

xTTS – Lesson(s) learned

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1900 PROJECTS
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Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Preparation Tasks
3. Metadata Export
4. Data File Transportation
5. Metadata Import
6. Post Tasks
7. Pitfalls

Introduction

Initial Situation

- Migration of **more than 100 databases from 11.2.0.4 to 19c**
 - Sizes of the databases between 10 GB and 25 TB
 - Stages: development, test, production
- **New hardware** (server, storage), but the **same endianness**
- Implementation of the **CDB architecture**
- **Downtime** of the production databases was limited to a **maximum of 2 hours**



Limitations

- (National) character set between source and target have to be equal or compatible
 - To use compatible character sets (strict (binary) subset), special requirements have to be fulfilled
 - For national character set, no columns of the types NCHAR, NVARCHAR2, NCLOB cannot exist

```
ORA-39123: Data Pump transportable tablespace job aborted  
ORA-29345: cannot plug a tablespace into a database using an incompatible character set
```

- Tablespaces in the target with the same have to be dropped/renamed
 - Or use REMAP_TABLESPACE during the import
- To transport columns of the type TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE (TSLTZ), the database time zone has to be equal
- Target database version (parameter COMPATIBLE) has to be equal or higher than the source version
- Objects owned by SYS cannot be transported



Check MOS notes [1166564.1](#) and [1454872.1](#) for more restrictions and details.

Supported Oracle Editions

- Transportable Tablespaces is a feature of the **Oracle Enterprise Edition**

Feature	Transportable tablespaces, including cross-platform and full transportable export and import
Functional Category	VLDB, Data Warehousing, and Business Intelligence
Available On	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✔ Express Edition⊖ Standard Edition 2✔ Enterprise Edition✔ Oracle Database Appliance✔ Exadata✔ Exadata Cloud Service / Cloud@Customer⊖ DBCS Standard Edition✔ DBCS Enterprise Edition✔ DBCS EE - High Performance✔ DBCS EE - Extreme Performance
Notes	Import of transportable tablespaces supported into SE2

- Running an export against a Standard Edition 2 database fails

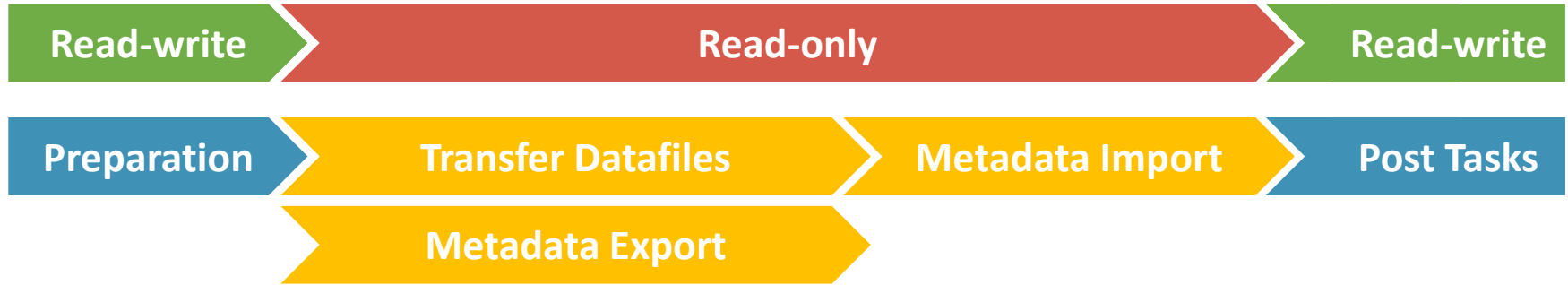
```
02-FEB-22 20:52:41.492: ORA-39123: Data Pump transportable tablespace job aborted
ORA-00439: feature not enabled: Export transportable tablespaces
```

- But you can use a **Standard Edition 2** database as target

```
Connected to: Oracle Database 21c Standard Edition 2 Release 21.0.0.0.0 - Production
```

```
...
03-FEB-22 00:31:20.541: Job "SYSTEM"."SYS_IMPORT_TRANSPORTABLE_01" successfully completed at Thu
Feb 3 00:31:20 2022 elapsed 0 00:00:46
```


