

AutoUpgrade Master Class

More than upgrades

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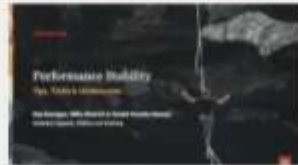
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Chapter 1

Release and Patching Strategy

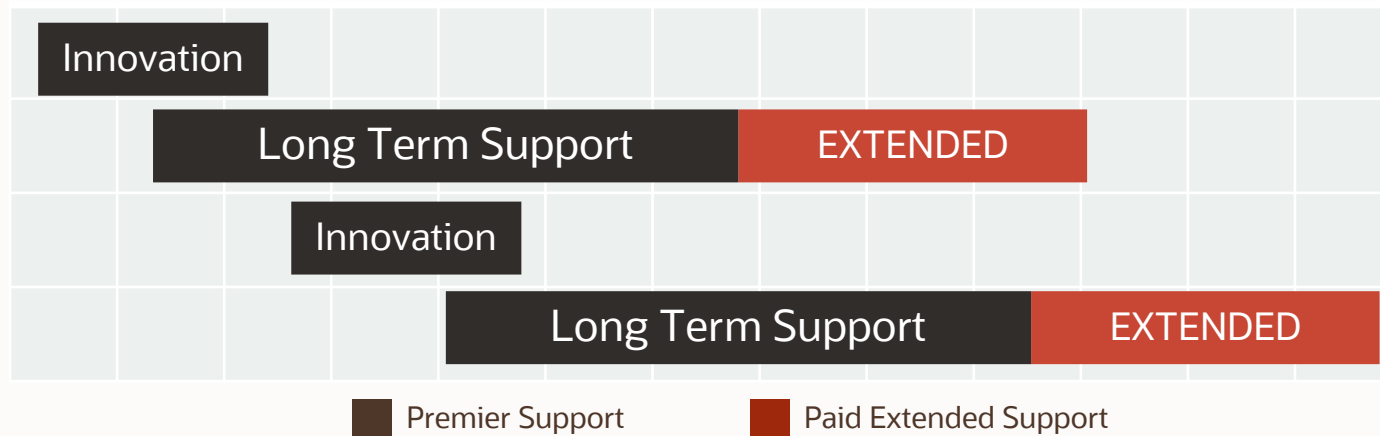
Release Types | Long Term Support vs Innovation Releases

Long Term Support Release

- 5 years of Premier Support followed by 3 years of Extended Support

Innovation Release

- 2 years of Premier Support, but there is **no** Extended Support

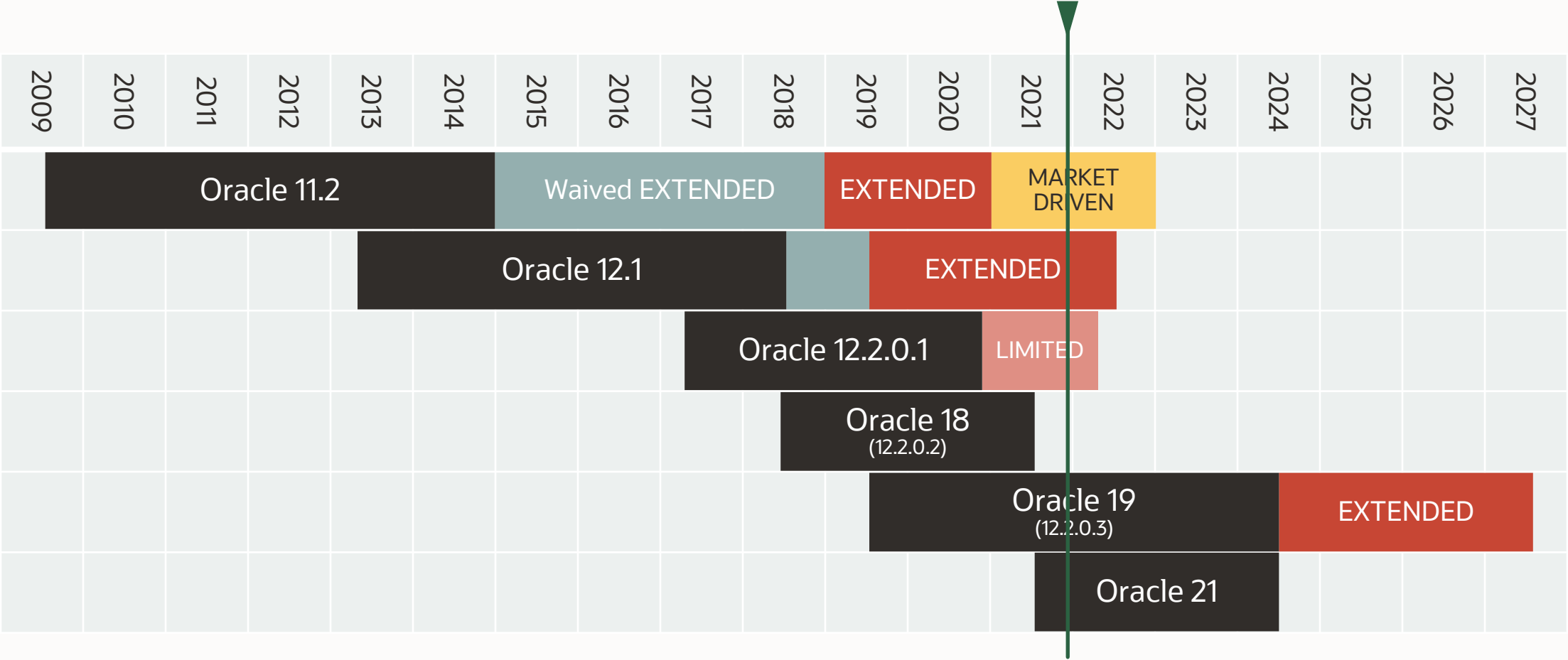


Recommendation: Production environments should go from LTS to LTS



Move production databases from one
Long Term Support release to the next

Lifetime Support Policy



■ Premier Support
■ Waived Extended Support
■ Paid Extended Support
■ Market Driven Support
■ Limited Error Correction



Lifetime Support Policy

Different Support Periods

■ Premier Support

Bug fixing support regardless of severity

■ Paid Extended Support

Extra cost extension, **10% / 20% extra cost**
Included in ULA/PULA contracts

■ Waived Extended Support

Extended support gets waived to everybody
having a valid Support contract for the product

■ Market Driven Support

Extra cost extension after Extended Support
Fixes done only for critical and security issues

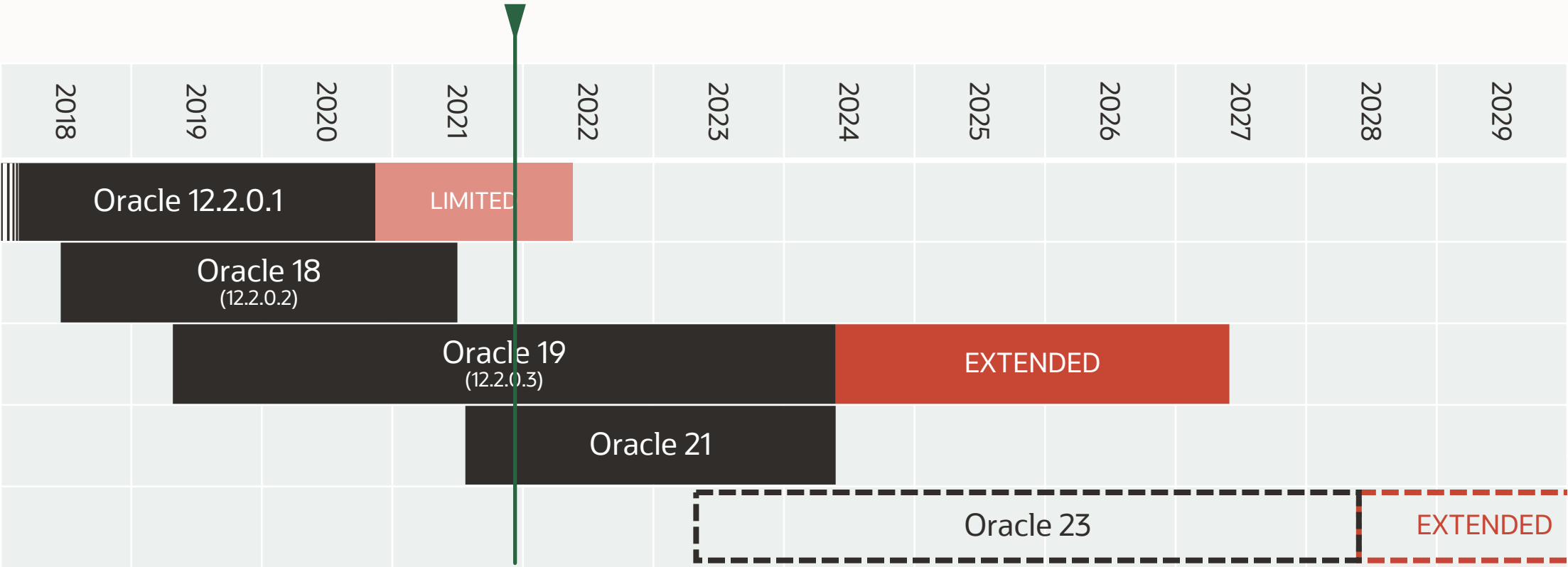
■ Limited Error Correction

Extension for Oracle 12.2.0.1 at **no extra cost**
Only applicable for Sev.1 and security issues

■ Sustaining Support

Oracle Support assists as long as the customer
is using the product – but no new fixes will be delivered

Oracle Database 12.2 and beyond



- [MOS Note:742060.1](#) - The Single Source of Truth
- [MOS Note:161818.1](#) - Releases Support Status Summary





Chapter 2

Upgrade to Oracle Database 19c

your key to

Successful Database Upgrades

Step 1

Download and
install **Oracle 19c**

[eDelivery.oracle.com](https://edelivery.oracle.com)

Step 2

Download and
install **newest RU**

MOS Note: 2118136.2

Step 3

Download and use
AutoUpgrade

MOS Note: 2485457.1

Step 4

Performance Stability
with SPM, STA and RAT

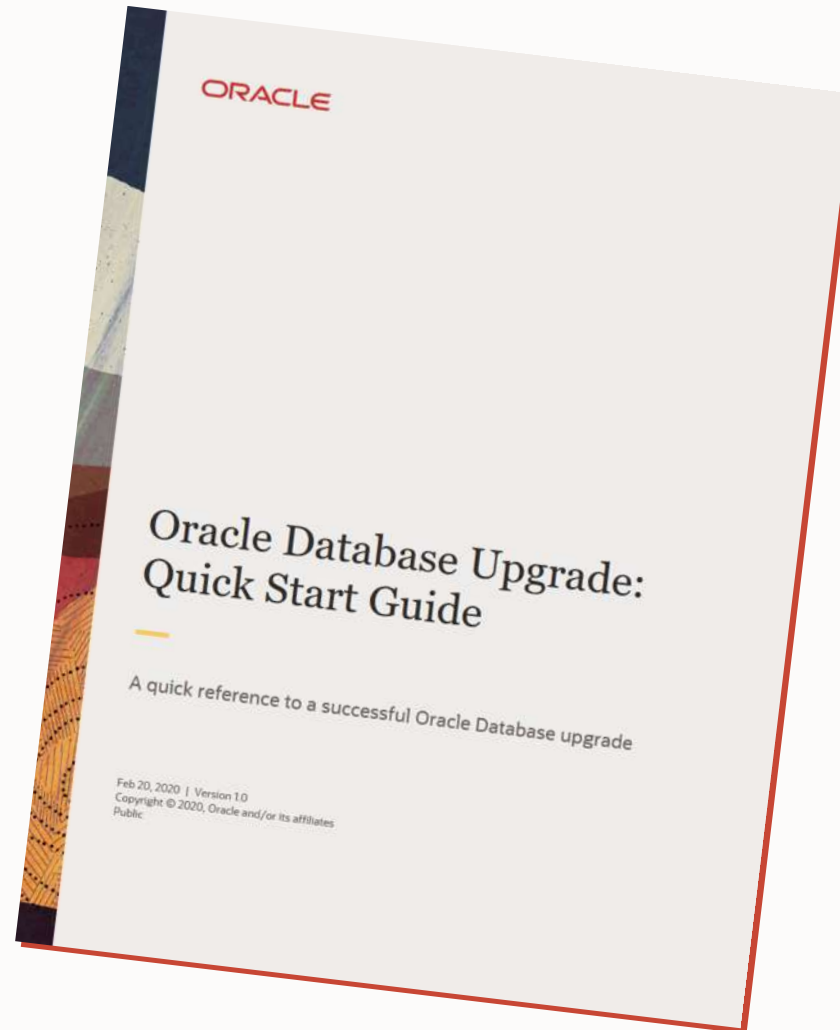


Get started | Quick Start Guide

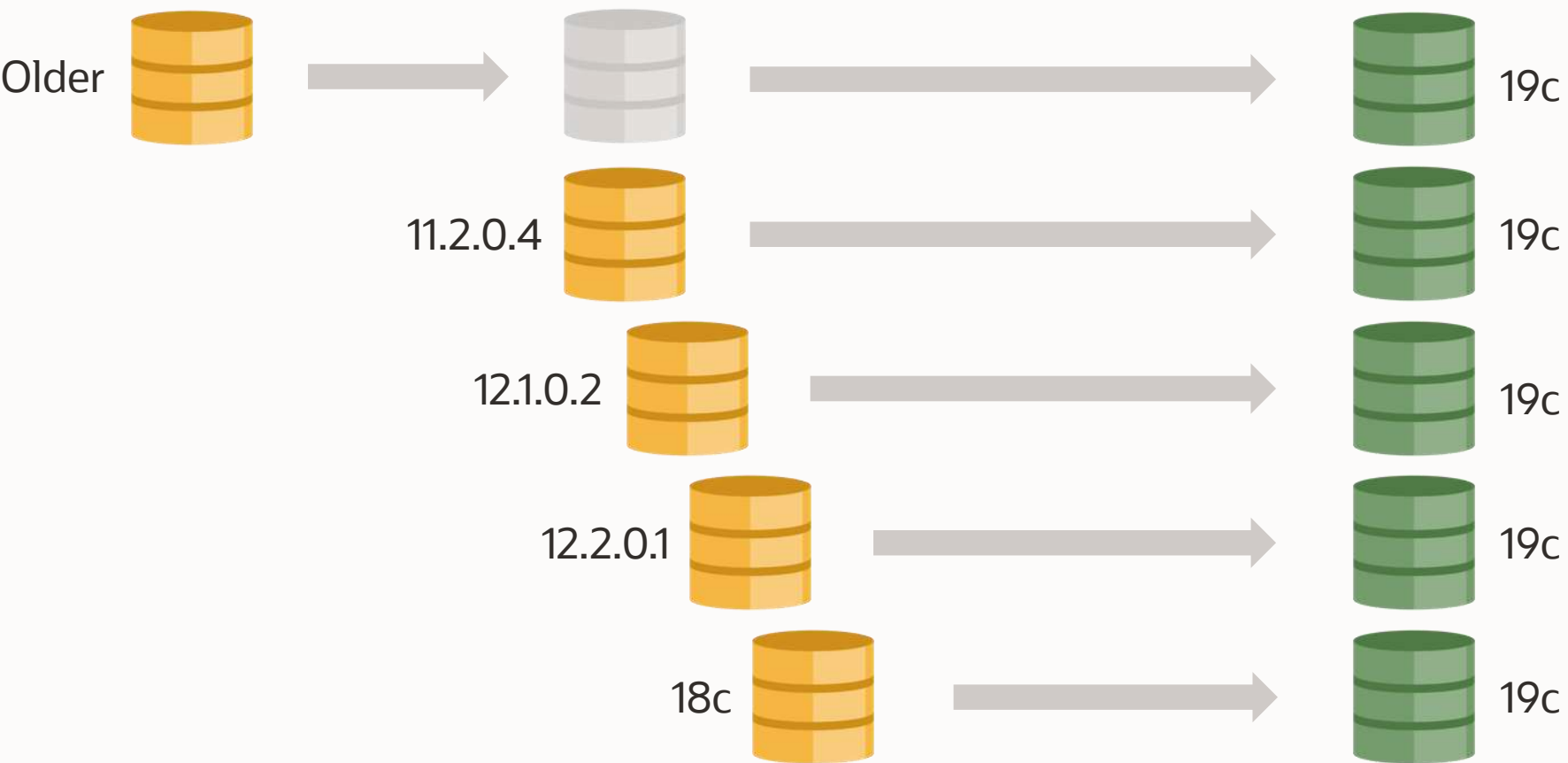
Simple overview

Read it, try it

Download from oracle.com



Database Upgrade | Supported Releases



AutoUpgrade

The **ONLY** recommended way to upgrade databases

Upgrade | **AutoUpgrade - As Easy As 1-2-3**

START

1. DOWNLOAD

2. CONFIG

3. DEPLOY

SUCCESS

Supported source releases

- 11.2.0.4
- 12.1.0.2
- 12.2.0.1
- 18
- 19

All architectures (CDB and non-CDB)

