

Symantec™ Storage Foundation for Oracle® RAC 6.2 Release Notes - Solaris

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About this document

This document provides important information about Symantec Storage Foundation for Oracle RAC (SF Oracle RAC) version 6.2 for Solaris. Review this entire document before you install or upgrade SF Oracle RAC.

The information in the Release Notes supersedes the information provided in the product documents for SF Oracle RAC.

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`/docs/product_name`

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- Symantec Cluster Server (VCS)
See *Symantec Cluster Server Release Notes (6.2)*.
- Storage Foundation (SF)
See *Symantec Storage Foundation Release Notes (6.2)*.
- Storage Foundation Cluster File System High Availability (6.2)
See *Symantec Storage Foundation Cluster File System High Availability Release Notes (6.2)*.

About Symantec Storage Foundation for Oracle RAC

Symantec Storage Foundation™ for Oracle® RAC (SF Oracle RAC) leverages proprietary storage management and high availability technologies to enable robust, manageable, and scalable deployment of Oracle RAC on UNIX platforms. The solution uses Veritas Cluster File System technology that provides the dual advantage of easy file system management as well as the use of familiar operating system tools and utilities in managing databases.

The solution stack comprises the Symantec Cluster Server (VCS), Veritas Cluster Volume Manager (CVM), Veritas Oracle Real Application Cluster Support (VRTSdbac), Veritas Oracle Disk Manager (VRTSodm), Veritas Cluster File System (CFS), and Symantec Storage Foundation, which includes the base Veritas Volume Manager (VxVM) and Veritas File System (VxFS).

Benefits of SF Oracle RAC

SF Oracle RAC provides the following benefits:

- Support for file system-based management. SF Oracle RAC provides a generic clustered file system technology for storing and managing Oracle data files as well as other application data.
- Support for different storage configurations:
 - Shared storage
 - Flexible Shared Storage (FSS): Sharing of Direct Attached Storage (DAS) and internal disks over network
- Faster performance and reduced costs per I/O per second (IOPS) using SmartIO. SmartIO supports read caching for the VxFS file systems that are mounted on VxVM volumes, in several caching modes and configurations. SmartIO also supports block-level read caching for applications running on VxVM volumes.
- Support for high-availability of cluster interconnects.
 - For Oracle RAC 10g Release 2:
The combination of LMX/LLT protocols and the PrivNIC/MultiPrivNIC agents provides maximum bandwidth as well as high availability of the cluster interconnects, including switch redundancy.
- Use of Cluster File System and Cluster Volume Manager for placement of Oracle Cluster Registry (OCR) and voting disks. These technologies provide robust shared block interfaces (for all supported Oracle RAC versions) and raw interfaces (for Oracle RAC 10g Release 2) for placement of OCR and voting disks.
- Support for a standardized approach toward application and database management. Administrators can apply their expertise of Symantec technologies toward administering SF Oracle RAC.
- Increased availability and performance using Symantec Dynamic Multi-Pathing (DMP). DMP provides wide storage array support for protection from failures and performance bottlenecks in the Host Bus Adapters (HBA), Storage Area Network (SAN) switches, and storage arrays.
- Easy administration and monitoring of multiple SF Oracle RAC clusters using Veritas Operations Manager.
- VCS OEM plug-in provides a way to monitor SF Oracle RAC resources from the OEM console.
- Improved file system access times using Oracle Disk Manager (ODM).

- Ability to configure Oracle Automatic Storage Management (ASM) disk groups over CVM volumes to take advantage of Symantec Dynamic Multi-Pathing (DMP).
- Enhanced scalability and availability with access to multiple Oracle RAC instances per database in a cluster.
- Support for backup and recovery solutions using volume-level and file system-level snapshot technologies, Storage Checkpoints, and Database Storage Checkpoints.
- Support for space optimization using periodic deduplication in a file system to eliminate duplicate data without any continuous cost.
For more information, see the Symantec Storage Foundation Administrator's documentation.
- Ability to fail over applications with minimum downtime using Symantec Cluster Server (VCS) and Veritas Cluster File System (CFS).
- Prevention of data corruption in split-brain scenarios with robust SCSI-3 Persistent Group Reservation (PGR) based I/O fencing or Coordination Point Server-based I/O fencing. The preferred fencing feature also enables you to specify how the fencing driver determines the surviving subcluster.
- Support for sharing application data, in addition to Oracle database files, across nodes.
- Support for policy-managed databases in Oracle RAC 11g Release 2 and later versions.
- Support for container and pluggable databases in Oracle RAC 12c and later versions.
- Fast disaster recovery with minimal downtime and interruption to users. Users can transition from a local high availability site to a wide-area disaster recovery environment with primary and secondary sites. If a site fails, clients that are attached to the failed site can reconnect to a surviving site and resume access to the shared database.
- Support for configuring and administering multiple non-global zones with high availability to Oracle RAC instances inside the non-global zone.
- Verification of disaster recovery configuration using fire drill technology without affecting production systems.
- Support for a wide range of hardware replication technologies as well as block-level replication using VVR.
- Support for campus clusters with the following capabilities:
 - Consistent detach with Site Awareness

- Site aware reads with VxVM mirroring
- Monitoring of Oracle resources
- Protection against split-brain scenarios

About Symantec Operations Readiness Tools

Symantec Operations Readiness Tools (SORT) is a website that automates and simplifies some of the most time-consuming administrative tasks. SORT helps you manage your datacenter more efficiently and get the most out of your Symantec products.

SORT can help you do the following:

- | | |
|--|--|
| Prepare for your next installation or upgrade | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ List product installation and upgrade requirements, including operating system versions, memory, disk space, and architecture.■ Analyze systems to determine if they are ready to install or upgrade Symantec products and generate an Installation and Upgrade custom report.■ List patches by product or platform, and in the order they need to be installed. Display and download the most recent patches or historical patches.■ Display Array Support Library (ASL) details by vendor, platform, or Storage Foundation and High Availability (SFHA) version. ASLs make it easier to manage arrays that are connected to SFHA-based servers.■ List VCS and ApplicationHA agents, documentation, and downloads based on the agent type, application, and platform. |
| Identify risks and get server-specific recommendations | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Analyze your servers for potential environmental risks. Generate a Risk Assessment custom report with specific recommendations about system availability, storage use, performance, and best practices.■ Display descriptions and solutions for thousands of Symantec error codes. |

- Improve efficiency
- Get automatic email notifications about changes to patches, array-specific modules (ASLs/APMs/DDIs/DDLs), documentation, product releases, Hardware Compatibility Lists (HCLs), and VCS/ApplicationHA agents.
 - Quickly gather installed Symantec product and license key information from across your production environment. Generate a License/Deployment custom report that includes product names, versions, and platforms, server tiers, Symantec Performance Value Units (SPVUs), and End of Service Life dates.
 - List and download Symantec product documentation including product guides, manual pages, compatibility lists, and support articles.
 - Access links to important resources on a single page, including Symantec product support, SymConnect forums, customer care, Symantec training and education, Symantec FileConnect, the licensing portal, and my.symantec.com. The page also includes links to key vendor support sites.
 - Use a subset of SORT features from your iOS device. Download the application at:
<https://sort.symantec.com/mobile>

Note: Certain features of SORT are not available for all products. Access to SORT is available at no extra cost.

To access SORT, go to:

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<http://www.symantec.com/docs/TECH225259>
- For the latest patches available for this release, go to:
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- The hardware compatibility list contains information about supported hardware and is updated regularly. For the latest information on supported hardware, visit the following URL:
<http://www.symantec.com/docs/TECH211575>

- The software compatibility list summarizes each Storage Foundation and High Availability (SFHA) Solutions product stack and the product features, operating system versions, and third-party products it supports. For the latest information on supported software, visit the following URL:
<http://www.symantec.com/docs/TECH225258>

Note: Before you install or upgrade SFHA Solutions products, review the current compatibility lists to confirm the compatibility of your hardware and software.

Changes introduced in SF Oracle RAC 6.2

This section lists the changes in SF Oracle RAC 6.2.

Support for container and pluggable databases in Oracle 12c

SF Oracle RAC now supports the creation and configuration of container databases and pluggable databases in Oracle 12c environments. You can add the container and pluggable database resources to be managed by VCS. For steps on configuring these resources under VCS, see the *Symantec Storage Foundation for Oracle RAC Installation and Configuration Guide*.

Note: Oracle Dataguard is supported only with administrator-managed Oracle 12c databases.

SmartIO now supported in SF Oracle RAC environments

The SmartIO feature of Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions (SFHA Solutions) enables data efficiency on your SSDs through I/O caching. Using SmartIO to improve efficiency, you can optimize the cost per IOPS. SmartIO does not require in-depth knowledge of the hardware technologies underneath. SmartIO uses advanced, customizable heuristics to determine what data to cache and how that data gets removed from the cache. The heuristics take advantage of SFHA Solutions' knowledge of the characteristics of the workload. SmartIO supports read and write caching for VxFS file systems mounted on VxVM volumes, in several caching modes and configurations.

- Read caching for applications running on VxVM volumes
- Read caching for applications running on VxFS file systems
- Database caching on VxFS file systems
- Database caching on VxVM volumes

Note: SmartIO writeback caching is not supported in SF Oracle RAC environments.

To use SmartIO, you set up a cache area on the target device. You can do this task simply with one command, while the application is online. When the application issues an I/O request, SmartIO checks to see if the I/O can be serviced from the cache. As applications access data from the underlying volumes or file systems, certain data is moved to the cache based on the internal heuristics. Subsequent I/Os are processed from the cache. You can also customize which data is cached, by adding advisory information to assist the SmartIO feature in making those determinations.

For more information, see the *Symantec. Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions SmartIO for Solid State Drives Solutions Guide* for details.

Support for setting up ssh and rsh connection using the pwduutil.pl utility

The password utility, `pwduutil.pl`, is bundled in the 6.2 release under the `scripts` directory. The users can run the `pwduutil.pl` utility to set up the `ssh` and `rsh` connection automatically.

Release level terminology changes

With the 6.2 release, terms that are used to describe patch-based releases have changed as follows:

Table 1-1 Release level terminology changes

Pre 6.0.1	6.0.x, 6.1, 6.1.x	6.2 and forward	Status	Available from
P-Patch	Public hot fix	Patch	Official	SORT
Hot fix	Private hot fix	Hot fix	Unofficial	Customer support

Official patch releases are available from SORT. This release was previously referred to as a P-Patch or a Public hot fix and is now referred to as a Patch. Unofficial patch releases are available from customer support. Hot fix is the only unofficial patch release.

Atleast resource dependency

A new type of resource dependency has been introduced in this release wherein a parent resource can depend on a set of child resources. The parent resource is brought online or remains online only if a minimum number of child resources in this resource set are online. The system creates a set of child IP resources and the application resource depends on this set.

For example, if an application depends on five IPs and if this application has to be brought online or has to remain online, at least two IPs must be online. If two or more IP resources come online, the application attempts to come online. If the number of online resources falls below the minimum requirement, resource fault is propagated up the resource dependency tree.

For more information, refer to the *Administrator's Guide*.

Changes related to installation and upgrades

The product installer includes the following changes in SF Oracle RAC 6.2.

Connecting to the SORT website through a proxy server

The product installer connects to the Symantec Operations Readiness Tools (SORT) website for several purposes, such as downloading the latest installer patches, and uploading installer logs. Deployment Server can connect to SORT to automatically download Maintenance or Patch release images. In this release, before running the product installer or Deployment Server, you can use the following proxy settings to connect to SORT through proxy servers:

```
# https_proxy=http://proxy_server:port
# export https_proxy
# ftp_proxy=http://proxy_server:port
# export ftp_proxy
```

Support for upgrading SF Oracle RAC using the web-based installer for Solaris 10 Live Upgrade

You can use the Symantec web-based installer to upgrade SF Oracle RAC as part of the Live Upgrade.

On a node in the cluster, run the web-based installer on the DVD to upgrade SF Oracle RAC on all the nodes in the cluster.

The program uninstalls the existing version of SF Oracle RAC on the alternate boot disk during the process. At the end of the process, SF Oracle RAC 6.2 is installed on the alternate boot disk.

Support for centralized installations using the Deployment Server

The Deployment Server is a script that makes it easier to install or upgrade SFHA releases. The Deployment Server lets you store multiple release images in one central location and deploy them to systems of any supported UNIX or Linux platform (6.1 or later). Prior to 6.1, releases still require the same platform, architecture, distribution, and version of the operating system. You can use the Deployment Server if you want to install or upgrade multiple releases and or multiple platforms.

The Deployment Server lets you do the following as described in [Table 1-2](#).

Table 1-2 Deployment Server functionality

Feature	Description
Install or Upgrade systems with Install Bundle and Install Template	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Install or upgrade systems with an Install Bundle. ■ Install packages on systems based on the information stored in the Install Template.
Define or modify Install Bundles	Define or modify Install Bundles and save them using the Deployment Server.
Create Install Templates	Discover installed components on a running system that you want to replicate on new systems.
Connecting the Deployment Server to SORT using a proxy server	Use a proxy server, a server that acts as an intermediary for requests from clients, for connecting the Deployment Server to the Symantec Operations Readiness Tools (SORT) website.
Platform Filtering	On the Set Preference menu, choose Selected Platforms to filter the platforms that are currently being used in the deployment environment.

Note: The Deployment Server is available only for the script-based installer, not the web-based installer.

See the *Installation Guide* for more information.

New `ProcessOnOnly` resource added to VCS configuration file during upgrades

During upgrade, the following new `ProcessOnOnly` resource is added to the VCS configuration file:

```
ProcessOnOnly vxattachd (  
    Critical = 0  
    Arguments = "- /usr/lib/vxvm/bin/vxattachd root"  
    PathName = "$SH"  
    RestartLimit = 3  
)
```

Symantec Storage Foundation for Oracle RAC gets installed in secure mode by default

Symantec Storage Foundation for Oracle RAC gets installed in secure mode by default. You are advised to install SF Oracle RAC in secure mode to be able to control guest user access to secure clusters and encrypt communication between SF Oracle RAC components. You can choose the non-secure mode during installation; however, the product installer warns you during the installation with the following message:

```
Symantec recommends that you install the cluster  
in secure mode. This ensures that communication between  
cluster components is encrypted and cluster information  
is visible to specified users only.
```

The upgrade from non-secure mode continues to happen in non-secure mode. The upgrade from secure mode advises you to control user access to secure clusters.

Changes related to Veritas File System

There are no changes related to VxFS in this release.

Support for direct mount inside non-global zones using Mount agent

You can mount VxFS directly inside a non-global zone. To mount VxFS inside a non-global zone, override the `ContainerOpts` attribute at the resource level and set the value of the `RunInContainer` attribute to 1.

VxVM SmartIO support for SF Oracle RAC installations

VxVM SmartIO is supported for SF Oracle RAC installations. When SmartIO is enabled on multiple nodes, Group Lock Manager (GLM) library keeps cache on each node coherent.

See the *Symantec™ Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions SmartIO for Solid State Drives Solutions Guide* for details.

