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Using the configuration manager to keep your systems healthy

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Our Mission

Customer Success

Lower Cost of Ownership

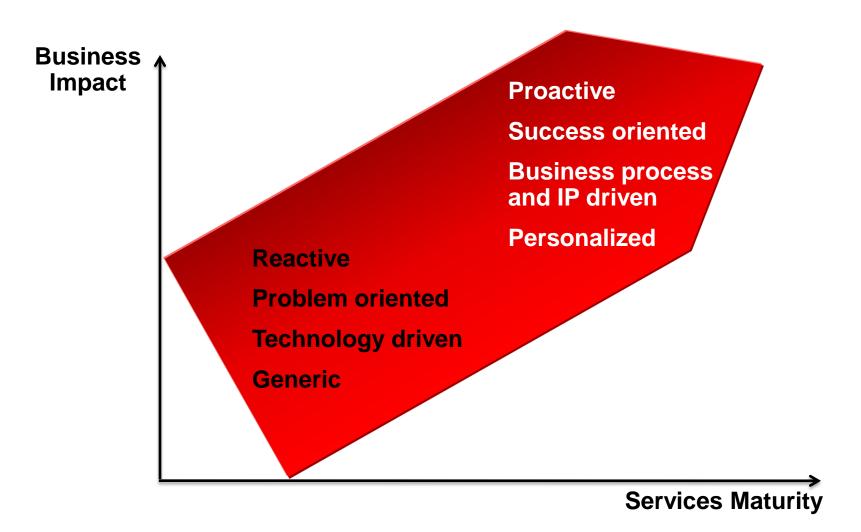


Lower Business Risk



Higher Business Value

How We Drive Customer Success



Oracle Premier Support - Proactive

Next Generation Support Platform Provides Simplified Support

The Challenge



Controlling IT costs and improving productivity



Lowering risk and meeting SLAs



Managing product alerts, patches, and enhancements



Maintaining consistency across Oracle systems

The Opportunity

My Oracle Support



- Personalized
- Proactive
- Collaborative
- Integrated

The Value

- 80% more efficient patch management
- 40% faster service request resolution
- 30% faster service request creation
- 25% problem avoidance
- 25% productivity increase in IT staff
- 97% of problems resolved quicker with targeted knowledge
- 500+ tools on One Integrated Support Platform

Common Challenges

- What if you were able to quickly and accurately identify which systems needed to be patched and locate the corresponding patches?
- What if you were able to periodically and automatically assess the configuration of your systems against the recommended security baselines from Oracle?
- ☑ What if you were able to be proactively notified of impending problems with your Oracle IT investment before they started to impact your business?

Capgemini Streamlines Support and Improves Response Times for Oracle Customers



COMPANY OVERVIEW

- Provides consulting, outsourcing, technology, and local professional services to customers in more than 30 countries, including the United Kingdom
- Industry: Professional Services
- Employees: 92,000
- Revenue: US\$12.92 billion

CHALLENGES/OPPORTUNITIES

- Improve service levels and customer support response times for more than 50 customers with Oracle implementations across the United Kingdom
- Enable a team of 180 support staff across five U.K. locations to respond more quickly and efficiently to customers
- Enable support engineers to be more proactive and to foresee and respond to potential problems, thus decreasing the risk of downtime for client applications
- Reduce the overall cost of providing support services

SOLUTIONS

Oracle Support

CUSTOMER PERSPECTIVE

"In short, My Oracle Support provides value added, proactive support, and faster problem resolution through improved content."

Geoff Swaffer, Applications

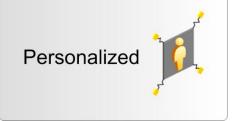
Management Oracle Profession Lead

RESULTS

- Saved up to half-a-day per service request, eliminating the need to request and wait for information from different sources
- Automated software configuration management, saving approximately five minutes per service request
- Reduced the time needed to review a complex service request by 50%
- Improved system stability and reduced risk of downtime

My Oracle Support Platform











Handling



Proactive









Business Intelligence

Collaborative







Web 2.0 Capabilities



Oracle Expert Community



Community Knowledgé

Integrated





ENTERPRISE MANAGER

Seamless Enterprise Manager Integration



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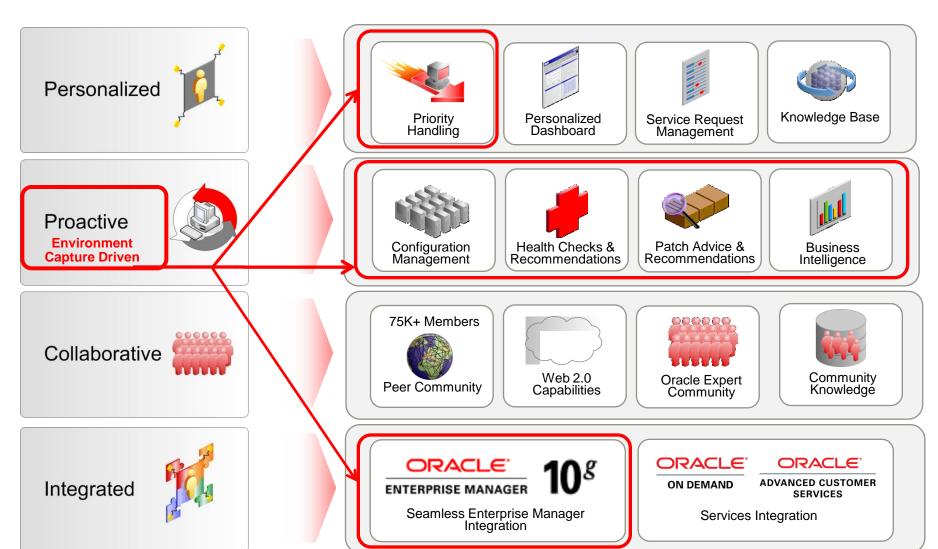
ON DEMAND

