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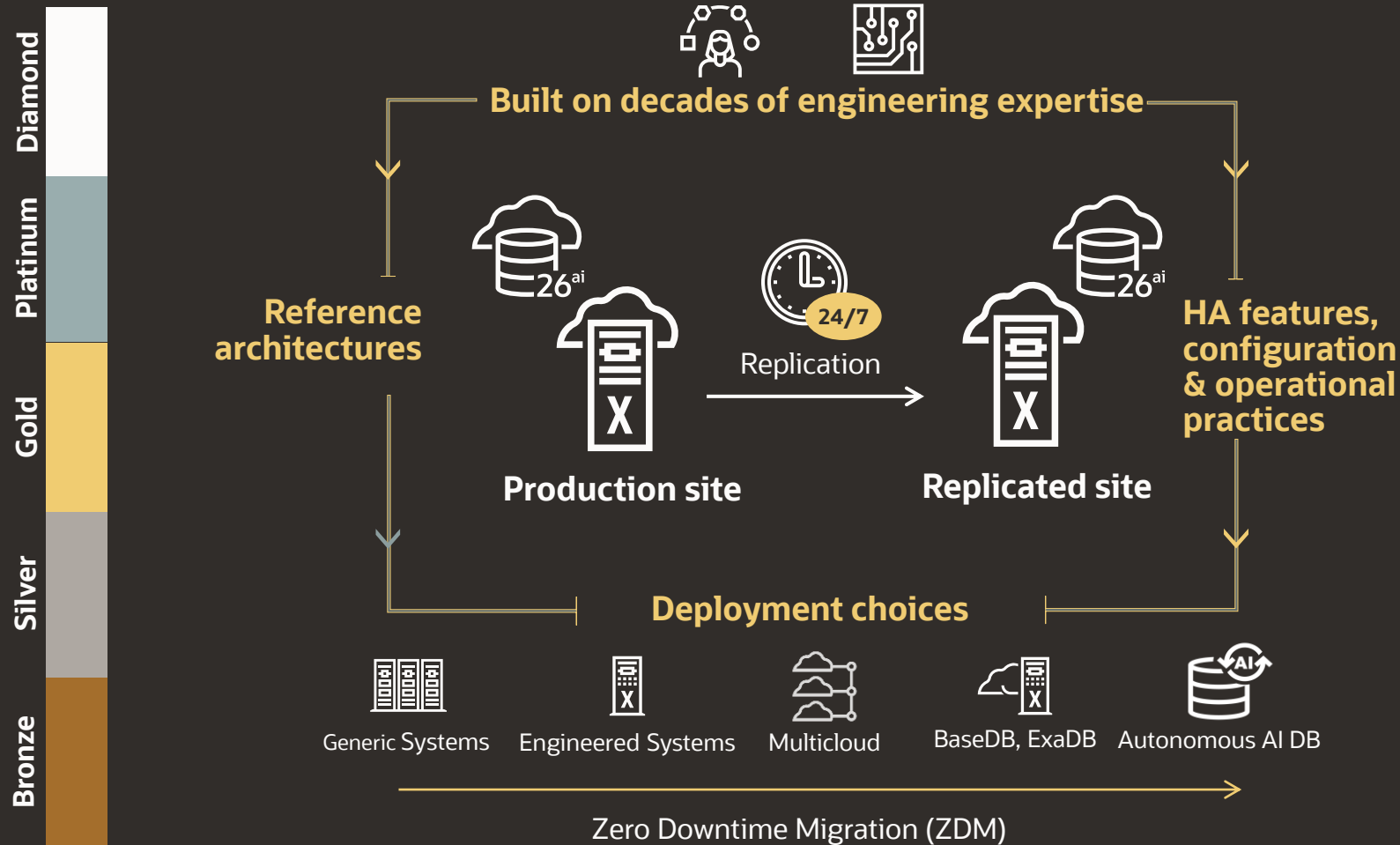
# Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning 26ai

Technical Presentation

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# Oracle Maximum Availability Architecture (MAA)

Ultra-resilient availability tiers for all applications



- High performance**
  - Resource Management
  - Database In-Memory
  - True Cache
- Continuous availability**
  - Application Continuity
  - Online Redefinition
  - Edition-based Redefinition
- Data protection**
  - Flashback
  - RMAN
  - ZDLRA+ ZRCV
- Active replication**
  - Active Data Guard
  - Full Stack DR
  - GoldenGate
- Scale out & Lifecycle**
  - RAC
  - Globally Distributed AI Database
  - FPP
  - Real Application Testing



# Next-Gen MAA Reference Architectures

High availability tiers for the Oracle AI Database, **uniquely** engineered for resilience

## Bronze:

- Local HA RTO - Mins to 1 Hour
- Regional DR RTO - Hrs to Days
- RPO < 15 min

### Dev, test, prod

Single Instance,  
Backup & Restore



## Silver:

- Local HA RTO - Secs to Mins
- Regional DR RTO - Hrs to Days
- RPO < 15 min

### Prod/departmental

#### Bronze +

High Availability with  
RAC or Data Guard



## Gold:

- Local HA RTO < 60 secs
- Regional DR RTO < 5 min
- RPO – Zero or near-zero

### Business-critical

#### Silver with RAC +

DB replication with  
Active Data Guard with  
automatic failover



## Platinum:

- Local HA RTO < 10 secs
- Regional DR RTO < 30 secs
- RPO – Zero or near-zero

### Mission-critical

#### Gold +


Active Data Guard with  
Oracle AI Database 26ai on  
Exadata, OR  
GoldenGate with Oracle  
Database 19c on Exadata



## Diamond (NEW):

- Local HA RTO < 3 secs
- Regional DR RTO < 3 secs
- RPO – Zero or near-zero

### Extreme availability

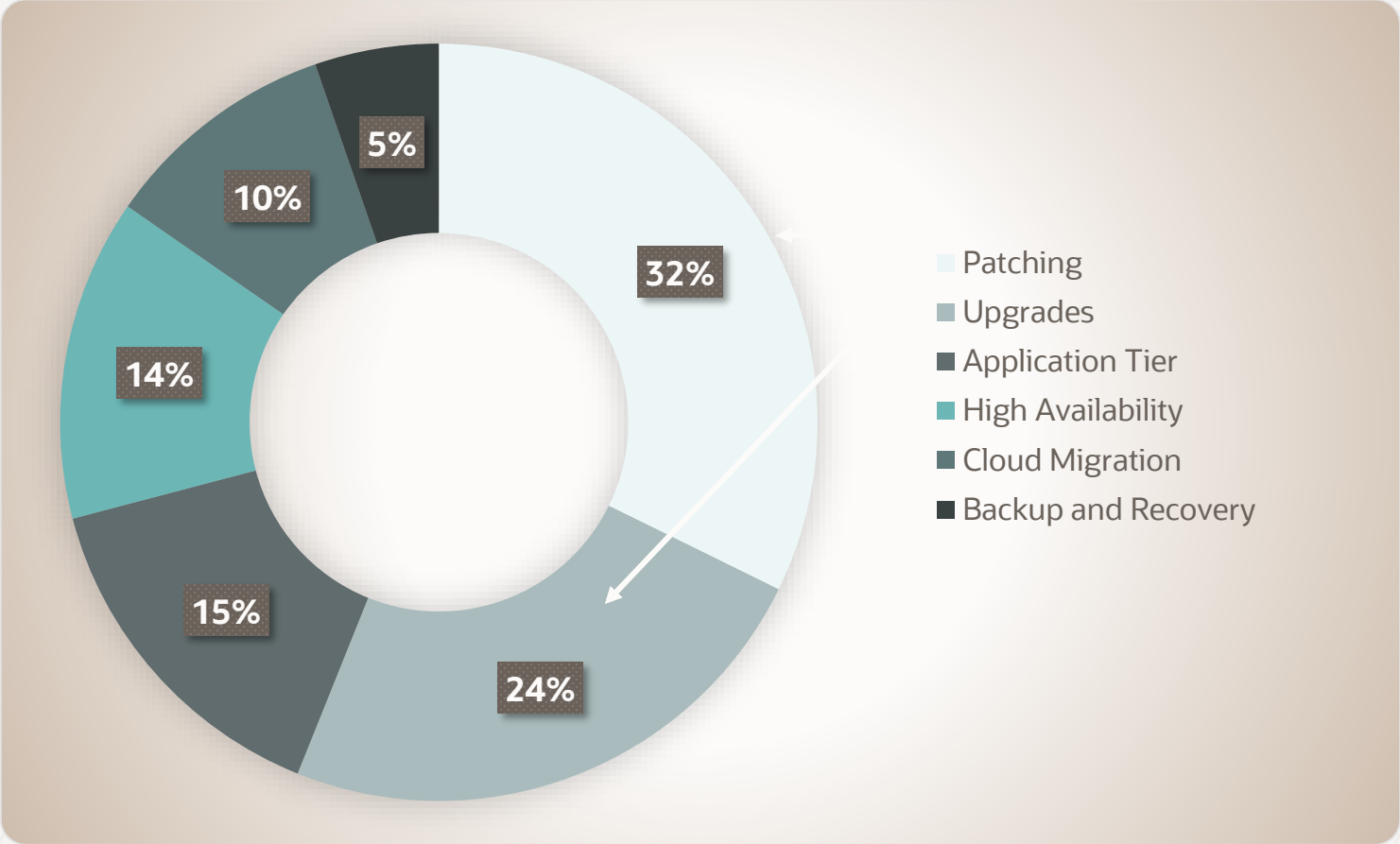
GoldenGate 26ai   
replicas, *each running:*

Oracle AI Database 26ai  
+ RAC on Exadata  
+ (Active) Data Guard

OR  
Globally Distributed  
Database with Raft  
Replication



# Planned Maintenance – a major pain point\*



\*Maximum Availability Architecture (MAA) Customer Summit survey results



# Lifecycle management challenges

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# Top lifecycle management challenges



Keeping up with updates is time-consuming

Quarterly & Monthly patches are released to reduce risk of :

- Security issues
- Functional issues



Maintenance windows are difficult to obtain from application owners

Non-rolling patching requires longer downtime windows



Patching is a complex and labor intensive activity

Expanding fleets need more personnel to maintain



Keeping software releases standardized is difficult

Configuration drift can lead to unexpected results and avoidable downtime

# Fleet Patching and Provisioning

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Automating out-of-place patching of the Oracle Database and Exadata Stack

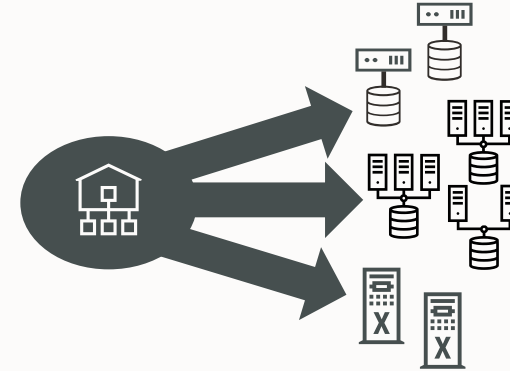
# FPP Installation types

FPP Local Mode



Start small  
DB and GI patching in local cluster  
Zero configuration needed  
Custom user scripts are possible  
Resumable actions

FPP



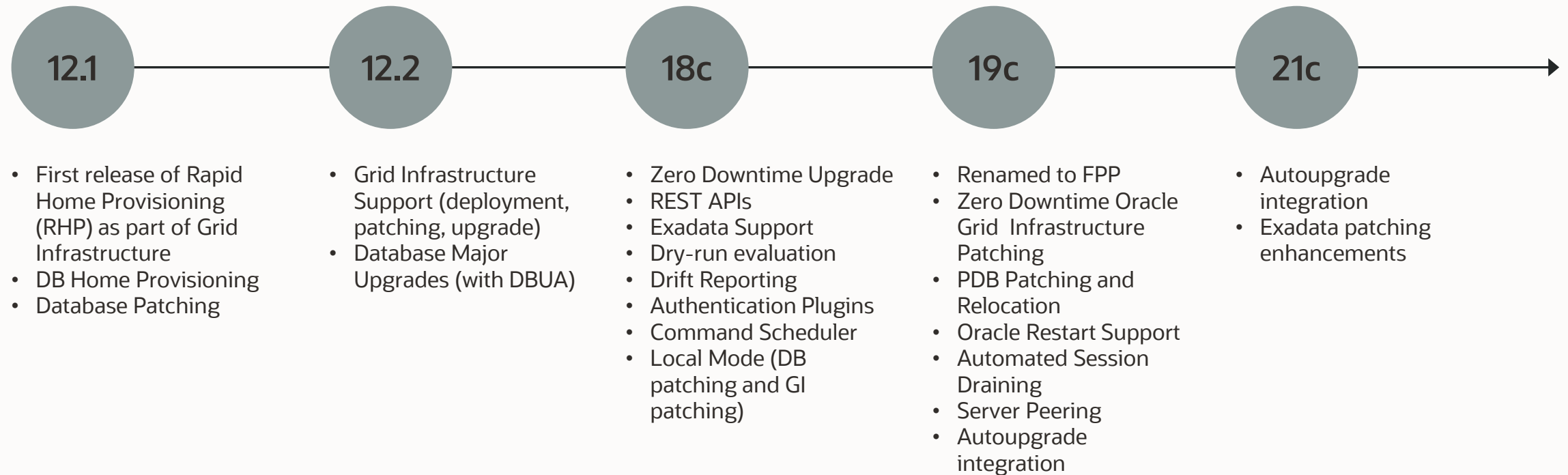
Complete Lifecycle Management  
Full functionality  
Rich feature set  
Centralized Management  
Centralized Image repository

# Some history

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# A brief History of Fleet Patching and Provisioning

## Pioneers in Gold Image based Patching



# What's New in Oracle FPP 26ai

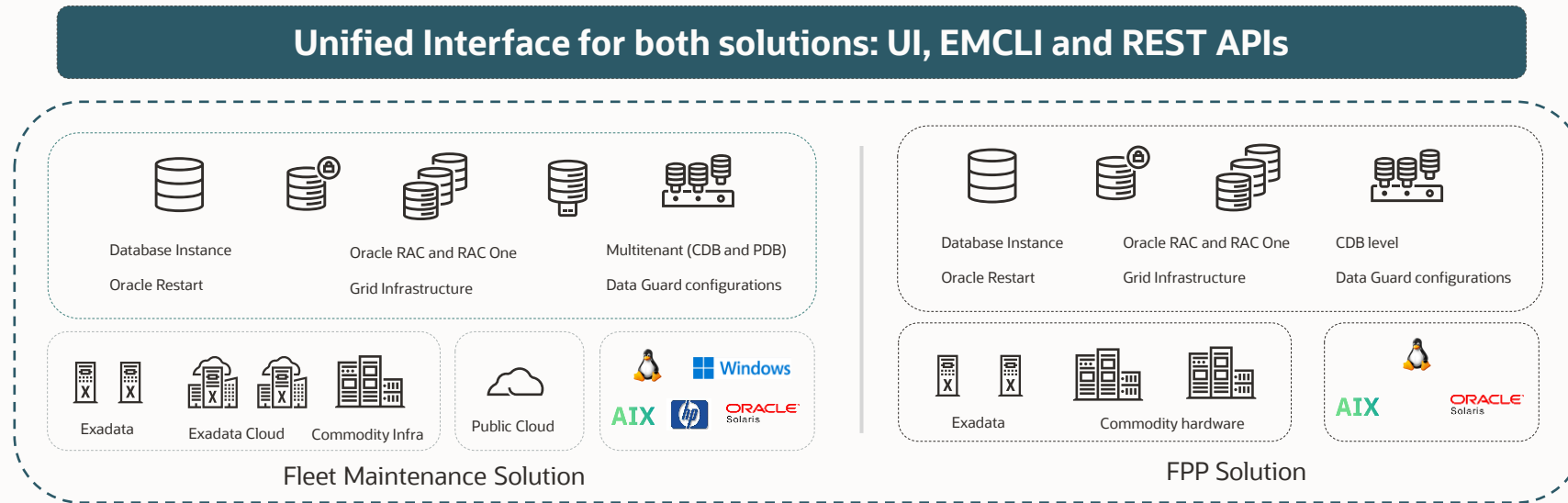
**Oracle Fleet Patching & Provisioning 26ai**

- Exadata Full Stack Patching enhancements
- Full Data Guard Maintenance Automation
- Support for RAC Two Stage Rolling Updates
- Backup restore and relocation FPP server
- Store images as zip files
- Move pre and post check enhancements (CVU, Exachk, Datapatch)
- Scheduler improvements
- Exadata Live Update Support
- Archiving & unarchiving of gold images
- Local mode without Java Container
- Single server DB Rolling patching
- Transfer working copies as ZIP files
- Oracle Update Advisor integration
- Add tags to resources for easy filtering and scheduling
- Online Database patching



# Enterprise Manager Database Lifecycle Management

Unified user experience for Fleet Maintenance and FPP



## Guided Intelligent Workflows

- Smart security patch recommendations
- Automated risk assessment
- End-to-end automation to create, deploy, and update gold images to affected targets

