

Performing Db2 HADR Upgrades Made Easy

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Have no fear Db2 11.5 is here. Moving to a new version of Db2 should not be a scary event for databases using the high availability disaster recovery (HADR) feature. Fear of an outage or re-initialization of your standby is no longer a concern. This presentation will introduce to you and detail the procedures to perform a major release upgrade of your HADR single standby, HADR multiple standby and HADR pureScale databases. A detailed step by step analysis, with examples, from start to end so that you can get your database to the latest version of Db2 with the least amount of concern.

Objectives

Describe and discuss the following:

- Develop a recovery plan for major version upgrade and test it out
 - Is recovery through migration an option for you?
- HADR single standby and multiple standby major version upgrade
- HADR multiple standby major version upgrade
- HADR pureScale major version upgrade
- HADR major version upgrade problem analysis and monitoring



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Db2 Versioning

- The official Db2 product signature consists of 4 parts and has the format **VV.RR.MM.FF** where:

- **VV** = Version number
- **RR** = Release number
- **MM** = Modification number
- **FF** = Fix pack number

9.7.0.11	10.1.0.6
10.5.0.10	11.1.4.4
11.5.0.0	

- Until now, the modification value (**MM**) for Db2 LUW has always been **0** (zero)
 - Traditionally, interfaces that return the product signature have supplied only 3 elements – **VV**, **RR**, and **FF**
 - It has not always been obvious when a Fix Pack contains new functionality



Survey

1. What version of Db2 are you running?
 - a) 9.7
 - b) 10.1
 - c) 10.5
 - d) 11.1
 - e) Other

2. What configuration / flavor of HADR are you running?
 - a) ESE single standby
 - b) ESE multiple standby
 - c) pureScale (single standby)



HADR: Update vs. Upgrade

- Update
 - Within the same major version (e.g. 10.5.0.9 to 10.5.0.10 or 11.1.3.3 to 11.1.4.4)
 - Can be done in a rolling fashion
 - Database service is available, with minor or no service interruption
 - Multiple standby can ensure one primary and one standby always providing service 
 - Options:
 1. Use TAKEOVER HADR command
 2. Use pureScale HADR rolling member update
- Upgrade
 - To a new major version where UPGRADE DATABASE command is required
 - Cannot be done in a rolling fashion
 - Database outage will be required
 - Options:
 1. Maintain HADR roles and avoids re-initialization of standby 
 2. Stops HADR service and requires re-initialization of standby



Update

https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSEPGG_11.1.0/com.ibm.db2.luw.admin.ha.doc/doc/t0011766.html

Upgrade

https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/en/SSEPGG_11.1.0/com.ibm.db2.luw.qb.upgrade.doc/doc/c0070028.html

HADR Major Version Upgrade

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General Upgrade Planning

- Plan your upgrade to Version 11.1.x.x
 - Decide on a strategy and derive a plan for each component:
 - Servers, clients, applications, routines, tools and scripts
 - Always practice your upgrade procedure in a test environment first
 - Db2 Upgrade Portal
<http://www.ibm.com/software/data/db2/upgrade/portal>
 - Upgrade to Db2 Version 11.1.x.x
https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSEPGG_11.1.0/com.ibm.db2.luw.qb.upgrade.doc/doc/c0023662.html
- For each component ensure you are familiar with:
 - Prerequisites, pre-upgrade tasks, upgrade steps, post-upgrade tasks



Upgrading a Db2 server (Windows)

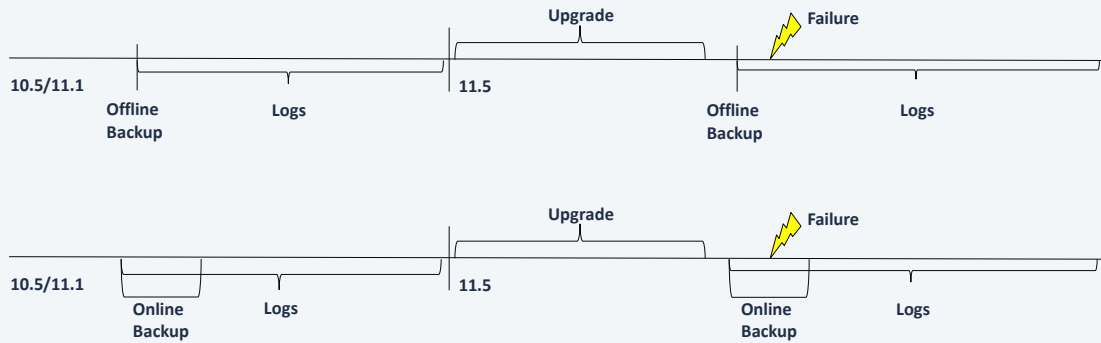
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Recovery Plan – Recovery Through Migration (Avoid Offline Backup)

Before:



