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# Move to Oracle Database 23ai

Everything you need to know about Oracle Multitenant - part 1

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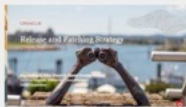


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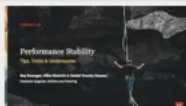
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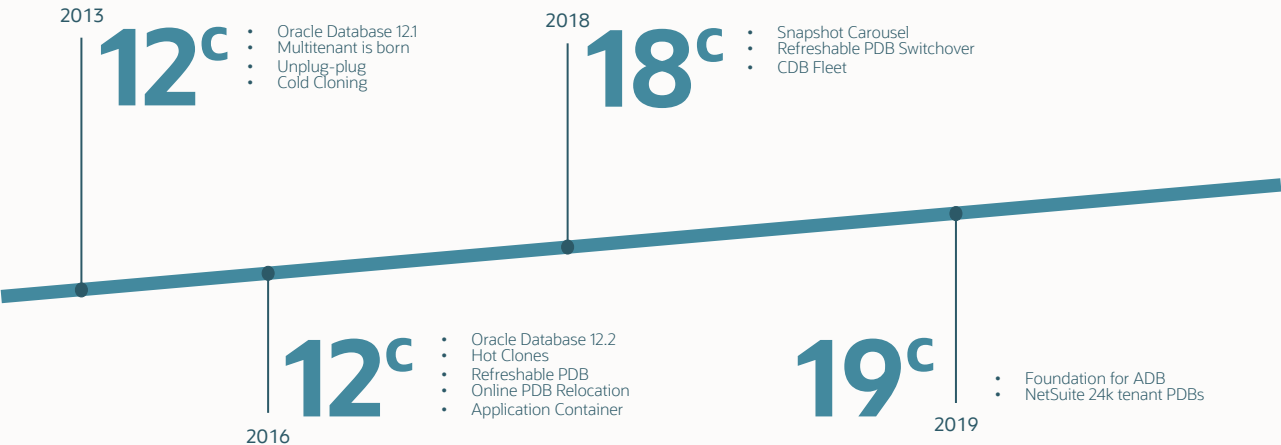
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# Architecture

# Multitenant Evolution



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

Upgrade Guide, 23ai

*Once you upgrade **beyond** Oracle Database 19c,  
you must convert to the multitenant architecture*

*Oracle Database 19c is the **last release**  
to support the non-CDB architecture*

Next Long Term Support release

# Oracle Database 23ai

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Upgrade possible only from:

- Oracle Database 19c
- Oracle Database 21c



Multitenant enables an Oracle database to function as a container database





Generally, you don't need to change your application to use a pluggable database

# Single vs. Multitenant



## Single Tenant

One PDB  
No extra license



## Multitenant

Multiple PDBs  
Extra license if more than 3 PDBs

--Use up to 3 user-created PDBs  
--without a license for Multitenant option.  
--Applies to Oracle Database 19c and newer, including SE2

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

# Multitenant

1



2



3



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You always create a new CDB

- `CREATE DATABASE ... ENABLE PLUGGABLE DATABASE`
- Using DBCA

Or clone an existing CDB

# Multitenant

1



2



3



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When you create a new CDB, it contains:

- The root container
- The seed container

# Multitenant

1



2



3



You can create PDBs:

- From the seed container
- By cloning other PDBs
- By converting a non-CDB



Be cautious making changes to *PDB\$SEED*

- Your own customizations do not belong *PDB\$SEED*



# Containers

CDB\$ROOT  
is always 1

PDB\$SEED  
is always 2

User-created PDBs  
have ID 3 or above

```
SQL> select con_id, name  
       from v$containers;
```

CON_ID	NAME
1	CDB\$ROOT
2	PDB\$SEED
3	PDB1
4	PDB2



```
alter session set container=CDB$ROOT;  
show con_id
```

CON\_ID

-----

1

```
alter session set container=PDB1;  
select sys_context('USERENV', 'CON_ID') as con_id from dual;
```

CON\_ID

-----

3



You can switch between containers,  
but a transaction belong to one PDB only

```
alter session set container=PDB1;  
insert into table1 values (...);
```

```
alter session set container=PDB2;  
insert into table2 values (...);
```

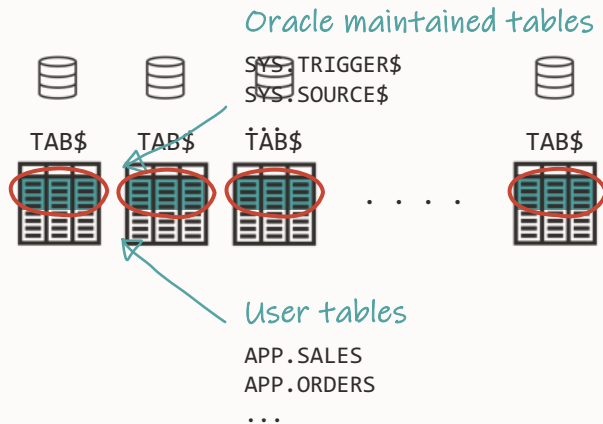
ORA-65023: active transaction exists in container PDB1



Multitenant implements  
data dictionary separation

# Data Dictionary Architecture

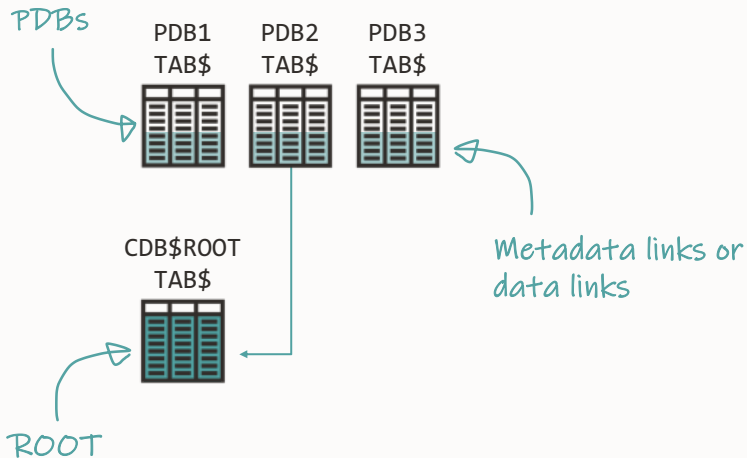
**Non-CDB**



Redundant data

# Data Dictionary Architecture

**Multitenant**





# Data Dictionary Architecture



## Deduplication

By storing data just once, you can save space in the data dictionary.



## Faster

Smaller dictionaries take less time to patch or upgrade.



## Easier

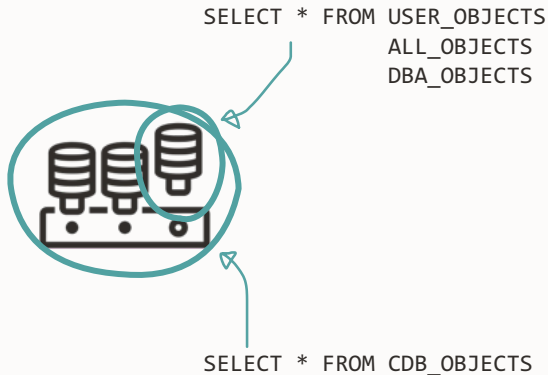
With much metadata stored in root, there is less work for a patch or upgrade.



CDB views describe the entire CDB including all PDBs

- Column **CON\_ID** indicates the originating container

# Data Dictionary Architecture



*Applies to any  
data dictionary view*

CDB\_ALL\_TABLES  
CDB\_ANALYTIC\_VIEW\_ATTR\_CLASS  
.  
.  
.  
CDB\_XTERNAL\_TAB\_SUBPARTITIONS

```
alter session set container=CDB$ROOT;
```

```
select con_id, tablespace_name  
from cdb_tablespaces;
```

Originating  
container

CON\_ID TABLESPACE\_NAME

-----  
1 SYSTEM  
1 SYSAUX  
1 UNDOTBS1  
1 TEMP  
1 USERS  
2 SYSTEM  
2 SYSAUX  
2 UNDOTBS1  
2 TEMP  
4 SYSTEM  
4 SYSAUX  
4 UNDOTBS1  
4 TEMP

PDB\$SEED information,  
hidden by default

```
alter session set container=PDB1;
```

```
select tablespace_name from dba_tablespaces;
```

TABLESPACE\_NAME

-----  
SYSTEM  
SYSAUX  
UNDOTBS1  
TEMP



A PDB never sees information  
from other PDBs

```
alter session set container=CDB$ROOT;  
select count(*) from cdb_objects;
```

COUNT(\*)

114658

```
alter session set container=PDB1;  
select count(*) from cdb_objects;
```

COUNT(\*)

23980



You define common objects in root,  
and they are available in all PDBs

- Most options in application containers

```
alter session set container=CDB$ROOT;
```

```
create user C##OPS identified by oracle;  
grant create session to C##OPS container=all;
```

```
create pluggable database pdb1 ... ;  
alter pluggable database pdb1 open;
```

```
conn C##OPS/oracle@pdb1  
Connected.
```



# Common Objects

You can define common:

- Profiles
- Roles
- User
- Audit configuration
- Other objects available in application containers

Useful for:

- Maintenance and monitoring users
- Self-service functionality
- Separation of duties
- Enforcing security



You can change the common prefix  
with **COMMON\_USER\_PREFIX**

- We do not recommend changing it
- Use extreme care if you choose to do so



Create same set of common objects in all CDBs to avoid issues during clone/relocate



The database creates common directories

```
alter session set container=PDB1;
```

```
select directory_path, origin_con_id  
from cdb_directories  
where directory_name='DATA_PUMP_DIR';
```

PDB GUID

```
DIRECTORY_PATH  
/u01/app/oracle/admin/CDB2/dpdump/13D6BC6605416ECEE065000000000001
```

```
ORIGIN_CON_ID  
1
```

Common directory,  
created in root

```
create or replace directory DATA_PUMP_DIR AS '/tmp';
```

ERROR at line 1:  
ORA-65040: operation not allowed from within a pluggable database

```
drop directory DATA_PUMP_DIR;
```

ERROR at line 1:  
ORA-65040: operation not allowed from within a pluggable database



Use your own directories  
if you want to decide on the directory path



You make most configuration  
in the root container

```
alter session set container=PDB1;
```

```
alter database backup controlfile to trace;
```

ORA-65040: operation not allowed from within a pluggable database



# Non-CDB Compatible

- Some ALTER DATABASE and ALTER SYSTEM commands fail in a PDB
- Enable non-CDB compatibility by setting NONCDB\_COMPATIBLE=TRUE
  - When you can't change the application
  - When you accept the reduced security

```
SQL> alter system set noncdb_compatible=true;  
SQL> shutdown immediate  
SQL> startup
```

```
SQL> alter system set noncdb_compatible=true;
```

```
SQL> shutdown immediate
```

```
SQL> startup
```

```
SQL> alter session set container=PDB1;
```

```
SQL> alter database backup controlfile to trace;
```

Database altered.



