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# Minimal Downtime Patching

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### ¿Cómo mover ocr y vdisk a nuevo disk array?

Por Enrique Orbegozo  
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No hace mucho, uno de mis clientes inició el proceso de migración de su disk storage system, desde EMC C24 hacia EMC VNX. Ellos tienen sus bases de datos operando con Oracle RAC 11.2.0.3, por lo que exigieron el procedimiento de agregar LUNs del nuevo EMC VNX en los diagnósticos de disco, para luego retirar los LUNs del antiguo EMC C24, aprovechando el rebalanceo automático que hace ASM al agregar y remover discos. Puesto que todo bien, pero quedaba el trabajo sobre el diagnóstico que contiene el **ent\_vdisk** y **ent\_vdisk** de ASM. Basado en este caso OCR, para el cual el procedimiento no es tan simple como agregar y retirar discos. A continuación les mostrare en detalle el procedimiento que seguí para concluir con este último paso en la migración de disk storage system para este diagnóstico, cumpliendo el requerimiento expresado del cliente: **no suspender el servicio**.

Empezaré por mostrarles el escenario sobre el cual se trabajó.

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Enrique started with Oracle in 1994 while studying Systems Engineering at National University of Engineering. He designed and coded applications with SQL\*Forms, SQL and PL/SQL, and his proficiency quickly led him to join Oracle of Peru as a Support Engineer. In 1995 he began a career as an independent contractor, providing many services in both modernization projects for the government and important businesses in the private sector.

After more than a decade of work, he decided to contribute his experience and knowledge back to the community. In 2007, he became an instructor of Oracle University courses. A short time later, he created Snapshot Too Old, a blog primarily serving the Spanish-speaking community. At the same time, he also began participating in the OTN forums, where his solutions were so well received that within a few weeks he was listed as one of the Top Users.

# Agenda

- Some theory
- Recommended patches
- Patching methods
- Minimal downtime patching
- Conclusions & recommendations
- Q&A

# Why patch?



To correct bugs!

- Performance
- Security
- Stability

# Why is patching painful?

- Testing required
- Can break things
- Can introduce more bugs
- Downtime!



# Oracle Patch Delivery Methods

- Security Patch Update (SPU)
- Patch Set Update (PSU)
- Bundle Patch (BP)
- Interim Patches (IP)

	Interim Patch	PSU, SPU, Bundle
Functional	Functional regression tests for the specific area of database functionality affected by the patch.	Complete set of functional regression tests (tests all areas of database functionality).
	Verification that the fix addresses the known symptoms of the bug issue.	
Stress	None.	Subset of stress tests based on patch content.
Performance	None.	Workload based performance regression testing.
Other	Install testing in unpatched environment.	Install testing in clean environment.
	Installation using EM CC patching.	"Upgrading" from previous PSU, SPU, bundles.
		Installation using EM CC patching.



# Patching strategy

- Apply newest available Patch Set Update (PSU)
- Apply Interim Patches for known issues

	Interim Patch	PSU, SPU	Bundle Patch
Install / Rollback	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bug Fix Verification	Where possible and relevant		
Admin Activities	Not required	Basic	Basic
Application Function	Not required	Core applications only	Core and non-core applications
Application Performance	Not required	Not required	Not required

# PSU schedule

Released on the Tuesday closest to the 17th day of January, April, July and October

- 20 January 2015
- 14 April 2015
- 14 July 2015
- 20 October 2015
- 19 January 2016
- 19 April 2016
- 19 July 2016



# Recommended Patches:PSU

MOS Note 756671.1

## 12.1.0.2 Current Recommended Patches

### Patch Set Updates

Document	Description	Rolling RAC	Patch Download
<a href="#">Note:21150768.8</a>	Combo of 12.1.0.2.4 OJVM PSU and 12.1.0.2.4 DB PSU (Jul 2015)	Part	<a href="#">Patch:21150768</a>
<a href="#">Note:21068507.8</a>	Oracle JavaVM Component 12.1.0.2.4 Database PSU (Jul 2015) (OJVM PSU)	No	<a href="#">Patch:21068507</a>
<a href="#">Note:20831110.8</a>	12.1.0.2.4 (Jul 2015) Database Patch Set Update (DB PSU)	Yes	<a href="#">Patch:20831110</a>

