

第 1 章 Oracle 的告警日志之 v\$sqlalert_ext 视图

最近由于自己写的一个 job 老是报错，找不出来原因，数据库 linux 的 terminal 由于安全原因不让连接，因此告警日志就没有办法阅读，没有办法就想想其它的办法吧，比如采用外部表的形式来阅读告警日志就是一个不错的办法。

告警日志的重要性就不多说了....

1.1 实验环境

本次所有的实验环境是 Oracle Database 11g Enterprise Edition Release 11.2.0.3.0 - 64bit Production, 10g 的话应该很多是类似的，就不去研究那个了.....

```
C:\Users\Administrator>sqlplus lhr/lhr@orclasm
```

```
SQL*Plus: Release 11.2.0.1.0 Production on 星期四 7 月 17 14:34:47 2014
```

```
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```

```
连接到:
```

```
Oracle Database 11g Enterprise Edition Release 11.2.0.3.0 - 64bit Production  
With the Partitioning, Automatic Storage Management, OLAP, Data Mining  
and Real Application Testing options
```

```
SQL> select * from v$sqlversion;
```

```
BANNER
```

```
-----  
Oracle Database 11g Enterprise Edition Release 11.2.0.3.0 - 64bit Production
```

```
PL/SQL Release 11.2.0.3.0 - Production
```

```
CORE 11.2.0.3.0 Production
```

```
TNS for Linux: Version 11.2.0.3.0 - Production
```

```
NLSRTL Version 11.2.0.3.0 - Production
```

```
SQL>
```

1.2 ADR 目录

Automatic Diagnostic Repository (ADR)

一个存放数据库诊断日志、跟踪文件的目录，称作 ADR base，对应初始化参数 `DIAGNOSTIC_DEST`，如果设置了 `ORACLE_BASE` 环境变量，`DIAGNOSTIC_DEST` 等于 `ORACLE_BASE`，如果没有设置 `ORACLE_BASE`，则等与 `ORACLE_HOME/log`。

SQL> show parameter DIAGNOSTIC

NAME	TYPE	VALUE

diagnostic_dest	string	/oracle/oracle

关于 ADR 这里不多说了，网上一百度一大堆。。。。。。

1.3 告警文件的路径

首先，告警日志文件有 2 种类型，一个是纯文本格式的，另外一种是 xml 文件格式的，不管哪个版本都可以

以用这个参数得到纯文本格式告警日志的路径：

SQL> show parameter background_dump_dest

NAME	TYPE	VALUE

background_dump_dest	string	/u01/app/oracle/diag/rdbms/orclasm/orclasm/trace

SQL>

文本格式的日志还可以通过这个视图来查询：

select value from v\$diag_info where name='Diag Trace';

```
[oracle@rhel6_lhr trace]$ cd /u01/app/oracle/diag/rdbms/orclasm/orclasm/trace
[oracle@rhel6_lhr trace]$ ll -h alert_orclasm.log
-rw-r-----. 1 oracle asmadmin 32M Jul 17 12:00 alert_orclasm.log
[oracle@rhel6_lhr trace]$
```

还有 xml 格式的告警日志文件在：

SQL> select value from v\$diag_info where name='Diag Alert';

VALUE

/u01/app/oracle/diag/rdbms/orclasm/orclasm/alert

SQL>



/u01/app/oracle/diag/rdbms/orclasm/orclasm/alert/log.xml

