

## GoldenGate

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## Outline



- What is GoldenGate?
- Architecture
- Performance
- GoldenGate vs. Streams
- Monitoring
- Summary

## What is GoldenGate?



- Real-time data integration solutions
- Continuous data synchronization across heterogeneous environments
  - Oracle, DB2, SQL Server, MySQL and more
- Project started in early 90s
- Purchased by Oracle in late 2009

## Motivation for testing



- Need of stable and reliable replication service
- Streams require frequent interventions (at least once per week)
  - Blocking sessions
  - Memory pools shortage
  - Human errors
- Streams administration is difficult
  - T1s administrators need our help
- Streams project has been abandoned by Oracle

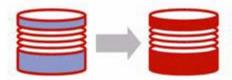


## Data integration using GG



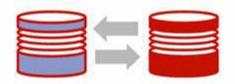
### UNIDIRECTIONAL

Reporting Instance



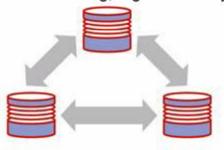
### **BI-DIRECTIONAL**

Instant Failover "Active-Active"



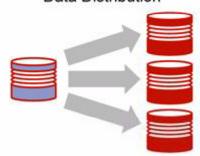
#### PEER-TO-PEER

Load Balancing, High Availability



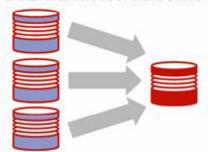
### BROADCAST

**Data Distribution** 



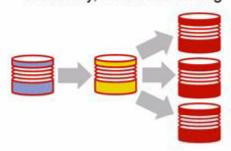
### CONSOLIDATION

Data Warehouse/Mart/Store



### CASCADING

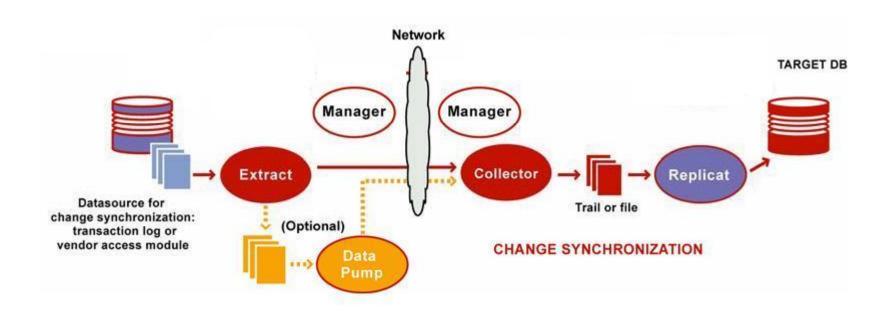
Scalability, Database Tiering





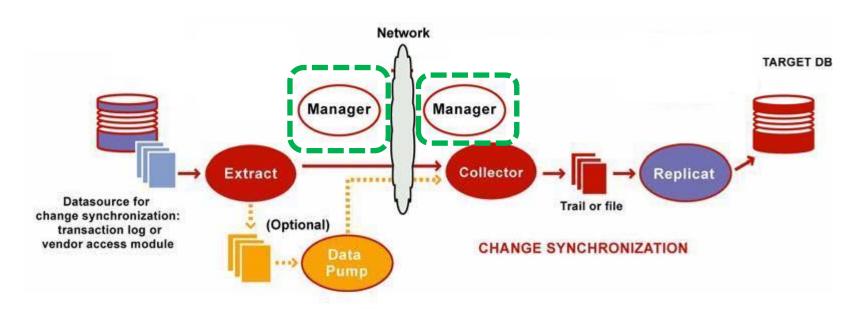
## GoldenGate architecture





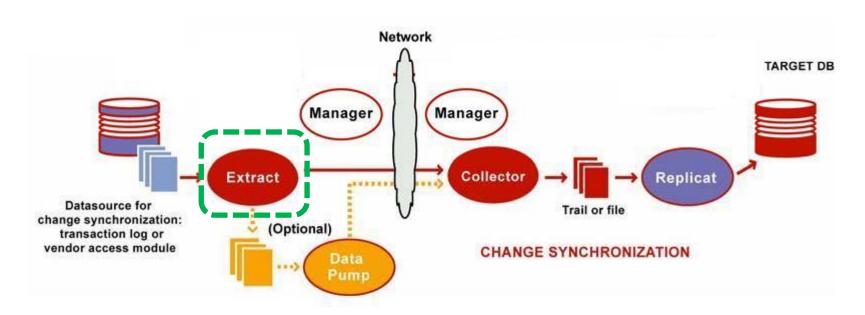


- Manager
  - Runs on both databases
  - Starts and monitors GG processes
  - Manages trail files
  - Reporting





