

# What's New In Database 18c ... You Won't Hear About From Oracle



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System/370-145 system console



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Many database administrators (DBAs) will go into 2018 wondering if “self-driving” databases will weaken their career prospects. More likely, 2018 will be a year that database technology leaps forward and these valuable data experts take on other, more important responsibilities.

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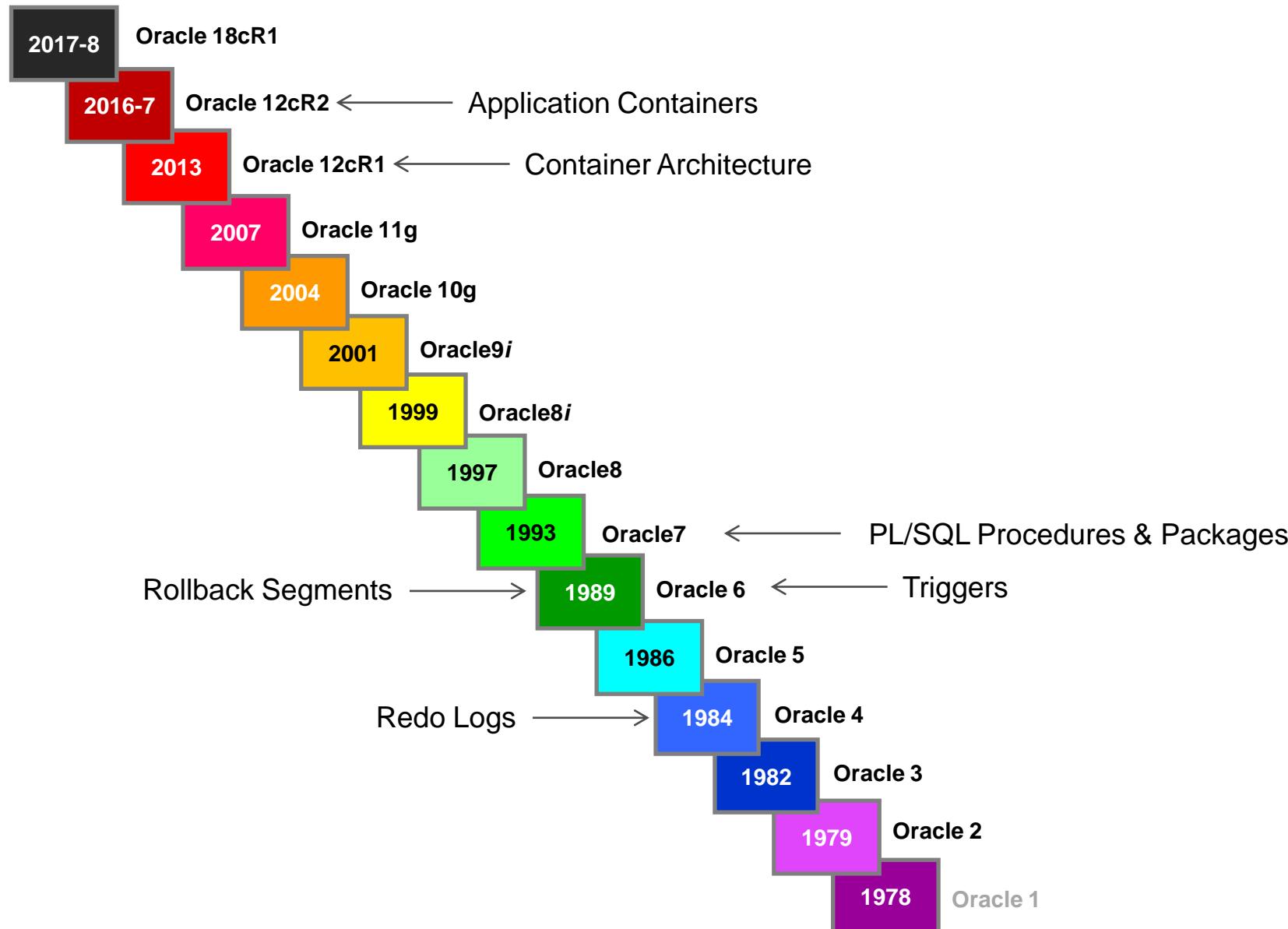
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# A Brief History of the Oracle Database



# Installation (1:2)

```
[opc@oem13c2-demo-db18c ~]$ sudo su - oracle
[oracle@oem13c2-demo-db18c ~]$ pwd
/home/oracle
[oracle@oem13c2-demo-db18c ~]$ ls -al
total 3372948
drwx----- 8 oracle oinstall          4096 May 15 01:00 .
drwxr-xr-x  5 root   root            4096 May  1 16:24 ..
-rw-r--r--  1 oracle oinstall         181 May 14 23:10 afiedt.buf
-rw-----  1 oracle oinstall        13202 May 16 02:49 .bash_history
-rw-r--r--  1 oracle oinstall         18 Mar 22 2017 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r--  1 oracle oinstall         175 May  9 18:02 .bash_profile
-rw-r--r--  1 oracle oinstall        1383 May  9 19:42 .bashrc
-rw-r--r--  1 root   root           135 Mar 13 18:23 .bashrc2018-03-13_18:23:24
-rw-r--r--  1 root   root           207 Mar 13 18:24 .bashrc2018-03-13_18:24:49
-rw-r--r--  1 root   root           788 Mar 13 18:42 .bashrc2018-03-13_18:42:36
drwxr-xr-x  3 root   root          4096 Mar 13 18:33 bkup
drwxr-xr-x  7 root   root          4096 Jan 26 2017 database
-rw-r----  1 oracle oinstall        26662 May 12 18:37 dbca_122_container.rsp
-rw-r----  1 oracle oinstall        26577 May  8 16:50 dbca_noncontainer.rsp
-rw-r--r--  1 root   root           5500 Mar 13 18:44 dbsetup.out.2872
-rw xr-xr-x  1 oracle oinstall        14204 Jan 24 00:43 dbsetup.sh
-rw-r--r--  1 oracle oinstall         4657 May  6 00:29 initparams.txt
-rw xr-xr-x  1 root   root           2892 Jan 24 00:43 dinject-sshkeys.sh
-rw-r--r--  1 oracle oinstall         171 Nov 15 18:39 .kshrc
-rw-rw-r--  1 oracle oinstall 3453696911 May  9 16:15 linuxx64_12201_database.zip
drwxr-xr-x  4 oracle oinstall          4096 Jan  9 22:32 .mozilla
drwxr-xr-x  2 oracle oinstall          4096 May  9 18:15 .oracle_jre_usage
drwx-----  2 oracle oinstall          4096 Mar 13 18:19 .ssh
drwxr-xr-x  2 oracle oinstall          4096 Mar 13 18:19 tmp
-rw-----  1 oracle oinstall         10376 May 15 01:00 .viminfo
-rw-----  1 oracle oinstall          64 May 12 18:32 .Xauthority
```



# Installation (2:2)

```
[oracle@oem13c2-demo-db18c ~]$ cd database
[oracle@oem13c2-demo-db18c database]$ ls -al
total 44
drwxr-xr-x  7 root  root  4096 Jan 26  2017 .
drwx----- 8 oracle oinstall 4096 May 15 01:00 ..
drwxr-xr-x  4 root  root  4096 Jan 26  2017 install
drwxrwxr-x  2 root  root  4096 Jan 26  2017 response
drwxr-xr-x  2 root  root  4096 Jan 26  2017 rpm
-rwxr-xr-x  1 root  root  8771 Jan 26  2017 runInstaller
drwxrwxr-x  2 root  root  4096 Jan 26  2017 sshsetup
drwxr-xr-x 14 root  root  4096 Jan 26  2017 stage
-rwxr-xr-x  1 root  root     500 Feb  6  2013 welcome.html
[oracle@oem13c2-demo-db18c database]$
```



