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Oracle Database Backup & Recovery, Flashback* Whatever, & Data Guard

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Agenda

- Recovery Manager Overview
 - Oracle Database 10g Features
- Flashback *
 - Granular Human Error Correction
- Data Guard
 - Overview
 - Enterprise Manager Integration
 - Best Practices for HA
- Questions and Answers



Recovery Manager: Oracle's Backup & Recovery Utility



- Intimate knowledge of database file formats and recovery procedures
- Manages and automates the backup, restore, and recovery process
- Creates and maintains backup policies
- Catalogs all backup and recovery activities
- Operates on-line and in parallel for fast processing
- Corrupt block detection during backup and restore and the ability to validate backups
- Integrated with Enterprise Manager & 3rd party network backup products



Recovery Manager

- Request backup at database, tablespace, or datafile level
- Incremental backups (up to 4 levels)
- Backup to tape through third party media manager software
- Comprehensive reporting
- Stored scripts that automate backup and recovery procedures

- Automatic parallelization of backup, restore, and recovery
- Backups can be restricted to limit reads per file, per second to avoid interfering with OLTP work
- No generation of extra redo during online database backups
- Proxy Copy Backup Accelerator allows fast copy technology at the storage subsystem level





Flash Recovery Area

- Unified storage location for all recovery files and recovery related activities in an Oracle Database.
 - Centralized location for control files, online redo logs, archive logs, flashback logs, backups
 - A flash recovery area can be defined as file system or ASM disk group
 - A single recovery area can be shared by more than one database
- Minimize the number of initialization parameters to set when you create a database
 - Define a database area and flash recovery area location
 - Oracle creates and manages all files using OMF





Flash Recovery Area Space Management





Change Tracking File



- Optimizes incremental backups
 - Track which blocks have changed since last backup
- Integrated change tracking file
 - Changed blocks are tracked as redo is generated
 - RMAN backup automatically uses changed block list

Incrementally Updated Backups



- Eliminate the need to perform a whole database backup.
- Reduce the time required for media recovery since the image copy is updated with the latest block changes.



Eliminate Shrinking Backup Window Syndrome!



Two Independent Disk Systems

- Fully automatic disk based backup and recovery
 - Set it and Forget it
- Nightly incremental backup rolls forward recovery area backup
 - <u>Changed</u> blocks are tracked in production DB
- Full scan is never needed
 - Dramatically faster (20x)
 - Blocks validated to prevent corruption of backup copy
- Use low cost ATA disk array for recovery area



Oracle Backup – The Lowest Cost Tape Backup Manager

File Systems Linux, Unix Windows. **Filers** Databases RMAN **Oracle Backup** Supports popular tape libraries & drives

- Oracle Backup is ideal for customers seeking a <u>low cost</u> alternative to complex backup products
 - Best integrated end-to-end backup of Oracle Databases
 - Media manger for RMAN backup and recovery of Oracle9*i* and 10*g* databases to tape
 - Fastest Database Backup on the market

Backup Oracle Home, App Server and other file systems

- Oracle Backup includes:
 - Centralized management of network backups
 - Scalability to low 100's of servers, 10's of millions of files
 - Easy management through Enterprise Manager
- Bundled with Oracle Database replaces LSSV
 - Single vendor support



Human Error

- Estimated to be the <u>biggest</u> single cause of downtime
- Need to quickly determine what happened and fix it
 - Localized damage
 - Needs surgical detection and repair
 - Example removed wrong person named 'Smith'
 - Widespread damage
 - Requires drastic action to avoid long downtime
 - Example batch job deletes this month's orders
- Analysis and correction using traditional recovery is slow and complex
 - Restore database to point in time and extract data
- Oracle Database 10g is a breakthrough release for human error correction



Flashback Time Navigation



Flashback Query

- Query all data at point in time

Select * from Emp AS OF '2:00 P.M.' where ...

Flashback Versions Query

- See all versions of a row between two times
- See transactions that changed the row

Select * from Emp VERSIONS BETWEEN '2:00 PM' and '3:00 PM' where ...

Flashback Transaction Query

 See all changes made by a transaction

Select * from FLASHBACK_TRANSACTION_QUERY
where xid = '00020003000002D';



How Does Flashback Time Navigation Work?

- Leverages Oracle's unique multi-version read consistency architecture
 - The data image is saved in the undo tablespace (or Rollback Segments) before being modified
 - Flashback Query uses the data saved in the undo tablespace to recreate an image of the data as it existed at a time in the past.
- Oracle's Automatic Undo Management feature allows administrators to specify how long they wish to retain the undo data
 - DBAs can control how far back a Flashback Query can go



Flashback Query

A Time Machine for Your Data



Flashback Query allows viewing data as it was before a mistake

- Query data at a time of your choosing
- Standard SQL interface simplifies deployment
- Self-service means faster, cheaper, and easier
- Flashback Query is a fast operation to enable self service

Correction

Insert into Emp select * from Emp <u>AS OF yesterday</u> where Ename='Smith';

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Mistake

Delete from Emp where Ename='Smith';



Build Self Error Correcting Application

Oracle Collaboration Suite utilizes Flashback Query's

built in functionality!

