

Using Automatic Memory Management

Purpose

This module describes how you can use Enterprise Manager to proactively configure your instance.

Topics

This module will discuss the following topics:

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Overview

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One of the core initiatives undertaken by Oracle Database 10G, is to simplify Oracle Database Administration. As part of that effort, many of the repetitive and manual tasks have been automated. In this section, you will proactively manage and automate some of the mundane tasks related to Oracle Instance Memory Configuration. By automating memory configuration, you have more time to deal with real application or business issues that affect your enterprise.

The Memory Advisor is an intelligent expert system within the Oracle database that proactively determines optimal settings for various SGA and PGA components. When automated, Oracle will automatically adjust the settings for the various pools and caches according to the requirements of the workload.

Prerequisites

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Before starting this module, you should have:

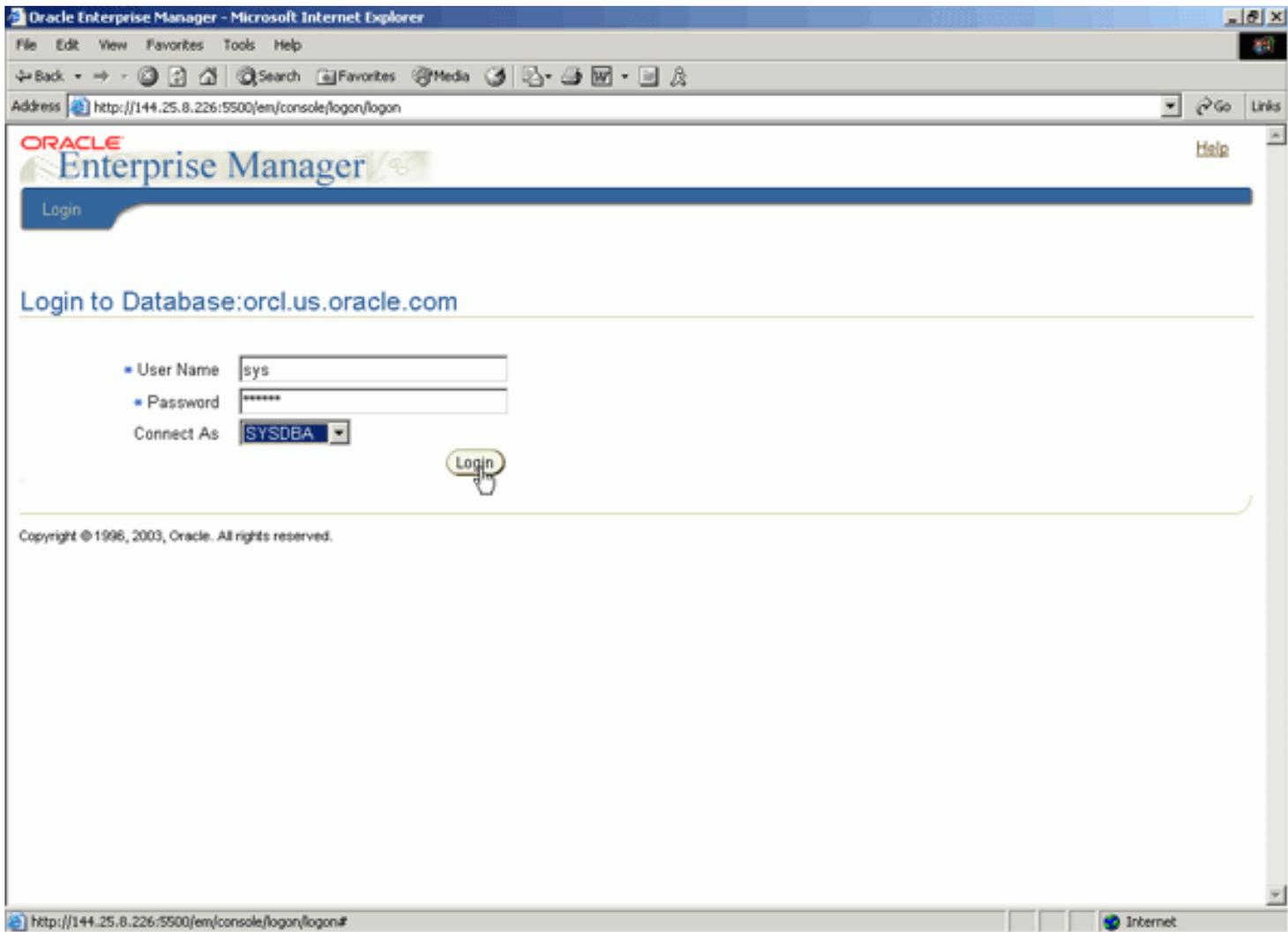
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Enabling Automated Shared Memory Management

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To enable the memory of the SGA automatically, perform the following:

1. Login to Enterprise Manager as **sys/<password>** as **SYSDBA** and click **Login** .



2. Scroll down to the bottom of the home page and click on **Advisor Central** under Related Links.

The screenshot shows the Oracle Enterprise Manager (SYS) console interface. The browser title is "Oracle Enterprise Manager (SYS) - Database: orcl.us.oracle.com - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The address bar shows the URL: http://144.25.8.226:5500/em/console/database/instance/siteMap?event=doLoad&target=orcl.us.oracle.com&type=oracle_database&pageNum=1.

