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Reference Architecture Guide

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Reference Architecture Guide

This reference architecture guide shows how using Hitachi Unified Compute Platform for Oracle Real Application Clusters in a 4-Node Solution provides a high performance, integrated solution for an Oracle infrastructure. The environment uses Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform F800 (VSP F800) with Hitachi Accelerated Flash (HAF). Use this document to design an infrastructure for your requirements and budget.

This solution integrates servers, storage systems, network, and storage software. The environment provides reliability, high availability, scalability, and performance while processing small-scale to large-scale real world workloads such as OLTP and DSS. The dedicated servers run Oracle Database 12c R1 with the Oracle Real Application Cluster (RAC) option. The operating system is Oracle Linux 7.2.

Hitachi Data Instance Director (HDID) is configured with one master node and one repository node on Microsoft® Windows Server® 2012 R2. Data Instance Director can be installed on either a physical server or Microsoft Hyper-V® virtual machines.

This reference architecture document is for the following roles:

- Database administrator
- Storage administrator
- IT professional with the responsibility of planning and deploying an Oracle Database solution
- Backup administrators
- IT professionals with the responsibility of backing up, restoring and recovering, or disaster database recovery of an Oracle Database solution

To use this reference architecture guide, familiarity with the following is required:

- Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform F800 (VSP F800) using Hitachi Accelerated Flash (HAF)
- Hitachi Compute Blade 2500 (CB 2500) using 520X B3 server blades with Intel Xeon E7-8893 v4 processor CPUs
- Hitachi Data Instance Director (HDID)
- Hitachi Thin Image (HTI) - used for replication
- Storage area networks
- Oracle RAC Database 12c Release 1
- Oracle Automatic Storage Management
- Oracle Linux 7

Note — Testing of this configuration was in a lab environment. Many things affect production environments beyond prediction or duplication in a lab environment. Follow the recommended practice of conducting proof-of-concept testing for acceptable results in a non-production, isolated test environment that otherwise matches your production environment before your production implementation of this solution.

Solution Overview

This reference architecture implements Hitachi Unified Compute Platform 6000 for Oracle Real Application Clusters (UCP for Oracle RAC) on four nodes using Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform F800 (VSP F800) with Hitachi Accelerated Flash (HAF). In this configuration, Hitachi Compute Blade 2500 (CB 2500) uses 520X B3 server blades with Intel Xeon E7-8893 v4 processor CPUs.

This environment addresses the high availability, performance, and scalability requirements for on-line transaction processing (OLTP) and DSS workloads. Tailor your implementation of this solution to meet your specific needs.

This reference architecture includes the following:

- **Hitachi Compute Blade 2500** with five server blades
 - **Server Blade 1** — Oracle RAC NODE 1
 - **Server Blade 3** — Oracle RAC NODE 2
 - **Server Blade 5** — Oracle RAC NODE 3
 - **Server Blade 7** — Oracle RAC NODE 4
 - **Server Blade 9** — N+M Cold Standby
- **Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform F800** with Hitachi Accelerated Flash
- 16 Gb/sec SAN infrastructure
- 10 GbE LAN infrastructure

Figure 1 shows the high-level infrastructure for this solution.