All supported operating systems

All editions (SE2, EE)

All types (single instance and RAC)

Upgrade | **AutoUpgrade - As Easy As 1-2-3**

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2. CONFIG

3. DEPLOY

SUCCESS

Download from My Oracle Support ID [2485457.1](#)



Upgrade | **AutoUpgrade - As Easy As 1-2-3**

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3. DEPLOY

SUCCESS

Simple text file

```
upg1.source_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/12.2.0.1  
upg1.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19  
upg1.sid=CDB1
```

Upgrade | **AutoUpgrade** - As Easy As 1-2-3

START

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3. DEPLOY

SUCCESS

One command

```
$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config cdb1.cfg -mode deploy
```

Advanced monitoring and logging

Upgrade | **AutoUpgrade** - As Easy As 1-2-3

START

1. DOWNLOAD

2. CONFIG

3. DEPLOY

SUCCESS

Supported **target** releases

- 12.2.0.1
- 18
- 19
- 21
- Any future release

AutoUpgrade | Need And Don't Need

JAVA	JAR FILE	AGENTS	ENTERPRISE MANAGER	DBUA	EXTRA LICENSE
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- Java 8 required
 - Part of Oracle Home since 12.1.0.2
- 3 MB jar file

AutoUpgrade | **Need And Don't Need**

JAVA	JAR FILE	AGENTS	ENTERPRISE MANAGER	DBUA	EXTRA LICENSE
------	----------	--------	-----------------------	------	---------------

- No agents to install
- Enterprise Manager not needed
- AutoUpgrade offers superior functionality
- No extra license

AutoUpgrade Essentials



AutoUpgrade | Essentials

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Always download latest version from MOS

★ AutoUpgrade Tool (Doc ID 2485457.1)

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APPLIES TO:

Oracle Database - Enterprise Edition - Version 12.2.0.1 and later

Oracle Database - Standard Edition - Version 12.2.0.1 and later

Information in this document applies to any platform.

MAIN CONTENT

Description

Oracle Database AutoUpgrade allows DBAs to upgrade one or many databases without human intervention, all with one

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Check your version

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

build.version 21.3.211115
build.hash 081e3f7
build.date 2021/11/15 11:57:54
build.max_target_version 21
build.supported_target_versions 12.2,18,19,21
build.type production
```

Compare to latest version on MOS

Download

The most recent version of AutoUpgrade can be downloaded via this link: version [20211115](#).

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AutoUpgrade handles older releases as well

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

```
build.version 21.3.211115
```

```
build.hash 081e3f7
```

```
build.date 2021/11/15 11:57:54
```

```
build.max_target_version 21
```

```
build.supported_target_versions 12.2,18,19,21
```

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Shortest possible config file version

```
upg1.source_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/12.2.0.1  
upg1.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19  
upg1.sid=CDB1
```

Or, generate a sample config file

```
$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -create_sample_file config  
  
Created sample configuration file /home/oracle/sample_config.cfg
```

Pro tip: *upg1* is a prefix that you decide.
Use it to define multiple databases

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Analyze your database

```
$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config CDB1.cfg -mode analyze

...

upg> Job 100 completed

Please check the summary report at:
/u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/autoupgrade/cfgtoollogs/upgrade/auto/status/status.html
/u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/autoupgrade/cfgtoollogs/upgrade/auto/status/status.log
```

Pro tip: Analyze is similar to running `preupgrade.jar`



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Summary report - text

```
=====
                        Autoupgrade Summary Report
=====
[Date]                  Tue Jan 12 10:26:19 CET 2021
[Number of Jobs] 1
=====
[Job ID] 100
=====
[DB Name]                CDB1
[Version Before Upgrade] 12.2.0.1.0
[Version After Upgrade]  19.9.0.0.0
-----
[Stage Name]    PRECHECKS
[Status]        SUCCESS
[Start Time]    2021-01-12 10:25:58
[Duration]      0:00:20
[Log Directory] /u01/app/oracle/upg/CDB1/100/prechecks
[Detail]        /u01/app/oracle/upg/CDB1/100/prechecks/cdb1_preupgrade.log
                  Precheck passed and no manual intervention needed
-----
```

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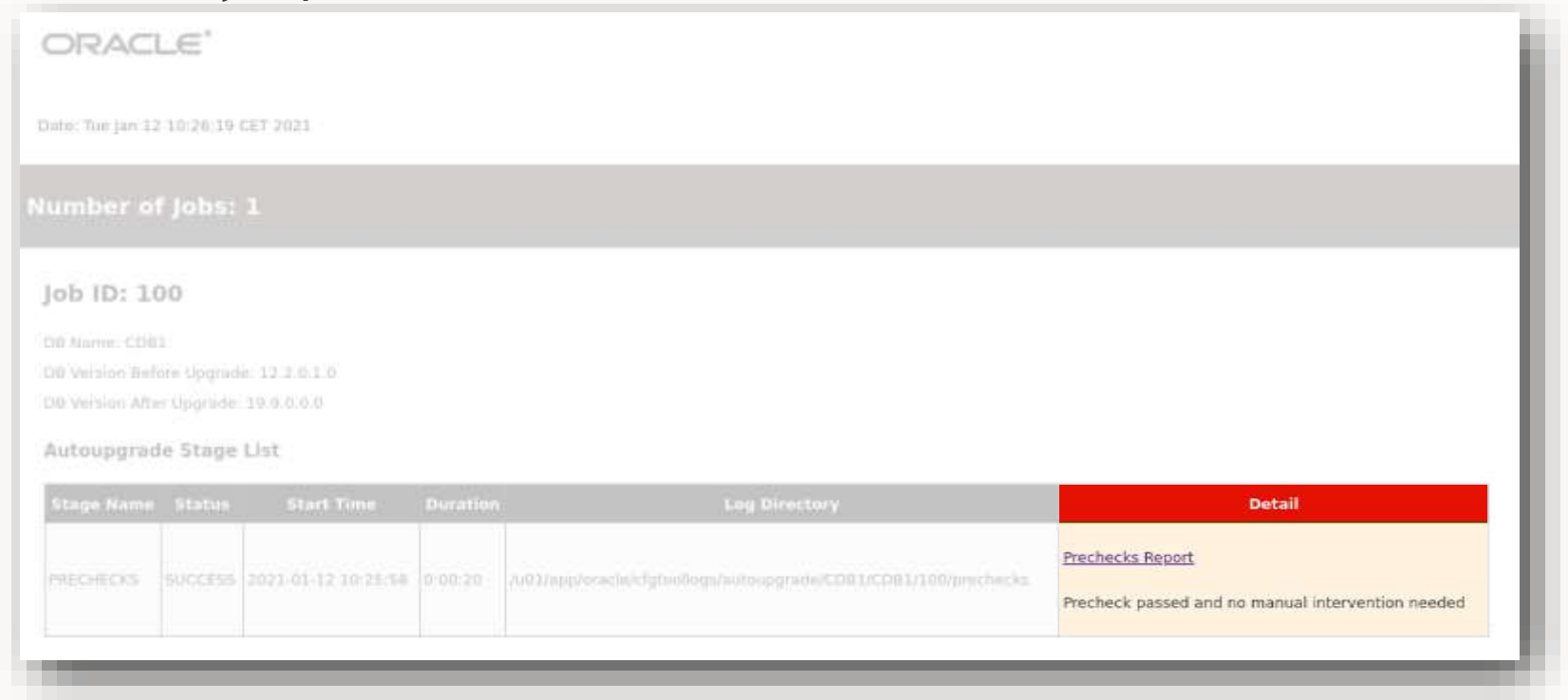
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Summary report - HTML



The screenshot shows an Oracle AutoUpgrade summary report. At the top is the Oracle logo. Below it, the date is 'Tue Jan 12 10:26:19 CET 2021'. A grey bar indicates 'Number of Jobs: 1'. The 'Job ID: 100' is displayed. Below this, three lines of text show: 'DB Name: CDB1', 'DB Version Before Upgrade: 12.2.0.1.0', and 'DB Version After Upgrade: 19.9.0.0.0'. The 'Autoupgrade Stage List' section contains a table with columns: Stage Name, Status, Start Time, Duration, Log Directory, and Detail. One row is shown for the 'PRECHECKS' stage, which has a status of 'SUCCESS', a start time of '2021-01-12 10:25:58', a duration of '0:00:20', and a log directory path. The 'Detail' column for this row contains a link to the 'Prechecks Report' and the text 'Precheck passed and no manual intervention needed'.

ORACLE®					
Date: Tue Jan 12 10:26:19 CET 2021					
Number of Jobs: 1					
Job ID: 100					
DB Name: CDB1					
DB Version Before Upgrade: 12.2.0.1.0					
DB Version After Upgrade: 19.9.0.0.0					
Autoupgrade Stage List					
Stage Name	Status	Start Time	Duration	Log Directory	Detail
PRECHECKS	SUCCESS	2021-01-12 10:25:58	0:00:20	/u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/autoupgrade/CDB1/CDB1/100/prechecks	Prechecks Report Precheck passed and no manual intervention needed

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CDB1

DATABASE

DB Compatible	12.2.0
DB Version	12.2.0.1.0
Operating System	Linux
Blocksize	8192
Timezone	26
LogMode	ARCHIVELOG
Readonly	false
Edition	EE

COMPONENTS

Oracle Component	Version	Upgrade Action	Current Status
Oracle Workspace Manager	12.2.0.1.0	to be upgraded	VALID
Oracle Catalog Views	12.2.0.1.0	to be upgraded	VALID
Real Application Clusters	12.2.0.1.0	to be upgraded	OPTION OFF
Oracle XML Database	12.2.0.1.0	to be upgraded	VALID
Oracle Label Security	12.2.0.1.0	to be upgraded	VALID
Oracle Packages and Types	12.2.0.1.0	to be upgraded	VALID

Containers

CDB\$ROOT

PreChecks Recommend(3)
PreChecks Info(4)
PostChecks Warning(3)
PostChecks Recommend(3)

PDB\$SEED

PreChecks Recommend(3)
PreChecks Info(1)
PostChecks Warning(3)
PostChecks Recommend(3)

PDB3

PreChecks Warning(2)
PreChecks Recommend(3)
PreChecks Info(1)
PostChecks Warning(4)
PostChecks Recommend(3)

PDB1

PreChecks Recommend(3)
PreChecks Info(1)
PostChecks Warning(3)

CDB\$ROOT

CheckName: DICTIONARY_STATS FixUp Available: YES Severity: RECOMMEND Stage: PRECHECKS

Gather stale data dictionary statistics prior to database upgrade in off-peak time using:

EXECUTE DBMS_STATS.GATHER_DICTIONARY_STATS;

Dictionary statistics help the Oracle optimizer find efficient SQL execution plans and are essential for proper upgrade timing. Oracle recommends gathering dictionary statistics in the last 24 hours before database upgrade.

For information on managing optimizer statistics, refer to the 12.2.0.1 Oracle Database SQL Tuning Guide.

Dictionary statistics do not exist or are stale (not up-to-date).

CheckName: HIDDEN_PARAMS FixUp Available: NO Severity: RECOMMEND Stage: PRECHECKS

Review and remove any unnecessary HIDDEN/UNDERSCORE parameters.

Remove hidden parameters before database upgrade unless your application vendors and/or Oracle Support state differently. Changes will need to be made in the pfile/spfile.

The database contains the following initialization parameters whose name begins with an underscore:



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Preupgrade report comes in:

- HTML
- Text
- JSON

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Upgrade

```
$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config CDB1.cfg -mode deploy
```



Have a cup of coffee and wait, or ...

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Monitor

```
upg> lsj
```

Job#	DB_NAME	STAGE	OPERATION	STATUS	START_TIME	UPDATED	MESSAGE
101	CDB1	PREFIXUPS	EXECUTING	RUNNING	20/11/24 13:38	13:39:26	Remaining 12/13

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All the details

```
upg> status -job 101

Progress
-----
Start time:      20/11/24 13:38
Elapsed (min):   13
Last update:     2020-11-24T13:48:52.139
Stage:           DBUPGRADE
Operation:       EXECUTING
Status:          RUNNING
Stage summary:
  SETUP          <1 min
  GRP             <1 min
  PREUPGRADE     <1 min
  PRECHECKS      <1 min
  PREFIXUPS      8 min
  DRAIN          <1 min
  DBUPGRADE      3 min (IN PROGRESS)

Job Logs Locations
-----
Logs Base:       /home/oracle/autoupg_default/CDB1/CDB1
Job logs:        /home/oracle/autoupg_default/CDB1/CDB1/101
Stage logs:      /home/oracle/autoupg_default/CDB1/CDB1/101/dbupgrade
TimeZone:        /home/oracle/autoupg_default/CDB1/CDB1/temp
```

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All the details - continued

...

Additional information

Details:

[Upgrading] is [0%] completed for [cdb1-cdb\$root]

CONTAINER	PERCENTAGE
CDB\$ROOT	UPGRADE [12%]
PDB\$SEED	UPGRADE PENDING
PDB3	UPGRADE PENDING

Error Details:

None

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Success

```
upg> Job 101 completed
----- Final Summary -----
Number of databases          [ 1 ]

Jobs finished successfully    [1]
Jobs failed                   [0]
Jobs pending                  [0]
----- JOBS FINISHED SUCCESSFULLY -----
Job 101 for CDB1

---- Drop GRP at your convenience once you consider it is no longer needed ----
Drop GRP from CDB1: drop restore point AUTOUPGRADE_9212_CDB1122010
```

And it includes:

- Recompilation (utlrp.sql)
- Time zone file upgrade
- Postupgrade fixups
- ... and so much more

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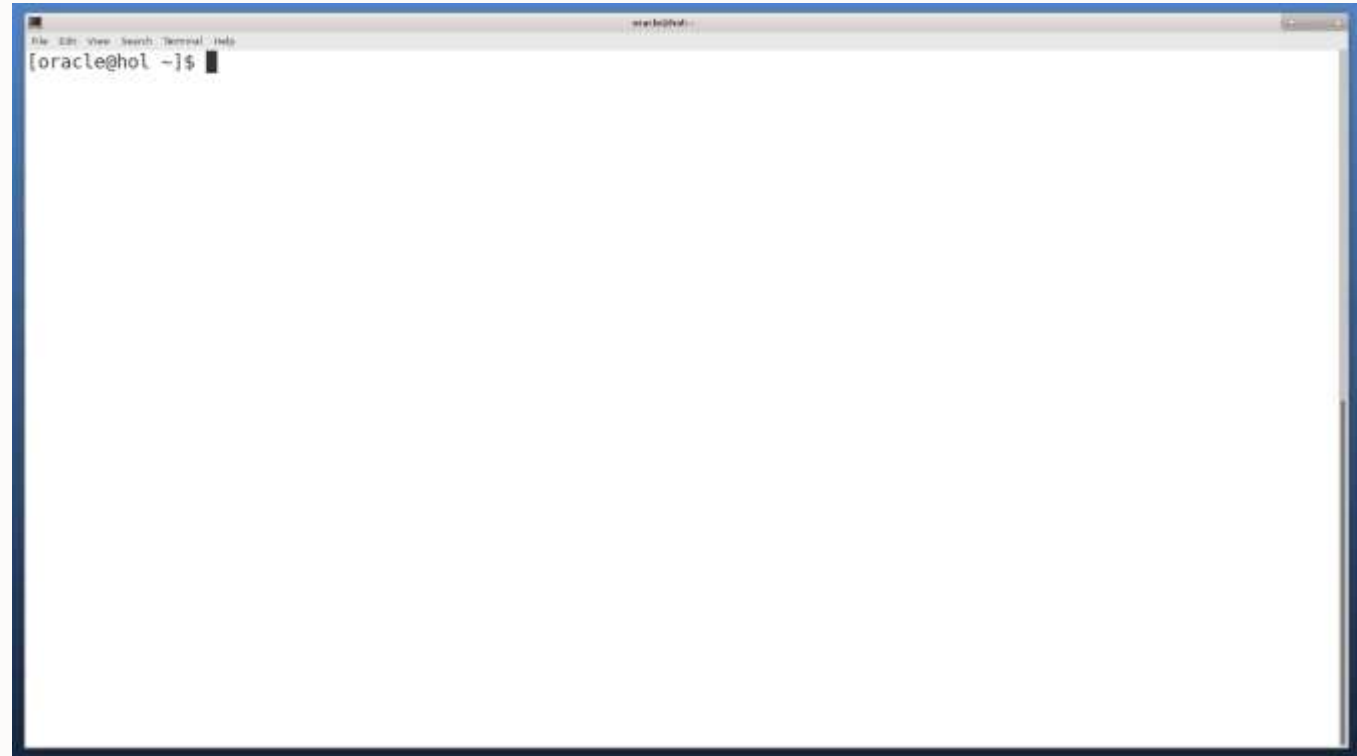
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AutoUpgrade Advanced Options



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AutoUpgrade | Advanced Options

Shell Scripts

Restore Point

Underscores

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Execute your own scripts as part of the upgrade

You can:

- Before and after upgrade
- Halt or continue on error
- For a single or every database

Ideas:

- Enterprise Manager configuration
- Backup configuration
- Interact with apps using the database

AutoUpgrade | Advanced Options

Shell Scripts

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Monitoring

Shell script execution

