

Administration Base de Données

ch3: Understanding Storage and Space Management

Working with Oracle Managed File Tablespaces

Oracle Managed Files (OMF)

Purpose:

Simplifies file management by letting Oracle **automatically create and manage data/temp files**.

Enabling OMF:

Set the following initialization parameter:

```
ALTER SYSTEM SET db_create_file_dest = '/u02/oradata/' SCOPE=BOTH;
```

Creating a Tablespace Using OMF:

```
CREATE TABLESPACE hr_data;
```

→ File: `o1_mf_hr_data_<unique_id>.dbf`

→ Location: `<DBNAME>/datafile/` inside `db_create_file_dest`.

→ Defaults: 100MB file with **autoextend** enabled, **SMALLFILE** by default.

Extent Management

What Is "Extent Management"?

In Oracle, when you create a table or index, it needs **space** to store data.

- Oracle allocates that space in **chunks** called **extents**.
- Oracle must **track** which extents are free or used.
- That tracking is called **extent management**.

Types of Extent Management

1. Dictionary-Managed Tablespaces

- **Extent info stored in the data dictionary** (`FET$`, `UET$`).
- Generates **undo/rollback** info during extent changes.
- **Less efficient** than locally managed.
- Example:

```
CREATE TABLESPACE appl_data  
DATAFILE '/disk3/oradata/DB01/appl_data01.dbf' SIZE 100M  
EXTENT MANAGEMENT DICTIONARY;
```

2. Locally Managed Tablespaces (LMT).

- **Default in Oracle 12c.**
- Uses **bitmaps** in data files to track extents.
- **More efficient**, no recursive SQL or undo generation.

► Extent Allocation Options:

a) **UNIFORM**

- Fixed extent size (default 1MB or specified).
- Ideal for temp tablespaces.
- Example:

```
CREATE TABLESPACE hr_index  
DATAFILE '/u02/oradata/12CR11/hr_index01.dbf' SIZE 2G  
EXTENT MANAGEMENT LOCAL UNIFORM SIZE 10M;
```

b) **AUTOALLOCATE**

- Oracle automatically adjusts extent sizes as the segment grows.
- Start with 64KB → 1MB → 8MB → 64MB, etc.
- Best for **mixed workloads** (small + large tables).
- Example:

```
CREATE TABLESPACE hr_index  
DATAFILE '/u02/oradata/12CR11/hr_index01.dbf' SIZE 2G  
EXTENT MANAGEMENT LOCAL AUTOALLOCATE;
```

Choosing Segment Space Management

What Is Segment Space Management?

Segment space management is **how Oracle tracks free space inside extents**—basically, inside the blocks that store rows in a table or index.

It determines **which blocks** are available for new rows (inserts), based on how full they are.

Two Types of Segment Space Management

1. Manual Segment Space Management

► How it works:

- Uses **free block lists**.
- Relies on two key parameters:
 - **PCTFREE**: Minimum % of block to **keep free** (for updates).
 - **PCTUSED**: If space used in a block drops **below this %**, it goes back on the **insert list**.

```
CREATE TABLESPACE hr_index
```

```
DATAFILE '/u02/oradata/hr_index01.dbf' SIZE 2G
EXTENT MANAGEMENT LOCAL AUTOALLOCATE
SEGMENT SPACE MANAGEMENT MANUAL;
```

► Disadvantages:

- More overhead
- You must tune `PCTFREE` and `PCTUSED`
- Not recommended for modern use

Automatic Segment Space Management (AUTO)

► How it works:

- Uses **bitmaps** instead of free lists.
- Oracle internally tracks which blocks have enough space—you **don't have to manage anything**.
- Ignores `PCTFREE`, `PCTUSED`, `FREELISTS`, etc.

