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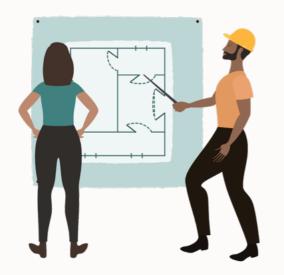
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Getting started

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

AutoUpgrade functionality extended to patching



Why Patching?

Security is the most important topic these days

- Many customers are bound to regulations and audits
- Patching isn't always a true pleasure
- Plus, you need to find the right patches

https://www.oracle.com/security-alerts/

Critical Patch Updates

Critical Patch Updates provide security patches for supported Oracle on-premises products. They are available to customers with valid support contracts. Starting in April 2022, Critical Patch Updates are released on the third Tuesday of January, April, July, and October (They were previously published on the Tuesday closest to the 17th day of January, April, July, and October). The next four dates are:

- 21 January 2025
- 15 April 2025
- 15 July 2025
- 21 October 2025

A pre-release announcement will be published on the Thursday preceding each Critical Patch Update release.

Oracle Database Server Risk Matrix

This Cricial Pach Update contains ones socially punches, plus addissional hinting pany punches noted below to Coacle Dutabase Products. 2 of these valentabilities may be remotely explicitable without authorization, i.e., may be exploited over a remonk without requiring user condentain. I of these patches is applicable to client-only installations, i.e., installations that do not have the Coacle Dutabase Server installed. The English last form of the float hints can be found from.

CVEID	Component	Package and/ or Privilege Required	Protocol	Remote Exploit without Auth.?	CVSS VERSION 3.1 RISK (see Risk Matrix Definitions)									Supported	
					Score Score	Attack Vector	Attack Complex	Prins Regid	User Interact	Scope	Confid- entiality	Inte- grity	Avail- ability	Versions Affected	Notes
CVE-2024-6119	Oracle Dutabase Security (OpenSSL)	None	Multiple	Ves	5.3	Network	Low	None	None	Un- changed	None	None	Low	25.4-23.5	
CVE-2024-7264	Oracle Spatial and Graph (fibrurG)	None	нттр	Yes	5.5	Network	High	None	Required	Un- changed	None	None	High	19.3-19.24, 21.3-21.6, 23.4-23.5	
CVE-2024-29025	Fleet Patching and Provisioning - Micronaut (Netty)	Authenticated User	нттр	No	43	Network	Low	Low	None	Un- changed	None	None	Low	25.4-25.5	
CVE-2024-21233	Oracle Database Core	Create Session	Oracle Net	No	43	Network	Low	Low	None	Un- changed	None	Low	None	99.5-1924, 21.3-21.5, 25.4-25.5	
CAE-5034-5-045	XML Database	Create Session	нттр	No	3.5	Network	Low	Low	Required	Un- changed	None	None	Low	19.3-19.24, 21.3-21.6, 23.4-25.5	
CVE-2034-2/251	Java VM	Create Session, Create Procedure	Oracle Net	No	33	Network	High	Low	None	Un- changed	None	Low	None	19.3-19.24, 21.3-21.6, 23.4-23.5	



How often do you patch?

Quarterly?

Twice a year?

Once a year?

Never??



Just as easy as patching your smartphone

Our mission for patching Oracle Database





Download

- Find the right patch numbers
- For the right platform
- Get latest OPatch

2

Install

- Install brand-new Oracle home
- Update OPatch
- Apply all patches



Patch

- Datapatch Sanity Check
- Move instances and files
- Datapatch
- Recompilation
- Post-tasks





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global.keystore=/home/oracle/autoupgrade-patching/keystore patch1.source_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19/dbhome_19_24_0 patch1.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19/dbhome_19_25_0 patch1.sid=DB19 patch1.folder=/home/oracle/autoupgrade-patching/patch patch1.patch=RU,OPATCH,OJVM,DPBP
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\$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config DB23.cfg -patch -mode deploy

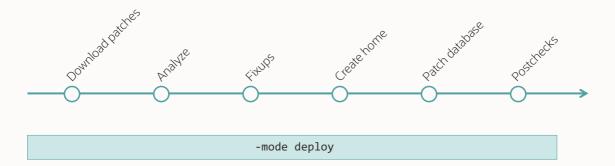
Demo

One-Button Patching

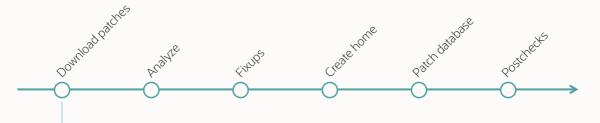
- Download patches
- Install Oracle home
- Patch database





