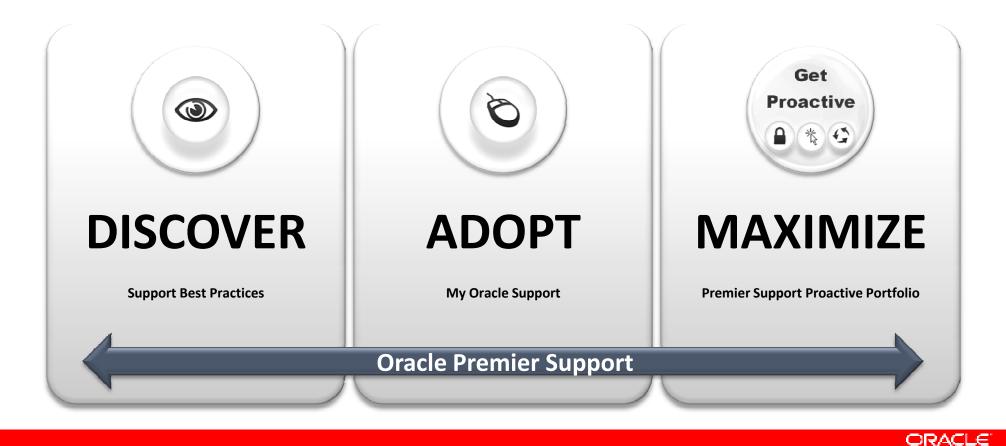
# Oracle Premier Support Get Ahead. Stay Ahead.



### Support Best Practices—Maximize Business Value



## **Discover: Support Best Practices**



- Oracle Technical Support Policies
- Oracle Lifetime Support Policies
- Support Policies acronyms & terminology
- Working effectively with Support Best Practices



## **Discover: Technical Support Policies**

Support terms and technical support levels

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#### http://www.oracle.com/us/support/policies/index.html

### **Discover: Lifetime Support Policies**

### Continued piece of mind

#### **Premier Support**

Delivers full system support for your Oracle hardware, operating systems and applications software with an upfront, minimum five-year support commitment that helps you plan and budget.

#### **Extended Support**

Offers an additional three years of support for select Oracle software and operating systems for an additional fee so you can effectively manage your upgrade strategy.

#### **Sustaining Support**

Provides investment protection with unlimited support for Oracle software and operating systems. Features include access to online support tools, knowledge base, pre-existing fixes, and assistance from Oracle technical support experts.

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# **Discover: Support Policies**

Acronyms and terminology

### What is **MOS**?

- My Oracle Support
- Personalized, proactive, collaborative Support portal
- What is a Support Identifier? (formerly known as CSI)
  - Verifies eligibility for Support Services
  - Identifies licensed products
  - Necessary to access My Oracle Support
- Who is a Customer User Administrator (CUA)
  - Customer is responsible for maintaining Support Identifier
  - Each Support Identifier must have an at least one CUA
  - Multiple CUAs are encouraged and recommended for backup purposes

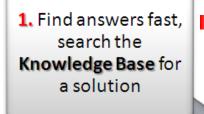


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### **Discover: Working effectively with Support Best Practices**

When you are looking for an answer



- My Oracle Support Knowledge Base contains all known solutions and best practices from Oracle Support
- My Oracle Support offers a unified search that searches the Knowledge Base, My Oracle Support Community, documentation, and known bugs



4+ million Knowledge Base searches per month

More than 50% of Service Requests logged by all customers can be solved by searching the Knowledge Base and accessing existing articles that contain a fix

## **Discover: Working Effectively with Support Best Practices**

Actual user experiences and advice offer an alternate source of problem resolution



When should I use My Oracle Support Community?

If you have a low severity question or problem, need advice, or if you are interested in discovering how to do something

If you have been unable to locate an answer in the Knowledge Base

When you have knowledge or experiences to share with your peers

My Oracle Support Community is a multi-channel interactive community where you can post questions and find answers fast 2. Visit My Oracle Support Community and seek an answer from Oracle experts and industry peers.

