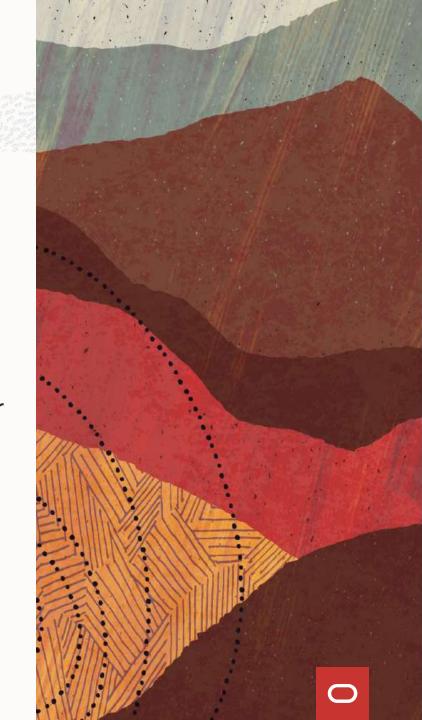


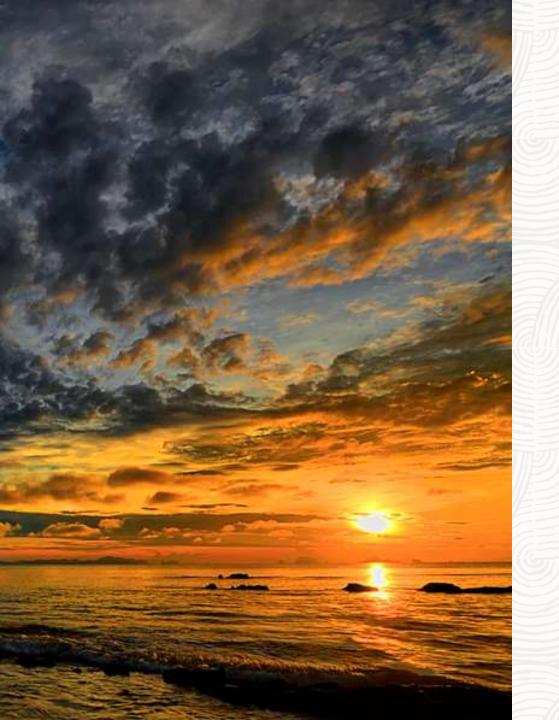


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Statistics

Statistics Advisor | Overview

New in Oracle Database 12.2

Give it a <u>try</u>, but ...

Be aware - potentially it will eat your SYSAUX tablespace



Statistics Advisor | Check

How much space is used?

Statistics Advisor | Disable

If you want to disable the automatic statistics advisor job

1. In 21c, disable the auto task

```
SQL> exec dbms_stats.set_global_prefs('AUTO_STATS_ADVISOR_TASK','FALSE');
```

- 2. 19c, request backport of bug 26749785 and then disable
- 3. Or, disable with workaround

```
SQL> begin
    dbms_advisor.set_task_parameter('AUTO_STATS_ADVISOR_TASK','_AUTO_MMON_INTERVAL',2147483647);
    dbms_advisor.set_task_parameter('AUTO_STATS_ADVISOR_TASK','_AUTO_STATS_INTERVAL',2147483647);
    end;
    /
```

Pro tip: If you disable the automatic statistics advisor job, you can still do manual executions



Statistics Advisor | Purge

Refer to these two MOS notes:

- 1. SYSAUX Tablespace Grows Rapidly After Upgrading Database to 12.2.0.1 or Above Due To Statistics Advisor (Doc ID 2305512.1)
- 2. How To Purge Optimizer Statistics Advisor Old Records From 12.2 Onwards (Doc ID 2660128.1)

Statistics Advisor | References

- Mike Dietrich blog post: <u>Oracle Optimizer Statistics Advisor in Oracle Database 12.2.0.1</u>
- MOS note: <u>SYSAUX Tablespace Grows Rapidly After Upgrading Database to 12.2.0.1 or Above Due To Statistics Advisor (Doc ID 2305512.1)</u>
- MOS note: <u>Optimizer Statistics Advisor In 12.2 (Quick Overview)</u> (<u>Doc ID 2259398.1</u>)
- Oracle Database 19c SQL Tuning Guide, <u>Analyzing Statistics Using Optimizer Statistics Advisor</u>



Dictionary Statistics | Overview

Statistics on SYS and other oracle maintained schemas

Gets executed by automatic optimizer statistics gathering

If disabled, consider instead to allow it to work only of dictionary stats

```
SQL> exec dbms_stats.set_global_prefs('autostats_target','oracle');
```



Dictionary Statistics | Gather

Refresh manually:

- Before and after upgrade
- Before (source) and after (target) logical migration
- After major application upgrades

Gather manually



Fixed Objects Stats | Overview



After an upgrade, or after other database configuration changes, Oracle strongly recommends that you regather fixed object statistics after you have run representative workloads on Oracle Database.

