

A Hitchhiker's Guide to Oracle10g RAC

How to setup RAC on a single
node or laptop

Why Hitchhike?

- Save on transportation
- Feeling of adventure
- For challenge of travel w/limited resources
- For new & interesting experiences
- For sheer & simple love of it

What's a Cluster?

● Reasons to cluster (from Wikipedia):

- high availability
- load balancing
- high performance
- grid computing

What's a Cluster

● Types of clusters

- IBM shared nothing (hashed data access)
 - convoy effect
 - data integrity moved to application
 - loss of any server means entire db down
- Microsoft federated
 - each db needs own integrity constraints
 - need db triggers to check integrity violations
 - complex to maintain, many failure points

Oracle's Model

- shared disk/database
- each node has own instance, SGA, undo
- applications scale easier
- no data partitioning req'd (as with OPS)
- no single point of failure
 - RAIDed disks
 - redundant switches

Hitchhiker's Model

- travel light, few worries, cares
- easy to setup, maintain
- low cost, low barrier to entry
- single server - open road, informal
- single disk, eth0 – no HA, no performance
- many nodes share same CPU, memory
- learn concepts, commands, architecture

Steps A to Z

- Setup IP addresses
- Setup ssh + rsh w/autologin
- Setup Raw devices
- Install Clusterware + 10g
- Setup Listener + ASM
- Create Instance, Start & Register
- Create 2nd Instance, Undo2 + Register

Virtual IP Addresses

- Oracle wants a few interfaces available
- edit /etc/hosts file
- hostname: route66 (192.168.0.19)
- private name: route66-priv (192.168.0.75)
- virtual IP: route66-vip (192.168.0.76)
- comment out route66-vip for now

Virtual Interfaces

- eth0:0, eth0:1, eth0:2 etc
- same physical ethernet device
- OS created device files
 - \$ /sbin/ifconfig eth0:1 192.168.0.75 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.0.255
 - \$ /sbin/ifconfig eth0:2 192.168.0.76 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.0.255

RSH Install

- download latest rsh client + server
 - Use <http://rpmfind.net>
 - Use up2date, yum, or related tools
 - `$ rpm -Uvh rsh-server-0.17-34.1.i386.rpm`
 - `$ rpm -Uvh rsh-0.17-34.1.i386.rpm`

RSH Autologin

- Oracle's installer wants to autologin
- between "servers", self, virtual interfaces
- edit /home/oracle/.rhosts
 - route66
 - route66-vip
 - route66-priv
- \$ chmod 644 /home/oracle/.rhosts
- Test, test, test!!

SSH Setup

- again, Oracle wants to autologin
- between “servers”, self, virtual interfaces
- ssh/sshd probably already installed
- be sure sshd is running:
 - `/etc/rc.d/init.d/sshd start`
- generate private and public keys
 - `$ ssh-keygen -t dsa` (as oracle OS user)

SSH Setup

- Copy public key data into authorized_keys
 - `$ cp id_dsa.pub authorized_keys`
- Try ssh route66-vip, verify no pwd req'd
- Test, test, test!!!

Raw Devices

- Can create virtual disk system
- Similar to virtual ethernet devices
- Cluster Ready Services (CRS) will use
- Auto Storage Manager (ASM) will use
- Can use new disk, or existing main HD

Raw Devices

● Create 3x 2G “disks”

- `$ mkdir /asmdisks`
- `$ dd if=/dev/zero of=/asmdisks/disk1
bs=1024k count=2000`
- `$ dd if=/dev/zero of=/asmdisks/disk2
bs=1024k count=2000`
- `$ dd if=/dev/zero of=/asmdisks/disk3
bs=1024k count=2000`

Raw Devices

- Create a 100M OCR disk:
 - `$ dd if=/dev/zero of=/asmdisks/disk4 bs=1024k count=100`
- Create small 20M voting disk:
 - `$ dd if=/dev/zero of=/asmdisks/disk5 bs=1024k count=20`

Raw Devices

- Convince Linux our files are raw disks:
 - `$ /sbin/losetup /dev/loop1 /asmdisks/disk1`
 - `$ raw /dev/raw/raw1 /dev/loop1`
 - `$ chown oracle.dbf /dev/raw/raw1`
- Do the same for disk2 through disk5

Install Clusterware

- We are tricking installer into thinking we have clustered hardware
- Tell Oracle about voting + OCR devices
 - \$ ln -sf /dev/raw/raw4
/home/oracle/product/disk_ocr
 - \$ ln -sf /dev/raw/raw5
/home/oracle/product/disk_vot
- Setup environment & fire up runInstaller