## Fine-tune PDBs with instance parameters

- Parameters apply to PDBs as well
- Some parameters are PDB modifiable

```
SQL> select name from v$system_parameter where ispdb_modifiable='TRUE';
```

NAME

---

adg\_account\_info\_tracking

allow\_rowid\_column\_type

approx\_for\_aggregation

approx\_for\_count\_distinct

approx\_for\_percentile

.

.

.

xml\_handling\_of\_invalid\_chars

246 rows selected.



## Use ORAdiff to find PDB modifiable parameters

- Free tool
- <https://oradiff.oracle.com>



A cloned or moved PDB  
keeps the changed parameters

- Certain exceptions exist

--Find specific parameters that has been defined in a specific PDB

select name, value from v\$system\_parameter where con\_id=<id>;





Share resources between PDBs

# Resource Consolidation

Non-CDB  
database



Memory



Background processes



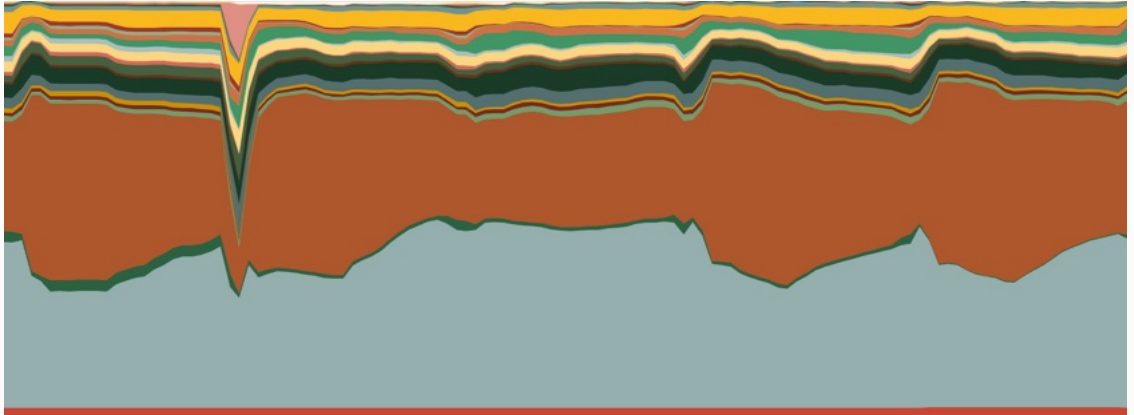
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# Resource Consolidation

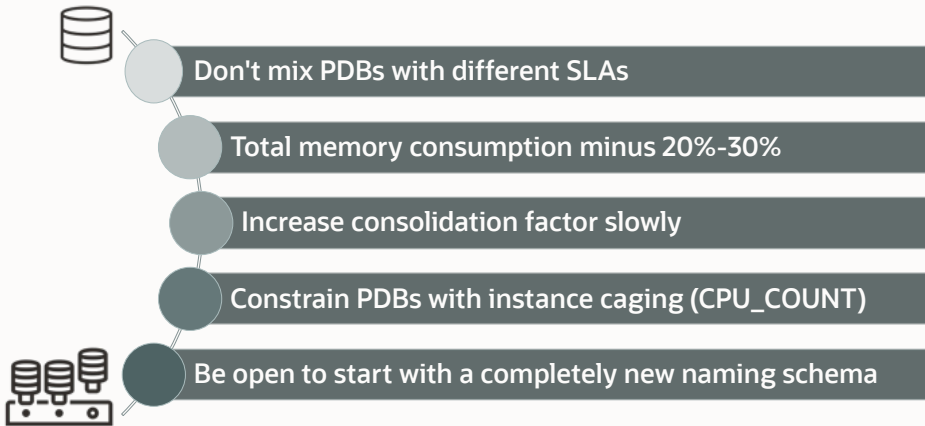


# Resource Consolidation



# Consolidation Strategies?

There is no "*best*" strategy



Using a Swingbench benchmark,  
a single-core machine could host **nine non-CDBs**  
before reaching 75 % CPU utilization

By going multitenant the number of databases reached **123 PDBs**

*A US Health Care provider managed to*

- Reduce the number of database instances by 7x
- Reduce the number of physical servers by 50 %



You can run multiple CDBs on the same host and out of the same Oracle home



# Consolidation



Schema consolidation



Virtual Private Database



**PDB consolidation**

- Less complexity
- Better isolation
- Operational benefits
- Easier cloning

*A global provider of financial services states*

*The multitenant architecture gives us **complete client separation out of the box**, without having to maintain a Virtual Private Database setup.*

*We went away from Virtual Private Database and consolidated our different clients in individual PDBs.*

*This reduced the complexity of our database implementation and **made operations much easier**.*



The *many-as-one* principle  
eases maintenance operations

# Many-as-one



Patch databases  
one by one

# Many-as-one



Patch all containers  
in one operation

# Many-as-one



## Applies to:

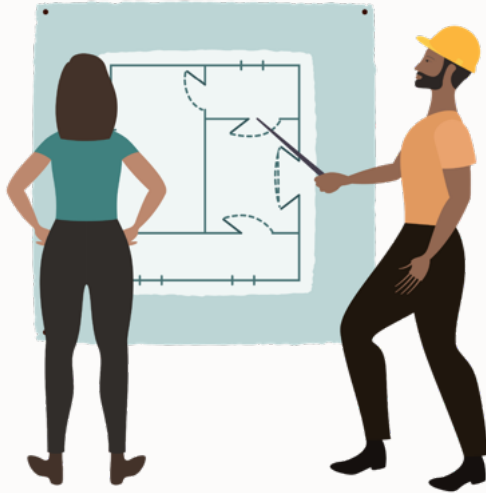
- Upgrading
- Patching
- Configuring and performing backups backups
- Configuring Data Guard
- Configuring RAC
- Monitoring
- ... and many other operations

# Benefits



The **multitenant** architecture enables

- 1 Self-contained PDBs
- 2 Common and easier operations
- 3 Resource sharing and consolidation



# Create



# Create Container Database



**1** Character set

**2** Components

**3** COMPATIBLE

# Create Container Database

## 1 Character set

- Always choose AL32UTF8
- Allows PDBs with any character set

## 2 Components

## 3 COMPATIBLE

Database Configuration Assistant - Create 'ABCD' database - Step 9 of 14

**Specify Configuration Options** 23<sup>c</sup> ORACLE Database

Database Operation  
Creation Mode  
Deployment Type  
Database Identification  
Storage Option  
Fast Recovery Option  
Network Configuration  
Database Options  
Configuration Options  
User Credentials  
Creation Option  
Summary  
Progress Page  
Finish

**Character sets**

The database character set determines how character data is stored in the database.

☒ Use Unicode (AL32UTF8)  
Setting character set to Unicode (AL32UTF8) enables you to store multiple language groups.

☐ Use OS character set (WE8MSWIN1252)  
Character set is based on the language setting of this operating system.

☐ Choose from the list of character sets

Database character set: AL32UTF8 - Unicode UTF-8 Universal character set

☒ Show recommended character sets only

National character set: AL16UTF16 - Unicode UTF-16 Universal character set

Default language: American

Default territory: United States

# Create Container Database

## 1 Character set

## 2 Components

- Install as many as you need
- No more than that

## 3 COMPATIBLE

Database Configuration Assistant - Create 'ABCD' database - Step 8 of 14

Select Database Options

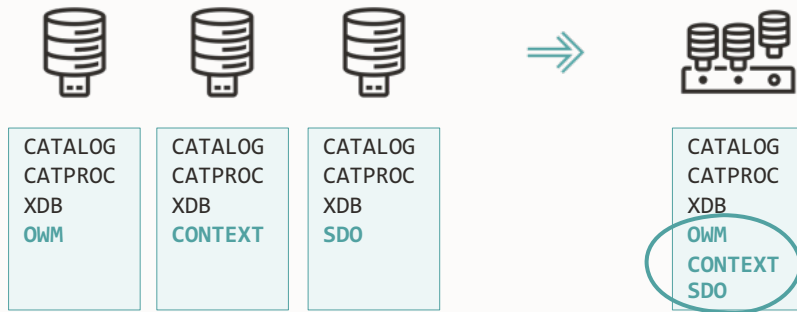
23<sup>c</sup> ORACLE Database

Database components

Select the standard database components you want to configure for use in your database. Oracle recommends that you always install these components in your database. Deselecting these components may cause you to no longer be able to choose some components on the subsequent page.

