11 months with Oracle Autonomous Transaction Processing

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CERN

- CERN - European Council for Nuclear Research
- Founded in 1954 by 12 countries for fundamental physics research in the post-war Europe
- Today 23 members states (see https://home.cern/about/member-states) and world-wide collaborations, 2 300 CERN personnel.
- More information at https://home.cern/about
- Can be visited, see https://visit.cern/ (and 14-15 September 2019 CERN Open Days).
Fundamental Research

- What is 95% of the Universe made of?
- Why do particles have mass?
- Why is there no antimatter left in the Universe?
- What was the Universe like, just after ”Big Bang”?

\[
\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \\
+ i\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \nabla_\mu \psi + h.c. \\
+ \chi_i Y_i \phi \bar{\phi} + h.c. \\
+ \left| D_\mu \phi \right|^2 - V(\phi)
\]
**Largest machine** in the world
27km, 6000+ superconducting magnets

**Fastest racetrack** on Earth
Protons circulate 11245 times/s (99.9999991% the speed of light)

**Emptiest place in the solar system**
High vacuum inside the magnets

**Hottest spot** in the galaxy
During Lead ion collisions create temperatures 100,000x hotter than the heart of the sun
CMS Detector

150 Million of sensor
Control and detection sensors

Massive 3D camera
Capturing 40+ million collisions per second
Data rate TB per second
CERN openlab

- Public-private partnership, through which CERN collaborates with leading ICT companies and other research organizations.
- Evaluate and improve state-of-the-art technologies in a challenging environment
- Train the next generation of engineers/researchers.
- Promote education and cultural exchanges.

- Communicate results and reach new audiences.
- Oracle is a member since 2003.
ATP - Introduction 1/3

• A cloud service for OLTP workload (pay as you need, flexible, automated-scalability)
• All database administration tasks handled by Oracle/automation, no need to intervene (for patches, backup, etc.)
• Implements from the beginning many "good practices" and automation to a very high level
• Implements many security mechanisms, regular fixes, implies some limitations (no OS access for example), online patching
• With specifics in the implementation (automatic scaling, etc.)
• Shares "autonomous database" concepts with ADW (and the two services complement each other for different workloads), see strategy document [1]. This presentation actually uses both ATP and ADW
ATP - Introduction 2/3

- Two ATP services: "shared serverless" (focus of this presentation, 18c) and "dedicated" (available since June 2019)
- Leverages many features of Oracle database (Multitenant, RAC, online patching, resource manager, etc.)
- Presentation and view from the user point of view, cannot indicate how it is implemented (feature), see presentations from Oracle employees on the "how"
- The presentation also gives indications on how to perform some "advanced" operations which many of the ATP users probably do not need (possible if needed!)
- ! ATP is changing fast, see "What’s New for ATP" [2] (ex: "Upgrading Always Free Autonomous Databases to Paid Instances")
- Integrated with other Oracle cloud services, for example OMC, see [3] April 2019
ATP - Introduction 3/3

• Guarantee in term of availability (see ATP-D with DataGuard)
• Implemented on the Exadata platform
• Makes use of the Multitenant (CDB / PDB) architecture where each ATP database is a distinct PDB
• Licensing with "Pay as you go" or "Bring Your Own License" Oracle DB license. (1-16: ”For each supported Processor license of Oracle Database Enterprise Edition plus Options: Multitenant, You may activate up to 2 OCPUs of the BYOL Cloud Service.”, bigger requires RAC)
• ”Autonomous Database subscription includes many management, testing, and security capabilities that previously had to be licensed separately, including: Data Encryption, Diagnostics Pack, Tuning Pack, . . .”
Via Web console

- One selects the "compartment" and key characteristics
- OCPU and memory are linked
- Storage
- Licensing decision of the Oracle database, can be changed anytime later
- Shared versus dedicated
- Administration account (then connect to admin@dbname_tp)
Create Autonomous Database

Provide basic information for the Autonomous Database

Choose a compartment:

cernprod1 (root)

Display name:

DB 201909062326

Database name:

DB201909062326

The name must contain only letters and numbers, starting with a letter. Minimum of 14 characters.

