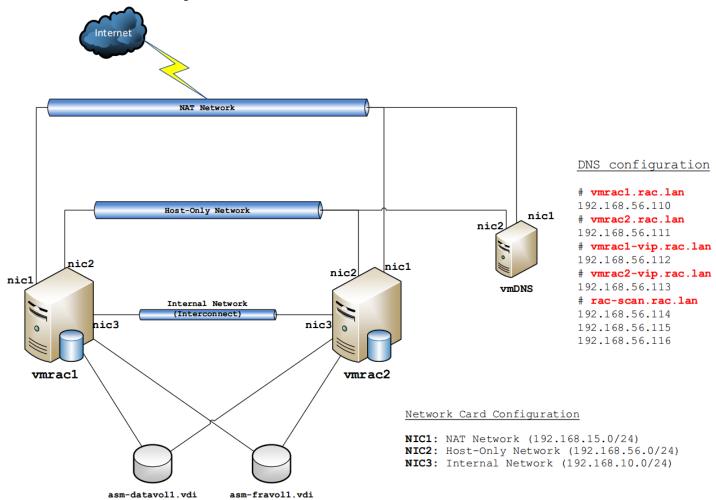
# Oracle Real Application Cluster 12c on Oracle Linux 7.2 using Oracle VirualBox

Installation of two-node Oracle Real Application Cluster 12c (12.1.0.2.0) will be done in silent mode using Oracle VirtualBox on Windows 8.1 PC with 16Gb of RAM and about 80Gb of free space.

Virtual environment diagram:



The virtual environment consists of two virtual machines for Oracle RAC nodes, two VirtualBox shared disks for Oracle ASM and one virtual machine for DNS and NTP Server. VirtualBox does not allow a host to be connected directly to a NAT network; therefore, tree networks are required:

- 1. NAT Network to provide internet connection
- 2. **Host-Only Network** to provide connectivity between host and virtual machines. This network will be used as Oracle Public Network
- 3. Internal Network which will be used as an Oracle Private Network (Interconnect)

The DNS Server will resolve host names,  $\underline{\text{VIP}}\text{s}$  and three IP addresses for  $\underline{\text{SCAN}}$  (Single Client Access Name) in a round-robin fashion.

Installation of Oracle Grid Infrastructure, Database Software and creation of Container Databases will be performed without graphical interface (in silent mode).

The operating system user **oracle** will be the owner of both <u>Oracle Grid Infrastructure</u> and <u>Database Software</u>. Separation of common administrative tasks will be implemented using operating system groups. You will not have to switch between environments manually by exporting **ORACLE\_HOME** and **ORACLE\_SID** variables, as .bash profile will contain environment switches. There also will be some short aliases for rapid access to the <u>CRS</u>, <u>ASM</u> and <u>Database</u> alert logs. Most part of Oracle command line tools such as **sqlplus** and **rman** will be called using the **rlwrap** utility, which allows readline's line editing and persistent history.

Virtual machine specifications are the following:

## Oracle RAC Nodes specs:

**vCPU:** 2 **RAM:** 4 GB

Local Storage: 30 GB (Dynamically allocated storage)

NIC1: NAT Network

NIC2: Host-Only Network NIC3: Internal Network OS: Oracle Linux 7.2

**Shared disks:** 2 x 10 GB Disks (Fixed size storage)

#### DNS/NTP Server specs:

**vCPU:** 1 **RAM:** 1 GB

Local Storage: 10 GB (Dynamically allocated storage)

NIC1: NAT Network

NIC2: Host-Only Adapter

**OS:** CentOS 7

You can download Oracle software distribution media from  $\underline{\text{download.oracle.com}}$ . VirtualBox software can be found  $\underline{\text{here}}$ . CentOS7 download page.

# Preparation of virtual environment

Oracle VirtualBox provides comprehensive command line interface. To prepare a virtual environment for Oracle Real Application Cluster do the following:

Run **CMD** on the host computer and execute the following commands (replace <PATH\_TO\_ISO> with the path to the operating system ISO image):

Create a virtual NAT network:

"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" natnetwork add --netname "vmracnat" --network "192.168.15.0/24" --enable

# Create a virtual machine for DNS/NTP server:

```
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" createvm --register --name "vmDNS" --ostype RedHat_64
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" storagectl "vmDNS" --name "IDE" --add
```

ide --bootable on

"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" storagectl "vmDNS" --name "SATA" --add sata --controller IntelAhci --bootable on

```
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" createhd --filename
"%userprofile%\VirtualBox VMs\vmDNS\vmDNS-localdisk.vdi" --size 20480 --format VDI
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" storageattach "vmDNS" --storagectl
"IDE" --port 0 --device 0 --type dvddrive --medium "<PATH_TO_ISO>"
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" storageattach "vmDNS" --storagectl
"SATA" --port 0 --device 0 --type hdd --medium "%userprofile%\VirtualBox VMs\vmDNS\vmDNS-localdisk.vdi"
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" modifyvm "vmDNS" --boot1 disk --boot2
dvd --boot3 none --memory 1024 --cpus 1 --cpuexecutioncap 80 --vram 12 --nic1 natnetwork
--nat-network1 "vmracnat" --nic2 hostonly --hostonlyadapter2 "VirtualBox Host-Only
Ethernet Adapter" --audio none
```