```
global.before_action=/database/scripts/set_blackout.sh  
  
upg1.source_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/12.2.0.1  
upg1.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19  
upg1.sid=CDB1  
upg1.after_action=/database/scripts/start_level0.sh
```

- Permitted extension options:
 - Unix shell (.sh)
 - Microsoft Windows batch (.bat, .cmd)
 - Microsoft Windows PowerShell (.ps1)

Pro tip: If you want script execution for all upgrades use `global.before_action` and `global.after_action`



AutoUpgrade | Advanced Options

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Shell script execution

Default - AutoUpgrade **does not react** on return code

```
upg1.before_action=/database/scripts/run_this_on_UPG1_before.sh
```

Optionally - AutoUpgrade **halts** on non-zero return code

```
upg1.before_action=/database/scripts/run_this_on_UPG1_before.sh Y
```

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Guaranteed Restore Points

```
upg1.source_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/12.2.0.1
upg1.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19
upg1.sid=CDB1
upg1.restoration=no

upg2.source_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/12.2.0.1
upg2.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19
upg2.sid=CDB2
upg2.drop_grp_after_upgrade=yes
```

- Default behavior:
 - AutoUpgrade creates GRP except for
 - Standard Edition 2
 - restoration=no
 - GRP will be kept
 - GRP needs to be removed manually except for
 - drop_grp_after_upgrade=yes will only remove it when upgrade completed successfully

AutoUpgrade | Advanced Options

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Underscore parameters and events

```
upg1.source_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/12.2.0.1  
upg1.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19  
upg1.sid=CDB1  
upg1.remove_underscore_parameters=yes
```

- Default behavior:
 - Underscores and events will be kept

AutoUpgrade | Advanced Options

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Skip time zone upgrade

```
upg1.source_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/12.2.0.1  
upg1.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19  
upg1.sid=CDB1  
upg1.timezone_upg=no
```

- Default behavior:
 - Time zone adjustment happens post upgrade
 - Database will be restarted several times
 - Important when you use "Downgrade" as fallback strategy as time zone can't be downgraded

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Shell Scripts
Restore Point
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Time Zone

Monitoring

Current Upgrade Status					
JobId	DbName	Stage	Operation	Status	Details
102	FTEX	DBUPGRADE	EXECUTING	RUNNING	[Upgrading] is [88%] completed for [ftex] +-----+-----+ CONTAINER PERCENTAGE +-----+-----+ FTEX UPGRADE [88%] +-----+-----+
103	DB12	DBUPGRADE	EXECUTING	RUNNING	[Upgrading] is [49%] completed for [db12] +-----+-----+ CONTAINER PERCENTAGE +-----+-----+ DB12 UPGRADE [49%] +-----+-----+

Monitor via browser:

<au_global_log_dir>/cfgtoollogs/upgrade/auto/state.html

Refreshes automatically every 3 minutes





AutoUpgrade with Data Guard



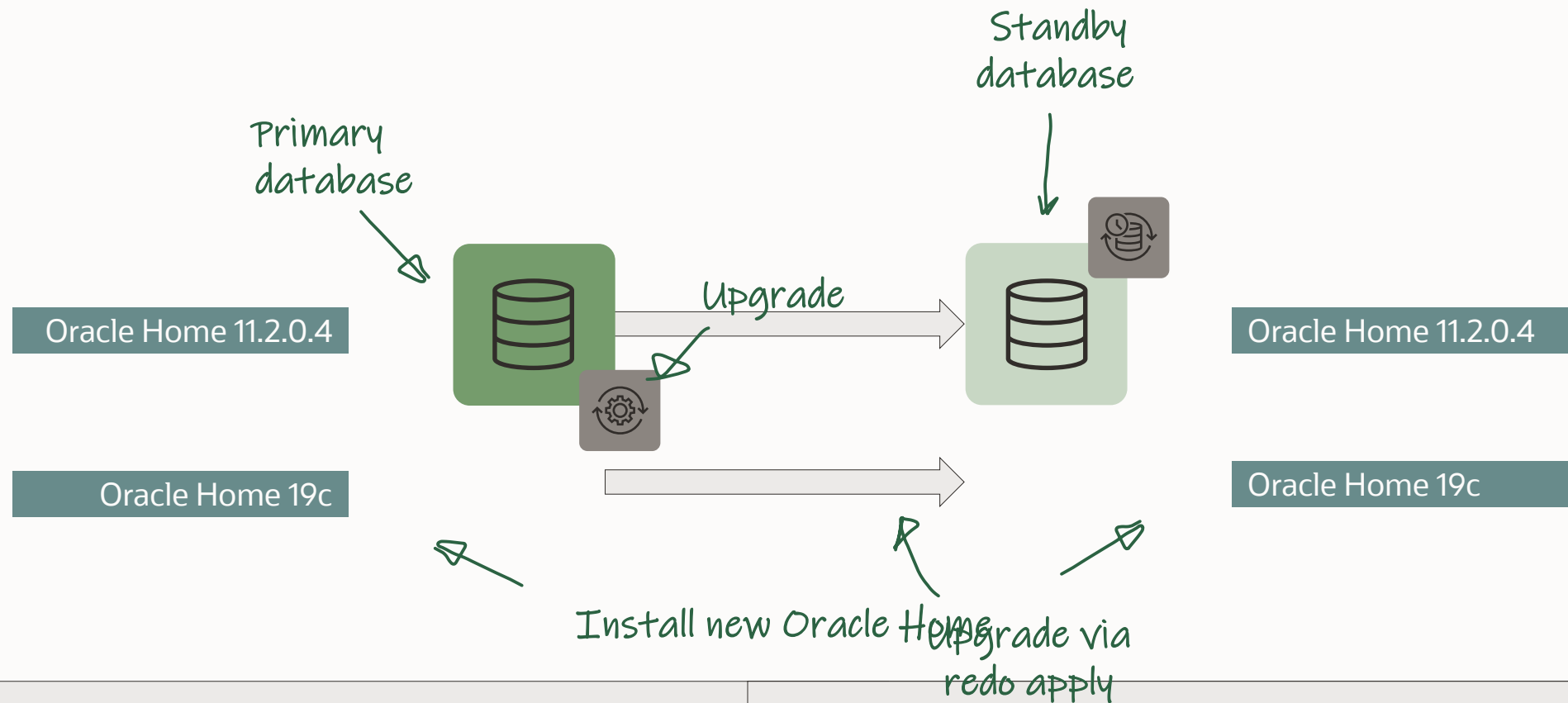
AutoUpgrade supports upgrading databases that are part of a Data Guard configuration

AutoUpgrade | Data Guard

- Detected by AutoUpgrade automatically
- Works for broker-managed and manual Data Guard environments
- Primary database handled by AutoUpgrade
Standby database handled manually



AutoUpgrade | Data Guard



```
$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -mode d SQL> create restore point ...  
$ srvctl upgrade database ...  
$ srvctl start database ...
```

AutoUpgrade | Data Guard

MAA Approach

- Keep standby online during upgrade
- Allows for faster go-live after upgrade
- Move standby database to new Oracle Home before upgrade
- Keep redo transport and redo apply on during upgrade



AutoUpgrade | Data Guard

Our Approach

```
upg1.defer_standby_log_shipping=yes
```

- Keep standby offline during upgrade
- Downtime extended while standby applies redo
- Move standby database to new Oracle Home after upgrade
- Safer because is left untouched - but slower



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AutoUpgrade and RAC

UPGRADE RAC DATABASE

1

UPGRADE GRID INFRASTRUCTURE

- Not covered by AutoUpgrade
- Recommended to upgrade one week in advance

2

UPGRADE DATABASE

- Upgrade with AutoUpgrade
- Everything handled by AutoUpgrade

AutoUpgrade | RAC

WHAT IS REQUIRED?

- Linux or Unix-based system
- Registered and managed through `srvctl`
- SPFile in ASM

WHAT DO YOU GET?

- Fully managed upgrade
- Supports RAC and RAC One Node
- No extra configuration
- Just connect to one node and AutoUpgrade takes care of the rest
 - `CLUSTER_DATABASE=FALSE`
 - `srvctl` configuration





It is recommended to keep Grid Infrastructure and database patch level in sync

Pro tip: Additional details can be found in [blog post](#)



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AutoUpgrade on Exadata



AutoUpgrade is the recommended utility to upgrade Oracle Databases to 19c

Source:
19c Grid Infrastructure and Database Upgrade steps for Exadata Database Machine
running on Oracle Linux (Doc ID [2542082.1](#))

AutoUpgrade | Exadata

Follow elaborate procedure in MOS note:

[19c Grid Infrastructure and Database Upgrade steps for Exadata Database Machine running on Oracle Linux \(Doc ID 2542082.1\)](#)

AutoUpgrade version 21.1.3 or higher is required

- but **always** use the latest version of AutoUpgrade



What about ExaCC and ExaCS?

AutoUpgrade | ExaCC + ExaCS

Follow elaborate procedure in MOS note:

- [Upgrading to 19c Oracle Database on Exadata Cloud Service \(ExaCS\) and Exadata Cloud at Customer Gen2 \(ExaCC\) \(Doc ID 2628228.1\)](#)

Above mentioned procedure is the only support method

Currently, DBUA is utilized by cloud tooling



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What if ...

AutoUpgrade | What if ... AutoUpgrade fails

1. Create zip file

```
$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config config.cfg -zip
```

2. Optionally, add opatch lsinventory

```
$ $ORACLE_HOME/OPatch/opatch lsinventory > opatch.txt  
$ zip -r AUPG_210419_0735_461.zip opatch.txt
```

3. Upload it to My Oracle Support





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Lead Developer
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"After qualifying the new AutoUpgrade tool on a representative portion of our database landscape we found that tool was doing a great job and is production-ready. In our automation tool we have removed a lot of "home-grown" code and replaced it with AutoUpgrade functionality.

Since August 2019 all upgrades at SimCorp have been executed using the AutoUpgrade tool."

BREAK

05:00

Chapter 3

Multitenant Migration

Multitenant | Support

”

Desupport of Non-CDB Oracle Databases

Starting with Oracle Database 21c, installation of non-CDB Oracle Database architecture is no longer supported.

The non-CDB architecture was deprecated in Oracle Database 12c. It is desupported in Oracle Database 21c.

[Database 21c, Upgrade Guide, chapter 10](#)

Multitenant | Support

What does this mean?

1. Oracle Database 19c is the **last release** to support non-CDB architecture
2. **Before upgrade** to Oracle Database 21c or beyond, you must convert to the multitenant architecture

Pro tip: For further details see [Release Schedule of Current Database Releases \(Doc ID 742060.1\)](#)



Multitenant | License

Included in **all** offerings (SE2/EE)

12.1.0.2
12.2.0.1
18c

Single tenant
Max. **1** PDB

19c
21c

Multitenant
Max. **3** PDB

```
SQL> alter system set max_pdb=3;
```

other

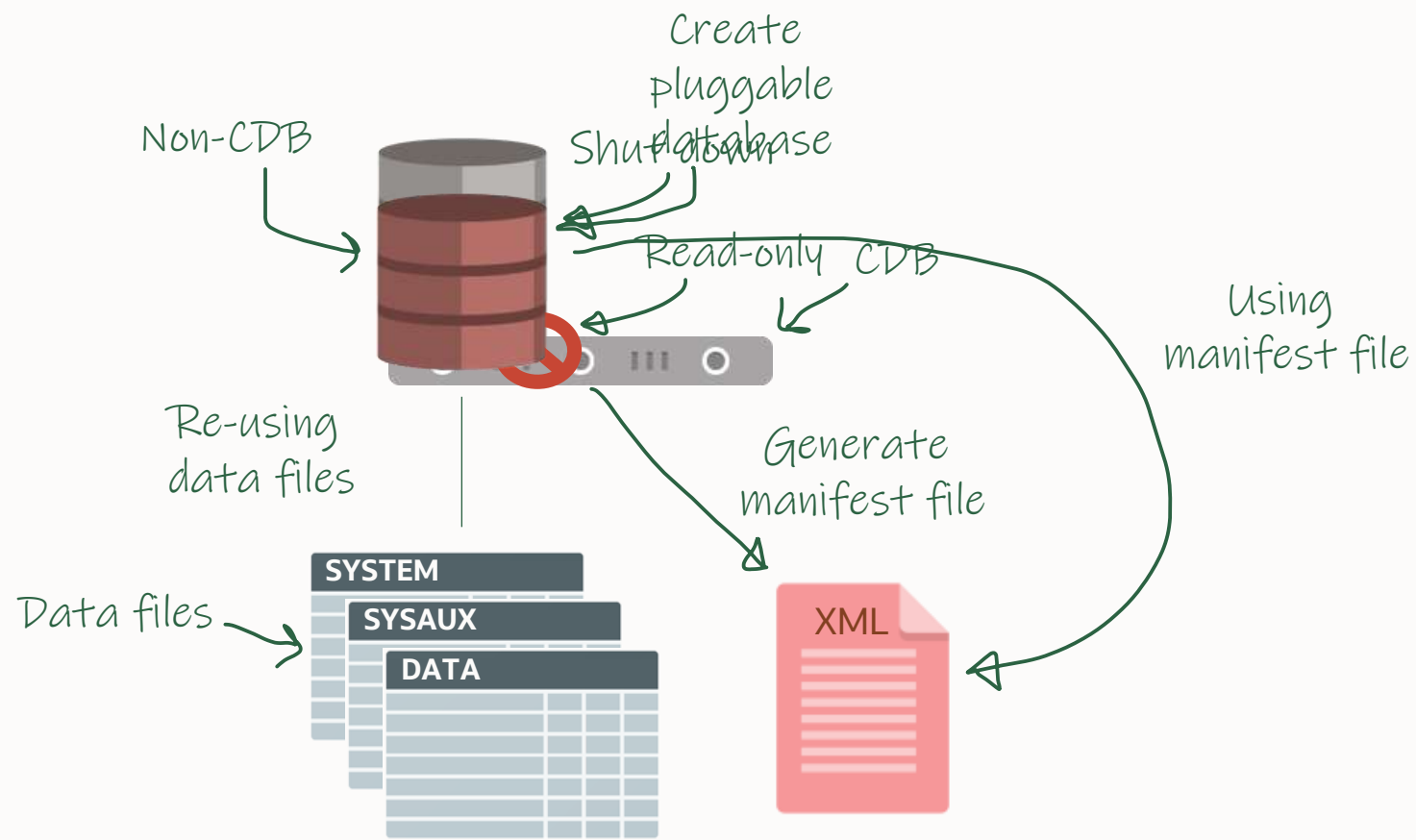
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options

Plug-in Copy

Plug-in NoCopy

Plug-in NoCopy | Concept



Plug-in NoCopy | Create

Re-use existing data files

```
SQL> CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE DB19 ... NOCOPY ... ;
```

Move data files

```
SQL> CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE DB19 ... MOVE ... ;
```

Plug-in NoCopy | AutoUpgrade

Fully automated plug-in

```
upg1.source_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19  
upg1.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19  
upg1.sid=DB19  
upg1.target_cdb=CDB2
```

Command

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config DB19.cfg -mode deploy
```

