Case Study: Implementing the Oracle Grid Computing on Dell Hardware for Multiple ERP

Applications



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- Introduction to SUNY POC Project
- Oracle Enterprise Grid Model
- Grid Design and Implementation
- Database Grid Scalability
- Applications Test Methodology
- Performance Test Results
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ITEC within SUNY

- ITEC is part of the AST Alliance for Strategic Technologies
- Work with sister organizations:
 - SUNY Learning Network, SUNYNET, SUNY Connect
 - Center for Professional Development, SICAS
- Applications:
 - SunGuard: Banner Student Info System, Luminis (Portal), ODS, EDW (data warehousing)
 - ExLibris: Aleph500 library automation
 - Atlassian: Confluence Enterprise Wiki
 - AtTask: @task Enterprise Project Management

History of ITEC





Grid Computing to the Rescue

- Promises to address all our desires
- But how to demonstrate it will work
- Without substantial investment?
- How about a Proofof-Concept?



Dell, SUNY ITEC, Oracle and SunGuard Joint POC project:

- Consolidate 10 Banner ERP Applications
- In single Grid made of Dell hardware
- Capacity: 10 campuses, 170,000 students
- Performance Requirements:

11,000 students simultaneous actions Response time: < 1 second at peak time Throughputs: 70,000 courses registration per hour during peak time

Oracle Enterprise Grid Model

Traditional Corporate Computing model:

- Consists of island-like systems
- Little or no resource sharing
- Hard to dynamically adapt changing workload

Enterprise Grid Computing Model

- Consolidate databases, applications, servers and storage connected by high speed network onto a common Grid platform.
- Provide various server and storage resources as services to applications using databases
- Integrate all the resources to allow provisioning on demand: dynamically provisioning to meet the workload needs



Oracle Enterprise Grid Model

- MegaGrid: a joint project by Oracle, Dell, EMC and Intel.
- Candidate for Grid model:
 - Multiple services by multiple tiered applications Large number of resources: servers, network, storages
- A case study for SUNY ITEC Grid design for multiple ERP systems on Dell hardware
- Oracle 10g Features for Grid Computing
 - Clustering technology
 - Database services
 - Automatic Storage Management
 - Oracle Enterprise Manager Grid Control
 - Load balancing



- Multi-Tier Proof of Concept (POC) Environment
 - Server Grid:
 - . Application servers offer application services using VM
 - . Database servers offer database services for applications
 - Storage Grid:
 - . ASM provides storage services for all the databases
 - . ASM virtualizes the storage services using ASM diskgroups



Multi-tier Hardware Configuration of the Grid



Database Grid Architecture Design :

- Consolidate 10 databases on a single 8 node RAC to provide 10 database services for 10 ERP applications
- Initial 3 instances for each database service
- Dynamic database instance reallocation
- Allow provisioning of additional nodes on demand
- Enterprise Manager Grid control for Grid Management



Database services

 Create 3 instances per each database service **S**srvctl add service –d DB2 –s db2_srv –r db21, db22, db23 **\$**srvctl status service -d db2 Service db2_s is running on instance(s) db23, db22, db21 - Connect to Database using services in the the the the term of term o DB2 OLTP = (DESCRIPTION = (ADDRESS = (PROTOCOL = TCP)(HOST = bnode1-vip)(PORT = 1521)) (ADDRESS = (PROTOCOL = TCP)(HOST = bnode2-vip)(PORT = 1521)) (ADDRESS = (PROTOCOL = TCP)(HOST = bnode3-vip)(PORT = 1521)) (LOAD_BALANCE = yes) (CONNECT DATA = (SERVER = DEDICATED) (SERVICE_NAME = db2_srv.us.dell.com) (FAILOVER MODE = (TYPE = SELECT)(METHOD = BASIC)(RETRIES = 180)(DELAY = 5))))

- Dynamic database instance reallocation

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Database Grid built on 10g RAC

- Based on Dell | Oracle Tested and Validated Configuration:
- Eight database servers
- Two private interconnect network switches
- Fibre Channel storage connections with dual HBAs
- Dell EMC CX3-40 SAN with 45 spindles



- Storage Grid Implementation for Storage Services
 - Redundant IO Paths between PE 2950 and CX3-40 :
 - Two HBAs per server
 - Two Fiber Channel Switches
 - Two CX3-40 storage processors SPA and SPB



