Oracle Advanced Compression

The Oracle Database 12c Advanced Compression option provides a comprehensive set of compression capabilities to help customers maximize storage utilization, reduce costs and improve performance. Although storage cost savings and optimization across servers is often seen as the most tangible benefit, all of the features in the Oracle Advanced Compression option are designed to improve performance across components of your IT infrastructure, including memory, network bandwidth and storage.

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The Oracle Advanced Compression option includes:

- **Heat Map.** Collects data usage information at the block and segment levels – when used with Automatic Data Optimization Oracle Database can automate compression and storage policies based on the usage of the data -- reducing storage costs, improving performance and optimizing storage.

- **Automatic Data Optimization.** Enables organizations to create policies that implement compression and storage tiering automatically. ADO policies define conditions and corresponding actions to be applied to specific objects to automate Information Lifecycle Management (ILM).

- **Advanced Row Compression.** Enables table data to be compressed during all types of data manipulation operations, including DML INSERT and UPDATE operations -- intelligent algorithm minimizes compression overhead during write operations, thereby making compression viable for both data warehouse and OLTP workloads.

- **Advanced LOB Compression and Deduplication.** Provides compression and deduplication for LOBS managed by SecureFiles – a high performance and powerful infrastructure for managing unstructured data such as images, documents, videos and more.
  - **Advanced LOB Compression.** Compresses unstructured data
  - **Advanced LOB Deduplication.** Eliminates duplicate copies of unstructured data

- **Backup Data Compression.** The storage requirements for maintaining database backups and backup performance are directly impacted by database size. The Advanced Compression option includes compression for backup data when you employ Oracle Recovery Manager (RMAN) or Oracle DataPump for database backups.

**KEY FEATURES**

- Reduces database storage requirements and associated costs
- Typically improves query performance
- Compresses OLTP and data warehousing application tables
- Data in memory remains in compressed format
- Compresses structured, unstructured, backup, Network and Data Guard Redo Log transport data
- Heat Map collects the segment/block level data usage information used to define Automatic Data Optimization compression and storage tiering policies
- Cascades storage savings throughout the data center
- Reduces the size of all supported unique and non-unique indexes -- while still providing efficient access to the indexes
- Can be used with any type of application without application changes
- Reduces the size of the session data unit (SDU) transmitted over a data connection
- Reduces the cost of storing and accessing historical data
• **Data Guard Redo Transport Compression.** Enables the compression of Oracle Data Guard (primary to standby database) redo data as it is transmitted over the network.

• **Advanced Index Compression.** Reduces the size of all supported unique and non-unique indexes- automatically chooses the right compression per index block.

• **Advanced Network Compression.** Compresses network data to be transmitted at the sending side and then uncompressed at the receiver to reduce the network traffic.

• **Storage Snapshot Optimization.** Using the RECOVER ... SNAPSHOT TIME capability storage snapshots taken without the database in backup mode can be recovered in one step, whether to the current time or a specific point-in-time after the snapshot was taken, without any additional procedures.

• **Exadata Flash Cache Compression (Exadata only).** Dynamically increases the logical capacity of the flash cache by transparently compressing user data as it is loaded into the flash cache.

• **Hybrid Columnar Compression Row Level Locking (Exadata storage only).** Hybrid Columnar Compression uses one lock per Compression Unit (CU) -- optionally, with the Advanced Compression option, users can choose to enable Row Level Locking.

• **Online Move Partition (to any compressed format).** ALTER TABLE ... MOVE PARTITION ONLINE with Advanced Compression enables non-blocking online DDL where DML operations continue to run uninterrupted on the partition being moved to any compressed format (Basic, Advanced Row or Hybrid Columnar Compression).

• **Optimization for Flashback Data Archive (FDA) History Table.** The optimization enables FDA to utilize Advanced Row Compression, Advanced LOB Compression/Deduplication and Compression Tiering -- which are not available by default for FDA history tables.

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