Changes to I/O fencing

Symantec Cluster Server (VCS) includes the following changes to I/O fencing in 6.2:

I/O fencing supports majority-based fencing mechanism, a new fencing mechanism that does not need coordination points

I/O fencing supports a new fencing mode called majority-based I/O fencing. Majority-based I/O fencing mode does not need coordination points to provide protection against data corruption and data consistency in a clustered environment. Use majority-based I/O fencing when there are no additional servers and or shared SCSI-3 disks to be used as coordination points. It provides a reliable arbitration method and does not require any additional hardware setup, such as CP Servers or shared SCSI3 disks.

In the event of a network failure, the majority sub-cluster wins the fencing race and survives the race. Note that even if the majority sub-cluster is hung or unresponsive, the minority sub-cluster loses the fencing race and the cluster panics. The cluster remains unavailable till the issue is resolved.

For more information, refer to the *Installation Guide* and *Administrator's Guide*.

Clear coordination point server registrations using the vxfcntlpre utility

The vxfcntlpre utility is enhanced to clear registrations from coordination point servers for the current cluster in addition to the existing functionality to remove SCSI3 registrations and reservation keys from the set of coordinator disks and shared data disks. The local node from where you run the utility must have the UUID of the current cluster at `/etc/vx/.uuids` directory in the `clusuuid` file.

Note that you may experience delays while clearing registrations on the coordination point servers because the utility tries to establish a network connection with IP addresses used by the coordination point servers. The delay may occur because of a network issue or if the IP address is not reachable or is incorrect.

For more information, refer to the *Administrator's Guide*.

Raw disk I/O fencing policy is not supported

Symantec does not support raw disk policy for I/O fencing. Use DMP as the I/O fencing policy for coordinator disks that have either a single hardware path or multiple hardware paths to nodes.

For more information, refer to the *Installation Guide* and *Administrator's Guide*.

Support for Flexible Storage Sharing

Cluster Volume Manager (CVM) introduced the Flexible Storage Sharing (FSS) feature, which enables network sharing of local storage, cluster wide. The local storage can be in the form of Direct Attached Storage (DAS) or internal disk drives. Network shared storage is enabled by using a network interconnect between the nodes of a cluster.

FSS allows network shared storage to co-exist with physically shared storage, and logical volumes can be created using both types of storage creating a common storage namespace. Logical volumes using network shared storage provide data redundancy, high availability, and disaster recovery capabilities, without requiring physically shared storage, transparently to file systems and applications.

FSS use cases include support for current SFCFSA and SF Oracle RAC use cases, off-host processing, DAS SSD benefits leveraged with existing SF Oracle RAC features, FSS with File System level caching, and campus cluster configuration.

SF Oracle RAC certification for the FSS feature is currently in progress.

For more information about FSS, see the *Administrator's Guide*.

Auto deport of disabled FSS disk groups

When all the storage of an FSS disk group is lost and the disk group has become disabled, the CVMoldg agent in VCS will try to deport that disk group during clean and offline entry points. However, note that if there are any pending I/Os or open counts on volumes, then the disk group will not be deported and will remain in the disabled state.

See the SFRAC or SFCFS admin guides for more information.

SFCache agent

SFCache agent is a new agent introduced in this release. The SFCache agent enables, disables, and monitors cache. In case of a cache fault, the application still runs without any issues on the very same system, but with degraded I/O performance. Considering this, the SFCache agent provides an attribute to control

the agent behavior. You can either choose to receive “IGNORE” or initiate “FAILOVER” in case of cache fault.

For more information, see *Bundled Agents Reference Guide*.

Layered volume enhancements for recovery and snapshots

In this release, a new enhancement is done for layered volumes so that when storage disconnection and subsequent reconnection happen, only inconsistent regions in the affected sub-volume are synchronized using the FastResync feature. In case of a storage failure, the mirror of the sub-volume on that storage will be detached and the future IOs on the sub-volume will be tracked by the DCO associated with the parent volume. When such a detached mirror is reattached after restoring storage connectivity, only regions that are inconsistent in the mirror would be synchronized using the FastResync feature.

Prior to this release, for a layered volume, if the storage within a mirror of a sub-volume became inaccessible, it led to full synchronization of that mirror when the storage was reconnected.

For more information about FastResync, see the *Symantec Storage Foundation for Oracle RAC Administrator's Guide*.

Read policy enhancement

In this release, to optimize the read performance, changes have been made in the plex read policies on VxVM volumes. When there are more than one mirror available to serve the read IO, VxVM will select the set of mirrors that will provide the optimal performance and round robin between those. In selecting the set of mirrors, the internal logic will take into account various factors such as site locality, disk connectivity, media type, layout(striping), etc. You can override the logic and set any plex as the preferred mirror or set a round-robin read policy to round robin between all the mirrors of a volume.

For more information about read policies, see the *Administrator's Guide*.

The `vxattachd` daemon added as a VCS resource

In this release, the automatic site reattachment daemon, `vxattachd`, has been added in the list of resources monitored by VCS. The ProcessOnOnly agent in VCS will now monitor the `vxattachd` daemon. If the `vxattachd` process is not running, then in the next monitor cycle this agent will detect and restart it.

For more information about the `vxattachd` daemon, see the *Administrator's Guide*.

VOM integration with FSS

The Flexible Storage Sharing (FSS) feature in VxVM has been integrated with the Veritas Operations Manager (VOM) version 6.1. All the FSS operations can be done through the VOM console.

See the *Veritas™ Operations Manager Management Server 6.1 User Guide* for details.

Changes related to SFDB tools

The following sections describe the changes related to Storage Foundation for Databases (SFDB) tools in 6.2.

Support for multitenant databases

SFDB tools support operations on Oracle 12c multitenant databases. The SFDB tools do not support operations on individual Pluggable Databases (PDB).

Managing OEM using the Symantec Storage plug-in

Symantec Storage plug-in provides a graphical interface to efficiently manage and view your Storage Foundation and VCS objects through Oracle Enterprise Manager 12c (OEM).

The plug-in has the following three tabs:

- SmartIO - provides a gateway to manage the objects that use Storage Foundation's SmartIO feature, which is an advanced caching solution.
- Snapshot - enables you to apply the SFDB's point-in-time copy technologies to the selected database objects, such as datafiles, tablespaces.
- Cluster - extracts various configuration-specific information from the Symantec Cluster Server and manifests them in a tabular format.

For details on downloading and using the plug-in, visit

<https://www.secure.symantec.com/connect/downloads/sfha-solutions-62-symantec-storage-plug-oem-12c>

No longer supported

This section lists software versions and features that are no longer supported. Symantec advises customers to minimize the use of these features.

SF Oracle RAC does not support the following:

- `Raw` disk policy for I/O fencing

- Oracle RAC 11g Release 1 Clusterware
- PrivNIC and MultiPrivNIC agents for Oracle RAC 11.2.0.2 and later versions
- Dissimilar version upgrades of SF Oracle RAC components
For example, if you have SF Oracle RAC 6.0 installed, you can not upgrade only VCS to version 6.2.
- Use of crossover cables
Oracle does not support the use of crossover cables for cluster interconnects due to the possibility of data corruption and other software limitations.

Note: Crossover cables are however known to function without any issues in SF Oracle RAC. While the SF Oracle RAC Technical support team may continue to provide support on related issues for existing deployments, this support may be constrained in some respects as it is no longer a supported configuration by Oracle.

The use of crossover cables is discouraged for new deployments.

- Bunker replication is not supported in a Cluster Volume Manager (CVM) environment.

Symantec Storage Foundation for Databases (SFDB) tools features which are no longer supported

The following Storage Foundation for Databases (SFDB) tools features are not supported in this release:

- Storage Checkpoint policy and Storage Checkpoint quotas
- Interactive modes in clone and rollback

System requirements

This section describes the system requirements for this release.

Important preinstallation information for SF Oracle RAC

Before you install SF Oracle RAC, make sure that you have reviewed the following information:

- Preinstallation checklist for your configuration. Go to [the SORT installation checklist tool](#). From the drop-down lists, select the information for the Symantec product you want to install, and click **Generate Checklist**.

- Hardware compatibility list for information about supported hardware:
<http://www.symantec.com/docs/TECH211575>
- For important updates regarding this release, review the Late-Breaking News Technote on the Symantec Technical Support website:
<http://www.symantec.com/docs/TECH225259>
- Latest information on support for Oracle database versions:
<http://www.symantec.com/docs/DOC5081>
- Oracle documentation for additional requirements pertaining to your version of Oracle.

Hardware requirements

Depending on the type of setup planned, make sure you meet the necessary hardware requirements.

For basic clusters See [Table 1-3](#) on page 23.

For campus clusters See [Table 1-4](#) on page 25.

Table 1-3 Hardware requirements for basic clusters

Item	Description
SF Oracle RAC systems	Two to sixteen systems with two or more CPUs. Note: Flexible Shared Storage (FSS) supports upto 8-node cluster configurations only. For details on the additional requirements for Oracle, see the Oracle documentation.
DVD drive	A DVD drive on one of the nodes in the cluster.
Disks	SF Oracle RAC requires that all shared storage disks support SCSI-3 Persistent Reservations (PR). Note: The coordinator disk does not store data, so configure the disk as the smallest possible LUN on a disk array to avoid wasting space. The minimum size required for a coordinator disk is 128 MB.

Table 1-3 Hardware requirements for basic clusters (*continued*)

Item	Description
Disk space	<p>You can evaluate your systems for available disk space by running the product installation program. Navigate to the product directory on the product disc and run the following command:</p> <pre data-bbox="561 439 1022 461"># ./installsfrac -precheck node_name</pre> <p>You can also use the Veritas Web-based installation program to determine the available disk space.</p> <p>For details on the additional space that is required for Oracle, see the Oracle documentation.</p>
RAM	<p>Each SF Oracle RAC system requires at least 8 GB.</p> <p>For Oracle RAC requirements, see the Oracle Metalink document: 169706.1</p>
Swap space	<p>See the Oracle Metalink document: 169706.1</p>
Network	<p>Two or more private links and one public link.</p> <p>Links must be 100BaseT or gigabit Ethernet directly linking each node to the other node to form a private network that handles direct inter-system communication. These links must be of the same type; you cannot mix 100BaseT and gigabit.</p> <p>Symantec recommends gigabit Ethernet using enterprise-class switches for the private links.</p> <p>If you are using the SmartIO feature, check the network requirements in the <i>Symantec Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions SmartIO for Solid State Drives Solutions Guide</i>.</p> <p>Oracle requires that all nodes use the IP addresses from the same subnet.</p> <p>You can also configure aggregated interfaces.</p>
Fiber Channel or SCSI host bus adapters	<p>At least one additional SCSI or Fibre Channel Host Bus Adapter per system for shared data disks.</p>

Table 1-4 lists the hardware requirements for campus clusters in addition to the basic cluster requirements.

Table 1-4 Hardware requirements for campus clusters

Item	Description
Storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The storage switch (to which each host on a site connects) must have access to storage arrays at all the sites. ■ Volumes must be mirrored with storage allocated from at least two sites. ■ DWDM links are recommended between sites for storage links. DWDM works at the physical layer and requires multiplexer and de-multiplexer devices. ■ The storage and networks must have redundant-loop access between each node and each storage array to prevent the links from becoming a single point of failure.
Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Oracle requires that all nodes use the IP addresses from the same subnet. ■ Symantec recommends a common cross-site physical infrastructure for storage and LLT private networks.
I/O fencing	I/O fencing requires placement of a third coordinator point at a third site. The DWDM can be extended to the third site or the iSCSI LUN at the third site can be used as the third coordination point. Alternatively Coordination Point Server can be deployed at the third remote site as an arbitration point.

Supported Solaris operating systems

This section lists the supported operating systems for this release of Symantec products. For current updates, visit the Symantec Operations Readiness Tools Installation and Upgrade page: https://sort.symantec.com/land/install_and_upgrade.

[Table 1-5](#) shows the supported operating systems for this release.

Table 1-5 Supported operating systems

Operating systems	Levels	Chipsets
Solaris 10	Update 9, 10, and 11	SPARC
Solaris 11	Support for Oracle Solaris 11.2 and Support Repository Updates (SRUs) up to 11.2.6.5. Solaris 11.1 and up to Support Repository Update (SRU) 11.1.21.0.4.1 Solaris 11.2 and up to Support Repository Update (SRU) 11.2.2.0.8.0	SPARC

This release is not supported on the x86-64 architecture.

This release supports native brand zones on Solaris 10 operating system and solaris brand and solaris10 brand zones on the Solaris 11 operating system. This release does not support the Kernel Zones feature of Solaris 11 Update 2.

For Storage Foundation for Oracle RAC, all nodes in the cluster need to have the same operating system version and update level.

Supported Oracle VM Server for SPARC

Supported Oracle VM Server for SPARC versions are OVM 2.0, OVM 2.1, OVM 2.2, OVM 3.0, and OVM 3.1.

For supported OS version for Oracle VM Server for SPARC, refer to *Oracle VM server for SPARC Release Notes*.

The version of the Oracle Solaris operating system (OS) that runs on a guest domain is independent of the Oracle Solaris OS version that runs on the primary domain. Therefore, if you run the Oracle Solaris 10 OS in the primary domain, you can still run the Oracle Solaris 11 OS in a guest domain. Likewise if you run the Oracle Solaris 11 OS in the primary domain, you can still run the Oracle Solaris 10 OS in a guest domain.

The only difference between running the Oracle Solaris 10 OS or the Oracle Solaris 11 OS on the primary domain is the feature difference in each OS.

Supported database software

For information on supported database versions, see the Software Compatibility List (SCL):

<http://www.symantec.com/docs/TECH213121>

For information on certified Oracle database versions, see the following technical note:

<http://www.symantec.com/docs/DOC5081>

Support for minor database versions is also documented in the technical note.

Note: It is possible that an Oracle version listed in the SCL is not present in the support matrix. This is because the support matrix is updated for Oracle versions only after completing required Oracle certifications. The certification process usually take a few months to complete after the product release.

Additionally, see the following Oracle support site for information on patches that may be required by Oracle for each release.

<https://support.oracle.com>

Veritas File System requirements

Veritas File System requires that the values of the Solaris variables `lwp_default_stksize` and `svc_default_stksize` are at least 0x6000 (for Solaris 10) and 0x8000 (for Solaris 11). When you install the Veritas File System package, `VRTSvxfs`, the `VRTSvxfs` packaging scripts check the values of these variables in the kernel. If the values are less than the required values, `VRTSvxfs` increases the values and modifies the `/etc/system` file with the required values. If the `VRTSvxfs` scripts increase the values, the installation proceeds as usual except that you must reboot and restart the installation program. A message displays if a reboot is required.

To avoid an unexpected need for a reboot, verify the values of the variables before installing Veritas File System. Use the following commands to check the values of the variables:

```
For Solaris 10: # echo "lwp_default_stksize/X" | mdb -k
                lwp_default_stksize:
                lwp_default_stksize:          6000

                # echo "svc_default_stksize/X" | mdb -k
                svc_default_stksize:
                svc_default_stksize:          6000

For Solaris 11: # echo "lwp_default_stksize/X" | mdb -k
                lwp_default_stksize:
                lwp_default_stksize:          8000

                # echo "svc_default_stksize/X" | mdb -k
                svc_default_stksize:
                svc_default_stksize:          8000
```

If the values shown are less than 6000 (for Solaris 10) and less than 8000 (for Solaris 11), you can expect a reboot after installation.