## Robust Operational Control

- Supports both Fleet and FPP operations
- Consistent interfaces – REST APIs, EMCLI and UI
- Patch lifecycle operations scheduling
- Troubleshoot, retry, and resume with procedure activity

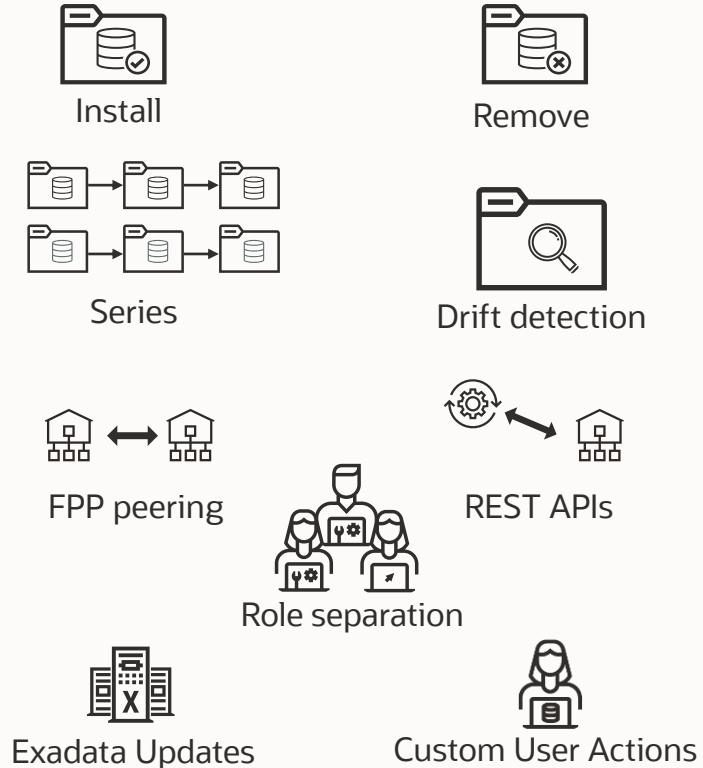


# Overview

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# Central mode Fleet Patching and Provisioning – Benefits

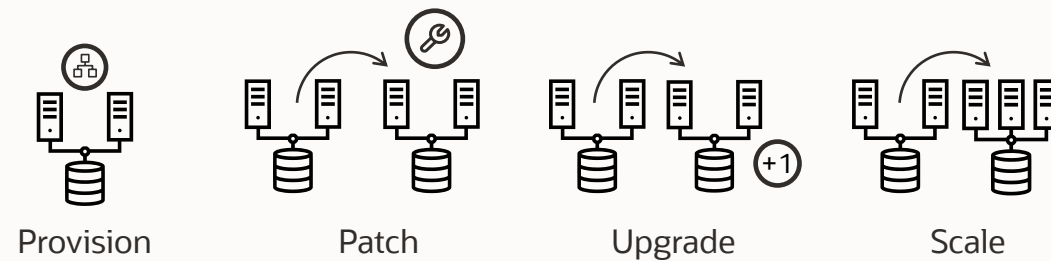
## Rich feature set



## Oracle Database (SI, RAC, RACONE)



## Oracle Grid Infrastructure



# Fleet Patching and Provisioning (FPP) supported platforms

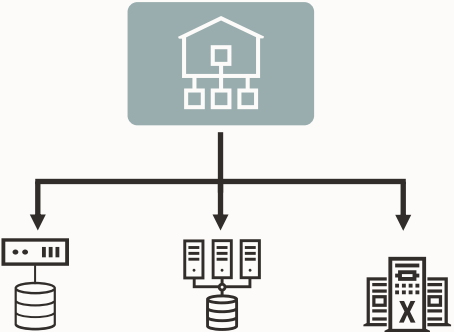
## Oracle AI Database and Grid Infrastructure



- Single instance
- Oracle Restart
- Oracle RAC One
- Oracle RAC



## FPP server



- Generic Software
- Customizable

## Multi-OS

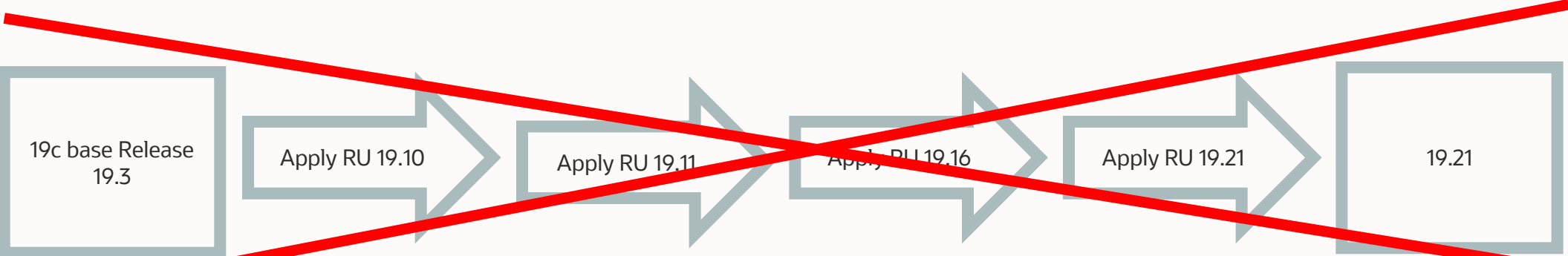


# Workflow and Methodology

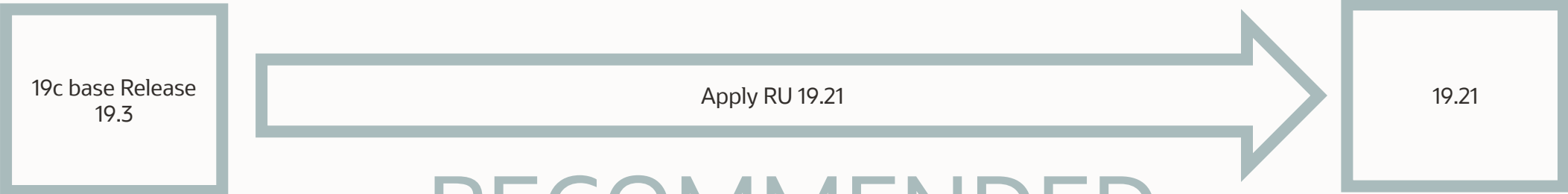
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# Recommended strategy for gold image creation

## Example creating a gold image for 19.16



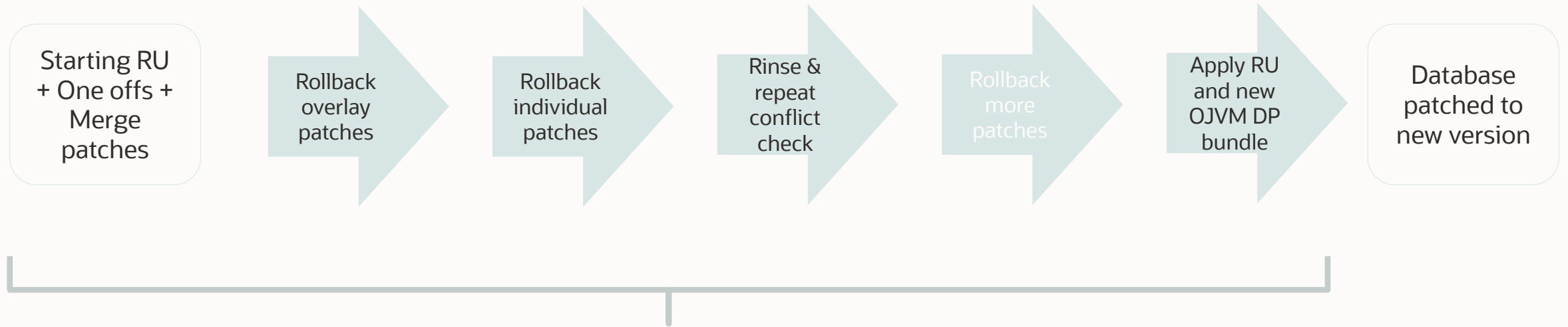
**BAD**



**RECOMMENDED**



# In-place patching

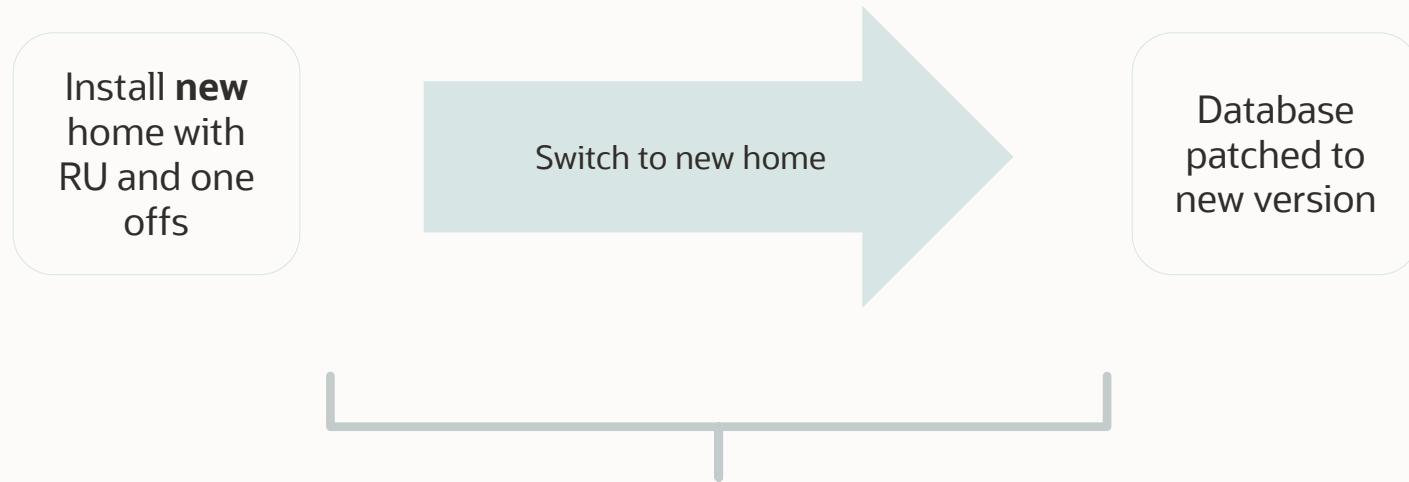


Database instance down during rollback and instance stop/start and datapatch apply

Example from <https://mikedietchde.com/2024/01/10/the-downsides-of-in-place-patching-and-a-patching-lab/>



# Out-of-place patching



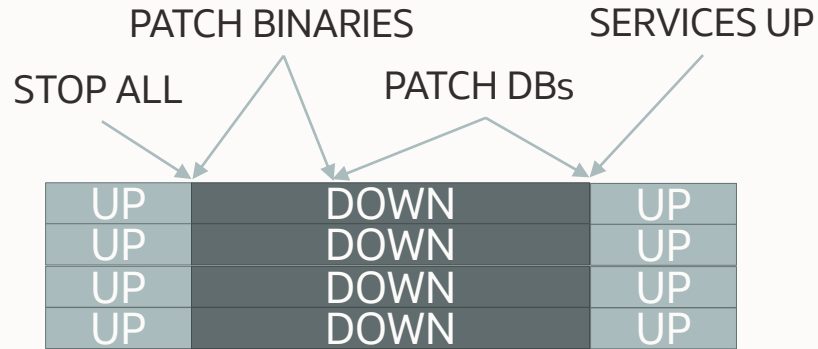
Database instance down for instance reboot and datapatch execution



# FPP uses out-of-place patching

Leading the way to standardization and rolling patching

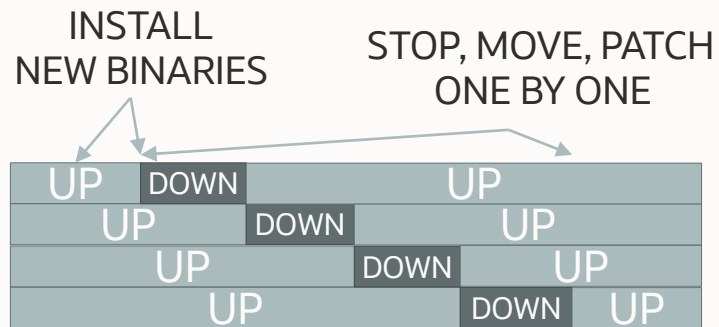
## In-place patching:



- No easy rollback
- Long downtime
- Complex process
- Error prone
- Standards not enforced

## Out-of-place patching:

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- Easy rollback
- Shorter downtime
- **Build binaries once** and use everywhere
- Easier Planning
- Built-in standardization



# How to get gold images

19c

Create yourself check :

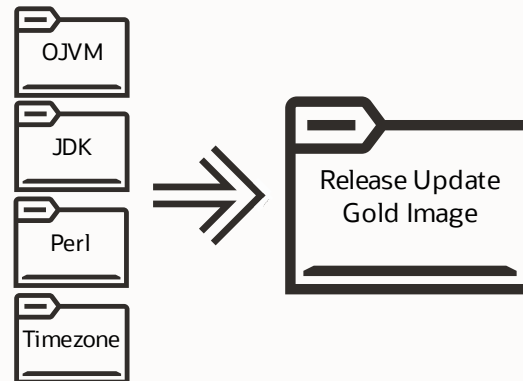
<https://blogs.oracle.com/maa/post/fpp-by-example-part-3-creating-gold-images>

