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The Invisible Oracle: Deploying Oracle Database in Embedded Environments

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Why Embed?

Benefits for ISVs

- Reduced installation and management time
- Reduced installation and management support

Benefits to your customers:

- No onsite DBA required
- Reduced software license costs
- Reduced maintenance cost

What is an Embedded Database?

 Application or device where the Oracle database is integrated into the partner's application and end-user has little or no knowledge that the Oracle database exists.

Embedded Database Challenges

- Embedding a database poses challenges in 3 areas:
 - Deployment: Should be easy and seamless
 - Day-to-day administration: No onsite DBA available to manage database
 - Software maintenance and support: Should be timely, simple and efficient



Oracle 10g as Embedded Database

- Oracle 10g enables embedding by facilitating:
 - Deployment: Easy and seamless install
 - Day-to-day administration: Self-managing database
 - Software maintenance and support: Easy to patch and upgrade



The First Challenge: Deployment

Oracle 10g: Deployment Enhancements

- Fast lightweight install
 - Major redesign of installation process
 - Install time reduced to less than 20 minutes
 - CPU, memory, disk space consumption greatly reduced
 - Installation media optimization: Requires one CD only
- Automatic prerequisite checking
 - Exhaustive checking of prerequisites during install, e.g.,
 physical memory, admin privileges, OS version, etc.
- Automatic post-install configuration
 - Configuration of database and auxiliary processes such as listener, EM agent, etc., so that they are automatically started and stopped with the system



Oracle 10g Deployment

- Easy to integrate from any installation application
- Provide installation progress and status
- Flexible for partners to install only application required database components
- Silent mode de-installation
- Record mode to capture user responses in responseFile
- True silent mode installation in character mode



How to Embed?

Embedded Installation Steps

- Packaging for silent install
 - Use DBCA to create a template of your database you want to package
 - Use Oracle Universal Installer (OUI) in record mode to create your own responseFile
- Installing in silent mode
 - Call OUI in silent mode to install Oracle software
 - Call NETCA in silent mode to configure your Oracle Net
 - Call DBCA in silent mode to install your database



What is DBCA?

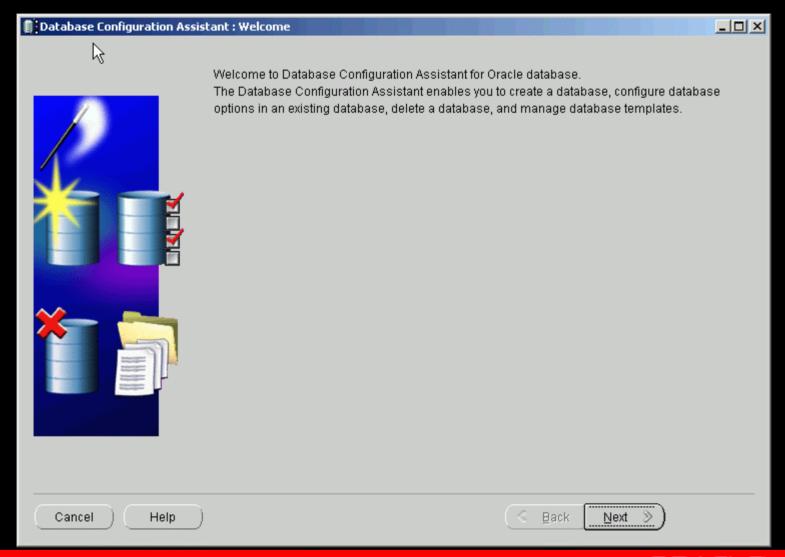
- Database Configuration Assistant (DBCA)
 - Fast creation of fully functional, ready-to-use database under 10 minutes vs. over an hour
 - Pre-configured per Oracle standards
 - Auto-setup of common tasks, e.g., backups, health monitoring, etc.
 - Database cloning: Duplication of database
 - Type: Structure + data or structure only
 - Mode: Silent or manual