## Create virtual machines for Oracle RAC nodes.

```
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" createvm --register --name "vmrac1" --
ostype Oracle 64
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" storagectl "vmrac1" --name "IDE" --add
ide --bootable on
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" storagectl "vmrac1" --name "SATA" --add
sata --controller IntelAhci --bootable on
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" createhd --filename
"%userprofile%\VirtualBox VMs\vmrac1\vmrac1-localdisk.vdi" --size 30720 --format VDI
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" storageattach "vmrac1" --storagectl
"IDE" --port 0 --device 0 --type dvddrive --medium "<PATH TO ISO>"
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" storageattach "vmrac1" --storagectl
"SATA" --port 0 --device 0 --type hdd --medium "%userprofile%\VirtualBox
VMs\vmrac1\vmrac1-localdisk.vdi"
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" modifyvm "vmrac1" --boot1 disk --boot2
dvd --boot3 none --memory 4096 --cpus 2 --cpuexecutioncap 80 --vram 12 --nic1 natnetwork
--nat-network1 "vmracnat" --nic2 hostonly --hostonlyadapter2 "VirtualBox Host-Only
Ethernet Adapter" --nic3 intnet --audio none
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" createvm --register --name "vmrac2" --
ostype Oracle 64
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" storagectl "vmrac2" --name "IDE" --add
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" storagectl "vmrac2" --name "SATA" --add
sata --controller IntelAhci --bootable on
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" createhd --filename
"%userprofile%\VirtualBox VMs\vmrac2\vmrac2-localdisk.vdi" --size 30720 --format VDI
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" storageattach "vmrac2" --storagectl
"IDE" --port 0 --device 0 --type dvddrive --medium "<PATH TO ISO>"
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" storageattach "vmrac2" --storagectl
"SATA" --port 0 --device 0 --type hdd --medium "%userprofile%\VirtualBox
VMs\vmrac2\vmrac2-localdisk.vdi"
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" modifyvm "vmrac2" --boot1 disk --boot2
dvd --boot3 none --memory 4096 --cpus 2 --cpuexecutioncap 80 --vram 12 --nic1 natnetwork
--nat-network1 "vmracnat" --nic2 hostonly --hostonlyadapter2 "VirtualBox Host-Only
Ethernet Adapter" --nic3 intnet --audio none
```

# Installation of operating systems

You can install operating systems manually or using Linux Kickstart for automated installation with preconfigured files - <a href="mailto:anaconda-ks.vmdns.cfg">anaconda-ks.vmdns.cfg</a>, <a href="mailto:anaconda-ks.vmrac1.cfg">anaconda-ks.vmrac1.cfg</a> and <a href="mailto:anaconda-ks.vmrac2.cfg">anaconda-ks.vmrac2.cfg</a> for <a href="mailto:vmmrac2">vmmnac2</a>. Files can be downloaded from the <a href="https://github.com/georgiy-shubin/kickstart-files repository">https://github.com/georgiy-shubin/kickstart-files repository</a>.

The easiest way to present kickstart files to virtual machines is to use the small <a href="http://example.com/HFS"><u>Http://example.com/HFS</u></a> and select the IP address to listen on - Menu -> IP address -> 192.168.56.1. Drag and drop kickstart files to <a href="http://example.com/Vurtual File System">Vurtual File System</a> window. While selecting each uploaded files you can see their URLs in the Open in browser field.

Note: Password for a root user in all Kickstart files is oracle.

Start the virtual machine by executing the "VBoxManage.exe startvm" on your host. After VM boots from Linux installation media, press ESC inside the VM console and the "boot:" field will appear. Type the kickstart command to start the automated installation.

#### vmDNS

Start the VM on the host:

"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" startvm "vmDNS"

Kickstart command:

linux inst.ks=http://192.168.56.1/anaconda-ks.vmdns.cfg

#### vmrac1

Start the VM on the host:

"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" startvm "vmrac1"

Kickstart command:

linux inst.ks=http://192.168.56.1/anaconda-ks.vmrac1.cfg

#### vmrac2

Start the VM on the host:

"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" startvm "vmrac2"

Kickstart command:

linux inst.ks=http://192.168.56.1/anaconda-ks.vmrac2.cfg

<u>Note</u>: Name resolution will not work on Oracle RAC nodes until you configure the DNS Server.

## OS configuration for DNS/NTP server:

Date & Time: Asia/Baku Time zone

Software Selection: Default Installation Source: Local media

Installation Source: Auto

Network Config: NIC1 (onboot=yes) - 192.168.15.0/24 (gw - 192.168.15.1, nameserver -

8.8.4.4, 8.8.8.8, domain - rac.lan)

NIC2 (onboot=yes) - 192.168.56.0/24 (No gateway and DNS)

Hostname: vmdns

IP: nic1 - 192.168.15.101, nic2 - 192.168.56.101

## OS configuration for Oracle RAC Nodes:

oracle

Date & Time: Asia/Baku Time zone Software Selection: Minimal install Installation Source: Local media KDUMP: Disabled Partitioning: /boot - 500 MB swap - 4 GB / - remaining size Network Config: NIC1 (onboot=yes) - 192.168.15.0/24 (gw - 192.168.15.1, nameserver -192.168.15.101, domain - rac.lan) NIC2 (onboot=yes) - 192.168.56.0/24 (No gateway and DNS) NIC3 (onboot=yes) - 192.168.10.0/24 (No gateway and DNS) Hostname And IP: vmrac1 (nic - 192.168.15.110, nic2 - 192.168.56.110, nic3 -192.168.10.110) vmrac2 (nic - 192.168.15.111, nic2 - 192.168.56.111, nic3 -192.168.10.111) Installation and configuration of DNS and NTP server You can use the python scripts to install and configure DNS and NTP server automatically. First, prepare you system. As it is a test deployment, you can turn off the firewall... [root@vmdns ~]# systemctl stop firewalld [root@vmdns ~] # systemctl disable firewalld and SELinux (requires a system reboot). [root@vmdns ~] # cp /etc/selinux/config /etc/selinux/config.bkp.`date +%Y%m%d%H%M%S` [root@vmdns ~] # sed -i "s/SELINUX=enforcing/SELINUX=disabled/g" /etc/selinux/config Run the system update. [root@vmdns ~]# yum -y update Install **net-tool** and **telnet** for easier troubleshooting. [root@vmdns ~]# yum install -y net-tools telnet Install git. [root@vmdns ~]# yum -y install git Reboot the system [root@vmdns ~]# reboot Download the automated python scripts from the git repository.