Pro tip: Always get latest version of AutoUpgrade from MOS [2485457.1](#)



Plug-in NoCopy | AutoUpgrade

Upgrade - and plug in

```
upg1.source_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/12.2.0.1
upg1.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19
upg1.sid=DB12
upg1.target_cdb=CDB2
#Optionally, rename PDB
#upg1.target_pdb_name=SALES
```

Command

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config DB19.cfg -mode deploy
```

Blog post: [Oracle AutoUpgrade between two servers – and Plugin?](#)

Pro tip: You can also plug in manually and upgrade PDB with `dbupgrade -c DB19`



Plug-in NoCopy | Nice to know

No fallback

- Data files are re-used

Fast option

Cross-platform

- Potentially roll off patches before unplug
- But can't go across Endian format



other

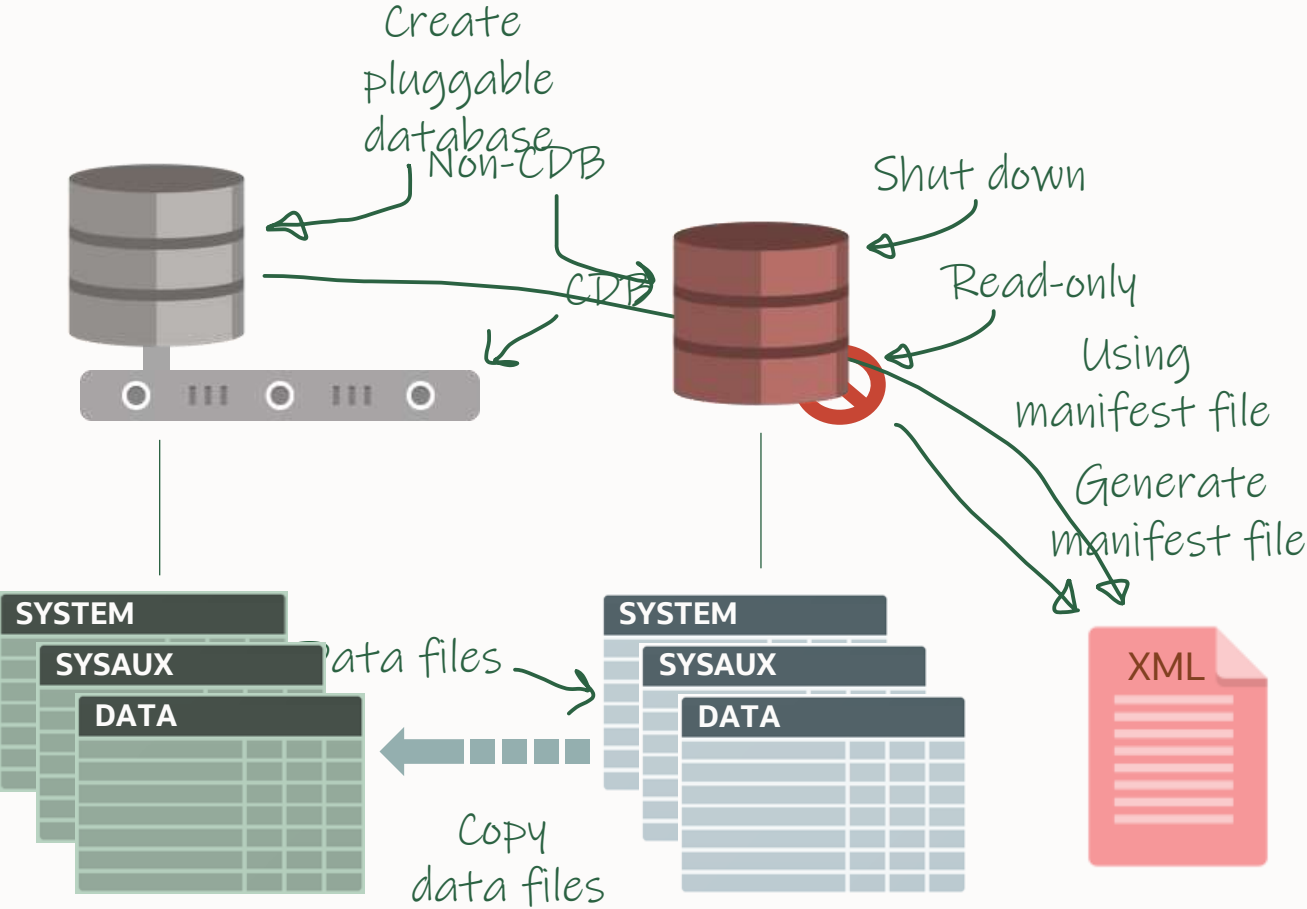
MIGRATION

options

Plug-in Copy

Plug-in NoCopy

Plug-in Copy | Concept



Plug-in Copy | Create

Copy data files

```
SQL> CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE DB19 ... COPY FILE_NAME_CONVERT= ... ;
```

Rename data files with FILE NAME CONVERT

- Regular search/replace
FILE_NAME_CONVERT= ('DB19', 'SALES')
- OMF
FILE_NAME_CONVERT=NONE

Pro tip: Use the same FILE_NAME_CONVERT clause for plug-in with MOVE keyword



Plug-in Copy | Clone non-CDB

Plug in and copy data files over [network link](#)

```
SQL> CREATE DATABASE LINK CLONELNK ... ;  
SQL> CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE DB19 FROM NON$CDB@CLONELNK ... ;
```

Prerequisites:

- Source must be 12.1.0.2 or newer
- Block size must match
- [Blog post](#)

Plug-in Copy | AutoUpgrade

Fully automated plug-in

```
upg1.source_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19
upg1.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19
upg1.sid=DB19
upg1.target_cdb=CDB2
upg1.target_pdb_name=SALES
#Copy files and perform search/replace on file names
upg1.target_pdb_copy_option=file_name_convert=('DB19','SALES')
#Copy files and generate new OMF file names
#upg1.target_pdb_copy_option=file_name_convert=none
```

Command

```
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config DB19.cfg -mode deploy
```

Plug-in Copy | Nice to know

Fallback option

- Original data files are preserved

Slow and requires additional disk space

Cross-platform

- Potentially roll off patches before unplug
- But can't go across Endian format



Multitenant and Data Guard

Data Guard | Migration Options

It is possible to **preserve** the standby database when you migrate from non-CDB to PDB

Special **attention** is needed

You don't have to rebuild your standby database, but you might find it is the **easiest** solution

Data Guard | Migration Options

If you CDB has a standby database,
you must follow these **guidelines**

If you don't, you will crash the MRP process
and **redo apply stops**

Data Guard | **Plug-in**

Three options

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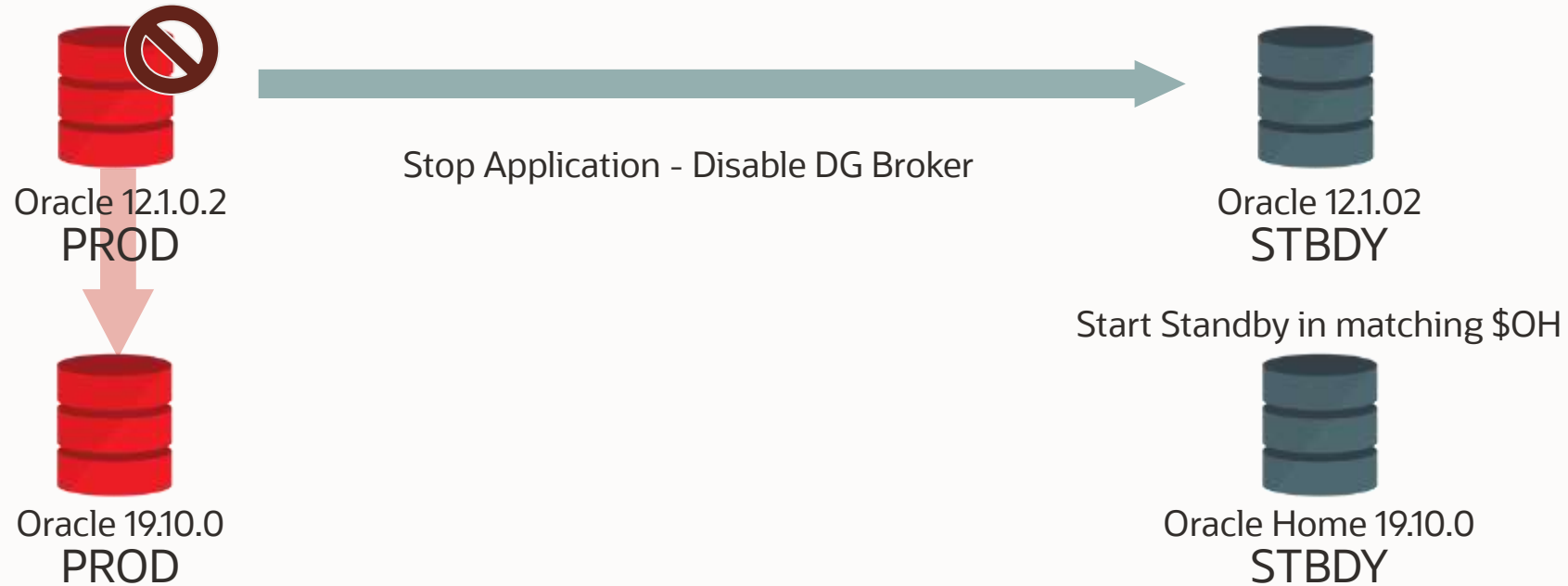
- CDB is protected when standby database is ready

Data Guard Example | Initial Setup



Data Guard Example | **AutoUpgrade**

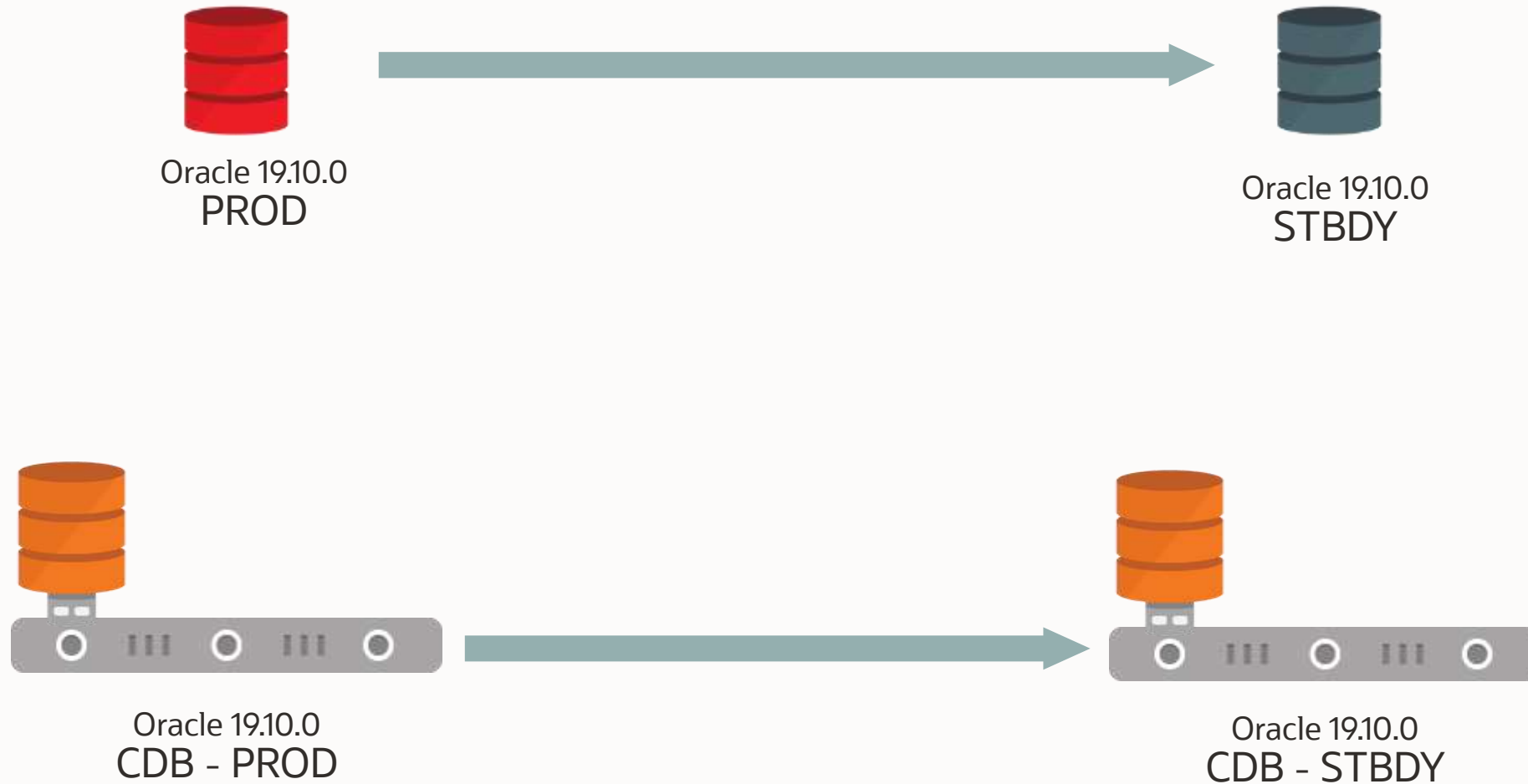
>> DOWNTIME <<



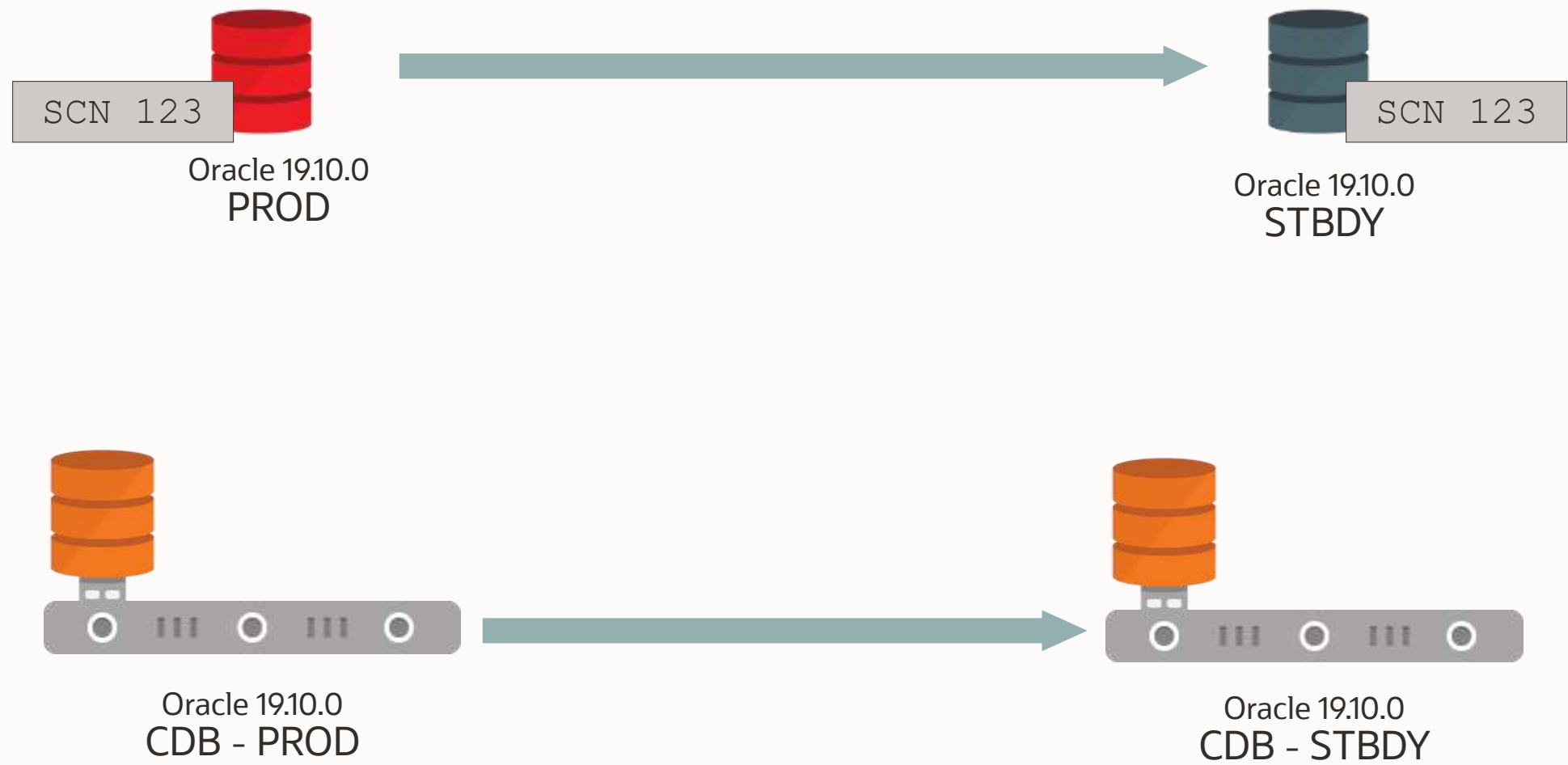
Data Guard Example | **Implicit Standby Upgrade**



Data Guard Example | Create CDBs



Data Guard Example | Synchronize



Data Guard Example | Synchronize

[MOS Doc ID 2273304.1](#)

Primary

