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Java Best Practices for Developing and Deploying against Database in the Cloud



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Oracle Cloud Layers

Software as a Service (SaaS)

Applications delivered as a service to endusers over the internet. (IoT, HCM, ERP etc.,)

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Platform as a Service (PaaS)

Application development and deployment platform delivered as a service (JCS, DBCS, Big Data CS, Analytics etc.,)

Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)

Server, Storage, and Network hardware and associated software delivered as a service



Database Cloud Services for Enterprise

100% compatible from entry-level to the largest mission critical dataloads



What are we talking about?

- Plain Java standalone apps
- Java App Containers
 - Apache Tomcat
 - Oracle Web Logic Server
 - IBM Websphere and JBOSS
- Java tools or IDEs
 - SQLDeveloper, Squirrel SQL
 - Intellij, Jdeveloper, Eclipse, Netbeans
- All these Java apps must be able to connect to a Database Service on Cloud



What are the things to consider? JDBC drivers must meet the cloud specific requirements For example:

- Support for TLS v1.2 with unlimited cipher suites
- Protocol specific encryption and checksumming
- Support various keystore formats (KSS, JKS, Wallets)
- Support strong authentication
 - Based on certificates
 - Kerberos authentication



How about these?

- Proper error messages and traces to debug connectivity issues
- Support keepalive mechanisms
- HTTP proxy and websockets

Ideally

- Reconnect on failure and replay in-flight work
- How about asynchronous APIs?
 - The API is available for download from OpenJDK at
 - http://www.oracle.com/goto/java-async-db
 - Send feedback to jdbc-spec-discuss@openjdk.java.net



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Java Connectivity to DB Services on Cloud



- Oracle Exadata Express
 Service (EECS)
 - TCPS connection with Oracle wallets or JKS
 - Need client_credentials.zip
 from service console



- Oracle Database Cloud Service (DBCS)
 - TCP connection
 - 1521 needs to be unblocked



- Database on Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI)
 - TCP connection
 - Add 1521 to securitylist



- Oracle Database Exadata Cloud Machine (ExaCM)
 - TCP connection
 - Everything is pre-setup

Example with Oracle Cloud Database Service

Database Environment

Default Connectivity

Database as a Service (DBaaS)



Exadata Express Cloud Service (EECS)
Fully managed



TCP/IP with network encryption (Port 1521)

To allow direct connection, open port 1521 for specific trusted hosts

TCPS (Port 1522)

TLS v1.2 and strong security algorithms is mandatory

Two-stages authentication:

Must have client wallet in addition to database credentials



Security Settings

Mandatory: using latest JDK with JCE

- JDK version is important
 - Security bugs in some older releases
 - Always use the latest JDK upgrade
- JCE Unlimited Strength Jurisdiction Policy files
 - JDK 9 has JCE by default
 - Need to be installed in the Java runtime for JDK 7 and JDK 8.
 - TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 and
 TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA256 cipher suites use AES with 256 bit keys and hence require Unlimited JCE policy files



Security Settings using Oracle Wallets

- Additional jars are needed
 - oraclepki.jar , osdt_core.jar, and osdt_cert.jar
 - Available on Oracle Maven repository (maven.oracle.com)
- Make sure to have wallets at an accessible location
 - cwallet.sso (auto-login format) or ewallet.p12 (PKCS12 format)
- Provide the location of the wallet
 - oracle.net.wallet_location=(SOURCE=(METHOD=FILE)
 (METHOD_DATA=(DIRECTORY=/Users/test/wallets/)))
- Enforce mutual authentication
 oracle.net.ssl_server_dn_match=true



Security Settings using Java Key Store (JKS)

- Configure trustStore and keyStore
 - Use javax.net.ssl.trustStore and javax.net.ssl.keyStore system properties or connection properties
- Set the password for JKS
 - Use javax.net.ssl.keyStorePassword and javax.net.ssl.trustStorePassword
- Enable the server DN match
 - oracle.net.ssl_server_dn_match=true



Connecting to the Cloud is easier than ever

New ojdbc.properties for specifying connection properties



- Introduced specifically to ease the cloud connectivity
- If TNS_ADMIN system property is defined, then it becomes the default location for ojdbc.properties
- Using Oracle Wallets with JDBC thin is made simpler
 - Auto-load of oraclepki.jar, osdt_cert.jar and osdt_core.jar
 - OraclePKIProvider is automatically registered
- TNS_ADMIN can be set in the URL
 - jdbc:oracle:thin:@alias?TNS_ADMIN=/home/oracle/network/ admin/