Use DBCA to create a template of your database you want to package

Launch DBCA

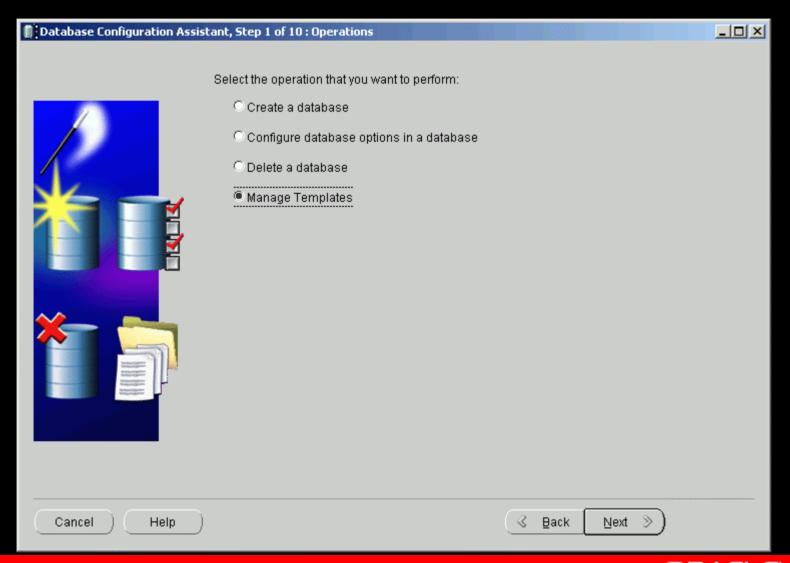
- Call "dbca" from command line
- Or
- Program Manager / Database Configuration Assistant
- (windows only)

Click 'Next' on Welcome

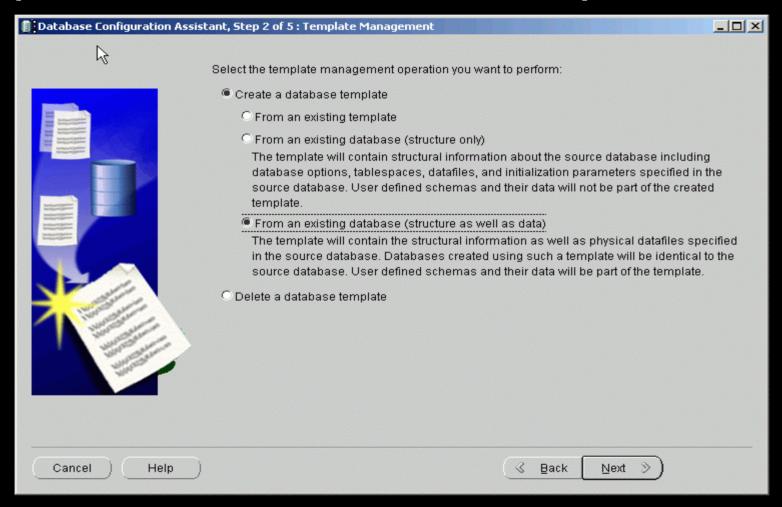




Select 'Manage Templates'



Select 'From an existing database (structure as well as data)'

