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This solution provides overview and details for automated Oracle deployment and protection in Amazon FSx ONTAP as primary database storage with iSCSI protocol and Oracle database configured in standalone ReStart using Oracle asm as volume manager.

Purpose

Amazon FSx ONTAP is a storage service that allows you to launch and run fully managed NetApp ONTAP file systems in the AWS Cloud. It provides the familiar features, performance, capabilities, and APIs of NetApp file systems with the agility, scalability, and simplicity of a fully managed AWS service. It empowers you to run the most demanding database workload, such as Oracle, in the AWS cloud with peace of mind.

This documentation demonstrates the simplified deployment of Oracle databases in an Amazon FSx ONTAP file system using Ansible automation. The Oracle database is deployed in a standalone ReStart configuration with iSCSI protocol for data access and Oracle ASM for database storage disks management. It also provides information on Oracle database backup, restore, and clone using the NetApp SnapCenter UI tool for storage-efficient database operation in AWS Cloud.

This solution addresses the following use cases:

- Automated Oracle database deployment on Amazon FSx ONTAP file system
- Oracle database backup and restore on Amazon FSx ONTAP file system using NetApp SnapCenter tool
- Oracle database clone for dev/test or other use cases on Amazon FSx ONTAP file system using NetApp SnapCenter tool

Audience

This solution is intended for the following people:

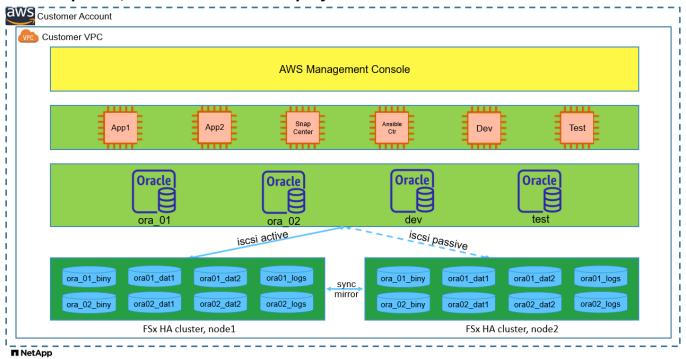
- A DBA who would like to deploy Oracle on Amazon FSx ONTAP file system.
- A database solution architect who would like to test Oracle workloads on Amazon FSx ONTAP file system.
- A storage administrator who would like to deploy and manage an Oracle database on Amazon FSx ONTAP file system.
- An application owner who would like to stand up an Oracle database on Amazon FSx ONTAP file system.

Solution test and validation environment

The testing and validation of this solution were performed in a lab setting that might not match the final deployment environment. See the section Key factors for deployment consideration for more information.

Architecture

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Hardware and software components

Hardware

Amazon FSx ONTAP storage	Current version offered by AWS	One FSx HA cluster in the same VPC and availability zone					
EC2 instance for compute	t2.xlarge/4vCPU/16G	Two EC2 T2 xlarge EC2 instances for concurrent deployment					
Software							
RedHat Linux	RHEL-8.6, 4.18.0- 372.9.1.el8.x86_64 kernel	Deployed RedHat subscription for testing					
Windows Server	2022 Standard, 10.0.20348 Build 20348	Hosting SnapCenter server					
Oracle Grid Infrastructure	Version 19.18	Applied RU patch p34762026_190000_Linux-x86- 64.zip					
Oracle Database	Version 19.18	Applied RU patch p34765931_190000_Linux-x86- 64.zip					
Oracle OPatch	Version 12.2.0.1.36	Latest patch p6880880_190000_Linux-x86- 64.zip					
SnapCenter Server	Version 4.9P1	Workgroup deployment					
Open JDK	Version java-1.8.0-openjdk.x86_64	SnapCenter plugin requirement on DB VMs					

Oracle database configuration in the lab environment

Server	Database	DB Storage
ora_01	NTAP1(NTAP1_PDB1,NTAP1_PD B2,NTAP1_PDB3)	iSCSI luns on Amazon FSx ONTAP file system
ora_02	NTAP2(NTAP2_PDB1,NTAP2_PD B2,NTAP2_PDB3)	iSCSI luns on Amazon FSx ONTAP file system

