# Oracle 10g (OCP) Certification Preparation

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### **Objective**

#### Attendees will learn:

- Strategies for preparing for the exam
- Resources used to prepare for each exam
- Format of the exams
- Overview of the 10g upgrade exam including a few of the less known, least used Oracle 10g features that are likely to be on the exam

# Part 1 – OCP Format, Structure, and Strategies

### What is OCP?

- How is it measured in the industry?
- What are the benefits from being certified?
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### What Is OCP?

Oracle Certification was developed by Oracle and Sylvan Prometric. OCP is a valuable industry-recognized credential that signifies a proven level of knowledge and ability. An Oracle Certified Professional establishes a standard of competence in a specific job role.

"Taking the time to get certified creates several positive career benefits and gives you a balance between **doing** and **learning** that is so desperately needed in information technology." / By Rich Niemiec - March/April 2002 Oracle Magazine "Getting Good At What You Do"

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# How is OCP measured in the industry?

- Oracle Certified Professionals were found to earn the highest average salaries as compared to any other DBA or Developer professionals. Certification Magazine – http://www.certmag.com
- Hiring certified professionals has a direct impact on a company's bottom line, as these conclusions from a research study by International Data Corporation\*\* suggest http://www.oracle.com/education/certification/index.html?w hycert\_employer.html
- The results from the 2001 CRN Certification Study show Oracle certifications offer the best ROI for larger solution providers <a href="http://crn.channelsupersearch.com/news/CRN/30947.asp">http://crn.channelsupersearch.com/news/CRN/30947.asp</a>

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# What are the benefits from being Certified?

- Valuable to hiring managers
- Added credibility (Excellent for contractors who sell narrow skill sets and must claim to be immediately productive.)
- Increased job opportunities (OCP members site and other job sites). Depends on economy (job market).
- Use of Oracle certification program logo for endorsement of your proven skill by Oracle corporation.
- Invaluable experience as a result of preparing
- New tricks and skills to add to your arsenal
- Looks good on resume (Receive certificate, logo, business card, and access to OCA and OCP websites)
- Special discounts and offers (35% off Oracle Press Books)
- Exposure to features you haven't used

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# What are the required steps for getting certified?

- -Select a track
- Prepare for the test
- Schedule the test
- Take each test in the track

http://www.oracle.com/education/certification/ind ex.html?starthere.html

Oracle University - (800) 529-0165

### **Tracks**



#### **Oracle Database Administrator:**

- Oracle 10g DBA (OCA, OCP, OCM)
- Oracle 9i DBA (OCA, OCP, OCM)

#### **Oracle 9i Forms Developer:**

- Oracle 9i PL/SQL Developer Certified Associate
- Oracle 9i Forms Developer Certified Professional

#### **Oracle Forms 6i Developer**

#### **Oracle Application Server 10g:**

- Oracle Application Server 10g Administrator Certified Associate (OCA)
- Oracle Application Server 10g Administrator Certified Professional (OCP)

#### **Oracle 9i Application Server:**

Oracle9iAS Web Administrator Certified Associate

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## Prepare for the test

(Cost less / More experience)

Self-Test Software (250-300 questions) and SYBEX OCP Books.
 http://www.selftestsoftware.com.
 Software simulates actual exam. Might get lucky and find 1-2 questions on the actual exam. Cost: \$99 per practice exam, \$70 for the two books, \$125 to take the exam. Beta exams, Self-Test and OPN offer discounts 
 http://www.2test.com.
 Quickest route with 2-3+ years exp



TBT's and Self-Test Software. Oracle Technical Based Training <a href="http://www.oracle.com/education">http://www.oracle.com/education</a>. Cost: \$3000+ for the OCP bundle. Test voucher's included for each exam. 1-2 years exp



Instructor based training and Self-Test Software.

http://www.oracle.com/education
Cost: \$3000 for each class. 0-1
years exp

Bottom line: depends on individual, experience, and availability

## Prepare for the test

Ocp: Oracle 10g New Features For Administrators : Study Guide (Certification Study Guide) by Bob Bryla, Biju Thomas

**Amazon - Mostly 4-5 star customer reviews** 



OCP: Oracle 10g Certification Kit (1Z0-042 and 1Z0-043)

by Tim Buterbaugh, Chip Dawes, Bob Bryla, Doug Stuns, Joseph C. Johnson, Matthew Weishan



# Additional resources used to prepare for the exams

- Oracle University (800) 529-0165
- Oracle Candidate Guide (test topics, preparation, and registration material).
- Oracle doc set http://technet.oracle.com/docs/content.html
- http://technet.oracle.com/training/content.html
- http://metalink.oracle.com
- Sybex flash cards Included on CD with Book (Palm V)
- http://www.dbdomain.com
- University Certificate programs (Columbia, NYU, Hofstra includes student kit, ...etc)

(Comes out of a separate budget)

# What are the required steps for getting certified?

- Select a track
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- Schedule the test1800-891-exam or

http://www.2test.com

(Need 2 days notice)

Take each test in the track

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## Database Administrator Exams 9i

#### Oracle 9i upgrade exam

1Z0-030 Oracle 9i Database: New features for Administrators (8i -> 9i)

#### (Recommended - Oracle 9i DBA

Used by most companies)

- 1Z0-007 Oracle 9i: SQL (available online for \$90) OCA
- 1Z0-031 Oracle 9i: Fundamentals I OCA
- Attend an Approved Hands-On Training Course
- 1Z0-032 Oracle 9i: Fundamentals II OCP
- 1Z0-033 Oracle 9i: Performance and Tuning OCP

#### Oracle 9i Special Accreditation – Managing 9i on Linux

1Z0-036 Managing Oracle 9i on Linux

(Mo Money!)

Oracle 9i DBA - (OCM) Oracle Certified Master 2 classes + OCM practicum exam. Select courses from the following website:

http://www.oracle.com/education/certification/index.html?dba9i\_ocm.html

## Database Administrator Exams 10g

#### Oracle 10g upgrade exam

- 1Z0-040 Oracle 10g Database: New features for Administrators (9i -> 10g)
- 1Z1-045 Oracle 10g Database: New features for Administrators (8i -> 10g) BETA

#### Oracle 10g DBA

- 1Z0-042 Oracle 10g: Administration I OCA
- Attend an Approved Hands-On Training Course
- 1Z0-043 Oracle 10g: Administration II OCP

#### **Oracle 10g Special Accreditation**

Details to follow in the coming months

#### (Mo Money!)

## Oracle 10g DBA - (OCM) Oracle Certified Master 2 days hands-on OCM practicum exam.

Details to follow in the coming months

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### Exam Content / Structure

- Tests knowledge of Oracle concepts, practical experience, and training.
- Each exam consists of 60-80 multiple choice questions and given via computer.
- Allowed at least 90 minutes per exam.
- Incorrect answers are not subtracted from score.
   Guess if you don't know the answer
- Receive your grade back as soon as the exam is finished.
- Beware of trick questions: Recommended vs Required

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### How are the exams scored?

#### On average, allowed up to 17 questions wrong to pass

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TRACK	EXAM #	EXAM TITLE	TOTAL QUESTIONS	QUESTIONS CORRECT	PASSING %	DURATION
9i to 10g Upgrade Exam	1Z0- 040	Oracle Database 10g New Features for Administrators	61	37	57%	1.5 hours
8i to 10g Upgrade Exam	1Z1- 045	Oracle Database 10g New Features for Oracle8i OCPs	Not available at this time.	n/a	n/a	n/a
10g	1Z0- 042	Oracle Database 10g: Administration I	75	49	65%	2 hours
10g	1Z1- 043	Oracle Database 10g: Administration II	not yet available	n/a	n/a	n/a
8i to 9i Upgrade Exam	1Z0- 030	Oracle9i Database: New Features for Administrators	53	37	70%	1.5 hours
7.3 to 9i Upgrade Exam	1Z0- 035	Oracle9i DBA: New Features for Oracle7.3 and Oracle8 OCPs	84	58	69%	2 hours
9i, 8i	1Z0- 007	Introduction to Oracle9i: SQL	57	40	71%	2 hours
8i, 9i	1Z0- 001	Introduction to Oracle: SQL and PL/SQL	57	39	69%	2 hours
9i	1Z0- 031	Oracle9i Database: Fundamentals I	60	44	74%	1.5 hours
9i	1Z0- 032	Oracle9i Database: Fundamentals II	63	49	78%	1.5 hours
9i	1Z0- 033	Oracle9i Database: Performance Tuning	59	38	65%	1.5 hours
9i	1Z0- 036	Managing Oracle9i on Linux	59	34	57%	2 hours

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### Miscellaneous Issues

- Takes approx 1.5 3 months to get certified. (approx 40 hours preparation time per exam)
- Wait 30 days to retake exams
- No time limit between passing first and last exam. (Unless they announce retirement of track)
- Beta exams offer discounts
- Certification is valid for 6 months following a general announcement of re-certification. (Valid for approx 1.5 years) usually follows a new release, 8i, 9i, 10g...etc

## Oracle 10g (OCP) Certification Preparation (end of part 1)

### ANY QUESTIONS?

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# Part 2 – What will I be expected to know for the exam?