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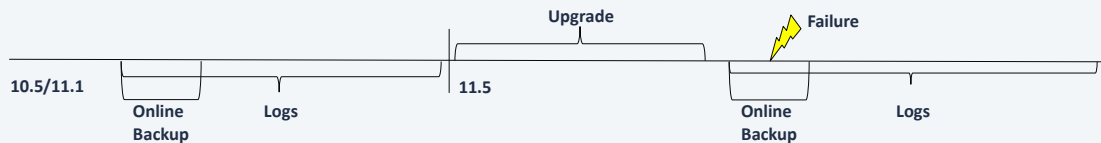
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Recovery Plan – Recovery Through Migration (Avoid Offline Backup)



- As of 11.1.0.0 upgrade is a recoverable operation



- **Support for single partition and pureScale from 10.5.0.7+**
 - No multi-partition support (DPF/MPP)
- Before you upgrade no need to take new offline database backup
 - Can rely on latest good backup image (online or offline)
- After upgrade no immediate rush to take new offline database backup
 - Can wait for next nightly backup
- New recovery procedure that relies on downlevel backup image and transaction logs
 - Restore downlevel backup image in downlevel release
 - Rollforward to end of release
 - Re-install new release
 - Continue rollforward to point in time

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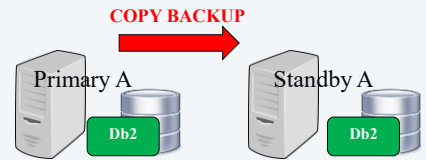
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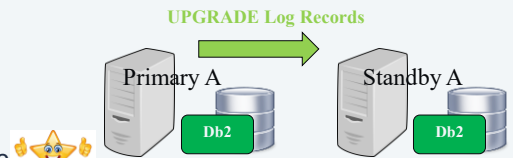
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- Cannot be done in a rolling fashion
 - Database outage will be required
 - Limitation of UPGRADE DATABASE command and log replay
 - As of 11.1.0.0, two options now available:
 1. **Maintain HADR roles and avoids re-initialization of standby** 
 2. Stops HADR service and requires re-initialization of standby
- (Old procedure) HADR Upgrade requiring re-initialization of standby
 - Available from all releases and fix packs – 9.7.x.x / 10.1.x.x / 10.5.x.x (and future)
 - Only option if coming from 9.7.x.x or 10.1.x.x
 - 10.5.x.x: Available as last resort if cannot update while maintaining HADR roles or not on proper fix pack
 - Will need to stop HADR
 - Post upgrade take new database backup and ship across to standby to restore





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- 11.1+ HADR Upgrade (to 11.1.x.x) maintains HADR roles without requiring re-initialization of standby
 - Option if coming from 10.5, but only ...
 - ESE: 10.5.0.7+
 - pureScale: 10.5.0.9+
 - HADR roles are maintained during upgrade procedure 🌟
 - Primary and standby must validate log positions in downlevel release
 - Primary must be shutdown first, but standby must be upgraded before primary
 - Primary and standby must be at same code level to communicate
 - UPGRADE now a recoverable operation that standby can replay 🌟
- 11.1+ Ensure replay delay is turned off on standbys
 - Set database configuration parameter `hadr_replay_delay` to 0
 - Enables standby to catch up to primary in downlevel release



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-  Reads on standby environments
 - Ensure database configuration parameter `logindexbuild` in ON
 - Index recreation done during upgrade replayed on standby
 - Allows read connections to resume post upgrade on standby
- Restrict applications from connecting to databases
 - For example:
 - QUIESCE INSTANCE or DATABASE
 - DB2START ADMIN MODE (RESTRICTED ACCESS)
-  Verify (and correct) data availability on standby
 - Check if any tables and/or table spaces are unavailable

<https://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg21993013>

QUIESCE command

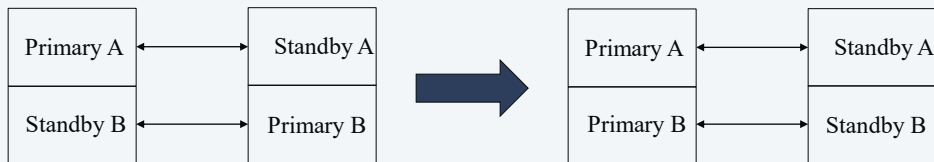
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db2start - Start Db2 command

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- No mixed primary/standby setups – perform graceful takeover
 - All databases on host 1 must be primary
 - All databases on host 2 must be standby




- For automated environments, delete automated resources

Db2 high availability instance configuration utility (db2haicu)

https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/en/SSEPGG_11.1.0/com.ibm.db2.luw.admin.ha.doc/doc/c0051371.html

HADR Major Version Upgrade – Considerations – Page 5 of 7 db2iupgrade / db2ckupgrade

- db2iupgrade calls db2ckupgrade under the covers
- db2ckupgrade can be executed manually if need be
- Verifies database's readiness for upgrade; for all databases:
 - Database states (including consistency)
 - Table and table space attributes
-  For HADR databases, key checks done by db2ckupgrade needs exclusive access to database




db2iupgrade - Upgrade instance command

https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/en/SSEPGG_11.1.0/com.ibm.db2.luw.admin.cm.d.doc/doc/r0002055.html

db2ckupgrade - Check database for upgrade command

https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/en/SSEPGG_11.1.0/com.ibm.db2.luw.admin.cm.d.doc/doc/r0002028.html

