Oracle Database 19c (19.4.0.0.0) on SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 15

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Introduction

This document is not a replacement for official Oracle install document, but to help you understand minor difference you may encounter while installing Oracle Database 19c on SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 15. This document covers x86_64 version but installation steps are same for other platforms. We will use latest versions of Oracle Database Enterprise version 19c.

Oracle Database Software

Oracle Database Enterprise Edition 19c is available for public download at: https://www.oracle.com/technetwork/database/enterprise-edition/downloads/index.html

SUSE Linux Software

Download SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 15 here use 60 Day's free trial: https://www.suse.com/products/server/download/

Installation

Install SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 15 with "Enhanced Base System, Software Management, X Window System, Oracle Server Base" pattern. Please note that SLES15 comes with SLE-15-Installer-DVD and SLE-15-Packages DVD.

You can follow official Oracle Installation manual for selective SLES OS required rpms, however **Oracle Server Base** pattern from SUSE will fulfil minimum setup required for Oracle Database Installation.

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oracle@sles15:~> uname -a
Linux sles15 4.12.14-150.14-default #1 SMP Thu Mar 21 14:37:02 UTC 2019 (01b35ce)
x86 64 x86 64 x86 64 GNU/Linux
oracle@sles15:~> cat /etc/os-release
NAME="SLES"
VERSION="15"
VERSION ID="15"
PRETTY NAME="SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 15"
ID="sles"
ID LIKE="suse"
ANSI COLOR="0;32"
CPE NAME="cpe:/o:suse:sles:15"
oracle@sles15:~> env |grep ORA
ORA NLS10=/opt/oracle/SW/nls/data
ORACLE SID=orcl
ORACLE BASE=/opt/oracle
ORACLE HOME=/opt/oracle/SW
oracle@sles15:~>
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Installing Oracle Database 19c (19.3)

Installing Oracle Database 19c on SLES 15 is straightforward, please follow:

- 1. Download Oracle SW (LINUX.X64_193000_db_home.zip)
 - a. unzip in **\$ORACLE_HOME** directory.
 - b. cd \$ORACLE HOME
 - c. ./runInstaller

Note: There is a change in Oracle Database 19c Installation process. Now runInstaller is a script, please check Oracle Official document for explanation.

- 2. Watch for following minor error/warning messages (Fix before starting Installer):
 - 1. Make sure server is assigned static IP address.
 - 2. Make sure you have enabled oracle user & logged-in as user "oracle".
 - 3. Install (or verify) any missing packages i.e.

zypper in libcap1 libcap1-32bit libcap-ng-utils libcap-ng0-32bit libXtst6-32bit nfs-kernel-server

Note: libcap1 & libcap1-32bit are part of **SLES 15 Legacy Module.** Refer https://documentation.suse.com/sles/15-SP1/html/SLES-all/cha-register-sle.html on how to enable Legacy Module.

4. **DBCA Error:** ORA-27104: system-defined limits for shared memory was misconfigured

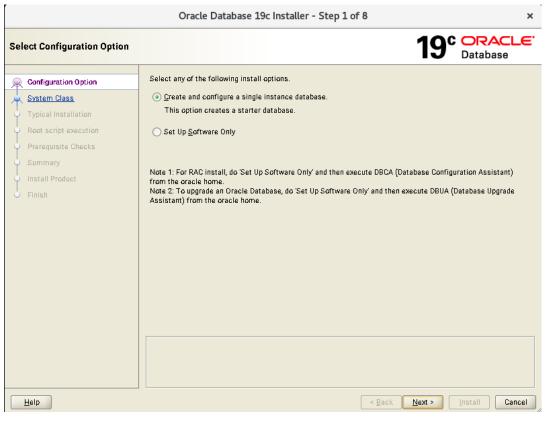
Fix: Increase kernel.shmmax & kernel.shmall based on your Server RAM in /etc/sysconfig/oracle & run "systemctl restart oracle-setup".