The main content area displays a table of alerts:

Severity	Category	Name	Message	Alert Triggered	Value	Time
Warning	Invalid Objects by Schema	Owner's Invalid Object Count	20 object(s) are invalid in the PUBLIC schema.	Jan 12, 2004 10:20:19 AM	20	Jan 12, 2004 10:20:19 AM
Warning	Invalid Objects by Schema	Owner's Invalid Object Count	18 object(s) are invalid in the SYS schema.	Jan 12, 2004 10:20:19 AM	18	Jan 12, 2004 10:20:19 AM

Below the alerts table, there is a section for "Related Alerts" with another table:

Severity	Target Name	Target Type	Category	Name	Message	Alert Triggered	Last Value	Time
Critical	edcdr26p1.us.oracle.com	Host	Disk Activity	Disk Utilization (%)	Disk Utilization for hda is 97.82%	Jan 8, 2004 11:19:52 AM	99.62	Jan 12, 2004 11:49:52 AM
Critical	edcdr26p1.us.oracle.com	Host	Load	Swap Utilization (%)	Swap Utilization is 99.97%	Jan 12, 2004 9:48:55 AM	99.67	Jan 12, 2004 11:58:55 AM

Other sections visible include "Job Activity" (Jobs scheduled to start no more than 7 days ago), "Critical Patch Advisories" (Patch Advisories: 0), and "Related Links" (Advisor Central, All Metrics, Jobs, Monitoring Configuration, Alert History, Blackouts, Manage Metrics, User-Defined Metrics, Alert Log Content, iSQL*Plus, Metric Collection Errors).

At the bottom, there is a navigation bar with links: Database | Setup | Preferences | Help | Logout. The footer contains copyright information: Copyright © 1996, 2003, Oracle. All rights reserved. About Oracle Enterprise Manager 10g Database Control.

The browser status bar shows the URL: <http://144.25.8.226:5500/em/console/database/instance/advisorTasks?event=doLoad&dbPageNum=1&target=orcl.us.oracle.com&type=orac> and the Internet icon.

3. Select **Memory Advisor**.

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Database: orcl.us.oracle.com > Advisor Central

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Advisors

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[SQL Access Advisor](#)

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Search

Select an advisory type and optionally enter a task name to filter the data that is displayed in your results set.

Advisory Type: Task Name: Advisor Runs: [Go](#)

Results

[View Result](#) [Delete](#) [Actions](#) [Re-schedule](#) [Go](#)

Select	Advisory Type	Name	Description	User	Status	Start Time	End Time	Expires In (days)
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	SQL Access Advisor	OBE010904	SQL Access Advisor	SYS	COMPLETED	Jan 9, 2004 9:55:13 AM	Jan 9, 2004 9:55:24 AM	27
<input type="radio"/>	SQL Tuning Advisor	SQL_TUNING_1073934340961		SYS	COMPLETED	Jan 12, 2004 11:05:45 AM	Jan 12, 2004 11:05:58 AM	30
<input type="radio"/>	ADDM	ADDM:1042673101_1_310	ADDM auto run: snapshots [309, 310], instance 1, database id 1042673101	SYS	COMPLETED	Jan 12, 2004 12:06:41 PM	Jan 12, 2004 12:06:41 PM	30

- Click **Enable** for Automatic Shared Memory Management.

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Address <http://144.25.8.226:5500/em/console/database/instance/memory?advisoryCentralURL=/em/console/database/instance/advisorTasks%3FdbPageNum%3D1%26type%3Doracle>

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Database: orcl.us.oracle.com > Memory Parameters

Memory Parameters

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SGA [PGA](#)

The System Global Area (SGA) is a group of shared memory structures that contains data and control information for one Oracle database system. The SGA is allocated in memory when an Oracle database instance is started.

Automatic Shared Memory Management **Disabled**

Shared Pool 80 MB **SGA**

Buffer Cache 24 MB

Large Pool 8 MB

Java Pool 48 MB

Other (MB) 1

Total SGA (MB) 161

Component	Percentage
Shared Pool	49.6%
Buffer Cache	14.9%
Large Pool	5%
Java Pool	29.8%
Other	0.8%

