average CPU utilization usage, averaged over the last 31 days
- Memory Utilization (%): Memory utilization percentage, averaged over the last 31 days

#### **Storage Details**

The **Storage Details** table provides an overview of the storage details for Engineered Systems. This table allows comparison of storage utilization across different systems, which can provide insights into free space availability, content distribution, and the efficiency of space utilization in both general storage and specific database tablespaces.



The table includes the following columns:

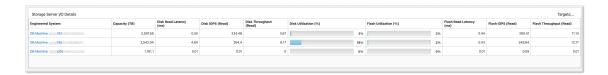
- **Engineered System**: Name of the Engineered System. Click the name of the target to navigate to its home page.
- Usable Free (TB): Amount of usable free space available in TB
- Content Type: Type of content stored; for example, data or recovery.
- Usable Space Utilization (%): Percentage of usable space utilization



Database Tablespace Utilization (%): Percentage of database tablespace utilization

#### Storage Server I/O Details

The **Storage Server I/O Details** table provides a detailed overview of I/O performance metrics for various Engineered Systems in tabular format. This table allows comparison of I/O performance and utilization across different systems, which can provide insights into storage efficiency and performance bottlenecks in both disk and flash storage.



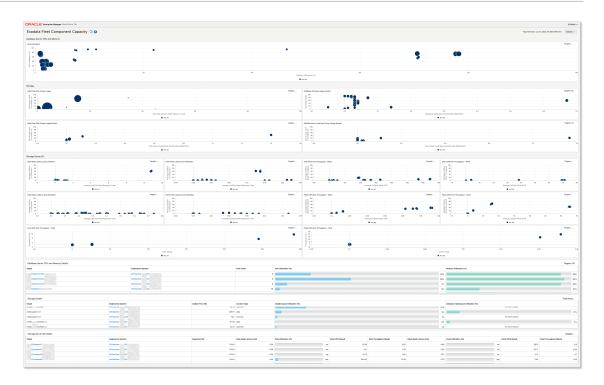
The table includes the following columns:

- **Engineered System**: Name of the Engineered System. Click the name of the target to navigate to its home page.
- Capacity (TB): Storage capacity in TB
- Disk Read Latency (ms): Latency for disk reads in milliseconds
- Disk IOPS (Read): Number of input/output operations per second for disk reads
- Disk Throughput (Read): Read throughput for disk storage
- Disk Utilization (%): Percentage of disk utilization
- Flash Read Latency (ms): Latency for flash reads in milliseconds
- Flash IOPS (Read): Number of input/output operations per second for flash reads
- Flash Throughput (Read): Read throughput for flash storage
- Flash Utilization (%): Percentage of flash utilization

## **Exadata Fleet Component Capacity**

In contrast to the Exadata Fleet Capacity dashboard which focuses on capacities and performance metrics at the Engineered System level, the **Exadata Fleet Component Capacity** dashboard provides a holistic view of fleet capacity and performance metrics at the individual component level. It allows for the identification and comparison of over or underutilized components, with data averaged over the last 31 days.



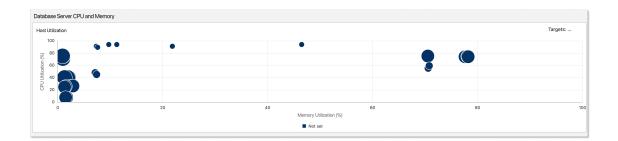


The dashboard is organized into sections for database servers, storage, and storage I/O, each focusing on performance aspects of different component types. Detailed descriptions for each section are provided below:

- Database Server CPU and Memory
- Storage
- Storage Sever I/O
- Database Server CPU and Memory Details
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#### **Database Server CPU and Memory**

This chart shows the average utilization of CPU and memory on the hosts over the past 31 days.



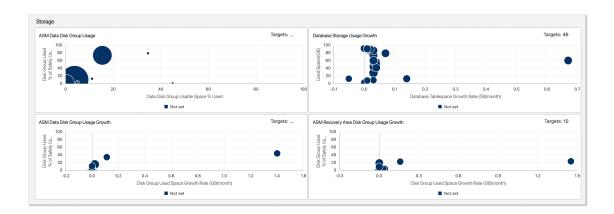
- Y-axis: CPU Utilization (%)
- X-axis: Memory Utilization (%)



• **Bubbles**: Each bubble represents a host in Engineered System fleet. The size of the bubble is proportional to the number of CPU cores on the host.

#### **Storage**

This section presents an overview of the storage utilization through four scatter plots, providing insights into different aspects of disk usage and growth.



- ASM Data Disk Group Usage: The chart shows the average usage across all ASM disk
  groups used for storing datafiles in the ASM cluster over the past month.
  - Y-axis: Space used by disk groups as a percentage of safely usable space
  - X-axis: Disk group percentage of usable space used
  - Bubbles: Each bubble represents an ASM cluster in the Engineered System fleet. The size of the bubble is proportional to the total capacity of all disk groups used for storing datafiles in the ASM cluster.
- **Database Storage Usage Growth**: The chart shows the average database storage usage growth over the past month.
  - Y-axis: Used space in GB
  - X-axis: Database tablespace growth rate in GB/month
  - Bubbles: Each bubble represents a database in the Engineered Systems fleet. The size of the bubble is proportional to the allocated capacity of the database.
- ASM Data Disk Group Usage Growth Chart: The chart shows the average usage growth across all ASM disk groups used for storing datafiles in the ASM cluster over the past month.
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  - X-axis: Disk group used space growth rate in GB/month
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- ASM Recovery Area Disk Group Usage Growth: The chart shows the average usage growth across all ASM disk groups used for storing recovery files in the ASM cluster over the past month.
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  - X-axis: Disk group used space growth rate in GB/month

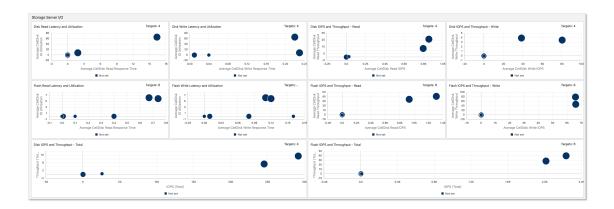


 Bubbles: Each bubble represents an ASM cluster in the Engineered System fleet. The size of the bubble is proportional to the total capacity of all disk groups used for storing recovery files in the ASM cluster.

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#### Storage Sever I/O

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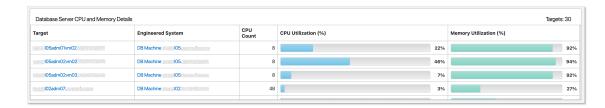
- Disk Read Latency and Utilization: The chart shows the average read latency and utilization values of the disk storage over the past 31 days.
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  - Y-axis: Average Disk I/O Utilization
  - X-axis: Average Disk Write Response Time
- **Disk IOPS and Throughput Read**: The chart shows the average IOPS and throughput values of read operations on the disk storage over the past 31 days.
  - Y-axis: Average Disk Read Throughput
  - X-axis: Average Disk Read IOPS
- **Disk IOPS and Throughput Write**: The chart shows the average IOPS and throughput values of write operations on the disk storage over the past month.
  - Y-axis: Average Disk Write Throughput
  - X-axis: Average Disk Write IOPS
- Flash Read Latency and Utilization: The chart shows the average read latency and utilization values of the flash storage over the past 31 days.
  - Y-axis: Average Disk I/O Utilization
  - X-axis: Average Disk Read Response Time



- Flash Write Latency and Utilization: The chart shows the average write latency and utilization values of the flash storage over the past 31 days.
  - Y-axis: Average Disk I/O Utilization
  - X-axis: Average Disk Write Response Time
- Flash IOPS and Throughput Read: The chart shows the average IOPS and throughput values of read operations on the flash storage over the past 31 days.
  - Y-axis: Average Disk Read Throughput
  - X-axis: Average Disk Read IOPS
- Flash IOPS and Throughput Write: The chart shows the average IOPS and throughput values of write operations on the flash storage over the past 31 days.
  - Y-axis: Average Disk Write Throughput
  - X-axis: Average Disk Write IOPS
- **Disk IOPS and Throughput Total**: The chart shows the average IOPS and throughput values of the disk storage over the past 31 days.
  - Y-axis: Throughput (Total)
  - X-axis: IOPS (Total)
- Flash IOPS and Throughput Total: The chart shows the average IOPS and throughput values of the flash storage over the past 31 days.
  - Y-axis: Throughput (Total)
  - X-axis: IOPS (Total)

#### **Database Server CPU and Memory Details**

The **Database Server CPU** and **Memory Details** table summarizes CPU and memory utilization of hosts in the Engineered System fleet. This table allows comparison of CPU and memory usage across different hosts, aiding in the identification of systems that may require resource reallocation or optimization. The visual representation of utilization percentages makes it easy to spot potential bottlenecks or under-utilized resources at an individual host level.



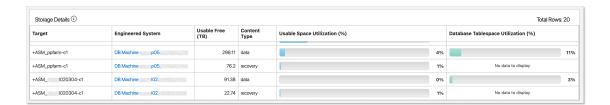
The table includes the following columns:

- Target: Name of the host. Click the name to navigate to the home page of the host.
- **Engineered System**: Name of the Engineered System to which the host belongs. Click the name to navigate to the home page of the target.
- CPU Count: Number of CPUs allocated to the host
- CPU Utilization (%): Average CPU utilization, averaged over the past 31 days
- Memory Utilization (%): Average memory utilization, averaged over the past 31 days



#### **Storage Details**

The **Storage Details** table provides an overview of the storage details for the ASM clusters in the Engineered System fleet. This table provides insights into free space availability, content distribution, and the efficiency of space utilization in both general storage and specific database tablespaces at the ASM cluster level. The database targets must be discovered in Oracle Enterprise Manager in order to display details in the *Database Tablespace Utilization* column.



The table includes the following columns:

- Target: Name of the ASM cluster
- **Engineered System**: Name of the Engineered System to which the cluster belongs. Click the name to navigate to the home page of the target.
- Usable Free (TB): Usable free space available in TB
- Content Type: Type of content stored. Possible values are data and recovery.
- Usable Space Utilization (%): Percentage of usable space utilization
- Database Tablespace Utilization (%): Percentage of database tablespace utilization

#### Storage Server I/O Details

The **Storage Server I/O Details** table shows the total storage capacity, average latency, average IOPS and average throughput for read operations on the storage servers in the Engineered System fleet over the past 31 days. This table allows comparison of I/O performance and utilization across different Engineered Systems at the individual storage server level, which can provide insights into storage efficiency and performance bottlenecks in both disk and flash storage.



The table includes the following columns:

- Target: Name of the storage server. Click the name to navigate to the home page of the target.
- Engineered System: Name of the Engineered System to which the storage server belongs. Click the name to navigate to the home page of the target.
- Capacity (TB): Storage capacity in TB
- Disk Read Latency (ms): Latency for disk reads in milliseconds



- Disk IOPS (Read): Number of input/output operations per second for disk reads
- Disk Throughput (Read): Read throughput for disk storage
- Disk Utilization (%): Percentage of disk utilization
- Flash Read Latency (ms): Latency for flash reads in milliseconds
- Flash IOPS (Read): Number of input/output operations per second for flash reads
- Flash Throughput (Read): Read throughput for flash storage
- Flash Utilization (%): Percentage of flash utilization

# Engineered System Autonomous Health Framework Administration

Engineered System Autonomous Health Framework (AHF) Administration provides comprehensive monitoring and management of Oracle Autonomous Health Framework and Oracle Exachk across the Engineered System fleet.

These capabilities help the administrators of Exadata and Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance to configure and maintain their systems according to the best practices, thereby reducing downtime and maximizing performance.

Engineered System AHF Administration provides the following features:

- Fleet-level AHF and Exachk Monitoring: A detailed, comprehensive view of AHF installations across the Engineered System fleet (Database Machine, Exadata Infrastructure and Recovery Appliance targets), including the following details:
  - AHF upgrade status and history
  - AHF service status
  - AHF autorun and auto upgrade configuration
  - Exachk run status and history
- Fleet-level AHF and Exachk Management: The following management operations can be performed against multiple Database Machine targets in a single job:
  - Upgrade AHF: Deploy the latest AHF release on multiple Exadata compute hosts (database servers) on demand, or configure the AHF auto upgrade schedule.
  - Stage AHF Software for Auto Upgrade: Download the latest AHF installation zip file to the staging location on multiple Exadata hosts for later use by scheduled auto upgrades.
  - Configure AHF Upgrade Settings: Add to or update the existing upgrade settings on multiple Exadata clusters.
  - Schedule Exachk Runs: Run on-demand compliance checks or schedule Exachk autoruns on multiple Exadata clusters.
  - Run commands: Run individual predefined or free-form ahfctl, tfactl and exachk commands on multiple Exadata hosts.

#### **Topics:**

- Prerequisites
- Enabling Required Metrics
- Navigating to the AHF Administration Page
- Monitor AHF and Exachk for the Engineered System Fleet



- Monitor AHF and Exachk
- Monitor AHF Jobs
- Monitor Exachk Runs
- Monitor AHF Upgrades
- Download Upgrade History File
- Manage Engineered System AHF Installations
  - Upgrade AHF
  - Configure AHF Upgrade Settings
  - Stage AHF Software for Auto-Upgrade
  - Run AHF Commands
  - Schedule Exachk Autorun

#### **Prerequisites**

- The AHF Administration page will show data only for Database Machine and Exadata Infrastructure targets that have Exadata Management Pack enabled, and for Recovery Appliance targets that have Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Pack enabled.
- The Oracle Enterprise Manager Exadata and Recovery Appliance plug-in versions must be 13.5.0.23 or above on both the Agents and Management Server.
- Oracle Enterprise Manager Agent one-off patch 36795631 must be applied on top of 13.5 Release Update 23 for all Agents monitoring Database Machine targets.
- AHF 23.5 or above must be installed on all Engineered Systems.
- Oracle Enterprise Manager Self Update must be configured in order to manage AHF software upgrades. See Setting Up Self Update in Cloud Control Administrator's Guide.
- The collection must be enabled for the following Oracle Enterprise Manager metrics on all Database Machine, Exadata Infrastructure and Recovery Appliance host targets: AHF Autoruns Status, AHF Status, AHF Autoruns, AHF Installation, AHF Settings, AHF Upgrade History, and AHF Compliance Results. All these metrics are contained within a single metric collection. See Enabling Required Metrics.

### **Enabling Required Metrics**

AHF monitoring relies on a set of AHF-related metrics that run on Exadata and Recovery Appliance host targets. The metric collection that contains these metrics is disabled by default. In order to use the features of the AHF Administration page, this collection must be enabled on all underlying host targets associated with Database Machine, Exadata Infrastructure, and Recovery Appliance targets. This can be accomplished across all targets in one procedure using one of the following methods:

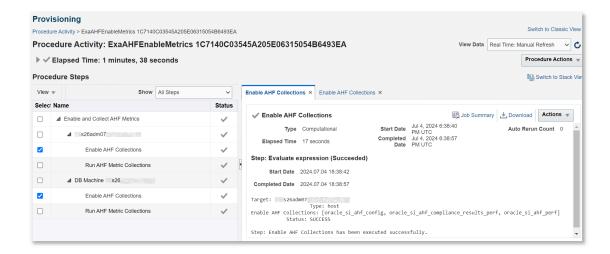
- Warning message banner: The AHF Administration page displays a warning message
  when the required collection is disabled on one or more host targets associated with a
  monitored Engineered System. Enable the metrics from the warning message banner by
  clicking Enable Metrics for AHF Management and follow the instructions. The list of host
  targets with disabled AHF metrics can be viewed by clicking Show targets with disabled
  metrics.
- Actions menu for selected targets: Navigate to the Engineered Systems tab, select the relevant targets in the table, click **Actions**, select **Enable AHF Metrics** and follow the instructions.



The **Enable AHF Metrics** page opens which lists all the hosts where the metric collection enablement job will be run. The job enables the collections for all host targets of the specified Engineered Systems and performs an on-demand collection on these targets in order to provide immediate functionality on the AHF Administration page.



Click **Submit**. The job ID is displayed when the job is submitted. Click the job ID to navigate to the Procedure Activity page, where the details of the job run are displayed.



#### **Navigating to the AHF Administration Page**

To access the AHF Administration page, go to **Enterprise**, click **Compliance**, and select **Engineered System AHF Administration**.

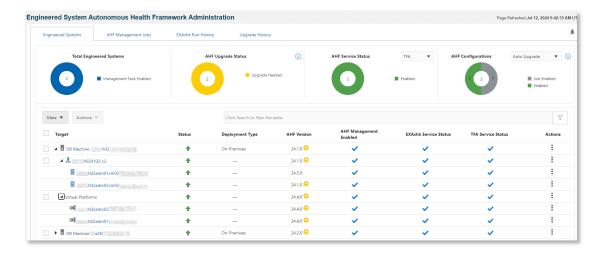
Alternatively, to access the page, from **Targets** menu, select **Exadata**. In the **Actions** menu, select **Engineered System Autonomous Health Framework Administration**.

## Monitor AHF and Exachk for the Engineered System Fleet

#### **Topics:**

- Monitor AHF and Exachk
- Monitor AHF Jobs
- Monitor Exachk Runs
- Monitor AHF Upgrades
- Download Upgrade History File

#### Monitor AHF and Exachk



The **Engineered Systems** tab presents an overview that can be used to determine whether AHF is configured on Engineered System targets according to Oracle-recommended standards. The tab contains the following ring charts:

- **Total Engineered Systems:** Shows a count of total monitored Engineered System targets, broken down by whether the applicable management pack is enabled or disabled
  - All the other charts and monitoring data on the page omit Database Machine, Exadata Infrastructure, and Recovery Appliance targets for which the applicable management pack is disabled, and no functionality on the page will be available for such targets.
- AHF Upgrade Status: Shows the current upgrade status across the fleet, based on the latest AHF version available in Self Update. The possible status values are as follows:
  - Must Upgrade: Hosts with AHF installations older than 180 days
  - Up-to-date: Hosts that have the latest AHF version. This is the ideal scenario for all systems.
  - Upgrade Needed: Hosts where the AHF version is lower than the version present in Self Update
  - Others: Hosts where AHF is not installed or no AHF metrics have been collected on the target
- AHF Service Status: Shows the enablement status for the TFA and Exachk services. Use
  the menu control to specify which service to analyze. It is recommended that all systems
  have both the TFA and Exachk services enabled.
- AHF Configurations: Shows how many systems have auto-upgrade and autorun configurations enabled or disabled. Use the menu control to specify which configuration to analyze. Enabling the auto-upgrade and autorun streamlines the Engineered System maintenance.

You can click the ring chart sections to filter the table based on the data in the chart.

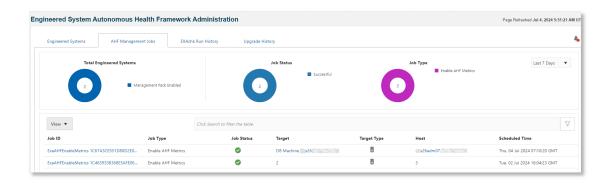
Details regarding the health and configuration of AHF services running on host targets in the Engineered System hierarchy are aggregated in the table above. The table can be filtered either by clicking sections on the ring charts or through the filter control above the table. The following filter options are available for the table:



- Target: Engineered System target name. A sub-string search can be performed using the % wildcard character.
- **Target Type**: Engineered System target type. Possible values are *Oracle Exadata Database Machine*, *Exadata Infrastructure*, and *Recovery Appliance*.
- AHF Version: AHF version installed on hosts
- Auto Upgrade: Auto-upgrade state on the hosts. Possible values are Enabled and Not Enabled.
- Autorun: Autorun state on the hosts. Possible values are Enabled and Not Enabled.
- Staging Location: AHF installer staging directory on the hosts. A sub-string search can be performed using the % wildcard character.
- Exachk Service Status: Exachk service state on the hosts. Possible values are Enabled and Not Enabled.
- TFA Service Status: TFA service state on the hosts. Possible values are Enabled and Not Enabled.
- AHF Upgrade Status: AHF upgrade status on the hosts. Possible values are *Must Upgrade*, *Up-to-date*, *Upgrade Needed*, and *Others*.

#### **Monitor AHF Jobs**

Use the **AHF Management Jobs** tab to view a summary of all the Oracle Enterprise Manager AHF management jobs run across all Engineered System hosts. You can change the job time range to the *last 24 hours*, *7 days* (default), or *30 days*.



The following ring charts are available in the **AHF Management Jobs** tab:

- Total Engineered Systems: Same as the Engineered Systems tab
- Job Status: Shows the status breakdown of all AHF management jobs that have been run against the Engineered System fleet. The possible status values are:
  - Successful
  - Failed
  - Completed with Errors
  - Running
  - Stopped
- Job Type: Shows a breakdown of the type of AHF management jobs that have been run.
   The possible job types are:
  - Upgrade AHF



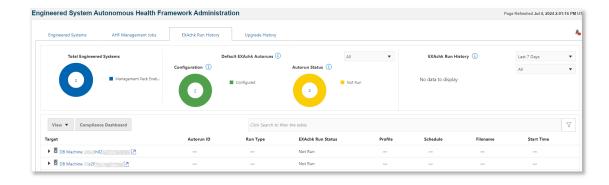
- Execute AHF Commands
- Upgrade Configuration
- Schedule Exachk Autorun
- Enable AHF Metrics
- Stage AHF Software for Auto Upgrade

The table below the ring charts shows details about the AHF management jobs that have been run. The table can be filtered either by clicking a section of the ring charts or by using the filter above the table. The following filter options are available for the table:

- **Job ID**: Job ID of the Oracle Enterprise Manager job. A sub-string search can be performed using the % wildcard character.
- Target: Engineered System target name. A sub-string search can be performed using the % wildcard character.
- **Target Type**: Engineered System target type. Possible values are *Oracle Exadata Database Machine*, *Exadata Infrastructure*, and *Recovery Appliance*.
- **Host**: Host target where the job was implemented. A sub-string search can be performed using the % wildcard character.
- **Job Status**: Status of the job execution. Possible values are *Successful*, *Failed*, *Completed with Errors*, *Running*, and *Stopped*.
- Job Type: Type of job. Possible values are Upgrade AHF, Execute AHF Commands, Upgrade Configuration, Schedule Exachk Autorun, Enable AHF Metrics, and Stage AHF Software for Auto Upgrade.

#### **Monitor Exachk Runs**

The **Exachk Run History** tab contains a history of all autoruns configured across the Engineered System fleet. You can change the run history time range to the *last 24 hours*, 7 days (default), or 30 days.



The following ring charts are available in this tab:

- Total Engineered Systems: Same as Engineered Systems tab
- **Default Exachk Autoruns**: Details about the default Oracle-defined Exachk autoruns and their latest run status. Use the menu to filter the results by autorun profile name.
  - Configuration: Number of autoruns aggregated at the cluster level within the respective Engineered System. Possible values are as follows:
    - \* Configured: The selected autorun is configured for all the clusters within the Engineered System.