Workflow



- Transport set check
- Create target DB
- Create objects and users
- Perform dry-run of the metadata export (19c)
- Restore level 0 backup on the target site

- Set tablespaces read-only
- Transfer datafiles to the target site or recover final consistent incremental backup
- Export metadata

- Import metadata
- Set tablespaces read-write

- Gather statistics
- Correct OMF names
- Adjust default tablespace
- Recover standby (if required)

Preparation Tasks

List of Tablespaces

- Use the following query to get the list of user-defined Tablespaces

```
SQL> SELECT tablespace_name, block_size, extent_management, bigfile, encrypted
       FROM dba_tablespaces
       WHERE contents = 'PERMANENT'
          AND tablespace_name NOT IN (
              SELECT default_tablespace FROM dba_users
              WHERE username IN (
                  SELECT schema FROM dba_registry))
       ORDER BY tablespace_name;
```

TABLESPACE_NAME	BLOCK_SIZE	EXTENT_MAN	BIG	ENC
AUDIT_DATA	8192	LOCAL	NO	NO
HIST_ARCHIVE	16384	LOCAL	YES	NO
HR_DATA	8192	LOCAL	NO	YES
PERFSTAT_TS	8192	LOCAL	NO	NO
USERS	8192	LOCAL	NO	NO

Non-default
blocksize

False positive

Transport Set Check

- Check if the selected Tablespaces are **self-contained** – **no dependencies** to other Tablespaces

```
SQL> BEGIN
  DBMS_TTS.TRANSPORT_SET_CHECK(
    ts_list => 'AUDIT_DATA,HIST_ARCHIVE,HR_DATA,USERS',
    incl_constraints => TRUE,
    full_check => TRUE
  );
END;
/
```

Two-way dependencies check

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM transport_set_violations;
```

VIOLATIONS

```
-----
ORA-39907: Index HR.EMPLOYEES_IDX in tablespace HR_IDX points to table HR.EMPLOYEES in
tablespace HR_DATA.
ORA-39908: Index HR.EMPLOYEES_UNQ_CON in tablespace HR_CONS enforces primary constraints
of table HR.EMPLOYEES in tablespace HR_DATA.
```

Index Table-
space not part of set



Use parameter TTS_CLOSURE_CHECK to perform or skip transport set check during the Data Pump export operation.

Check for UNUSED Columns

- If tables with UNUSED columns exist in the database, drop these columns

```
SQL> ALTER TABLE my_tab DROP UNUSED COLUMNS;
```

- Otherwise, the following error is raised during the metadata import

```
ORA-39083: Object type TABLE:"APP"."MY_TAB" failed to create with error:  
ORA-00904: "SYS_C00111_18092915:37:55$": invalid identifier
```

- Use the following query to find all tables with UNUSED columns

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM dba_unused_col_tabs ORDER BY owner, table_name
```



An unused column has no column ID and is renamed to SYS_C00002_21081310:09:11\$.

Former
column ID

Timestamp of
the change

Create Target DB/PDB

- It is recommended to use the **same character set between source and target**

```
SQL> SELECT property_name, property_value FROM database_properties
       WHERE property_name LIKE '%CHARACTERSET';
```

PROPERTY_NAME	PROPERTY_VALUE
NLS_CHARACTERSET	WE8MSWIN1252
NLS_NCHAR_CHARACTERSET	AL16UTF16

- In the case of a CDB, the PDB can use a **subset character set** of the CDB
 - Use AL32UTF8 as character set for the CDB
- PDBs with a different character set **cannot be created directly**
 - Instead an unplugged **PDB archive** or a **remote clone** is required
 - Create a **dummy CDB** with the correct character set
- Verify/install **required database components**

Create Objects

- As preparation for the user creation and the transport, dependent objects have to be created

Directories DBA_DIRECTORIES	Global Temporary Tables DBA_TABLES	Network ACLs DBA_NETWORK_ACLS
Profiles DBA_PROFILES	Public Database Links DBA_DB_LINKS	Public Synonyms DBA_SYNONYMS
Roles DBA_ROLES	Scheduler Job Classes DBA_SCHEDULER_JOB_CLASSES	SQL Plan Baselines DBA_SQL_PLAN_BASELINES
SQL Profiles DBA_SQL_PROFILES		

- Data Pump Export/Import can be used to transport these objects
 - Or use DBMS_METADATA.GET_DDL to create DDL statements (SYS is required)

```
SQL> SELECT DBMS_METADATA.GET_DDL('PROFILE', 'MY_PROFILE') FROM dual;
```



When DBMS_METADATA is used for database links, the passwords are obfuscated ([Doc ID 1905221.1](#)).