# Read Only Oracle Home (1:4)

- This is one of the most important new Oracle 18c features and is a game changer with respect to how database software is installed
- It is something that was needed for decades for security and now has appeared to satisfy the requirements of the Oracle Cloud and Docker
- Docker containers are read-only ... so how can you deploy an Oracle Database in a Docker container if every ALTER SYSTEM that alters the spfile is non-persistent?
  - Of course you can create symbolic links to the spfile, to sqlnet.ora, listener.ora, tnsnames.ora, the password file, etc.
  - But it is incredibly clumsy
- The Cloud also benefits from a read only home when looked at from the standpoint of Oracle wanting to make claims for security and high availability in the Oracle Cloud





# Read Only Oracle Home (3:4)

- \$ORACLE\_HOME/bin
  - executable: roohctl

```
[oracle@oem13c2-demo-db18c bin]$ pwd
/u01/app/oracle/product/18.0.0/dbhome_1/bin
[oracle@oem13c2-demo-db18c bin]$ ls -al *ctl
-rwxr-x--x 1 oracle oinstall 234586 Mar 13 18:23 agtctl
-rwxr-x--x 1 oracle oinstall 1578 Feb 8 08:45 aqxmctl
-rwxr-x--x 1 oracle oinstall 254444 Mar 13 18:24 wrdactl
-rwxr-x--x 1 oracle oinstall 178299 Mar 13 18:24 lsnrctl
-rwxr-x--- 1 oracle oinstall 35759 Feb 7 18:55 mtactl
-rwxr-xr-x 1 oracle oinstall 33548 Nov 27 08:12 wolfsctl
-rwxr-xr-x 1 oracle oinstall 14558 Feb 8 08:45 onsctl
-rwxr-xr-x 1 oracle oinstall 5440 Nov 23 06:18 wrhpctl
-rwxr-x--- 1 oracle oinstall 4631 Feb 8 08:45 roohctl ←
-rwxr-xr-x 1 oracle oinstall 11460 Feb 8 08:45 srvctl
[oracle@oem13c2-demo-db18c bin]$
```



# Read Only Oracle Home (4:4)

```
[oracle@oem13c2-demo-db18c bin]$ roohctl -help
Usage: roohctl [<flag>] [<command> <option>]
Following are the possible flags:
    -help

Following are the possible commands:
    -enable Enable Read-only Oracle Home
        [-nodeList List of nodes in a cluster environment]
```

- Now we have 4 different environment variables to improve our deployments
- ORACLE\_BASE
  - Used to externalize the mutable files outside of the ORACLE\_HOME directory structure
- ORACLE\_HOME
  - The name provided when installing using OUI and DBCA ... findable in the Inventory
- ORACLEBASE\_HOME
  - Mutable SQL\*NET config, log and trace files and the /assistant DBCA templates
- ORACLEBASE\_CONFIG
  - Mutable configuration files (.ora and .dat usually found in / dbs)



# Users

## New: 12cR2

APEX\_050100  
APEX\_INSTANCE\_ADMIN\_USER  
APEX\_LISTENER  
APEX\_REST\_PUBLIC\_USER  
DBJSON  
DBSFWUSER  
**GGSYS**  
HRREST  
OBE  
ORDS\_METADATA  
ORDS\_PUBLIC\_USER  
REMOTE\_SCHEDULER\_AGENT  
RESTFUL  
SYS\$UMF  
**SYSRAC**  
XDBEXT  
XDBPM  
XFILES

## Dropped:

SPATIAL\_WFS\_USR

## New: 18cR1

None

## Dropped:

SPATIAL\_CSW\_ADMIN\_USR



# Roles

## New: 18cR1

None

## Dropped:

JAVA\_DEPLOY  
SPATIAL\_CSW\_ADMIN  
XFILES\_ADMINISTRATOR  
XFILES\_USER



# System Privileges

## New: 18cR1

READ ANY ANALYTIC VIEW CACHE  
TEXT DATASTORE ACCESS  
WRITE ANY ANALYTIC VIEW CACHE

## Dropped:

EXEMPT DDL REDACTION POLICY  
EXEMPT DML REDACTION POLICY



# Initialization Parameters (1:3)

## New: 18cR1

ADG\_ACCOUNT\_INFO\_TRACKING  
AWR\_PDB\_MAX\_PARALLEL\_SLAVES  
DBFIPS\_140  
FORWARD\_LISTENER  
INMEMORY\_AUTOMATIC\_LEVEL  
INMEMORY\_OPTIMIZED\_ARITHMETIC  
INMEMORY\_PREFER\_XMEM\_MEMCOMPRESS  
INMEMORY\_PREFER\_XMEM\_PRIORITY  
INMEMORY\_XMEM\_SIZE  
MEMOPTIMIZE\_POOL\_SIZE  
MULTISHARD\_QUERY\_DATA\_CONSISTENCY  
MULTISHARD\_QUERY\_PARTIAL\_RESULTS  
OPTIMIZER\_IGNORE\_HINTS  
OPTIMIZER\_IGNORE\_PARALLEL\_HINTS  
PARALLEL\_MIN\_DEGREE  
PDB\_TEMPLATE  
PRIVATE\_TEMP\_TABLE\_PREFIX  
RESOURCE\_MANAGER\_CPU\_ALLOCATION  
STANDBY\_PDB\_SOURCE\_FILE\_DBLINK  
STANDBY\_PDB\_SOURCE\_FILE\_DIRECTORY  
TDE\_CONFIGURATION  
UNIFIED\_AUDIT\_SYSTEMLOG  
WALLET\_ROOT

## Changed Values: 18cR1

DB\_BLOCK\_CHECKING

## Desupported / Changed Values: 18cR1

DBA\_REGISTERED\_MVIEW\_GROUPS  
  
GLOBAL\_CONTEXT\_POOL\_SIZE  
MAX\_ENABLED\_ROLES  
OPTIMIZER\_ADAPTIVE\_FEATURES  
PARALLEL\_AUTOMATIC\_TUNING  
PARALLEL\_IO\_CAP\_ENABLED  
PARALLEL\_SERVER  
PARALLEL\_SERVER\_INSTANCES  
STANDBY\_ARCHIVE\_DEST  
USE INDIRECT\_DATA\_BUFFERS  
UTL\_FILE\_DIR



# Initialization Parameters (2:3)

- **ADG\_ACCOUNT\_INFO\_TRACKING**
  - Controls login attempts of users on Active Data Guard Standby databases by extending the control of user account security information
- **AWR\_PDB\_MAX\_PARALLEL\_SLAVES**
  - Enables a DBA to allocate the correct amount of resources to enable quick and timely Automatic Workload Repository (AWR) flushes
- for multitenant container databases (CDBs).
- **DBFIPS\_140**
  - Enables Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) and DBMS\_CRYPTO PL/SQL package program units to run in a mode compliant to the Federal Information Processing Standard (known as "FIPS mode")
- **FORWARD\_LISTENER**
  - Specifies the name of a listener to which a connection must be forwarded by an existing set of remote listeners
- **MEMOPTIMIZE\_POOL\_SIZE**
  - Sets the size of the Memoptimized Rowstore in the SGA



