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# Database Upgrade and Migration Best Practices

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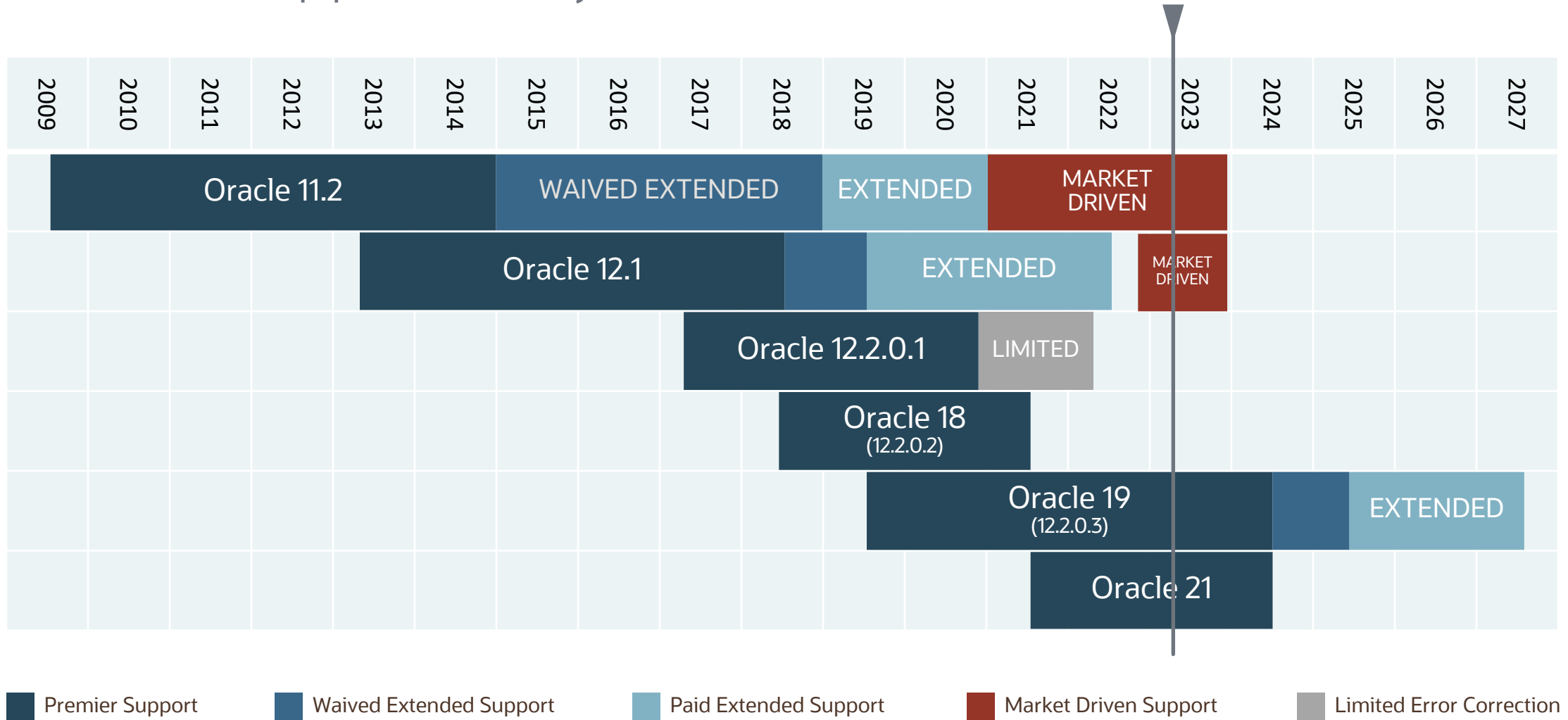
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# Lifetime Support Policy