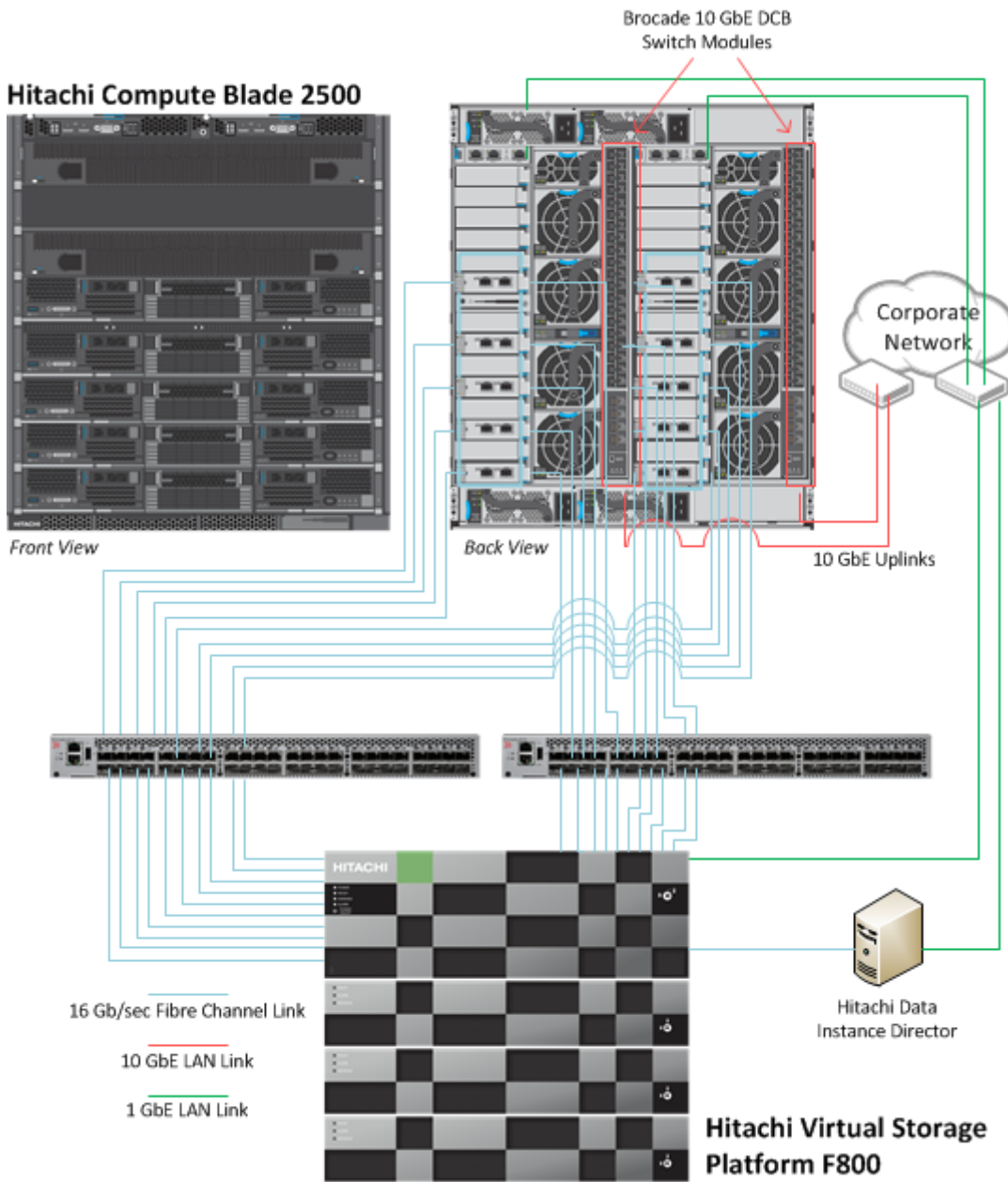


Figure 1

Key Solution Components

Table 1 lists the key hardware components used in this reference architecture.

Table 1. Key Solution Components From Hitachi Data Systems

Hardware	Detail Description	Version	Quantity
Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform F800 (VSP F800)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dual controller ▪ 24 × 16 Gb/sec Fibre Channel ports ▪ 8 × 12 Gb/sec backend serial attached SCSI (SAS) ports ▪ 512 GB cache memory 	83-03-24-00/00	1
	3.2 TB flash memory drives (FMDs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 spares 		42 - 11 on the first two trays, and 10 on the last two trays
Hitachi Compute Blade 2500 (CB 2500) chassis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 × 10 GbE data center bridging (DCB) local area network (LAN) switch module Brocade VDX 2746 ▪ 10 Fan modules ▪ 2 Management modules ▪ 4 Power supply modules 	Management Module Firmware Version A0160-B-1453 Dictionary Version A0031 DCB Switch Version 6.0.2b	1
520X B3 Full-width Server Blade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 Intel Xeon E7-8893 v4 processor CPU ▪ 256 RAM, 16 × 16 GB DDR4 memory ▪ 1 × 4-port 10 GbE converged network adapter (CNA) LAN on motherboard (LOM) 	11-01/11-02	5
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emulex LPe16002B 16 Gb/sec 2-port PCIe Fibre Channel HBA 	Firmware: 10.7.0.1	10
Brocade 6510 Fibre Channel switch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 48 port Fibre Channel switch ▪ 20 × 16 Gb/sec SFPs on first switch ▪ 21 × 16 Gb/sec SFPs on second switch 	7.4.1b	2

Table 2 lists the key software components used in this reference architecture.

Table 2. Key Software Components

Software	Version	Function
Hitachi Storage Virtualization Operating System (SVOS) with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Hitachi Storage Navigator (SN) ■ Hitachi Dynamic Provisioning (HDP) 	Microcode dependent	Storage management suite
Hitachi Command Suite (HCS)	8.4.1-02	Storage management suite
Hitachi Compute Systems Manager (HCSM)	8.4.1-02	N+M Management
Oracle Linux (OL)	7.2	Operating system for Oracle RAC
Oracle ASM	12c Release 1 12.1.0.2.0	Oracle ASM
Oracle Database	12c Release 1 12.1.0.2.0	Oracle database system

Hitachi Compute Blade 2500

[Hitachi Compute Blade 2500](#) delivers enterprise computing power and performance with unprecedented scalability and configuration flexibility. Lower your costs and protect your investment.

Flexible I/O architecture and logical partitioning allow configurations to match application needs exactly with Hitachi Compute Blade 2500. Multiple applications easily and securely co-exist in the same chassis.

Add server management and system monitoring at no cost with Hitachi Compute Systems Manager. Seamlessly integrate with Hitachi Command Suite in Hitachi storage environments.

Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform Fx00 Models

[Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform Fx00](#) models deliver superior all-flash performance for business-critical applications, with continuous data availability. High-performance network attached storage with nondisruptive deduplication reduces the required storage capacity by up to 90% with the power to handle large, mixed-workload environments.

Hitachi Storage Virtualization Operating System provides storage virtualization, high availability, superior performance, and advanced data protection for all Virtual Storage Platform Fx00 models. This proven, mature software provides common features to consolidate assets, reclaim space, extend life, and reduce migration effort.

This solution uses Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform F800, which supports [Oracle Real Application Clusters](#).

Hitachi Accelerated Flash

[Hitachi Accelerated Flash](#) features a flash module built specifically for enterprise-class workloads. Developed for Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform, Accelerated Flash is available for Hitachi Unified Storage F800 (VSP) used in this architecture.

