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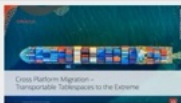
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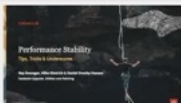
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Presentation
Top Tips





Getting Started



Data Pump Architecture

Dump File



Imported
into database

Exported to
dump file



Copied over
the network

Network Link



*Start import and
fetch data directly*



Comparison

DUMP FILE

Requires access to file system

Requires disk space for dump files

Full functionality

NETWORK

SQL*Net connectivity

No extra disk space needed

Restricted functionality

Pro tip: Read more about how [Data Pump moves data](#)

Architecture

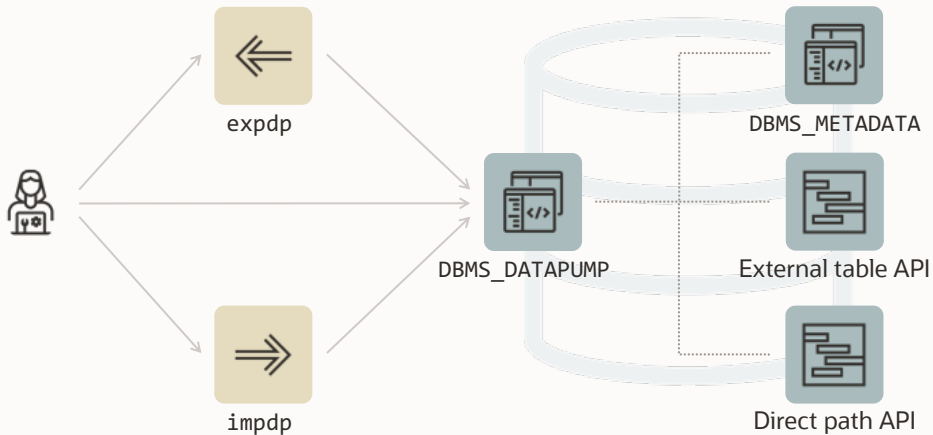
Data Pump is **server-based**,
not client-based



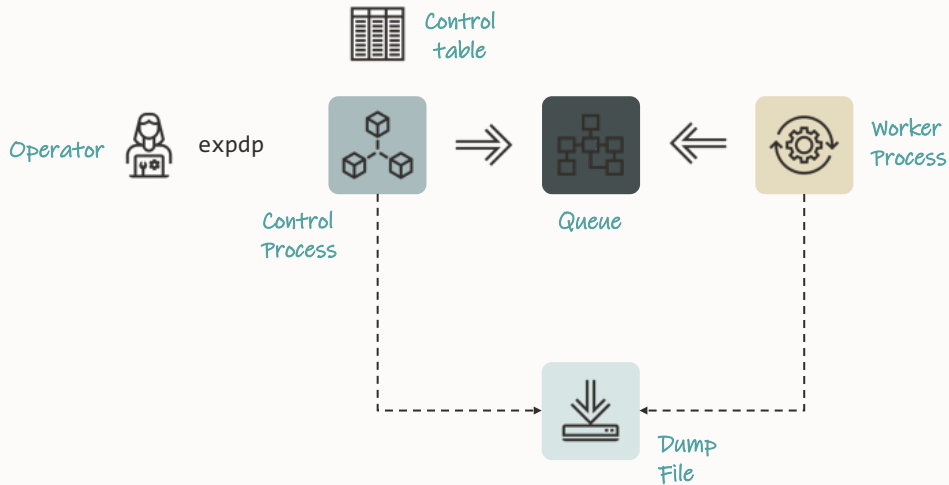
It all happens here



Architecture



Architecture



Control Table



Control Table

A regular heap table containing:

- Job info and parameters
- Current status
- Object information
- Index into the dump files
- Enables restarts

Control Table

Data Pump uses control table to keep track

- Workers create/update records with COMPLETION_TIME
- Restart: Workers check for records with missing COMPLETION_TIME

OBJECT_TYPE	START_TIME	COMPLETION_TIME
TABLESPACE	12-SEP-2021:9:04.01	12-SEP-2021:9:05.23
USER	12-SEP-2021:9:05.27	

Control Table

Example of an import

- Workers track import status via STATE and STATUS

OBJECT	OBJECT_SCHEMA	OBJECT_NAME	PROCESSING_STATE	PROCESSING_STATUS
TABLE	SCOTT	EMP	W	C
TABLE	SCOTT	DEPT	U	C
INDEX	SCOTT	IDX1_EMP	R	C
INDEX	SCOTT	IDX1_DEPT	R	C