# Release Types



## LONG TERM SUPPORT

5+ years of Premier Support followed by  
3+ years of Extended Support



## INNOVATION

2 years of Premier Support  
No Extended Support

Innovation

Long Term Support

Extended

Innovation

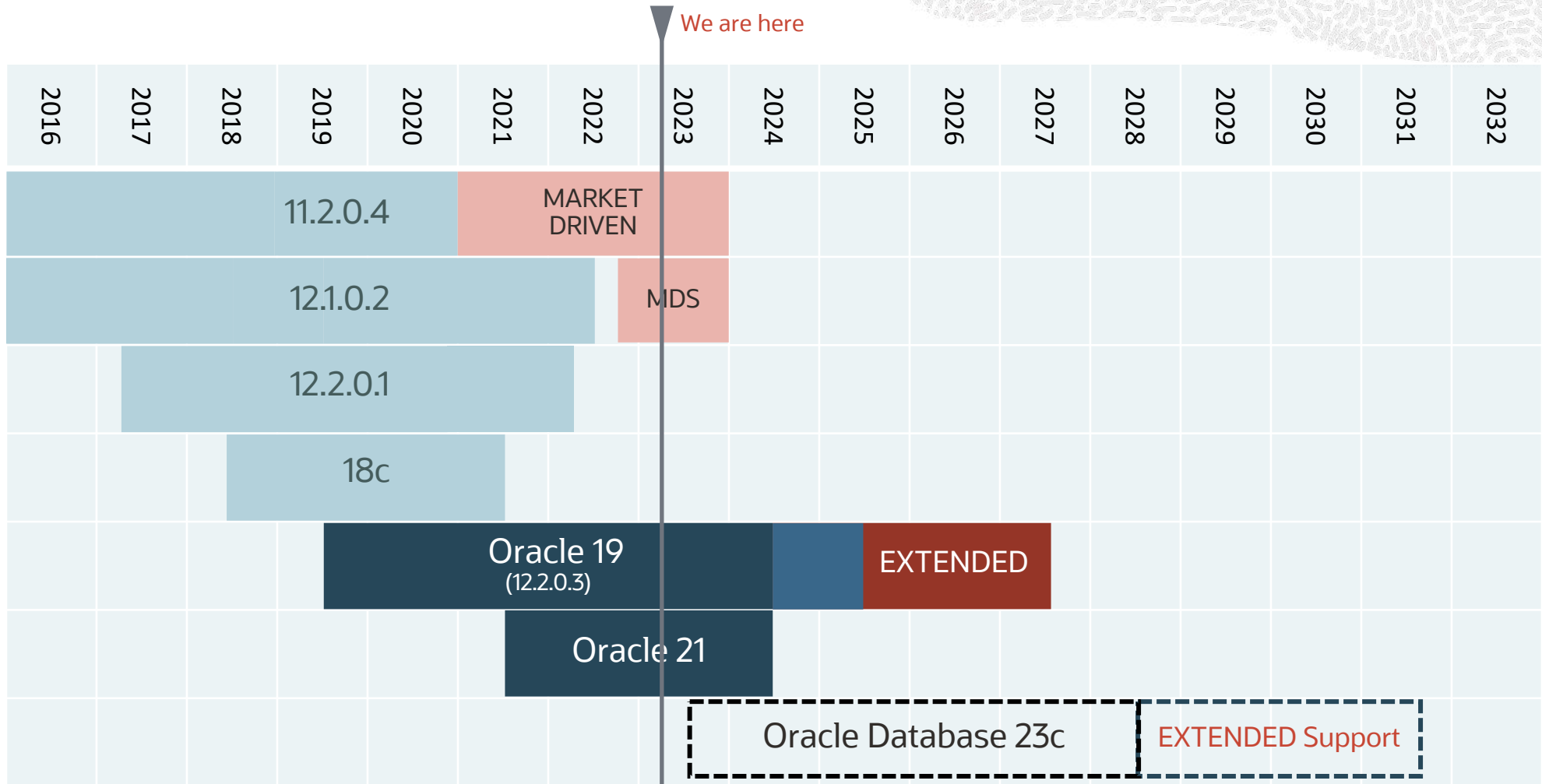
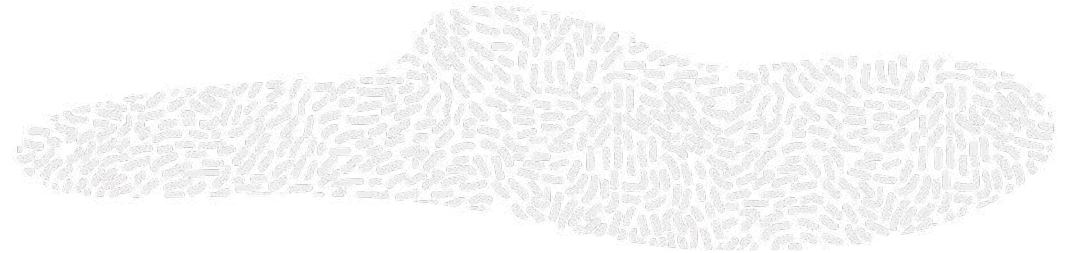
Long Term Support

Extended



Move production databases from one  
**Long Term Support** release to the next

# Plan YOUR Release Strategy





Next Long Term Support release

# Oracle Database 23c

Upgrade possible only from:

- Oracle Database 19c
- Oracle Database 21c

# Do you want to upgrade?

Oracle Database 11.2.0.4

Oracle Database 12.1.0.2

Oracle Database 12.2.0.1

Oracle Database 18c

Oracle Database 11.2.0.4  
Oracle Database 12.1.0.2  
Oracle Database 12.2.0.1  
Oracle Database 18c



Oracle Database 19c



**Oracle Database 23c**



Oracle Database 11.2.0.4  
Oracle Database 12.1.0.2  
Oracle Database 19.10.0  
Oracle Database 18c

# Direct upgrade is NOT possible!!



Everybody must **upgrade to Oracle Database 19c**, with or without Multitenant

# 3



user-created

**pluggable databases**

are always included - even in SE2

since **Oracle Database 19c**



# Prepare your upgrades and migrations

## 1

Install Oracle Home including RU and MRP

MOS Note: 2118136.2

MOS Note: 555.1

MOS Note: 2781612.2

## 2

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# Quarterly Patch Bundles

- <https://www.oracle.com/security-alerts/>

Critical Patch Updates, Security Alerts and Bulletins

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- 18 April 2023
- 18 July 2023
- 17 October 2023
- 16 January 2024

- 18 April 2023
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- 16 January 2024





# Timeline | Release Updates

	2021				2022				2023				2024		
	January	April	July	October	January	April	July	October	January	April	July	October	January	April	July
19c	19.10.0	19.11.0	19.12.0	19.13.0	19.14.0	19.15.0	19.16.0	19.17.0	19.18.0	19.19.0	19.20.0	19.21.0	19.22.0	19.23.0	19.24.0
21c		21.3.0	21.4.0	21.5.0	21.6.0	21.7.0	21.8.0	21.9.0	21.10.0	21.11.0	21.12.0	21.13.0	21.14.0	21.15.0	



# Your path to successful database upgrades

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# AutoUpgrade



**ONE BUTTON APPROACH**  
But giving you all the control you want



# AutoUpgrade automates your migration to Multitenant completely

Including Transparent Data Encryption with AutoUpgrade's new keystore functionality



**Always** use the latest version of AutoUpgrade

Download it from  
MOS Note 24854571



# Backwards Compatible

```
$ java -jar autoupgrade.jar -version
```

```
build.version 23.1.230224
```

```
build.date 2023/02/24 14:53:24 -0500
```

```
build.hash a1e2990e
```

```
build.hash_date 2023/02/24 14:44:39 -0500
```

```
build.supported_target_versions 12.2,18,19,21
```

```
build.type production
```

```
build.label (HEAD, tag: v23.1, origin/stable_devel, stable_devel)
```

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# Checklist

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Essential things to do before you  
upgrade or migrate your databases



Execute **database health checks** at least two weeks before an upgrade or migration



# Database Health Check



## Health check script

- Download from [MOS Note: 136697.1](#)
- In Multitenant, it must be run in each PDB separately



## ORAchk Upgrade Readiness Assessment

- Part of Autonomous Health Framework (AHF)
- Download from [MOS Note: 1457357.1](#)
- Upgrade Readiness Check – [MOS Note: 2550798.1](#)



Collect at least **one full month of performance data** before any upgrade or migration

# Performance Information



## AWR – Automatic Workload Repository

Change the retention to a minimum of 40 days

exec

```
dbms_workload_repository.modify_snapshot_settings  
(retention=>57600, interval=>30);
```