Create User 1/2

- Create all required users in the target database
 - Otherwise, ORA-29342 is raised during the metadata import

```
ORA-39123: Data Pump transportable tablespace job aborted  
ORA-29342: user HR does not exist in the database
```

- A temporarily remapping of the default tablespace is required

```
$> impdp ... DUMPFILE = users.dmp REMAP_TABLESPACE = HR_DATA:DUMMY_TS,...
```

- Data Pump does not import grants on SYS objects
 - MOS Note: [Data Pump: GRANTS On SYS Owned Objects Are Not Transferred With Data Pump And Are Missing In The Target Database \(Doc ID 1911151.1\)](#)
 - To avoid errors during the compilation of PL/SQL objects and views, grant the missing grants manually



Easiest way to transport the users is to use Data Pump.

Create User 2/2

- Query to generate GRANT commands for all grants on SYS objects

```
SQL> SELECT 'GRANT ' || privilege || ' "SYS"."' || table_name ||  
           '" TO "' || grantee || '";' AS "GRANT_COMMAND"  
       FROM dba_tab_privs  
       WHERE owner = 'SYS'  
             AND grantee IN (SELECT username  
                             FROM dba_users  
                             WHERE oracle_maintained = 'N');
```

New column in
Oracle 12c

GRANT_COMMAND

GRANT SELECT "SYS"."V_\$SESSION" TO "APP_USER";



Starting with Oracle 12c, use the column ORACLE_MAINTAINED of DBA_USERS to exclude system users like SYS, SYSTEM, DBSNMP, etc.

Metadata Export

Test Mode for Transportable Tablespaces

- **Estimation of the required time** for the metadata export was not possible before 19c without setting the **tablespaces to read-only**

```
Data Pump transportable tablespace job aborted  
ORA-39185: The transportable tablespace failure list is  
  
ORA-29335: tablespace 'HR_DATA' is not read only
```

- Starting with 19c, a **test mode as part of the closure check** was added

```
$> expdp ... TRANSPORTABLE_TABLESPACES = HR_DATA,USERS TTS_CLOSURE_CHECK = TEST_MODE
```

- Generated dump file **cannot be used for the metadata import**

```
Dump file set is unusable. TEST_MODE requested.
```

Parallelize Metadata Operations

- Before 21c, only one Data Pump worker was supported

```
ORA-39002: invalid operation
ORA-39047: Jobs of type TRANSPORTABLE cannot use multiple execution streams.
```

- In 21c, all defined Data Pump workers (**PARALLEL** parameter) are exporting/importing metadata
- Each worker processes **one type of metadata** at the same time

```
20-APR-21 08:28:27.212: W-1 Startup on instance 1 took 1 seconds
20-APR-21 08:28:29.079: W-2 Startup on instance 1 took 1 seconds
...
20-APR-21 08:29:02.686: W-1 Processing object type TRANSPORTABLE_EXPORT/TABLE
20-APR-21 08:29:04.601: W-2 Processing object type TRANSPORTABLE_EXPORT/CONSTRAINT/CONSTRAINT
20-APR-21 08:29:04.671: W-2 Completed 50 CONSTRAINT objects in 0 seconds
20-APR-21 08:29:11.621: W-2 Processing object type TRANSPORTABLE_EXPORT/POST_INSTANCE/PROCACT_INSTANCE
20-APR-21 08:29:11.650: W-2 Completed 15 PROCACT_INSTANCE objects in 0 seconds
20-APR-21 08:29:12.304: W-2 Processing object type TRANSPORTABLE_EXPORT/POST_INSTANCE/PROCDEPOBJ
20-APR-21 08:29:12.334: W-2 Completed 10 PROCDEPOBJ objects in 0 seconds
20-APR-21 08:29:47.203: W-1 Completed 57 TABLE objects in 0 seconds
```