Database 19c Upgrade Guide, chapter 7

Never run it right after upgrade



Fixed Objects Stats | Definition

What is it?

```
SQL> SELECT owner, table_name
     FROM dba tab statistics
     WHERE object type = 'FIXED TABLE';
OWNER
         TABLE_NAME
SYS
         X$KQFTA
SYS
         X$KQFVI
         X$KQFVT
SYS
SYS
         X$KQFDT
SYS
         X$KQFC0
SYS
         X$KQFOPT
SYS
         X$KYWMPCTAB
. . .
```

Pro tip: Dynamic statistics (sampling) are not used for X\$ tables



Fixed Objects Stats | After Upgrade

Ask yourself: Do you remember this?

If not, DBMS_SCHEDULER to the rescue



Fixed Objects Stats | After Upgrade

1. Create a .sql script

```
BEGIN

DBMS_SCHEDULER.CREATE_JOB (
    job_name => '"SYS"."GATHER_FIXED_OBJECTS_STATS_ONE_TIME"',
        job_type => 'PLSQL_BLOCK',
        job_action => 'BEGIN DBMS_STATS.GATHER_FIXED_OBJECTS_STATS; END;',
        start_date => SYSDATE+7,
        auto_drop => TRUE,
        comments => 'Gather fixed objects stats after upgrade - one time'
);
DBMS_SCHEDULER.ENABLE (
        name => '"SYS"."GATHER_FIXED_OBJECTS_STATS_ONE_TIME"'
);
END;
//
```

Fixed Objects Stats | After Upgrade

2. Create a .sh script

```
$ORACLE HOME/perl/bin/perl $ORACLE HOME/rdbms/admin/catcon.pl \
   -n 4 -e \
   -C 'PDB$SEED' \
   -b sched gfos -d /home/oracle/sched gfos/ sched gfos.sql
```

3. Execute .sh script after upgrade

```
upg1.after_action=/home/oracle/sched_gfos/sched_gfos.sh
```



Fixed Objects Stats | Other situations

Also gather fixed objects stats after:

- 1. Major application upgrades
- 2. Using new functionality in the database
- 3. Major database configuration change

Always gather fixed objects stats when the system is warmed up - after your representative workload

Check out <u>Best Practices for Gathering</u>
Optimizer Statistics with Oracle Database 19c

Pro tip: Automated stats gathering only gather fixed objects stats if they are completely missing



Statistics | Gather Statistics Before Upgrade

Check when dictionary stats have been gathered the last time

```
SELECT

to_char(max(end_time),'dd-mon-yy hh24:mi') latest, operation

FROM

dba_optstat_operations

WHERE

operation in ('gather_dictionary_stats', 'gather_fixed_objects_stats')

GROUP BY
operation;

LATEST OPERATION

13-SEP-19 11:52 gather_fixed_objects_stats
18-APR-19 23:59 gather_dictionary_stats
```

Refresh stats a day before the upgrade

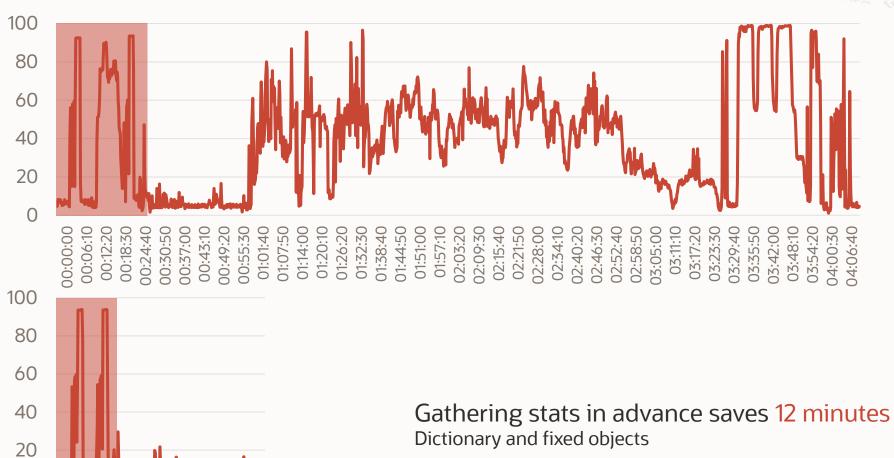
Statistics | Gather Statistics Before Upgrade

00:18:10

00:24:10 00:30:10

00:12:10

00:00:10







Statistics | Effect of Having Good Stats During Upgrade

The larger the dictionary, the bigger the effect

	Duration	Reduction
No dictionary and fixed objects stats	15 min 55 sec	
Gathered dictionary and fixed objects stats	14 min 10 sec	11 %
Gathered schema and cluster index stats	13 min 41 sec	3.4 % to previous
Total downtime saved	2 min 14 sec	14 % overall

This example has been done with one of the tiny Hands-On Lab databases

Statistics | Effect of Having Good Stats During Upgrade

Upgrade duration for Oracle E-Business Suite

	Duration	Reduction
No dictionary and fixed objects stats	10 hrs 56 min 52 sec	
Gathered dictionary and fixed objects stats	52 min 42 sec	93 %
Gathered schema and cluster index stats	52 min 25 sec	0.5 % to previous
Total downtime saved	10 hrs 4 min 14 sec	93.5 % overall

Locking Statistics | Overview

You finally did it. You produced the ultimate stats.