► Best for:

- Most modern use cases
- Large or mixed workloads
- Easier maintenance and better performance

```
CREATE TABLESPACE hr_index
DATAFILE '/u02/oradata/hr_index01.dbf' SIZE 2G
EXTENT MANAGEMENT LOCAL AUTOALLOCATE
SEGMENT SPACE MANAGEMENT AUTO;
```

Choosing Other Tablespace Options

Table 4

DEFAULT STORAGE	Default extent settings	Dictionary-managed only
<code>BLOCKSIZE</code>	Sets tablespace block size	Both types
<code>MINIMUM EXTENT</code>	Prevents fragmentation	Dictionary-managed only
<code>LOGGING</code> / <code>NOLOGGING</code>	Controls redo logging	Both types
<code>FORCE LOGGING</code>	Forces logging for all objects	Both types
<code>ONLINE</code> / <code>OFFLINE</code>	Sets availability after creation	Both types
<code>FLASHBACK ON/OFF</code>	Enables/disables flashback	Both types

```
CREATE TABLESPACE APPL_DATA
DATAFILE '/disk3/oradata/DB01/appl_data01.dbf' SIZE 100M
DEFAULT STORAGE (
    INITIAL 256K
    NEXT 256K
```

```
MINEXTENTS 2
PCTINCREASE 0
MAXEXTENTS 4096)
BLOCKSIZE 16K
MINIMUM EXTENT 256K
LOGGING
ONLINE
FORCE LOGGING
FLASHBACK ON
EXTENT MANAGEMENT DICTIONARY
SEGMENT SPACE MANAGEMENT MANUAL;
```

Temporary Tablespaces

Purpose

- Used **only** for **temporary segments** during:
 - `ORDER BY`, `GROUP BY`, `CREATE INDEX`
 - Hash joins**, temporary table operations, etc.
- Frees permanent tablespaces from temporary segment overhead.

Key Characteristics

- Created with `CREATE TEMPORARY TABLESPACE`
- Use `TEMPFILE` instead of `DATAFILE`
- No redo logging (changes aren't written to redo logs)
- Not backed up
- Not fully allocated at creation (especially on UNIX)

```
CREATE TEMPORARY TABLESPACE temp
TEMPFILE '/u01/oradata/12CR11/temp01.dbf' SIZE 1G;
```

Undo Tablespaces

✓ Purpose

Used to store **undo segments**, which support:

- Explicit/implicit **ROLLBACK**
- Read consistency**
- Flashback queries**
- Recovery from logical corruption**

```
CREATE UNDO TABLESPACE undo
DATAFILE '/ORADATA/PROD/UND001.DBF' SIZE 2G;
```



Seul le tablespace Undo est concerné par le paramètre `UNDO_RETENTION` : Il détermine combien de temps Oracle tente de conserver les données d'annulation (undo) dans le tablespace Undo, même après la fin de la transaction.

Dropping Tablespaces (DROP TABLESPACE)

Basic command:

```
DROP TABLESPACE USER_DATA;
```

To drop the tablespace contents (tables, indexes, etc.):

| If the tablespace is not empty:

```
DROP TABLESPACE dba_sandbox INCLUDING CONTENTS;
```

To also drop foreign key constraints related:

```
DROP TABLESPACE USER_DATA INCLUDING CONTENTS CASCADE CONSTRAINTS;
```

To also drop the associated datafiles:

```
sql> DROP TABLESPACE hr_data INCLUDING CONTENTS AND DATAFILES;
```



Le tablespace **SYSTEM** ne peut pas être supprimé. SYSAUX peut être supprimé en mode **UPGRADE** et avec **SYSDBA**.

Modification d'un Tablespace (ALTER TABLESPACE)

Possibles Modifications :

- Change default storage clauses.
- Add datafiles.
- Change to read-only / read-write.
- Make offline or online.
- Enable/disable flashback or guaranteed retention.
- Resize or rename files.