Storage Grid Implementation for storage services

- A single ASM instance/server for all 10 databases
- Ten ASM diskgroups created for 10 database
- 7 Raid Groups: 4 disks per Raid Group in Raid 10
- Each diskgroup: two LUNs from different SPs and and different Raid Groups



Enterprise Manager Grid Control for Grid Management

- Oracle Enterprise Manager Grid Control(10.2.0.3)
- Manage both Applications services and Database services
- Dynamic Database Instance Management
- Allow provisioning of additional nodes on demand
- Performance Monitoring



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• Monitor the performance and workload of the entire Grid

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• Use Grid Control to test:

- Dynamic Database Instance Management
- Dynamic Scale out Grid
- Dynamic Database Instance Management
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 - For example, add the four instance db44 to db4:

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Dynamic scale out the Grid to a new node

- Prepare a new node (OS, network, access to the shared storage, EM agent install)
- Scale out the RAC to a new node using EM Provisioning Pack
 - Use "One Click Extend Cluster Database" procedure
 - Predefined deployment procedure in EM provisioning

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- Select the database to be extended
- Select the new server and fill the server information
- Submit the RAC extend Job

Extend Real Application Clusters

Select Real Application Clusters (RAC)

Select the Oracle Real Application Clusters (RAC) you wish to extend. The Clusterware and Automatic Storage Management (ASM) will also be extended if these do not already exist.

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- Specify the reference host and the node to add
- Specify the credentials and submit the job

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► Oracle Home Shared Storage Options

Select New Nodes

Select the destination hosts and enter the respective Virtual Node Names.

Add	.) (Import From File)				▼
Host	Private Node Name	Private IP (Optional)	Virtual Node Name	Virtual IP (Ontional)	Working Directory
bnode7	bnode7-priv	10.1.17.94	bnode7-vip	155.1.18.90	/tmp

TIP Select hosts that are managed by agents of version 10.2.0.3.0

Check the job status

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	General Provisioning				
Pro	cedure Completion Status >				Data Defreched Dec 9, 2005 4:50-20 DM CST Patrach
				-	View Data Real Time: Manual Refresh
St	atus				
				Rur	1) (Stop) (Suspend) (Resume) (Retry) (Done)
	General Information				
	Run crs_ Procedure One Procedure Version 3.46 Error Handling Mode Stop Status Succ Owner SYS	lb5.us.dell.com_2006-12-03 Click Extend Cluster Datal On Error eeded MAN	8_12-01-24PM base	Created On Scheduled Start Date Last Updated Completed Date Elapsed Time	Dec 3, 2006 12:01:38 PM CST Dec 3, 2006 12:01:43 PM CST Dec 3, 2006 12:01:43 PM CST Dec 4, 2006 12:42:14 PM CST Dec 4, 2006 12:42:14 PM CST 88831 Seconds
	Steps Jobs Log				
	Name	Status	Туре	Description	
	One Click Extend Cluster Database	Succeeded		This procedure will en nodes. Oracle Cluste configured by the pro	xtend an existing cluster database to a set of new inware and Oracle Database will be extended and cedure.
	Initialize Deployment Procedure	Succeeded	Computational	Initializes the current set with computation	Deployment Procedure execution. Derived variables are s. Do not disable or delete this step.
	Create directory	Succeeded	Parallel	Creates first-level dire	ectories under / (requires root privileges).
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Before adding bnode7

Select	Name	Member Nodes
	▼ Available Cluster Databases	
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0	► db4.us.dell.com (3)	bnode5, bnode6, bnode4
0	▼ db5.us.dell.com (2)	bnode6, bnode5
	crs (6)	bnode1, bnode4, bnode5, bnode6, bnode2, bnode3
	+ASM6_bnode6 (2)	bnode6, bnode5
0	► db6.us.dell.com (2)	bnode6, bnode5
0	► db7.us.dell.com (3)	bnode5, bnode4, bnode6
0	▶ db8.us.dell.com (3)	bnode4, bnode5, bnode3