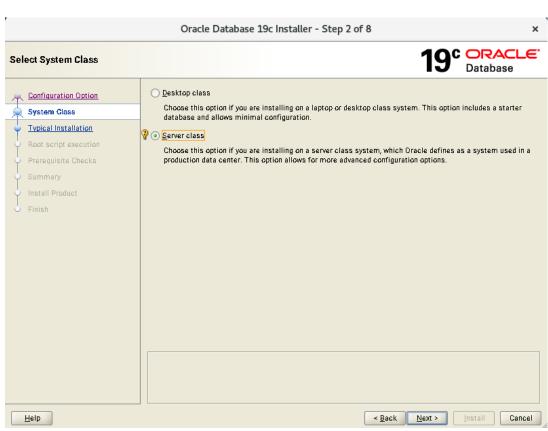
Please refer Oracle Metalink Note [ID 567506.1] - Maximum SHMMAX values for Linux x86 and x86-64

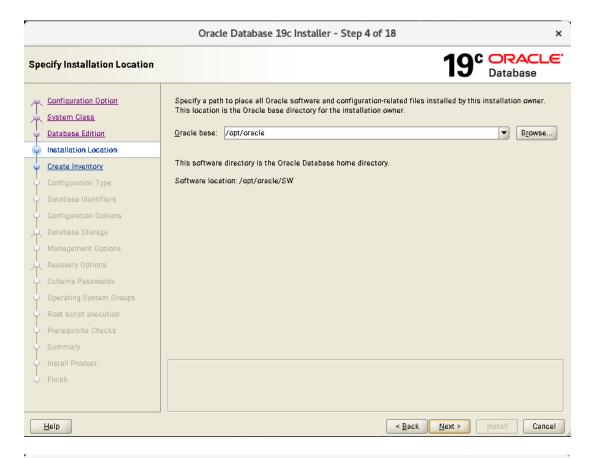
Example values for x86_64 Server with 32GB RAM:

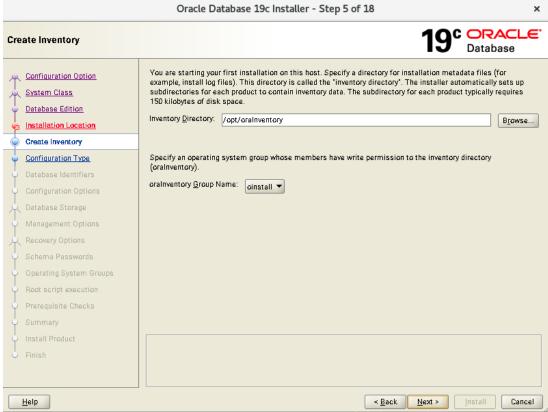
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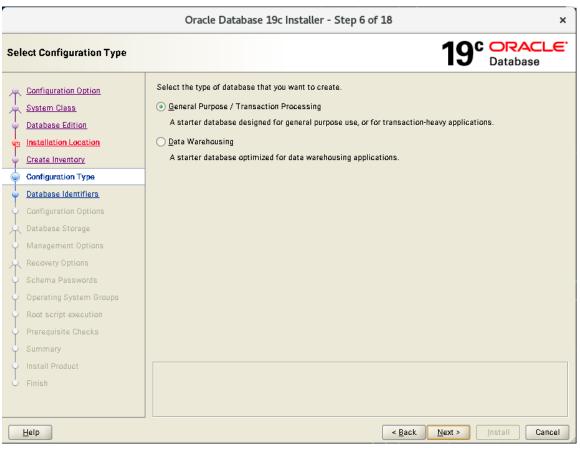
3. Login as user oracle and Start Oracle Universal Installer (OUI): **\$ORACLE HOME/runInstaller**

