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## **Patching Best Practices**

#### Installation

Basics

Methods





## You always start with Oracle Database base release

• Oracle Database 19.3.0



### Always Apply the Most Recent RU

Use the Patch Download Assistant MOS Note: 2118136.2





## **Release Update Contents**



Database 19 Release Updates and Revisions Bugs Fixed Lists (Doc ID 2523220.1)





# If you don't apply a recent Release Update, you will miss thousands of fixes

- Almost 11k fixes with 19.23.0
- Almost 300 security fixes

## **Apply the Most Important Patches**

Always use Important Recommended One-Off Patches: MOS Note: 555.1

		recinc areas such a	s Data Pump, Golden gate etc.				
Bug	Fixed in RU	Fixed in MRP	Description	Patches		Database Online Installable	Added
36273767 (replaces 35733946)			ORA-1578: oracle data block corrupted on empfile even after 35904282, 35733946	[list- patches]	YES	YES	0- PR-2024
35286895	19.23		KPDB] Switchover/Failover Failing for Backup- Based Cadg: ORA-1113: File 3013 Needs Media Recovery	[list- patches]	YES	YES	:9- VPR-2024
36480774			[RECOVERY] Slow Opening of database in RAC database for other instance	[list: patches]	YES	YES	27- APR-2024
36366069	19.23	DBMRP 19.21.0.0.240319, DBMRP 19.22.0.0.240319	CPU spinning on CTWR and reports ORA-32701 / instance crash post 19.21 DBRU on standby	[list: patches]	YES	YES	28- MAR-2024
35998116 (replaces 35037877)	19.23	DBMRP 19.21.0.0.240319, DBMRP 19.22.0.0.240319	DBSEC_PRIVS] PLS-00801: internal error pgm.c:pgmrcm 4] from internal trigger compilation	[list: patches]	YES	YES	7- 1AR-2024

## Monthly Recommended Patches

A collection of recommended one-off fixes provided at monthly intervals via a single downloadable patch



# **Quarterly Release Updates**

	2023				2024				2025			2026			
	January	April	July	October	January	April	July	October	January	April	July	October	January	April	July
19c	19.18.0	19.19.0	19.20.0	19.21.0	19.22.0	19.23.0	19.24.0	19.25.0	19.26.0	19.27.0	19.28.0	19.29.0	19.30.0	19.31.0	19.232.0
21c	21.10.0	21.11.0	21.12.0	21.13.0	21.14.0	21.15.0	21.16.0	21.17.0	21.18.0	21.19.0					
23ai							23.5.0	23.6.0	23.7.0	23.8.0	23.9.0	23.10.0	23.11.0	23.12.0	23.13.0



# **Monthly Recommended Patches**

	2023			2024										
	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November
19.21.0	19.21.0	MRP1	MRP2	MRP3	MRP4	MRP5	MRP6							
19.22.0				19.22.0	MRP1	MRP2	MRP3	MRP4	MRP5	MRP6				
19.23.0							19.23.0	MRP1	MRP2	MRP3	MRP4	MRP5	MRP6	
19.24.0										19.24.0	MRP1	MRP2	MRP3	MRP4
19.25.0													19.25.0	MRP1





# An MRP is an optional collection of several important one-off patches

• Delivered as a merge patch

# An MRP does not change the release number

• Like v\$instance.version\_full





# MRPs are cumulative but only within one MRP line

• Example: 19.21.0 MRP6 contains all previous MRPs done for Oracle 19.21.0





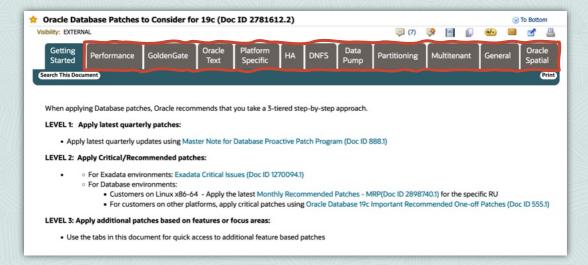
MRPs are Linux only



Sorry, but there is more to talk about ...