- R = objects were Retrieved (exported)
- C = objects are Current (successfully imported)
- W = objects are Written (imported)
- U = objects are Unknown (import started but did not finish)

Control Table



Control Table

- Control table is dropped upon **successful** completion of a job
- Optionally, kept using `KEEP_MASTER=Y`
- Can be queried like any other table
- Last object exported to dump file & first imported
- Can be queried for troubleshooting

Unloading and Loading

Data Files

Used for transportable tablespace

Direct Path

Only metadata is unloaded into/loaded from dumpfile

Data remains in data files

External Tables

Insert as Select

Conventional Path

Pro tip: Cross-endian data migration requires data files are converted

Unloading and Loading

Data Files

Unloads from / load into data files directly

Direct Path

Circumvents SQL layer

Fast

External Tables

Not usable in all situations

Insert as Select

Conventional Path

Pro tip: Data Pump automatically selects the best unload/load method

Unloading and Loading

Data Files

Direct Path

External Tables

Use SQL layer to unload to / load from external table

Can use `APPEND` hint for faster load

Insert as Select

Very good parallel capabilities

Conventional Path

Dump file format similar to direct path

Pro tip: Data unloaded with Data Pump is not compatible with a regular external table (`CREATE TABLE ... ORGANIZATION EXTERNAL ...`)

Unloading and Loading

Data Files

Direct Path

External Tables

Insert as Select

Used by network link imports only

Will disable use of direct path

Conventional Path

Not very common

Unloading and Loading

Data Files

Direct Path

External Tables

Insert as Select

Conventional Path

Used as last resort

Slower

Import only

--Data Pump uses table statistics to determine the best access method.
--Inaccurate stats may cause Data Pump to make a bad decision

ACCESS_METHOD=[AUTOMATIC | DIRECT_PATH | EXTERNAL_TABLE |
CONVENTIONAL_PATH | INSERT_AS_SELECT]

```
$ expdp dpuser/oracle schemas=app metrics=y
```

```
Export: Release 19.0.0.0.0 - Production on Thu Feb 10 16:51:42 2022  
Version 19.14.0.0.0
```

```
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```

```
Connected to: Oracle Database 19c Enterprise Edition Release 19.0.0.0.0 - Production  
Starting "DPUSER"."SYS_EXPORT_SCHEMA_02": dpuser/***** schemas=app metrics=y
```

```
.  
.   
.   
W-1 . exported "APP"."OBJECTS" 8.370 MB 67513 rows in 0 seconds using direct_path  
W-1 . exported "APP"."SYS_EXPORT_SCHEMA_01" 329.5 KB 1615 rows in 0 seconds using direct_path  
W-1 Completed 2 SCHEMA_EXPORT/TABLE/TABLE_DATA objects in 0 seconds
```

Metadata

A category of metadata is described by an **object path**

Examples:

TABLE

TABLE/INDEX

TABLE/STATISTICS/TABLE_STATISTICS

TABLE/TRIGGER

You can get a full list of object paths from these views:

DATABASE_EXPORT_OBJECTS

SCHEMA_EXPORT_OBJECTS

TABLE_EXPORT_OBJECTS

Metadata

Some metadata has dependencies.

Example: Excluding a table will also exclude

- Indexes
- Constraints
- Grants
- Triggers
- And the like upon that table

Example: Excluding an index will also exclude

- Statistics on that index



To migrate your data, you typically use Data Pump in schema or full mode



SCHEMA

Individual schemas and what they own



FULL

All schemas plus
more or less everything in the database

Full Export

Objects exported **only in full export:**

- Audit trail and policies
- Database Vault
- Directories
- Profiles and password verify function
- Public database links
- Public synonyms
- Roles
- SQL Management Objects (plan histories, SQL plan baselines, SQL profiles, etc.)
- Tablespaces
- Users (other than those specified in SCHEMAS parameter)
- Workspace manager (for schema export you need to use `DBMS_WM.Export_Schemas`)

...



Data Pump never exports grants on SYS objects

- Not even in a full export
- Add them manually following the import



Data Pump never exports AWR

- Not even in a full export
- Use `rdbms/admin/awrextr.sql`

Recommendations



Get the most out of Data Pump



Always use the Data Pump Bundle Patch



More than 200 functional and performance fixes

- Data Pump Recommended Proactive Patches For 19.10 and Above (Doc ID [2819284.1](#))

*Importing a complete application with data drops from almost 2.5 hours to **48 minutes** – by just applying the Data Pump bundle patch*

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Bundle Patch

The patch is **non-binary online installable**

- Apply while the database instance is running
- Don't use Data Pump or `DBMS_METADATA`

The patch is not RAC rolling installable



Ensure dictionary and fixed objects statistics are accurate

- Before export
- Before import
- Immediately after import