Select Component	Tablespace	Include in PDBs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oracle JVM	SYSTEM	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oracle Text	SYSAUX	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Oracle OLAP	SYSAUX	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oracle Spatial	SYSAUX	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Oracle Label Security	SYSTEM	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Oracle Database Vault	SYSAUX	<input type="checkbox"/>

# Components




# Create Container Database

1 Character set

2 Components

3 COMPATIBLE

- Keep at the default setting, 23.4.0
- Unless you want the option of downgrade

All initialization parameters			
 Update the initialization parameters only when it is required. Refer to the Oracle documentation to learn more about each initialization parameter and its valid set of values.			
(Storage related parameter(s) value is shown in MB) <input type="checkbox"/> Show advanced parameters			
Name ▲	Value	Include in spfile	Category
cluster_database	FALSE	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cluster Database
<b>compatible</b>	<b>19.0.0</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
control_files	('/u02/oradata/{DB_UNI...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	File Configuration
<b>db_block_size (bytes)</b>	<b>8192</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Cache and I/O</b>
db_create_file_dest	/u02/oradata/{DB UNIQUE ...	<input type="checkbox"/>	File Configuration

```
-- Always set compatible to the default of a release  
-- Use three digits only
```

```
alter system set compatible='23.4.0' scope=spfile;
```

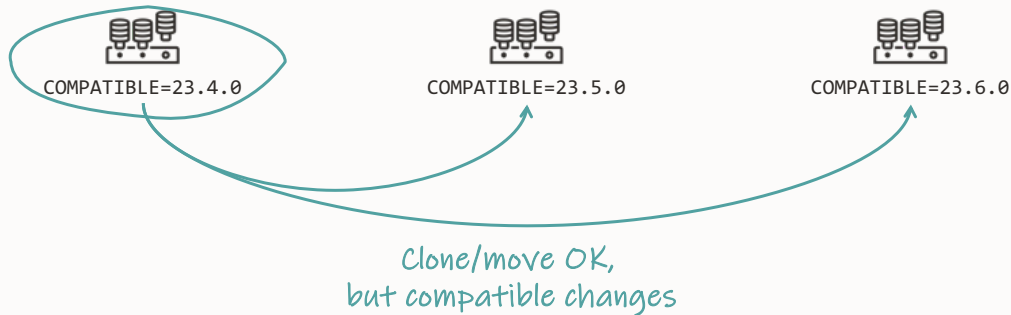
```
-- Should I change compatible when patching?  
-- No, this is a bad idea
```

```
alter system set compatible='23.5.0' scope=spfile;
```

# Compatible

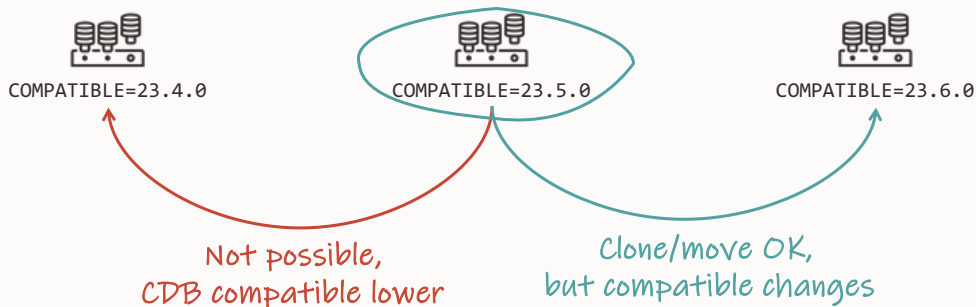
- On plug-in, a PDB adopts COMPATIBLE of the CDB  
silently and without confirmation
- Changing COMPATIBLE is irreversible
- Might prevent future move or clone of the PDB

# Compatible





# Compatible





Keep **COMPATIBLE** at the same setting  
in all CDBs on the same release

--Allows CDB views to include information on PDB\$SEED objects.

--By default, such information is hidden.

--[https://mikedietrichde.com/2017/07/21/why-exclude\\_seed\\_cdb\\_view-is-now-an-underscore-in-oracle-12-2/](https://mikedietrichde.com/2017/07/21/why-exclude_seed_cdb_view-is-now-an-underscore-in-oracle-12-2/)

```
alter system set "_exclude_seed_cdb_view"=false;
```

```
alter session set container=CDB$ROOT;
```

```
alter system set "_exclude_seed_cdb_view"=false;
```

```
select con_id, tablespace_name  
from   cdb_tablespaces;
```

```
CON_ID TABLESPACE_NAME
```

```
-----
```

```
1 SYSTEM  
1 SYSAUX  
1 UNDOTBS1  
1 TEMP  
1 USERS  
2 SYSTEM  
2 SYSAUX  
2 UNDOTBS1  
2 TEMP  
4 SYSTEM  
4 SYSAUX  
4 UNDOTBS1  
4 TEMP
```

# Create Container Database

<https://mikedietrichde.com/2018/08/08/creating-cdbs-non-cdbs-with-less-options/>

<https://mikedietrichde.com/2017/07/11/always-create-custom-database/>

<https://mikedietrichde.com/2017/07/26/remove-clean-components-oracle-11-2-12-2/>



# Migration



Migration to multitenant is a one-time operation that requires downtime

- No downtime when using Oracle GoldenGate

# Migration



**1** Plug in

**2** Convert



# Migration



## 1 Plug in

First, check if database is compatible with CDB

1. Generate manifest file in non-CDB
2. Check compatibility in CDB

```
--In source, generate manifest file  
--You can also generate a manifest file of a remote database using a db link  
--You can generate a manifest file on a running database  
  
exec dbms_pdb.describe('/tmp/DB19.xml');
```

# Manifest File

What is a **manifest** file

- Data files
- Components
- Parameters
- Services
- Patch level
- Time zone
- ... and more

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<PDB>
  <xmlversion>1</xmlversion>
  <pdbname>DB12</pdbname>
  <cid>0</cid>
  <byteorder>1</byteorder>
  <vs>203424000</vs>
  <vsns>
    <vsnum>12.2.0.1.0</vsnum>
    <cdbcompt>12.2.0.0.0</cdbcompt>
    <pdbscompt>12.2.0.0.0</pdbscompt>
    <vslibnum>0.0.0.0.24</vslibnum>
    <vsnsql>24</vsnsql>
    <vsnsbv>8.0.0.0.0</vsnsbv>
  </vsns>
  <dbid>1852833295</dbid>
  <ncdb2pdb>1</ncdb2pdb>
  <cid>1852833295</cid>
  <guid>86D5DC2587337002E0532AB2A8C0A57C</guid>
  <uscnbas>4437941</uscnbas>
  <uscncwrp>0</uscncwrp>
  <undoscnc>8</undoscnc>
  <rdba>4194824</rdba>
  <tablespace>
    <name>SYSTEM</name>
    <type>0</type>
    <tsn>0</tsn>
    <status>1</status>
    <issft>0</issft>
    <isnft>0</isnft>
    <encts>0</encts>
    <flags>0</flags>
    <bmunitsize>8</bmunitsize>
    <file>
      <path>/u02/oradata/DB12/system01.dbf</path>
      <afn>1</afn>
      <rfn>1</rfn>
    </file>
  </tablespace>
</PDB>
```

```
--In CDB, check compatibility
--If PDB name changes, add parameter to check_plug_compatibility

set serveroutput on
BEGIN
  IF dbms_pdb.check_plug_compatibility('/tmp/DB19.xml') THEN
    dbms_output.put_line('PDB compatible? ==> Yes');
  ELSE
    dbms_output.put_line('PDB compatible? ==> No');
  END IF;
END;
/
```

--Always check the details

```
select type, message
from   pdb_plug_in_violations
where  name='DB19' and status<>'RESOLVED';
```

TYPE	MESSAGE
ERROR	'19.9.0 Release_Update' is installed in the CDB but no release updates are installed in the PDB
ERROR	DBRU bundle patch 201020: Not installed in the CDB but installed in the PDB
ERROR	PDB's version does not match CDB's version: PDB's version 12.2.0.1.0. CDB's version 19.0.0.0.0.
WARNING	CDB parameter compatible mismatch: Previous '12.2.0' Current '19.0.0'
WARNING	PDB plugged in is a non-CDB, requires noncdb_to_pdb.sql be run.



Always check **PDB\_PLUG\_IN\_VIOLATIONS**  
after any plug-in operation

- An error prevents the PDB from opening unrestricted

# Migration



## 1 Plug in

Then, perform plug-in

1. Shut down non-CDB
2. Plug into CDB



# Migration

## 1. Restart database in read-only mode

```
SQL> shutdown immediate  
SQL> startup mount  
SQL> alter database open read only;
```

## 2. Generate manifest file and shut down

```
SQL> exec dbms_pdb.describe('/tmp/DB19.xml');  
SQL> shutdown immediate;
```

## 3. In CDB, create PDB from manifest file

```
SQL> create pluggable database DB19 using '/tmp/DB19.xml';
```



# Migration



**1** Plug in

**2** Convert

# Migration



## 2 Convert

1. Complete conversion with `noncdb_to_pdb.sql`
2. Requires downtime, but you run it only once
3. Irreversible



# Migration

## 1. Open PDB

```
SQL> alter pluggable database DB19 open;  
SQL> alter session set container=DB19;
```

## 2. Convert

```
SQL> @?/rdbms/admin/noncdb_to_pdb.sql
```

## 3. Restart PDB

```
SQL> alter pluggable database DB19 close;  
SQL> alter pluggable database DB19 open;
```



# Migration

## 4. Check plug-in violations

```
SQL> select type, message  
       from   pdb_plug_in_violations  
       where  name='DB19' and status<>'RESOLVED';
```

## 5. Ensure PDB is open READ WRITE and unrestricted

```
SQL> select open_mode, restricted from v$pdb;
```

## 6. Configure PDB to auto-start