Accelerated Flash features innovative Hitachi-developed embedded flash memory controller technology. Hitachi flash acceleration software speeds I/O processing to increase flash device throughput.

Hitachi Accelerated Flash provides a reliable data storage for the Oracle database file placement with fast data retrieval for the OLTP workload.

Hitachi Storage Virtualization Operating System

[Hitachi Storage Virtualization Operating System](#) spans and integrates multiple platforms. It integrates storage system software to provide system element management and advanced storage system functions. Used across multiple platforms, Storage Virtualization Operating System includes storage virtualization, thin provisioning, storage service level controls, dynamic provisioning, and performance instrumentation.

Storage Virtualization Operating System includes standards-based management software on a Hitachi Command Suite base. This provides storage configuration and control capabilities for you.

Storage Virtualization Operating System uses Hitachi Dynamic Provisioning to provide wide striping and thin provisioning. Dynamic Provisioning provides one or more wide-striping pools across many RAID groups. Each pool has one or more dynamic provisioning virtual volumes (DP-VOLs) without initially allocating any physical space. Deploying Dynamic Provisioning avoids the routine issue of hot spots that occur on logical devices (LDEVs).

Hitachi Data Instance Director (HDID)

[Hitachi Data Instance Director \(HDID\)](#) provides a modern, holistic approach to data protection, recovery, and retention.

Data Instance Director has a unique workflow-based policy engine, presented in a whiteboard-style user interface. It helps you to map copy data management processes to business priorities.

Data Instance Director includes a wide range of fully integrated storage-based and host-based incremental-forever data capture capabilities. These can be combined into complex workflows to automate and simplify copy data management.

Use Data Instance Director with Oracle so you no longer need to be dependent on IT personnel to backup, restore, recover, or clone databases. This allows data base administrators and storage administrators to focus on their specialty while unburdening IT staff of time-consuming tasks.

Data Instance Director provides application-consistent storage-based clone and remote file replication orchestration for Oracle Database environments using an intuitive, comprehensive, and efficient user interface.

Brocade Switches

Brocade and Hitachi Data Systems partner to deliver storage networking and data center solutions. These solutions reduce complexity and cost, as well as enable virtualization and cloud computing to increase business agility.

The solution using the following Brocade products:

- Brocade VDX 2746, 10 GbE switch module
- Brocade 6510 48 port Fibre Channel switch

Oracle Linux

Using the stability and flexibility of Oracle Linux, reallocate your resources towards meeting the next challenges instead of maintaining the status quo. Deliver meaningful business results by providing exceptional reliability of military-grade security. Use Oracle Linux to tailor your infrastructure as markets shift and technologies evolve.

Oracle Database

[Oracle Database](#) has a multitenant architecture so you can consolidate many databases quickly and manage them as a cloud service. Oracle Database also includes in-memory data processing capabilities for analytical performance. Additional database innovations deliver efficiency, performance, security, and availability. Oracle Database comes in two editions: Enterprise Edition and Standard Edition 2.

[Oracle Real Application Clusters](#) (Oracle RAC) is a clustered version of Oracle Database. It is based on a comprehensive high-availability stack that can be used as the foundation of a database cloud system, as well as a shared infrastructure. This ensures high availability, scalability, and agility for any application.

[Oracle Automatic Storage Management](#) (Oracle ASM) is a volume manager and a file system for Oracle database files. This supports single-instance Oracle Database and Oracle Real Application Clusters configurations. Oracle ASM is the recommended storage management solution that provides an alternative to conventional volume managers, file systems, and raw devices.

Solution Design

This describes the reference architecture environment, implementing a half-rack environment for Hitachi Unified Compute Platform 6000 for Oracle Real Application Cluster using Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform F800 with Hitachi Accelerated Flash.

Specific infrastructure configuration details include the following:

- **Server** — Four server nodes configured in an Oracle Real Application Cluster with one additional N+M cold standby node.
- **Storage System** — There are LDEVs mapped to each port that are presented to the server as LUNs.
- **SAN Connection** — Connect each Fibre Channel HBA port to the storage front-end ports using the switched SAN environment.

Storage Architecture

This describes the storage architecture of this reference architecture. It takes into consideration Hitachi Data Systems and Oracle recommended practices for the deployment of database storage design.

Storage Configuration

This is the high-level storage configuration diagram of this solution.

Figure 2 shows the layout of the storage configuration used for this solution.