### Grid Infrastructure

Document	Description	Rolling RAC	Patch Download
<a href="#">Note:21150782.8</a>	Combo of 12.1.0.2.4 OJVM PSU and 12.1.0.2.4 GI PSU (Jul 2015)	Part	<a href="#">Patch:21150782</a>
<a href="#">Note:20996835.8</a>	12.1.0.2.4 (Jul 2015) Grid Infrastructure Patch Set Update (GI PSU)	Yes	<a href="#">Patch:20996835</a>

# Recommended Patches:Optimizer

No PSU	PSU 1	2	3	4	Bugs Fixed
					<a href="#">Document 19855835.8</a> Upgrade slow when reorganizing large stats history tables <b>NB: Only applicable for upgrades from 11.2.0.3 or below. Apply before running the 12.1.0.2 upgrade script. There is no benefit to applying it later on.</b>
					<a href="#">Document 20476175.8</a> High VERSION_COUNT (in V\$SQLAREA) for query with OPT_PARAM('_fix_control') hint <a href="#">Document 20807398.8</a> ORA-600 [kgl-hash-collision] with fix to bug 20465582 installed
					<a href="#">Document 21091518.8</a> Extend fix of bug 18304693 to Partition Views

MOS Note 2034610.1 (12.1.0.2)  
 MOS Note 1645862.1 (11.2.0.4)  
 MOS Note 1392633.1 (11.2.0.3)  
 MOS Note 1320966.1 (11.2.0.2)

# Recommended Patches:OGG

MOS Note 1557031.1

11.2.0.4 PSU level	OGG RDBMS Patch ID	Patch Description
11.2.0.4.7	<a href="#">Patch:21360686</a>	MERGE REQUEST ON TOP OF DATABASE PSU 11.2.0.4.7 FOR BUGS 2990912 14705949
11.2.0.4.6	<a href="#">Patch:21417957</a>	MERGE REQUEST ON TOP OF DATABASE PSU 11.2.0.4.6 FOR BUGS 16674686 17031322
11.2.0.4.5	<a href="#">Patch:20593645</a>	MERGE REQUEST ON TOP OF DATABASE PSU 11.2.0.4.5 FOR BUGS 17201159 17208934
11.2.0.4.3	<a href="#">Patch:20409915</a>	MERGE REQUEST ON TOP OF DATABASE PSU 11.2.0.4.3 FOR BUGS 15913355 16194160

# More Recommended Patches

- Recommended Bundle for AIX 11.2.0.4. with Critical Fixes (Doc ID 2022567.1)
- Things to Consider to avoid RDBMS Performance problems on Sparc platforms for 11.2.0.3 and 11.2.0.4 (Doc ID 1680269.1)
- Bug Issues Known to Affect the Shared Pool (Doc ID 102305.1)
- Checklist For Slow Performance Of DataPump Export (expdp) And Import (impdp) (Doc ID 453895.1)

# Need new patches?

Release	Patching Ends	Notes and Exceptions*
12.1.0.1	TBA	The patching end date for 12.1.0.1 (all editions) will be extended 6 months from the date when 12.1.0.2 for Standard Edition customers is released.
11.2.0.4	31-Jan-2018	<b>HP-UX Itanium: Patching ends Dec 2020.</b> Beginning Feb 1, 2018, Sev 1 fixes only (no PSU or CPU will be produced). <b>All other platforms:</b> Extended Support required starting 1-Feb-2016.
11.2.0.3	27-Aug-2015	
11.2.0.2	31-Oct-2013	End date extended beyond normal.
11.2.0.1	13-Sep-2011	Patch end date for Exadata is 30-Apr-2012
11.1.0.7	31-Aug-2015 <sup>7</sup>	<b>HP-UX Itanium - Patching ends Dec 2015.</b> Beginning Sep 1, 2015 Sev 1 fixes only (no PSU or CPU will be produced). <b>Extended Support</b> required starting 1-Sep-2012
11.1.0.6	18-Sep-2009	
10.2.0.5	31-Jul-2015 <sup>7</sup>	<b>All platforms - standard Extended Support ended 31-Jul-2013.</b> After that, Limited Extended Support is available from Aug 2013 through July 2015, Sev 1 fixes only (no PSU or SPU will be produced). See <a href="#">Oracle Software Technical Support Policies</a> .

