

Deploying an Exadata DB System on Oracle Cloud Infrastructure

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Introduction

This white paper provides step-by-step guidelines for deploying an Exadata DB system on Oracle Cloud Infrastructure. This paper outlines some best practices; it is not intended to be used as a full reference guide for implementing Exadata.

This document assumes that you have a basic understanding of various components of Oracle Cloud Infrastructure:

- Fundamentals of Oracle Cloud Infrastructure
- Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Networking, specifically <u>virtual cloud networks</u> (VCNs), <u>subnets</u>, <u>security lists</u>, and <u>route tables</u>
- Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Identity Access Management (IAM)

Overview of Exadata on Oracle Cloud Infrastructure

An Exadata DB system consists of a quarter rack, half rack, or full rack of compute nodes and storage servers, tied together by a high-speed, low-latency InfiniBand network and intelligent Exadata software. You can configure automatic backups, optimize for different workloads, and scale up the system to meet increased demands.

The compute nodes are each configured with a virtual machine (VM). You have root privilege for the compute node VMs, so you can load and run additional software on them. However, you do not have administrative access to the Exadata infrastructure components, such as the physical compute node hardware, network switches, power distribution units (PDUs), integrated lights-out management (ILOM) interfaces, or the Exadata Storage Servers, which are all administered by Oracle.

You have full administrative privileges for your databases, and you can connect to your databases by using Oracle Net Services from outside Oracle Cloud Infrastructure. You are responsible for database administration tasks such as creating tablespaces and managing database users. You can also customize the default automated maintenance setup, including backups, and you have full control of the recovery process in the event of a database failure.

Oracle Cloud Infrastructure offers two versions of Exadata, X6 and X7, and each version comes with three shapes. For details about these shapes, see the <u>System Configuration</u> section of the <u>Exadata DB Systems</u> topic in the Database service documentation.

Note: Actual usable storage for the DATA disk group depends on the backup option that you choose when you launch an Exadata DB system. See the Exadata DB system documentation for details.

Supported Database Edition and Versions

Exadata DB systems require Enterprise Edition - Extreme Performance. This edition provides all the features of Oracle Database Enterprise Edition, plus all the database enterprise management packs and all the Enterprise Edition options, such as Oracle Database In-Memory and Oracle Real Application Clusters (RAC). For a list of the supported software releases, see Supported Database Edition and Versions in the Database service documentation.

Access Requirements for Deploying Exadata

To launch Exadata in Oracle Cloud Infrastructure, you must be given the required access via an IAM policy. The following is a sample IAM policy that provides this access to group DBAdmins at tenancy level. To reduce the scope of access to just the database systems in a particular compartment, specify that compartment instead of the tenancy.

Allow group DBAdmins to manage database-family in tenancy

You will also require the public key that you plan to use to connect to DB system via SSH.

Steps to Launch an Exadata DB System on Oracle Cloud Infrastructure

This section provides the steps to create the required networking components and launch an Exadata DB system in Oracle Cloud Infrastructure. References to the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Networking and Database services documentation are provide for detailed steps.

Step 1: Create a VCN

- 1. Sign in to the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Console.
- 2. Create a VCN, following the steps in To create a cloud network.

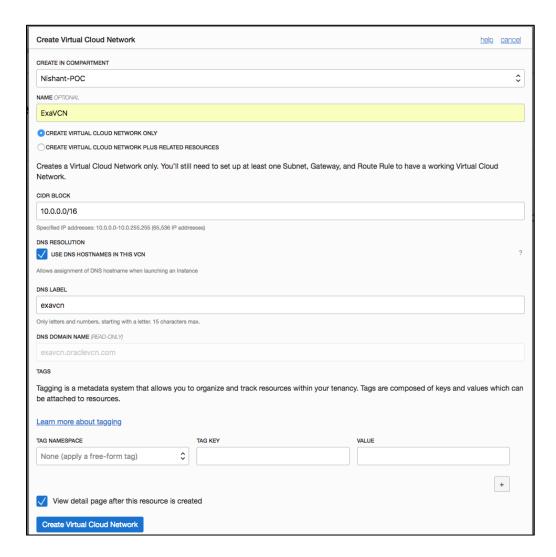
For this example, enter the following values in the **Create Virtual Cloud Network** dialog box:

- For Name, enter ExaVCN.
- Select Create Virtual Cloud Network Only.