```
SQL> alter pluggable database DB19 save state;
```

# Demo

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Multitenant migration  
19c non-CDB

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# Downtime



*How much downtime  
do we need?*



## `noncdb_to_pdb.sql`

- Runtime varies, typically 10-20 minutes
- Depends on dictionary complexity
- Not database size

## Pre-tasks and post-tasks

- Follow best practices
- Data Guard

## Expect total downtime 1-2 hours

- Simple databases even faster
- It's a migration, don't rush it

# MIGRATION

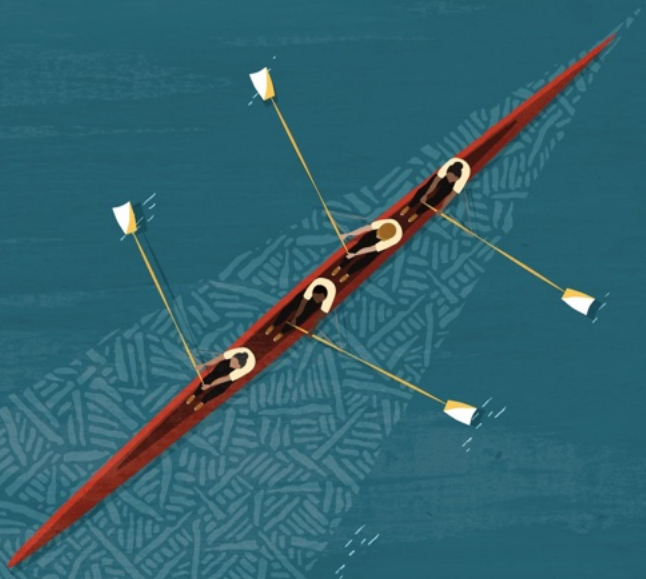
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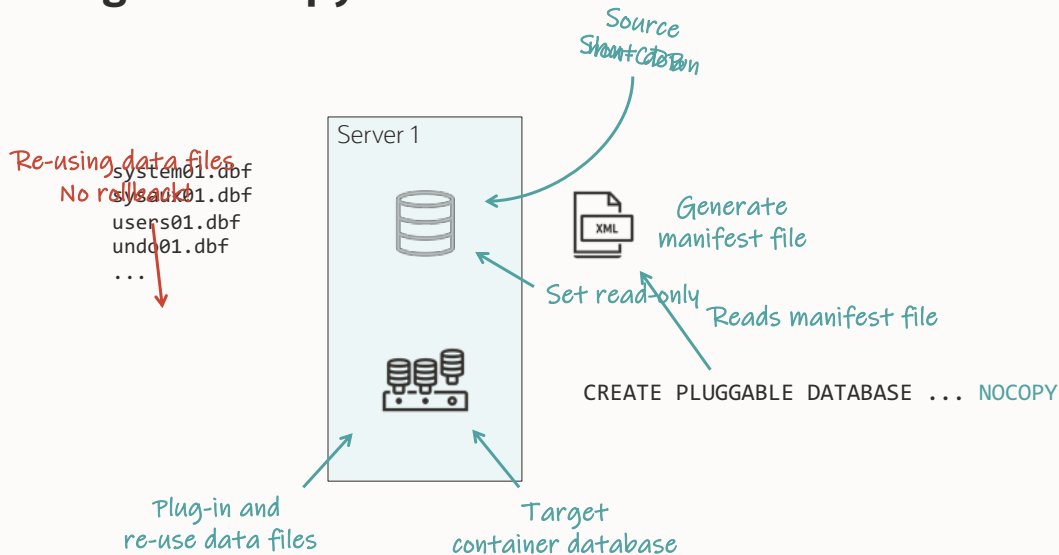
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Plug-in Copy

**Plug-in NoCopy**



# Plug-in NoCopy





#AutoUpgrade config file

#Convert DB12 to PDB in CDB2 - re-use data files

upg1.source\_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19.22.0

upg1.target\_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19.23.0

upg1.sid=DB12

upg1.target\_cdb=CDB2

#Fully automated migration

java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config db12.cfg -mode deploy

```
#AutoUpgrade config file
#Convert DB12 to PDB in CDB2 - re-use data files
#Upgrade from Oracle Database 19c to 23ai
upg1.source_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19.22.0
upg1.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/23.4.0
upg1.sid=DB12
upg1.target_cdb=CDB2
```

# Demo

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Multitenant migration  
Including upgrade to Oracle Database 23ai  
Using AutoUpgrade

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Consider using **MOVE** instead of **NOCOPY** to move files into proper directory

- Use **FILE\_NAME\_CONVERT** clause

# MIGRATION

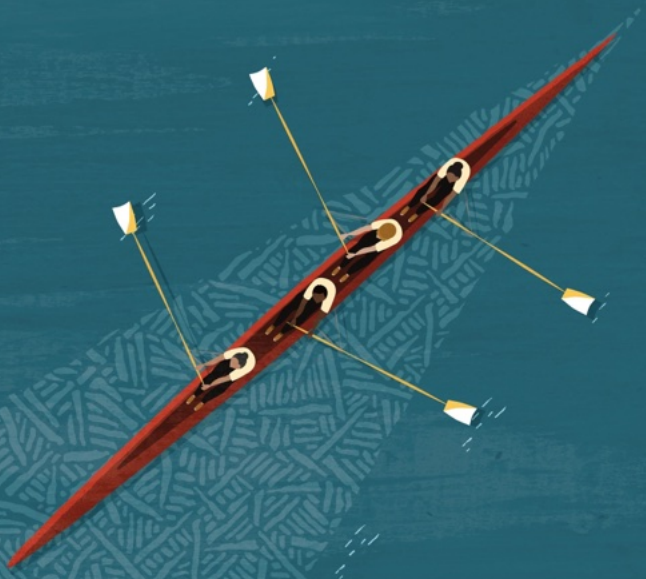
options

Other Options

Refreshable

**Plug-in Copy**

Plug-in NoCopy



# Plug-in Copy

Source preserved  
for rollback

system01.dbf  
sysaux01.dbf  
users01.dbf  
undo01.dbf  
...

system01.dbf  
sysaux01.dbf  
users01.dbf  
undo01.dbf  
...

Plug-in and  
copies data files



Target  
container database

Source  
Schema



Generate  
manifest file

Set read-only

Reads manifest file

CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE ... COPY

```
#AutoUpgrade config file
#Convert DB12 to PDB in CDB2 - copy data files
upg1.source_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19.22.0
upg1.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19.23.0
upg1.sid=DB12
upg1.target_cdb=CDB2
upg1.target_pdb_copy_option=db12=file_name_convert('/u01', '/u02')

#Fully automated migration
java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config db12.cfg -mode deploy
```



#AutoUpgrade config file

#Convert DB12 to PDB in CDB2 - copy data files

#Generate OMF names - also for ASM

upg1.source\_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19.22.0

upg1.target\_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19.23.0

upg1.sid=DB12

upg1.target\_cdb=CDB2

upg1.target\_pdb\_copy\_option.db12=file\_name\_convert=NONE

*Generate OMF names  
Also for ASM*







Be sure to shut down the source database.  
Use *prefix.close\_source=yes*

# MIGRATION

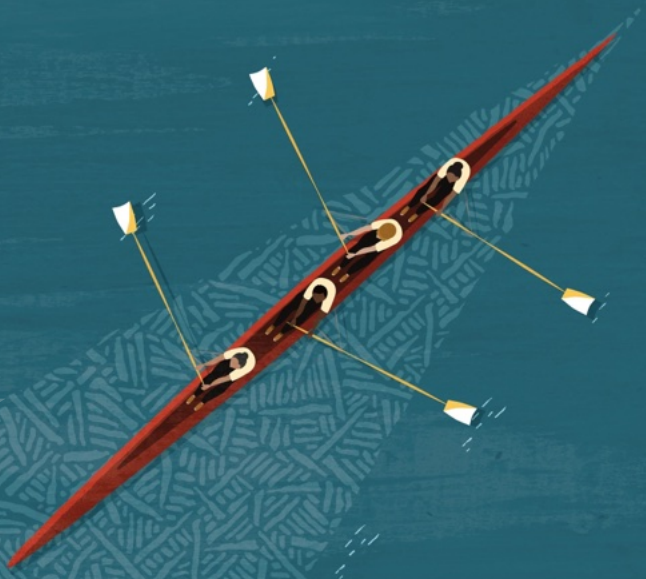
options

Other Options

**Refreshable**

Plug-in Copy

Plug-in NoCopy



# Refreshable Clone



## CREATE

Create PDB from non-CDB over a database link



## REFRESH

Apply redo from non-CDB to keep PDB up-to-date



## OUTAGE

Disconnect users and refresh PDB for the last time

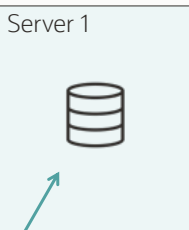


## CONVERT

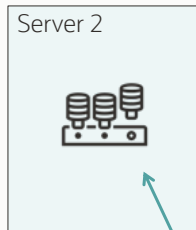
To become a proper PDB, it must be converted

# Refreshable Clone PDB

system01.dbf  
sysaux01.dbf  
users01.dbf  
undo01.dbf  
...



Source  
non-CDB



Target  
CDB

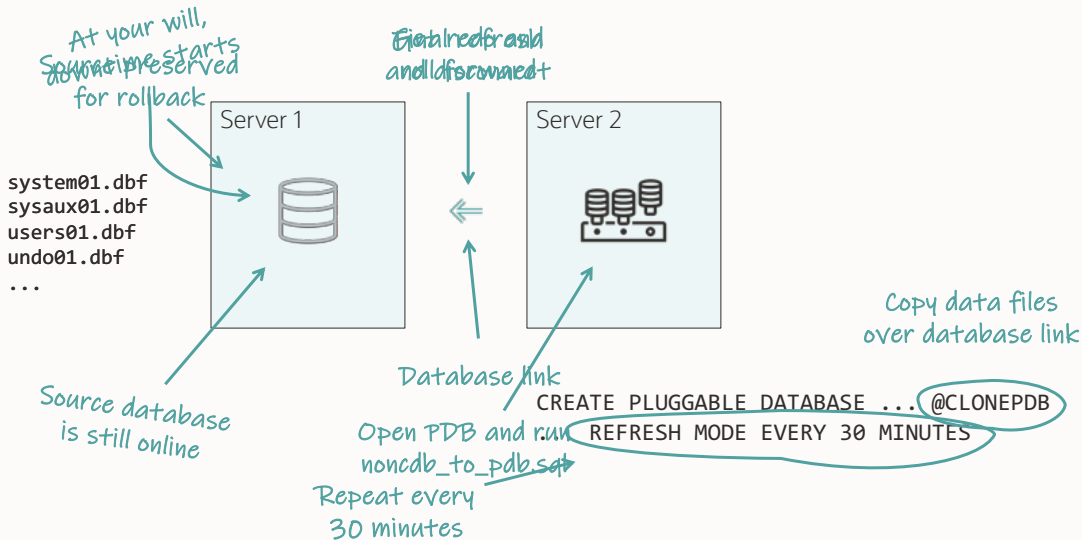
# Refreshable Clone PDB

system01.dbf  
sysaux01.dbf  
users01.dbf  
undo01.dbf  
...



*Could be same  
server as well*

# Refreshable Clone PDB



# Refreshable Clone

Source non-CDB

Target CDB



```
CREATE USER dblinkuser  
  IDENTIFIED BY ... ;  
  
GRANT CREATE SESSION,  
  CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE,  
  SELECT_CATALOG_ROLE TO dblinkuser;  
  
GRANT READ ON sys.enc$ TO dblinkuser;
```

```
CREATE DATABASE LINK CLONEPDB  
  CONNECT TO dblinkuser  
  IDENTIFIED BY ...  
  USING 'noncdb-alias';
```

# Refreshable Clone

Source non-CDB

Target CDB



```
upg1.source_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19
upg1.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/23
upg1.sid=NONCDB1
upg1.target_cdb=CDB1
upg1.source_dblink.NONCDB1=CLONEPDB
upg1.target_pdb_name.NONCDB1=PDB1
```

```
--Specify relative start time
--upg1.start_time=+1h30m
```



# Refreshable Clone

Source non-CDB

Target CDB