```
begin
```

```
--dbms_stats.gather_dictionary_stats;
```

```
dbms_stats.gather_schema_stats('SYS');
```

```
dbms_stats.gather_schema_stats('SYSTEM');
```

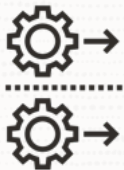
```
dbms_stats.gather_fixed_objects_stats;
```

```
end;
```

```
/
```

```
begin
  --dbms_stats.gather_dictionary_stats;
  dbms_stats.gather_schema_stats('SYS');
  dbms_stats.gather_schema_stats('SYSTEM');
  dbms_stats.gather_fixed_objects_stats;
end;
/
```

"After gathering dictionary stats, our Data Pump export went from 46 to 8 minutes"



Use parallel and multiple dump files

--Apply parallelism by simply specifying a degree
expdp ... parallel=8

--Use different parallel degree on import
impdp ... parallel=32



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Number of OCPUs

Number of ECPUs / 4



On-prem (x86-64)

2 x physical cores



On-prem (other)

Depends



Parallel Architecture

```
expdp ... parallel=4
```

Parallel Architecture



Control process

Worker processes

Parallel Architecture

expdp ... parallel=4



Control process



Worker processes

select /*+ parallel(2) */ * from t1

select * from t2

select * from t3

select * from t4

Worker 4 goes idle

--Use %L to allow multiple dump files
expdp ... parallel=8 dumpfile=exp%L.dmp

--Split dump files into minor files for easier transport
expdp ... parallel=8 dumpfile=exp%L.dmp **filesize=10G**

- After export, store a checksum in the dump file.
- Detects in-flight corruption or alteration.
- Specify other algorithms using checksum_algorithm parameter.

```
expdp ... checksum=yes
```

```
impdp ... verify_checksum=yes  
         verify_only=yes
```



For best protection against dump file tampering, use encrypted dump files

- Checksum is a weaker protection
- Requires Advanced Security Option

- Protect your dump files from alteration by using encryption
- Creating an encrypted dump file requires Advanced Security Option

```
expdp ... encryption=all encryption_algorithm=AES256
```

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- Creating an encrypted dump file requires Advanced Security Option

expdp ... encryption=all encryption_algorithm=**AES256**

↑
New default value



Transportable jobs can use parallel
in Oracle Database 21c

-- Any transportable jobs can now run in parallel
-- Parallel unload/load of metadata provide a significant performance boost

expdp ... full=y transportable=always parallel=16

expdp ... tablespace=<list> parallel=16

impdp ... parallel=16

Parallel Transportable | Benchmark

Oracle E-Business Suite database

600.000+ objects

Export parallel 1 2h 2m

Import parallel 1 6h 44m

Total 8h 46m

Export parallel 16 1h 8m

Import parallel 16 1h 23m

Total 2h 31m



Speed up imports by using
NOVALIDATE constraints



A Constraint Can Be

VALIDATED

All data in the table obeys the constraint.
The database guarantees that data is good.

NOT VALIDATED

All data in the table **may** obey the constraint.
The database **does not know** if data is good.



Most constraints are **VALIDATED**



On import, Data Pump creates constraints
in the same state as in the source

--Example of which commands Data Pump import might execute as part of an import