Note: The default value of the `svc_default_stksize` variable is 0 (zero), which indicates that the value is set to the value of the `lwp_default_stksize` variable. In this case, no reboot is required, unless the value of the `lwp_default_stksize` variable is too small.

To avoid a reboot after installation, you can modify the `/etc/system` file with the appropriate values. Reboot the system prior to installing the packages. Add the following lines to the `/etc/system` file:

For Solaris 10: `set lwp_default_stksize=0x6000`
`set rpcmod:svc_default_stksize=0x6000`

For Solaris 11: `set lwp_default_stksize=0x8000`
`set rpcmod:svc_default_stksize=0x8000`

Supported replication technologies for global clusters

SF Oracle RAC supports the following hardware-based replication and software-based replication technologies for global cluster configurations:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Hardware-based replication | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ EMC SRDF ■ Hitachi TrueCopy ■ IBM Metro Mirror ■ IBM SAN Volume Controller (SVC) ■ EMC MirrorView |
| Software-based replication | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Volume Replicator ■ Oracle Data Guard |

Fixed issues

This section covers the incidents that are fixed in this release.

Installation and upgrades fixed issues

This section describes the incidents that are fixed related to installation and upgrades in this release.

Table 1-6 Fixed issues related to installation and upgrades

Incident	Description
3325954	On Solaris 10 <code>xprtld</code> will not be started if user use jumpstart to install product
3326196	Rolling upgrade may encounter a problem if open volumes from different disk groups have the same name.
3326639	CP server service group fails to come online with the default database path after the CP server is upgraded from 6.0 to 6.2 on a multi-node cluster.

Table 1-6 Fixed issues related to installation and upgrades (*continued*)

Incident	Description
3341674	For Solaris 11.1 or later, the system can panic when system is rebooted after turning <code>dmp_native_support</code> to on.
3442070	If you select rolling upgrade task from the Install Bundles menu, the Installer exits with an error.

Issues fixed in SF Oracle RAC 6.2

[Table 1-7](#) lists the issues fixed in SF Oracle RAC 6.2.

Table 1-7 Issues fixed in SF Oracle RAC 6.2

Incident	Description
3589293	Configuration of the CSSD resource for SF Oracle RAC in Solaris zone environments fails with the following error if Intelligent Monitoring Framework (IMF) is enabled for the CSSD resource: <pre>VCS ERROR V-16-2-13710 Resource(cssd) - imf_register entry point failed with exit code(1)</pre>
3321004	Installation of Oracle Clusterware using Oracle response file fails.
3348812	During HAIP configuration, the SF Oracle RAC web installer fails to update the <code>/etc/hosts</code> file with the HAIP alias.
3442070	If you select rolling upgrade task from the Install Bundles menu, the common product installer exits with an error.

Cluster Volume Manager fixed issues

This section describes the incidents that are fixed in Cluster Volume Manager (CVM) in this release.

Table 1-8 Cluster Volume Manager fixed issues

Incident	Description
640213	The node panics in case of overlapping reconfigurations due to race conditions.

Table 1-8 Cluster Volume Manager fixed issues (*continued*)

Incident	Description
3592783	For the FSS partially shared storage configuration, after you run <code>hastop -all</code> and then <code>hastart</code> , remote disks, which are not part of the disk group, are not visible in <code>vxdisk -o alldgs list</code> .
3582470	Data change object (DCO) volume gets created using the same node's disks for both plexes.
3573908	Multiple <code>cbrbk.tmp\$\$</code> files in the <code>/var/tmp</code> folder on each node do not clean up properly.
3552008	The <code>vxconfigrestore</code> (<code>vxvol resync</code>) operation hangs on the master node while recovering a stripe-mirror volume.
3551050	The <code>vx*</code> commands are not able to connect to <code>vxconfigd</code> .
3538683	After a master panic, the new master does not start plex resync when the older master comes online and joins the cluster.
3537519	The <code>vxdisk unexport</code> command hangs and then <code>vxconfigd</code> gets fault in an asymmetric array connection setup.
3528908	When the slave node contributing storage left the cluster, the <code>vxconfigd</code> command dumps core on the master node.
3523731	VxVM command check for device compliance prior to doing FSS operations on disks.
3508390	DCO object is unnecessarily marked in the BADLOG mode in cascade failure scenarios, and it results in requiring a full-recovery and can result in lost snapshots as well.
3505017	When the <code>da name</code> is the same as the existing <code>dm name</code> , the <code>vxvg addisk</code> operation from slave fails.
3496673	On a Flexible Storage Sharing (FSS) disk group, the read I/O performance is impacted.
3495811	When you create a disk group, the disk shows LMISSING state when the SCSI PGR operation fails.
3489167	Plex(es) on remote disks goes to DISABLED state because of a plex I/O error encountered after slave node reboot in Cluster Volume Manger (CVM).

Table 1-8 Cluster Volume Manager fixed issues (*continued*)

Incident	Description
3484570	Accessing CVM messages after decrementing the reference count causes a panic.
3482026	The <code>vxattachd(1M)</code> daemon reattaches plexes of manually detached site.
3430256	Space allocation for Volume: Single DAS disk in a disk group takes more preference than shared storage in that disk group.
3422704	Unique prefix generation algorithm redesign for forming cluster wide consistent name (CCN).
3411438	The <code>preferred</code> and <code>round-robin</code> read policy settings should be honoured irrespective of local connectivity to the plexes.
3394940	Anomaly numbers are displayed in the <code>vxstat</code> output.
3383625	When a cluster node that contributes the storage to the Flexible Storage Sharing (FSS) disk group rejoins the cluster, the local disks brought back by that node do not get reattached.
3373747	Adding new nodes to the 22-node cluster causes Cluster File System (CFS) failures after CVM deletes 2 nodes.
3368361	When siteconsistency is configured within a private disk group and Cluster Volume Manager (CVM) is up, then the reattach operation of a detached site fails.
3329603	The <code>vxconfigd</code> related error messages are observed in system log files on every node for large cluster setups.
3300418	VxVM volume operations on shared volumes cause unnecessary read I/Os.
3286030	Vxattachd debug messages get displayed on the console during a reboot.
3283418	Writes from the source node hang due to heavy workload on the target node.
3281160	When autoreminor is set off, no error is thrown when you import a disk group having the same minor number as that of the existing imported disk group.

Table 1-8 Cluster Volume Manager fixed issues (*continued*)

Incident	Description
3152304	When connectivity to some of the plexes of a volume is lost from all nodes, an I/O hang occurs.
2705055	The <code>preferred</code> and <code>round-robin</code> read policy settings should be honoured irrespective of local connectivity to the plexes.

Symantec Storage Foundation for Databases (SFDB) tools fixed issues

[Table 1-9](#) describes the Symantec Storage Foundation for Databases (SFDB) tools issues fixed in this release.

Table 1-9 SFDB tools fixed issues

Incident	Description
2869266	Checkpoint clone fails if the archive log destination is same as the datafiles destination.
3313775	SmartIO options are not restored after Reverse Resync Commit operation is performed.
3615735	During a Reverse Resync Begin operation, a mismatch in database control file version is observed.
3615745	For thin storage setups, the snapshot operation reports that the diskgroup cannot be split.
3615764	The flashSnap operation fails to create a symlink on a Symantec Volume Replicator (VVR) secondary site.

LLT, GAB, and I/O fencing fixed issues

[Table 1-10](#) lists the fixed issues for LLT, GAB, and I/O fencing.

Table 1-10 LLT, GAB, and I/O fencing fixed issues

Incident	Description
3156922	The CP server process, <code>vxcpsserv</code> , communicates with client nodes only on those VIPs that are available when CP server process starts.

Table 1-10 LLT, GAB, and I/O fencing fixed issues (*continued*)

Incident	Description
3335137	Fencing configuration fails if SysDownPolicy is set to AutoDisableNoOffline in online service groups.
3473104	When virtual NICs are configured under LLT without specifying the MTU size 1500 in lltab, cluster does not function properly. For example, VCS engine commands may hang and print below message in the engine logs: VCS CRITICAL V-16-1-51135 GlobalCounter not updated
3548629	On Solaris 11, LLT, GAB and I/O fencing modules fails to configure when installed on an alternate boot environment.
3331801	SMF services for VCS kernel components may go into maintenance state when installed in a new boot environment.
3031216	The dash (-) in a disk group name causes vxfssthdw(1M) and Vxfenswap(1M) utilities to fail.
3471571	Cluster nodes may panic if you stop the HAD process by force on a node and reboot that node.
3532859	The Coordpoint agent monitor fails if the cluster has a large number of coordination points.

Known issues

This section covers the known issues in this release.

For Oracle RAC issues:

See [“Oracle RAC issues”](#) on page 33.

For SF Oracle RAC issues:

See [“SF Oracle RAC issues”](#) on page 36.

Oracle RAC issues

This section lists the known issues in Oracle RAC.

Oracle Grid Infrastructure installation may fail with internal driver error

The Oracle Grid Infrastructure installation may fail with the following error:

[INS-20702] Unexpected Internal driver error

Workaround:

Perform one of the following steps depending on the type of installer you use for the installation:

- Script-based installer

Export the `OUI_ARGS` environment variable, before you run the SF Oracle RAC installation program:

```
export OUI_ARGS=--ignoreInternalDriverError
```

For more information, see the Oracle Metalink document: 970166.1

- Web-based installer

When you run the Web-based installer, in the **Enter the arguments to be passed to the Oracle installer** text box, enter the value

```
-ignoreInternalDriverError.
```

For more information, see the *Symantec Storage Foundation for Oracle RAC Installation and Configuration Guide*.

During installation or system startup, Oracle Grid Infrastructure may fail to start

After successful installation of Oracle RAC 11g Release 2 Grid Infrastructure, while executing the `root.sh` script, `ohasd` may fail to start. Similarly, during system startup, Oracle Grid Infrastructure may fail to start though the VCS engine logs may indicate that the `cssd` resource started Oracle Grid Infrastructure successfully.

The following message may be displayed on running the `strace` command:

```
# /usr/bin/strace -ftt -p pid_of_ohasd.bin
14:05:33.527288 open("/var/tmp/.oracle/npoohasd",
O_WRONLY <unfinished ...>
```

For possible causes and workarounds, see the Oracle Metalink document: 1069182.1

Enabling ODM in Oracle RAC 11 Release 2 installations causes errors (1913013)

Enabling ODM in Oracle RAC 11 Release 2 installations causes the following error:

```
'ODM ERROR V-41-4-1-253-12 Not enough space'
Oracle instance may also crash with same error.
```

The error is observed if the DISM (Dynamic Intimate Shared memory) feature is enabled. In Solaris, the Oracle database uses DISM if it is available on the system, and if the value of the `sga_max_size` initialization parameter is larger than the size required for all SGA components combined.

Workaround: Make sure that the file `ORACLE_HOME/bin/oradism` is owned by the root user with "execute" and "setuid" permissions. If the problem persists after correcting the permissions, uncomment the `sga_max_size` and `memory_target` `init.ora` parameters.

Oracle VIP Configuration Assistant fails with an error message (1182220)

During Oracle RAC 10g Release 2 installation, the VIP Configuration Assistant may fail with the following error message:

```
The given interface(s), "net0" is not public.  
Public interfaces should be used to configure virtual IPs.
```

This message appears only when the VIP is not from the regular public IP range (for example, 200.).

Workaround: Invoke the `vipca` utility manually as the superuser.

```
# export DISPLAY=nebula:0.0  
# $CRS_HOME/bin/vipca
```

Oracle Cluster Verification utility displays a warning message

During the final stage of Oracle RAC 10g Release 2 installation, you may receive a warning message with the Oracle Cluster Verification utility.

For example:

```
Utility  
=====
```

OUI-25031: Some of the configuration assistants failed. It is strongly recommended that you retry the configuration assistants at this time. Not successfully running any "Recommended" assistants means your system will not be correctly configured.

1. Check the Details panel on the Configuration Assistant Screen to see the errors resulting in the failures.
2. Fix the errors causing these failures.
3. Select the failed assistants and click the 'Retry' button

to retry them.

=====
Workaround: You may safely ignore this message if the cluster is operating satisfactorily.

Oracle Database Configuration Assistant displays an error

The Database Configuration Assistant utility displays the following error:

```
SGA size cannot be greater than maximum shared memory
segment size (0).
```

Workaround: Ignore this message and manually configure the database memory parameters for Oracle. In the "Memory" tab of the Oracle Database Creation Assistant (DBCA), select a Custom and Manual shared memory management configuration and enter the appropriate values.

SF Oracle RAC issues

This section lists the known issues in SF Oracle RAC for this release.

Installation known issues

This section describes the known issues during installation and upgrade.

On Solaris 11, when you install the operating system together with SFHA products using Automated Installer, the local installer scripts do not get generated. (3640805)

On Solaris 11, when you use Automated Installer (AI) to install the Solaris 11 operating system together with SFHA products, the local installer scripts fail to get generated.

Workaround:

On the target system(s), execute the following script:

```
/opt/VRTSsfcp62/bin/run-once
```

installer -requirements does not list RHEL 6 Update 6 and Oracle Linux 7 as supported platforms (3657260)

The `installer -requirements` command does not list RHEL 6 Update 6 and Oracle Linux 7 as supported platforms though they are qualified with version 6.2.

Workaround: The correct supported list is mentioned in the latest version of the product Release Notes. See the latest Release Notes on the Symantec website for the updated list.

<https://sort.symantec.com/documents>

Node panics after upgrade from Solaris 11 to Solaris 11.1 on systems running version 6.0.1 or earlier (3560268)

Nodes running version 6.0.1 or earlier panic after you upgrade the operating system from Solaris 11 to Solaris 11.1. This is due to changes introduced in the Solaris operating system.

Workaround: Perform the following steps during the operating system upgrade from Solaris 11 to Solaris 11.1 before you boot to the Solaris 11.1 boot environment. This will prevent the product from starting on the Solaris 11.1 boot environment.

Open the file `/etc/default/llt` on the new boot environment and set `LLT_START` to 0.

Open the file `/etc/default/gab` on the new boot environment and set `GAB_START` to 0

Open the file `/etc/default/amf` on the new boot environment and set `AMF_START` to 0

Open the file `/etc/default/vxfen` on the new boot environment and set `VXFEN_START` to 0

After the operating system is upgraded to Solaris 11.1, upgrade the product to a version that support Solaris 11.1.

The Installer fails to unload GAB module while installation of SF packages [3560458]

The Installer succeeds to upgrade SF package from 6.0.1 to 6.0.5 or from 6.1 to 6.1.1, but GAB module (for 6.0.1 or 6.1) fails to unload and remains in loaded state. The issue is seen with the recent updates of Solaris OS 11U1 (SRU 8). During un-installation of SF Oracle RAC packages, unloading of GAB fails.

Workaround: Restart the system. Restarting the system will unload the module successfully.