Create MOS ticket and outsource to support

**Creating Gold Image for Oracle Database and Grid Infrastructure Installations (Doc ID 2915366.2)**

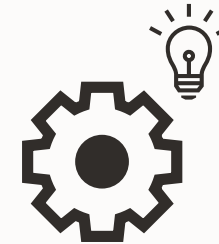
26ai

RUs are distributed as Full versions

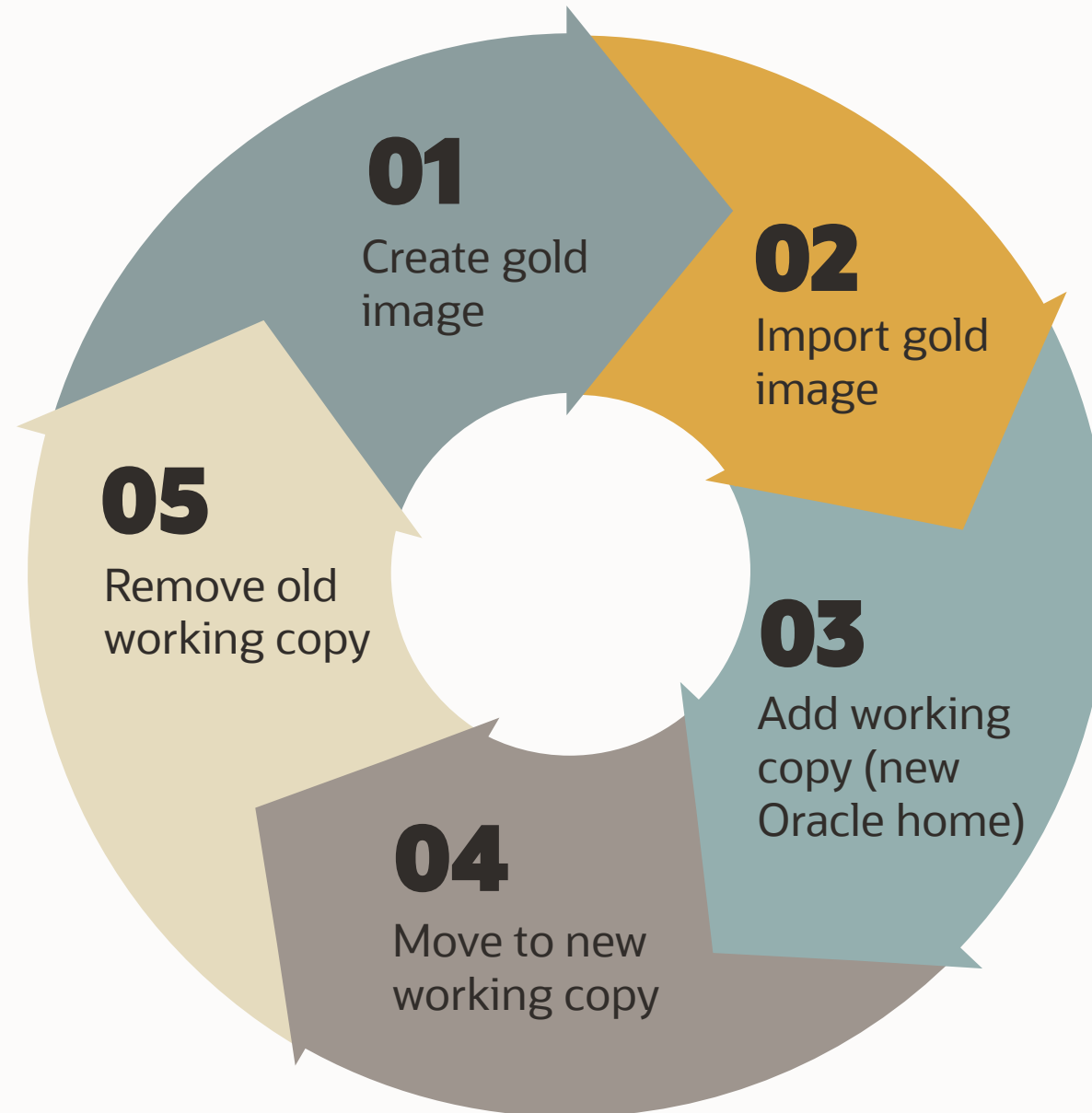


Use Oracle Update Advisor

Get Software Health Status and downloadable recommended image



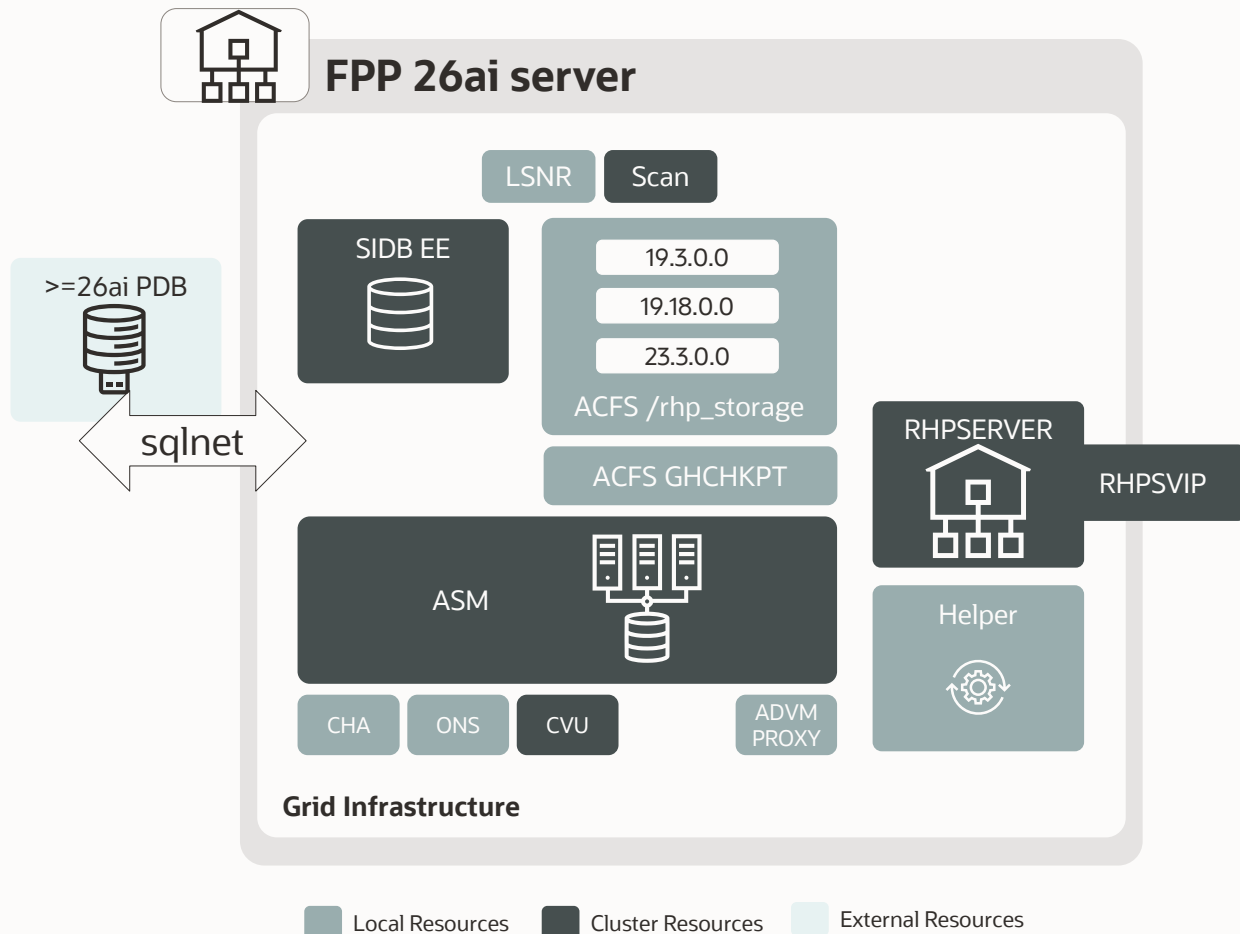
# Workflow



# Architecture and concepts

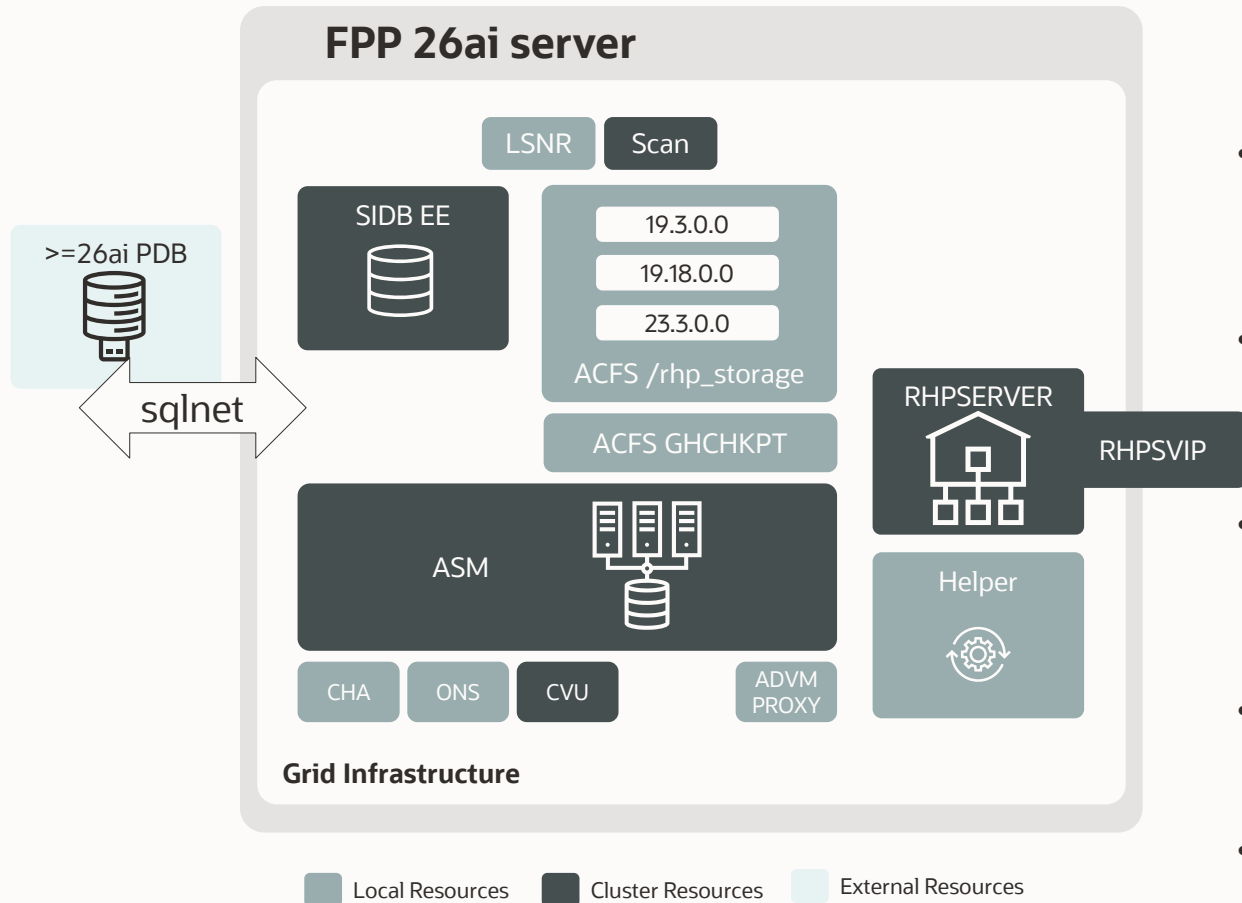
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# FPP server architecture 26ai



- Server installed, ready to host Grid Infrastructure  
Required firewall ports are open between FPP server and targets
- As from 26ai metadata can be stored in :
  - Single Instance Oracle EE database (Limited license included)
  - Oracle Database of choice RAC (One)
- Remove the local automaton  
# `srvctl remove rhpserver -f`
- Create the Oracle EE Single Instance Database  
# `$GRID_HOME/crs/install/reposScript.sh`  
# `-db_home=database_home -mode="Install"`  
# `-diskgroup=disk_group_name`
- Configure and start the RHPSERVER (as root)  
# `srvctl add rhpserver -storage /rhp_storage`  
# `-diskgroup data -rhpsvip_address xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx`  
# `-dbType FPPDB`  
# `srvctl start rhpserver`
- Start working with RHPCTL  
# `rhpctl import image -image DB233_Base \`  
# `-zip /tmp/LINUX.X64_233000_db_home.zip \`  
# `-imagetype ORACLEDBSOFTWARE`

# FPP server architecture 26ai



- The **RHPVIP** is needed by RHPCLIENT clusters, it acts as APP VIP for the RHPSERVER with a floating IP address. It simplifies networking firewall flows.
- The **RHPSERVER** orchestrates the tasks, invoking external processes and services. It listens to ports TCP 8894 (HTTPS) and TCP 8896 (JMX RMI) runs in a Micronoid container
- The **HELPER** is present on all FPP Servers and Clients nodes and executes local tasks under the supervision of the RHPSERVER
- FPP uses the GHSUSER23 schema in **Oracle EE single instance DB or External Oracle Database** to store the metadata of everything related to FPP. (Working Copies, Images, Credentials, Audit...)
- The **GHCHKPT** is used to persist the status of tasks so that a restart can pick up from that point.
- The **/rhp\_storage/image** mount point contains the ACFS file systems that host copies and snapshots of images and working copies



# FPP upgrade from 19c to 26ai

## 1<sup>st</sup> option

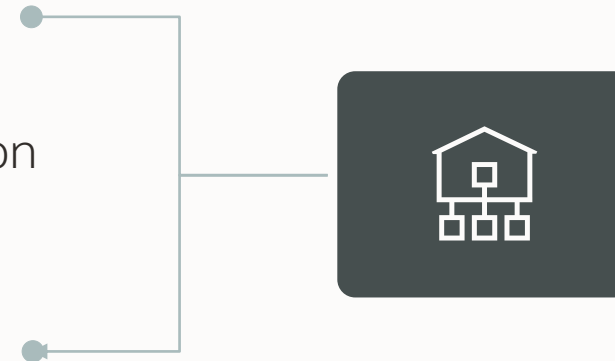
### Self Upgrade

Metadata from GIMR exported  
Imported in a new Single Instance Enterprise Edition  
Database running on FPP server

## 2<sup>nd</sup> option

### Fresh Install of 26ai FPP server

Switch clients one by one to new FPP server  
Import images  
Register old workingcopy



# Target Types

## FPP TARGETS



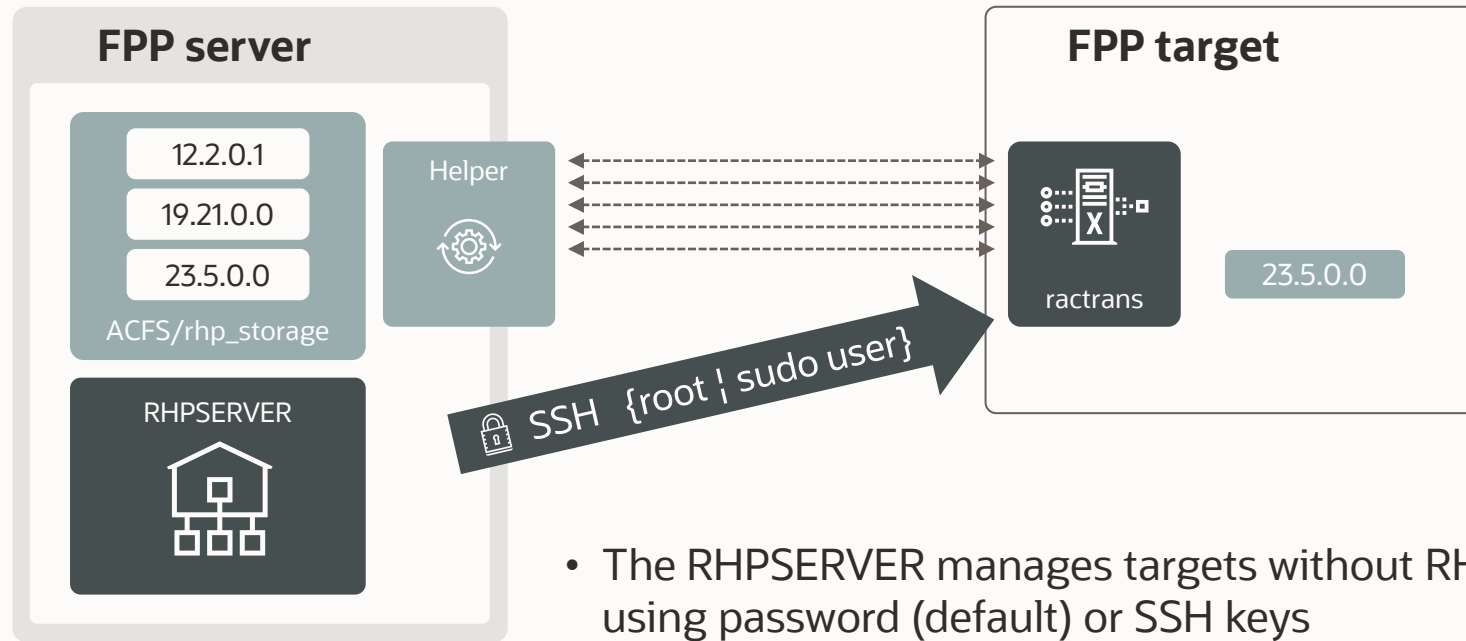
- **GI 12.1 or non-GI target deployments**
- Operations initiated from FPP server only
- Connection via remote SSH commands

- **Grid Infrastructure Clusters release 12.2+**
- Operations initiated from FPP server or client
- Connection via JMX and local processes
- Supports some additional capabilities compared to non-RHPC targets

# Getting started

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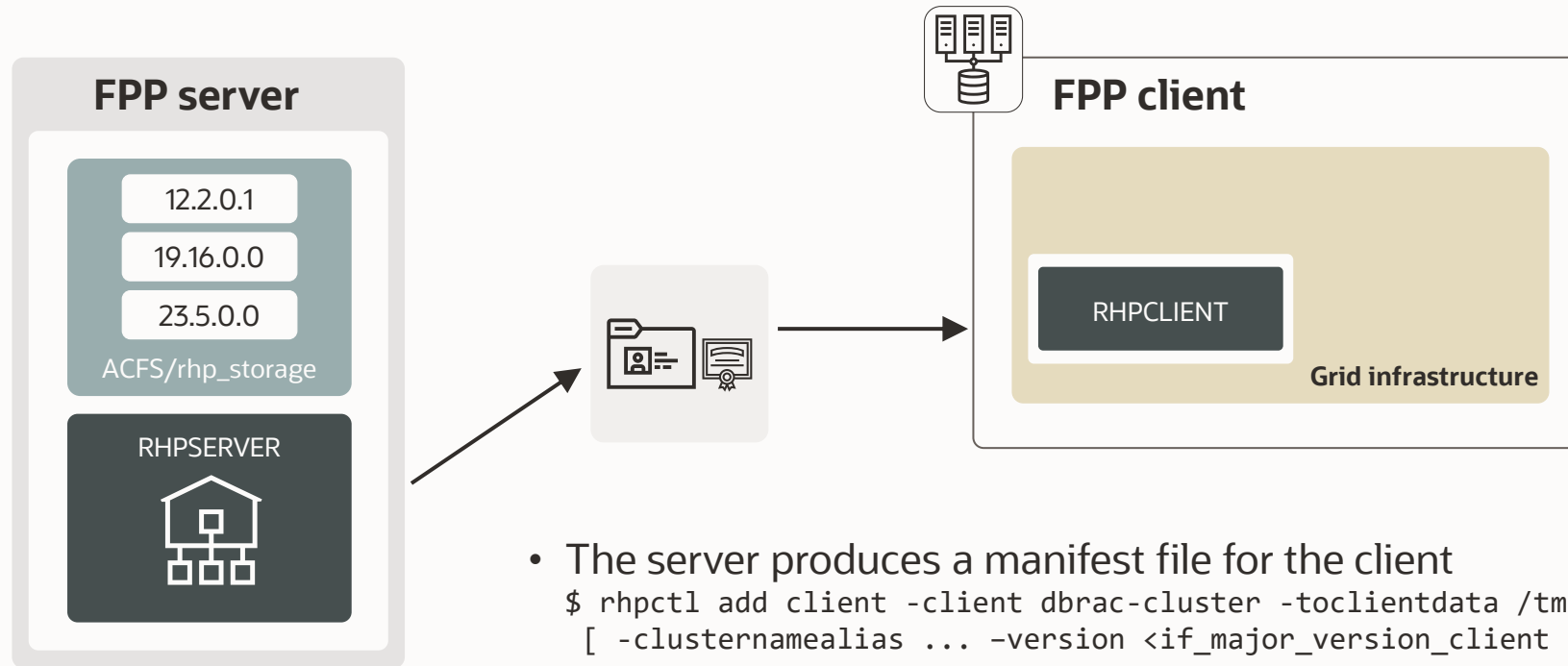
# FPP targets without RHPCLIENT



- The RHPSERVER manages targets without RHPCLIENT through SSH using password (default) or SSH keys
- Named credentials are stored in the FPP Server OCR
- Working copies are transferred to the target using «ractrans»  
`$ rhpctl add workingcopy -image ... -path ... -workingcopy ... -targetnode ... -root`
- The progress is tracked thanks to a listener on the FPP Server.