```
create table sales ( .... );
```

```
insert into sales as select ... ;
```

```
alter table sales add constraint c_sales_1 check (c1 in (0,1)) enable validate;  
alter table sales add constraint c_sales_2 check (c2 in ('A','B')) enable validate;  
alter table sales add constraint c_sales_3 check (c3 > 0) enable validate;
```

Recursive full table scan

Recursive full table scan

Recursive full table scan

```
-- Add constraints with NOVALIDATE keyword regardless of state in source database  
-- Significantly speeds up add constraints for larger tables
```

```
impdp ... transform=constraint_novalidate
```


--Transforming constraints to NOVALIDATE to speed up import

```
alter table sales add constraint c_sales_1 check (c1 in (0,1)) enable novalidate;  
alter table sales add constraint c_sales_2 check (c2 in ('A','B')) enable novalidate;  
alter table sales add constraint c_sales_3 check (c3 > 0) enable novalidate;
```


No full table scan

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```

Database validates new rows



Benchmark, 1 billion rows

Importing VALIDATE constraints

```
10-AUG-24 00:32:28.716: W-1 Processing object type TABLE_EXPORT/TABLE/TABLE_DATA
10-AUG-24 00:36:42.762: W-1 . . imported "FUSION"."hwr_topic_t1" 151.2 GB 1044625000 rows in 254 seconds using external_table
10-AUG-24 00:45:41.226: W-1 Processing object type TABLE_EXPORT/TABLE/CONSTRAINT/CONSTRAINT
10-AUG-24 00:55:35.787: W-1      Completed 7 CONSTRAINT objects in 594 seconds
```

Importing NOVALIDATE constraints

```
10-AUG-24 00:14:56.050: W-1 Processing object type TABLE_EXPORT/TABLE/TABLE_DATA
10-AUG-24 00:19:10.311: W-1 . . imported "FUSION"."hwr_topic_t1" 151.2 GB 1044625000 rows in 254 seconds using external_table
10-AUG-24 00:29:20.841: W-1 Processing object type TABLE_EXPORT/TABLE/CONSTRAINT/CONSTRAINT
10-AUG-24 00:29:21.101: W-1      Completed 7 CONSTRAINT objects in 1 seconds
```



NOVALIDATE constraints prevent the optimizer from certain **query rewrites**

- Check QUERY REWRITE INTEGRITY

```
alter table sales add constraint c_sales_1 check (c1 in (0,1)) enable novalidate;
```