```
upg1.source_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19
upg1.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/23
upg1.sid=NONCDB1
upg1.target_cdb=CDB1
upg1.source_dblink.NONCDB1=CLONEPDB 300
upg1.target_pdb_name.NONCDB1=PDB1
```

```
--Specify relative start time
--upg1.start_time=+1h30m
```

# Refreshable Clone

Source non-CDB

Target CDB



```
upg1.source_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19
upg1.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/23
upg1.sid=NONCDB1
upg1.target_cdb=CDB1
upg1.source_dblink.NONCDB1=CLONEPDB 300
upg1.target_pdb_name.NONCDB1=PDB1
upg1.start_time=19/05/2024 02:00:00
--Specify relative start time
--upg1.start_time=+1h30m
```



# Refreshable Clone

## 1

Run on source

```
autoupgrade.jar ... -mode analyze
```

```
autoupgrade.jar ... -mode fixups
```

## 2

Run on target

```
autoupgrade.jar ... -mode deploy
```



# Refreshable Clone

**1.**

PDB  
is created

**2.**

Data files  
are copied

**3.**

Redo is  
applied

**4.**

Final refresh

**5.**

Disconnect  
and convert

autoupgrade.jar ... -mode deploy

upg1.start\_time=19/05/2024 02:00:00



The source non-CDB stays intact  
to allow rollback

# Demo

---

Multitenant migration  
Upgrade to Oracle Database 19c  
Using Refreshable Clone PDBs

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## Refreshable clone works only with deferred recovery on standby database

- You must restore the PDB on standby database after disconnect from non-CDB



Ensure archive logs are available  
on disk during migration



# Cloning



## CLONING

AutoUpgrade uses **CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE** statement with **PARALLEL** clause which clones the database using multiple parallel processes



## PARALLEL

Based on system resources and current utilization the database automatically determines a proper parallel degree



## TRANSFER

A new file transfer protocol that can bypass several layers in the database to achieve very high transfer rates



## NETWORK

Watch out for network saturation. Control parallelism in the AutoUpgrade config file



The database applies automatic parallelism based on available system resources

- Control using *prefix.parallel\_pdb\_creation\_clause*

```
SQL> select message, sofar, totalwork, time_remaining as remain, elapsed_seconds as ela
      from v$session_longops
      where opname='kpdbfCopyTaskCbk' and sofar != totalwork;
```

MESSAGE	SOFAR	TOTALWORK	REMAIN	ELA
kpdbfCopyTaskCbk: /u01/app/oracle/oradata/CDB2/EDA 3: 643199 out of 1310720 Blocks done	643199	1310720	134	129
kpdbfCopyTaskCbk: /u01/app/oracle/oradata/CDB2/EDA 3: 443007 out of 1310720 Blocks done	443007	1310720	213	109
kpdbfCopyTaskCbk: /u01/app/oracle/oradata/CDB2/EDA 3: 436351 out of 1310720 Blocks done	436351	1310720	216	108
kpdbfCopyTaskCbk: /u01/app/oracle/oradata/CDB2/EDA 3: 370431 out of 1310720 Blocks done	370431	1310720	256	101

```
SQL> select message, sofar, totalwork,time_remaining as remain, elapsed_seconds as ela
       from v$session_longops
       where opname='kpdbfCopyTaskCbk' and sofar != totalwork;
```

MESSAGE	SOFAR	TOTALWORK	REMAIN	ELA
kpdbfCopyTaskCbk: /u01/app/oracle/oradata/CDB2/EDA 3: 643199 out of 1310720 Blocks done	643199	1310720	134	129
kpdbfCopyTaskCbk: /u01/app/oracle/oradata/CDB2/EDA 3: 443007 out of 1310720 Blocks done	443007	1310720	213	109
kpdbfCopyTaskCbk: /u01/app/oracle/oradata/CDB2/EDA 3: 436351 out of 1310720 Blocks done	436351	1310720	216	108
kpdbfCopyTaskCbk: /u01/app/oracle/oradata/CDB2/EDA 3: 370431 out of 1310720 Blocks done	370431	1310720	256	101

```
SQL> select sql_text
       from v$sql s, v$session_longops l
       where s.sql_id=l.sql_id and l.opname='kpdbfCopyTaskCbk';
```

```
SQL_TEXT
/* SQL Analyze(256,0) */ SELECT /*+PARALLEL(4) NO_STATEMENT_QUEUEING */ * FROM X$KXFTASK /*kpdbfParallelCopyOrMove,PDB_FILE_COPY*/
```



Zürcher  
Kantonalbank

# Customer Case | Zürcher Kantonalbank

## Customer

Project

Constraints

Preparation

Migration

Success?

Remarks

A reliable partner for over 150 years

- The bank for the people of Zurich since 1870
- With over 5'100 employees one of the largest employers in the canton of Zurich
- Globally networked full-service bank with strong regional and local roots



# Customer Case | Zürcher Kantonalbank

Customer

**Project**

Constraints

Preparation

Migration

Success?

Remarks

Current situation

- Oracle databases on old OS and on Oracle Exadata
- 2023:
  - Migrate everything to Exadata until end of 2023
  - Consolidation to Multitenant and to the next long-term support release

Planned solution: AutoUpgrade

# Customer Case | Zürcher Kantonalbank

Customer

Project

Constraints

**Preparation**

Migration

Success?

Remarks

Test setup

- 3 non-CDB databases of different size

Source	Size / GB
TEST40 (108)	165
TEST42 (107)	555
TEST41 (106)	18'496

- Exadata X6-2 compute node
- 7 storage cells (2x X6-2L / 3x X7-2L / 2x X8-2L)
- Oracle Database 19.15.0
- No additional options



# Customer Case | Zürcher Kantonalbank

Customer

Cloning user

Project

```
create user dblinkuser identified by Oracle_4UOracle_4U;
```

Constraints

Permissions

**Preparation**

```
grant CONNECT, RESOURCE, CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE,  
    SELECT_CATALOG_ROLE to dblinkuser;  
grant ALL ON SYS.ENC$ to dblinkuser;
```

Migration

Success?

Database link

Remarks

```
create database link TEST42.DOMAIN connect to dblinkuser  
identified by oracle_4uoracle_4u using 'test42.domain';
```

# Customer Case | Zürcher Kantonalbank

Customer

Project

Constraints

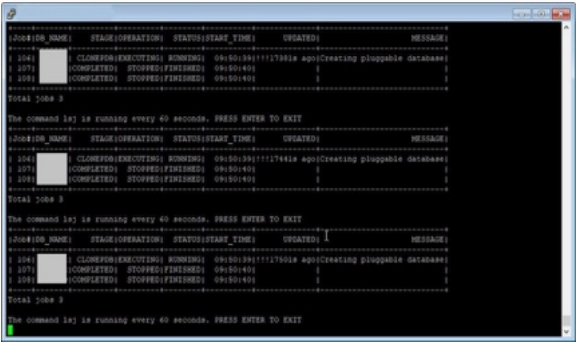
Preparation

Migration

Success?

Remarks

Migration in progress



Source	Runtime/Min
TEST40 (108)	26
TEST42 (107)	ongoing
TEST41 (106)	ongoing



# Customer Case | Zürcher Kantonalbank

Customer

Project

Constraints

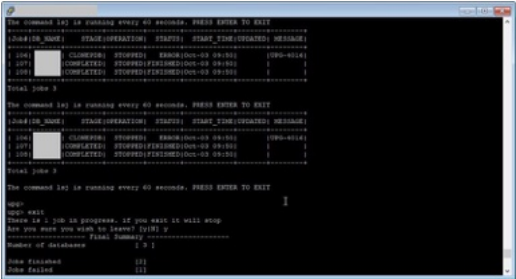
Preparation

Migration

Success?

Remarks

Migration completed



Source	Runtime/Min
TEST40 (108)	26
TEST42 (107)	226 (~3.5h)
TEST41 (106)	1770 (29h)

# Customer Case | Zürcher Kantonalbank

Customer

Project

Constraints

Preparation

Migration

**Success**

Remarks

First non-CDBs migrated successfully

- Project is ongoing

# Customer Case | Zürcher Kantonalbank

Customer

Project

Constraints

Preparation

Migration

Success?

**Remarks**

For large databases, make sure archives aren't cleaned up

- Solution: restore archivelogs from backup

User profile with IDLE\_TIME lead to kill of the session

- Solution: assign a different profile to the clone user

# Summary

- Very comfortable to use
  - Everything happens automatically
  - Does not require user interaction
- Simple syntax
- No license costs associated
- Perfect for pre-migration test
- Very Stable



# MIGRATION

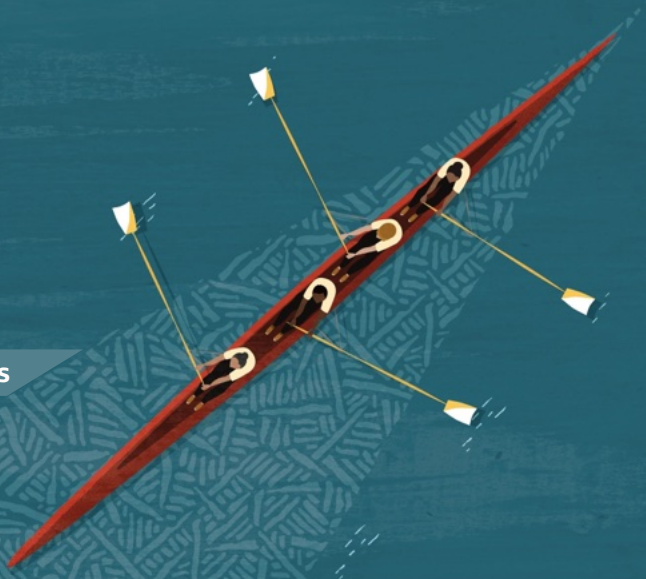
options

## Other Options

Refreshable

Plug-in Copy

Plug-in NoCopy





# Other Options

It is also possible to migrate using

**1** Data Pump

**2** Transportable Tablespaces

**3** GoldenGate

- Well-known and proven method
- Extremely flexible
- Migrate from lower version
- Migrate from cross-Endian
- Preserves source database for fallback





# Other Options

It is also possible to migrate using

**1** Data Pump

**2** Transportable Tablespaces

**3** GoldenGate

- Faster for larger databases
- Migrate from lower version
- Migrate from cross-Endian
- Preserves source database for fallback



# Other Options

It is also possible to migrate using

**1** Data Pump

**2** Transportable Tablespaces

**3** GoldenGate

- Only zero downtime option
- Migrate from lower version
- Migrate from cross-Endian
- Preserves source database for fallback
- Active-active replication for ultimate solution



comparing

# MIGRATION

options

	Plug-in NoCopy	Plug-in Copy	Refreshable Clone PDB	Data Pump	Transportable	GoldenGate
<b>Downtime</b>	Less	Considerable	Less	Considerable	Minimal	None
<b>Rollback</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Cross-platform</b> (same Endian)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Cross-Endian</b>	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Cross-version</b>	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Complexity</b>	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	High



## Best Practices for multitenant migration



## Gather dictionary stats before migration

- Preferably also after migration



Perform a dictionary check  
before migration

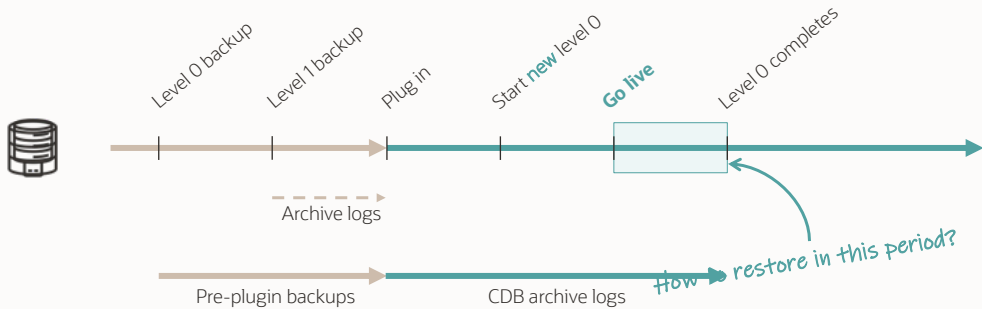
- Use `DBMS_DICTIONARY_CHECK`



## Backup your database after migration

- Level 0

# Recovery Strategy







## Practice restore with pre-plugin backups

- Check `DBMS_PDB.EXPORTMANBACKUP`



## What about Oracle RAC Database

# RAC

- Nothing special, it works seamlessly
- Connect to one instance and plug in
- No need to start with `CLUSTER_DATABASE=FALSE`



## What happens during plug-in with Oracle Data Guard

# Data Guard



*Plug-in on primary propagates  
to standby database via redo*

**1** Enabled recovery

**2** Deferred recovery



# Data Guard

## 1

### Enabled recovery