On Solaris 11, if a reboot is performed during upgrade from 6.0PR1 to 6.2, the pkg verify VRTSsfmh command results in an error (3624856)

On Solaris 11, if a reboot is performed during upgrade from 6.0PR1 to 6.2, the `pkg verify VRTSsfmh` command results in the following error:

```
pkg verify VRTSsfmh
  PACKAGE
STATUS
  pkg://Symantec/VRTSsfmh
ERROR
```

```

dir: var/opt/VRTSsfmh
      Group: 'root (0)' should be 'other (1)'
dir: var/opt/VRTSsfmh/etc
      Missing: directory does not exist
dir: var/opt/VRTSsfmh/logs
      Group: 'root (0)' should be 'other (1)'
dir: var/opt/VRTSsfmh/tmp
      Group: 'root (0)' should be 'other (1)'
file: opt/VRTSsfmh/web/operator/cgi-bin/firedrill.pl
      Missing: regular file does not exist

```

Workaround:

- Set the "Symantec" publisher repository pointing to `VRTSpkgs.p5p`.

```

# pkg set-publisher -P -g /mnt/release_train/sol/6.2/
SxRT-6.2-2014-10-01a/dvd1-sol_sparc/sol11_sparc/pkgs/VRTSpkgs.p5p
Symantec

```

- Run the `pkg fix VRTSsfmh` command.

```

# pkg fix VRTSsfmh

```

On Sparc, Live Upgrade from Solaris 9 to Solaris 10 Update 10 may fail (2424410)

On Sparc, Live Upgrade from Solaris 9 to Solaris 10 Update 10 may fail with the following error:

```

Generating file list.
Copying data from PBE <source.24429> to ABE <dest.24429>.
99% of filenames transferredERROR: Data duplication process terminated
unexpectedly.
ERROR: The output is </tmp/lucreate.13165.29314/lucopy.errors.29314>.

29794 Killed
Fixing zonepaths in ABE.
Unmounting ABE <dest.24429>.
100% of filenames transferredReverting state of zones in PBE
<source.24429>.
ERROR: Unable to copy file systems from boot environment <source.24429>
to BE <dest.24429>.
ERROR: Unable to populate file systems on boot environment <dest.24429>.
Removing incomplete BE <dest.24429>.
ERROR: Cannot make file systems for boot environment <dest.24429>.

```

This is a known issue with the Solaris `lucreate` command.

Workaround: Check with Oracle for possible workarounds for this issue.

vxlustart failed due to lumount error when performing Live Upgrade to Solaris 10 Update 11 (3035982)

Live Upgrade (LU) to Solaris 10 Update 11 using `vxlustart` fails with following error:

```
# lumount -n dest.7667 /altroot.5.10
ERROR: mount point directory </altroot.5.10> is not empty
ERROR: failed to create mount point </altroot.5.10> for file system
</dev/dsk/c1t1d0s0>
ERROR: cannot mount boot environment by name <dest.7667>
ERROR: vxlustart: Failed: lumount -n dest.7667 /altroot.5.10
```

Workaround: To perform Live Upgrade to Solaris 10 Update 11, use one of the following procedures for your operating system version.

To perform Live Upgrade from Solaris 10 Update 10 to Solaris 10 Update 11

- 1 Install the Solaris 10 Update 10 LU packages (SUNWlucfg, SUNWlur, SUNWluu) instead of the Solaris 10 Update 11 LU packages.
- 2 Use `vxlustart` to upgrade to Solaris 10 Update 11.

To perform Live Upgrade from Solaris 10 Update 9 or below to Solaris 10 Update 11

- 1 Install the Solaris 10 Update 10 LU packages (SUNWlucfg, SUNWlur, SUNWluu) instead of the Solaris 10 Update 11 LU packages.
- 2 Use `vxlustart` to upgrade to Solaris 10 Update 11.

To perform Live Upgrade from Solaris 9 to Solaris 10 Update 11

- 1 Install the Solaris 10 Update 10 LU packages (SUNWlucfg, SUNWlur, SUNWluu) instead of the Solaris 10 Update 11 LU packages.
- 2 Install the patch 121430-72. (Do NOT patch to a higher version of 121430, such as 121430-92.)
- 3 Use `vxlustart` to upgrade to Solaris 10 Update 11.

After Live Upgrade to Solaris 10 Update 10/Update 11, boot from an alternate boot environment fails [2370250]

If your setup involves volumes in a shared disk group that are mounted as CFS in a cluster, then during Live Upgrade using the `vxlustart` command from any

supported Solaris version to Solaris 10 Update 10/11, boot from an alternate boot environment may fail.

Workaround:

- 1 Run the `vxlufinish` command. Enter:

```
# vxlufinish
```

- 2 Manually delete the entries of all the volumes of shared disks that are mounted as CFS in the `/altroot.5.10/etc/vfstab` directory. Enter:

```
rm -rf /altroot.5.10/etc/vfstab
```

- 3 Restart the system.

Upgrades from previous SF Oracle RAC versions may fail on Solaris systems (3256400)

The `vxio` and `vxdump` modules may fail to stop on Solaris systems during upgrades from previous SF Oracle RAC versions. As a result, the upgrade fails to complete successfully.

Workaround: If `vxio` and `vxdump` fail to stop and no other issues are seen during upgrade, continue with the upgrade and restart the system when the product installer prompts. After the reboot, use the installer to start the product again by entering:

```
# /opt/VRTS/install/installsfha62 -start
```

Note: Do not use the response file to upgrade in this situation.

Verification of Oracle binaries incorrectly reports as failed during Oracle Grid Infrastructure installation

The verification of Oracle binaries may incorrectly report as failed during the Oracle Grid Infrastructure installation using the SF Oracle RAC installer. The message is erroneously reported due to a break in passwordless SSH communication. The SSH communication fails because execution of the `root.sh` script changes the owner of the operating system root directory to the grid user directory.

Installing VRTSvlic package during live upgrade on Solaris system non-global zones displays error messages [3623525]

While installing VRTSvlic package during live upgrade on Solaris system with non-global zones following error messages are displayed:

```
cp: cannot create /a/sbin/vxlicinst: Read-only file system
```

```
cp: cannot create /a/sbin/vxlicrep: Read-only file system
cp: cannot create /a/sbin/vxlictest: Read-only file system
```

Workaround: This message can be ignored. The vxlicinst, vxlicrep, vxlictest utilities are present in `/opt/VRTSvlic/sbin/` inside a non-global zone.

On Solaris 11 non-default ODM mount options will not be preserved across package upgrade (2745100)

On Solaris 11, before the package upgrade if Oracle Disk Manager (ODM) is mounted with non-default mount options such as `nocluster`, `nosmartsync` etc, these mount options will not get preserved after package upgrade.

There is no workaround at this time.

SF Oracle RAC installer does not support use of `makeresponsefile` option (2577669)

The SF Oracle RAC installer does not support the use of `makeresponsefile` option for configuring Oracle RAC settings. The following message is displayed when you attempt to configure Oracle RAC using the option:

```
Currently SFRAC installer does not support -makeresponsefile option.
```

Workaround: Configure Oracle RAC by editing the response file manually.

Stopping the installer during an upgrade and then resuming the upgrade might freeze the service groups (2574731)

The service groups freeze due to upgrading using the product installer if you stopped the installer after the installer already stopped some of the processes and then resumed the upgrade.

Workaround: You must unfreeze the service groups manually after the upgrade completes.

To unfreeze the service groups manually

- 1 List all the frozen service groups

```
# hagr -list Frozen=1
```

- 2 Unfreeze all the frozen service groups:

```
# haconf -makerw
# hagr -unfreeze service_group -persistent
# haconf -dump -makero
```

On Solaris 10, a flash archive installed through JumpStart may cause a new system to go into maintenance mode on reboot (2379123)

If a Flash archive is created on a golden host with encapsulated root disks, when this Flash archive is installed onto another host through JumpStart, the new system may go to maintenance mode when you initially reboot it.

This problem is caused by the predefined root disk mirror in the Flash archive. When the archive is applied to a clone system, which may have different hard drives, the newly cloned system may get stuck at root disk mirroring during reboot.

Workaround: Create the Flash archive on a golden host with no encapsulated root disks. Run `vxunroot` to clean up the mirrored root disks before you create the Flash archive.

Flash Archive installation not supported if the target system's root disk is encapsulated

Symantec does not support SF Oracle RAC installation using Flash Archive if the target system's root disk is encapsulated.

Make sure that the target system's root disk is unencapsulated before starting the installation.

Web installer does not ask for authentication after the first session if the browser is still open (2509330)

If you install or configure SF Oracle RAC and then close the Web installer, if you have other browser windows open, the Web installer does not ask for authentication in the subsequent sessions. Since there is no option to log out of the Web installer, the session remains open as long as the browser is open on the system.

Workaround: Make sure that all browser windows are closed to end the browser session and subsequently log in again.

After performing the first phase of a rolling upgrade, make sure the CVM is online on all nodes without errors (2595441)

Make sure that the CVM is online on all nodes without errors after you perform the first phase of a rolling upgrade. The CVM protocol version will not upgrade successfully on the nodes during rolling upgrade phase two where CVM is offline or has errors.

If the CVM protocol version does not upgrade successfully, upgrade the CVM protocol on the CVM master node.

To upgrade the CVM protocol on the CVM master node

- 1 Find out which node is the CVM master:

```
# vxdctl -c mode
```

- 2 On the CVM master node, upgrade the CVM protocol:

```
# vxdctl upgrade
```

Stopping the Web installer causes Device Busy error messages (2633924)

If you start the Web installer, and then perform an operation (such as prechecking, configuring, or uninstalling), you may get an error message saying the device is busy.

Workaround: Do one of the following:

- Kill the start.pl process.
- Start the webinstaller again. On the first Web page you see that the session is still active. Either take over this session and finish it or terminate it directly.

Erroneous resstatechange trigger warning [2277819]

You may encounter the following warning when you restart resources:

```
CPI WARNING V-9-40-4317 The installer has detected that resstatechange trigger is configured by setting TriggerResStateChange attributes.
```

Workaround: In future releases, the resstatechange trigger will not be invoked when a resource is restarted. Instead, the resrestart trigger will be invoked if you set the TriggerResRestart attribute. The resrestart trigger is available in the current release. Refer to the VCS documentation for details.

Upgrade with zones installed on CFS is not supported if CFS is under VCS control (332276)

If CFS is under VCS control, then upgrade with zones installed on CFS is not supported if you perform phased upgrade.

Workaround: Unmount the CFS before performing the phased upgrade. After the upgrade is complete, re-mount the CFS and reinstall the zone(s).

Upgrade fails because there is zone installed on the VxFS file system which is offline. The packages in the zone are not updated. (3319753)

If the zone installed on VxFS file system is under VCS control, and the VxFS file system is in offline state, the upgrade fails because it's not able to update the packages in the zones.

Workaround:

Check the status of the mounted file system which has the zones on it. If the file system is offline, you need to first bring it online, then do the upgrade, so that the packages in the local zone can be updated.

A Storage Foundation ABE upgrade fails while upgrading from 6.1PR1 to 6.1 (3325054)

If you perform an upgrade from Symantec Storage Foundation for Oracle RAC 6.1 PR1 to 6.1 in a Solaris Alternate Boot Environment (ABE), you may see the following error when you uninstall 6.1 PR1:

```
pkg: An unexpected error happened during uninstall:
[('/mnt/etc/vx/vxesd/vxesd.socket',
'/mnt/var/pkg/lost+found/etc/vx/vxesd-20130927T101550Z/vxesd.socket',
"[Errno122] Operation not supported on transport endpoint:
'/mnt/etc/vx/vxesd/vxesd.socket'")]
```

Workaround: Remove `/mnt/etc/vx/vxesd/vxesd.socket`, where `/mnt` is the ABE mountpoint. After you remove the socket, you can successfully uninstall 6.1 PR1 and install 6.1

If you choose to upgrade nodes without zones first, the rolling upgrade or phased upgrade is not blocked in the beginning, but fails later (3319961)

If you choose to upgrade nodes without zones first, the rolling upgrade or phased upgrade is not blocked in the beginning, but fails later when you start to upgrade the nodes that have zones installed.

This issue occurs in the following scenarios:

- A zone is installed on a Cluster File System (CFS) on one of the nodes.
- A node is installed on a Veritas File System (VxFS) on one of the nodes, and node is under Symantec Cluster Server (VCS) control.

Workaround:

- 1 Before you upgrade, uninstall the zones on the nodes which have zones installed. Enter:

```
zoneadm -z zonename uninstall
```

- 2 Run the installer to run the upgrade.
- 3 After the upgrade completes, reinstall the zones.

LLT known issues

This section covers the known issues related to LLT in this release.

LLT port stats sometimes shows recvcnt larger than recvbytes (1907228)

With each received packet, LLT increments the following variables:

- recvcnt (increment by one for every packet)
- recvbytes (increment by size of packet for every packet)

Both these variables are integers. With constant traffic, recvbytes hits and rolls over MAX_INT quickly. This can cause the value of recvbytes to be less than the value of recvcnt.

This does not impact the LLT functionality.

Cannot configure LLT if full device path is not used in the llttab file (2858159)

(Oracle Solaris 11) On virtual machines ensure that you use the full path of the devices corresponding to the links in llttab. For example, use /dev/net/net1 instead of /dev/net/net:1 in the llttab file, otherwise you cannot configure LLT.

Fast link failure detection is not supported on Solaris 11 (2954267)

Fast link failure detection is not supported on Solaris 11 operating system because the operating system cannot provide notification calls to LLT when a link failure occurs. If the operating system kernel notifies LLT about the link failure, LLT can detect a link failure much earlier than the regular link failure detection cycle. As Solaris 11 does not notify LLT about link failures, failure detection cannot happen before the regular detection cycle.

Workaround: None

GAB known issues

This section covers the known issues related to GAB in this release.

While deinitializing GAB client, "gabdebug -R GabTestDriver" command logs refcount value 2 (2536373)

After you unregister the gtx port with `-nodeinit` option, the `gabconfig -C` command shows refcount as 1. But when forceful `deinit` option (`gabdebug -R GabTestDriver`) is run to deinitialize GAB client, then a message similar to the following is logged.

```
GAB INFO V-15-1-20239
Client GabTestDriver with refcount 2 forcibly deinitd on user request
```

The `refcount` value is incremented by 1 internally. However, the `refcount` value is shown as 2 which conflicts with the `gabconfig -C` command output.

Workaround: There is no workaround for this issue.

Cluster panics during reconfiguration (2590413)

While a cluster is reconfiguring, GAB broadcast protocol encounters a race condition in the sequence request path. This condition occurs in an extremely narrow window which eventually causes the GAB master to panic.

Workaround: There is no workaround for this issue.

GAB may fail to stop during a phased upgrade on Oracle Solaris 11 (2858157)

While performing a phased upgrade on Oracle Solaris 11 systems, GAB may fail to stop. However, CPI gives a warning and continues with stopping the stack.

Workaround: Reboot the node after the installer completes the upgrade.

Cannot run pfiles or truss files on gablogd (2292294)

When `pfiles` or `truss` is run on `gablogd`, a signal is issued to `gablogd`. `gablogd` is blocked since it has called an `gab_ioctl` and is waiting for events. As a result, the `pfiles` command hangs.

Workaround: None.

(Oracle Solaris 11) On virtual machines, sometimes the common product installer (CPI) may report that GAB failed to start and may exit (2879262)

GAB startup script may take longer than expected to start up. The delay in start up can cause the CPI to report that GAB failed and exits.

Workaround: Manually start GAB and all dependent services.

I/O fencing known issues

This section covers the known issues related to I/O fencing in this release.

