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Release Notes

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These *Release Notes* contain important information that was not included in the Oracle Audit Vault Patch Set 1 Release 10.2.3.1 documentation. For the most current information, refer to updates of this document, which are located at the following Web site:

<http://www.oracle.com/technology/documentation>

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1 Installing the Oracle Audit Vault Patch Set on the Audit Vault Server

This section describes how to install Oracle Audit Vault Patch Set 1 (Release 10.2.3.1.0) on an existing Oracle Audit Vault Server Release 10.2.3.0.0 and Oracle Audit Vault Agent release 10.2.3.0.0 installations. You must install Patch Set 1 (Release 10.2.3.1.0) on the Oracle Audit Vault Server 10.2.3.0.0 before you can upgrade the Agent Release 10.2.3.0.0 installations.

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1.1 Step 1: Back Up Oracle Audit Vault

As a best practice, you should back up your Oracle Audit Vault database, the Audit Vault Server home, and the Audit Vault collection agent home before you begin the upgrade.

Oracle Audit Vault patches cannot be rolled back; therefore you should take precautions to backup the files before the patch is applied until you have tested the patch set.

Back Up the Database

Out of the box, Oracle Audit Vault does not enable the SYSDBA privilege. Therefore, if you will be using RMAN to backup the database, you will need to follow the directions in Section 3.7.2 "Enabling or Disabling Connections with the SYSDBA Privilege" in the *Oracle Audit Vault Server Installation Guide* for the appropriate platform. After cleanly shutting down the instance following the analysis of the database, you should perform a full backup of the database. Complete the following steps:

1. Sign on to RMAN:

```
rman "target / nocatalog"
```

2. Issue the following RMAN commands:

```
RUN
{
    ALLOCATE CHANNEL chan_name TYPE DISK;
    BACKUP DATABASE FORMAT 'some_backup_directory%U' TAG before_upgrade;
    BACKUP CURRENT CONTROLFILE TO 'save_controlfile_location';
}
```

Caution: If you encounter problems with the upgrade and wish to abandon the upgrade completely, then you will need to restore the database from this backup. Therefore, make sure you back up your database now as a precaution.

See Also: *Oracle Database Backup and Recovery Basics* for more information about backing up a database.

Back Up Oracle Audit Vault Server Home

Because the patch set will update files in the Oracle Audit Vault Server Home, these files should all be backed up or copied to another directory until the patch set has been tested.

Back Up Oracle Audit Vault Collection Agent Home

Because the patch set will update files in the Oracle Audit Vault Collection Agent Home, these files should be backed up or copied to another directory until the patch set has been tested.

If the Patch Set Apply Fails, You Can Abandon the Upgrade

If the patch set apply does not succeed, you can abandon the upgrade by performing the following steps:

1. Copy (restore) the Oracle Audit Vault Server Home files back.

2. If you completed the steps in [Back Up the Database](#) to back up your database, then restore that backup. Complete the following steps:

- a. Log in to the system as the owner of the Oracle home directory of the previous release.
- b. Sign on to RMAN:

```
rman "target / nocatalog"
```

- c. Issue the following RMAN commands:

```
STARTUP NOMOUNT
RUN
{
    REPLICATE CONTROLFILE FROM 'save_controlfile_location';
    ALTER DATABASE MOUNT;
    RESTORE DATABASE FROM TAG before_upgrade
    ALTER DATABASE OPEN RESETLOGS;
}
```

1.2 Step 2: Ensure That the NLS_LANG Environment Variable Is Not Set

Do not set the NLS_LANG environment variable.

1.3 Step 3: Stop the Oracle Audit Vault Processes

This section contains:

- [Step 3A: Stop All Collectors](#)
- [Step 3B: Stop All Agents](#)
- [Step 3C: Stop the Oracle Audit Vault Console](#)
- [Step 3D: Shut Down the Oracle Audit Vault Database](#)
- [Step 3E: Stop the Listener](#)

1.3.1 Step 3A: Stop All Collectors

To stop the collectors:

1. In the server where you installed the Oracle Audit Vault Server, open a shell.
2. Set the appropriate environment variables for the Oracle Audit Vault Server.
See "Checking and Setting Environment Variables (Linux and UNIX Platforms)" in Chapter 2 of *Oracle Audit Vault Administrator's Guide*.
3. Run the following command:

```
avctl stop_collector -collname collector-name -srcname source_name
```

To find the values that you must enter for this command, in SQL*Plus, query the ADM_COLLECTORS data dictionary view.

4. Leave this shell open.

1.3.2 Step 3B: Stop All Agents

To stop the agents:

1. In the shell that you opened in [Section 1.3.1](#), run the following command:

```
avctl stop_agent -agentname agent_name
```

To find the values that you must enter for this command for this command, in SQL*Plus, query the ADM_AGENTS data dictionary view.

2. Leave this shell open.

1.3.3 Step 3C: Stop the Oracle Audit Vault Console

To stop the Oracle Audit Vault Console:

1. In the shell that you opened in [Section 1.3.1](#), run the following command:

```
avctl stop_av
```

2. In an Oracle RAC environment, run this command on all nodes that include Oracle Audit Vault Server.

In an Oracle RAC environment, do not shut down Enterprise Manager on the remote nodes. If you do so, you will have to manually start Enterprise Manager on these remote nodes following this patch set installation.