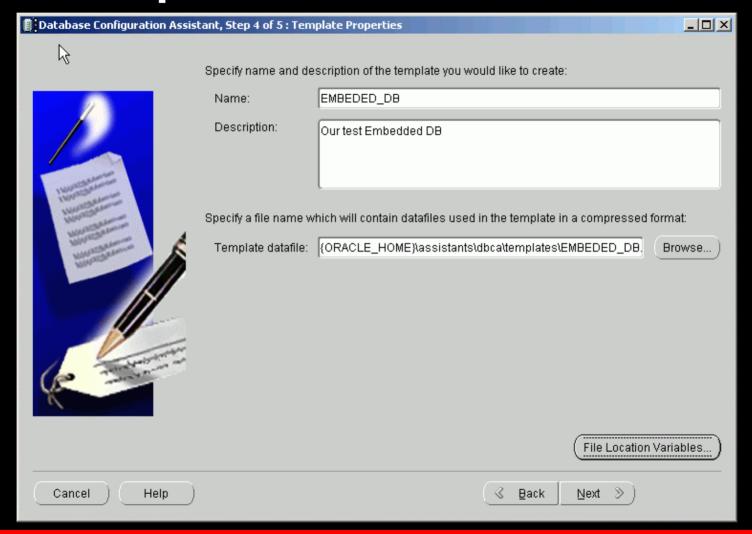


Select the database you want to use as source database and enter sys/password

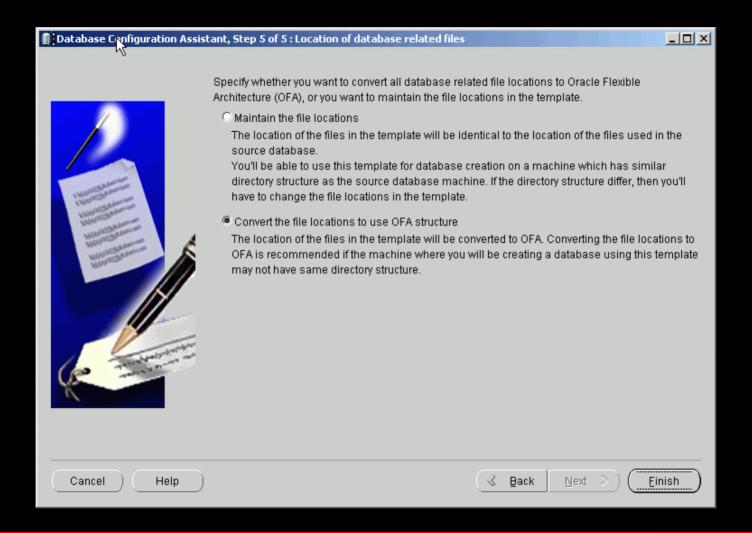
Database Configuration Assistant, Step 3 of 5 : Source database			
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	Choose a database from which you want to create the template. The database must be on this machine. Note: The source database will be shutdown during the template creation. Specify a user with SYSDBA system privilege		
	User name:	sys	
	Password:	********	
	Database instance:	MYDB10I1	7
Cancel Help			ext »