Just as the python environment is installed you can run the **ntp-dns-oracle.py** script which will ask for several details - IP address of the DNS server, a privileged user name and password, and a domain name that will be used in the Oracle Public Network.

[root@vmdns ~] # git clone https://github.com/jamalshahverdiev/ntp-and-dns-for-

Run the python-installer.sh script to install the python environment.

[root@vmdns ntp-and-dns-for-oracle]# ./python-installer.sh

[root@vmdns ~] # cd ~/ntp-and-dns-for-oracle/

Note: The cloned git repository will contain the jinja2temps/iplist file with the IP configuration for DNS and NTP server according to this manual. If you want to use a different IP configuration, please edit this file. [root@vmdns ntp-and-dns-for-oracle]# ./ntp-dns-oracle.py This script downloads and installs NTP and DNS servers automatically. Edit the ./jinja2temps/iplist file to provide an IP configuration. Please input the following details: IP address of DNS server (local or remote): 192.168.15.101 User name: root Password: <type oracle here> Domain name for RAC public network: rac.lan Installation and configuration of DNS server is in progress ... DNS Server installed and configured successfully. Installation and configuration of NTP server is in progress ... NTP Server installed and configured successfully. To configure name resolution on your host, run CMD as administrator. Identify your primary adapter name and the current DNS Server IP by executing the ipconfig command, and execute the following: C:\Windows\system32>netsh interface ipv4 add dns "VirtualBox Host-Only Network" 192.168.56.101 C:\Windows\system32>netsh interface ipv4 add dns "<adapter name>" <primary dns ip> C:\Windows\system32>netsh interface ipv4 add dns "<adapter name>" 192.168.56.101 index=2 C:\Windows\system32>ipconfig /registerdns C:\Windows\system32>ipconfig /flushdns C:\Windows\system32>ping vmrac1.rac.lan Pinging vmrac1.rac.lan [192.168.56.110] with 32 bytes of data: Reply from 192.168.56.110: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=64 To reset the DNS configuration:

C:\Windows\system32>netsh interface ipv4 set dnsservers "<adapter name>" source=dhcp C:\Windows\system32>netsh interface ipv4 set dnsservers "VirtualBox Host-Only Network" source=dhcp

C:\Windows\system32>ipconfig /registerdns

C:\Windows\system32>ipconfig /flushdns

## Preparation of Oracle Linux for Oracle Software

## Operating system parameters

Perform the following tasks as a root user on the each cluster node.

First, install the EPEL Repository in to get the rlwrap utility: # rpm -ivh https://dl.fedoraproject.org/pub/epel/epel-release-latest-7.noarch.rpm Run the system update to download latest version of the packages. The most important are latest Unbreakable Enterprise Kernel (UEK) and TZDATA, which updates local DST rules.

# yum -y update

Install packages required by Oracle Software

# yum -y install oracle-rdbms-server-12cR1-preinstall oracleasm-support ntp nettools rlwrap unzip git wget

<u>oracle-rdbms-server-12cR1-preinstall</u> - Performs configuration of operating system kernel parameter, creates oracle user and oinstall group, sets user limits, installs required packages to run oracle binaries and configures GRUB2 boot loader.

<u>Note</u>: On Oracle Linux 7.2, this package configures the boot loader thus OS loads standard Linux kernel. It is necessary to reconfigure it to load the UEK.

<u>oracleasm-support</u> - The OS may change the name of a block device across restarts. ASMLib driver labels shared disks, thus Oracle ASM can identify them. This driver is used instead of **UDEV** rules.

ntp - Network Time Protocol.

<u>net-tools</u> - OEL/RHEL/Centos 7 uses a new mechanism and commands to perform network related tasks. The **net-tools** package provides legacy commands (ifconfig, netstat, etc.) which are required for <u>Cluster Verification Utility</u> (CVU) to verify network compatibility between cluster nodes.

<u>rlwrap</u> - Provides readline's line editing and persistent history for Oracle command line tools such as **sqlplus** and **rman**.

<u>unzip</u> - Install unzip if the operating system installed as "minimal installation". In addition, you can install some useful utilities for troubleshooting (telnet, tcpdump, lsof, strace).

git - Utility that downloads stuff from the git repositories.

wget - Downloader with CLI

Create an additional operating system group for Oracle ASM administrative tasks and add the **oracle** user to it.

- # groupadd -g 54328 asmadmin
- # usermod -g oinstall -G dba,asmadmin oracle

Update boot order to make the latest  $\underline{\text{UEK}}$  default. First, get the ordinal number of the latest kernel among available ones, set it to default and configure GRUB2. You can get a list of available kernels by executing the following command:

# grep "^menuentry" /boot/grub2/grub.cfg | cut -d "'" -f2 | awk '{print NR-1 " - "
\$0}'

Configure GRUB2

- # grub2-set-default <UEK-ordinal-number>
- # grub2-mkconfig -o /boot/grub2/grub.cfg

Add hosts file records. Oracle RAC requires  $\underline{\text{VIP}}$ s to be resolved by DNS and the hosts file.  $\underline{\text{PRIV}}$ s are not required to be resolved; however, it is allowed to put them into a DNS server or the hosts file. Database requires hostname record of the local node to be present in the hosts file.