# Initialization Parameters (3:3)

- **OPTIMIZER\_IGNORE\_HINTS**
  - Causes the optimizer to ignore all hints ... this should be the default setting in most databases
- **OPTIMIZER\_IGNORE\_PARALLEL\_HINTS**
  - Causes the optimizer to ignore all parallel hints ... this should be the default setting in all databases
- **PRIVATE\_TEMP\_TABLE\_PREFIX**
  - Specifies the prefix that the database uses for private temporary tables
- **TDE\_CONFIGURATION**
  - Used for per-PDB configuration for Transparent Data Encryption (TDE)
  - Before 18c, each PDB stored their separate encryption keys in the CDB's keystore (united mode)
  - Starting with Oracle Database 18c, a PDB can optionally store its encryption keys in a separate keystore (isolation mode) allowing protection by a separate keystore password
  - The **WALLET\_ROOT** initialization parameter must be set for **TDE\_CONFIGURATION** to take effect



# Dropped Built-In PL/SQL Packages

- All of Streams Change Data Capture (CDC)
  - DBMS\_CDC\_EXPDP
  - DBMS\_CDC\_EXPVDP
  - DBMS\_CDC\_IMPDP
  - DBMS\_CDC\_IMPDPV
  - DBMS\_CDC\_IPUBLISH
  - DBMS\_CDC\_ISUBSCRIBE
  - DBMS\_CDC\_PUBLISH
  - DBMS\_CDC\_SUBSCRIBE
  - DBMS\_CDC\_SYS\_IPUBLISH
  - DBMS\_CDC\_DPUTIL
  - DBMS\_CDC.Utility
- DBMS\_XMLQUERY
- DBMS\_XMLSOLVE
- Oracle Multimedia and DICOM



# Temporary Tables (1:3)

- Global Temporary Tables are persistent tables defined in the data dictionary but created in the temporary tablespace

```
CREATE GLOBAL TEMPORARY TABLE gtt_zip (
  zip_code      VARCHAR2(5),
  by_user       VARCHAR2(30),
  entry_date    DATE)
  ON COMMIT DELETE ROWS;
```

```
CREATE GLOBAL TEMPORARY TABLE gtt_zip3 (
  zip_code      VARCHAR2(5),
  by_user       VARCHAR2(30),
  entry_date    DATE)
  ON COMMIT PRESERVE ROWS;
```

- Private Temporary Tables have similar characteristics but are created in memory

```
CREATE PRIVATE TEMPORARY TABLE ora$pptt_ocdr(
  rid  NUMBER(10),
  rname VARCHAR2(20))
  ON COMMIT PRESERVE DEFINITION
  ON COMMIT DELETE ROWS AS
  SELECT * FROM servers;
```

```
CREATE PRIVATE TEMPORARY TABLE uwclass.ora$pptt_ocpr(
  ON COMMIT DROP DEFINITION
  ON COMMIT PRESERVE ROWS AS
  SELECT * FROM uwclass.servers;
```



# Temporary Tables (2:3)

- The Oracle docs are incomplete about PTTs so keep the following in mind when use them
  - A PTT's name must be prefixed with the parameter string value for "private\_temp\_table\_prefix". If you don't like the Oracle Corp default, and I don't (too many bytes) change it

```
SQL> show parameter private

NAME                      TYPE    VALUE
-----
private_temp_table_prefix  string  ORA$PTT_
```

- You cannot create a PTT as SYS and possibly with other privileged accounts. If you try to do so the error message you get will be misleading: Ignore it and move to a non-privileged schema.

```
SQL> sho user
USER is "SYS"

SQL> CREATE PRIVATE TEMPORARY TABLE ora$ptt_msg_fail
  2  ON COMMIT PRESERVE DEFINITION
  3  ON COMMIT DELETE ROWS AS
  4*   SELECT * FROM user_objects;
ON COMMIT DELETE ROWS AS
*
ERROR at line 3:
ORA-00922: missing or invalid option
```



# Temporary Tables (3:3)

- All DDL contains 2 implicit commits
- If you create a Temporary Table with ON COMMIT DELETE ROWS ... any DDL will empty the temporary table(s)



## ■ APPROX\_COUNT

- Returns the approximate count of an expression. With MAX\_ERROR the function returns the maximum error between the actual and approximate count.

```
APPROX_COUNT(<expression> [, 'MAX_ERROR']) RETURN NUMBER;

SELECT department_id, job_id, APPROX_COUNT(*)
FROM employees
GROUP BY department_id, job_id
HAVING APPROX_RANK (PARTITION BY department_id
ORDER BY APPROX_COUNT(*) DESC) <= 10;
```

## ■ APPROX\_RANK

- Returns the approximate rank from an optional PARTITION BY clause followed by a mandatory ORDER BY ... DESC clause. The PARTITION BY key must be a subset of the GROUP BY key. The ORDER BY clause must include either APPROX\_COUNT or APPROX\_SUM.

```
APPROX_MEDIAN(<expression> [PARTITION BY <partition_by_clause> [ORDER BY <order_by_clause> DESC])

SELECT department_id, job_id, APPROX_COUNT(*)
FROM employees
GROUP BY department_id, job_id
HAVING APPROX_RANK (PARTITION BY department_id ORDER BY APPROX_COUNT(*) DESC) <= 10;
```



## ■ APPROX\_SUM

- Returns the approximate sum of an expression. If you supply MAX\_ERROR as the second argument, then the function returns the maximum error between the actual and approximate sum. You must use this function with a corresponding APPROX\_RANK function in the HAVING clause. If a query uses APPROX\_COUNT, APPROX\_SUM, or APPROX\_RANK, then the query must not use any other aggregation functions.

```
APPROX_COUNT(<expression> [, 'MAX_ERROR']) RETURN NUMBER;

SELECT department_id, job_id, APPROX_SUM(salary)
FROM employees
GROUP BY department_id, job_id
HAVING APPROX_RANK (PARTITION BY department_id
ORDER BY APPROX_SUM(salary) DESC) <= 10;
```



# Built-In Functions (3:3)

## ■ ROUND\_TIED\_TO\_EVEN

- Returns n rounded to integer places according to the following rules:
  - 1. If integer is positive, n is rounded to integer places to the right of the decimal point
  - 2. If integer is not specified, then n is rounded to 0 places
  - 3. If integer is negative, then n is rounded to integer places to the left of the decimal point

```
ROUND_TIES_TO_EVEN(n [, INTEGER DESC])  
  
SQL> SELECT round_ties_to_even(0.05, 1) "ROUND_EVEN"  
  2  FROM dual;  
  
ROUND_EVEN  
-----  
      0  
  
SQL> SELECT round_ties_to_even(41.572,-1) "ROUND_EVEN"  
  2  FROM dual;  
  
ROUND_EVEN  
-----  
     40
```

```
SQL> SELECT round_ties_to_even(41.572,1) "ROUND_EVEN"  
  2  FROM dual;  
  
ROUND_EVEN  
-----  
     41.6  
  
SQL> SELECT round_ties_to_even(41.572,2) "ROUND_EVEN"  
  2  FROM dual;  
  
ROUND_EVEN  
-----  
    41.57
```



# Polymorphic Table Functions (1:4)

- PTFs are a new type of table function, a function that returns a collection of rows, whose return type is determined by the arguments passed into the PTF
- The new PTFs provides an efficient and scalable framework to extend the analytical capabilities of the Oracle Database
- A query writer is able to call these functions without knowing the details of the implementation and the PTF doesn't need to know about the details or how the function is being executed or whether the input rows are partitioned or ordered
- PTFs are useful when SQL developers and database administrators want to provide generic extensions which work for arbitrary input tables or queries
- Making possible queries like this producing JSON as output

```
SELECT * FROM to_doc(scott.dept)

{"DEPTNO":10, "DNAME": "ACCOUNTING", "LOC": "NEW YORK"}
{"DEPTNO":20, "DNAME": "RESEARCH", "LOC": "DALLAS"}
{"DEPTNO":30, "DNAME": "SALES", "LOC": "CHICAGO"}
{"DEPTNO":40, "DNAME": "OPERATIONS", "LOC": "BOSTON"}
```