Delay in rebooting Solaris 10 nodes due to vxfen service timeout issues (1897449)

When you reboot the nodes using the `shutdown -i6 -g0 -y` command, the following error messages may appear:

```
svc:/system/vxfen:default:Method or service exit
timed out. Killing contract 142
svc:/system/vxfen:default:Method "/lib/svc/method/vxfen stop"
failed due to signal Kill.
```

This error occurs because the vxfen client is still active when VCS attempts to stop I/O fencing. As a result, the vxfen stop service times out and delays the system reboot.

Workaround: Perform the following steps to avoid this vxfen stop service timeout error.

To avoid the vxfen stop service timeout error

- 1 Stop VCS. On any node in the cluster, run the following command:

```
# hastop -all
```

- 2 Reboot the systems:

```
# shutdown -i6 -g0 -y
```

CP server repetitively logs unavailable IP addresses (2530864)

If coordination point server (CP server) fails to listen on any of the IP addresses that are mentioned in the `vxcps.conf` file or that are dynamically added using the command line, then CP server logs an error at regular intervals to indicate the failure. The logging continues until the IP address is bound to successfully.

```
CPS ERROR V-97-51-103 Could not create socket for host
10.209.79.60 on port 14250
CPS ERROR V-97-1400-791 Coordination point server could not
open listening port = [10.209.79.60]:14250
Check if port is already in use.
```

Workaround: Remove the offending IP address from the listening IP addresses list using the `rm_port` action of the `cpsadm` command.

See the *Symantec Storage Foundation for Oracle RAC Administrator's Guide* for more details.

Fencing port b is visible for few seconds even if cluster nodes have not registered with CP server (2415619)

Even if the cluster nodes have no registration on the CP server and if you provide coordination point server (CP server) information in the `vxfenmode` file of the cluster nodes, and then start fencing, the fencing port b is visible for a few seconds and then disappears.

Workaround: Manually add the cluster information to the CP server to resolve this issue. Alternatively, you can use installer as the installer adds cluster information to the CP server during configuration.

The `cpsadm` command fails if LLT is not configured on the application cluster (2583685)

The `cpsadm` command fails to communicate with the coordination point server (CP server) if LLT is not configured on the application cluster node where you run the `cpsadm` command. You may see errors similar to the following:

```
# cpsadm -s 10.209.125.200 -a ping_cps
CPS ERROR V-97-1400-729 Please ensure a valid nodeid using
environment variable
CPS_NODEID
CPS ERROR V-97-1400-777 Client unable to communicate with CPS.
```

However, if you run the `cpsadm` command on the CP server, this issue does not arise even if LLT is not configured on the node that hosts CP server. The `cpsadm` command on the CP server node always assumes the LLT node ID as 0 if LLT is not configured.

According to the protocol between the CP server and the application cluster, when you run the `cpsadm` on an application cluster node, `cpsadm` needs to send the LLT node ID of the local node to the CP server. But if LLT is unconfigured temporarily, or if the node is a single-node VCS configuration where LLT is not configured, then the `cpsadm` command cannot retrieve the LLT node ID. In such situations, the `cpsadm` command fails.

Workaround: Set the value of the `CPS_NODEID` environment variable to 255. The `cpsadm` command reads the `CPS_NODEID` variable and proceeds if the command is unable to get LLT node ID from LLT.

When I/O fencing is not up, the `svcs` command shows VxFEN as online (2492874)

Solaris 10 SMF marks the service status based on the exit code of the start method for that service. The VxFEN start method executes the `vxfen-startup` script in the background and exits with code 0. Hence, if the `vxfen-startup` script subsequently

exits with failure then this change is not propagated to SMF. This behavior causes the `svcs` command to show incorrect status for VxFEN.

Workaround: Use the `vxfenadm` command to verify that I/O fencing is running.

In absence of cluster details in CP server, VxFEN fails with pre-existing split-brain message (2433060)

When you start server-based I/O fencing, the node may not join the cluster and prints error messages in logs similar to the following:

In the `/var/VRTSvcs/log/vxfen/vxfen.log` file:

```
VXFEN vxfenconfig ERROR V-11-2-1043
Detected a preexisting split brain. Unable to join cluster.
```

In the `/var/VRTSvcs/log/vxfen/vxfen.log` file:

```
operation failed.
CPS ERROR V-97-1400-446 Un-authorized user cpsclient@sys1,
domaintype vx; not allowing action
```

The `vxfernd` daemon on the application cluster queries the coordination point server (CP server) to check if the cluster members as seen in the GAB membership are registered with the CP server. If the application cluster fails to contact the CP server due to some reason, then fencing cannot determine the registrations on the CP server and conservatively assumes a pre-existing split-brain.

Workaround: Before you attempt to start VxFEN on the application cluster, ensure that the cluster details such as cluster name, UUID, nodes, and privileges are added to the CP server.

The vxfenswap utility does not detect failure of coordination points validation due to an RSH limitation (2531561)

The `vxfenswap` utility runs the `vxfenconfig -o modify` command over RSH or SSH on each cluster node for validation of coordination points. If you run the `vxfenswap` command using RSH (with the `-n` option), then RSH does not detect the failure of validation of coordination points on a node. From this point, `vxfenswap` proceeds as if the validation was successful on all the nodes. But, it fails at a later stage when it tries to commit the new coordination points to the VxFEN driver. After the failure, it rolls back the entire operation, and exits cleanly with a non-zero error code. If you run `vxfenswap` using SSH (without the `-n` option), then SSH detects the failure of validation of coordination of points correctly and rolls back the entire operation immediately.

Workaround: Use the `vxfenswap` utility with SSH (without the `-n` option).

Fencing does not come up on one of the nodes after a reboot (2573599)

If VxFEN unconfiguration has not finished its processing in the kernel and in the meantime if you attempt to start VxFEN, you may see the following error in the `/var/VRTSvcs/log/vxfen/vxfen.log` file:

```
VXFEN vxfenconfig ERROR V-11-2-1007 Vxfen already configured
```

However, the output of the `gabconfig -a` command does not list port b. The `vxfenadm -d` command displays the following error:

```
VXFEN vxfenadm ERROR V-11-2-1115 Local node is not a member of cluster!
```

Workaround: Start VxFEN again after some time.

The cpsadm command fails after upgrading CP server to 6.0 or above in secure mode (2846727)

The `cpsadm` command may fail after you upgrade coordination point server (CP server) to 6.0 in secure mode. If the old VRTSat package is not removed from the system, the `cpsadm` command loads the old security libraries present on the system. As the installer runs the `cpsadm` command on the CP server to add or upgrade the SF Oracle RAC cluster (application cluster), the installer also fails.

Workaround: Perform the following procedure on all of the nodes of the CP server.

To resolve this issue

- 1 Rename `cpsadm` to `cpsadmbin`:

```
# mv /opt/VRTSvcs/bin/cpsadm /opt/VRTSvcs/bin/cpsadmbin
```

- 2 Create a file `/opt/VRTSvcs/bin/cpsadm` with the following content:

```
#!/bin/sh
EAT_USE_LIBPATH="/opt/VRTSvcs/lib"
export EAT_USE_LIBPATH
/opt/VRTSvcs/bin/cpsadmbin "$@"
```

- 3 Change the permissions of the new file to 775:

```
# chmod 755 /opt/VRTSvcs/bin/cpsadm
```

Common product installer cannot setup trust between a client system on release version 5.1SP1 and a server on release version 6.0 or later [3226290]

The issue exists because the VCS 5.1SP1 release version does not support separate directories for truststores. However, VCS version 6.0 and later support separate

directories for truststores. Because of this mismatch in support for truststores, you cannot set up trust between client systems and servers.

Workaround: Set up trust manually between the coordination point server and client systems using the `cpsat` or `vcsat` command so that the servers and client systems can communicate in a secure mode.

Hostname and username are case sensitive in CP server (2846392)

The hostname and username on the CP server are case sensitive. The hostname and username used by fencing to communicate with CP server must be in same case as present in CP server database, else fencing fails to start.

Workaround: Make sure that the same case is used in the hostname and username on the CP server.

Server-based fencing comes up incorrectly if default port is not mentioned (2403453)

When you configure fencing in customized mode and do not provide default port, fencing comes up. However, the `vxfenconfig -l` command output does not list the port numbers.

Workaround: Retain the "port=<port_value>" setting in the `/etc/vxfenmode` file, when using customized fencing with at least one CP server. The default port value is 14250.

Secure CP server does not connect from localhost using 127.0.0.1 as the IP address (2554981)

The `cpsadm` command does not connect to the secure CP server on the localhost using 127.0.0.1 as the IP address

Workaround: Connect the secure CP server using any of the virtual IPs that is configured with the CP server and is plumbed on the local node.

Unable to customize the 30-second duration (2551621)

When the `vxcperv` process is not able to bind to an IP address during startup, it attempts to bind to that IP address at an interval of 30 seconds. This interval is not configurable.

Workaround: There is no workaround for this issue.

CoordPoint agent does not report the addition of new disks to a Coordinator disk group [2727672]

The LevelTwo monitoring of the CoordPoint agent does not report a fault even if the constituent of a coordinator disk group changes due to addition of new disks in the coordinator disk group

Workaround: There is no workaround for this issue.

Fencing may show the RFSM state as replaying for some nodes in the cluster (2555191)

Fencing based on coordination point clients in Campus cluster environment may show the RFSM state as replaying for some nodes in the cluster.

Workaround:

Restart fencing on the node that shows RFSM state as replaying.

The vxfenswap utility deletes comment lines from the `/etc/vxfemode` file, if you run the utility with hacli option (3318449)

The vxfenswap utility uses RSH, SSH, or hacli protocol to communicate with peer nodes in the cluster. When you use vxfenswap to replace coordination disk(s) in disk-based fencing, vxfenswap copies `/etc/vxfenmode` (local node) to `/etc/vxfenmode` (remote node).

With the hacli option, the utility removes the comment lines from the remote `/etc/vxfenmode` file, but, it retains comments in the local `/etc/vxfenmode` file.

Workaround: Copy the comments manually from local `/etc/vxfenmode` to remote nodes.

When you configure CP server only for HTTPS-based communication, the `engine_A.log` displays a misleading message (3321101)

The `engine_A.log` file displays the following message when you configure CP server only for HTTPS-based communication but not for IPM-based communication.

```
No VIP for IPM specified in /etc/vxcps.conf
```

Workaround: Ignore the message.

The `vxfentsthdw` utility may not run on systems installed with partial SFHA stack [3333914]

The `vxfentsthdw` utility runs if the SFHA stack and VCS are fully installed with properly configured SF and VxVM. It also runs if the entire SFHA stack and VCS are not installed. However, partial installs where SF is installed and configured but VCS is not installed is not supported. The utility will display an error with the `-g` or `-c` options.

Workaround: Install VRTSvxfen package, then run the utility from either the install media or from the `/opt/VRTSvcs/vxfen/bin/` location.

When a client node goes down, for reasons such as node panic, I/O fencing does not come up on that client node after node restart (3341322)

This issue happens when one of the following conditions is true:

- Any of the CP servers configured for HTTPS communication goes down.
- The CP server service group in any of the CP servers configured for HTTPS communication goes down.
- Any of the VIPs in any of the CP servers configured for HTTPS communication goes down.

When you restart the client node, fencing configuration starts on the node. The fencing daemon, `vxfsend`, invokes some of the fencing scripts on the node. Each of these scripts has a timeout value of 120 seconds. If any of these scripts fails, fencing configuration fails on that node.

Some of these scripts use `cpsadm` commands to communicate with CP servers. When the node comes up, `cpsadm` commands try to connect to the CP server using VIPs for a timeout value of 60 seconds. So, if the multiple `cpsadm` commands that are run within a single script exceed the timeout value, then the total timeout value exceeds 120 seconds, which causes one of the scripts to time out. Hence, I/O fencing does not come up on the client node.

Note that this issue does not occur with IPM-based communication between CP server and client clusters.

Workaround: Fix the CP server.

ASM disk groups configured with normal or high redundancy are dismantled if the CVM master panics due to network failure in FSS environment or if CVM I/O shipping is enabled (3600155)

Disk-level remote write operations are paused during reconfiguration for longer than the default ASM heartbeat I/O wait time in the following scenarios:

- CVM master node panics
- Private network failure

As a result, the ASM disk groups get dismantled.

Workaround: See to the Oracle metalink document: 1581684.1

ODM linking changes in Oracle RAC 12.1.0.2 [3719159]

Oracle has changed the location of ODM library used for loading during database startup in version 12.1.0.2. As a result, the Veritas ODM library is not used by the Oracle database even after linking the Oracle database with Veritas ODM.

Note: The product installer will display the following warning message during the post-check operation. You can ignore the message.

```
CPI WARNING V-9-40-4999 Libraries are not linked properly on sys1.
```

Perform the following manual steps to link or unlink Veritas ODM.

To link the Veritas ODM with Oracle RAC 12.1.0.2 binaries

- 1 Log in as the Oracle user.
- 2 If the Oracle database is running, then shut down the Oracle database. Run the following on one node:

```
$ srvctl stop database -db db_name
```

- 3 Perform the following step before you link the Veritas ODM library with the Oracle binaries:

- Export the ORACLE_HOME environment variable, where Oracle database binaries are installed.
- For Oracle RAC database, disable direct NFS:

```
$ cd $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/lib  
$ make -f ins_rdbms.mk dnfs_off
```

where ORACLE_HOME is the location where Oracle database binaries are installed.

- Change the present working directory:

```
$ cd $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/lib/odm
```

- Link the Veritas ODM library with the Oracle binaries:

```
$ ln -s /usr/lib/sparcv9/libodm.so libodm12.so
```

- Start the database. Run the following on one node:

```
$ srvctl start database -db db_name
```

- 4 To confirm that the Oracle database starts with Veritas Extension for ODM, check the alert log for the following text:

```
Veritas <version> ODM Library
```

The alert log location depends on the Oracle version in use. For more information on the exact location of the alert log, see the Oracle documentation.

To unlink the Veritas ODM library

- 1 Log in as the Oracle user.
- 2 Export the ORACLE_HOME environment variable, where Oracle database binaries are installed.
- 3 If the Oracle database is running, then shut down the Oracle database. Run the following on one node:

```
$ srvctl stop database -db db_name
```

- 4 Unlink Veritas ODM:

```
$ cd $ORACLE_HOME/lib
$ ln -sf $ORACLE_HOME/lib/libodmd12.so libodm12.so
$ cd $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/lib/odm
$ rm libodm12.so
$ cd $ORACLE_HOME/rdbms/lib
$ make -f ins_rdbms.mk dnfs_on
```

- 5 Start the database. Run the following on one node:

```
$ srvctl start database -db db_name
```

spfile created on VxFS and ODM may contain uninitialized blocks at the end (3320906)

spfile created on VxFS and ODM may contain uninitialized blocks at the end due to space allocation with file system block size alignment. This is harmless and does not cause any problem to Oracle startup.

PrivNIC and MultiPrivNIC agents not supported with Oracle RAC 11.2.0.2 and later versions

The PrivNIC and MultiPrivNIC agents are not supported with Oracle RAC 11.2.0.2 and later versions.