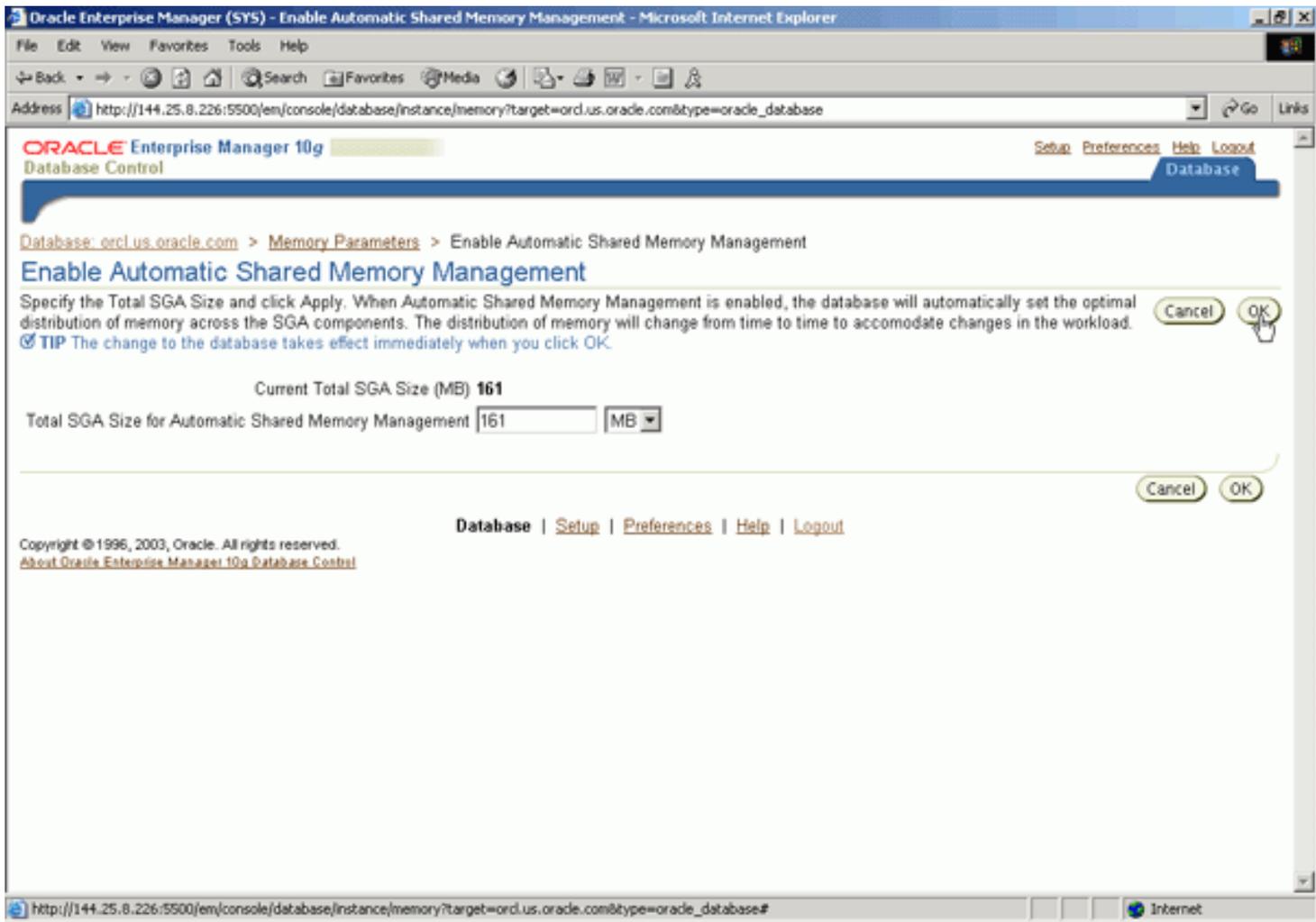
Maximum SGA Size

The Maximum SGA Size specifies how much memory is allocated when the database starts up. If you specify the Maximum SGA Size, you can later dynamically change SGA component sizes (provided the total SGA size does not exceed the Maximum SGA Size).

Maximum SGA Size* (MB) 164

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- Click **Apply** to enable Automatic Shared Memory Management.



6. Oracle will now automatically adjust the settings for the various pools and caches according to the requirements of the workload.

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Information

Automatic Shared Memory Management has been successfully enabled. The SGA component sizes will be adjusted automatically by the database to achieve optimal distribution of memory. The distribution of memory will change from time to time to accommodate changes in the workload.

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Collected From Target **September 17, 2003 9:10:34 AM PDT** Refresh

SGA **PGA**

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Automatic Shared Memory Management **Enabled** Disable

Total SGA Size (MB)

SGA component	Current Allocation (MB)
Shared Pool	100
Buffer Cache	24
Large Pool	8
Java Pool	100
Other	24

Shared Pool (39.1%)
 Buffer Cache (9.4%)
 Large Pool (3.1%)
 Java Pool (39.1%)
 Other (9.4%)

Maximum SGA Size

The Maximum SGA Size specifies how much memory is allocated when the database starts up. If you specify the Maximum SGA Size, you can later dynamically change the Total SGA Size above (provided Total SGA Size does not exceed the Maximum SGA Size).

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Changing the Total SGA Size

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To change the total SGA size when in automated shared memory management mode, you will need to make sure the maximum SGA Size is large enough. Perform the following:

1. Scroll down the page. Change Maximum SGA Size to **261MB** and click **Apply** . Note: If you receive an error, click the Refresh button and try it again.

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Automatic Shared Memory Management **Enabled**

Total SGA Size (MB)