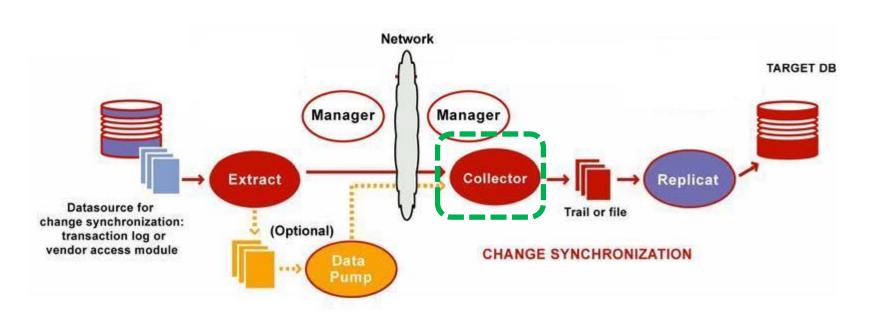
- Extract (capture process)
  - Runs on the source database
  - Extracts data changes from redo logs
  - Writes transactional and DDL changes (in common GG format) to trail files





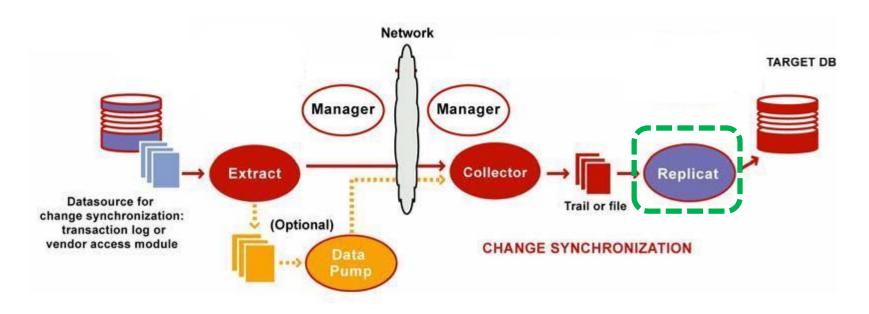
### Collector

- Background process which runs on the target system
- Two modes: static and dynamic (managed by manager)
- Receives data changes from TCP/IP and writes to remote trail files





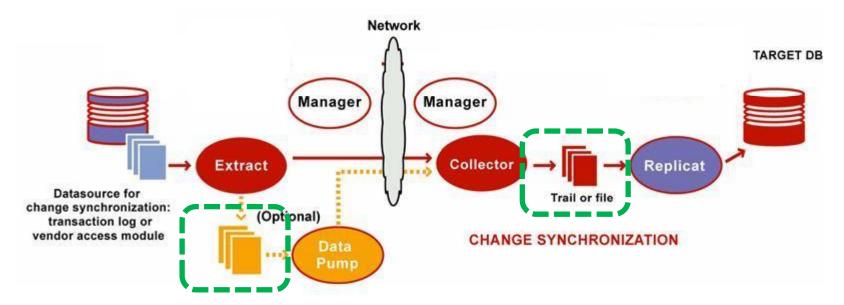
- Replicat (apply process)
  - Runs on the target system
  - Reads transactional data from trail files and applies them on target database
  - Can by parallelized





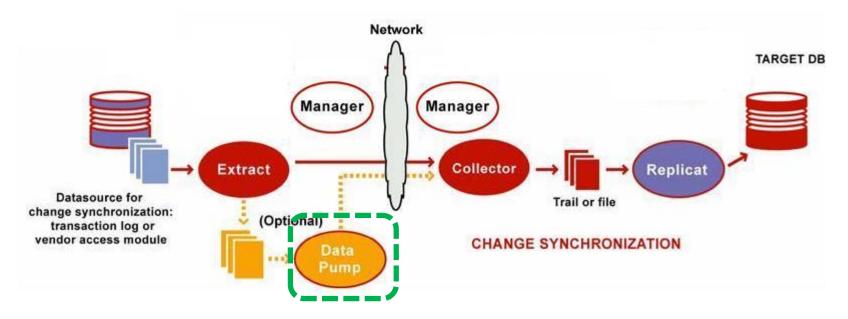
### Trail files

- Contains data changes written in GG common format
- Series of files that GoldenGate temporarily stores on disks
- Two types
  - Extract Trail (located on source optional)
  - Remote Trail (located on destination)