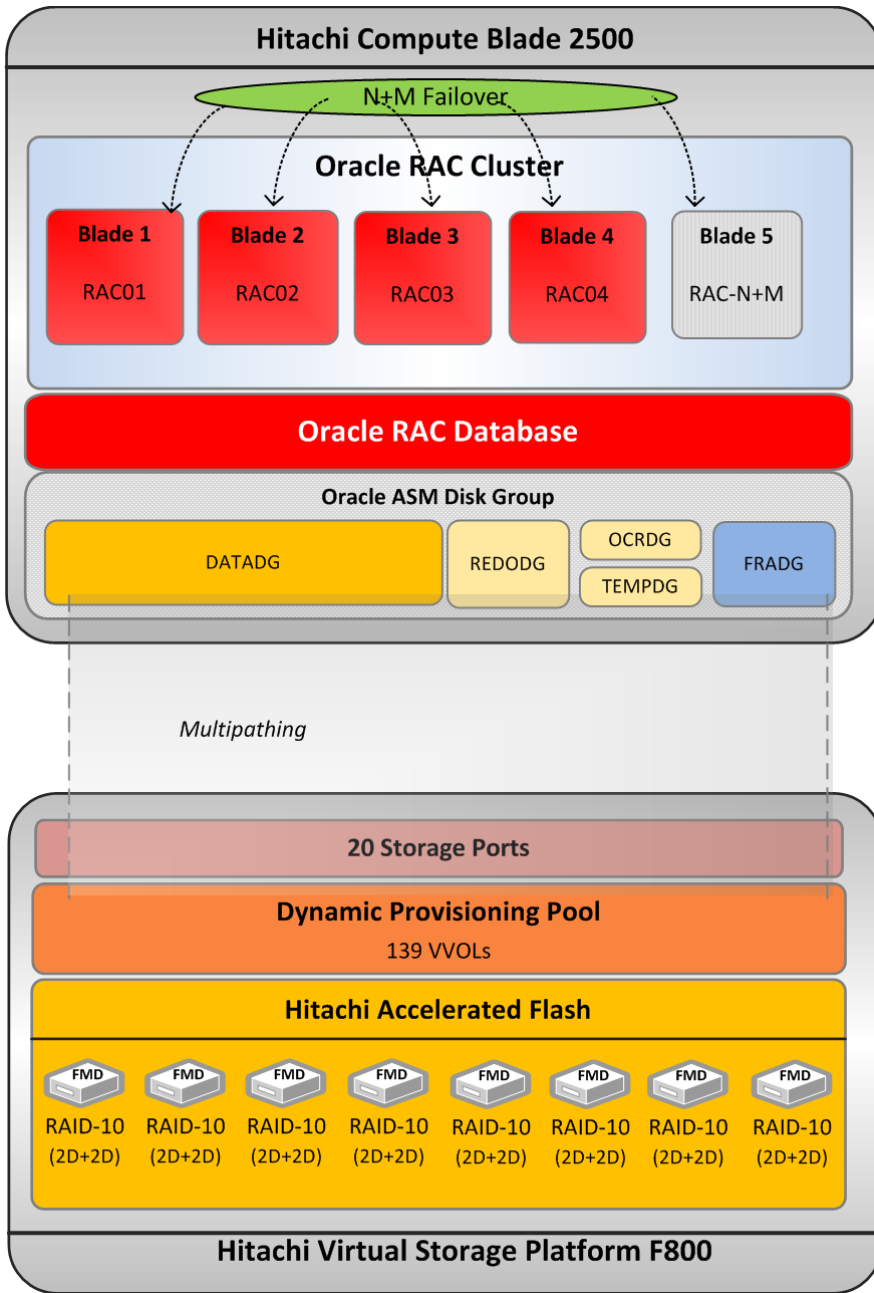


Figure 2

Table 3 shows the storage pool configuration used in the tested configuration. You may use a different configuration.

Table 3. Storage Pool Configuration

Pool ID	ora_prod_fmd_01 (Oracle Production)	ora_bk_fmd_02 (Snapshot Target)
Pool Type	Dynamic Provisioning	Dynamic Provisioning
RAID Group	1-1 – 1-8	1-9
RAID Level	RAID-10 (2D+2D)	RAID-6 (6D+2P)
Number of LDEVs	256 × 204.7 GB	32 × 614.3 GB
Drive Type	3.2 TB Flash Module Drive (FMD)	3.2 TB Flash Module Drive (FMD)
Number of Drives	32, with 8 per each tray	8, with 2 per tray
Pool Capacity	51.17 TB	19.19 TB

Table 4 shows the logical storage configuration used in the tested configuration.

Table 4. Logical Storage Configuration

Pool ID	ora_prod_fmd_01						
Number of VVOLs	3	64	8	32	32	4	1
VVOL Size	5 GB	300 GB	200 GB	8 GB	960 GB	200 GB	100 MB
Purpose	Oracle Cluster Registry Voting Disk	OLTP Application Tablespace s System Sysaux Undo	Temp	Online Redo Logs Control Files	Incremental Backups Archived Redo Logs Control File Autobackups	SAN Boot	CMD Device for the command control interface
Storage Port	20 ports for Oracle RAC						1 port for HDID

Database Layout

The database layout design uses recommended practices from Hitachi Data Systems for Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform F800 using Hitachi Accelerated Flash for small random I/O traffic, such as OLTP transactions. The layout also takes into account the Oracle ASM best practices when using Hitachi storage.

Base the storage design for database layout needs on the requirements of a specific application implementation. The design can vary greatly from one implementation to another. The components in this solution set have the flexibility for use in various deployment scenarios to provide the right balance between performance and ease of management.