Set Tablespaces read-only

- Before the metadata export can be executed, all involved tablespace have to be switched to read-only

```
SQL> ALTER TABLESPACE HR_DATA READ ONLY;
```

- This command will hang indefinitely, if active transactions exist
 - Internal wait event is *unbound tx*
- Check if pending in-doubt transactions exist and terminate them

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM dba_2pc_pending;
```



If possible, deactivate the listener and restart the database (in restricted mode) before starting the whole operation.

Metadata Export

- Starting with Oracle 10g Data Pump (expdp) is used to export the metadata of the transportable tablespaces
 - Role DATAPUMP_EXP_FULL_DATABASE is required

```
$> expdp ... TRANSPORT_TABLESPACES = TS1,TS2
```

- Exclude of statistics with EXCLUDE = STATISTICS does not work in this mode (Doc ID [1517267.1](#))

```
$> expdp ... EXCLUDE = TABLE_STATISTICS,INDEX_STATISTICS,USER_PREF_STATISTICS
```

- For older databases the legacy Export Utility (exp) has to be used

```
$> exp ... TRANSPORT_TABLESPACE = Y TABLESPACES = TS1,TS2
```



Exclude statistics to speed up the metadata export.

Data File Transportation

DBMS_FILE_TRANSFER 1/2

- Can be used to **transfer datafiles** between source and target using **database links**
 - ASM → ASM, ASM → Filesystem, Filesystem → ASM, Filesystem → Filesystem
- Introduced with Oracle 10g
- **Converts the endianness automatically** during the transfer
- **DIRECTORY objects** are used to locate the datafiles

```
SQL> CREATE DIRECTORY source_dir AS '+DATA/DB/DATAFILE'; -- Source
SQL> CREATE DIRECTORY target_dir AS '/u01/oradata/NEWDB'; -- Target
```

- **No support for OMF**
 - In the case of ASM an alias is created with the defined name



Use online datafile move to rename the transported datafiles to OMFs.

DBMS_FILE_TRANSFER 2/2

- Support for push (PUT_FILE) and pull (GET_FILE) transfers

```
SQL> BEGIN
  DBMS_FILE_TRANSFER.PUT_FILE (
    source_directory_object => 'SOURCE_DIR', source_file_name => 'hr_data_001.dbf',
    destination_directory_object => 'TARGET_DIR', destination_file_name => 'hr_data_001.dbf',
    destination_database => 'TARGETDB_LINK.trivadistraining.com'
  );
END;
/

SQL> BEGIN
  DBMS_FILE_TRANSFER.GET_FILE (
    source_directory_object => 'SOURCE_DIR', source_file_name => 'hr_data_001.dbf',
    source_database => 'SOURCEDB_LINK.trivadistraining.com'
    destination_directory_object => 'TARGET_DIR', destination_file_name => 'hr_data_001.dbf'
  );
END;
/
```



Maximum supported file size is 2 TB. Monitor V\$SESSION_LONGOPS to see the remaining time.

Foreign Tablespace/Datafile Restore

- Starting with 12c, tablespaces and datafiles can be restored with backup sets of a foreign database
 - Multiple backupsets can be combined in one operation
- Endianness can be changed during the restore (FROM PLATFORM)
- Use TO NEW clause to generate new OMF or define your own location and names by using the FORMAT clause

```
RMAN> RUN {  
  RESTORE FROM PLATFORM 'Linux x86 64-bit' FOREIGN TABLESPACE "USERS", "HR_DATA"  
  TO NEW | FORMAT '/u01/oradata/%d/%N_%f.dbf'  
  FROM BACKUPSET '/backup/tts_inc0_users.bak', '/backup/tts_inc0_hr_data.bak';  
}
```

```
RMAN> RUN {  
  RESTORE FROM PLATFORM 'Linux x86 64-bit' ALL FOREIGN DATAFILES  
  TO NEW | FORMAT '/u01/oradata/%d/%N_%f.dbf'  
  FROM BACKUPSET '/backup/tts_inc0_users.bak', '/backup/tts_inc0_hr_data.bak';  
}
```

All datafiles in
the backup set(s)



FROM PLATFORM clause is mandatory when the backup is from databases below 12c – even when the platform is the same.

Foreign Datafile Recovery

- After the restore of a foreign tablespace/datafile, the datafiles can be recovered with incremental backups
- Each foreign datafile has to be recovered
 - No support for wildcards
 - Combine all datafile locations in one command