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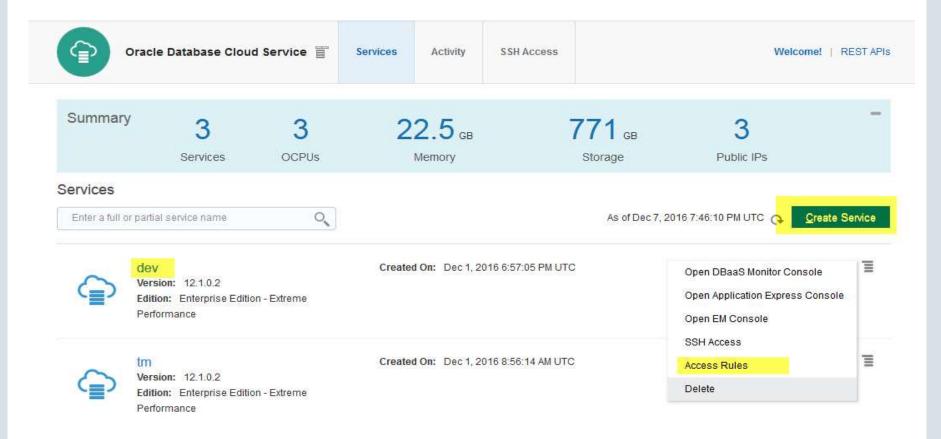


DBCS Connectivity – Overview

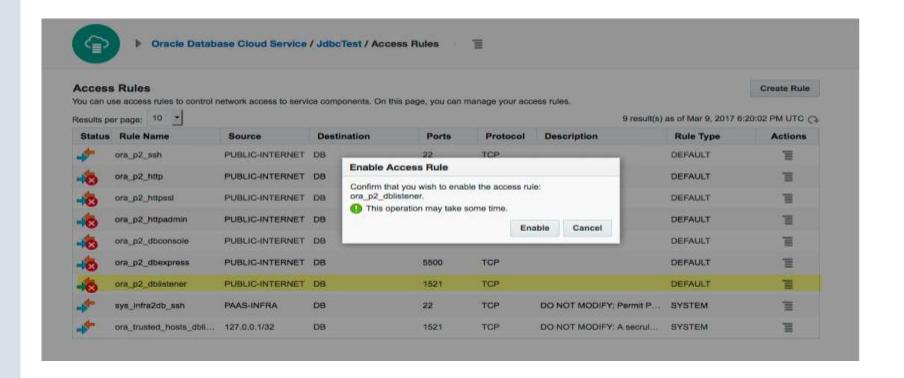
- TCP connections allowed
 - Port 1521 needs to be unblocked before usage
- Full control over the database.
 - HR schema is available, but needs to be unlocke
 - Create more users or schemas or tables by connecting to the compute node
- SSH access to the compute node



Java connectivity to DBCS Create the service and unblock port 1521



Java Connectivity to DBCS Unblock the port 1521



Java Connectivity to DBCS using Tomcat Sample context.xml

<Context>
 <Resource name="tomcat/UCPPool_dbcs" auth="Container"
factory="oracle.ucp.jdbc.PoolDataSourceImpl"
type="oracle.ucp.jdbc.PoolDataSource"
description="UCP Pool in Tomcat"
connectionFactoryClassName="oracle.jdbc.pool.OracleDataSource"
minPoolSize="5" maxPoolSize="50" initialPoolSize="15"
autoCommit="true" user="hr" password="hr"
url="jdbc:oracle:thin:@140.86.13.179:1521/PDB1.dbdevcs14.oraclecloud.internal"/>



Screenshot of connecting to DBCS



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localhost:8080/UCPCloud/DBCS_Servlet

```
Servlet to test DBCS using UCP
The database user is : HR
```