```
-----  
----- GO LIVE -----  
-----
```

```
#Validate constraints
```

```
#Optionally, use parallel query
```

```
alter session force parallel query;
```

```
alter table sales modify constraint c_sales_1 enable validate;
```

Exceptions

Data Pump always validates certain constraints:

1. On DEFAULT ON NULL columns
2. Used by a reference partitioned table
3. Used by a reference partitioned child table
4. Table with Primary key OID
5. Used as clustering key on a clustered table



Validate constraints after import, or even **after go-live**

- Still requires a full scan of the table
- But can use parallel query
- And **no** table lock!



Use with care if
you are transforming data on import



Also available in Oracle Database 19c
via 19.23.0 Data Pump Bundle Patch

- Plus patch 37280692 - or be on 19.27

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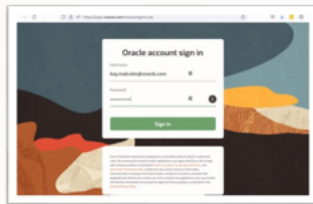


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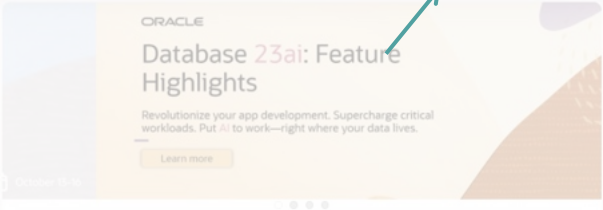


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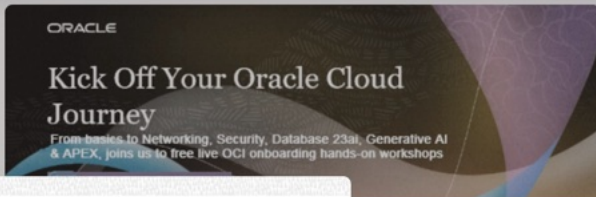
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
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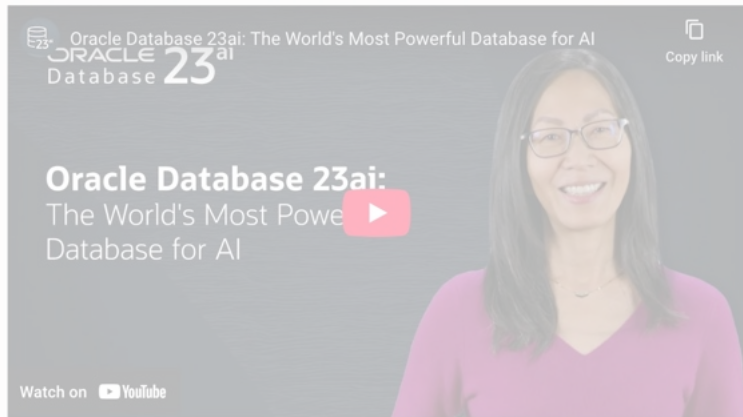
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- Monitor, troubleshooting and trace
- Upgrade, convert and downgrade

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
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Remote Desktop URL

<http://168.138.107.232:6080/vnc.html?password=RD98LEQFKE&resize=scale&quality=9&autoconnect=true>

Launch Remote Desktop

Restart Remote Desktop

Compartment

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Instances Provisioned

LL146931-INSTANCE-DATAPUMP: 168.138.107.232





HTTPS-Only Mode Alert

Secure Site Not Available

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
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
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Labs

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Complete the lab in the listed order

Exercises

- Take your time and understand the tasks
- Finish the exercises later today
- The lab is available, [for free](#), via Oracle LiveLabs

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Data Pump Hands-On Lab





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<https://livelabs.oracle.com>

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Top Tips

Supercharge Data Pump Performance



You get the fastest LOB operations
with **SecureFile** LOBs

2007

Oracle Database 11g Release 1



-- Do you still have any old BasicFile LOBs in your database?

```
select * from dba_lobs where securefile='NO';
```



If exporting SecureFile LOBs is slow,
apply 19.23.0 Data Pump Bundle Patch

- Alternatively, trick Data Pump with [fake stats](#)

*By applying the Data Pump Bundle Patch
our 4.3 TB export with huge LOBs went
from over **21 hours to 3 hours 22 minutes***

A European government agency

*... Plus, by increasing parallel
from 4 to 12 the export dropped
to 1 hour 51 minutes*

A European government agency

*... Finally, we moved
to faster ASM based storage
bringing it to 1 hour 7 minutes*

A European government agency



Do you still have BasicFile LOBs?

- Use [DIY parallelism](#) during export

--Converting a BasicFile LOB to SecureFile during import,
--is faster than not converting it.
--Overview of Oracle LOBs (Doc ID: 1490228.1)

`impdp ... transform=lob_storage:securefile`

Importing as BasicFile LOBs

```
... imported "SCHEMA"."TABLE" 31.83 GB 681025 rows in 804 seconds using direct_path
```

Importing as SecureFile LOBs

```
... imported "SCHEMA"."TABLE" 31.83 GB 681025 rows in 261 seconds using external_table
```



Do you still have **LONG** and **LONG RAW**?

- Deprecated since Oracle8i

```
-- Convert LONG to CLOB, and LONG RAW to BLOB on import  
-- Be sure to change your application as well,  
-- PL/SQL interface for accessing LOBs and LONGs are not the same
```

```
impdp ... transform=long_to_lob:y
```




Even faster index imports



Use index size to determine parallel degree on index creation

- Requires 23.8 and Data Pump Bundle Patch

Index Creation

```
impdp ... parallel=16
```

Before 12.1

Worker 1 `CREATE INDEX PARALLEL 16`

Really good for few big indexes



Index Creation

```
impdp ... parallel=16
```

From 12.1

Worker 1	CREATE INDEX PARALLEL 1
Worker 2	CREATE INDEX PARALLEL 1
...	CREATE INDEX PARALLEL 1
Worker 16	CREATE INDEX PARALLEL 1

Really good for many small indexes



Index Creation

```
impdp ... parallel=16
```

From 23

Worker 1	CREATE INDEX PARALLEL 1
Worker 2	CREATE INDEX PARALLEL 8
Worker 3	CREATE INDEX PARALLEL 4
Worker 4	CREATE INDEX PARALLEL 3

The best of both worlds





How Data Pump Create Indexes

- 1 Calculate the optimal parallel degree
- 2 Create indexes



How Data Pump Create Indexes

1 Calculate the optimal parallel degree

- Always parallel 1 when a table is less than 150 MB
- Customizable via `INDEX_THRESHOLD`
- Get optimal parallel degree using `EXPLAIN PLAN`

```
SQL> explain plan for create index i1 on t1(c1) parallel;
```

Explained.