```
[oracle@rhel6_lhr trace]$ ll -h alert_orclasm.log
-rw-r-----. 1 oracle asmadmin 32M Jul 17 11:30 alert_orclasm.log
[oracle@rhel6_lhr trace]$ cd /u01/app/oracle/diag/rdbms/orclasm/orclasm/trace
[oracle@rhel6_lhr trace]$ ll -h alert_orclasm.log
-rw-r-----. 1 oracle asmadmin 32M Jul 17 12:00 alert_orclasm.log
[oracle@rhel6_lhr trace]$ cd ..
[oracle@rhel6_lhr orclasm]$ ll
total 128
drwxr-x---. 2 oracle asmadmin 4096 Jul 17 11:35 alert
drwxr-x---. 3 oracle asmadmin 4096 Jul 17 11:42 cdump
drwxr-x---. 2 oracle asmadmin 4096 Jul 7 12:15 hm
drwxr-x---. 10 oracle asmadmin 4096 Jul 17 11:42 incident
drwxr-x---. 2 oracle asmadmin 4096 Jun 14 23:22 iacpkg
drwxr-x---. 2 oracle asmadmin 4096 Jun 29 14:49 ir
drwxr-x---. 2 oracle asmadmin 4096 Jul 17 11:42 lck
drwxr-x---. 2 oracle asmadmin 4096 Jun 14 23:22 metadata
drwxr-x---. 2 oracle asmadmin 4096 Jun 14 23:22 metadata_dgif
drwxr-x---. 2 oracle asmadmin 4096 Jun 14 23:22 metadata_pw
drwxr-x---. 2 oracle asmadmin 4096 Jul 17 11:42 stage
drwxr-x---. 2 oracle asmadmin 4096 Jul 17 11:42 sweep
drwxr-x---. 24 oracle asmadmin 77824 Jul 17 11:42 trace
[oracle@rhel6_lhr orclasm]$ cd alert/
[oracle@rhel6_lhr alert]$ ll
total 131868
-rw-r-----. 1 oracle asmadmin 10486095 Jul 16 16:42 log_10.xml
-rw-r-----. 1 oracle asmadmin 10485833 Jul 16 16:44 log_11.xml
-rw-r-----. 1 oracle asmadmin 10485762 Jul 16 16:46 log_12.xml
-rw-r-----. 1 oracle asmadmin 10486508 Jun 29 14:29 log_1.xml
-rw-r-----. 1 oracle asmadmin 10485961 Jun 29 14:32 log_2.xml
-rw-r-----. 1 oracle asmadmin 10485841 Jun 29 14:34 log_3.xml
-rw-r-----. 1 oracle asmadmin 10485881 Jun 29 14:37 log_4.xml
-rw-r-----. 1 oracle asmadmin 10485885 Jun 29 14:41 log_5.xml
-rw-r-----. 1 oracle asmadmin 10485790 Jun 29 14:43 log_6.xml
-rw-r-----. 1 oracle asmadmin 10485857 Jun 29 14:46 log_7.xml
-rw-r-----. 1 oracle asmadmin 10485985 Jun 30 21:58 log_8.xml
-rw-r-----. 1 oracle asmadmin 10485838 Jul 9 17:03 log_9.xml
-rw-r-----. 1 oracle asmadmin 9125133 Jul 17 12:00 log.xml
[oracle@rhel6_lhr alert]$ pwd
/u01/app/oracle/diag/rdbms/orclasm/orclasm/alert
[oracle@rhel6_lhr alert]$
```

1.4 告警日志的内容

- 消息和错误的类型(Types of messages and errors)
- ORA-600 内部错误(ORA-600 internal errors that need immediate support from Oracle's customer support)'

- ORA-1578 块损坏错误(ORA-1578 block corruption errors that require recovery)
- ORA-12012(作业队列错误(ORA-12012 job queue errors))
- 实例启动关闭，恢复等信息 (STARTUP & SHUTDOWN, and RECOVER statement execution messages)
- 特定的 DDL 命令(Certain CREATE, ALTER, & DROP statements)
- 影响表空间，数据文件及回滚段的命令(Statements that effect TABLESPACES, DATAFILES, and ROLLBACK SEGMENTS)
- 可持续的命令被挂起(When a resumable statement is suspended)
- LGWR 不能写入到日志文件(When log writer (LGWR) cannot write to a member of a group)
- 归档进程启动信息(When new Archiver Process (ARCn) is started)
- 调度进程的相关信息(Dispatcher information)
- 动态参数的修改信息(The occurrence of someone changing a dynamic parameter)

1.5 使用外部表查看 oracle 报警日志

关于外部表的使用网上一搜又是一大堆，这里不列举起语法了，直接到使用层次吧。。。。

1.5.1 先来个最简单的使用方法