# OPatch

**Patch 6880880**

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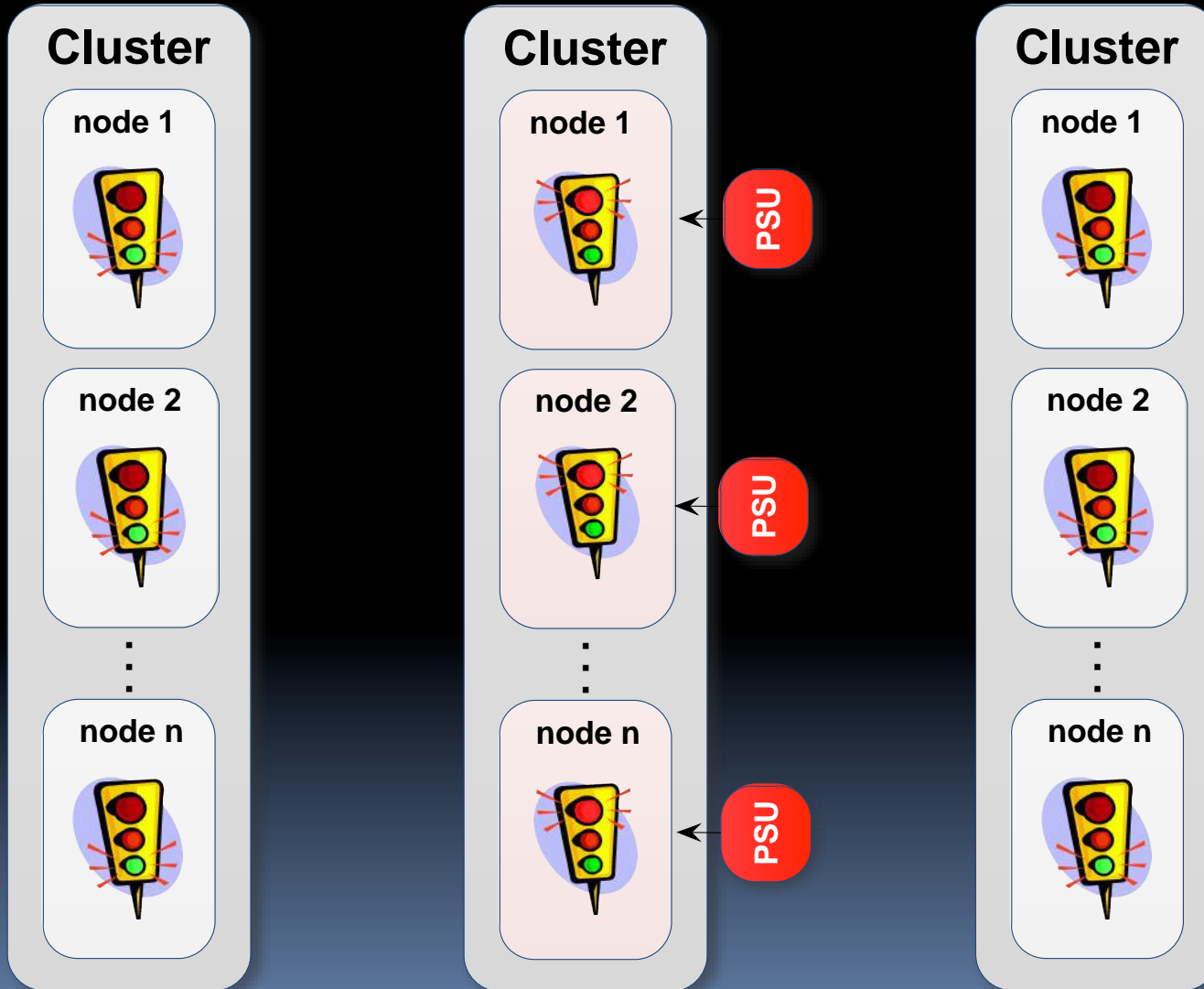
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# How to apply a patch?