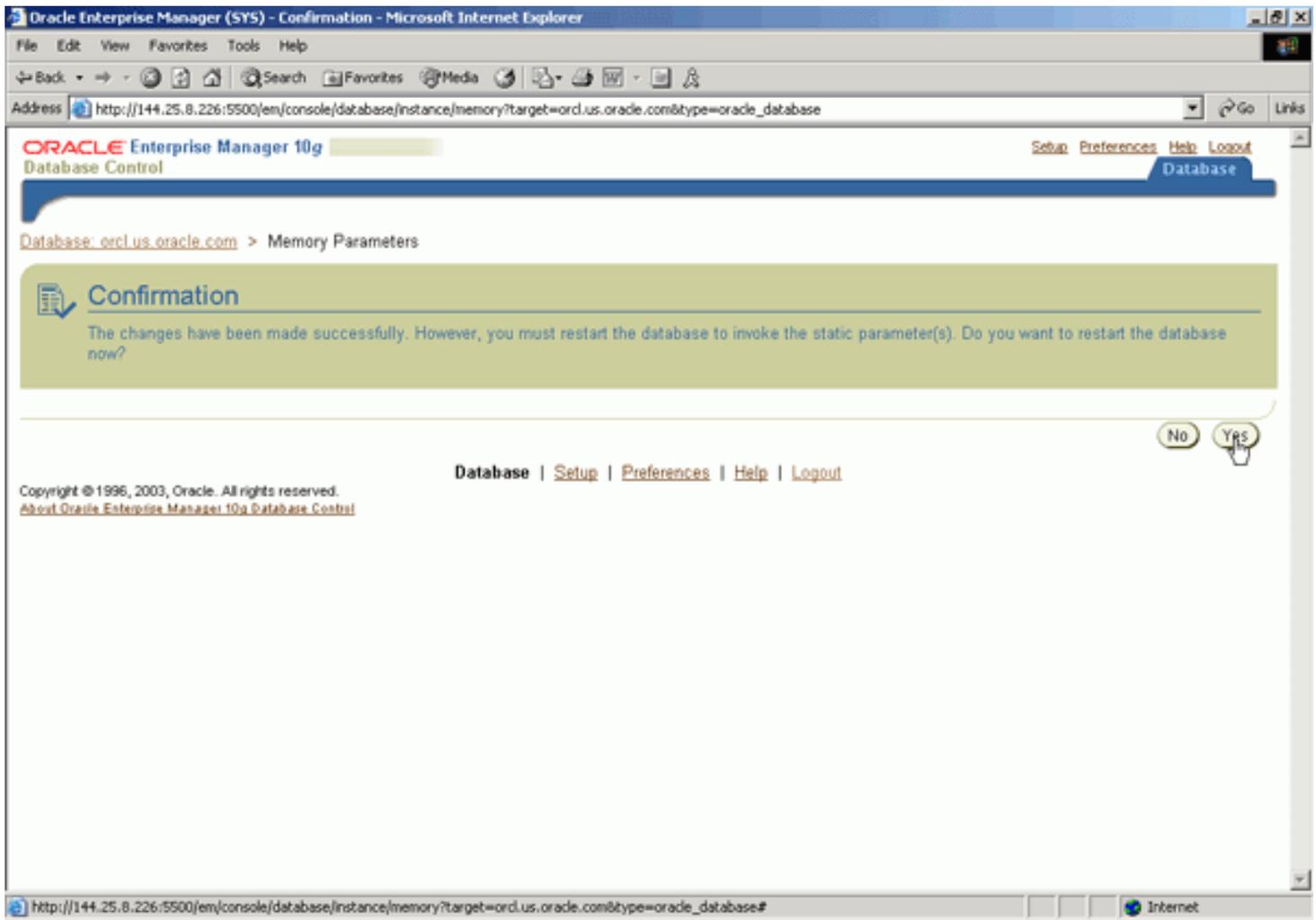
SGA Component	Current Allocation (MB)
Shared Pool	80
Buffer Cache	24
Large Pool	8
Java Pool	48
Other	4

Apply changes to SPFILE only. Otherwise the changes are made to both the SPFILE and the running instance which requires that you restart the database to invoke static parameters.
 TIP * indicates controls, if changed, must restart database to invoke.

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2. Click **Yes** to confirm the change.



3. Supply the host credentials and the database credentials then click **OK** .

The screenshot shows the Oracle Enterprise Manager 10g Database Control interface in a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window. The page title is "Restart Database: Specify Host and Target Database Credentials". The user is logged in as SYS. The page contains two main sections for credential specification:

- Host Credentials:** Requires the OS user name and password to login to the target database machine. The Username field is filled with "oracle" and the Password field is masked with asterisks.
- Database Credentials:** Requires the credentials for the target database. The Username field is filled with "sys" and the Password field is masked. The Database field is "orcl.us.oracle.com" and the Connect As field is "SYSDBA". There is a checked checkbox for "Save as Preferred Credential".

A note at the bottom states: "Note that you need to login to the database as SYSDBA or SYSOPER in order to restart the database." The page includes navigation links for "Database", "Setup", "Preferences", "Help", and "Logout". There are "Cancel" and "OK" buttons at the bottom right.

4. Changing the Max SGA Size parameter requires a restart of the database. Click **Yes** to confirm restart of the database.

Oracle Enterprise Manager (SYS) - Restart Database:Confirmation - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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Address http://144.25.8.226:5500/em/console/database/instance/changeState?target=orcl.us.oracle.com&type=oracle_database

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Database: orcl.us.oracle.com > Restart Database:Confirmation Logged in As SYS

Restart Database:Confirmation

Operation **restart database after shutdown immediate**
Are you sure you want to perform this operation?

Note that the following parameters have been used to startup the database. Please replace your initialization parameter file with the following contents.