```
RMAN> RUN {  
  RECOVER FROM PLATFORM 'Linux x86 64-bit'  
  FOREIGN DATAFILECOPY '/u01/oradata/%d/users_001.dbf',  
                        '/u01/oradata/%d/hr_data_001.dbf'  
  FROM BACKUPSET '/backup/tts_inc0_users.bak', '/backup/tts_inc0_hr_data.bak';  
}
```

- Unfortunately, there is currently no way to track foreign datafiles from the database
 - In Oracle 21c, view V\$FOREIGN_DATAFILE_COPY was added, but it is empty (Bug?)

Incremental Backups

- **Incremental backups** are used to **minimize the downtime** of the datafile transport
- **Level 0** and subsequential **level 1 hot backups** are created on the source and restored on the target
- After setting the tablespaces read-only, a **final consistent level 1** is created and restored
 - This reduces the downtime dramatically
- Oracle provides a Perl script to automate this (Doc. ID [2471245.1](#))

```
$> perl xttdriver.pl --backup  
$> perl xttdriver.pl --restore
```

- **Image copies** are used for the **level 0 backup**
 - A stage location is required to temporarily store the copies and backups



Use a shared filesystem (for example NFS) to share the copies and backups between source and target system.

Data Guard

- If you want to have a **in-sync standby database** after importing the metadata, **restore the datafiles also on the standby site**
 - Imported datafiles are not automatically copied to the standby site
- DBMS_FILE_TRANSFER cannot connect to a standby database
 - As a workaround, use a dummy database on the target server
- As alternative, recreate the standby database or restore the new tablespaces
 - RECOVER STANDBY DATABASE command was added in 18c

```
-- Whole standby database
RMAN> RECOVER STANDBY DATABASE FROM SERVICE 'primary_tns_alias';

-- Tablespaces
RMAN> RESTORE TABLESPACE "USERS" FROM SERVICE 'primary_tns_alias';
```



Redo apply has to be stopped, before the recovery can be started.

Metadata Import

Metadata Import

- Provide the list of transported datafiles using `TRANSPORT_DATAFILES` parameter
 - Wildcards (*,?) for file names are supported starting with Oracle 12c Release 2
 - Remapping of Schemas is also possible during the import

```
$> impdp ... TRANSPORT_DATAFILES = '/u01/oradata/DB/hr_data_001.dbf','...' \  
          REMAP_SCHEMAS = HR:HR_NEW EXCLUDE = TRIGGER
```

- When the dump was created with the legacy Export Utility, use `imp` to import it

```
$> imp ... DATFILES = '/u01/oradata/DB/hr_data_001.dbf','...' \  
         TABLESPACES = HR_DATA,... TRANSPORT_TABLESPACE = Y \  
         FROMUSER = HR TOUSER = HR_NEW
```

- Import all other non-transported objects using normal import mode
- Minimize the risk of ORA-600 by excluding triggers



Starting with 19c, tablespaces can be shared again between databases. Use parameter `TRANSPORTABLE = KEEP_READ_ONLY` to activate the pre-12.2 behavior.

Set Tablespaces read-write

- Set the transported tablespaces in the target database to read-write

```
SQL> ALTER TABLESPACE HR_DATA READ WRITE;
```


Post Tasks

Gather Statistics

- If statistics were skipped during export or import, it is time to gather them
- Beside object statistics, update data dictionary and fixed object statistics as well

```
SQL> EXEC DBMS_STATS.SET_GLOBAL_PREFS('DEGREE', 8);
SQL> EXEC DBMS_STATS.SET_GLOBAL_PREFS('CONCURRENT', 'AUTOMATIC');