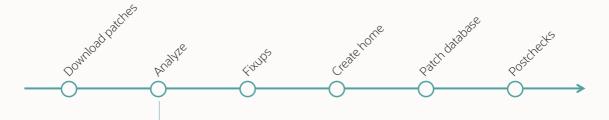






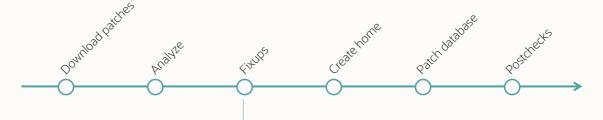
- Finds and downloads patches
- Uses your MOS credentials
- Chooses the right platform
- Stores patches in local repository





- Analyzes database for patch readiness
- Datapatch Sanity Checks
- Lightweight
- Non-intrusive
- Recommended, not required





- · Gathers dictionary statistics if needed
- Recompiles Oracle-maintained objects if needed
- Executes checks see Doc ID 2380601.1



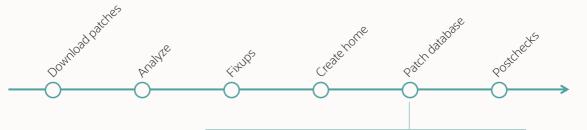


- Out-of-place patching
- Creates a brand-new Oracle home
- Uses runInstaller settings from source Oracle home
- Does not execute root.sh



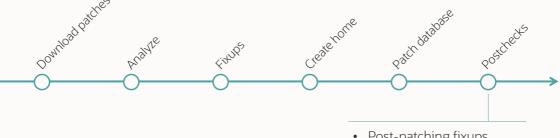
--You only need to run root.sh if your database uses external procedures --If the query returns no rows, you can skip root.sh

```
SELECT *
FROM CDB_SCHEDULER_JOBS
WHERE JOB_TYPE IN ('EXTERNAL_SCRIPT', 'EXECUTABLE', 'BACKUP_SCRIPT', 'SQL_SCRIPT');
```



- Moves database instance to new Oracle home
- Moves configuration files
- Executes Datapatch
- Updates system directories (utlfixdirs.sql)
- Updates /etc/oratab
- Supports read-only Oracle home

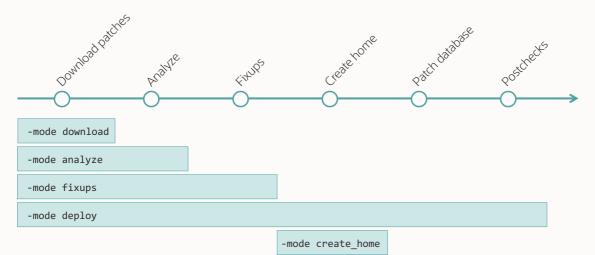




- Post-patching fixups
- Recompiles if needed
- Cleans up



Patching Modes







Requirements

Current Requirements



Single instance



Linux x64



Windows platform support coming soon



Oracle Database 19c





AutoUpgrade patches out-of-place

• Builds new Oracle home from base release



Out-of-Place Patching

Oracle Home, 19.24.0





SQL> SHUTDOWN IMMEDIATE

AutoUpgrade executes all this for you





[oracle]\$ \$ORACLE_HOME/OPatch/datapatch -verbose

NGW Oracle Home Oracle Home, 19.25.0

Patching still requires downtime

- For less downtime use standby-first patch apply
- For no downtime use RAC rolling patch apply



Always download the latest version of AutoUpgrade

• My Oracle Support Doc ID 2485457.1



MOS Note:2485457.1 – Download AU

DETAILS

Download

The most recent version of AutoUpgrade can be downloaded via this link: version 20240905.

To make use of AutoUpgrade Patching new extended functionality, download the documentation via this link: <u>AutoUpgrade Patching Reference</u>

Oracle strongly recommends that you always use the latest version of AutoUpgrade. AutoUpgrade is backward compatible and can upgrade older releases of Oracle Database as well



```
$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -version
build.version 24.7.241021
build.date 2024/10/21 11:16:20 -0400
build.hash babf5a631
build.hash date 2024/10/18 18:36:27 -0400
build.supported target versions 12.2,18,19,21,23
build.type production
build.label (HEAD, tag: v24.7, origin/stable devel, stable devel)
build.MOS NOTE 2485457.1
build.MOS LINK https://support.oracle.com/.../?id=2485457.1
```



Patching



Which patches should you install?



