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Oracle Cloud Storage

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Oracle Cloud Storage

- Automatic Storage Management (ASM)
- Oracle Cloud File System
 - ASM Dynamic Volume Manager (ADVM)
 - ASM Cluster File System (ACFS)
 - ACFS data services
 - Snapshot, replication, tagging, security, encryption
 - Included all editions of the database for storing:
 - Oracle Database files, Oracle application binaries, Oracle homes
 - Oracle software administrative and diagnostics files
 - All non-Oracle database and non-Oracle application files



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High level architecture





Automatic Storage Management (ASM)





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Automatic Storage Management

An integrated **storage manager** for Oracle Database files



- Integrated volume manager
 - Flexible mirroring and striping
- High performance file system
- Automated features:
 - Data re-balancing
 - Variable size extents
 - Auto bad block detection & correction
- Highly scalable
- Cluster and Single node file system
- SQL, EM and ASMCMD management



ASM Key Components

ASM Disk Group

- Shared storage pool
- Highest level object managed by ASM
- Collection of ASM disks

ASM disk

- LUNs, partitions, volumes, NAS files
- Read/write accessible by Oracle User
- ASM Disks are divided into Allocation Units

ASM file

- Appears as normal file to database kernel
- File name starts with '+', for example / +DATA/mydb/datafile/system.257.5 65020







ASM Process Architecture



- Integrated Solution
- ASM manages meta-data
 NOT in IO path
 - Same performance as raw





Dynamic Rebalancing

- Simple provisioning
 - Add, drop or resize



Benefits:

Disk Group

- On-line capacity management
- Eliminates manual I/O tuning
- Maintain optimal performance
- Storage migration on line



Multi-tenancy: multiple app hosting, storage pooling, provisioning and consolidation

Local Area Network



ASM Disk Group

- Shared storage across several databases
 - RAC and Single Instance
 - Servicing multiple clients with security
- Benefits:
 - Simplified and Centralized management
 - Higher storage utilization
 - Higher performance

Intelligent Mirroring





Disk Group

- Efficient extent-based mirroring and striping
 - 128KB striping for small writes
 - Extent size striping for large I/O
- A Failure Group is a set of disks sharing a common resource whose failure needs to be tolerated
- Up to 3-way mirroring
- Automatic bad block detection and correction



ASM Fast Mirror Resync





- Fraction of time to re-establish redundancy
- Only changed blocks are resync'ed
- Benefits:
 - Fast recovery from transient failures
 - Enables pro-active maintenance



Other Key ASM Features and Benefits

- Intelligent Data Placement
 - Tune for optimal performance
 by placing hot data on outer tracks &
 less demanding data on the inner
- Multiple Allocation Units
 - Delivers optimal performance based on OLTP, DW and batch
- Fast Mirror Resync
 - Fast recovery from transient failures
- Preferred Mirror Read
 - Eliminate network latency in extended clusters

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Oracle Cloud File System

ASM Dynamic Volume Manager (ADVM) ASM Cluster File System (ACFS) ACFS data services



ASM Dynamic Volume Manager (ADVM)

General Purpose Volume Manager



- General purpose volume platform
 - Supports ACFS and 3rd party file systems
 - Eliminates the need for 3rd party VMgrs
- ASM volume management service
 - Cluster and single host volumes
 - Loadable kernel driver
- 'Dynamic Volume' is an ASM file
 - +DATA/volume1 \rightarrow /dev/asm/volume1-123
 - Leverages ASM features
 - Easy on line provisioning
- Cross platform (Linux, Windows, UNIX)
- Managed using ASMCMD, EM and SQL





Leveraging the Power of ASM

- Even distribution of data
- Dynamic provisioning

Dynamic volumes and ACFS FS may be resized leveraging ASM file resize features

% asmcmd volresize dga vol1 -s 50G

Can also use Enterprise
 Manager for management
 and threshold alerts



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ASM Cluster File System (ACFS)

A General Purpose File System

- Standards based general purpose cluster file system
 - POSIX, X/OPEN for UNIX/Linux for standard user interface
 - Windows file system compliant
 - Ideal for Oracle database, applications and middleware binaries (homes), administrative files and external BFILEs
- Cache coherent file system with global name space
- Supports NFS and CIFS network protocols
- Easy to manage cross OS platform
 - Linux, Windows, Solaris and AIX
 - Managed thru native OS interfaces and Oracle system mgt tool







ACFS Snapshots

• Dynamic, fast, space efficient, "point in time" read-only or read-write copies of ACFS file system files

- Captures ASM FS file block/extent updates Copy on Write
- An enabler for:
 - On-line, disk-based, file backup model using snapshots
 - Individual file recoveries
 - Use snapshot copy of production data for test and development
 - Offload backups using snapshot image
- Up to 63 snapshot images per ASM file system
 - Policy based snapshots:
 - Schedule snapshots on an interval basis: every 5 seconds, every 30 minutes, daily, ...





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ACFS Replication

- Enables replication of ACFS file systems across the network to a remote site
- Compliments Data Guard and provides a complete Oracle DR solution for all files
- Replication logs are used to replicate from primary to standby asynchronously





ACFS Tagging

- ACFS Tagging assigns a common naming attribute to a group of files
- What problem does it solve
 - File operations can be performed based on tagging attributes on files spread throughout multiple file systems
- Example: You can now replicate all files tagged "Oracle Home"
 - Achieve complete DR solution for Oracle homes and database file (through Data Guard)





ACFS Security

- ACFS Security uses Realms, Rules, RuleSets, and Command Rules to enforce security
 - Managed by 'Security Administrator'
- Realm is a virtual container of
 - Users
 - Files and directories, access defined by security filters
 - Rules and rule sets defining access
 - Command rules to allow/disallow operations
- What problem does it solve
 - Fine grained access control in addition to OS ACLs
 - Example: Grant operator Joe read only access to MedicalRecords between 9-11pm for backup purposes.



ACFS Encryption



- Enable users to encrypt data stored on disk
 - Flexibility to encrypt the entire file system and/or just individual files and directories
 - Transparent to users and applications
- What problem does it solve
 - Protects data-at-rest through encryption
 - Prevents unauthorized use of data in case of data loss or theft
- Secure encryption keys to decode data
 - File Encryption Key (FEK) to encrypt file data
 - Volume Encryption Key (VEK) to encrypt FEK





ACFS Use Cases

File system for non-database files

- System, Database, Application and Middleware files on ACFS
 - Shared homes in a cluster configuration
 - Shared administrative/diagnostic files, log files, staging area files
 - Oracle database backup sets, archive logs and dumpsets
- Business Data on ACFS
 - Storing DB external files (large objects) business data stored outside of DB tablespaces
- ACFS configuration alternatives
 - 1. Shared cache coherent cluster file system on all cluster nodes
 - A better (faster and more reliable) alternative to traditional NFS Filers
 - 2. NFS/CIFs network file servers
 - Export NFS/CIFs files to clients on the network





CloudFS Meets Key Cloud Computing Requirements

- Simplifies pooling of storage across databases, middleware, and applications in a cloud
- Provides network accessible storage with unified namespace for databases and files
- Supports rapid elasticity through online storage provisioning
- Multi-tenancy servicing multiple clients with exclusivity





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