```
create pluggable database ... standbys=all
```

Standby records PDB creation

Standby locates data files

MRP applies redo to PDB

PDB is immediately protected

*Default*

## 2

### Deferred recovery



# Data Guard

## 1

### Enabled recovery

`create pluggable database ... standbys=all`

Standby records PDB creation

Standby locates data files

MRP applies redo to PDB

PDB is immediately protected

## 2

### Deferred recovery

`create pluggable database ... standbys=none`

Standby records PDB creation

Standby ignores data files

MRP skips redo

**PDB protected after restore**



You can specify recovery mode  
for each standby database

- `CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE ... STANDBYS=STDBY1,STDBY3`
- `CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE ... STANDBYS=ALL EXCEPT STDBY2`



--Check the recovery mode of each PDBs

--Possible values: ENABLED, DISABLED

```
select name, recovery_status from v$pdb;
```



In AutoUpgrade, specify recovery mode using *prefix.manage\_standbys\_clause*

- Value is inserted directly into **STANDBYS** clause in **CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE** statement

# Enabled Recovery

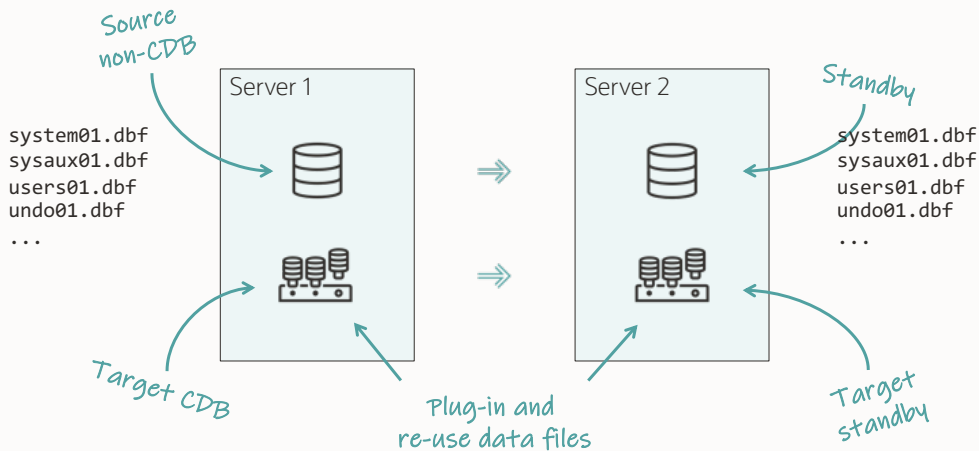
- A more complex approach
- Requires additional work before and during plug-in
- Standby database protects the PDB immediately after plug-in
- When you use STANDBYS=ALL or a list
- Default

# Enabled Recovery

Enabled recovery applies to:

- All standby databases when using `STANDBY=ALL`
- Or, those standby databases mention in `STANDBY=<list>`
- Or, those not mentioned in `STANDBY=ALL EXCEPT <list>`

# Enabled Recovery





All data files on primary and standby  
must be at the same SCN

# Reusing Data Files

## Primary

```
SQL> shutdown immediate
SQL> startup mount
SQL> alter system
      flush redo to stbby 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 stbby 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;
```

```
SQL> shutdown immediate
```

MUST MATCH!

# Enabled Recovery

- The plug-in happens on the primary database
- The plug-in uses the manifest file
- The manifest file contains information on data files from the primary database only

## How does the standby database know which files to plug in?



# Enabled Recovery

How does the standby database know which files to plug in?

- 1 Regular files
- 2 OMF in regular file system
- 3 ASM

# Enabled Recovery

## 1 Regular files

- Standby search for data files at the same location as the primary
- Override with `DB_FILE_NAME_CONVERT`
- Or, override with `STANDBY_PDB_SOURCE_FILE_DIRECTORY`

# Enabled Recovery

## 2 OMF in regular file system

- Standby search for data files at the OMF location (**DB\_CREATE\_FILE\_DEST**)
- Move data files from non-CDB location into OMF location
- Or, create soft links in OMF location pointing to data file location

# Enabled Recovery

## 3 ASM

- Standby search for data files at the OMF location (`DB_CREATE_FILE_DEST`)
- Now, it becomes a little tricky...

# Enabled Recovery | ASM

23ai  
Non-CDB  
Primary



23ai  
Non-CDB  
Standby



```
SQL> select name from v$datafile;  
  
NAME  
-----  
+DATA/DB_BOSTON/DATAFILE/system.269.1103046537  
+DATA/DB_BOSTON/DATAFILE/sysaux.270.1103046537  
+DATA/DB_BOSTON/DATAFILE/users.273.1103046827
```

```
SQL> select name from v$datafile;  
  
NAME  
-----  
+DATA/DB_CHICAGO/DATAFILE/system.265.1103050007  
+DATA/DB_CHICAGO/DATAFILE/sysaux.266.1103050007  
+DATA/DB_CHICAGO/DATAFILE/users.269.1103050009
```

Same file,  
but different name

# Enabled Recovery | ASM

23ai  
Non-CDB  
Primary



23ai  
Non-CDB  
Standby



The manifest file contains

```
SQL> select db_name, pdb_name, file_name from v$asm_pdb_files where file_name like '%manifest_DB.xml';
```

- Not standby database

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<PDB>
  <xmlversion>1</xmlversion>
  <pdname>PDB1</pdname>
  ...
  <guid>DDB49CFEFD8ED4FCE053E801000A078C</guid>
  ...
  <tablespace>
    <name>USERS</name>
    ...
    <file>
      <path>+DATA/DB_BOSTON/DATAFILE/users.273.1103046827</path>
```

# Enabled Recovery | ASM

Target primary

23ai  
CDB  
Primary



```
SQL> create pluggable database PDB1 using '/tmp/manifest_DB.xml' ... ;
```



- Manifest file lists the location of data files on primary
- No information about standby databases

23ai  
CDB  
Standby



Target standby

# Enabled Recovery | ASM

23ai  
CDB  
Primary



23ai  
CDB  
Standby



+DATA/DB\_BOSTON/DATAFILE/users.273.1103046827

Redo record says:  
Plug in this data file

No good, data file  
has a different name

+DATA/DB\_CHICAGO/DATAFILE/users.269.1103050009



# Enabled Recovery | ASM

23ai  
CDB  
Primary



+DATA/DB\_BOSTON/DATAFILE/users.273.1103046827



23ai  
CDB  
Standby



*OK, let's check the OMF directory*

+DATA/DB\_CHICAGO/DATAFILE/users.269.1103050009

+DATA/CDB1\_CHICAGO/<PDB\_GUID>/DATAFILE

*It's empty*

# Enabled Recovery | ASM

23ai  
CDB  
Primary



+DATA/DB\_BOSTON/DATAFILE/users.273.1103046827



23ai  
CDB  
Standby



*OK, let's check the OMF directory*

+DATA/DB\_CHICAGO/DATAFILE/users.269.1103050009

+DATA/CDB1\_CHICAGO/<PDB\_GUID>/DATAFILE

*It's empty*



I'll just move the file in ASM



There's no move command in ASM.  
How about copying?

```
ASMCMD> cp users.269.1103050009  
+DATA/DB_CHICAGO/.../users.273.1103046827
```

```
ASMCMD-8016: copy source '+DATA/DB_BOSTON/.../users.269.1103050009' and target  
'+DATA/DB_CHICAGO/.../users.273.1103046827' failed
```

```
ORA-15056: additional error message
```

```
ORA-15046: ASM file name 'users.273.1103046827' is not in single-file creation form
```

```
ORA-06512: at "SYS.X$DBMS_DISKGROUP", line 617
```

```
ORA-06512: at line 3 (DBD ERROR: OCIStmtExecute)
```



Only a database can produce files  
with ASM/OMF data file names



There's no **move** command in ASM.  
But you can create *aliases*

- Similar to file system soft links

```
SQL> alter diskgroup data add alias  
      '+DATA/DB_CHICAGO/DATAFILE/users.269.1103050009'  
for  
      '+DATA/CDB1_CHICAGO/<PDB_GUID>/DATAFILE/users.269.1103050009':
```