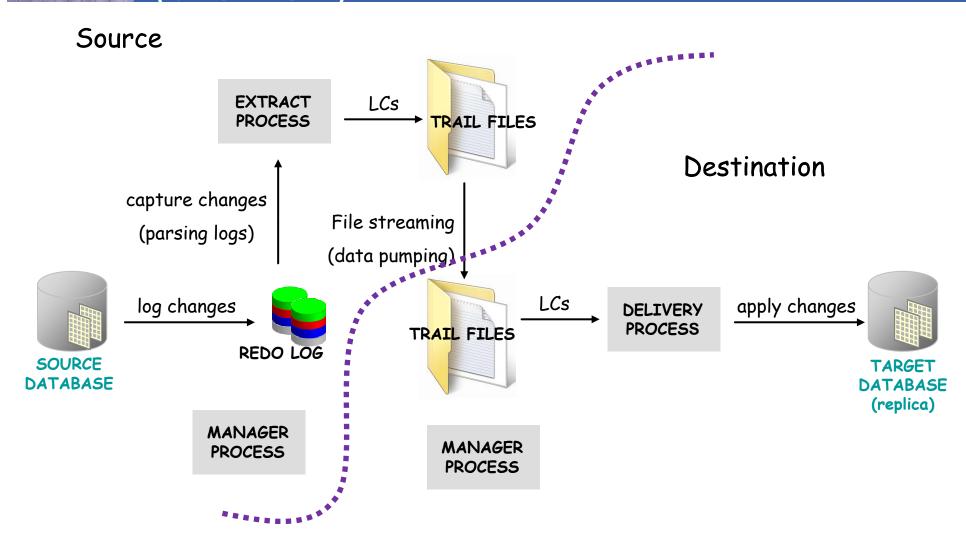
- Data pump
  - Sends data changes from extract trail via TCP/IP to remote trail on the target
  - Optional component
    - Extract process can sends changes directly to remote trail
  - Optional encryption and compression over TCP/IP





# GoldenGate architecture (overview)



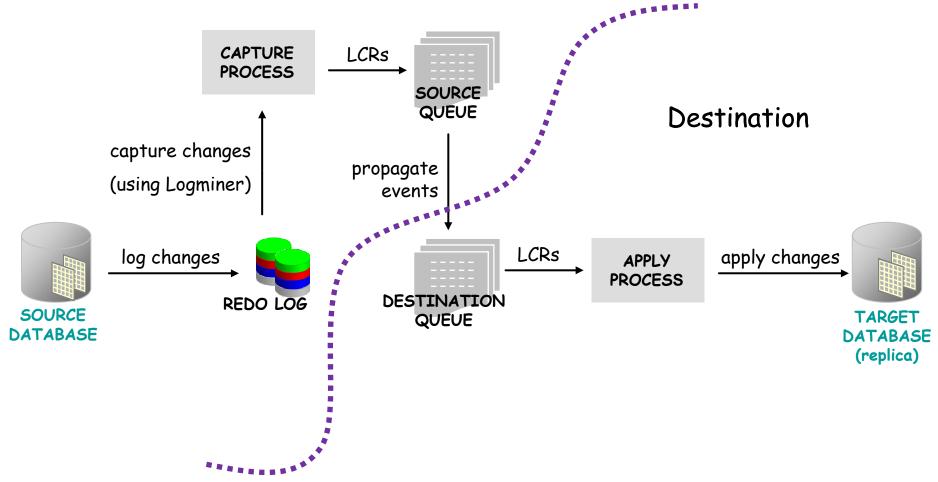




# Streams architecture (overview)







## Discovered problems



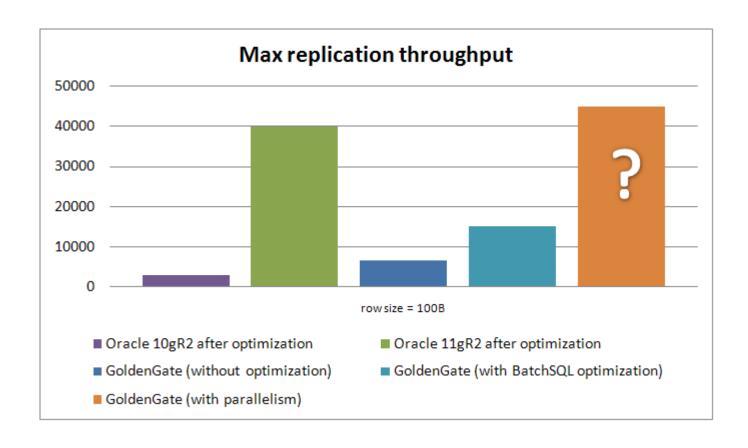
- Supplemental logging groups are created to late to replicate the following DML operations
  - Workaround: add global supplemental logging for primary and foreign keys
- Cannot use create as select select statement is executed on the destination database as GGADMIN user
- Delivery parallelism: lack of DMLs and DDLs synchronization – problem with temporal tables