It is time to lock 'em!



Locking Statistics | Use Cases

"

You can lock statistics to prevent them from changing.

Database 19c SQL Tuning Guide, chapter 15

- Certain static environments
- Highly volatile tables
- Enable use of dynamic statistics
- ... and all the exceptions



Locking Statistics | Show it

Lock table statistics

```
SQL> EXEC DBMS_STATS.LOCK_TABLE_STATS(ownname=>'MYAPP', tabname=>'MY_VOLATILE_TAB1');
```

You can also lock at:

- Schema-level
- Partition-level

You can also <u>unlock</u> statistics

Pro tip: Locking table statistics also lock index and partition statistics



Locking Statistics | Worth mentioning

Locking and unlocking statistics causes cursor invalidation

To achieve plan stability consider SQL Plan Management

Statistics advisor will warn you about locked statistics

Locking information is not exported

System Statistics | Overview



The system statistics describe hardware characteristics such as I/O and CPU performance and utilization.

System statistics enable the query optimizer to more accurately estimate I/O and CPU costs when choosing execution plans.

Database 19c SQL Tuning Guide, chapter 10

That sounds like a good idea



System Statistics | Recommendation



... in most cases you should use the defaults and not gather system statistics.

Databases supporting a pure data warehouse workload on an Oracle Exadata

Database Machine can benefit from system statistics gathered using the EXADATA option

... if the workload is mixed or you are not in a position to test the effect of using EXADATA system statistics, then stick to the defaults even on this platform.

Nigel Bayliss, Optimizer blog



System Statistics | Reference

To delete system statistics

SQL> EXEC DBMS STATS.DELETE SYSTEM STATS

References:

- Optimizer blog, Should You Gather System Statistics?
- SQL Tuning Guide, System Statistics
- SQL Tuning Guide, Guidelines for Gathering Optimizer Statistics Manually
- <u>Database Performance Tuning Guide, Session and System Statistics</u>





Performance Best Practices

A prescription to ensure performance stability

Default

Deprecated/desupported
Underscores/events
Applications

The fewer parameters, the better

```
SQL> select name, value
    from v$parameter
    where isdefault='FALSE';
 NAME
                                   VALUE
bug27355984 xt preproc timeout
                                   1000
cursor obsolete threshold
                                   1024
exclude seed cdb view
                                   FALSE
optimizer aggr groupby elim
                                   FALSE
use single log writer
                                   TRUE
audit file dest
                                   /u01/app/oracle/admin/CDB2/adump
audit trail
                                   NONE
compatible
                                   19.0.0
control files
                                   /u02/fast recovery area/CDB2/control02.ctl
```



Default

Deprecated/desupported

Underscores/events
Applications

SQL> startup

OBA=32004: obsolete or depresented parameter(s) specified f

ORA-32004: obsolete or deprecated parameter(s) specified for RDBMS instance ORACLE instance started.

Total System Global Area 1577055360 bytes Fixed Size 9135232 bytes Variable Size 385875968 bytes Database Buffers 1174405120 bytes Redo Buffers 7639040 bytes

Database mounted. Database opened.

Pro tip: The <u>Upgrade Guide</u> contains a list of deprecated and desupported parameters



Default

Deprecated/desupported

Underscores/events

Applications

Use

- as few as possible
- not longer than needed

```
SQL> select name, value
    from v$parameter
    where substr(name, 0, 1) = '_' or name='event';
```

Create plan for remove it again

Pro tip: During upgrade it is recommended to remove all underscores and events



Default
Deprecated/desupported
Underscores/events

Applications

Follow application specific recommendations

- E-Business Suite
- Siebel
- •





Parameters | Tracking Your Changes

Never implement a change without a comment

```
SQL> alter system set

"_cursor_obsolete_threshold"=1024

comment='04-03-2021 Daniel: MOS 2431353.1, evaluate after upgrade'

scope=both;
```

Or, in your PFile

```
*._cursor_obsolete_threshold=1024#04-03-2021 Daniel: MOS 2431353.1, evaluate after upgrade
```