For CIDR Block, enter 10.0.0.0/16.

Note: We recommend using one of the private IP address ranges specified in RFC 1918 (10.0.0.0/8, 172.16/12, and 192.168/16). However, you can use a publicly routable range. The VCN's CIDR must not overlap with your on-premises network or another VCN you peer with. For details, see Access to Other VCNs: Peering.

- Select the Use DNS Hostnames in This VCN check box.
- For DNS Label, enter exavcn.

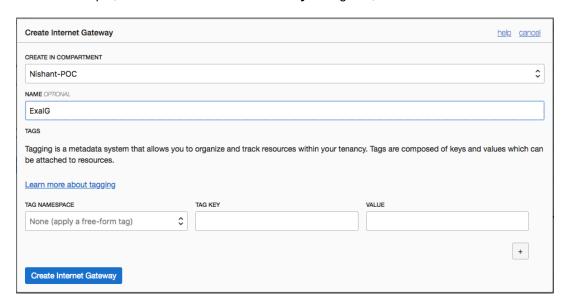


After the VCN is created, it appears in Console.

Step 2: Create an Internet Gateway

An internet gateway is a virtual router that connects the edge of the cloud network with the internet. Traffic that originates in your VCN and is destined for a public IP address outside the VCN goes through the internet gateway.

- 1. In the Console, click the name of the VCN that you created.
- Create an internet gateway, following the steps in <u>To create an internet gateway</u>.
 For this example, in the **Create Internet Gateway** dialog box, enter **ExalG** for the name.



Step 3: Create a Service Gateway

A service gateway lets resources in your VCN access public Oracle Cloud Infrastructure services such as Object Storage without using an internet gateway or NAT. Any traffic from your VCN that is destined for one of the supported public services uses the instance's private IP address for routing, travels over the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure network fabric, and never traverses the internet. Here you create a service gateway and then use it in your backup route table so that Exadata backup can travel to Object Storage over the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure network fabric.

- 1. In the Console, click the name of the VCN that you created.
- Create a service gateway, following the steps in <u>Task 1: Create the service gateway</u>.
 For this example, enter the following values in the **Create Service Gateway** dialog box:
 - For Name, enter DemoSG.

For Services, select OCI LHR Object Storage.



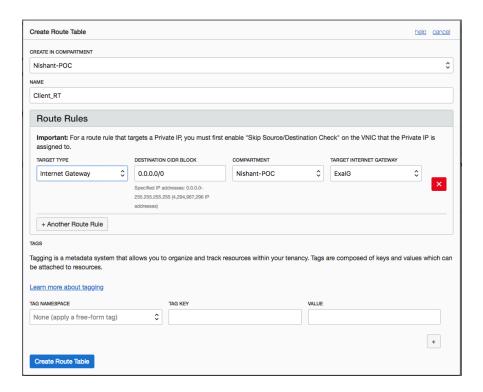
Step 4: Create Route Tables

Your cloud network uses virtual route tables to send traffic out of the VCN (for example, to the internet or to your on-premises network). These virtual route tables have rules that look and act like traditional network route rules that you might already be familiar with. Each rule specifies a destination CIDR block and the target (the next hop) for any traffic that matches that CIDR. For Exadata, you create two route tables, for client traffic and backup traffic.

- 1. In the Console, click the name of the VCN that you created.
- 2. Create a route table for the client traffic, following the steps in To create a route table.

For the client route table, enter the following values in the **Create Route Table** dialog box:

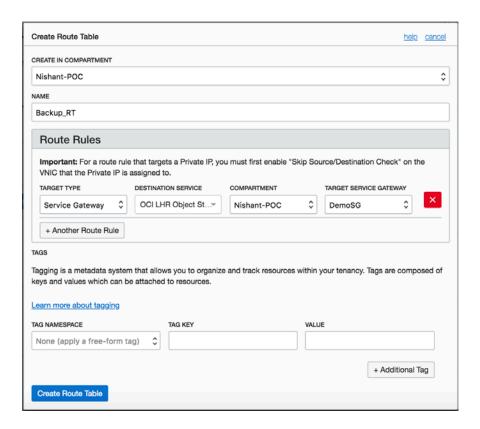
- For Name, enter Client_RT.
- In the Route Rules section:
 - Target Type: Internet Gateway
 - Destination CIDR Block: 0.0.0.0/0
 - o **Compartment Name:** The compartment where the internet gateway is located.
 - Target Internet Gateway: The internet gateway that you created in Step 2 (in this example, ExalG).