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- Detects version of downlevel database and for HADR databases:
 - If supports  procedure
 - Standby: Will skip database
 - Primary: Verifies database; on top of normal checking, specific for primary:
 - Checks for table space availability; any table space in abnormal state reports warning:
DBT5552W The db2ckupgrade utility has detected that a table space is in an invalid state on the HADR standby database and needs attention.
 - **Validates primary log shipping position matches with each standby's log replay position**
 - Waits approx. `hadr_timeout / 2` seconds; minimum 5 seconds
 - Purpose is to avoid moving to new release and need to replay downlevel log records
 - On error:
DBT5535N The db2ckupgrade utility failed because the HADR primary's log shipping position does not match the HADR standby's log replay position.



HADR Major Version Upgrade – Considerations – Page 7 of 7 db2iupgrade / db2ckupgrade (continued)

- Detects version of downlevel database and for HADR databases:
 - If supports only old procedure
 - Standby: Reports failure – SQL1776N rc = 3:
The UPGRADE DATABASE command is not supported on an HADR standby database.
→ recommend DROP DATABASE to continue
 - Primary: Under db2iupgrade executes STOP HADR; reports:
DBT5551I The db2ckupgrade utility has detected an HADR primary database and has successfully stopped HADR services. The HADR role has been changed to STANDARD.
- If all checks pass will set database to UPGRADE PENDING state
 - Prevents new connections and workload after validation has happened



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HADR Major Version Upgrade Requiring Standby Re-initialization – Page 1 of 3

Sample Scenario:

- Single database A in an ESE instance
- Primary on host 1 and standby on host 2
- **Step 0 of 8:** Prepare for upgrade
 - Standby will need to be re-initialized
 - ESE coming from 9.7.x.x or 10.1.x.x or 10.5.0.6 (or earlier)
 - pureScale coming from 10.1.x.x or 10.5.0.8 (or earlier)
 - Last resort on failure of new procedure
- **Step 1:** (Primary) Stop HADR, database and instance
 - STOP HADR
 - Shutdown primary database – DEACTIVATE DATABASE
 - Stop instance – db2stop



Upgrading Db2 servers in HADR environments

https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/en/SSEPGG_11.1.0/com.ibm.db2.luw.qb.upgrade.doc/doc/t0070030.html



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- **Step 2:** (Primary) Install new version and upgrade instance software / hardware
 - Includes db2iupgrade and all pre- / during / post- upgrade tasks
- **Step 3:** (Primary) Upgrade database; take new database backup and ship to standby
 - UPGRADE DATABASE
 - Perform post upgrade tasks
 - Verify new release meets expectations
 - BACKUP DATABASE
 - Ship backup image (or make available) to standby site
- **Step 4:** (Standby) Drop database and stop instance
 - Shutdown standby database – DEACTIVATE DATABASE
 - DROP DATABASE
 - Stop instance – db2stop

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- **Step 5:** (Standby) Install new version and upgrade instance software / hardware
- **Step 6:** (Standby) Restore database backup image from primary
 - RESTORE DATABASE
- **Step 7:** (Standby) Configure and start HADR
 - Set configuration parameters
 - START HADR ... AS STANDBY
- **Step 8:** (Primary) Configure and start HADR
 - Set configuration parameters
 - START HADR ... AS PRIMARY



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Sample Scenario:

- Single database A in an ESE instance
- Primary on host 1 and standby on host 2
 - Database activated on both
- **Step 0 of 11: Prepare for upgrade**
 - Recommended option if coming from 10.5.0.7+
 - HADR roles maintained; **standby will NOT need to be re-initialized**
 - Ensure familiar with “Dealing with failures while upgrading Db2 servers in HADR environments”
 - Primary and standby must validate log positions in downlevel release
 - Primary must be shutdown first, but standby must be upgraded before primary
 - Primary and standby must be at same code level to communicate
 - On primary, combine with “Avoid Offline Backup” (see side note)



Upgrading Db2 servers in HADR environments (without standby reinitialization)

https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/en/SSEPGG_11.1.0/com.ibm.db2.luw.qb.upgrade.doc/doc/t0070029.html

Recovering through a Db2 server upgrade

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- **Step 1: (Primary) [RoS] Turn on `logindexbuild`**
 - Index recreation done during upgrade replayed on standby
 - Allows read connections to resume post upgrade on standby
- **Step 2: (Standby) Turn off `hadr_replay_delay`**
 - Set `hadr_replay_delay` to 0
 - Allows standby's log replay position to catch up to the primary's log shipping position
- **Step 3: (Primary) Monitor log positions**
 - Ensure primary log shipping and standby log replay positions are “healthy”
 - Helps to reduce the chance of failures later in the process
 - Use `db2pd -hadr` or `MON_GET_HADR`
 - Adjust `hadr_timeout` accordingly to prepare for log position validation