## **Apply Additional Important Fixes and Bundles**





# Always use the latest OPatch

• Patch 6880880





# Patching Oracle home is faster when you use a brand new home

- Avoid cloned Oracle Homes and In-Place Patching
- Use ./opatch util deleteinactivepatches



## **Installation Tip**



```
/home/oracle/stage
    -- 35261302

— PatchSearch.xml

       35333937
       34340632
        35012562
       35037877
       35116995
       35225526

— PatchSearch.xml

   MVCO
    - 35050341

— PatchSearch.xml

       35042068

— PatchSearch.xml
```

#### **ONE SINGLE COMMAND**



# **Patching Best Practices**

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### What Can Be in a Patch?

### **FILES**

```
New or changed executables, libs or files
bin/oracle
bin/srvctl
oracore/zoneinfo/timezone_42.dat
```

```
Apply and rollback scripts sqlpatch/.../nnn_apply.sql sqlpatch/.../nnn_rollback.sql
```

```
SQL
PL/SQL
```

```
New or changed objects
    alter table sys.tab$ ...
    create index sys.i_tab1 ...
    create or replace package sys.dbms_scheduler ...
```



## **How to Apply a Patch?**

opatch



Applies binaries to an Oracle Home



All instances using this Oracle Home are down

datapatch



Applies SQL and PL/SQL changes to a database



Database is up



### What Is Installed?



#### In the Oracle Home?

\$ opatch lsinventory
\$ opatch lspatches

SQL> select
xmltransform(dbms\_qopatch.get\_opatch\_lsinventory,
dbms\_qopatch.get\_opatch\_xslt) from dual;

 Oracle Database 12.1: FAO on Oueryable Patch Inventory (Doc ID 1530108.1)

### In the database / PDB?

SQL> select \* from cdb\_registry\_sqlpatch;



## **Patching Best Practices**

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When patching your production Oracle GI/DB installations, which method do you use?

In-Place = Current ORACLE\_HOME Out-Of-Place = New ORACLE\_HOME

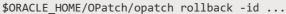
If you don't look after have production kit, then don't answer.

In-Place	55.4%
Out-Of-Place	44.6%



## **In-Place Patching**







## **In-Place Patching**

Why is in-place patching such a bad idea?

- You must roll back all one-offs and bundle patches (DPBP, OJVM etc)
- The Oralnventory accumulates a massive history
- Downtime is much longer
- The risk is way higher

And for a potential rollback, you need to go through the entire exercise again



## **Out-of-Place Patching**



SQL> SHUTDOWN IMMEDIATE



[oracle]\$ \$ORACLE\_HOME/OPatch/datapatch -verbose



# **Golden Images**













Unzip base release Replace OPatch with newer version

Deploy all necessary patches Install with patches Create Gold Image Deploy Gold Image to targets

## **Creating Oracle Database gold images**



#### Install new home

- ./runInstaller
  - -applyRU /home/oracle/stage/RU/35042068
  - -applyOneOffs ...



#### Create gold home zip

- ./runInstaller
  - -createGoldImage
  - -destinationLocation /u01/stage





# Always patch Out-of-Place

• Don't argue with us ☺



### You don't believe it?

#### Experience it in our brand new Patch Me If You Can lab

https://apexapps.oracle.com/pls/apex/dbpm/r/livelabs/view-workshop?wid=3740



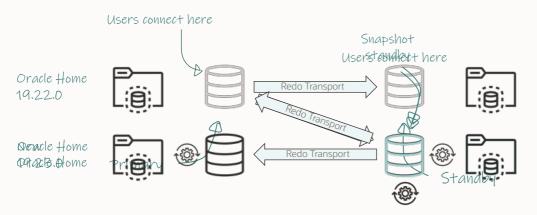


# Reduce downtime to the time it takes to perform a switchover

• Data Guard Standby-First Patch Apply (Doc ID 1265700.1)



# **Standby-First Patching**



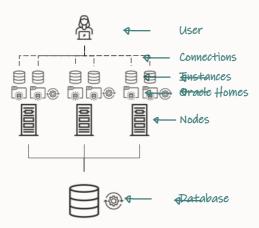
[oracle]\$ \$ORACLE\_HOME/OPatch/datapatch -verbose



Avoid database downtime with RAC Rolling Patch Apply



## **RAC Rolling Patching**



- New Oracle Home
- Patch Oracle Home
- Move to new Oracle Home
- Execute datapatch



# Release updates are always:



Standby-First installable



RAC Rolling installable



## **Grid Infrastructure Patching Methods**



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# We made upgrading easy. Now we make patching just as easy.