- Simple workload (inserts, updates, deletes)
  - With basic configuration (no parallelism): 7K LCRs /s
  - With BatchSQL optimization 15K LCRs /s and can be more
  - With parallelism: at least 15K LCRs /s (each parallel process increases throughput linearly)
- COOL workload
  - ~3K LCRs/s
  - BatchSQL does not improve performance
  - Unable to use parallelism
- Delivery process is the bottlenecks due to limits of resource utilization by single session.
  - Possible solution: per schema delivery parallelism

## Where are we now?







# GoldenGate vs Streams (setting up)



	Streams	GoldenGate
Installation	•Embedded in Oracle DBMS	•Unzipping binaries
Management	•Using SQL or EM	<ul><li>Mainly with GGSCI command tool</li><li>Director application</li></ul>
Replication setup	•TNS + database links config •Executions of few procedures	<ul><li>Editing parameter files + executions of few command</li><li>Additional port required</li></ul>
RAC environment	No additional steps required	<ul> <li>Shared storage, CRS configuration, additional parameters</li> </ul>
Schemas selection	•Setting rules for process – SQL procedure	•Editing mapping files
Supervisor account	<ul> <li>STRMADMIN – owner of processes, jobs, queues and links</li> <li>Executes transactions on target</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>GGADMIN – keeps metadata about replicated schema</li> <li>Executes transactions on target</li> </ul>
Watch	•None	•Manager process



# GoldenGate vs Streams (performance)



	Streams	GoldenGate
Bottleneck	Capture process – log mining	•Delivery process – limitation of single session resources
Parallelism of apply / delivery	<ul> <li>By setting process's parameter</li> <li>Apply coordinator takes care about serialization</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>By manual addition of processes and specification of filters</li> <li>No coordinator process – no serialization guaranteed</li> </ul>
Big parallel transactions	•Serialized capture	Parallel capture
Replication processes impact on the system	•Quite significant	•Minimal
Potential improvements	•None	<ul> <li>Parallelism of schemas + BatchSQL + compression</li> </ul>
Stability	<ul><li>Not stable. A lot of aborts due to database memory issues</li><li>Hangs due to session blocking</li></ul>	Very stable so far



# GoldenGate vs Streams (functionality and maintenance)



	Streams	GoldenGate
Initial load	•Data pump	•Initial load configuration
Monitoring	•SQL + EM + Custom tools	•Director
Administration	<ul><li>All task can be done through SQLPlus</li><li>No direct access to machines required</li></ul>	<ul><li>Using Director (most of tasks)</li><li>Using GGSCI requires direct access to node</li></ul>
Error handling	<ul> <li>Errors well documented</li> <li>Errors expressed in database language</li> <li>All error handling procedures fully understood</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Errors not well documented and not fully understandable</li><li>Handling procedures not recognized yet</li></ul>
Data replication (DDL+DML)	<ul> <li>Replication of data definitions and modifications</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Special handling of data definitions.</li><li>Only delivery without parallelism can guarantee smooth replication</li></ul>
Specific data handling	•Apply handlers	•None



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	Streams	GoldenGate
Schemas versioning	Multi Version Object Dictionary	<ul><li>Single Version Object Dictionary</li><li>Potential problems with recapturing of older changes</li></ul>
Resuming of replication	<ul> <li>Slow - capture process needs to re-init dictionary from the last checkpoint</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Very fast</li><li>Using checkpoint files</li></ul>
Failing transactions	Mechanism for re-execution of failed transaction	<ul> <li>No extra mechanism.</li> <li>Rollback the sequence change number (SCN) and restart the delivery process</li> </ul>