```
SQL> explain plan for create index i1 on t1(c1) parallel;
```

Explained.

```
SQL> select * from table(dbms_xplan.display(format => 'ALL'));
```

...

Note

- automatic DOP: Computed Degree of Parallelism is 4 because of degree limit
- estimated index size: 655K bytes



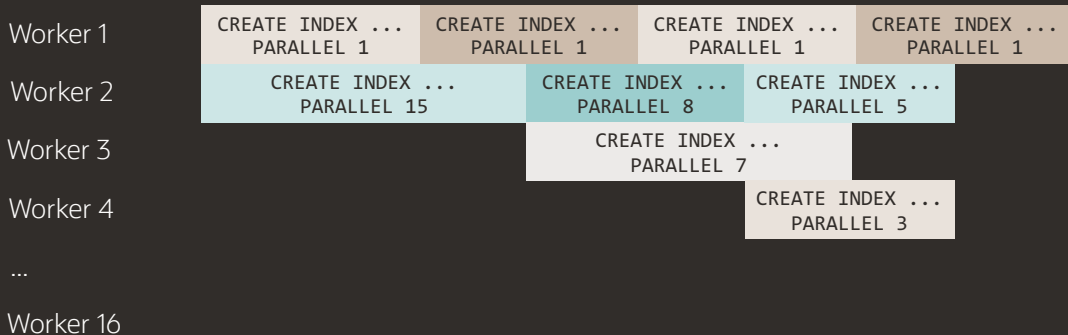
How Data Pump Creates Indexes

2 Create indexes

- One worker creates small indexes (parallel 1) in large batches
- The next worker starts with the biggest index (measured by optimal parallel degree)

How Data Pump Creates Indexes

`impdp ... parallel=16`



Benchmark

Importing with former index method

```
10-MAY-25 16:18:55.130: W-12 Processing object type SCHEMA_EXPORT/TABLE/INDEX/INDEX
10-MAY-25 16:36:46.902: W-30 Completed 480 INDEX objects in 1071 seconds
```

Importing with new index method

```
10-MAY-25 15:47:50.267: W-4 Processing object type SCHEMA_EXPORT/TABLE/INDEX/INDEX
10-MAY-25 15:59:17.006: W-3 Completed 480 INDEX objects in 686 seconds
```



Also available in Oracle Database 19c
via 19.26.0 Data Pump Bundle Patch



Dealing with optimizer statistics



Generally, we recommend
excluding statistics from Data Pump export

- Use `exclude=statistics`

1

Include statistics in Data Pump

2

Exclude statistics in Data Pump
Regather statistics after import

3

Exclude statistics in Data Pump
Import statistics using DBMS_STATS

1

Include statistics in Data Pump

2

Exclude statistics in Data Pump
Regather statistics after import

3

Exclude statistics in Data Pump
Import statistics using DBMS_STATS

*We have adopted this method for stats.
We migrated 60 TB database from AIX to Exadata
using cross-platform transportable tablespace*

Taoqir Hassan, comment on [YouTube channel](#)

*Gathering stats from scratch took more than 36 hours.
We transported the statistics in less than 2 hours.*

Taoqir Hassan, comment on [YouTube channel](#)

EXCLUDE=STATISTICS



Table statistics

Index statistics

Statistics preferences

Column usage information

EXCLUDE=STATISTICS



Table statistics

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Statistics preferences

Column usage information