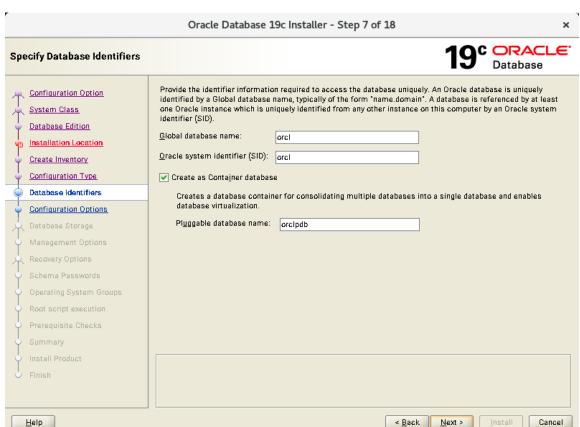


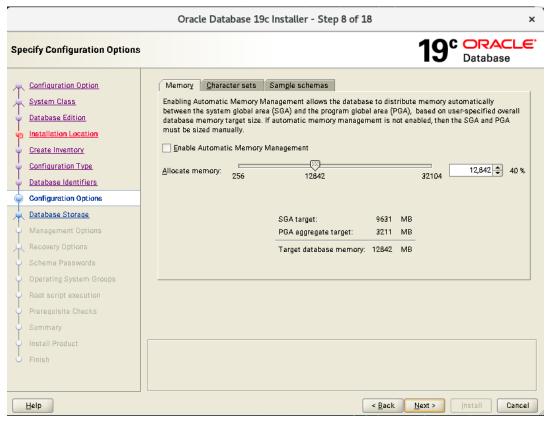












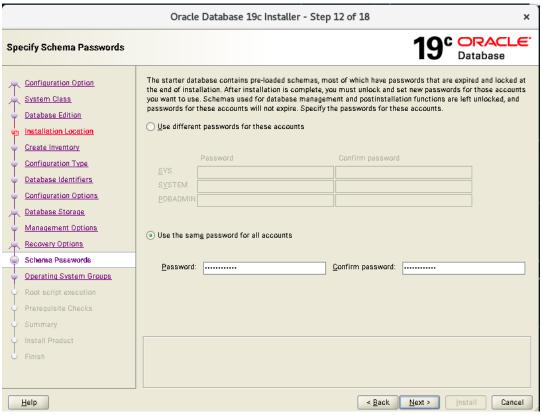


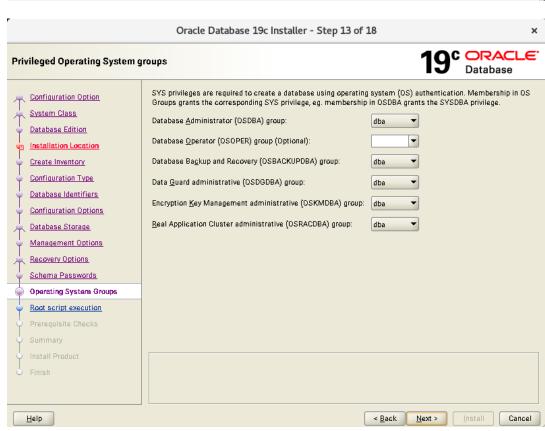
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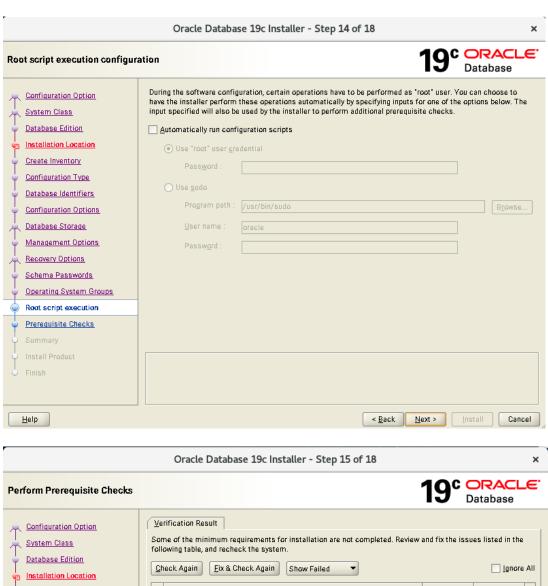