Choose a workload type:

Data Warehouse

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Via CLI or programmatically 1/3

- Set the environment and copy keys to "API Keys (Add Public Key)"

oci setup config
cat ~/.oci/oci_api_key_public.pem

- ⚠️ Federated accounts, using keys
Via CLI or programatically 2/3

$ oci db autonomous-database create --admin-password $P --compartment -id $C --cpu-core-count 1 --data-storage-size-in-tbs 1 --db-name T1 --db-workload OLTP --is-auto-scaling-enabled false --license-model BRING_YOUR_OWN_LICENSE

• SDKs (Java, Python [4], Ruby and Go), CLI [5] and REST APIs
• Integration with Eclipse, Terraform, Ansible, Jenkins, ... see [6]
• Syntax is common for the two autonomous database flavours
• (as always) Check the defaults (e.g. license-model)
• The command line tool ”oci” [4]
Via CLI or programmatically 3/3

- Using "wait-for-state" is very useful
- "If timeout is reached, a return code of 2 is returned. For any other error, a return code of 1 is returned."

```bash
$ oci ... --max-wait-seconds 1200
   --wait-for-state AVAILABLE
$ echo $? 
0
```
-- Python version 3.6.8 okay.

--- In what directory would you like to place the install? (leave blank to use '/home/opc/lib/oracle-cli'):
-- Creating directory '/home/opc/lib/oracle-cli'.
-- We will install at '/home/opc/lib/oracle-cli'.

--- In what directory would you like to place the 'oci' executable? (leave blank to use '/home/opc/bin'):
-- Creating directory '/home/opc/bin'.
-- The executable will be in '/home/opc/bin'.

--- In what directory would you like to place the OCI scripts? (leave blank to use '/home/opc/bin/oci-cli-scripts'):
-- Creating directory '/home/opc/bin/oci-cli-scripts'.
-- The scripts will be in '/home/opc/bin/oci-cli-scripts'.

--- Currently supported optional packages are: ['db (will install cx_Oracle)']
What optional CLI packages would you like to be installed (comma separated names; press enter if you don't need any optional packages)?:
-- The optional packages installed will be ' '.
-- Downloading virtualenv package from https://github.com/pypa/virtualenv/archive/15.0.0.tar.gz.
-- Downloaded virtualenv package to /tmp/tmpfgq1ss/15.0.0.tar.gz.
-- Checksum of /tmp/tmpfgq1ss/15.0.0.tar.gz OK.
-- Extracting '/tmp/tmpfgq1ss/15.0.0.tar.gz' to '/tmp/tmpfgq1ss'.
-- Executing: ['/usr/bin/python3', 'virtualenv.py', '--python', '/usr/bin/python3', '/home/opc/lib/oracle-cli']
Already using interpreter /usr/bin/python3
Using base prefix '/usr'
New python executable in /home/opc/lib/oracle-cli/bin/python3
Also creating executable in /home/opc/lib/oracle-cli/bin/python
Installing setuptools, pip, wheel...
Connecting - Wallet

• One has to download a wallet, either from the Web console or using the OCI CLI

$ oci db autonomous-database generate-wallet --autonomous-database-id $D --password 1uD8jadfadhf --file wN2.zip

Downloading file [####################################] 100%

$ unzip -t wN2.zip

Archive: wN2.zip
  testing: cwallet.sso OK
  testing: tnsnames.ora OK ...

No errors detected in compressed data of wN2.zip.
sqlcl / SQL Developer / others

- SQLcl and SQL Developer can take the Wallet zip file directly as input.
- ⚠ Even if taken from a given ATP, services from all databases in the tenancy are listed.
- For other clients, one needs to unzip the client credentials (wallet files) and edit the sqlnet.ora file to reflect the path.

```bash
set cloudconfig /.../Wallet_N2.zip
```
Client versions

- ⚠ Relatively recent client versions should be used to connect
- Works for example with 12.1, 18.3, 19.3
- Below example with the OTN 11.2.0.4 Linux x86-64 client

```
$ ./instantclient_11_2/sqlplus /nolog
SQL*Plus: Release 11.2.0.4.0 Production on Sun Sep 8 18:18:48 2019
Copyright (c) 1982, 2013, Oracle. All rights reserved.
SQL> connect a/a@n2_tp
ERROR:
ORA-28864: SSL connection closed gracefully
```
Network

• One should restrict the IPs from which one can connect. It is described at [7]
• One can list individual IP addresses or classless prefixes (RFC 4632, see [8]) like 172.16.0.0/16)