AutoUpgrade functionality extended to patching

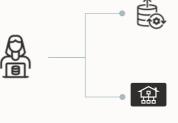


\$ cat DB19.cfg

patch1.source\_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19/dbhome\_19\_22\_0
patch1.target\_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19/dbhome\_19\_23\_0
patch1.sid=DB19

\$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config DB19.cfg -mode deploy

# **Fleet Patching**



#### **AutoUpgrade**

Automate your patching process and benefit from the familiar AutoUpgrade

#### **Fleet Patching and Provisioning**

Go fleet scale with FPP and benefit from additional functionality like deployment of Oracle Home



#### What about automation?

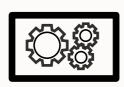


Fleet Patching and Provisioning

Out of place patching pioneer since 12.1



#### Fleet Patching and Provisioning (FPP) - Overview



Automated software mgmt engine for Oracle deployments



Gold image based out-of-place software maintenance



Allows for centralized lifecycle management

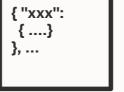


#### How to make use of FPP

#### Command line



#### Rest API Calls



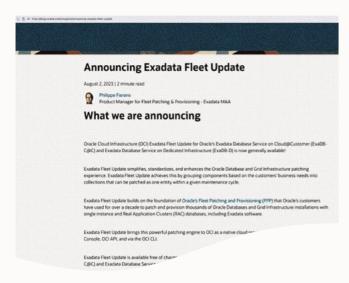
#### Using Enterprise Manager\*



\* Available since Oracle Enterprise Manager 13c Release 5 Update 14 (13.5.0.14)



#### Available on-Premises and Oracle Cloud





Please checkout our blogs:

https://blogs.oracle.com/maa/post/announcing-exadata-fleet-update

https://blogs.oracle.com/maa/post/exadat a-fleet-update-concepts

#### **FPP Flavours**

**FPP Lite** 



**FPP** 

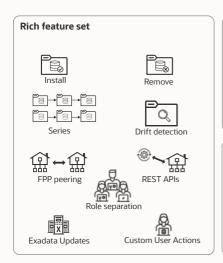


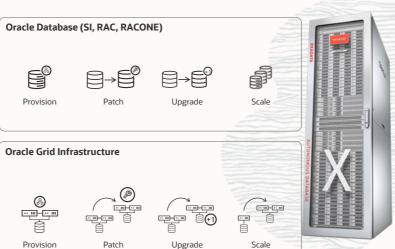
Start small
DB and GI patching in local cluster
Little configuration needed
Custom user scripts possible
Resumable actions

Complete Lifecycle Management Full functionality Rich feature set Centralized Management Centralized Image repository



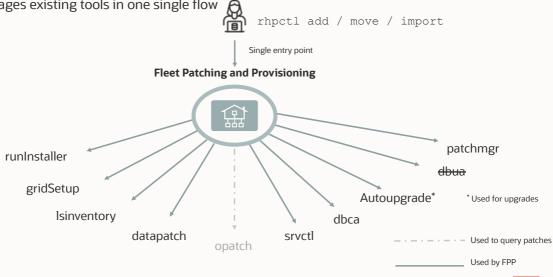
#### Lifecycle management of the Oracle Database Stack





#### Resolving complexity

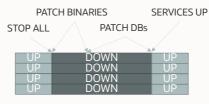
Leverages existing tools in one single flow



#### FPP uses out-of-place patching

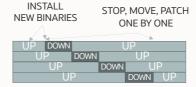
Leading the way to standardization and rolling patching

In-place patching:



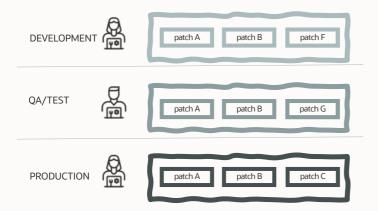
Out-of-place patching:

**ORACLE RECOMMENDED** 





#### **Standardization is key**

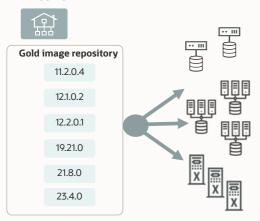




#### Lifecycle management using gold images

Create once use many times in an automated way

#### **FPP** server



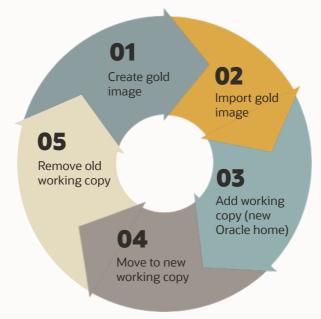
Create and import the gold image once

Deploy **many** times across the fleet

Centrally in an automated fashion



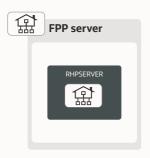
#### Workflow

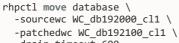




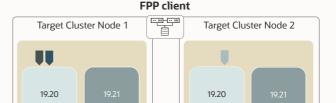
#### **FPP** in practice

#### Rolling patching to new database home





-drain\_timeout 600



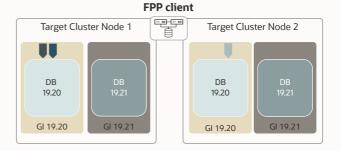
- · Rolling by default
- Automated datapatch execution
- · Service Drain Timeout honored



#### FPP in practice

#### **Vertical Patching**



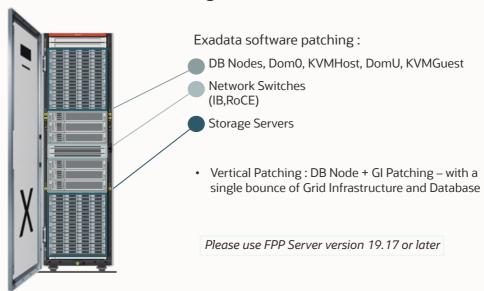


- rhpctl move gihome -destwc WC\_GI\_1921\_cl1 \ -sourcewc WC\_GI\_1920\_cl1 -auto \
- -dbhomes WC\_DB\_1920\_cl1=WC\_DB\_1921\_cl1 \
- -drain\_timeout 600

Compute OS + GI patching possible on Exadata



#### **Exadata Software Patching**



#### **Exadata Software Patching Flow**





 Check 888828.1 and download the necessary binaries, always download the latest patchmgr (patch 21634633)



- Import the binaries into FPP
- Use rhp commands to:
  - Apply the Exadata Update
  - Update GI and DB
  - Combine Compute Node + GI update







#### **Importing Exadata Images**



Copy zip images related to the component you want to patch separate directory and import, patchmgr is bundled with IB and RoCE switches and Cell Storage Servers it needs to be downloaded separately compute nodes

rhpctl import image -image imgname -imagetype EXAPATCHSOFTWARE
 -version 21.2.18.0.0.221111.1 -path /u01/app/staging/21\_2\_18/BM\_DOMU

#### Compute Node Patching with FPP from FPP client

```
rhpctl deploy image -image imaname -client cluster-c3
 -path /u01/app/staging/21 2 16/BM DOMU
rhpctl update exadata -dbnodes "nodelist"
  -image imgname -iso repo iso name.zip
  [-batches "nodelist"] -client cluster-c3 [-patchmgrloc patchmgrloc]
 [-patchmgrargs "-ignore alerts"] -eval
rhpctl update exadata -dbnodes "nodelist"
  -image imaname -iso repo iso name.zip
  [-batches "nodelist"] -client cluster-c3 [-patchmgrloc patchmgrloc]
  [-patchmgrargs "-ignore alerts" ]-backup
rhpctl update exadata -dbnodes "nodelist"
  -image imaname -iso repo iso name.zip
 [-batches "nodelist"] -client cluster-c3 [-patchmgrloc patchmgrloc]
  [-patchmgrargs "-nobackup -ignore alerts"]
ssh equivalence needed:
root@RHPC -> root@computenodes
```

# New In 23<sup>ai</sup>

#### Compute Node Patching with FPP from FPP server (both virtual/BM)

```
rhpctl update exadata -dbnodes "nodelist"
-image imgname -iso repo iso name.zip
  [-batches "nodelist"] -server
 [-patchmgrloc patchmarLoc1
  [-patchmgrargs "-ignore alerts"] -eval
rhpctl update exadata -dbnodes "nodelist"
-image imgname -iso_repo iso_name.zip
  [-batches "nodelist"] -server
  [-patchmgrloc patchmgrloc]
  [-patchmgrargs "-ignore_alerts"] -backup
rhpctl update exadata -dbnodes "nodelist"
-image imaname -iso repo iso name.zip
  [-batches "nodelist" -server
 [-patchmgrargs "-nobackup -ignore alerts"]
ssh equivalence needed:
root@RHPS -> root@computenodes
```