```
SQL> drop directory DIR_ALERT;
```

目录已删除。

```
SQL> create directory DIR_ALERT as '/u01/app/oracle/diag/rdbms/orclasm/orclasm/trace';
```

目录已创建。

```
SQL>
```

```
SQL>
```

```
SQL> drop table alert_log;
```

表已删除。

```
SQL> create table alert_log(
  2   text varchar2(500)
  3   )organization external
  4   (type oracle_loader
  5   default directory DIR_ALERT
  6   access parameters
  7   (records delimited by newline
```

```
8 )location('alert_orclasm.log')
9 )reject limit unlimited;
```

表已创建。

SQL>

查看 ora 错误:

```
select * from alert_log where text like 'ORA-%';
```

	TEXT	
1	ORA-1109 signalled during: ALTER DATABASE CLOSE NORMAL...	...
2	ORA-00313: open failed for members of log group 1 of thread 1	...
3	ORA-00313: open failed for members of log group 1 of thread 1	...
4	ORA-00313: open failed for members of log group 1 of thread 1	...
5	ORA-00313: open failed for members of log group 2 of thread 1	...
6	ORA-00313: open failed for members of log group 2 of thread 1	...
7	ORA-00313: open failed for members of log group 2 of thread 1	...
8	ORA-00313: open failed for members of log group 3 of thread 1	...
9	ORA-00313: open failed for members of log group 3 of thread 1	...

-----查看最新的10条告警日志记录

```
select * from (
select rownum rn,a.text from alert_log a) b where b.rn>=(select count(1)-10 from alert_log a);
```

RN	TEXT	
527030	Sweep [inc][59930]: completed	...
527031	Sweep [inc][59929]: completed	...
527032	Sweep [inc][59874]: completed	...
527033	Sweep [inc][59873]: completed	...
527034	Sweep [inc2][59930]: completed	...
527035	Thu Jul 17 12:00:19 2014	...
527036	Thread 1 advanced to log sequence 265 (LGWR switch)	...
527037	Current log# 1 seq# 265 mem# 0: +DATA/orclasm/onlineolog/group_1.261.850260255	...
527038	Current log# 1 seq# 265 mem# 1: +FRA/orclasm/onlineolog/group_1.257.850260259	...
527039	Thu Jul 17 12:00:23 2014	...
527040	Archived Log entry 260 added for thread 1 sequence 264 ID 0xcc239259 dest 1:	...

-----查看最新的10条ora告警日志记录

```
SELECT *
FROM (SELECT rownum rn,
a.text
FROM alert_log a
WHERE a.text LIKE 'ORA-%') b
WHERE b.rn >=
(SELECT COUNT(1) - 10 FROM alert_log a WHERE a.text LIKE 'ORA-%');
```


RN	TEXT
35895	ORA-19815: WARNING: db_recovery_file_dest_size of 2147483648 bytes is 100.00% used
35896	ORA-19815: WARNING: db_recovery_file_dest_size of 2147483648 bytes is 100.00% used
35897	ORA-19815: WARNING: db_recovery_file_dest_size of 2147483648 bytes is 100.00% used
35898	ORA-19815: WARNING: db_recovery_file_dest_size of 2147483648 bytes is 100.00% used
35899	ORA-19815: WARNING: db_recovery_file_dest_size of 2147483648 bytes is 100.00% used
35900	ORA-07445: 出现异常错误: 核心转储 [memcpy()+598] [SIGSEGV] [ADDR:0x7F1474438000] [PC:0x3A...
35901	ORA-07445: 出现异常错误: 核心转储 [kgscDump()+520] [SIGSEGV] [ADDR:0x0] [PC:0x8548AF8] [SI...
35902	ORA-07445: 出现异常错误: 核心转储 [memcpy()+598] [SIGSEGV] [ADDR:0x7F1474438000] [PC:0x3A...
35903	ORA-00600: 内部错误代码
35904	ORA-07445: 出现异常错误: 核心转储 [kghfnd()+2667] [SIGSEGV] [ADDR:0xFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF0] [PC:0...
35905	ORA-00600: 内部错误代码

以上代码细心的网友可能会发现一个缺点，我不能查看历史某一时间段内的告警日志，或者说查看历史某一时间段内的告警日志很困难。。。别急，，，哥还有办法的。。。。以下给出另一段代码，这段代码可以把历史告警日志做了格式化处理，采用了分区表的形式，我不运行了，直接贴代码了：

1.5.2 再来个稍微复杂点的