SQL> BEGIN
  DBMS_STATS.GATHER_DICTIONARY_STATS();
  DBMS_STATS.GATHER_FIXED_OBJECTS_STATS();
  DBMS_STATS.GATHER_DATABASE_STATS(
    options => 'GATHER',
    estimate_percent => DBMS_STATS.AUTO_SAMPLE_SIZE,
    method_opt => 'FOR ALL COLUMNS SIZE SKEWONLY',
    granularity => 'ALL',
    cascade => TRUE,
    degree => 8,
    no_invalidate => DBMS_STATS.AUTO_INVALIDATE
  );
END;
/
```



Gather statistics for the important schemas using GATHER_SCHEMA_STATS first.

Restore Default Tablespaces

- Restore the original default tablespaces of the transported user

```
SQL> ALTER USER "HR" DEFAULT TABLESPACE "HR_DATA";
```

- Generate the required commands on the source database

```
SQL> SELECT 'ALTER USER "' || username || '" DEFAULT TABLESPACE "' ||  
           default_tablespace || '";'  
       FROM dba_users  
       WHERE username IN ('HR', '...');
```

- Update the database default tablespace, if required

```
SQL> ALTER DATABASE DEFAULT TABLESPACE "USERS";
```

Correct OMF Names

- Only required when OMFs are used, and the **file locations and names are not correct** because of the used transfer mode
- Starting with 12c **online datafile move** can be used to move/rename the datafiles online
 - Omit TO clause to create new OMF datafiles

```
-- Datafile number
SQL> ALTER DATABASE MOVE DATAFILE n;

-- Datafile path
SQL> ALTER DATABASE MOVE DATAFILE '+DATA/DB/hr_data_001.dbf';
```



Online datafile move is slower than an offline move using RMAN.

Pitfalls

Tables with TSLTZ Columns

- Columns of the type `TIMESTAMP WITH LOCAL TIME ZONE (TSLTZ)` can only be transported, when source and target use the same database time zone
 - These tables are automatically skipped in 12c and higher

```
W-1 Processing object type TRANSPORTABLE_EXPORT/TABLE  
ORA-39360: Table "TTS_DEMO"."TSLTZ_TAB1" was skipped due to transportable  
import and TSLTZ issues resulting from time zone mismatch.
```

- Change the database time zone to the value of the source database
 - This is only possible when not already tables with TSLTZ columns exist

```
SQL> ALTER DATABASE SET TIME_ZONE = '+05:00';
```

- If not possible, use normal Data Pump Export/Import to transport the data



Create the table before the recompilation of PL/SQL objects and views.

Global Temporary Tables

- Global Temporary Tables (GTT) are not transported
 - These tables do not belong to a tablespace
- Data Pump export and import have to be used to transport them to the target database

```
$> expdp ... INCLUDE=TABLE:"IN (SELECT table_name FROM dba_tables WHERE temporary = 'Y')"
```

- Or create them manually either as preparation or post task

```
SQL> SELECT DBMS_METADATA.GET_DDL('TABLE', '<Name>', '<Schema>') FROM dual;
```



Create the table before the recompilation of PL/SQL objects and views.

Tables with XMLTYPE Columns

- Transportation of tables with XMLTYPE columns is supported with 12.2.0.1 and higher
- In previous versions, following error is raised during the metadata import

```
ORA-39139: Data Pump does not support XMLType objects in version  
"<SCHEMA_NAME>". "<TABLE_NAME>" will be skipped.
```

- Table exclude is required for the TTS operation

```
$> expdp ... EXCLUDE=TABLE:"IN (SELECT table_name FROM dba_tab_columns WHERE  
data_type = 'XMLTYPE')"
```

- Normal Data Pump export/import is required to transport them
- MOS note [Is it supported to do a Transport Tablespace \(TTS\) Import with Data Pump on a tablespace with binary XML objects ? \(Doc ID 1908140.1\)](#) describes this issue



Perform the exclude during the export to speed up the metadata export.

Further Information

Oracle Database 21c – Transporting Data

<https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/oracle/oracle-database/21/admin/transporting-data.html#GUID-1901E9C3-8FCE-4D4E-AB65-34D703474E52>

Master Note for Transportable Tablespaces (TTS) -- Common Questions and Issues (Doc ID 1166564.1)

<https://support.oracle.com/epmos/faces/DocumentDisplay?id=1166564.1>

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Questions and answers..

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