Key factors for deployment consideration

- Oracle database storage layout. In this automated Oracle deployment, we provision four database
 volumes to host Oracle binary, data, and logs by default. A single lun in a volume allocates to Oracle
 binary. We then create two ASM disk groups from data and logs luns. Within the +DATA asm disk group,
 we provision two data volumes with two luns in a volume. Within the +LOGS asm disk group, we create
 two luns in a log volume. Multiple luns laid out within an ONTAP volume provides better performance in
 general.
- Multiple DB servers deployment. The automation solution can deploy an Oracle container database to
 multiple DB servers in a single Ansible playbook run. Regardless of the number of DB servers, the
 playbook execution remains the same. You can deploy multiple container databases to a single EC2
 instance with different database instance IDs (Oracle SID). But ensure there is sufficient memory on the
 host to support deployed databases.
- iSCSI configuration. The EC2 instance database server connects to FSx storage with the iSCSI protocol. EC2 instances generally deploy with a single network interface or ENI. The single NIC interface carries both iSCSI and application traffic. It is important to gauge the Oracle database peak I/O throughput requirement by carefully analyzing the Oracle AWR report in order to choose the right EC2 compute instance that meets both application and iSCSI traffic-throughput requirements. Also, AWS EC2 generally limits each TCP flow to 5 Gbps. Each iSCSI path provides 5 Gbps (625 MBps) of bandwidth, and multiple iSCSI connections may be required to support higher throughput requirements.
- Oracle ASM redundancy level to use for each Oracle ASM disk group that you create. Because the Amazon FSx ONTAP is HA enabled for data protection at the cluster disk level, you should use External Redundancy, which means that the option does not allow Oracle ASM to mirror the contents of the disk group.
- **Database backup.** NetApp provides a SnapCenter software suite for database backup, restore, and cloning with a user-friendly UI interface. NetApp recommends implementing such a management tool to achieve fast (under a minute) SnapShot backup, quick (minutes) database restore, and database clone.

Solution deployment

The following sections provide step-by-step procedures for automated Oracle 19c deployment and protection on Amazon FSx ONTAP file system with directly mounted database luns via iSCSI to EC2 instance VM in a single node Restart configuration with Oracle ASM as database volume manager.

Prerequisites for deployment

Deployment requires the following prerequisites.

- 1. An AWS account has been set up, and the necessary VPC and network segments have been created within your AWS account.
- 2. From the AWS EC2 console, deploy EC2 Linux instances as Oracle DB servers. Enable SSH private/public key authentication for ec2-user. See the architecture diagram in the previous section for details about the environment setup. Also review the User Guide for Linux instances for more information.
- From the AWS FSx console, provision an Amazon FSx ONTAP file system that meets the requirements. Review the documentation Creating FSx ONTAP file systems for step-by-step instructions.
- 4. Steps 2 and 3 can be performed using the following Terraform automation toolkit, which creates an EC2 instance named ora_01 and an FSx file system named fsx_01. Review the instruction carefully and change the variables to suit your environment before execution. The template can be easily revised for your own deployment requirements.

```
git clone https://github.com/NetApp-
Automation/na_aws_fsx_ec2_deploy.git
```

5. Provision an EC2 Linux instance as the Ansible controller node with the latest version of Ansible and Git installed. Refer to the following link for details: Getting Started with NetApp solution automation^ in section -

```
Setup the Ansible Control Node for CLI deployments on RHEL / CentOS or Setup the Ansible Control Node for CLI deployments on Ubuntu / Debian.
```

- 6. Provision a Windows server to run the NetApp SnapCenter UI tool with the latest version. Refer to the following link for details: Install the SnapCenter Server
- 7. Clone a copy of the NetApp Oracle deployment automation toolkit for iSCSI.

```
git clone https://bitbucket.ngage.netapp.com/scm/ns-
bb/na_oracle_deploy_iscsi.git
```

8. Stage following Oracle 19c installation files on EC2 instances /tmp/archive directory.

```
installer_archives:
    - "LINUX.X64_193000_grid_home.zip"
    - "p34762026_190000_Linux-x86-64.zip"
    - "LINUX.X64_193000_db_home.zip"
    - "p34765931_190000_Linux-x86-64.zip"
    - "p6880880_190000_Linux-x86-64.zip"
```



Ensure that you have allocated at least 50G in Oracle VM root volume to have sufficient space to stage Oracle installation files.

9. Watch the following video:

Automation parameter files

Ansible playbook executes database installation and configuration tasks with predefined parameters. For this Oracle automation solution, there are three user-defined parameter files that need user input before playbook execution.