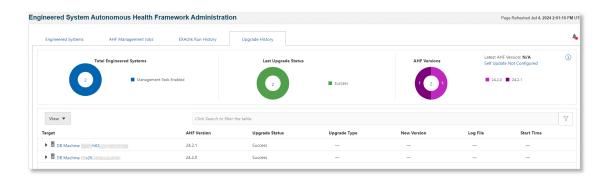


- \* Partially Configured: The selected autorun is not configured for one or more clusters within the Engineered System.
- Autorun Status: Status of Exachk executions in the last 24 hours for the selected default Oracle-defined autorun
- **Exachk Run History**: Status of Exachk runs for on-demand runs, default autoruns, and user-defined autoruns for the selected time frame. Possible values are as follows:
  - All: All Exachk runs
  - Default: Exachk runs from default autoruns autostart\_client\_exatier1 and autostart\_client
  - Default (Modified): Exachk runs from default autoruns that have been modified
  - User-Defined: Exachk runs from user-defined autoruns invoked on scheduled intervals
  - On-Demand: Exachk runs invoked manually

The table below the ring charts shows details about Exachk runs across host targets in the Engineered System fleet. Some of the values are aggregated at the parent Engineered System target level. You can filter the table by clicking a section on the ring charts or through the filter control above the table. The following filter options are available for the table:

- Target: Engineered System target name. A sub-string search can be performed using the % wildcard character.
- **Target Type**: Engineered System target type. Possible values are *Oracle Exadata Database Machine*, *Exadata Infrastructure*, and *Recovery Appliance*.
- **Autorun ID**: ID assigned to the autorun by AHF. A sub-string search can be performed using the % wildcard character.
- Exachk Run Status: Status of the Exachk run. Possible values are Success, Failed, and Not Run.
- **Profile**: Name of the profile used for the Exachk run. A sub-string search can be performed using the % wildcard character.
- Run Type: Type of the Exachk run. Possible values are Autoruns (Default), Autoruns (Non-Default), and On-Demand.

#### **Monitor AHF Upgrades**



The **Upgrade History** tab displays information about the history of AHF upgrades across the Engineered System fleet. The following ring charts are available in this tab:

Total Engineered Systems: Same as Engineered Systems tab



- Last Upgrade Status: Shows a breakdown of the latest upgrade status across all Engineered Systems. Possible values are Success and Failed.
- AHF Versions: Shows a breakdown of AHF versions across all Engineered System hosts

The table below the ring charts contains AHF upgrade history details for each host target in the Engineered System hierarchy. Some of the values are aggregated at the parent Engineered System target level. The table can be filtered either by clicking a section on the ring charts or through the filter control above the table. The following filter options are available for the table:

- **Target**: Engineered System target name. A sub-string search can be performed using the % wildcard character.
- **Target Type**: Engineered System target type. Possible values are *Oracle Exadata Database Machine*, *Exadata Infrastructure*, and *Recovery Appliance*.
- Upgrade Status: Status of the upgrade operation. Possible values are Success and Failed.
- AHF Version: AHF version installed on hosts
- **Start Time**: Start time of the upgrade operation. Possible values are *Last 24 hours*, *Last 7 days*, and *Last 30 days*.

### **Download Upgrade History File**

Upgrade history files can be downloaded for host targets in order to view details of the last AHF upgrade operation. The file for a specific host can be downloaded by clicking on the download icon in the **Log File** column, specifying the host credentials, and clicking the **OK** button. The history file will be downloaded to the device where the browser is running.

# Manage Engineered System AHF Installations

Management operations can be performed for Database Machine targets, including both physical and virtual on-premises Exadata systems. This feature cannot be used to perform management operations like install and upgrade on Exadata Infrastructure or Recovery Appliance targets. For instructions regarding management of AHF in those environments, see dbaascli admin updateAHF in Exadata Database Service on Dedicated Infrastructure Documentation and racli update support\_tools in Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Owner's Guide.

The operations can be initiated for multiple targets from the **Actions** menu above the table in the Engineered Systems tab, or for an individual target by clicking the icon in the **Actions** column for the appropriate row in the table.

All AHF management operations require a named host credential with the user name set to root or a non-root user with root privileges. The specified credential is used for all hosts selected for the operation. If different credentials are required for some hosts selected, you can modify the credentials for those specific hosts before submitting the operation. See Configuring and Using Target Credentials in *Cloud Control Security Guide*.

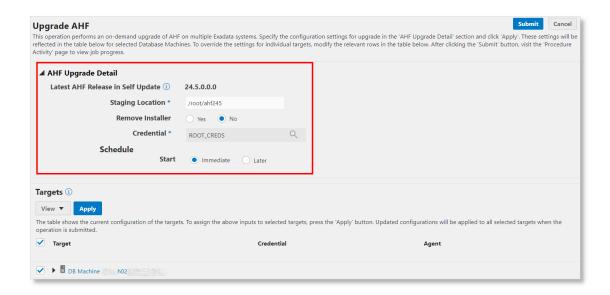
#### Topics:

- Upgrade AHF
- Configure AHF Upgrade Settings
- Stage AHF Software for Auto-Upgrade
- Run AHF Commands
- Schedule Exachk Autorun



#### **Upgrade AHF**

This operation performs an on-demand upgrade of AHF on the hosts of all selected Database Machine targets, using the latest AHF software version present in Oracle Enterprise Manager Self Update. Click **Actions**, select **Upgrade AHF**, and perform the following steps before submitting the operation:

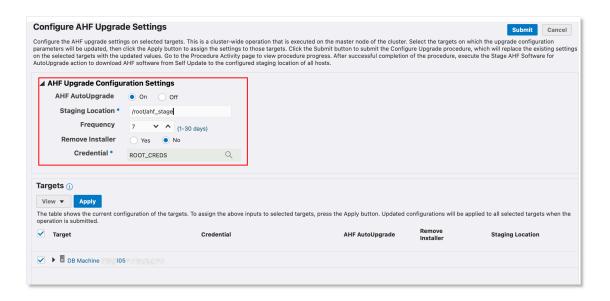


- Specify fleet-level upgrade configuration settings in the AHF Upgrade Configuration
  Settings section. Click Apply above the table to provisionally apply the settings to all
  cluster targets selected in the table. By default, all the cluster targets under a Database
  Machine are automatically selected.
- You can customize the settings for individual cluster targets by modifying the applicable rows in the table before applying the changes.
- Click Submit to submit the Oracle Enterprise Manager job that will perform the configuration settings updates and AHF upgrade on all selected Exadata hosts. The upgrade is performed on all hosts of all Database Machine targets selected in the main page table before invoking the operation. The selections made in the Targets section table decide which cluster targets will have the specified fleet-level or row-level upgrade configuration changes applied before performing the actual upgrade. Hosts within clusters that did not have their upgrade configuration changed in the table will be upgraded using their existing upgrade configuration settings.
- To view operation step details and progress, click the job ID link in the confirmation dialog to go to the Procedure Activity page.

### **Configure AHF Upgrade Settings**

This operation configures the AHF upgrade settings on the clusters of all selected Database Machine targets, for subsequent use by scheduled auto-upgrades. Click **Actions**, select **Configure AHF**, select **Schedule Exachk Autorun**, and perform the following steps before submitting the operation:

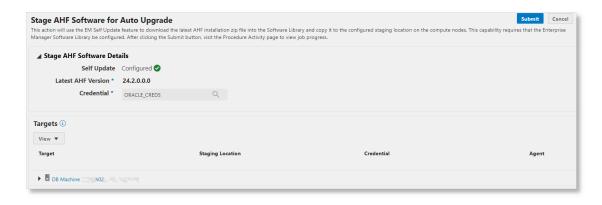




- Specify fleet-level upgrade settings in the AHF Upgrade Configuration Settings section.
   Click Apply above the table to provisionally apply the settings to all cluster targets selected in the table. By default, all the cluster targets under a Database Machine are automatically selected.
  - AHF AutoUpgrade: Option to enable AHF automatic upgrade
  - Staging Location: Directory on database server where the AHF installer is copied to before the upgrade
  - Frequency: AHF automatic upgrade frequency in days. Default is 7 days.
  - Remove Installer: Option to remove the AHF installer in the staging location after upgrade. It is not removed by default.
  - Credential: The database server target host credential that is used to perform the
    action. The credential must specify the *root* user or a user with *sudo* privileges to
    perform the action. For the hypervisor host, the credential must be of target type
    System Infrastructure Remote Host.
- You can customize the settings for individual cluster targets by modifying the applicable rows in the table before applying the changes.
- Click Submit to submit the Oracle Enterprise Manager job that will apply the upgrade
  settings to all the selected clusters. This operation is performed for every cluster target in
  the Targets table for which settings have been modified, and is run on the master node of
  the those clusters. Clusters that did not have fleet-level settings applied or row-level
  settings changed will retain their existing settings.
- To view operation step details and progress, click the job ID in the confirmation dialog to go to the Procedure Activity page.
- After successful completion of the operation, the Stage AHF Software for Auto Upgrade operation can be invoked to stage the AHF installation in the specified staging areas.

#### Stage AHF Software for Auto-Upgrade

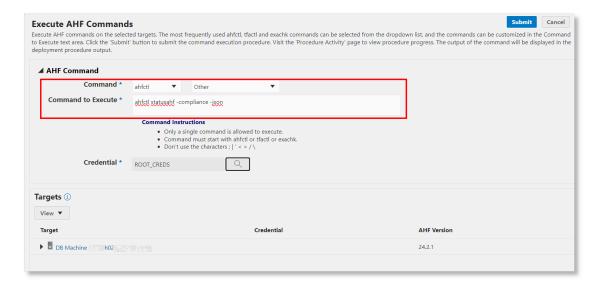
This operation downloads the AHF installation zip file for the latest available AHF version from Oracle Enterprise Manager Self Update to the configured staging location on all hosts of the selected Database Machine targets. This AHF installation zip file is used by subsequent AHF auto-upgrades. Click **Actions**, select **Configure AHF**, and select **Stage AHF Software for Auto Upgrade**.



Click **Submit** to submit the Oracle Enterprise Manager job that will perform the operation on the selected targets. To view details of the operation, click the job ID in the confirmation dialog to go to the Procedure Activity page.

#### **Run AHF Commands**

To run custom AHF commands on selected Exadata hosts, click **Actions** and select **Execute AHF Commands**.



You can select the most commonly-used <code>ahfctl</code>, <code>tfactl</code>, and <code>exachk</code> commands by selecting <code>ahfctl</code>, <code>exachk</code>, or <code>tfactl</code> from the command pull-down menu, and the command verb from the second pull-down menu. You can customize your command in the <code>Command</code> to <code>Execute</code> text field.

Select the command verb **Other** and use the **Command to Execute** text field to specify free-form command verbs and arguments.

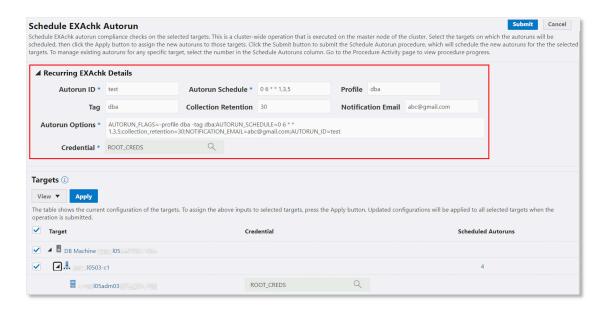
For information on ahfctl command-line options, see AHFCTL Command Reference in *Oracle Autonomous Health Framework User's Guide*.

For information on tfactl command-line options, see TFACTL Command Reference in Oracle Autonomous Health Framework User's Guide.

For information on Exachk command-line options, see Compliance Framework (Oracle Orachk and Oracle Exachk) Command-Line Options in *Oracle Autonomous Health Framework User's Guide*.

#### **Schedule Exachk Autorun**

This operation schedules the Exachk autorun compliance checks on the clusters of all selected Database Machine targets.



Click **Actions**, select **Configure AHF**, select **Schedule Exachk Autorun**, and perform the following steps before submitting the operation:

- Specify fleet-level Exachk autorun settings in the Recurring Exachk Details section.
  - Autorun ID: Unique identifier within the context of each AHF installation that is used to identify the autorun by the exachk daemon.
  - Autorun Schedule: Schedule for execution of the autorun. Values are in the format minute hour day month day of week, with specific field values as follows:
    - \* minute: 0-59
    - \* hour: 0-23
    - \* day: 1-31
    - \* month: 1-12 or JAN-DEC
    - \* day of week: 0-6 or SUN-MON

The following special syntax can be used in each field:

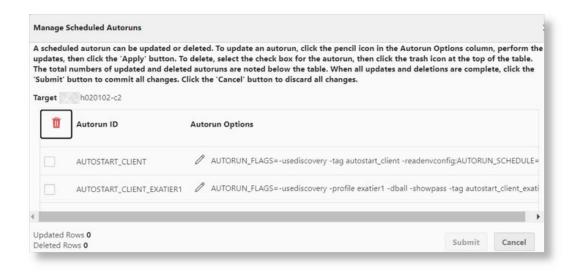
- Use the asterisk (\*) as a wildcard to specify multiple values separated by commas.
- \* Use commas to separate items of a list. For example, using MON, WED, FRI in the fifth field (day of week) means Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- \* Use a dash (-) to define ranges.

For details for each of these parameters and example, see Running Compliance Checks Automatically in *Oracle Autonomous Health Framework User's Guide*.

- Profile: Comma-delimited list of specific Exachk profiles (a subset of Exachk checks)
  to be performed in this autorun. For list of profiles and a description of each, see Using
  Profiles with Oracle Autonomous Health Framework in Oracle Autonomous Health
  Framework User's Guide.
- Tag: Appends a tag to the Exachk report file name; for example, a tag of newtag123 will append newtag123 to report name like exachk\_hostname1\_db1\_100914\_123456\_ newtag123.html
- Collection Retention: Configures Exachk daemon to remove the autorun results after the configured number of days
- Click Apply above the table to provisionally apply the settings to all cluster targets selected
  in the table. By default, all the cluster targets under a Database Machine are automatically
  selected.
- You can customize host credentials for individual cluster targets by modifying the applicable rows in the table before applying the changes.
- To modify or delete the scheduled autoruns for any cluster target, select the number of the
  autorun to be changed in the Scheduled Autoruns column of the Targets table. Follow the
  instructions in the dialog box below, then click Submit to provisionally save the scheduled
  autorun changes.

The **Autorun Options** field is populated by filling out the details in the fields above. Once populated, the content can be customized as needed.

For details of the Exachk arguments, see Compliance Framework (Oracle Orachk and Oracle Exachk) Command-Line Options in *Oracle Autonomous Health Framework User's Guide*.



- Click Submit to submit an Oracle Enterprise Manager job that will apply the autorun settings and any scheduled autorun changes to all the selected clusters. This operation is performed for every cluster target in the Targets table for which settings have been modified, and is run on the master node of the those clusters. Clusters that did not have fleet-level settings applied or row-level settings changed will retain their existing settings.
- To view operation step details and progress, click the job ID in the confirmation dialog to go to the Procedure Activity page.



# **Exadata Management Pack Features**

#### Topics:

- Database Impact Advisor
  - AHF Configuration for Database Impact Advisor
- I/O Resource Management Advisor
- Exadata Cloud Advanced Monitoring
- Exadata Exascale Advanced Monitoring
- Exadata Infrastructure Patching Using Fleet Maintenance

# **Database Impact Advisor**

The Database Impact Advisor can be run against an individual Exadata system to perform system-wide database CPU usage *noisy-neighbor* analysis in order to identify databases whose performance is potentially impacted by other databases or other operating system processes. The analysis applies algorithms established by the Autonomous Health Framework (AHF) Balance feature to Oracle Enterprise Manager historical metric data from the past 30 days. Further, the Database Impact Advisor integrates directly with AHF Balance to generate recommendations for optimizing Database Resource Manager (DBRM) settings across all databases to minimize any CPU-based performance impacts that were found.

Database Impact Advisor is available for Database Machine targets for which the Exadata Management Pack is enabled. You can launch it by clicking **Database Machine** and selecting **Database Impact Advisor** from the menu.

#### Topics:

- Prerequisites
- Key Concepts
- Using Database Impact Advisor
- Impact Analysis for Cluster Database
- Impact Analysis for Database Instance
- Related Database Management Tools
- Impact Analysis for Hosts
- Generate AHF Balance Reports

Additionally, see AHF Configuration for Database Impact Advisor.

#### **Prerequisites**

- Self Update should be configured in Oracle Enterprise Manager. See Setting Up Self Update in Cloud Control Administrator's Guide.
- Database Impact Advisor uses a specific AHF installation configured and managed from Oracle Enterprise Manager. This AHF installation must be configured by an Oracle Enterprise Manager administrator by following instructions in AHF Configuration for Database Impact Advisor.



In order to run AHF Balance reports from Database Impact Advisor, Oracle Enterprise
 Manager users must be granted one of the roles listed in AHF Configuration for Database
 Impact Advisor.

### **Key Concepts**

Following are some of the core concepts underlying the Database Impact Advisor analysis framework. For additional details about these and the other concepts, see Resolve Noisy Neighbor Issues in *Oracle Autonomous Health Framework User's Guide*.

- Limit: The maximum number of vCPUs a database instance may use simultaneously. The DBRM parameter CPU COUNT implements a limit for the instance.
- Guarantee: The number of vCPUs a database instance is guaranteed to be able to use at
  any time. When a cluster is dedicated to running databases, the DBRM and the operating
  system cooperate to provide a guarantee. If the over-provisioning ratio R=sum(CPU\_COUNT)/
  physical vCPUs, then the guarantee for a database instance is its CPU\_COUNT/R.

For example, if we had a 64 vCPU machine running 8 database instances, all with CPU\_COUNT set to 16, then the oversubscription ratio R would be 2, that is, 8 \* 16/64, and each individual database instance would have a guarantee of 8, that is, 16/2.

- Not Exposed Hour: An hour when no database instance's CPU use exceeds its CPU
  guarantee. When an instance is not exposed, it cannot experience CPU-based noisy
  neighbor problems regardless of the CPU consumption of the other instances running on
  the machine.
- Exposed Hour: An hour when one or more database instance's CPU use exceeds its CPU
  guarantee. When an instance is exposed, it may experience noisy neighbor problems
  depending on the CPU consumption of the other instances running on the machine.
- Impacted Hour: An exposed hour, when the host's CPU utilization exceeded 70% during the hour. When an instance is impacted, it is likely to be experiencing noisy neighbor problems because the total CPU consumption of the machine is high.
- Partitioned: When a cluster is partitioned, each database instance has dedicated CPU capacity. CPU consumption by neighbors cannot interfere with a database instance. CPU resources (up to a configured limit CPU\_COUNT) are guaranteed to be available at all times. However, since CPU resources are dedicated to specific database instances, instances cannot take advantage of (borrow) CPU cycles that are not being used by other instances. Typically, when a cluster is partitioned, the degree of database consolidation is limited by the number of physical CPUs on each machine in the cluster, and the peak CPU consumption of each database hosted on the cluster.

A cluster is partitioned when the sum of the <code>CPU\_COUNT DBRM</code> parameter values for all the database instances running on each machine in the cluster is less than or equal to the number of physical CPUs on the machine. For example, if the machines in a cluster each have 64 CPUs, and each machine is hosting 4 database instances, each with <code>CPU\_COUNT</code> set to 16, the cluster is partitioned.

If the goal is to partition a cluster, then appropriate CPU\_COUNT settings can be determined by analyzing historical CPU consumption data. AHF Balance supports this analysis.

 Impacted Status: Overall impact status of the database. If the database has any impacted hours within the collection then its status is FAIL, if it has any exposed hours its status is WARNING, else status is INFO.

If the cluster is not over-provisioned, then by definition there can be no impacted or exposed hours, and the status is indicated as **PASS**.

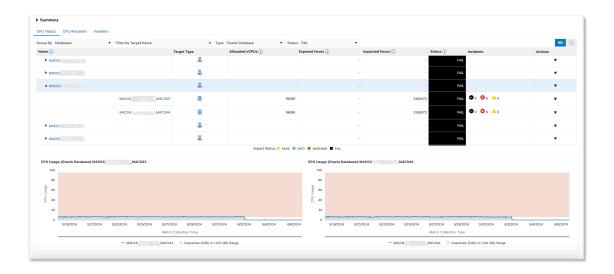


#### **Using Database Impact Advisor**

The Database Impact Advisor **CPU Impact** tab has charts that provide a top-level summary of how many clusters, hosts, databases, and database instances on the Exadata system are in the **Exposed** (*warning*) and **Impacted** (*fail*) categories. The table below the charts enumerates the specific impact status details for each cluster, database, and database instance. Selecting a specific database or instance in the table provides in-depth historical visualization of the exposed and impacted hours for the database or instance.

## Impact Analysis for Cluster Database

Click on a cluster database in the table to see its instances. The image below shows a cluster database with two instances, each of which had significant impact over the past month, with both being in FAIL (Exposed) state. The charts below the table illustrate that for each instance, the CPU usage exceeded the guarantee for a significant period of time.



# Impact Analysis for Database Instance

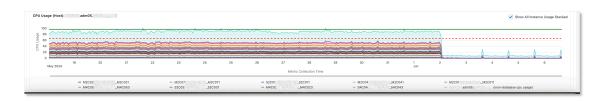
Click on a database instance in the table to see a historical plot of the CPU usage for the instance. Zoom into a time period that needs closer analysis. Impacted or exposed time periods can be easily correlated with incidents that are reported in the same time frame by selecting the **Show Incidents** option.





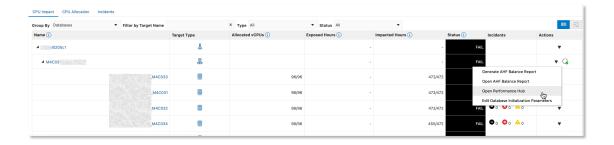
Select the **Highlight Impacted Hours** option on the **CPU Usage with Guarantees and Limits (Oracle Database)** chart to see when the CPU usage of the database instance is above 70% (red dotted-line) of total host CPU utilization.

To compare the CPU usage of the selected database instance against other instances (from other databases) running on the host, select the **Show All Instance Usage Stacked** option. If the aggregate stacked CPU usage of all instances is above the 70% threshold, it may indicate the presence of noisy-neighbor instances on the host, which can be further analyzed by deselecting the **Show All Instance Usage Stacked** option in order to examine the CPU usage of each individual instance running on the host. Conversely, if the aggregate stacked CPU usage of all instances running on the host is below 70% of total host CPU utilization during a period when the instance is impacted, meaning that the 70% threshold was met only after the addition of non-database process CPU usage, it may indicate that non-database processes are an impact factor.