3. Create a route table for the backup traffic, following the steps in <u>To create a route table</u>.

For the backup route table, enter the following values in the **Create Route Table** dialog box:

- For Name, enter Backup_RT.
- In the Route Rules section:
 - Target Type: Service Gateway
 - Destination Service: OCI LHR Object Storage
 - o **Compartment Name:** The compartment where the service gateway is located.
 - Target Service Gateway: The service gateway that you created in Step 3 (in this example, DemoSG).



Step 5: Create Security Lists

A security list provides a virtual firewall for an instance, with ingress and egress rules that specify the types of traffic allowed in and out. Each security list is enforced at the instance level. However, you configure your security lists at the subnet level, which means that all instances in a given subnet are subject to the same set of rules.

Each subnet can have a maximum of five security lists attached to it. After a subnet is created, security lists can't be added or deleted. However, you can always add more ingress and egress rules to a security list.

Exadata on Oracle Cloud Infrastructure requires two separate VCN subnets: a *client subnet* for user data and a *backup subnet* for backup traffic (instructions for creating these subnets are in Step 7). In this step, you create the following nine security lists to be used with the subnets. Although you don't need all nine security lists right away, we recommend attaching the maximum number of allowed security lists to a subnet because lists can't be added to a subnet afterwards.

NodeTraffic: For communication between Exadata nodes, and TCP and ICMP traffic
across the client and backup subnets. This security list is shared with both the client and
backup subnet.

SSH_Traffic: For SSH traffic.

SQLNet: For SQL Net traffic.

Client1: For client traffic.

Client2: For client traffic.

DB_Backup1: Backup traffic to Object Storage.

• **DB_Backup2:** Backup traffic to Object Storage.

Flex1: Flex security list for future use.

Flex2: Flex security list for future use.

Note: We do *not* recommend using the default security list that is created when you create the VCN. If you add rules to the default security list to open SQLNet traffic, these rules will be applied to every subnet to which the default security list is attached.

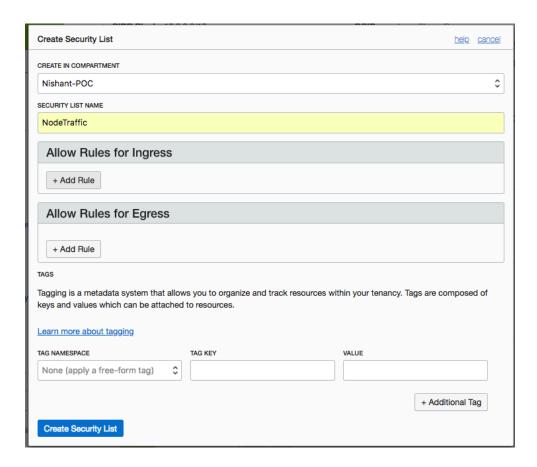
Create nine empty security lists, using the preceding names for the lists. In a later section, you will add the ingress and egress rules to the security lists.

- 1. In the Console, click the name of the VCN that you created.
- 2. Create nine security lists, following the steps in To create a new security list.

For this example, enter the following values in the Create Security List dialog box:

- Enter a name for the security list. See the preceding list for the names to use.
- Delete the default entries for the ingress and egress rules.

The following figure shows an example of the values to enter for the **NodeTraffic** security list.



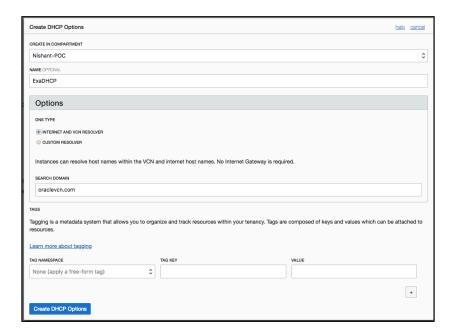
Step 6: Create DHCP Options

Your VCN uses DHCP options to automatically provide configuration information to the instances when they boot up. Each VCN comes with a default set of DHCP options with initial values that you can change. In this step, you create a separate DHCP option for Exadata.