- # cp /etc/hosts /etc/hosts.bkp.`date +%Y%m%d%H%M%S`
- # cat <<EOF >> /etc/hosts

```
192.168.56.110 vmrac1 vmrac1.rac.lan
      192.168.56.111 vmrac2 vmrac2.rac.lan
      192.168.56.112 vmrac1-vip vmrac1-vip.rac.lan
      192.168.56.113 vmrac2-vip vmrac2-vip.rac.lan
      EOF
Stop and disable firewall.
      # systemctl stop firewalld
      # systemctl disable firewalld
Disable SELinux.
      # cp /etc/selinux/config /etc/selinux/config.bkp. date +%Y%m%d%H%M%S
      # sed -i "s/SELINUX=enforcing/SELINUX=disabled/g" /etc/selinux/config
Change order of name resolution in the Name Service Switch configuration file
(/etc/nsswitch.conf). This setting allows searching a DNS Server before reading the hosts
file during name resolution.
      # cp /etc/nsswitch.conf /etc/nsswitch.conf.bkp. date +%Y%m%d%H%M%S
      # sed -i "s/hosts: files dns myhostname/hosts: dns files myhostname/g"
      /etc/nsswitch.conf
Configure, start and enable NTP.
      # ntpserver=192.168.56.101
      # cp /etc/ntp.conf /etc/ntp.conf.bkp.`date +%Y%m%d%H%M%S`
      # cp /etc/sysconfig/ntpd /etc/sysconfig/ntpd.bkp. `date +%Y%m%d%H%M%S`
      # sed -i "/^server/d" /etc/ntp.conf
      # echo server $ntpserver iburst >> /etc/ntp.conf
      # sed -i "s/-g/-x -p \/var\/run\/ntpd.pid -g/g" /etc/sysconfig/ntpd
      # systemctl start ntpd
      # systemctl enable ntpd
Create a directory that will hold Oracle Inventory, Oracle Base and Homes for Grid and
Database.
      # mkdir -p /u01
      # chown -R oracle:oinstall /u01
      # chmod -R 755 /u01
Set password for oracle user
      # passwd oracle
Perform a system check as a root user on each cluster node, if required.
Verify that packages are installed successfully.
      # rpm -q oracle-rdbms-server-12cR1-preinstall oracleasm-support ntp net-tools
      rlwrap unzip git
The oracle-rdbms-server-12cR1-preinstall package generates log and makes backup of
operating system files that has been changed. You can view the log in the
/var/log/oracle-rdbms-server-12cR1-preinstall file.
Check firewall status
      # systemctl list-unit-files | grep firewalld
      # systemctl status -n 0 firewalld
Check if the /etc/nsswitch.conf file has "dns" before "hosts"
      # cat /etc/nsswitch.conf | grep "hosts:
```

```
Verify that the Network Time Protocol daemon (ntpd.service) is enabled and up
    # systemctl list-unit-files | grep ntp
    # systemctl status -n 0 ntpd

Check system date
    # date

Check SELinux configuration
    # grep "^SELINUX=" /etc/selinux/config
```

Shut down both virtual machines.

#### Creation of shared disks for Oracle ASM

Add shared disks for Oracle ASM. Execute the following commands on the host (VirtualBox cli).

```
md "%userprofile%\VirtualBox VMs\asm-disks"
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" createhd --filename
"%userprofile%\VirtualBox VMs\asm-disks\asm-datavol1" --size 10240 --format VDI --
variant Fixed
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" createhd --filename
"%userprofile%\VirtualBox VMs\asm-disks\asm-fravol1" --size 10240 --format VDI --
variant Fixed
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" modifymedium disk
"%userprofile%\VirtualBox VMs\asm-disks\asm-datavol1.vdi" --type shareable
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" modifymedium disk
"%userprofile%\VirtualBox VMs\asm-disks\asm-fravol1.vdi" --type shareable
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" storageattach "vmrac1" --
storagectl "SATA" --port 1 --device 0 --type hdd --medium "%userprofile%\VirtualBox
VMs\asm-disks\asm-datavol1.vdi"
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" storageattach "vmrac1" --
storagectl "SATA" --port 2 --device 0 --type hdd --medium "%userprofile%\VirtualBox
VMs\asm-disks\asm-fravol1.vdi"
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" storageattach "vmrac2" --
storagectl "SATA" --port 1 --device 0 --type hdd --medium "%userprofile%\VirtualBox
VMs\asm-disks\asm-datavol1.vdi"
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" storageattach "vmrac2" --
storagectl "SATA" --port 2 --device 0 --type hdd --medium "%userprofile%\VirtualBox
VMs\asm-disks\asm-fravol1.vdi"
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" startvm "vmrac1"
"%programfiles%\Oracle\VirtualBox\VBoxManage.exe" startvm "vmrac2"
```

## Prepare disks for ASM.

As disks are shared the following is required to be executed only once on one of the cluster nodes as a **root** user.

```
Identify newly attached shared disks.
[root@vmrac1 ~]# rootvol=`df -h | grep /$ | awk '{print $1}'`
```

```
[root@vmrac1 ~]# sysdev=`lvdisplay -m $rootvol | grep "Physical volume" | awk
'{print $3}' | tr -d [0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,]`
[root@vmrac1 ~]# fdisk -l | grep -v $sysdev | grep sd
```

Create a partition on each disk.

[root@vmrac1 ~]# fdisk <device\_name>

fdisk will open an interactive command line. In "Command (m for help):" type "n" to
create a new partition. All subsequent inputs can be left by default, so press enter four
times. When you return to "Command (m for help):" type "w" to save partition table.
Repeat this task for each shared disk.

```
Check if the second node has caught the changes.
```

## Configure the Oracle ASMLib driver

Execute on each node as a root user.

#### # /etc/init.d/oracleasm configure

ASMLib asks to indicate owner to the driver, the owner's group and if the driver has to scan disks on boot.

```
Default user to own the driver interface []: oracle Default group to own the driver interface []: asmadmin Scan for Oracle ASM disks on boot (y/n) [y]: y
```

## Create ASM disks

```
Execute on one of the cluster nodes as a root user.
```

Scan ASM disks on another node.

```
[root@vmrac2 ~]# /etc/init.d/oracleasm scandisks
[root@vmrac2 ~]# /etc/init.d/oracleasm listdisks
```

# Configure Bash Profile for the oracle user

Bash Profile for the **oracle** user will be identical on both cluster nodes except "ORACLE\_NODE\_NUM" environment variable. The variable for the second node will have value 2.