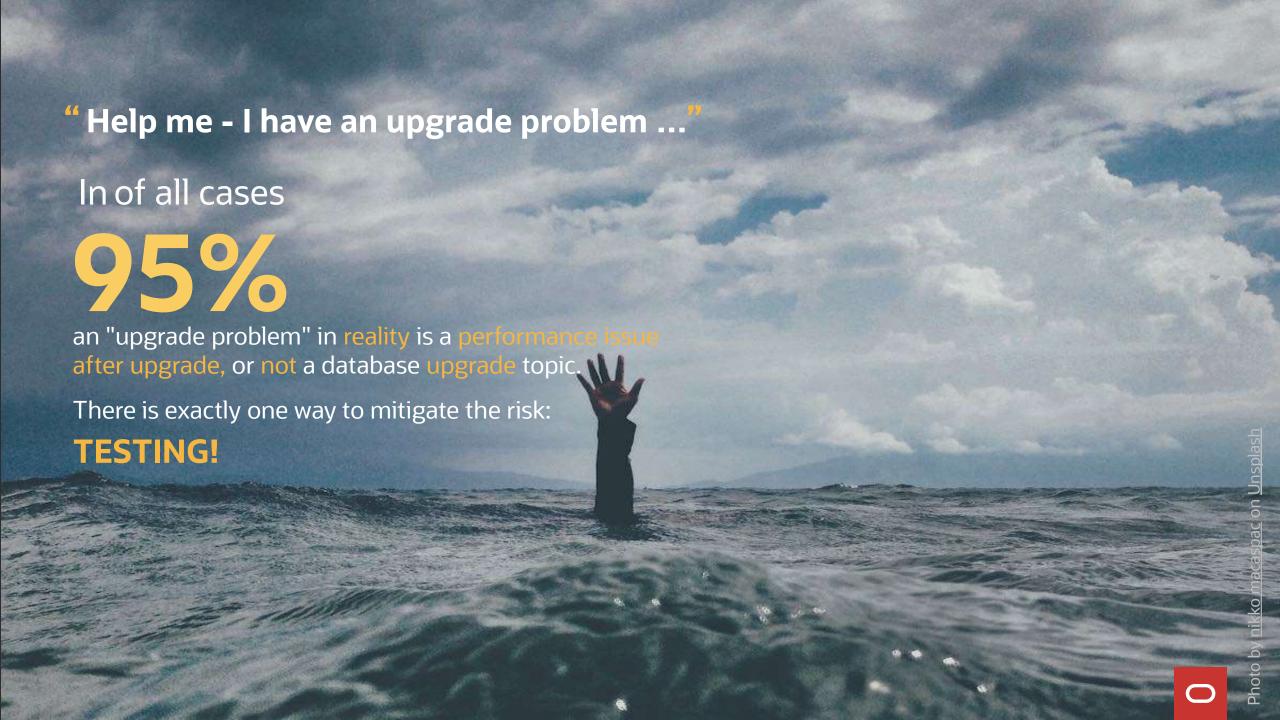
View your comments

```
SQL> select value, update_comment from v$parameter where name='_cursor_obsolete_threshold';

VALUE UPDATE_COMMENT

1024 04-03-2021 Daniel: MOS 2431353.1, evaluate after upgrade
```





Testing | Typical Mistakes

- Only 10% of real data used
- Data sets artificially created
- Tests done on a laptop
- No testing tools used
- Data from 6 months ago
- No statistics refreshed
- Testing?? Waste of time!
 - Real experts fix it after go-live ...





Testing

Need a new test environment?



Snapshot standby database

- Leverage existing standby databases
- Increase RTO a little and gain a free test environment





Hybrid Data Guard in Oracle Cloud Infrastructure

- Create as many as you like
- Pay-as-you-go





<u>CloneDB</u>

- Copy-on-write
- Uses image copies of data files stored on NFS, delta is written locally





Snapshot Copy PDBs

- Requires compatible storage system
- Or, use CloneDB functionality (requires source PDB is read-only)





Split Mirror Clone PDBs

- Requires ASM and Oracle Database 18c
- A point-in-time version of a PDB





Exadata Sparse Snapshots

- Space savings fast provisioning
- Clone still has access to Exadata storage features



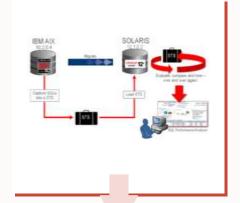
Best Practice | COMPATIBLE vs Optimizer

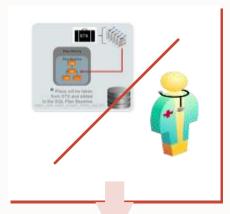
- COMPATIBLE and OPTIMIZER_FEATURES_ENABLE
 - Fully independent from each other
 - Set COMPATIBLE to the default of the release, e.g. 19.0.0
 - Change OPTIMIZER FEATURES ENABLE only when you have to
 - Avoid it if possible
 - This is <u>not</u> a Swiss Army knife!
 - You will turn off a lot of great features

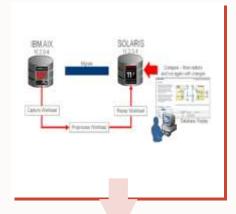
Testing Tools | Workflow











Collect execution plans before upgrade

Compare AWR Snapshots

Verify them with SQL Performance Analyzer

Regressed plans?

SQL Plan

Management

SQL Tuning Advisor

Verify functionality and performance with **Database Replay**



SQL Tuning Set | Definition



An SQL Tuning Set (STS) enables you to group SQL statements and related metadata in a single database object, which you can use to meet your tuning goals.