# Polymorphic Table Functions (2:4)

- The DBMS\_TF package was initially released in version 12.2 and is now extended with new capabilities in 18.1
  - Contains types, constants, and subprograms that can be used by Polymorphic Table Functions (PTFs)
  - Provides server and client services to get rows from the database and send back new rows

12.2

```
GET_COL
GET_ENV
GET_XID
GET_ROW_SET
PUT_COL
PUT_ROW_SET
SUPPORTED_TYPE
TRACE
```

18.1

```
COLUMN_TYPE_NAME
COL_TO_CHAR
CSTORE_EXISTS
CSTORE_GET
ROW_REPLICATION
ROW_TO_CHAR
XSTORE_CLEAR
XSTORE_EXISTS
XSTORE_GET
XSTORE_REMOVE
XSTORE_SET
```



# Polymorphic Table Functions (3:4)

- Examples from the web of dbms\_tf usage

```
CREATE PACKAGE to_doc_p AS
  FUNCTION desc(tab IN OUT dbms_tf.table_t,cols IN dbms_tf.columns_t DEFAULT NULL) RETURN dbms_tf.describe_t;
END to_doc_p;
```

```
CREATE PACKAGE BODY to_doc_p AS
  FUNCTION desc(tab IN OUT dbms_tf.table_t,cols IN dbms_tf.columns_t DEFAULT NULL) RETURN dbms_tf.describe_t AS
    BEGIN
      FOR i IN 1 .. tab.column.COUNT LOOP
        CONTINUE WHEN NOT DBMS_TF.supported_type(tab.column(i).description.TYPE);
        IF cols IS NULL THEN
          tab.column(i).for_read := TRUE;
          tab.column(i).pass_through := FALSE;
          CONTINUE;
        END IF;
        FOR j IN 1 .. cols.COUNT LOOP
          IF (tab.column(i).description.name = cols(j)) THEN
            tab.column(i).for_read := TRUE;
            tab.column(i).pass_through := FALSE;
          END IF;
        END LOOP;
      END LOOP;
      RETURN dbms_tf.describe_t(new_columns => dbms_tf.columns_new_t(1 =>
        dbms_tf.column_metadata_t(name =>'DOCUMENT')));
    END;
  END;
```



# Polymorphic Table Functions (4:4)

- Examples from the web of dbms\_tf usage

```
dbms_tf.get_col(
  ColumnId  IN          NUMBER,
  Collection IN OUT NOCOPY "<V2_TABLE_1>");  
pragma interface(c, Get_Col);
```

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE fetch_rows AUTHID CURRENT_USER IS
  col1 dbms_tf.tab_clob_t;
  col2 dbms_tf.tab_clob_t;
  out1 dbms_tf.tab_clob_t;
  out2 dbms_tf.tab_clob_t;
BEGIN
  dbms_tf.get_col(1, col1);
  dbms_tf.get_col(2, col2);

  FOR i IN 1 .. col1.COUNT LOOP
    out1(i) := 'ECHO-' || col1(i);
  END LOOP;

  FOR i IN 1 .. col2.COUNT LOOP
    out2(i) := 'ECHO-' || col2(i);
  END LOOP;

  dbms_tf.put_col(1, out1);
  dbms_tf.put_col(2, out2);
END fetch_rows;
/
```



# SYS\_CONTEXT (1:2)

- SYS\_CONTEXT is a function that returns information about the environment in which an operation is running
- Here are some examples from earlier versions of SYS\_CONTEXT

```
SELECT sys_context('USERENV', 'AUTHENTICATION_METHOD') FROM dual;

SYS_CONTEXT('USERENV', 'AUTHENTICATION_METHOD')
-----
PASSWORD

SELECT sys_context('USERENV', 'IS_DG_ROLLING_UPGRADE')
FROM dual;

SYS_CONTEXT('USERENV', 'IS_DG_ROLLING_UPGRADE')
-----
FALSE

SELECT sys_context('USERENV', 'ORACLE_HOME')
FROM dual;

SYS_CONTEXT('USERENV', 'ORACLE_HOME')
-----
/u01/app/oracle/product/18.1.0\dbhome_1
```



## SYS\_CONTEXT (2:2)

- In 18c LDAP\_SERVER\_TYPE returns the configured LDAP server type, one of OID, AD(Active Directory), OID\_G, or OPENLDAP

```
SQL> SELECT sys_context('USERENV', 'LDAP_SERVER_TYPE') FROM dual;  
  
SYS_CONTEXT('USERENV', 'LDAP_SERVER_TYPE')  
-----  
OID
```



# 18c Feature Usage Procs

- DBMS\_FEATURE\_VPD
  - Collects metadata about the use of Virtual Private Database (DBMS\_RLS)

```
dbms_feature_vpd(
feature_boolean  OUT NUMBER,
aux_count        OUT NUMBER,
feature_info     OUT CLOB);

set serveroutput on

DECLARE
  i NUMBER;
  j NUMBER;
  k CLOB;
BEGIN
  dbms_feature_vpd(i, j, k);
  dbms_output.put_line('1: ' || i);
  dbms_output.put_line('2: ' || j);
  dbms_output.put_line('3: ' || k);
END;
/
1: 0
2: 0
3: Number of policies=0, Number of enabled policies=0, Number of objects that have VPD policies=0, Number of policies on SELECT statement=0, Number of policies on INSERT statement=0, Number of policies on UPDATE statement=0, Number of policies on DELETE statement=0, Number of policies on INDEX statement=0, Number of DYNAMIC policies=0, Number of STATIC policies=0, Number of SHARED_STATIC policies=0, Number of CONTEXT_SENSITIVE policies=0, Number of SHARED_CONTEXT_SENSITIVE policies=0, Number of attribute associated CONTEXT_SENSITIVE policies=0, Number of policies with long predicate=0, Number of COLUMN LEVEL policies=0, Number of COMMON policies=0, Number of INHERITED policies=0
```



# New Built-In Packages

- DBMS\_AWR\_PROTECTED
- DBMS\_ISCHEDFW
- DBMS\_ISCHED\_AGENT
- DBMS\_ISCHED\_UTL
- DBMS\_MEOPTIMIZE
- DBMS\_PDB\_APP\_CON
- DBMS\_SODA
- DBMS\_SQLSET
- DBMS\_STATS\_INTERNAL\_AGG
- DBMS\_WORKLOAD\_CAPTURE\_I
- DBMS\_WORKLOAD\_REPLAY\_I
- DBMS\_WRR\_REPORT
- DBMS\_XDS\_INT



# DBMS\_MEMOPTIMIZE

- Provides an interface for managing data in the memoptimize pool which is an SGA cache that stores table data and hash index related to the Memoptimized Rowstore
- The package provides the following functionality
  - **DROP\_OBJECT**
    - Removes a table's in-memory hash index

```
dbms_memooptimize.drop_object(  
  schema_name    IN VARCHAR2,  
  table_name     IN VARCHAR2,  
  partition_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
```

```
SQL> exec dbms_memooptimize.drop_object('UWCLASS', 'SERVERS');
```

- **POPULATE**
  - Populates a table's in-memory hash index

