

# Database Instance

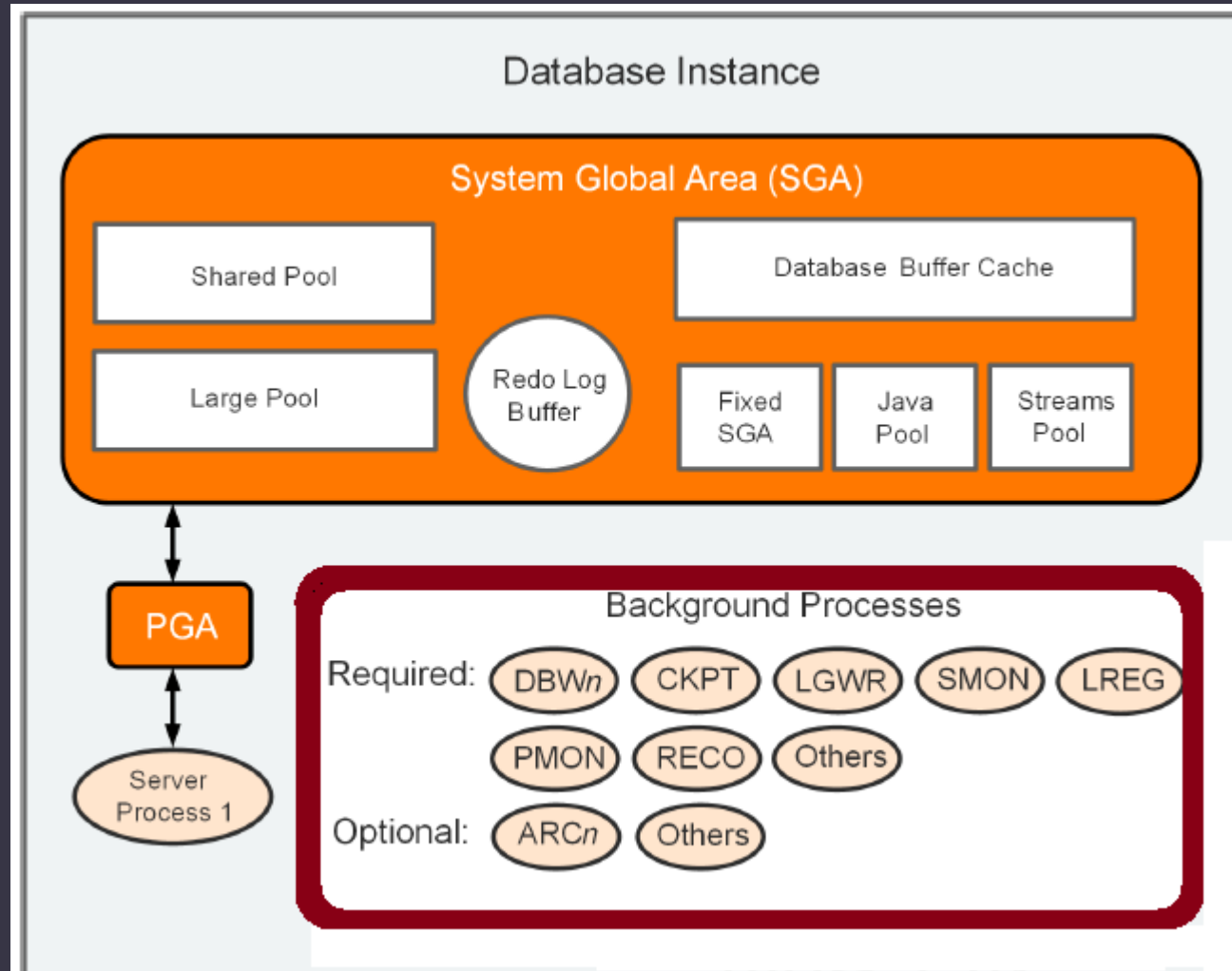
server processes + PGA

What we will learn in this lecture?

- What is the server processes?
- Tasks of server processes?
- What is the PGA?
- Oracle dedicated server process
- *Oracle Shared Server Processes*

# Database Instance in-depth

A database instance is a set of memory structures and processes that manage database files



## Memory

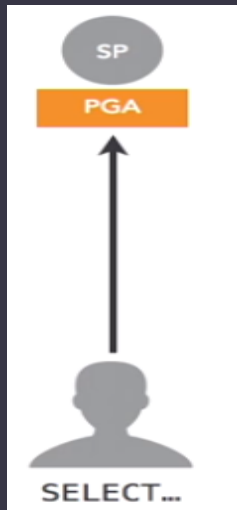
- ✓ System Global Area ( SGA )
- ✓ Program Global Area ( PGA )

## Processes

- ✓ Background processes
- ✓ Server processes

# Server processes + PGA

- Oracle starts up server processes to handle the requests of client processes (User sessions ) connected to the Oracle database
- Perform the work for the client program  
*Example: Parsing and running SQL statements , retrieving results to the client program and this mean reading database data from the database storage and loading that data into the Oracle instance buffer cache.*
- Act on behalf of client sessions
- Each server process has its own cache dedicated for each connecting client.  
This cache is also known as the **PGA**



So here in this example, I have one user session doing select statement ,so this mean Oracle will create SP and this SP has its own PGA

More users= more dedicated server processes

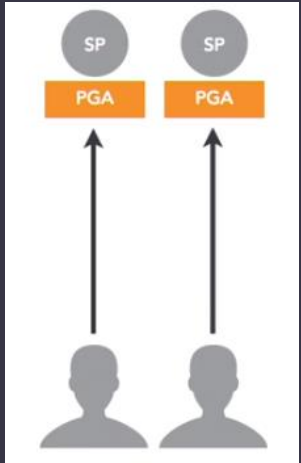
**PGA:** non-shared memory region reserved only for the specific user session connected to that specific server process.

*it contains data and control information used by the server processes when sorting data, joining large tables together as part of a SQL statement, and so on*

# Server processes

## Oracle dedicated server process

one-to-one relation  
between connecting user sessions  
and server processes



## Oracle Shared Server Processes

client user processes connect to a dispatcher.  
The dispatcher can support multiple  
client connections concurrently

Shared server architecture eliminates the need  
for a dedicated server process for each connection

Your database is always enabled to allow dedicated server processes, but you must specifically configure and enable **shared server** by setting one or more initialization parameters

# Thank You