# Adding FPP clients



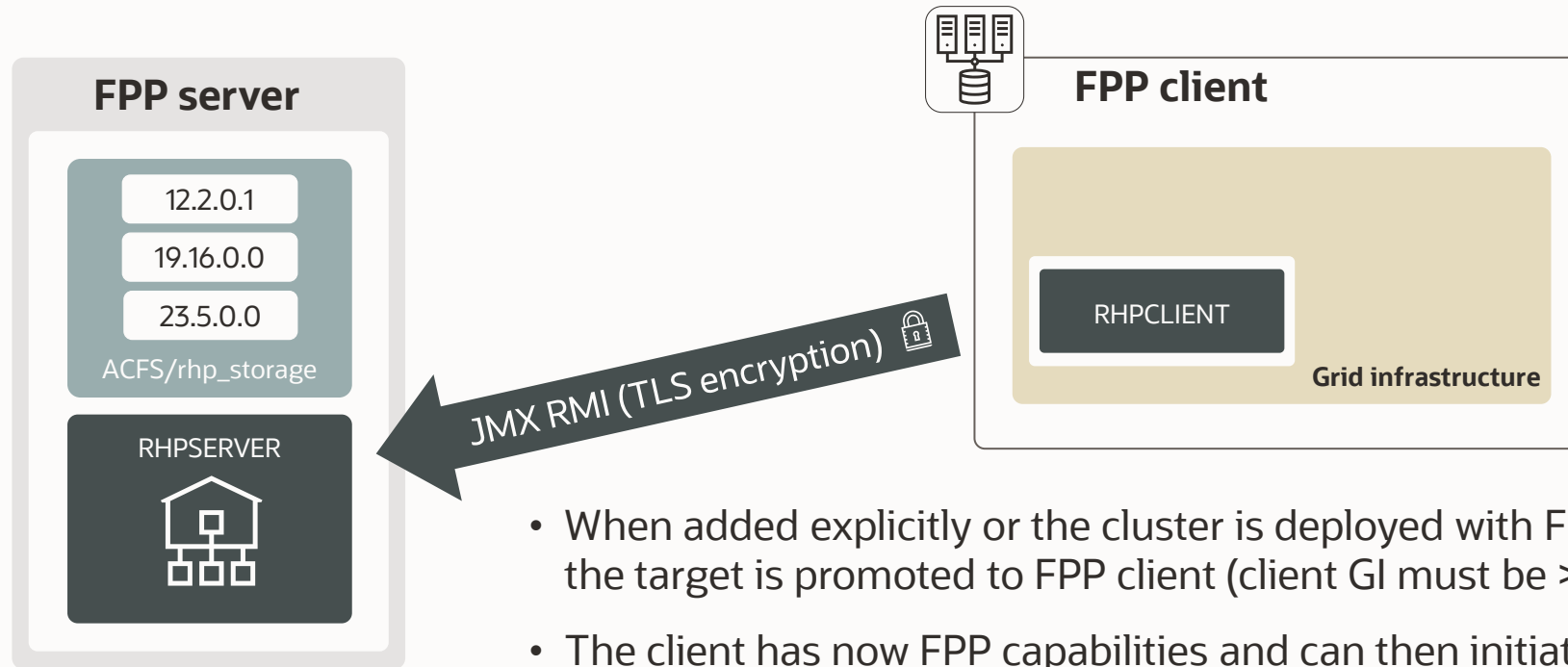
- The server produces a manifest file for the client

```
$ rhpctl add client -client dbrac-cluster -toclientdata /tmp  
[ -clusternamalias ... -version <if_major_version_client < major_version server>]
```
- It must be copied on the client, which uses it to connect to the server (as root)

```
# srvctl add rhpclient -clientdata /tmp/dbrac-cluster-cluster.xml  
$ srvctl start rhpclient  
$ rhpctl query server  
Rapid Home Provisioning Server (RHPS): fpps01  
Storage base path: /rhp_storage  
Disk Groups: DATA  
Port number: 8896
```



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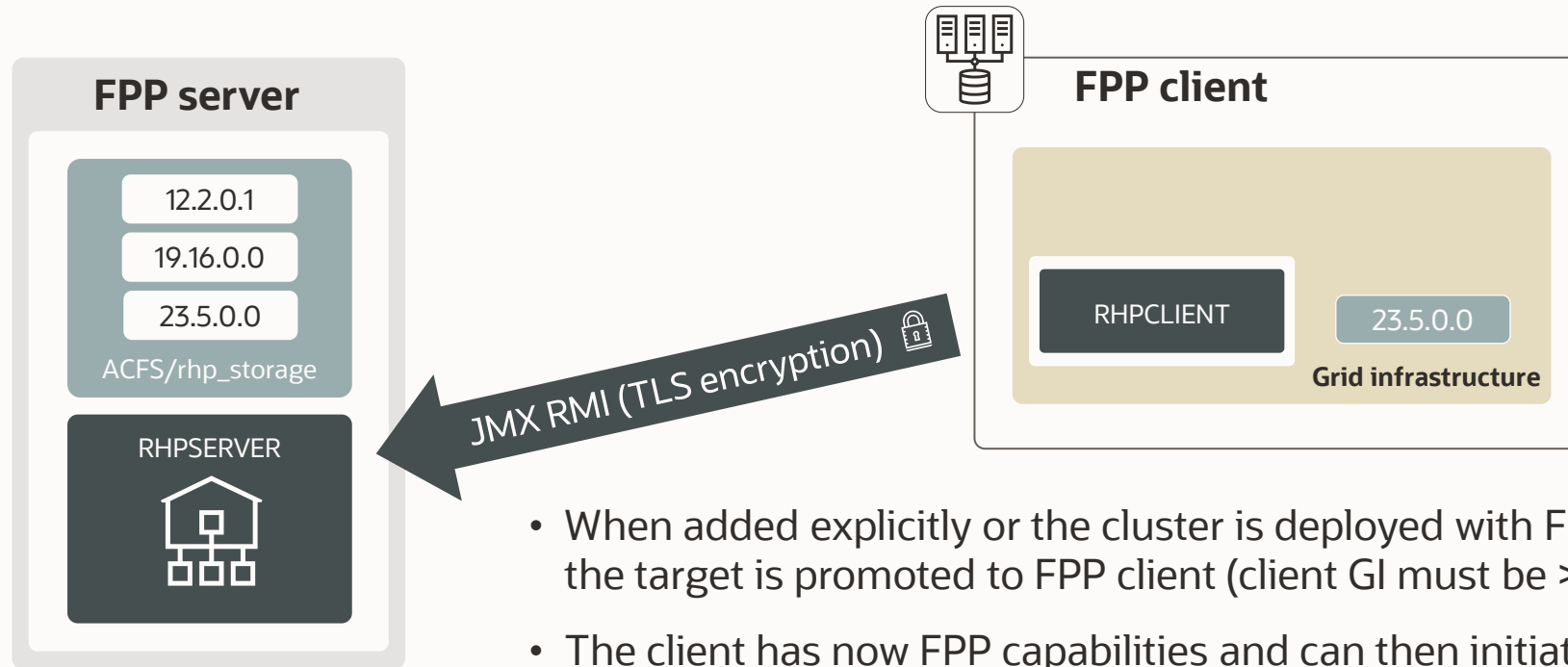


- When added explicitly or the cluster is deployed with FPP, the target is promoted to FPP client (client GI must be  $\geq 12.2$ )
- The client has now FPP capabilities and can then initiate its own operations
- FPP client and server can communicate through TLS encrypted JMX:RMI. SSH is not needed anymore, root credentials or sudo also not needed.
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rhptl add workingcopy -image ... -path ... -workingcopy ... -client ...
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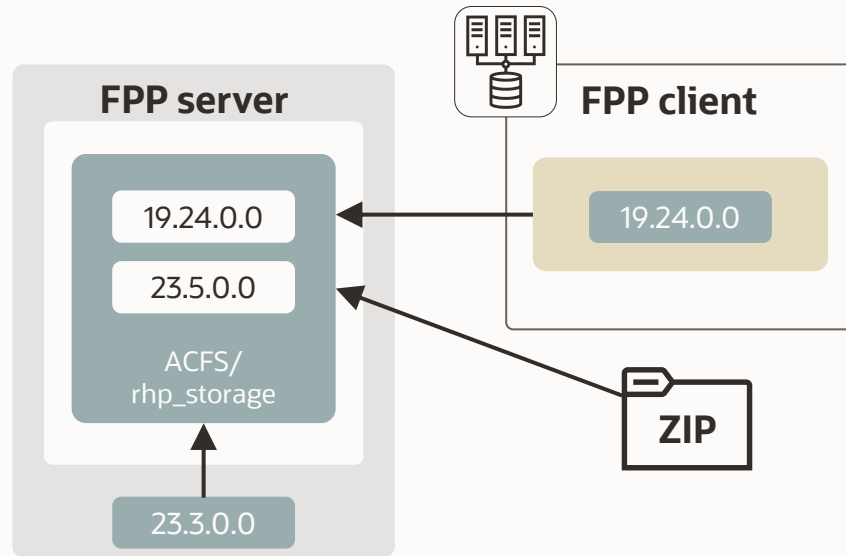
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# Importing images

## rhptl import image



- From zip file
- From existing unmanaged home (local or remote)

- Recommended to :
  - 1) Import on the FPP server itself, using local home or zip
  - 2) Start from base release 19.3 (for 19c) then apply RU's and one offs

Check <https://blogs.oracle.com/maa/post/fpp-by-example-part-3-creating-gold-images>

In 26ai RUs are always full versions  
Custom images with one-offs on a specific RU can be asked via MOS