For more information, see the following Technote:

<http://www.symantec.com/business/support/index?page=content&id=TECH145261>

CSSD agent forcibly stops Oracle Clusterware if Oracle Clusterware fails to respond (3352269)

On nodes with heavy load, the CSSD agent attempts to check the status of Oracle Clusterware till it reaches the `FaultOnMonitorTimeouts` value. However, Oracle Clusterware fails to respond and the CSSD agent forcibly stops Oracle Clusterware. To prevent the CSSD agent from forcibly stopping Oracle Clusterware, set the value of the `FaultOnMonitorTimeouts` attribute to 0 and use the `AlertOnMonitorTimeouts` attribute as described in the following procedure.

Perform the following steps to prevent the CSSD agent from forcibly stopping Oracle Clusterware:

- 1 Change the permission on the VCS configuration file to read-write mode:

```
# haconf -makerw
```

- 2 Set the `AlertOnMonitorTimeouts` attribute value to 4 for the CSSD resource:

```
# hatype -display CSSD | grep AlertOnMonitorTimeouts
CSSD AlertOnMonitorTimeouts 0
# hares -override cssd_rename AlertOnMonitorTimeouts
# hatype -modify CSSD AlertOnMonitorTimeouts 4
```

- 3 Set the `FaultOnMonitorTimeouts` attribute value to 0 for the CSSD resource:

```
# hatype -display CSSD | grep FaultOnMonitorTimeouts
CSSD FaultOnMonitorTimeouts 4
# hares -override cssd_rename FaultOnMonitorTimeouts
# hatype -modify CSSD FaultOnMonitorTimeouts 0
```

4 Verify the `AlertOnMonitorTimeouts` and `FaultOnMonitorTimeouts` settings:

```
# hatype -display CSSD | egrep "AlertOnMonitorTimeouts|FaultOnMonitorTime
CSSD AlertOnMonitorTimeouts 4
CSSD FaultOnMonitorTimeouts 0
```

5 Change the permission on the VCS configuration file to read-only mode:

```
# haconf -dump -makero
```

A volume remains in DETACHED state even after storage nodes join back to the cluster (3628933)

This issue occurs in an FSS configuration, in the following scenario:

- 1 The volume is part of an FSS disk group with storage from only a subset of the nodes.
- 2 The storage nodes fail or are rebooted while I/O is in progress on all the nodes.
- 3 The node in the cluster that is not contributing to storage becomes the master.
- 4 The storage nodes come up and join the cluster.

The issue is that the volume remains in a detached state even after the storage nodes rejoin the cluster. Trying to start the volume manually with the following command generates an error:

```
# vxvol start -g dg_name vol_name
VxVM vxvol ERROR V-5-1-10128 DCO experienced
IO errors during the operation.
Re-run the operation after ensuring that DCO is accessible
```

Workaround:

Deport the disk group and then import the disk group.

Intelligent Monitoring Framework (IMF) entry point may fail when IMF detects resource state transition from online to offline for CSSD resource type (3287719)

When IMF detects a state transition from ONLINE to OFFLINE state for a registered online resource, it sends a notification to the CSSD agent. The CSSD agent schedules a monitor to confirm the state transition of the resource. The resources of type CSSD takes more time to go online or offline fully. Therefore, if this immediate monitor finds the resource still in online state, it assumes that the IMF notification is false and attempts to register the resource in online state again.

In such partial state transitions, the agent repeatedly attempts to register the resource until the `RegisterRetryLimit` is reached (default value is 3) or the resource registration is successful. After the resource is completely offline, the next resource registration with IMF will be successful.

Workaround: Increase the value of the `RegisterRetryLimit` attribute if multiple registration attempts fail.

The vxconfigd daemon fails to start after machine reboot (3566713)

The `shutdown -r` command makes sure that the file contents on the OS file system are written properly to the disk before a reboot. The `volboot` file is created in the OS file system, and is used to bring up the `vxconfigd` daemon after the system reboot. If the machine reboots for any reason without proper shutdown, and the `volboot` file contents are not flushed to the disk, `vxconfigd` will not start after the system reboots.

Workaround:

You must rerun the `vxinstall` script to re-create the `volboot` file and to start the `vxconfigd` daemon and other daemons.

Restarting the vxconfigd daemon on the slave node after a disk is removed from all nodes may cause the disk groups to be disabled on the slave node (3591019)

The issue occurs if the storage connectivity of a disk is removed from all the nodes of the cluster and the `vxconfigd` daemon is restarted on the slave node before the disk is detached from the slave. All the disk groups are in the `dgdisabled` state on the slave node, but show as `enabled` on the other nodes.

If the disk was detached before the `vxconfigd` daemon is restarted, the issue does not occur.

In a Flexible Shared Storage (FSS) environment, removing the storage connectivity on a node that contributes DAS storage to a shared disk group results in global connectivity loss because the storage is not connected elsewhere.

Workaround:

To prevent this issue:

Before restarting the `vxconfigd` daemon, if a disk in a shared disk group has lost connectivity to all nodes in the cluster, make sure that the disk is in the `detached` state. If a disk needs to be detached, use the following command:

```
# vxdisk check diskname
```

To resolve the issue after it has occurred:

If `vxconfigd` is restarted before the disks got detached, remove the node from the cluster and rejoin the node to the cluster.

Root disk encapsulation fails for root volume and swap volume configured on thin LUNs (3538594)

Root disk encapsulation fails if the root disk configuration on a thin LUN includes volumes such as `var`, `usr`, or `home`, in addition to the root volumes and the swap volumes. Root disk encapsulation is not supported in this configuration.

Workaround:

There is no workaround.

Health check monitoring fails with policy-managed databases (3609349)

The health check option of the Symantec Cluster Server agent for Oracle fails to determine the status of the Oracle resource in policy-managed database environments. This is because the database SID is dynamically created during the time of the health check as a result of which the correct SID is not available to retrieve the resource status.

Issue with format of the last 8-bit number in private IP addresses (1164506)

The PrivNIC/MultiPrivNIC resources fault if the private IP addresses have a leading 0 in any of the octets that comprise the IP address, for example `X.X.X.01` or `X.X.0X.1` or `X.0X.X.1` or `0X.X.X.1`, where X is an octet of the IP address.

When you configure private IP addresses for Oracle Clusterware, ensure that the IP addresses have a format as displayed in the following two-node example:

- On galaxy: 192.168.12.1
- On nebula: 192.168.12.2

Confirm the correct format by viewing the PrivNIC or MultiPrivNIC resource in the `/etc/VRTSvcs/conf/config/main.cf` file.

CVMVolDg agent may fail to deport CVM disk group when CVMDeportOnOffline is set to 1

When CVMDeportOnOffline is set to 1, the CVM disk group is deported based on the order in which the CVMVolDg resources are taken offline. If the CVMVolDg resources in the disk group contain a mixed setting of 1 and 0 for the `CVMDeportOnOffline` attribute, the disk group is deported only if the attribute value is 1 for the last CVMVolDg resource taken offline. If the attribute value is 0 for the last CVMVolDg resource taken offline, the disk group is not deported.

Workaround: If multiple CVMVolDg resources are configured for a shared disk group and the disk group is required to be deported during offline, set the value of the `CVMDeportOnOffline` attribute to 1 for all of the resources.

Warning message displayed on taking cssd resource offline if LANG attribute is set to "eucJP" (2123122)

When you take the `cssd` resource offline using the `hares -offline cssd` command and the `LANG` attribute is set to "eucJP", the following message may be observed in the `hamsg engine_A` command output:

```
VCS INFO V-16-2-13716 Could not find message V-16-2-13716
```

You may ignore the message.

PrivNIC resource faults in IPMP environments on Solaris 11 systems (2838745)

The `PrivNIC` resource faults on Solaris 11 systems when private interfaces used by IPMP are configured under `PrivNIC` resource.

Workaround: Avoid using `PrivNIC` or `MultiPrivNIC` agents in IPMP environments.

Error displayed on removal of VRTSjadba language package (2569224)

Removal of the `VRTSjadba` language package displays the following error on the screen:

```
Executing postremove script.  
Generating BMC map file...  
bcmmap ERROR V-33-1000-10001 Unable to create BMC map
```

You may ignore the error.

Application group attempts to come online on primary site before fire drill service group goes offline on the secondary site (2107386)

The application service group comes online on the primary site while the fire drill service group attempts to go offline at the same time, causing the application group to fault.

Workaround: Ensure that the fire drill service group is completely offline on the secondary site before the application service group comes online on the primary site.

Oracle group fails to come online if Fire Drill group is online on secondary cluster [2653695]

If a parallel global service group faults on the local cluster and does not find a failover target in the local cluster, it tries to failover the service group to the remote cluster. However, if the fire drill for the service group is online on a remote cluster, offline local dependency is violated and the global service group is not able to failover to the remote cluster.

Workaround: Offline the Fire Drill service group and online the service group on a remote cluster.

Oracle service group faults on secondary site during failover in a disaster recovery scenario [2653704]

Oracle service group fails to go online in the DR site when disaster strikes the primary site. This happens if the AutoFailover attribute on the Service Group is set to 1 and when the corresponding service group's Fire Drill is online in the DR site. Fire Drill Service group may remain ONLINE on the DR site.

Workaround: If the service group containing the Oracle (or any database) resource faults after attempting automatic DR failover while Fire Drill is online in the DR site, manually offline the Fire Drill Service Group. Subsequently, attempt the online of the Oracle Service Group in the DR site.

Veritas Volume Manager can not identify Oracle Automatic Storage Management (ASM) disks (2771637)

Veritas Volume Manager (VxVM) commands can not identify disks that are initialized by ASM. Administrators must use caution when using the VxVM commands to avoid accidental overwriting of the ASM disk data.

When all Primary/Optimized paths between the server and the storage array are disconnected, ASM disk group dismounts and the Oracle database may go down (3289311)

The Oracle database shows an I/O error on the control file, but there was no I/O error seen on any DMP device. When all Primary/Optimized paths are disconnected, DMP fails over to other available paths but the failover takes time. In the meantime, the application (ASM/Oracle database) times out the I/O.

The ASM alert log file displays messages such as the following:

```
Errors in file /u01/app/oracle/diag/rdbms/orcl/orcl2/trace/orcl2_ckpt_6955.trc:
ORA-00221: error on write to control file
ORA-00206: error in writing (block 4, # blocks 1) of control file
ORA-00202: control file: '+DATA_P6/ORCL/CONTROLFILE/current.261.826783133'
ORA-15081: failed to submit an I/O operation to a disk
ORA-15081: failed to submit an I/O operation to a disk
Wed Oct 09 14:16:07 2013
WARNING: group 2 dismounted: failed to read virtual extent 0 of file 261
Wed Oct 09 14:16:07 2013
USER (ospid: 6955): terminating the instance due to error 221
Wed Oct 09 14:16:07 2013
WARNING: requested mirror side 2 of virtual extent 0 logical extent 1 offset
16384
is not allocated; I/O request failed
WARNING: requested mirror side 3 of virtual extent 0 logical extent 2 offset
16384
is not allocated; I/O request failed
```

The above issue may occur when the server is configured as follows:

DB: Oracle 12c

Volume Manager: ASM

Multi-pathing Solutions: DMP

OS: Solaris

Disk Array : HP EVA in ALUA mode

Workaround:

The following workaround can reduce the probability of this issue, and when you see this issue, you could use Oracle commands to start the database manually.

Increase the application time out and make the following changes to reduce the time taken to mark the path as offline:

- In the `/kernel/drv/fp.conf` file, add `fp_offline_ticker=15`.

- In the `/kernel/drv/fcp.conf` file, add `fcp_offline_delay=10`.

Oracle Universal Installer fails to start on Solaris 11 systems (2784560)

The Oracle Universal Installer (OUI) fails to start when the SF Oracle RAC installer invokes the OUI for the installation of Oracle Clusterware/Grid Infrastructure software.

Workaround: Install the following packages before installing Oracle Clusterware/Grid Infrastructure.

```
SUNWxwplt  
SUNWmfrun
```

For instructions, see the Oracle documentation.

Preserving Flexible Storage Sharing attributes with `vxassist grow` and `vxresize` commands is not supported (3225318)

Preservation of FSS attributes using `vxassist grow` and `vxresize` is not supported. FSS attributes include the attributes that are specified on the command line as well as the attributes implicitly assumed for FSS disk groups. These attributes are not reused with further `vxassist` operations on the volume such as the `growby` and the `vxresize` commands.

Workaround:

There is no workaround for this issue.

Flexible Storage Sharing export operation fails when nodes in the cluster are joined in parallel (3327028)

When two or more nodes join the cluster in parallel in an FSS environment, the remote disk creation on some nodes may fail with the following message in the syslog:

```
vxvm:vxconfigd: V-5-1-12143 CVM_VOLD_JOINOVER command received for node(s) 1  
vxvm:vxconfigd: V-5-1-3866 node 1: vxconfigd not ready  
vxvm:vxconfigd: V-5-1-3866 node 1: vxconfigd not ready  
vxvm:vxconfigd: V-5-1-18321 Export operation failed : Slave not joined  
...  
vxvm:vxconfigd: V-5-1-4123 cluster established successfully
```

The automatic reattach of subdisks and plexes may not occur, causing some resources to remain in the offline or faulted state. User intervention is required to remove the fault and bring the resources online.

Workaround:

Manually reattach the disks from the node that has connectivity to the disks:

```
# vxreattach diskname
```

If the resources are faulted, clear the fault and online the service group:

```
# hagrps -clear service_group
```

```
# hagrps -online service_group -any
```

FSS Disk group creation with 510 exported disks from master fails with Transaction locks timed out error (3311250)

Flexible Storage Sharing (FSS) Disk group creation for local disks that are exported may fail if the number of disks used for disk group creation is greater than 150, with the following error message:

```
VxVM vxdg ERROR V-5-1-585 Disk group test_dg: cannot create: Transaction  
locks timed out
```

A similar error can be seen while adding more than 150 locally exported disks (with `vxdg adddisk`) to the FSS disk group, with the following error message:

```
VxVM vxdg ERROR V-5-1-10127 associating disk-media emc0_0839 with emc0_0839:  
Transaction locks timed out
```

Workaround:

Create an FSS disk group using 150 or less locally exported disks and then do an incremental disk addition to the disk group with 150 or less locally exported disks at a time.

vxdisk export operation fails if length of hostprefix and device name exceeds 30 characters (3543668)

If the combined length of the hostprefix and the device name exceeds 30 characters, the `vxdisk export` operation fails with the following error message:

```
VxVM vxdisk ERROR V-5-1-18318 Device c6t50060E8005655501d86s2: Name too  
long for export. Length of Hostprefix + Disk accessname should not exceed  
30 characters. Please see vxdctl(1M) man page for information on setting  
user-specified hostprefix.
```

Workaround:

Use the enclosure-based naming (EBN) scheme instead of the operating system naming (OSN) scheme. OSN naming typically contains more characters and is not as intuitive. If the EBN name combined with the hostprefix exceeds 30 characters, you can manually set the hostprefix to a smaller size using the `vxctl set hostprefix=value` command, where *value* is the new hostprefix.

Change in naming scheme is not reflected on nodes in an FSS environment (3589272)

In a Flexible Storage Sharing (FSS) environment, if you change the naming scheme on a node that has local disks, the remote disk names are not reflected with the corresponding name change. If you change the naming scheme on a node where exported disks are present, to reflect the updated remote disk names, you must either export the disks again or restart the node where the remote disks are present.