```
dbms_memooptimize.populate(  
  schema_name    IN VARCHAR2,  
  table_name     IN VARCHAR2,  
  partition_name IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
```

```
SQL> exec dbms_memooptimize.populate('UWCLASS', 'SERVERS');
```



## DBMS\_SODA

- A PL/SQL package implementing Simple Oracle Document Access (SODA)
- SODA allows use of the Oracle Database as a NoSQL document store
- The core abstraction provided by SODA is that of document collections
- The DBMS\_SODA package allows developers to create, list, and delete document collections with PL/SQL, and to perform CRUD (create, replace, update, delete) operations on documents
- All DDL functions are encapsulated within this package
- The package contains the following objects
  - CREATE\_COLLECTION
  - DROP\_COLLECTION
  - LIST\_COLLECTION\_NAMES
  - OPEN\_COLLECTION



- The DBMS\_SQLSET package provides a new an interface for managing SQL tuning sets
- It provides the same subprograms, although in some cases with slightly different names, as the SQL tuning set subprograms in DBMS\_SQLTUNE
- The important difference is that use of DBMS\_SQLSET **does not require the Oracle Tuning Pack license**
- Execute is granted to PUBLIC
  - Which I recommend you **revoke** unless you can come up with valid a justification for why a user with no priv other than CREATE SESSION has the skills to tune SQL Sets

```
SQL> REVOKE EXECUTE ON DBMS_SQLSET FROM PUBLIC;
```

Oracle ... this is an example of security irresponsibility like granting SELECT on ALL\_SOURCE to PUBLIC ... please stop compromising the integrity of your products



## ■ ADD\_REFERENCE

- Adds a new reference to an existing SQL tuning set to indicate its use by a client

```
dbms_sqlset.add_reference(
  sqlset_name  IN VARCHAR2,
  description   IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
  sqlset_owner  IN VARCHAR2 := NULL)
RETURN NUMBER;
```

```
DECLARE
  retVal NUMBER;
BEGIN
  retVal := dbms_sqlset.add_reference('UW_SQLSET', 'Test Add Ref');
  dbms_output.put_line(retVal);
END;
/
```



- CAPTURE\_CURSOR\_CACHE

- Polls the cache multiple times over a time period, and updates the workload data stored there. It can execute over as long a period as required to capture an entire system workload.

```
dbms_sqlset.capture_cursor_cache(
    sqlset_name      IN VARCHAR2,
    time_limit       IN POSITIVE := 1800,
    repeat_interval IN POSITIVE := 300,
    capture_option   IN VARCHAR2 := 'MERGE',
    capture_mode     IN NUMBER   := MODE_REPLACE_OLD_STATS,
    basic_filter     IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
    sqlset_owner     IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
    recursive_sql    IN VARCHAR2 := HAS_RECURSIVE_SQL);
```

```
DECLARE
    retVal NUMBER;
BEGIN
    retVal := dbms_sqlset.add_reference('UW_SQLSET', 'Test Add Ref');
    dbms_output.put_line(retVal);
END;
/
```



## ■ CREATE\_SQLSET

- Creates a SQL tuning set object in the database
- Overload 1

```
dbms_sqlset.create_sqlset(
  sqlset_name  IN VARCHAR2,
  description   IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
  sqlset_owner  IN VARCHAR2 := NULL);
```

```
SQL> exec dbms_sqlset.create_sqlset('UW_SQLSET', 'MLib workload');
```

- Overload 2

```
dbms_sqlset.create_sqlset(
  sqlset_name  IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
  description   IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
  sqlset_owner  IN VARCHAR2 := NULL)
RETURN VARCHAR;
```

```
DECLARE
  retVal VARCHAR2(60);
BEGIN
  retVal := dbms_sqlset.create_sqlset('UW_SQLSET', 'MLib workload', 'UWCLASS');
  dbms_output.put_line(retVal);
END;
/
```



## ■ CREATE\_STGTAB

- Creates a staging table through which SQL tuning sets are imported and exported

```
dbms_sqlset.create_stgtab(
  table_name      IN VARCHAR2,
  schema_name     IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
  tablespace_name IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
  db_version      IN NUMBER   := NULL);
```

```
SQL> exec dbms_sqlset.create_stgtab('SQLSET_TAB', 'UWCLASS', 'UWDATA',
  dbms_sqlset.sts_stgtab_18_1_version);
```

## ■ DELETE\_SQLSET

- Deletes a set of SQL statements from a SQL tuning set

```
dbms_sqlset.delete_sqlset(
  sqlset_name    IN VARCHAR2,
  basic_filter   IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
  sqlset_owner   IN VARCHAR2 := NULL);
```

```
SQL> exec dbms_sqlset.delete_sqlset('UW_SQLSET', 'elapsed_time < 250000', 'UWCLASS');
```



- **DROP\_SQLSET**

- Drops a SQL tuning set if it is not active

```
dbms_sqlset.drop_sqlset(  
    sqlset_name  IN VARCHAR2,  
    sqlset_owner IN VARCHAR2 := NULL);
```

```
exec dbms_sqlset.drop_sqlset('UW_SQLSET', 'UWCLASS');
```



## ▪ LOAD\_SQLSET

- Populates the sqlset with a set of selected SQL

```
dbms_sqlset.load_sqlset(
    sqlset_name      IN VARCHAR2,
    populate_cursor  IN sqlset_cursor,
    load_option      IN VARCHAR2 := 'INSERT',
    update_option    IN VARCHAR2 := 'REPLACE',
    update_condition IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
    update_attributes IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
    ignore_null      IN BOOLEAN := TRUE,
    commit_rows      IN POSITIVE := NULL,
    sqlset_owner     IN VARCHAR2 := NULL);
```

```
DECLARE
    l_cursor dbms_sqltune.sqlset_cursor;
BEGIN
    OPEN l_cursor FOR
    SELECT VALUE(p)
    FROM TABLE(dbms_sqltune.select_workload_repository (
    765,      -- begin_snap
    766,      -- end_snap
    NULL,     -- basic_filter
    NULL,     -- object_filter
    NULL,     -- ranking_measure1
    NULL,     -- ranking_measure2
    NULL,     -- ranking_measure3
    NULL,     -- result_percentage
    10)) p; -- result_limit

    dbms_sqltune.load_sqlset('UW_SQLSET', l_cursor);
    dbms_sqlset.load_sqlset('UW_SQLSET', l_cursor);
END ;
/
```



## ■ PACK\_STGTAB

- Moves one or more STS from their location in the SYS schema to a staging table created by the create\_stgtab function

```
dbms_sqlset.pack_stgtab(
    sqlset_name      IN VARCHAR2,
    sqlset_owner     IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
    staging_table_name IN VARCHAR2,
    staging_schema_owner IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
    db_version       IN NUMBER    := NULL);
```

```
SQL> exec dbms_sqlset.pack_stgtab('UW_SQLSET', 'UW_SQLSET_TAB');
```



- **REMAP\_STGTAB**

- Changes the sqlset names and owners in the staging table so that they can be unpacked with different values than they had on the host system

```
dbms_sqlset.remap_stgtab(
  old_sqlset_name      IN VARCHAR2,
  old_sqlset_owner     IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
  new_sqlset_name      IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
  new_sqlset_owner     IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
  staging_table_name   IN VARCHAR2,
  staging_schema_owner IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
  old_con_dbid         IN NUMBER   := NULL,
  new_con_dbid         IN NUMBER   := NULL);
```