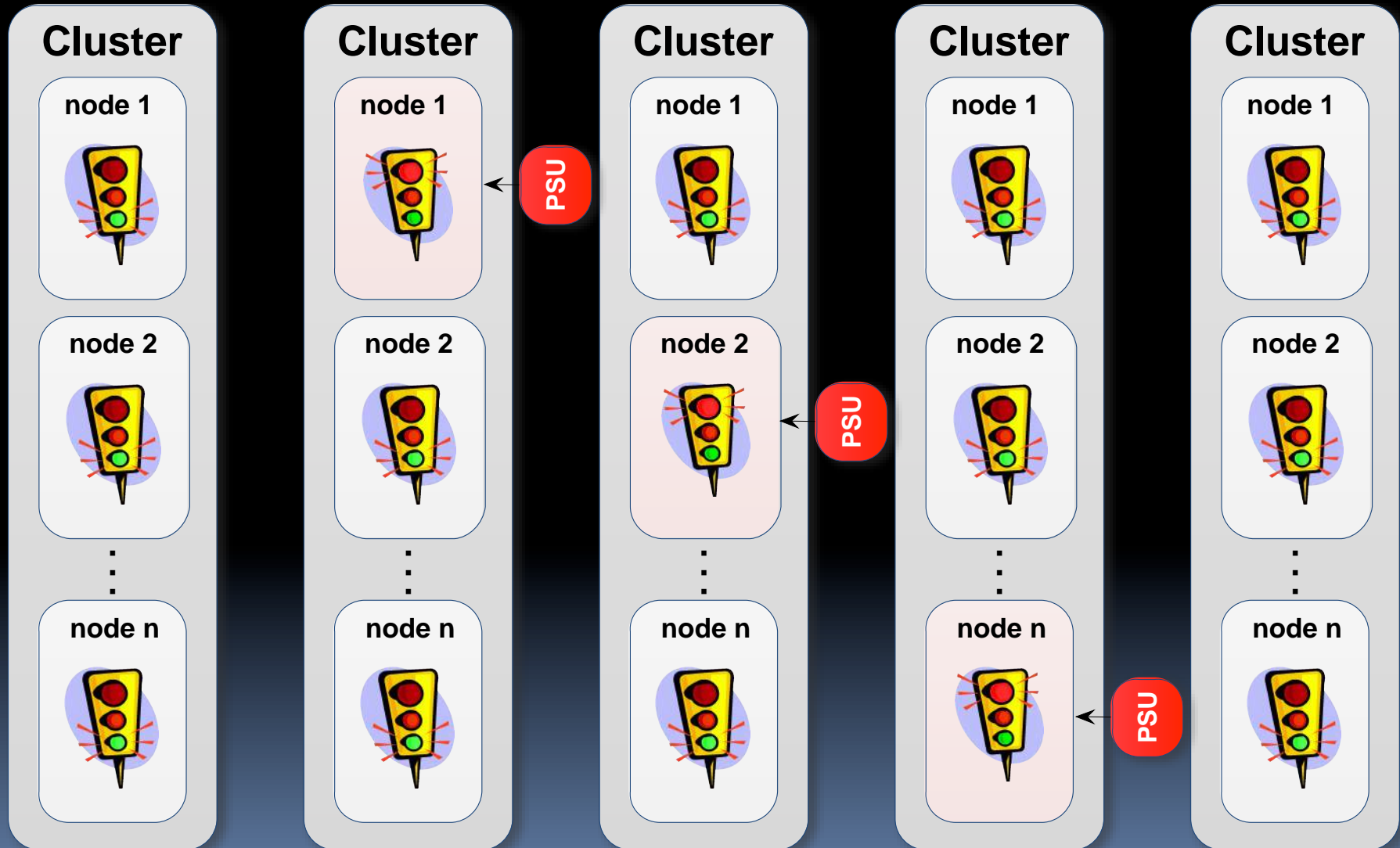
## Parallel Patching





# How to apply a patch?