- 190+ communities; 400,000+ community members and experts; 16,000+ new threads per month
- All communities are fully moderated by Oracle Support experts



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# Discover: Working effectively with Support Best Practices

Submitting a well formed Service Request

- Provide a comprehensive description of the issue
- Ensure that the business impact is described in detail
- Diagnostic data is a vital element of your Service Request as it will help expedite analysis and diagnosis of critical errors
- Verify that the severity level is set appropriately and accurately represents the business impact

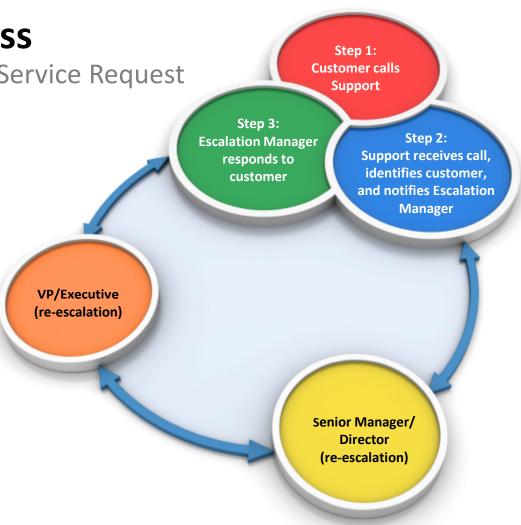
 3. Unable to locate a solution?
 Submit a Service Request through
 My Oracle Support



### **Discover: Escalation Process**

Bringing Management Attention to a Service Request

- HR Call + 385 1 6323 222 (Oracle HUB)
- Accessibility and accountability from Support Management
- Escalation and severity are different processes
- Severity increases and Sev1s are not escalations
- Escalation is a focused, collaborative process
- Escalations yield
  - Management Contact
  - Action Plan
  - Communication Plan



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### **Discover: Working effectively with Support Best Practices** Is it time to escalate?

#### No value-add response in 'x' days—now what?

- If you have submitted a Service Request and it does not get any attention, first make sure there is an understanding between you and the Support Engineer of not only 'what' actions come next but also what the agreed upon/expected timeline is for the next response
- If the timeline passes with no response, first try and engage with the Support Engineer.
- Still no response? This is the time to initiate an escalation

# Support Engineer won't host or participate in an OWC at customers request

- Ask engineer to explain why they do not feel an OWC is necessary
- If you reach an impasse, this may be the time to initiate an escalation

#### Bounced from one Support Engineer/team to another

- Talk to the Support Engineer first, request a call to better understand why the Service Request is being bounced and determine how collaboration can be improved
- If you reach an impasse, this may be the time to initiate an escalation

#### Unable to log Severity 1 on a non-production environment prior to go-live (for a critical milestone)

- Talk to engineer to explain criticality of issue as it relates to milestone
- If you reach an impasse, this may be the time to initiate an escalation

#### Unable to get traction and progress your Service Request

- If you have reached a point where you feel you are simply going round in circles with the Support Engineer
- This is the time to initiate an escalation



### **Discover: Oracle Resources**



- Oracle Support Best Practices
- Oracle Communications
- Oracle Products & Services
- Oracle University
- Oracle University Knowledge Center
- Oracle Global Events



### **Support Best Practices—Portal Adoption**

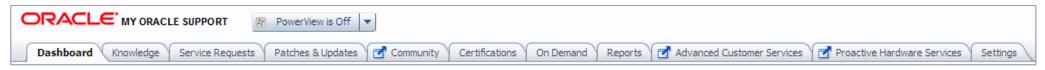
- My Oracle Support Portal
- Getting Started
- Hands-on Demonstration
- My Oracle Support Access





# **Adopt: My Oracle Support Portal**

One-stop shop



- One-stop shop for knowledge, community, proactive best practices, capabilities, tools, and much more
- Guidance, ideas, and solutions based on real-world experience from Oracle experts and industry peers
- Access to patches and updates, product certifications, and reporting
- Stay informed, configure email notifications to ensure you receive targeted alerts for Critical Patch Updates (CPUs), Security Alerts, and Third Party Bulletin updates
- Direct access to Advanced Customer Services and Proactive Hardware Services

Create, monitor, and manage Services Requests



### **Support Best Practices—Get Proactive**



- Proactive Product Portfolio
- Prevent. Resolve. Upgrade.
- Hands-on Demonstration



### **Maintain Systems Health And Availability**

- Leverage configuration-based health and risk recommendations to improve your systems health and increase systems uptime
- Review product and security alerts
- Stay informed: personalize knowledge, and sign up for hot topics







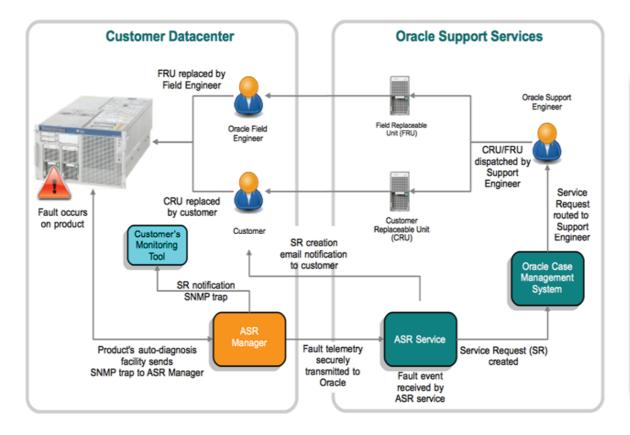
## OCM Oracle Configuration Manager Support Automation Capabilities