3. Leave this shell open.

1.3.4 Step 3D: Shut Down the Oracle Audit Vault Database

From the Oracle Audit Vault Server home, use the following command to shut down the Oracle Audit Vault Database.

```
sqlplus /nolog
SQL> CONNECT SYS/ AS SYSOPER
Enter password: password
Connected.
SQL> SHUTDOWN IMMEDIATE
Database closed.
Database dismounted.
Oracle instance shut down.
SQL> EXIT
```

In an Oracle RAC environment, run the following command from the local node:

```
$ORACLE_HOME/bin/srvctl stop database -d AVdatabase_name -q
Connect string: [/ as sysdba] sys/sys password as sysdba
```

1.3.5 Step 3E: Stop the Listener

From the Oracle Audit Vault Server home, run the following command to stop the listener. The listener name is usually LISTENER. You can run the `lsnrctl status` command to determine the name of the listener.

```
$ORACLE_HOME/bin/lsnrctl stop listener_name
```

In an Oracle Real Application Cluster (RAC) environment, run this command on all nodes where Oracle Audit Vault Server is installed.

1.4 Step 4: Install the Oracle Audit Vault Patch Set into the Audit Vault Server Home

Perform the following steps to install the Oracle Audit Vault Patch Set 1 (Release 10.2.3.1.0) in the Oracle Audit Vault Server home. You use the same download executable for both the Audit Vault Server and Audit Vault Agent upgrades.

1. Log in to *OracleMetaLink* and download Oracle Audit Vault Patch Set 1 (Release 10.2.3.1.0). You can access *OracleMetaLink* from the following Web site:

`https://metalink.oracle.com`

2. Start Oracle Universal Installer (OUI) from the directory that contains the `runInstaller` program.

```
cd directory-containing-Oracle-Audit-Vault-Patchset-Installation-Files
./runInstaller
```

Oracle Universal Installer starts. It verifies the operating system version and then presents a summary of the checks it performs.

3. In the Welcome window, click **Installed Products** to display the Inventory window.

This window indicates the name of the Oracle Audit Vault Server home installed on your computer. For example, it may be named `OraAV10g_home1`.

Click **Close** to close the Inventory window and return to the Welcome window. Then the click **Next**.

4. In the Specify Home Details window, in the **Name** field, click the down arrow at the end of the field and select the name of the Oracle Audit Vault Server home you found the previous step (Step 3). Then click **Next**.

For an Oracle RAC installation, a node selection window appears with all fields disabled. This window displays the nodes that this patch set is going to be installed on. Click **Next**.

5. For a first-time installation, go to Step 6.

For repeat installations only, the Available Product Components window appears, showing a list of product components, some of which have already been installed.

Click the **Expand All** option to show all the options. Then click the **Select All** option to select all components. To install only certain product components, select the ones you want to install. Click **Next**.

6. In the Summary Page window check the space requirements.

27 MB of space is required to install Patch Set 1, which includes 13 MB of temporary space. Review each of the items that are about to be installed.

Note: If the installation fails at the Configuration Assistant step, it might be due to incorrect information entered in Step 4 or because the `SYSDBA` privilege was not enabled. See Oracle Audit Vault Server Installation Guide for instructions on enabling the `SYSDBA` privilege.

7. Click **Install**.

When the installation completes, the Configuration Assistants window appears.

The Configuration Assistants window displays, and the installation continues. When the installation completes, the End of Installation window appears and displays the URL for the Oracle Audit Vault Console. It is the same URL used for the previous Oracle Audit Vault installation.

8. Click **Exit** to exit the Oracle Universal Installer, and then click **Yes** in the confirmation window.

If the Patch Set Upgrade Is Not Successful

If the patch set apply is not successful, to abandon the upgrade, perform the following steps:

1. Copy (Restore) the Audit Vault Server Home files back to their original location.
2. If you backed up the database, then restore that backup. Complete the following steps:
 - a. Log in to the system as the owner of the Oracle home directory of the previous release.

- b. Sign on to RMAN:

```
rman "target / nocatalog"
```

- c. Issue the following RMAN commands:

```
STARTUP NOMOUNT
RUN
{
    REPLICATE CONTROLFILE FROM 'save_controlfile_location';
    ALTER DATABASE MOUNT;
    RESTORE DATABASE FROM TAG before_upgrade
    ALTER DATABASE OPEN RESETLOGS;
}
```

1.5 Step 5: Restart the Oracle Audit Vault Server

After you complete these steps, the Oracle Audit Vault Server automatically starts. However, if this does not happen, follow these steps:

To restart the Oracle Audit Vault Server:

1. Access the shell that you opened for the Audit Vault Server in [Section 1.3.1](#).
2. Restart the listener.

```
$ORACLE_HOME/bin/lsnrctl start listener_name
```

3. Restart Oracle Database.

```
sqlplus sys/as sysoper
Enter password: password
Connected.
```

```
SQL> STARTUP
ORACLE instance started
```

4. Run the following command:

```
avctl start_av
```

2 Installing the Oracle Audit Vault Patch Set on the Audit Vault Agent

This section contains:

- [Step 1: Ensure That the NLS_LANG Environment Variable Is Not Set](#)
- [Step 2: Stop the Oracle Audit Vault Processes](#)
- [Step 3: Install Oracle Audit Vault Patch Set 1 in the Audit Vault Agent Homes](#)
- [Step 4: Restart the Oracle Audit Vault Process](#)

2.1 Step 1: Ensure That the NLS_LANG Environment Variable Is Not Set

Do not set the NLS_LANG environment variable.