$ cat MyIPs.json
[ "172.16.0.0/16" ]

$ oci db autonomous-database update --autonomous-database-id $D --
  whitelisted-ips file://MyIPs.json --max-wait-seconds 1200 --
  wait-for-state AVAILABLE --wait-interval-seconds 2
Services

• Several services per ATP are defined
• For the applications, ATPName_TP should be used as a default
• ⚠ ATPName_MEDIUM and ATPName_HIGH should not be used for transactional applications as they run by default all operations in parallel. See Franck Pachot ([9]) or Connor McDonald ([10])
$ system_profiler SPSoftwareDataType|grep mac
    System Version: macOS 10.13.6 (17G8030)
$ /Applications/sqlcl/bin/sql /nolog

SQLcl: Release 19.2.1 Production on Sun Sep 08 17:08:56 2019

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SQL> set cloudconfig /Volumes/HDD/cernbox/Work/2019/ATPOOW/Wallet_N2.zip
Operation is successfully completed.
Operation is successfully completed.
Using temp directory:/var/folders/6x/9rd90thsxmsn7j05xhyl7z/T/oracle_cloud_config4615653983530302053
SQL> ;
SQL and PL/SQL as entry points

- SQL Developer provides many tools. (was announce that EM will be available)
- I have found simple (and version independent) to call via SQL or PL/SQL the packages rather than using tools (expdb, impdb), scripts (awrrpt.sql, etc.)
- Call from SQL*Plus, SQLcl, any programmatic environment, DBMS_SCHEDULER, etc.
- DBMS_CLOUD package provides procedures to copy files from / to object storage as well as manage files on the DATA_PUMP_DIR directory
- DBMS_CLOUD_ADMIN provides procedures to manage database links and quotas

```sql
SELECT object_name, bytes FROM DBMS_CLOUD.LIST_FILES('DATA_PUMP_DIR');
```
Example AWR

```sql
-- DBID, Instance, snap_id (beginning), snap_id (end)
set serveroutput on
set verify off
set lines 32767
set pages 50000
spool &5
SELECT OUTPUT FROM TABLE(DBMS_WORKLOAD_REPOSITORY.awr_report_html(&1, 
    &2, &3, &4));
spool off
```
Example expdb / impdb (1/4)

DECLARE

h1 NUMBER; -- Data Pump job handle
job_state VARCHAR2(30); -- To keep track of job state
sts ks$_Status; -- The status object returned by get_status
file VARCHAR2(30); -- file prefix for the export dmp and log file
ostorage VARCHAR2(130); -- object storage url (Ending with a /)

BEGIN

file := 'ATPCAN2_'||to_char(sysdate,'YYYYMMDD-HH24MISS');
ostorage := 'https://objectstorage.eu-frankfurt-1.oraclecloud.com/p
            /xxx/n/yyy/b/ATPstorage/o/';
Example expdb / impdb (2/4)

```sql
h1 := DBMS_DATAPUMP.OPEN(operation=>'EXPORT',job_mode=>'SCHEMA');
DBMS_DATAPUMP.ADD_FILE(handle=>h1,filename=>file||'.log',directory
⇔ =>'DATA_PUMP_DIR',filetype => dbms_datapump._file_type_log_file,reusefile=>1);
DBMS_DATAPUMP.ADD_FILE(handle=>h1,filename=>file||'.dmp',directory
⇔ =>'DATA_PUMP_DIR',filesize=>'4G',filetype => dbms_datapump._file_type_dump_file,reusefile=>1);
-- A metadata filter is used to specify the schema that will be exported.
DBMS_DATAPUMP.METADATA_FILTER(h1,'SCHEMA_EXPR','IN (''CANUSER'')');
DBMS_DATAPUMP.SET_PARAMETER(h1,'COMPRESSION','ALL');
```
Example expdb / impdb (3/4)

```sql
DBMS_DATAPUMP.START_JOB(h1);
job_state := 'UNDEFINED';
while (job_state != 'COMPLETED') and (job_state != 'STOPPED') loop
  dbms_datapump.get_status(h1,
   dbms_datapump.ku$_status_job_error +
   dbms_datapump.ku$_status_job_status +
   dbms_datapump.ku$_status_wip,-1,job_state,sts);
end loop;
dbms_datapump.detach(h1);
```
Example expdb / impdb (4/4)

```
DBMS_CLOUD.PUT_OBJECT('DEF_CRED_NAME_EG',ostorage||file||'.dmp','
  DATA_PUMP_DIR',file||'.dmp');
DBMS_CLOUD.PUT_OBJECT('DEF_CRED_NAME_EG',ostorage||file||'.log','
  DATA_PUMP_DIR',file||'.log');
END;
/
```