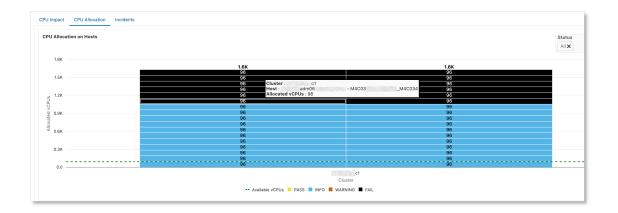
## Related Database Management Tools

The **Actions** menu in the **CPU Impact** tab provides access to database management functionality that may be useful in the context of CPU impact mitigation. **Performance Hub** can be accessed to perform fine-grained analysis of performance issues for an individual database or database instance, and **Edit Database Initialization Parameters** can be accessed to tune relevant initialization parameters.



## Impact Analysis for Hosts

Use the **CPU Allocation** tab to get a visual indication of how the CPU resources on the Exadata database servers are allocated. The following image shows a cluster with two hosts, each with 96 virtual CPUs (vCPUs). Several databases were deployed on the system, and each database was allocated 96 vCPUs, making it an over-subscribed system. Of these, only a few databases are actually impacted, and are depicted in the FAIL state.



# Generate AHF Balance Reports

Analyzing the charts described above may indicate that the CPU usage of one or more databases is impacted by other databases on the same Exadata system. The Database Impact Advisor provides the ability to generate AHF Balance reports for clusters, cluster databases and database instances and identify noisy-neighbors. To generate these reports, AHF must be installed. See AHF Configuration for Database Impact Advisor.

Use the **Actions** menu in the **CPU Impact** tab to generate a detailed AHF Balance report for the relevant target. Once the report is ready, a clickable icon is displayed to access the report within Oracle Enterprise Manager. The report provides a stacked time line of impacts across database instances and includes information about disaster recovery scenarios if standby databases are configured. The report can be saved for future access. The **Action Plan** section contains recommended actions that can be implemented to mitigate any CPU impacts found.



#### Action Plan

#### Summary

The recommended CPU\_COUNT values differ from the current values as follows:

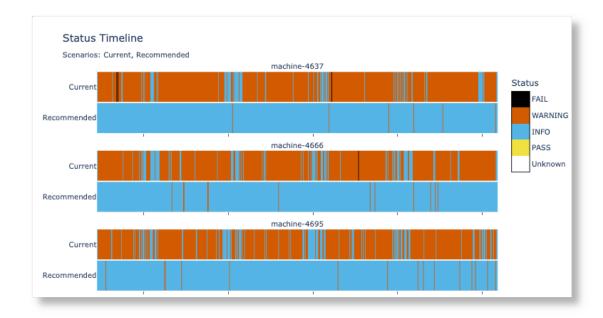
- 42 databases should have their CPU\_COUNT reduced, then
- 18 databases should have their CPU\_COUNT increased
- 27 databases do not need to have their CPU\_COUNT modified

#### CPU\_COUNT Reductions and Increases

First, reduce the CPU\_COUNT for the databases listed in the left table. If this work must be done incrementally, make the changes in the order shown in the table. Next, increase the CPU\_COUNT for the databases listed in the right table. Again, if the work must be done incrementally, make the changes in the order shown in the table.

Reductions							
	Current	Recommended					
database-4368	32	2					
database-4342	32	2					
database-4372	32	5					
database-4324	32	8					
database-4282	24	3					
database-4176	32	11					
database-4208	32	12					

Additions					
	Current	Recommended			
database-4248	2	3			
database-4364	2	3			
database-4178	2	3			
database-4194	2	3			
database-4200	2	3			
database-4228	2	3			
database-4376	2	3			



Databases in cluster-1										
Scenario	Current					Disaster				
	Role	vCPUs	Exposed(hrs)	Impacted(hrs)	Status	Role	vCPUs	Exposed(hrs)	Impacted(hrs)	Status
database-309		2/88	121/792	0/792	WARNING		2/88	121/792	1/792	FAIL
database-55	Standby	2/88	58/792	0/792	WARNING	Primary	2/88	89/792	2/792	FAIL
database-333		2/88	26/792	0/792	WARNING		2/88	26/792	0/792	WARNING
database-319		24/88	18/792	0/792	WARNING		24/88	18/792	0/792	WARNING
database-312	Primary	2/88	17/792	0/792	WARNING	Primary	2/88	18/792	0/792	WARNING
database-336		10/88	14/792	0/792	WARNING		10/88	14/792	0/792	WARNING
database-311	Primary	2/88	13/792	0/792	WARNING	Primary	2/88	18/792	0/792	WARNING
database-315		2/88	10/792	0/792	WARNING		2/88	10/792	1/792	FAIL

## AHF Configuration for Database Impact Advisor

The Database Impact Advisor uses a specific Autonomous Health Framework (AHF) installation configured and managed from Oracle Enterprise Manager. This AHF installation is used to run AHF Balance reports for clusters and cluster databases.

#### **Topics**

- Prerequisites
- Manage the AHF Installation

#### **Prerequisites**

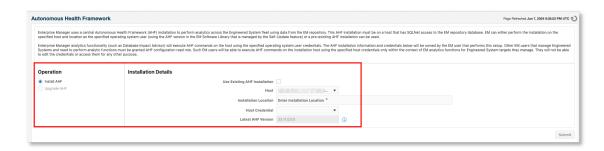
- Grant required roles:
  - There are two EM roles used for controlling the access to the AHF configuration:
    - **EM\_AHF\_ADMIN** is required in order to perform and update the AHF installation. Oracle Enterprise Manager users with this role have full read and write privilege on the AHF installation and can manage it on behalf of other users.
    - \* **EM\_AHF\_USER** is required to view AHF Installation details. Oracle Enterprise Manager users with this role cannot manage the AHF installation, but can access all AHF functionality used by the Database Impact Advisor. All users that intend to use Database Impact Advisor with any Database Machine target should have this privilege granted.
  - To grant the above roles to users, from the Enterprise Manager menu, click
     Enterprise, select Setup, Security, and go to Administrators page. Both roles are
     automatically granted to Oracle Enterprise Manager super administrators.
- Oracle Enterprise Manager Self Update should be configured. If Self Update is configured
  in offline mode, the AHF installation binaries should be downloaded and imported into the
  Oracle Enterprise Manager Software Library. For information on configuring the Software
  Library and importing downloaded software in offline mode, see Understanding Software
  Library in Enterprise Manager Extensibility Programmer's Guide.
- AHF can be installed on any host monitored by Oracle Enterprise Manager that meets the
  requirement that the host has SQLNet connectivity to the management repository
  database. Additionally, the host must have an Oracle home installed on it which contains
  the Oracle Instance client, such as a database, grid, or middleware home. The AHF
  commands invoked on the host make a remote connection to the repository database..
- An Oracle Enterprise Manager default (global) or target-specific host named credential is required. The credential must specify an operating system user who can login to the selected installation host and has write permission on the specified AHF installation directory or the parent directory. For details on how to create named host credentials, see Configuring and Using Target Credentials in *Enterprise Manager Security Guide*.

#### Manage the AHF Installation

From Enterprise Manager menu, navigate to **Enterprise**, select **Setup**, and click **Autonomous Health Framework**.

The Autonomous Health Framework page is displayed. The page is fully functional for EM AHF ADMIN users and read-only for EM AHF USER users.





The **Install** option is enabled and **Upgrade** is disabled by default when AHF is not configured, or if the configuration is reset.

### Perform a new AHF installation using the following steps:

- Select Use Existing AHF Installation if an AHF installation already exists on the host. This can either be installed outside of Oracle Enterprise Manager or from a previous installation performed from Oracle Enterprise Manager. The installation procedure validates the presence of an existing installation on the specified host and location, and is automatically upgraded if the version in the Oracle Enterprise Manager Software Library is of a higher version.
- 2. Specify a host that meets the prerequisites on which to install AHF or (if Use Existing AHF Installation was selected) one with an existing AHF installation. By default, one of the Oracle Enterprise Manager management server hosts is selected since these hosts by definition have access to the Oracle Enterprise Manager repository database.
- Specify the desired AHF installation location. The directory is created if it doesn't already exist.
- 4. Select a named host credential that meets the prerequisites.
- 5. Click **Submit** to install AHF on the selected host and location. A message is displayed with the name of the installation deployment procedure.
- 6. After the installation deployment procedure is complete, a notification is displayed at the top of the page showing the installation status (success or failure).

#### Upgrade an existing AHF installation using the following steps:

After AHF is successfully installed, the **Upgrade** option gets enabled. The **Submit** button is disabled if there is no change in the host named credentials or if *Latest AHF Version* matches *Installed AHF Version*.

The host credentials used for invoking AHF commands can be changed by specifying a different host named credential, in which case the **Submit** button is enabled.

# I/O Resource Management Advisor

The Enterprise Manager **I/O Resource Management Advisor** facilitates effective usage of Exadata I/O Resource Management (IORM) by providing tools to analyze flash I/O utilization across all databases running on an Exadata system and to identify potential measures to optimize system I/O resource usage. It provides the following capabilities:

Comprehensive System-Level I/O Overview: Different visualizations at multiple levels, including treemaps, tables and metric charts, provide a comprehensive overview of IORM settings and a summary of I/O utilization across the Exadata system. These visualizations allow identification of any container database (CDB), pluggable database (PDB), or noncontainer database that is experiencing flash I/O throttling due to system limits or I/O usage by neighboring databases.



Detailed Database-Level I/O Analysis: Once a potentially impacted database is
identified, additional drill-down visualizations allow analysis of the I/O performance history
of a database and its neighbors across multiple dimensions, including I/O utilization,
throughput, and latency. Analysis at this level can assist in determining whether a
database is actually experiencing throttling and associated performance degradation, and
whether its IORM plan needs to be updated.

#### Topics:

- Prerequisites
- Reference: Concepts
- · Reference: I/O Limits Calculation
- Using the I/O Resource Management Advisor
- Identify Databases Approaching Their I/O Limit
- Determine I/O Headroom
- Analyze Historical Usage of I/O Resources
- Analyze Performance Data Distribution
- Refine the IORM Plan

#### **Prerequisites**

The following requirements must be met in order to use the I/O Resource Management Advisor:

- Enable the Exadata Management Pack for the relevant Database Machine and/or Exadata Infrastructure targets.
- The Oracle Enterprise Manager Exadata plug-in version must be 13.5.1.23 or above on both the Agent and Management Server.
- Every storage server in the Exadata system must have a software version 21.1.0.0.0 or above.
- All storage servers in Exadata system should share the same interdatabase IORM plan, and should be discovered in Oracle Enterprise Manager.
- The Exadata Database Flash Disk I/O Statistics metric must be enabled for the Oracle Enterprise Manager Exadata Storage Server Grid target associated with the Exadata system.

#### **Reference: Concepts**

- Exadata System: Either an on-premises Exadata represented as an Oracle Exadata Database Machine target in Oracle Enterprise Manager or cloud-based Exadata Oracle Exadata Database Service on Cloud@Customer and Oracle Exadata Database Service on Dedicated Infrastructure, both represented by as an Exadata Infrastructure target in Oracle Enterprise Manager.
- Peak Flash I/O Utilization: The maximum of average I/O utilization for a database or PDB across all its servicing storage servers in the last 24 hours. For example, DB1 is serviced by three storage servers (S1, S2, S3). The average flash I/O utilization of DB1 over the last 24 hours on these 3 storage servers is 50%, 51% and 52% respectively. The peak flash I/O utilization for DB1 in this case is 52%.
- Flash I/O Utilization Thresholds: The following thresholds are built in to the I/O Resource Management Advisor:



- Critical: Flash I/O utilization exceeds 75% of database I/O limit
- Warning: Flash I/O utilization exceeds 50% of database I/O limit
- Database Flash I/O Limit: The I/O limit for a database as specified in the I/O plan that governs the database, which could be an interdatabase plan (CDBs and non-CDBs) or CDB plan (PDBs). For more information regarding I/O plan concepts, see Managing I/O Plans.

#### Reference: I/O Limits Calculation

Note the following details about how I/O limits are calculated so that I/O Resource Management Advisor data can be interpreted correctly:

#### Database Flash I/O Limit:

- If the governing plan flash I/O limit value is 0, the storage server interprets this as there being no restrictions on the I/O usage, and therefore the I/O limit for that database is effectively 100% of the storage server's capacity.
- If the governing plan flash I/O limit value is a non-zero value, the storage server uses this as the actual limit value.

#### Pluggable Database Flash I/O Limit:

- If the governing plan flash I/O limit value is 0, the storage server interprets this as there being no restrictions on the I/O usage, and therefore the I/O limit for that database is effectively 100% of the CDB's flash I/O limit.
- If the governing plan flash I/O limit value is a non-zero value, the storage server uses this as the actual limit value, calculated as a fraction of the CDB flash I/O limit.

Also, I/O Resource Management Advisor focuses on flash I/O utilization only because from Exadata version 19.x and above, IORM plan limits are applicable to flash I/O utilization only. See Using the limit attribute.

### Using the I/O Resource Management Advisor

I/O Resource Management Advisor is available for Database Machine and Exadata Infrastructure targets. You can launch it by clicking **I/O Resource Management Advisor** menu from the Database Machine or Exadata Infrastructure menu.

Whether or not an IORM plan is already in place, the I/O Resource Management Advisor provides valuable insights to assist in managing and optimizing system I/O resources, including the following scenarios:

- Identify the databases with high I/O utilization and determine whether they need more I/O bandwidth.
- Identify the databases that consume more I/O than desired so that their consumption can be throttled.
- Analyze historical I/O resource usage to understand whether periods of high I/O usage are concurrent and possibly causing performance degradation.

## Identify Databases Approaching Their I/O Limit

The **Overview** section provides a summary of the I/O situation for all the databases running on the Exadata system, including the databases that are not monitored by Oracle Enterprise Manager:



- Databases Approaching I/O Utilization Limit: The total number of databases/CDBs for which the flash I/O utilization crossed the flash I/O limit critical threshold in the last 24 hours
- Pluggable Databases Approaching I/O Utilization Limit: The total number of PDBs for which the flash I/O utilization crossed the flash I/O limit critical threshold in the last 24 hours



The heatmap in the **Database Peak Flash I/O Utilization and Effective I/O Limit for Last 24 Hours** section provides a visual indication of I/O utilization for all databases, and can be used to quickly identify databases that are under or over utilizing their allocated I/O resources, The heatmap tiles, one per database, provide the following visual indicators:

- Tile Size: Proportional to database flash I/O utilization
- Tile Color: Reflects peak database flash I/O utilization over the last 24 hours, as follows:
  - Red (Critical): The I/O utilization exceeded the built-in critical threshold (75%).
  - Yellow (Warning): The I/O utilization was between the built-in warning (50%) and critical (75%) thresholds.
  - Green (Clear): The I/O utilization was under the built-in warning threshold.

The heatmap offers two sets of view options to organize the data: View By and Color By.

Following are the View By options:

- Databases/CDBs: View peak flash I/O utilization at the database or CDB level. Use this
  option if the Exadata system has both CDBs and non-container single-instance and/or
  cluster databases (non-CDBs).
- PDB: View peak flash I/O utilization at the PDB level. This is useful if the Exadata system
  has only CDBs (and therefore PDBs).

The **Color By** option controls the level at which to apply the peak flash I/O utilization comparison when rendering the heatmap. Following are the **Color By** options:

 Database/CDB Utilization: The color is determined by comparing the aggregated peak flash I/O utilization at the CDB level (or non-CDB level, if applicable).

- PDB Utilization: The color is determined by the highest value of the peak PDB flash I/O utilization across all PDBs in the CDB.
- 3. Highest Utilization in Container: The color is determined by the highest flash I/O utilization reached between the two scenarios above. This is the most comprehensive option, as it helps to visualize I/O hotspots, whether it is at the non-CDB/CDB level or the PDB level.

Click a tile in the heatmap to view the utilization metrics for the corresponding database in the table in the **Database Peak Flash I/O Utilization** and **Effective I/O Limit for Last 24 Hours** sections.

Usage Example: Container database ASM1.CDB1 has three PDBs, of which only one ASM1.CDB1.PDB2 has a lower I/O limit. The peak I/O utilization of the CDB is low but the peak I/O utilization of ASM1.CDB1.PDB2 has reached its limit at least once over the past 24 hours. The tile for this CDB would show as green if Color By was set to Database/CDB Utilization, but would show as red if set to Highest Utilization in Container.

A large number of databases or PDBs in critical range does not necessarily indicate a problem. The primary goal is to ensure that the most important databases (for example, those serving production applications) are displayed in green or yellow. If the important databases are in the critical (red) range, then remediation measures could be considered, such as increasing their I/O limit, re-examining how the databases are consolidated, or re-analyzing the I/O workload. From the perspective of overall resource management, it may help to understand whether the Exadata system has more *headroom*, the capacity to handle more I/O workload.

## Determine I/O Headroom

Once the databases to focus on are identified, you may want to analyze if they have capacity to handle larger I/O workloads. This can be done by comparing the peak flash I/O utilization against the effective I/O limit of these databases to determine if they have sufficient headroom. In addition to the heatmap described above, the **Database Peak Flash I/O Utilization and Effective I/O Limit for Last 24 Hours** section also displays a hierarchical table view of the databases running on the Exadata system. The I/O utilization values displayed in the table are the peak values for the corresponding row within the last 24 hours.

While correlating this table with the heatmap to analyze CDBs in the critical range, this hierarchical view can be used to identify PDBs that are reaching their respective I/O limits within those CDBs. For example, consider the following scenario using the container database ASM1.CDB1:

- View By is specified as Databases/CDBs and Color By is specified as CDB Utilization.
   The tile for ASM.CDB1 would be green because its peak I/O utilization is 10%, which is far below the warning threshold of 50%.
- If Color By is changed to PDB Utilization, the color of the ASM.CDB1 tile would change from green to red. The table shows why the color changed - One of the PDBs (ASM1.CDB1.PDB2) in the ASM1.CDB1 reached its I/O limit, and hence crossed the critical threshold of 75%.
- If Color By is changed to Highest Utilization in Container, the ASM1.CDB1 tile
  would still be red because the peak I/O utilization of ASM.CDB1 is considered along with
  the peak I/O utilization of its three PDBs in it, and at least one of the PDBs
  (ASM1.CDB1.PDB2) crossed the critical threshold.

If the low I/O limit for pluggable database ASM1.CDB1.PDB2 is a concern, its I/O limit can be increased using the CDB plan.





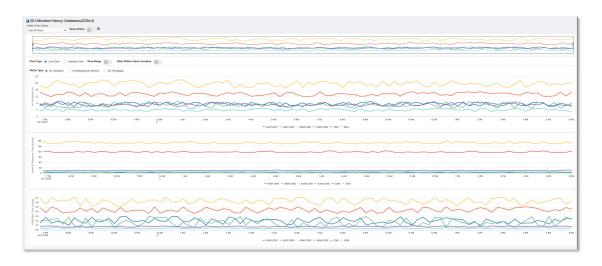


By default, the historical performance charts are rendered for all the databases running on the Exadata system. One or more rows in the table above can be selected to limit the charts to only the selected databases.

- Select a CDB and click Synchronize Charts to view the historical performance charts for all its PDBs.
- Select one or more PDBs in a CDB and click Synchronize Charts to view the historical performance charts for the selected PDBs.
- Select a non-CDB database and click Synchronize Chart to view the historical performance statistics for that database.

## Analyze Historical Usage of I/O Resources

After reviewing the table above, you can examine the historical trends of the metrics to understand whether the peak I/O utilization was seen frequently, and whether these periods of high I/O utilization coincide with high response times and/or high IORM wait times. You can select a single non-CDB, CDB or PDB to analyze its metrics, and these can be stacked against the same metrics for neighboring databases to understand how they compare with each other.



The **I/O Utilization History** section shows a set of line charts that help correlate performance metrics related to I/O. By default, the historical performance charts are displayed for last 24 hours. Zoom in and out using the time selector above the charts to focus on a specific time period.

The following controls are available in this section:

- Select Time Frame option allows customization of the time range used for the charts, which determines the granularity of the chart data. The available values are Last Hour, Last 24 Hours, Last 7 Days, Last 31 Days, and Custom Time Period.
- Use Reset Charts button to reset the filters:
  - Turning this switch on resets the charts to show data for all the databases/CDBs present in the table above.
  - Turning this switch off reverts the charts back to the state they were in prior to turning the switch on. (That is, show data only for the specific databases selected in the table.)
- Chart Type controls the chart style Line Chart or Stacked Chart.
- Show Range controls the display of the threshold values (50% and 75%) along with the defined I/O limit on the I/O utilization chart. This option is enabled only when a single CDB or PDB is selected in the table. It is especially useful to see the range when Chart Type is specified as Stacked Chart, as it helps to see how the aggregate IOPS usage of all databases compares against these thresholds.
- Other PDBs in Same Container shows an aggregation of historical data values for all the PDBs that are not selected in the table. The aggregation line is plotted as the *Others* series, alongside the lines for the selected PDBs.
- Metric Type allows the following additional performance statistics to be displayed: I/O
   Utilization, I/O Requests per Second, I/O Throughput.

## Analyze Performance Data Distribution

For an Exadata system with a large number of databases, the **Performance Data Distribution** section provides a quick view of the I/O utilization at a specific point in time. By default, the bubble chart in this section displays data for all databases selected in the table above, with the data corresponding to the last data point in the historical charts in the I/O Utilization History section. The data point for the bubble chart can be changed by clicking on a specific time in the historical charts. Each bubble in the chart depicts three dimensions of database I/O performance:



- The size of the bubble represents the IORM wait time.
- X-axis represents small I/O response time.
- Y-axis represents I/O utilization, I/O requests per second or I/O throughput based on the selection in Metric Type.

For instance, if *Metric Type* is specified as I/O Utilization (%), the databases with high IORM wait time, high small I/O response time and high I/O utilization are displayed as larger bubbles on the top right quadrant of the chart. These are the databases that probably need the most attention as potential I/O performance degradation is indicated in multiple dimensions.



## Refine the IORM Plan

Combining the analysis from both the table data and charts provides a comprehensive understanding of the I/O utilization of the databases running on the Exadata system. If it is determined that the I/O allocations need to change, you can do it in one of the following ways:

- 1. Change the IORM plan on the storage servers: If all the databases in the I/O Utilization history charts are stacked while showing the range and that indicates that there is significant headroom on the storage servers, you may want to increase the I/O limits and/or increase the number of I/O shares for the relevant databases. This can be accomplished by navigating to the Database Machine IORM Management page and editing the IORM plan. Oracle Enterprise Manager will then propagate this IORM plan to all the storage servers in the Exadata system.
- 2. Reconfigure the CDB plan from the root PDB: See Creating a CDB Plan.