ADVANCED CUSTOMER SERVICES

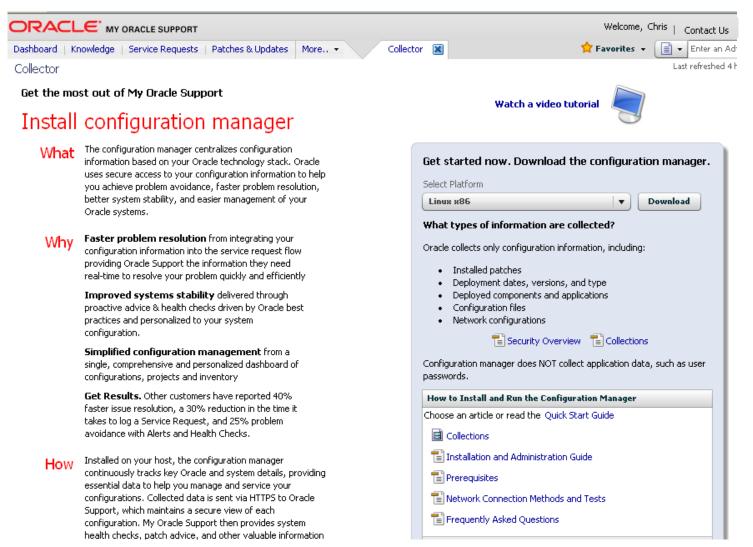
Services Integration

My Oracle Support Platform





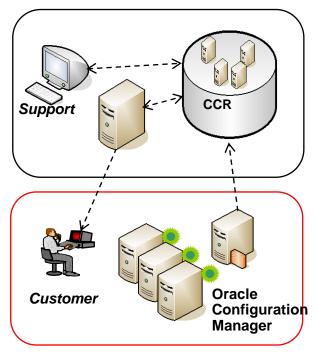
Getting the most out of My Oracle Support



Oracle Solution

Understanding your environment

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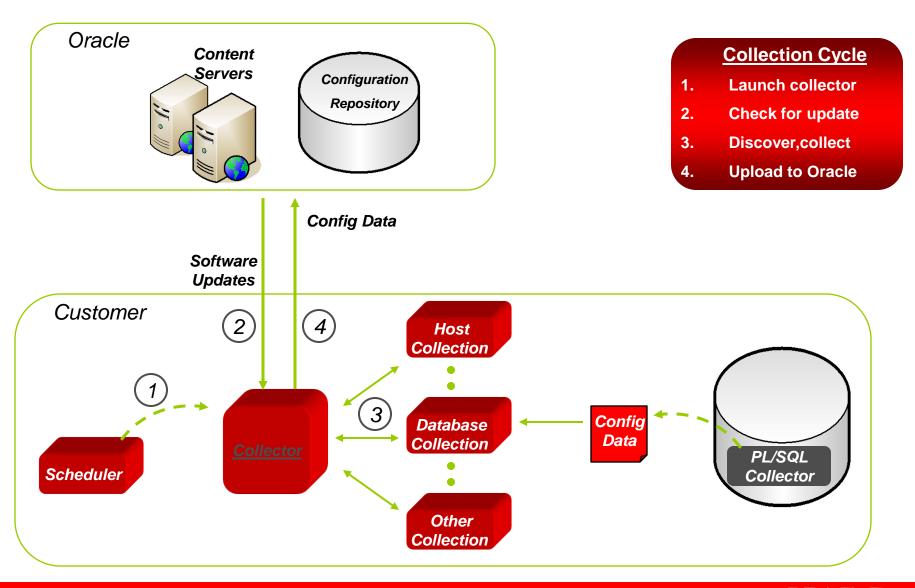


- ✓ Mass Deployment Tool
- ✓ Support HUB
- ✓ EM Harvester

Oracle Configuration Manager

- ✓ Oracle Database
- ✓ Oracle Middleware
- ✓ Oracle Applications
- Platforms
 - Linux
 - AIX
 - HP-UX
 - Solaris

Client-Side Architecture



My Oracle Support Collector Overview

- The Collector a.k.a. Oracle Configuration Manager needs to be enabled in order to feed information to My Oracle Support
- Collector provides for automatically gathering configuration information:
 - Installed patches
 - Deployment platforms, dates, versions, and type
 - Deployed components and applications
 - Content of configuration files
 - Information about network configurations
- Output data is saved under ORACLE_HOME directory
 - Only Oracle home owner has privileges to access data
 - Configuration data is sent as XML file
- Collector will auto-update to latest version

My Oracle Support Security Considerations

- Configuration information:
 - Only configuration-related information is collected
 - Complete list is available on the My Oracle Support web site (under the "Collector" tab)
 - Access to this information is limited on a "need to know basis". For more information, see http://www.oracle.com/support/collateral/customer-support-security-practices.pdf

Network:

- Use of "Oracle Support Hub" can prevent exposing systems to the Internet, while allowing Oracle Configuration Manager to work online
- Data between the Collector and Oracle is encrypted (HTTPS)
- Systems:
 - Account created by Oracle Configuration Manager (on the monitored system) is immediately deactivated upon installation