#### What's New in Oracle FPP 23ai



Exadata Full Stack Patching enhancements

External Oracle DB for FPP metadata Oracle
Fleet Patching
& Provisioning
7 3 ai

Limited root Auth plugin support

Scheduler improvements

Store images as zip files

Move pre and post check enhancements (CVU, Exachk, Datapatch)

Transfer working copies as ZIP files

Support for RAC Two Stage Rolling Updates Backup restore and relocation FPP server

Local mode without Java Container

Single Server Rolling Database Maintenance

Register home as working copy

Archiving & unarchiving of gold images

Custom User certificates



#### Licensing



Targets need to be licensed with either:

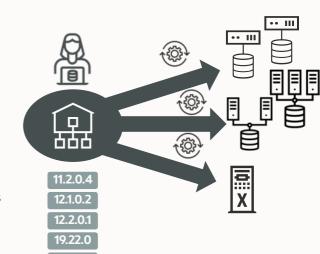
- Oracle RAC or RAC One Node licenses
- Oracle Database Lifecycle Management Pack for Single Instances

When using FPP through Enterprise Manager Oracle Database Lifecycle Management Pack is needed for all targets.

#### Fleet Patching & Provisioning

#### Patch Simple

- Fleet Patching & Provisioning (FPP) offers repeatable standardized out-of-place patching automation at scale for the Oracle Database
- Fleet Patching & Provisioning provides features such as:
  - · Gold image-based drift detection
  - Integrated job scheduling
  - User actions for extensibility
  - Comprehensive Exadata Patching
- Always adheres to the latest MAA best practices
- Oracle Database 23ai simplifies and enhances FPP to leverage the latest RAC features and provides full stack Exadata patching enhancements



#### **Additional information**

Oracle fleet patching and provisioning landing page <a href="https://www.oracle.com/goto/fpp">https://www.oracle.com/goto/fpp</a>

Fleet patching and provisioning and maintenance 19c documentation <a href="https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/oracle/oracle-database/19/fppad/fleet-patching-provisioning.html">https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/oracle/oracle-database/19/fppad/fleet-patching-provisioning.html</a>

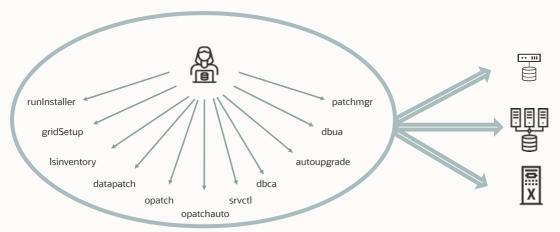
FPP by Example Blog Series <a href="https://blogs.oracle.com/maa/post/fleet-patching-provisioning-by-example-intro">https://blogs.oracle.com/maa/post/fleet-patching-provisioning-by-example-intro</a>



# Thank You



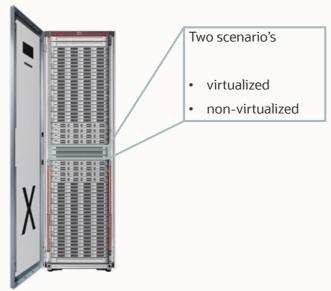
#### Maintenance updates require interaction with a lot of tools



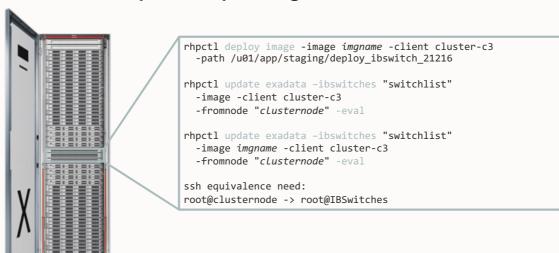
Lots of different utilities/commands needed



#### **Infiniband switch Patching with FPP**



#### Infiniband Switch (Baremetal) Patching from FPP Client



#### Infiniband Switch (domU) Patching from FPP Server



```
rhpctl import image -image imaname -imagetype EXAPATCHSOFTWARE
  -version 21.2.16.0.0.220914
  -path /u01/app/staging/exa ibswitch 21216
rhpctl update exadata -ibswitches "switchlist"
  -image imgname -server -patchmgrdrivingsystem "dom∂node"
  -fromnode "FPP Server Node" -eval
rhpctl update exadata -ibswitches "switchlist"
  -image imgname -server -patchmgrdrivingsystem "dom∂node"
ssh equivalence needed :
root@RHPS -> root@patchmgr_driving_node (dom0) -> root@IBSwitches
```