If all the databases are running close to their I/O limits for most of the time or are reaching peak utilization during the same time frames, there are multiple potential solutions that can be considered depending on their feasibility, including the following:

- Increase the number of storage servers on the Exadata system.
- Provision additional VMs, create additional clusters, and move databases to different clusters.
- Move PDBs to different CDBs.
- Move databases to another Exadata system.

# **Exadata Cloud Advanced Monitoring**

The following advanced inventory and resource usage monitoring features are available for Exadata Infrastructure and VM Cluster targets:

- Database Topology on Exadata VM Clusters: Hierarchical diagrams and tables to visualize the topology of the Oracle Database versions, software installations, and deployments on the VM cluster.
- Resource Usage on Exadata Infrastructure: Historical CPU and memory usage
  visualization across all VM clusters on an Exadata Infrastructure that can be used to
  identify periods of high resource consumption and discern patterns of usage over different
  time intervals.

This content is available on the Exadata Infrastructure and associated VM Cluster home pages if the Exadata Management Pack is enabled for the Exadata Infrastructure target. These features are not available for Autonomous VM clusters.

#### **Topics:**

- Prerequisites
- Visualize Database Topology on Exadata VM Clusters
  - Visualizing Database Inventory
  - Analyzing Database Inventory Details
- Visualize Resource Usage for Exadata Infrastructure
  - Monitoring Database CPU Usage
  - Database Memory Usage

#### **Prerequisites**

- Enable Exadata Management Pack for the relevant Exadata Infrastructure targets.
- The Oracle Enterprise Manager Exadata plug-in version must be 13.5.1.23 or above on both the Agent and Management Server. For Exadata Cloud, see Agent Installation in Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control for Oracle Exadata Cloud.

# Visualize Database Topology on Exadata VM Clusters

The VM Cluster target home page includes two additional database topology sections on the **Databases** tab when the Exadata Management Pack is enabled for the associated Exadata Infrastructure target:

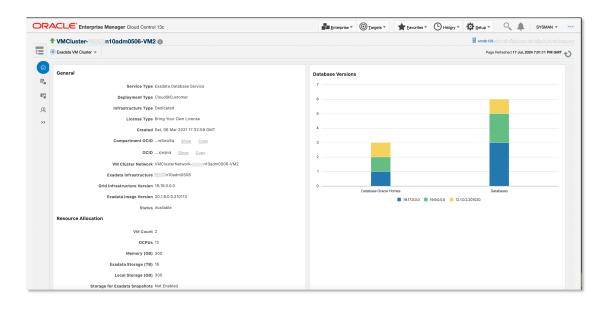
- Database Inventory
- Database Inventory Details

### **Topics:**

- Visualizing Database Inventory
- Analyzing Database Inventory Details

For steps to navigate to the VM Cluster home page, see Discover Exadata Cloud Targets in Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control for Oracle Exadata Cloud.





#### **Visualizing Database Inventory**

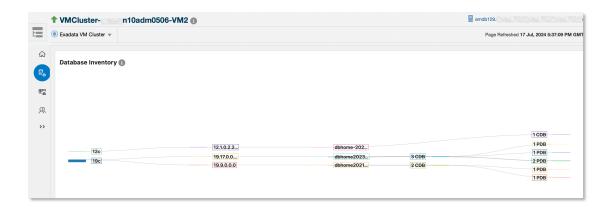
The **Database Inventory** section of the Databases tab contains a Sankey diagram that traces the database topology of the VM cluster from the database versions at the *root*, through the *Oracle homes*, down to the aggregate counts of databases residing within the Oracle homes. The data for the resource hierarchy is obtained using Oracle Cloud Infrastructure REST API. See Manage VM Clusters in *Exadata Database Service on Dedicated Infrastructure*.

The following nodes and links are available in the Sankey diagram:

- Nodes: Each node represents a logical database classification:
  - Major Database Version: Represents major releases of the Oracle Database; for example, versions 12c, 19c, 23ai, and so on.
  - Minor Database Version: Represents Oracle Database release updates and patch levels within a major release; for example, 19.9.0.0.0, 12.1.0.2.2.
  - Oracle Home: The installed Oracle home for software binaries and related files for a specific database version; for example, *dbhome-2021*, *dbhome-2023*.
     For more information, see Create Oracle Database Homes on an Exadata Cloud Infrastructure System.
  - Database/CDB Count: The aggregate number of container databases (CDBs) that
    can host pluggable databases (PDBs), or non-container databases, associated with
    their respective Oracle home. This count includes all the CDBs and non-CDBs on the
    VM cluster, even if they are not discovered in Oracle Enterprise Manager.
  - PDB Count: The number of PDBs within the associated CDBs
- Links: Each link represents the relationship between the nodes it connects. The width of
  the link is proportional to the count of components associated with the link, so a thicker link
  indicates that there are more components represented by the link.
  - Initial link: Shows the total number of databases belonging to a particular major version
  - Major Database Version to Minor Versions: Shows the relationship between major and minor versions of the Oracle Database
  - Minor Database Version to Oracle Home: Shows the association of a specific version to the corresponding Oracle homes

- Oracle Home to Database/CDB Count: Shows the association of Oracle homes with the databases deployed in the homes
- CDB Count to PDB Count: Shows the relationship from the CDBs to the PDBs within each CDB
- Terminal link: Shows the count of PDBs, as deployed in Oracle Cloud

The diagram in the example below illustrates that there are a large number of databases with major version 19c as compared to databases with major version 12c, because the initial link for 19c is thicker. It also illustrates that two CDBs are associated to Oracle home dbhome-2021, and each CDB has one PDB associated with it.



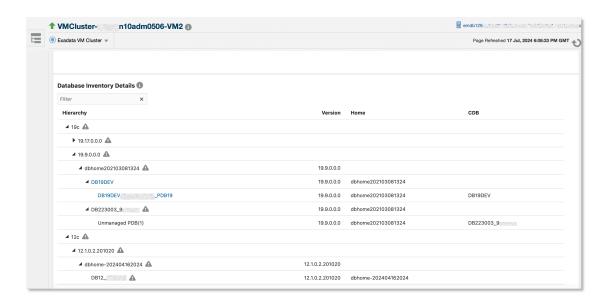
#### **Analyzing Database Inventory Details**

Selecting individual nodes in the Sankey diagram described above interactively filters the table in the **Database Inventory Details** section, providing a more detailed analysis of specific subsections of the database topology. The table includes the following columns:

- **Hierarchy**: Represents the nested relationships of the major database versions, minor versions, Oracle homes, databases/CDBs, and PDBs, as applicable.
  - The last one or two nodes in the hierarchy display the full name of the database/CDB or PDB.
    - \* If a database/CDB is discovered in EM, the name is hyper-linked to its home page.
    - \* If a database/CDB is not discovered in EM, a warning icon is displayed next to its name indicating that the target is not managed in Oracle Enterprise Manager. All PDBs underneath such a CDB will be counted as unmanaged. The warning icon is bubbled up to its highest level ancestor in the hierarchy to help identify databases that are not monitored by Oracle Enterprise Manager.
  - The filter applies to the Hierarchy column, and allows searches by sub-strings.
- Version: Represents the minor version of the respective Oracle home, database/CDB and PDBs shown in the row
- Home: Represents the Oracle home for the database, CDB or PDB shown in the row
- CDB: If the row corresponds to a PDB, this column shows the name of the corresponding CDB.

The example below illustrates the hierarchy when major version node 19c is expanded. This table complements the Sankey diagram by showing details of the two CDBs in the 19c version hierarchy. Since one CDB DB19DEV and its PDB DB19DEV\_..\_PDB19 are discovered in

Oracle Enterprise Manager, links are provided to the respective home pages. Since the other CDB are not discovered, its PDB is shown as *Unmanaged PDB(1)*.



# Visualize Resource Usage for Exadata Infrastructure

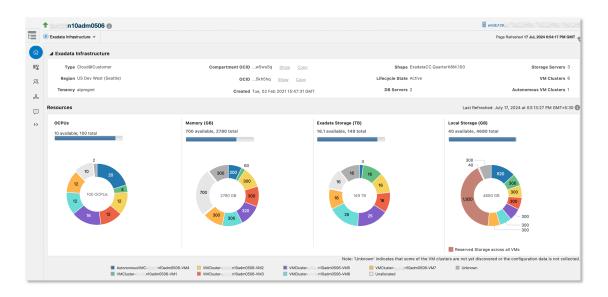
The Exadata Infrastructure target home page includes additional monitoring features in the **Resource Usage** tab when the Exadata Management Pack is enabled for the Exadata Infrastructure target. The tables in the **CPU** and **Memory** sub-tabs provide graphical usage visualizations in the last two usage-related columns for the selected time range.

### **Topics:**

- Monitoring Database CPU Usage
- Database Memory Usage

To ensure that the visualizations provide a holistic picture of database CPU and memory usage, ensure that all the hosts and databases on the Exadata Infrastructure are discovered. These features are not available for Autonomous VM clusters. See Monitor Exadata Cloud Service in *Oracle Enterprise Manager Cloud Control for Oracle Exadata Cloud*.

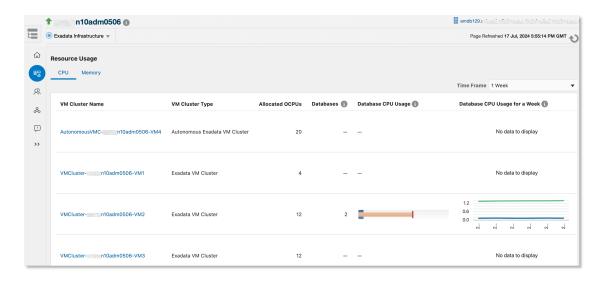




### **Monitoring Database CPU Usage**

In the table on the **CPU** sub-tab, the **Database CPU Usage** columns contain line charts corresponding to each VM Cluster that depict the historical CPU usage over the selected time interval:

- The X-axis represents the time interval.
- The Y-axis represents the CPU usage.
- The blue line represents the average CPU usage of all databases across all hosts in the VM cluster.
- The green line represents the average CPU usage of all hosts in the VM cluster.

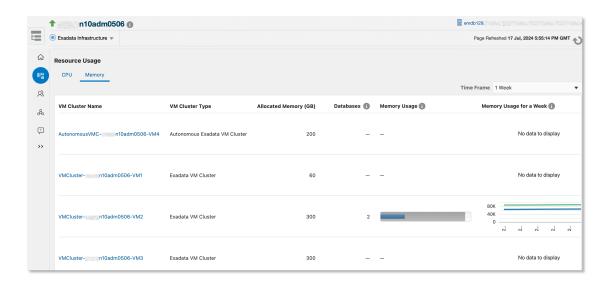


These charts can be customized to display CPU usage for the selected time period. Since the CPU usage is aggregated across all the components of the VM cluster, this chart can be used to compare CPU usage of the databases against the usage of other processes running on the system (such as application servers, business applications, and so on) that could potentially impact database performance. These charts facilitate analysis of relative historical trends and patterns in CPU consumption, providing insights into how resource usage fluctuates over time.

They can also aid consolidation planning by helping to identify periods when CPU usage is concurrently high or low across VM clusters.

#### **Database Memory Usage**

In the table on the **Memory** sub-tab, the **Memory Usage** columns depict historical memory usage through line charts with the same characteristics as the CPU table described above.

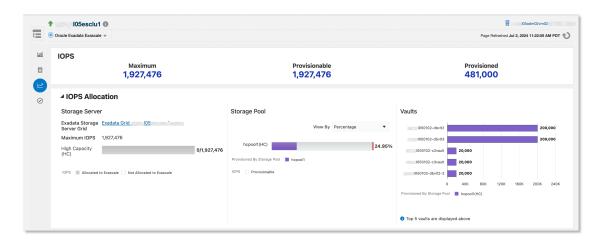


# **Exadata Exascale Advanced Monitoring**

Advanced performance monitoring consists of an interactive Sankey-based illustration of IOPS allocations from the Exascale cluster down through vaults, storage pools and databases. The historical IOPS usage charts at the storage pool and vault levels allow granular IOPS usage analysis and identification of IOPS distribution issues at different levels. Advanced filtering options provide the ability to visually identify IOPS bottlenecks, view them in context with historical Exascale IOPS utilization, and adjust IOPS distribution for specific entities. These capabilities assist in maintaining maximum I/O performance for databases that use Exascale storage.

The Exascale home page **Performance** tab has two standard monitoring sections - **IOPS** and **IOPS Allocation**. For details, see Monitoring Exascale in *Oracle Exadata Database Machine Getting Started Guide*.

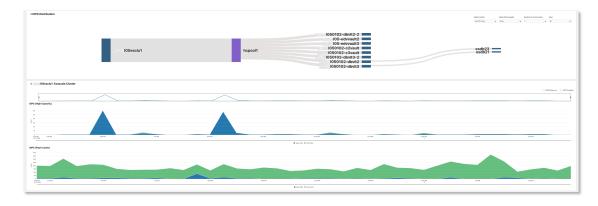




The Performance tab also offers advanced performance monitoring functionality that is part of the Exadata Management Pack. This advanced performance monitoring is available only if the pack is enabled for the Database Machine target that is the parent of the Exascale target.

The advanced performance monitoring functionality has a Sankey-based diagram that displays the Exascale IOPS distribution. It has the following nodes and links:

- Exascale Cluster: Shows the name of the Exascale cluster. On mouse-over, IOPS information is displayed.
- Storage Pool: Shows all storage pools (color-coded) that are provisioned in this cluster.
   On mouse-over of a storage pool, information about provisionable, provisioned, and raw IOPS for the storage pool is displayed.
- Vaults: Shows vaults with links to the storage pool which provisions IOPS for each vault.
   On mouse-over of a vault, information about provisioned IOPS for the vault is displayed.
- Database: The terminal nodes show the databases that are consuming the IOPS.
- Links: The link between two nodes shows how the IOPS are provisioned. On mouse-over, the provisioned IOPS is displayed.



You can use the following options to filter the data in the Sankey diagram:

- Metric Period: The metric data time span is 24 hours or 7 days.
- Vault IOPS Exceeds: The threshold value to use for determining whether IOPS has
  exceeded within the specified metric period. The values are prepopulated with the Oracle
  Enterprise Manager Vault Performance metric threshold values, if set.



- Number of Occurrences: The number of times IOPS has exceeded the specified
  threshold over the metric period. Once the values for Metric Period, Vault IOPS Exceeds,
  and Number of Occurrences are specified, the vaults that exceed the specified threshold
  for the specified number of occurrences in the specified metric period are identified.
- View: All can be specified to display all vaults and to highlight vaults that match the above filter criteria. Highlighted can be specified to view only the highlighted vaults.

Once the vaults of interest are identified, click a node (which is an Exascale cluster, storage pool or vault) in the diagram to obtain the chart for the aggregate IOPS consumed at the selected level over the specified time period, broken out into separate charts for the different media types that are used. The charts displays the following information:

- IOPS (High Capacity): Read and write IOPS for High Capacity storage.
- IOPS (Extreme Flash): Read and write IOPS for Extreme Flash storage.
- IOPS (Flash Cache): Read and write IOPS for flash cache.

You can select the following reference lines to display in the charts:

- IOPS Reference: The IOPS threshold selected in the filter
- IOPS Available: Maximum IOPS available

# Exadata Infrastructure Patching Using Fleet Maintenance

Manually maintaining an increasing number of Exadata infrastructure components to address security vulnerabilities, bug fixes, and enhancements is time-consuming and risky. Exadata Fleet Maintenance is a solution designed to simplify and streamline the patching process for your entire Exadata infrastructure, ensuring optimal performance, security, and up-time.

#### Topics:

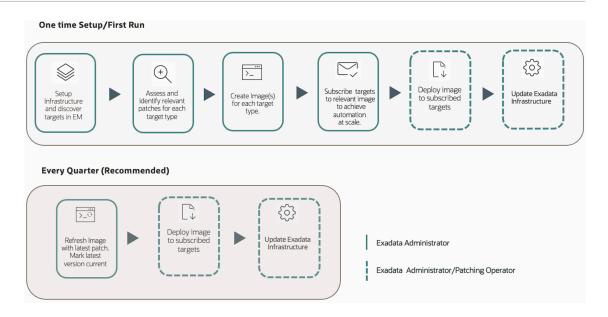
- Set Up the Environment
- Image Maintenance
- Subscribe Exadata Targets
- Exadata Fleet Maintenance Patching Operations
- Rollback Exadata Patches



Exadata patching requires the use of Oracle's Fleet Patching and Provisioning tool (FPP).

The following is an overview diagram of the process flow to patch Exadata infrastructure:





# Set Up the Environment

Exadata Infrastructure patching with Fleet Maintenance is enabled by integrating Fleet Maintenance with the Fleet Patching and Provisioning (FPP) solution. Before you begin patching your Exadata fleet, provision and register the FPP server and client.

#### **Topics**

- Prerequisites for Exadata Patching
- Supported Components
- Provision an FPP Server and Client
- Register FPP Server and Client

#### **Prerequisites for Exadata Patching**

Before provisioning and registering the FPP server and client, ensure that the following prerequisites are met:

- Exadata patching is supported for Oracle Enterprise Manager 13c Release 5 Update 23 (13.5.0.23) and above.
- To support Exadata patching, ensure that you have properly setup your infrastructure for Enterprise Manager. See Setting Up Your Infrastructure in *Database Lifecycle Management Administrator's Guide*.
- Perform the Exadata Database Machine discovery prerequisites. See Prerequisites in Oracle Exadata Database Machine Getting Started Guide.
- Review and download Exadata patches. See MOS Note 888828.1.
- Unzip the Patch Manager zip file and copy the contents into Computenode(domU) image folder. This is only for Computenode(domU) patching.

The latest Patch Manager zip file can be obtained from 21634633.

FPP Server and Client must be version 19.23 or higher.

For more details for setting up and upgrading your FPP server, see Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning Administrator's Guide.

#### **Supported Components**

Exadata Patching with Fleet Maintenance supports patching multiple Exadata components and targets simultaneously. However, each patch operation must focus on a single component type such as hosts and storage servers.

Following is a list of supported Exadata types for patching:

- Database Server Bare Metal
- Kernel-based Virtual Machine (KVM) Guest
- XEN DomU
- Storage Server
- InfiniBand (IB) Switch in a physical Exadata

## Provision an FPP Server and Client

The following examples demonstrate commands for provisioning FPP server as well as client. The solution offers automation for provisioning an FPP server and client on an existing Grid Infrastructure. You can also set up a new Grid Infrastructure alongside the FPP server and client setup.



This method is currently supported for Oracle 19c releases only.

- Provision FPP Server on Existing Grid Infrastructure
- Provision FPP Client on Existing Grid Infrastructure
- Provision an FPP Server and Grid Infrastructure
- Provision an FPP Client and Grid Infrastructure

#### List of Variables Used for Provisioning FPP Server and Client

List of supported variables for FPP server provisioning:

Variable	Required	Description
TARGET_NAME	Yes	Specify the cluster target name in EM to set up the FPP server.
NORMAL_USER	Yes	Specify the named credentials for the user who owns the Grid Infrastructure home (Credential Name:Owner).
ROOT_USER	Yes	Specify the named credentials for the privileged user (Credential Name:Owner). In the event that you do not have root access, the procedure will require manual intervention to run the root scripts.



Variable	Required	Description
FPP_DISK_GROUP	Yes	Specify the disk group that FPP Server can use to store the software images. Oracle recommends a minimum of 100 GB for this disk group.
FPP_IMAGES_MOUNTPOINT	Yes	Provide a mount path that exists on all nodes of the cluster. The FPP Server uses this path to mount gold images.
REST_USER_NAME	Yes	Specify the REST user name to be created on the FPP server. This REST user will be registered and used by Enterprise Manager to communicate with the FPP Server.
REST_USER_PASSWORD	Yes	Specify the password for the REST user to be created.
REST_USER_EMAIL	Yes	Specify the email for the REST user.
CONFIGURE_GIMR	Optional	For 19c database releases, Fleet Patching and Provisioning server setup requires Grid Infrastructure Management Repository (GIMR) as a prerequisite. This procedure will setup GIMR if it is not already set up. Options: TRUE/FALSE.
GIMR_DISK_GROUP	Optional	Specify the disk group for the Grid Infrastructure Management Repository. If it is not provided, it will be configured with the same disk group as the Oracle Clusterware files.
CONFIGURE_GNS	Optional	Grid Naming Service is required as a prerequisite to setting up the Fleet Patching and Provisioning server. Options: TRUE/FALSE.
GNS_VIP_ADDRESS	Optional	The Grid Naming Service (GNS) virtual IP address is required as a prerequisite to setting up the Fleet Patching and Provisioning Server. GNS will be created if it does not already exist.
REFERENCE_HOST	Optional	Specify the node on which to perform the FPP setup. If not specified, any one of the nodes in the cluster will be automatically chosen.
WORKING_DIRECTORY	Optional	Specify the working directory path to stage the required binaries for execution. By default, it will use the agent stage directory.



Variable	Required	Description
MIN_HEAP_SIZE	Optional	Specify the minimum heap size to be configured for the FPP server. Supported formats in gigabytes. (Ex: 3G)
MAX_HEAP_SIZE PREREQS_ONLY	Optional	Specify the maximum heap size to be configured for the FPP server. Supported formats in gigabytes. (Ex: 5G)
PREREQS_ONLY	Optional	Only run the prerequisite checks to verify readiness to setup the FPP server. Options: TRUE/FALSE (default: false).

List of supported variables for FPP client provisioning:

Variable	Required	Description
TARGET_NAME	Yes	Specify the cluster target name in EM to set up the FPP server.
NORMAL_USER	Yes	Specify the named credentials for the user who owns the Grid Infrastructure home (Credential Name:Owner).
ROOT_USER	Yes	Specify the named credentials for the privileged user (Credential Name:Owner). In the event that you do not have root access, the procedure will require manual intervention to run the root scripts.
FPP_SERVER_TARGET_NAME	Yes	Specify the cluster target name in EM which is already registered as an FPP Server.
FPP_SERVER_HOST_USER	Yes	Specify the named credentials for the user who owns the Grid Infrastructure home in FPP Server (Credential Name:Owner).
REFERENCE_HOST	Optional	Specify the node on which to setup the FPP Client. If not specified, any one of the nodes in the cluster will be automatically chosen.
WORKING_DIRECTORY	Optional	Specify the working directory path to stage the required binaries for execution. By default, it will use the agent stage directory.
FPP_SERVER_WORKING_DIRE Optional CTORY		Specify the working directory path from FPP Server to stage required binaries for execution. By default, it will use the agent stage directory.



Variable	Required	Description
PREREQS_ONLY	Optional	Only run the prerequisite checks to verify readiness to setup the FPP server. Options: TRUE/FALSE (default: false).

#### Provision FPP Server on Existing Grid Infrastructure

To configure the FPP Server on an existing Oracle Grid Infrastructure, ensure that the Grid Infrastructure Management Repository (GIMR) and Grid Naming Service (GNS) are already set up. If these components are not configured, they will be set up as part of this process. Additionally, the FPP Server requires a disk group and a mount location to store the software images.