- · hosts define targets that the automation playbook is running against.
- vars/vars.yml the global variable file that defines variables that apply to all targets.
- host_vars/host_name.yml the local variable file that defines variables that apply only to a named target. In our use case, these are the Oracle DB servers.

In addition to these user-defined variable files, there are several default variable files that contain default parameters that do not require change unless necessary. The following sections show how to configure the user-defined variable files.

Parameter files configuration

1. Ansible target hosts file configuration:

```
# Enter Amazon FSx ONTAP management IP address
[ontap]
172.16.9.32

# Enter name for ec2 instance (not default IP address naming) to be
deployed one by one, follow by ec2 instance IP address, and ssh
private key of ec2-user for the instance.
[oracle]
ora_01 ansible_host=10.61.180.21 ansible_ssh_private_key_file
=ora_01.pem
ora_02 ansible_host=10.61.180.23 ansible_ssh_private_key_file
=ora_02.pem
```

1. Global vars/vars.yml file configuration

```
Oracle 19c deployment global user
                   ######
configurable variables
######
         Consolidate all variables from ONTAP, linux
and oracle
               ######
######
         ONTAP env specific config variables
######
# Enter the supported ONTAP platform: on-prem, aws-fsx.
ontap platform: aws-fsx
# Enter ONTAP cluster management user credentials
username: "fsxadmin"
password: "xxxxxxxx"
###
         Linux env specific config variables
###
```

```
******************************
# Enter RHEL subscription to enable repo
redhat sub username: xxxxxxxx
redhat sub password: "xxxxxxxx"
Oracle DB env specific config variables
###
# Enter Database domain name
db domain: solutions.netapp.com
# Enter initial password for all required Oracle passwords. Change
them after installation.
initial pwd all: xxxxxxxx
```

1. Local DB server host vars/host name.yml configuration such as ora_01.yml, ora_02.yml ...

```
# User configurable Oracle host specific parameters

# Enter container database SID. By default, a container DB is created with 3 PDBs within the CDB oracle_sid: NTAP1

# Enter database shared memory size or SGA. CDB is created with SGA at 75% of memory_limit, MB. The grand total of SGA should not exceed 75% available RAM on node. memory_limit: 8192
```

Playbook execution

There are a total of six playbooks in the automation toolkit. Each performs different task blocks and serves different purposes.

```
O-all_playbook.yml - execute playbooks from 1-4 in one playbook run.
1-ansible_requirements.yml - set up Ansible controller with required libs and collections.
2-linux_config.yml - execute Linux kernel configuration on Oracle DB servers.
3-ontap_config.yml - configure ONTAP svm/volumes/luns for Oracle database and grant DB server access to luns.
4-oracle_config.yml - install and configure Oracle on DB servers for grid infrastructure and create a container database.
5-destroy.yml - optional to undo the environment to dismantle all.
```

There are three options to run the playbooks with the following commands.

1. Execute all deployment playbooks in one combined run.

```
ansible-playbook -i hosts 0-all_playbook.yml -u ec2-user -e @vars/vars.yml
```

2. Execute playbooks one at a time with the number sequence from 1-4.

```
ansible-playbook -i hosts 1-ansible_requirements.yml -u ec2-user -e
@vars/vars.yml
```

```
ansible-playbook -i hosts 2-linux_config.yml -u ec2-user -e
@vars/vars.yml
```

```
ansible-playbook -i hosts 3-ontap_config.yml -u ec2-user -e
@vars/vars.yml
```

```
ansible-playbook -i hosts 4-oracle_config.yml -u ec2-user -e @vars/vars.yml
```

3. Execute 0-all_playbook.yml with a tag.

ansible-playbook -i hosts 0-all_playbook.yml -u ec2-user -e
@vars/vars.yml -t ansible_requirements

ansible-playbook -i hosts 0-all_playbook.yml -u ec2-user -e @vars/vars.yml -t linux_config

ansible-playbook -i hosts 0-all_playbook.yml -u ec2-user -e @vars/vars.yml -t ontap_config

ansible-playbook -i hosts 0-all_playbook.yml -u ec2-user -e @vars/vars.yml -t oracle_config

4. Undo the environment

ansible-playbook -i hosts 5-destroy.yml -u ec2-user -e
@vars/vars.yml

Post execution validation

After the playbook run, login to the Oracle DB server as oracle user to validate that Oracle grid infrastructure and database are created successfully. Following is an example of Oracle database validation on host ora 01.