Execute as oracle on each cluster node.

```
$ vi ~/.bash profile
```

Delete last two lines that export "PATH" - "PATH=\$PATH:\$HOME/.local/bin:\$HOME/bin" and "export PATH" and insert the content of the https://github.com/georgiy-shubin/oraclearticles/blob/master/oracle bash profile.txt file after the "# User specific environment and startup programs" string.

When you login as the oracle user .bash profile will print the usage tips.

## Installation of Oracle Grid Infrastructure for cluster

```
Unpack Grid software archives as oracle on vmrac1
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~] $ unzip linuxamd64 12102 grid lof2.zip; unzip
      linuxamd64 12102 grid 2of2.zip
```

Oracle uses cvuqdisk to perform shared storage checks. The package is included in the Oracle Grid software distribution media.

Install cvuqdisk-1.0.9-1.rpm for ASM on each cluster node as a root user.

```
On vmrac1:
            [root@vmrac1 ~] # rpm -ivh /home/oracle/grid/rpm/cvuqdisk-1.0.9-1.rpm
            [root@vmrac1 ~] # scp /home/oracle/grid/rpm/cvuqdisk-1.0.9-1.rpm vmrac2:~/
      On vmrac2:
            [root@vmrac2 ~] # rpm -ivh ~/cvuqdisk-1.0.9-1.rpm
Set up ssh token authentication as oracle on vmrac1
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ ~/grid/sshsetup/sshUserSetup.sh -user oracle -hosts "vmrac1
      vmrac2" -noPromptPassphrase -advanced
Check ssh token authentication as oracle user.
```

```
vmrac1:
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ ssh vmrac2
vmrac2:
      [oracle@vmrac2 ~]$ ssh vmrac1
```

```
Run Cluster Verification Utility as oracle on vmrac1
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ mkdir ~/cvu logs
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~] $ ~/grid/runcluvfy.sh stage -pre crsinst -n vmrac1,vmrac2 -r 12.1
      -asm -asmdev "/dev/oracleasm/disks/*" -verbose > ~/cvu logs/clvfy pre crsinst `date
      +%Y%m%d%H%M%S`.log
```

Inspect the log file for any violations.

If the virtual environment is kept identical to this manual, you will face the following issues:

• Network consideration. CVU identifies the NAT network (192.168.15.0) as a primary for the cluster nodes because that network has a gateway configured and proposes it as a candidate for the Public network. Despite that, the VirtualBox Host-Only

Network (192.168.56.0) will be used as Public to provide connectivity between host and cluster.

Interfaces found on subnet "192.168.15.0" that are likely candidates for VIP are:

Interfaces found on subnet "192.168.56.0" that are likely candidates for a private interconnect are:

Interfaces found on subnet "192.168.10.0" that are likely candidates for a private interconnect are:

• A memory issue. Oracle Grid Infrastructure requires at least 4 GB for installation. Ignore this warning.

Check: Total memory
Node Name Available Required Status

- vmrac1 3.8611GB (4048676.0KB) 4GB (4194304.0KB) failed
vmrac2 3.8611GB (4048676.0KB) 4GB (4194304.0KB) failed
Result: Total memory check failed
...

• **UDEV for ASM.** The System uses ASMLib driver to identify shared storage, so UDEV is not necessary. Ignore it.

UDev attributes check for ASM Disks started...

#### ERROR:

PRVF-9802: Attempt to get 'udev' information from node "vmrac1" failed No UDEV rule found for device(s) specified

## ERROR:

PRVF-9802: Attempt to get 'udev' information from node "vmrac2" failed No UDEV rule found for device(s) specified

Result: UDev attributes check failed for ASM Disks

Result: Devices check for ASM failed

/dev/shm mount status. CVU check only the /etc/fstab file for the record and does
not check if tmpfs is really mounted or not. This message can be ignored or if it
is annoying add the record to fstab.

## ERROR:

PRVE-0421 : No entry exists in /etc/fstab for mounting /dev/shm PRVE-0421 : No entry exists in /etc/fstab for mounting /dev/shm  $^{2}$ 

To modify the **/etc/fstab** file execute the following commands as a root user on each node:

# cp /etc/fstab /etc/fstab.bkp.`date +%Y%m%d%H%M%S`

<u>Grid Infrastructure</u> for a cluster requires running <u>Oracle Universal İnstaller</u> (OUI) only on one of the cluster nodes and installation will be pushed to second one.

To install <u>Grid Infrastructure</u> in the silent mode, prepare a response file. A template is included in the software distribution media.

