

# Processes

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• The client application connects to an Oracle Database to send or retrieve data.



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LSNRCTL for Linux: Version 21.0.0.0.0 - Production on 05-0CT-2023 16:34:21

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Connecting to (DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=IPC)(KEY=EXTPROC\_FOR\_XE))) STATUS of the LISTENER

Alias	LISTENER
Version	TNSLSNR for Linux: Version 21.0.0.0.0 - Production
Start Date	05-0CT-2023 16:33:32
Uptime	0 days 0 hr. 0 min. 48 sec
Trace Level	off
Security	ON: Local OS Authentication
SNMP	OFF
Default Service	XE
Listener Parameter File	<pre>/opt/oracle/homes/OraDBHome21cXE/network/admin/listener.ora</pre>
Listener Log File	<pre>/opt/oracle/diag/tnslsnr/ecda68130a8b/listener/alert/log.xml</pre>

- Background processes manages the memory structures of an instance.
- These processes are performing asynchronously I/O to different files on a disk.



#### dedicated server process

- Each client connection is associated with one server process.
- This server process is dedicated to its client process for the duration of the session.



#### shared server process

- Each client (applications) connects over a network to a dispatcher process.
- The dispatcher process puts the received requests into a request queue.
- The first available shared server process takes the request, processes it and place the result into the dispatcher response queue.
- The dispatcher process monitors this queue and transmits the result to the client.

#### shared server process



# process monitor (PMON)

- The process monitor (PMON) monitors the other background processes and performs process recovery when a server or dispatcher process terminates abnormally.
- PMON is responsible for cleaning up the database buffer cache and freeing resources that the client process was using.
- For example, PMON resets the status of the active transaction table, releases locks that are no longer required, and removes the process ID from the list of active processes.

# system monitor (SMON)

- The system monitor process (SMON) is in charge of a variety of system-level cleanup duties.
- The duties assigned to SMON include:
  - Performing instance recovery, if necessary, at instance startup.
  - Recovering terminated transactions that were skipped during instance recovery because of file-read or tablespace offline errors.
  - SMON recovers the transactions when the tablespace or file is brought back online.
  - Cleaning up unused temporary segments.

### database writer(DBWn)

- The database writer process (DBWn) writes modiefied blocks from the database buffer cache to the disk.
- The DBWn process writes dirty buffers to disk under the following conditions:
  - When a server process cannot find a clean reusable buffer, it signals DBWn to write. DBWn writes dirty buffers to disk asynchronously if possible while performing other processing.
  - DBWn periodically writes buffers to advance the checkpoint, which is the position in the redo thread from which instance recovery begins.

# log writer(LGWR)

- The log writer process (LGWR) writes one contiguous portion of the redo log to the online redo log.
- LGWR writes all redo entries:
  - A user commits a transaction.
  - An online redo log switch occurs.
  - Three seconds have passed since LGWR last wrote.
  - The redo log buffer is one-third full.
  - DBWn must write modified buffers to disk.
  - Before DBWn can write a dirty buffer, redo records associated with changes to the buffer must be written to disk (the write-ahead protocol).

### archiver (ARCn)

- The archiver processes (ARCn) copy online redo log files to offline storage after a redo log switch occurs.
- ARCn processes exist only when the database is in ARCHIVELOG mode and automatic archiving is enabled.

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