- **Data and Indexes Tablespace** — Assign a Data ASM diskgroup for the data and index tablespaces. The smallfile tablespace for data consists of 2048 datafiles that are 8 GB each. Set the tablespace to a small initial size with autoextend enabled to maximize storage utilization.
- **TEMP Tablespace** — Place the TEMP tablespace of this configuration in the TEMP ASM diskgroup. A number of tempfiles are created within one smallfile TEMP tablespace. Limit the size of each tempfile to 31 GB.
- **Undo Tablespace** — Place UNDO tablespace in this configuration in the Data ASM diskgroup. Assign one UNDO tablespace for each database instance in a four node Oracle RAC database. A number of undo datafiles are created within each smallfile UNDO tablespace. Limit the size of each undo datafile to 8 GB.
- **Online Redo Logs** — Assign one ASM diskgroup for each database. Four redo logs are created for each database instance in a four node Oracle RAC database. Set the size of each redo log file to 8 GB.
- **Oracle Cluster Registry and Voting Disk** — Place each of these files in this configuration in the OCR ASM diskgroup.
- **Size Settings** — Set the database block size to 8 KB. Set the ASM allocation unit to 4 MB.
- **ASM FILE SYSTEM I/O Settings** — Set the Oracle ASM I/O operations for database files as follows:
 - FILESYSTEMIO_OPTIONS = setall

Table 5 has the Oracle RAC database configuration.

Table 5. Oracle RAC Database Settings

For This Environment	Use This Value
RAC configuration	Yes
ASM	Yes - Oracle RAC Database

Table 6 shows the Oracle Environment Parameters.

Table 6. Oracle Environment Parameters

For This Setting	Use This Value
SGA_TARGET	128 GB
PGA_AGGREGATE_TARGET	64 GB
DB_CACHE_SIZE	64 GB
DB_KEEP_CACHE_SIZE	32 GB
DB_RECYCLE_CACHE_SIZE	8 GB
LOG_BUFFER	536870912
USE_LARGE_PAGES	TRUE
FILESYSTEMIO_OPTIONS	SETALL

Table 7 has the details for the disk mappings from the LUNs to the operating system devices and to the ASM disk groups for Oracle RAC Database tablespaces.

Table 7. Oracle ASM Disk Configuration

ASM Disk Group	ASM Disk	Multipath Device Alias	LUNs Count	Purpose
OCRDG	OCRDISK1	/dev/mapper/ocr01p1	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Oracle Cluster Registry
	OCRDISK2	/dev/mapper/ocr02p1		
	OCRDISK3	/dev/mapper/ocr03p1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Voting Disk
REDODG	RGDISK01	/dev/mapper/redo01p1	32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Online REDO Logs ■ Control Files
	RGDISK02	/dev/mapper/redo02p1		
	RGDISK03	/dev/mapper/redo03p1		
	RGDISK04	/dev/mapper/redo04p1		
	RGDISK05	/dev/mapper/redo05p1		
	RGDISK06	/dev/mapper/redo06p1		
	RGDISK07	/dev/mapper/redo07p1		
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	RGDISK20	/dev/mapper/redo20p1		
	RGDISK21	/dev/mapper/redo21p1		
	RGDISK22	/dev/mapper/redo22p1		
	RGDISK23	/dev/mapper/redo23p1		
	RGDISK24	/dev/mapper/redo24p1		

Table 7. Oracle ASM Disk Configuration (Continued)

ASM Disk Group	ASM Disk	Multipath Device Alias	LUNs Count	Purpose
	RGDISK25	/dev/mapper/redo25p1		
	RGDISK26	/dev/mapper/redo26p1		
	RGDISK27	/dev/mapper/redo27p1		
	RGDISK28	/dev/mapper/redo28p1		
	RGDISK29	/dev/mapper/redo29p1		
	RGDISK30	/dev/mapper/redo30p1		
	RGDISK31	/dev/mapper/redo31p1		
	RGDISK32	/dev/mapper/redo32p1		
DATADG	DADISK01	/dev/mapper/data01p1	64	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Application Data ■ Undo ■ System ■ Sysaux
	DADISK02	/dev/mapper/data02p1		
	DADISK03	/dev/mapper/data03p1		
	DADISK04	/dev/mapper/data04p1		
	DADISK05	/dev/mapper/data05p1		
	DADISK06	/dev/mapper/data06p1		
	DADISK07	/dev/mapper/data07p1		
	DADISK08	/dev/mapper/data08p1		
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	DADISK15	/dev/mapper/data15p1		
	DADISK16	/dev/mapper/data16p1		
	DADISK17	/dev/mapper/data17p1		
	DADISK18	/dev/mapper/data18p1		
	DADISK19	/dev/mapper/data19p1		

Table 7. Oracle ASM Disk Configuration (Continued)

ASM Disk Group	ASM Disk	Multipath Device Alias	LUNs Count	Purpose
DATADG (Continued)	DADISK20	/dev/mapper/data20p1		
	DADISK21	/dev/mapper/data21p1		
	DADISK22	/dev/mapper/data22p1		
	DADISK23	/dev/mapper/data23p1		
	DADISK24	/dev/mapper/data24p1		
	DADISK25	/dev/mapper/data25p1		
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	DADISK45	/dev/mapper/data45p1		
	DADISK46	/dev/mapper/data46p1		
	DADISK47	/dev/mapper/data47p1		
	DADISK48	/dev/mapper/data48p1		
DADISK49	/dev/mapper/data49p1			

Table 7. Oracle ASM Disk Configuration (Continued)