## 10g New Features for Administrators

(You will be tested on the same material for Admin I and II)

#### 8i method for automating SGA management

There is no method.

#### Workaround

You have to shutdown the database and manually change the values. This could be done programmatically with multiple init<SID>.ora files. Each file containing different values for the SGA parameters and automated via shell and Cron/Autosys.

#### 9i method for automating SGA management.

Still not doable, however, you can dynamically change many of the values without shutting down the database.

#### Workaround

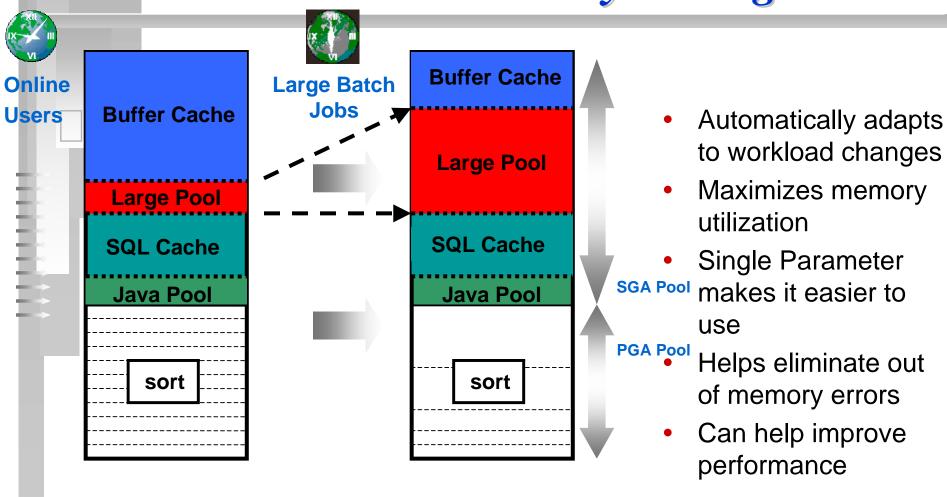
You have to use the alter system/session commands and also rely on the v\$shared\_pool\_advice and db\_cache\_advice views for proper settings. Manual / programmatic effort is required if the behavior of your database changes and SGA changes are needed. Cron and Autosys to automate.

10g method for automating SGA management.

alter system set sga\_target='x';

**sga\_target** -- This parameter is new in Oracle Database 10*g* and reflects the total size of memory an SGA can consume.

- Shared pool
- Buffer cache
- Java Pool
- Large Pool



- Requires an SPFILE and SGA\_TARGET > 0. Can not exceed sga\_max\_size.
- Does not apply to the following parameters.
  - Log Buffer
  - Other Buffer Caches (KEEP/RECYCLE, other block sizes)
  - Streams Pool (new in Oracle Database 10g)
  - Fixed SGA and other internal allocations
- Can be adjusted via EM or command line.
- A new background process named Memory Manager (MMAN) manages the automatic shared memory.



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Mark for review Item 4 of 50 Ref: 1Z0-040.4.2.3 Learn Now << Previous Next >> Notes You are using automatic shared memory management configuration. Which five initialization parameters will take their memory from the SGA TARGET parameter, leaving the memory available for the automatically tuned parameters? (Choose five.) DB CACHE SIZE STREAMS POOL SIZE JAVA POOL SIZE LARGE POOL SIZE DB nk CACHE SIZE DB RECYCLE CACHE SIZE LOG BUFFER SHARED POOL SIZE DB KEEP CACHE SIZE **Explanation:** Automatic shared memory management simplifies the configuration of the System Global Area (SGA). You can enable the automatic shared memory management by setting the SGA\_TARGET parameter. The SGA\_TARGET parameter reflects the total size of the SGA. This parameter automatically manages the memory allocated for a specific set of individual components of the SGA. However, there are few components that take the memory from the SGA. TARGET, leaving the memory available for the automatically tuned parameters. These SGA components need to be manually sized. The following table displays the manually sized SGA components that use

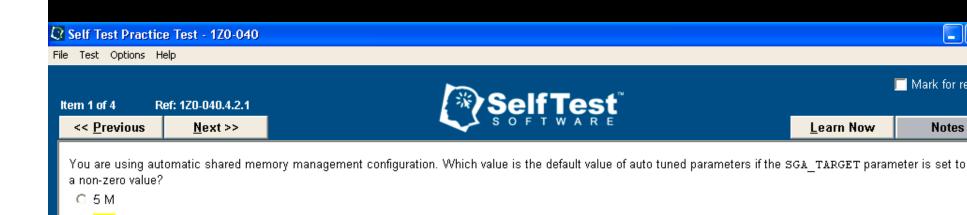
Components of SGA	Initialization parameters		
Log Buffer	LOG_BUFFER		
KEEP and RECYCLE buffer caches	DB_KEEP_CACHE_SIZE		

SGA TARGET space:

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#### **Explanation:**

O O M 20 M 10 M

The default value of auto tuned parameters is 0 M if the SGA TARGET parameter is set to a non-zero value. The size of auto tuned parameters, such as SHARED\_POOL\_SIZE, LARGE\_POOL\_SIZE, JAVA\_POOL\_SIZE, and DB\_CACHE\_SIZE are set to 0 if the SGA\_TARGET parameter is set to a non-zero value.

The options 5 M, 10 M, and 20 M are incorrect and are not the default value assigned to the auto tuned parameters if the SGA TAREGET parameter is set to a non-zero value.

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#### Objective:

Automatic Management

#### Sub-Objective:

Use Automatic Shared Memory Management

#### References:

- 1. Oracle University Oracle Database 10g: New Features for Administrators Automatic Management
- 2. OTN http://download-west.oracle.com/docs/cd/B13789\_01/server.101/b10739/create.htm#BABGCBHI



# 10g New Features for Administrators Upgrading the database

#### **Definition**

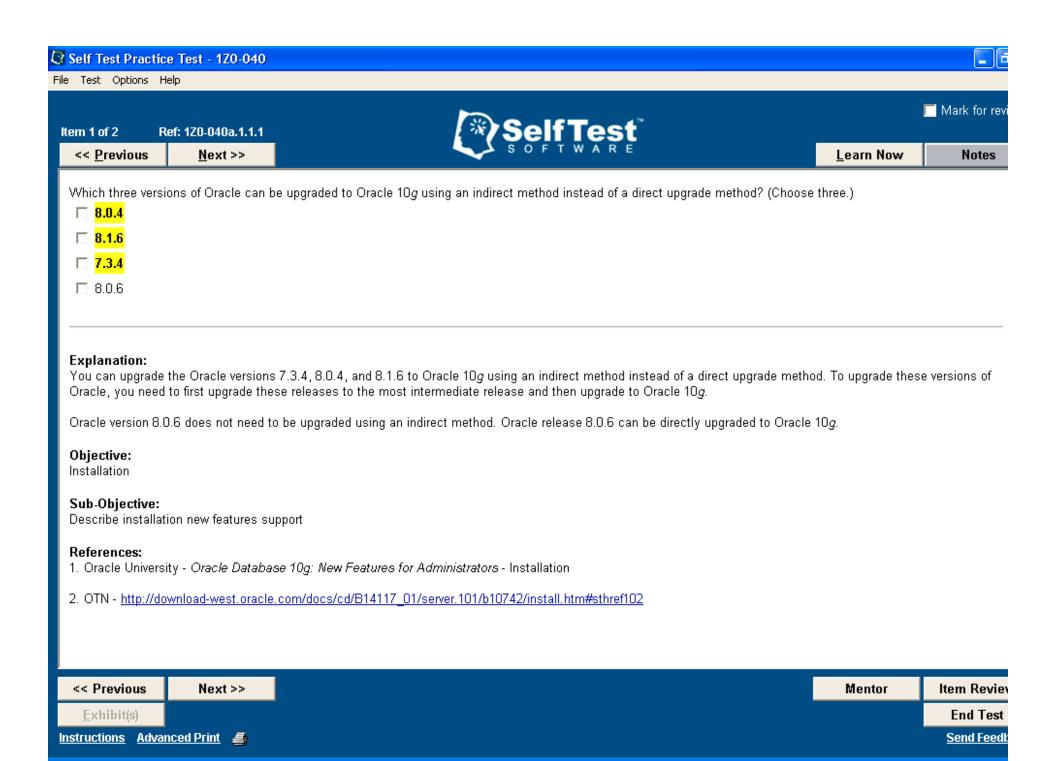
 You can upgrade an earlier release of Oracle to Oracle 10g by using direct or indirect methods. Depending on the method will determine whether you use the manual and/or DBUA utility to perform the upgrade.