- 1. In the Console, click the name of the VCN that you created.
- 2. Create a new set of DHCP options, following the steps in <u>To create a new set of DHCP options</u>.

For this example, enter the following values in the Create DHCP Options dialog box:

- For Name, enter ExaDHCP.
- For DNS Type, select Internet and VCN Resolver.
- You can leave the Search Domain box blank or provide a value (for example, oraclevcn.com).



Step 7: Create Subnets

A subnet is a subdivision of a VCN. Each subnet in a VCN exists in a single availability domain and consists of a contiguous range of IP addresses that do not overlap with other subnets in the cloud network. For more information about VCN and subnets, see Working with VCNs and Subnets.

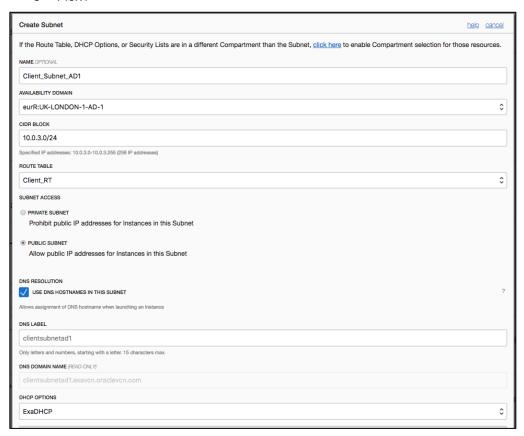
Follow these steps to create the client and backup subnet.

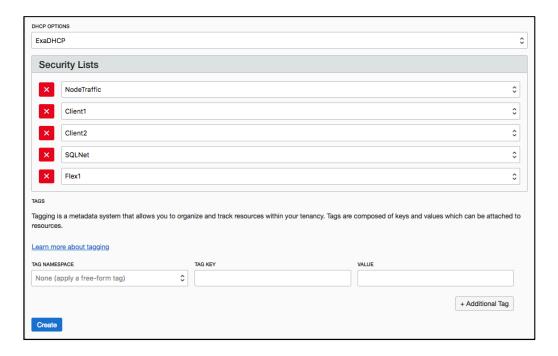
- 1. In the Console, click the name of the VCN that you created.
- 2. In the Resources section, click Subnets.
- 3. Click Create Subnet.
- 4. In the Create Subnet dialog box, enter the following values to create the client subnet:
 - Enter a name for the subnet (in this example, Client_Subnet_AD1).
 - Choose the availability domain where you plan to launch the Exadata DB system.
 - Enter the CIDR block for the subnet (in this example, 10.0.3.0/24).
 - Choose the route table that you created for the client traffic (in this example, Client_RT).

For Subnet Access, select Public Subnet.

Note: For a production environment, you would select **Private Subnet**.

- Ensure that the DNS Resolution check box is selected.
- Leave the default value for DNS Label.
- For **DHCP Options**, select the DHCP options that you created in Step 6 (for example, **ExaDHCP**).
- Select the following five security lists:
 - NodeTraffic
 - o Client1
 - o Client2
 - o SQLNet
 - o Flex1