**Creating Gold Image for Oracle Database and Grid Infrastructure Installations (Doc ID 2915366.2)**

# Importing images - Example

```
rhpcctl import image -image gi_19_24_0 -path /u01/app/19.0.0.0/grid -imagetype ORACLEGISOFTWARE
fpps01.pub.fpplivelab.oraclevcn.com: Audit ID: 4
fpps01.pub.fpplivelab.oraclevcn.com: Creating a new ACFS file system for image " gi_19_24_0" ...
fpps01.pub.fpplivelab.oraclevcn.com: Copying files...
fpps01.pub.fpplivelab.oraclevcn.com: Copying home contents...
fpps01.pub.fpplivelab.oraclevcn.com: Changing the home ownership to user grid...
fpps01.pub.fpplivelab.oraclevcn.com: Changing the home ownership to user grid...
```

```
rhpcctl import image -image db_19_24_0 -path /u01/app/oracle/product/19.0.0.0/dbhome_1
fpps01.pub.fpplivelab.oraclevcn.com: Audit ID: 5
fpps01.pub.fpplivelab.oraclevcn.com: Creating a new ACFS file system for image " db_19_24_0" ...
fpps01.pub.fpplivelab.oraclevcn.com: Copying files...
fpps01.pub.fpplivelab.oraclevcn.com: Copying home contents...
fpps01.pub.fpplivelab.oraclevcn.com: Changing the home ownership to user oracle...
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# Querying images - Example

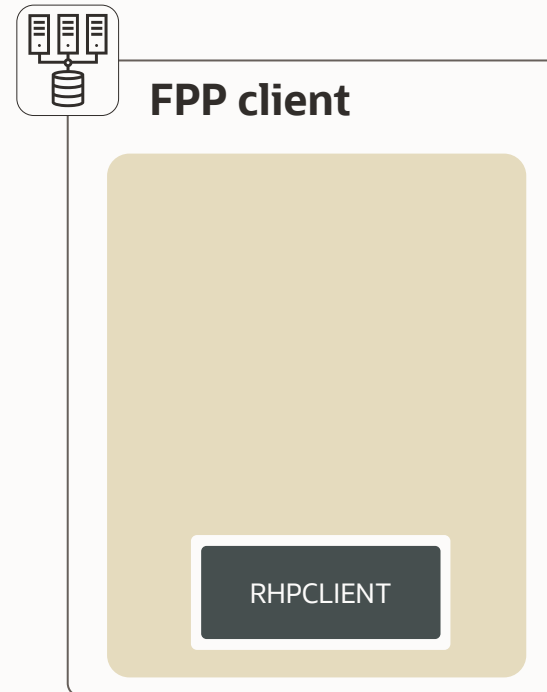
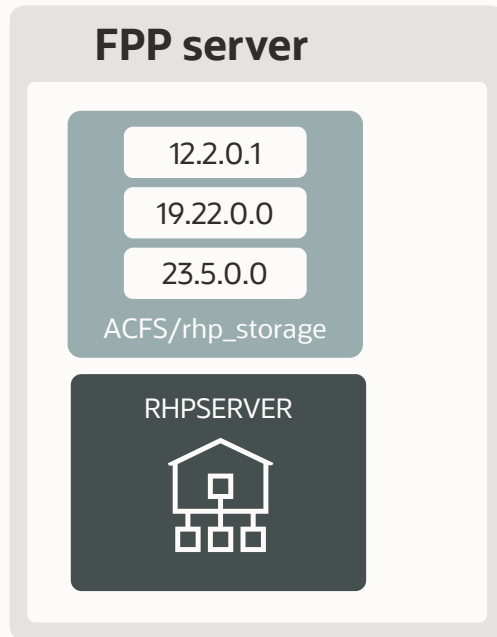
```
rhpctl query image -image gi_19_24_0
fpp19c-c11.sub01171652351.lab.oraclevcn.com: Audit ID: 1775
Image name: GI_1924_0
Owner: grid@dbSysmzylwmqq
Site: dbSysmzylwmqq
Access control: USER:grid@dbSysmzylwmqq
Access control: ROLE:OTHER
Access control: ROLE:GH_IMG_PUBLISH
Access control: ROLE:GH_IMG_ADMIN
Access control: ROLE:GH_IMG_VISIBILITY
Parent Image:
Software home path: /rhp/images/iGI_1924_0612605/.ACFS/snaps/iGI_1924_0/swhome
Image state: PUBLISHED
Image size: 11248 Megabytes
Image Type: ORACLEGISOFTWARE
Image Version: 19.0.0.0.0:19.24.0.0.0
Groups configured in the image:
OSDBA=oinstall,OSASM=oinstall,OSBACKUP=oinstall,OSDG=oinstall,OSKM=oinstall,OSRAC=oinstall
Image platform: Linux_AMD64
Interim patches installed: 34697081,36414915,36538667,36758186,36648174,36590554,36587798,36582781
Contains a non-rolling patch: FALSE
Complete: TRUE
```



# Patching and Provisioning

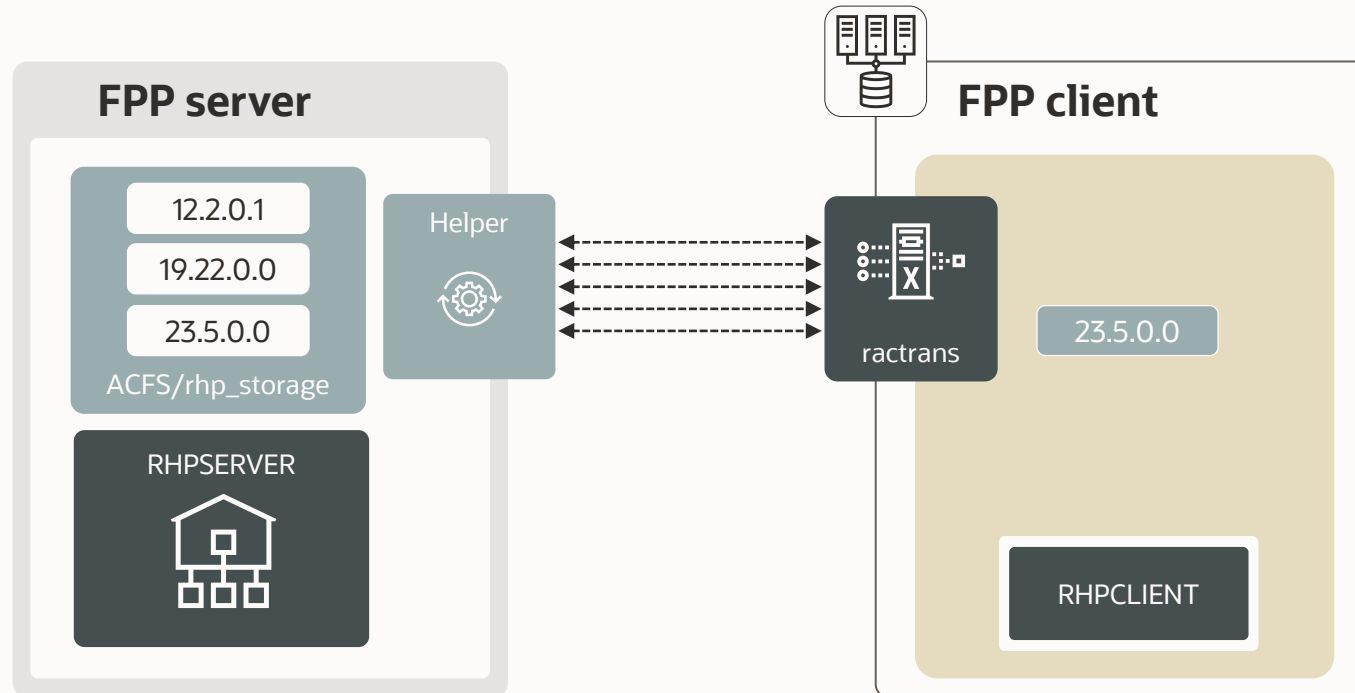
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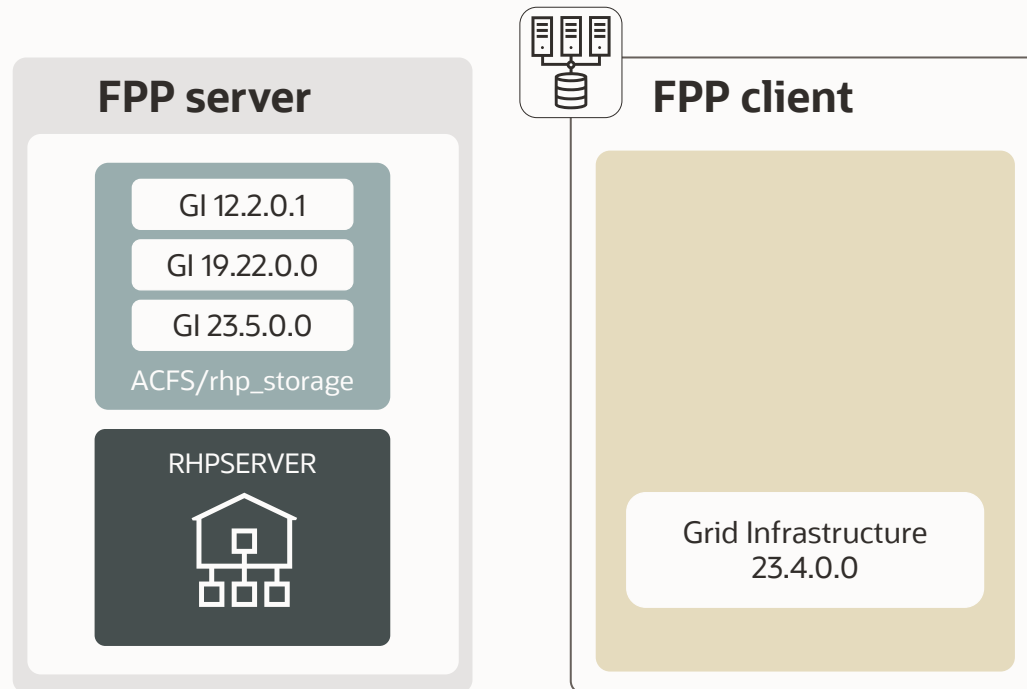
- Filesystem existence and size are not managed by FPP
- The Oracle Home will be on a local filesystem (must provision on all cluster nodes)
- Whether client (JMX) or not (SSH), the transfer is done via ractrans.
- Minimum 6 ports needed, configurable with:  
`srvctl modify rhpserver - port_range <range>`

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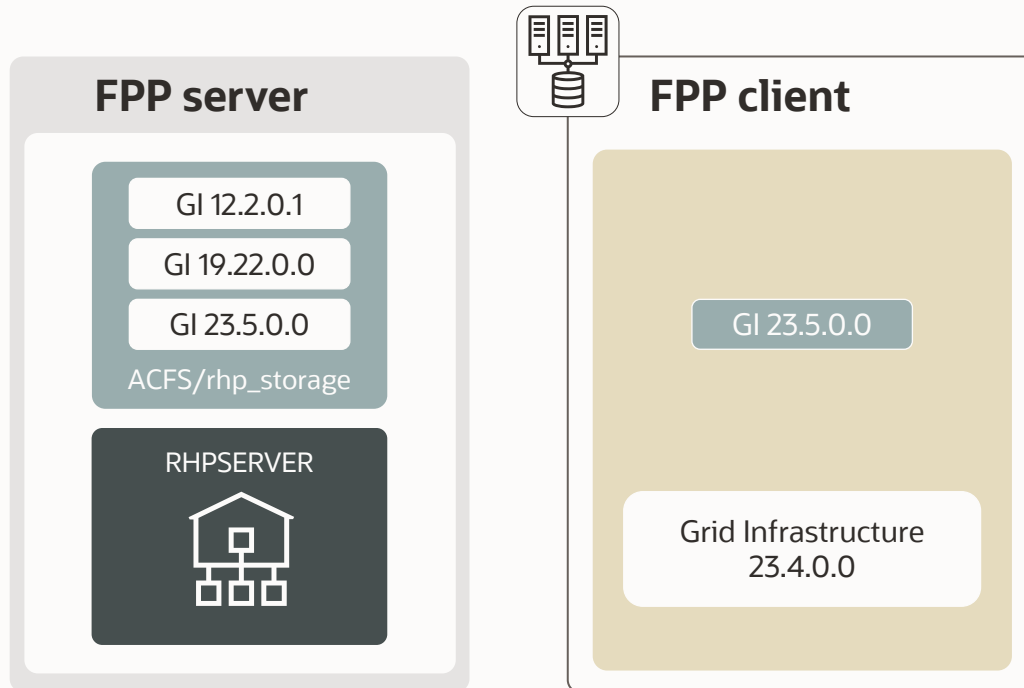
# Adding grid infrastructure workingcopy to an existing server/cluster



- GI working copies can only be LOCAL
- GI Software copy works like database software copies
- FPP detects users and groups and assign correct ownership
- A GI stack already exists, the install is «software\_only»



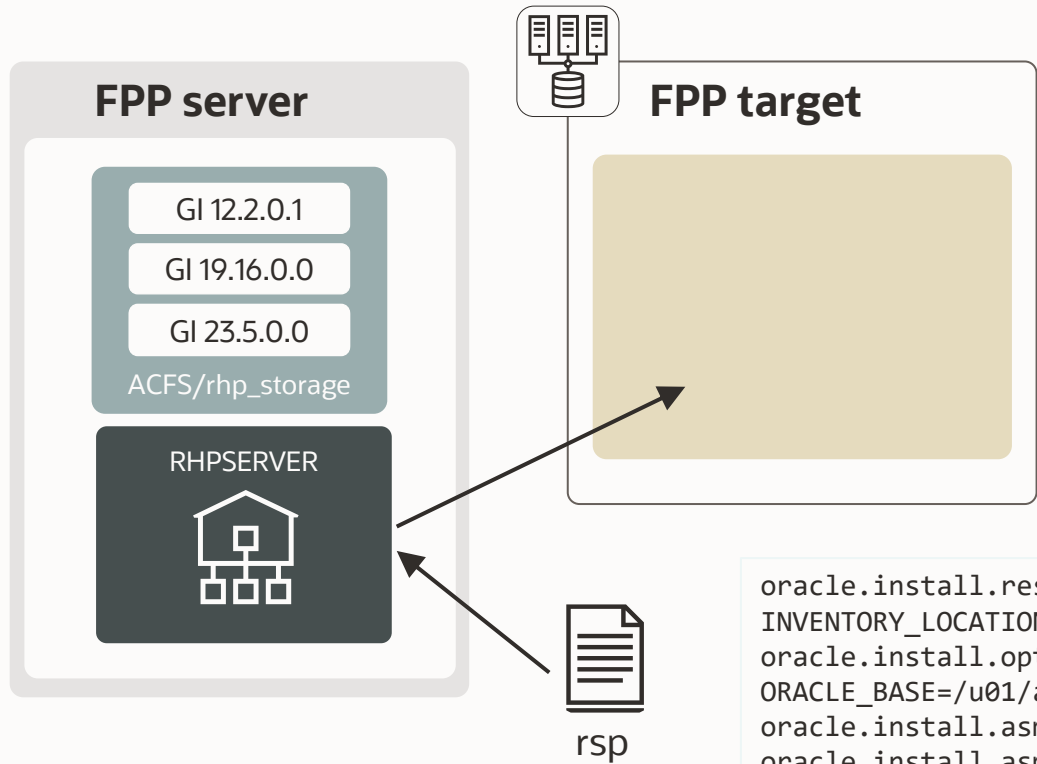
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```
rhptl add workingcopy -workingcopy <workingcopy_name> \
-image <image_name> \
-oraclebase <..> -softwareonly \
-path <..>
```

# Adding grid infrastructure workingcopy to a new server/cluster



- A responsfile can be provided to configure the cluster
- GI Software is copied
- FPP takes care of installing and configuring the cluster

```
oracle.install.responseFileVersion=/oracle/install/rspfmt_crsinstall_response_schema_v19.0.0
INVENTORY_LOCATION=/u01/app/oraInventory
oracle.install.option=HA_CONFIG
ORACLE_BASE=/u01/app/grid
oracle.install.asm.OSDBA=dba
oracle.install.asm.OSOPER=oper
oracle.install.asm.OSASM=asmadmin
oracle.install.asm.SYSASMPassword=
oracle.install.asm.diskGroup.name=DATA
oracle.install.asm.diskGroup.redundancy=EXTERNAL
oracle.install.asm.diskGroup.AUSize=4
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oracle.install.asm.diskGroup.diskDiscoveryString=/dev/oracleasm/*
oracle.install.asm.monitorPassword=
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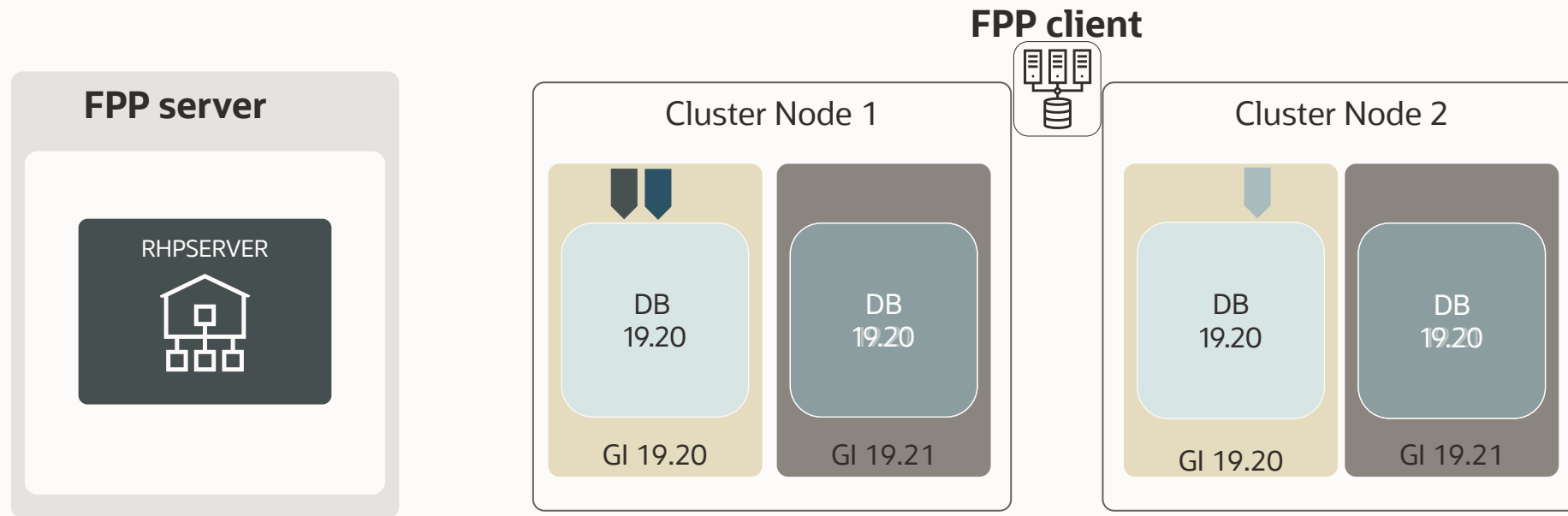
# Example: Deployment of an Oracle Restart environment

```
[grid@fpps01 ~]$ rhpctl add workingcopy -workingcopy WC_gi_19_24_0_FPPC -image gi_19_24_0 -responsefile ~/fppc.rsp \  
-path /u01/app/grid/WC_gi_19_24_0_FPPC -user oracle -oraclebase /u01/app/oracle \  
-targetnode fppc -sudouser opc -sudopath /bin/sudo -ignoreprereq  
  
Enter user "opc" password:  
fpps01.pub.fpplivelab.oraclevcn.com: Storing metadata in repository for working copy "WC_gi_19_24_0_FPPC" ...  
fpps01.pub.fpplivelab.oraclevcn.com: Creating snapshot "tmpgi_19_24_0WC_gi_19_24_0_FPPC" ...  
fpps01.pub.fpplivelab.oraclevcn.com: Changing the home ownership to user oracle...  
fpps01.pub.fpplivelab.oraclevcn.com: Copying software contents to Local File System ...  
fpps01.pub.fpplivelab.oraclevcn.com: Changing the home ownership to user oracle...  
[ . . . ]  
fppc: As a root user, execute the following script(s):  
fppc: 1. /u01/app/oraInventory/orainstRoot.sh  
fppc: 2. /u01/app/grid/WC_gi_19_24_0_FPPC/root.sh  
fppc: ..... 100% Done.  
fpps01.pub.fpplivelab.oraclevcn.com: Successfully executed clone operation.  
fpps01.pub.fpplivelab.oraclevcn.com: Executing root script on nodes [fppc].  
fppc: Changing permissions of /u01/app/oraInventory.  
fppc: Adding read,write permissions for group.  
fppc: Removing read,write,execute permissions for world.  
fppc:  
fppc: Changing groupname of /u01/app/oraInventory to oinstall.  
fppc: The execution of the script is complete.  
fpps01.pub.fpplivelab.oraclevcn.com: Successfully executed root script on nodes [fppc].  
fpps01.pub.fpplivelab.oraclevcn.com: Executing configuration script on nodes [fppc]  
fpps01.pub.fpplivelab.oraclevcn.com: Successfully executed configuration script on nodes [fppc]  
fpps01.pub.fpplivelab.oraclevcn.com: Executing root script on nodes [fppc].  
fppc: Check /u01/app/grid/WC_gi_19_24_0_FPPC/install/root_fppc_2021-03-31_13-24-06-546102180.log for the output of root script  
fpps01.pub.fpplivelab.oraclevcn.com: Successfully executed root script on nodes [fppc].  
fpps01.pub.fpplivelab.oraclevcn.com: Executing post configuration script on nodes [fppc]  
fpps01.pub.fpplivelab.oraclevcn.com: Successfully executed post configuration script on nodes fppc]  
fpps01.pub.fpplivelab.oraclevcn.com: Oracle home provisioned.  
fpps01.pub.fpplivelab.oraclevcn.com: Working copy creation completed.
```



# Grid patching

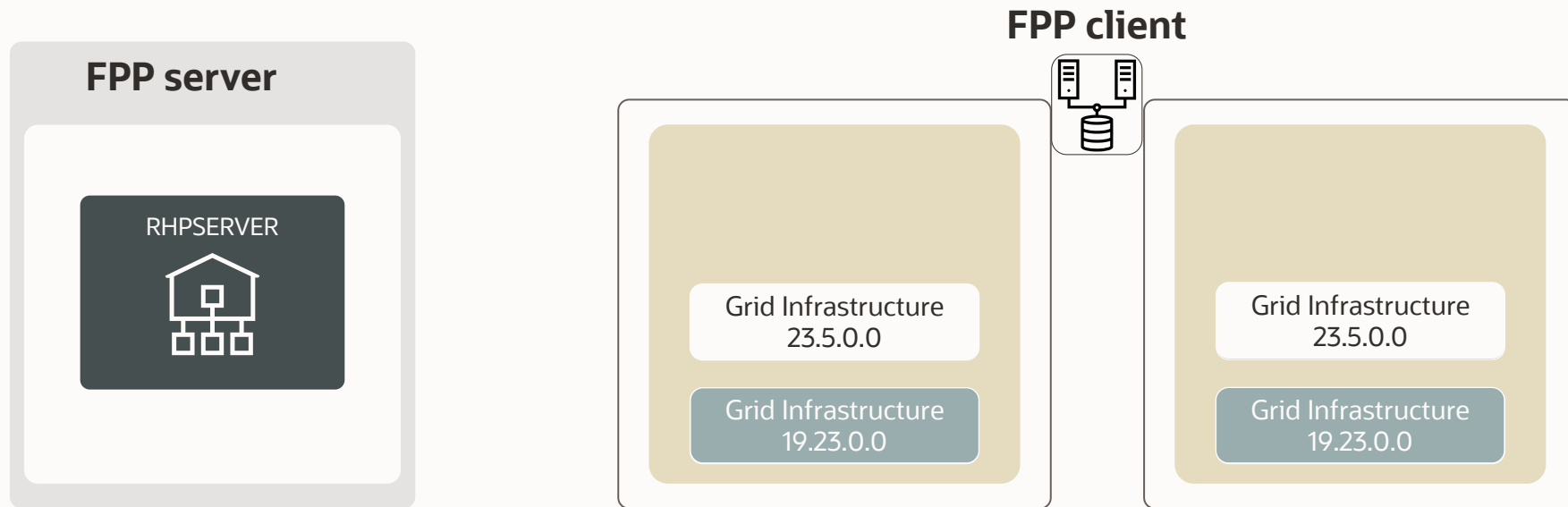
Rolling patching to new grid home