Important MOS Notes





Download Assistant

MOS Note: 2118136.2

Download Release Update, OJVM, Bundles



Important One-Offs

MOS Note: 555.1

Add critical fixes on top for known issues



Additional Fixes MOS Note: 2781612.2

Important fixes such as GoldenGate, Spatial, Data Pump Bundle, Text and more



SQL Performance MOS Note: 2773715.1

Avoid SQL performance problems. Has links to "wrong results", "SPM" and more included



```
global.keystore=/home/oracle/autoupgrade-patching/keystore
patch1.source_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19/dbhome_19_24_0
patch1.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19/dbhome_19_25_0
patch1.sid=DB19
patch1.folder=/home/oracle/autoupgrade-patching/patch
patch1.patch=RECOMMENDED
```

Config File Syntax

FOLDER

- · Directory containing the base image and the patch zip files
- Required
- When download=YES, it will use this folder to download files into it
- When download=NO, then it expects the zip files to be present



```
global.keystore=/home/oracle/autoupgrade-patching/keystore patch1.source_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19/dbhome_19_24_0 patch1.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19/dbhome_19_25_0 patch1.sid=DB19 patch1.folder=/home/oracle/autoupgrade-patching/patch patch1.patch=RECOMMENDED
```

Recommended Patches

	ОРАТСН	The latest OPatch
patch1.patch=RECOMMENDED	RU	The latest Release Update
	ОЈУМ	OJVM bundle matching Release Update
	DPBP	Data Pump bundle patch matching RU





You can also specify any specific Release Update

• You can even specify an OJVM bundle different than the Release Update



```
$ cat DB19.cfg
```

```
global.keystore=/home/oracle/autoupgrade-patching/keystore patch1.source_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19/dbhome_19_24_0 patch1.target_home=/u01/app/oracle/product/19/dbhome_19_25_0 patch1.sid=DB19 patch1.folder=/home/oracle/autoupgrade-patching/patch patch1.patch=RU:19.23,0JVM:19.22
```



You can also add specific one-off fixes

• Get patches from Oracle Database 19c Important Recommended One-off Patches (Doc ID <u>555.1</u>)



Oracle Database 19c Important Recommended One-off Patches (Doc ID 555.1)

delivery of Oracle Database 19c RUR 19.16.2 in January, 2023.

starting Nov 2022. MRPs are supported only on Linux x86-64 platform.

NOTE: This document will be updated once a week on Tuesdays at 9AM EST if any new patch is identified.

Refer to Introducing Monthly Recommended Patches (MRPs) and FAQ (Doc ID 2898740.1) for further details.

Revision (RUR). New issues will have been fixed in the latest updates, which we always recommend.

As noted in the update-specific tables below, fixes for known issues are targeted for inclusion in the first available RU or RUR. You can always find the latest RUs, RURs, other patches, lists of fixed bugs and known issues in Primary Note for Database Proactive Patch Program(Doc ID 888.1). Identifying and installing the latest updates (patches) helps ensure you are using the most current content for security, functional, regression and bug fixes, as well as minor enhancements and any emergency one-

Through our review of service requests, we often find that issues encountered are the result of customers being on an older Release Update (RU) or Release Update

offs. Note: Beginning with the October 2022 patching cycle. 19c RURs will no longer be provided for 19.17.0 and above. No additional RURs will be delivered on any platform after the

Refer to <u>Sunsetting of 19c RURs and FAQ (Doc ID 2898381.1)</u> for further details.

To provide customers more frequent access to recommended and well-tested collections of patches, Oracle is pleased to introduce Monthly Recommended Patches (MRPs)

In addition to the relevant patches listed below, you should apply patches based on the specific RU after reviewing the following My Oracle Support knowledge documents:

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- Database PSU/BP/Update/Revision Known Issues Primary Note(Doc ID 1227443.1)
- 2. Oracle Database Patches to Consider for 19c (Doc ID 2781612.2) which contains patches to consider for specific areas such as Data Pump, Golden gate etc.
- NOTE: Bug 32781163 is no longer recommended and this note will be updated when a replacement becomes available in the future
 NOTE: Bug 31061145 was previously listed in this note but the fix was included in 19.21 in a disabled state. To enable the fix see Note 31061145.8 for instructions.
 NOTE: If you are an Applications Unlimited (for example, EBS) customer, you should follow any directions given in your product-specific documentation on applicability of Release Updates (RUS) and Release Update Revisions (RURs).