Enter Template Name and Description

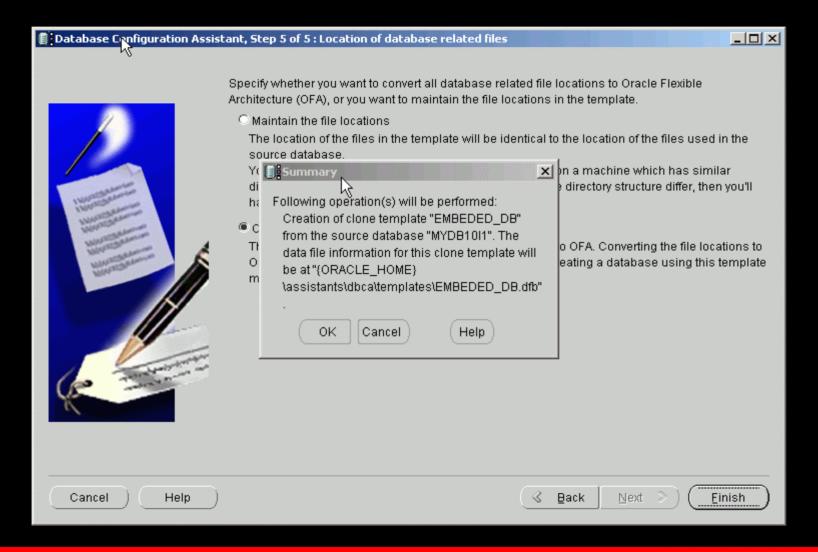


Select 'Convert to OFA' and hit Finish

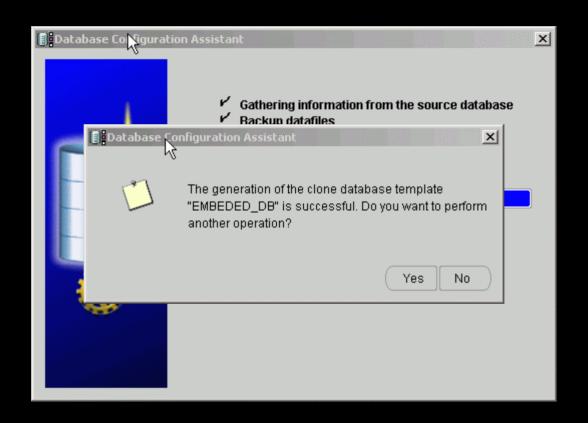




Select 'OK' on Message



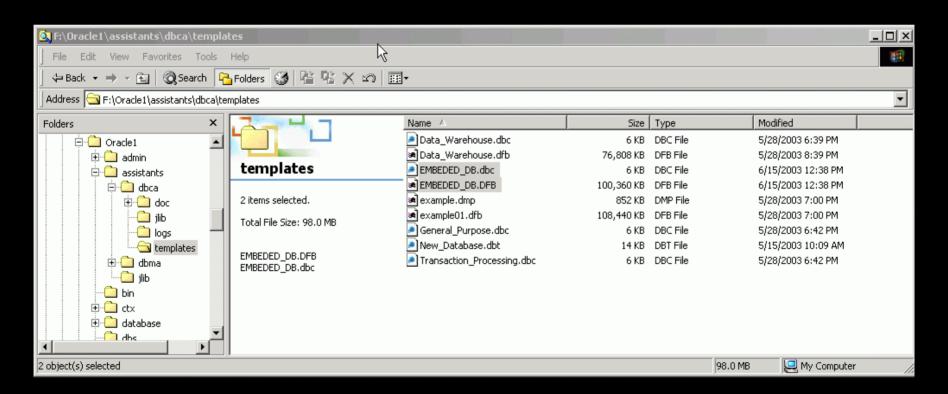
Select 'No' to perform another operation



Save your database template files

You should have two files in your OH\assistants\dbca\template directory

- EMBEDDED_DB.DBC Database Template Definition
- EMBEDDED_DB.DBF Database datafiles





Call Oracle Installation in record mode

Call Oracle Oracle Universal Installer in record mode

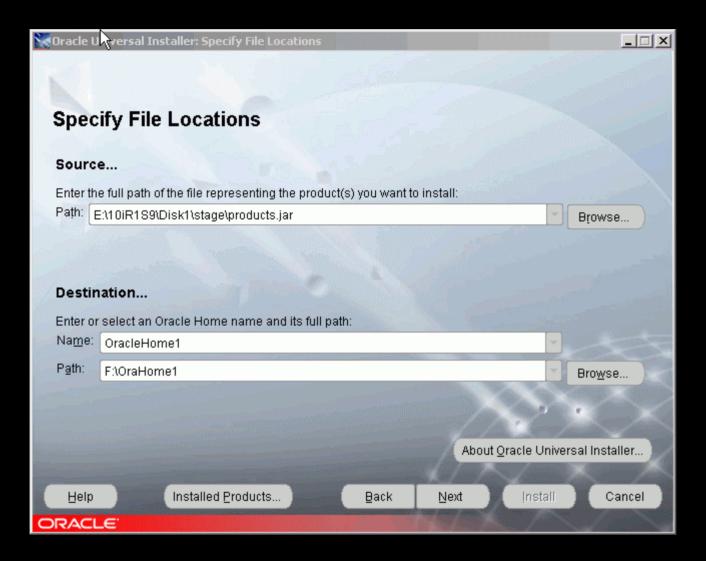
- setup.exe (windows) or runInstaller (Unix and Linux)
- -record
- -destinationFileE:\Technology\embed_oracle\Test10g\my.oracle.server.rsp