2.2 Step 2: Stop the Oracle Audit Vault Processes

This section contains:

- [Step 2A: Stop All Collectors Running Within the Context of the Agent You Are Patching](#)
- [Step 2B: Stop the Agent You Are Patching](#)
- [Step 2C: Stop the Agent OC4J that Houses the Agent You Are Patching](#)

2.2.1 Step 2A: Stop All Collectors Running Within the Context of the Agent You Are Patching

To stop the collectors:

1. Access the shell that you opened in [Section 1.3.1](#).

If you had closed this shell, then you need to set the appropriate environment variables for the Oracle Audit Vault Server. See "Checking and Setting Environment Variables (Linux and UNIX Platforms)" in Chapter 2 of *Oracle Audit Vault Administrator's Guide*.

2. Run the following command:

```
avctl stop_collector -collname collector-name -srcname source_name
```

To find the values that you must enter for this command, in SQL*Plus, query the ADM_COLLECTORS data dictionary view.

3. Leave this shell open.

2.2.2 Step 2B: Stop the Agent You Are Patching

To stop the agents:

1. In the shell that you opened in [Section 1.3.1](#), run the following command:

```
avctl stop_agent -agentname agent_name
```

To find the values that you must enter for this command for this command, in SQL*Plus, query the ADM_AGENTS data dictionary view.

2. Leave this shell open.

2.2.3 Step 2C: Stop the Agent OC4J that Houses the Agent You Are Patching

To stop the Agent OC4J:

1. Open a shell for the Audit Vault agent.
2. Set the appropriate environment variables for the Oracle Audit Vault agent.
See "Checking and Setting Environment Variables (Linux and UNIX Platforms)" in Chapter 2 of *Oracle Audit Vault Administrator's Guide*.
3. Run the following command:

```
avctl stop_oc4j
```
4. Leave this shell open.

2.3 Step 3: Install Oracle Audit Vault Patch Set 1 in the Audit Vault Agent Homes

Perform the following steps to install the Oracle Audit Vault Patch Set 1 (Release 10.2.3.1.0) in the Oracle Audit Vault Agent home.

1. If you have not done so already, log in to *OracleMetaLink* and download Oracle Audit Vault Patch Set 1 (Release 10.2.3.1.0). You can access *OracleMetaLink* from the following Web site:

<https://metalink.oracle.com>

2. Start Oracle Universal Installer (OUI) from the directory that contains the `runInstaller` program.

```
cd directory-containing-Oracle-Audit-Vault-Patchset-Installation-Files
./runInstaller
```

Oracle Universal Installer starts. It verifies the operating system version and then presents a summary of the checks it performs.

3. In the Welcome window, click **Installed Products** to display the Inventory window.

This window indicates the name of the Oracle Audit Vault Agent home installed on your computer. For example, it may be named `OraAV10g_home2` when installed on the same computer as the Oracle Audit Vault Server or `OraAV10g_home1` when installed on a different computer from Oracle Audit Vault Server.

Click **Close** to close the Inventory window and return to the Welcome window. Then click **Next**.

4. In the Specify Home Details window, in the **Name** field, click the down arrow at the end of the field and select the name of the Oracle Audit Vault Agent home you determined from the previous step (Step 3)

Once you select the Oracle Audit Vault Agent home, the **Path** field should display the correct path to the Oracle Audit Vault Agent home. Review the path name. Then click **Next**.

5. For a first time installation, go to Step 6.

For repeat installations only, the Available Product Components window appears, showing a list of product components, some of which have already been installed.

Click the **Expand All** option to show all the options. Then click the **Select All** option. To install only certain components, select the ones you want to install. Then click **Next**.

6. In the Summary Page window, check the space requirements.

22 MB of space is required to install Patch Set 1, which includes 8 MB of temporary space. Review each of the items that are about to be installed.

7. Click **Install**.

The **Install** window appears. When the installation completes, the Configuration Assistants window appears and then completes the configuration. Then the end of Installation window appears.

8. Click **Exit** to exit the Oracle Universal Installer, and then click **Yes** in the confirmation window.

If the Patch Upgrade Is Not Successful

If the patch set apply is not successful, to abandon the upgrade, copy (restore) the Audit Vault Collection Agent Home files back to their original location.

2.4 Step 4: Restart the Oracle Audit Vault Process

This section contains:

- [Step 4A: Start the Agent OC4j](#)
- [Step 4B: Start the Patched Agent](#)
- [Step 4C: Start the Collectors that Run in the Patched Agent](#)
- [Step 4D: Verify that the Oracle Audit Vault System Components are Running](#)

2.4.1 Step 4A: Start the Agent OC4j

To start the agent OC4j:

1. Access the shell that you opened for the Audit Vault agent in [Section 2.2.3](#).
2. Run the following command:

```
avctl start_oc4j
```
3. Close this shell.

2.4.2 Step 4B: Start the Patched Agent

To start the patched agent:

1. In the shell for the Audit Vault Server that you opened in [Section 1.3.1](#), run the following command:

```
avctl start_agent -agentname agent-name
```

To find the values that you must enter for this command for this command, in SQL*Plus, query the ADM_AGENTS data dictionary view.

2. Leave this shell open.

2.4.3 Step 4C: Start the Collectors that Run in the Patched Agent

To start the collectors that run in the patched agent:

1. In the shell that you opened in [Section 1.3.1](#), run the following command:

```
avctl start_collector -collname collector_name -srcname source_name
```

To find the values that you must enter for this command for this command, in SQL*Plus, query the ADM_COLLECTOR data dictionary view.