```
rhptcl move gihome \  
-destwc WC_gi192000_c11 \  
-sourcewc WC_gi192100_c11 \  
-drain_timeout 600
```

- Rolling by default
- Automated datapatch execution
- Service Drain Timeout honored
- Optionally possible to patch "Vertically" GI + DB in one flow

# Grid infrastructure upgrade



```
rhpcctl upgrade gihome \  
-sourcewc WC_gi19230_cl1 \  
-destwc WC_gi23400_cl1
```



# Adding workingcopies FPP Client vs rhpclient-less target

FPP Client

Rhpclient-less target

```
rhpctl add workingcopy -image <img_name> -workingcopy <wc_name>  
-oraclebase <oracle_base> -path <oracle_home> -user <oracle_home_user>  
-groups OSDBA=dba,...,OSKM=dba,OSRAC=dba
```

-client <client\_name>

-targetnode target

-root | -cred cred\_name | -sudouser  
sudo\_username | -auth sshkey

-arg1 user:ssh\_user

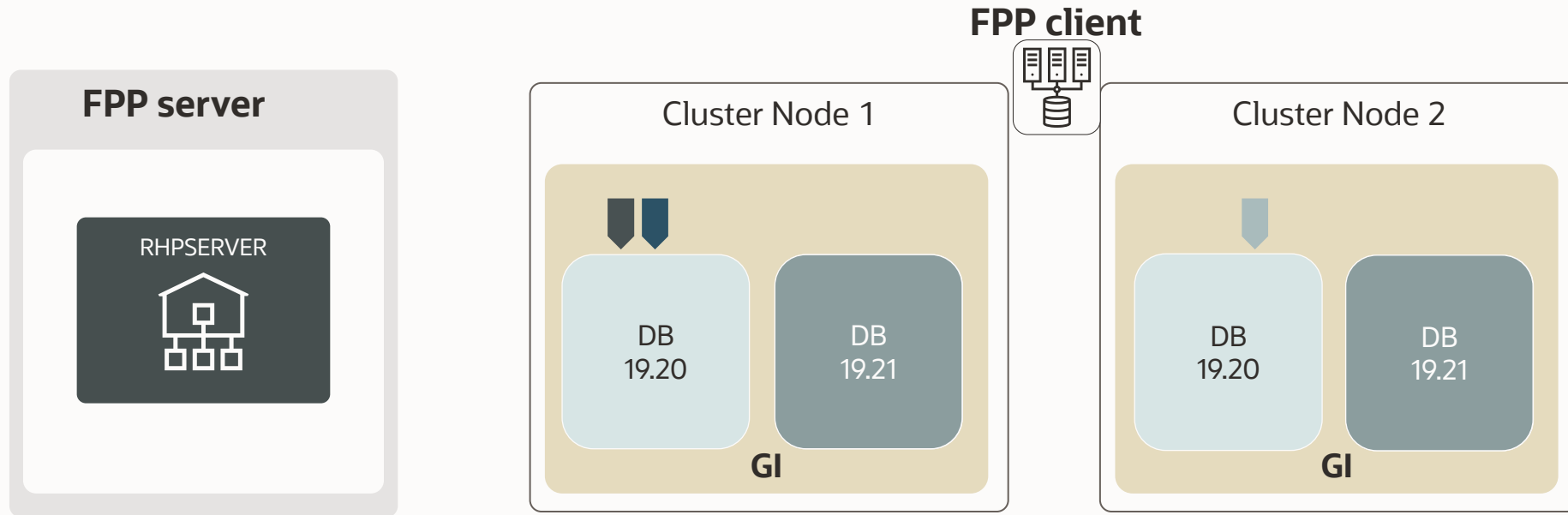
-arg2 identity\_file:path\_to\_identity\_file

-arg3 sudo\_location:path\_to\_sudo\_binary

Unless the environment is well standardized always specify the groups

# Database patching

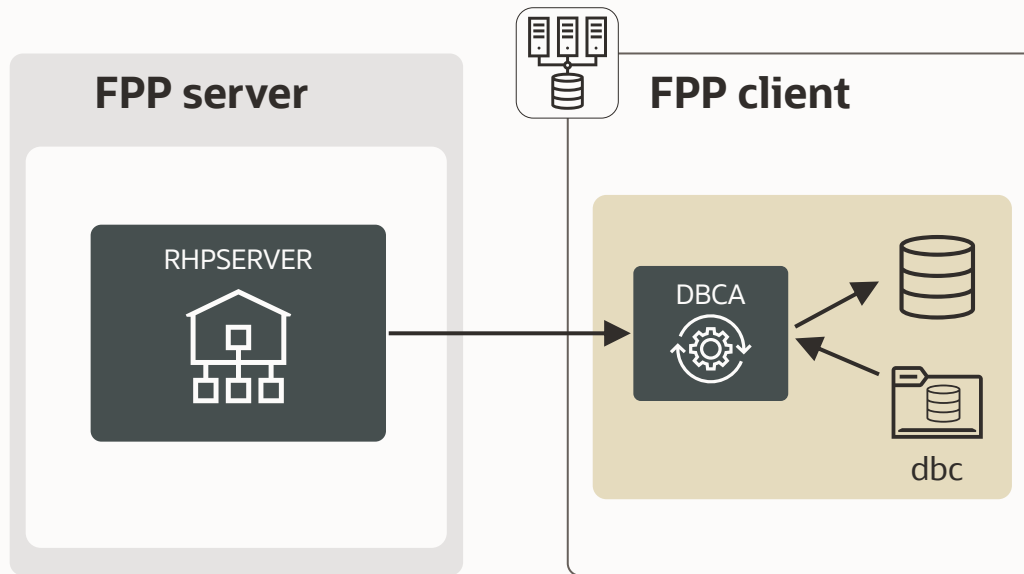
Rolling patching to new database home



```
rhpctl move database \  
-sourcewc WC_db192000_c11 \  
-patchedwc WC_db192100_c11 \  
-drain_timeout 600
```

- Rolling by default
- Automated datapatch execution
- Service Drain Timeout honored
- Optionally possible to patch "Vertically" GI + DB in one flow

# Provisioning databases



- FPP can provision SINGLE Instance, RAC, RACONENODE databases to FPP Clients
- It executes database creation assistant (DBCA)
- Template files must exist either in the Gold Image or locally on the FPP Client

```
rhptl add database -workingcopy <workingcopy> \  
-dbname <dbuqname> ... \  
-dbtemplate <template_file>
```



# Provisioning databases

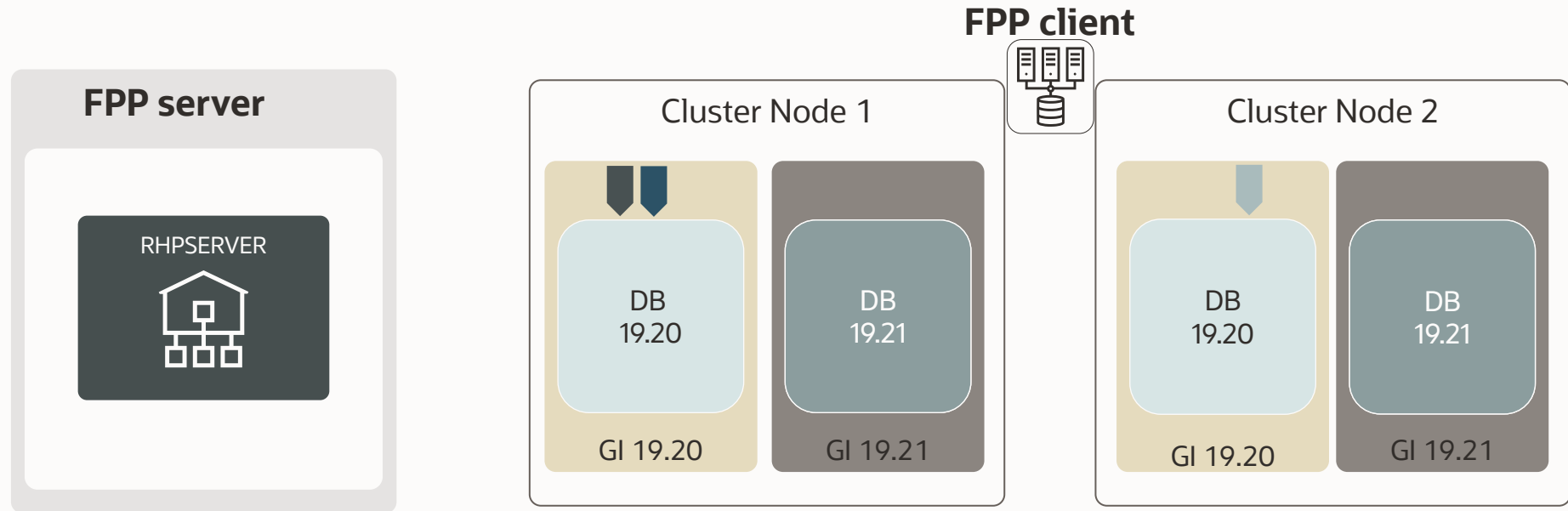
```
rhpcctl add database \  
  -workingcopy WC_db_19_12_0_oci_FPPC1_RHP \  
  -dbname racldb2_fra1nn \  
  -datafileDestination DATA \  
  -targetnode fppc1 \  
  -dbtype RAC \  
  -cdb \  
  -dbtemplate db_19_12_0_oci:assistants/dbca/templates/seed_db.dbc
```

```
$ ls -tr /u01/app/oracle/cfgtoollogs/dbca/racldb2_fra1nn  
initracldb2frTempOMF.ora.1115202092759 cloneDBCreation.log catclust_catcon_77650.lst  
racldb2_fra1nn.log rmanUtil CreateClustDBViews.log  
trace.log_2020-12-14_05-55-05PM plugDatabase.log lockAccount.log  
initracldb2frTempOMF.ora.1115202094834 ordlib0.log utlrlp0.log  
rmanDeleteFiles.sql ordlib_catcon_75303.lst utlrlp_catcon_85815.lst  
racldb2_fra1nn0.log execemx0.log postDBCcreation.log  
trace.log_2020-12-15_09-25-26AM execemx_catcon_76689.lst racldb2_fra1nn1.log  
tempControl.ctl postScripts.log trace.log_2020-12-15_09-45-48AM  
CloneRmanRestore.log catclust0.log
```



# Vertical patching

Combined GI + DB patching

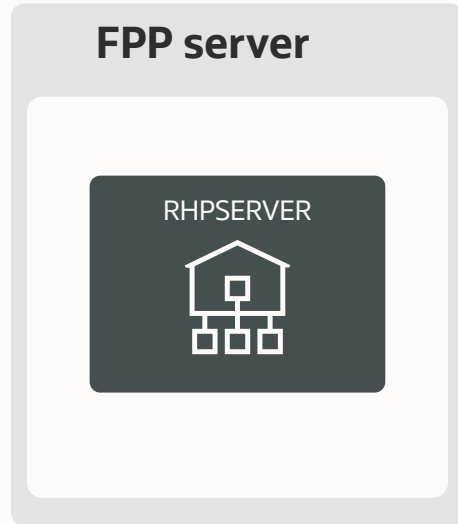


```
rhpctl move gihome -destwc WC_GI_1921_c11 \  
-sourcewc WC_GI_1920_c11 -auto \  
-dbhomes WC_DB_1920_c11=WC_DB_1921_c11 \  
-drain_timeout 600
```

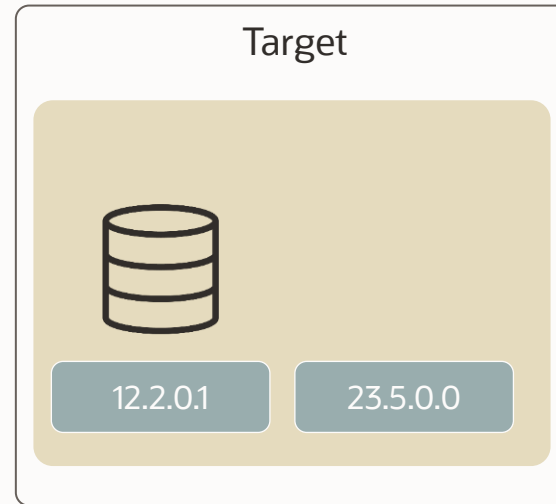
- Compute OS + GI patching possible on Exadata



# Database upgrades



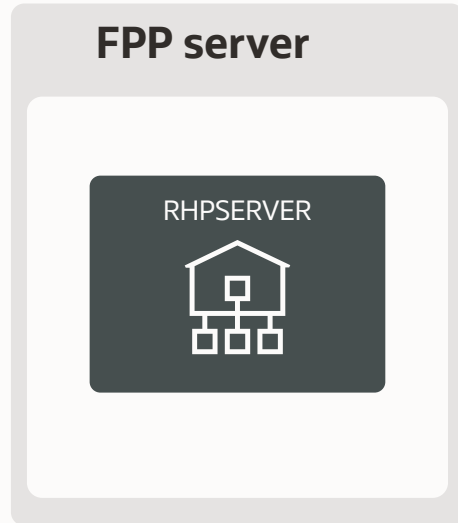
## FPP target



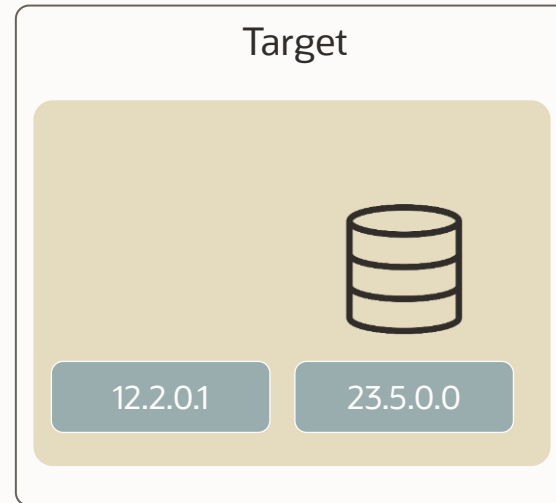
```
rhctl upgrade database \  
-dbname single_fra1nn \  
-sourcwc WC_db12201_c11 \  
-destwc WC_db2300_c11 \  
-autoupg \  
-upgtimezone YES | NO \  
-grp YES | NO \  
-restart
```



# Database upgrades



## FPP target



```
rhpcctl upgrade database \  
-dbname single_fra1nn \  
-sourcewc WC_db12201_c11 \  
-destwc WC_db23400_c11 \  
-autoupg \  
-upgtimezone YES | NO \  
-grp YES | NO \  
-restart
```

- Uses autoupgrade
  - Upgrade timezone as part of the process
  - Creates a guaranteed restore point
- Make sure to put the most recent autoupgrade version in the target image `~/rdbms/admin` check MOS note 2485457.1
- Multitenant conversion possible in 26ai
- Upgrade required downtime

# Support for Oracle Update Advisor

Oracle Update Advisor delivers a streamlined process and comprehensive framework for existing tools, simplifying the update process. It provides software update status, recommendations, and custom-built software images.

Oracle Update Advisor provides

- Software Status
  - Why Status != GREEN
- Software Recommendation
  - Retain existing fixes in current software
  - Include additional fixes
  - Adjusted per policy
- Software Image
  - Matching recommendation



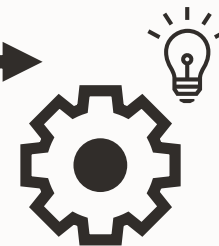
Customer runs getStatus / getRecommendation via update tool (optional w/ policy)



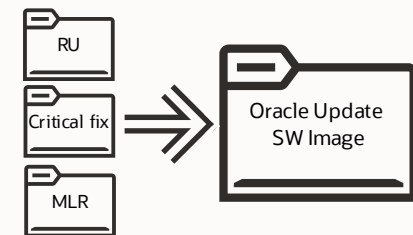
Fleet  
Patching &  
Provisioning



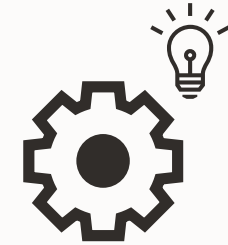
FPP Gathers inventory details and submits request to Oracle Update Advisor



Get response from  
Oracle Update Advisor



# Using Oracle Update Advisor in FPP (1)



1

Register with OUA\*

```
rhpcctl manage updateadvisor -registeruser  
-ssouusername abc@xxx.com -csi 12345678
```

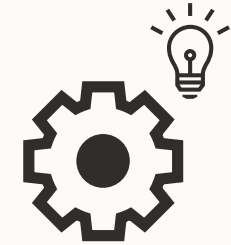
2

Get health status  
and recommendation

```
rhpcctl evaluate patch  
-image <image_name> | -path <path>  
Performing software health check for image "GI239".  
  