Install Clusterware

- ssh/rsh autologin setup is key
- raw devices must be setup
- A few steps very tricky...
- ./runInstaller (-ignoreSysPrereqs)
- Possibly use CentOS.org RHEL
- Ignore phys memory prerequisite warning
- Specify Cluster Config
 - The following node names invalid route66-vip
 - comment in /etc/hosts file

Install Clusterware

● Specify Cluster Config

- The node route66-priv not reachable
 - sshd running?
 - /etc/rc.d/init.d/iptables stop
 - eth0:1, eth0:2 created?
- Error thrown when IP address of host cannot be determined
 - Comment out route66-vip in /etc/hosts file
 - Click retry

Install Clusterware

- Specify Network Interface Usage
 - Edit -> specify PUBLIC
- Specify Oracle Cluster Registry Location
 - external redundancy option
 - /home/oracle/product/disk_ocr
- Specify Voting Disk Location
 - external redundancy option
 - /home/oracle/product/disk_vot

Install Clusterware

- At end, need to run root.sh
- got error that vipca failed, run manually
 - `$CRS_HOME/bin/vipca`
 - specify route66, route66-vip, 192.168.0.76
- all configuration assistants must succeed!

Reinstall Clusterware

- `rm -rf /etc/oracle`
- `rm -rf /home/oracle/oraInventory`
- `rm -rf $CRS_HOME`
- `/bin/dd if=/dev/zero of=/asmdisks/disk4 bs=1024k count=100`
- `/bin/dd if=/dev/zero of=/asmdisks/disk5 bs=1024k count=20`
- `rm /etc/rc.d/init.d/init.crs`
- `rm /etc/rc.d/init.d/init.crsd`
- `rm /etc/rc.d/init.d/init.cssd`
- `rm /etc/rc.d/init.d/init.evmd`
- `rm /etc/rc.d/rc3.d/S96init.crs`
- `rm /etc/rc.d/rc5.d/S96init.crs`
- reboot server – kills any CRS processes

Test Clusterware

● Verify CRS is running

- `$ ps auxw | grep ora`

```
root /bin/su -l oracle -c sh -c 'ulimit -c unlimited; cd /home/oracle/product/10.2.0s/log/b\
ebel/evmd; exec /home/oracle/product/10.2.0s/bin/evmd '
```

```
root /home/oracle/product/10.2.0s/bin/crsd.bin reboot
```

```
oracle /home/oracle/product/10.2.0s/bin/evmd.bin
```

```
root /bin/su -l oracle -c /bin/sh -c 'ulimit -c unlimited; cd /home/oracle/product/10.2.0s/\
log/bebel/cssd; /home/oracle/product/10.2.0s/bin/ocssd || exit $?'
```

```
oracle /bin/sh -c ulimit -c unlimited; cd /home/oracle/product/10.2.0s/log/bebel/cssd; /home\
/oracle/product/10.2.0s/bin/ocssd || exit $?
```

```
oracle /home/oracle/product/10.2.0s/bin/ocssd.bin
```

```
oracle /home/oracle/product/10.2.0s/bin/evmlogger.bin -o /home/oracle/product/10.2.0s/evm/log\
/evmlogger.info -l /home/oracle/product/10.2.0s/evm/log/evmlogger.log
```

```
oracle /home/oracle/product/10.2.0s/opmn/bin/ons -d
```

```
oracle /home/oracle/product/10.2.0s/opmn/bin/ons -d
```

- `$ olsnodes -n`

```
route66 1
```

Install Oracle 10g

- fairly straightforward as Oracle installs go
 - `./runInstaller (-ignoreSysPrereqs)`
- specify Enterprise Edition
- Oracle will recognize CRS is installed

Create Listener

- edit \$TNS_ADMIN/listener.ora
 - Usual setup
 - ORACLE_HOME=/home/oracle/product/10.2.0
 - Include both hostnames in address list:
 - HOST=route66
 - HOST=route66-vip
- use new 10g srvctl to start:
 - srvctl start nodeapps -n route66

Create ASM Instance

- strange name +ASM1
- create init+ASM1.ora, specifying user, bkg and core_dump_dest,
 - large_pool_size=15m
 - instance_type=asm
 - asm_diskstring='/dev/raw/raw1',
'/dev/raw/raw2','/dev/raw/raw3',
'/dev/raw/raw4','/dev/raw/raw5'

Start ASM

- ORACLE_SID=+ASM1

- SQL> startup nomount

- create diskgroup DBDATA external redundancy disk '/dev/raw/raw1','/dev/raw/raw2';
- create diskgroup DBRECO external redundancy disk '/dev/raw/raw3';

