

Overview of Primary Components

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- Oracle server = Oracle instance + Oracle database
- Oracle instance = memory structures + background processes (logical architecture)
- Oracle database = operating system files (data files) storing database information (physical architecture)
- Other files = used to configure the instance, authenticate the users, recover the database in case of disk failure
- User and server processes = primary processes involved for executing an SQL statement
- Other processes = Advanced Queuing, Real Application Clusters, Shared Servers, Advanced Replication, ...