Non-CDB standby data file



```
SQL> alter diskgroup data add alias  
      '+DATA/DB_CHICAGO/DATAFILE/users.269.1103050009'  
for  
      '+DATA/CDB1_CHICAGO/<PDB_GUID>/DATAFILE/users.269.1103050009':
```

```
SQL> alter diskgroup data add alias  
      '+DATA/DB_CHICAGO/DATAFILE/users.269.1103050009'  
for  
      '+DATA/CDB1_CHICAGO/<PDB_GUID>/DATAFILE/users.269.1103050009':
```



Standby PDB OMF location

```
SQL> alter diskgroup data add alias  
      '+DATA/DB_CHICAGO/DATAFILE/users.269.1103050009'  
for  
      '+DATA/CDB1_CHICAGO/<PDB_GUID>/DATAFILE/users.269.1103050009':
```



Name does not matter.  
Standby scans all files in OMF directory

# Data Guard | Re-use Data Files

23ai  
CDB  
Primary



23ai  
CDB  
Standby



- Standby database scans its own OMF directory for data files
- Standby ignores file names and look at file headers
- Standby will find aliases and find the real file locations

# Data Guard | Re-use Data Files

23ai  
CDB  
Primary



23ai  
CDB  
Standby



Looking for file like on primary



```
Recovery scanning directory +DATA/DB_BOSTON/... for any matching files
Deleted Oracle managed file +DATA/DB_BOSTON/...
Successfully added datafile 37 to media recovery
Datafile #37: +DATA/DB_CHICAGO/DATAFILE/users.269.1103050009
```



Follows alias and finds the real file

# Demo

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Multitenant migration  
19c non-CDB to 23ai  
With Data Guard and re-using data files

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Move data files into proper OMF location  
and get rid of aliases

# Data File Location

23ai  
CDB  
Primary



23ai  
CDB  
Standby



```
SQL> select file#, name from v$datafile;
```

FILE#	NAME
-------	------

14	+DATA/DB_BOSTON/DATAFILE/system.269.1103046537
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Non-CDB OMF location





The database does not care.  
But humans might care

- A database can use files from a non-OMF location

# Online Data File Move

23ai  
CDB  
Primary



23ai  
CDB  
Standby



```
SQL> ALTER DATABASE MOVE DATAFILE 14;
```

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```

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- The database copies the file, then drops the alias and original file
- Requires additional disk space
- Online operation

# Online Data File Move

23ai  
CDB  
Primary



23ai  
CDB  
Standby



- On standby, online datafile move works only when CDB and PDB are open
- Stop redo apply before opening, unless you have a license for Active Data Guard
- Requires time and disk space to hold a copy of the data file
- Removes ASM alias and original file upon completion

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*Just move data files,  
if Active Data Guard*

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While relocating data files,  
apply lag increases if redo apply is off

- Redo transport is still active
- Switchover/failover time increases



What happens with enabled recovery if the standby fails to find the data files?

# Enabled Recovery | Missing Data Files

What if a standby database fails to find data files?

- If Active Data Guard and PDB Recovery Isolation is turned on
  - New feature in Oracle Database 21c
  - Recovery disabled for PDB
  - Recovery proceeds in the entire CDB, except in specific PDB
  - Standby automatically restores data files from primary and re-enables recovery afterward
  - PDB protected after auto-restore
- If not, recovery halts in the **entire** CDB
  - **This is a critical situation**



What about AutoUpgrade  
and enabled recovery?

# Enabled Recovery | AutoUpgrade

The current version (24.1) does not support plugging in with enabled recovery

- Enabled recovery requires work on both primary and standby hosts
- You must execute commands at specific times
- It's complicated - but we're working on it



## What about AS CLONE clause

- CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE ... AS CLONE

# Enabled Recovery | As Clone

- When you plug in a non-CDB the GUID doesn't change
  - Get GUID from the manifest file or `V$CONTAINERS`
  - GUID only changes when you use `AS CLONE` keyword
- Impossible to re-use standby data files when
  - Using OMF and `CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE ... AS CLONE`
  - Regardless of whether you use regular file system or ASM
  - Only works with regular files and non-OMF

# Enabled Recovery | As Clone

- Regular file system and non-OMF
  - Put data files at the same location as primary data files
  - Take `FILE_NAME_CONVERT` into account (`CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE`)
  - Adjust according to `DB_FILE_NAME_CONVERT`



# Data Guard | Enabled Recovery

[Reusing the Source Standby Database Files When Plugging a PDB into the Primary Database of a Data Guard Configuration \(Doc ID 2273829.1\)](#)

★ Reusing the Source Standby Database Files When Plugging a PDB into the Primary Database of a Data Guard Configuration (Doc ID 2273829.1)

**In this Document**

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**APPLIES TO:**

Oracle Database Cloud Service - Version N/A and later  
Oracle Database Exadata Express 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  
Gen 1 Exadata Cloud at Customer (Oracle Exadata Database Cloud Machine) - Version N/A and later  
Information in this document applies to any platform.

**GOAL**

To plug in an existing 12.1.0.2 or later PDB residing in a CDB as part of a Data Guard configuration into another CDB that is part of a different Data Guard configuration where the current Primary CDB and the target CDB both have standby databases and allow you to use the original Standby database's data files to update the destination CDB's Standby.

This note describes a multitenant migration option for maintaining standby databases when the source database is a PDB. If your source database is a non-CDB, please see [Document 2273304.1](#).

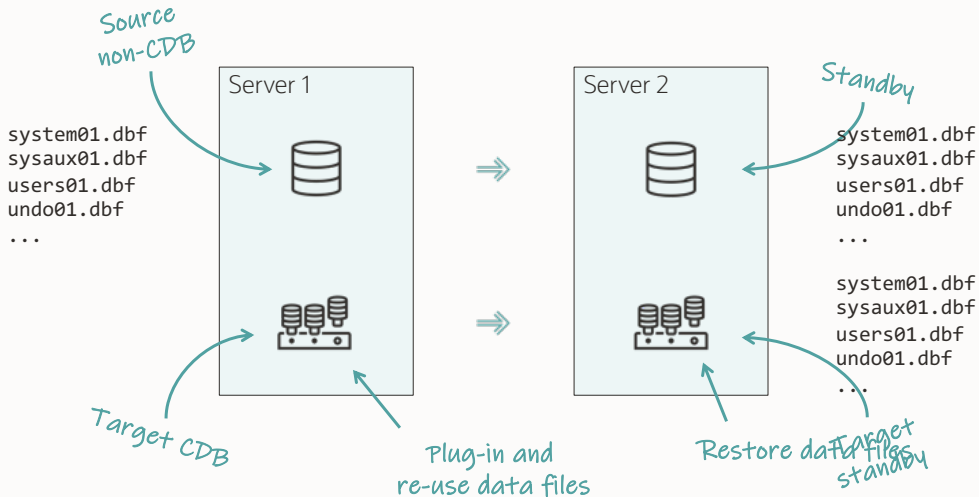
For Oracle RDBMS 19.15 and later, the Data Guard broker MIGRATE command has been enhanced to execute the steps contained in this document. It will manage configurations of the destination CDB containing a single physical standby database and will handle TDE enabled databases. Please see High Availability Overview and Best Practices - PDB Switchover and Failover in a Multitenant Configuration for more information on this feature.

Always test the steps in a dev/test environment prior to using in production. Since the original files are being modified directly by the plugin on the primary and by the consumption

# Deferred Recovery

- The simplest approach
- Requires additional work after plug-in
- You must restore the PDB and re-enabled recovery
- Standby database protects the PDB after restore
- When you use STANDBYS=NONE

# Deferred Recovery



# Deferred Recovery

Deferred recovery applies to:

- All standby databases when using `STANDBYS=NONE`
- Or, those standby databases mention in `STANDBYS=ALL EXCEPT <list>`
- Or, those not mentioned in `STANDBYS=<list>`

# Deferred Recovery



Source  
Non-CDB



Target  
Primary

```
SQL> create pluggable database ...  
standbys=none;
```



Target  
Standby

# Deferred Recovery



```
SQL> create pluggable database ...  
standbys=none;
```



PDB created  
Data files missing

# Deferred Recovery



```
SQL> show pdbs
```

CON_NAME	OPEN	MODE
PDB1	READ	WRITE

```
SQL> show pdbs
```

CON_NAME	OPEN	MODE
PDB1	MOUNTED	

# Deferred Recovery



```
SQL> select name, recovery_status  
       from v$pdb;
```

NAME	RECOVERY_STATUS
PDB1	DISABLED



# Deferred Recovery



```
RMAN> restore pluggable database  
... from service ... ;
```

```
SQL> alter pluggable database  
enable recovery;
```

```
SQL> alter database datafile  
... online;
```

# Deferred Recovery



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- Automated process in Oracle Database 21c
- PDB Recovery Isolation
- Requires Active Data Guard

# Data Guard | Deferred Recovery

[Making Use Deferred PDB Recovery and the STANDBYS=NONE Feature with Oracle Multitenant \(Doc ID 1916648.1\)](#)

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

### In this Document

[Goal](#)

[Solution](#)

[Creating a PDB with the STANDBYS=NONE clause in a Data Guard configuration with 1 physical standby](#)

[Showing how the cloned PDB will appear in certain tables and views on the physical standby](#)

[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](#)

[Conclusion](#)

[References](#)

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# Data Guard | Additional Information

## Data Guard Impact on Oracle Multitenant Environments (Doc ID 2049127.1)

The physical standby database and redo apply will normally expect a new PDB's datafiles to have been pre-copied to the standby site and be in such a state that redo received from the primary database can be immediately applied. The standby database ignores any file name conversion specification on the CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE statement and relies solely on the standby database's initialization parameter settings for DB\_CREATE\_FILE\_DEST and DB\_FILE\_NAME\_CONVERT for locations and file naming.

For these cases, Oracle recommends deferring recovery of the PDB using the STANDBYS=NONE clause on the CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE statement. Recovery of the PDB can be enabled at some point in the future once the PDB's data files have been copied from the primary database to the standby database in a manner similar to that documented in Document 1916648.1.