Software health status: "YELLOW"  
Software health comment: "One cycle behind your  
policy."  
Software Type: "GI"  
Current version: "23.9.0.25.7"  
Recommended version: "23.26.0.0.0"  
updateLag policy: LATEST (default)  
applyFrequency policy: QUARTERLY (default)
```

\* FPP Server or Local Mode client needs https (port 443) access to. [transport.oracle.com](https://transport.oracle.com)

# Using Oracle Update Advisor in FPP (2)



3

Get recommended Gold image

```
rhpcctl evaluate patch -image <image>  
-generateimage -importtoimage <new_image>
```

This creates a job that will download the image

```
rhpcctl evaluate patch -image GI238 -generateimage -importtoimage GI26AI  
Audit ID: 352  
Operation "rhpcctl evaluate patch" scheduled with the job ID "22".
```

After a while the image is downloaded and imported in the FPP repository(check the job output)

```
Request id: 5120  
Check back after estimated time: "2h"  
...  
Downloading image ...  
Downloaded "2,098,843,661" bytes so far, continuing download...  
Image downloaded succesfully at location "/rhp/images/ipatchplanimage18205/swhome".  
The checksum of the downloaded image has been successfully validated...  
Importing image "GI26AI"...
```

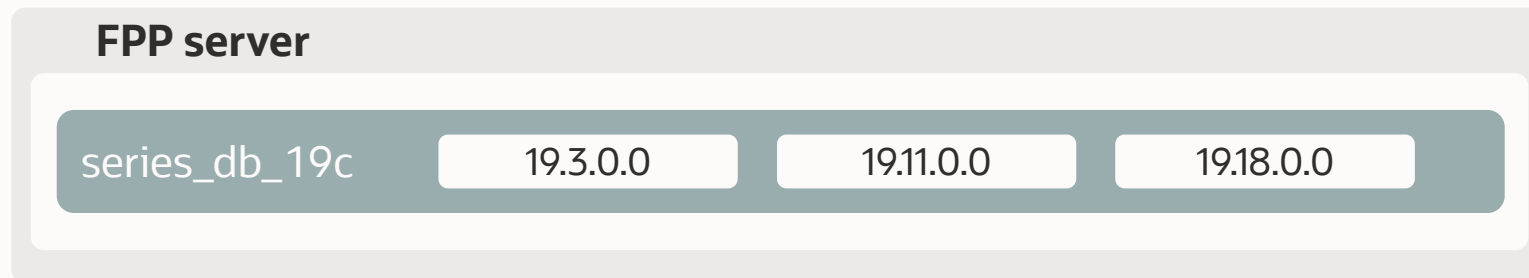


# Advanced options

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# Image series

- Ordered list of images
- Users can subscribe and get notified via e-mail about new images
- Order is useful to get the latest image to patch the DBs



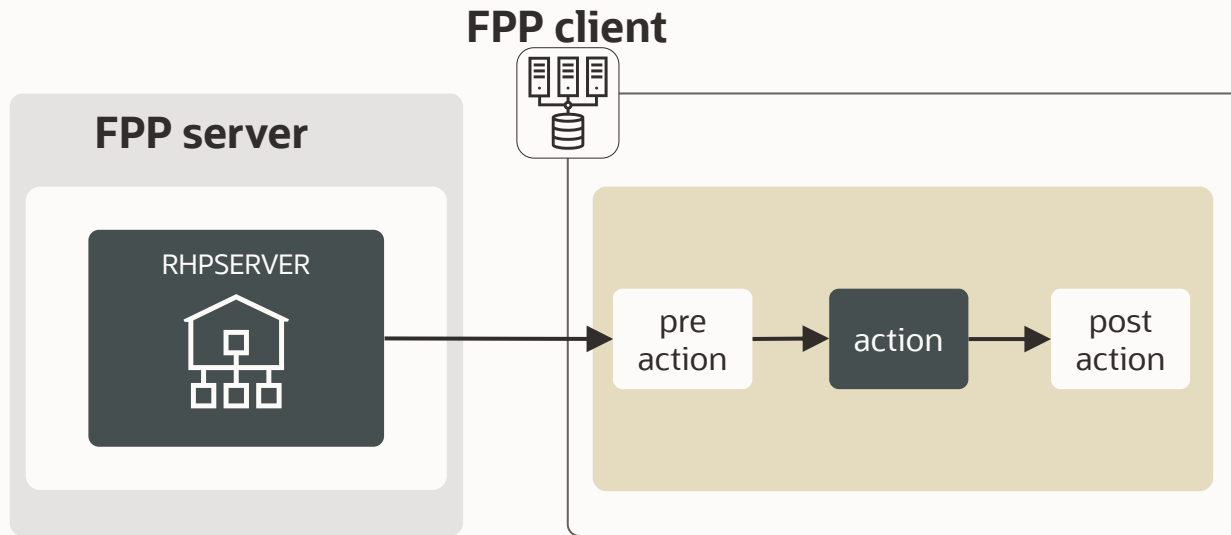
```
rhpcctl add series -series series_db_19c
```

```
rhpcctl insertimage series -series series_db_19c -image db_19_3_0
```

```
rhpcctl insertimage series -series series_db_19c -image db_19_11_0
```

```
rhpcctl insertimage series -series series_db_19c -image db_19_18_0
```

# User actions



- Pre or Post actions
- On one or all nodes
- On server or client

```
rhptl add useraction -post -optype ADD_DATABASE \  
-onerror CONTINUE \  
-useraction action_post_add_database \  
-actionscrip /var/opt/dbascripts/action_post_add_database.sh \  
-runscope ONENODE
```

# User actions: example script

```
#!/bin/sh
# convert parameters to variables
for i in "$@" ; do
    export $i
done

L_CRG_HOME=$(cat /etc/oracle/olr.loc | grep crs_home | awk -F= '{print $2}')
L_OH=$(($L_CRG_HOME/bin/rhpctl query workingcopy -workingcopy $RHP_WORKINGCOPY -metadataonly | grep "Software
home path:" | awk '{print $NF}')
L_HOSTNAME=$(($L_CRG_HOME/bin/olsnodes -l)
L_SID=$(echo $RHP_DBNAME | cut -c 1-8)

# add EMCC target
/var/opt/dbascripts/emcli/emcli add_target -name="$RHP_DBNAME" \
    -type="oracle_database" -host="$L_HOSTNAME" \
    -credentials="UserName:dbsnmp;password:\
    -properties="SID:$L_SID;Port:1521;OracleHome:$L_OH"

# register in RMAN catalog
export ORACLE_HOME=$L_OH
$L_OH/bin/rman target / catalog rman/secret@rcvcat <<EOF
    register database;
    exit
EOF
```

# Drift reporting

```
$ rhpctl query image -drift
fpp19c-c12.sub01171652351.lab.oraclevcn.com: Audit ID: 857
Image "DB_1914_oci" with additional bug fixes on its working copies "33563137,31844357,33184467"
Image "DB_1914" with additional bug fixes on its working copies
"31306261,29224710,29445548,31359215,29415774,
32165759,28777073,31844357,29540327,30895577,33184467,30134746,32069696,32124570,31247838,31776121,
29774362,29512125,29254623,31668872,32032733,30534662,33223248,30855101,29540831,32327201,30889443,
26716835,30674373,29942275,32167592,33563137,32892883,32523206,30160625"
```

```
rhpctl query workingcopy -image DB_1914 -drift
fpp19c-c12.sub01171652351.lab.oraclevcn.com: Audit ID: 859
Working copy "WC_DB1914_fppc01_2" with additional bug fixes
"29445548,29254623,29540327,29774362,30134746,30160625,30534662,29512125,29942275,30855101,31306261,31359215,
30895577,29224710,26716835,31668872,32165759,32069696,32032733,30889443,30674373,32167592,32523206,29415774,2
8777073,32124570,31247838,29540831,32892883,31776121,33223248,33563137,33184467,31844357,32327201" fetched on
4/26/22 2:57 PM
```



# Audit

```
$ rhpctl query audit -operation add -entity workingcopy
```

```
Audit ID: 37
```

```
Start time: 2021-08-11T15:35:25.852
```

```
Command executed: rhpctl add workingcopy -image db_19_12_0_oci -storagetype LOCAL -workingcopy  
WC_db_19_12_0_oci_FPPC1 -user oracle -oraclebase /u01/app/oracle -client dbSys67uwrlqq -path  
/u01/app/oracle/product/db_19_12_0_oci
```

```
End time: 2021-08-11T15:42:35.000
```

```
Command result: SUCCESS
```

```
User name: grid
```

```
Node name: fpps@dbSysxcfxydga
```

```
Target cluster: dbSys67uwrlqq
```

```
Audit ID: 47
```

```
Start time: 2021-08-14T15:49:40.166
```

```
Command executed: rhpctl add workingcopy -image db_19_12_0_giaas -storagetype RHP_MANAGED -workingcopy  
WC_db_19_12_0_giaas_FPPC1_RHP -user oracle -oraclebase /u01/app/oracle -client dbSys67uwrlqq
```

```
End time: 2021-08-14T16:01:03.000
```

```
Command result: SUCCESS
```

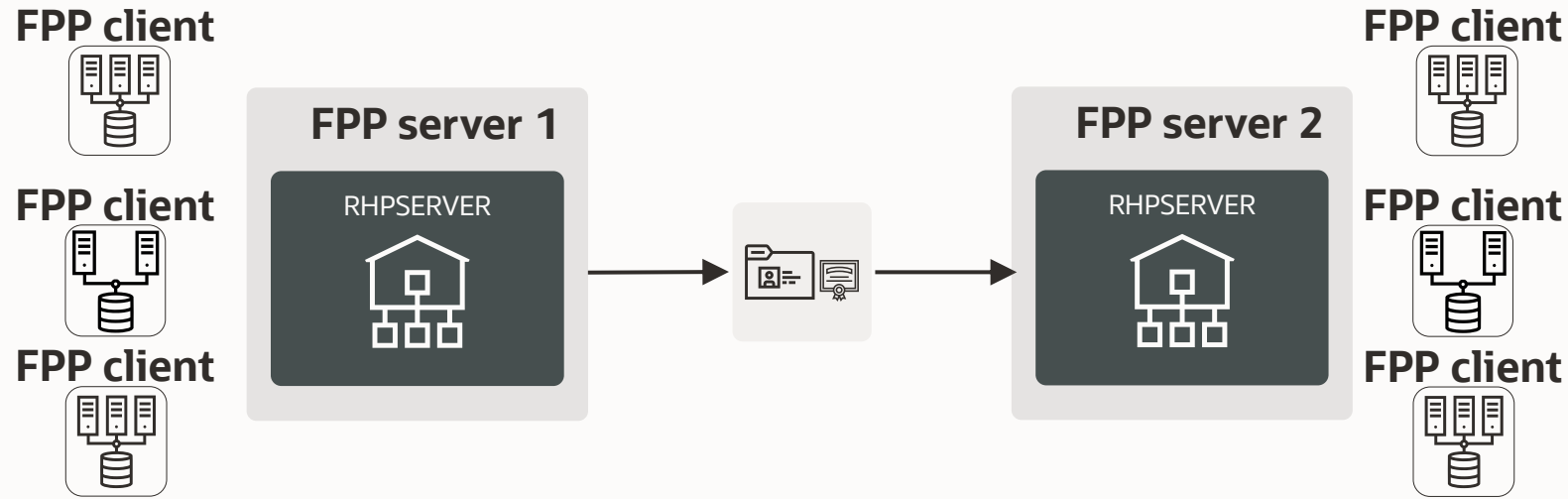
```
User name: grid
```

```
Node name: fpps@dbSysxcfxydga
```

```
Target cluster: dbSys67uwrlqq
```

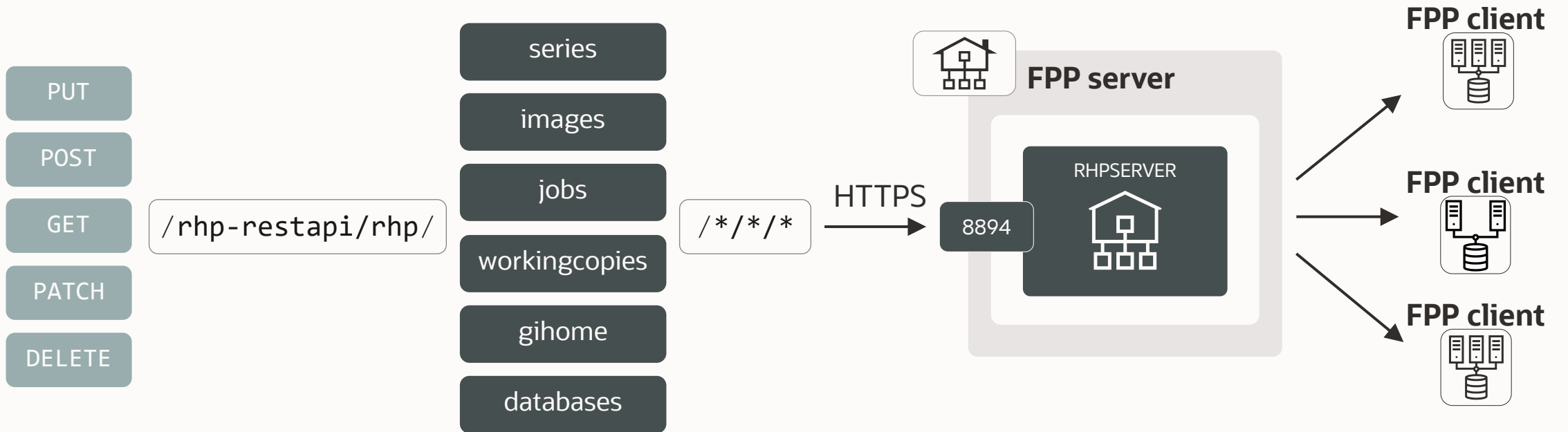


# Server peering concept



- Used when you have different distant networks
  - Each FPP server has its own targets / clients
  - Reduces latency because server are closer to the clients
- Images are synced between the two peering servers : uniform images across regions
- Sync Direction can be chosen / configured

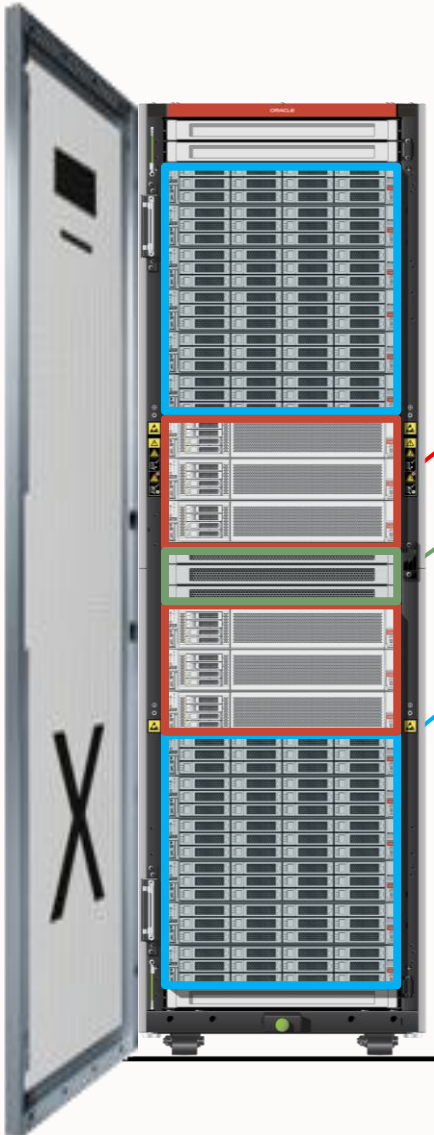
# REST APIs



- Integrate FPP with Ansible, APEX, Rundeck, custom applications
- REST API documentation **REST APIs for Oracle Database** book  
<https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/oracle/oracle-database/19/dbrst/>



# Exadata Software Patching



Exadata software patching :

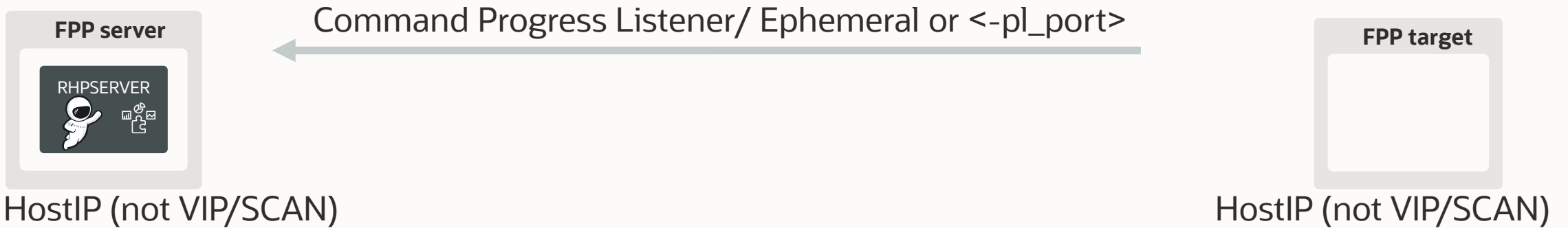
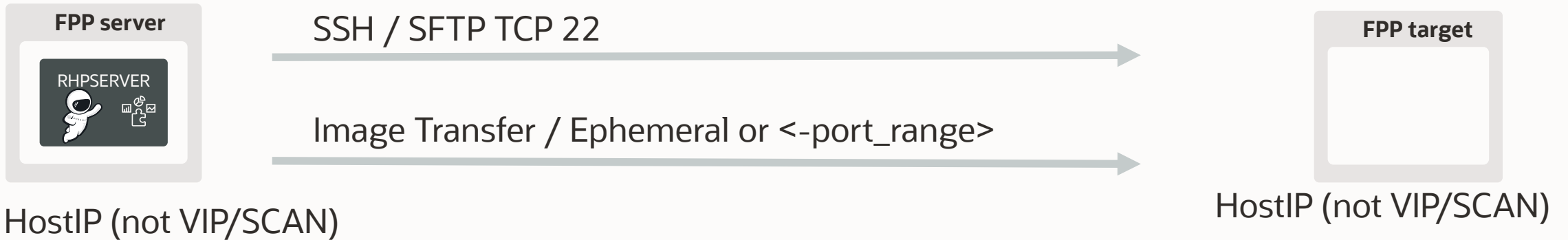
- DB Nodes, Dom0, KVMHost, DomU, KVMGuest
- Network Switches (IB,RoCE)
- Storage Servers

- Vertical Patching : DB Node + GI Patching – with a single bounce of Grid Infrastructure and Database

# Networking setup

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# Networking Flows to open : FPP Target

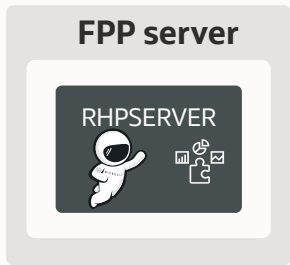


To change Ports :