2. Leave this shell open.

2.4.4 Step 4D: Verify that the Oracle Audit Vault System Components are Running

To verify that all Oracle Audit Vault components are running and the system is operational:

1. In the shell that you opened in [Section 1.3.1](#), run the following command:

```
avctl show_collector_status -collname collector_name -srcname source_name
```

To find the values that you must enter for this command for this command, in SQL*Plus, query the ADM_COLLECTORS data dictionary view.

2. Close this shell.

3 Postinstallation Tasks

After you install Oracle Audit Vault, check to see if there is a patch set or critical patch update (CPU) available. Before applying any Oracle Audit Vault patch sets, back up your Oracle Audit Vault database, the Oracle Audit Vault Server home, and the Oracle Audit Vault Agent home. See [Section 3.1](#) for more information.

This section describes the following postinstallation tasks if you need to update this patch:

- [Back Up and Recovery of Oracle Audit Vault](#)
- [Critical Patch Update \(CPU\)](#)

3.1 Back Up and Recovery of Oracle Audit Vault

Oracle Audit Vault patches cannot be rolled back, therefore you should take precautions to backup the files before the patch is applied until you have tested the patch set. See "[Step 1: Back Up Oracle Audit Vault](#)" on page 2 for more information.

3.2 Critical Patch Update (CPU)

A CPU is a collection of patches for security vulnerabilities. It also includes non-security fixes required (because of interdependencies) by those security patches. CPUs are cumulative, and they are provided quarterly on the Oracle Technology Network. Oracle Audit Vault 10.2.3.1.0 does not include the October 2008 RDBMS CPU for the underlying 10.2.0.3 database, therefore, you need to install this RDBMS CPU. If a later RDBMS CPU is available, then install that. For general information about CPUs, see

<http://www.oracle.com/security/critical-patch-update.html>

For specific information about critical patch updates and security alerts, see

<http://www.oracle.com/technology/deploy/security/alerts.htm>

4 Bugs Fixed in This Release

[Table 1](#) lists bugs that have been fixed for Oracle Audit Vault Patch Set Release 10.2.3.1.

Table 1 *Bugs Fixed in Oracle Audit Vault Patch Set Release 10.2.3.1*

Bug Number	Description
5874570	PREREQUISITE CHECK ERROR MESSAGE FOR ORACLE HOME NEEDS UPDATE
6131570	SPFILE ERRORS FROM DVCA WHEN INSTALLING AV ON SINGLE NODE
6902847	ORA-01841 DURING AV WAREHOUSE REFRESH
6975309	DUPLICATED FGA POLICY CREATED
6979619	SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR SECURITY PATCH INSTALLATION IN AV AGNT UPGRD
6989148	MERGE LABEL REQUEST ON TOP OF 10.2.0.3 FOR AUDIT TRAIL CLEAN-UP
6994067	DBV: INVALID ERROR MSG FROM PROVISION
7000223	DBAUD COLLECTOR COLLECTS INVALID OBJECT FROM DATABASE VAULT
7008473	OSAUDIT_LOG_LEVEL IS NOT PICK UP FROM SERVER
7027265	TIME VALUES IN REPORTS DON'T DISPLAY TIME ZONE
7045602	MULTYBYTE WORDS COLLECTED BY XML COLLECTOR ARE GARBLED
7109942	SOME RECORDS COLLECTED BY SYSLOG COLLECTOR HAVE OLD TIMESTAMP
7122168	INCORRECT WARNING MESSAGE WHEN AVMSSQLDB IS RUN
7137733	SYBASE COLLECTOR FEATURE IS NOT AVAILABLE
7151126	SYSLOG COLLECTOR IS DYING INTERMITTENTLY
7172240	AV MULTICOLUMN FGA POLICIES
7194366	AV SERVER INSTALL HANGS
7218481	DB COLLECTOR DOES NOT START
7235375	DBAUD COLLECTOR CRASHES OCI-22060: ARGUMENT [2] IS AN INVALID
7313180	COLLECTOR REDO_COLLECTOR FOR SOURCE ALREADY EXISTS JAVA.SQL.SQLLEXCEPTION:ORA-933
7349281	CANNOT CONFIRM TERMINAL INFORMATION FROM AV GUI
7342949	LARGE NUMBER OF AUDIT POLICY SETTINGS THROWS VARRAY LIMIT ERRORS
7353816	REDO COLLECTOR DOESN'T COLLECT BEFORE/AFTER VALUES FOR DELETE AND SUP LOG COLUMN
7356241	PLEASE REMOVE REDO COLLECTOR RESTRICTIONS TO FROM 'RECOMMENDED' PARAMETERS
7356286	INTERNAL ERROR WHEN RETRIEVE FROM SOURCE WITH MANY USERS AND OBJECTS
7363034	PROVIDE A MECHANISM TO INCREASE AGENT OC4J MAX HEAP SIZE

Table 1 (Cont.) Bugs Fixed in Oracle Audit Vault Patch Set Release 10.2.3.1

Bug Number	Description
7363716	DBAUD COLLECTOR CRASHES
7377737	RETRIEVING AND SAVING LARGE NUMBER OF POLICY SETTINGS FAILS
7451148	DBAUD_COLLECTOR CONFIGURED FOR A RAC DATABASES CRASHES CONSISTENTLY
7463228	OSAUD COLLECTOR SAVE XML FGA WITH SQL TEXT/BIND AS INVALID
7477146	CREATE ALERT WHEN PARAMETER VALUE IS NULL
7482864	OS AUD COLLECTOR DIES WITH ORA-01461: CAN BIND A LONG VALUE ONLY FOR INSERT

5 General Installation Issues

This section contains:

- [All Platforms \(Single Instance and Oracle RAC\)](#)
- [All Platforms \(RAC\) Only](#)
- [Linux and UNIX Platforms \(Single Instance and Oracle RAC\)](#)
- [Microsoft Windows Platform](#)

5.1 All Platforms (Single Instance and Oracle RAC)

This section describes known issues and workarounds for single instance and Oracle RAC installations on all platforms.