The information below lists any additional natches (both rolling and non-rolling) that are recommended for installation on top of each DLL Click the relevant link for details

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```

Config File Syntax

PATCH

- Comma separated
- Default value: RECOMMENDED
- Supported values:
 - RECOMMENDED
 - RU or RU:x.y
 - OPATCH
 - OJVM or OJVM:x.y
 - DPBP
 - <#>



Demo

Applying recommended patches

- Specifying patches
- Patch database

Watch on YouTube



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	19.32.0
21c	21.9.0	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					
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
- Currently on Linux and for 19c only
- Cumulative

AutoUpgrade does not support Monthly Recommended Patches (MRP)

- · Coming in a later release
- Specify each patch individually instead





Download



How to download patches



Network Connectivity

The download stage requires:

- 1. Internet access
- 2. My Oracle Support credentials



Internet Access

AutoUpgrade connects to:

- https://updates.oracle.com
- https://login-ext.identity.oraclecloud.com
- https://aru-akam.oracle.com

URLs are part of a CDN, so expect changing IP addresses

Use DNS names instead of IP addresses in your firewall

For connections via proxy use environment variables

https_proxy



MOS Credentials

You must have:

- A valid My Oracle Support credential
- Connected to a Customer Support Identifier (CSI)
- Privilege to download patches using that CSI

Failure to meet the requirements:

Connection Failed - You entered an incorrect user name or password.



MOS Credentials

For *download patches* privilege contact an MOS administrator in your organization.

- In User Details
- Select the appropriate Support Identifier
- Set the Patches drop-down to Download



Keystore

AutoUpgrade stores MOS credentials in a keystore

- Config file parameter: global.keystore
- Governs directory of AutoUpgrade keystore
- Password protected software keystore
- Optionally, an auto-open keystore
- No additional license needed



```
$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar ... -patch -load_password
...
```

Create new AutoUpgrade Patching keystore - password required Enter password:
Enter password again:



```
$ cat DB19.cfg
```

global.keystore=/home/oracle/autoupgrade-patching/keystore
...

\$ ls -1 /home/oracle/autoupgrade-patching/keystore

-rw----. 1 oracle oinstall 720 Oct 11 14:56 ewallet.p12



You must enter keystore password every time you start AutoUpgrade





You can share the keystore between your database servers



MOS> add -user <MOS username> Enter your secret/Password: Re-enter your secret/Password: i

The keystore can hold only one set of credentials

· Adding more overwrites the existing



MOS> add -user <MOS username> Enter your secret/Password: Re-enter your secret/Password:

MOS> save

Convert the AutoUpgrade Patching keystore to auto-login [YES|NO] ?



```
$ cat DB19.cfg
```

```
global.keystore=/home/oracle/autoupgrade-patching/keystore
...
```

- \$ ls -1 /home/oracle/autoupgrade-patching/keystore
- -rw----. 1 oracle oinstall 720 Oct 11 14:58 cwallet.sso
- -rw----. 1 oracle oinstall 720 Oct 11 14:56 ewallet.p12



With an auto-login keystore, you no longer need to enter the keystore password

• Suitable for automation





An auto-login keystore is bound to just one server

• Not possible to share between servers





Protect the AutoUpgrade keystore like you protect any other keystore

• Apply restrictive file system permissions



Demo

Using keystore

- Creating keystore
- Loading credentials

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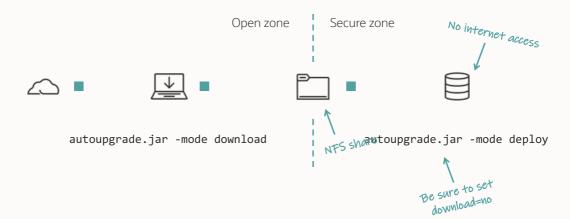




Your database host doesn't have internet access?



Using Download Mode



Without internet, AutoUpgrade applies the recent-most RU found in *patch* folder

• Unless you explicit specify a different RU





You can download patches manually and place them in the *patch* folder



Demo

Download mode

- Download patches from open zone
- Patch database in secure zone

Watch on YouTube



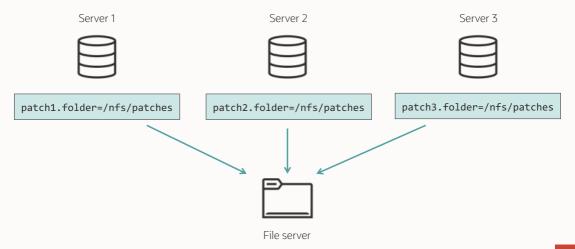


AutoUpgrade only downloads patch files if they are not found in *patch* folder

• Allow all servers to access a central *patch* folder



Central Patch Folder



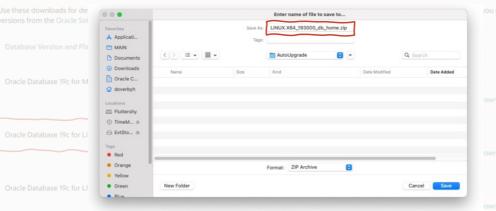


AutoUpgrade can't download the base release (right now)

• Manually download and place in *patch* folder



Oracle Database Enterprise Edition







What If



What about the TNS listener?