Click 'Next' on Welcome screen





Enter Oracle Home Name and Path



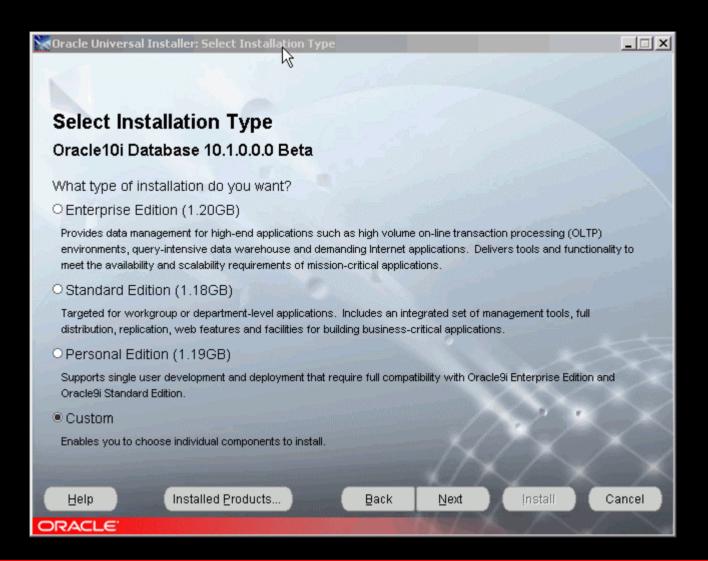


Select Oracle 10g Database



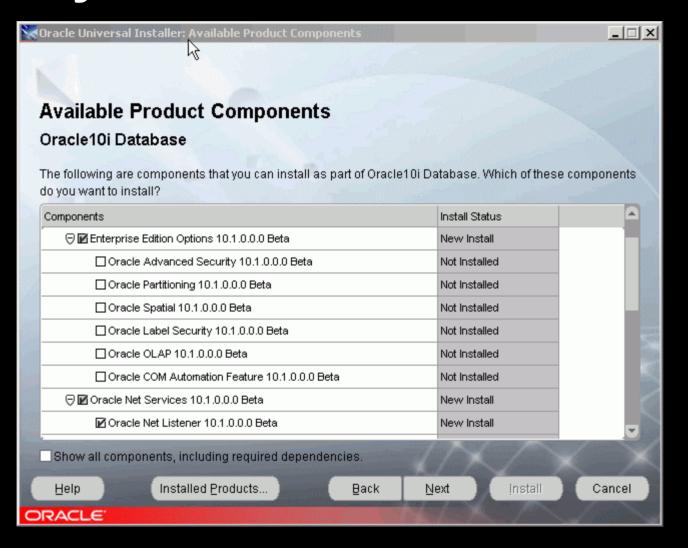


Select Custom from Install Type



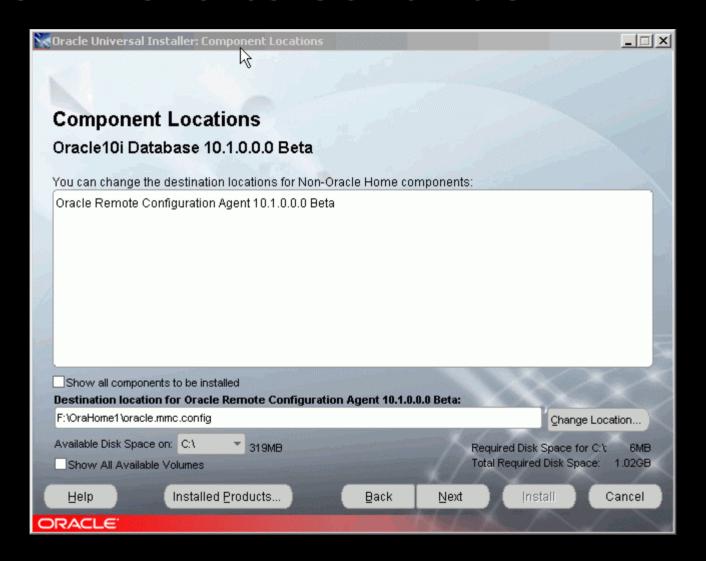


Make your selections



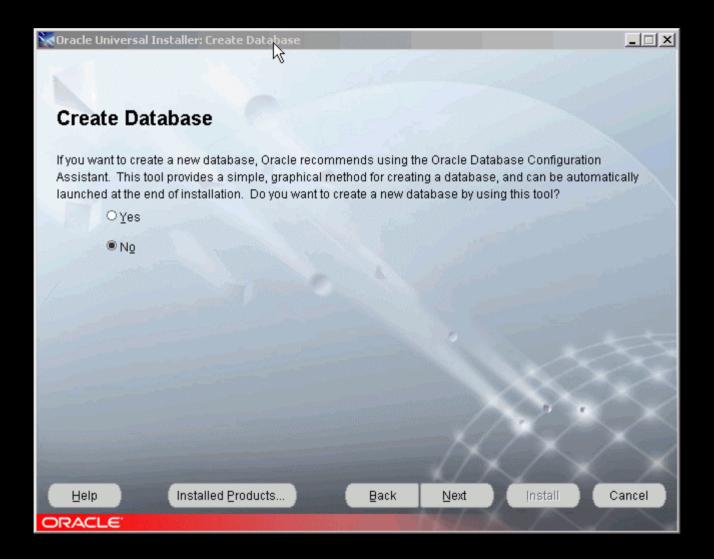


Click 'Next' to continue

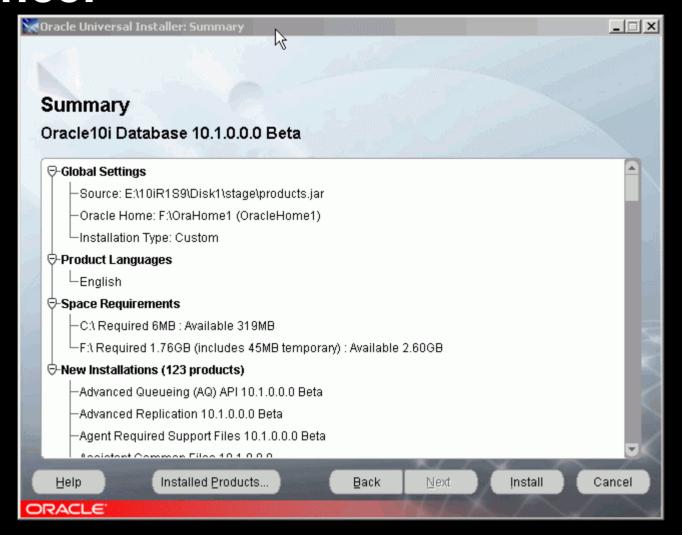




Select 'No' to not create database

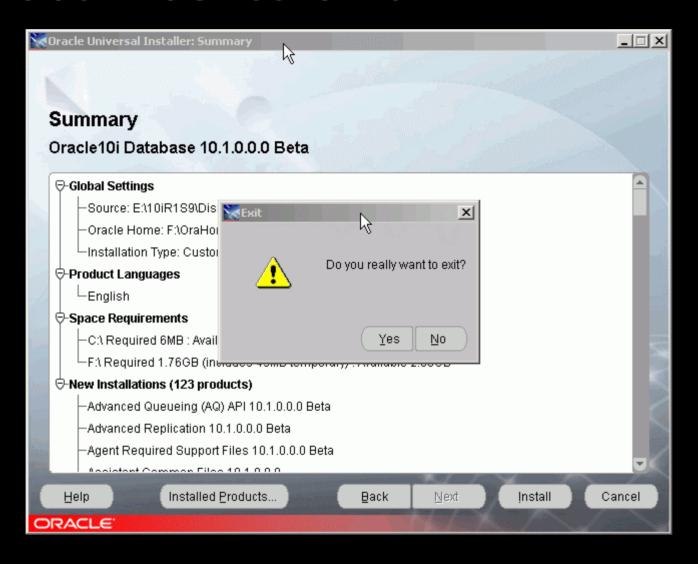


Review your selection and click 'Cancel'





Select 'Yes' to exit



Review your responseFile

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FROM_LOCATION=E:\10gR1S9\Disk1\stage\products.jar
ORACLE_HOME=F:\OraHome1
ORACLE_HOME_NAME=OracleHome1
TOPLEVEL_COMPONENT={oracle.server,10.1.0.0.0}
oracle.server:DEPENDENCY_LIST={oracle.rdbms:10.1.0.0.0,oracle.options:10.1.0.0.0,oracle.networking:10.1.0.0.0}
b_createStarterDBReturn=false
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Call Oracle Universal Installer in silent mode

Call Oracle Universal Installer in silent mode

- setup.exe (windows) or runInstaller (Unix and Linux)
- -nowait
- -silent
- ORACLE_HOME="F:\OraHome10g"
 ORACLE_HOME_NAME="OracleHome10g" –
 responseFile