ASM Disk Group	ASM Disk	Multipath Device Alias	LUNs Count	Purpose
DATADG (Continued)	DADISK50	/dev/mapper/data50p1		
	DADISK51	/dev/mapper/data51p1		
	DADISK52	/dev/mapper/data52p1		
	DADISK53	/dev/mapper/data53p1		
	DADISK54	/dev/mapper/data54p1		
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	DADISK61	/dev/mapper/data61p1		
	DADISK62	/dev/mapper/data62p1		
	DADISK63	/dev/mapper/data63p1		
	DADISK64	/dev/mapper/data64p1		
TEMPDG	TEDISK01	/dev/mapper/temp01p1	8	■ TEMP
	TEDISK02	/dev/mapper/temp02p1		
	TEDISK03	/dev/mapper/temp03p1		
	TEDISK04	/dev/mapper/temp04p1		
	TEDISK05	/dev/mapper/temp05p1		
	TEDISK06	/dev/mapper/temp06p1		
	TEDISK07	/dev/mapper/temp07p1		
	TEDISK08	/dev/mapper/temp08p1		

Table 7. Oracle ASM Disk Configuration (Continued)

ASM Disk Group	ASM Disk	Multipath Device Alias	LUNs Count	Purpose
FRADG	FRDISK01	/dev/mapper/fra01p1	32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Archive Logs, ■ Incremental Backups, ■ Control File Autobackups
	FRDISK02	/dev/mapper/fra02p1		
	FRDISK03	/dev/mapper/fra03p1		
	FRDISK04	/dev/mapper/fra04p1		
	FRDISK05	/dev/mapper/fra05p1		
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	FRDISK30	/dev/mapper/fra30p1		
	FRDISK31	/dev/mapper/fra31p1		
	FRDISK32	/dev/mapper/fra32p1		

Database Storage Snapshots

A storage snapshot is a backup copy created at a particular point in time. Snapshots do not require an initial copy. They are not stored as physical copies of blocks, but rather as pointers to the blocks that existed when creating the snapshot. Because of this tight physical relationship, the snapshot is maintained on the same storage array as the original data.

Hitachi Data Instance Director uses Hitachi snapshot technology with an Oracle database to create fast and space-efficient backups with no data loss or data integrity issues. The database snapshot is available in non-ASM, ASM, and RAC configurations.

Use the snapshot operation to trigger snapshots of entire volumes.

You can access snapshots using the Restore screen. The snapshots can be mounted or used to revert a volume to a previous state.

Concurrent Oracle database snapshots keep identical backups, which simplifies recovering the operational Oracle database during disaster recovery.

Server and Application Architecture

This reference architecture uses a single Hitachi Compute Blade 2500 chassis with five server blades.

This provides the compute power for the Oracle RAC database to handle complex database queries and a large volume of transaction processing in parallel. Table 8 describes the details of the server configuration for this solution.

Table 8. Server Details

Blade	Form Size	Server Name	Role	CPU Core	RAM
1	Full-Width	RAC01	RAC Node	8	256 GB
3	Full-Width	RAC02	RAC Node	8	256 GB
5	Full-Width	RAC03	RAC Node	8	256 GB
7	Full-Width	RAC04	RAC Node	8	256 GB
9	Full-Width	RAC-N+M	Standby	8	256 GB

N+M Cold Standby Server

This solution uses an N+M cold standby server on Hitachi Compute Blade 2500 to provide server redundancy. N+M cold standby provides automated server blade fault detection and failover in the event of a server blade failure. Server Blade 3 is configured as the cold standby node for the two active nodes.

Figure 3 shows the server infrastructure for the reference architecture with the cold standby node.

Hitachi Compute Blade 2500

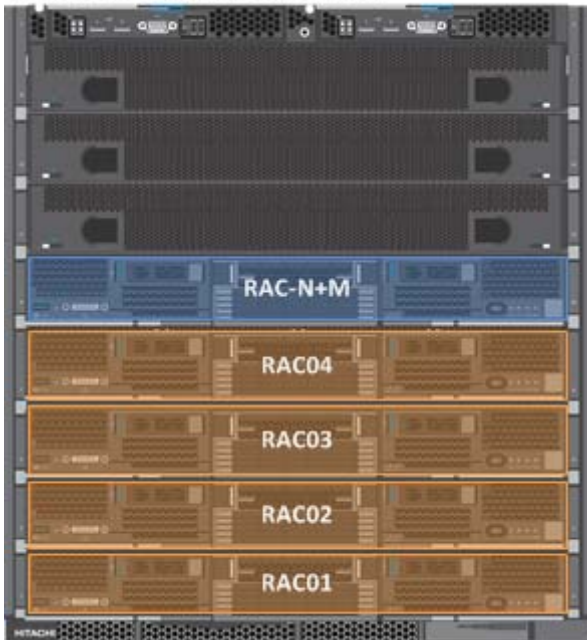


Figure 3

SAN Architecture

Map the provisioned LDEVs to multiple ports on Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform F800 using Hitachi Accelerated Flash. These LDEV port assignments provide multiple paths to the storage system from the host for high availability.

Each of the database servers uses four Fibre Channel ports, with two ports from each of the PCIe HBA cards from Hitachi listed in Table 1 on page 5. This provides a four path connection for all LUNs mapped to each of the database servers in Oracle RAC database. Table 9 shows the SAN connection from the HBA of the server blade to the Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform F800 ports.