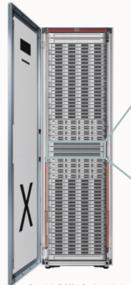
#### **RoCE Switch Patching from FPP Client**





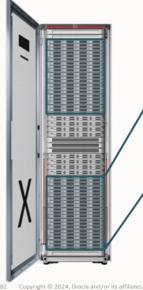
#### **RoCE Switch Patching from FPP Server**





```
rhpctl import image -image imaname -imagetype EXAPATCHSOFTWARE
  -version 21.2.16.0.0.220914
  -path /u01/app/staging/exa ibswitch 21216
rhpctl update exadata -roceswitches "switchlist"
  -image imgname -server
  -eval
rhpctl update exadata -roceswitches "switchlist"
  -image imgname -server
ssh equivalence needed :
root@RHPS -> root@RoCESwitches
```

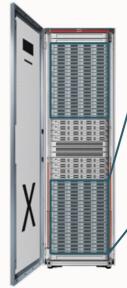
#### **Exadata Software Patching with FPP**



Storage Cell patching, current status:

- Driving node
  - Compute node
  - FPP server
- Only rolling patching

#### **Storage Server Software Patching from FPP Client**



```
rhpctl deploy image -image imgname
  -client cluster-c3 -path /u01/app/staging/deploy_cellimage_21216
rhpctl update exadata -cells -image imgname -client cluster-c3
  [-patchmgrargs "-ignore_alerts"]
  [-batches "celllist"] -eval

rhpctl update exadata -cells -image imgname -client cluster-c3
  [-patchmgrargs "-ignore_alerts"]
  [-batches "celllist"]

Ssh equivalence need :
root@RHPC -> root@cells
```

#### **Storage Server Software Patching from FPP Server**





```
rhpctl update exadata -cells -image imgname
  -server
    [-patchmgrargs "-ignore_alerts"]
  -eval
rhpctl update exadata -cells -image imgname
   -server
   [-patchmgrargs "-ignore_alerts"]
Ssh equivalence need:
root@RHPS -> root@cells
```

#### **Combined Exadata Software Patching/Update**



Patch/Update Type		12cR1	12cR2	18c	19c	21c	23ai
	DB	✓	V	(V)	V	V	~
	GI		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	V	$\checkmark$	V
	DomU			✓	1	✓	✓
SHHH	Dom0/ KVMHost				✓	✓	✓
	RoCE Switches				✓	✓	✓
	Storage servers			✓	✓	✓	✓
	IB Switches			✓	✓	✓	✓







#### **Combined Compute + GI patching**

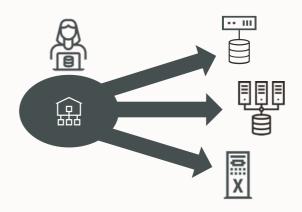


```
rhpctl add workingcopy -image imaname -workingcopy wcname
 -path path -oraclebase oraclebase -storagetype LOCAL
 -softwareonly -client cluster-c3
rhpctl deploy image -image imaname -client cluster-c3
 -path /u01/app/staging/21 2 16/BM DOMU
rhpctl move gihome -destwc wcname
-sourcewc wcname -image imgname
 -iso repo iso name.zip
 -patchmgrloc patchmgrLoc
 [-batches "nodelist"] [-patchmgrargs "-ignore alerts"] -eval
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ssh equivalence need:
root@RHPC -> root@computenodes
```

#### Fleet Patching & Provisioning

#### Patch Simple

- Fleet Patching & Provisioning (FPP) offers repeatable standardized out-of-place patching automation at scale for the Oracle Database
- Fleet Patching & Provisioning provides features such as:
  - Gold image-based drift detection
  - Integrated job scheduling
  - · User actions for extensibility
  - Comprehensive Exadata Patching
- Always adheres to the latest MAA best practices





#### Licensing



Targets need to be licensed with either:

- Oracle RAC or RAC One Node licenses
- Oracle Database Lifecycle Management Pack for Single Instances

When using FPP through Enterprise Manager Oracle Database Lifecycle Management Pack is needed for all targets.