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Copy the template.
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~] $ mkdir ~/response files
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~] $ cp ~/grid/response/grid install.rsp
      ~/response files/my grid install.rsp
Create a dictionary file with that will contain the required parameters.
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ cat <<EOF > /tmp/grid dict
      ORACLE HOSTNAME=vmrac1
      INVENTORY_LOCATION=/u01/app/oraInventory
      oracle.install.option=CRS_CONFIG
      ORACLE BASE=/u01/app/oracle
      ORACLE HOME=/u01/app/grid/12102
      oracle.install.asm.OSDBA=asmadmin
      oracle.install.asm.OSOPER=asmadmin
      oracle.install.asm.OSASM=asmadmin
      oracle.install.crs.config.gpnp.scanName=rac-scan.rac.lan
      oracle.install.crs.config.gpnp.scanPort=1521
      oracle.install.crs.config.ClusterType=STANDARD
      oracle.install.crs.config.clusterName=vmrac-cluster
      oracle.install.crs.config.gpnp.configureGNS=false
      oracle.install.crs.config.clusterNodes=vmrac1:vmrac1-vip,vmrac2:vmrac2-vip
      oracle.install.crs.config.networkInterfaceList=enp0s8:192.168.56.0:1,enp0s9:192.168.10.0:2
      oracle.install.crs.config.storageOption=LOCAL ASM STORAGE
      oracle.install.crs.config.useIPMI=false
      oracle.install.asm.SYSASMPassword=oracle
      oracle.install.asm.diskGroup.name=data
      oracle.install.asm.diskGroup.redundancy=EXTERNAL
      oracle.install.asm.diskGroup.AUSize=1
      oracle.install.asm.diskGroup.disks=/dev/oracleasm/disks/DATAVOL1
      oracle.install.asm.diskGroup.diskDiscoveryString=/dev/oracleasm/disks/*
      oracle.install.asm.monitorPassword=oracle
Execute the following command to performe batch edit of the copy of the template:
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ for i in `cat /tmp/grid dict`; do parnam=`echo $i | cut -d "=" -
      f1'; sed -i "s|^$parnam=|$i|g" ~/response_files/my_grid_install.rsp; done
Run OUI to execute the final prerequisite check.
      [oracle@vmrac1] $ ~/grid/runInstaller -silent -executePrereqs -responseFile
      ~/response_files/my_grid_install.rsp
```

If the installer finds requirements violations, the following message will be displayed:

[WARNING] [INS-13014] Target environment does not meet some optional requirements. CAUSE: Some of the optional prerequisites are not met. See logs for details. /tmp/OraInstall2016-07-28\_01-49-32PM/installActions2016-07-28\_01-49-32PM.log ACTION: Identify the list of failed prerequisite checks from the log: /tmp/OraInstall2016-07-28\_01-49-32PM/installActions2016-07-28\_01-49-32PM.log. Then either from the log file or from installation manual find the appropriate configuration to meet the prerequisites and fix it manually.

A log of this session is currently saved as: /tmp/OraInstall2016-07-28\_01-49-32PM/installActions2016-07-28\_01-49-32PM.log. Oracle recommends that if you want to keep this log, you should move it from the temporary location.

Open the log file. There is the "List of failed Tasks" section at the end:

INFO: Physical Memory: This is a prerequisite condition to test whether the system has at least 4GB (4194304.0KB) of total physical memory.

INFO: Severity: IGNORABLE

INFO: OverallStatus: VERIFICATION FAILED

INFO: \*

INFO: Device Checks for ASM: This is a prerequisite check to verify that the specified devices meet the requirements for ASM.

INFO: Severity: IGNORABLE

INFO: OverallStatus: VERIFICATION FAILED

INFO: \*

INFO: /dev/shm mounted as temporary file system: Checks whether /dev/shm is mounted correctly as temporary file system

INFO: Severity: IGNORABLE

INFO: OverallStatus: VERIFICATION FAILED

INFO: -----End of failed Tasks List-----

Failed tasks correspond to issues in the CVU report and have IGNORABLE in Severity level.

Start the installation in silent mode as the **oracle** user on vmrac1
[oracle@vmrac1 ~]\$ ~/grid/runInstaller -silent -ignorePrereq -showProgress responseFile ~/response files/my grid install.rsp

The installer will show some warnings about weak password provided for **SYS** and **ASMSNMP** users and that **OSDBA**, **OSOPER** and **OSASM** groups are same. We can ignore them as we perform test deployment and need neither role separation nor strong password.

[WARNING] [INS-30011] The SYS password entered does not conform to the Oracle recommended standards.

CAUSE: Oracle recommends that the password entered should be at least 8 characters in length, contain at least 1 uppercase character, 1 lower case character and 1 digit [0-9].

ACTION: Provide a password that conforms to the Oracle recommended standards.

[WARNING] [INS-30011] The ASMSNMP password entered does not conform to the Oracle recommended standards.

CAUSE: Oracle recommends that the password entered should be at least 8 characters in length, contain at least 1 uppercase character, 1 lower case character and 1 digit [0-9].

ACTION: Provide a password that conforms to the Oracle recommended standards.

[WARNING] [INS-41813] OSDBA for ASM, OSOPER for ASM, and OSASM are the same OS group.

CAUSE: The group you selected for granting the OSDBA for ASM group for database access, and the OSOPER for ASM group for startup and shutdown of Oracle ASM, is the same group as the OSASM group, whose members have SYSASM privileges on Oracle ASM.

ACTION: Choose different groups as the OSASM, OSDBA for ASM, and OSOPER for ASM groups.

At the end of the process, the installer asks to run two scripts as a  $\mathbf{root}$  user on each node

As a root user, execute the following script(s):

- 1. /u01/app/oraInventory/orainstRoot.sh
- 2. /u01/app/grid/12102/root.sh

Execute /u01/app/oraInventory/orainstRoot.sh on the following nodes: [vmrac1, vmrac2]

Execute /u01/app/grid/12102/root.sh on the following nodes: [vmrac1, vmrac2]

and to execute the cluster configuration script for which we will must create another response file

As install user, execute the following script to complete the configuration.

1. /u01/app/grid/12102/cfgtoollogs/configToolAllCommands
RESPONSE\_FILE=<response\_file>

#### Note:

- 1. This script must be run on the same host from where installer was run.
- 2. This script needs a small password properties file for configuration assistants that require passwords (refer to install guide documentation).

Create the response file:

[oracle@vmracl ~]\$ cat <<EOF >> ~/response\_files/cfgrsp.properties
oracle.assistants.asm|S\_ASMPASSWORD=oracle
oracle.assistants.asm|S\_ASMMONITORPASSWORD=oracle
oracle.crs|S\_BMCPASSWORD=
EOF

During execution of the cluster configuration script, you can notice that time indicated in the log differs from time on cluster nodes. This is because of the stale time zone database embedded in <a href="Java">Java</a> that comes with Oracle software distribution media. An update of the <a href="JRE">JRE</a> time zone will be done later, after installation of Oracle Database software. [oracle@vmracl ~]\$ date

Thu Jul 28 14:40:41 AZT 2016

[oracle@vmrac1 ~]\$ /u01/app/grid/12102/cfgtoollogs/configToolAllCommands RESPONSE\_FILE=~/response\_files/cfgrsp.properties Setting the invPtrLoc to /u01/app/grid/12102/oraInst.loc

perform - mode is starting for action: configure

Jul 28, 2016 3:41:02 PM oracle.install.driver.oui.UpdateNodelistJob call INFO: UpdateNodelist data:

Jul 28, 2016 3:41:02 PM oracle.install.driver.oui.UpdateNodelistJob call INFO: oracle.installer.oui\_loc:/u01/app/grid/12102/oui

Jul 28, 2016 3:41:02 PM oracle.install.driver.oui.UpdateNodelistJob call INFO: oracle.installer.jre\_loc:/u01/app/grid/12102/jdk/jre

Jul 28, 2016 3:41:02 PM oracle.install.driver.oui.UpdateNodelistJob call INFO: oracle.installer.doNotUpdateNodeList:true

Jul 28, 2016 3:41:02 PM oracle.install.driver.oui.UpdateNodelistJob call INFO: oracle.installer.rootOwnedHome:

Jul 28, 2016 3:41:02 PM oracle.install.driver.oui.UpdateNodelistJob call INFO: OracleHomeToUpdate:/u01/app/grid/12102;isCRS:true;isCFS:false;isLocal:false

Jul 28, 2016 3:41:02 PM oracle.install.driver.oui.UpdateNodelistJob call INFO: From map: Hosts:[vmrac1, vmrac2] => Nodelist:[vmrac1, vmrac2]

Jul 28, 2016 3:41:02 PM oracle.install.driver.oui.UpdateNodelistJob call

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INFO: Before calling api: Hosts:[vmrac1, vmrac2] => Nodelist:[vmrac1, vmrac2],
      update localnode? True
      INFO: Read: 100% complete
      Jul 28, 2016 3:50:09 PM oracle.install.driver.oui.config.GenericInternalPlugIn
      handleProcess
      WARNING: Skipping line: 100% complete
      Jul 28, 2016 3:50:09 PM oracle.install.driver.oui.config.GenericInternalPlugIn
      handleProcess
      INFO: Exceeded the number of arguments passed to stdin. CurrentCount:1 Total args:0
      Jul 28, 2016 3:50:09 PM oracle.install.driver.oui.config.GenericInternalPlugIn
      handleProcess
      INFO: Read: Look at the log file
      "/u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/dbca/ mgmtdb/vmrac cluster/ mgmtdb.log" for further
      Jul 28, 2016 3:50:09 PM oracle.install.driver.oui.config.GenericInternalPlugIn
      handleProcess
      WARNING: Skipping line: Look at the log file
      "/u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/dbca/ mgmtdb/vmrac cluster/ mgmtdb.log" for further
      Jul 28, 2016 3:50:09 PM oracle.install.driver.oui.config.GenericInternalPlugIn
      handleProcess
      INFO: Exceeded the number of arguments passed to stdin. CurrentCount:1 Total args:0
      perform - mode finished for action: configure
      You can see the log file: /u01/app/grid/12102/cfgtoollogs/oui/configActions2016-07-
      28 03-41-01-PM.log
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ date
      Thu Jul 28 14:53:45 AZT 2016
As configuration process is completed, check cluster status by switching to Grid
Infrastructure using environment switch "ge" and executing crsctl command.
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ ge
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ crsctl status resource -t
Before we proceed to Oracle Database Software installation, create an ASM Disk Group for
Flash Recovery Area
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ ge
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ sqlasm
      SQL> CREATE DISKGROUP FRA EXTERNAL REDUNDANCY DISK '/dev/oracleasm/disks/FRAVOL1';
      Diskgroup created.
      SQL > exit
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ srvctl start diskgroup -diskgroup FRA -node vmrac2
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ srvctl status diskgroup -diskgroup FRA
            Disk Group FRA is running on vmrac1, vmrac2
```