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- **Step 4:** (Primary) Stop database and instance
 - Need to stop log activity
 - Shutdown primary database – DEACTIVATE DATABASE
 - Prevent database from being activated unintentionally
 - Stop instance – db2stop
 - **NOTE:** Standby is still activated
- **Step 5:** (Primary) Install new version and upgrade instance software / hardware
 - ★ **KEY** Upgrade instance using `db2iupgrade`, calls `db2ckupgrade` under the covers
 - **Validates primary log shipping position matches with standby's log replay position**
 - Waits approx. `hadr_timeout / 2` seconds; minimum 5 seconds
 - Purpose is to avoid moving to new release and need to replay downlevel log records
 - On success, database marked upgrade pending – new log activity prevented

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- **Step 6:** (Standby) Stop database and instance
 - Shutdown standby database – `DEACTIVATE DATABASE`
 - Stop instance – `db2stop`
- **Step 7:** (Standby) Install new version and upgrade instance software / hardware
 - Upgrade instance using `db2iupgrade`, calls `db2ckupgrade` under the covers
 - Will skip databases marked as a supported standby
- **Step 8:** (Standby) Start database upgrade on standby
 - Upgrade standby database – `UPGRADE DATABASE` → asynchronous
 - `SQL1103W` The `UPGRADE DATABASE` command was completed successfully.
 - Will upgrade database metadata files and starts replay service in background
 - Waits for primary to form a connection
 - Considered upgrade in progress state – monitor with `db2pd -hadr (STANDBY_UPGRADE_IN_PROGRESS)` and `db2diag.log`
 - [RoS] No new connections are allowed in while in this state; reports failure – `SQL1776N rc = 9:`
Connection requests to an HADR standby are not allowed while database upgrade is in progress.

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- **Step 9: (Primary)** Start database upgrade on primary
 - Upgrade primary database – UPGRADE DATABASE → synchronous
 - DB20000I The UPGRADE DATABASE command completed successfully.
 - Consider REBINDALL option
 - Will upgrade database metadata files and attempts to form a connection with standby
 - Must have a standby at same code level available to communicate
 - Once complete primary will deactivate
- **Step 10: (Primary)** Start using database in new Db2 version
 - Start primary database – ACTIVATE DATABASE
 - Monitor standby upgrade progress – db2pd –hadr (no STANDBY_UPGRADE_IN_PROGRESS)
 - Standby will stay activated once it completes replay of upgrade log data
 - Perform post upgrade tasks
- **Step 11: (Primary / Standby)** Verify database configuration parameters
 - Reset values like `hadr_timeout`, `logindexbuild`, `hadr_replay_delay`



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Learning Objectives

HADR Multiple Standby Major Version Upgrade - Overview

Multiple standby configurations have a choice between two upgrade methods:

1. Method 1: Upgrade all standbys together to 11.1.x.x

- Committed to moving and staying in new code level
- Many of the standby steps can be completed in parallel
 - In theory principal first, auxiliaries at your own pace
- Like to keep procedure common among all standbys



2. Method 2: Leave some auxiliary standby behind in 10.5.0.x

- Upgrade primary and principal standby first
- Want a fail safe in case of complications with procedure or new code level

Upgrading Db2 servers in HADR multiple standby environments (without standby reinitialization)

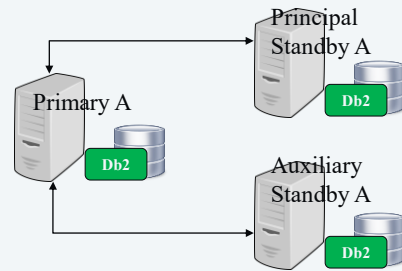
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Sample Scenario:

- Single database A in an ESE instance
- Primary on host 1; principal standby on host 2;
auxiliary standby on host 3
 - Database activated on all
- Upgrade all standbys together in parallel
- **Step 0 of 11: Prepare for upgrade**
 - HADR roles maintained; **standby will NOT need to be re-initialized**
 - Ensure familiar with “Dealing with failures while upgrading Db2 servers in HADR environments”
 - Primary and **all** standbys must validate log positions in downlevel release
 - Primary must be shutdown first, but **principal** standby must be upgraded before primary
 - **All standbys can be upgraded in parallel!**
 - Primary and each standby must be at same code level to communicate
 - On primary, combine with “Avoid Offline Backup”



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- **Step 1:** (Primary) [RoS] Turn on `logindexbuild`
 - Index recreation done during upgrade replayed on each standby
 - Allows read connections to resume post upgrade on each standby
- **Step 2:** (All Standbys) Turn off `hadr_replay_delay`
 - For each standby (in parallel, principal first)
 - Set `hadr_replay_delay` to 0
 - Allows each standby's log replay position to catch up to the primary's log shipping position
- **Step 3:** (Primary) Monitor log positions
 - Ensure primary log shipping and all standby log replay positions are "healthy"
 - Helps to reduce the chance of failures later in the process
 - Use `db2pd -hadr` or `MON_GET_HADR`
 - Adjust `hadr_timeout` accordingly to prepare for log position validation