### Direct methods allow you to upgrade directly to 10g from the following Oracle releases:

- Oracle 8 Release 8.0.6
- Oracle 8i Release 8.1.7
- Oracle 9i Release 1 9.0.1
- Oracle 9i Release 2 9.2.0

#### Indirect methods require you to perform two upgrades to get to 10g

- 8.1.5 -> 8.1.7 -> 10.1
- 8.1.6 -> 8.1.7 -> 10.1
- 7.3.4 -> 9.2.0 -> 10.1



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You need to upgrade your Oracle database from version 8.0.4 to Oracle 10g. Which statement holds true about upgrading your database?

- C You can indirectly upgrade your database from version 8.0.4 to Oracle 10g.
- O You cannot upgrade your Oracle database from version 8.0.4 to Oracle 10g.
- C You can upgrade your Oracle database to version 8.1.5, and then you can directly upgrade your database from version 8.1.5 to Oracle 10g.
- C You can directly upgrade your database from version 8.0.4 to Oracle 10g.

#### **Explanation:**

To upgrade your Oracle database from version 8.0.4 to Oracle 10g, you can indirectly upgrade your database from version 8.0.4 to Oracle 10g. You can upgrade your database to version 8.0.6, and then you can directly upgrade your database from version 8.0.6 to Oracle 10g.

You cannot directly upgrade your database from version 8.0.4 to Oracle database 10g. You can indirectly upgrade your database from version 8.0.4 to Oracle database 10g.

You can indirectly upgrade your database from version 8.0.4 to Oracle 10g.

You cannot upgrade your database to version 8.1.5 and then directly upgrade your database from version 8.1.5 to Oracle 10g because you cannot directly upgrade Oracle version 8.1.5 to Oracle 10g.

#### Objective:

Installation

#### Sub-Objective:

Describe installation new features support

#### References:

1. Oracle University - Oracle Database 10g: New Features for Administrators - Installation

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Which script is run automatically by the Database Upgrade Assistant (DBUA) tool to perform some pre-upgrade validation tests?

Outlu101i.sql

C utlchain.sql

C utlu101s.sql

C utlupgrade.sql

#### **Explanation:**

A pre-upgrade information utility is run by DBUA to perform some pre-upgrade validation tests.

The utlu101i.sql script is run automatically by the DBUA tool to perform these pre-upgrade validation tests.

The utlchain.sql script is not used to perform pre-upgrade validation tests. The utlchain.sql script is a tuning script that used to create a table, CHAINED\_ROWS, which captures the row identifiers (ROWIDs) of chained or migrated rows.

The utlu101s.sql script is executed after upgrading your database. The utlu101s.sql script runs a post-upgrade utility used to validate the status of database components being upgraded.

The option utlupgrade.sql is incorrect because this is an invalid script and does not exist in Oracle.

#### Objective:

Maintain Software

#### Sub-Objective:

Use new utility to perform upgrade validation checks





You have created an Oracle 10g database and have set the COMPATIBLE parameter to 9.2.0.2 in the initialization parameter file at the time of database creation. Which two statements are true? (Choose two.)

You can change the parameter to 10.0.0 after the database is created.
You cannot set the COMPATIBLE parameter to 9.2.0.2.
The COMPATIBLE parameter has no effect. The default value of 10.0.0 is applicable after the database is opened.

#### You cannot use all the new features of Oracle 10g.

#### **Explanation:**

You cannot use all the new features of Oracle 10g if you set the COMPATIBLE parameter to 9.2.0.2. If the COMPATIBLE parameter is set to 9.2.0.2, the features that require 10.0.0 compatibility would generate an error. You can always advance the value of the COMPATIBLE parameter if you have set the COMPATIBLE parameter to a lower value than the default value of the current release of the database.

The option stating that you cannot set the COMPATIBLE parameter to 9.2.0.2 is incorrect. At the time of database creation, you can set the value of the COMPATIBLE parameter to a value lower than the current release of Oracle 10g. However, you cannot set the COMPATIBLE parameter to a lower value if the database has been opened with the COMPATIBLE parameter set to 10.0.0.

The option stating that the COMPATIBLE parameter has no effect is incorrect. The default COMPATIBLE parameter can be overridden by a lower value at the time of database creation. However, if the database has been opened with the COMPATIBLE parameter set to the default value of the current release, then you cannot set a lower value to the COMPATIBLE parameter.

#### Objective:

Server Configuration

#### Sub-Objective:

Simplify instance configuration using a subset of initialization parameters



# 10g New Features for Administrators Data Pump

- 8i / 9i method for suspending exports and imports. N/A
- 8i / 9i method for restarting failed exports and imports at point of failure. N/A
- 8i / 9i method for controlling the number of threads/processes. N/A
- 8i / 9i method for direct mode imports. N/A
- 8i / 9i method for monitoring export and import's.
- 8i / 9i method for importing and exporting data via PL/SQL.
   N/A
- 8i / 9i method for exporting/importing pre-defined objects via include or exclude keywords (grants, procedures, functions, tables..etc). Supports like and not like clause. N/A
- 8i / 9i method for remapping tablespaces and datafiles. N/A

# 10g New Features for Administrators Data Pump

## High performance import and export

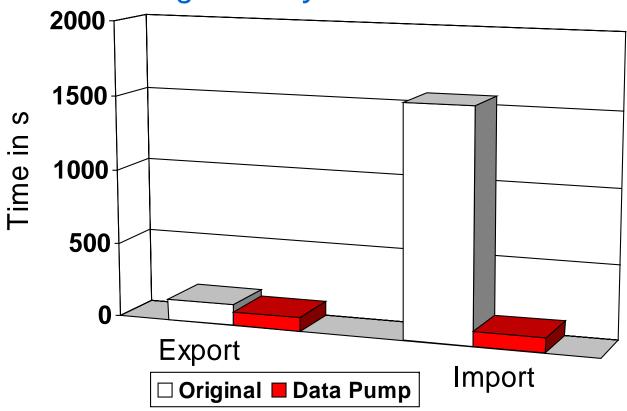
- 60% faster than 9i export (single thread)
- 15x-45x faster than 9i import (single thread)

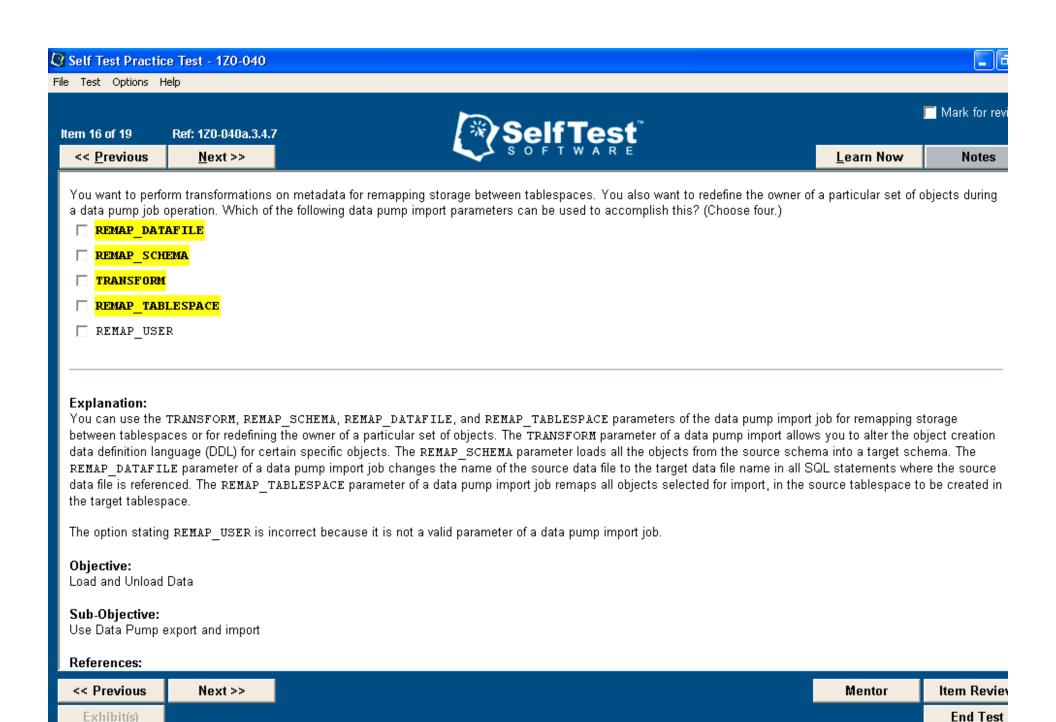
The reason it is so much faster is that Conventional Import uses only conventional mode inserts, whereas Data Pump Import uses the Direct Path method of loading. As with Export, the job can be parallelized for even more improvement dynamically. Creates a separate dump file for each degree of parallelism.