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Flashback Versions Query

- Provides a way to audit the rows of a table and retrieve information about the transactions that changed the rows.
- Retrieve all committed versions of the rows that exist or ever existed between the time the query was issued and a point in time in the past
- Use the transaction ID to perform transaction mining using LogMiner or Flashback Transaction Query to obtain additional information about the transaction.



Flashback Versions Query View data changes over time

Perform Recovery: Choose SCN

Object Type Tables Operation Type Flashback Existing Tables Table Name SCOTT.ORDERS

Following is the history of the row. Select the version you wish to remove. Additionally, all versions later than this version will be removed.

Flashback Versions Query Result

Select Flashback SC	VFlashback Timestamp	Transaction ID	Operation	ORDER_ID	CUSTOMER_ID	ORDER_STATUS
1017396 101739 101739 101739 101739 101739 101739 101739 101739 101739 101739 101739 101739 101739 1017 1017 1017 101	Mar 9, 2004 3:56:06 AM	0A000F00D6010000	DELETE	2453	116	0
0 1016773	Mar 9, 2004 3:46:13 AM	03002E0041080000	INSERT	2453	116	0
1016201	Mar 9, 2004 3:38:35 AM	0A000E00D4010000	DELETE	2453	116	0

Return to Recovery Type Selection



Back |

Cancel

Step 3 of 7

Next

- Fast and online access to data changes
- Utilizes the database undo and requires no additional overhead
- You control how far back in time data can be accessed

Flashback Transaction Query

- Provides a way for you to view changes made to the database at the transaction level
- When used in conjunction with Flashback Versions Query, it allows you to easily recover from user or application errors.
- Benefits
 - Increase online diagnosability of problems in your database
 - Perform analysis and audits of transactions
 - Fast recovery at the transaction level



Flashback Transaction Query View Transaction Details

View all objects affected by a single transaction

 Using the UNDO SQL, quickly recover from the erroneous transaction

Choose SCN: Transaction Details

		Transaction ID User Commit SCN Commit Time	<u>ОА000F00D6010000</u> SCOTT 1017397 Mar 9, 2004 12:00:00 AM
Operation	Table Owner	Table Name	
DELETE	SCOTT	ORDER ITEMS	insert into "SCOTT"."ORDER ITEMS"("ORDER ID","LINE ITEM ID","PRODUCT ID","UNIT PRICE","QL
DELETE	SCOTT	ORDERS	insert into "SCOTT"."ORDERS"("ORDER_ID","ORDER_DATE","ORDER_MODE","CUSTOMER_ID","ORDER_STA values ('2453',TO_TIMESTAMP_ITZ('04-OCT-99.08.53.34 PM'),"direct","116',"0","129',"153',NULL);



Flashback Error Correction





Flashback Database



- A new strategy for point in time recovery
- Eliminate the need to restore a whole database backup
- Integrated seamlessly with RMAN
 - Think of it as a continuous backup
 - Restores just <u>changed</u> blocks
 - Replay log to restore DB to time
- It's fast recover in minutes, not hours
- It's <u>easy</u> single command restore
 Flashback Database to '2:05 PM'

"Rewind" button for the Database



Flashback Database versus Classic Point-In-Time Recovery Recovery is 100 times faster with Flashback







- Quickly recover dropped objects Provides self-service recovery
- Eliminate the need for TSPITR
- Virtual Recycle Bin

Drop

table

emp;

Flashback

Table emp to before

drop:

- Objects remain in the recycle bin until you permanently drop them with the PURGE command or recover them with the Flashback Table command.
- Objects will remain in the recycle bin until there is no room in the tablespace for new rows or updates to existing rows or until the tablespace needs to be extended
- Objects are purged in the order they were dropped.

Mistake was made

Recycle bin



- Recover a table or tables to a specific point in time without restoring a backup
- Provides a way for users to easily and quickly recover from accidental modifications without DBA involvement
- In-place and online recovery of a table to a point in time in the past
- Eliminate traditional restores and clone instances to recover a table or tables to a specific point in time
- Data in the tables and all associated objects (indexes, constraints, triggers, etc.) are restored



Revolution in Recovery

Flashback Revolutionizes Recovery

- Operates on just the changed data
- Time to correct error equals time to make error
 - Minutes instead of hours

Correction Time = Error Time + (DB_SIZE)

- Flashback is Easy
 - Single command instead of complex procedure

What is Oracle Data Guard?