Helpful Reference Material

Getting Started with Configuration Manager

- Quick Start Guide [ID 728988.1]
- Installation and Administration Guide [ID 728989.1]
- Learn More about My Oracle Support Configuration Manager [ID 250434.1]

Security

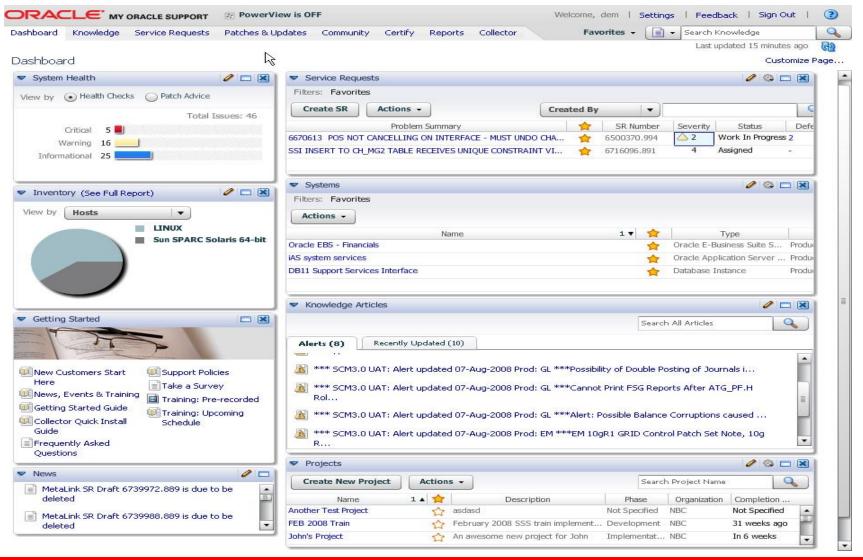
- Oracle Configuration Manager [ID 728982.1]
- Support Security Practices

http://www.oracle.com/support/collateral/customer-support-securitypractices.pdf

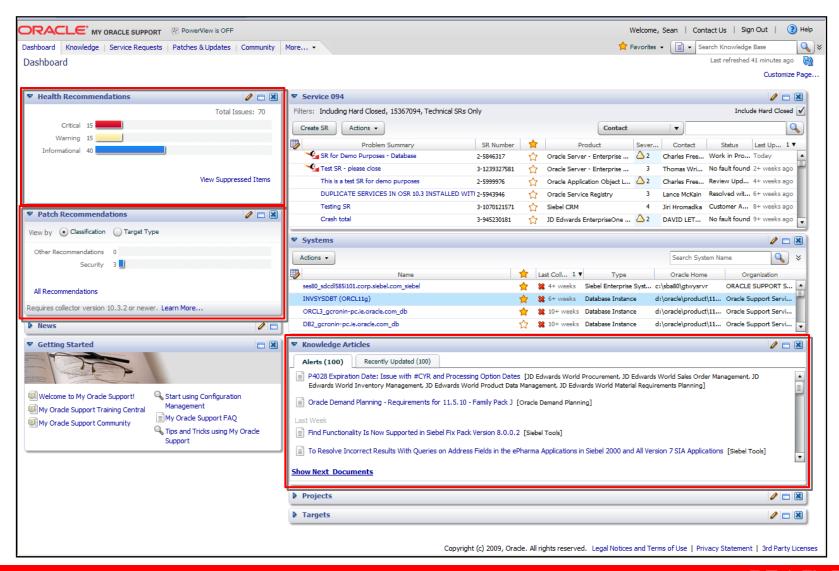
How to get latest version of Configuration Manager

- Part of Oracle product install: DB 11g, EM 10.2.0.2+, EBS r12, others
- Bundled with OPatch, some CPUs
- Download from My Oracle Support
- Download as patch 5567658