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- **Step 4:** (Primary) Stop database and instance
 - Need to stop log activity
 - Shutdown primary database – DEACTIVATE DATABASE
 - Prevent database from being activated unintentionally
 - Stop instance – db2stop
 - **NOTE:** All standbys are still activated
- **Step 5:** (Primary) Install new version and upgrade instance software / hardware
 - ★ **KEY** Upgrade instance using `db2iupgrade`, calls `db2ckupgrade` under the covers
 - **Validates primary log shipping position matches with all standby's log replay position**
 - Waits approx. `hadr_timeout / 2` seconds; minimum 5 seconds
 - Purpose is to avoid moving to new release and need to replay downlevel log records
 - On success, database marked upgrade pending – new log activity prevented

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- **Step 6: (All Standbys) Stop database and instance**
 - For each standby (in parallel, principal first)
 - Shutdown standby database – DEACTIVATE DATABASE
 - Stop instance – db2stop
- **Step 7: (All Standbys) Install new version and upgrade instance software / hardware**
 - For each standby (in parallel, principal first)
 - Upgrade instance using `db2iupgrade`, calls `db2ckupgrade` under the covers
 - Will skip databases marked as a supported standby
- **Step 8: (All Standbys) Start database upgrade on standby**
 - For each standby (in parallel, principal first)
 - Upgrade standby database – UPGRADE DATABASE → asynchronous
 - SQL11103W The UPGRADE DATABASE command was completed successfully.
 - Will upgrade database metadata files and starts replay service in background
 - Waits for primary to form a connection
 - Considered upgrade in progress state – monitor with `db2pd -hadr (STANDBY_UPGRADE_IN_PROGRESS)` and `db2diag.log`
 - [RoS] No new connections are allowed in while in this state; reports failure – SQL1776N rc = 9:
Connection requests to an HADR standby are not allowed while database upgrade is in progress.

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- **Step 9: (Primary)** Start database upgrade on primary
 - Upgrade primary database – UPGRADE DATABASE → synchronous
 - DB20000I The UPGRADE DATABASE command completed successfully.
 - Consider REBINDALL option
 - Will upgrade database metadata files and attempts to form a connection with standby
 - Must have a standby at same code level available to communicate
 - Once complete primary will deactivate
- **Step 10: (Primary)** Start using database in new Db2 version
 - Start primary database – ACTIVATE DATABASE
 - Monitor each standby's upgrade progress – db2pd –hadr (no STANDBY_UPGRADE_IN_PROGRESS)
 - Standby will stay activated once it completes replay of upgrade log data
 - Perform post upgrade tasks
- **Step 11: (Primary / All Standbys)** Verify database configuration parameters
 - Reset values like `hadr_timeout`, `logindexbuild`, `hadr_replay_delay`



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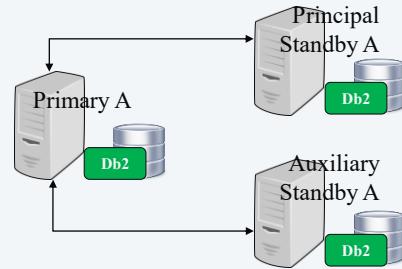
Learning Objectives

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Sample Scenario:

- Single database A in an ESE instance
- Primary on host 1; principal standby on host 2; auxiliary standby on host 3
 - Database activated on all
- Upgrade primary and principal, but leave auxiliary standby behind



• Step 0 of 14: Prepare for upgrade

- Recommended option if coming from 10.5.0.7+
- Recommended of two multiple standby methods
- HADR roles maintained; **standby will NOT need to be re-initialized**
- Ensure familiar with “Dealing with failures while upgrading Db2 servers in HADR environments”
- Primary and **all** standbys must validate log positions in downlevel release
- Primary must be shutdown first, but **principal** standby must be upgraded before primary
- **Leave auxiliary standby in downlevel until primary and principal standby upgraded successfully**
- Primary and each standby must be at same code level to communicate
- On primary, combine with “Avoid Offline Backup”

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Recovering through a Db2 server upgrade

https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/en/SSEPGG_11.1.0/com.ibm.db2.luw.qb.upgrade.doc/doc/t0070050.html

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- **Step 1:** (Primary) [RoS] Turn on `logindexbuild`
 - Index recreation done during upgrade replayed on each standby
 - Allows read connections to resume post upgrade on each standby
- **Step 2:** (All Standbys) Turn off `hadr_replay_delay`
 - For each standby (in parallel, principal first)
 - Set `hadr_replay_delay` to 0
 - Allows each standby's log replay position to catch up to the primary's log shipping position
- **Step 3:** (Primary) Monitor log positions
 - Ensure primary log shipping and all standby log replay positions are "healthy"
 - Helps to reduce the chance of failures later in the process
 - Use `db2pd -hadr` or `MON_GET_HADR`
 - Adjust `hadr_timeout` accordingly to prepare for log position validation