```
srvctl modify rhpserver -pl_port <portnumber>  
srvctl modify rhpserver -port_range <port_number_range>
```



# Networking Flows to open : FPP Client

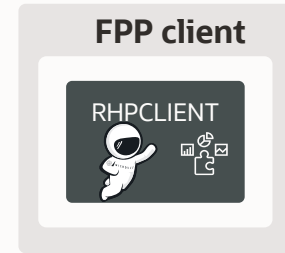


SSH / TCP 22 for initial deployment of RAC Cluster

Image Transfer / ephemeral or <-port\_range>

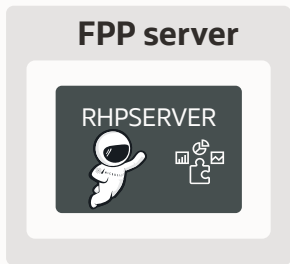
JMX server RHPClient/ TCP 8896 <-port>

Copy listener/ ephemeral or <-port\_range>



HostIP (not VIP/SCAN)

HostIP (not VIP/SCAN)



Command Progress Listener/ TCP HostIP:ephemeral or <-pl\_port>

GNS / GNS-VIP:UDP 53

JMX server RHPServer / TCP HostIP:8896 <-port>

HTTPS REST / TCP HostIP:8894

open connection from wherever you want to issue rest calls

Copy listener/ ephemeral or <-port\_range>

open connection from wherever you want to use useractions



HostIP (not VIP/SCAN)

HostIP (not VIP/SCAN)

GNS VIP

To change Ports :

```
srvctl modify rhpserver -pl_port <port_number>
```

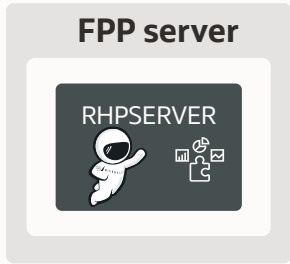
```
srvctl modify rhpserver -port <port_number>
```

```
srvctl modify rhpserver -port_range <port_number_range>
```

```
srvctl modify rhpclient -port <port_number>
```



# Networking Flows to open : FPP Client 26ai APP-VIP

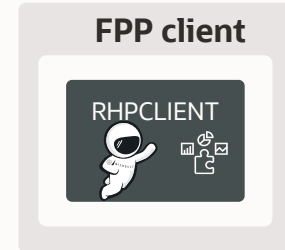


HostIP (not VIP/SCAN)

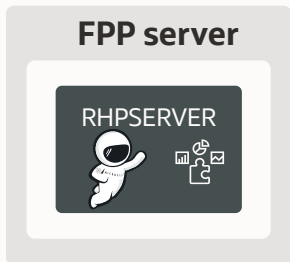
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APP\_VIP

To change Ports :

```
srvctl modify rhpserver -pl_port <port_number>
```

```
srvctl modify rhpserver -port <port_number>
```

```
srvctl modify rhpserver -port_range <port_number_range>
```

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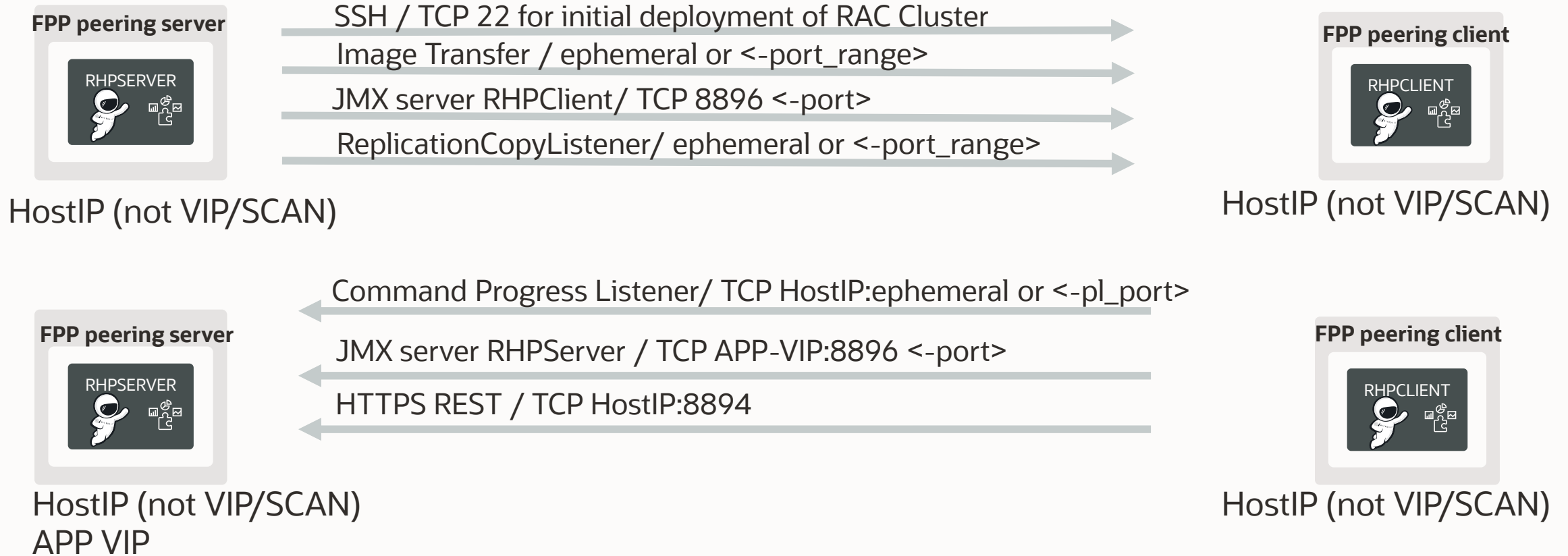


HostIP (not VIP/SCAN)

```
srvctl modify rhpclient -port <port_number>
```



# Networking Flows to open : FPP Peering



## To change Ports :

```

srvctl modify rhpserver -pl_port <port_number>
srvctl modify rhpserver -port <port_number>
srvctl modify rhpserver -port_range <port_number_range>

```

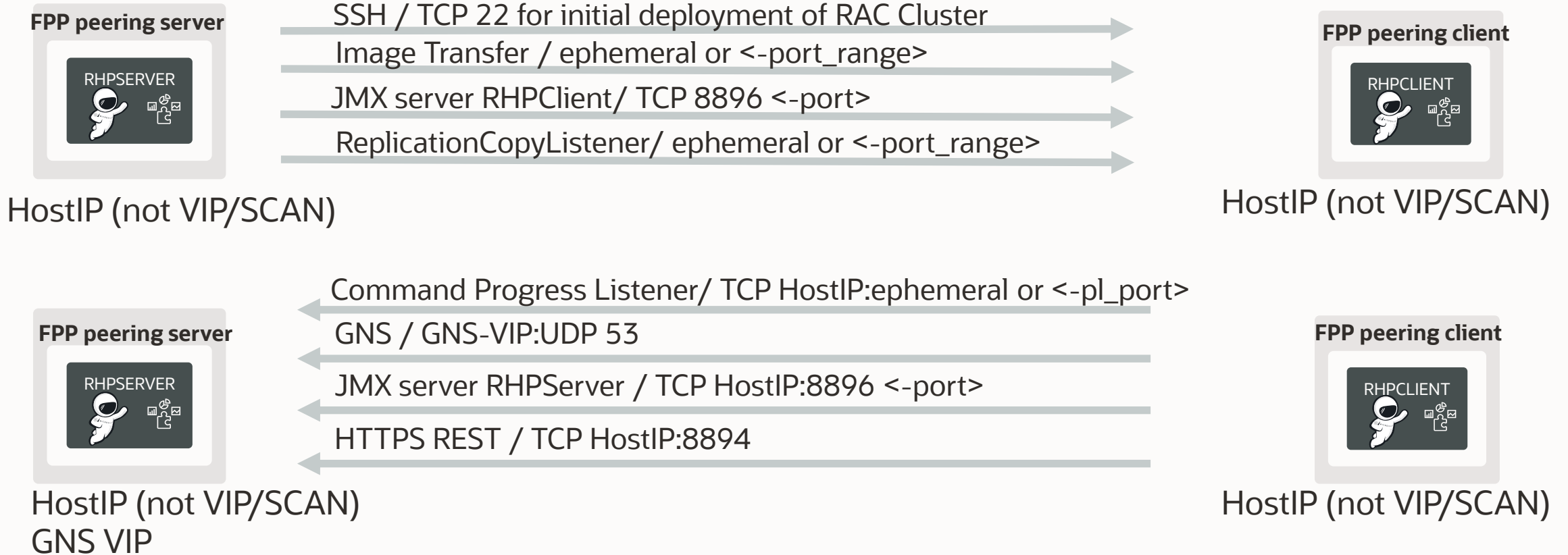
```

srvctl modify rhpserver -port <port_number>

```



# Networking Flows to open : FPP Peering



## To change Ports :

```
srvctl modify rhpserver -pl_port <port_number>
```

```
srvctl modify rhpserver -port <port_number>
```

```
srvctl modify rhpserver -port_range <port_number_range>
```

```
srvctl modify rhpserver -port <port_number>
```



# Licensing



Targets need to be licensed with either :

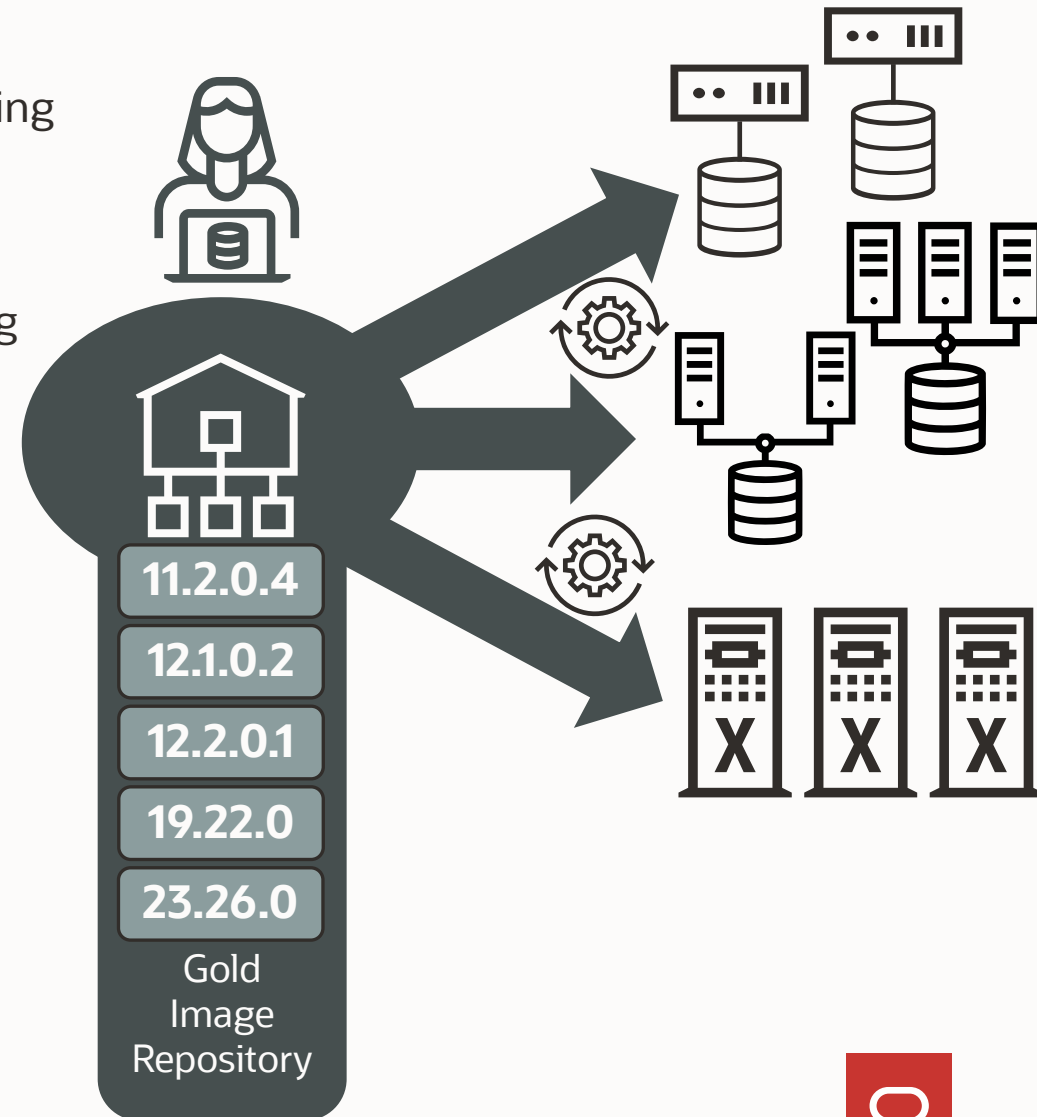
- Oracle RAC or RAC One Node licenses
- Oracle Database Lifecycle Management Pack for Single Instances

When using FPP through Enterprise Manager Oracle Database Lifecycle Management Pack is needed for all targets.

# Fleet Patching & Provisioning

## Automated Oracle software management

- Supports all Oracle deployments
  - Oracle Database, Grid Infrastructure, full-stack Exadata patching
  - Licensed with Oracle RAC (One) or Database Lifecycle Management pack
- Provides effortless, repeatable, standardized out-of-place patching and provisioning automation for
  - Shorter downtime, easy rollback
  - "Build once deploy many"
- Includes advanced features such as:
  - Gold image drift detection
  - Full Oracle Data Guard automated patching
  - Advanced job scheduling
  - Custom user action for extensibility
  - Comprehensive Exadata Patching
  - Oracle MAA best practice application



# Additional information

Oracle fleet patching and provisioning landing page

<https://www.oracle.com/goto/fpp>

Oracle Fleet Patching and Provisioning Administrator's Guide

<https://docs.oracle.com/en/database/oracle/oracle-database/26/fppad/index.html>

FPP by Example Blog Series

<https://blogs.oracle.com/maa/post/fleet-patching-provisioning-by-example-intro>

# Thank you

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