1. Validate Oracle container database on EC2 instance

```
[admin@ansiblectl na_oracle_deploy_iscsi]$ ssh -i ora_01.pem ec2-
user@172.30.15.40
Last login: Fri Dec 8 17:14:21 2023 from 10.61.180.18
[ec2-user@ip-172-30-15-40 ~]$ uname -a
Linux ip-172-30-15-40.ec2.internal 4.18.0-372.9.1.el8.x86 64 #1 SMP
Fri Apr 15 22:12:19 EDT 2022 x86 64 x86 64 x86 64 GNU/Linux
[ec2-user@ip-172-30-15-40 ~]$ sudo su
[root@ip-172-30-15-40 ec2-user]# su - oracle
Last login: Fri Dec 8 16:25:52 UTC 2023 on pts/0
[oracle@ip-172-30-15-40 \sim]$ sqlplus / as sysdba
SQL*Plus: Release 19.0.0.0.0 - Production on Fri Dec 8 18:18:20 2023
Version 19.18.0.0.0
Copyright (c) 1982, 2022, Oracle. All rights reserved.
Connected to:
Oracle Database 19c Enterprise Edition Release 19.0.0.0.0 -
Production
Version 19.18.0.0.0
SQL> select name, open mode, log mode from v$database;
NAME OPEN MODE
                      LOG_MODE
NTAP1 READ WRITE
                             ARCHIVELOG
SQL> show pdbs
                                   OPEN MODE RESTRICTED
   CON_ID CON_NAME
        2 PDB$SEED
                                        READ ONLY NO
         3 NTAP1 PDB1
                                        READ WRITE NO
         4 NTAP1 PDB2
                                        READ WRITE NO
         5 NTAP1 PDB3
                                        READ WRITE NO
SQL> select name from v$datafile;
NAME
```

- +DATA/NTAP1/DATAFILE/system.257.1155055419
- +DATA/NTAP1/DATAFILE/sysaux.258.1155055463
- +DATA/NTAP1/DATAFILE/undotbs1.259.1155055489
- +DATA/NTAP1/86B637B62FE07A65E053F706E80A27CA/DATAFILE/system.266.115 5056241
- +DATA/NTAP1/86B637B62FE07A65E053F706E80A27CA/DATAFILE/sysaux.267.115 5056241
- +DATA/NTAP1/DATAFILE/users.260.1155055489
- +DATA/NTAP1/86B637B62FE07A65E053F706E80A27CA/DATAFILE/undotbs1.268.1 155056241
- +DATA/NTAP1/0C03AAFA7C6FD2E5E063280F1EACFBE0/DATAFILE/system.272.115 5057059
- +DATA/NTAP1/0C03AAFA7C6FD2E5E063280F1EACFBE0/DATAFILE/sysaux.273.115 5057059
- +DATA/NTAP1/0C03AAFA7C6FD2E5E063280F1EACFBE0/DATAFILE/undotbs1.271.1 155057059
- +DATA/NTAP1/0C03AAFA7C6FD2E5E063280F1EACFBE0/DATAFILE/users.275.1155 057075

NAME

- +DATA/NTAP1/0C03AC0089ACD352E063280F1EAC12BD/DATAFILE/system.277.115 5057075
- +DATA/NTAP1/0C03AC0089ACD352E063280F1EAC12BD/DATAFILE/sysaux.278.115 5057075
- +DATA/NTAP1/0C03AC0089ACD352E063280F1EAC12BD/DATAFILE/undotbs1.276.1 155057075
- +DATA/NTAP1/0C03AC0089ACD352E063280F1EAC12BD/DATAFILE/users.280.1155 057091
- +DATA/NTAP1/0C03ACEABA54D386E063280F1EACE573/DATAFILE/system.282.115
- +DATA/NTAP1/0C03ACEABA54D386E063280F1EACE573/DATAFILE/sysaux.283.115 5057091
- +DATA/NTAP1/0C03ACEABA54D386E063280F1EACE573/DATAFILE/undotbs1.281.1 155057091
- +DATA/NTAP1/0C03ACEABA54D386E063280F1EACE573/DATAFILE/users.285.1155 057105
- 19 rows selected.