# 10g New Features for Administrators

Data Pump

Time is money. Data Pump has cut down data movement/processing times significantly.





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Which parameter value is not a valid parameter value of the CONTENT parameter of the data pump export command?

- O DATA ONLY
- METADATA\_ONLY
- O ALL
- BOTH

#### **Explanation:**

The parameter value BOTH is not a valid parameter value of the CONTENT parameter of the data pump export command.

The valid parameter values of the CONTENT parameter of the data pump export command are:

- . ALL Exports both data and metadata information.
- DATA ONLY Exports only table data.
- METADATA\_ONLY Exports only database object definitions.

#### Objective:

Load and Unload Data

#### Sub-Objective:

Use Data Pump export and import

#### References:

1 Oracle University - Oracle Database 100: New Features for Administrators - Load and Unload

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You execute the following data pump export command:

\$ expdp scott/tiger TABLES=emp ESTIMATE=STATISTICS DIRECTORY=dpump\_dir1
DUMPFILE=estimate stat.dmp ESTIMATE ONLY=Y

Which statement about the outcome of executing this command is true?

- The estimate is calculated for EMP table data only.
- The data pump export command will fail.
- C The data pump job will gather the estimates without actually performing the export.
- The data pump export command will complete successfully.

#### **Explanation:**

The data pump export command will fail. When you are using the ESTIMATE\_ONLY=Y parameter, the DUMPFILE parameter cannot be specified. The ESTIMATE\_ONLY parameter is used to simply display the estimate of the disk space to be consumed by the export of EMP table based on the statistical information of the table.

The option stating that the estimate is calculated for EMP table data only is not true in this scenario because the command in the scenario would fail to execute.

The data pump export command will not complete successfully because the data pump export will fail in this scenario.

The data pump job will not gather the estimate without actually performing the export of EMP table because the export command will fail in this scenario.

#### Objective:

Load and Unload Data

#### Sub-Objective:





#### **Explanation:**

O Full

C Tablespace

C Transportable Tablespace

Data file is not a valid Data Pump export and import mode.

The valid modes for Data Pump export and import include:

- Full
- Table
- Schema
- Tablespace
- · Transportable tablespace

You specify the mode on the command line using the appropriate parameter while executing Data Pump export or import. The following example displays the use of one of the modes for performing full database export:

\$ expdb system/sys full=y ... ... ...

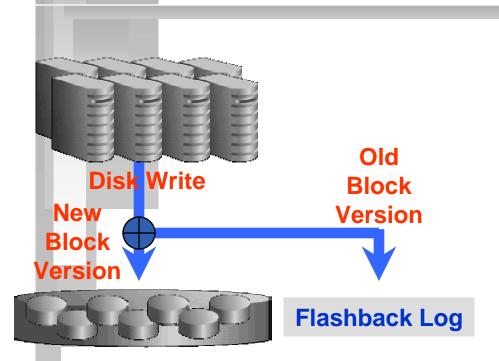


### 8i / 9i method for point-in-time recovery

- Shutdown the database
- Restore all of the datafiles from last backup
- Startup the database in mount state
- Recover database until (SCN or Time)
- Apply the necessary redo/archive logs
- Open the database open resetlogs

### 10g method for point-in-time recovery

- Shutdown the database
- Startup the database in mount state
- SQL> flashback database to timestamp to\_timestamp('2004-12-16 16:10:00', 'YYYY-MM-DD HH24:MI:SS');
- Open the database open resetlogs



Like a "Rewind" button for the Database

New strategy for point-in-time recovery Flashback Log captures old versions of changed blocks.

> Think of it as a continuous backup Replay log to restore DB to time Restores just changed blocks

It's fast - recovers in minutes, not hours. More over, this feature removes the need for database incomplete recoveries that require physical movement of datafiles/restores.

It's easy - single command restore

SQL> Flashback Database to scn
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#### Restrictions

- Not used for Media failure errors. Used for Logical/User errors.
- The database control file has been restored or re-created.
- Previous tablespace has been dropped.
- The database data file that contains the object to be queried has been shrunk.
- A recovery through the resetlogs command has occurred.

### **Views for Monitoring**

- V\$Database
- V\$Flashback\_Database\_Log
- V\$Flashback\_Database\_Stat

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You need to configure a flashback database. You issued the ALTER DATABASE FLASHBACK ON; statement to enable flashback database. Your database is running in archive log mode. In which of the following modes should your database be before you issue this statement?

- O OPEN
- O NOMOUNT
- MOUNT EXCLUSIVE
- MOUNT SHARED

#### **Explanation:**

To enable flashback database, you need to issue the ALTER DATABASE FLASHBACK ON; statement in the MOUNT EXCLUSIVE mode. The database should be configured to run in the EXCLUSIVE mode. You can configure the database to run in the EXCLUSIVE mode by assigning the value EXCLUSIVE to the REMOTE LOGIN PASSWORDFILE initialization parameter.

The option OPEN mode is incorrect because you cannot issue the ALTER DATABASE FLASHBACK ON; statement in the OPEN mode. The database needs to be in the mounted state to execute the ALTER DATABASE FLASHBACK ON; statement successfully.

The option NOMOUNT mode is incorrect because you cannot issue the ALTER DATABASE FLASHBACK ON; statement in the NOMOUNT mode. To enable flashback database, the database needs to be in the mounted mode.

The option MOUNT SHARED mode in incorrect because the database needs to run in the EXCLUSIVE mode and should be in the mount mode to execute the ALTER DATABASE FLASHBACK ON; statement successfully.

#### Objective:

Flashback Any Error

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You need to alter the destination and size of the flash recovery area. Which two initialization parameters need to be changed to alter the destination and size of the flash recovery area? (Choose two.)

☐ DB\_FLASH\_RECOVERY\_FILE\_DEST
☐ DB\_RECOVERY\_FILE\_DEST
☐ DB\_FLASH\_RECOVERY\_FILE\_DEST\_SIZE
☐ DB\_RECOVERY\_FILE\_DEST\_SIZE

#### **Explanation:**

To alter the destination and size of the flash recovery area, you need to alter the DB\_RECOVERY\_FILE\_DEST parameter and the DB\_RECOVERY\_FILE\_DEST\_SIZE parameter. These two parameters are configured manually in the initialization parameter file. However, these two parameters are dynamic in nature and can be changed using the ALTER SYSTEM command.

The DB\_FLASH\_RECOVERY\_FILE\_DEST and DB\_FLASH\_RECOVERY\_FILE\_DEST\_SIZE parameters do not exist in Oracle.

#### Objective:

Flashback Any Error

#### Sub-Objective:

Configure and use Flashback Database

#### References:

- 1. Oracle University Oracle Database 10g: New Features for Administrators Flashback Any Error
- 2. OTN http://download-west.oracle.com/docs/cd/B14117\_01/server.101/b10739/create.htm#sthref297





Which view would you query to determine whether the flashback database feature has been enabled for your database?

- O V\$DATAFILE
- V\$CONTROLFILE
- V\$DATABASE
- O V\$LOGFILE

#### **Explanation:**

The V\$DATABASE view displays information about whether the flashback database has been enabled for your database. The FLASHBACK\_ON column of the V\$DATABASE view indicates whether the flashback database feature has been enabled or not. A value of YES indicates the flashback database feature is enabled for your database.

The V\$LOGFILE view does not provide information about whether the flashback database feature has been enabled for your database. This view displays the name and status of the redo log files for your database.

The V\$DATAFILE view does not provide information about whether the flashback database feature has been enabled for your database. This view indicates the name for the data files existing in your database.

The V\$CONTROLFILE view does not provide information about whether the flashback database feature has been enabled for your database. This view indicates the name and location of the control files existing in the database.

#### Objective:

Flashback Any Error

#### Sub-Objective:

Configure and use Flashback Database



# 10g New Features for Administrators Segment Shrink

#### **Definition**

Segment Shrink compresses the data blocks in a table or index and optionally moves the HWM down, making the unused space available for other segments in the tablespace. Prior to 10g, the HWM could be moved down only if the segment was moved or truncated. Online table redefinition and/or CTAS operations can also provide similar results, however, these methods must temporarily provide double the amount of space occupied by the table. Segment shrink is online and in place.

### **Syntax**

- Alter table hr.employees enable row movement; (prerequisite)
- Alter table hr.employees shrink space compact; (Compress the rows without moving the HWM to prevent I/O throughput from decreasing).
- Alter table hr.employees shrink space; (Move the HWM and complete the operation when the database isn't as busy). A small number of rows are locked for a brief amount of time.
- Alter table hr.employees shrink space cascade; (Also shrinks dependent objects indexes).
- Alter index hr.emp\_emp\_id\_pk shrink space; (Without cascade, needstart to identify indexs from dba\_indexes and shrink each one separately).