```

-----创建表xb_alert_log_lhr用于存放告警日志的历史信息
-- drop table xb_alert_log_lhr;
create table xb_alert_log_lhr (
    id number primary key,
    alert_date date,
    alert_text varchar2(500)
) nologging
partition by range(alert_date)
interval(numtoyminterval(1,'month'))
(partition P201406 VALUES LESS THAN(TO_DATE('201407','YYYYMM')));

create sequence s_xb_alert_log_lhr;
create index alert_log_idx on xb_alert_log_lhr(alert_date) local nologging ; --为
表alert_log创建索引

column db new_value _DB noprint;
column bdump new_value _bdump noprint;
select instance_name db from v$instance; --获得实例名以及
告警日志路径

select value bdump from v$parameter
where name ='background_dump_dest';

-- drop directory DIR_ALERT_LHR;
create directory DIR_ALERT_LHR as

```

'/u01/app/oracle/diag/rdbms/orclasm/orclasm/trace';

```
--          drop table xb_alert_log_disk_lhr;
create table xb_alert_log_disk_lhr ( text varchar2(500) ) --创建外部表
organization external (
    type oracle_loader
    default directory DIR_ALERT_LHR
    access parameters (
        records delimited by newline nologfile nobadfile
    )
    location('alert_orclasm.log')
) reject limit unlimited;
```

CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE pro_alert_log_lhr AS

```
isdate          NUMBER := 0;
start_updating  NUMBER := 0;
v_rows_inserted NUMBER := 0;
v_alert_date    DATE;
v_max_date      DATE;
v_alert_text    xb_alert_log_disk_lhr.text%TYPE;
```

BEGIN

```
EXECUTE IMMEDIATE 'alter session set NLS_DATE_FORMAT="YYYY-MM-DD
HH24:MI:SS";
```

```
EXECUTE IMMEDIATE 'alter session set nls_date_language="american";
```

/* find a starting date */

```
SELECT MAX(v_alert_date) INTO v_max_date FROM xb_alert_log_lhr;
IF (v_max_date IS NULL) THEN
    v_max_date := to_date('01-01-1980', 'dd-mm-yyyy');
END IF;
```

--使用for循环从告警日志过滤信息

```
FOR cur IN (SELECT *
            FROM xb_alert_log_disk_lhr
            ) LOOP
```

```
isdate          := 0;
v_alert_text := NULL;
```

```
SELECT COUNT(*)
INTO isdate --设定标志位，用于判断该行是否为时间数据
FROM dual
WHERE substr(cur.text, 21) IN
```

```
('2009', '2010', '2011', '2012', '2013', '2014', '2015') ---Sat Jun 14 23:22:14 2014
```

```

AND length(cur.text) = 24;

IF (isdate = 1) THEN
    --将时间数据格式化
    SELECT to_date(substr(cur.text, 5), 'Mon dd hh24:mi:ss rrrr')
    INTO v_alert_date
    FROM dual;
    IF (v_alert_date > v_max_date) THEN
        --设定标志位用于判断是否需要update
        start_updating := 1;
    END IF;
ELSE
    v_alert_text := cur.text;
END IF;