Delivered through My Oracle Support - Next Generation Support Platform





### What is Auto Service Request (ASR)



#### How does it work?

- ✓ For qualified Exadata & Sun platforms
- ASR automatically detects specified hardware faults
- Auto notifies ASR engine & auto creates an SR
- CRU or FRU is sent by Support.
- Feature of Oracle Premier Support for Systems and Warranty plans. No extra cost

#### Help for Field

✓ <u>http://oracle.com/asr</u>

- Documentation, customer preso, security white paper
- ✓Software download
- Questions to:

<u>asr-interest\_ww@oracle.com</u>

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## **ASR Fault Coverage**

Faults covered by ASR*	Faults not covered by ASR
Fault events that require support services action from Oracle:	Fault events that do not require Support Services action from Oracle:
<ul> <li>System controller (SC) faults</li> <li>CPU, memory, hard drives, power supplies, center plane, expander board, system boards, I/O boards, fan trays</li> <li>* Fault coverage is system-dependent</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CPU utilization, file system full, file system unmounted, proactive recommendations for firmware, patches</li> <li>Operating system and other software failures</li> <li>Fault events that don't have appropriate</li> </ul>
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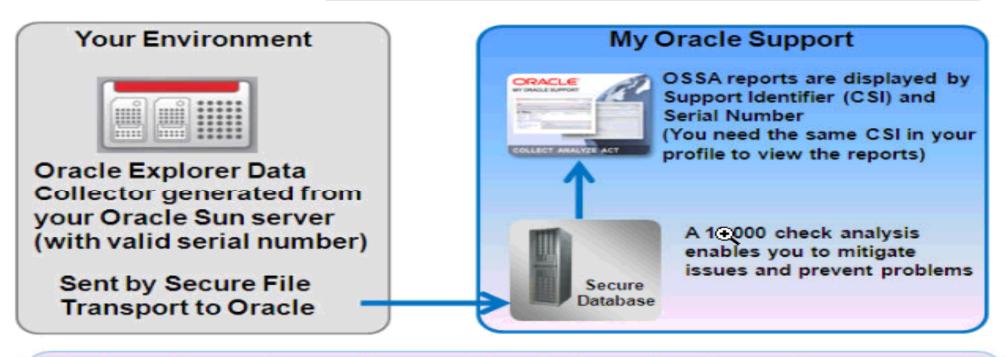
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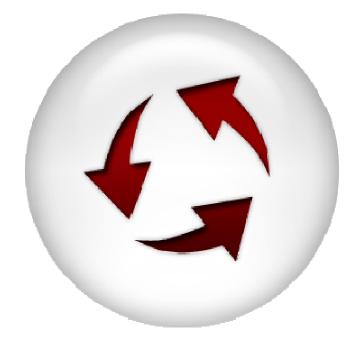
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- Review and verify your products are certified
- Utilize Upgrade Advisors with best practices by product, business process, version and phase
- Deploy patch and upgrade plan validations







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	Patching and Maintenance Advisor — <u>ACT</u> Plan and Execute a viable patching and maintenance strategy including a complete project patch plan specific to your environment.
	Patch Planner Wizard— <u>ACT</u>   <u>DISCOVER</u> Create, view, validate your patch plan for deployment in targeted environments and configurations. 🕥
	Upgrade Advisor — <u>ACT   DISCOVER</u> Upgrade with confidence using the Upgrade Advisors designed to provide information from various sources using best practices and, where applicable, step-by-step instructions.
	Upgrade Planner — ACT   DISCOVER Use the Upgrade Planner to move from one release to another using the Configuration Manager to create a complete plan of all the software and patches required to upgrade from your current release to a new release. 🕥
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	<b>RACcheck</b> — <u>ACT</u>   <u>DISCOVER</u> RACcheck is a RAC Configuration Audit tool designed to audit various important configuration settings within a Real Application Clusters (RAC), Oracle Clusterware (CRS), Automatic Storage Management (ASM) and Grid Infrastructure environment.

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- Working Effectively With Support Best Practices [ID 166650.1]
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  - Main Proactive info repository (Product oriented)
- Advisor Webcasts: Current Schedule and Archived recordings [ID 740966.1]
  - Functional education (Product oriented), Archive from 2009 onwards
- Get Proactive Instructional Webcast Series [ID 1491064.1]
  - SR and diagnostics best practices (Systems included)
- Get Proactive Oracle Applications TOI (Transfer of Information) Online Training [ID 732026.1]
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