# 10g New Features for Administrators Segment Shrink

#### **Candidates**

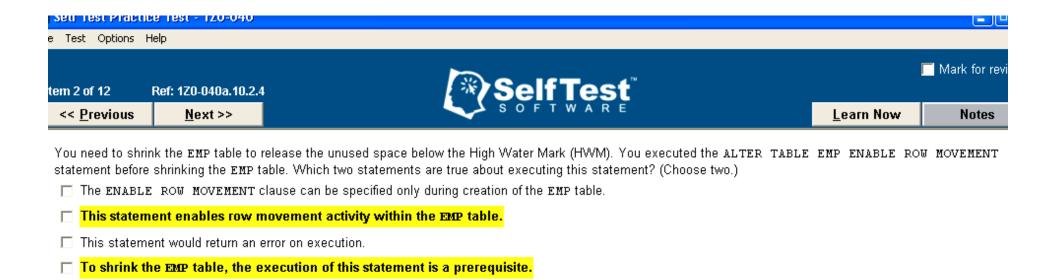
- Heap-organized and index-organized tables
- Indexes
- Partitions and subpartitions
- Materialized Views and materialized view logs

#### Non-Candidates

- Clustered tables
- Tables with Long Columns
- Tables with on-commit or ROWID-based MV's
- LOB segments
- IOT mapping tables or overflow segments
- Tables with function-based indexes

### **Identify candidates**

EM database control and Segment Advisor can assist you in identifying segments that can leverage from segment shrink.



#### **Explanation:**

When you execute the ALTER TABLE EMP ENABLE ROW MOVEMENT statement, row movement activity within the EMP table is enabled. This statement is a prerequisite before you shrink the table with the ALTER TABLE EMP SHRINK SPACE statement. If you do not execute the ALTER TABLE EMP ENABLE ROW MOVEMENT statement before shrinking the EMP table, an error would be generated. Shrinking of the table involves movement of rows within the segment causing the row identifiers (ROWIDs) of the table to change. Therefore, the ALTER TABLE EMP ENABLE ROW MOVEMENT statement should be executed before shrinking to enable movement of rows within the segment.

This command would not give an error on execution. The ALTER TABLE EMP ENABLE ROW MOVEMENT command would execute successfully and would enable row movement activity within the EMP table.

The ENABLE ROW MOVEMENT clause can be specified during creation of the EMP table and after creation of the table by using the ALTER TABLE command.

#### Objective:

Space Management

#### Sub-Objective:

Reclaim wasted space from tables and indexes using the segment shrink functionality





You need to shrink the EMP table and its dependent segments to release the unused space below and above the segments High Water Mark (HWM). The EMP table and its dependant segments are located in the USERS tablespace. Which command releases the space below the HWM?

- O SQL> ALTER TABLE EMP SHRINK SPACE CASCADE;
- C SQL> ALTER TABLE EMP COALESCE;
- C SOL> ALTER TABLE EMP SHRINK SPACE INCLUDING CONTENTS:
- C SQL> ALTER TABLE EMP SHRINK SPACE;

#### **Explanation:**

To shrink the EMP table and its dependent segments, you should use the, SQL> ALTER TABLE EMP SHRINK SPACE CASCADE; statement. The shrinking of segments is a new concept introduced in Oracle 10g. The CASCADE clause with the SHRINK SPACE clause of the ALTER TABLE statement shrinks all the dependent segments of the EMP table. For example, if an index is associated with the EMP table, the SQL> ALTER TABLE EMP SHRINK SPACE CASCADE; statement would shrink the EMP table and its index and release the unused space below and above the segment's High Water Mark (HWM).

The statement SQL> ALTER TABLE EMP COALESCE; is incorrect and would generate an error on execution.

The statement SQL> ALTER TABLE EMP SHRINK SPACE; releases the unused space below and above the HWM of the EMP table only and not for its dependent segments.

The statement SQL> ALTER TABLE EMP SHRINK SPACE INCLUDING CONTENTS; is incorrect and would generate an error on execution.

#### Objective:

Space Management

#### Sub-Objective:

Reclaim wasted space from tables and indexes using the segment shrink functionality





You need to shrink the EMP table to release the unused space below and above the High Water Mark (HWM). The EMP table is located in the USERS tablespace. Which statement releases the space below the HWM?

C SOL> ALTER TABLESPACE USERS COALESCE;

SQL> ALTER TABLE EMP SHRINK SPACE;

O SQL> ALTER TABLE EMP COALESCE;

O SQL> ALTER TABLE EMP DEALLOCATE UNUSED;

#### **Explanation:**

The SQL> ALTER TABLE EMP SHRINK SPACE; statement releases the unused space below and above the HWM. The shrinking of segments is a new concept introduced in Oracle 10g. You can shrink the EMP table to release the unused space above and below the HWM.

The statement SQL> ALTER TABLE EMP COALESCE; is syntactically incorrect and would generate an error on execution.

The statement SQL> ALTER TABLESPACE USERS COALESCE; is incorrect. This statement will not release the unused space below the HWM of the EMP table. This statement is used to combine the adjacent free extents of the USERS tablespace into one big extent.

The statement SQL> ALTER TABLE EMP DEALLOCATE UNUSED; is incorrect. This statement will not release the unused space below the HWM of the EMP table.

This statement is used to free all blocks above the HWM of the EMP table.

#### Objective:

Space Management

#### Sub-Objective:

Reclaim wasted space from tables and indexes using the segment shrink functionality



## 10g New Features for Administrators RMAN Backupset Compression

# 8i / 9i method for compressing backups (Compression utility)

gzip \*.bak, \*.arc, \*.ctl....etc;

## 10g New Features for Administrators RMAN Backupset Compression

### 10g method for compressing backups

- RMAN> CONFIGURE DEVICE TYPE DISK PARALLELISM 1
  BACKUP TYPE TO COMPRESSED BACKUPSET;
- RMAN> BACKUP AS COMPRESSED BACKUPSET DATABASE PLUS ARCHIVELOG;

Prior to Oracle 10g, RMAN reduced the size of backup images by backing up only used blocks. This was great for databases that were over-sized, however, this didn't help for large databases with little free space.

The AS COMPRESSED BACKUPSET option of the BACKUP command allows RMAN to perform binary compression of backupsets. The resulting backupsets do not need to be uncompressed during recovery.

## 10g New Features for Administrators RMAN Backupset Compression

### **Pros:**

 Backupsets were compressed by 78% when compared to a regular backupset.

### Cons:

 Creating compressed backupsets imposes some extra CPU overhead during backup and restore, which can slow the backup process. If you have more than one CPU, you can use increased parallelism to run jobs on multiple CPUs and thus improve performance.



You are performing compressed backups using Recovery Manager (RMAN). Which component of the database cannot be compressed?

- C backup sets
- image copies
- C archive logs
- data files.

#### **Explanation:**

You cannot compress image copies. Image copies are created when you use the BACKUP AS COPY RMAN command. The compression mechanism provided by Oracle does not compress image copies.

You can compress data files and archive logs by including these files in backup sets and then compressing them by using the BACKUP AS COMPRESSED BACKUPSET RMAN command.

The compression mechanism provided by Oracle can compress only backup sets. Backup sets are RMAN-specific logical structures. Each backup set consists of four or less data files or 16 or less archived logs.

#### Objective:

Backup and Recovery Enhancements

#### Sub-Objective:

Save storage space through writing compressed backup sets

#### References:

1. Oracle University - Oracle Database 10g: New Features for Administrators - Backup and Recovery Enhancements

2 OTN - http://download-west.oracle.com/docs/cd/B14117\_01/server\_101/b10735/bkup.htm#1025267\_





You need to compress the backup sets to make more efficient use of storage space. Which two values of the COMPATIBLE initialization parameter should be set for the database to support the compressed backup set feature? (Choose two.)

□ 9.2.0.0.0

**10.0.0.0.0** 

10.1.0.2.0

8.1.0

#### **Explanation:**

The COMPATIBLE parameter can be set to 10.0.0.0.0 or 10.1.0.2.0 for the database to support the compressed backup set feature. The compressed backup set feature was introduced in 10g and is not supported in the earlier versions of Oracle. This compressed backup set feature is used to compress the backup sets to make more efficient use of storage space on your disks.

The values 8.1.0 or 9.2.0.0.0 for the COMPATIBLE parameter are incorrect because databases with these COMPATIBLE parameter values do not support the compressed backup set feature.