SQL> select name from v\$controlfile;

NAME

2. Validate Oracle listener.

Version 19.18.0.0.0

[oracle@ip-172-30-15-40 ~]\$ lsnrctl status listener LSNRCTL for Linux: Version 19.0.0.0.0 - Production on 08-DEC-2023 18:20:24 Copyright (c) 1991, 2022, Oracle. All rights reserved. Connecting to (DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=TCP)(HOST=ip-172-30-15-40.ec2.internal)(PORT=1521))) STATUS of the LISTENER Alias LISTENER TNSLSNR for Linux: Version 19.0.0.0.0 -Version Production Start Date 08-DEC-2023 16:26:09 Uptime 0 days 1 hr. 54 min. 14 sec Trace Level off ON: Local OS Authentication Security SNMP OFF Listener Parameter File

```
/u01/app/oracle/product/19.0.0/grid/network/admin/listener.ora
Listener Log File
                          /u01/app/oracle/diag/tnslsnr/ip-172-30-15-
40/listener/alert/log.xml
Listening Endpoints Summary...
  (DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp)(HOST=ip-172-30-15-
40.ec2.internal)(PORT=1521)))
  (DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=ipc)(KEY=EXTPROC1521)))
  (DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcps)(HOST=ip-172-30-15-
40.ec2.internal) (PORT=5500)) (Security=(my wallet directory=/u01/app/
oracle/product/19.0.0/NTAP1/admin/NTAP1/xdb wallet))(Presentation=HT
TP) (Session=RAW))
Services Summary...
Service "+ASM" has 1 instance(s).
 Instance "+ASM", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this
service...
Service "+ASM DATA" has 1 instance(s).
 Instance "+ASM", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this
service...
Service "+ASM LOGS" has 1 instance(s).
 Instance "+ASM", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this
service...
Service "0c03aafa7c6fd2e5e063280f1eacfbe0.solutions.netapp.com" has
 Instance "NTAP1", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this
service...
Service "0c03ac0089acd352e063280fleac12bd.solutions.netapp.com" has
1 instance(s).
 Instance "NTAP1", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this
service...
Service "0c03aceaba54d386e063280f1eace573.solutions.netapp.com" has
1 instance(s).
  Instance "NTAP1", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this
service...
Service "NTAP1.solutions.netapp.com" has 1 instance(s).
  Instance "NTAP1", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this
service...
Service "NTAP1XDB.solutions.netapp.com" has 1 instance(s).
  Instance "NTAP1", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this
service...
Service "ntap1 pdb1.solutions.netapp.com" has 1 instance(s).
 Instance "NTAP1", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this
service...
Service "ntap1 pdb2.solutions.netapp.com" has 1 instance(s).
 Instance "NTAP1", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this
service...
Service "ntap1 pdb3.solutions.netapp.com" has 1 instance(s).
```

Instance "NTAP1", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this
service...

The command completed successfully

3. Validate the grid infrastructure and resources created.

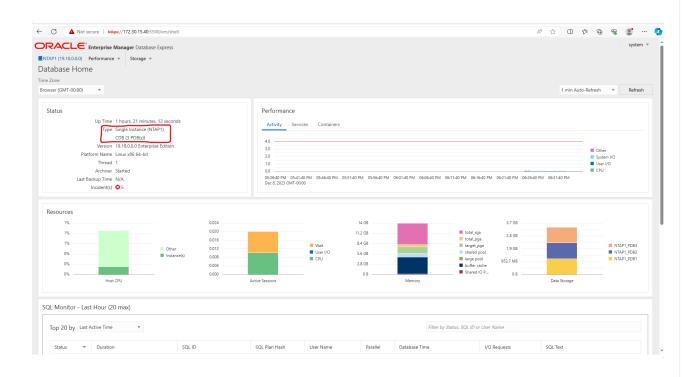
[oracle@ip-172-30-15-40 ~]\$ asm [oracle@ip-172-30-15-40 ~]\$ crsctl check has CRS-4638: Oracle High Availability Services is online [oracle@ip-172-30-15-40 ~]\$ crsctl stat res -t							
Name details	Target	State	Server	State			
Local Resource:	s 						
ora.DATA.dg	ONLINE	ONLINE	ip-172-30-15-40	STABLE			
<pre>ora.LISTENER.ls ora.LOGS.dg</pre>	snr ONLINE	ONLINE	ip-172-30-15-40	STABLE			
ora.asm	ONLINE ONLINE	ONLINE	ip-172-30-15-40 ip-172-30-15-40	STABLE			
Started, STABLE ora.ons							
			ip-172-30-15-40	_			
Cluster Resourd	ces 						
ora.cssd	ONLINE	ONLINE	ip-172-30-15-40	STABLE			
ora.diskmon 1 ora.driver.afd	OFFLINE	OFFLINE		STABLE			
1 ora.evmd	ONLINE ONLINE	ONLINE	ip-172-30-15-40 ip-172-30-15-40	STABLE STABLE			
ora.ntap1.db	ONLINE	ONLINE	ip-172-30-15-40				