```
SQL> shutdown immediate
SQL> startup mount
SQL> alter system
      flush redo to stdby no confirm apply;
SQL> alter database open read only;
SQL> select checkpoint_change#
      from v$datafile_header where file#=1;
```

```
SQL> exec dbms_pdb.describe('/home/oracle/prmy.xml');
SQL> shutdown immediate
```

Standby

```
DGMGRL> edit database stdby set state='APPLY-OFF';
SQL> shutdown immediate
SQL> startup
SQL> alter database
      recover managed standby database cancel;
```

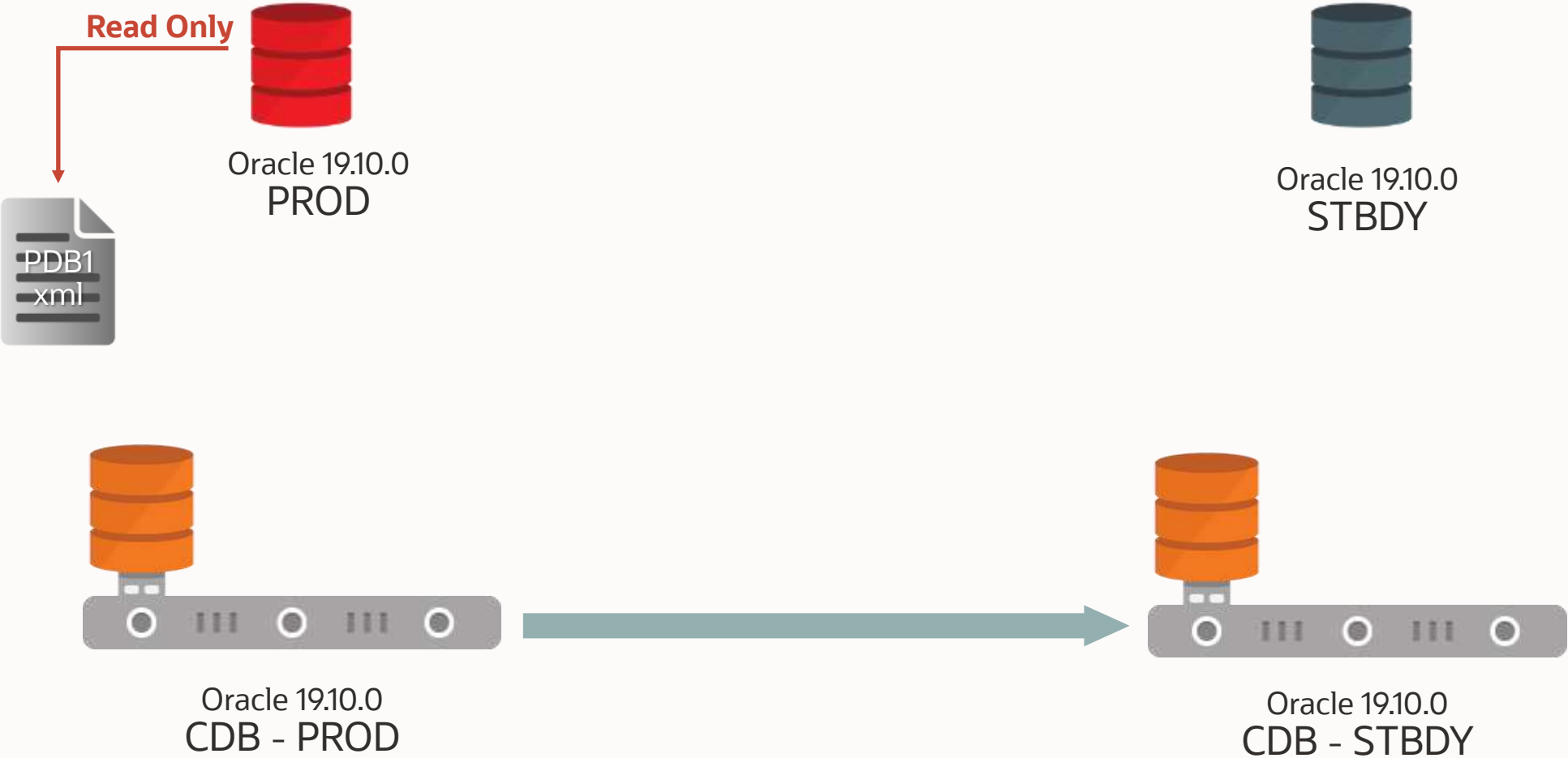
Replace with **checkpoint_change#**

```
SQL> alter database recover managed standby database
      until change 2319950;
SQL> select checkpoint_change#
      from v$datafile_header where file#=1;
```

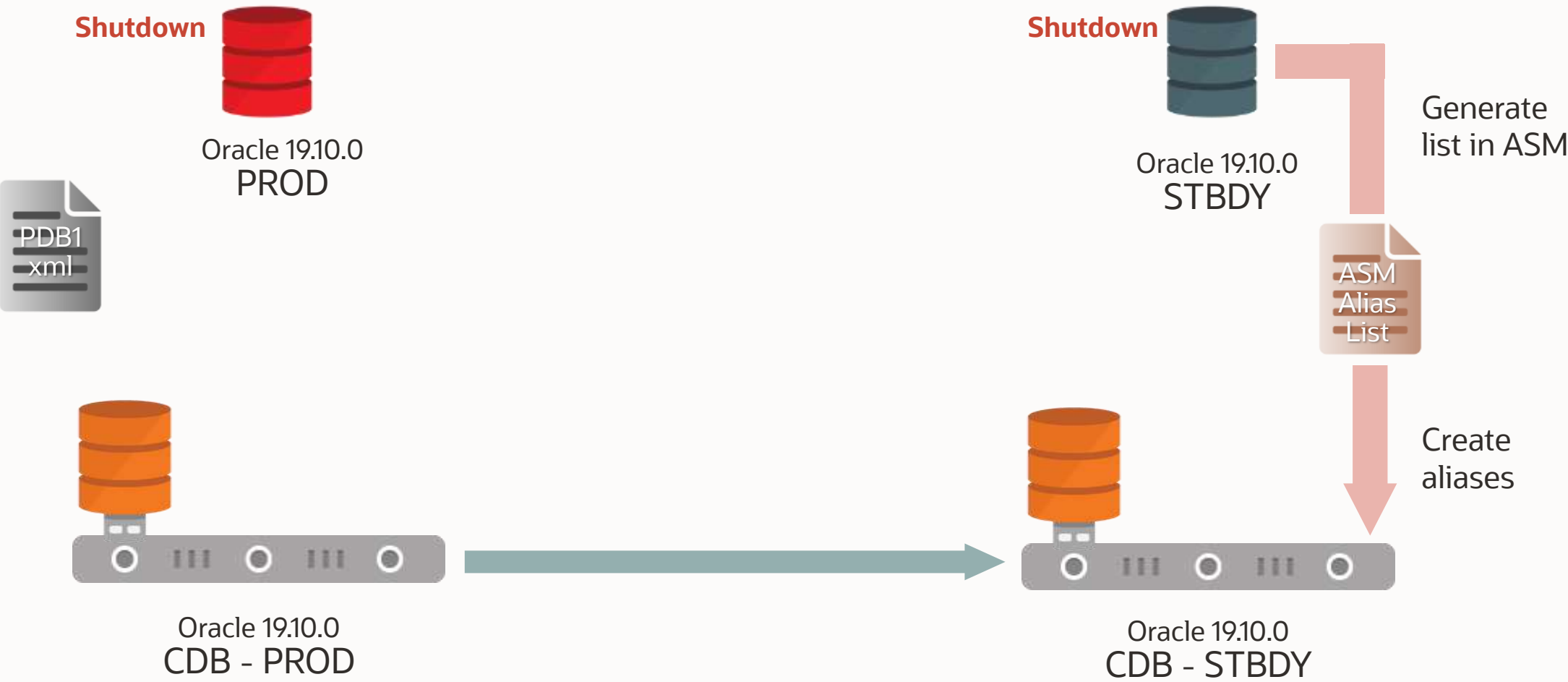
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SQL> shutdown immediate
```

MUST MATCH!

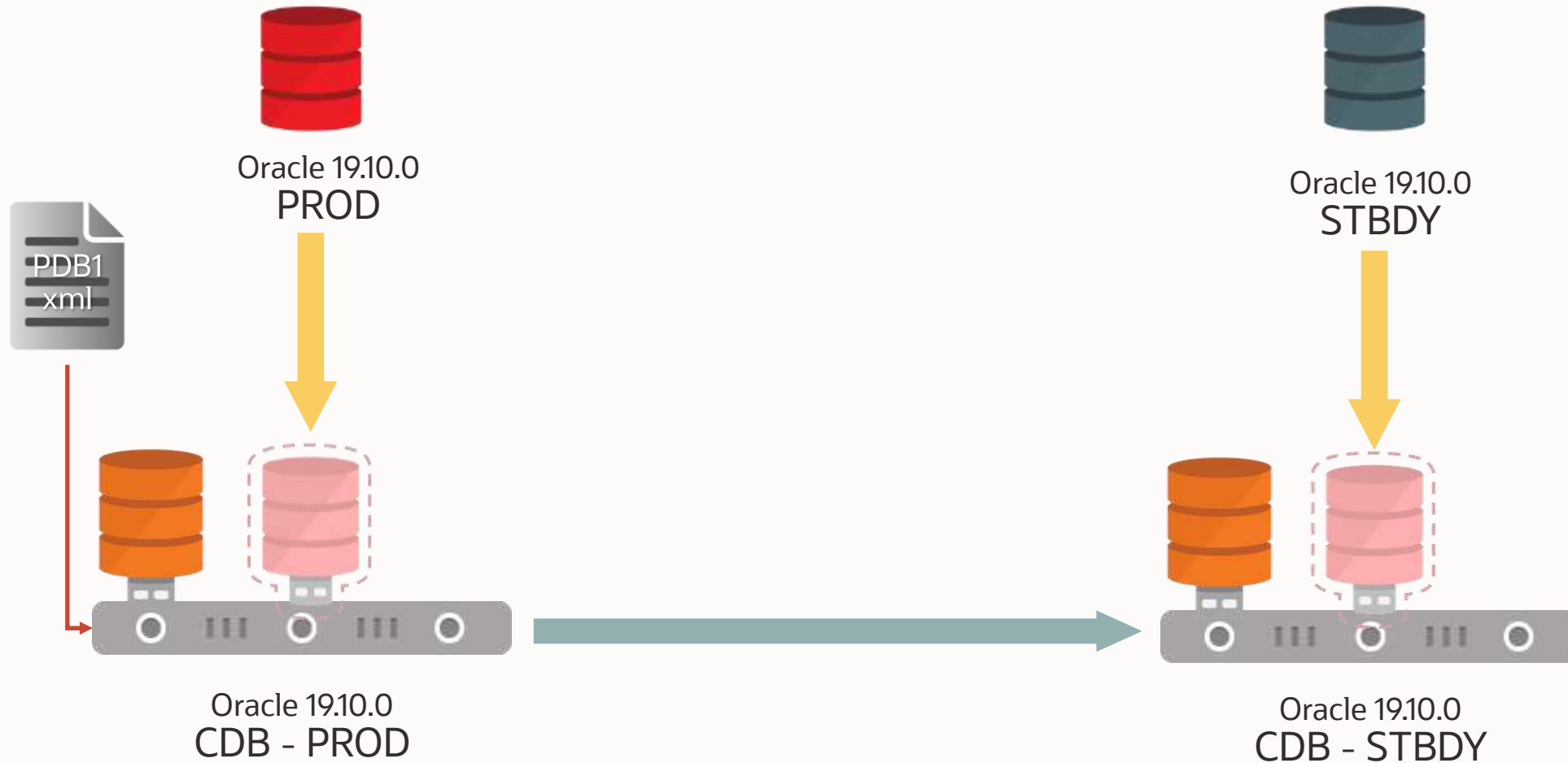
Data Guard Example | Read Only Phase



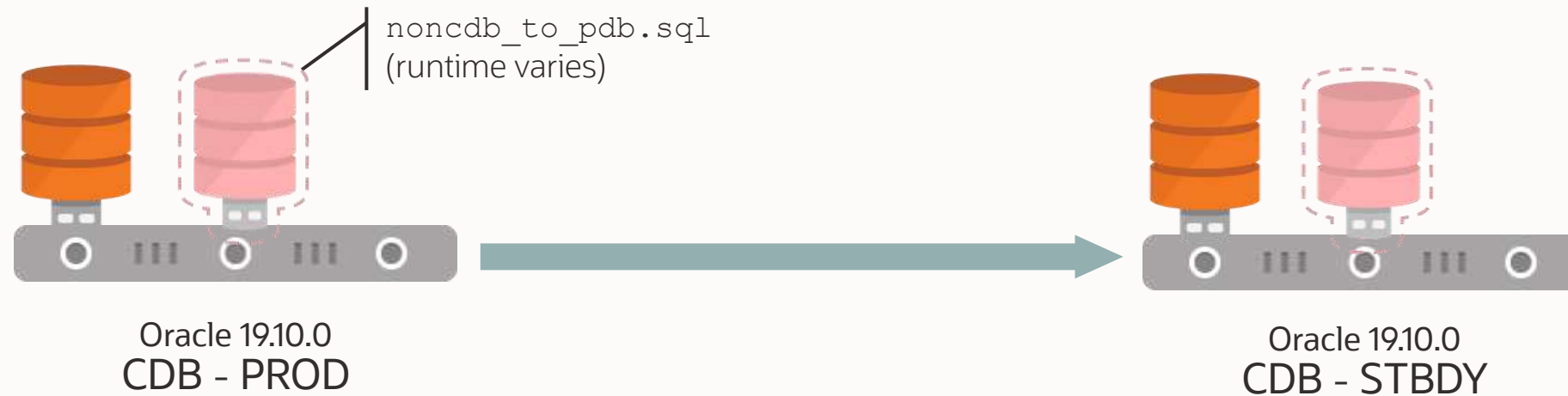
Data Guard Example | **ASM Alias File**



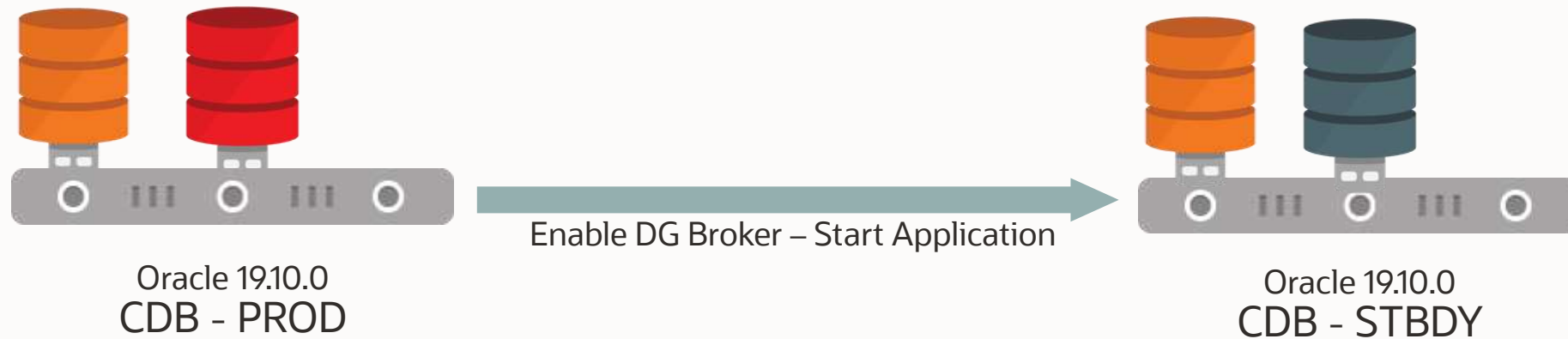
Data Guard Example | Plugin



Data Guard Example | **Convert non-CDB to PDB**



Data Guard Example | **Plugin Completed!**



Data Guard | Preserve Data Files

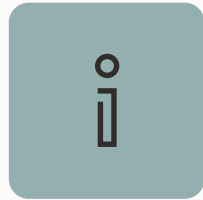
- Data Guard PM - Pieter van Puymbroeck:
<https://vanpupi.stepi.net/2019/06/to-cdb-or-not-to-cdb-thats-the-question/>
- MAA Team:
[MOS Note: 2273304.1](#)
[Reusing the Source Standby Database Files When Plugging a non-CDB as a PDB into the Primary Database of a Data Guard Configuration](#)
- Explanation and troubleshooting
<https://dohdatabase.com/2020/12/03/upgrade-plug-in-with-asm-data-guard-tde-and-no-keystore-password/>