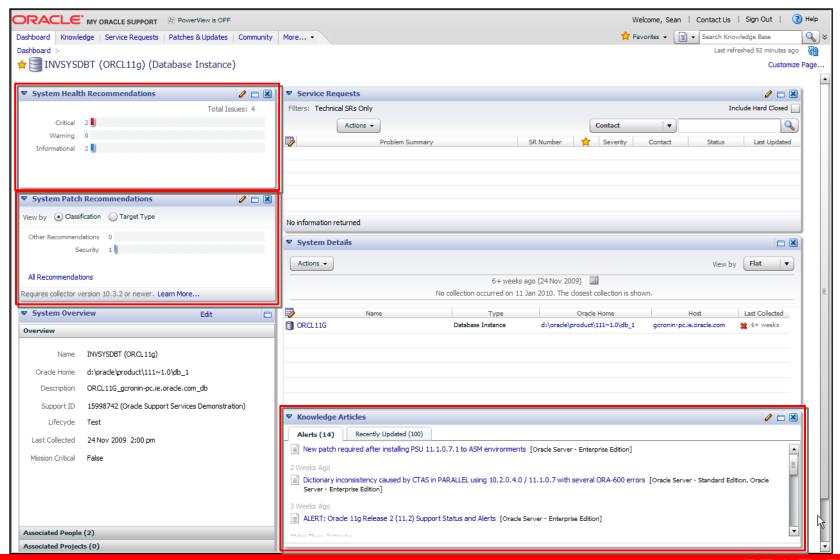
My Oracle Support



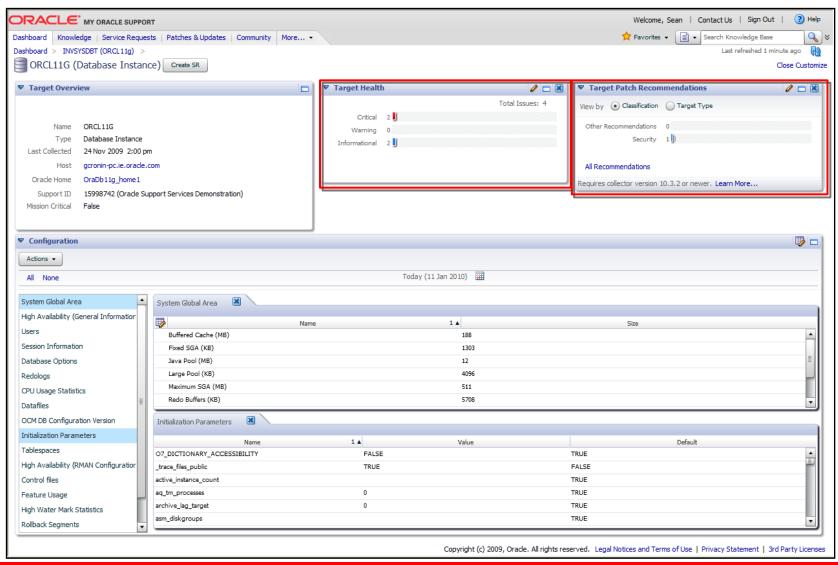
Dashboard – Enterprise View



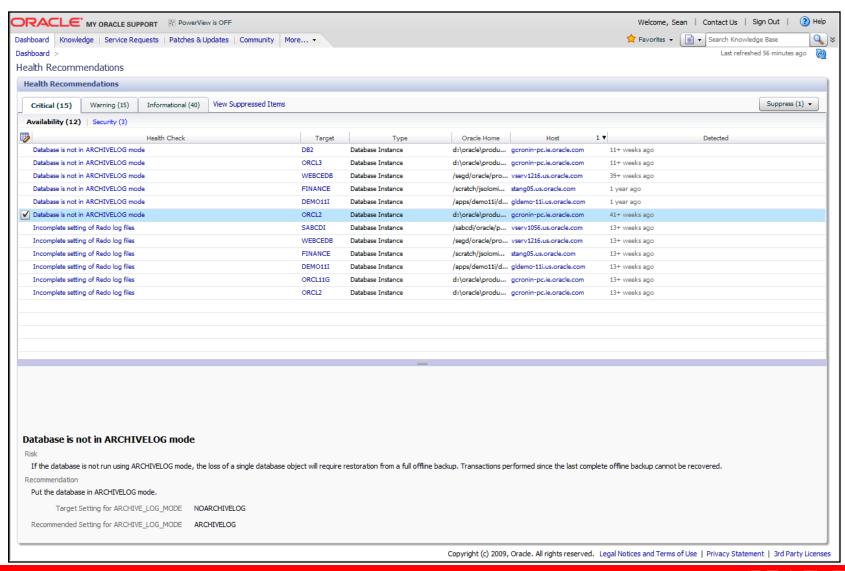
Dashboard – System View



Dashboard – Target View



Health Checks



Health Check Catalog [ID 868955.1]

My Oracle Support Health Checks Catalog [ID 868955.1]

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Health Recommendations Catalog

Overview

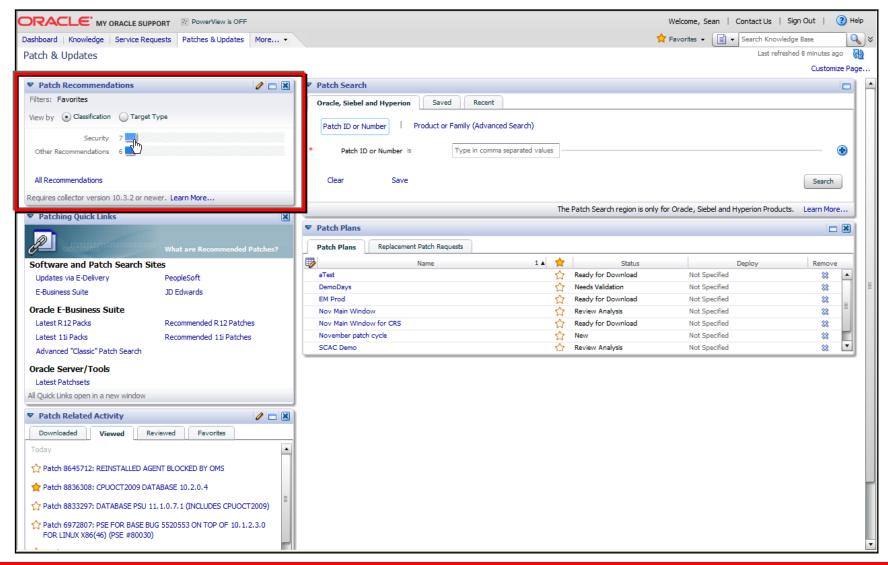
This catalog contains a complete list of all health recommendations available in My Oracle Support.