→ Adding a Datafile :

```
ALTER TABLESPACE receivables ADD DATAFILE  
'/u02/oradata/ORA10/receivables01.dbf' SIZE 2G;
```

→ Putting a tablespace online / offline:

► Online :

```
ALTER TABLESPACE USER_DATA ONLINE;
```

II Offline modes :

- **NORMAL:** no recovery needed.
- **TEMPORARY:** checkpoint, recovery possible.
- **IMMEDIATE:** no checking, recovery mandatory.
- **FOR RECOVER:** used for point-in-time recovery.

Exemple :

```
ALTER TABLESPACE USER_DATA OFFLINE IMMEDIATE;
```



! SYSTEM ne peut jamais être mis offline.

Read Only :

- Marquer comme lecture seule :

```
ALTER TABLESPACE sales2007 READ ONLY;
```

- Revenir en lecture/écriture :

```
ALTER TABLESPACE sales2007 READ WRITE;
```

Mode Backup manuel (non-RMAN) :

Before manual backup :

```
ALTER TABLESPACE system BEGIN BACKUP;
```

After :

```
ALTER TABLESPACE system END BACKUP;
```



▲ Si tu oublies `END BACKUP`, un redémarrage déclenchera une demande de **récupération média**.

Getting Tablespace Information:

Vues utiles :

- DBA_TABLESPACES
- DBA_DATA_FILES
- V\$TABLESPACE

Example :

```
SELECT tablespace_name, status, contents,  
       extent_management AS extents,  
       segment_space_management AS free_space  
FROM dba_tablespaces;
```

Use EM Database Express to manage tablespaces

EM Database Express (EMDE) is a graphical user interface (GUI) used to:

- View tablespaces (menu Storage → Tablespaces)
- Create, modify, drop a tablespace
- Add or resize datafiles
- Change status (online/offline) of a tablespace

→ It's an alternative to SQL*Plus (command line).

Datafile Management

Creation :

- A datafile is created when creating a tablespace.
- It belongs to one tablespace and one database.

→ If Oracle Managed Files (OMF) is not used:

- You must manage the filename, path, and size yourself.

Possible operations on Datafiles:

Resize a file:

```
ALTER DATABASE DATAFILE '...' RESIZE 1500M;
```

- You can **increase** or **decrease** (if nothing specified after new size).

Auto-extend (automatic growth) :

```
CREATE TABLESPACE ...  
DATAFILE '...' SIZE 500M AUTOEXTEND ON NEXT 100M MAXSIZE 2000M;
```

```
-- Pour le cas de modification
```

```
ALTER DATABASE DATAFILE '...' AUTOEXTEND ON NEXT 100M MAXSIZE 2000M;
```

- `NEXT` : the file grows in increments of 100 MB when space runs out. For example, if full at 500 MB, it becomes 600 MB, then 700 MB, etc.
- `MAXSIZE` : maximum size
- `AUTOEXTEND OFF` : to disable

Taking a datafile offline / online:

Offline (often in case of corruption) :

| You tell Oracle that the datafile becomes **temporarily unusable** (usually due to **corruption, disk failure**, etc.).

```
ALTER DATABASE DATAFILE '...' OFFLINE;
```

Online (sometimes requires recovery) :

```
ALTER DATABASE DATAFILE '...' ONLINE;
```

ARCHIVELOG vs NOARCHIVELOG

Mode	Can be recovered?	Required syntax
ARCHIVELOG	✓ Yes	OFFLINE
NOARCHIVELOG	✗ No	OFFLINE FOR DROP

Rename or move a datafile

En mode online :

```
ALTER DATABASE MOVE DATAFILE 'ancien' TO 'nouveau';
```

- Oracle copies, updates metadata, and deletes the old file (unless KEEP is used).
- You can use REUSE if the file already exists at the destination.

mode offline (old methode) :

1. Take the tablespace offline:

```
ALTER TABLESPACE USER_DATA OFFLINE;
```

2. Copy or move the file manually (OS command)
3. Rename inside the database:


```
ALTER DATABASE RENAME FILE 'ancien' TO 'nouveau';
```

OR

```
ALTER TABLESPACE USER_DATA RENAME DATAFILE 'ancien' TO 'nouveau';
```

4. Bring it back online:

```
ALTER TABLESPACE USER_DATA ONLINE;
```



Le **SYSTEM tablespace** ne peut pas être mis offline → on ne peut **pas utiliser RENAME FILE**, mais on peut utiliser **MOVE DATAFILE**.

