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These Release Notes describe issues you may encounter with Oracle Database Vault 10g Release 2 (10.2.0.3). The Oracle Database Vault installation is covered in detail in the *Oracle Database Vault Installation Guide*.

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Installation Issues and Recommendations

This section describes the known issues pertaining to installation. It also provides the workarounds that you can use.

Installing a Custom Database in an Existing Database Vault Home Fails

Bug 5334101

When installing a new custom database in an existing Database Vault home using Database Configuration Assistant (DBCA), the installation fails with the following error:

```
ORA-00604: error occurred at recursive SQL level 1
ORA-01031: insufficient privileges
ORA-06512: at "XDB.DBMS_XDB", line 73
ORA-06512: at line 319
```

The workaround is to disable Database Vault before installing a custom database in an existing Database Vault home. Reenable Database Vault after installing the database.

See Also: *Oracle Database Vault Administrator's Guide* for more information on enabling and disabling Database Vault.

DVCA Fails If the SID Is Longer than 8 Characters

Bug 5258820

Running Database Vault Configuration Assistant (DVCA) manually, after creating a new database in the Database Vault home, fails if the Oracle System Identifier (SID) for the database is longer than 8 characters.

The following steps reproduce the bug:

1. Use Database Configuration Assistant (DBCA) to create a new database in an existing Database Vault home.
2. Run DVCA on the newly created database:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/bin/dvca -action option -oh oracle_home -jdbc_str
jdbc_connection_string -sys_passwd SYS_password \
-owner_account DV_owner_account_name -owner_passwd
DV_owner_account_password \
[-acctmgr_account DV_account_manager_account_name] [-acctmgr_passwd
DV_account_manager_password] \
[-logfile ./dvca.log] [-silent] [-nodecrypt] [-lockout] [-languages
{"en"}, {"de"}, {"es"}, {"fr"}, {"it"}, {"ja"}, \
{"ko"}, {"pt_BR"}, {"zh_CN"}, {"zh_TW"}]}
```

See Also: *Oracle Database Vault Installation Guide* for more information on running the DVCA command.

The reason for the bug is that the Oracle Net service name in the `tnsnames.ora` (`$ORACLE_HOME/network/admin/tnsnames.ora`) file is truncated to 8 characters.

The workaround for the bug is to change the truncated Net service name in the `tnsnames.ora` file to its correct value. For example, say the SID for the database is `ORACLEDB90`, and the entry in `tnsnames.ora` appears as:

```
ORACLEDB = (DESCRIPTION = (ADDRESS = (PROTOCOL = TCP) (HOST ....
```

Replace the truncated entry in the `tnsnames.ora` file with the correct entry:

```
ORACLEDB90 = (DESCRIPTION = (ADDRESS = (PROTOCOL = TCP) (HOST ....
```

Special Characters Not Allowed in User Name

Bug 5590346

The Database Vault installer does not allow you to use special characters, like the underscore (`_`) character, for the Database Vault Owner and the Database Vault Account Manager user names.

The workaround is to use only alphanumeric characters for the Database Vault Owner and Account Manager user names.

Cannot Install Oracle Database Vault in a Data Guard Environment

Bug 5577503

The Database Vault installer fails to install Database Vault in an existing physical standby database.

You can create a new physical standby database by using the following steps:

1. Install Database Vault on the primary database.
2. Create a physical standby database using a hot backup of the primary database. This backup should include the Oracle home.
3. Set up communications between the primary and the physical standby database. Redo logs communicate changes from the primary database to the standby database.

See Also: *Data Guard Concepts and Administration Guide* for more information on creating a physical standby database

Database Vault Installer Returns an Error When Installing for a German Locale

Bug 5646888

The Database Vault installer returns an error message when it is run for a German Locale. The Negative Time error message is displayed.

This error occurs if some of the files accompanying the installer have a timestamp earlier than 1st January, 1970. In most cases, these files are under the `Disk1/stage` or `Disk1/stage/properties` directory. The workaround is to open and save these files again so that their timestamps are updated.

Enterprise Manager Does Not Start Automatically

Bug 5613521

After installing Database Vault on a Real Application Clusters (RAC) database, and running the postinstallation steps on the nodes, you get an error when trying to access Enterprise Manager.

Also, when you try to check the status of `dbconsole` using the `emctl status dbconsole` command, you get a message saying that the EM daemon is not running even though the process is running.

The workaround is to manually restart the `dbconsole` process using the following commands:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/bin/emctl stop dbconsole
$ORACLE_HOME/bin/emctl start dbconsole
```

Enterprise Manager Does Not Start Automatically on the Remote Nodes

Bug 5654876

After installing Database Vault on a Real Applications Cluster (RAC) database, and running the `dvca -action optionrac` command on the remote nodes, Enterprise Manager does not start automatically on the remote nodes.