## Installation of Oracle Database Software

```
Unpack Database software archives as oracle on vmrac1
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ unzip linuxamd64 12102 database lof2.zip; unzip
      linuxamd64 12102 database 2of2.zip
Prepare a response file for the Database software.
Copy a template file
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~] $ cp ~/database/response/db install.rsp
      ~/response_files/my_db_install.rsp
Create a dictionary file.
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~] $ cat <<EOF > /tmp/db install dict
      oracle.install.option=INSTALL DB SWONLY
      ORACLE HOSTNAME=vmrac1
      UNIX GROUP NAME=oinstall
      INVENTORY LOCATION=/u01/app/oraInventory
      ORACLE HOME=/u01/app/oracle/product/12102/dbhome 1
      ORACLE BASE=/u01/app/oracle
      oracle.install.db.InstallEdition=EE
      oracle.install.db.DBA GROUP=dba
      oracle.install.db.OPER GROUP=dba
      oracle.install.db.BACKUPDBA GROUP=dba
      oracle.install.db.DGDBA GROUP=dba
      oracle.install.db.KMDBA GROUP=dba
      oracle.install.db.rac.configurationType=ADMIN MANAGED
      oracle.install.db.CLUSTER NODES=vmrac1,vmrac2
      DECLINE SECURITY UPDATES=true
      EOF
Edit the copy of the template file.
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~] $ for i in `cat /tmp/db install dict`; do parnam=`echo $i | cut -d
      "=" -f1'; sed -i "s|^$parnam=|$i|g" ~/response files/my db install.rsp; done
Execute prerequisite checks
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ ~/database/runInstaller -silent -executePrereqs -responseFile
      ~/response files/my db install.rsp
      Starting Oracle Universal Installer ...
      Checking Temp space: must be greater than 500 MB. Actual 9833 MB Passed
      Checking swap space: must be greater than 150 MB. Actual 4085 MB
      Preparing to launch Oracle Universal Installer from /tmp/OraInstall2016-07-28 03-
      39-05PM. Please wait ...
OUI provides information only if the requirements are not met. Otherwise, OUI
automatically removes the temporary folder marked above and provides no output.
Start the installation process and execute the configuration script as a root user at the
end.
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ ~/database/runInstaller -silent -ignorePrereq -showProgress -
      responseFile ~/response files/my db install.rsp
```