Relocating an Entire Tablespace

If multiple files need to be moved:

1. Take the tablespace offline
2. Copy all files
3. Rename all at once:

```
ALTER DATABASE RENAME FILE 'a', 'b', 'c' TO 'x', 'y', 'z';
```

4. Bring it back online

Relocating Files Belonging to Multiple Tablespaces

If you move files of several tablespaces, you must:

- Shut down the database (`SHUTDOWN`)
- Copy the files
- Start in MOUNT mode
- Rename with `ALTER DATABASE RENAME FILE`
- Open the database (`ALTER DATABASE OPEN`)

Parameters:

- `DB_CREATE_FILE_DEST` — For data files
- `DB_CREATE_ONLINE_LOG_DEST_n` — For redo logs and control files

Remarks !!

The SQL command:

```
TRUNCATE TABLE CUST_INFO;
```

means: delete all rows from the table `CUST_INFO` quickly and irreversibly, but do not delete the table itself or its structure. **It is faster than delete.**

Types de Startup Modes ou Mount Options dans Oracle :

Voici les **états ou modes de démarrage ("startup modes")** d'une base de données Oracle :

1. NOMOUNT

- Lance l'instance Oracle sans monter la base de données.
- Utilisé pour la **création** de la base ou la **restauration** (RMAN).
- Charge les fichiers de paramètres (`spfile` ou `pfile`), mais pas le fichier de contrôle.

2. MOUNT

- Monte la base de données, c'est-à-dire lit le **control file**.
- Ne permet pas l'accès aux données (les fichiers de données ne sont pas encore ouverts).
- Utilisé pour certaines opérations d'administration comme la **récupération**.

3. OPEN

- Ouvre la base de données : les utilisateurs peuvent se connecter et utiliser les données.
- Toutes les opérations sont possibles : lecture, écriture, transactions.

PFile vs. SPFile

Le **PFILE** (*Parameter File*) est un fichier texte utilisé par Oracle pour **initialiser** la base de données au démarrage. Il contient les **paramètres d'initialisation** nécessaires pour lancer l'instance Oracle.

Le **SPFILE** (Server Parameter File) est un **fichier binaire** utilisé par Oracle pour stocker les **paramètres d'initialisation** de l'instance. Contrairement au **PFILE**, qui est un fichier texte, le SPFILE **ne peut pas être modifié directement avec un éditeur de texte** — il se modifie via des commandes SQL.



le PFILE (Parameter File) et le SPFILE (Server Parameter File) ont la même utilité principale : ils servent tous les deux à démarrer une instance Oracle en lui fournissant les paramètres d'initialisation (comme la mémoire, les chemins de fichiers, etc.).

Caractéristique	PFILE	SPFILE
Format	Texte (lisible et modifiable)	Binaire (non modifiable directement)
Modification	Manuelle avec un éditeur (Notepad, vi)	Par commande SQL (<code>ALTER SYSTEM</code>)
Dynamique	❌ Non	✅ Oui (certains paramètres modifiables à chaud)
Utilisé par défaut ?	❌ Non (sauf si spécifié au démarrage)	✅ Oui (s'il existe)
Création	Écrit manuellement	Généré avec <code>CREATE SPFILE FROM PFILE</code>
Emplacement typique	<code>\$ORACLE_HOME/dbs/init<SID>.ora</code>	<code>\$ORACLE_HOME/dbs/spfile<SID>.ora</code>