Workaround:

There is no workaround for this issue.

vxassist does not create data change logs on all mirrored disks, if an FSS volume is created using DM lists (3559362)

When a Flexible Storage Sharing (FSS) volume is created using DM lists, the `vxassist` command does not create data change logs on all the mirrored disks; the number of DCO mirrors is not equal to the number of data mirrors. The `vxassist` command creates a two-way DCO volume.

Workaround:

Manually add a DCO mirror using the `vxassist -g diskgroup mirror dco_volume` command.

Symantec Storage Foundation for Databases (SFDB) tools known issues

The following are known issues in this release of Symantec Storage Foundation for Databases (SFDB) tools.

Sometimes SFDB may report the following error message: SFDB remote or privileged command error (2869262)

While using SFDB tools, if you attempt to run commands, such as `dbed_update` then you may observe the following error:

```
$ /opt/VRTSdbed/bin/dbed_update
No repository found for database faildb, creating new one.
SFDB vxsfadm ERROR V-81-0450 A remote or privileged command could not
be executed on swpa04
```

Reason: This can be caused by the host being unreachable or the vxdbd daemon not running on that host.

Action: Verify that the host swpa04 is reachable. If it is, verify that the vxdbd daemon is running using the /opt/VRTS/bin/vxdbdctrl status command, and start it using the /opt/VRTS/bin/vxdbdctrl start command if it is not running.

Workaround: There is no workaround for this issue.

SFDB commands do not work in IPV6 environment (2619958)

In IPV6 environment, SFDB commands do not work for SF Oracle RAC.

Workaround:

There is no workaround at this point of time.

The dbdst_obj_move(1M) command moves all the extents of a database table (3277003)

The dbdst_obj_move(1M) command moves all the extents of a database table when:

- The dbdst_obj_move(1M) command is run from the CFS secondary node.
- The object is an Oracle database table (-t option)
- A range of extents is specified for movement to a target tier (-s and -e options).
The dbdst_obj_move(1M) command moves all extents of the specified table to a target tier when the extent size is greater than or equal to 32768. However, the expectation is to move only a specified range of extents.

Workaround: Run the dbdst_obj_move(1M) command from the CFS primary node.

Use the fsclustadm showprimary <mountpoint> and fsclustadm idtoname <nodeid> commands to determine the mode of a CFS node.

When you attempt to move all the extents of a table, the `dbdst_obj_move(1M)` command fails with an error (3260289)

When you attempt to move all the extents of a database table, which is spread across multiple mount-points in a single operation, the `dbdst_obj_move(1M)` command fails. The following error is reported:

```
bash-2.05b$ dbdst_obj_move -S sdb -H $ORACLE_HOME -t test3 -c MEDIUM
FSPPADM err : UX:vxfs fsppadm: WARNING: V-3-26543: File handling failure
on /snap_datadb/test03.dbf with message -
SFORA dst_obj_adm ERROR V-81-6414 Internal Error at fsppadm_err
```

Note: To determine if the table is spread across multiple mount-points, run the `dbdst_obj_view(1M)` command

Workaround: In the `dbdst_obj_move(1M)` command, specify the range of extents that belong to a common mount-point. Additionally, if your table is spread across "n" mount-points, then you need to run the `dbdst_obj_move(1M)` command "n" times with a different range of extents.

The ReverseResyncBegin (RRBegin) operation with recovery option as AUTO fails (3076583)

The RRBegin operation with the recovery option as AUTO fails when you perform the following sequence of operations:

- 1 Validate the FlashSnap setup using the validate operation.
- 2 In the database, take the tablespace offline.
- 3 Perform a snapshot operation.
- 4 Bring the tablespace online which was taken offline in 2.
- 5 Perform the Reverse Resync Begin operation.

Note: This issue is encountered only with Oracle version 10gR2.

Workaround: Perform one of the following:

- Make sure to bring the tablespace online only after performing the RRBegin and RRCommit operations. Otherwise, perform the Reverse Resync Begin operation while the tablespace is in the offline mode.
- To recover a database, specify the recovery option as **AUTO_UNTIL_SCN** in the RRBegin operation.

The ReverseResyncBegin (RRBegin) operation fails when performed on multiple snapshot configurations (3066532)

When you perform a Reverse Resync operation on multiple snapshot configurations, SFDB reports the following error message:

```
$ vxsfadm -a oracle -s flashsnap --name \  
man -o rrbegin
```

```
SFDB vxsfadm ERROR V-81-0943 Repository already relocated to alternate  
location.
```

As per the Reverse Resync design, the first RRBegin operation relocates the SFDB repository to a backup location, and the ReverseResyncAbort and ReverseResyncCommit operations restore it to the original location. When the second RRBegin operation attempts to relocate the same repository which is already relocated, SFDB reports the error message.

Workaround: Make sure to perform the RRAbort or RRCommit operation using the snapshot configuration that is in the RRBegin state.

Note: You must complete Reverse Resync operations for a particular configuration before you start with another configuration.

The ReverseResyncBegin (RRBegin) operation fails and reports an error message due to a missing binary control file (3157314)

When the RRBegin operation cannot find the binary control file that is used to recover a database instance, it reports the following error message:

```
[oracle@testbox ~]$ vxsfadm -a oracle -s flashsnap -name man -o rrbegin
```

```
SFDB vxsfadm ERROR V-81-0949 Binary Control file is not available for  
recovery purposes
```

This issue is observed in the third-mirror break-off type (FlashSnap) snapshots that are created using the older SFDB version, which did not include the binary control file in the snapshot images.

Workaround: There is no workaround for this issue.

Attempt to use SmartTier commands fails (2332973)

The attempts to run SmartTier commands such as `dbdst_preset_policy` or `dbdst_file_move` fail with the following error:

```
fsppadm: ERROR: V-3-26551: VxFS failure on low level mechanism  
with message - Device or resource busy
```

This error occurs if a sub-file SmartTier command such as `dbdst_obj_move` has been previously run on the file system.

Workaround: There is no workaround for this issue. You cannot use file-based SmartTier and sub-file SmartTier simultaneously.

Attempt to use certain names for tiers results in error (2581390)

If you attempt to use certain names for tiers, the following error message is displayed:

```
SFORA dbdst_classify ERROR V-81-6107 Invalid Classname BALANCE
```

This error occurs because the following names are reserved and are not permitted as tier names for SmartTier:

- BALANCE
- CHECKPOINT
- METADATA

Workaround: Use a name for SmartTier classes that is not a reserved name.

Clone operation failure might leave clone database in unexpected state (2512664)

If the clone operation fails, it may leave the clone database in an unexpected state. Retrying the clone operation might not work.

Workaround:

If retrying does not work, perform one the following actions depending on the point-in-time copy method you are using:

- For FlashSnap, resync the snapshot and try the clone operation again.
- For FileSnap and Database Storage Checkpoint, destroy the clone and create the clone again.
- For space-optimized snapshots, destroy the snapshot and create a new snapshot.

Contact Symantec support if retrying using the workaround does not succeed.

Upgrading Symantec Storage Foundation for Databases (SFDB) tools from 5.0.x to 6.2 (2184482)

The `sfua_rept_migrate` command results in an error message after upgrading SFHA or SF for Oracle RAC version 5.0 to SFHA or SF for Oracle RAC 6.2.

When upgrading from SF Oracle RAC version 5.0 to SF Oracle RAC 6.2 the `S*vxdbs3` startup script is renamed to `NO_S*vxdbs3`. The `S*vxdbs3` startup script is required by `sfua_rept_upgrade`. Thus when `sfua_rept_upgrade` is run, it is unable to find the `S*vxdbs3` startup script and gives the error message:

```
/sbin/rc3.d/S*vxdbs3 not found
SFORA sfua_rept_migrate ERROR V-81-3558 File: is missing.
SFORA sfua_rept_migrate ERROR V-81-9160 Failed to mount repository.
```

Workaround: Before running `sfua_rept_migrate`, rename the startup script `NO_S*vxdbs3` to `S*vxdbs3`.

Clone command fails if PFILE entries have their values spread across multiple lines (2844247)

If you have a parameter, such as `log_archive_dest_1`, in single line in the `init.ora` file, then `dbed_vmclonedb` works but `dbed_vmcloneb` fails if you put in multiple lines for parameter.

Workaround: Edit the PFILE to arrange the text so that the parameter values are on a single line. If the database uses a spfile and some parameter values are spread across multiple lines, then use the Oracle commands to edit the parameter values such as they fit in a single line.

Data population fails after datafile corruption, rollback, and restore of offline checkpoint (2869259)

Sometimes when a datafile gets corrupted below its reservation size, the rollback may not pass and the file may not be rolled back correctly.

There is no workaround at this point of time.

FileSnap detail listing does not display the details of a particular snap (2846382)

FileSnap does not support displaying a detailed listing of a snapshot or clone. FileSnap only supports displaying a summary of all the snapshots or clones. For example, for the CLI `vxsfadm -s filesnap -a oracle --name=snap1 -o list`, a summary listing all the snapshots is displayed, instead of a detailed listing of a particular snapshot.

Workaround: There is no workaround for this issue.

Flashsnap clone fails under some unusual archivelog configuration on RAC (2846399)

In a RAC environment, when using FlashSnap, the archive log destination to snapshot must be a shared path, and must be the same across all the nodes. Additionally, all nodes must use the same archive log configuration parameter to specify the archive log destination. Configurations similar to the following are not supported:

```
tpcc1.log_archive_dest_1='location=/tpcc_arch'  
tpcc2.log_archive_dest_2='location=/tpcc_arch'  
tpcc3.log_archive_dest_3='location=/tpcc_arch'
```

Where tpcc1, tpcc2, and tpcc3 are the names of the RAC instances and /tpcc_arch is the shared archive log destination.

Workaround: To use FlashSnap, modify the above configuration to *.log_archive_dest_1='location=/tpcc_arch'. For example,

```
tpcc1.log_archive_dest_1='location=/tpcc_arch'  
tpcc2.log_archive_dest_1='location=/tpcc_arch'  
tpcc3.log_archive_dest_1='location=/tpcc_arch'
```

vxdbd process is online after Flash archive installation (2869269)

After a Flash archive installation of the SF stack, the vxdbd process is up, even if the stack is not configured.

Workaround: You can ignore, or stop the vxdbd process using the /opt/VRTSdbed/common/bin/vxdbdctrl stop command.

On Solaris 11.1 SPARC, setting up the user-authentication process using the sfae_auth_op command fails with an error message (3556996)

The debug logs display the missing ps utility as the 'ucb' package was absent in the default operating system installation. Due to which, the user-authentication process fails and the following error message is reported:

```
#/opt/VRTS/bin/sfae_auth_op -o setup  
Setting up AT  
Starting SFAE AT broker
```

```
SFDB vxsfadm ERROR V-81-0372 AT broker failed to start:
```

Workaround: Install the `pkg:/compatibility/ucb` package such that the `ps` utility is available in `/usr/ucb/ps`.

In the cloned database, the seed PDB remains in the mounted state (3599920)

In Oracle database version 12.1.0.2, when a container database (CDB) is cloned, the **PDB\$SEED** pluggable database (PDB) remains in the mounted state. This behavior is observed because of the missing datafiles in the cloned database for all point-in-time copies.

When you attempt to open the cloned seed database, the following error is reported:

```
"ORA-01173" oracle error.
```

```
...
```

```
SFDB vxsfadm ERROR V-81-0564 Oracle returned error.
```

```
Reason: ORA-01122: database file 15 failed verification check  
ORA-01110: data file 15: '/tmp/test1/data/sfaedb/newtbs1.dbf'  
ORA-01202: wrong incarnation of this file - wrong creation time  
...
```

Workaround: There is no workaround for this issue.

Cloning of a container database may fail after a reverse resync commit operation is performed (3509778)

After a reverse resync operation is performed, the cloning of a container database may fail with the following error message:

```
SFDB vxsfadm ERROR V-81-0564 Oracle returned error.
```

```
Reason: ORA-01503: CREATE CONTROLFILE failed  
ORA-01189: file is from a different RESETLOGS than previous files  
ORA-01110: data file 6: '/tmp/testRecoverdb/data/sfaedb/users01.dbf'
```

Workaround: There is no workaround for this issue.

If one of the PDBs is in the read-write restricted state, then cloning of a CDB fails (3516634)

Cloning a container database (CDB) for point-in-time copies fails if some of the pluggable databases (PDBs) are open in the restricted mode. The failure occurs with the following error message:

```
SFDB vxsfadm ERROR V-81-0564 Oracle returned error.
```

```
Reason: ORA-65106: Pluggable database #3 (PDB1) is in an invalid state.
```

Workaround: There is no workaround for this issue.

Cloning of a CDB fails for point-in-time copies when one of the PDBs is in the read-only mode (3513432)

For Oracle version 12.1.0.1, cloning a container database (CDB) fails if one of the pluggable databases (PDBs) is in the read-only mode. The failure occurs with the following error message:

```
SFDB vxsfadm ERROR V-81-0564 Oracle returned error.
```

```
Reason: ORA-00376: file 9 cannot be read at this time  
ORA-01111: name for data file 9 is unknown - rename to correct file  
ORA-01110: data file 9: '/ora_base/db_home/dbs/MISSING00009'...
```

Workaround: There is no workaround for this issue.

If a CDB has a tablespace in the read-only mode, then the cloning fails (3512370)

For Oracle version 12.1.0.1, when a container database (CDB) has a tablespace in the read-only mode for all point-in-time copies, cloning of that CDB fails with the following error message:

```
SFDB vxsfadm ERROR V-81-0564 Oracle returned error.
```

```
Reason: ORA-01122: database file 15 failed verification check  
ORA-01110: data file 15: '/tmp/test1/data/sfaedb/newtbs1.dbf'  
ORA-01202: wrong incarnation of this file - wrong creation time  
...
```

Workaround: There is no workaround for this issue.

If any SFDB installation with authentication setup is upgraded to 6.2, the commands fail with an error (3644030)

The commands fail with the error message similar to the following:

```
SFDB vxsfadm ERROR V-81-0450 A remote or privileged command could not be
executed on prodhost
```

Reason: This can be caused by the host being unreachable or the vxdbd daemon not running on that host or because of insufficient privileges.

Action: Verify that the prodhost is reachable. If it is, verify that the vxdbd daemon is enabled and running using the [/opt/VRTS/bin/sfae_config status] command, and enable/start vxdbd using the [/opt/VRTS/bin/sfae_config enable] command if it is not enabled/running. Also make sure you are authorized to run SFAE commands if running in secure mode.

Workaround: Set up the authentication for SFDB again. See *Storage and Availability Management for Oracle Databases* or *Storage and Availability Management for DB2 Databases*.

Software limitations

This section covers the software limitations of this release.

See the corresponding Release Notes for a complete list of software limitations related to that component or product.

See [“Documentation”](#) on page 79.

SF Oracle RAC supports IPv4 addresses only for Oracle HAIP configurations (3656701)

SF Oracle RAC supports IPv4 addresses only for static IP addresses in Oracle high availability IP (HAIP) configurations.

Configurations that use IPv6 or a mix of IPv4 and IPv6 will fail internally though no error may be reported by the product installer.