Table 9. Fibre Channel SAN Connect Configuration on Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform F800

Host	HBA	Storage Port	Storage Host Group	Zone Name
RAC01	HBA1-1	1A	CB2500_B1_1A	RAC01_HBA1_1_F800_1A
	HBA1-2	2A	CB2500_B1_2A	RAC01_HBA1_2_F800_2A
	HBA2-1	1B	CB2500_B1_1B	RAC01_HBA2_1_F800_1B
	HBA2-2	2B	CB2500_B1_2B	RAC01_HBA2_2_F800_2B
RAC02	HBA1-1	3A	CB2500_B3_3A	RAC02_HBA1_1_F800_3A
	HBA1-2	4A	CB2500_B3_4A	RAC02_HBA1_2_F800_4A
	HBA2-1	3B	CB2500_B3_3B	RAC02_HBA2_1_F800_3B
	HBA2-2	4B	CB2500_B3_4B	RAC02_HBA2_2_F800_4B

Table 9. Fibre Channel SAN Connect Configuration on Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform F800 (Continued)

Host	HBA	Storage Port	Storage Host Group	Zone Name
RAC03	HBA1-1	1C	CB2500_B5_1C	RAC03_HBA1_1_F800_1C
	HBA1-2	2C	CB2500_B5_2C	RAC03_HBA1_2_F800_2C
	HBA2-1	1D	CB2500_B5_1D	RAC03_HBA2_1_F800_1D
	HBA2-2	2D	CB2500_B5_2D	RAC03_HBA2_2_F800_2D
RAC04	HBA1-1	3C	CB2500_B7_3C	RAC04_HBA1_1_F800_3C
	HBA1-2	4C	CB2500_B7_4C	RAC04_HBA1_2_F800_4C
	HBA2-1	3D	CB2500_B7_3D	RAC04_HBA2_1_F800_3D
	HBA2-2	4D	CB2500_B7_4D	RAC04_HBA2_2_F800_4D
RAC-N+M	HBA1-1	1E	CB2500_B1_1A	RACNM_HBA1_1_F800_1E
			CB2500_B3_3A	
			CB2500_B5_1C	
			CB2500_B7_3C	
	HBA1-2	2E	CB2500_B1_2A	RACNM_HBA1_2_F800_2E
			CB2500_B3_4A	
			CB2500_B5_2C	
			CB2500_B7_4C	
	HBA2-1	1F	CB2500_B1_1B	RACNM_HBA2_1_F800_1F
			CB2500_B3_3B	
			CB2500_B5_1D	
			CB2500_B7_3D	
HBA2-2	2F	CB2500_B1_2B	RACNM_HBA2_2_F800_2F	
		CB2500_B3_4B		
		CB2500_B5_2D		
		CB2500_B7_4D		

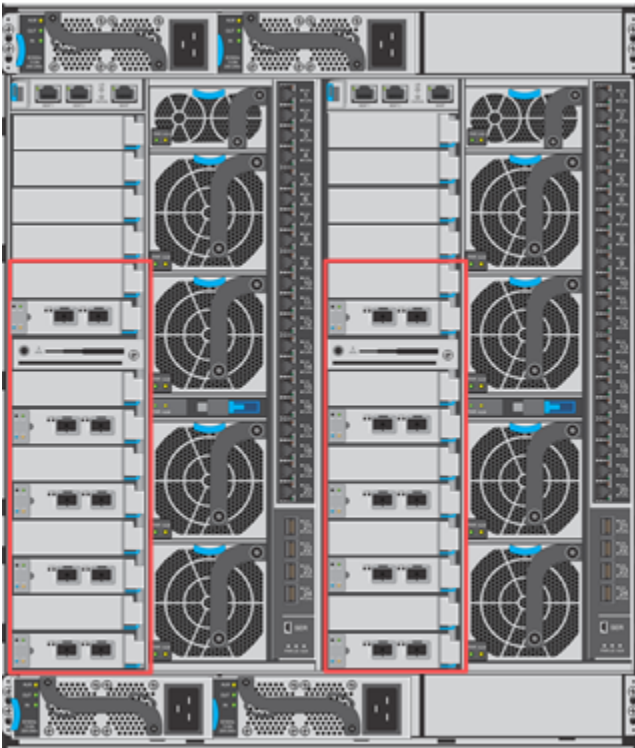
Emulex 16 Gb/sec PCIe HBA Card Configuration

This describes the configuration for the Emulex 16 Gb/sec PCIe HBA cards that are used on the server blades.

Note — Make sure that the N+M feature is enabled before you configure the storage host group that is part of the N+M setup. The N+M configuration enables an additional virtual WWN that is required for the N+M setup.

Figure 4 shows the Emulex 16 Gb/sec HBA PCIe cards that are installed in Hitachi Compute Blade 2500.

Hitachi Compute Blade 2500



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Figure 4

Set the following parameters for each of the Emulex HBA PCIe cards following Table 10.

Table 10. Emulex HBA PCIe Card Parameters

For This	Use This
Boot Function	Enable
Link Speed	16Gb/s link speed
Connection Type	Fabric Point to Point

Network Architecture

This architecture requires the following separate networks:

- **Private Network (also called cluster interconnect)** — This network must be scalable. In addition, it must meet the low latency needs of the network traffic generated by the cache synchronization of Oracle RAC and inter-node communication amongst the nodes in the cluster.
- **Public Network** — This network provides client connections to the applications and Oracle RAC.

Hitachi Data Systems recommends using a pair of 10 Gb/sec NICs for the cluster interconnect and public network.

Each server blade in this reference architecture has a quad port 10 Gb/sec onboard NIC. The NIC ports have interconnected links to the two internal 10 Gb/sec Ethernet switches in the chassis.