See Also: *Oracle Database Vault Installation Guide* for more information on running the `dvca -action optionrac` command.

The workaround is to set the correct value for the `ORACLE_SID` variable in the `$ORACLE_HOME/bin/dvca.bat` file on the remote node. The `ORACLE_SID` variable needs to be changed from the local node SID to the remote node SID on the remote node. You can then run DVCA on the remote node.

Alternatively, you can manually restart the `dbconsole` process using the following commands:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/bin/emctl stop dbconsole
$ORACLE_HOME/bin/emctl start dbconsole
```

Silent Installation of Database Vault Fails If SID Is Not Specified in Correct Case

Bug 5679164

The Database Vault installer fails to detect the database during a silent installation. The following error is displayed:

```
OUI-10155:Error while setting variable s_dbSIDSelectedForUpgrade: The
10.2.0.3.0 database with the SID
you have specified does not exist in the system or does not run in the Oracle
Home you have specified.
```

The workaround is to ensure that the value specified for the `s_dbSIDSelectedForUpgrade` variable in the response file uses the correct case. The `s_dbSIDSelectedForUpgrade` variable is used to provide the system identifier (SID) of the existing 10.2.0.3 database to the Database Vault installer. You should ensure that the SID is specified in the correct case. You can find the SID value for the existing database in the `/etc/oratab` file.

In case the installation fails again, use the uppercase value for SID.

Usage Issues and Recommendations

This section discusses usage issues that you may encounter with Database Vault. It also provides the workarounds for these issues.

Accounts with DV_OWNER, DV_ADMIN, or DV_SECANALYST Role Cannot Use the ALTER USER Command

Bug 5161953

Accounts with the `DV_OWNER`, `DV_ADMIN`, or `DV_SECANALYST` role cannot run the following command:

```
ALTER USER user QUOTA UNLIMITED ON tablespace
```

The workaround is to `REVOKE` the role from the account, run the `ALTER USER` command, and then `GRANT` back the role to the account. This works if the account is not the `DV_OWNER` account that was created during installation. If the account is the `DV_OWNER` account created during installation, then you would need to use the following steps:

1. Disable the Database Vault command rule for the `ALTER USER` command.

2. Run the `ALTER USER` command.
3. Re-enable the Database Vault command rule for the `ALTER USER` command.

Enabling a Realm Fails When a Realm Secured Object Is Invalid

Bug 5582720

Enabling a realm fails with the following error:

```
ORA-00942: Table or view does not exist
```

This might happen if you try to enable a realm on an invalid object. The workaround is to make sure that all objects protected by the realm are valid, before trying to enable the realm.

Command Rule SELECT Not Found for SYSADM.%

Bug 5508407

The following error is displayed when you try to update the owner or the rule set for the `SELECT` command rule:

```
Command Rule SELECT not found for schema.%
```

After the update has failed, you are not allowed to delete the command rule. You can use the following workaround steps:

1. Login to SQL*Plus using the `SYSTEM` account. Run the following command:

```
SQL>ALTER SYSTEM FLUSH SHARED_POOL;
```
2. Delete the command rule.
3. If you were trying to update the command rule, then re-create the command rule with the new parameters.
4. Repeat Step 1 for the new command rule to take effect.

CREATE SESSION Privilege Is Controlled by the Data Dictionary Realm

Use the following steps to grant the `CREATE SESSION` privilege:

1. Temporarily disable the data dictionary realm.
2. Log in as the `SYSTEM` user.
3. Grant the `CREATE SESSION` privilege.
4. Enable the data dictionary realm.

Frequently Asked Questions on Installation

This section covers some of the frequently asked questions related to Database Vault installation. Oracle Database Vault installation is covered in detail in the *Oracle Database Vault Installation Guide*.

The installer does not detect my existing Oracle Database Enterprise Edition 10g Release 2 (10.2.0.3) instance. What should I do?

To allow the installer to find the database instance information, you should check the following:

- The database home has Oracle Enterprise Manager Console DB 10.2.0.3.0 installed.
- `/etc/oratab` has an entry for the database.
- All database names listed in `/etc/oratab` have unique system identifier (SID) names.
- The file, `/etc/oraInst.loc` exists.
- The `oraInventory` location is set in the `/etc/oraInst.loc` file.
- The `oraInventory` location set in `/etc/oraInst.loc` is the same as the 10.2.0.3 Enterprise Edition database's `oraInventory` location.
- The 10.2.0.3 database home does not have Oracle Database Vault in it.
- The 10.2.0.3 database home does not contain an Automatic Storage Management (ASM) instance.

I have installed Oracle Database Vault into an Oracle home that has multiple databases. How do I secure the other databases in the Oracle home?

You would need to run Database Vault Configuration Assistant (DVCA) manually on the other databases. Refer to the *Oracle Database Vault Installation Guide* for detailed instructions.

I have installed Oracle Database Vault on a Real Application Clusters (RAC) database instance. How do I secure the other nodes in the cluster?

You need to run DVCA manually on the other RAC nodes. Refer to the *Oracle Database Vault Installation Guide* for detailed instructions.

Manually Deploying the DVA Application

You can manually deploy Database Vault Administrator (DVA) to the following Oracle Application Server Containers for J2EE (OC4J) home:

`$ORACLE_HOME/oc4j/j2ee/home`

Use the following steps to manually deploy the DVA application:

1. Edit the file, `$ORACLE_HOME/oc4j/j2ee/home/config/server.xml`. Enter the following line just before the last line that reads, `</application-server>`:

```
<application name="dva" path="$ORACLE_HOME/dv/jlib/dva_webapp.ear"
auto-start="true" />
```

For example:

```
<application name="dva"
path="/u00/app/oracle/oracle/product/dv12/dv/jlib/dva_webapp.ear"
auto-start="true" />
```

2. Edit the file,
\$ORACLE_HOME/oc4j/j2ee/home/config/http-web-site.xml. Enter the following line just above the last line that reads, </web-site>:

```
<web-app application="dva" name="dva_webapp" root="/dva" />
```

3. Edit the file,
\$ORACLE_HOME/oc4j/j2ee/home/config/global-web-application.xml. Search for
<servlet-class>oracle.jsp.runtimev2.JspServlet</servlet-class>. Uncomment the following lines after this:

```
<init-param>  
  <param-name>main_mode</param-name>  
  <param-value>justrun</param-value>  
</init-param>
```

4. Create the directory, \$ORACLE_HOME/dv/jlib/sysman/config.

```
mkdir -p $ORACLE_HOME/dv/jlib/sysman/config
```

5. Create the database connection configuration file, emoms.properties, in the configuration directory that you just created. Add the following lines to the file:

```
oracle.sysman.emSDK.svlt.ConsoleMode=standalone  
oracle.sysman.eml.mntr.emdRepRAC=FALSE  
oracle.sysman.eml.mntr.emdRepDBName=ORACLE_SID  
oracle.sysman.eml.mntr.emdRepConnectDescriptor=TNS_connection_string
```

Note:

- oracle.sysman.eml.mntr.emdRepRAC should be set to TRUE for a Real Application Clusters (RAC) database.
- For
oracle.sysman.eml.mntr.emdRepConnectDescriptor,
you can use an alias from
\$ORACLE_HOME/network/admin/tnsnames.ora.
Alternatively, you can use the following syntax:

```
oracle.sysman.eml.mntr.emdRepConnectDescriptor=(DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS_LIST=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=TCP)\  
(HOST=HOSTNAME) (PORT=PORT))) (CONNECT_DATA=(SERVICE_NAME=ORACLE_SID)))
```

6. Start OC4J. Before starting OC4J, ensure that the correct environment variables are set. For example :

```
ORACLE_SID=orcl  
export ORACLE_SID  
ORACLE_HOME=/u00/app/oracle/product/10.2/dv  
export ORACLE_HOME  
LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$ORACLE_HOME/bin:$ORACLE_HOME/lib:$ORACLE_HOME/jdbc/lib  
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH  
PATH=$ORACLE_HOME/bin:$ORACLE_HOME/jdk/bin:$PATH  
export PATH
```

Note: LD_LIBRARY_PATH must be set to use the OCI-based JDBC libraries.

Start OC4J using the following syntax:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/jdk/bin/java -Djava.awt.headless=true  
-DEMDROOT=$ORACLE_HOME/dv/jlib -jar $ORACLE_HOME/oc4j/j2ee/home/oc4j.jar  
-userThreads -config $ORACLE_HOME/oc4j/j2ee/home/config/server.xml
```

7. You can now access the DVA application. The HTTP port defaults to 8888 for this environment. Use the following URL:

`http://hostname:8888/dva`

Miscellaneous Notes

This section contains miscellaneous notes not covered in the Oracle Database Vault documentation.

Snapshots and Materialized Views

The keyword `SNAPSHOT` is supported in place of `MATERIALIZED VIEW` for backward compatibility.

JOB_QUEUE_PROCESSES Initialization Parameter

The `JOB_QUEUE_PROCESSES` initialization parameter specifies the maximum number of processes that can be created for the execution of jobs. It specifies the number of job queue processes per instance.

This parameter must have a non-zero value. The default value for `JOB_QUEUE_PROCESSES` is 10.

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