#### Objective:

Backup and Recovery Enhancements

#### Sub-Objective:

Save storage space through writing compressed backup sets

#### References:

1. Oracle University - Oracle Database 10g: New Features for Administrators - Backup and Recovery Enhancements



## 10g New Features for Administrators RMAN Fast Incremental Backups

#### **Definition**

Speeds up RMAN Incremental backups by identifying those data blocks that have already changed since the previous backup. It uses a change-tracking-file to track the physical location of all database changes. During an RMAN Incremental backup, RMAN uses the change tracking file to identify only the blocks that have changed, as opposed to reading the entire datafile to determine which blocks have changed.

### **Syntax**

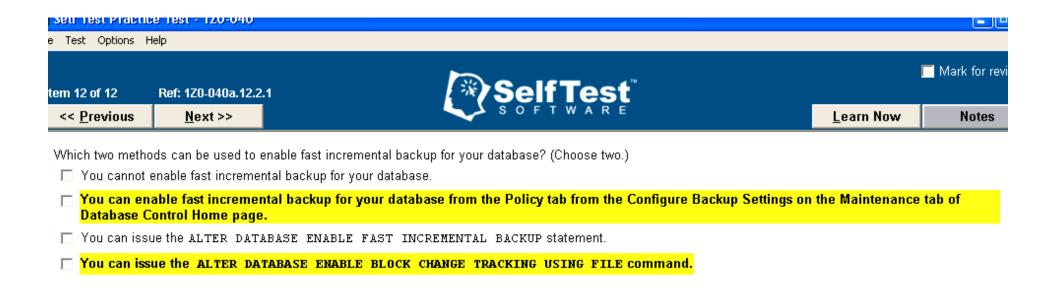
 Alter database enable block change tracking using file '/u04/oradata/ord/changetracking/chg01.dbf';

#### OR

You can configure via EM Database Control

#### **NOTES**

- When using OMF, you only need to specify db\_create\_file\_dest parameter to /u04/oradata.
- A new background process is introduced CTWR



#### **Explanation:**

You can enable fast incremental backup for your database in the following ways:

- You can issue the ALTER DATABASE ENABLE BLOCK CHANGE TRACKING USING FILE statement.
- You can enable fast incremental backup for your database from the Policy tab from the Configure Backup Settings on the Maintenance tab of the Database Control Home Page.

The option stating you cannot enable fast incremental backup for your database is incorrect because you can enable fast incremental backup for your database using the ALTER DATABASE ENABLE BLOCK CHANGE TRACKING USING FILE statement.

The option stating you can issue ALTER DATABASE ENABLE FAST INCREMENTAL BACKUP command is incorrect because the command is an invalid command and does not exist in Oracle.

#### Objective:

Backup and Recovery Enhancements

#### Sub-Objective:

Reduce restore time by applying incremental backups to data file image copies





Your database has been configured for fast incremental backup. Which statement is used to update the control file if the block change tracking file must be renamed?

- C ALTER SYSTEM SET DB CREATE FILE DEST =
- C ALTER DATABASE RENAME RENAME LOGFILE TO
- C ALTER DATABASE RENAME FILE ...TO ...
- O You cannot rename the block change tracking file.

#### **Explanation:**

You can update the control file with the new name of the block change tracking file by using the ALTER DATABASE RENAME FILE ... to ... command

The option stating you cannot rename the block change tracking file is incorrect because you can rename the block change tracking file using the ALTER DATABASE RENAME FILE .. to ... statement.

The ALTER SYSTEM SET DB\_CREATE\_FILE\_DEST = statement is not used to update the control file with the new name of the block change tracking file. This statement is used to alter the default location for Oracle-managed Files.

The ALTER DATABASE RENAME LOGFILE ...TO... statement is not used to rename the block change tracking file. This statement is used to update the control file with the new name of the redo log files.

#### Objective:

Backup and Recovery Enhancements

#### Sub-Objective:

Reduce restore time by applying incremental backups to data file image copies

#### References:

1. Oracle University - Oracle Natahase 10a: New Features for Administrators - Backun and Recovery Enhancements

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You database is configured for fast incremental backup. Which background process is responsible for tracking the physical location of all database changes and writing the physical location of all database changes into the change tracking file?

O PMON

CTWR

C SMON

C BCWR

#### **Explanation:**

The change tracking writer (CTWR) background process is responsible for tracking the physical location of all database changes and writing the physical location of all database changes into the change tracking file.

The system monitor (SMON) process is not responsible for tracking the physical location of all database changes. The SMON process is used to perform crash recovery when the database instance is started following an instance failure.

The process monitor (PMON) process is not responsible for tracking the physical location of all database changes. The PMON process is used to clean up the failed user processes. When a user process fails abnormally, the PMON process rolls back the uncommitted transactions.

The BCWR process is an invalid background process and does not exist in Oracle.

#### Objective:

Backup and Recovery Enhancements

#### Sub-Objective:

Reduce restore time by applying incremental backups to data file image copies

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# 10g New Features for Administrators Flush Buffer Cache

### 8i/9i method for flushing the buffer cache

Prior to 10g, this wasn't possible without shutting down and restarting the database or using the following undocumented commands:

- SQL> alter session set events = 'immediate trace name flush\_cache';
- alter tablespace offline/online to flush the buffer cache of blocks relating to that tablespace (As per Tom Kytes Article).

Side-Note - You were able to flush the shared pool SQL> ALTER SYSTEM FLUSH SHARED\_POOL;

# 10g New Features for Administrators Flush Buffer Cache

### 10g method for flushing the buffer cache

10g has provided the ability to flush the buffer cache. This isn't suggested for a production environment, but might be useful for QA/Testing. The bigger the cache, the larger the LRU and dirty list becomes. That results in longer search times. However, if the buffer cache is undersized, than running the following command can improve performance and take the burden off the DBWR. In addition to decreasing free buffer waits.

SQL> ALTER SYSTEM FLUSH BUFFER\_CACHE



After executing this statement, the next Structured Query Language (SQL) statement being executed gets 100 percent cache miss.

#### **Explanation:**

In this scenario, the ALTER SYSTEM FLUSH BUFFER\_CACHE; statement will flush the entire contents of the buffer cache. In addition, the next SQL statement being executed will get 100 percent cache miss because no data will available in the buffer cache to fetch.

This statement does not generate an error on execution because this statement runs successfully in Oracle 10g.

After executing this statement, the next SQL statement being executed does not get 100 percent cache hit because the SQL statement being executed gets 100 percent cache miss.

#### Objective:

Miscellaneous New Features

#### Sub-Objective:

Use SQL to flush the buffer cache

This statement generates an error on execution.

This statement flushes the entire buffer cache.

#### References:



# 10g New Features for Administrators Rename Tablespace

### 8i / 9i method for renaming tablespaces

- Create a new tablespace with the same size as the original one. (You have to make sure you have enough room on disk to store a duplicate copy). Space pending, this might require additional analysis of the original tablespace to determine if the new tablespace can be resized/reorged.
- Move objects from the original tablespace to the new one. (This could take a while, depending on the size of the tablespace).
- Drop the original tablespace and datafile(s) after the objects are moved to the newly named tablespace.

## 10g New Features for Administrators Rename Tablespace

### 10g method for renaming tablespaces

SQL> alter tablespace users **rename** to users3;

### 10g New Features for Administrators Rename Tablespace

Oracle allows the renaming of tablespaces in 10g. A simple alter tablespace command is all you need.

SQL> alter tablespace users **rename** to users3;

Tablespace altered.

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SQL> alter tablespace users3 **rename** to users;

Tablespace altered.

Elapsed: 00:00:00.02

## 10g New Features for Administrators Rename Tablespace

 Rename tablespace feature has lessened the workload for TTS operations. There's no need to delete tablespaces on the target prior to impdp metadata.

Doesn't Support System or Sysaux tablespaces

 Supports Default, Temporary, and Undo Tablespaces (dynamically changes the spfile).

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Which statement is true for renaming tablespaces?

- C You can rename the SYSTEM and SYSAUX tablespaces.
- You can rename read-only tablespaces only if they are offline.
- C You cannot rename temporary tablespaces.
- O You cannot rename the tablespaces if the COMPATIBLE initialization parameter is set to below 10.0.0.0.0.

#### **Explanation:**

You cannot rename tablespaces if the COMPATIBLE initialization parameter is set to below 10.0.0.0. To rename tablespaces, the COMPATIBLE initialization parameter should be at least set to 10.0.0.0.0.

You can rename permanent and temporary tablespaces using the RENAME clause of the ALTER TABLESPACE statement.

You cannot rename the SYSAUX and SYSTEM tablespaces. An error is generated if you try to rename the SYSAUX or SYSTEM tablespace.

You can rename read-only tablespaces. To rename any tablespace, the tablespace and the data files belonging to the tablespace must be online.