TNS Listener

AutoUpgrade does not update the listener to start in the new Oracle home

Manually change your listener configuration when appropriate



Listener Configuration

Oracle recommends using dynamic listener registration

If you have static listener entries:

- Manually update the Oracle home information
- Reload listener

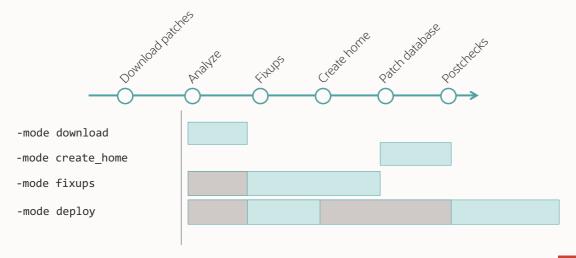




I want minimum downtime on Single Instance



Minimize Patching Downtime







I want to patch multiple databases



Multiple Databases

AutoUpgrade Patching supports:

- Multiple databases moving to a different Oracle home
- Each database will have a different prefix within the same config file



Multiple Databases

AutoUpgrade Patching does not support yet:

- Multiple databases moving to the same Oracle home within one single config file
- Workaround:
 - First call "-mode create_home"
 - Create one config file per database





I am using Oracle Restart



Oracle Restart

AutoUpgrade supports Oracle Restart

- Updates Oracle Restart registration (srvct1)
- · Does not patch Grid Infrastructure itself





I have a RAC database



RAC Database

AutoUpgrade supports:

- · Patching the database only
- All-node patching (downtime)



RAC Database

AutoUpgrade does not support yet:

- Creating Oracle homes for RAC databases (planned)
- Rolling patching (planned)
- Patching Grid Infrastructure (not planned)



Where does AutoUpgrade fit in?







I have an Exadata Database Machine



Exadata



Exadata Database Machine

- Updating Exadata Infrastructure
- Fleet Patching and Provisioning

Exadata Cloud@Customer

- Exadata Fleet Update
- MAA Blog Post





l am using a database service in OCI



Database Service

For databases services in OCI:

- Use the cloud tooling
- Use Exadata Fleet Update





I want to roll back



- --Roll back to the previous Oracle home
- -- and use Flashback Database to return to GRP
- --Specify the patch job ID that you want to undo

java -jar autoupgrade.jar -config DB19.cfg -restore -jobs <n>





AutoUpgrade flashes the database back to the guaranteed restore point

- Don't flashback to the GRP after go-live
- Doesn't work for Standard Edition 2



Rollback

You can perform the rollback manually

- AutoUpgrade preserves the source Oracle home
- Move database <u>configuration files</u> back
- Run Datapatch to undo database patches





Wrapping Up

Cleaning up and more

You may need to clean up your old Oracle Homes

Out-of-place patching may require adjustments in your scripts

Drop the Guaranteed Restore Point (GRP)



In The Plans



We're working to support

- All platforms
- Oracle Database 23ai
- Monthly Recommended Patches (MRP)
- Cloning Oracle homes



We want you to test it, please!!

- We are looking for reference customers
- Get in touch with us when you tested it

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Thank You



- When patching two or more databases:
 - · If target_home exist, then AP checks the patches match or contain more patches. Proceed with patching.
 - DONE: ADDED SLIDES 84/85/86
- Our recommendation to minimize downtime:
 - Download, create_home, (create golden image), Analyze, DOWNTIME, deploy (NEED ANIMATION or TIMELINE)
 - DONE: ADDED SLIDES 82/83
- Post-patch tasks:
 - You manually need to remove old Oracle homes (-deinstall) after a while (when you don't want to rollback)
 - Your own scripts (profile and other scripts) must be manually updated. Daniel's blog post
 - Remember to drop GRP after patching:
 - ---- Drop GRP at your convenience once you consider it is no longer needed ----
 - Drop GRP from FTEX: drop restore point AU_PATCHING_9212_FTEX1921000
 - Can you use drop_grp_after_upgrade config file parm? YES
- How can you use this with Data Guard? Does download and create_home work? Can you patch primary? Can AP handle mounted/open read only Data Guards?



Demo

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