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- **Step 4:** (Primary) Stop database and instance
 - Need to stop log activity
 - Shutdown primary database – DEACTIVATE DATABASE
 - Prevent database from being activated unintentionally
 - Stop instance – db2stop
 - **NOTE:** All standbys are still activated

- **Step 5:** (Primary) Install new version and upgrade instance software / hardware
 - ★ **KEY** Upgrade instance using `db2iupgrade`, calls `db2ckupgrade` under the covers
 - **Validates primary log shipping position matches with all standby's log replay position**
 - Waits approx. `hadr_timeout / 2` seconds; minimum 5 seconds
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- **Step 6:** (All Standbys) Stop database and instance
 - For each standby (in parallel, principal first)
 - Shutdown standby database – DEACTIVATE DATABASE
 - Stop instance – db2stop
- **Step 7:** (Principal Standby) Install new version and upgrade instance software / hardware
 - Upgrade instance using **db2iupgrade**, calls **db2ckupgrade** under the covers
 - Will skip databases marked as a supported standby
- **Step 8:** (Principal Standby) Start database upgrade on standby
 - Upgrade standby database – UPGRADE DATABASE → asynchronous
 - SQL1103W The UPGRADE DATABASE command was completed successfully.
 - Will upgrade database metadata files and starts replay service in background
 - Waits for primary to form a connection
 - Considered upgrade in progress state – monitor with **db2pd –hadr (STANDBY_UPGRADE_IN_PROGRESS)** and **db2diag.log**
 - [RoS] No new connections are allowed in while in this state; reports failure – SQL1776N rc = 9:
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- **Step 9: (Primary) Start database upgrade on primary**
 - Upgrade primary database – UPGRADE DATABASE → synchronous
 - DB20000I The UPGRADE DATABASE command completed successfully.
 - Consider REBINDALL option
 - Will upgrade database metadata files and attempts to form a connection with standby
 - Must have a standby at same code level available to communicate
 - Once complete primary will deactivate
- **Step 10: (Primary) Start using database in new Db2 version**
 - Start primary database – ACTIVATE DATABASE
 - Monitor each standby's upgrade progress – db2pd –hadr (no STANDBY_UPGRADE_IN_PROGRESS)
 - Standby will stay activated once it completes replay of upgrade log data
 - Perform post upgrade tasks
- **Step 11: (Primary / Principal Standby) Verify database configuration parameters**
 - Reset values like `hadr_timeout`, `logindexbuild`, `hadr_replay_delay`

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- **Step 12:** (Auxiliary Standby) Install new version and upgrade instance software / hardware
 - Once satisfied with new code level can begin with auxiliary
 - Same as principal standby
- **Step 13:** (Auxiliary Standby) Start database upgrade on standby
 - Same as principal standby
- **Step 14:** (Auxiliary Standby) Verify database configuration parameters
 - Reset values like `hadr_replay_delay`



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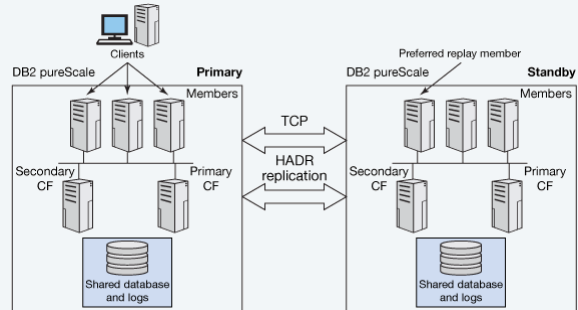
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Sample Scenario:

- Single database A in a pureScale instance
- Primary cluster:
 - Two CF servers
 - Members m0 / m1 / m2
- Secondary cluster:
 - Two CF servers
 - Members m0 / m1 / m2
- Database activated on both





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- **Step 0 of 10:** Prepare for upgrade
 - Recommended option if coming from 10.5.0.9+
 - HADR roles maintained; **standby will NOT need to be re-initialized**
 - Ensure familiar with “Dealing with failures while upgrading Db2 servers in HADR environments”
 - All primary members and standby members must validate log positions in downlevel release
 - All primary members must be shutdown first, but standby members must be upgraded before primary
 - All primary members and standby members must be at same code level to communicate
 - On primary, combine with “Avoid Offline Backup”
 - Ensure that you have root user authority and instance owner authority

Upgrading Db2 servers in HADR pureScale environments (without standby reinitialization)

https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/en/SSEPGG_11.1.0/com.ibm.db2.luw.qb.upgrade.doc/doc/t0070096.html

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https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/en/SSEPGG_11.1.0/com.ibm.db2.luw.qb.upgrade.doc/doc/t0060571.html