#### Objective:

General Storage Enhancement

#### Sub-Objective:

Rename tablespaces

#### References:

- 1. Oracle University Oracle Database 10g: New Features for Administrators General Storage Enhancement
- 2 OTN http://download-west.oracle.com/docs/cd/R13789\_01/server\_101/h10739/tsnaces.htm#ADMIN01104

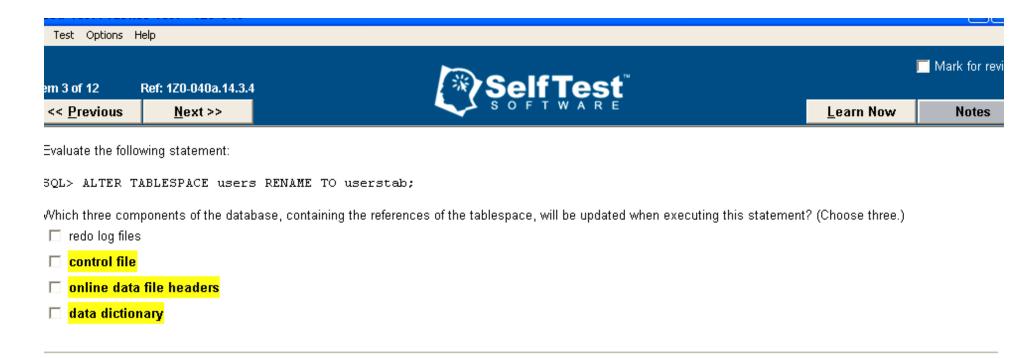
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#### **Explanation:**

When a tablespace is renamed, the database updates the control file, data dictionary, and the online data file headers. These components contain the references of the tablespace and are updated with the new name given to the tablespace. The Oracle database does not change the tablespace ID; it only changes the name of the tablespace. However, for read-only tablespaces, the data file headers are not updated when the read-only tablespaces are renamed.

The option stating redo log files is incorrect because the redo log files do not contain the references of the tablespaces.

#### Objective:

General Storage Enhancement

#### Sub-Objective:

Rename tablespaces

#### References:

1. Oracle University - Oracle Database 10g: New Features for Administrators - General Storage Enhancement



# 10g New Features for Administrators Sysaux Tablespace

#### **Definition**

 The Sysaux tablespace is a required tablespace for Oracle 10g. It's used to store many of the objects that used to be stored in the System tablespace. It removes a lot of the I/O and fragmentation that used to occur in the System tablespace.

### Requirements (same characteristics as System)

- Online
- Permanent
- Read Write
- Extent Management Local
- Segment Space Management Auto

#### Restrictions

- Can't be OFFLINE
- Can't be Temporary
- Can't be Read Only
- Can't be Dictionary Managed

# 10g New Features for Administrators Sysaux Tablespace

#### **Contents**

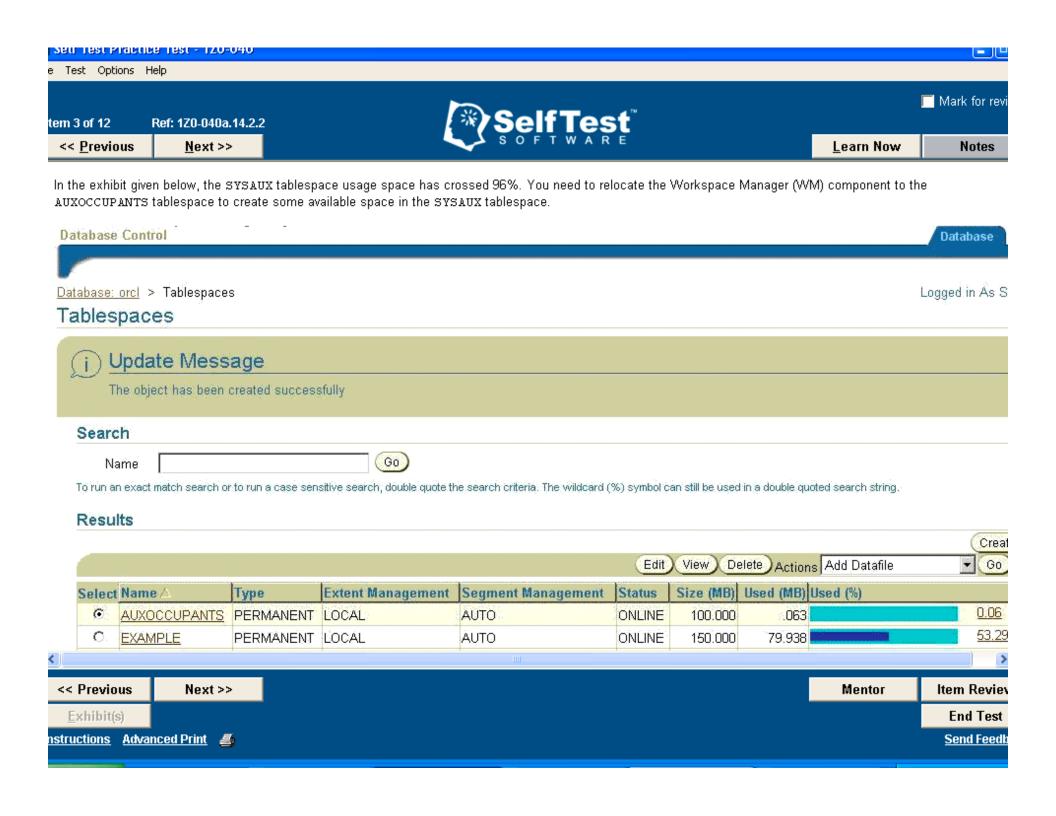
- Some of the objects/occupants stored in the Sysaux tablespace:
  - Logmnr
  - Logstdby
  - Streams
  - AO
  - Statspack
  - ODM
  - Text
  - WM
  - EM
  - Job\_scheduler

### **Syntax**

Select occupant\_name, move\_procedure, space\_usage\_kbytes
 from v\$sysaux\_occupants;

#### Restrictions

 An occupant without a move procedure can't be moved out of the Sysaux tablespace. Only some of the objects can be moved.





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Which command would you use to relocate the WM component to the AUXOCCUPANTS tablespace? You are logged in as the SYS user.

- SQL> EXECUTE DBMS\_WM.MOVE\_PROC('AUXOCCUPANTS");
- C SQL> EXECUTE DBMS WM.MOVE PROC('SYSAUX");
- C SQL> EXECUTE DBMS\_WM.MOVE\_PROC("SYSAUX","AUXOCCUPANTS");
- C SQL> EXECUTE DBMS\_WM.MOVE\_PROC('AUXOCCUPANTS", "SYSAUX");

#### **Explanation:**

You need to execute the following command to relocate the Workspace Manager from the SYSAUX tablespace to the AUXOCCUPANTS tablespace.

SQL> EXECUTE DBMS\_WM.MOVE\_PROC('AUXOCCUPANTS');

You use the MOVE\_PROC procedure of the DBMS\_WM package to relocate the WM component. You can also query the V\$SYSAUX\_OCCUPANTS view to determine the name of the procedure used to relocate the WM component. To execute the MOVE\_PROC procedure of the DBMS\_WM package, the user should have the WM\_ADMIN\_ROLE role assigned.



You want to relocate the STREAMS component from the SYSAUX tablespace to the SYS\_COM tablespace. The SYS\_COM tablespace is a bigfile tablespace. Which statement is true?

- You cannot relocate the STREAMS component to a bigfile tablespace.
- None of the occupants of the SYSAUX tablespace can be relocated.
- C The STREAMS component under the SYSAUX tablespace can be relocated only to the SYSTEM tablespace.
- You cannot relocate the STREAMS component.

#### **Explanation:**

The Oracle Streams (STREAMS) component cannot be relocated from the SYSAUX tablespace because there is no move procedure which is applicable to relocate the STREAMS component. You can check the availability of the move procedure used to relocate the STREAMS component by using the following query:

```
SQL> SELECT occupant_name,occupant_desc,schema_name,move_procedure,move_procedure_desc
2 FROM v$sysaux_occupants
3 WHERE occupant name='ODM';
```

If the move procedure does not exist, the component cannot be relocated.

The option stating that none of the occupants of the SYSAUX tablespace can be relocated is incorrect. There are only a few components which cannot be relocated. You can query the V\$SYSAUX\_OCCUPANTS dictionary view to identify the components which can be moved and also the name of the move procedure used to relocate the components.

The option stating that you cannot relocate the STREAMS component to a bigfile tablespace is incorrect. The SYSAUX components can be relocated to bigfile tablespaces provided the move procedure exists for the component to relocate the component. The STREAMS component cannot be relocated to any tablespace because there is no move procedure applicable to relocate the STREAMS component.

The option stating that the STREAMS component under the SYSAUX tablespace can be relocated only to the SYSTEM tablespace is incorrect because the STREAMS



# Part 2 – What will I be expected to know for the exam?

### 10g New Features for Administrators

A few more practice questions on some nice features.