This section contains:

- [The Required Storage Space Calculation Is Not Automatically Updated When Adding Member Disks to the ASM Disk Group](#)
- [The Same SYSDBA Password Is Required for Audit Vault and ASM](#)
- [Error File Getting Generated During Audit Vault Server Installation](#)
- [The -record Option Is Not Supported](#)
- [The Silent Installer Does Not Issue an Error When the SID Is Omitted](#)
- [The Silent Installer for the Agent Does Not Validate Against the Server](#)
- [Silent Installation May Not Report on a Failed DVCA Command](#)
- [Silent Installation Proceeds Even When Variables Are Not Populated](#)
- [Manual Cleanup Is Required After Uninstalling the Audit Vault Database](#)
- [Audit Vault Server Installer Prints Time Zone on Console When Run for Upgrade](#)
- [Deinstalling Upgraded Audit Vault Server Does Not Remove Entry from Oratab File](#)
- [Automated Backup Job Not Properly Created With Audit Vault Server Installation](#)
- [Errors Appear in Agent Log File After Installing Oracle Audit Vault Agents](#)

5.1.1 The Required Storage Space Calculation Is Not Automatically Updated When Adding Member Disks to the ASM Disk Group

During an Audit Vault Server advanced installation, on the **Configure Automatic Storage Management Configure** page when you select new disks to add from the **Add Member Disks** table, the Required Storage Space area is supposed to automatically adjust the disk sizes displayed to show the amount of required storage space. However, this calculation is not updated.

Workaround: Click the **Change Discovery Path** button and update the discovery path to show the adjusted disk sizes before adding the disks.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 5764944.

5.1.2 The Same SYSDBA Password Is Required for Audit Vault and ASM

After installing Automatic Storage Management (ASM) and Oracle Audit Vault Server, you may receive the following error when connecting to ASM:

"Supplied ASM SYSDBA password is invalid"

Workaround: Provide the same SYSDBA password for both ASM and Audit Vault Server.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 5845686.

5.1.3 Error File Getting Generated During Audit Vault Server Installation

When installing Oracle Audit Vault Server using Oracle Universal Installer, after clicking **Next** on the **Prerequisite Checks** window, the following runtime exception content is written to the error file that is generated:

```
Runtime exception during validation of variable :s_racSid
java.lang.NullPointerException
    at
Components.oracle.rdbms.dv.v10_2_0_3_0.CompContext.validate_s_racSid(Unknown
Source)
    at
Components.oracle.rdbms.dv.v10_2_0_3_0.CompContext.validate(Unknown Source)
    at
oracle.sysman.oii.ois.OiisVariable.validate(OiisVariable.java:1409)
    at
oracle.sysman.oii.ois.OiisVariable.validateChildVariables(OiisVariable.java:1836)
    at
oracle.sysman.oii.ois.OiisVariable.setValue(OiisVariable.java:1124)
    at
oracle.sysman.oii.ois.OiisVariable.setVariable(OiisVariable.java:2197)
    at
oracle.sysman.oii.ois.OiisCompContext.doOperation(OiisCompContext.java:1093)
    at
oracle.sysman.oii.oif.oifb.OiifbLinearIterator.iterate(OiifbLinearIterator.java:
147)
    at
oracle.sysman.oii.oic.OiicCompsWizEngine.doOperation(OiicCompsWizEngine.java:202)
    at
oracle.sysman.oii.oif.oifb.OiifbLinearIterator.iterate(OiifbLinearIterator.java:
147)
    at
oracle.sysman.oii.oic.OiicInstallSession$OiicSelCompsInstall.doOperation(OiicInst
allSession.java:3838)
```

Workaround: You can ignore this error. This exception error is a benign error and will be suppressed in a future release. It does not affect the installation or the functionality of the installed Audit Vault databases for a single instance installation or for an Oracle RAC environment installation.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 6832669.

5.1.4 The -record Option Is Not Supported

In this release, the installer does not support the `-record` option.

Workaround: None.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 5841694.

5.1.5 The Silent Installer Does Not Issue an Error When the SID Is Omitted

When performing silent installation for the Audit Vault Server, if you do not provide a value for the `s_dbSid` option, the SID defaults to `av`.

Workaround: Ensure that you have set the correct value for the `s_dbSid` option in the response file before running the silent installation.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 5739374.

5.1.6 The Silent Installer for the Agent Does Not Validate Against the Server

If you perform a silent installation of the Audit Vault Agent, Oracle Universal Installer does not connect to the specified Audit Vault Server and check the user-provided information. This type of validation is only available when using one-click installation.