Web Request was successful

EECS Connectivity – Overview

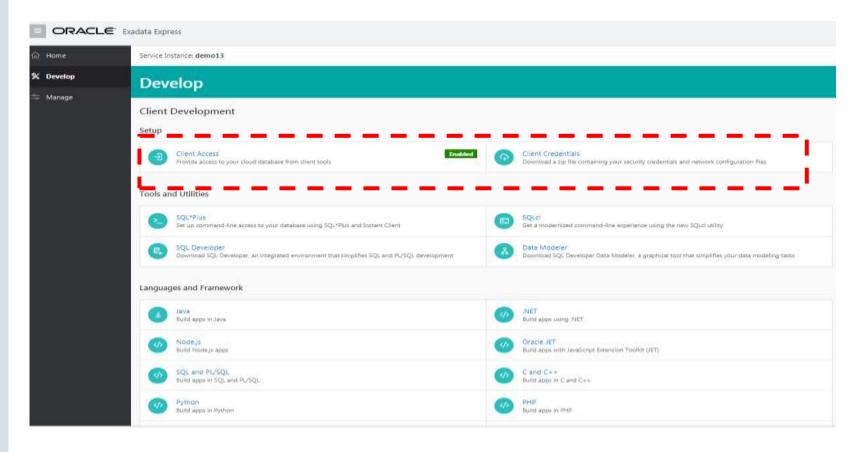
A Fully Managed experience for hands-free cloud database operation

- TCPS connections required
- Mandates SSL connection using TLSv1.2
 - Java Key Store Files or Oracle Wallets



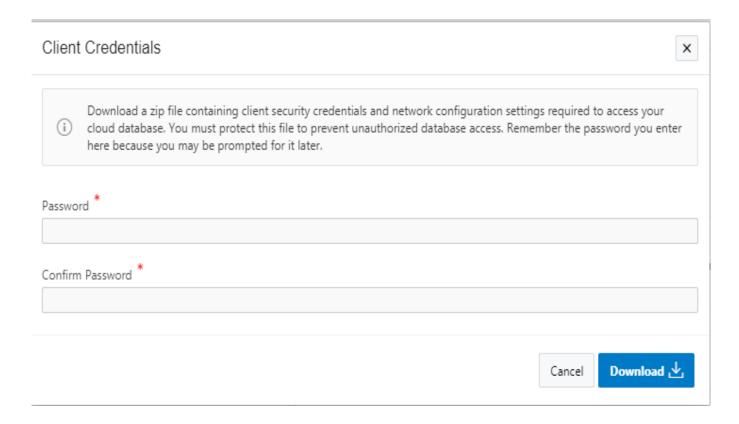
- PDB_ADMIN is the user created by default
 - Create your own user
- Requires Java Cryptography Extension (JCE) in the JDK/JRE.

Exadata Express Cloud Service Connectivity Download client_credentials.zip



EECS Connectivity

Choose wallet or keystore password



Exadata Express Connectivity client_credentials.zip contents

File name	Description
tnsnames.ora and sqlnet.ora	Network configuration files storing connect descriptors and SQL*Net client side configuration
cwallet.sso and ewallet.p12	Auto-open SSO wallet and PKCS 12 file. PKCS 12 file is protected by the wallet password provided in the UI.
truststore.jks and keystore.jks	JKS Truststore and Keystore. Protected by the wallet password provided in the UI.



EECS Connectivity

Pre-requisites

- For Thin JDBC
 - Unzip the client_credentials.zip file to any location
 - Update JDK path to use the latest JDK8/JDK7 with the required JCE policy files
 - Pass truststore or wallet related parameters as connection/system properties
 - Connect using the connection string "jdbc:oracle:thin:@dbaccess" with dbaccess being the TNS alias.

Detailed steps are documented in <u>Exadata Express Service</u> Console links



Exadata Express Cloud Service Connectivity Sample script to run

```
java -Doracle.net.tns_admin=/home/myuser/cloud \
    -Doracle.net.ssl_server_dn_match=true \
    -Djavax.net.ssl.trustStore=/home/myuser/cloud/truststore.jks \
    -Djavax.net.ssl.trustStorePassword=welcome1 \
    -Djavax.net.ssl.keyStore=/home/myuser/cloud/keystore.jks \
    -Djavax.net.ssl.keyStorePassword=welcome1 \
EECSDataSourceSample
```