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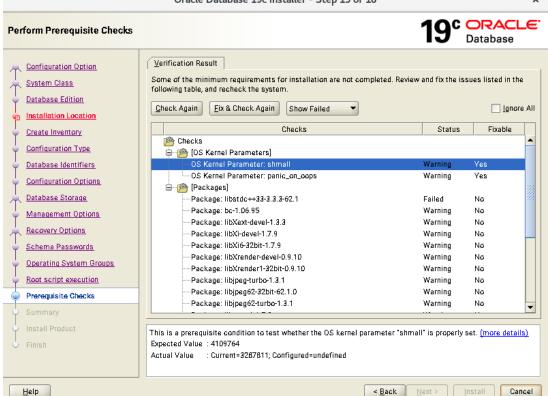
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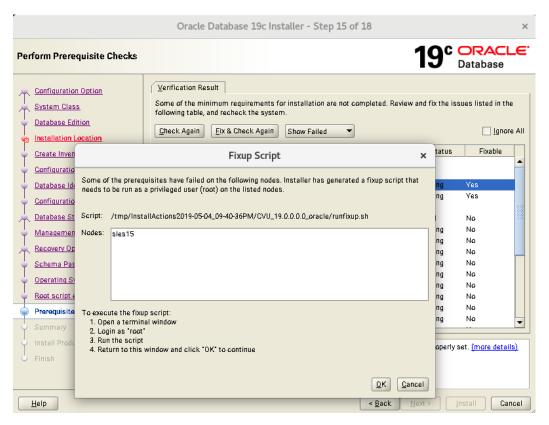
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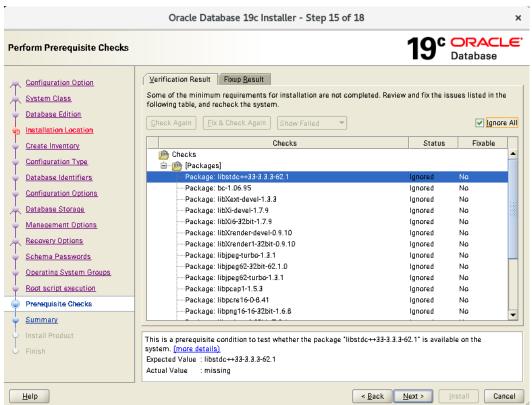