#### EM CLI:

Command format:

```
emcli submit_procedure -input_file=data:"/home/user_name/FPP/
input.properties" -name="SETUP_FPP_SERVER"
```

When submitting an FPP server procedure, use the specific procedure name  ${\tt SETUP}\ {\tt FPP}\ {\tt SERVER}.$ 

For details about the <code>submit\_procedure</code> verb, see submit\_procedure using EMCLI in Command Line Interface Reference.

Example input file that contains all the required information:

```
TARGET_NAME=emracn0607

FPP_DISK_GROUP=MGMTDB

FPP_IMAGES_MOUNTPOINT=/scratch/cuser/fppImages

GNS_VIP_ADDRESS=emracn0607-gns.subnetlrg.emsubnet.companyvcn.com

NORMAL_USER=CUSER:SYSMAN

ROOT_USER=CUSER_ROOT:SYSMAN

MIN_HEAP_SIZE=3G

MAX_HEAP_SIZE=5G

REST_USER_NAME=restuser

REST_USER_PASSWORD=<password>

REST_USER_EMAIL=user@example.com
```

#### REST API:

#### **Endpoint:**

https://<OMS\_CONSOLE\_HOST>:OMS\_CONSOLE\_PORT>/em/api/deploymentProcedures/{deploymentProcedureId}/actions/submit

For details, see Submit deployment procedure using REST API in REST API for Oracle Enterprise Manager.

For the list of variables that can used for provisioning an FPP server, see List of Variables Used for Provisioning FPP Server and Client.



### Provision FPP Client on Existing Grid Infrastructure

To configure the FPP Client on an existing Oracle Grid Infrastructure, ensure that the FPP Server which the client will be associated with, is already registered and added as a target in Oracle Enterprise Manager. The client depends on this server being properly set up and accessible.

#### EM CLI:

Command format:

```
emcli submit_procedure -input_file=data:"/home/user_name/FPP/
input.properties" -name="SETUP FPP CLIENT"
```

When submitting an FPP client procedure, use the specific procedure name  ${\tt SETUP}\ {\tt FPP}\ {\tt CLIENT}.$ 

For details about the <code>submit\_procedure</code> verb, see submit\_procedure using EMCLI in Command Line Interface Reference.

Example input file that contains all the required information:

```
TARGET_NAME=emracp1011
NORMAL_USER=CUSER:SYSMAN
ROOT_USER=CUSER_ROOT:SYSMAN
FPP_SERVER_TARGET_NAME=emracn0607
FPP_SERVER_HOST_USER=CUSER:SYSMAN
WORKING DIRECTORY=/scratch/cuser/tmp
```

#### REST API:

Endpoint:

```
https://<OMS_CONSOLE_HOST>:OMS_CONSOLE_PORT>/em/api/deploymentProcedures/{deploymentProcedureId}/actions/submit
```

For details, see Submit deployment procedure using REST API in REST API for Oracle Enterprise Manager.

For the list of variables that can used for provisioning an FPP client, see List of Variables Used for Provisioning FPP Server and Client.

#### Provision an FPP Server and Grid Infrastructure

Provisioning an FPP Server along with Oracle Grid Infrastructure involves setting up and configuring the FPP Server in conjunction with Oracle Grid Infrastructure components. This process includes creating disk groups and configuring the Grid Infrastructure Management Repository (GIMR) and Grid Naming Service (GNS) to ensure seamless integration and operation.

#### EM CLI:

Command format:

```
emcli submit_procedure -input_file=data:"/home/user_name/FPP/
gi input.properties" -name="RACPROV2"
```

When submitting an FPP with GI procedure, use the specific procedure name RACPROV2.

For details about the <code>submit\_procedure</code> verb, see submit\_procedure using EMCLI in Command Line Interface Reference.

Example input file that contains all the required information:

```
ASMDBA GROUP=oinstall
ASMOPER GROUP=oinstall
ASM DISK LISTS=/mnt/emracdev/emracn0607/ASMDISK/disk1,/mnt/emracdev/
emracn0607/ASMDISK/disk2,/mnt/emracdev/emracn0607/ASMDISK/disk3
ASM DISK STRINGS=/mnt/emracdev/emracn0607/ASMDISK/disk*;/mnt/emracdev/
emracn0607/MGMTDB/disk*
AUTOVIP ENABLED=false
CLUSTER NAME=emracn0607
CONFIGURE ASMFD=false
CONFIGURE GIMR=true
CONFIGURE MODE=CONFIGURE ASM
CVU CHECK ERRORMODE=stop
DB COMPONENT=Fleet/OH19/linux64/DB19 18 - OH19 RU18
DB HOST NORMAL CREDNAMES=CUSER:SYSMAN
DB HOST ROOT CREDNAMES=CUSER ROOT:SYSMAN
DB INS CS GUID=0
DB ORACLE BASE LOC=/scratch/cuser/19c/racbase
DB ORACLE HOME LOC=/scratch/cuser/19c/rachome
DB PRODUCT VERSION=19.0.0.0.0
DEPLOY MODE=DEPLOY GI
DISKGROUP AU COMPATIBLE=DATA:4:::;MGMTDB:4:::
DISK GROUP NAMES=DATA, MGMTDB
FLEX ENABLED=false
GIMR DB ORACLE BASE LOC=/scratch/cuser/19c/racbase
GIMR DB ORACLE HOME LOC=/scratch/cuser/19c/rachome
GIMR DISK GROUP=MGMTDB
GIMR TYPE=NOGIMR
GI AU SIZE=4
GI CLUSTER TYPE=1
GI COMPONENT=Fleet/GI1919/linux64/GI 19 19 - GI 19 RU19
GI HOME SHARED=false
GI HOST NORMAL CREDNAMES=CUSER:SYSMAN
GI HOST ROOT CREDNAMES=CUSER ROOT:SYSMAN
GI ORACLE BASE LOC=/scratch/gridbase
GI ORACLE HOME LOC=/scratch/gridhome
GI PRODUCT VERSION=19.0.0.0.0
GI STORAGE TYPE=1
GNS ENABLED=true
GNS VIP ADDRESS=emracp1011-gns.subnet1rg.emsubnet.companyvcn.com
GRID DISK FLAG=true
GROUP VERSION=19.0.0.0.0
INTERFACE PARAM VALUE=ens3:100.75.0.0:1,ens4:192.168.1.0:5
NOT RELINK DB HOME SELECTED=false
NOT RELINK GIMR DB HOME SELECTED=false
NOT RELINK GI HOME SELECTED=false
OCR VDSK DISK GROUP=DATA
OINSTALL GROUP=oinstall
OSASM GROUP=oinstall
OSBACKUPDBA GROUP=oinstall
OSDBA GROUP=oinstall
OSDGDBA GROUP=oinstall
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```
OSKMDBA GROUP=oinstall
OSOPER GROUP=oinstall
OSRACDBA GROUP=oinstall
PAUSE AFTER PREREQ=false
PLATFORM ARUID=226
PREREQ CHECK ERRORMODE=continue
RAC DBCA MODE=CreateRACDatabase
RAC HOME SHARED=false
RAC STORAGE TYPE=1
REDUNDANCYS=NORMAL, NORMAL
ROLE NODENAMES=HUB, HUB
RUN CVU FROM OH=true
SCAN NAME=emracn0607-r.racdb-scan.emsubnet.companyvcn.com
SCAN PORT=1521
SKIP CVU CHECK=false
SKIP PREREQUISITE CHECKS=false
SOURCE TYPE=SOFTWARE LIBRARY
SSH SETUP=false
TARGET HOST LIST=emracn07.subnet1rg.emsubnet.companyvcn.com,emracn06.subnet
1rg2.emsubnet.companyvcn.com
VERSION GREATER 12102=true
VIP NODENAMES=emracn07-vip.subnet1rg.emsubnet.companyvcn.com,emracn06-
vip.subnet1rg.emsubnet.companyvcn.com
WORK DIR LOC=/tmp/
ASM SYS PASSWORD=oracle
FPP CONFIGURATION TYPE=server
FPP DISK GROUP=MGMTDB
FPP IMAGES MOUNTPOINT=/scratch/cuser/mount
REST USER NAME=restuser
REST USER PASSWORD=<password>
REST USER EMAIL=user@example.com
```

#### REST API:

#### **Endpoint:**

https://<OMS\_CONSOLE\_HOST>:OMS\_CONSOLE\_PORT>/em/api/deploymentProcedures/ {deploymentProcedureId}/actions/submit

For details, see Submit deployment procedure using REST API in REST API for Oracle Enterprise Manager.

For the list of variables that can used for provisioning an FPP server, see List of Variables Used for Provisioning FPP Server and Client.

#### Provision an FPP Client and Grid Infrastructure

Provisioning an FPP Client along with Oracle Grid Infrastructure involves setting up and configuring the FPP Client to operate effectively within the grid environment. Ensure that the FPP Server, with which the client will be associated, is already registered and added as a target in Enterprise Manager. This setup allows for proper communication and functionality within the grid.

#### EM CLI:

#### Command format:

```
emcli submit_procedure -input_file=data:"/home/user_name/FPP/
gi client input.properties"-name="RACPROV2"
```

When submitting an FPP with GI procedure, use the specific procedure name RACPROV2.

For details about the <code>submit\_procedure</code> verb, see submit\_procedure using EMCLI in Command Line Interface Reference.

Example input file that contains all the required information:

```
ASMDBA GROUP=oinstall
ASMOPER GROUP=oinstall
ASM DISK LISTS=/mnt/emracdev/emracp1011/ASMDISK/disk1,/mnt/emracdev/
emracp1011/ASMDISK/disk2,/mnt/emracdev/emracp1011/ASMDISK/disk3
ASM DISK STRINGS=/mnt/emracdev/emracp1011/ASMDISK/disk*
ASM FAILURE AND QUORUM GROUPS=/mnt/emracdev/emracp1011/ASMDISK/disk1||
false,/mnt/emracdev/emracp1011/ASMDISK/disk2||false,/mnt/emracdev/
emracp1011/ASMDISK/disk3||false
ASM OCRVDSK FAILURE AND QUORUM GROUPS=/mnt/emracdev/emracp1011/ASMDISK/
disk1||false,/mnt/emracdev/emracp1011/ASMDISK/disk2||false,/mnt/emracdev/
emracp1011/ASMDISK/disk3||false
ASM SYS PASSWORD=sample1
AUTOVIP ENABLED=false
CLUSTER NAME=emracp1011
CONFIGURE ASMFD=false
CONFIGURE GIMR=false
CONFIGURE MODE=CONFIGURE ASM
DB ORACLE BASE LOC=/u02/app/oracle
DB ORACLE HOME LOC=/u02/app/oracle/app/product/19.0.0.0.0/db
DB PRODUCT VERSION=19.0.0.0.0
DEPLOY MODE=DEPLOY GI
DISKGROUP AU COMPATIBLE=DATA:4:::
DISK GROUP NAMES=DATA
FLEX ENABLED=false
GIMR DB ORACLE BASE LOC=/u03/app/oracle
GIMR DB ORACLE HOME LOC=/u03/app/oracle/app/product/21.0.0.0/gimrdb
GIMR DISK GROUP=DATA
GIMR TYPE=NOGIMR
GI AU SIZE=4
GI CLUSTER TYPE=1
GI COMPONENT=Fleet/OH19/linux64/DB19 - RU19
GI HOME SHARED=false
GI HOST NORMAL CREDNAMES=CUSER:SYSMAN
GI HOST ROOT CREDNAMES=CUSER ROOT:SYSMAN
GI ORACLE BASE LOC=/scratch/gridbase
GI ORACLE HOME LOC=/scratch/gridhome
GI PRODUCT VERSION=19.0.0.0.0
GI STORAGE TYPE=1
GNS ENABLED=false
GRID DISK FLAG=true
GROUP VERSION=19.0.0.0.0
INTERFACE PARAM VALUE=ens3:100.75.0.0:1,ens4:192.168.1.0:5
NOT RELINK DB HOME SELECTED=false
NOT RELINK GIMR DB HOME SELECTED=false
```

```
NOT RELINK GI HOME SELECTED=false
OCR VDSK DISK GROUP=DATA
OINSTALL GROUP=oinstall
OSASM GROUP=oinstall
PAUSE AFTER PREREQ=false
PLATFORM ARUID=226
PREREQ CHECK ERRORMODE=continue
RAC DBCA MODE=CreateRACDatabase
RAC HOME SHARED=false
RAC STORAGE TYPE=1
REDUNDANCYS=NORMAL
ROLE NODENAMES=HUB, HUB
RUN CVU FROM OH=true
SCAN NAME=emracp1011-r.racdb-scan.emsubnet.companyvcn.com
SCAN PORT=1521
SKIP CVU CHECK=true
SKIP PREREQUISITE CHECKS=false
SOURCE TYPE=SOFTWARE LIBRARY
SSH SETUP=false
TARGET HOST LIST=emracp10.subnet1rg2.emsubnet.companyvcn.com,emracp11.subne
t1rg2.emsubnet.example.com
VERSION GREATER 12102=true
VIP NODENAMES=emracp10-vip.subnet1rg2.emsubnet.companyvcn.com,emracp11-
vip.subnet1rg2.emsubnet.companyvcn.com
FPP SERVER TARGET NAME=emracn0607
FPP SERVER HOST USER=CUSER:SYSMAN
FPP CONFIGURATION TYPE=client
#PREREQS ONLY=true
WORK DIR LOC=/tmp/
```

#### REST API:

#### Endpoint:

https://<OMS\_CONSOLE\_HOST>:OMS\_CONSOLE\_PORT>/em/api/deploymentProcedures/{deploymentProcedureId}/actions/submit

For details, see Submit deployment procedure using REST API in REST API for Oracle Enterprise Manager.

For the list of variables that can used for provisioning an FPP client, see List of Variables Used for Provisioning FPP Server and Client.

# Register FPP Server and Client

Once the FPP server and client are provisioned, register them in Oracle Enterprise Manager. These steps are for the existing FPP servers and clients that are not yet registered in Oracle Enterprise Manager.



If you provisioned your FPP server and client using the steps outlined in Provision an FPP Server and Client, you can skip the below steps since the server and client are already registered.

Discover the FPP Server host/cluster as well as all the clusters where the FPP client will be deployed as host/cluster targets in Oracle Enterprise Manager.

You can discover targets in Oracle Enterprise Manager by configuring auto-discovery, or by using either a guided or a declarative discovery process. See Discovering and Adding Host Targets in *Enterprise Manager Monitoring Guide*.

 Register an FPP Server Using EM CLI: Command format:

```
emcli db_software_maintenance
-setup -registerFPPServer
-input file="data:/<fileLocation>"
```

For more information about the db\_software\_maintenance verb, see db\_software\_maintenance in *Command Line Interface Reference*. For information about the setup parameter, see db\_sm\_setup(FPP) in *Command Line Interface Reference*.

Example input file that contains all the required information:

- denotes an optional parameter.
- Register an FPP Client Using EM CLI:

Command format:

```
emcli db_software_maintenance
-setup -registerFPPClient
-input file="data:/<fileLocation>"
```

For more information about the db\_software\_maintenance verb, see db\_software\_maintenance, and for information on the setup parameter, see db\_sm\_setup(FPP) in Command Line Interface Reference.

Example input file that contains all the required information:

```
{
    "serverName": "<ServerName>",
    "clientName": "<Client Name>"
}
```



# Image Maintenance

Exadata Infrastructure Patching using Fleet Maintenance is a gold image based patching solution. You can opt into an image, create a gold image, and update a gold image using the steps below.

#### Topics:

- · Opt in an Image
- Create a Gold Image
- · Mark a Gold Image as Current



Following is a list of term equivalencies between FPP and Oracle Enterprise Manager:

- FPP series equates to Oracle Enterprise Manager image
- FPP image equates to Oracle Enterprise Manager version

## Opt in an Image

Fleet Maintenance offers the flexibility to leverage an existing image stored in FPP tool for patching all supported Exadata components. Opting in allows for the images to be updated in an easier manner with newer versions, allowing targets to subscribe to the series and not have to resubscribe to each new image version.

Opt in is an optional process. You can skip the opt in if you fulfill any of the following conditions:

- You don't plan to utilize an existing FPP image
- You want to create/update a new image

To opt into an existing FPP image, follow these steps:

1. Review all available images and obtain the Series ID for the FPP image with the following EM CLI command:

```
emcli db software maintenance -getImages -all
```

Review the available FPP Server series by querying the FPP server and listing the image series.

EMCLI command format:

```
emcli db_software_maintenance -setup -getFPPSeries
    -input file="data:/scratch/<user name>/fpp/payload.properties"
```

Example input file that contains all the required information:



FPP Servers must use target type cluster.

List all available FPP images. EMCLI command format:

```
emcli db_software_maintenance -setup -getFPPImages
    -input_file="data:/scratch/<user_name>/fpp/payload.properties"
```

Example input file that contains all the required information:

```
{
    ["seriesId": "<Series ID>",]
    ["seriesName": "<Series Name>",]
    ["serverName": "<Server Name>"]
}
```

- [ ] denotes an optional parameter. To list the available FPP images, enter the series ID or both series name and server name.
- **4.** Opt in the FPP series. In this step, the image series information is stored in Oracle Enterprise Manager.

**EMCLI** command format:

```
emcli db_software_maintenance -setup -optInFPPSeries -
input file="data:<fileLocation>"
```

For more information about the db\_software\_maintenance verb, see db\_software\_maintenance in *Command Line Interface Reference*. For information about the setup parameter, see db\_sm\_setup(FPP) in *Command Line Interface Reference*.

Example input files that contains all the required information:

Example input file for Database Node:

```
{
"seriesId":"<Series ID>",
"targetType":"host",
"imageFile":"<imagefile.zip>",
"patchManagerLocation":"<location of patch manager>",
"currentVersionImageId":"<current image ID>"
}
```

Example input file for Switch:

```
{
"seriesId":"<Series ID>",
"targetType":"oracle_si_netswitch",
"imageFile":"<imagefile.zip>",
"currentVersionImageId":"<current image ID>"
}
```

Example input file for Storage Server:

```
{
"targetName": "<target name>",
```

```
"targetType": "oracle_exadata"
"patchManagerLocation":<full location path>.
}
```

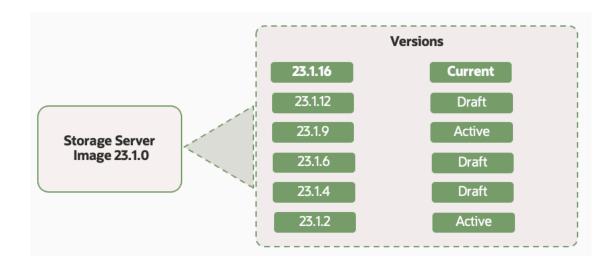
For opt in REST API details, see Database Maintenance- Using Oracle Fleet Patching And Provisioning (FPP) REST Endpoints in REST API for Oracle Enterprise Manager.

# Create a Gold Image

A gold image represents a specific Exadata release for a particular target type. It can include multiple versions aligned with the corresponding Exadata software release. Each time a new Exadata version is released, a new gold image version is created.



To maintain efficiency and storage optimization, Oracle recommends limiting each gold image to three versions.





For FPP patching, the gold image must reside in the FPP server and not in Oracle Enterprise Manager. Note this for FPP server storage space considerations.

Follow these steps to create an FPP gold image:

#### 1. Download Patches:

Review and download Exadata patches using MOS Note: Exadata Database Machine and Exadata Storage Server Supported Versions 888828.1

### 2. Create a gold image:

EMCLI command format:

```
emcli db_software_maintenance -createSoftwareImage -input_file="data:/
<location>/fpp_image"
```

For more information about the createSoftwareImage verb, see db sm createSoftwareimage in *Command Line Interface Reference*.

Example input file with suitable information depending on the Exadata resource type to be patched:

Example input file for Storage Server:

```
IMAGE_NAME=EMCLI_INSTALL_FEST_STORAGE_SERIES

VERSION_NAME=EMCLI_INSTALL_FEST_STORAGE_IMAGE_v01

IMAGE_VERSION=22.1.3.0.0

FPP_SERVER_HOST=emracr06.subnet.example.com

IMAGE_LOCATION=/mnt/emrac/patches/patches_22.1.3.0.0/

storage_22.1.3.0.0.220914

WORKING_DIRECTORY=/tmp

REF_HOST_CREDENTIALS=FPP_SERVER_CUSER:SYSMAN

IMAGE_DESCRIPTION=Image description for metadata

TARGET_TYPE=oracle_exadata

STORAGE_FILE=p34568888_221300_Linux-x86-64.zip
```

Example input file for Switch:

```
IMAGE_NAME=Exadata_switch_Series_2317_1
VERSION_NAME=Exadata_switch_Image_2317_1
IMAGE_VERSION=22.1.3.0.0.221207
FPP_SERVER_HOST=emracr06.subnet.example.com
IMAGE_LOCATION=/scratch/switch_231700
WORKING_DIRECTORY=/tmp
REF_HOST_CREDENTIALS=FPP_SERVER_CUSER:SYSMAN
IMAGE_DESCRIPTION=Image description for metadata
TARGET_TYPE=oracle_si_netswitch
SWITCH_FILE=p36261780_2311200_Linux-x86-64.zip
```

Example input file for Database Node:

```
IMAGE_NAME=Exadata_dbnode_Series_2317_1
VERSION_NAME=Exadata_dbnode_Version_2317_1
IMAGE_VERSION=22.1.3.0.0.221207
FPP_SERVER_HOST=emracr06.subnet.example.com
IMAGE_LOCATION=/scratch/dbnode_231700
WORKING_DIRECTORY=/tmp
REF_HOST_CREDENTIALS=FPP_SERVER_CUSER:SYSMAN
IMAGE_DESCRIPTION=Image description for metadata
TARGET_TYPE=host
DBNODE_FILE=p36261778_2311200_Linux-x86-64.zip
PATCH_MANAGER_LOCATION=dbserver_patch_220810
```

- IMAGE\_VERSION must contain the full version name including patch date. For example 22.1.3.0.0.221207.
- Patch manager location file must be unzipped and copied into Compute node (domU) image folder.

#### 3. Create an image version:

For recurring patch cycles, a new image version can be created in an existing gold image. This avoids having to create a new gold image for each new patch for the same component version. This requires an additional parameter FPP IMAGE ID.

#### EMCLI command format to create the gold image:

```
emcli db_software_maintenance -createSoftwareImage -input_file="data:/
<location>/fpp_image"
```

For more information about the <code>createSoftwareImage</code> verb, see db\_sm\_createsoftwareimage in *Command Line Interface Reference*.