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spfile='u01/app/oracle/product/10.1.0/dbs/spfileorcl.ora'
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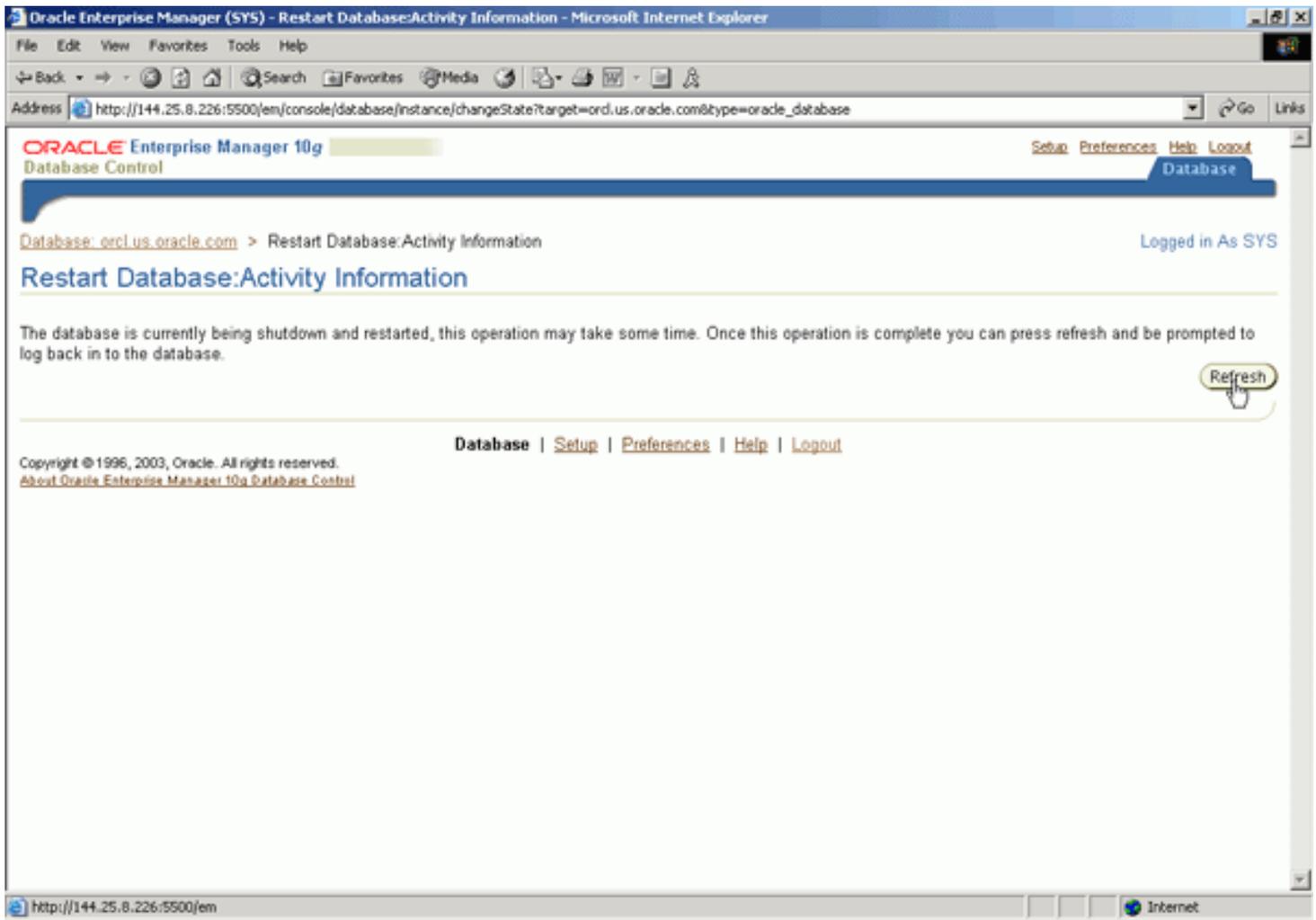
[Show SQL](#) [Advanced Options](#) [No](#) [Yes](#)