Limitations of CSSD agent

The limitations of the CSSD agent are as follows:

- For Oracle RAC 11g Release 2 and later versions: The CSSD agent restarts Oracle Grid Infrastructure processes that you may manually or selectively take offline outside of VCS.
Workaround: First stop the CSSD agent if operations require you to manually take the processes offline outside of VCS.
For more information, see the topic "Disabling monitoring of Oracle Grid Infrastructure processes temporarily" in the *Symantec Storage Foundation for Oracle RAC Installation and Configuration Guide*.
- The CSSD agent detects intentional offline only when you stop Oracle Clusterware/Grid Infrastructure outside of VCS using the following command:
`crsctl stop crs [-f]`. The agent fails to detect intentional offline if you stop Oracle Clusterware/Grid Infrastructure using any other command.
Workaround: Use the `crsctl stop crs [-f]` command to stop Oracle Clusterware/Grid Infrastructure outside of VCS.

Oracle Clusterware/Grid Infrastructure installation fails if the cluster name exceeds 14 characters

Setting the cluster name to a value that exceeds 14 characters during the installation of Oracle Clusterware/Grid Infrastructure causes unexpected cluster membership issues. As a result, the installation may fail.

Workaround: Restart the Oracle Clusterware/Grid Infrastructure installation and set the cluster name to a value of maximum 14 characters.

Rolling upgrade from version 5.1 SP1 RP2 requires VCSMM point patch

Before performing rolling upgrades from 5.1 SP1 RP2, apply the VCSMM point patch on the SF Oracle RAC cluster.

For instructions, see: <https://sort.symantec.com/patch/detail/6093>

Parallel execution of `vxsfadm` is not supported (2515442)

Only one instance of the `vxsfadm` command can be run at a time. Running multiple instances of `vxsfadm` at a time is not supported.

Stale SCSI-3 PR keys remain on disk after stopping the cluster and deporting the disk group

When all nodes present in the SF Oracle RAC cluster are removed from the cluster, the SCSI-3 Persistent Reservation (PR) keys on the data disks may not get preempted. As a result, the keys may be seen on the disks after stopping the cluster or after the nodes have booted up. The residual keys do not impact data disk fencing as they will be reused or replaced when the nodes rejoin the cluster. Alternatively, the keys can be cleared manually by running the `vxfcntlclearpre` utility.

For more information on the `vxfcntlclearpre` utility, see the *Symantec Storage Foundation for Oracle RAC Administrator's Guide*.

Creating point-in-time copies during database structural changes is not supported (2496178)

SFDB tools do not support creating point-in-time copies while structural changes to the database are in progress, such as adding or dropping tablespaces and adding or dropping data files.

However, once a point-in-time copy is taken, you can create a clone at any time, regardless of the status of the database.

Web installation program does not support native operating system upgrade mechanisms

The Web installation program does not support native operating system upgrade mechanisms such as Live Upgrade.

Policy-managed databases not supported by CRSResource agent

The CRSResource agent supports only admin-managed database environments in this release. Policy-managed databases are not supported.

Health checks may fail on clusters that have more than 10 nodes

If there are more than 10 nodes in a cluster, the health check may fail with the following error:

```
vxgettext ERROR V-33-1000-10038  
Arguments exceed the maximum limit of 10
```

The health check script uses the `vxgettext` command, which does not support more than 10 arguments.[2142234]

Cached ODM not supported in SF Oracle RAC environments

Cached ODM is not supported for files on Veritas local file systems and on Cluster File System.

Unsupported FSS scenarios

The following scenario is not supported with Flexible Storage Sharing (FSS):

Symantec NetBackup backup with FSS disk groups

The sfcache operations may display error messages in the caching log when the operation completed successfully (3611158)

The `sfcache` command calls other commands to perform the caching operations. If a command fails, additional commands may be called to complete the operation. For debugging purposes, the caching log includes all of the success messages and failure messages for the commands that are called.

If the `sfcache` command has completed successfully, you can safely ignore the error messages in the log file.

Limitations related to I/O fencing

This section covers I/O fencing-related software limitations.

Preferred fencing limitation when VxFEN activates RACER node re-election

The preferred fencing feature gives preference to more weighted or larger subclusters by delaying the smaller subcluster. This smaller subcluster delay is effective only if the initial RACER node in the larger subcluster is able to complete the race. If due to some reason the initial RACER node is not able to complete the race and the VxFEN driver activates the racer re-election algorithm, then the smaller subcluster delay is offset by the time taken for the racer re-election and the less weighted or smaller subcluster could win the race. This limitation though not desirable can be tolerated.

Stopping systems in clusters with I/O fencing configured

The I/O fencing feature protects against data corruption resulting from a failed cluster interconnect, or “split brain.” See the *Symantec Cluster Server Administrator's Guide* for a description of the problems a failed interconnect can create and the protection I/O fencing provides.

In a cluster using SCSI-3 based fencing, I/O fencing implements data protection by placing the SCSI-3 PR keys on both the data disks and coordinator disks. In a cluster using CP server-based fencing, I/O fencing implements data protection by placing the SCSI-3 PR keys on data disks and similar registrations on CP server. The VCS administrator must be aware of several operational changes needed when working with clusters protected by I/O fencing. Specific shutdown procedures ensure keys are removed from coordination points and data disks to prevent possible difficulties with subsequent cluster startup.

Using the reboot command rather than the shutdown command bypasses shutdown scripts and can leave keys on the coordination points and data disks. Depending on the order of reboot and subsequent startup events, the cluster may warn of a possible split brain condition and fail to start up.

Workaround: Use the shutdown -r command on one node at a time and wait for each node to complete shutdown.

Uninstalling VRTSvxvm causes issues when VxFEN is configured in SCSI3 mode with dmp disk policy (2522069)

When VxFEN is configured in SCSI3 mode with dmp disk policy, the DMP nodes for the coordinator disks can be accessed during system shutdown or fencing arbitration. After uninstalling VRTSvxvm package, the DMP module will no longer be loaded in memory. On a system where VRTSvxvm package is uninstalled, if VxFEN attempts to access DMP devices during shutdown or fencing arbitration, the system panics.

Symantec Storage Foundation for Databases (SFDB) tools software limitations

The following are the SFDB tools software limitations in this release.

Oracle Data Guard in an Oracle RAC environment

SFDB tools cannot be used with RAC standby databases. SFDB tools can still be used with the primary database, even in a Data Guard Oracle RAC environment.

Upgrading to Oracle 10.2.0.5 is required if using SFDB tools

If you are running Oracle version 10.2.0.4 and upgrading a Storage Foundation product with SFDB tools to 6.2, you must upgrade the Oracle binaries and database to version 10.2.0.5, before upgrading to 6.2.

Documentation

Product guides are available in the PDF format on the software media in the `/docs/product_name` directory. Additional documentation is available online.

Make sure that you are using the current version of documentation. The document version appears on page 2 of each guide. The publication date appears on the title page of each document. The latest product documentation is available on the Symantec website.

<http://sort.symantec.com/documents>

Documentation set

Each product in the Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions product line includes release notes, an installation guide, and additional documents such as administration and agent guides. In most cases, you may also need to refer to the documentation for the product's components.

The SFHA Solutions documents describe functionality and solutions that apply across the product line. These documents are relevant whichever SFHA Solutions product you use.

Note: The GNOME PDF Viewer is unable to view Symantec documentation. You must use Adobe Acrobat to view the documentation.

Symantec Storage Foundation for Oracle RAC documentation

[Table 1-11](#) lists the documentation for Symantec Storage Foundation for Oracle RAC.

Table 1-11 Symantec Storage Foundation for Oracle RAC documentation

Document title	File name	Description
<i>Symantec Storage Foundation for Oracle RAC Release Notes</i>	sfrac_notes_62_sol.pdf	Provides release information such as system requirements, changes, fixed incidents, known issues, and limitations of the product.
<i>Symantec Storage Foundation for Oracle RAC Installation and Configuration Guide</i>	sfrac_install_62_sol.pdf	Provides information required to install and configure the product.
<i>Symantec Storage Foundation for Oracle RAC Administrator's Guide</i>	sfrac_admin_62_sol.pdf	Provides information required for administering and troubleshooting the product.

The SFHA Solutions documents describe functionality and solutions relevant to the SF Oracle RAC product.

See [Table 1-15](#) on page 82.

Symantec Storage Foundation Cluster File System High Availability documentation

[Table 1-12](#) lists the documentation for Symantec Storage Foundation Cluster File System High Availability.

The SFHA Solutions documents describe functionality and solutions relevant to the SFCFSHA product.

See [Table 1-15](#) on page 82.

Table 1-12 Symantec Storage Foundation Cluster File System High Availability documentation

Document title	File name	Description
<i>Symantec Storage Foundation Cluster File System High Availability Release Notes</i>	sfdfs_notes_62_sol.pdf	Provides release information such as system requirements, changes, fixed incidents, known issues, and limitations of the product.
<i>Symantec Storage Foundation Cluster File System High Availability Installation Guide</i>	sfdfs_install_62_sol.pdf	Provides information required to install the product.
<i>Symantec Storage Foundation Cluster File System High Availability Administrator's Guide</i>	sfdfs_admin_62_sol.pdf	Provides information required for administering the product.

Symantec Cluster Server documentation

[Table 1-13](#) lists the documents for Symantec Cluster Server.

Table 1-13 Symantec Cluster Server documentation

Title	File name	Description
<i>Symantec Cluster Server Release Notes</i>	vcs_notes_62_sol.pdf	Provides release information such as system requirements, changes, fixed incidents, known issues, and limitations of the product.
<i>Symantec Cluster Server Installation Guide</i>	vcs_install_62_sol.pdf	Provides information required to install the product.

Table 1-13 Symantec Cluster Server documentation (*continued*)

Title	File name	Description
<i>Symantec Cluster Server Administrator's Guide</i>	vcs_admin_62_sol.pdf	Provides information required for administering the product.
<i>Symantec Cluster Server Bundled Agents Reference Guide</i>	vcs_bundled_agents_62_sol.pdf	Provides information about bundled agents, their resources and attributes, and more related information.
<i>Symantec Cluster Server Agent Developer's Guide</i> (This document is available online only.)	vcs_agent_dev_62_unix.pdf	Provides information about the various Symantec agents and procedures for developing custom agents.
<i>Symantec Cluster Server Application Note: Dynamic Reconfiguration for Oracle Servers</i> (This document is available online only.)	vcs_dynamic_reconfig_62_sol.pdf	Provides information on how to perform dynamic reconfiguration operations on VCS clustered system domains of Oracle servers.
<i>Symantec Cluster Server Agent for DB2 Installation and Configuration Guide</i>	vcs_db2_agent_62_sol.pdf	Provides notes for installing and configuring the DB2 agent.
<i>Symantec Cluster Server Agent for Oracle Installation and Configuration Guide</i>	vcs_oracle_agent_62_sol.pdf	Provides notes for installing and configuring the Oracle agent.
<i>Symantec Cluster Server Agent for Sybase Installation and Configuration Guide</i>	vcs_sybase_agent_62_sol.pdf	Provides notes for installing and configuring the Sybase agent.

Symantec Storage Foundation documentation

[Table 1-14](#) lists the documentation for Symantec Storage Foundation.

Table 1-14 Symantec Storage Foundation documentation

Document title	File name	Description
<i>Symantec Storage Foundation Release Notes</i>	sf_notes_62_sol.pdf	Provides release information such as system requirements, changes, fixed incidents, known issues, and limitations of the product.
<i>Symantec Storage Foundation Installation Guide</i>	sf_install_62_sol.pdf	Provides information required to install the product.

Table 1-14 Symantec Storage Foundation documentation (*continued*)

Document title	File name	Description
<i>Symantec Storage Foundation Administrator's Guide</i>	sf_admin_62_sol.pdf	Provides information required for administering the product.
<i>Symantec Storage Foundation: Storage and Availability Management for Oracle Databases</i>	sfhas_oracle_admin_62_unix.pdf	Provides information about the deployment and key use cases of the SFDB tools with Storage Foundation High Availability (SFHA) Solutions products in Oracle database environments. It is a supplemental guide to be used in conjunction with SFHA Solutions product guides.
<i>Veritas File System Programmer's Reference Guide</i> (This document is available online only.)	vxfs_ref_62_sol.pdf	Provides developers with the information necessary to use the application programming interfaces (APIs) to modify and tune various features and components of the Veritas File System.

Symantec Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions products documentation

[Table 1-15](#) lists the documentation for Symantec Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions products.

Table 1-15 Symantec Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions products documentation

Document title	File name	Description
<i>Symantec Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions—What's new in this release</i> (This document is available online.)	sfhas_whats_new_62_unix.pdf	Provides information about the new features and enhancements in the release.
<i>Symantec Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions Getting Started Guide</i>	getting_started.pdf	Provides a high-level overview of installing Symantec products using the script-based installer. The guide is useful for new users and returning users that want a quick refresher.

Table 1-15 Symantec Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions products documentation (*continued*)

Document title	File name	Description
<i>Symantec Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions Solutions Guide</i>	sfhas_solutions_62_sol.pdf	Provides information about how SFHA Solutions product components and features can be used individually and in concert to improve performance, resilience and ease of management for storage and applications.
<i>Symantec Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions Virtualization Guide</i> (This document is available online.)	sfhas_virtualization_62_sol.pdf	Provides information about Symantec Storage Foundation and High Availability support for virtualization technologies. Review this entire document before you install virtualization software on systems running SFHA products.
<i>Symantec Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions SmartIO for Solid State Drives Solutions Guide</i>	sfhas_smartio_solutions_62_sol.pdf	Provides information on using and administering SmartIO with SFHA solutions. Also includes troubleshooting and command reference sheet for SmartIO.
<i>Symantec Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions Disaster Recovery Implementation Guide</i> (This document is available online.)	sfhas_dr_impl_62_sol.pdf	Provides information on configuring campus clusters, global clusters, and replicated data clusters (RDC) for disaster recovery failover using Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions products.
<i>Symantec Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions Replication Administrator's Guide</i>	sfhas_replication_admin_62_sol.pdf	Provides information on using Volume Replicator (VVR) for setting up an effective disaster recovery plan by maintaining a consistent copy of application data at one or more remote locations.
<i>Symantec Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions Troubleshooting Guide</i>	sfhas_tshoot_62_sol.pdf	Provides information on common issues that might be encountered when using Symantec Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions and possible solutions for those issues.

Veritas Operations Manager (VOM) is a management tool that you can use to manage Symantec Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions products. If you use VOM, refer to the VOM product documentation at:

<https://sort.symantec.com/documents>

Manual pages

The manual pages for Symantec Storage Foundation and High Availability Solutions products are installed in the `/opt/VRTS/man` directory.

Set the `MANPATH` environment variable so the `man(1)` command can point to the Symantec Storage Foundation manual pages:

- For the Bourne or Korn shell (`sh` or `ksh`), enter the following commands:

```
MANPATH=$MANPATH:/opt/VRTS/man
export MANPATH
```

- For C shell (`csh` or `tcsh`), enter the following command:

```
setenv MANPATH ${MANPATH}:/opt/VRTS/man
```

See the `man(1)` manual page.

The latest manual pages are available online in HTML format on the Symantec website at:

<https://sort.symantec.com/documents>