Observe these points when configuring private and public networks in your Oracle RAC environment:

- For each server in the Oracle RAC clusterware configuration, use at least two identical, high bandwidth, low-latency NICs for the interconnection.
- Use NIC bonding to provide fail over and load balancing of interconnections within a server.
- Set all NICs to full duplex mode.
- Use at least two public NICs for client connections to the application and database.
- Use at least two private NICs for the cluster interconnection.

Figure 5 shows the network configuration for the reference architecture environment.

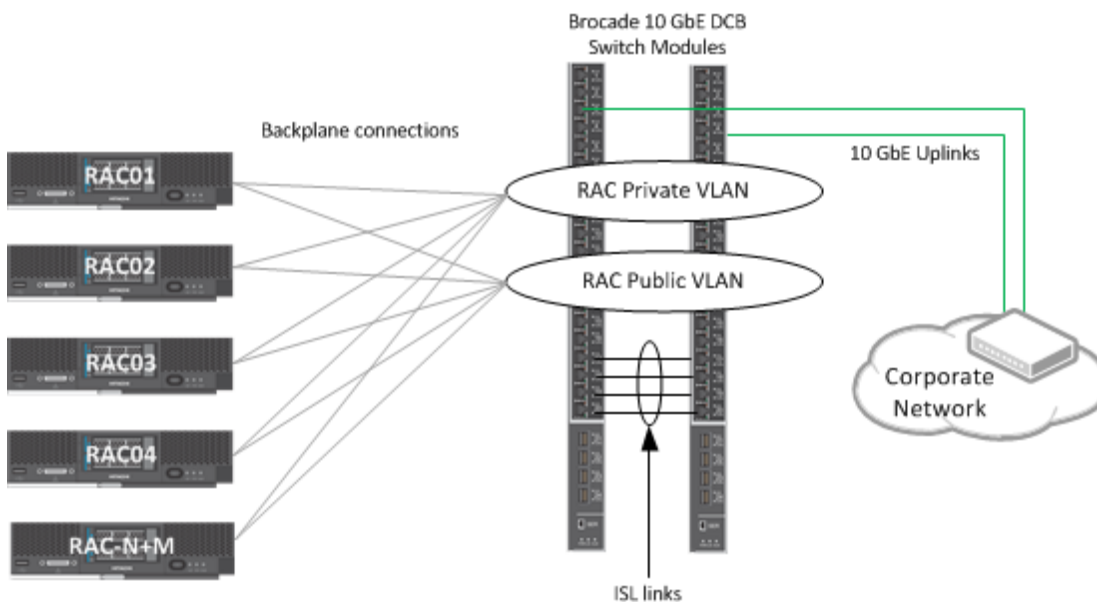


Figure 5

Table 11 lists the network configuration for this solution. Configure the VLAN accordingly to fit your network environment.

Table 11. Network Configuration

Server	NIC Ports	UMC PF Number	Switch Bay ID	Switch Ports (Internal)	VLAN	NIC BOND	Network	Bandwidth (Gb/sec)	
RAC01	B1-CNIC-0	0	1	1	1	Bond1	Private	10	
	B1-CNIC-1	1	2	1				10	
	B1-CNIC-2	2	1	1	2	2	Bond2	Public Oracle	9
		6	1	2	2	3	Bond3	Public Management	1
	B1-CNIC-3	3	2	2	2	2	Bond2	Public Oracle	9
		7	2	2	2	3	Bond3	Public Management	1
RAC02	B3-CNIC-0	0	1	3	1	Bond1	Private	10	
	B3-CNIC-1	1	2	3				10	
	B3-CNIC-2	2	1	4	4	2	Bond2	Public Oracle	9
		6	1	4	4	3	Bond3	Public Management	1
	B3-CNIC-3	3	2	4	4	2	Bond2	Public Oracle	9
		7	2	4	4	3	Bond3	Public Management	1
RAC03	B5-CNIC-0	0	1	5	1	Bond1	Private	10	
	B5-CNIC-1	1	2	5				10	
	B5-CNIC-2	2	1	6	6	2	Bond2	Public Oracle	9
		6	1	6	6	3	Bond3	Public Management	1
	B5-CNIC-3	3	2	6	6	2	Bond2	Public Oracle	9
		7	2	6	6	3	Bond3	Public Management	1
RAC04	B7-CNIC-0	0	1	7	1	Bond1	Private	10	
	B7-CNIC-1	1	2	7				10	
	B7-CNIC-2	2	1	8	8	2	Bond2	Public Oracle	9
		6	1	8	8	3	Bond3	Public Management	1
	B7-CNIC-3	3	2	8	8	2	Bond2	Public Oracle	9
		7	2	8	8	3	Bond3	Public Management	1

Table 11. Network Configuration (Continued)

Server	NIC Ports	UMC PF Number	Switch Bay ID	Switch Ports (Internal)	VLAN	NIC BOND	Network	Bandwidth (Gb/sec)
RAC-N+M	B9-CNIC-0	0	1	9	1	From failed server	Private	10
	B9-CNIC-1	1	2	9				10
	B9-CNIC-2	2	1	0	2		Public Oracle	9
		6	1	10	3		Public Management	1
	B9-CNIC-3	3	2	10	2		Public Oracle	9
		7	2	10	3		Public Management	1

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