Example input file with suitable information depending on the Exadata resource type to be patched:

Example input file for Storage Server:

```
FPP_IMAGE_ID=1C3BAEBE500B3F67E063DF034B64620
VERSION_NAME=EMCLI_INSTALL_FEST_STORAGE_IMAGE_v01
IMAGE_VERSION=22.1.3.0.0
FPP_SERVER_HOST=emracr06.subnet.example.com
IMAGE_LOCATION=/mnt/emrac/patches/patches_22.1.3.0.0/
storage_22.1.3.0.0.220914
WORKING_DIRECTORY=/tmp
REF_HOST_CREDENTIALS=FPP_SERVER_CUSER:SYSMAN
IMAGE_DESCRIPTION=Image description for metadata
TARGET_TYPE=oracle_exadata
STORAGE_FILE=p34568888_221300_Linux-x86-64.zip
```

Example input file for Switch:

```
FPP_IMAGE_ID=1C3BAEBE500B3F67E063DF034B64620
VERSION_NAME=Exadata_switch_Version_2317_1
IMAGE_VERSION=22.1.3.0.0.221207
FPP_SERVER_HOST=emracr06.subnet.example.com
IMAGE_LOCATION=/scratch/switch_231700
WORKING_DIRECTORY=/tmp
REF_HOST_CREDENTIALS=FPP_SERVER_CUSER:SYSMAN
IMAGE_DESCRIPTION=Image description for metadata
TARGET_TYPE=oracle_si_netswitch
SWITCH_FILE=p36261780_2311200_Linux-x86-64.zip
```

Example input file for Database Node:

```
FPP_IMAGE_ID=1C3BAEBE500B3F67E063DF034B64620
VERSION_NAME=Exadata_dbnode_Version_2317_1
IMAGE_VERSION=22.1.3.0.0.221207
FPP_SERVER_HOST=emracr06.subnet.example.com
IMAGE_LOCATION=/scratch/dbnode_231700
WORKING_DIRECTORY=/tmp
REF_HOST_CREDENTIALS=FPP_SERVER_CUSER:SYSMAN
IMAGE_DESCRIPTION=Image description for metadata
TARGET_TYPE=host
DBNODE_FILE=p36261778_2311200_Linux-x86-64.zip
PATCH_MANAGER_LOCATION=dbserver_patch_220810
```

 IMAGE\_VERSION must contain the full version name including patch date. For example, 22.1.3.0.0.221207.  Patch manager location file must be unzipped and copied into Compute node (domU) image folder.

## Mark a Gold Image as Current

When an updated version of the image is created, this new version must be marked as *Current*. This indicates that the upcoming patching operation applies patches based on this *Current* version.

The marking of a gold image has two-part cycle:

- Initial patching cycle:
  - Create a gold image that serves as the baseline for patching. See step 2 in Create a Gold Image.
  - 2. Subscribe the targets to the initially created gold image.
  - 3. Patch the targets with the gold image.
- Recurring patching cycle:
  - Create a new version of the existing the gold image. See step 3 in Create a Gold Image.
  - 2. Mark the latest version as Current.
  - 3. Patch the targets with the latest version of the gold image.

EMCLI command format to set the gold image as *current* based on the Exadata type:

EMCLI command format for Storage Server:

```
emcli db_software_maintenance
-updateVersionStatus
-version_id="166E5A0FA92D6D46E063DF034B64E21E"
-status="CURRENT"
-image_id="15314B07900969F6E063DF034B64F40C"
-targetType="oracle_exadata"
-imageFile="/home/<user name>/FPP/p34568888 221300 Linux-x86-64";
```

EMCLI command format for Switch:

```
emcli db_software_maintenance
-updateVersionStatus
-version_id="166E5A0FA92D6D46E063DF034B64E21E"
-status="CURRENT"
-image_id="15314B07900969F6E063DF034B64F40C"
-targetType="oracle_si_netswitch"
-imageFile="/home/<user name>/FPP/p34568888 221300 Linux-x86-64";
```

EMCLI command format for Database Node:

```
emcli db_software_maintenance
-updateVersionStatus
-version_id="166E5A0FA92D6D46E063DF034B64E21E"
-status="CURRENT"
-image_id="15314B07900969F6E063DF034B64F40C"
-targetType="host"
```



```
-imageFile="/home/<user name>/FPP/p34568888_221300_Linux-x86-64"
[-patchManagerLocation="dbserver_patch_220810";]
```

[ ] denotes an optional parameter.

For more information about the updateVersionStatus verb, see db\_sm\_updateversionstatus in Command Line Interface Reference.

# Subscribe Exadata Targets

To use Fleet Maintenance patching, the Exadata targets must be subscribed to appropriate image for each Exadata component. An Exadata target should be subscribed to only one gold image at a time.

To subscribe Exadata targets to the updated (latest) gold image, use the following EMCLI command format based on the Exadata type:

• EMCLI command format for Storage Server:

```
emcli db_software_maintenance
-subscribeTarget
-target_type="oracle_exadata"
-target_list="cell1.subdom.example.com,cell2.subdom.example.com"
-image id="148AFC66D2523DDDE063DF034B64E36D"
```

EMCLI command format for Switch:

```
emcli db_software_maintenance
-subscribeTarget
-target_type="oracle_si_netswitch"
-target_list="switch4.subdom.example.com, switch05.subdom.example.com"
-image_id="148AFC66D2523DDDE063DF034B64E36D"
```

EMCLI command format for **Database Node**:

```
emcli db_software_maintenance
-subscribeTarget
-target_type="host"
-
target_list="exadatabase4.subdom.example.com, exadatabse5.subdom.example.com
"
-image id="148AFC66D2523DDDE063DF034B64E36D"
```

After the targets are subscribed, you can proceed to patching.

For more information about the subscribeTarget verb, see db\_sm\_subscribetarget in Command Line Interface Reference.

# **Exadata Fleet Maintenance Patching Operations**

After configuring and registering FPP server and client in Oracle Enterprise Manager, creating a gold image, and subscribing targets to the image, you're now ready to deploy the image, perform validations and update the targets.

Following is a list of operations required to successfully patch an Exadata target. The first step is to deploy the image followed by submitting an optional validation and finally performing the image update.

- Deploy a Patch
- Update a Patch

For the UI flow to perform a patch deployment and/or update, see Patch Exadata Infrastructure with the Fleet Maintenance UI.

For REST API Exadata Patching operations see Database Maintenance- Using Oracle Fleet Patching And Provisioning (FPP) REST Endpoints in REST API for Oracle Enterprise Manager.

#### Patch Exadata Infrastructure with the Fleet Maintenance UI

- 1. In Oracle Enterprise Manager, click **Targets**, and select **Exadata**. In the Engineered Systems page, click **Actions**, and select **Fleet Maintenance**.
- 2. In the Targets page, select the FPP image to which the Exadata component are subscribed. You can filter by **Image** to select the gold image to use. There are three supported components *Exadata storage cells*, *network switches*, and *hosts*. After you select an image, the **Target Type** is automatically populated. Verify that Update appears under **Operation**.
- Select all the Exadata infrastructure targets that require a patch deployment and/or update, and click Next.
- 4. In the Tasks page, **Software Deployment** is automatically selected.
  - a. Enter the **Deployment Path**, where the patch will be staged, and specify a **Start** time.
  - b. If you want to both deploy and update at the same time, then select **Update Exadata** option, and specify a **Start** time.
    - The scheduled time for the update can be **Immediately/Auto** or **Later**. If you select **Immediately**, the patching task begins immediately after the deployment task is completed. When selecting **Later**, ensure that there is ample time between operations in case of issues.
  - c. In the **Credentials** section, specify the FPP REST user credential to use.
  - **d.** Under **Options**, enter the **Work Directory** and add any additional FPP options for the deployment and update operations.
  - e. After all the fields are entered and verified, click **Next**.
- 5. In the Review page, verify that all the information entered is correct, and click on **Validate**. Select **Quick** to perform a quick validation or **Full** to perform a full validation. Full validation submits a deployment procedure and submits the FPP command with the -eval=true flag.
  - After the validation completes successfully, submit the operation by clicking **Submit**. Enter a name for the procedure and click **Submit** again.
- 6. Click **Monitor Progress** to view the operation in the Procedure Activity Page.

After the procedure is successfully complete, you have updated your Exadata infrastructure.

## Deploy a Patch

A patch is deployed to the Gold Image before an update operation.

To deploy a patch, use the following EMCLI command format based on the Exadata component to patch:

#### EMCLI command format for Storage Server:

```
emcli db_software_maintenance
-performOperation
-name="Deploy Exadata Storage Cell node"
-purpose=DEPLOY_EXADATA_SOFTWARE
-target_type=oracle_exadata -target_list="cell1,cell2"
-input_file="data:/scratch/user_name/fpp/deployExadata.prop"
[-start schedule="2024/04/20 06:10"]
```

#### EMCLI command format for Switch:

```
emcli db_software_maintenance
-performOperation
-name="Deploy Exadata IB Switch node"
-purpose=DEPLOY_EXADATA_SOFTWARE
-target_type=oracle_si_netswitch
-target_list="Switch1,Switch2"
-input_file="data:/scratch/user_name/fpp/deployExadata.prop"
[-start schedule="2024/04/20 06:10"]
```

#### EMCLI command format for Database Node:

```
emcli db_software_maintenance
-performOperation
-name="Deploy Exadata DB node"
-purpose=DEPLOY_EXADATA_SOFTWARE
-target_type=host
-target_list="DB1"
-input_file="data:/scratch/user_name/fpp/deployExadata.prop"
[-start schedule="2024/04/20 06:10"]
```

For more information about the performOperation Deploy verb, see db sm performoperation deploy in *Command Line Interface Reference*.

#### Example input file for all Exadata types:

```
WORKING_DIRECTORY=/tmp
PATCH EXTRACT LOCATION=/<path>
```

#### [ ] denotes an optional parameter.

The PATCH\_EXTRACT\_LOCATION path must be a fully qualified path where the Exadata patch will be stored. If you want to patch multiple Exadata targets of a similar type, then create all directories using the same path location.

## Update a Patch

It is recommended that before you perform a patch update, you first perform a validation.

#### Topics:

- Validate a Patch
- Update a Patch



#### Validate a Patch

EMCLI command format to perform a validation based on Exadata type patch:

EMCLI command format for Storage Server:

```
emcli db_software_maintenance
-performOperation
-name="Update Storage Cell node"
-purpose="UPDATE_EXADATA_SOFTWARE"
-target_list="Cell,Cell2"
-target_type="oracle_exadata"
-input file="data:/user name/fppinstallfest/updateExadata.prop"
```

EMCLI command format for Switch:

```
emcli db_software_maintenance
-performOperation
-name="Update IB Switch node"
-purpose="UPDATE_EXADATA_SOFTWARE"
-target_list="IB1,IB2"
-target_type="oracle_si_netswitch"
-input file="data:/user_name/fppinstallfest/updateExadata.prop"
```

EMCLI command format for Database Node:

```
emcli db_software_maintenance
-performOperation
-name="Update DB node"
-purpose="UPDATE_EXADATA_SOFTWARE"
-target_list="exadatabase2.subdom.example.com"
-target_type="host"
-input_file="data:/user_name/fppinstallfest/updateExadata.prop"
```

For more information about the performOperation Update verb, see db sm performoperation update in *Command Line Interface Reference*.

Example input file that contains all the required information:

```
WORKING_DIRECTORY=/tmp
fppOptions={"eval": "true"}
```

#### Update a Patch

EMCLI command format to perform a patch update based on Exadata target type:

EMCLI command format for Storage Server:

```
emcli db_software_maintenance
-performOperation
-name="Update Storage Cell node"
-purpose="UPDATE_EXADATA_SOFTWARE"
-target_list="Cell,Cell2"
-target_type="oracle_exadata
-input_file="data:/user_name/fppinstallfest/updateExadata.prop"
```



#### EMCLI command format for Switch:

```
emcli db_software_maintenance
-performOperation
-name="Update IB Switch node"
-purpose="UPDATE_EXADATA_SOFTWARE"
-target_list="IB1, IB2"
-target_type="oracle_si_netswitch"
-input file="data:/user_name/fppinstallfest/updateExadata.prop"
```

EMCLI command format for Database Node:

```
emcli db_software_maintenance
-performOperation
-name="Update DB node"
-purpose="UPDATE_EXADATA_SOFTWARE" -
target_list="exadatabase2.subdom.example.com"
-target_type="host"
-input file="data:/user name/fppinstallfest/updateExadata.prop"
```

For more information about the performOperation Update verb, see db\_sm\_performoperation\_update in Command Line Interface Reference.

Example input file that contains all the required information:

```
WORKING DIRECTORY=/<Location of directory>
```

## Rollback Exadata Patches

Should a rollback be required after successfully deploying a patch on your Exadata targets, you can do that and retry patches using EMCLI commands.

Before you consider performing a rollback, verify if the patch update procedure is successful or not. Following the instructions at Track, Fix and Resume Operations in *Enterprise Manager Database Lifecycle Management Administrator's Guide*.

#### Topics:

- · Evaluate if a Rollback is Possible
- Rollback an Update

To retry an operation, see Exadata Fleet Maintenance Patching Operations.

#### **Evaluate if a Rollback is Possible**

EMCLI command format to verify if an update can be rolled back based on Exadata type:

EMCLI command format for Storage Server:

```
emcli db_software_maintenance
-performOperation
-name="Rollback Storage Cell node"
-purpose="ROLLBACK_EXADATA_SOFTWARE"
-target_list="Cel1,Cel12"
-target_type="oracle_exadata"
-input_file="data://home/user_name/fppinstallfest/updateExadata.prop"
```

#### EMCLI command format for Switch:

```
emcli db_software_maintenance
-performOperation
-name="Rollback IB Switch node"
-purpose="ROLLBACK_EXADATA_SOFTWARE"
-target_list="IB1, IB2"
-target_type="oracle_si_netswitch"
-input file="data://home/user_name/fppinstallfest/updateExadata.prop"
```

EMCLI command format for Database Node:

```
emcli db_software_maintenance
-performOperation -name="Rollback DB node"
-purpose="ROLLBACK_EXADATA_SOFTWARE"
-target_list="exadatadatabase3.subnet.example.com"
-target_type="host"
-input_file="data://home/user_name/fppinstallfest/updateExadata.prop"
```

For more information about the performOperation Rollback verb, see db\_sm\_performoperation\_rollback in Command Line Interface Reference.

Example input file that contains all the required information:

```
WORKING_DIRECTORY=/<work directory>
fppOptions={"eval":"true"}
```

#### Rollback an Update

EMCLI command format to rollback an update operation based on Exadata type:

EMCLI command format for Storage Server:

```
emcli db_software_maintenance
-performOperation
-name="Rollback Storage Cell node"
-purpose="ROLLBACK_EXADATA_SOFTWARE"
-target_list="Cell, Cell2"
-target_type="oracle_exadata"
-input file="data://home/user name/fppinstallfest/updateExadata.prop"
```

EMCLI command format for Switch:

```
emcli db_software_maintenance
-performOperation
-name="Rollback IB Switch node"
-purpose="ROLLBACK_EXADATA_SOFTWARE"
-target_list="IB1,IB2"
-target_type="oracle_si_netswitch"
-input file="data://home/user name/fppinstallfest/updateExadata.prop"
```

EMCLI command format for Database Node:

```
emcli db_software_maintenance
-performOperation -name="Rollback DB node"
```

```
-purpose="ROLLBACK_EXADATA_SOFTWARE"
-target_list="exadatadatabase3.subnet.example.com"
-target_type="host"
-input file="data://home/user name/fppinstallfest/updateExadata.prop"
```

For more information about the performOperation Rollback verb, see db sm performoperation rollback in *Command Line Interface Reference*.

Example input file that contains all the required information:

```
WORKING DIRECTORY=/<work directory>
```

# Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Pack Features

#### **Topics:**

- Database Fleet Backup Configuration for Recovery Appliance
- Database Fleet Backup Scheduling for Recovery Appliance
- Touchless Automated End-to-End Database Fleet Backup Management
- Recovery Appliance Protected Database Fleet Archival Backup Management
- Database Fleet Advanced Backup Configuration for Recovery Appliance Using EMCLI

#### **Database Fleet Backup Credential Prerequisites**

The database fleet backup configuration and scheduling operations require both database user and host user credentials in order to perform configuration and backup tasks at the database and operating system levels. Either Enterprise Manager named or preferred credentials can be used, and they must be configured prior to performing these operations. To manage named and preferred credentials, see Configuring and Using Target Credentials in *Cloud Control Security Guide*.

The specific user requirements for backup configuration and scheduling operations are as follows:

- The database user must have SYSDBA or SYSBACKUP role.
- The host (operating system) user must have write and execute permission for the database Oracle home.

To use named credentials, create the following:

- Database credentials: A database named credential with global scope (that is, applicable
  to all database targets) that specifies a database user meeting the above requirements for
  all databases in the operation.
- Host credentials: A database host named credential with global scope (that is, applicable
  to all database targets) that specifies an operating system user meeting the above
  requirements for all databases in the operation.

Alternatively, preferred credentials can be used. Since preferred credentials can be configured globally or for each individual database, they are recommended if a single credential cannot be used for all databases. To use preferred credentials, configure the following:

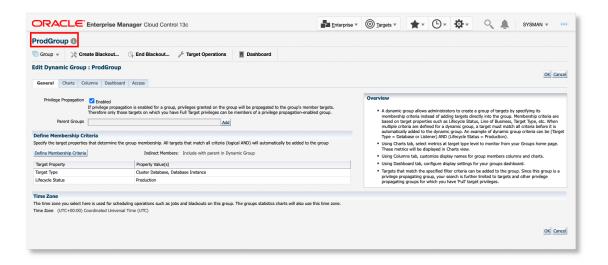
 Database credentials: Default and/or target (per-database) preferred credentials of credential set type SYSDBA Database Credentials Host credentials: Default and/or target (per-database) preferred credentials of credentials
 set type Database Host Credentials

#### Use Groups for Configuring and Scheduling Fleet Backup to Recovery Appliance

The **Configure Fleet Backup to Recovery Appliance** wizard can be run against an Oracle Enterprise Manager *group* target. All databases within the group are configured to backup to the selected Recovery Appliance. This is particularly useful if the Oracle Enterprise Manager groups are already being used to group and manage the database targets. You can use the same group to schedule backups for the databases. Additionally, if the group is a dynamic group, the fleet backup configuration deployment procedure can be scheduled to run on a recurring interval, and new databases that subsequently join the group will be automatically processed and configured for backup during the next scheduled procedure implementation. Similarly, after the databases are configured, they will be automatically backed during the next scheduled implementation of the fleet backup deployment procedure. See Touchless Automated End-to-End Database Fleet Backup Management.

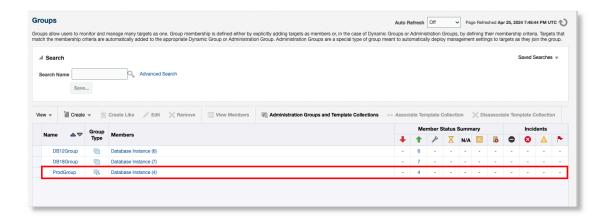
#### **Group Membership Criteria:**

The following image shows the group *ProdGroup*, a dynamic group which contains all cluster databases or single-instance databases that have their Lifecycle Status set to *Production*.



#### **Group Members:**

The following image shows that *ProdGroup* currently has 4 database members:





# Database Fleet Backup Configuration for Recovery Appliance

You can use **Configure Fleet Backup to Recovery Appliance** UI to configure a fleet of databases to send backups and redo to a Recovery Appliance. The databases can be either non-Data Guard or Data Guard databases. A second Recovery Appliance can also be configured as an alternate backup destination, referred to as backup and recovery continuity.

#### Topics:

- Prerequisites
- Launch the Configure Fleet Backup to Recovery Appliance Wizard
- Configure Non-Data Guard Databases to Send Backups and Redo to a Recovery Appliance
- Configure Non-Data Guard Databases for Recovery Appliance Backup and Recovery Continuity
- Configure Data Guard Databases to Send Backups and Redo to a Recovery Appliance
- Set Up Automatic Database Fleet Backup Configuration for Recovery Appliance

#### **Prerequisites**

- Ensure that the Recovery Appliances that will be configured as the backup destinations have the *Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Pack* license enabled.
- Optionally, create a group with all the databases for which you want to configure backups.
- Identify the Virtual Private Catalog User who has access (permissions) to configure the backups for the selected databases.
- Credentials: Database Fleet Backup Credential Prerequisites

Launch the Configure Fleet Backup to Recovery Appliance Wizard

To launch the wizard, from the **Targets** menu, click **Recovery Appliance**. In the **Recovery Appliances** page, under **Actions**, click **Configure Fleet Backup to Recovery Appliance**.

Configure Non-Data Guard Databases to Send Backups and Redo to a Recovery Appliance

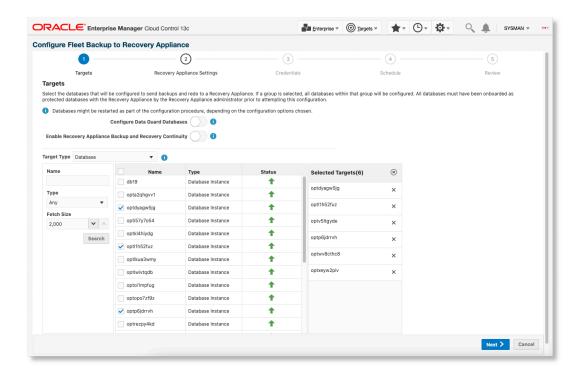
#### In the Configure Fleet Backup to Recovery Appliance wizard:

- Targets page:
  - If the databases to be configured are Data Guard primary databases, enable
     Configure Data Guard Databases. In the following example, this option is not enabled.
  - Select Enable Recovery Appliance Backup and Recovery Continuity if required. In
    the following example, this option is not selected.
    For more information about this option, see Configure Non-Data Guard Databases for
    Recovery Appliance Backup and Recovery Continuity. Both the Recovery Appliances
    must have the Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Pack enabled. This
    feature can be used only if at least two Recovery Appliances have the pack enabled.



- Select the **Target Type**. Select Database if the configuration is for individual databases. Select Group if the configuration is for a fleet of databases.
- Select the targets to configure the backups for. Select individual databases or groups containing databases.

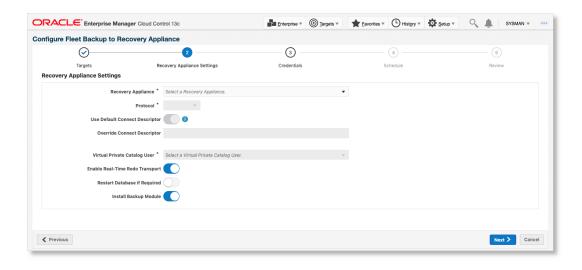
The target selector filters the targets displayed depending on the above selection. The following example shows the selection of non-Data Guard databases and individual databases.