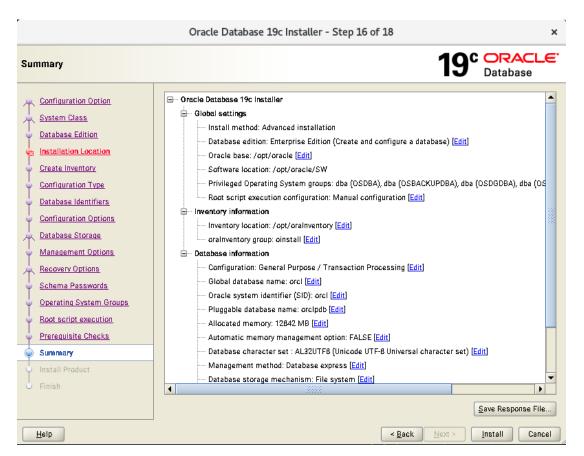


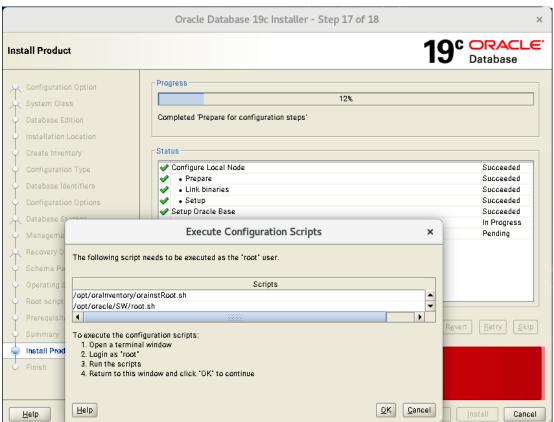


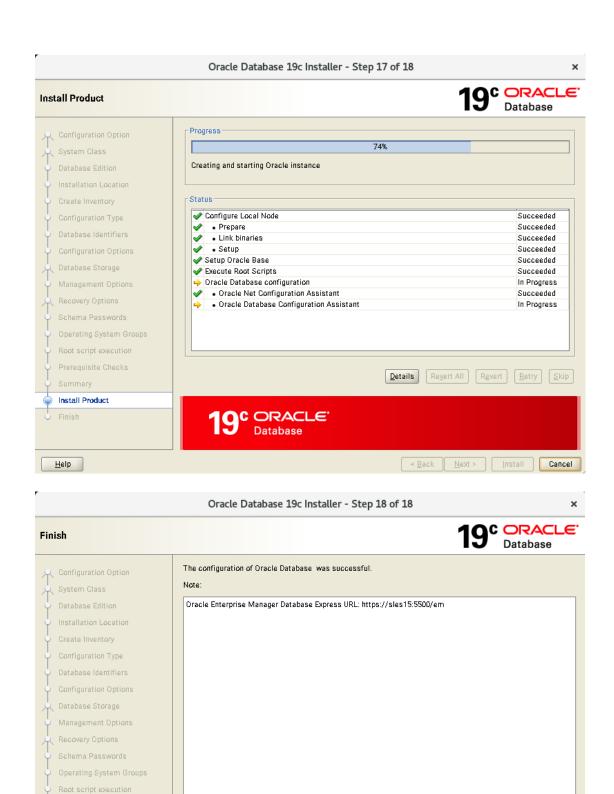












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Prerequisite Checks

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Verify successful Database Installation using sqlplus:

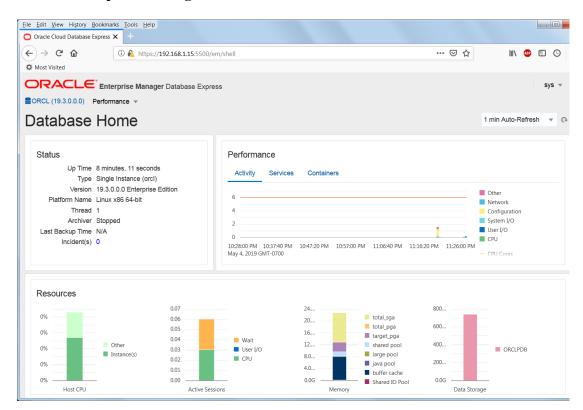
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oracle@sles15:~/SW
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File Edit View Search Terminal Help
oracle@sles15:~/SW> sqlplus / as sysdba
SQL*Plus: Release 19.0.0.0.0 - Production on Sat May 4 23:10:38 2019
Version 19.3.0.0.0
Copyright (c) 1982, 2019, Oracle. All rights reserved.
Connected to:
Oracle Database 19c Enterprise Edition Release 19.0.0.0.0 - Production
Version 19.3.0.0.0
SQL> show sga
Total System Global Area 1.0100E+10 bytes
Fixed Size
                          12685456 bytes
Variable Size
                        1677721600 bytes
Database Buffers
                        8388608000 bytes
Redo Buffers
                         20865024 bytes
SOL> exit
Disconnected from Oracle Database 19c Enterprise Edition Release 19.0.0.0.0 - Pro
duction
Version 19.3.0.0.0
oracle@sles15:~/SW>
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SUSE SLES 15 setup (After successful Oracle DB Install):

Please do following changes for successful Oracle Database start after reboot:

- 1. edit "orcl:/opt/oracle/SW/database:Y" in /etc/oractab
- 2. Set START_ORACLE_DB & START_ORACLE_DB_LISTENER to "yes" in /etc/sysconfig/oracle setup file.
- 3. Check status using **systemctl** commands:

Oracle Enterprise Manager Screen:



Update to Oracle Database 19.4:

SLES 15 is certified with Oracle Database 19.4.x (or above). Above instructions coves 19.3, which is publically downloadable (and required for 19.4 update). Follow the instructions to update to 19.4.x from Oracle patch set 29834714.

In production environment, please apply following Oracle Patches (or later):

For DB Only: Patch 29834717 - Database Release Update 19.4.0.0.190716

For GI: Oracle® Database Patch 29708769 - GI Release Update 19.4.0.0.190716

Thanks for selecting SUSE Linux Enterprise Server as your Linux platform of choice!

Document Update/Correction:

- 1. Sept. 3rd 2019 Added SLES 15 Certification info for Oracle Database 19.4
- 2. **April 20th 2020** Added repository info for libcap1 & libcap1-32bit (SLE 15 Legacy Module)