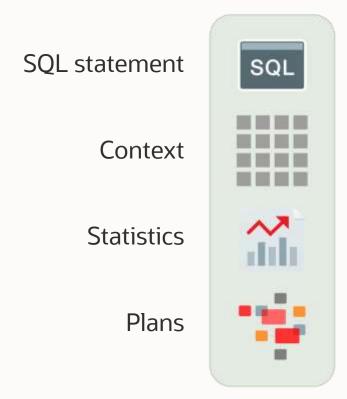
Specifically, SQL tuning sets achieve the following goals:

- Providing input to the performance tuning advisors
- Transporting SQL between databases

Database 19c SQL Tuning Guide, chapter 23



SQL Tuning Set | Definition





SQL Tuning Set | Create

First, create a SQL Tuning Set

```
SQL> BEGIN
   DBMS_SQLSET.CREATE_SQLSET (
      sqlset_name => 'UPG_STS_1',
      description => 'For upgrade - from source'
   );
END;
/
```



Pro tip: You can also use <u>DBMS_SQLTUNE</u> to create a SQL Tuning Set



SQL Tuning Set | Capture

Next, capture statements from AWR

```
SQL> DECLARE
  begin id number;
  end id number;
  cur sys refcursor;
BEGIN
  SELECT min(snap id), max(snap id) INTO begin id, end id
  FROM dba hist snapshot;
open cur for
 select value(p) from table(dbms sqltune.select workload repository(
      begin snap => begin id,
      end snap => end id,
      basic filter => 'parsing schema name not in (''SYS'')',
      ranking measure1 => 'elapsed time',
      result limit => 5000,
      attribute list => 'ALL')) p;
 dbms sqltune.load sqlset('UPG STS 1', cur);
close cur;
END;
```

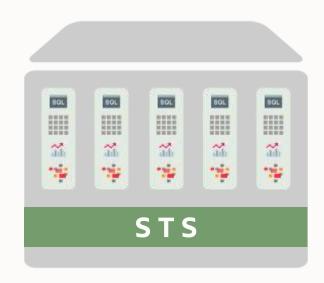


Pro tip: Consider excluding other internal schemas like *DBSNMP*, *ORACLE_OCM*, *LBACSYS*, *WMSYS*, *XDB*, *SYSTEM*



SQL Tuning Set | Capture

Optionally, capture statements from cursor cache

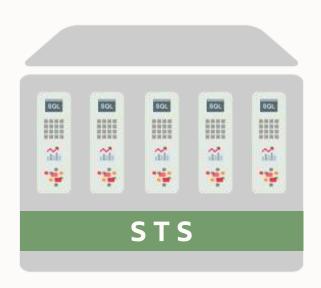


Careful - puts load on your system

Pro tip: <u>SQL Tuning Guide</u> shows how to load all statements from a given schema



SQL Tuning Set | Transport



Pack into staging table on source database

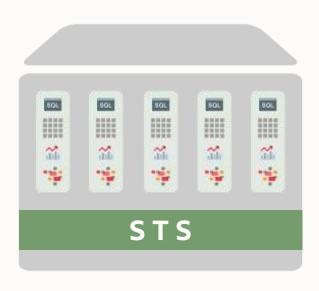
Optionally, use DBMS_SQLTUNE.REMAP_STGTAB_SQLSET to remap between CON DBID

Export with Data Pump

```
$ expdp user \
    directory=mydirectory
    dumpfile=upg_stgtab_1.dmp
    tables=UPG_STGTAB_1
```



SQL Tuning Set | Transport



Import with Data Pump to target database

```
$ impdp user \
    directory=mydirectory
    dumpfile=upg_stgtab_1.dmp
    tables=UPG_STGTAB_1
```

Unpack staging table

SQL Tuning Set | License



SQL Tuning Sets can also be accessed by way of database server APIs and command-line interfaces. Usage of any subprograms in the DBMS_SQLSET package to manage SQL Tuning Sets is part of the EE and EE-ES offerings.

In addition, the following subprograms, part of the DBMS_SQLTUNE package, provide an older interface to manage SQL Tuning Sets and are also part of the EE and EE-ES offerings:

CREATE_SQLSET CREATE_STGTAB_SQLSET

DELETE_SQLSET DROP_SQLSET

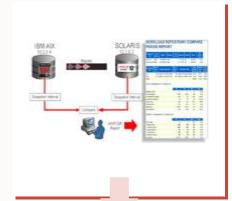
LOAD_SQLSET PACK_STGTAB_SQLSET
REMOVE SQLSET REFERENCE SELECT CURSOR CACHE

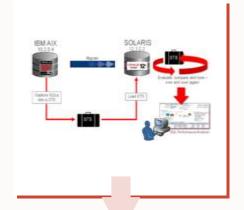
SELECT_SQLSET SELECT_WORKLOAD_REPOSITORY

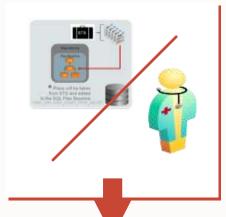
<u>Database 19c Database Licensing Information User Manual</u>

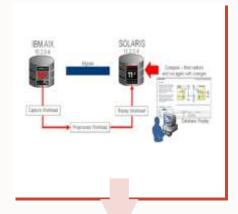
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SQL Plan Management | SPM



SQL plan management uses a mechanism called a **SQL plan baseline**, which is a set of accepted plans that the optimizer is allowed to use for a SQL statement.