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- **Step 1:** (Standby cluster) Turn off `hadr_replay_delay`
 - Set `hadr_replay_delay` to 0
 - Allows standby's log replay position to catch up to all the primary member's log shipping positions
- **Step 2:** (Primary cluster) Monitor log positions
 - Ensure on all members that primary log shipping and standby log replay positions are "healthy"
 - Helps to reduce the chance of failures later in the process
 - Use `db2pd -hadr` or `MON_GET_HADR`
 - Adjust `hadr_timeout` accordingly to prepare for log position validation

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- **Step 3:** (Primary cluster) Stop database and instance
 - Need to stop log activity
 - Shutdown primary database – DEACTIVATE DATABASE
 - Prevent database from being activated unintentionally
 - Stop instance on all members and CFs – db2stop
 - **NOTE:** Standby is still activated
- **Step 4:** (Primary cluster) Install new version and upgrade instance software / hardware
 - ★ **KEY** Upgrade instance on all members and CFs using `db2iupgrade`, calls `db2ckupgrade` under the covers
 - **Validates on all members primary's log shipping position matches with standby's log replay position**
 - Waits approx. `hadr_timeout / 2` seconds; minimum 5 seconds
 - Purpose is to avoid moving to new release and need to replay downlevel log records
 - On success, database marked upgrade pending – new log activity prevented

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- **Step 5:** (Standby cluster) Stop database and instance
 - Shutdown standby database – DEACTIVATE DATABASE
 - Stop instance on all members and CFs – db2stop
- **Step 6:** (Standby cluster) Install new version and upgrade instance software / hardware
 - Upgrade instance on all members and CFs using `db2iupgrade`, calls `db2ckupgrade` under the covers
 - Will skip databases marked as a supported standby
- **Step 7:** (Standby cluster) Start database upgrade on standby
 - From preferred member, upgrade standby database – UPGRADE DATABASE → asynchronous
 - SQL1103W The UPGRADE DATABASE command was completed successfully.
 - Will upgrade database metadata files and starts replay service in background
 - Waits for primary to form a connection
 - Considered upgrade in progress state – monitor with `db2pd -hadr (STANDBY_UPGRADE_IN_PROGRESS)` and `db2diag.log`

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- **Step 8:** (Primary cluster) Start database upgrade on primary
 - Upgrade primary database – UPGRADE DATABASE → synchronous
 - DB20000I The UPGRADE DATABASE command completed successfully.
 - Consider REBINDALL option
 - Will upgrade database metadata files and attempts to form a connection with standby
 - Must have all standbys at same code level available to communicate
 - Once complete primary will deactivate
- **Step 9:** (Primary cluster) Start using database in new Db2 version
 - Start primary database – ACTIVATE DATABASE
 - Monitor standby upgrade progress – db2pd –hadr (no STANDBY_UPGRADE_IN_PROGRESS)
 - Standby will stay activated once it completes replay of upgrade log data
 - Perform post upgrade tasks
- **Step 10:** (Primary / Standby cluster) Verify database configuration parameters
 - Reset values like `hadr_timeout`, `hadr_replay_delay`



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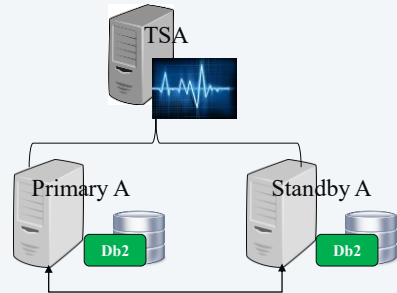
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HADR Major Version Upgrade in an Automated Environment 11.1+

Sample Scenario:

- Single database A in an ESE instance
 - Primary on host 1 and standby on host 2
 - Database activated on both
 - Instances configured with TSA for HADR failover
- **Step 0 of 3:** Prepare for upgrade
 - Decide what non-automated HADR upgrade procedure to use and follow same prepare step
 - **Step 1:** (Host 1 & Host2) Delete automated resources
 - Delete cluster domain – `db2haicu -delete`
 - **Step 2:** Follow steps from appropriate non-automated HADR upgrade procedure
 - **Step 3:** (Host 1 & Host2) Re-enable automation
 - Use `db2haicu` command



Upgrading Db2 servers in an automated HADR environment

https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/en/SSEPGG_11.1.0/com.ibm.db2.luw.qb.upgrade.doc/doc/t0070016.html

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- **Scenario 1:** In downlevel version db2iupgrade / db2ckupgrade returns DBT5535N The db2ckupgrade utility failed because the HADR primary's log shipping position does not match the HADR standby's log replay position
 - **Possible Actions:**
 - Determine which standby from db2pd –hadr or db2diag.log
 - Set `hadr_replay_delay` to 0
 - Increase `hadr_timeout`
 - Decrease workload on primary
 - If multiple standby, remove standby from `hadr_target_list`
 - **Last Resort:** Use HADR upgrade procedure that relies on re-initializing the standby



Scenario 1: In Db2 Version 10.5 Fix Pack 7 or later, if the primary's log shipping functionality and the standby's log replay functionality are not healthy causing db2iupgrade/db2ckupgrade to fail.