Workaround: Use any of the following methods:

- Ensure that you are installing the agent on the computer that you specified when issuing the `avca add_agent` command on the server.
- Manually check the user-provided information in the response file for the silent installation.
- Verify that the Audit Vault database is up.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 5747235.

5.1.7 Silent Installation May Not Report on a Failed DVCA Command

If you perform a silent installation, the DVCA command may fail to run. However, the silent installer will report that it ran successfully.

Workaround: Check the installation logs after running silent installation. The log files are located in the `ORACLE_HOME/cfgtoollogs/oui/installActionsdate_time.log` file.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 5892119.

5.1.8 Silent Installation Proceeds Even When Variables Are Not Populated

When you run the silent installation program as follows, you may receive an error:

On Linux and UNIX systems:

```
./runInstaller -silent -responseFile absolute_path_to_av.rsp_file
```

On Windows systems:

```
setup.exe -silent -responseFile absolute_path_to_av.rsp_file
```

If you have not properly supplied all required variables in the silent installation file, the following error appears:

```
'SEVERE:Abnormal program termination. An internal error has occurred.  
Please provide the following files to Oracle Support :'.
```

Workaround: Check the silent installation response file and ensure that you have provided proper input for all the required variables.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 5859406.

5.1.9 Manual Cleanup Is Required After Uninstalling the Audit Vault Database

After you uninstall the Audit Vault database, the configuration files that Audit Vault created are not removed.

Workaround: Manually delete the Audit Vault home directory after you uninstall the Audit Vault database.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 5768129.

5.1.10 Audit Vault Server Installer Prints Time Zone on Console When Run for Upgrade

During an Audit Vault server upgrade, Oracle Universal Installer prints the time zone in UTC format in the console in which you invoke `./runInstaller`. This time zone format also appears in the `.out` installation log file.

Workaround: None. You can disregard this message on console and in the `.out` installation log file.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 6829132.

5.1.11 Deinstalling Upgraded Audit Vault Server Does Not Remove Entry from Oratab File

If you de-install the Audit Vault Server and even after the de-installation successfully completes, the `/etc/oratab` file still shows the entry for an upgraded Audit Vault server.

Workaround: After the deinstallation completes, manually update the `/etc/oratab` file to remove the corresponding Audit Vault server entry.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 6833273.

5.1.12 Automated Backup Job Not Properly Created With Audit Vault Server Installation

When you install Oracle Audit Vault, the automated back-up jobs do not work and fail with a `No such file or directory` error.

Workaround: Use customized back-ups to schedule any back-up jobs.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 6844843.

5.1.13 Errors Appear in Agent Log File After Installing Oracle Audit Vault Agents

After you install the Oracle Audit Vault agents, the following validation errors appear in the `$AGENTHOME/av/log/agent_client-0.log` file:

```
2008/04/29 13:03:38 Thread-10 level of detail(low): error invoking validation  
for input=agent2 method=validateName  
java.lang.NoClassDefFoundError: javax/servlet/ServletRequest
```

```

at java.lang.Class.getDeclaredMethods0(Native Method)
at java.lang.Class.privateGetDeclaredMethods(Class.java:1655)
at java.lang.Class.getMethod0(Class.java:1901)
at java.lang.Class.getMethod(Class.java:984)
at oracle.av.util.BeanValidator.invoke(BeanValidator.java:49)
at oracle.av.util.BeanValidator.validate(BeanValidator.java:97)
at
@ oracle.av.avca.CommandArguments.validateArguments(CommandArguments.java:170)
    at oracle.av.avca.Avca.startCA(Avca.java:106)
    at oracle.av.avca.Avca.main(Avca.java:448)
2008/04/29 13:03:38 Thread-10 level of detail(low): validationg getAgentName

```

Workaround: You can ignore these errors. The Audit Vault agent should start successfully.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 7007105.

5.2 All Platforms (RAC) Only

This section describes known issues and workarounds for Oracle RAC installations on all platforms.

This section contains:

- [After an Oracle RAC Installation, an Error Is Issued During Creation of the Database](#)

5.2.1 After an Oracle RAC Installation, an Error Is Issued During Creation of the Database

After you install Audit Vault Server, the following error appears if you create an Oracle RAC database using the dbca command:

```
Failed to retrieve network listener Resources
```

Workaround: Click **yes** on the error screen and continue the installation.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 5488388. **current status: 36 - Duplicate Bug. To Filer**

5.3 Linux and UNIX Platforms (Single Instance and Oracle RAC)

This section describes installation and uninstallation issues in Linux and UNIX platforms for single instance and Oracle Real Application Clusters (RAC) installations.

This section contains:

- [Oracle Audit Vault Installation Creates an Error Log File](#)
- [Accessing Help Displays a Blank Window](#)

5.3.1 Oracle Audit Vault Installation Creates an Error Log File

If you install Oracle Audit Vault, an error log similar to the following is created:

```

EM Configuration issue.
@ /oracle/av/10.2.3/AV01/av_oh/mycompany.us.oracle.com_ not found.

```

Workaround: None. Oracle Enterprise Manager should be correctly working. You can disregard this error log file.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 6780876.

5.3.2 Accessing Help Displays a Blank Window

On AIX 5L Based Systems, if you perform an Audit Vault Server or Agent installation using Simplified Chinese (zh_CN) or Japanese (ja_JP) languages, then accessing help on the installer window will display a blank help window.

Workaround: None.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 7016874.

5.4 Microsoft Windows Platform

There are no known issues for Oracle Audit Vault on the Microsoft Windows platform.