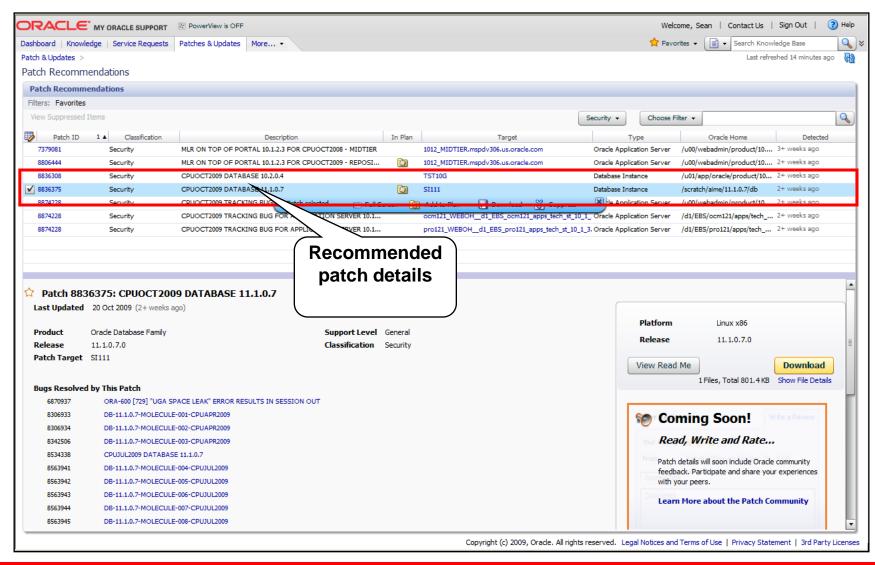
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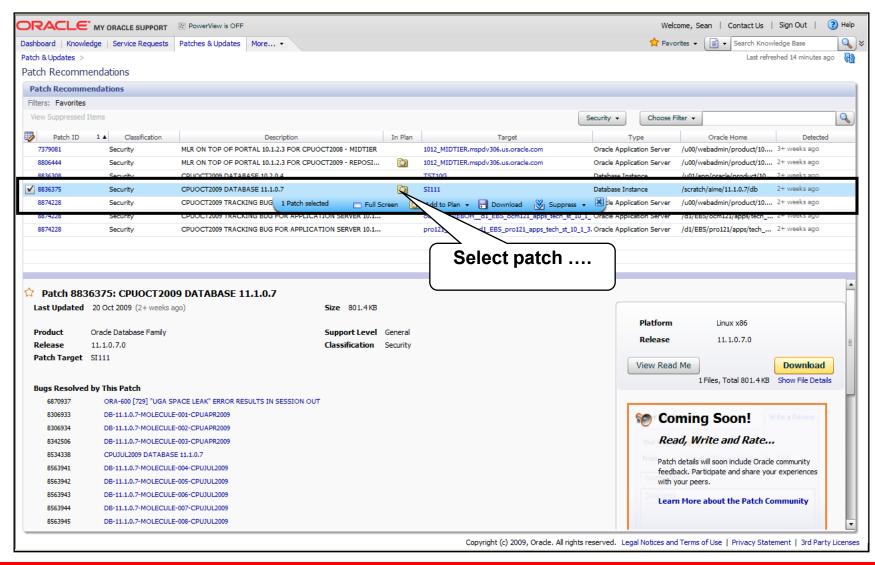
The following table presents the health recommendations applicable to each product line. Health recommendations are further broken down by task based category. The purpose of the task based categorization is to present health recommendations in such a way that enables the user to quickly identify issues relevant to the task that user is performing on their Oracle IT asset e.g. installing, configuring, upgrading, securing, tuning.

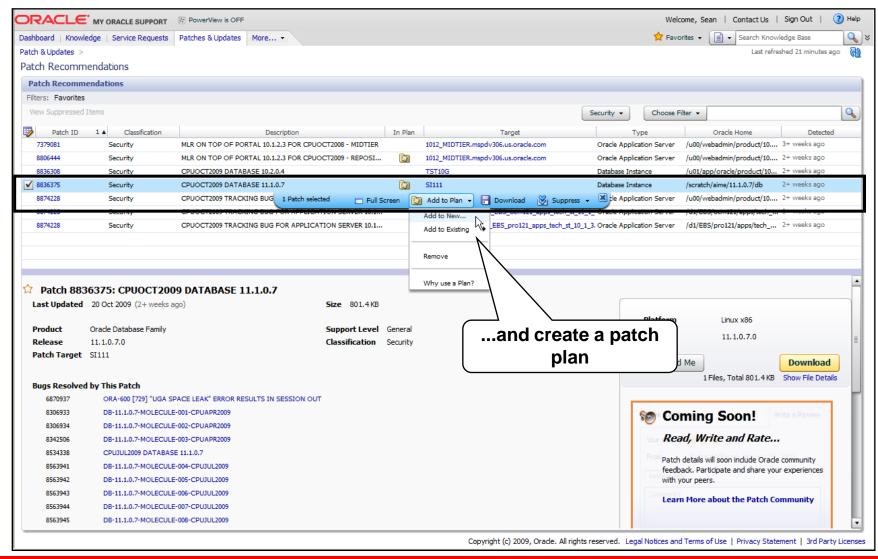
Knowledge articles are not currently available for all health recommendations, but will be in the future.