 E:\Technology\embed_oracle\Test10g\my.oracle.server
 .rsp

Call Oracle Network Configuration Assistant (NETCA) in silent mode

Call NETCA in silent mode

- Current (beta) Create a script like this
- set ORACLE_HOME=F:\OraHome10g
- <<Command from \$ORACLE_HOME/network/tools/netca.cl>> /silent
- /responseFile %ORACLE_HOME%\network\install\netca_typ.rsp
- In production use "netca" command
- /silent
- /responseFile%ORACLE_HOME%\network\install\netca_typ.rsp



Call Database Configuration Assistant (DBCA) in silent mode

Call DBCA in silent mode

Copy saved files to ORACLE_HOME\assistants\dbca\template directory

- EMBEDDED_DB.DBC Database Template Definition
- EMBEDDED_DB.DBF Database datafiles

dbca -silent -createDatabase

- -templateName "embedded_db.dbc"
- -gdbname "my10db1.us.oracle.com"
- -sid "my10db1"
- -sysPassword sysoracle
- -systemPassword systemoracle



Tools For Embedding

Tools for Embedding (Production)

- Oracle Embedded Installation (OEI) Kit.
 - Supports embedded installation of Oracle8i and Oracle9i databases.
- To Download:
- Sign in at http://opn.oracle.com
- Click on Development tab on the Top Navigation section
- Click on Embedded Installation Resource Kit in Technology Spotlight section in the left navigation.