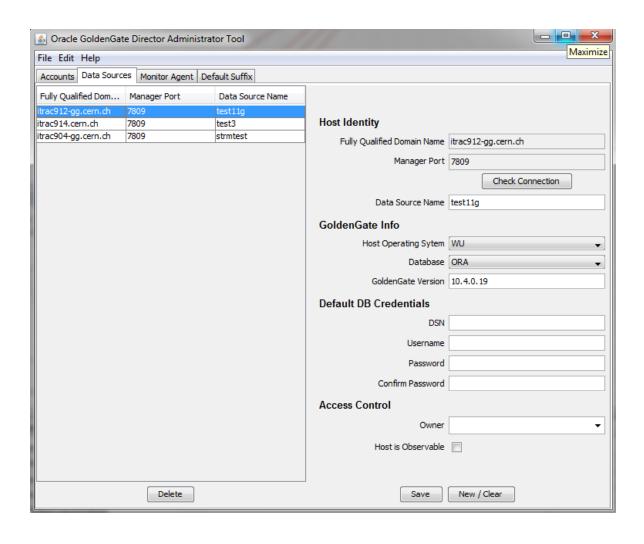


- 3 applications
  - Admin tool (defines managers location)
  - Director web application (status, logs, start/stop, email notifications)
  - Director desktop application ( status, logs, start/stop, email notifications, replication configuration and management, setup topology )
- Written in JAVA
- Requires Java 1.6 SDK and Weblogic server
- Wraps GGSCI command line interface



## Admin tool







## Director - web app

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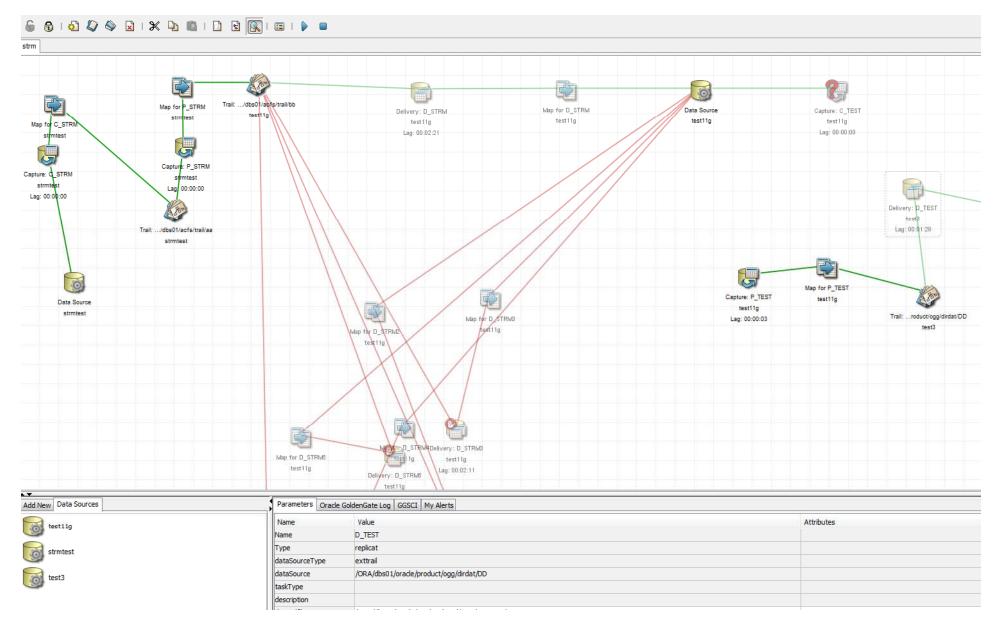
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## Director – desktop app







- Intuitive interface layout (fast information display no nested views)
- Access to process statistics and reports
- Email notification
  - Lag (floods mail box sends every minute)
  - Event (errors, warnings)
- Difficult to monitor many replication setups
- From time to time problems with refreshing
- Not all operations works after first attempt (retries are needed)
- No history data
- No plots except lags

- DBMS independent software
  - Deployment requires more afford ('attaching' to DB)
  - Minimal machine resource utilization
  - Minimal impact on the database
- Golden Gate is stable and efficient.
- Technology focused on data modification operations
  - CERN's data profile is definitions + modifications



- Performance (safe mode) better than Streams10g
  - There is big potential of improvements but we need to avoid 'driving without breaks'
- Errors not well documented
- Lack of experience (administration)
  - Errors handling
- Fair monitoring (in multiple setups context)
- Strategic replication solution for Oracle



- More performance tests
  - Per schema delivery parallelism
  - Real PVSS's and Condition's data replication tests
- Establishing contact with GG development team
  - Arranged meeting at Oracle Open World next week
- Evaluation new features on GG 11g (new version just has been released)