After adding bnode7

Select	Name	Member Nodes	
	Available Cluster Databases		
	<u> </u>		
0	▶ db4.us.dell.com (3)	bnode5, bnode6, bnode4	
0	🔻 db5.us.dell.com (3) (bnode7) bnode6, bnode5	
	crs (7)	bnode1, bnode2, bnode3, bnode4, bnode5, bnode6, bnode7	bnode7 added
	+ASM7_bnode7 (3)	bnode7, bnode6, bnode5	to db5
Θ	▶ db6.us.dell.com (2)	bnode6, bnode5	
0	▶ db7.us.dell.com (3)	bnode5, bnode4, bnode6	
0	▶ db8.us.dell.com (3)	bnode4, bnode5, bnode3	
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🚰 root@bnode7:~ 🛛

[oracle@bnode7 ~]\$ srvctl status database -d db5					
Instance db51 is running on node bnode5					
Instance db52 is running on node bnode6					
Instance db53 is running on node bnode7					
[oracle@bnode7 ~]\$ srvctl status database -d db6					
Instance db61 is running on node bnode6					
Instance db64 is running on node bnode5					
Instance db63 is running on node bnode7					
[oracle@bnode7 ~]\$ srvctl status nodeapps -n bnode7					
VIP is running on node: bnode7					
GSD is running on node: bnode7					
Listener is running on node: bnode7					
ONS daemon is running on node: bnode7					
[oracle@bnode7 ~]\$ ps -ef grep pmon					
oracle 3890 1289 0 23:30 pts/2 00:00:00 grep pmon					
oracle 5645 1 0 14:23 ? 00:00:00 asm_pmon_+ASM7					
oracle 10776 1 0 14:24 ? 00:00:00 ora_pmon_db53					
oracle 12346 1 0 14:24 ? 00:00:00 ora_pmon_db63					

Lessons Learned

- CRS inventory was missing on the existing RAC nodes
- Required crs inventory recreated before adding new node
- Steps to recreate crs inventory from Oracle engineers
 - Shutdown clusterware and the databases
 - Backup the databases
 - Backup OCR and Votingdisk
 - Cleanup Oracle clusterware on all the nodes
 - Reinstall Oracle clusterware on all the nodes
 to have new crs inventory
 - Restore the OCR from its backup
 - Start all the database services using new clusterware
- Grid control issue with date
 - The tests required resetting system date
 - Inconsistent date between Grid control and targeted servers caused issue with Grid control



Applications Test Methodology

POC Test Basis

- Based on work done in 2006 with Texas Tech
- We narrowed the breadth of tests
- Increased the user load from 1 campus to 10
- Focused on peak user load: student registration
- Use LoadRunner workload generators to simulate simultaneous user actions

Applications Test Methodology

Users

Function	# Virtual Users <u>per</u> Large DB	# Virtual Users <u>per</u> Small DB
Student Registration (A)	320	80
Student Registration (B)	320	80
View Class List	200	50
Add/Drop Classes	160	40
View Grades	800	200
Total	1,800	450

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Applications Testing methodology

Testing Points (users)

Function	1+1	3+3	5+5
Student Registration (A)	400	1200	2000
Student Registration (B)	400	1200	2000
View Class List	250	750	1250
Add/Drop Classes	200	600	1000
View Grades	1000	3000	5000
Total	2,250	6,750	11,250



Applications Testing methodology

5+5



- 5 large + 5 small
- 11,250 users
- Bell-curve distribution of load (2,4,6,4,2)

Response time vs # of users



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Traditional Registration Response Time



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Traditional Registration Total Response Time

Workload	Total Response Time for Traditional Student Registration Process	Number of Database Servers	Average CPU Utilization
1 Large Campus + 1 Small Campus	0.7 sec	3	25%
3 Large Campuses + 3 Small Campuses	1.1 sec	5	31%
5 Large Campuses + 5 Small Campuses	0.8 sec	6	30%



Application Throughput:

Student Registration Real World Comparison



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Conclusions

The Grid on Dell hardware can be scaled out to handle the needs of the multiple large campuses with the capacity of handling:

- Users loads from 11,000 simultaneous users actions with sub-second response times
- 70,000 courses registered in a hour, 37 times of a SUNY school of 11,000 students
- More than 6 sample schools of 175,000 students total
- The database instance on the Grid can be dynamically added, dropped and relocated on demand
- Grid infrastructure itself can be dynamically scaled out on demand

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