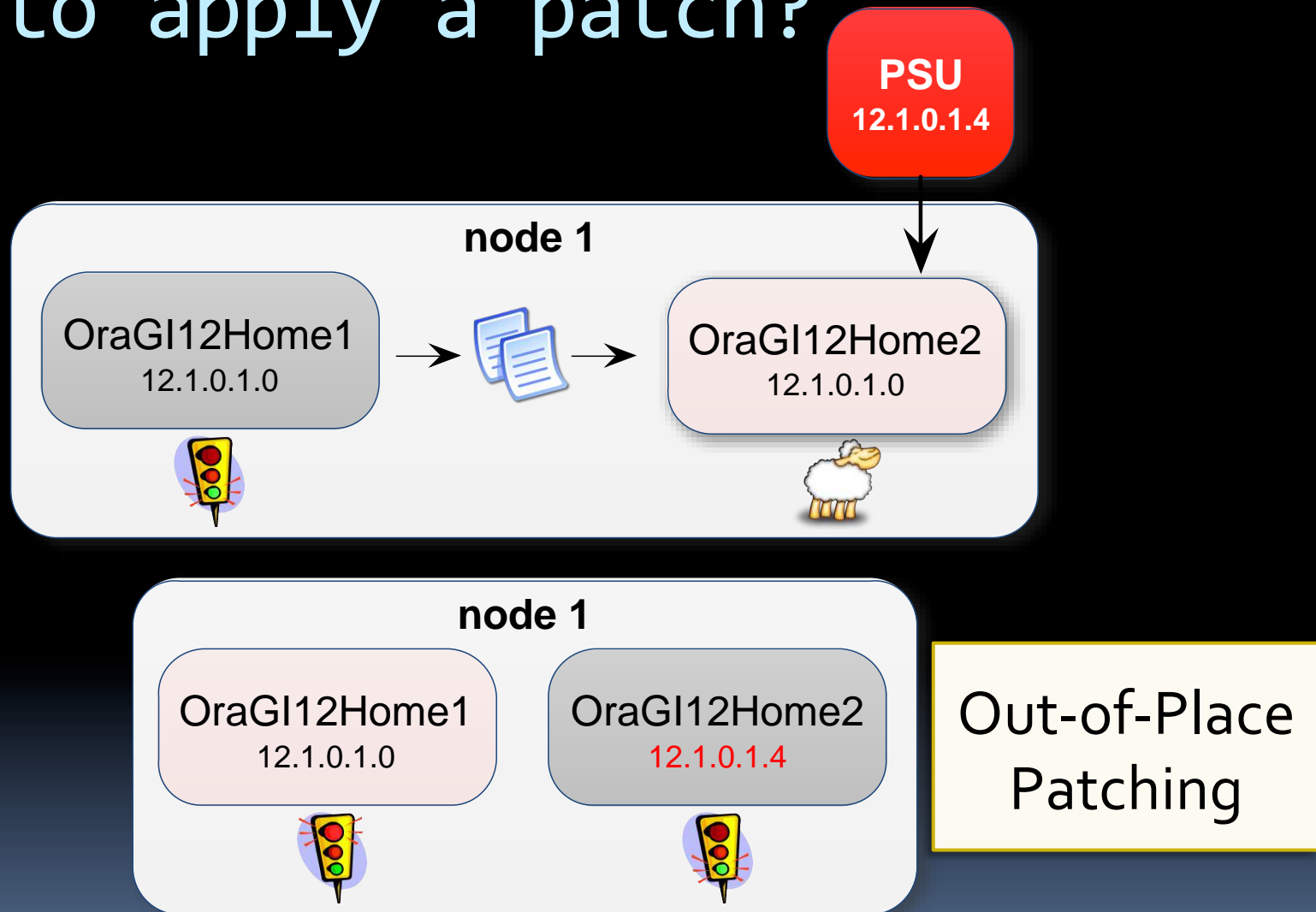
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# How to apply a patch?