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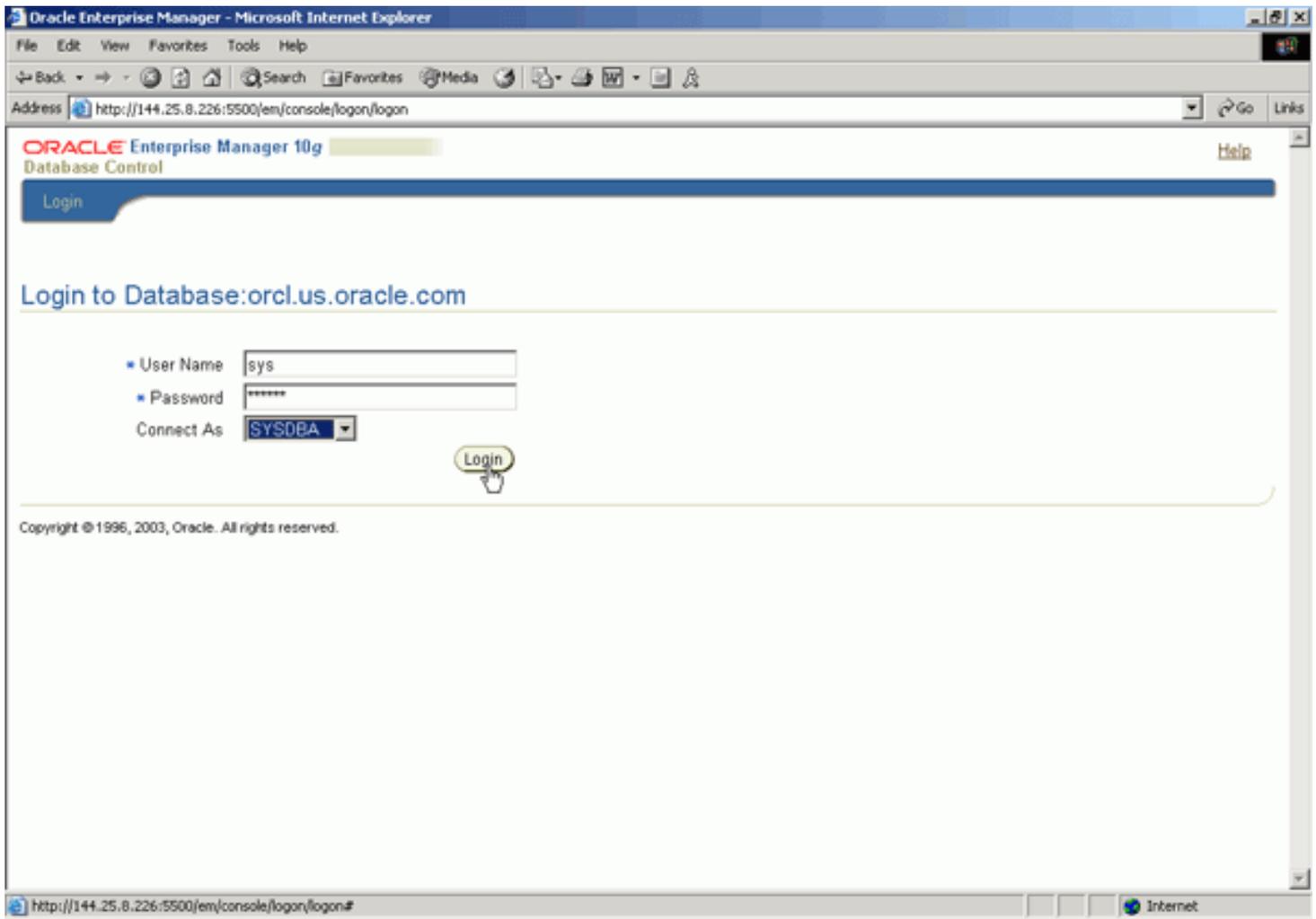
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5. The database restart process will start. Click **Refresh** .



6. Enter **sys/<password>** as **SYSDBA** and click **Login** .



7. Scroll down and click **Advisor Central** .

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Address http://144.25.8.226:5500/em/console/database/instance/sitemap?event=doLoad&target=orcl.us.oracle.com&type=oracle_database

Severity	Category	Name	Message	Alert Triggered	Value	Time
	User Audit	Audited User	User SYS logged on from EDCDR26P1.	Jan 12, 2004 12:10:59 PM	0	Jan 12, 2004 12:27:30 PM
	Invalid Objects by Schema	Owner's Invalid Object Count	20 object(s) are invalid in the PUBLIC schema.	Jan 12, 2004 10:20:19 AM	20	Jan 12, 2004 10:20:19 AM
	Invalid Objects by Schema	Owner's Invalid Object Count	18 object(s) are invalid in the SYS schema.	Jan 12, 2004 10:20:19 AM	18	Jan 12, 2004 10:20:19 AM

Related Alerts

Severity	Target Name	Target Type	Category	Name	Message	Alert Triggered	Last Value	Time
	edcd/26p1.us.oracle.com Host	Host	Disk Activity	Disk Utilization (%)	Disk Utilization for hda is 97.82%	Jan 8, 2004 11:19:52 AM	99.61	Jan 12, 2004 12:22:12 PM

Job Activity

Jobs scheduled to start no more than 7 days ago

Scheduled Executions **0** Suspended Executions **0**

Running Executions **0** Problem Executions **0**

Critical Patch Advisories

Patch Advisories **0**

Patch Advisory information may be stale. Oracle MetaLink refresh job has not run successfully in 72 hours.

Job [RefreshFromMetalink](#)

Home [Performance](#) [Administration](#) [Maintenance](#)

Related Links

Advisor Central	Alert History	Alert Log Content
All Metrics	Blackouts	iSQL*Plus
Jobs	Manage Metrics	Metric Collection Errors
Monitoring Configuration	User-Defined Metrics	

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8. Click **Memory Advisor** .

The screenshot shows the Oracle Enterprise Manager 10g interface. The page title is "Advisor Central" and it is logged in as SYS. The page was refreshed on Jan 12, 2004 at 12:34:15 PM. Under the "Advisors" section, there are links for ADDM, SQL Tuning Advisor, SQL Access Advisor, Memory Advisor, MITR Advisor, Segment Advisor, and Undo Management. The "Advisor Tasks" section includes a search filter and a table of results.

Search
 Select an advisory type and optionally enter a task name to filter the data that is displayed in your results set.
 Advisory Type: All Types | Task Name: | Advisor Runs: Last Run | Go

Results

Select	Advisory Type	Name	Description	User	Status	Start Time	End Time	Expires In (days)
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	SQL Access Advisor	OBE010904	SQL Access Advisor	SYS	COMPLETED	Jan 9, 2004 9:55:13 AM	Jan 9, 2004 9:55:24 AM	27
<input type="radio"/>	SQL Tuning Advisor	SQL_TUNING_1073934340961		SYS	COMPLETED	Jan 12, 2004 11:05:45 AM	Jan 12, 2004 11:05:58 AM	30
<input type="radio"/>	ADDM	ADDM:1042673101_1_313	ADDM auto run: snapshots [312, 313], instance 1, database id 1042673101	SYS	COMPLETED	Jan 12, 2004 12:12:45 PM	Jan 12, 2004 12:12:45 PM	30

9. Change the Total SGA Size parameter to **260 MB**. Click **Apply** .

Note that the Max SGA Size parameter was automatically adjusted to conform to the memory granule size. Though you had set it to be 261MB originally, the Oracle server automatically changed it to 264MB.