# Part 2 – What will I be expected to know for the exam?

### Additional 10g features worth mentioning

 Drop database command (includes datafiles, control files, archive logs, backups, and spfile).

RMAN> drop database including backups;

- Automated Storage Management
- utl\_mail (no need to reference utl\_smtp protocol. It's built in)
- utl\_compress (compression of binary data (blobs and raw data).
   Similar to gzip.
- Support of regular expressions (Unix commands in PL/SQL)
- Default temporary and user tablespaces

You are being given INSERT, UPDATE, and SELECT privileges on the PRODUCT and PRODUCT\_UPD tables of the SALES schema. You executed the following command

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SQL> MERGE INTO product upd pu USING product p ON (p.prod code=pu.prod code) WHEN MATCHED THEN UPDATE SET pu.prod\_newprice=p.prod\_listprice, pu.prod new status=p.status DELETE WHERE (pu.prod\_new\_status<>'obsolete') WHEN NOT MATCHED THEN INSERT (pu.prod id, pu.prod newprice, pc.prod new status) VALUES(p.prod\_id, p.prod\_listprice, p.prod\_status); Which three statements are not true about this command? (Choose three.) The command will execute successfully. The command will fail because you require the MERGE object privilege to execute the command. The command will fail because you cannot use a DELETE clause in the MERGE...UPDATE statement. The command will fail and result in an error because MERGE is an invalid command.

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You executed the following code to create a job to run an executable script file:

```
BEGIN

DBMS_SCHEDULER.CREATE_JOB(
job_name=>'SALES.PERFORM_BACKUP',
job_type=>'EXECUTABLE',
job_action=>'/home/usr/oracle/scripts/perform_backup.sh'
...

Which three values are valid parameter values for the JOB_TYPE parameter? (Choose three.)

EXECUTABLE

PLSQL_BLOCK

STORED_PROCEDURE

PROGRAM_NAME
```

#### **Explanation:**

The valid parameter values for the JOB\_TYPE parameter are EXECUTABLE, PLSQL\_BLOCK, and STORED\_PROCEDURE. The JOB\_TYPE parameter represents the type of task to be performed by the job. The EXECUTABLE parameter value indicates any executable script or command that can be executed from the command line. The PLSQL\_BLOCK parameter value indicates an anonymous PL/SQL block. The STORED\_PROCEDURE parameter values indicate a named PL/SQL stored procedure.

PROGRAM\_NAME is an invalid parameter value for the JOB\_TYPE parameter. The value PROGRAM\_NAME is a valid parameter for CREATE\_JOB procedure and is used to specify the program name, which represents a type of action to be executed.

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You need to create a job that will run an executable script, located in the local directory. These executable scripts are used to perform a backup of the SALES database. The executable script should run on the 15th day of each month at 11:30 P.M. starting August 15, 2004. Which command would accomplish this task?

- O DBMS\_METADATA DBMS\_SCHEDULER.CREATE\_JOB( job\_name=>'SALES.PERFORM\_BACKUP', job\_type=>'EXECUTABLE', job\_action=>'/home/usr/oracle/oradata/scripts/perform\_backup.sh', start\_date=>'15-AUG-04 22:30:00 PMGreenwich', repeat\_interval=> 'FREQ=MONTHLY; BYMONTHDAY=15; BYHOUR=11; BYMINUTE=30');
- O DBMS\_METADATA DBMS\_SCHEDULER.CREATE\_JOB( job\_name=>'SALES.PERFORM\_BACKUP', job\_type=>'STORED\_PROCEDURE', job\_action=>'SALES.BACKUP\_DATA', start\_date=>'15-AUG-04 22:30:00 PMGreenwich', repeat\_interval=> 'FREQ=MONTHLY; BYMONTHDAY=15; BYHOUR=23; BYMINUTE=30');
- O DBMS\_METADATA DBMS\_SCHEDULER.CREATE\_JOB( job\_name=>'SALES.PERFORM\_BACKUP', job\_type=>'PLSQL\_BLOCK', job\_action=>'INSERT INTO SALES\_BACKUP VALUES (9000, 2004,''10 PERCENT'',NULL);', start\_date=>'15-AUG-04 22:30:00 PMGreenwich', repeat interval=> 'FREQ=MONTHLY; BYMONTHDAY=15; BYHOUR=23; BYMINUTE=30');
- OBMS\_METADATA DBMS\_SCHEDULER.CREATE\_JOB( job\_name=>'SALES.PERFORM\_BACKUP', job\_type=>'EXECUTABLE', job\_action=>'/home/usr/oracle/oradata/scripts/perform\_backup.sh', start\_date=>'15-AUG-04 23:30:00 PMGreenwich', repeat interval=> 'FREQ=MONTHLY; BYMONTHDAY=15; BYHOUR=23; BYMINUTE=30');

#### **Explanation:**

To create a job that will run an executable script on the 15th day of every month at 11:30 P.M. starting on August 15, 2004, you would need to execute the following procedure:

DBMS\_METADATA DBMS\_SCHEDULER.CREATE\_JOB( job\_name=>'SALES.PERFORM\_BACKUP', job\_type=>'EXECUTABLE', job\_action=>'/home/usr/oracle/oradata/scripts/perform\_backup.sh', start\_date=>'15-AUG-04 23:30:00 PMGreenwich', repeat interval=> 'FREQ=MONTHLY; BYMONTHDAY=15; BYHOUR=23; BYMINUTE=30');

This procedure would create a job identified by PERFORM\_BACKUP. The job would run the perform\_backp.sh script file on the 15th of every month at 11:30 P.M. starting on August 15, 2004.

The option





You need to run a job every fourth week on Monday. To which value should the repeat interval parameter of the CREATE JOB procedure be set?

- C FREO=YEARLY: BYWEEKNO=8: BYDAY=1
- □ FREQ=YEARLY; BYWEEKNO=4; BYDAY=MON
- C You cannot perform this type of schedule.
- FREQ=YEARLY: BYWEEKN0=4,8,12,16,20,24,28,32,36,40,44,48,52: BYDAY=MON

#### **Explanation:**

To run a job every fourth week on Monday, you can set the value of repeat\_interval parameter to: FREQ=YEARLY;

BYWEEKNO=4,8,12,16,20,24,28,32,36,40,44,48,52; BYDAY=MON. This value would run the job every fourth week on Monday. The BYWEEKNO option has been set from 4 to 52, because there are 52 weeks in a year and the job should be run on an interval of every four weeks.

The option FREQ=YEARLY; BYWEEKNO=8; BYDAY=1 is incorrect because the parameter value for BYDAY is incorrect.

The option FREQ=YEARLY; BYWEEKNO=4; BYDAY=MON, is incorrect because setting this value to the repeat\_interval parameter would run the job only on the fourth week of each year, on Monday. It would not run the job every fourth week.

The option stating you cannot perform this type of schedule is incorrect because you can perform this type of schedule by setting the value of repeat\_interval to: FREQ=YEARLY; BYWEEKNO=4,8,12,16,20,24,28,32,36,40,44,48,52; BYDAY=MON.

#### Objective:

Automating Tasks with the Scheduler

#### Sub-Objective:

Create a job, program, schedule and window





You executed the following statement in the user SCOTT's schema:

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM emp
WHERE regexp_like (ename,'([aeiou])','i');
```

What is the result when this statement is executed?

- C All records of the emp table where the employee name does not contain any of the five vowels mentioned in the search pattern are displayed.
- C All records of the emp table irrespective of the search pattern specified are displayed.
- C All records of the emp table where the employee name contains any one of the five vowels are displayed.
- All records of the emp table where the employee name contains all five vowels in their names are displayed.

#### **Explanation:**

In this scenario, the statement displays all records of the emp table where the employee name contains any one of the five vowels. The REGEXP\_LIKE clause is a new clause introduced in Oracle 10g. It is used to search regular expressions based on simple and complex patterns. Unlike the LIKE clause, where you had the limitation of using only two wild characters to search the text, the REGEXP\_LIKE clause can search text based on complex patterns. In the given scenario, the parameter value [aeiou] signifies the pattern of text to be searched in the ename column data of the emp table. The 'i' parameter value signifies that the search is case-sensitive. The parameter value [aeiou] will search for the occurrences of any of these five vowels in the ename column data and would display the records appropriately.

The options all records of the emp table irrespective of the search pattern specified are displayed, all records of the emp table where the employee name contains all five vowels in their names are displayed, and all records of the emp table where the employee name does not contain any of the five vowels mentioned in the search pattern are displayed are incorrect. This is because the above command would display only those records of the emp table where there are occurrences of any vowel in the ename column data of the emp table.

#### Objective:

Miscellaneous New Features



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