# How to apply a patch?



# Rolling out-of-place patching

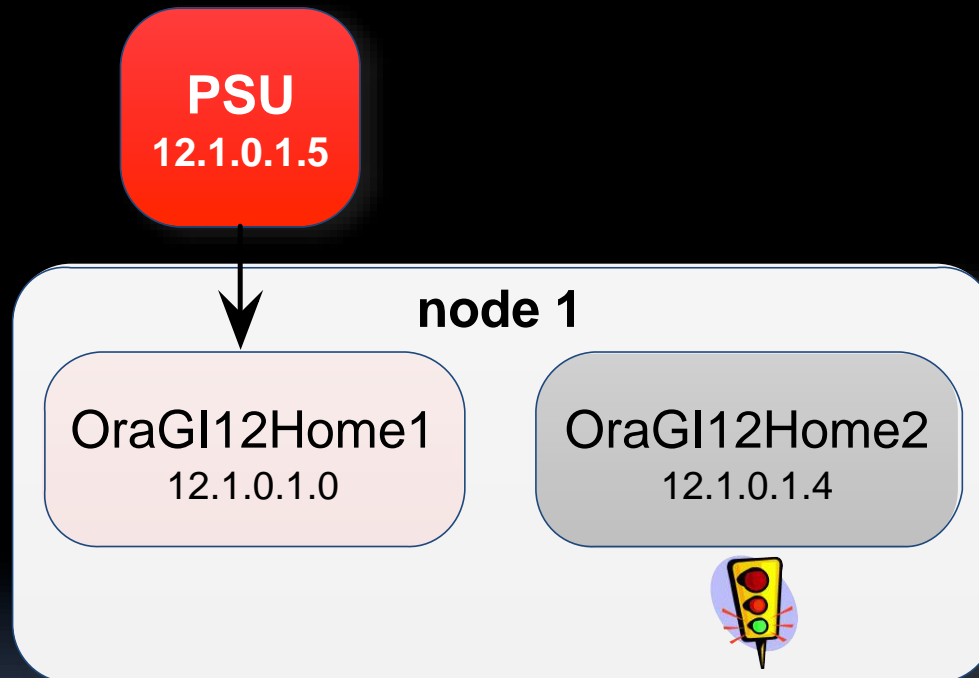
1. Copy software (GI)
2. Unlock new home (GI)
3. Clone new home (GI)
4. Apply PSU -manual (GI)
5. Copy software (DB)
6. Clone new home (DB)
7. Apply PSU -manual (DB)
8. Repeat steps 1-7 on each node