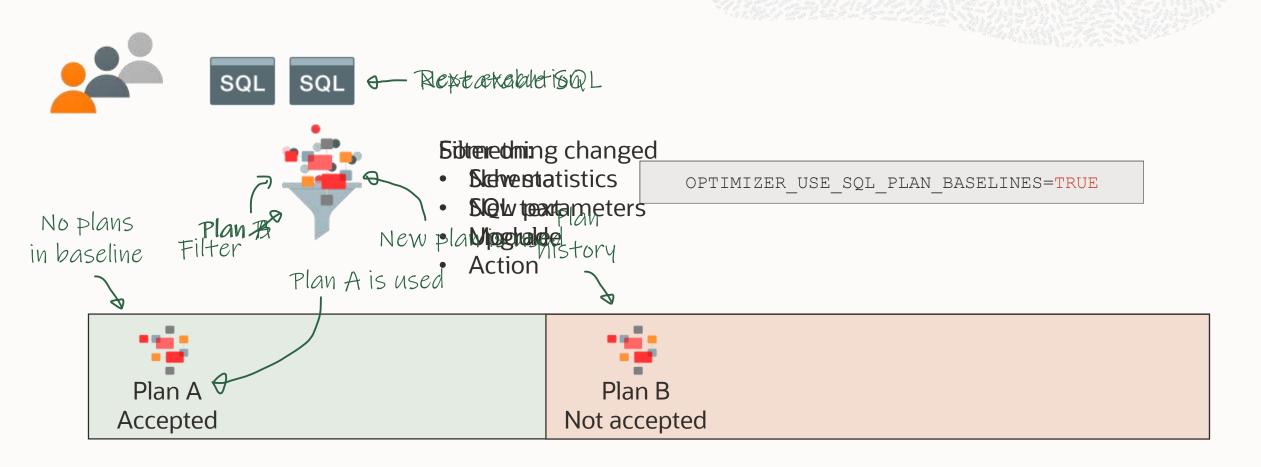
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SQL plan management prevents performance regressions caused by plan changes.