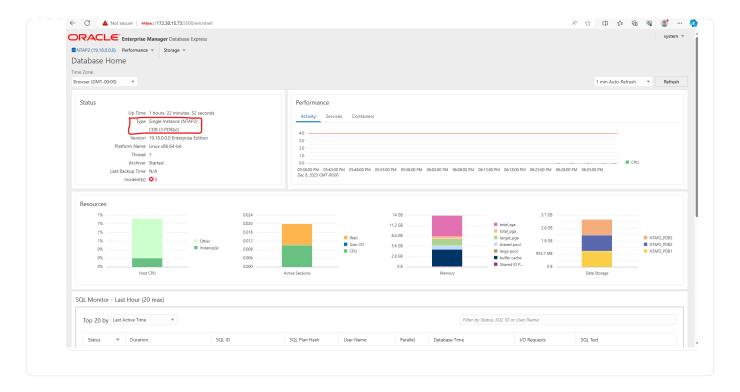
4. Validate Oracle ASM.

```
[oracle@ip-172-30-15-40 ~]$ asmcmd
ASMCMD> lsdg
State Type Rebal Sector Logical Sector Block AU
Total MB Free MB Req mir free MB Usable file MB Offline disks
Voting_files Name
                                   512 4096 4194304
MOUNTED EXTERN N 512
                       0 155376
163840 155376
N DATA/
MOUNTED EXTERN N
                                    512 4096 4194304
                     512
                                 80972
81920 80972
                         0
N LOGS/
ASMCMD> lsdsk
Path
AFD:ORA 01 DAT1 01
AFD:ORA 01 DAT1 03
AFD:ORA 01 DAT2 02
AFD:ORA 01 DAT2 04
AFD:ORA 01 LOGS 01
AFD:ORA 01 LOGS 02
ASMCMD> afd state
ASMCMD-9526: The AFD state is 'LOADED' and filtering is 'ENABLED' on
host 'ip-172-30-15-40.ec2.internal'
ASMCMD> exit
```

5. Login to Oracle Enterprise Manager Express to validate database.







Oracle backup, restore, and clone with SnapCenter

Refer to TR-4979 Simplified, self-managed Oracle in VMware Cloud on AWS with guest-mounted FSx ONTAP section Oracle backup, restore, and clone with SnapCenter for details on setting up SnapCenter and executing the database backup, restore, and clone workflows.

Where to find additional information

To learn more about the information described in this document, review the following documents and/or websites:

Amazon FSx ONTAP

https://aws.amazon.com/fsx/netapp-ontap/

Amazon EC2

https://aws.amazon.com/pm/ec2/?trk=36c6da98-7b20-48fa-8225-4784bced9843&sc_channel=ps&s_kwcid=AL!4422!3!467723097970!e!!g!!aws%20ec2&ef_id=Cj0KCQiA54 KfBhCKARIsAJzSrdqwQrghn6I71jiWzSeaT9Uh1-vY-VfhJixF-xnv5rWwn2S7RqZOTQ0aAh7eEALw wcB:G:s&s kwcid=AL!4422!3!467723097970!e!!g!!aws%20ec2

• Installing Oracle Grid Infrastructure for a Standalone Server with a New Database Installation

https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/oracle/oracle-database/19/ladbi/installing-oracle-grid-infrastructure-for-a-standalone-server-with-a-new-database-installation.html#GUID-0B1CEE8C-C893-46AA-8A6A-7B5FAAEC72B3

Installing and Configuring Oracle Database Using Response Files

https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/oracle/oracle-database/19/ladbi/installing-and-configuring-oracle-database-using-response-files.html#GUID-D53355E9-E901-4224-9A2A-B882070EDDF7

• Use Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.2 with ONTAP

https://docs.netapp.com/us-en/ontap-sanhost/hu_rhel_82.html#all-san-array-configurations

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