Thanks to the documentation with examples [11]
Organisation

• Can use multiple "regions", deploying to any data center has the same price
• Federated identity very useful: control who has access, avoid multiple accounts, SSO. Federated accounts with local rights, local OCI users for service accounts
• ☢ Security of the accounts able to spend a lot of credit
• Organisation with compartments is essential
• In many cases, applying quotas is interesting. (not deployed for us)
• ☢ Recommendation: use compartment names which makes immediately sense. For example /ProjectOD-Prod and not /ProjectOD/Prod
• Define policy as "high" as possible with ACL at compartment level
• Accounting history is limited to 6 months, we extract a copy for longer term analysis
Backup and restore

• Export a copy outside the database is probably not needed but can anyway be interesting (common mode risk, organisation data, ...) just like on-premises multiple data copy protection

• A copy to Oracle ”Archive Storage”: 0.0026 US$ per GB per month. (example: 5TB compressed, weekly export kept for 12 months, 8112 US$ per year, much better -price, common mode- than leaving on DATA_PUMP_DIR)

• Ability to restore to a copy would be really useful

• ⚠ ”The restore operation also restores the DATA_PUMP_DIR directory and user defined directories to the timestamp you specified for the restore; files that were created after that timestamp would be lost”

• ⚠ Backups (incl. ”manual backups”) cannot be restored beyond 60 days
Notification

Via email, Slack, PagerDuty and/or HTTPS (custom)
Using ATP 1/2

• Use as a "usual" Oracle database at the SQL and PL/SQL level, a number of options are ignored which makes it easier for compatibility
• With some restrictions: Java, no OS access, etc.
• The data tablespace is DATA. The database character set is Unicode AL32UTF8
• Timezone is UTC by default.
• All described in Appendix B "ATP for Experienced Oracle Database Users" [12]
• (looking forward to 19c Automatic Indexing feature)
Using ATP 2/2

• HCC compression can be set if one needs
• ⚠️ One has to let the system organise, for example when importing data

impdp ... TRANSFORM=TABLE_COMPRESSION_CLAUSE:NONE
SQL 1/2

SQL> create tablespace data2;
create tablespace data2
*
ERROR at line 1:
ORA-01031: insufficient privileges

SQL> create user atpcan4 default tablespace sysaux;
User created.

SQL> select default_tablespace from dba_users where username='ATPCAN4';

DEFAULT_TABLESPACE
-----------------------
DATA

SQL> alter user atpcan4 quota 20g on data;
User altered.
SQL> create table atpcan4.at as select * from all_tables;
Table created.

SQL> create table atpcan4.athbc (a1 number) COLUMN STORE COMPRESS FOR QUERY HIGH;
Table created.

SQL> select table_name,tablespace_name,compress_for from dba_tables where owner='ATPCAN4';

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>TABLE_NAME</th>
<th>TABLESPACE_NAME</th>
<th>COMPRESS_FOR</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
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<td>DATA</td>
<td>QUERY HIGH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AT</td>
<td>DATA</td>
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</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Patches 1/2

- Querying DBA_REGISTRY_SQLPATCH, one can see (some) of the patches being deployed.
## Patches 2/2

```
SQL> select to_char(min(capture_date),'YYYYMMDD-HH24MISS') min_capture,description
  2  from ATPCAN2.LOG_PATCH group by description order by 1;

<table>
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<tr>
<th>MIN_CAPTURE</th>
<th>DESCRIPTION</th>
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<td>ADW Bundle Patch : 18.4.0.0.1 (29463850)</td>
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<tr>
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<td>ADW Bundle Patch : 18.4.0.0.1 (29612455)</td>
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<td>ADW Bundle Patch : 18.4.0.0.1 (29672289)</td>
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<tr>
<td>20190527-171003</td>
<td>ADW Bundle Patch : 18.4.0.0.1 (29798022)</td>
</tr>
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<td>20190608-150002</td>
<td>ADW Bundle Patch : 18.4.0.0.1 (29851765)</td>
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<td>ADW Bundle Patch : 18.4.0.0.1 (29908908)</td>
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<td>ADW Bundle Patch : 18.4.0.0.1 (29968420)</td>
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<td>ADW Bundle Patch : 18.4.0.0.1 (30047276)</td>
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<td>ADW Bundle Patch : 18.4.0.0.1 (30104464)</td>
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<td>ADW Bundle Patch : 18.4.0.0.1 (30167754)</td>
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<tr>
<td>20190901-042002</td>
<td>ADW Bundle Patch : 18.4.0.0.1 (30221697)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
```