IF (v_alert_text IS NOT NULL) AND (start_updating = 1) THEN
    --start_updating标志位与v_alert_text为真，插入记录
    INSERT INTO xb_alert_log_lhr nologging
        (id, alert_date, alert_text)
    VALUES
        (s_xb_alert_log_lhr.nextval, v_alert_date, v_alert_text);
    v_rows_inserted := v_rows_inserted + 1;
    COMMIT;
END IF;
END LOOP;

sys.dbms_output.put_line('Inserting after date ' ||
    to_char(v_max_date, 'YYYY-MM-DD HH24:MI:SS'));
sys.dbms_output.put_line('Rows Inserted: ' || v_rows_inserted);
COMMIT;
END pro_alert_log_lhr;
/

```

执行存过：

```

begin
    pro_alert_log_lhr;
end;

```

执行结束后大家可以查看，格式化之后的表：

```

select * from xb_alert_log_disk_lhr;
select * from xb_alert_log_lhr partition(SYS_P381) a where a.id>=834180 order by a.id;
select * from xb_alert_log_lhr partition(SYS_P381) a where a.alert_text like '%ORA%';

```

虽然可以采用了分区表存储了历史告警日志，也有索引可用，但是存过有个缺点，每次都会对外部表

全部扫描，这个有点慢。。。。。

1.5.3 自己用的(本篇的重点)

主要采用 v\$diag_alert_ext 视图中的内容，因为这个视图中的内容很全，记录到历史表中，利于我们分析。

-----历史告警日志记录

--drop table XB_ALERTLOG_ALL_LHR ;

create table XB_ALERTLOG_ALL_LHR

(

ID NUMBER primary key,

alert_date date,

message_text VARCHAR2(3000),

message_type NUMBER,

message_level NUMBER,

message_id VARCHAR2(67),

message_group VARCHAR2(67),

detailed_location VARCHAR2(163),

problem_key VARCHAR2(67),

record_id NUMBER,

organization_id VARCHAR2(67),

component_id VARCHAR2(67),

host_id VARCHAR2(67),

host_address VARCHAR2(49),

client_id VARCHAR2(67),

module_id VARCHAR2(67),

process_id VARCHAR2(35)

) nologging

partition by range(alert_date)

interval(numtoyminterval(1,'month'))

(partition P201406 VALUES LESS THAN(TO_DATE('201407','YYYYMM')));

--drop SEQUENCE S_XB_SQL_MONITOR_LHR;

CREATE SEQUENCE S_XB_ALERTLOG_ALL_LHR START WITH 1 INCREMENT BY 1 cache 20;

create index ind_ALERTLOG_ALL_In_Date on

XB_ALERTLOG_ALL_LHR(ALERT_DATE,Record_Id) local nologging;

-----记录历史告警日志

CREATE PROCEDURE p_alert_log_lhr AS

v_max_recordid NUMBER;

v_max_date DATE;

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```
BEGIN
```

```
SELECT MAX(a.record_id),  
        MAX(a.alert_date)  
INTO    v_max_recordid,  
        v_max_date  
FROM    XB_ALERTLOG_ALL_LHR a  
WHERE   a.alert_date >= SYSDATE - 360 / 1440 --3h'之前  
AND     a.alert_date <= SYSDATE;
```

```
INSERT INTO XB_ALERTLOG_ALL_LHR nologging  
(ID,  
  ALERT_DATE,  
  MESSAGE_TEXT,  
  MESSAGE_TYPE,  
  MESSAGE_LEVEL,  
  MESSAGE_ID,  
  MESSAGE_GROUP,  
  DETAILED_LOCATION,  
  PROBLEM_KEY,  
  RECORD_ID,  
  ORGANIZATION_ID,  
  COMPONENT_ID,  
  HOST_ID,  
  HOST_ADDRESS,  
  CLIENT_ID,  
  MODULE_ID,  
  PROCESS_ID)  
SELECT s_XB_ALERTLOG_ALL_LHR.Nextval,  
       to_date(to_char(a.ORIGINATING_TIMESTAMP,  
                       'YYYY-MM-DD HH24:MI:SS'),  
               'YYYY-MM-DD HH24:MI:SS') alert_date,  
       a.MESSAGE_TEXT,  
       a.MESSAGE_TYPE,  
       a.MESSAGE_LEVEL,  
       a.MESSAGE_ID,  
       a.MESSAGE_GROUP,  
       a.DETAILED_LOCATION,  
       a.PROBLEM_KEY,  
       a.RECORD_ID,  
       a.ORGANIZATION_ID,  
       a.COMPONENT_ID,  
       a.HOST_ID,  
       a.HOST_ADDRESS,
```

```

a.CLIENT_ID,
a.MODULE_ID,
a.PROCESS_ID
FROM v$diag_alert_ext a
WHERE a.COMPONENT_ID = 'rdbms'
AND a.FILENAME LIKE
'/u01/app/oracle/diag/rdbms/orclasm/orclasm/alert/log.xml%'
AND a.RECORD_ID > v_max_recordid
AND a.ORIGINATING_TIMESTAMP >= v_max_date;

COMMIT;

END p_alert_log_lhr;
/