## Collect SQL statements and plans

Use AWR as main source

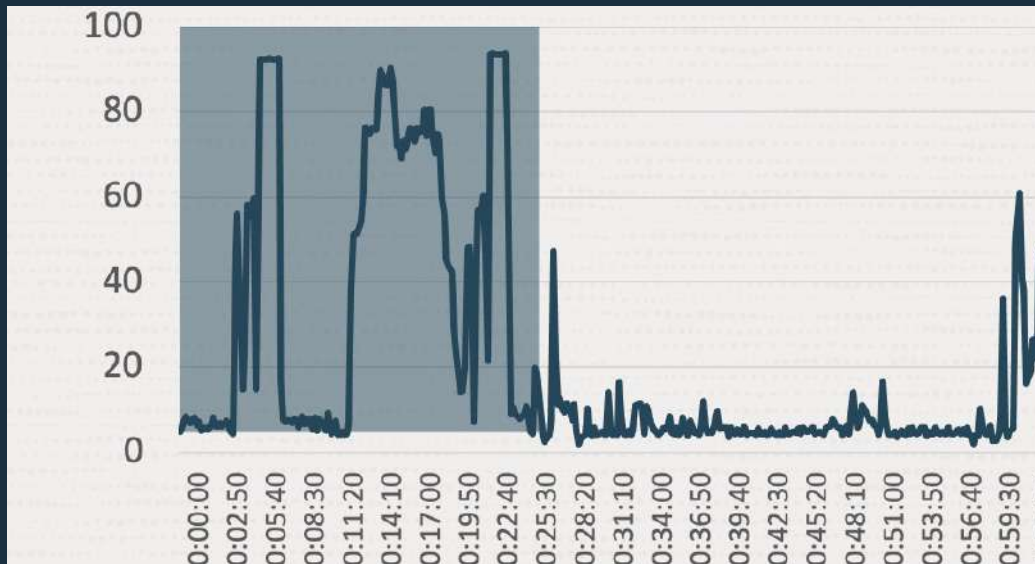
Capture from Cursor Cache for OLTP

Collect statements, plans and stats in SQL Tuning Sets



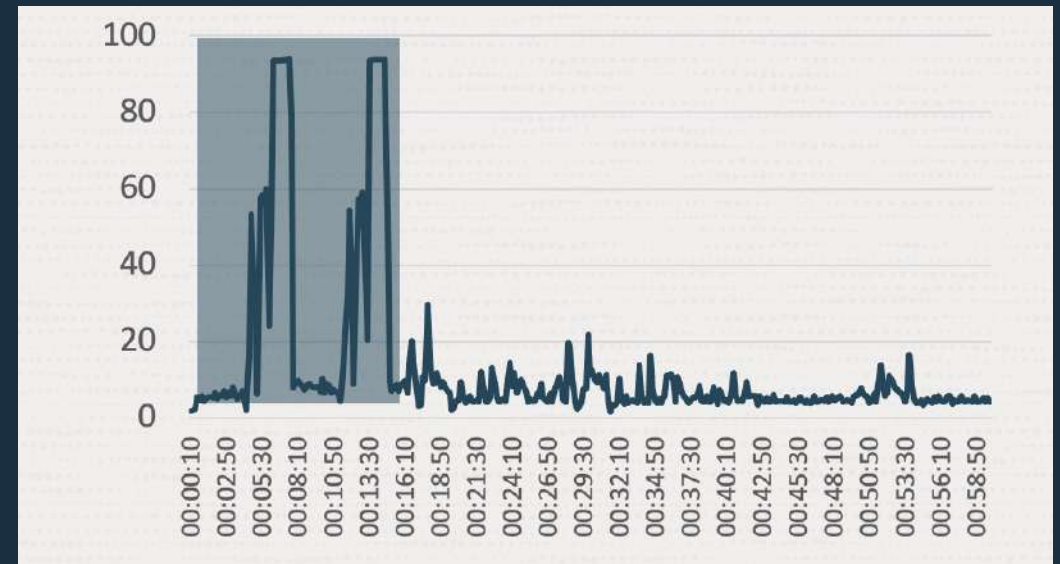
**Refresh dictionary statistics**, especially on `SYS` and `SYSTEM` before upgrade or migration

# Gather dictionary and fixed objects stats



Without stats refresh

- Initial upgrade phase: 25 min



With stats refresh

- Initial upgrade phase: 13 min

## 12 minutes saving in upgrade time



Try to avoid `optimizer_features_enable`





Do not change **COMPATIBLE** – if possible

# Comparison

Fully independent from each other

## COMPATIBLE

- Enables features
- Changes on-disk structures

## OPTIMIZER\_FEATURES\_ENABLE

- Just reverts to the parameters used in a previous release
- Avoid using it if possible
- This is **not** a Swiss Army knife!
- You will turn off a lot of great features







**Enable** disabled optimizer fixes with  
`DBMS_OPTIM_BUNDLE` when you  
upgrade and migrate

# Disabled Optimizer Fixes

```
SQL> set serverout on
SQL> execute dbms_optim_bundle.getBugsforBundle;
```

19.16.0.0.220719DBRU:

```
Bug: 28044739,  fix_controls: 28044739
Bug: 30771009,  fix_controls: 30771009
Bug: 33636280,  fix_controls: 33636280
Bug: 33089096,  fix_controls: 31545400
Bug: 30618406,  fix_controls: 30618406
Bug: 32614157,  fix_controls: 32614157
Bug: 33329027,  fix_controls: 33329027
Bug: 33311488,  fix_controls: 33311488
Bug: 32396085,  fix_controls: 32396085
Bug: 32122197,  fix_controls: 29972495
Bug: 32363981,  fix_controls: 32363981
```

Enable with:

```
execute
dbms_optim_bundle.enable_optim_fixes(
'ON','BOTH','YES')
```

- Consider careful testing
- SQL Performance Analyzer
- Adds lengthy `_fix_control` to SPFILE
- Granular on/off possible



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Use **SQL Performance Analyzer** to detect failing plans before going live.