- edit init+ASM1.ora and add:

- asm_diskgroups='DBDATA','DBRECO'

- use sqlplus to startup ASM instance

- SQL> startup force

Register +ASM1

● register with srvctl

- \$ srvctl add asm -n route66 -i +ASM1 -o /home/oracle/product/10.2.0.1

● shutdown with sqlplus:

- SQL> shutdown immediate

● now startup with srvctl:

- \$ srvctl start asm -n route66

● use ps to check for +ASM1 instance

Create BEATNIK Instance

- Edit your usual init.ora params such as db_block_size, db_multiblock_read_count, archiving params etc
 - db_name=kerouac
- instances are BEATNIK & HIPPY
- Set instance specific params like this:
 - BEATNIK.background_dump_dest=/path/a

Create BEATNIK Instance

- specify user, bkg, core_dump_dest,
 - BEATNIK.instance_number=1
 - BEATNIK.instance_name=BEATNIK
 - BEATNIK.thread=1
 - BEATNIK.undo_tablespace=UNDOTBS1
- Create admin/BEATNIK/* & admin/HIPPY/* dirs
- Edit crKEROUAC.sql as follows:
 - CREATE DATABASE "KEROUAC"
DATAFILE SIZE 250M
EXTENT MANAGEMENT LOCAL
SYSAUX DATAFILE SIZE 125M
DEFAULT TEMPORARY TABLESPACE TEMP TEMPFILE SIZE 20M
UNDO TABLESPACE "UNDOTBS1" DATAFILE SIZE 200M
LOGFILE GROUP 1 SIZE 10240K,
GROUP 2 SIZE 10240K,
GROUP 3 SIZE 10240K ;
- To simplify - no character set, max params, user specified here

Create BEATNIK Instance

- Fire up sqlplus and issue:
 - startup nomount
pfile=/path/a/initBEATNIK.ora
 - @crKEROUAC.sql
- Select ctl files from v\$parameter & add to
initBEATNIK.ora

Make BEATNIK Clustered

- Add these two params to your initBEATNIK.ora:
 - *.cluster_database=true
 - *.cluster_database_instances=5
- use sqlplus to shutdown instance:
 - SQL> shutdown immediate
- Use sqlplus to startup again:
 - SQL> startup force

Register BEATNIK

- Let OCR know what we've done:
 - `$ srvctl add database -d KEROUAC -o /home/oracle/product/10.2.0.1/`
 - `$ srvctl add instance -d KEROUAC -i BEATNIK -n route66`
- Use sqlplus to shutdown immediate
- Startup again with srvctl:
 - `$ srvctl start instance -d KEROUAC -i BEATNIK`

Create HIPPY Instance

- First we need second undo tablespace
 - SQL> create undo tablespace undo2 datafile
'+DBDATA' size 100M;
- Create init.ora file:
 - \$ cp initBEATNIK.ora initHIPPY.ora

Startup & Register HIPPY

- `$ export ORACLE_SID=HIPPY`
- `SQL> startup`
- `$ srvctl add instance -i HIPPY -d
KEROUAC -n route66`

Create Data Dictionary

- SQL> @?/rdbms/admin/catalog.sql
- SQL> @?/rdbms/admin/catblock.sql
- SQL> @?/rdbms/admin/catproc.sql
- SQL> @?/rdbms/admin/catoctk.sql
- SQL> @?/rdbms/admin/owminst.plb
- SQL> @?/rdbms/admin/catclust.sql

Some Things To Try

- SQL> select instance_name from gv\$instance;
- Add a third instance
- Kill -9 the processes of one of the instances
- Cross-instance transaction example

Some Things To Understand

- Automatic Storage Management
- Cluster Ready Services
- Global Cache Services
- Global Enqueue Services
- Clusterware procs – crsd, evmd, ocssd, oproc
- RAC processes lms, lmd, lmon, lck0
- GV\$ data dictionary

And Don't Forget

- add eth0:1, eth0:2 to rc.local
- add loop device setup to rc.local
- add raw device setup to rc.local
- add +ASM1,BEATNIK,HIPPY to /etc/oratab
- add instance startup to /etc/rc.d/init.d/dbora
 - start)
 - `srvctl start instance -i BEATNIK -d KEROUAC`
 - stop)
 - `srvctl start instance -i HIPPY -d KEROUAC`

Further Reading & Thanks

- Clusterware & RAC Install & Config Guide for Linux
- Clusterware & RAC Admin Deploy Guide
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