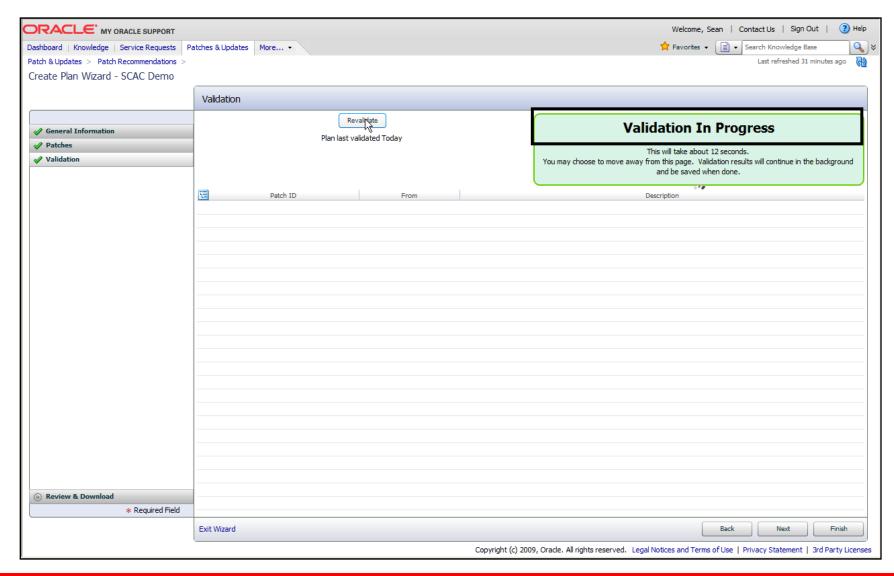
Oracle Database	Fusion Middleware Availability Configure Patching Performance	Enterprise Manager Configure Patching
Oracle E-Business Suite Patching Stability	Availability Performance	PeopleSoft Configure Performance Scalability