```
BEGIN
```

```
  DBMS_STATS.SET_TABLE_PREFS (
```

```
    OWNNAME => '...',
```

```
    TABNAME => '...',
```

```
    PNAME   => 'TABLE_CACHED_BLOCKS',
```

```
    PVALUE  => '42'
```

```
  );
```

```
END;
```

Table 171-131 SET_TABLE_PREFS Procedure Parameters

Parameter	Description
ownname	Owner name
tabname	Table name
pname	<p>Preference name. You can set the default value for following preferences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPROXIMATE_NDV_ALGORITHM • AUTO_STAT_EXTENSIONS • CASCADE • DEGREE • ESTIMATE_PERCENT • GRANULARITY • INCREMENTAL • INCREMENTAL_LEVEL • INCREMENTAL_STALENESS • METHOD_OPT • NO_INVALIDATE • OPTIONS • PREFERENCE_OVERRIDES_PARAMETER • PUBLISH • STALE_PERCENT • TABLE_CACHED_BLOCKS
pvalue	Preference value. If NULL is specified, it will set the Oracle default value.



Data Pump exports table-level statistics preferences together with table statistics

- In full, schema and table mode
- In transportable, it is controlled by **USER_PREF_STATISTICS**



Data Pump never exports global statistics preferences

- Not even in a full export
- Define manually using `DBMS_STATS.SET_GLOBAL_PREFS`



`DBMS_STATS` has dedicated procedures for transporting table-level statistics prefs



You often use statistics preferences to solve a particular problem

- Evaluate whether that problem exists in the target environment

EXCLUDE=STATISTICS



Table statistics

Index statistics

Statistics preferences

Column usage information

Column Usage Information

- Information on how you join tables
- Used by the optimizer to determine when to create histograms
`METHOD_OPT => ... SIZE AUTO`
- When missing, statistics gathering creates no or few histograms
- Stored internally in `SYS.COL_USAGE$`



When Data Pump transfers statistics,
it also transfers column usage information



EXCLUDE

EXCLUDE=STATISTICS

COL_USAGE\$ empty



REGATHER

First time only

METHOD_OPT =>
SIZE SKEWONLY



GO LIVE

Column usage
information is
updated



REGATHER

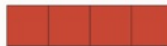
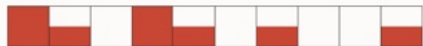
Use default

METHOD_OPT =>
SIZE AUTO

Importing statistics might be a bad idea

When source and target database do not match

When Importing Stats Is Bad



Fragmented table

Blocks	12000
Leaf blocks	11000
B-level	4
Clustering factor	10000

Compacted table

Blocks	12000
Leaf blocks	11000
B-level	4
Clustering factor	10000

`DBMS_STATS.GATHER_TABLE_STATS(...`

Blocks	5000
Leaf blocks	4000
B-level	2
Clustering factor	20000

When Importing Stats Is Bad

- Potentially a problem
 - Fragmented tables
 - Changing block size
 - Changing character set
 - Compress or decompress
 - ...
- Only a problem for table and index base statistics, column statistics remain accurate



Accurate statistics is the starting point
for good performance



Bits and pieces

Time Zone File Version Check



Source
Version 43

Target
Version 42

```
create table t1 (  
  ...  
  c1 timestamp with timezone  
  ...  
)
```

Import: Release 19.0.0.0.0 - Production on Sun Sep 1 06:17:06 2024
Version 19.21.0.0.0

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Connected to: Oracle Database 19c Enterprise Edition Release 19.0.0.0.0 - Production
ORA-39002: invalid operation

ORA-39405: Oracle Data Pump does not support importing from a source database with
TSTZ version 43 into a target database with TSTZ version 42.



Works in 19.27 plus Data Pump
Bundle Patch by converting the data

-- How do you deal with large Data Pump import log files?
-- In this example, the Data Pump import log file has almost 200.000 lines

```
$ du -h import.log  
29M   import.log
```

```
$ wc -l import.log  
189931 import.log
```



```
$ python3 dpla.py import.log
```

```
=====
Data Pump Log Analyzer
=====
```

```
...
```

Operation Details

```
~~~~~
```

Operation:	Import
Data Pump Version:	19.22.0.0.0
DB Info:	Oracle Database 19c EE Extreme Perf Release 19.0.0.0.0
Job Name:	DPJOB1
Status:	COMPLETED
Processing:	-
Errors:	1267
ORA- Messages:	1267
Start Time:	2024-04-11 09:30:55
End Time:	2024-04-12 10:33:01
Runtime:	25:03:06