6 General Administration and Configuration Issues

This section contains:

- [Garbled Multi-byte User Name Is Displayed on the Login Page](#)
- [Subpools for Streams Can Become Too Large](#)
- [Need to Enable DV_SECANALYST to Access the DVSYS.AUDIT_TRAIL\\$ Table](#)
- [Long Source Database Name Is Garbled in Top Five Audit Sources by Number of Alerts Graph](#)
- [Need a Way to Clean Out the Archived Audit Settings for a Source Database in Oracle Audit Vault](#)
- [Need a Way to Change the Oracle Audit Vault Port Number](#)
- [Cannot Clear Mark All As Needed Settings](#)
- [Miscellaneous Error Message Issues](#)
- [Problem When Running the avca initialize_agent Command from the Audit Vault Server Home](#)
- [Agent OC4J Status Shows "NOT RUNNING" After secure_av and secure_agent Are Run](#)

6.1 Garbled Multi-byte User Name Is Displayed on the Login Page

If you enter an invalid multi-byte user name on the login page for the Audit Vault Console, an error is displayed and the user name is displayed in a garbled manner.

For example, this problem occurs if you do the following:

1. Set the browser to simplified Chinese.
2. Access the Audit Vault Console URL.
3. On the login page, enter an invalid multi-byte user name and then click **Login**.

Workaround: None.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 5899718.

6.2 Subpools for Streams Can Become Too Large

The REDO collector uses Oracle Streams technology to retrieve logical change records (LCRs) from the redo logs. On the source database, a Streams capture process uses

LogMiner to extract new LCRs from the redo logs based on capture rules that are defined by the user.

If you configure initialization parameters for a streams pool with subpool durations for instance, session, cursor, and execution, you can receive an ORA-4031 error.

Workaround: Use one of the following:

- Find what allocations made a particular duration subpool too large and change their durations, for example, from session to cursor or execution.
- Combine the durations into one pool using the following initialization parameter in the `init.ora` initialization file:

```
_enable_shared_pool_durations = false
```

However, be aware that setting this parameter prevents the Streams pool from shrinking.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 5919096.

6.3 Need to Enable DV_SECANALYST to Access the DVSYS.AUDIT_TRAIL\$ Table

Oracle Audit Vault extracts the Oracle Database Vault audit trail records by using the DV_ADMIN or DV_OWNER role to read the contents of the DVSYS.AUDIT_TRAIL\$ table for Oracle Database 11g Release 1 (11.1). For better security, Audit Vault should be able to use the DV_SECANALYST role to read the DVSYS.AUDIT_TRAIL\$ table.

Workaround:

1. Log in to SQL*Plus as a user who has been granted the DV_OWNER role.
2. Grant the DV_ADMIN role to the user account that was created on the source database for Audit Vault.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 7022650.

6.4 Long Source Database Name Is Garbled in Top Five Audit Sources by Number of Alerts Graph

If the source database has a long name and appears on the Y-axis of the graph Top Five Audit Sources by Number of Alerts, the graph is squeezed to the point that the X-axis becomes one dimensional and does not show the two-dimensional aspect of the graph.

Workaround: Create a reasonably short source name, about 15 characters long, using the `-srcname srcname` argument when you add the source to Oracle Audit Vault.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 6837441.

6.5 Need a Way to Clean Out the Archived Audit Settings for a Source Database in Oracle Audit Vault

Oracle Audit Vault needs the ability to purge the retrieved or processed audit settings in Oracle Audit Vault for a given source database.

Workaround: None.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 7375174.

6.6 Need a Way to Change the Oracle Audit Vault Port Number

After you install Oracle Audit Vault, you cannot change the port number for the Audit Vault Web applications.

Workaround: None.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 7385554.

6.7 Cannot Clear Mark All As Needed Settings

In the Audit Settings page of the Audit Vault Console, under the Statement, Object, Privilege, FGA, and Capture Rule tabs, there is a **Mark All As Needed** button. If you select this button and then decide that you should not have, there is no way to quickly revert to the previous settings. Instead, you must manually select each setting to revert it to its previous state. For a very long list, this operation can be extremely tedious.

Workaround: None.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 7449916.

6.8 Miscellaneous Error Message Issues

The following are miscellaneous error message issues:

- In an installation with the patch 7388531 applied, the following error message may appear in the log file for the DBAUD collector:

```
Message 46963 not found; product=AV; facility=OAV
```

Workaround: Oracle Audit Vault generates this message when the AUD\$ or FGA_LOG\$ record has a non-positive value in the ENTRYID or SESSOINID columns. These records are illegal but may appear as the result of bugs in Oracle Database. This message is just a warning. You can ignore it.

- The DBAUD collector log file also has warnings similar to the following:

```
WARNING @ '13/10/2008 14:08:59 02:00':  
Attribute SQL_TEXT is longer than 4000 bytes and was clipped
```

Workaround: The error message should say that SQL text longer than 4000 characters will be truncated.

- The following error message appears:

```
SRC data retireved OK'
```

Workaround: It should say:

```
SRC data retrieved OK'
```

These issues are tracked with Oracle bug 7482805.

6.9 Problem When Running the avca initialize_agent Command from the Audit Vault Server Home

The `avca initialize_agent` command can be run from the Audit Vault Server home. However, this causes instability in the Audit Vault Server.

Workaround: Only run the `avca initialize_agent` command from the Audit Vault collection agent home.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 7494714.