#### 2. Recovery Appliance Settings page:

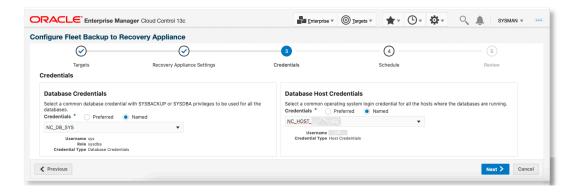
- Select the Recovery Appliance to send the backups to. All the Recovery Appliances
  recognized by Oracle Enterprise Manager are available in the menu. You can only
  configure backups to a Recovery Appliance that has the Zero Data Loss Recovery
  Appliance Management Pack enabled.
- For **Protocol**, select TCP or TCPS. If your Recovery Appliance supports only one protocol, then that is selected by default.
- Optionally, you can specify Override Connect Descriptor to override the one used by Oracle Enterprise Manager to connect to the Recovery Appliance.
- Select the Virtual Private Catalog User to use for sending the backups. All the virtual
  private catalog users for this Recovery Appliance that are known to Oracle Enterprise
  Manager are listed here. Select a virtual private catalog user who has access to the
  recovery catalog metadata for all the selected databases.
- Optionally, you can opt to Enable Real-Time Redo Transport to the Recovery Appliance.
- Optionally, select whether to install the Recovery Appliance backup module (recommended for *pre-23ai database versions*).





#### Credentials page:

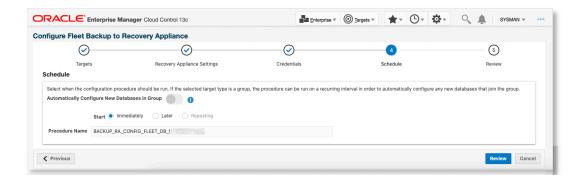
- Select either preferred or named database credentials as per the requirements in Prerequisites.
- Select either preferred or named database host credentials as per the requirements in Prerequisites.



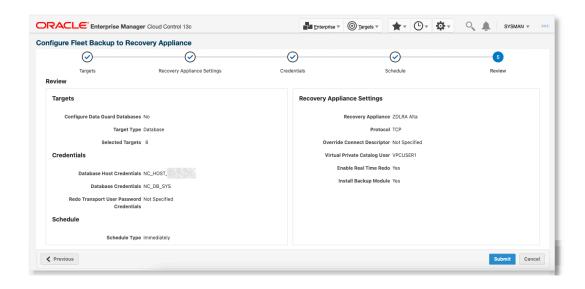
#### Schedule page:

- Enable Automatically Configure New Databases in Group if required. For details, see Set Up Automatic Database Fleet Backup Configuration for Recovery Appliance.
- Specify when to run the deployment procedure. In the case of individual databases, select from Immediately or Later. In the case of a group of databases, you can also select Repeating if you want the deployment procedure to run on a recurring interval to automatically configure any new databases that join the group. In the following example, this option is not available because the use case is for individual databases.
- Specify a uniquely identifiable name for the deployment procedure that's submitted to perform the configuration.





Review page: Verify the selection made in the wizard. Click Submit.



The deployment procedure to configure these databases to backup to the Recovery Appliance is submitted. A link to the deployment procedure is displayed in the confirmation dialog.

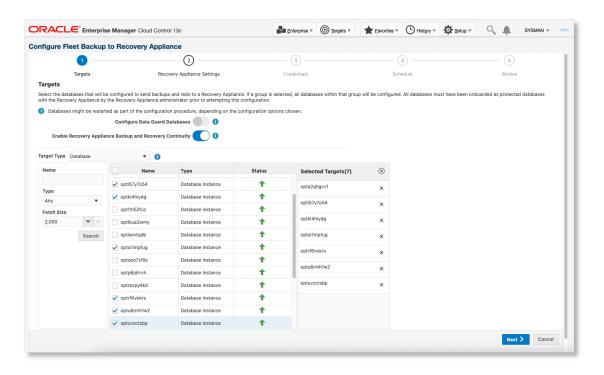
# Configure Non-Data Guard Databases for Recovery Appliance Backup and Recovery Continuity

For details about the wizard options, see Configure Non-Data Guard Databases to Send Backups and Redo to a Recovery Appliance. For the options that are unique to configuring non-Data Guard databases for Recovery Appliance backup and recovery continuity, see below:

In the Targets page, select Enable Recovery Appliance Backup and Recovery Continuity.

The Recovery Appliance Backup and Recovery Continuity option allows you to specify a preferred Recovery Appliance for backups and also provide an alternate Recovery Appliance to use if the preferred appliance is down or unreachable. This option is currently available only with non-Data Guard databases. Both the Recovery Appliances must have the *Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Pack* enabled. This feature can be used only if at least two Recovery Appliances have the pack enabled.

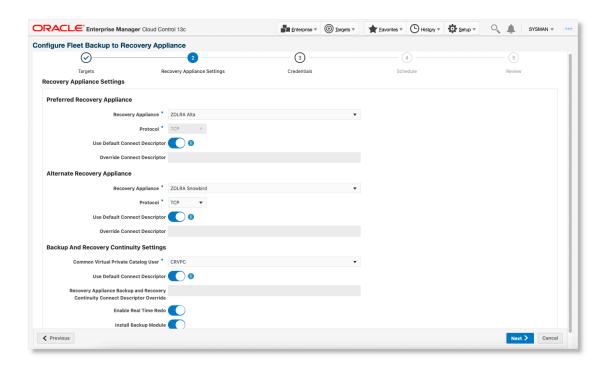




In the Recovery Appliance Settings page:

- Select the Preferred Recovery Appliance, specify the Protocol, and optionally provide the Override Connect Descriptor.
- Select the Alternate Recovery Appliance, specify the Protocol, and optionally provide the Override Connect Descriptor.
- Optionally, provide the Override Connect Descriptor.

The Common Virtual Private Recovery User must be common and have the same password for both Recovery Appliances.

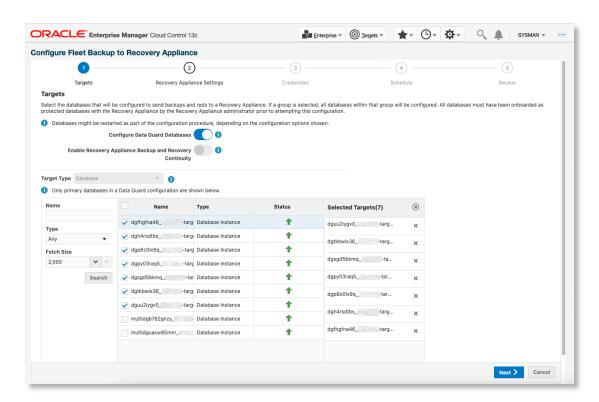


# Configure Data Guard Databases to Send Backups and Redo to a Recovery Appliance

For the details about the wizard options, see Configure Non-Data Guard Databases to Send Backups and Redo to a Recovery Appliance. For the options that are unique to configuring Data Guard databases for Recovery Appliance backup, see below:

#### In the *Targets* page:

- Enable Configure Data Guard Databases. With this option, only individual databases can be selected.
- The target selector will only display the databases that are in a Data Guard configuration and are currently in a *primary* Data Guard role.
- Note that although only primary databases are shown and selected here, all the primary and standby databases in each respective Data Guard configuration are configured to backup to the selected Recovery Appliance.

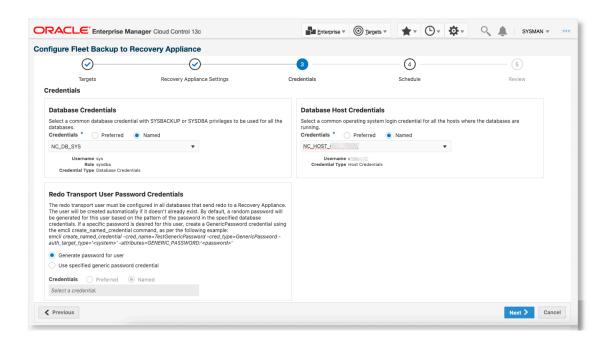


#### In the Credentials page:

- The credentials specified here will also be used for all standby databases in the Data Guard configurations.
- With the addition of the Recovery Appliance to the respective Data Guard configurations, the primary database redo transport user will be changed to the Recovery Appliance virtual private catalog (VPC) user that was specified in the previous step. This user must be created in the primary database. Oracle Enterprise Manager can either automatically generate a password for this user, or an Oracle Enterprise Manager generic password credential containing this password can be specified. For the latter choice, the generic



password credential must first be created using EMCLI create\_named\_credential
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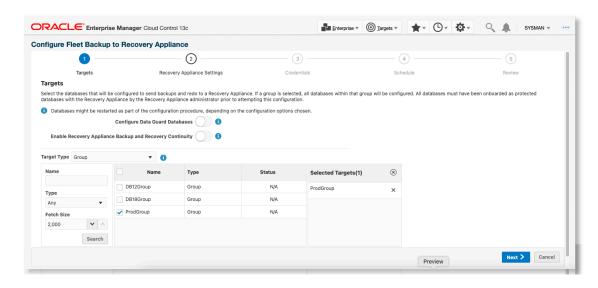


# Set Up Automatic Database Fleet Backup Configuration for Recovery Appliance

For the details about the wizard options, see Configure Non-Data Guard Databases to Send Backups and Redo to a Recovery Appliance. For the options that are unique to configuring automatic database backup configuration using a group, see below.

#### In Targets page:

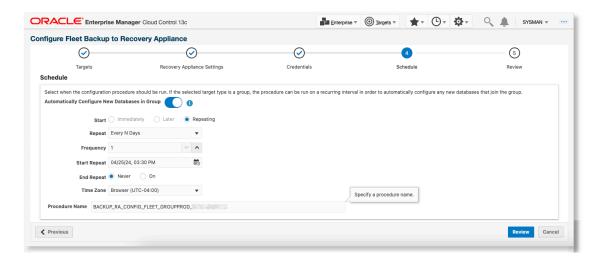
- Select the Target Type as Group for the fleet of databases.
- Select the group target to configure; for example, ProdGroup.



In the Schedule page:



- Automatically Configure New Databases in Group is enabled by default.
- Since the schedule is configured for a group, the default **Start** is Repeating so that the deployment procedure can run on a recurring interval to automatically configure any new databases that join the group. If you disable **Automatically Configure New Databases in Group**, then the options to start the procedure are **Immediately** or **Later**.
- With the fields Repeat, Frequency, Start Repeat, and Time Zone, select the frequency at
  which to run the deployment procedure. Optionally, using the field End Repeat, you can
  also specify an end time for this recurring execution.
- Specify a uniquely identifiable name for the deployment procedure to run for the configuration.



After the deployment procedure is submitted, it is displayed in the Procedure Activity page as *Scheduled*.

# Database Fleet Backup Scheduling for Recovery Appliance

With the **Schedule Oracle-Suggested Fleet Backup to Recovery Appliance** UI, you can schedule the backup to Recovery Appliance of one or more databases that are already configured for Recovery Appliance protection.

#### Topics:

- Prerequisites
- Launch the Schedule Oracle-Suggested Fleet Backup to Recovery Appliance Wizard
- Schedule Database Fleet Backup to Recovery Appliance
- Schedule Backup for a Group of Databases to Recovery Appliance

#### **Prerequisites**

- The Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Pack must be enabled for all the Recovery Appliances involved.
- All the databases for which you want to schedule backup must already be configured to backup to a Recovery Appliance.
- Credentials: Database Fleet Backup Credential Prerequisites



Launch the Schedule Oracle-Suggested Fleet Backup to Recovery Appliance Wizard

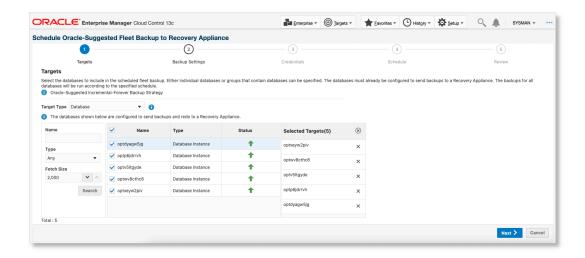
To launch the wizard, from the **Targets** menu, click **Recovery Appliance**. In the **Recovery Appliances** page, under **Actions**, click **Schedule Oracle-Suggested Fleet Backup to Recovery Appliance**.

# Schedule Database Fleet Backup to Recovery Appliance

In the Schedule Oracle-Suggested Fleet Backup to Recovery Appliance wizard:

#### Targets page:

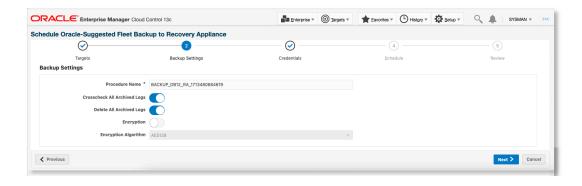
- Select the **Target Type**. Select Database if the schedule is for individual databases. Otherwise select Group to include all the databases within that group that are configured to back up to a Recovery Appliance in the scheduled procedure. In the current example, the schedule is for individual databases, and hence the target type is Database.
- Select the databases for backup. The target selector lists only those databases that are configured to backup to a Recovery Appliance.
   Note that the selected databases might be configured to backup to different Recovery Appliances.



#### Backup Settings page:

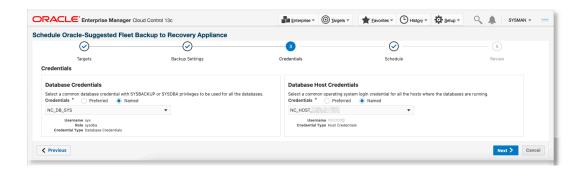
- Specify a unique Procedure Name for the procedure to track it in the Procedure Activity page.
- Make archived log and encryption selections for the backup as needed.





#### Credentials page:

- Select either preferred or named database credentials as per the requirements in Prerequisites.
- Select either preferred or named database host credentials as per the requirements in Prerequisites.

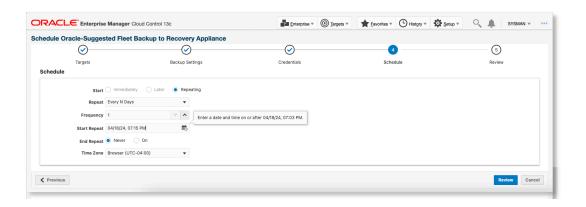


#### 4. Schedule page:

All the databases will be backed up to the Recovery Appliance on the schedule specified on the Schedule page.

The Oracle-recommended backup strategy for databases backing up to the Recovery Appliance is to perform an incremental backup every day (the default schedule selection).

- You can change the Frequency of the backup, if required.
- Using the fields Start Repeat and Time Zone, specify the time to run the backup.
   Optionally, using the field End Repeat, you can also specify an end time for this recurring execution.





#### Review page: Verify the selection made in the wizard. Click Submit.

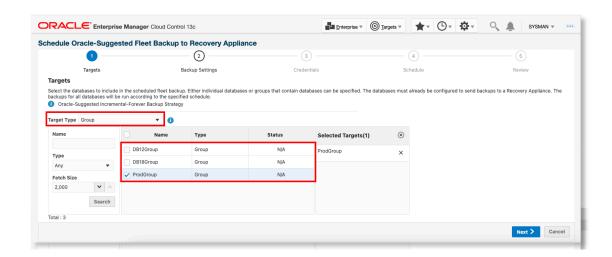
The deployment procedure to backup the databases is scheduled and the confirmation message is displayed.

# Schedule Backup for a Group of Databases to Recovery Appliance

For the details about the wizard options, see Schedule Database Fleet Backup to Recovery Appliance. For the options that are unique to scheduling backup for a group of databases to Recovery Appliance, see below:

#### Targets page:

Select Group for the **Target Type** and select one or more groups. All databases within the specified groups that are already configured to backup to a Recovery Appliance will be backed up. Databases that subsequently join the groups and that are configured will be backed up in the next scheduled procedure implementation.



# Touchless Automated End-to-End Database Fleet Backup Management

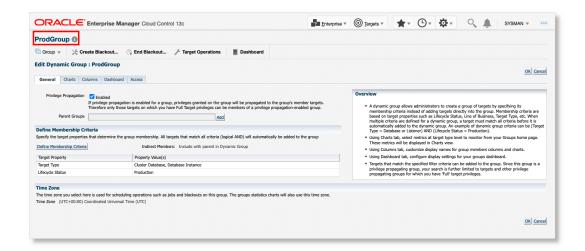
Touchless, self-managing fleet backup automation capability can be leveraged by using the protected database management features with EM dynamic groups. After the initial scheduling of the configuration and backup procedures, subsequently discovered databases that join the group are automatically configured to backup to the designated Recovery Appliance and backups scheduled.

**Protected Database Fleet Configuration**: Select a group as the target for the operation, then select the Auto-Configure option to schedule the procedure to run periodically. Any new databases that join the group will automatically be configured to send backups and redo to the Recovery Appliance on the next execution of the procedure. Databases that have already been configured will be skipped.

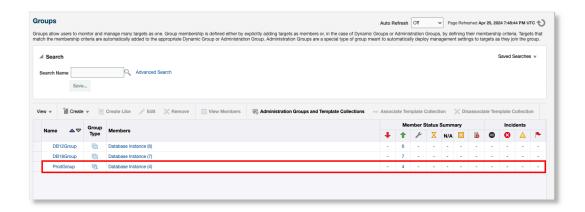
**Protected Database Fleet Backup Scheduling**: Select a group as the target for the operation. Scheduled backup executions against the group will automatically pick up new databases that join the group.

To set up touchless automated end-to-end backup management for a group of databases:

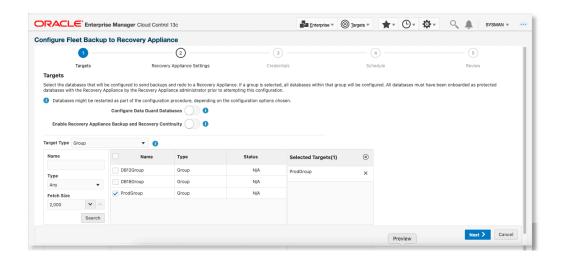
Create a dynamic group in Oracle Enterprise Manager: Specify the membership criteria
for databases to join this group. In this example, the criteria is that Lifecycle Status must
be set to Production value. For more information about groups, see Use Groups for
Configuring and Scheduling Fleet Backup to Recovery Appliance.



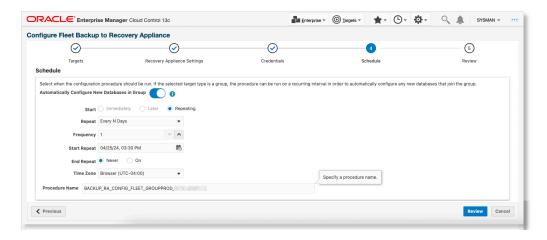
The initial status of the group ProdGroup shows that it has 4 members.



- 2. In the Configure Fleet Backup to Recovery Appliance wizard:
  - In the *Targets* page, select the group (for example, ProdGroup) as the target for the fleet configuration operation.

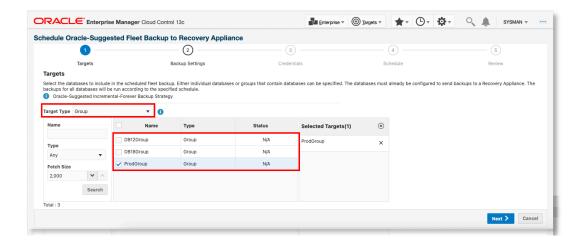


In the Schedule page, enable Automatically Configure New Databases in Group.

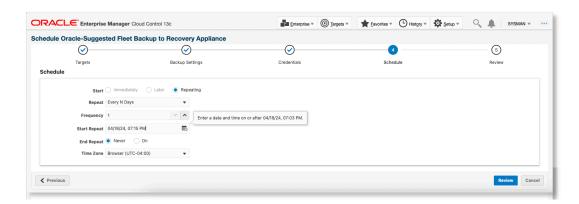


When the deployment procedure is submitted, the first execution of the deployment procedure shows that the four databases that are part of this group are configured to backup to the Recovery Appliance.

3. In the Schedule Oracle-Suggested Fleet Backup to Recovery Appliance wizard, select this group (for example, ProdGroup) as the target.

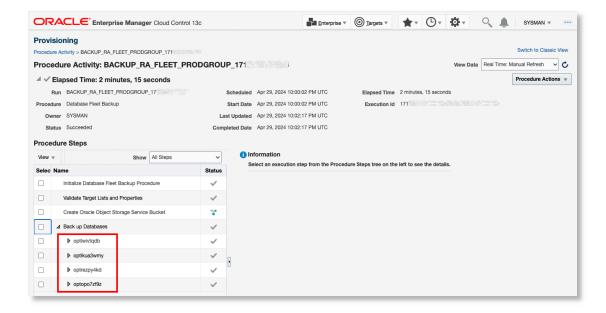






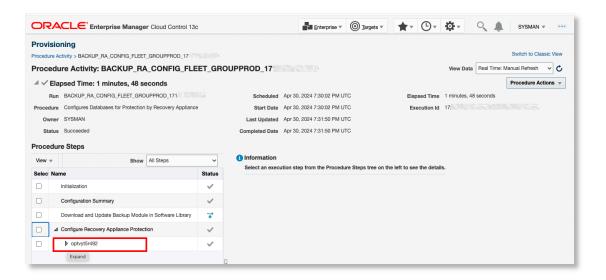
Specify to run the backup for this group of databases every night.

The Fleet Schedule backup procedure that runs shows that the four databases were indeed backed up.

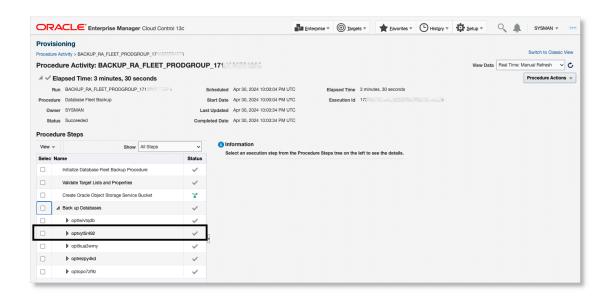


At a later point, a fifth database is discovered with Lifecycle status set to Production. This database automatically joins the group ProdGroup.

The next run of the Fleet Configure Backup procedure picks up this one new database and configures it to backup to the Recovery Appliance.



Once this is done, the next run of the Fleet Schedule Backup procedure automatically backs up this database (along with the four original databases) to the Recovery Appliance.



# Recovery Appliance Protected Database Fleet Archival Backup Management

Using the **Create Archival Backup** UI, you can set up a one-time archival backup or a recurring archival backup for a single protected database or all the protected databases in a specific protection policy. The archival backup is created from the database backups already existing on the Recovery Appliance.