Use **SQL Plan Management** and **SQL Tuning Advisor** to fix misbehaving SQL before going live.

# Detect and fix misbehaving SQL



1

Capture plans from AWR and Cursor Cache

2

Simulate with SQL Performance Analyzer

3

Fix SQL using binds with SQL Plan Management

- Use captured plan and accept it with **DBMS\_SPM** or EM CC

4

Fix SQL using literals with SQL Profiles

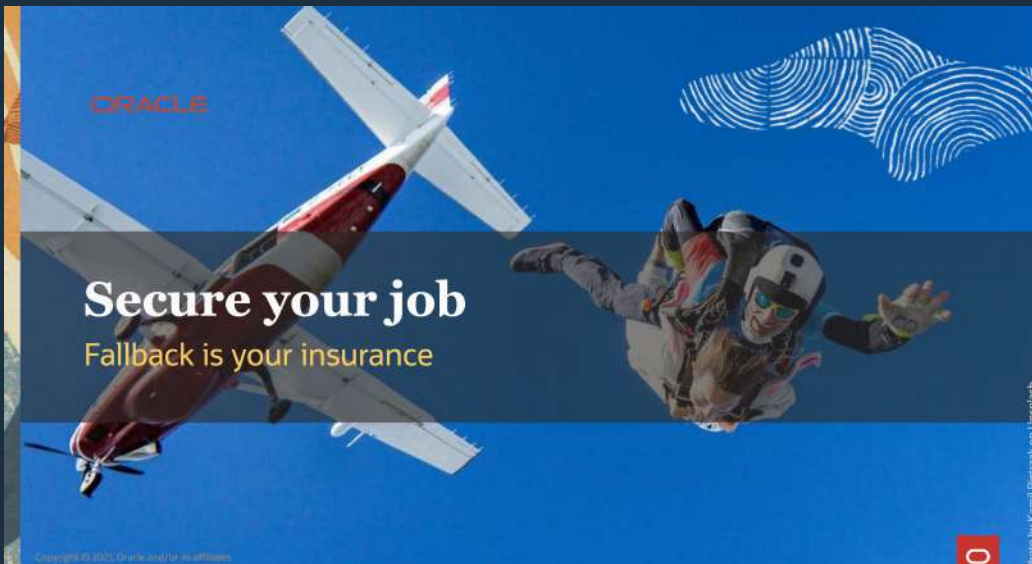
- Accept SQL profiles with **FORCE\_MATCH=>TRUE**



**Never ever** upgrade or migrate without evaluating and testing **your rollback and fallback options** successfully



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# Release Changes

How can you find out about release and patching changes beforehand?

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Home



Parameters



Users, Roles, etc



Privileges



Included Fixes



Oracle Database Home



Objects

All Objects

Code Objects

Columns

Directories

Procedures & Functions

Synonyms

Triggers

Search Object



Fixed Objects

### Version Selector

Source Version: 19c | Source Patch level: 19.14.0

Target Version: 19c | Target Patch level: 19.18.0

List Mode

### DBA\_TAB\_COLUMNS

Added | Removed | Changed

Q Go Actions

Owner	Table Name	Column Name	Data Type	Data Type Mod	Data Type Owner	Data Length	Data Precision	Data Scale	Nullable	Column Id	Default Length	Character Set Name	Char Col Decl Length	Default On Null	Identi Column
MDSYS	SDO_DIST_METADATA_TABLE	SID	NUMBER			22			Y	33				NO	NO
SYS	DB_NOTIFICATIONS	ID	NUMBER			22			N	1				NO	NO
SYS	DB_NOTIFICATIONS	TYPE	VARCHAR2			32			Y	2		CHAR_CS	32	NO	NO
SYS	DB_NOTIFICATIONS	TIME	TIMESTAMP(6) WITH TIME ZONE			13		6	N	3				NO	NO
SYS	DB_NOTIFICATIONS	EXPECTED_START_DATE	TIMESTAMP(6) WITH TIME ZONE			13		6	Y	4				NO	NO



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**Thank you**

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