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As a root user, execute the following script(s):
              1. /u01/app/oracle/product/12102/dbhome 1/root.sh
     Execute /u01/app/oracle/product/12102/dbhome 1/root.sh on the following nodes:
      [vmrac1, vmrac2]
      ..... 100% Done.
     Successfully Setup Software.
As mentioned earlier, we must update <a href="Java">Java</a> time zone database to apply changes in DST
rules. Otherwise, some utilities such as dbca and netca will generate an incorrect time
in their logs.
     NOTE: This procedure updates only the JRE Time Zone Database and does not include
           Java Virtual Machine (JVM) inside Oracle Database
You can update every instance of Java manually using Timezone Updater Tool provided by
Oracle. Alternatively, you can use the script that calls the same tool and performs
update automatically.
Download automated scripts from the https://github.com/georgiy-shubin/oracle-jre-tz-
autoupdate repository. Please read the README for usage tips.
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ git clone https://github.com/georgiy-shubin/oracle-jre-tz-
     autoupdate
Download the Timezone Updater Tool from the Oracle Technology Network portal. Unpack it
and copy the tzupdater.jar into the oracle-jre-tz-autoupdate directory
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ unzip ~/tzupdater-2 0 3-2015b.zip
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~] $ cp ~/tzupdater-2.0.3-2015b/tzupdater.jar ~/oracle-jre-tz-
     autoupdate/
Change the mode of the scripts and copy them to the second node.
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ chmod +x ~/oracle-jre-tz-autoupdate/*.sh
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~] $ scp -r ~/oracle-jre-tz-autoupdate vmrac2:~/
Execute the script os oracle user on each node to perform the Java time zone update.
     $ cd ~/oracle-jre-tz-autoupdate/
```

# Creation of Container Database in Oracle RAC

\$ ./tzupdater.sh /u01 http://www.iana.org/timezones/repository/releases/tzdata2016f.tar.gz

```
Prepare a response file for DBCA.

Copy a template
        [oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ cp ~/database/response/dbca.rsp ~/response_files/my_dbca.rsp

Create a dictionary file
        [oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ cat <<EOF > /tmp/dbca_dict
        GDBNAME="racdb.rac.lan"
        DATABASECONFTYPE="RAC"
        CREATEASCONTAINERDATABASE=TRUE
        NUMBEROFPDBS=0
        SID="racdb"
        NODELIST=vmrac1, vmrac2
        SYSPASSWORD="oracle"
```

```
SYSTEMPASSWORD="oracle"
     STORAGETYPE=ASM
     DISKGROUPNAME=DATA
     ASMSNMP PASSWORD="oracle"
     RECOVERYGROUPNAME=FRA
     CHARACTERSET="AL32UTF8"
     INITPARAMS="remote listener=rac-scan.rac.lan:1521,db recovery file dest size=10239M"
     MEMORYPERCENTAGE="40"
     EOF
Edit the copy of the template file
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~] $ for i in `cat /tmp/dbca_dict`; do parnam=`echo $i | cut -d "=" -
     f1'; sed -i -e "/$parnam/s/ //g" ~/response files/my dbca.rsp; sed -i -e
      "s/^$parnam.*/$i/g; s/#$parnam.*/$i/g;" ~/response_files/my_dbca.rsp; done
Start DBCA in silent mode as the oracle user in Database Environment
     [oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ de
     [oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ dbca -silent -responseFile ~/response_files/my_dbca.rsp
     Look at the log file "/u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/dbca/racdb/racdb.log" for further
     details.
Check Database status
     [oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ srvctl status database -db racdb
     Instance racdb1 is running on node vmrac1
     Instance racdb2 is running on node vmrac2
Create a pluggable database.
     [oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ sqldb
     SQL> create pluggable database pdb1 admin user pdb1admin identified by oracle;
     Pluggable database created.
     SQL> select inst id, con id, name, open mode from gv$pdbs where con id != 2;
        INST ID CON ID NAME
                                                         OPEN MODE
      3 PDB1
3 PDB1
             1
                                                         MOUNTED
                                                          MOUNTED
     SQL> quit
To configure an automatic startup of PDB and ensure connection failover to clients,
create a service. During node startup, service will open PDB in READ WRITE mode.
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ ge
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ srvctl add service -db racdb -service paap -preferred
      "racdb1,racdb2" -role primary -failovertype SELECT -failovermethod BASIC -
     failoverdelay 1 -failoverretry 120 -pdb pdb1
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~] $ srvctl start service -db racdb -service paap
      [oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ de
     [oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ sqldb
     SQL> select inst id, con id, name, open mode from gv$pdbs where con id != 2;
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INST_ID	CON_ID	NAME	OPEN_	MODE
1	3	PDB1	 READ	WRITE
2	3	PDB1	READ	WRITE

SQL> quit

Restart the CDB and check the PDB status

```
[oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ srvctl stop database -db racdb
[oracle@vmrac1 ~]$ srvctl start database -db racdb
```

[oracle@vmrac1 ~]\$ sqldb

SQL> select inst\_id, con\_id, name, open\_mode from gv\$pdbs where con\_id != 2;

INST_ID	CON_ID	NAME	OPEN_	_MODE
1	3	PDB1	READ	WRITE
2	3	PDB1	READ	WRITE

Connect to the pluggable database from your host computer to check the failover configuration

C:\Windows\system32>sqlplus sys@'rac-scan.rac.lan/paap.rac.lan' as sysdba

SQL> select host\_name from v\$instance;

HOST NAME

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vmrac1.rac.lan

Shutdown racdb1 instance with "abort" mode on vmrac1 and re-execute query on your host computer once again.

On vmrac1

[oracle@vmrac1 ~]\$ de
[oracle@vmrac1 ~]\$ sqldb
SQL> shutdown abort;

On the host:

SQL> select host name from v\$instance;

HOST NAME

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vmrac2.rac.lan