```
SQL> exec dbms_sqlset.remap_stgtab('UW_SQLSET', 'UW_SQLSET_TAB');
```



- REMOVE\_REFERENCE

- Deactivates a sqlset to indicate it is no longer used by the client

```
dbms_sqlset.remove_reference(
  sqlset_name  IN VARCHAR2,
  reference_id IN NUMBER,
  sqlset_owner  IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
  force_remove  IN NUMBER   := 0);
```

- SELECT\_CURSOR\_CACHE

- Provided to be able to collect SQL statements from the Cursor Cache

```
dbms_sqlset.select_cursor_cache(
  basic_filter      IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
  object_filter     IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
  ranking_measure1 IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
  ranking_measure2 IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
  ranking_measure3 IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
  result_percentage IN NUMBER   := 1,
  result_limit      IN NUMBER   := NULL,
  attribute_list    IN VARCHAR2 := 'TYPICAL',
  recursive_sql     IN VARCHAR2 := HAS_RECURSIVE_SQL)
RETURN sys.sqlset PIPELINED;
```



- **SELECT\_SQL\_TRACE**

- Reads the content of one or more trace files and returns the SQL statements it finds in the format of sqlset\_row

```
dbms_sqlset.select_sql_trace(
  directory          IN VARCHAR2,
  file_name          IN VARCHAR2      := NULL,
  mapping_table_name IN VARCHAR2      := NULL,
  mapping_table_owner IN VARCHAR2      := NULL,
  select_mode         IN POSITIVE      := SINGLE_EXECUTION,
  options             IN BINARY_INTEGER := LIMITED_COMMAND_TYPE,
  pattern_start       IN VARCHAR2      := NULL,
  pattern_end         IN VARCHAR2      := NULL,
  result_limit        IN POSITIVE      := NULL)
RETURN sys.sqlset PIPELINED;
```



- **SELECT\_SQLPA\_TASK**

- Collects SQL statements from a Performance Analyzer task for creating a SQL Tuning Set containing the subset of SQL statements that regressed during a SQL Performance Analyzer (SPA) run

```
dbms_sqlset.select_sqlpa_task(
  task_name      IN VARCHAR2,
  task_owner     IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
  execution_name IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
  level_filter   IN VARCHAR2 := 'REGRESSED',
  basic_filter   IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
  object_filter  IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
  attribute_list IN VARCHAR2 := 'TYPICAL')
RETURN sys.sqlset PIPELINED;
```



- **SELECT\_SQLSET**
  - Reads SQL tuning set contents

```
dbms_sqlset.select_sqlset(
    sqlset_name      IN VARCHAR2,
    basic_filter     IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
    object_filter    IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
    ranking_measure1 IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
    ranking_measure2 IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
    ranking_measure3 IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
    result_percentage IN NUMBER := 1,
    result_limit     IN NUMBER := NULL,
    attribute_list   IN VARCHAR2 := 'TYPICAL',
    plan_filter      IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
    sqlset_owner     IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
    recursive_sql    IN VARCHAR2 := HAS_RECURSIVE_SQL)
RETURN sys.sqlset PIPELINED;
```

```
SQL> exec dbms_sqlset.select_sqlset('UW_SQLSET');
```



## ■ SELECT\_WORKLOAD\_REPOSITORY

- Overload 1: Collects SQL statements from the workload repository to collect SQL statements from all snapshots between begin\_snap and end\_snap

```
dbms_sqlset.select_workload_repository(
begin_snap      IN NUMBER,
end_snap        IN NUMBER,
basic_filter    IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
object_filter   IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
ranking_measure1 IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
ranking_measure2 IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
ranking_measure3 IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
result_percentage IN NUMBER := 1,
result_limit    IN NUMBER := NULL,
attribute_list  IN VARCHAR2 := 'TYPICAL',
recursive_sql   IN VARCHAR2 := HAS_RECURSIVE_SQL,
dbid            IN NUMBER := NULL)
RETURN sys.sqlset PIPELINED;
```

- Overload 2: Collects SQL statements from the workload repository to collect SQL statements from a specified baseline

```
dbms_sqlset.select_workload_repository(
baseline_name    IN VARCHAR2,
basic_filter     IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
object_filter    IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
ranking_measure1 IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
ranking_measure2 IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
ranking_measure3 IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
result_percentage IN NUMBER := 1,
result_limit     IN NUMBER := NULL,
attribute_list   IN VARCHAR2 := 'TYPICAL',
recursive_sql    IN VARCHAR2 := HAS_RECURSIVE_SQL,
dbid             IN NUMBER := NULL)
RETURN sys.sqlset PIPELINED;
```



## ■ UNPACK\_STGTAB

- Moves one or more STS from the staging table, as populated by a call to pack\_stgtab and moved by the user, into the STS schema, making them proper STS
- Users can drop the staging table after this procedure completes successfully

```
dbms_sqlset.unpack_stgtab(  
    sqlset_name      IN VARCHAR2 := '%',  
    sqlset_owner     IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,  
    replace          IN BOOLEAN,  
    staging_table_name IN VARCHAR2,  
    staging_schema_owner IN VARCHAR2 := NULL);
```

```
SQL> exec dbms_sqlset.unpack_stgtab(replace => TRUE, staging_table_name => 'UW_SQLSET_TAB');
```



## ■ UPDATE\_SQLSET

- updates selected string fields for a SQL statement in a sqlset (2 overloads)

```
dbms_sqlset.update_sqlset(
  sqlset_name      IN VARCHAR2,
  sql_id          IN VARCHAR2,
  plan_hash_value IN NUMBER    := NULL,
  attribute_name   IN VARCHAR2,
  attribute_value  IN VARCHAR2 := NULL,
  sqlset_owner     IN VARCHAR2 := NULL);
```

## ■ Overload 2

```
dbms_sqlset.update_sqlset(
  sqlset_name IN VARCHAR2,
  sql_id      IN VARCHAR2,
  plan_hash_value IN NUMBER    := NULL,
  attribute_name IN VARCHAR2,
  attribute_value IN NUMBER    := NULL,
  sqlset_owner IN VARCHAR2 := NULL);
```



# Modified Built-In Packages

- DBMS\_DISTRUPT
- DBMS\_DRS
- DBMS\_DST
- DBMS\_DB\_VERSION
- DBMS\_SESSION
- DBMS\_WORKLOAD\_CAPTURE
- DBMS\_WORKLOAD\_REPLAY
- DBMS\_XPLAN



# DBMS\_DISRUPT

- The DBMS\_DISRUPT built-in package is officially undocumented in the Types and Packages reference but worthy of your attention as it provides a PL/SQL interface for disrupting sessions and services and contains subprograms related to the following
  - DISRUPT SERVICES
  - DISRUPT SESSION
- Originally released in version 12.2.0.1 the DISRUPT\_SESSIONS procedure added a new parameter in 18.1.0.0

```
dbms_disrupt.disrupt_sessions(
  job_name      IN VARCHAR2,
  user_names    IN VARCHAR2 := '?',
  service_names IN VARCHAR2 := '*',
  instance_names IN VARCHAR2 := '?',
  module_names   IN VARCHAR2 := '*',
  percentage    IN NUMBER,
  sleep_interval IN NUMBER,
  duration      IN NUMBER    := 0,
  output_file   IN VARCHAR2 := NULL);
```

- The package is owned by SYS with no privileges granted and you might want to keep an eye on the fact that it stays that way



- The DBMS\_DRS built-in package supporting Data Guard has 27 new objects
- DBMS\_DRS is not documented and supported for DBAs and Developers but these new functions provide an excellent window into changes Oracle is making to Data Guard Physical Standbys and are an excellent way of learning how it changing and improving
  - ADD\_DATABASE
    - Add a standby database to a broker configuration. database\_ci is the connection identifier
  - ADD\_FAR\_SYNC
    - Add a far sync instance to a broker configuration. far\_sync\_ci is the connection identifier
  - CHECK\_CONNECT
    - Check network connectivity to the specified member