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SGA [PGA](#)

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Automatic Shared Memory Management **Enabled** [Disable](#)

Total SGA Size (MB)

SGA Component	Current Allocation (MB)
Shared Pool	80
Buffer Cache	24
Large Pool	8
Java Pool	48
Other	4

Legend:

- Shared Pool(48.8%)
- Buffer Cache(14.6%)
- Large Pool(4.9%)
- Java Pool(29.3%)
- Other(2.4%)

Maximum SGA Size

The Maximum SGA Size specifies how much memory is allocated when the database starts up. If you specify the Maximum SGA Size, you can later dynamically change the Total SGA Size above (provided Total SGA Size does not exceed the Maximum SGA Size).

Maximum SGA Size* (MB)

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Apply changes to SPFILE only. Otherwise the changes are made to both the SPFILE and the running instance which requires that you restart the database to invoke static parameters.

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10. Once you receive the confirmation notice that the parameter was changed successfully, you'll also notice that memory allocation to some of the SGA components was adjusted automatically.

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Address: http://144.25.8.226:5500/em/console/database/instance/memory?target=orcl.us.oracle.com&type=oracle_database

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Update Message
The changes have been made successfully

Memory Parameters

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Large Pool	8
Java Pool	48
Other	4

Component	Percentage
Shared Pool	30.8%
Buffer Cache	46.2%
Large Pool	3.1%
Java Pool	18.5%
Other	1.5%
Unlabelled	2%

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To allocated memory associated with the PGA, perform the following:

1. Click the **PGA** tab.

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Database: orcl.us.oracle.com > Memory Parameters

Update Message
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Memory Parameters

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http://144.25.8.226:5500/em/console/database/instance/memory?target=orcl.us.oracle.com&type=oracle_database#

2. Click **Advice**

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Database Control

Database: orcl.us.oracle.com > Memory Parameters

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The Program Global Area (PGA) is a memory buffer that contains data and control information for a server process. A PGA is created by Oracle when a server process is started.

Aggregate PGA Target MB [Advice](#)

Current PGA Allocated (KB) **49929**

Maximum PGA Allocated (KB) **79688**
(since startup)

Cache Hit Percentage (%) **100**

[PGA Memory Usage Details](#)

TIP The sum of PGA and SGA should be less than the total system memory minus memory required by the operating system and other applications.

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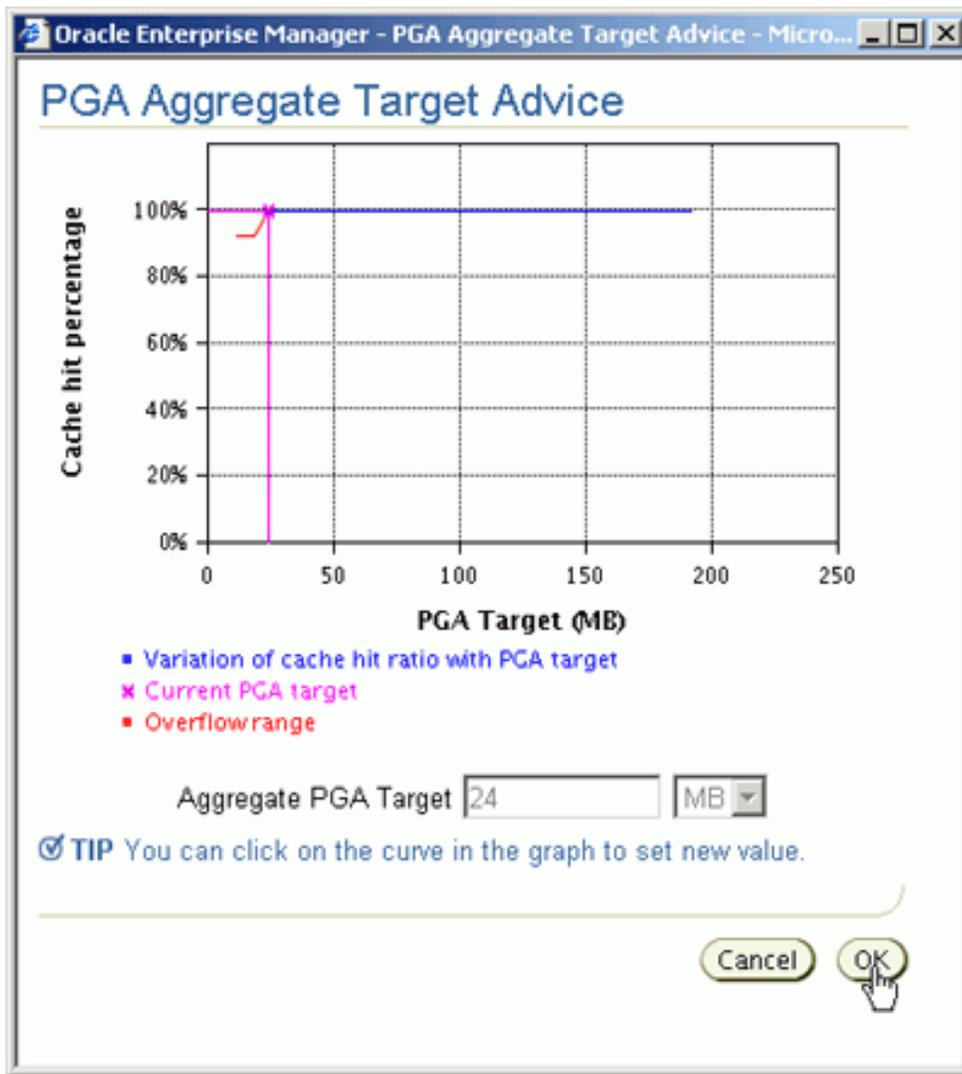
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3. The PGA Aggregate Target Advice graph shows the frequency in which data is found in cache so that you do not have to access disk. In this case, it should be noted that the current PGA Aggregate Size is set to approximately 24MB, and over 88% of all the requested services are gotten from memory. This also shows the overflow range which starts around 12MB. At 12MB, the PGA requests hit the cache around 90%. The PGA Aggregate Size implies that (based on current workloads and the number of sessions in the database), no more than 24MB should be allocated for all PGAs in this database. Click the **OK** button.