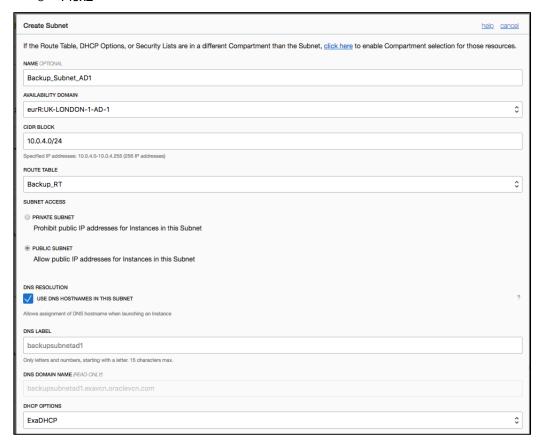


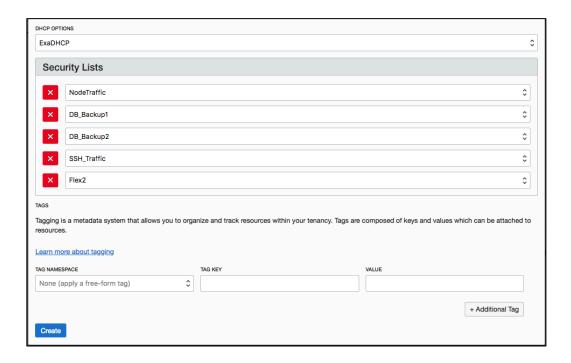
- 5. Click Create.
- 6. Repeat steps 3–5 to create the backup subnet, entering the following values in the **Create Subnet** dialog box:
 - Enter a name for the subnet (in this example, **Backup_Subnet_AD1**).
 - Choose the availability domain where you plan to launch the Exadata DB system.
 - Enter the CIDR Block for the subnet (in this example, 10.0.4.0/24).
 - Choose the route table that you created for the backup traffic (in this example, Backup_RT).
 - For Subnet Access, select Public Subnet.

Note: For a production environment, you would select Private Subnet.

- Ensure that the DNS Resolution check box is selected.
- Leave the default value for DNS Label.
- For DHCP Options, select the DHCP options that you created in Step 6 (for example, ExaDHCP).

- Select the following five security lists:
 - o NodeTraffic
 - o DB_Backup1
 - o DB_Backup2
 - o SSH_Traffic
 - o Flex2



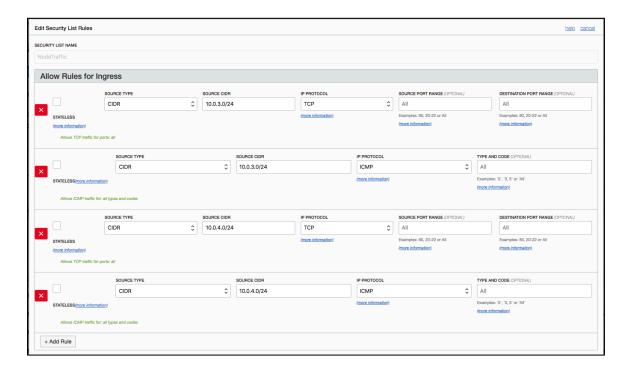


Step 8: Add Rules to Security Lists

Now that you have the IP CIDR for both the client and backup subnets, update your security lists and add appropriate ingress and egress rules to allow traffic.

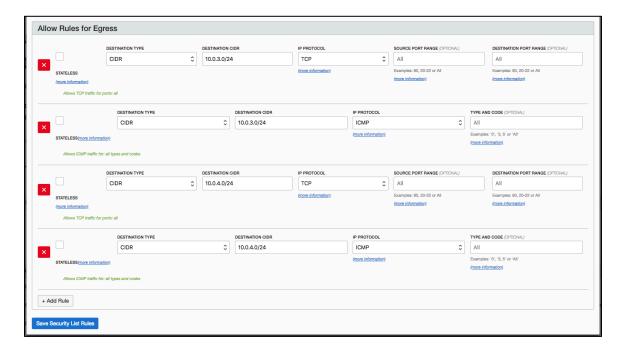
- 1. In the Console, click the name of the VCN that you created.
- 2. In the **Resources** section, click **Security Lists**.
- 3. Click the **NodeTraffic** security list.
- 4. Click Edit All Rules.
- 5. Add the following ingress rules to allow TCP and ICMP traffic to flow between both the subnets:

•	CIDR	10.0.3.0/24	TCP	ALL	ALL
•	CIDR	10.0.3.0/24	ICMP	ALL	ALL
•	CIDR	10.0.4.0/24	TCP	ALL	ALL
•	CIDR	10.0.4.0/24	ICMP	ALL	ALL



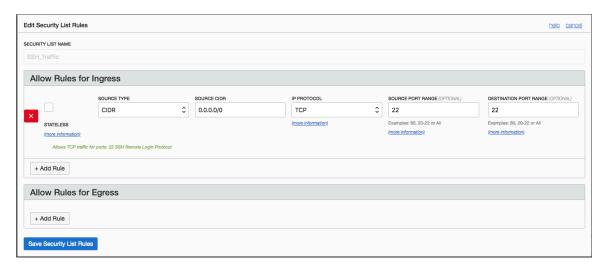
6. Add the following egress rules:

•	CIDR	10.0.3.0/24	TCP	ALL	ALL
•	CIDR	10.0.3.0/24	ICMP	ALL	ALL
•	CIDR	10.0.4.0/24	TCP	ALL	ALL
•	CIDR	10.0.4.0/24	ICMP	ALL	ALL



- 7. Click Save Security List Rules.
- 8. Click the SSH_Traffic security list.
- 9. Click Edit All Rules.
- 10. Add the following ingress rule values:

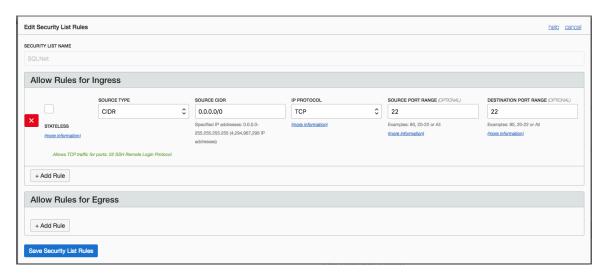
CIDR 0.0.0.0/0 TCP 22 22



11. Click Save Security List Rules.

- 12. Click the SQLNet security list.
- 13. Click Edit All Rules.
- 14. Add the following ingress rule values:

CIDR 0.0.0.0/0 TCP 22 22



15. Click Save Security List Rules.

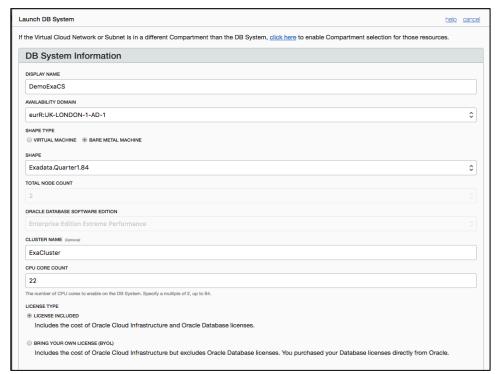
Note: Add ingress and egress security rules as allowed by your company's security policies. These examples use 0.0.0.0/0 for demo purposes only.

Step 9: Launch an Exadata DB System

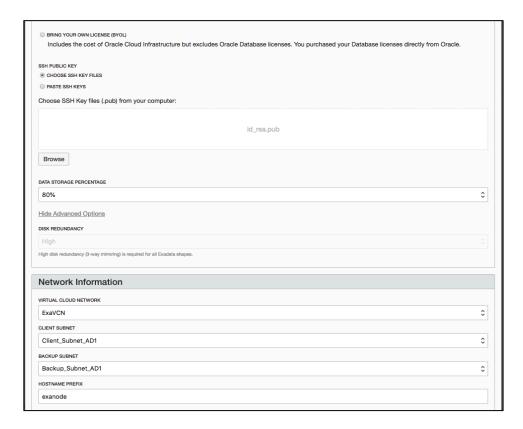
Now that you have created all the networking components that are required to launch an Exadata DB system, launch the system.

- 1. In the Console, open the navigation menu. Under **Database**, click **Bare Metal, VM, and Exadata**.
- 2. Choose your compartment.
- 3. Click Launch DB System.
- 4. In the Launch DB System dialog box, enter the following values. For more information about the fields in this dialog box, see <u>To launch an Exadata DB system</u>.
 - Enter a display name for the Exadata DB system (for example, DemoExaCS).

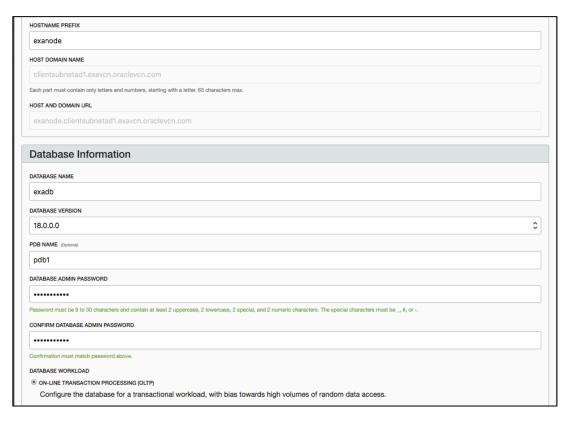
- Choose the availability domain where the Exadata DB system will reside.
- For Shape Type, select Bare Metal Machine.
- Select the shape (for example, **Exadata.Quarter1.84**).
- Enter a cluster name (for example, **ExaCluster**).
- Enter a CPU core count (for example, 22).
- Select a license type.