11 rows selected.
Change of node 1/2

- Querying V$INSTANCE, one can observe on which instance the workload is running.

```
INSTANCE_NUMBER, INSTANCE_NAME, VERSION, STARTUP_TIME FROM V$INSTANCE
```
### Change of node 2/2

```
SQL> select to_char(d,'Day') DOW, to_char(d,'YYYYMMDD') D, instance_name from (select d,instance_name,
FIRST_VALUE(instance_name) OVER (ORDER BY d,instance_name ROWS BETWEEN 1 PRECEDING AND CURRENT ROW) p_instance_name
from (select distinct trunc(dbserver_date) d,instance_name from ATPCANZ.log_up order by 1,2))
where p_instance_name<>instance_name;

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```
Investigating availability

• Flow of connections to the dbname_tp
• Each connection loops and insert rows in a table
• Identifying any gaps
• Making the sum of the time of the gaps
CERN OpenDays 2019 - introduction

• Open Days 2019 is a week-end free and open for the public to visit CERN
• 89.5k persons maximum registered. https://opendays.cern/
• Multiple events and activities each with limited capacity
• Past Open Days indicated good reservation system is essential
• We developed an application capable of handling functional and potential high-load requirements
CERN OpenDays 2019 - Cloud

Decided to deploy on Oracle Cloud

• to be able to deploy at the needed scale
• to save time and benefit from automation using cloud services when possible
• Load balancer aaS, OCI Container Engine for Kubernetes, Autonomous Transaction Processing services, Oracle Management Cloud, Oracle Analytics Cloud
• to ease integration with other interfaces (on site organization) with Oracle database as a common repository
• to gain time and avoid having to deploy new services for the event
CERN OpenDays 2019 - Oracle cloud PaaS experience

• Easy to scale resources (up/down)
• Stable and highly available
• Simple and easy configurable
• Updates applied (User/Developer/DevOps) transparently without noticeable downtime
• Support of rapid and agile development
• Scalability tests have helped to discover a number of configuration issues, which have been solved before opening to production, no scalability problem observed on the production environment
CERN Open Days 2019 registration: number of persons registered aggregated per day of their registration

**Day at which people have registered**
- Jul
- Aug
- Sep

**Number of persons registered per day**

**Cumulative number of registrants versus the day of their registration:** 89496 persons registered

**Cumulative registrations**

**Day at which people have registered**
- Jul
- Aug
- Sep
Conclusion
Some takeaways 1/2

- Managed PaaS cloud services present a significant change / opportunity in the way to do operations. Will help to focus on what really matters, in our case research. Fast and flexible deployments
- Automation frees time from some of the routine tasks (no prior expertise, no constant check needed on some of the parts)
- Can help to run cloud-native new services or move "off-premises" services
- Networking is a key element which requires careful planning
- "Serverless / shared" ATP proven to be stable, evolving fast
- Open Days registration: no platform downtime even if Oracle has of course updated the platform during this period of time (mid July security patches, notification received for Cloud Engine interventions on the back-plane)
Some takeaways 2/2

• ATP, even if it is a "recent" solution, has proven very stable in the past 11 months for us (builds on components available or developing for years). Control plane with diverse interfaces

• ATP is changing fast, integration with Oracle cloud (notification, etc.) is important

• Looking forward to 19c "shared/serverless", including migration path implementations

• Have not tested / deployed "dedicated", appears as the strong solution for networking separation, higher control (patches for example) and "not sharing"

• Enterprise Manager and data management
Thank you!

Questions, suggestions most welcome, now or via email.

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