4. Click **PGA Memory Usage Details** .

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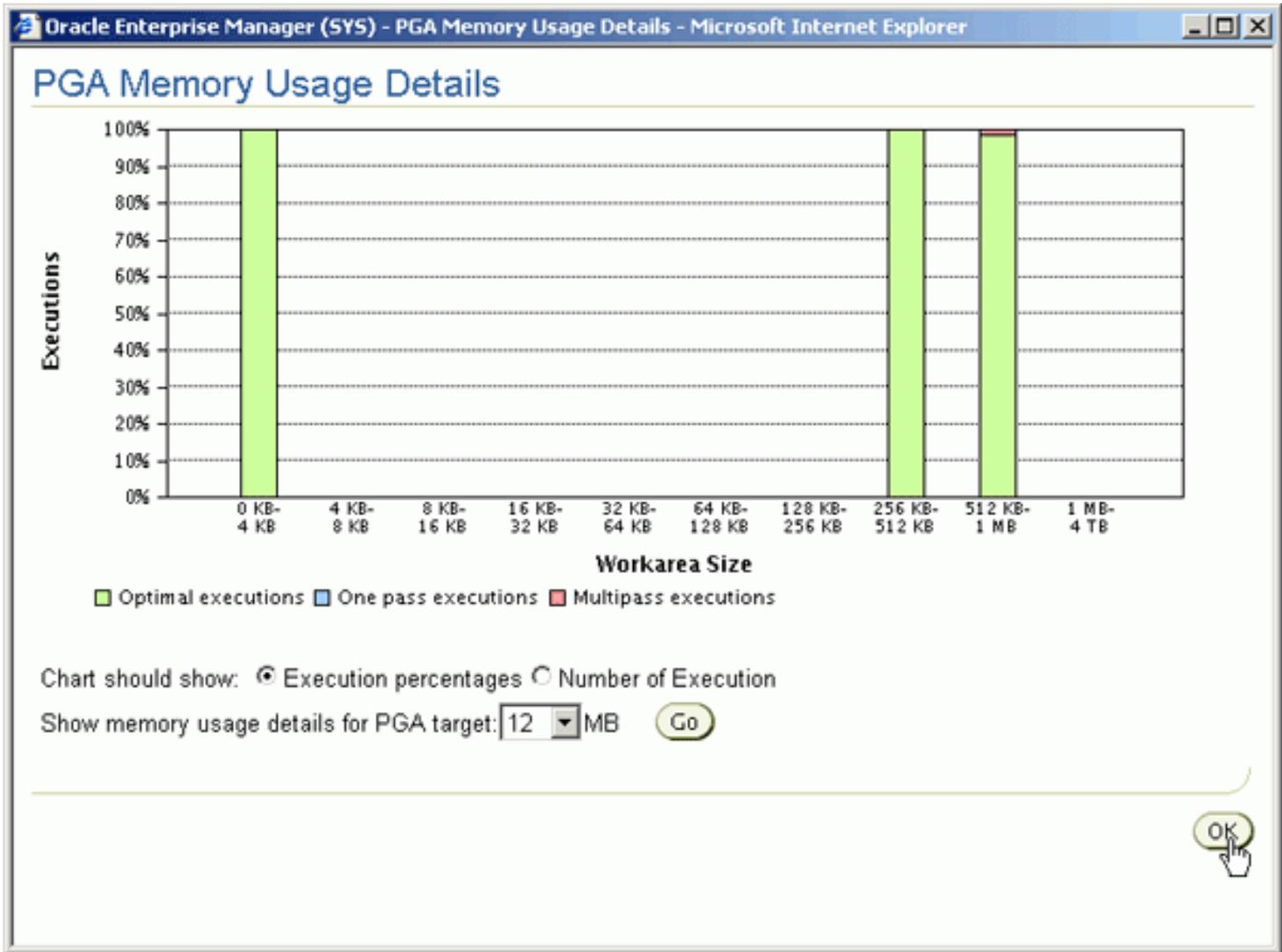
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5. This graph shows the usage details in memory size requests and executions percentages for various PGA memory requests. Click **OK**.



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