What Is The Oracle Embedded Installation Kit?

- Tools
- Utilities
- Documentation

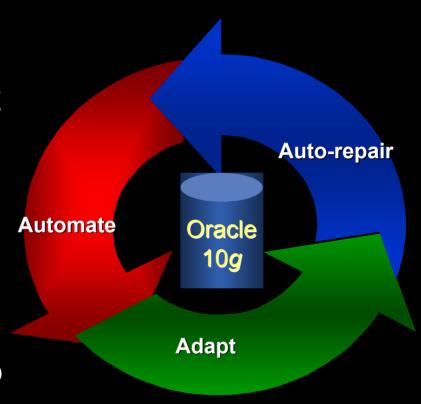
 that make it easier for partners to integrate the installation and configuration of the Oracle database into their application.



The Second Challenge: Self-managing Database

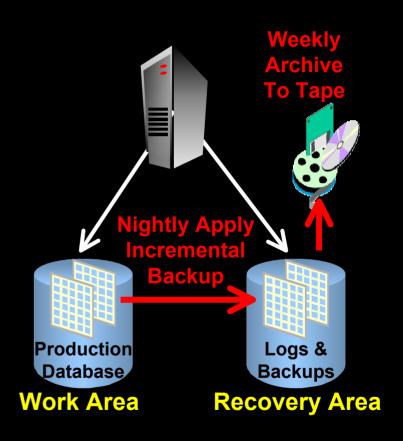
Self-managing Database

- Once deployed, an embedded database must be self-managing. It must
 - Automate routine administrative tasks
 - Adapt to workload variations to prevent problems
 - Auto-repair if problems do happen



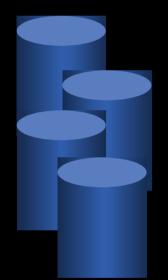
Automate Routine Tasks: Backup & Recovery

- Use RMAN
- Use Unified Scheduler to configure regular, scheduled backups
- Use Recovery Area for on-disk backups
 - Recovery Area is self-managing
 - old files aged out, current files maintained
- Perform incremental backups
 - Only changed blocks backed up fast and space efficient
 - Backed up files can be merged with the original
 - You perform a full database backup only once!



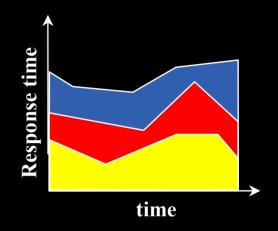
Automate Routine Tasks

- Space Management Automation
 - Use Automatic Undo Management: No more rollback segment space and object management (Oracle9i)
 - Use locally managed tablespaces with auto-allocate and auto-extend (Oracle9i)
 - No more external defragmentation required
 - No more extent management
 - Automate segment shrink for tables and indexes to run in the management window
 - More efficient space management
 - Reduces occurrence of out-of-space conditions
 - Oracle Managed Files (OMF)
 - Transparently manages creation and deletion of Oracle database files



Automate Routine Tasks

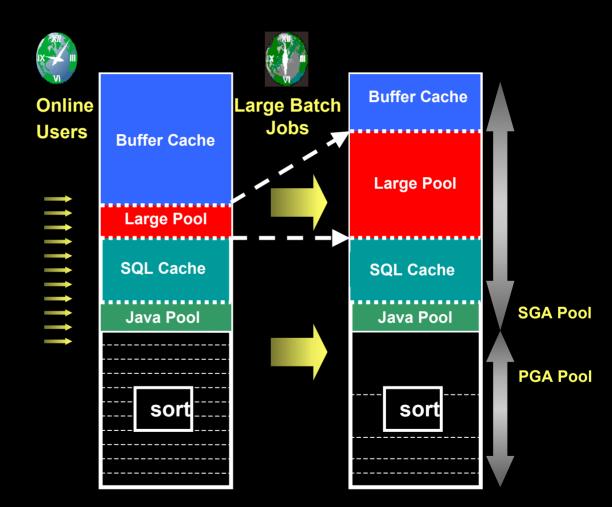
- Performance Management
 - Ensure automatic optimizer statistics collection is enabled
 - Enabled by default
 - Runs in management window
 - Job CPU usage can be controlled using Resource Manager
 - Superior query optimization