## Topics:

- Prerequisites
- Navigate to Archival Backups Page
- Create Archival Backup for the Selected Database



- Create Recurring Archival Backup for a Single Database
- Create Archival Backups for a Database Fleet

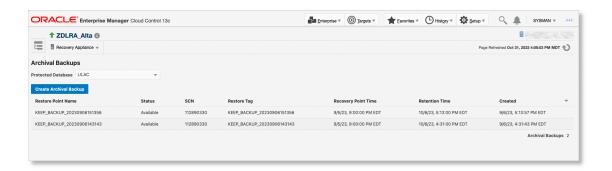
## **Prerequisites**

- To create the archival backup for a single database, the enablement of Zero Data Loss
  Recovery Appliance Management Pack is not required. However, if you want to create
  archival backups for all the protected databases in a specific protection policy, then ensure
  to enable the Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Pack first.
- Before creating the archival backup, create the media manager that controls where the backup is stored (either in the Oracle Cloud, tape, or other media). See Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Administrator's Guide.

## **Navigate to Archival Backups Page**

To open the Archival backups page, in your Recovery Appliance page, click **Recovery Appliance**, and click **Archival Backups**. Alternatively, click **Recovery Appliance**, click **Protected Databases**, and then click **Archival Backups**.

The Archival Backups page lists all the archival backups found for the selected database. Click **Create Archival Backup** to create a new archival backup.



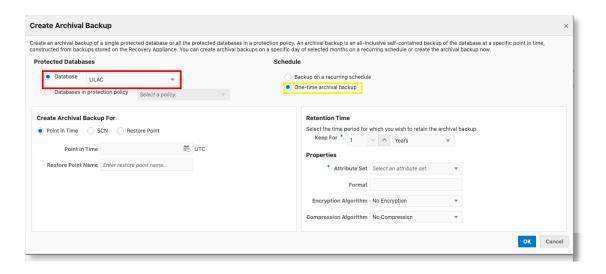
The Create Archival Backup page opens. If **Databases in Protection Policy** toggle is disabled, then the Recovery Appliance doesn't have the management pack enabled.

## Create Archival Backup for the Selected Database

- Select the database to create the archival backup for.
- 2. Under Schedule, select One-time archival backup.
- 3. Specify the **Point in Time** to create the backup for. Alternatively, specify an **SCN** or a **Restore Point** created earlier.
- 4. Select the **Retention Time**. This is the time period to retain this archival backup.
- In the Attribute Set field, specify the media manager which controls where the backup is stored.
- 6. Specify the encryption and compression attributes for the archival backup, if required.

Oracle Enterprise Manager launches a deployment procedure to create the archival backup, as specified.





## Create Recurring Archival Backup for a Single Database

You may want to create a recurring archival backup; for example, at the end of every month, every quarter, or every year. This can be scheduled for a single database using the same **Create Archival Backup** dialog.

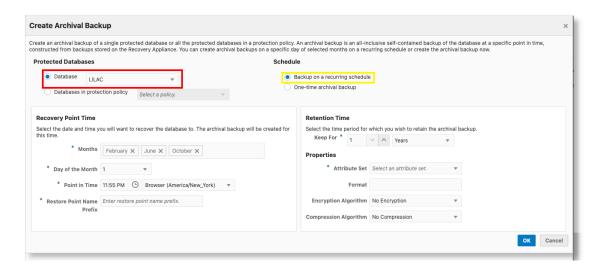
- Select the database to create the archival backup for.
- 2. Under Schedule, select Backup on a recurring schedule.
- Under Recovery Point Time, specify the months, day of the month, and time for the archival backup.
- 4. Specify the Restore Point Name Prefix. This is the prefix for the name of the archival backup restore point that is created. The resulting name is the prefix followed by the timestamp when it's created.

The remaining fields are the same as those in the one-time archival backup.

Oracle Enterprise Manager launches a deployment procedure to create an archival backup at the first date and time specified. The procedure polls the Recovery Appliance and calls the Create Archival Backup procedure when all the information required to create an optimized archival backup is available, thereby ensuring that the archival backup contains the least possible number of archived log backups.

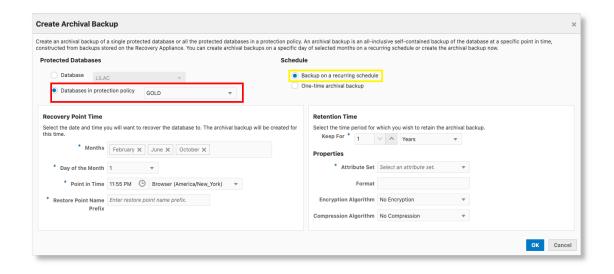
In the following example, the first backup runs after Feb 1st. The backup created can be used to restore the database to its state on Feb 1st. The next backup runs shortly after June 1st and the following one after October 1st. It can take up to two days to create the archival backup.





## Create Archival Backups for a Database Fleet

Select a protection policy for the field **Databases in protection policy** in the **Create Archival Backup** dialog box. Archival backups are created for all databases within this protection policy with the schedule you specify. For details of other fields in the dialog box, see previous sections.



# Database Fleet Advanced Backup Configuration for Recovery Appliance Using EMCLI

The EMCLI configure\_db\_ha command offers highly granular per-database customization of backup and configuration options and also supports several advanced options. It allows configuration of Data Guard databases to send backup and redo to multiple Recovery Appliances, in accordance with several Maximum Availability Architecture (MAA) recommended database protection configurations.

Discussed in this topic are examples of using this EMCLI command to configure several advanced database fleet backup topologies that involve a combination of one or more of the following:

- Data Guard primary and standby databases, either or both of which may be backing up to one or multiple corresponding Recovery Appliances.
- 2. Two Recovery Appliances, which may or may not be configured for two-way (Backup Anywhere) replication.
- 3. One or more Recovery Appliances configured as alternate backup/redo destinations in order to provide backup and recovery continuity.

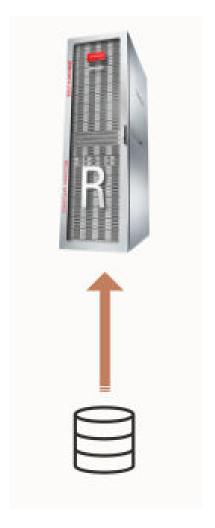
## Topics:

- Standard Backup Configuration
- Standard Backup Configuration with Backup and Recovery Continuity
- MAA Gold Backup Configuration
- MAA Gold Backup Configuration with Backup and Recovery Continuity
- MAA Gold Backup Configuration with ZDLRA Backup Anywhere Replication
- MAA Gold Backup Configuration with ZDLRA Backup Anywhere Replication and Backup and Redo Continuity

## Standard Backup Configuration

Configuration: Non-Data Guard database sending backups and (optionally) redo to one Recovery Appliance





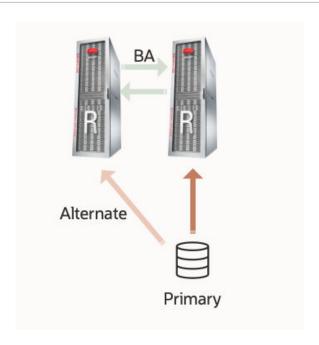
Configure non-Data Guard database *SalesDB* to send backups and redo to Recovery Appliance *Chicago\_ZDLRA* using the virtual private catalog user *vpcuser1*. Named credentials are provided for the database and the database host.

## **EMCLI Command:**

```
emcli configure_db_ha -configureBackupToRA -backup_config=NO_DG -
target_name="SalesDB"
    -target_type="oracle_database" -ra_target_name="Chicago_ZDLRA"
    -ra_vpc_username="vpcuser1" -db_cred="DB_USER" -
db_host_cred="DB_HOST_USER"
    -ship_redo=YES
```

## Standard Backup Configuration with Backup and Recovery Continuity

Configuration: Non-Data Guard database sending backups and (optionally) redo to one Recovery Appliance, with an alternate Recovery Appliance configured for backup and redo continuity



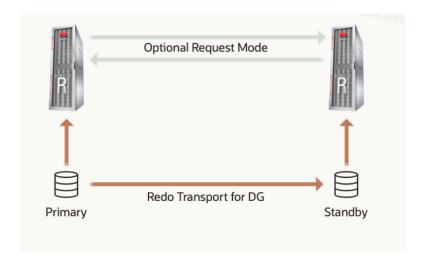
Configure a non-Data Guard database *SalesDB* to send backups and redo to Recovery Appliance *Chicago\_ZDLRA*. Backup and recovery continuity is desired and the alternate Recovery Appliance is *Bombay\_ZDLRA*. The common virtual private catalog user for both Recovery Appliances is *commonvpc*. Named credentials are provided for the database and the database host.

#### **EMCLI Command:**

```
emcli configure_db_ha -configureBackuptoRA -backup_config=NO_DG -
target_name="SalesDB"
    -target_type="oracle_database" -ra_target_name="Chicago_ZDLRA"
    -ra_vpc_username="commonvpc" -db_cred="DB_USER" -
db_host_cred="DB_HOST_USER"
    -ship_redo=YES -br_continuity
    -alternate_ra_target_name="Bombay_ZDLRA"
```

## MAA Gold Backup Configuration

Configuration: Data Guard primary and standby databases sending backups and (optionally) redo to different Recovery Appliances that are not configured for Backup Anywhere Replication



FinanceDB and FinanceStby are the primary and standby databases respectively in a Data Guard configuration, onboarded with a pair of Recovery Appliances Montreal\_ZDLRA and Vancouver\_ZDLRA using a non-replicating protection policy. Configure these databases to send backups and redo to their respective Recovery Appliance using a common vpc user commonvpc. A global named credential DB\_SYSDBA\_USER is specified for the databases and target-specific named credential specified for each host, DB\_HOST1\_CRED and DB\_HOST2\_CRED.

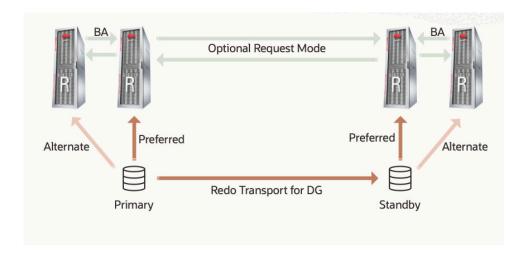
#### **EMCLI Command:**

## The content of /tmp/dblist file:

```
target.0.target_name="FinanceDB"
target.0.target_type="oracle_database"
target.0.ra_target_name="Montreal_ZDLRA"
target.0.ra_vpc_username="commonvpc"
target.0.db_cred="DB_SYSDBA_USER"
target.0.db_host_cred="DB_HOST1_CRED"
target.1.target_name="FinanceStby"
target.1.target_type="oracle_database"
target.1.ra_target_name="Vancouver_ZDLRA"
target.1.ra_vpc_username="commonvpc"
target.1.db_cred="DB_SYSDBA_USER"
target.1.db_host_cred="DB_HOST2_CRED"
```

## MAA Gold Backup Configuration with Backup and Recovery Continuity

Configuration: Data Guard primary and standby databases sending backups and (optionally) redo to different Recovery Appliances that are not configured for Backup Anywhere Replication, with the primary and standby databases each configured with an alternate Recovery Appliance (backup and redo continuity)



FinanceDB and FinanceStby are the primary and standby databases respectively in a Data Guard configuration, onboarded with a pair of Recovery Appliances Montreal\_ZDLRA and Vancouver\_ZDLRA using a non-replicating protection policy. Configure these databases to send backups (but not redo in this example) to their respective Recovery Appliance using a common vpc user commonvpc. A global named credential DB\_SYSDBA\_USER is specified for the databases and target-specific named credential specified for each host, DB\_HOST1\_CRED and DB\_HOST2\_CRED. Since backup and recovery continuity is required, alternate Recovery Appliances Quebec\_ZDLRA and Victoria\_ZDLRA are specified for the primary and standby databases, respectively. A replication server is set up between Montreal\_ZDLRA and Quebec\_ZDLRA with the protection policy being used for the FinanceDB. Similarly, replication is set up between Vancouver\_ZDLRA and Victoria\_ZDLRA.

#### **EMCLI Command:**

## The content of /tmp/dblist file:

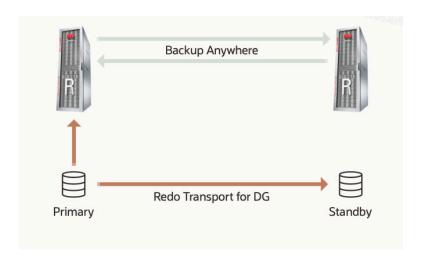
```
target.0.target_name="FinanceDB"
target.0.target_type="oracle_database"
target.0.ra_target_name="Montreal_ZDLRA"
target.0.ra_vpc_username="commonvpc"
target.0.db_cred="DB_SYSDBA_USER"
target.0.db_host_cred="DB_HOST1_CRED"
target.0.alternate_ra.0.target_name="Quebec_ZDLRA"
target.1.target_name="FinanceStby"
target.1.target_type="oracle_database"
target.1.ra_target_name="Vancouver_ZDLRA"
target.1.ra_vpc_username="commonvpc"
target.1.db_cred="DB_SYSDBA_USER"
target.1.db_host_cred="DB_HOST2_CRED"
target.1.alternate ra.0.target name="Victoria ZDLRA"
```

## MAA Gold Backup Configuration with ZDLRA Backup Anywhere Replication

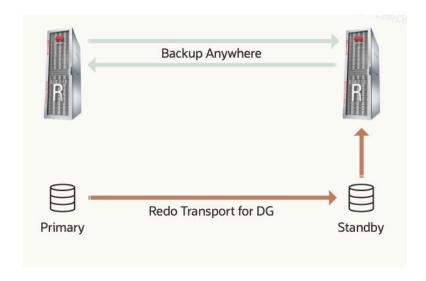
Configuration: Data Guard primary and standby databases configured to send backups and (optionally) redo to different Recovery Appliances that are configured for Backup Anywhere

Replication, but with backups and redo only actually being sent by one of the databases to its respective Recovery Appliance

Backups scheduled from primary database:



Backups scheduled from standby database:



MktingDB and MktingStby are the primary and standby RAC databases respectively in a Data Guard configuration, onboarded with a pair of Recovery Appliances Boston\_ZDLRA and NY\_ZDLRA using a replicating protection policy. Backup Anywhere replication is set up for this database's protection policy between Boston\_ZDLRA and NY\_ZDLRA. Configure these databases to back up to their respective Recovery Appliance using a common vpc user vpcuser1. A global named credential DB\_SYSDBA\_USER is specified for the database(s) and target-specific named credential specified for each host, DB\_BOSHOST\_CRED and DB\_NYHOST\_CRED. The -ship\_redo\_from\_standby argument is not used, so redo shipping is set up from the primary database MktingDB to its Recovery Appliance Boston\_ZDLRA.

## **EMCLI Command:**



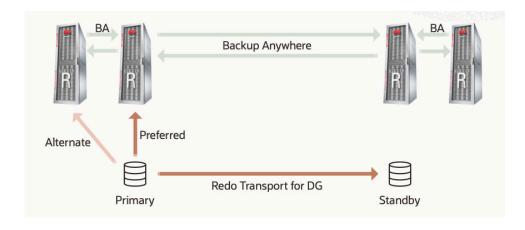
## The content of /tmp/dblist file:

```
target.0.target_name="MktingDB"
target.0.target_type="rac_database"
target.0.ra_target_name="Boston_ZDLRA"
target.0.ra_vpc_username="vpcuser1"
target.0.db_cred="DB_SYSDBA_USER"
target.0.db_host_cred="DB_BOSHOST_CRED"
target.1.target_name="MktingStby"
target.1.target_type="rac_database"
target.1.ra_target_name="NY_ZDLRA"
target.1.ra_vpc_username="vpcuser1"
target.1.db_cred="DB_SYSDBA_USER"
target.1.db host_cred="DB_NYHOST_CRED"
```

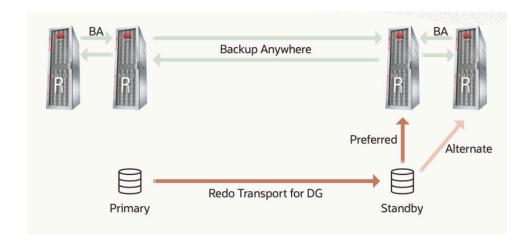
# MAA Gold Backup Configuration with ZDLRA Backup Anywhere Replication and Backup and Redo Continuity

Configuration: Data Guard primary and standby databases configured to send backups and (optionally) redo to different Recovery Appliances that are configured for Backup Anywhere Replication, but with backups and redo only actually being sent by one of the databases to its respective Recovery Appliance, and with the primary and standby databases each configured with an alternate Recovery Appliance (backup and redo continuity)

Backups scheduled from primary database:



Backups scheduled from standby database:



MktingDB and MktingStby are the primary and standby RAC databases respectively in a Data Guard configuration, onboarded with a pair of Recovery Appliances Boston\_ZDLRA and NY\_ZDLRA using a replicating protection policy. Backup Anywhere replication is set up for this database's protection policy between Boston\_ZDLRA and NY\_ZDLRA. Configure these databases to back up to their respective Recovery Appliance using a common vpc user vpcuser1. A global named credential DB\_SYSDBA\_USER is specified for the databases and target-specific named credential specified for each host, DB\_BOSHOST\_CRED and DB\_NYHOST\_CRED. The -ship\_redo\_from\_standby argument is not used, so redo shipping will be set up from the primary database MktingDB to its Recovery Appliance Boston\_ZDLRA.

Since backup and recovery continuity is required, the input file also lists the alternate Recovery Appliances *Concord\_ZDLRA* and *Hudson\_ZDLRA* for the primary and standby databases, respectively. Backup Anywhere replication is set up for this database's protection policy between *Boston\_ZDLRA* and *Concord\_ZDLRA* and between *NY\_ZDLRA* and *Hudson\_ZDLRA*.

## **EMCLI Command:**

#### The content of /tmp/dblist file:

```
target.0.target_name="MktingDB"

target.0.target_type="rac_database"

target.0.ra_target_name="Boston_ZDLRA"

target.0.ra_vpc_username="vpcuser1"

target.0.db_cred="DB_SYSDBA_USER"

target.0.db_host_cred="DB_BOSHOST_CRED"

target.0.alternate_ra.0.target_name="Concord_ZDLRA"

target.1.target_name="MktingStby"

target.1.target_type="rac_database"

target.1.ra_target_name="NY_ZDLRA"

target.1.ra_vpc_username="vpcuser1"

target.1.db_cred="DB_SYSDBA_USER"

target.1.db_host_cred="DB_NYHOST_CRED"

target.1.alternate_ra.0.target_name="Hudson_ZDLRA"
```

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# Troubleshooting

## **Topics:**

- Issues with Database Impact Advisor
- Issues with Performance or Missing Data in Exadata Pages

# Issues with Database Impact Advisor

## Topics:

- No data in the Database Impact Advisor page
- · Generate AHF Balance Report button disabled
- Generate AHF Balance Report fails
- AHF installation details invalidated

## No data in the Database Impact Advisor page

Issue: No data in the Database Impact Advisor page

Resolution: Ensure the Database CPU Impact Advisor metric is enabled on the Database Machine target.

## Generate AHF Balance Report button disabled

Issue: Generate AHF Balance Report button disabled

Resolution: Check that the EM\_AHF\_USER role has been granted and AHF is installed.

## Generate AHF Balance Report fails

Issue: Generate AHF Balance Report fails

#### Resolution:

- In the Enterprise Manager menu, select Enterprise, Provision and Patching, Procedure
   Activity, and click the first AHFBalanceRunReport deployment procedure implementation
   to view errors in the procedure steps.
- One reason the AHF Balance report generation can fail is that AHF is not able to connect
  to the Enterprise Manager repository. This can occur if AHF is not able to access the
  Oracle Instant Client libraries in the Oracle home specified by the DATABASE\_CLIENT\_DIR
  property. This property is defined in the *install.properties* file within the AHF installation
  directory. Verify that the value of this property is set to an Oracle home that contains the
  Oracle Instant Client libraries; if not, change the value to a valid Oracle home.



#### AHF installation details invalidated

*Issue*: AHF installation invalidation resulting in an error message appearing at the top of the Autonomous Health Framework page. AHF installation details can be invalidated in the following scenarios:

- The provided host credentials become invalid after the initial installation; for example, password reset, user account deleted, and so on.
- The AHF installation is manually deleted.
- The ownership or permissions on the AHF installation are changed.

Resolution: Fixing the issue requires reconfiguration of the AHF installation by a user with the EM AHF ADMIN role.

# Issues with Performance or Missing Data in Exadata Pages

Issues: One of the following problems may be noted:

- The Targets > Exadata page is slow to load
- The Targets > Exadata page shows a message indicating that Oracle Text needs to be installed on the Enterprise Manager repository database.
- Exadata Dashboards show no data or are slow to load.

#### Resolution:

- The Exadata and Recovery Appliance fleet pages and the features of the Exadata and Zero Data Loss Recovery Appliance Management Packs require Oracle Text to be installed on the Enterprise Manager repository database. To install Oracle Text, follow the steps in Doc ID 2591868.1 from My Oracle Support.
- 2. Verify that Oracle Text is installed by running the following query and ensure that a row similar to the following is returned:

```
select comp_name, version, status from dba_registry where
comp_name='Oracle Text';
COMP_NAME ----- VERSION ------ STATUS -----
Oracle Text 19.0.0.0.0 VALID
```

- 3. Ensure that the following jobs are not running in the repository database while implementing the action plan outlined below:
  - Run the following SQL query on the repository database as SYSMAN:

```
SELECT *
FROM mgmt$job_execution_history h
WHERE job_type IN ( 'ExaFleetSysRefresh', 'ExaFleetMembersRefresh',
'ExaFleetPropsRefresh' )
AND status = 'Running';
```

- If the query in Step 2 does not return results, proceed with the next step.
- 4. Run the following SQL statements on the repository database as SYSMAN:

```
DROP INDEX FLT_TGT_PROP_JSON_INDX;
DROP INDEX XA FLT MEM JSON INDX;
```



```
CREATE SEARCH INDEX FLT_TGT_PROP_JSON_INDX ON

XA_FLT_TGT_PROPS_E(properties) FOR JSON;

CREATE SEARCH INDEX XA_FLT_MEM_JSON_INDX ON XA_FLT_MEMS_E(members) FOR JSON;
```

**5.** Refresh data in the relevant tables by executing the following commands on the repository database as SYSMAN:

```
EXEC em_xafleet.refresh_members;
EXEC em_xafleet.refresh_props;
COMMIT;
```

6. Validate that the tables/views are populated with data using the following commands on the repository database as SYSMAN. Each of the following queries should return at least one row:

```
SELECT * FROM xa_flt_mems_e;
SELECT * FROM xa_flt_members;
SELECT * FROM xa_flt_tgt_props_e;
SELECT * FROM xa_flt_tgt_props;
```

- 7. Access Oracle Enterprise Manager and verify the following:
  - The response time of the Exadata page has improved.
  - There is no warning message related to missing Oracle Text on the Exadata page.
  - The Exadata Dashboards show data (assuming that the Exadata Management Pack is enabled for at least one Exadata system).