Data Guard | Plug-in

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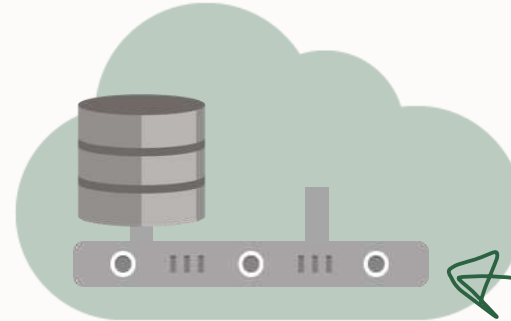




AutoUpgrade supports this approach

Data Guard | Plug-in

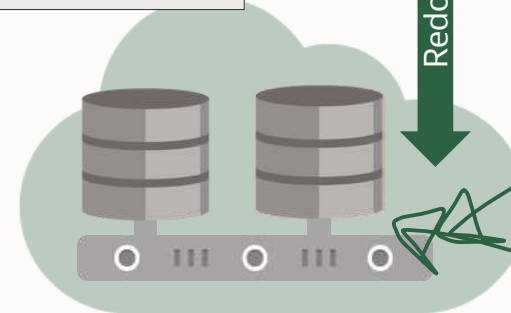
Source



Target
Primary

```
SQL> CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE ... STANDBYS=NONE;
```

Redo



Target
Standby
PDB created
Data files missing

```
RMAN> restore pluggable database ... from service ... ;  
...  
SQL> alter pluggable database enable recovery;
```

Data Guard | Plug-in

★ Making Use Deferred PDB Recovery and the STANDBYS=NONE Feature with Oracle Multitenant (Doc ID 1916648.1)

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[Performing a Data Guard Role Transition with a PDB in DISABLED RECOVERY](#)

[The zero downtime instantiation process using RMAN for copying the files from the primary to standby](#)

[Steps required for enabling recovery on the PDB after the files have been copied](#)

[Steps to DISABLE RECOVERY of a Pluggable Database](#)

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APPLIES TO:

Oracle Cloud Infrastructure - Database Service - Version N/A and later
Oracle Database Cloud Service - Version N/A and later
Oracle Database - Enterprise Edition - Version 12.1.0.2 and later
Oracle Database Cloud Schema Service - Version N/A and later
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Data Guard | **Plug-in**

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Migration | Last Words

Every migration

- Is an architectural change
- Requires downtime
- Requires a fallback
- Ends with a backup



Chapter 4

Performance Stability



your key to

Successful Database Upgrades

Step 1

Download and
install Oracle 19c

[eDelivery.oracle.com](https://edelivery.oracle.com)

Step 2

Download and
install newest RU

MOS Note: 2118136.2

Step 3

Download and use
AutoUpgrade

MOS Note: 2485457.1

Step 4

Performance Stability
with SPM, STA and RAT



Statistics | Refresh?

Should you refresh object statistics when you upgrade to Oracle 19c?

- It is not required
- But especially when you upgrade from 11.2, histograms can change
 - Avoid gradual change of plans when stats become stale
 - Better regather object statistics as soon as possible

Statistics | Refresh?

Want to gather statistics fast?

```
SQL> exec dbms_stats.set_global_prefs('CONCURRENT','AUTOMATIC');
```

Even faster (if you have CPU available)?

```
SQL> exec dbms_stats.set_global_prefs('DEGREE', DBMS_STATS.AUTO_DEGREE);
```

Fastest (if you have a lot of CPU available)?

```
SQL> exec dbms_stats.set_global_prefs('CONCURRENT','AUTOMATIC');  
SQL> exec dbms_stats.set_global_prefs('DEGREE', DBMS_STATS.AUTO_DEGREE);
```

Or import fresh statistics from a matching test system

Pro tip: Read Nigel Bayliss' blog on
[How to Gather Optimizer Statistics Fast!](#)

Performance Stability Prescription

1.
Collect

3.
Analyze

5.
Manage

2.
Compare

4.
Tune



SQL Tuning Set | Definition

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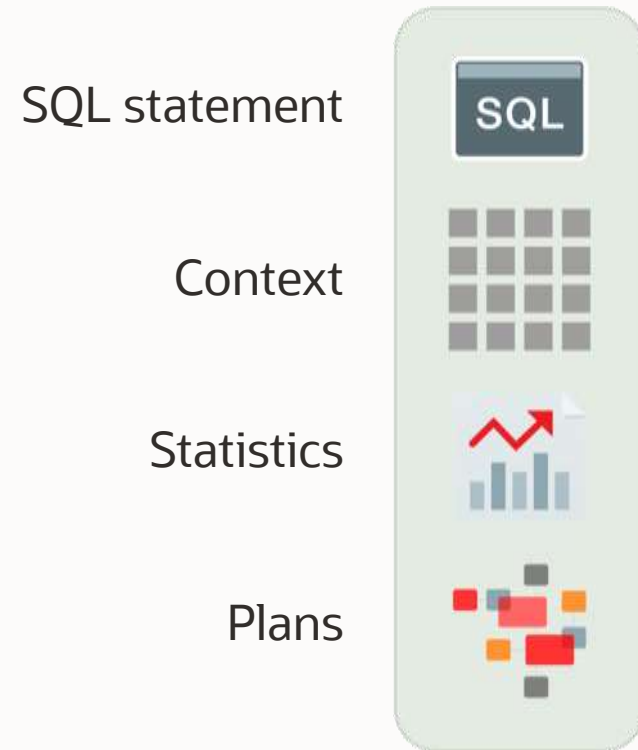
An SQL Tuning Set (STS) enables you to group SQL statements and related metadata in a single database object, which you can use to meet your tuning goals.

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 [DBMS_SOLTUNE](#) 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

```
SQL> BEGIN
  DBMS_SQLSET.CAPTURE_CURSOR_CACHE_SQLSET(
    sqlset_name      => 'UPG_STS_1',
    time_limit       => 900,
    repeat_interval  => 60,
    capture_option   => 'MERGE',
    capture_mode     => DBMS_SQLTUNE.MODE_ACCUMULATE_STATS,
    basic_filter     => 'parsing_schema_name not in (('SYS'))',
    sqlset_owner     => NULL,
    recursive_sql    => 'HAS_RECURSIVE_SQL');
END;
/
```



Careful - puts load on your system

Pro tip: [SQL Tuning Guide](#) shows how to load all statements from a given schema

SQL Tuning Set | License

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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:

*ADD_SQLSET_REFERENCE
CREATE_STGTAB_SQLSET
LOAD_SQLSET
SELECT_CURSOR_CACHE
UNPACK_STGTAB_SQLSET*

*CAPTURE_CURSOR_CACHE_SQLSET
DELETE_SQLSET
PACK_STGTAB_SQLSET
SELECT_SQLSET
UPDATE_SQLSET*

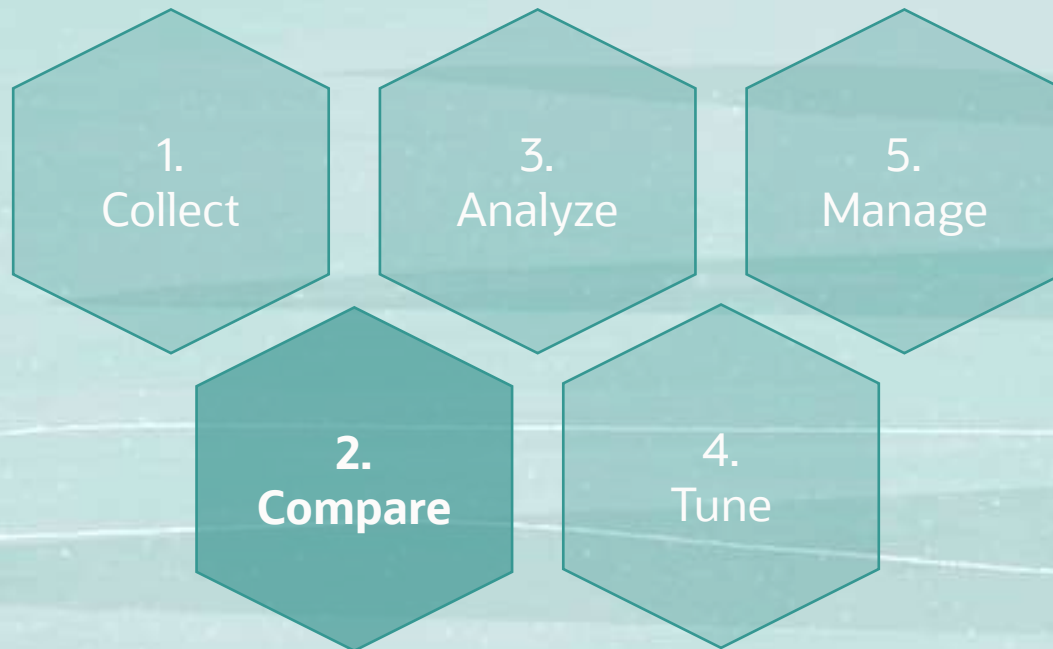
*CREATE_SQLSET
DROP_SQLSET
REMOVE_SQLSET_REFERENCE
SELECT_WORKLOAD_REPOSITORY*

[Database 19c Database Licensing Information User Manual](#)

SQL Tuning Set | Recommendation

Always capture workload data into SQL Tuning Sets

Performance Stability Prescription



AWR | Diff Report

Compare AWR report
from two different periods

1. AWR snapshot
2. Execute workload
3. AWR snapshot
4. Upgrade
5. AWR snapshot
6. Execute workload
7. AWR snapshot
8. Compare

AWR | Diff Report

Use script `awrddrpt.sql`

WORKLOAD REPOSITORY COMPARE PERIOD REPORT

Report Summary

Snapshot Set	DB Name	DB Id	Unique Name	DB Role	Edition	Release	Cluster	CDB	Host	Std Block Size
First (1st)	DB19	786900047	DB19	PRIMARY	EE	19.0.0.0.0	NO	NO	hol.localdomain	8192
Second (2nd)	DB19	786900047	DB19	PRIMARY	EE	19.0.0.0.0	NO	NO	hol.localdomain	8192

Snapshot Set	Instance	Inst num
First (1st)	DB19	1
Second (2nd)	DB19	1

Snapshot Set	Begin Snap Id	Begin Snap Time	End Snap Id	End Snap Time	Avg Active Users	Elapsed Time (min)	DB time (min)
1st	3	25-Feb-21 21:14:07 (Thu)	4	25-Feb-21 21:19:09 (Thu)	0.0	5.0	0.0
2nd	5	25-Feb-21 21:24:11 (Thu)	6	25-Feb-21 21:29:12 (Thu)	0.0	5.0	0.0
%Diff					-100.0	-0.2	-43.4

Host Configuration Comparison

	1st	2nd	Diff	%Diff
Number of CPUs:	4	4	0	0.0
Number of CPU Cores:	4	4	0	0.0
Number of CPU Sockets:	1	1	0	0.0
Physical Memory:	15725M	15725M	0M	0.0
Load at Start Snapshot:	.76	.4	-.36	-47.4
Load at End Snapshot:	.19	.5	.31	163.2
%User Time:	.18	.16	-.02	-11.1
%System Time:	.06	.05	-.01	-16.7
%Idle Time:	99.54	99.59	.05	0.1
%IO Wait Time:	.22	.15	-.06	-31.8

AWR | Diff Report

Use script `awrddrpt.sql`

Top Timed Events

- Events with a "-" did not make the Top list in this set of snapshots, but are displayed for comparison purposes

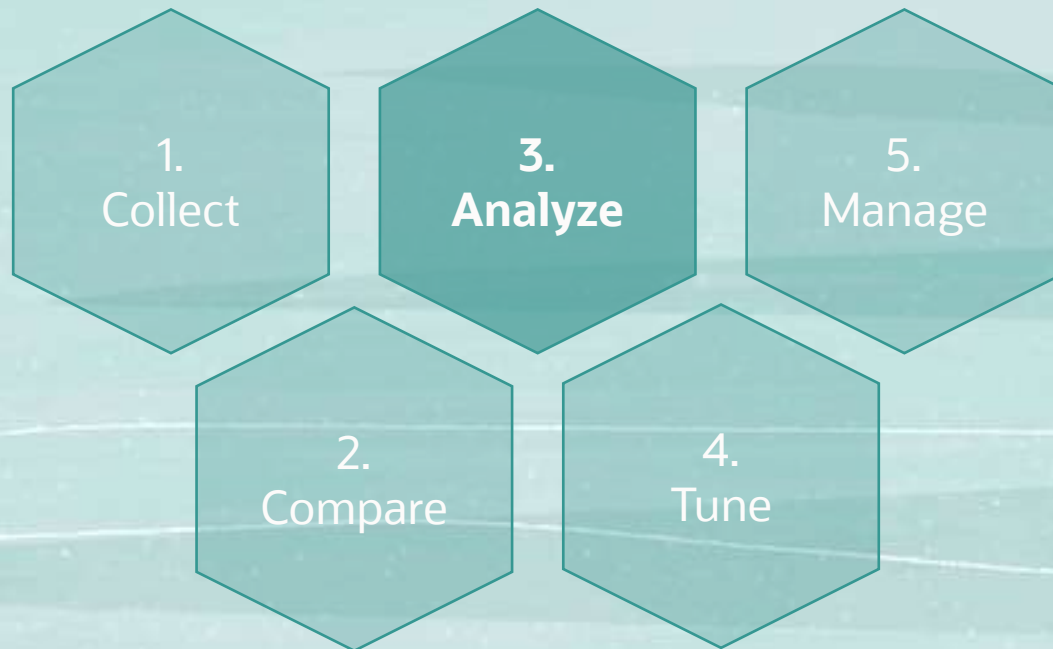
1st						2nd					
Event	Wait Class	Waits	Time(s)	Avg Time(ms)	%DB time	Event	Wait Class	Waits	Time(s)	Avg Time(ms)	%DB time
CPU time			68,289.05		43.73	db file sequential read	User I/O	22,193,998	114,919.21	5.18	23.17
db file sequential read	User I/O	6,686,953	37,737.81	5.64	24.17	enq: SS - contention	Configuration	3,913	98,997.90	25,299.74	19.96
gc buffer busy	Cluster	12,508,244	23,886.55	1.91	15.30	CPU time			73,786.55		14.88
TCP Socket (KGAS)	Network	680,629	12,514.65	18.39	8.01	row cache lock	Concurrency	73,940	48,472.30	655.56	9.77
db file scattered read	User I/O	1,572,296	4,271.68	2.72	2.74	reliable message	Other	41,148	47,600.87	1,156.82	9.60

Requires Enterprise Edition + Diagnostic pack

Pro tip: For migrations, you can [transport AWR data](#)



Performance Stability Prescription



SQL Performance Analyzer | SPA

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*SPA provides fine-grained assessment of environment changes on SQL **execution plans** and **statistics** by running the SQL statements both in isolation and serially manner in before-change and after-change environments.*