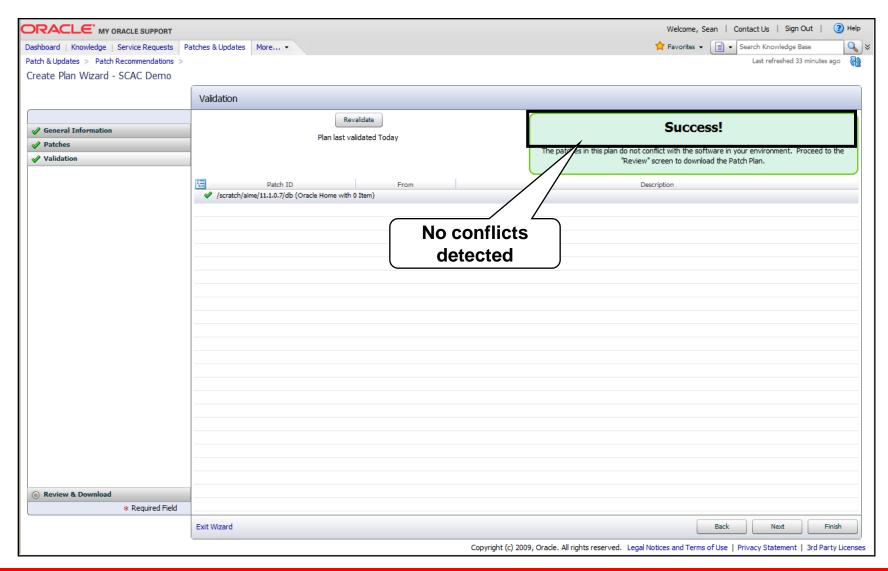


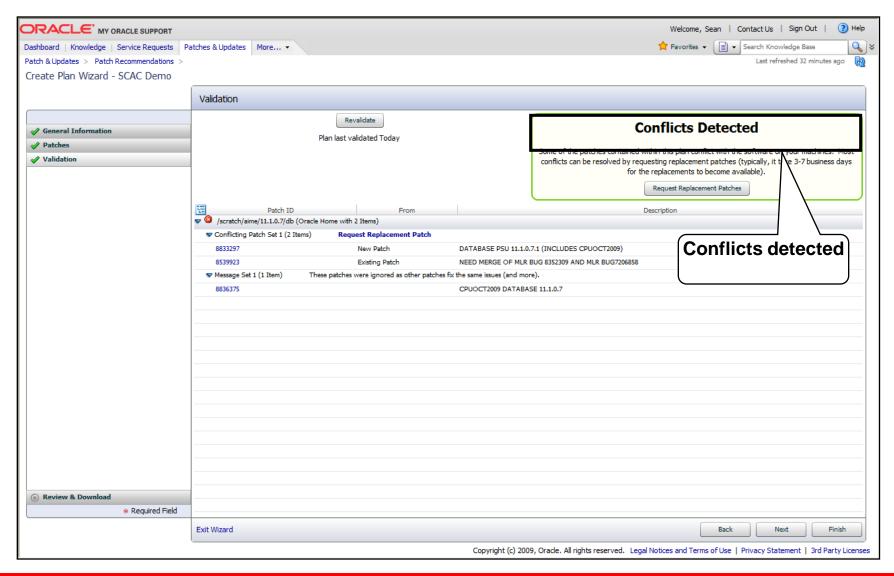




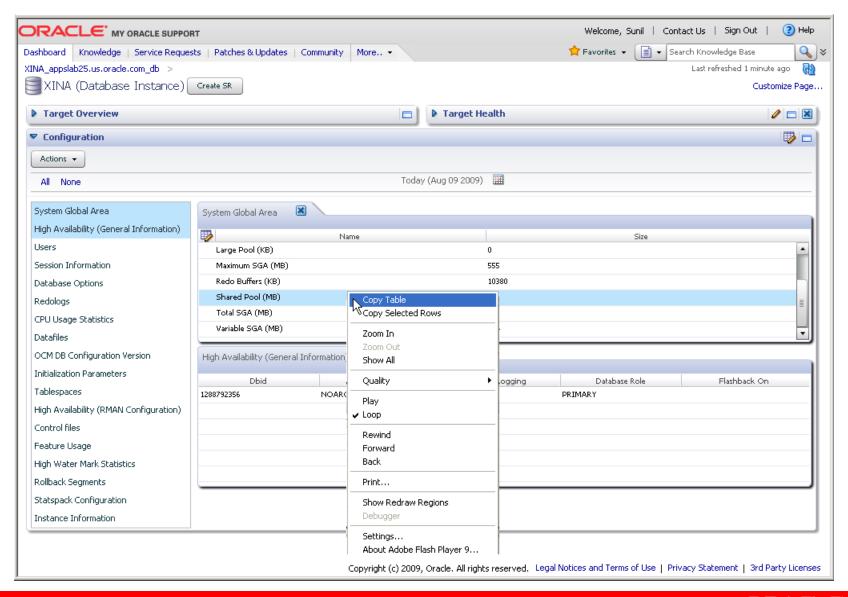




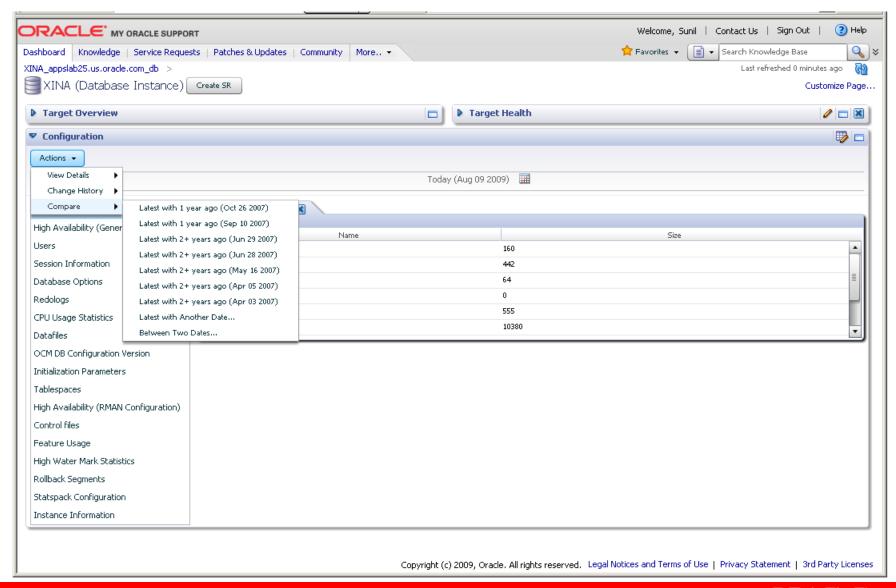




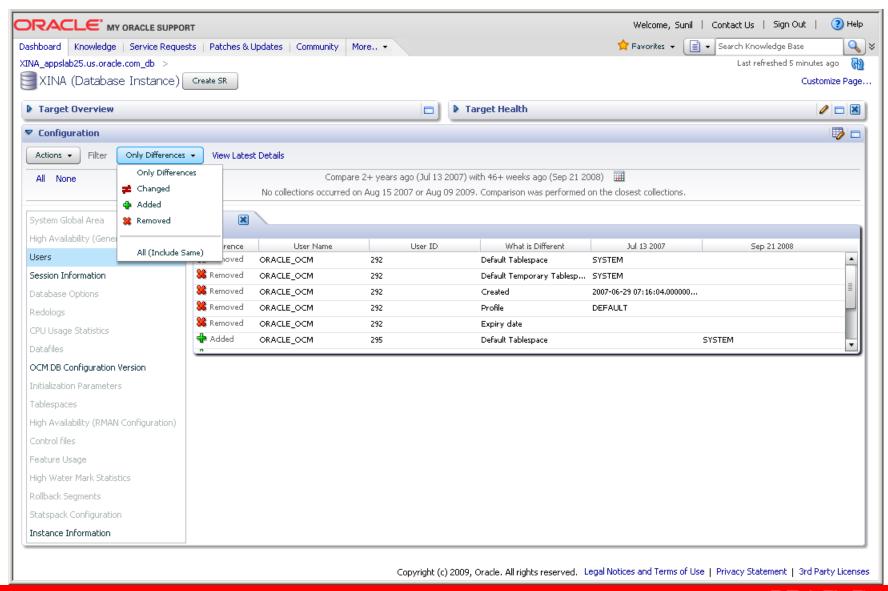
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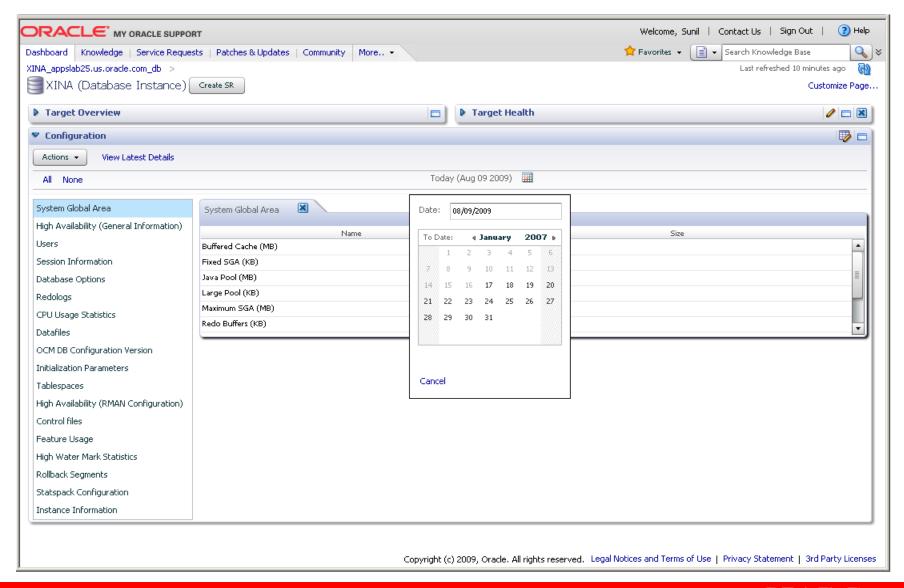
Compare System Configurations