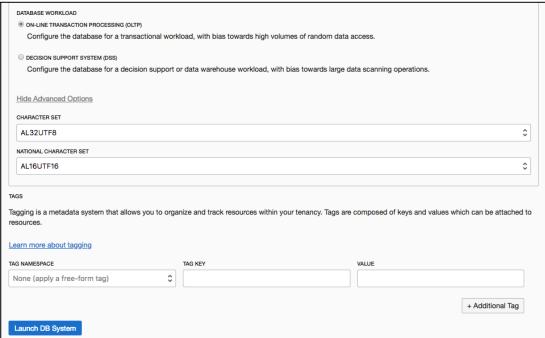


- Select to upload or paste SSH keys (public keys).
- Select a data storage percentage (for example, **80%**).
- For Virtual Cloud Network, select the VCN that you created (for example, ExaVCN).
- For Client Subnet, select the client subnet that you created (for example, Client_Subnet_AD1).
- For Backup Subnet, select the backup subnet that you created (for example, Backup_Subnet_AD1).
- Enter a hostname prefix (for example, exanode).



- Enter a database name (for example, exadb).
- Select a database version (for example, **18.0.0.0**).
- If you selected Oracle Database version 12 or later, enter a PDB name (for example, pdb1).
- Enter and then confirm a database admin password.
- Select a database workload (OLTP or DSS).





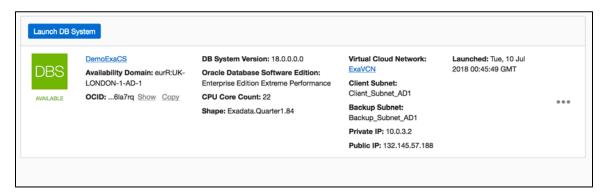
5. Click Launch DB System.

Step 10: Access the Exadata DB System from the Console

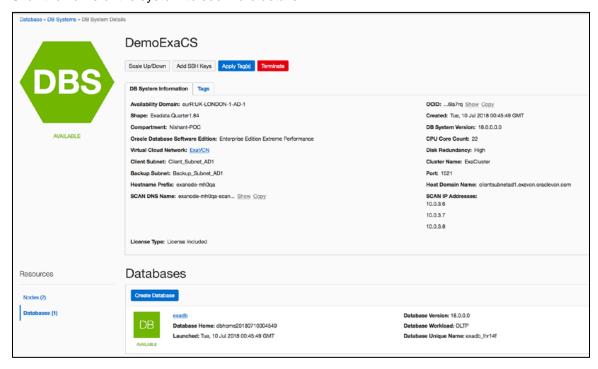
You can access the Exadata DB system from the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Console and obtain the IP addresses of nodes and other information. You can create more databases, and stop and reboot nodes. For detailed information, see the <u>Managing Exadata DB Systems</u>.

- 1. In the Console, open the navigation menu. Under **Database**, click **Bare Metal, VM, and Exadata**.
- 2. Choose your compartment.

The Exadata DB systems in the compartment are listed.



3. Click the name of the system to see more details.



Step 11: Connect to the Exadata DB System

You can connect to the compute nodes in an Exadata DB system by using a Secure Shell (SSH) connection. You need the full path to the file that contains the private key associated with the public key that was used when the system was launched.

You can connect to Exadata nodes by using the public or private IP address of the DB system.

- Use the private IP address to connect to the DB system from your on-premises VPN, or from within the VCN.
- Use the DB System's public IP address to connect to the system from outside the cloud (with no VPN).

You can find the IP addresses in the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Console on the Database page.

To access a compute node, use the following SSH command:

```
$ ssh -i <private_key> opc@<DB_system_IP_address>
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<private key> is the full path and name of the file that contains the private key associated with
the Exadata DB System that you want to access. Following is an example:

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I. ssh

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For more information, see Connecting to an Exadata DB System.

Summary

The Exadata Database Machine is a high-performance engineered solution designed to provide users with optimized functionality pertaining to enterprise-class databases and their associated workloads. By following these steps and making some simple choices, you can provision Exadata on Oracle Cloud Infrastructure. You can use familiar tools such as RMAN and the database command-line interface to manage databases in the cloud the same as in your own data center.



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