# Rolling out-of-place patching

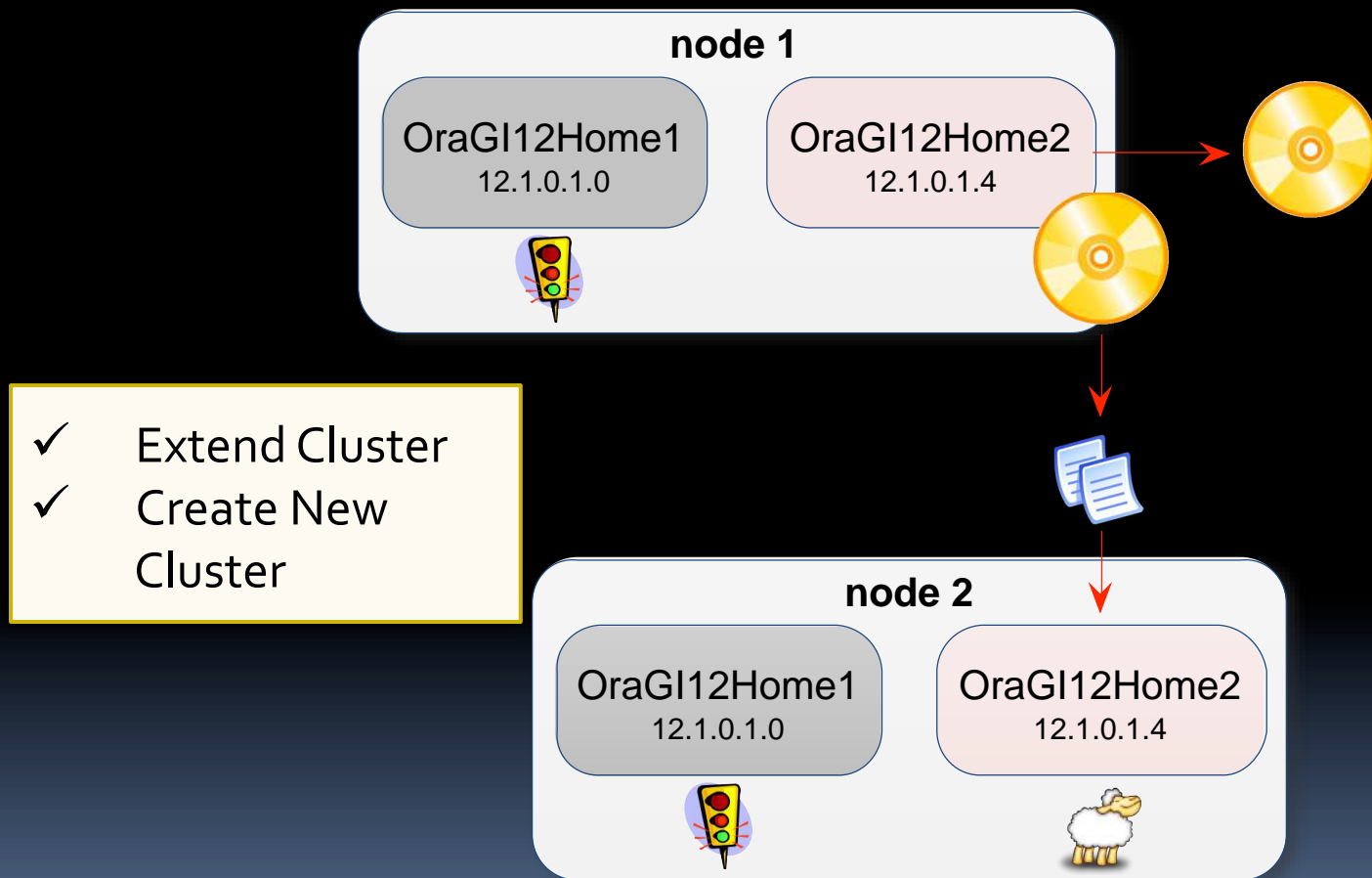
9. First node: stop databases (downtime starts)
10. Switch Grid Infrastructure homes
11. Start databases in new home
12. Repeat steps 9-11 on each node

Patched  
Cluster !!!

# Next patching?



# Golden Image





# Conclusions

## Pros:

- Patching performed during daytime hours
- Time to investigate issues
- Rollback by just switching to old home
- Downtime restricted to restart services

## Cons:

- More effort
- Additional disk space

# Recommendations

- Apply latest PSU and recommended patches
- Create software filesystem with extra space
- Use VMs to test the patching procedures
- Create Golden Images library
- Use oplan for exact procedure (MOS Note 1306814.1)
- Don't forget:
  - There will not be more patches for versions < 11.2.0.4
  - Upgrade to 12.1.0.2 or 11.2.0.4 to get access to new patches

# Thank You!

The image shows two screenshots. The top screenshot is a web browser window with the address bar containing 'blog.e-dba.biz', which is circled in red with an arrow pointing to it. The page title is 'Snapshot Too Old' and the date is 'viernes, 26 de octubre de 2012'. The main heading is '¿Cómo mover ocr y vdisk a nuevo disk array?'. The bottom screenshot is an email client window titled 'Untitled - Message (HTML)'. It shows a 'To...' field with the email address 'enrique.orbegozo@e-dba.biz;' circled in red with an arrow pointing to it. The interface includes a 'Send' button and a status message 'This message has not been sent.'.

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