Exadata Express Cloud Service Connectivity

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Uses Oracle Wallet

- Required security settings are pushed to ojdbc.properties file
- Pass the TNS_ADMIN in the connection URL Example: jdbc:oracle:thin:@alias?TNS_ADMIN=/home/oracle/network/admin/
- java –classpath ./lib/ojdbc8_181.jar:../lib/oraclepki.jar:./lib/osdt_cert.jar:./lib/osdt_cert.jar:./lib/osdt_core.jar EECSDataSourceSample_Wallet

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Java Best Practices Connecting to Database services on Cloud

- Best Practices for Performance
- Best Practices for Security
- Best Practices for High Availability
- Troubleshooting tips

Best Practices for Performance

Reduce round trips, optimize sessions and data transfer

- Use Connection Pooling (Example: UCP)
 - Optimize Min Pool Size, Max Pool Size and timeouts
- Bind variables
 - Prevents re-parsing of frequently executed statements
 - Re-execute the same PreparedStatement with different binds
- Array operations instead of single row operations
 - DML Batching and Row Prefetch
 - preparedStatement.addBatch() and preparedStatement.sendBatch()



Best Practices for Performance

Reduce round trips, optimize sessions and data transfer

- Prefetching
 - Prefetch a number of rows (configurable)preparedStatement.setFetchSize(20)
- Statement Caching
 - Caches most recently used statements
 - oracleDataSource.setImplicitCachingEnabled(true) and connection.setStatementCacheSize(10)
- Client Query Result Cache
 - Caches SQL query results on client tier
 - Oracle transparently maintains cache consistency with server side changes



Best Practices for Performance

Reduce round trips, optimize sessions and data transfer

- Co-locate application servers and database servers (if possible) in order to reduce latency
 - Run ping or traceroute to look at latency
- Tune the Session Data Unit(SDU) for large LOBs, XMLs, large resultSets
 - Max: 2MB (12c), 64K (11.2), 32K (pre-11.2)
 - Set on both server and client side (sqlnet.ora(DEFAULT_SDU_SIZE), tnsnames.ora or URL)
 - jdbc:oracle:thin:@(DESCRIPTION=(SDU=11280) (ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp)(HOST=myhost-vip)(PORT=1521)) (CONNECT_DATA=(SERVICE_NAME=myorcldbservicename)))
- Sharded database for scalability



Best Practices for Security

- For corporate environment, use VPN
- If you want to enable direct connection
 - Enable access to Database listeners from only specific set of trusted IP addresses
- Set up Logon Storm Handler to limit the connection rate
 - RATE_LIMIT parameter for Listener
- Protect the wallet or keystore
 - Ensure that the files are protected through file system permissions, backed up securely, and only read access is granted to the users running applications at run-time



Best Practices for High Availability

- Leverage most advanced HA features by using latest DB client
 - Timeout and retry in connect string
 - Application Continuity
 - Replay Driver
 - At most once commit
 - Inflight transactions are transparently replayed in case of failure
 - Fast Application Notification
 - More reliable and predictable than the ugly TCP timeout
 - In band notifications are preferred



Oracle Best Practices for High Availability

Gracefully handle service temporary unavailability

```
Enable TCP Keep Alive
(DESCRIPTION LIST =
  (DESCRIPTION=
                                        TCP/IP level timeout
   (ENABLE=BROKEN)
                                                      Retry while service is
                                                         unavailable
    (TRANSPORT CONNECT TIMEOUT=10)
    (RETRY COUNT=10) (RETRY DELAY=5)
       (ADDRESS LIST=(ADDRESS = . . .) (ADDRESS= . . .))
    (CONNECT DATA= (SERVICE NAME=hr svc)))
   (DESCRIPTION=
    (RETRY COUNT=10) (RETRY DELAY=5)
    (ADDRESS LIST=(ADDRESS=. . .) (ADDRESS=. . .))
    (CONNECT DATA=(SERVICE NAME=hr svc2))))
```

Trouble shooting Tips

- Common cause
 - Firewalls blocking connections
- Troubleshooting
 - Run traceroute, e.g.
 - traceroute -T -p 1521 <IP of DBaaS host> (for DBaaS)
 (You can find DBaaS host Public IP from DBaaS Service Console)
 - traceroute -T -p 1522 <public host name for your Exadata Express Cloud Service>
 - (You can find the public host name from the tnsnames.ora file, which is included in the zip file downloaded from Service Console. Example: dbaccess.us2.oraclecloudapps.com)
 - Identify where it is failing and take appropriate actions



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