Data Processing

Parallel Workers:	128
Schemas:	27
Objects:	224755
Data Objects:	188084
Overall Size:	13.16 TB

```
$ python3 dpla.py import.log -e
```

```
=====  
Data Pump Log Analyzer  
=====
```

```
...
```

```
ORA- MESSAGES DETAILS
```

```
~~~~~
```

```
(sorted by count):
```

Message	Count
ORA-39346: data loss in character set conversion for object COMMENT	919
ORA-39082: Object type PACKAGE BODY created with compilation warnings	136
ORA-39346: data loss in character set conversion for object PACKAGE_BODY	54
ORA-39082: Object type TRIGGER created with compilation warnings	36
ORA-39082: Object type PROCEDURE created with compilation warnings	29
ORA-31684: Object type USER already exists	27
ORA-39111: Dependent object type PASSWORD_HISTORY skipped, base object type USER already exists	27
ORA-39346: data loss in character set conversion for object PACKAGE	18
ORA-39082: Object type PACKAGE created with compilation warnings	10
ORA-39082: Object type VIEW created with compilation warnings	7
ORA-39346: data loss in character set conversion for object PROCEDURE	2
ORA-39082: Object type FUNCTION created with compilation warnings	2
-----	-----
Total	1267
-----	-----

```
$ python3 dpla.py import.log -o
```

```
=====  
Data Pump Log Analyzer  
=====
```

```
...
```

Object	Count	Seconds	Workers	Duration
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
SCHEMA_EXPORT/TABLE/TABLE_DATA	188296	6759219	128	6759219
CONSTRAINT	767	37253	1	37253
TABLE	2112	3225	51	156
COMMENT	26442	639	128	18
PACKAGE_BODY	197	125	128	5
OBJECT_GRANT	5279	25	1	25
TYPE	270	6	1	6
ALTER_PROCEDURE	149	5	2	3
ALTER_PACKAGE_SPEC	208	4	3	2
PACKAGE	208	3	3	1
PROCEDURE	149	2	2	1

How about
NOVALIDATE constraints?

```
...
```

```
-----  
Total                224755        6800515         128        6796697  
-----
```

≡ Data Pump Log Analyzer

▼ Table Details

Search for Table...

Table	Rows	Size	Seconds	Part	Subpart
SALES.ORDERS	118914251151	1.73 TB	878854	278	4448
SALES.INVOICES	115668171592	4.33 TB	805901	588	9408
SALES.TRANSACTIONS	115720037994	3.61 TB	611891	451	7216
FINANCE.EXPENSES	35091517646	258.14 GB	112962	367	0
MARKETING.CAMPAIGNS	11621627768	458.93 GB	82801	16	0
HR.EMPLOYEES	19433932893	296.19 GB	66156	2254	0
SALES.DOCUMENTS	4743542596	345.97 GB	48117	589	9424
SALES.REPORTS	4744610748	263.63 GB	42904	440	7040
INVENTORY.EQUIPMENT	9824954344	51.01 GB	33290	130	0
HR.PARTNERS	3983265247	83.62 GB	16388	3046	0

Data Pump Log Analyzer

- Free to use
- Download from [GitHub](#)
- Not an official Oracle tool
- Created by [Marcus Doeringer](#)
Our migration superstar

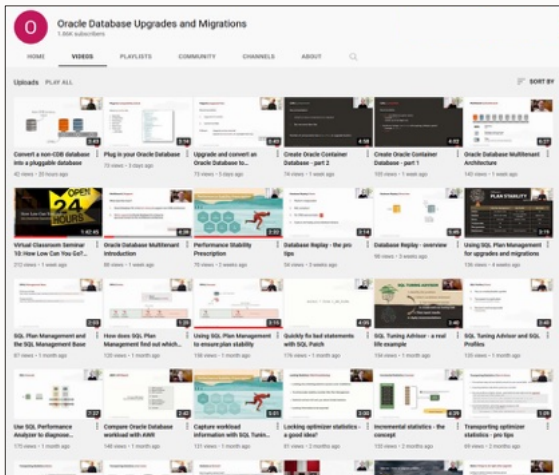


Key Learnings



- 1 Use Data Pump Bundle Patch
- 2 Transform to NOVALIDATE constraints
- 3 Faster index creation

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