```

定时任务:

```

BEGIN

DBMS_SCHEDULER.CREATE_JOB(JOB_NAME => 'job_p_alert_log_lhr',
                           JOB_TYPE => 'STORED_PROCEDURE',
                           JOB_ACTION => 'p_alert_log_lhr',
                           ENABLED => TRUE,
                           START_DATE => SYSDATE,
                           comments => '记录历史告警日志，每 2 个小时执行一次');

END;
/

```

1.5.4 归档告警文件

归档告警日志文件，每周日早上凌晨归档一次，，（linux 下的 crontab 如何使用？？？？百度吧，哥这里不列出了。。。。。）：

```

#*****
#  FileName      :alert_log_archive.sh
#*****
#  Author        :lhr
#  CreateDate    :2014-07-16
#  blogs         :http://blog.itpub.net/26736162

```

```
# Description :this script is made the alert log archived every day
# crontab : 2 0 * * 0 /home/oracle/lhr/alert_log_archive.sh ---sunday exec
#*****
#!/bin/bash
# these solved the oracle variable problem.
export ORACLE_SID=orclasm
export ORACLE_BASE=/u01/app/oracle
mydate=`date +%Y%m%d%H%M%S`
alert_log_path="$ORACLE_BASE/diag/rdbms/$ORACLE_SID/$ORACLE_SID/trace/"
alert_log_file="alert_${ORACLE_SID}.log"
alert_arc_file="alert_${ORACLE_SID}.log"."${mydate}"
cd ${alert_log_path};
if [ ! -e "${alert_log_file}" ]; then
    echo "the alert log didn't exists, please check file path is correct!";
exit;
fi
if [ -e ${alert_arc_file} ];then
    echo "the alert log file have been archived!"
else
mv ${alert_log_file} ${alert_arc_file}
cat /dev/null > ${alert_log_file}
fi
```

```
[oracle@rhel6_lhr lhr]$ vi alert_log_archive.sh
[oracle@rhel6_lhr lhr]$ ll
total 4
-rw-r--r--. 1 oracle oinstall 1045 Jul 17 17:09 alert_log_archive.sh
[oracle@rhel6_lhr lhr]$ chmod +x alert_log_archive.sh
[oracle@rhel6_lhr lhr]$ ll
total 4
-rwxr-xr-x. 1 oracle oinstall 1045 Jul 17 17:09 alert_log_archive.sh
[oracle@rhel6_lhr lhr]$ pwd
/home/oracle/lhr
[oracle@rhel6_lhr lhr]$ crontab -e
no crontab for oracle - using an empty one
crontab: installing new crontab
[oracle@rhel6_lhr lhr]$ crontab -l
20 17 * * * /home/oracle/lhr/alert_log_archive.sh
[oracle@rhel6_lhr lhr]$ date
Thu Jul 17 17:18:36 CST 2014
[oracle@rhel6_lhr lhr]$ vi alert_log_archive.sh
[oracle@rhel6_lhr lhr]$
```