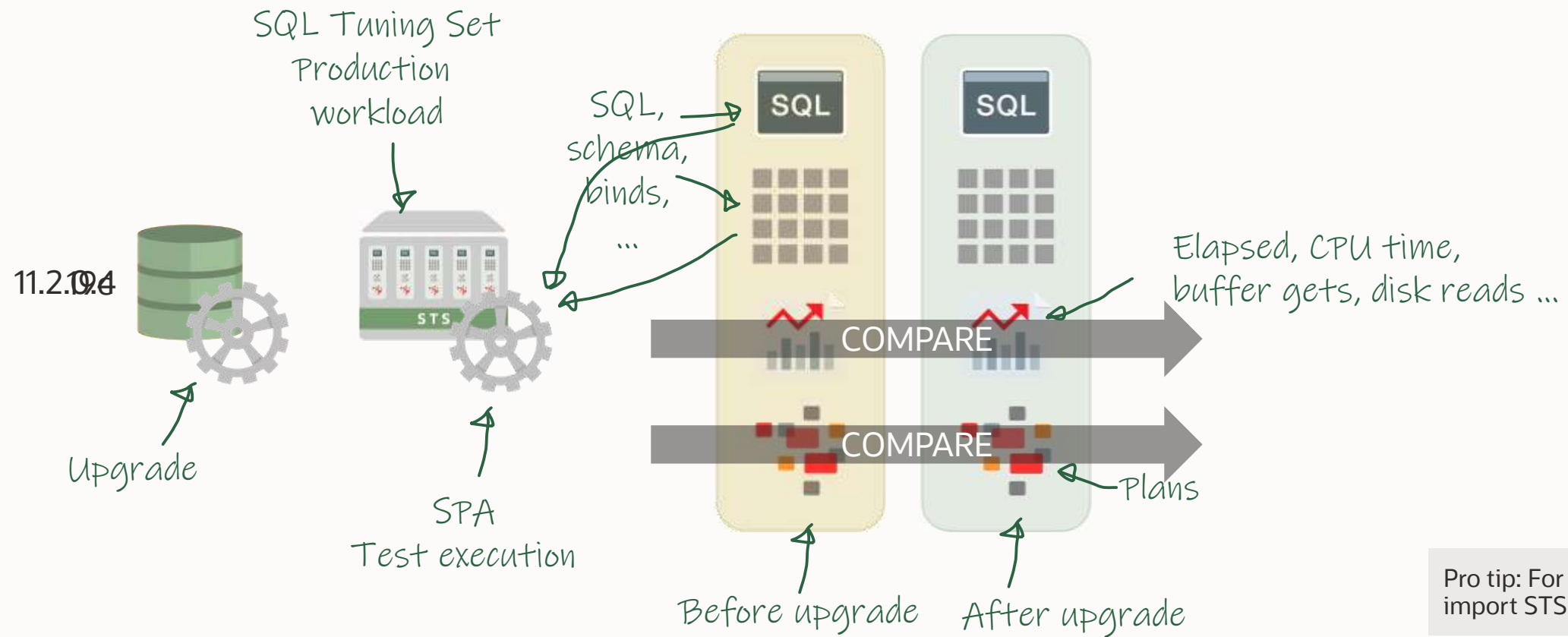
SPA functionality is well integrated with existing SQL Tuning Set (STS), SQL Tuning Advisor, and SQL Plan Management functionality.

[Oracle Database Real Application Testing Data Sheet](#)

Requires Enterprise Edition + Real Application Testing



SPA | Concept



Pro tip: For migrations, import STS into target database

SPA | Regressed Report

Regressed SQL Statements						
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			SQL Trial 1	SQL Trial 2		
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From production
workload

From test
execution



SPA | Regressed Report

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SQL Details: czzzubf8fjz96

Parsing Schema APPS

Execution Frequency 3

SQL Text

```
SELECT /* my_query_21 */ /*+ ORDERED INDEX(t1) USE_HASH(t1) */ 'B' || t2.take_02 take_02, 'B' || t2.take_15  
take_15, 'B' || t2.take_08 take_08, 'r' || t3.record_nr price_eur_id,...
```

Single Execution Statistics

	Execution Statistic Name	Net Impact on Workload (%)	Execution Statistic Collected		Net Impact on SQL (%)
			SQL Trial 1	SQL Trial 2	
↓	Elapsed Time (sec)	-0.240	0.112	0.164	-46.170
↑	Parse Time (sec)	0.220	0.001	0.001	14.490
↓	CPU Time (sec)	-0.030	0.108	0.114	-5.040
⇒	User I/O Time (sec)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
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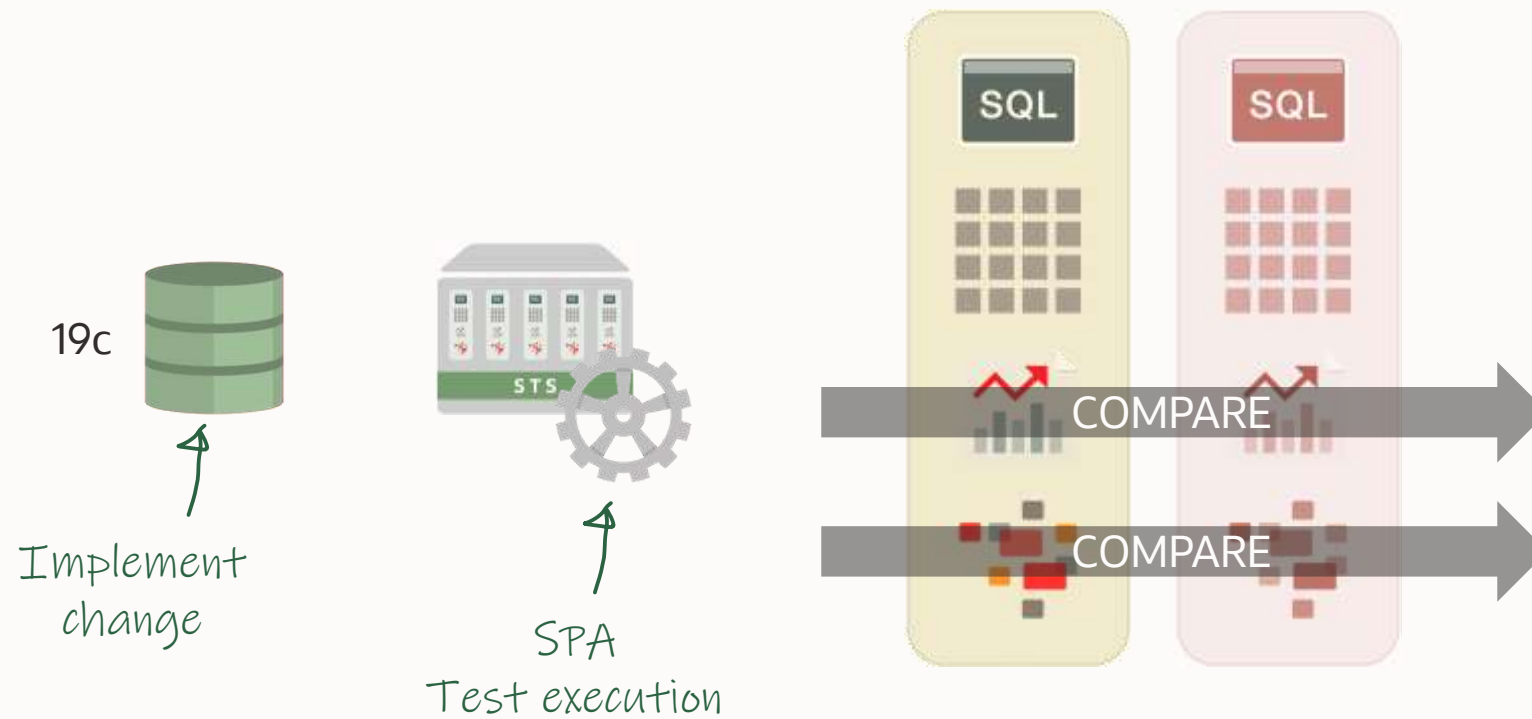
SQL_TRIAL_1353942463446

Plan Hash Value 1165613724

[Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#)

Operation	Line ID	Object	Rows	Cost	Predicate
▽ SELECT STATEMENT	0		1	9,830	
▽ HASH GROUP BY	1		1	9,830	
▽ MERGE JOIN	2		1	9,829	
▽ SORT JOIN	3		8	9,795	
▽ HASH JOIN	4		8	9,794	"T1"."PERIOD_CODE"="T4"."FLYER...
INDEX RANGE SCAN	5	APPS.IDX\$\$_080F0004	1	2	"T4"."EXPORT_LIC_NR"=14659
▽ HASH JOIN	6		14,210	9,792	"T1"."SKU_NR"="T2"."SKU_NR" AN...

SPA | Continuous Improvement

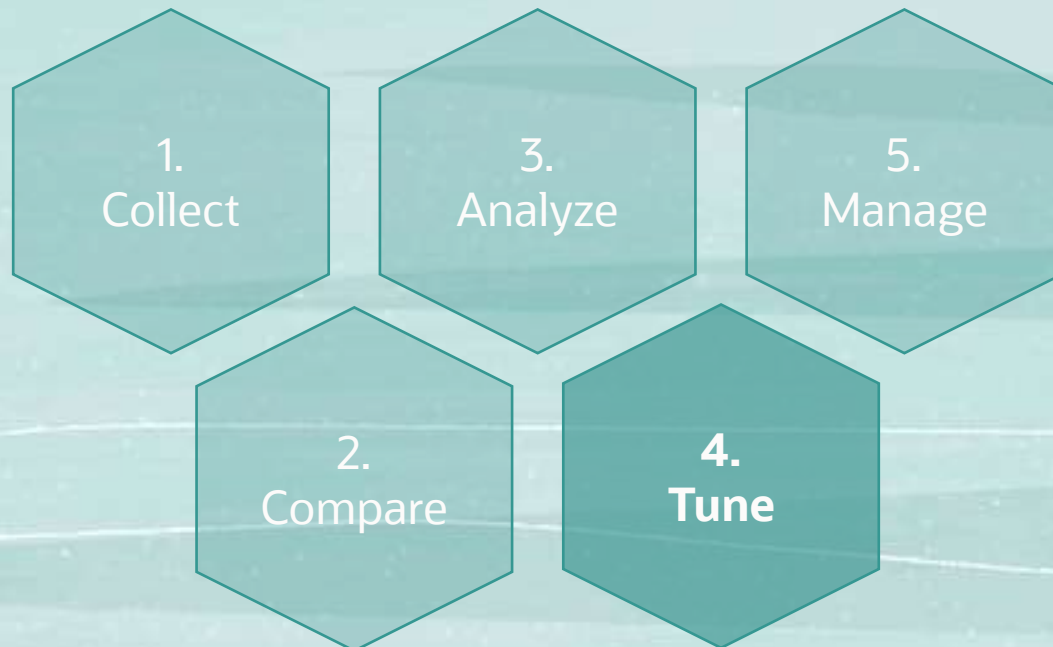


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Performance Stability Prescription



SQL Tuning Advisor

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SQL Tuning Advisor is SQL diagnostic software in the Oracle Database Tuning Pack.

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SQL Tuning Advisor is a mechanism for resolving problems related to suboptimally performing SQL statements.

[Database 19c SQL Tuning Guide, chapter 24](#)

SQL Tuning Advisor | Findings

Types of findings:

1. Collection of object statistics
 2. Creation of indexes
 3. Rewriting SQL statements
 4. Creation of SQL profiles
- and more

Pro tip: SQL Developer has a good [interface](#) to SQL Tuning Advisor



SQL Profiles

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A SQL profile is a database object that contains auxiliary statistics specific to a SQL statement.

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The corrected statistics in a SQL profile can improve optimizer cardinality estimates, which in turn leads the optimizer to select better plans.

[Database 19c SQL Tuning Guide, chapter 26](#)

SQL Profiles | Facts

1. Part of Tuning Pack
 - Included in some cloud offerings
2. Stores a set of hints that causes the optimizer to select a plan
3. Affects one statement only

SQL Profiles | Facts

4. You can enable/disable a profile
5. Transparent to application
 - Does not require application changes
6. Persistent and transportable
 - [Documentation](#)
7. Useful with literals using `FORCE_MATCH=TRUE`

SQL Profile | Testing

1. Enable profile for selected environments only

```
SQL> exec :p_name := dbms_sqltune.accept_sql_profile(  
    task_name=>'TASK_21944',  
    name=>'XT_PROFILE',  
    category=>'TEST_ENV');
```

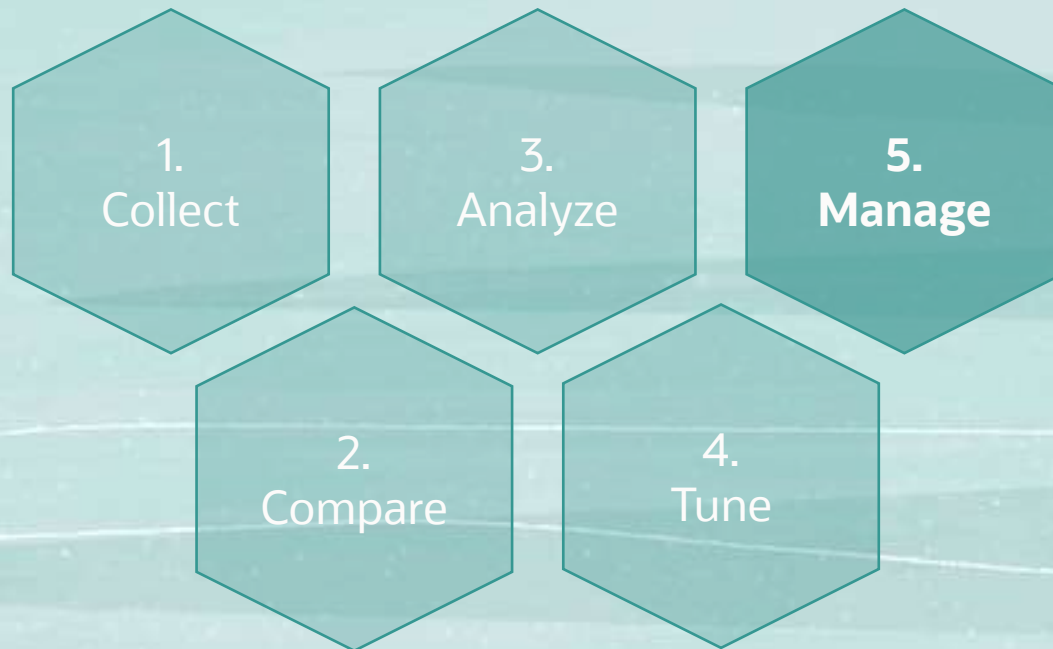
2. Verify the profile – it doesn't get used by the optimizer in the live environment

```
SQL> alter session set sqltune_category='TEST_ENV';
```

3. Accept and make visible to all sessions ('DEFAULT')

```
SQL> exec dbms_sqltune.alter_sql_profile(  
    name=>'XT_PROFILE',  
    attribute_name=>'CATEGORY',  
    value=>'DEFAULT');
```

Performance Stability Prescription



SQL Plan Management | SPM

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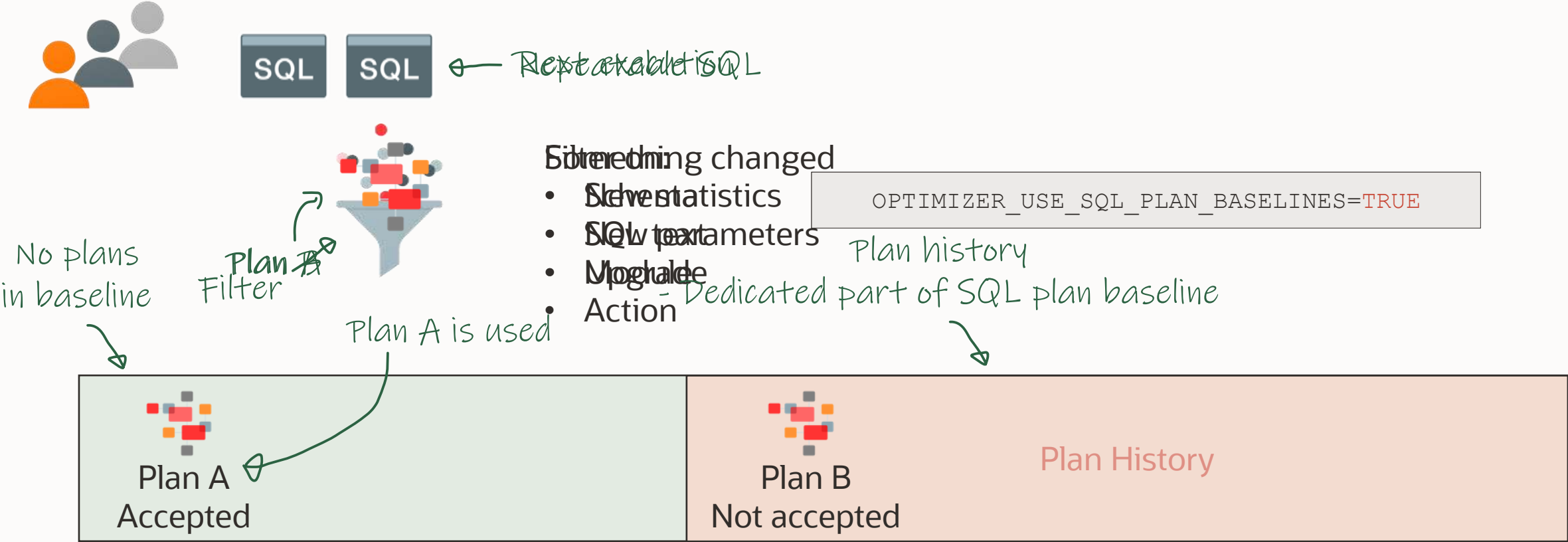
*SQL plan management uses a mechanism called a **SQL plan baseline**, which is a set of accepted plans that the optimizer is allowed to use for a SQL statement.*

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SQL plan management prevents performance regressions caused by plan changes.