- Oracle's disaster recovery solution for Oracle data
- Feature of Oracle Database Enterprise Edition (EE)
- Automates the creation and maintenance of one or more transactionally consistent copies (standby) of the production (or primary) database
- If the primary database becomes unavailable (disasters, maintenance), a standby database can be activated and assume the primary role

Oracle Data Guard Focus



Also addresses human errors & planned maintenances



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Data Guard Configuration



- Managed as a single configuration
- Primary and standby databases can be Real Application Clusters or single-instance Oracle
- Up to nine standby databases supported in a single configuration



Oracle Data Guard Architecture





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Data Guard Redo Apply



- Physical Standby Database is a block-for-block copy of the primary database
- Uses the database recovery functionality to apply changes
- Can be opened in read-only mode for reporting/queries
- Can also be used for backups, offloading production database

Data Guard SQL Apply



- Logical Standby Database is an open, independent, active database
 - Contains the same logical information (rows) as the production database
 - Physical organization and structure can be very different
 - Can host multiple schemas
- Can be queried for reports while logs are being applied via SQL
- Can create additional indexes and materialized views for better query performance

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Standby Databases Are Not Idle



Standby database can be used to offload the primary database, increasing the ROI



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Protection from Human Errors and Data Corruptions



- Application of changes received from the primary can be delayed at standby to allow for the detection of user errors and prevent standby to be affected
- Administrators may choose not to configure any delay if both primary and standby are affected, then they can be simply flashed back [10g]
- The apply process also revalidates the log records to prevent application of any log corruptions

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Switchover and Failover

- Primary and Standby role transitions
- Switchover
 - Planned role reversal
 - No database reinstantiation required
 - Used for maintenance of OS or hardware
- Failover
 - Unplanned failure (e.g. disasters) of primary
 - Primary database must be reinstantiated / flashed back [10g]
- Initiated using simple SQL / GUI interface
- Data Guard automates the processes involved



Flexible Data Protection Modes

Protection Mode	Risk of Data Loss	Redo Shipment
Maximum Protection	Zero Data Loss Double Failure Protection	Synchronous redo shipping to 2 sites
Maximum Availability	Zero Data Loss Single Failure Protection	Synchronous redo shipping
Maximum Performance	Minimal data loss – usually 0 to few seconds	Asynchronous redo shipping

Balance cost, availability, performance, and transaction protection



Automatic Resynchronization

- Network connectivity problems may occur
- Data Guard automatically resynchronizes standbys after network connectivity restored
 - Implicit
 - ARCH process idling away on the primary 'pings' all standbys on a regular basis to see if they are missing any redo data
 - If so it sends them the missing redo data
 - Explicit
 - Gap discovered during apply process in physical standby
 - Based on FAL_SERVER and FAL_CLIENT settings, primary notified, and it sends missing redo data



Enhanced DR with Flashback Database



Primary: No reinstantiation after failover!

- Flashback DB removes the need to delay application of logs
- Flashback DB removes the need to reinstantiate primary after failover
- Real-time apply enables real-time reporting for logical standbys





SQL Apply – Rolling Database Upgrades



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Example – Ease of Use

 Switchover using Enterprise Manager is now literally two mouse clicks





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Overview

Standby Progress Summary





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Data Guard Customers





Data Guard Technical Case Studies

- ADT Security Services Using Data Guard SQL Apply Across a Wide Area Network
- Amadeus Using Data Guard for Disaster Recovery & Rolling Database Upgrades
- Fannie Mae Supporting 835 transactions per second & Zero Data Loss Protection in Oracle Database 10g
- First American Real Estate Solutions Using Oracle9i Data Guard and Planning ahead for Data Guard in Oracle Database 10g
- Ohio Savings Bank Maximum Availability Architecture & Zero Data Loss with Oracle Database 10g
- Oracle Global IT Oracle E-Business Suite with Data Guard over a WAN
- Swedish Post SQL Apply
- VP Bank SQL Apply

Ref. http://www.oracle.com/technology/deploy/availability/htdocs/HA_CaseStudies.html for latest updates



Oracle's Integrated HA Solution Set





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MAA Best Practice Publications

Best Practices on:

- ✓ RAC/ Data Guard configuration
- Redo data transport mechanisms
- ✓ Instance Recovery
- ✓ Switchover/Failover
- ✓ Media recovery
- SQL Apply configuration
- Network configuration
- ✓ Integration of HA technologies

White papers¹:
 MAA – detailed
 Media Recovery
 Site/Network configuration
 Fast-Start Checkpointing
 SQL Apply Best Practices

✓ Role Management

1. Ref. http://otn.oracle.com/deploy/availability/htdocs/maa.htm for latest updates





For more information on Oracle database High Availability, Disaster Protection, Backup & Recovery, and Storage Management technology

http://otn.oracle.com/deploy/availability/



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