```
dbms_drs.check_connect(
member_name  IN VARCHAR2,
instance_name IN VARCHAR2);
```

```
SQL> exec dbms_drs.check_connect('ORABASE_DR', 'ORABASE1');
```



- **CREATE\_CONFIGURATION**
  - Creates a broker configuration. The primary database will be automatically added to the configuration by this procedure. Must be called on a primary database.
- **DISABLE\_FS\_FAILOVER**
  - Disables Fast Start Failover
- **DO\_OBSERVE**
  - Observer operation API - observer's operation to control FSFO since 12.2. (replaces Ping, ReadyToFailover, and StateChangeRecorded)
- **DUMP\_BROKER**
  - Dumps critical internal data of the broker process to a file
- **DUMP\_OBSERVER**
  - Dumps critical internal data of client-side observer process to a file
- **ENABLE\_CONFIGURATION**
  - Enables broker management of a Data Guard configuration. It must be called on the primary database. Return 0 means enable was successful, otherwise returns an error number.



- **ENABLE\_DATABASE**
  - Used to enable broker management of a database within the broker configuration. It must be called on the primary database.
- **ENABLE\_FAR\_SYNC**
  - Enable broker management of a far sync instance within the broker configuration. It must be called on the primary database.
- **ENABLE\_FS\_FAILOVER**
  - Used to enable fast-start failover
- **REMOVE\_CONFIGURATION**
  - Removes a broker configuration. It must be called on the primary database.
- **REMOVE\_DATABASE**
  - Used to remove a database from the broker configuration. It must be called on the primary database.
- **REMOVE\_FAR\_SYNC**
  - Removes a far sync instance from the broker configuration. It must be called on the primary database.



- **REPLACE\_MEMBER\_NAME\_IN\_PROPS**
  - Replaces a member name with another member name in all broker properties
- **RESET\_CONFIGURATION\_PROPERTY**
  - Resets configuration-level property, not database or far sync instance property, to its default value.
- **RESET\_DATABASE\_PROPERTY**
  - Resets a database configurable property to its default value
- **RESET\_FAR\_SYNC\_PROPERTY**
  - Resets a far sync instance configurable property to its default value
- **SET\_CONFIGURATION\_PROPERTY**
  - Used to set configuration-level property (not a database or far sync property ). Can be used to set both integer and character string properties.
- **SET\_DATABASE\_PROPERTY**
  - Used to set a database configurable property. Can be used to set both integer and character string properties.



- **SET\_FAR\_SYNC\_PROPERTY**
  - Used to set a far sync instance's configurable property. Can be used to set both integer and character string properties.
- **SET\_PROTECTION\_MODE**
  - Changes the protection mode to the mode specified. To prevent including database restart logic this procedure does not support the promotion of the protection mode from maximum performance to maximum protection.
- **STOP\_OBSERVER**
  - Stops the fast-start failover observers in a data guard broker configuration
- **WAIT**
  - Waits up to the number of seconds specified by the `max_wait_time` argument for the event specified by the `event_type` parameter to prevail



# DBMS\_DST

- Subprograms in this package allow users to apply Daylight Saving Time (DST) patches to the TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE (TSTZ) data type
- **FIND\_AFFECTED\_TABLES** has a new PARALLEL parameter
  - During a "prepare window" finds all the tables which have affected TSTZ data due to the new time zone version

```
dbms_dst.find_affected_tables(
  affected_tables  IN VARCHAR2 := 'sys.dst$affected_tables',
  log_errors       IN BOOLEAN  := FALSE,
  log_errors_table IN VARCHAR2 := 'sys.dst$error_table',
  parallel         IN BOOLEAN  := FALSE);
```

```
BEGIN
  dbms_dst.begin_prepare(31);
  dbms_dst.find_affected_tables;
  dbms_dst.end_prepare;
END;
/

SELECT * FROM sys.dst$affected_tables;
```



# DBMS\_DB\_VERSION

- This package can be used to specify the Oracle version numbers and other information useful for simple conditional compilation selections based on the Oracle or TimesTen Database version
- New Constant: VERSION\_LE\_18

```
BEGIN
  $IF dbms_db_version.ver_le_10 $THEN
    dbms_output.put_line('version 10 and earlier');
  $ELSIF dbms_db_version.ver_le_11 $THEN
    dbms_output.put_line('version 11');
  $ELSIF dbms_db_version.ver_le_12 $THEN
    dbms_output.put_line('version 12c');
  $ELSIF dbms_db_version.ver_le_18 $THEN
    dbms_output.put_line('version 18c');
  $ELSE
    dbms_output.put_line('Unknown version');
  $END  -- note that there is no semi-colon
END;
/
```



- This package is used for hierarchical profiling of PL/SQL objects
  - ANALYZE
    - 2 new overloads for analyzing the raw profiler output and produces hierarchical profiler information in database tables

#### Overload 4

```
dbms_hprof.analyze(
  trace_id      IN NUMBER,
  summary_mode  IN BOOLEAN      DEFAULT FALSE,
  trace         IN VARCHAR2    DEFAULT NULL,
  skip          IN PLS_INTEGER  DEFAULT 0,
  collect        IN PLS_INTEGER  DEFAULT NULL,
  run_comment   IN VARCHAR2    DEFAULT NULL,
  profile_uga   IN BOOLEAN     DEFAULT NULL,
  profile_pga   IN BOOLEAN     DEFAULT NULL)
RETURN NUMBER;
```

#### Overload 5

```
dbms_hprof.analyze(
  trace_id      IN NUMBER,
  report_clob  OUT CLOB,
  trace         IN VARCHAR2    DEFAULT NULL,
  skip          IN PLS_INTEGER  DEFAULT 0,
  collect        IN PLS_INTEGER  DEFAULT NULL,
  profile_uga   IN BOOLEAN     DEFAULT NULL,
  profile_pga   IN BOOLEAN     DEFAULT NULL);
```

- CREATE TABLES
  - Creates the table dbmshp\_trace\_data and sequence dbmshp\_tracenumbers sequence

```
dbms_hprof.start_profiling(force_it IN BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE);

exec dbms_hprof.create_tables(TRUE);
```



- START\_PROFILING
  - 1 new overload for starting PL/SQL profiling

```
dbms_hprof.start_profiling(
  max_depth    IN PLS_INTEGER DEFAULT NULL,
  profile_uga  IN BOOLEAN      DEFAULT NULL,
  profile_pga  IN BOOLEAN      DEFAULT NULL,
  sqlmonitor   IN BOOLEAN      DEFAULT TRUE,
  run_comment  IN VARCHAR2    DEFAULT NULL)
RETURN NUMBER;
```



- Removed Subprogram
  - DBMS\_PDB.REMOVE\_LINK
- New Subprograms
  - CLEAR\_PLUGIN\_VIOLATIONS
    - Undocumented but you need to know what it is and how it works
    - Determines whether a pluggable database described by file pdb\_descr\_file is compatible with the current CDB

```
SQL> desc pdb_plug_inViolations
Name                                         Null?    Type
-----                                     -----
TIME                                         NOT NULL TIMESTAMP(6)
NAME                                         NOT NULL VARCHAR2(30)
CAUSE                                         VARCHAR2(64)
TYPE                                         VARCHAR2(9)
ERROR_NUMBER                                  NUMBER
LINE                                         NOT NULL NUMBER
MESSAGE                                       NOT NULL VARCHAR2(4000)
STATUS                                         VARCHAR2(9)
ACTION                                         VARCHAR2(4000)
```