[Database 19c SQL Tuning Guide, chapter 27](#)

SPM | Concept



SPM | Plans

The plans in a SQL plan baseline can be:

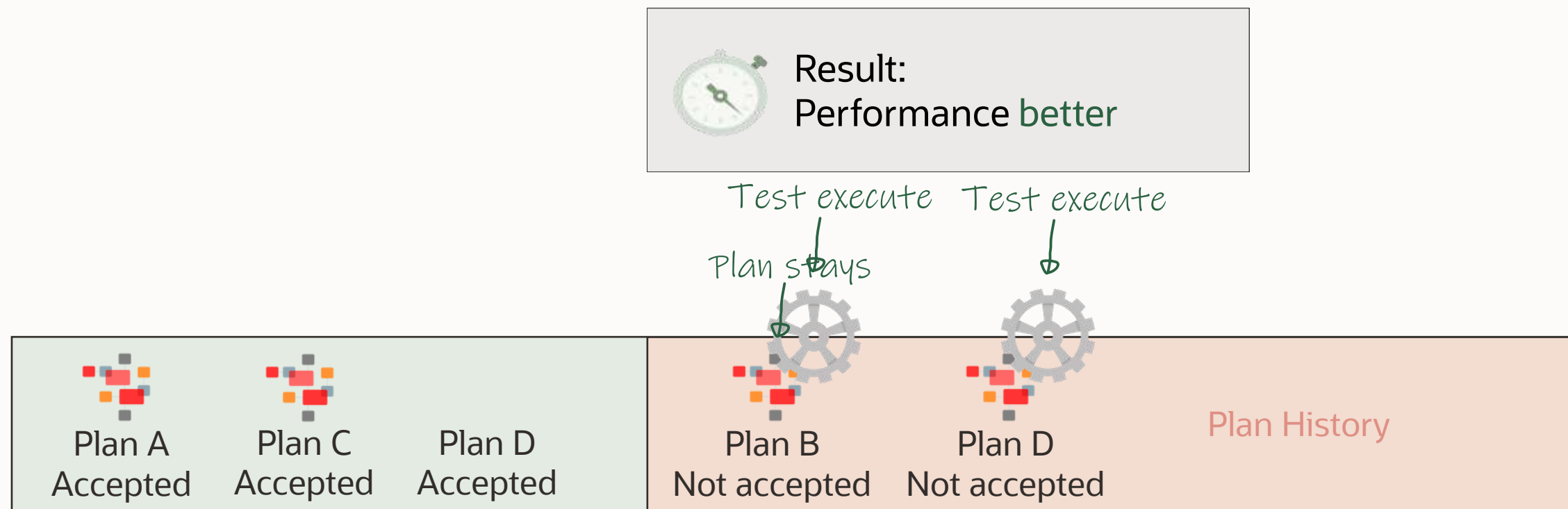
- Enabled
- Accepted
- Fixed

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 | 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 | 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> select parameter_name, parameter_value from dba_sql_management_config;	
PARAMETER_NAME	PARAMETER_VALUE

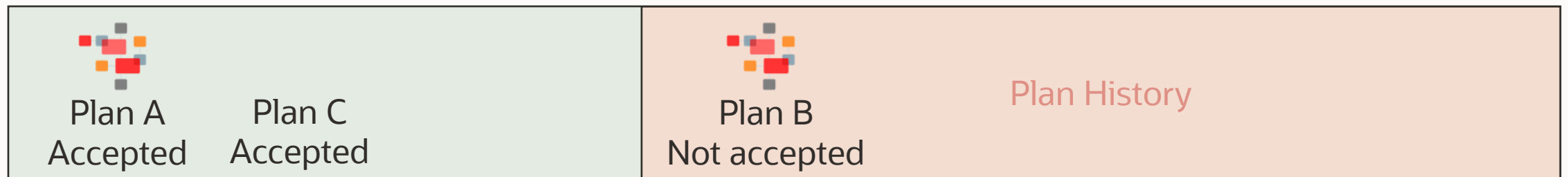
SQL> exec DBMS_SPM.CONFIGURE('plan_retention_weeks', 5);	
AUTO_CAPTURE_PARSING_SCHEMA_NAME	
AUTO_CAPTURE_SQL_TEXT	
AUTO_SPM_EVOLVE_TASK	OFF
SQL> exec DBMS_SPM.CONFIGURE('space_budget_percent', 5);	
PLAN_RETENTION_WEEKS	53
SPACE_BUDGET_PERCENT	10



SPM | Load from STS

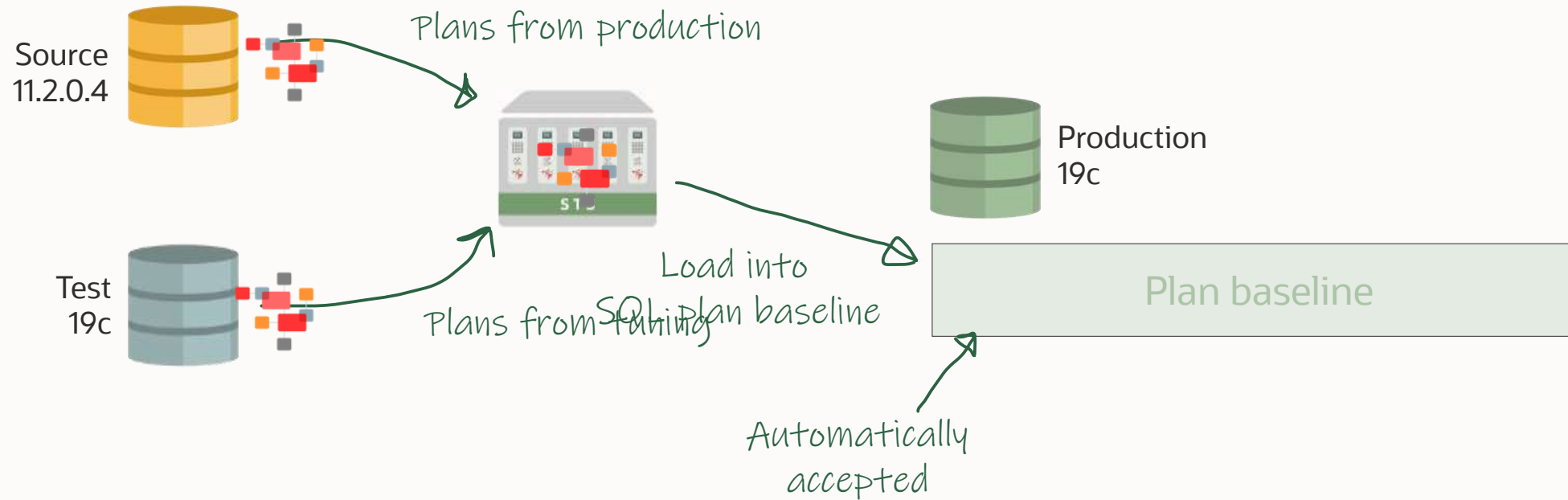


```
SQL> DECLARE
      cnt number;
BEGIN
      cnt := DBMS_SPM.LOAD_PLANS_FROM_SQLSET('UPG_STS_1');
END;
/
```



Automatically
accepted

SPM | Use Case



SPM | Use Case



Plan baseline

```
SQL> DECLARE
      plans_loaded NUMBER;
      filter VARCHAR2(255);
BEGIN
      filter := 'sql_id=''czzzubf8fjz96'' AND plan_hash_value=''1165613724''';

      plans_loaded := DBMS_SPM.LOAD_PLANS_FROM_SQLSET (
        sqlset_name => 'UPG_STS_1',
        basic_filter => filter
      );
END;
/
```

Pro tip: The function `LOAD_PLANS_FROM_SQLSET` can also *fix* the plans

SPM | What if ... literals

SQL Plan Management in a system with literals is not a good fit

- Many distinct statements
- CURSOR_SHARING = FORCE? No!
- SQL profiles can do force matching

Optimal solution: Change your application to use bind variables



Performance Stability Prescription

1.
Collect

3.
Analyze

5.
Manage

2.
Compare

4.
Tune





Secrets, Surprises, Underscores

Surprise | Automatic SQL Plan Management

Enabled by default in Oracle 19.3.0

Disabled by default since Oracle 19.4.0, but **only on non-Exadata systems**

- Scans AWR
- Verifies and enables SQL Plan Baselines without DBA intervention
- Exadata-only feature

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_SPM.SET_EVOLVE_TASK_PARAMETER(
    task_name => 'SYS_AUTO_SPM_EVOLVE_TASK',
    parameter => 'ALTERNATE_PLAN_BASELINE',
    value      => 'AUTO'
  );
END;
/
```

```
BEGIN
  DBMS_SPM.SET_EVOLVE_TASK_PARAMETER(
    task_name => 'SYS_AUTO_SPM_EVOLVE_TASK',
    parameter => 'ALTERNATE_PLAN_BASELINE',
    value      => 'EXISTING'
  );
END;
/
```

Underscores | `optimizer_adaptive_*`

Parameter `optimizer_adaptive_plans`

- Default: `TRUE`
- Adjust join methods, bitmap pruning and parallel distribution methods during runtime after parsing

Parameter `optimizer_adaptive_statistics`

- Default: `FALSE`
- Create dynamic statistics, SQL Plan Directives and do automatic reoptimization

Recommendation

- Leave the defaults
- For Oracle 12.2.0.1 and newer



Underscores | `_sql_plan_directive_mgmt_control`

Parameter `_sql_plan_directive_mgmt_control`

- SQL Plan Directives get collected in the background
- Even when `optimizer_adaptive_statistics=false` (default)
- But SPDs won't be used
- [MOS Note: 2209560.1 - How To Disable SQL Plan Directive \(SPD\)](#)

Recommendation

- Set `_sql_plan_directive_mgmt_control=0` always everywhere
- For Oracle 12.2.0.1 and newer

Underscores | `_cursor_obsolete_threshold`

Parameter `_cursor_obsolete_threshold`

- Parent cursors not getting obsoleted
- Thus, the child cursors under the parent are getting extended beyond 1024 (default in 12.1)
- Massive concurrency issues with cursor mutexes
- [MOS Note: 2431353.1](#)
[High Version Counts For SQL \(>1024\) Post Upgrade To 12.2 and Above Causing Slow Performance](#)

Recommendation

- Set `_cursor_obsolete_threshold=1024` always everywhere
- For Oracle 12.2.0.1 and newer



Underscores | `optimizer_real_time_statistics`

Parameter `optimizer_real_time_statistics`

- Real time and high frequency statistics gathering on DML operations
- Exadata-only feature
- ON by default until 19.9.0
- **OFF by default since 19.10.0**
- [Documentation](#), [Optimizer Blog](#) and [Upgrade Blog](#)

Recommendation

- Until 19.9.0
 - `_optimizer_gather_stats_on_conventional_dml=FALSE`
 - `_optimizer_use_stats_on_conventional_dml=FALSE`
- From 19.10.0 on: `optimizer_real_time_statistics=FALSE`

Table 1-8 Performance									
Feature / Option / Pack	S E 2	E E E	EE- ES	DB CS SE	DB CS EE	DBC S EE- HP	DBC S EE- EP	ExaC S	Notes
Real-Time Statistics	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	EE-ES: Available on Exadata. Not available on Oracle Database Appliance.
High-Frequency Automatic Optimizer Statistics Collection	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	EE-ES: Available on Exadata. Not available on Oracle Database Appliance.

Underscores | `deferred_segment_creation`

Parameter `deferred_segment_creation`

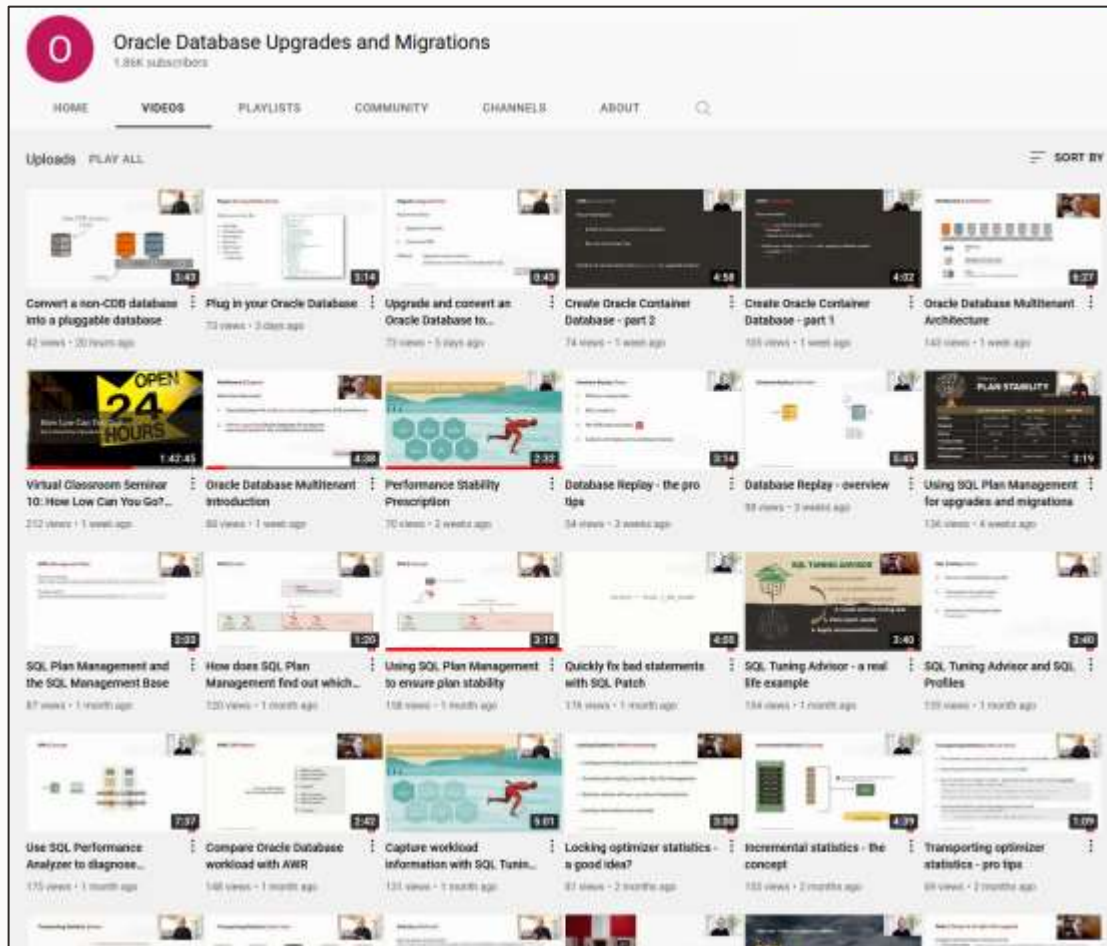
- Table/index created but no row inserted? No space used
- But performance penalty when first row gets inserted
- Only useful in environments where objects get created and dropped massively
- Several corruption bugs, contention issues and more
 - See: [MOS Note 1216282.1 - Parameter "DEFERRED SEGMENT CREATION"](#)

Recommendation

- Set `deferred_segment_creation=false` unless you really need this feature
- For Oracle 11.2 and newer



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