## Don't jeopardize your Data Guard

- Test the procedure and verify before go-live



## How a customer handled the migration

- Customer case



# Customer Case



Customer

Project

Result

Learnings

- **Swisscom** - Switzerland's leading telco
- One of the leading IT companies in Switzerland
- One of Switzerland's most sustainable and innovative companies

# Customer Case





# Customer Case

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## Oracle Siebel CRM



Non-CDB

- Database size: 18 TB
- Release: 19.17.0
- Average active users: 3000



Single-tenant architecture

# Customer Case

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## Oracle Siebel CRM



Non-CDB

- 6,000 tables
- 29,000 indexes
- Partitioning
- LOBs
- 51 bigfile tablespaces



Single-tenant architecture

# Customer Case



Data Guard with **five** standby databases



Each database is a 4-node **RAC** database



Running on **Exadata** Database Machine



Streaming data to microservices using **GoldenGate**



After consulting the business,  
a plan was made for the standby databases

# Customer Case



Standby 1: DR



Re-use data files, ASM alias



Standby 2-3: Auxiliary DR



Restore data files



Standby 4-5: Reporting



Restore data files



# Customer Case



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Learnings

- Total downtime was 3 hours 30 minutes
  - Planned maintenance window was 4 hours
  - Most time spent on application work and GoldenGate configuration
- Database migration
  - `noncdb_to_pdb.sql`: 18 minutes



# Customer Case



Customer

Project

Result

Learnings

- 1 Test, test, and test
- 2 Create a detailed runbook
- 3 Remove complexity from the project to the extent possible
- 4 Work together and double-check all actions



## Converting on Exadata Database Service and Exadata Cloud@Customer



# Exadata Database Service

1. Use tooling to create a new CDB - or use an existing one
2. Plug in and convert using a method of choice
3. Tooling automatically adapts the new PDB after a while



## Converting Oracle E-Business Suite

# E-Business Suite

- Oracle E-Business Suite Release 12.2 and 12.1.3 support multitenant architecture
- But only in single-tenant architecture
- Useful MOS notes
  - FAQ: Oracle E-Business Suite and the Oracle Multitenant Architecture (Doc ID [25671051](#))
  - Interoperability Notes: Oracle E-Business Suite Release 12.2 with Oracle Database 19c (Doc ID [25521811](#))
  - Getting Started with Oracle E-Business Suite on Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (Doc ID [25170251](#))
  - Using Oracle 19c Oracle RAC Multitenant (Single PDB) with Oracle E-Business Suite Release 12.2 (Doc ID [25306651](#))



## Plugging in copies of the same database

# As Clone

Each PDB has a unique GUID

- Check V\$CONTAINERS

If you plug in the same database multiple times,  
there are conflicting GUIDs

Use `CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE ... AS CLONE` to generate new GUIDs on  
plug-in



## Migrating encrypted databases

- TDE Tablespace Encryption

# Encrypted Database

Encrypted database



system01.dbf  
sysaux01.dbf  
users01.dbf  
undo01.dbf  
...



Plug-in and re-use data files

Target container database

Shut down



Export Generate encryption manifest file

Set read-only

ADMINISTER KEY MANAGEMENT EXPORT KEYS ...

Import keys from backup file

ADMINISTER KEY MANAGEMENT IMPORT KEYS ...



AutoUpgrade fully supports  
encrypted databases



# Encrypted Database

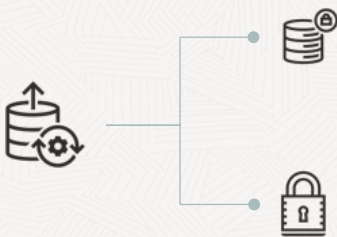
Certain database operations require passwords or secrets

```
CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE ... KEYSTORE IDENTIFIED BY <password>
```

```
ALTER PLUGGABLE DATABASE ... UNPLUG INTO ... ENCRYPT USING <secret>
```

```
CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE ... DECRYPT USING <secret>
```

```
ADMINISTER KEY MANAGEMENT ... KEYSTORE IDENTIFIED BY <password>
```



## Secure External Password Store

Operator stores database keystore password in a Secure External Password Store

## AutoUpgrade Keystore

Operator loads database keystore password into AutoUpgrade keystore ahead of upgrade

```
# Configure AutoUpgrade to work on encrypted databases  
# Specify path for AutoUpgrade keystore
```

```
global.keystore=/etc/oracle/keystores/autoupgrade/DB12  
global.autoupg_log_dir=/u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/autoupgrade  
upg1.source_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/12.2.0.1  
upg1.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19  
upg1.sid=DB12
```

# Encrypted Database

Analyze the database for upgrade readiness

```
$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config PDB1.cfg -mode analyze
```

Summary report will show which keystore passwords are needed

## REQUIRED ACTIONS

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1. Perform the specified action ...

ORACLE\_SID

Action Required

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CDB1

Add TDE password

CDB2

Add TDE password

# Demo

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Multitenant migration  
Including upgrade to Oracle Database 19c  
Using AutoUpgrade

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In the unlikely event of ...

- Rollback and fallback options



## PDB conversion is irreversible

- Not even Flashback Database can help

# Rollback Options | Before Go-Live



**1** Leave a copy

**2** RMAN Restore



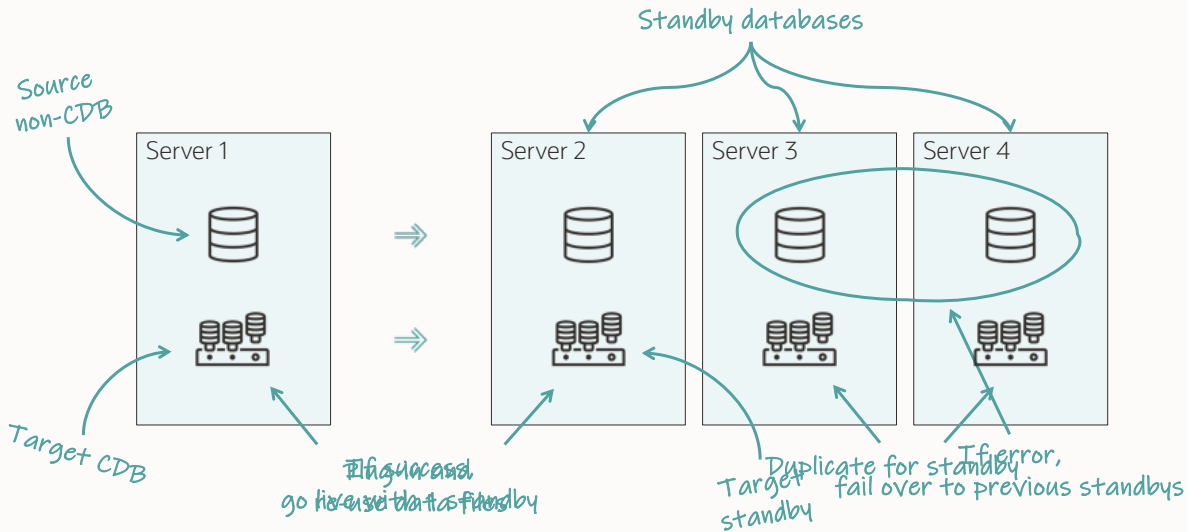
# Rollback Options | Before Go-Live



## 1 Leave a copy

- CREATE PLUGGABLE DATABASE ... COPY
- [Refreshable clone PDBs](#)
- Incrementally roll forward data files copies
- Leave a standby database behind

# Rollback Options | Before Go-Live



# Rollback Options | Before Go-Live



## 2 RMAN Restore

- Time-consuming
- May not satisfy business requirements

# Fallback Options | After Go-Live



1

Back to non-CDB

- Data Pump
- Transportable Tablespaces
- GoldenGate



An alternative option to fall back  
from upgrade and PDB conversion



# Fallback Options | After Go-Live

If you upgraded and converted

- From Oracle Database 19c to 23ai

## 1 Back to 19c, stay multitenant

- Downgrade
- **COMPATIBLE** must be 19.0.0 in 23ai CDB

## 2 Back to 19c, back to non-CDB

- Follow 1
- Transportable tablespace back into non-CDB
- Alternatively, Data Pump from 23ai directly to 19c non-CDB



# Wrapping Up

# Words of Advice



- 1 Start with simple databases
- 2 Leave time to learn and adjust
- 3 Proceed with bigger databases



# Further Reading

## Oracle Support:

- Oracle Multitenant: Frequently Asked Questions (Doc ID [1511619.1](#))
- How to migrate a non pluggable database that uses TDE to pluggable database ? (Doc ID [1678525.1](#))

## Blog posts:

- [Database Migration from non-CDB to PDB – Typical Plugin Issues and Workarounds](#)
- [Upgrade & Plug In: With ASM, Data Guard, TDE and no Keystore Password](#)



## There are many **benefits** to explore

- Application containers
- Faster cloning
- Faster provisioning
- Faster redeployment
- Sparse clones
- Resource consolidation
- Save resources
- Improved functionality
- Better management
- More secure
- Separation of duties
- Easier operations
- Many-as-one
- Faster updates
- Faster patching
- Enables self-service



*It's better to fail in our lab,  
than in production*

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# Part 2

Move to Oracle Database 23ai

- Everything you need to know about Oracle Multitenant

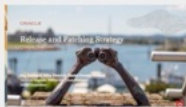
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#### AutoUpgrade to Oracle Database 19c

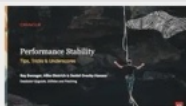
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### Episode 3

#### Performance Stability, Tips and Tricks and Underscores

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### Episode 4

#### Migration to Oracle Multitenant

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### Episode 5

#### Migration Strategies – Insights, Tips and Secrets

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### Episode 6

#### Move to the Cloud – Not only for techies

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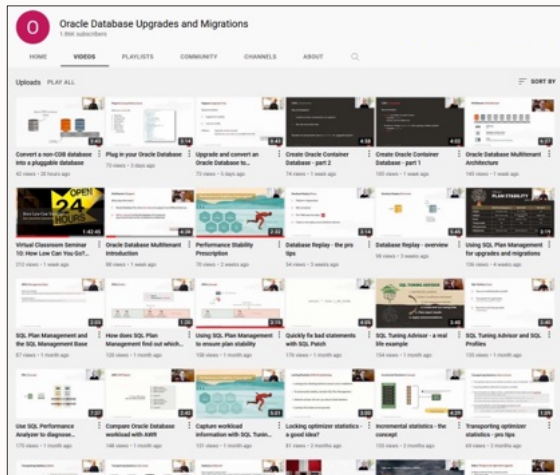
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