```
SQL> SELECT time, name, cause, type, message, status, action
  2  FROM pdb_plug_in_violations
  3* WHERE rownum = 1;

TIME                  NAME      TYPE      MESSAGE
-----
04-DEC-14 10.20.20.929000 PM  PDBDEV  WARNING  CDB parameter shared_pool_size mismatch: Previous 800M Current 0

STATUS    ACTION
-----
RESOLVED Please check the parameter in the current CDB
```

- IS\_VALID\_PATH
  - Undocumented but a potentially valuable tool

```
BEGIN
  IF dbms_pdb.is_valid_path('/u04/app/oracle/oradata/uwapp/') THEN
    dbms_output.put_line('T');
  ELSE
    dbms_output.put_line('F');
  END IF;
END ;
/
```



- SET\_SHARING\_NONE
  - Undocumented but you need to know what it is and how it works
  - Used to set SHARING=NONE status on an object in an App Root. It is intended to be used in migration cases where an application was already installed in a PDB or a non-CDB, where there was no support for application containers.

```
dbms_pdb.set_sharing_none(  
    schema_name  IN VARCHAR2,  
    object_name   IN VARCHAR2,  
    namespace     IN NUMBER,  
    edition_name  IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
```

```
exec dbms_pdb.set_sharing_none('UWCLASS', 'SSNONE', 1, 'ORA$BASE');
```



## ■ ADD\_SQL\_CONNECTION\_TEST

- Creates connection test an application servers can use to check the health of a database connection before using it

```
dbms_session.add_sql_connection_test(  
connection_test IN VARCHAR2,  
service_name     IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
```

```
SQL> exec dbms_session.add_sql_connection_test('OurTest', 'SYS$USERS');
```

## ■ DELETE\_SQL\_CONNECTION\_TEST

- Remove a connection test

```
SQL> exec dbms_session.add_sql_connection_test('OurTest', 'SYS$USERS');
```



## ■ DISABLE\_CONNECTION\_TEST

- Disables an application connection test

```
dbms_session.disable_connection_test(
  connection_test_type IN NUMBER,
  connection_test      IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
  service_name          IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL) ;
```

### Connection Test Types

- ENDREQUEST\_TEST
- PING\_TEST
- SQL\_TEST

```
SQL> exec dbms_session.disable_connection_test(dbms_session.ping_test, 'OurTest', 'SYS$USERS');
```

## ■ ENABLE\_CONNECTION\_TEST

- Enables an application connection test

```
SQL> exec dbms_session.disable_connection_test(dbms_session.sql_test, 'OurTest', 'SYS$USERS');
```

## ■ SLEEP

- Because having SLEEP in dbms\_backup\_restore, dbms\_drs, dbms\_lock, and user\_lock was not sufficient

```
SQL> exec dbms_session.sleep(10);
```



- We have had a major security hole in the Oracle Database that has now been plugged with version 18 ... we can now encrypt capture for Real Application Testing
- DECRYPT\_CAPTURE
  - Decrypts a previously encrypted workload capture (outside of replay)

```
dbms_workload_capture.decrypt_capture(  
  src_dir IN VARCHAR2,  
  dst_dir IN VARCHAR2);
```

```
SQL> exec dbms_workload_capture.decrypt_capture('SRCDIR', 'TGDIR');
```

- ENCRYPT\_CAPTURE
  - Encrypts an unencrypted workload capture

```
dbms_workload_capture.encrypt_capture(  
  src_dir    IN VARCHAR2,  
  dst_dir    IN VARCHAR2,  
  encryption IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT 'AES256'); -- options: 'AES128', 'AES192', 'AES256'
```

```
SQL> exec dbms_workload_capture.encrypt_capture('SRCDIR', 'TGDIR', 'AES256');
```



- New Public Capabilities
  - START\_CAPTURE (new parameters)
    - PLSQL\_MODE
      - TOP\_LEVEL: only top-level PL/SQL calls are captured
      - EXTENDED: both top-level PL/SQL calls and SQL called from PL/SQL are captured
    - ENCRYPTION
      - NULL: no encryption
      - AES128
      - AES 192
      - AES256

```
dbms_workload_capture.start_capture(
    name          IN VARCHAR2,
    dir           IN VARCHAR2,
    duration      IN NUMBER    DEFAULT NULL,
    default_action IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT 'INCLUDE',
    auto_unrestrict IN BOOLEAN   DEFAULT TRUE,
    capture_sts   IN BOOLEAN   DEFAULT FALSE,
    sts_cap_interval IN NUMBER  DEFAULT 300,
    plsql_mode    IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT 'TOP_LEVEL',
    encryption    IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL);
```



- GET\_STATE (unsupported)
  - Returns 1 if a session is being capture: Else 0

```
SQL> SELECT dbms_workload_capture.get_state
  2  FROM dual;
```

GET_STATE
-----
0

- Not supported but worth knowing are coming in the future
  - START\_BATCH\_CAPTURE
    - Starts a workload capture and stores data in different buckets
    - For instance, workload in 9AM - 10AM will be stored in bucket 1 while workload in 10AM - 12PM will be stored in bucket 2
  - SWITCH\_BUCKET
    - Signals all connected sessions to store workload captures into a new bucket
    - By default, SWITCH\_BUCKET will create an AWR snapshot for the workload captured in the current bucket



## ■ ASSIGN\_GROUP\_TO\_INSTANCE

- Assigns a group of capture files to be processed by a particular node in a RAC cluster

```
dbms_workload_replay.assign_group_to_instance(  
    group_id      IN NUMBER,  
    instance_number IN NUMBER);
```

```
SQL> exec dbms_workload_replay.assign_group_to_instance(6, 2);
```

## ■ LOAD\_LONG\_SQLTEXT

- Loads captured SQL statements whose length is greater than 1000 characters

```
dbms_workload_replay.load_long_sqltext(capture_id IN NUMBER);
```

```
SQL> exec dbms_workload_replay.load_long_sqltext(1107);
```



- **SET\_SQL\_MAPPING**
  - Specifies SQL statements to be skipped or replaced in replay

```
dbms_workload_replay.set_sql_mapping(  
  schedule_cap_id      IN NUMBER,  
  sql_id                IN VARCHAR2,  
  operation              IN VARCHAR2,  
  replacement_sql_text IN VARCHAR2);
```

- Overload 2

```
dbms_workload_replay.set_sql_mapping(  
  sql_id                IN VARCHAR2,  
  operation              IN VARCHAR2,  
  replacement_sql_text IN VARCHAR2);
```



# DBMS\_XPLAN

- `DISPLAY_CURSOR` has 2 new overloads
  - The original pipelined table function is now Overload 3

```
dbms_xplan.display_cursor(
    sql_id          IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
    cursor_child_no IN INTEGER  DEFAULT 0,
    format          IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT 'TYPICAL',
    shard_id        IN NUMBER)
RETURN dbms_xplan_type_table PIPELINED;
```

```
dbms_xplan.display_cursor(
    sql_id          IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT NULL,
    cursor_child_no IN INTEGER  DEFAULT 0,
    format          IN VARCHAR2 DEFAULT 'TYPICAL',
    shard_ids       IN num_tab_type)
RETURN dbms_xplan_type_table PIPELINED;
```



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ERROR at line 1:

ORA-00028: your session has been killed



# Thank You