Configure Adaptive Systems

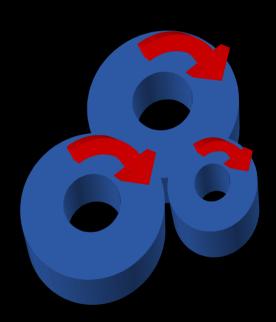
- Use Automatic Memory Tuning (SGA & PGA)
 - Tunes to different workloads by dynamically
 - Tuning actions
 based on proactive
 analysis of
 performance
 statistics and
 internal simulations
 - More efficient use of shared memory





Configure Adaptive Systems

- Use Automatic Undo Retention Tuning
 - Dynamically tunes the retention of undo information based on available resources and user activity
 - Superior transaction undo optimization
 - More efficient space utilization of Undo tablespace



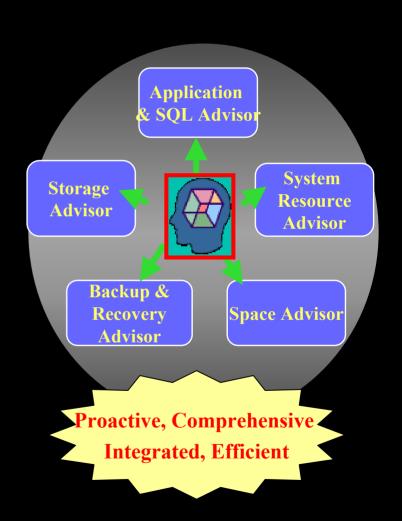
Auto-repair: Graceful Exception Handling

- Use proactive alerts to catch exception conditions
 - Space pressure
 - Tablespace running out of space
 - Resumable session suspended
 - ORA-1555
 - Backup space problems: Recovery Area alert
- Define fix-it jobs to handle exceptions
 - Use Oracle Managed Files (OMF) to facilitate space
 - Use segment shrink, addition of datafile, etc., for space pressure problems
 - Use Undo Advisor to determine size of Undo tablespace for ORA-1555 errors
 - Age out old files from Recovery Area
 - Merge incremental backup files
 - Perform full database backup



Easy Problem Diagnostic: ADDM

- Provide interface that calls ADDM in the background and generates report
- ADDM provides comprehensive, real-time performance picture of the database
- Identifies problem root-causes (not just symptoms) and offers remedies
- Runs proactively in the background
- Integrates with all advisors to provide guided problem resolution





Easy Problem Diagnostic: Server Generated Alerts

- Use Server Generated Alerts to diagnose non-performance problems
- Provide interface to views
 DBA_ALERT_HISTORY and
 DBA_OUTSTANDING_ALERTS
 for problem diagnosis
- Optionally provide tool that regularly reports on alerts generated





Third Challenge: Maintenance & Support

Maintenance & Support

- Patch Management
 - Use ECM Patch Wizard for
 - Automatic identification of customers where particular patch is applicable
 - Automatic identification of patches applicable to a given customer
 - Download relevant patches
 - Patch can be placed on ISV website or on a CD for end-customer download/application
 - ISVs can put a wrapper around the patch for silent application where applicable
- System Upgrade
 - Use DBUA to perform silent upgrades
 - Upgrade process can be customized
 - XML files used to drive upgrade process
 - Scripts can be added
 - Implement best practices (pre-upgrade database backup, replacing obsolete parameters, verify successful completion)
 - Guide administrators in activating new features



Embedded License

What is an Embedded Software License?

- Can only be used to run the licensed application
- Oracle must be installed as an integrated component by the application's installation routine
- An Oracle license must be sold with each application sale
- License type can not be upgraded or migrated to full use license
- User minimums apply
- ISV provides front-line support



Conclusion

- Oracle Database 10g
 - is easy to deploy
 - is self-managing
 - provides easy problem diagnostic capability
 - makes software maintenance simple and straightforward

Oracle Database 10g is ideal for embedding

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