Database 19c SQL Tuning Guide, chapter 27



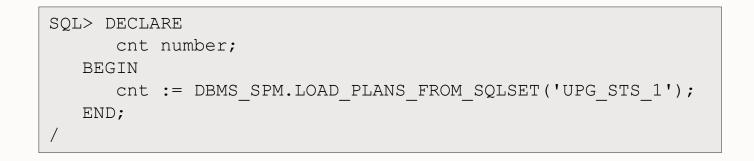
SPM | Concept

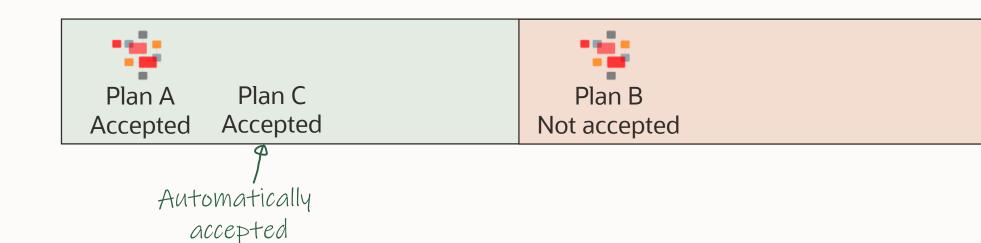




SPM | Load from STS

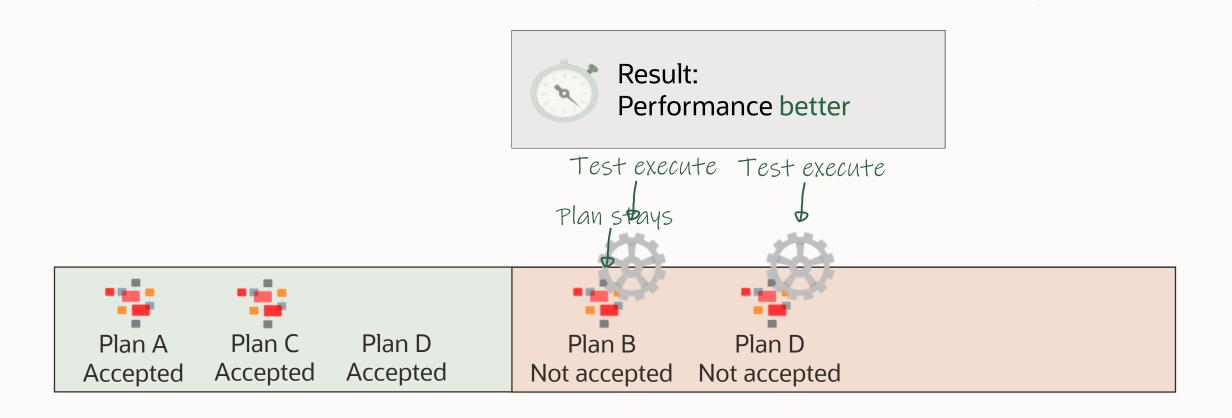








SPM | Evolve



SPM | Evolve

Evolving happens in maintenance task SYS_AUTO_SPM_EVOLVE_TASK

Part of Automatic SQL Tuning Task

You decide whether recommendations are implemented automatically

```
SQL> BEGIN
   DBMS_SPM.SET_EVOLVE_TASK_PARAMETER(
     parameter => 'accept_plans',
     value => 'true');
   END;
/
```

You can evolve plans manually



SPM | Plans

The plans in a SQL plan baseline can be:

- Enabled
- Accepted
- Fixed

To change status use DBMS_SPM.ALTER_SQL_PLAN_BASELINE

You can also prevent plans from getting purged by setting the autopurge property.

Pro tip: The *Accepted* attribute can only be set by a test execution



SPM | Management Base

- SQL Management Base is stored in SYSAUX tablespace
- Plans are stored in a LOB
- Unused plans are deleted after 53 weeks
- Space budget is 10 %

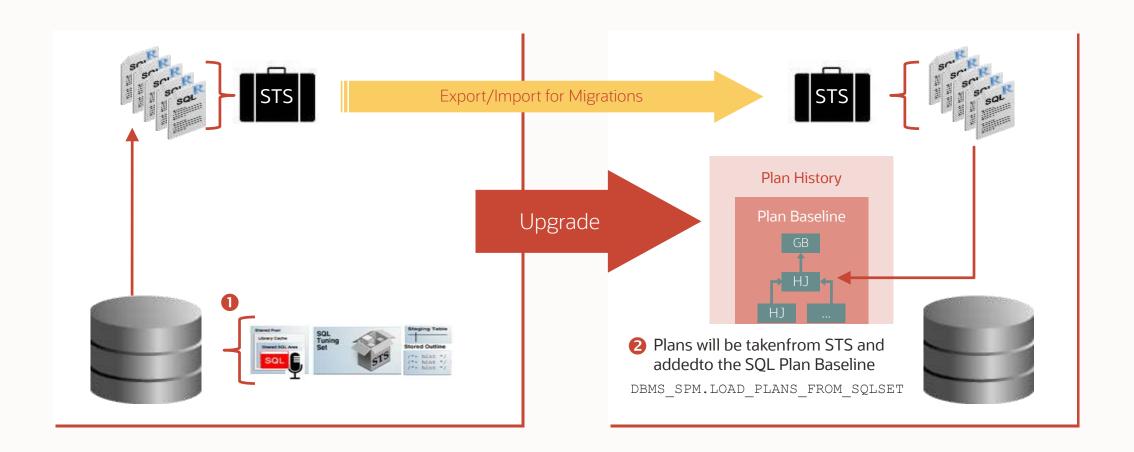


SPM | Management Base

Check your settings



SQL Plan Management | Plan Stability





The "hidden" gems

Fix it when you upgrade

Automatic SQL Tuning Set

In Oracle 19.7.0, a Automatic SQL Tuning Set gets populated

Some customers reported high growth and consumption in SYSAUX

elect to_char(max(l	ast_schedule_time),'DD-MON-YY h	h24:mi') LATEST	, task_name, status, enabled from
dba_autotask_schedul	e_control group by task_name, s	tatus, enabled	i
LATEST	TASK_NAME	STATUS	ENABLED
27-MAY-20 20:00	Auto STS Capture Task	SUCCEEDED	TRUE
15-APR-20 00:16	Auto SPM Task	SUCCEEDED	FALSE

- See: https://mikedietrichde.com/2020/05/28/do-you-love-unexpected-surprises-sys auto sts-in-oracle-19-7-0/
- If you want to disable it:
 - BEGIN
 DBMS_AUTO_TASK_ADMIN.DISABLE(client_name=>'Auto STS Capture Task', operation=>NULL, window_name=>NULL);
 END;
 /
 - Task is not enabled by default from Oracle 19.8.0 on

Oracle 19c | _cursor_obsolete_threshold

MOS Note: 2431353.1

High Version Counts for SQL statements (>1024) post upgrade To 12.2 and above causing database slow performance

- Since Oracle 12.2.0.1, the old default of 1024 has been raised to 8192
- This may lead to various drastic performance issues
- Recommendation:
 - Set it to the old default to avoid mutex concurrency and other issues: _cursor_obsolete_threshold=1024