这里应该赋予可执行权限，不然不会执行的

编辑定时任务

查看编辑的定时任务

1.6 与告警日志有关的视图

```
select * from dba_alert_history a order by a.sequence_id desc ;
select * from dba_alert_arguments;
select * from dba_outstanding_alerts;
```

1.7 列出 3 个 OCP 考题

1、Identify the two situations in which you use the alert log file in your database to check the details. (Choose two.)

选项

A. Running a query on a table returns "ORA-600: Internal Error ."

B. Inserting a value in a table returns "ORA-01722: invalid number ."

C. Creating a table returns "ORA-00955: name is already used by an existing object."

D. Inserting a value in a table returns "ORA-00001: unique constraint (SYS.PK_TECHP) violated."

E. Inserting a row in a table returns "ORA-00060: deadlock detected while waiting for resource."

Correct Answers: A E

2、Identify the three predefined server-generated alerts. (Choose three.)

确定三个预定义的服务器生成的警报。

A. Drop User

B. Tablespace Space Usage 表空间空间使用率

C. Resumable Session Suspended 可恢复会话暂停

D. Recovery Area Low On Free Space 自由空间上的恢复区低

E. SYSTEM Tablespace Size Increment

Answer: B,C,D

3、 Which two statements are true about alerts? (Choose two.) 选项

A.Clearing an alert sends the alert to the alert history .

B.Response actions cannot be specified with server-generated alerts.

C.The nonthreshold alerts appear in the DBA_OUTSTANDING_ALERTS view .

D.Server-generated alerts notify the problems that cannot be resolved automatically and require administrators to be notified.

Correct Answers: A D

1.8 列出官网的一些内容

Alerts help you monitor your database. Most alerts notify you of when particular metric thresholds are exceeded. For each alert, you can set critical and warning threshold values. These threshold values are meant to be boundary values that when exceeded, indicate that the system is in an undesirable state. For example, when a tablespace becomes 97 percent full, this can be considered undesirable, and Oracle Database generates a critical alert.

Other alerts correspond to database events such as Snapshot Too Old or Resumable Session suspended. These types of alerts indicate that the event has occurred.

In addition to notification, you can set alerts to perform some action such as running a script. For instance, scripts that shrink tablespace objects can be useful for a Tablespace Usage warning alert.

By default, Oracle Database issues several alerts, including the following:

- Archive Area Used (warning at 80 percent full)
- Broken Job Count and Failed Job Count (warning when goes above 0)
- Current Open Cursors Count (warning when goes above 1200)
- Dump Area Used (warning at 95 percent full)
- Session Limit Usage (warning at 90 percent, critical at 97 percent)
- Tablespace Space Used (warning at 85 percent full, critical at 97 percent full)
- You can modify these alerts and others by setting their metrics

The alert log is an XML file that is a chronological log of database messages and errors. It is stored in the ADR and includes messages about the following:

- Critical errors (incidents)
- Administrative operations, such as starting up or shutting down the database, recovering the database, creating or dropping a tablespace, and others.
- Errors during automatic refresh of a materialized view
- Other database events

You can view the alert log in text format (with the XML tags stripped) with Enterprise Manager and with the ADRCI utility. There is also a text-formatted version of the alert log stored in the ADR for backward compatibility. However, Oracle recommends that any parsing of the alert log contents be done with the XML-formatted version, because the text format is unstructured and may change from release to release.