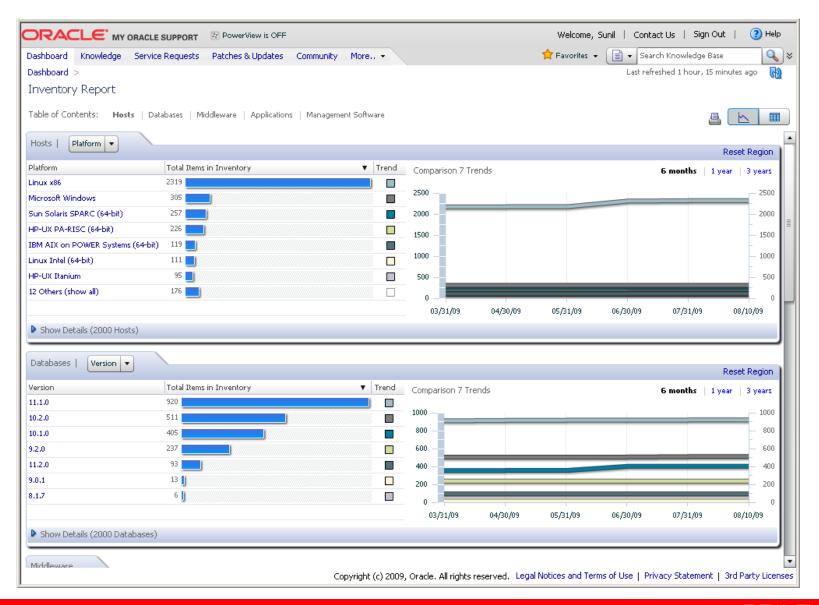
Change History



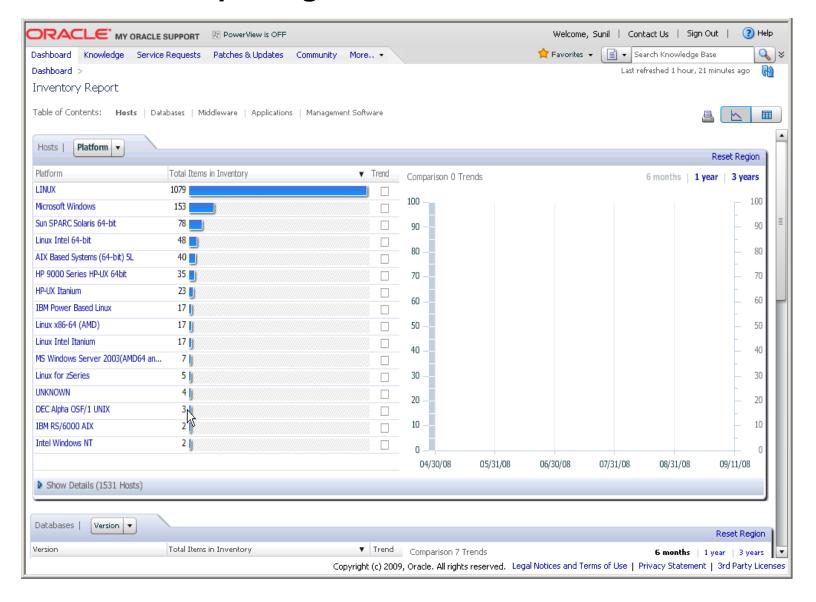
Snapshot in Time



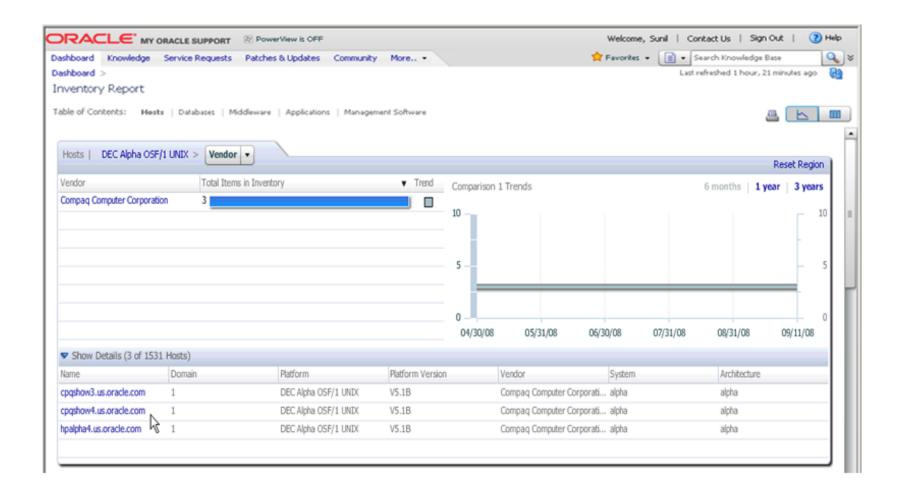
Inventory Report



Interactive Reporting



Inventory Report Details



My Oracle Support Benefits

- After enabling the Collector, you will see product specific knowledge alerts to determine if you need to take action.
- After enabling the Collector, you can use Health Checks to quickly determine whether your configurations meet the specific recommendations made by Oracle for your systems.
- After enabling the Collector, you can use My Oracle Support to identify which systems need to be patched and produce a patch plan for these systems.

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