Oracle 19c | deferred_segment_creation

MOS Note: 1216282.1

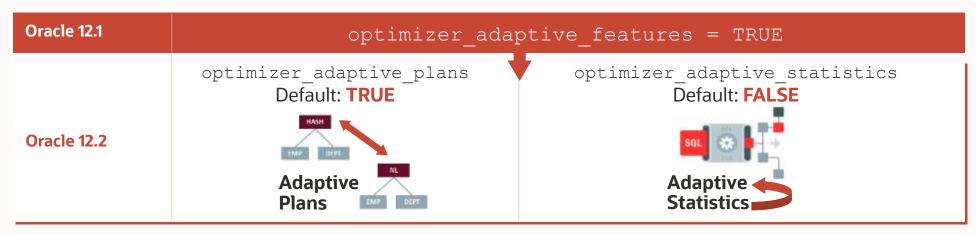
All sorts of issues and bugs - from corruption to mutex contention to customer scripts not operating correctly anymore

Recommendation:

Set it to

deferred_segment_creation=false
unless you have a valid reason

Oracle 19c | Adaptive Features



- Recommendation: Set optimizer_adaptive_statistics explicitly in your SPFILE
- See:
 - https://mikedietrichde.com/2018/01/18/additional-info-adaptive-features-fixes-oracle-12-1-0-2/
 - MOS Note: 2187449.1 Recommendations for Adaptive Features in Oracle Database 12.1

Oracle 19c | sql_plan_directive_mgmt_control

- MOS Note: 2209560.1 How To Disable SQL Plan Directive (SPD)
- In order to fully disable SQL Plan Directives, you need to set:
 - _sql_plan_directive_mgmt_control=0
- Otherwise the database collects SPDs in the background, but won't use it
 - Having optimizer_adaptive_statistics=false which is the default disables only the usage
 of SPDs but not their creation



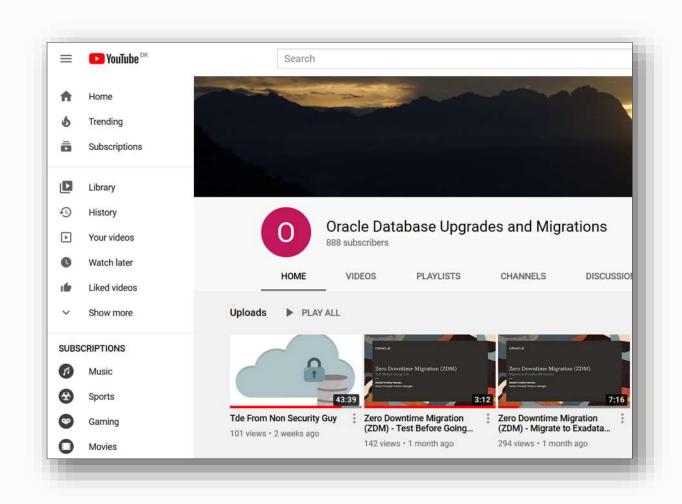


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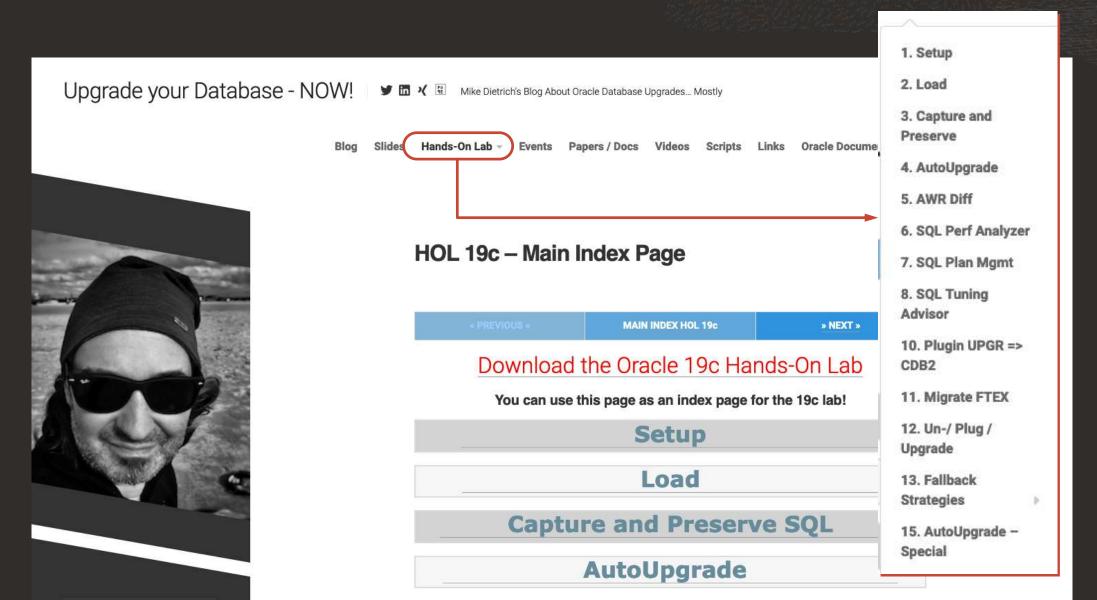
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