6.10 Agent OC4J Status Shows "NOT RUNNING" After secure_av and secure_agent Are Run

If you have secured the Oracle Audit Vault agent by running the `avca secure_agent` command, issuing the `avctl show_oc4j status` command shows the status of the OC4J agent as being down. However, in most cases, the agent is running.

Workaround: To ensure that the OC4J agent is running, check its status as follows:

- **UNIX systems:** Run the following command:

```
ps -ef | grep oc4j
```

- **Microsoft Windows systems:** Start the Windows Task Manager and check if the `java.exe` process is running.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 6318593.

7 Source Configuration Issues

This section contains:

- [Sybase ASE and SQL Server Source and Audit Vault Event Times Differ](#)
- [Cannot Add a Source Database With Spanish Locale Settings](#)

7.1 Sybase ASE and SQL Server Source and Audit Vault Event Times Differ

The source database event time and Audit Vault event times differ for Sybase ASE and SQL Server. This time difference is small, however.

[Table 2](#) demonstrates this problem. In the values listed in the Audit Vault Timestamp column, there is a trailing, recurring last digit followed by zeros. For some cases, the leading zero is dropped. This could pose problems because the `event_time` value is usually used as a basis for co-relating events.

Table 2 *Timestamp Differences Between the Source and Audit Vault Event Times*

Source DB Timestamp	Audit Vault Timestamp
2008-03-13 15:27:44.773	2008-03-13 15:27:44.773333000
2008-03-13 15:28:48.056	2008-03-13 15:28:48.56667000
2008-03-13 15:28:55.103	2008-03-13 15:28:55.103333000
2008-03-13 15:28:57.76	2008-03-13 15:28:57.760000000
2008-03-13 15:29:00.086	2008-03-13 15:29:0.86667000
2008-03-13 15:29:52.883	2008-03-13 15:29:52.883333000

Workaround: None.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 6890264.

7.2 Cannot Add a Source Database With Spanish Locale Settings

If the computer on which the source database resides has clients that use Spanish, then you cannot add this source database to Oracle Audit Vault. If you try to add this source database, the following errors appear:

```
'DVSYS.DV_BEFORE_DDL_TRG'  
ORA-01403: no data found  
ORA-06512: at "DVSYS.AUTHORIZE_EVENT", line 55  
ORA-06512: at line 31  
ORA-06512: at "SYS.AV_STREAMS_AUTH", line 9  
ORA-06512: at line 1
```

Workaround: On the computer where the source database resides, change the NLS_LANG setting to AMERICAN_AMERICA.US7ASCII, and then set the system-wide regional options on the source database to English (United States).

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 7525945.

8 Collector Configuration Issues

This section contains:

- [Collector Startup Can Be Slow](#)
- [SQL Server Collector Status Not Updated](#)
- [Invalid Path Error Appears in SQL Server Collector Log File](#)
- [OS Collector Crashes With Error 217 While Parsing XML Audit File](#)

8.1 Collector Startup Can Be Slow

After several restarts, a collector can take a while to start. In most cases, when the `avctl start_collector` command is successful, the `avctl show_collector_status` command and Audit Vault Console indicate that the collector is running. However, in some cases the collector status may indicate that it is not running. This can be due to working in a slow environment and it takes more time to respond to the metrics query, or the collector is doing an initialization and recovery.

Workaround: Wait until the startup completes. Operations should be normal after the collector has finished starting. Before re-performing a collector status query, wait a bit longer. The collector status will eventually indicate a running state.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 5937597.

8.2 SQL Server Collector Status Not Updated

If you run the Audit Vault SQL Server `avmssqlldb` command on the source database, and then try to start the SQL Server collector, the command succeeds but the collector status remains unchanged. It should show a status indicating that the SQL Server collector has started. To find if this error has occurred, check the `$ORACLE_HOME/av/log` directory of the Agent and see if the SQL Collector log file has a Generic Wallet Error. If this wallet error is present, then it is most likely this bug.

Typically, you follow these steps:

1. On the Audit Vault Server side, you add the source and collectors as follows:

```
avmssqlldb add_source -srcname src_name ...
```

```
avmssqldb add_collector -collname collector_name ...
```

2. On the Audit Vault Agent side, you run the following set-up command:

```
avmssqldb setup -srcname src_name
```

3. Then, on the Audit Vault Server side, you run these commands:

```
avctl start_collector -srcname src_name -collname collector_name  
avctl show_collector_status -srcname src_name -collname collector_name
```

If you omit Step 2, then no error displays when you run the `avctl start_collector` command in Step 3. When you run the `avctl show_collector_status` command next, then the status displays a `not running` message.

Workaround: Run the `avmssqldb setup` command on the agent, and then restart the collector.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 7010699.

8.3 Invalid Path Error Appears in SQL Server Collector Log File

The SQL Server collector log file erroneously states that the directory path specified by the `C2_TRACE_FILEPATH` attribute setting is incorrect.

Workaround: Specify the complete file name, with the wildcard asterisk (*) instead of `.trc` in the `C2_TRACE_FILEPATH` parameter. For example, if the file name is `C:\MyTrace.trc`, then specify the value `C:\MyTrace*`.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 7030424.

8.4 OS Collector Crashes With Error 217 While Parsing XML Audit File

The OS collector crashes with a 217 error message when it tries to analyze the XML audit file. This can happen if the XML file contains an invalid character.

Workaround: None.

This issue is tracked with Oracle bug 7501659.

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