

How to implement an automated patching solution across an Oracle estate.

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Introduction

This talk is about how to implement an automated patching solution across a varied Oracle estate. It covers the tools that were considered and how we made our final decision based upon what was technically possible and what was available to us.

We also cover the pitfalls of implementing our solution.

This talk includes a basic overview of the patching model and the path we chose (PSU/CPU/RU/RUR/BP).

The solution we implemented was successful. So, this is a real-world example.

This talk is a high-level talk but will appeal to Dbas also.

- **So why automate Oracle Patching?**
- **Scope**
- **Tool Considerations.**
- **Patching Model 11.2/12.1**
- **Manual Patching Basics**
- **Outline Automation Method.**
- **Pitfalls**
- **Dealing with Inventory corruption and Patch Conflict**
- **Future challenges**
- **Conclusions.**

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