If the issue cannot be fixed within the upgrade window, then follow the previous HADR procedure that requires the stopping of HADR and reinitialization discussed in [Upgrading Db2 servers in HADR environments](#).

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- **Scenario 2:** In downlevel version db2iupgrade / db2ckupgrade returns DBT5552W The db2ckupgrade utility has detected that a table space is in an invalid state on the HADR standby database and needs attention
 - **Possible Actions:**
 - Go to standby determine which table space is in an abnormal state
 - Attempt to fix the situation and recover table space
<https://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg21993013>
 - Drop table space
 - Continue upgrade but table space cannot be recovered in new release
 - **Last Resort:** Use HADR upgrade procedure that relies on re-initializing the standby



Scenario 2: In Db2 Version 10.5 Fix Pack 7 or later, if the primary's log shipping functionality and the standby's log replay functionality are healthy but the standby's replay position is still behind the primary's log shipping position causing db2iupgrade/db2ckupgrade to fail.

Ensure that replay delay is turned off by setting `hadr_replay_delay` to 0. Try to allow more time for the standby to catch up by increasing the `hadr_timeout` value. If neither of these options allow for the log positions to match within the upgrade window, then follow the previous HADR procedure that requires the stopping of HADR and reinitialization discussed in [Upgrading Db2 servers in HADR environments](#).

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- **Symptom 3:** In downlevel version the primary database becomes unavailable and cannot be brought back up within upgrade window
 - **Possible Actions:**
 - Switch roles through TAKEOVER HADR and use HADR upgrade procedure that relies on re-initializing the standby

- **Symptom 4:** In downlevel version the standby database becomes unavailable and cannot be brought back up within upgrade window
 - **Possible Actions:**
 - Use HADR upgrade procedure that relies on re-initializing the standby



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Scenario 3: In Db2 Version 10.5 Fix Pack 7 or later, if the primary database becomes unavailable preventing db2iupgrade/db2ckupgrade from being run.

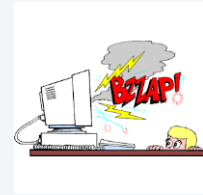
If the primary database cannot be brought back up within the upgrade window, switch roles on the standby and then follow the previous HADR procedure that requires the stopping of HADR and reinitialization discussed in [Upgrading Db2 servers in HADR environments](#).

Scenario 4: In Db2 Version 10.5 Fix Pack 7 or later, if the standby database becomes unavailable preventing db2iupgrade/db2ckupgrade from being run.

If the standby database cannot be brought back up within the upgrade window, then follow the previous HADR procedure that requires the stopping of HADR and reinitialization discussed in [Upgrading Db2 servers in HADR environments](#).

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- **Symptom 5:** In uplevel version the primary database becomes unavailable preventing the upgrade procedure from starting or continuing on the standby
 - **Possible Actions:**
 - No TAKEOVER HADR allowed
 - On standby, turn database into standard
 - STOP HADR and ROLLFORWARD DATABASE with STOP option
 - UPGRADE DATABASE and re-initialize the standby



- **Symptom 6:** In uplevel version the standby database becomes unavailable preventing the UPGRADE DATABASE command from starting on the primary
 - **Possible Actions:**
 - STOP HADR
 - UPGRADE DATABASE and re-initialize the standby

Scenario 5: In Db2 Version 11.1, if the primary database becomes unavailable preventing the upgrade procedure from continuing on the standby.

If the primary database cannot be brought back up within the upgrade window, on the standby issue STOP HADR followed by ROLLFORWARD DATABASE with the STOP option. This will turn the database into a non-HADR database. The database will now be upgrade pending and so issue the UPGRADE DATABASE command to continue the upgrade. Once complete refer to [Post-upgrade tasks for Db2 servers](#) and [Verifying upgrade of Db2 servers](#). HADR must be reinitialized.

Scenario 6: In Db2 Version 11.1, if the standby database becomes unavailable preventing the UPGRADE DATABASE command from starting up on the primary.

If the standby database cannot be brought back up within the upgrade window, on the primary issue STOP HADR. This turns the database into a non-HADR database. The database will still be upgrade pending so reissue the UPGRADE DATABASE command to continue the upgrade. Once complete refer to [Post-upgrade tasks for Db2 servers](#) and [Verifying upgrade of Db2 servers](#). HADR will have to be reinitialized.

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- **Symptom 7:** In uplevel version the standby database becomes unavailable while the UPGRADE DATABASE command is running on the primary
 - **Possible Actions:**
 - Once UPGRADE DATABASE completes successfully on primary:
 - START HADR with BY FORCE option
 - Attempt to fix the standby and if so, re-issue UPGRADE DATABASE to continue replay

- **Symptom 8:** Upgrade on primary with REBINDALL option returns `SQL1499W Database upgrade was successful; however, additional user action may be required. See the administration notification log for more details`
 - **Possible Actions:**
 - If standby is unavailable (`db2pd -hadr`) and cannot be fixed:
 - On primary, START HADR with BY FORCE option
 - Re-issue UPGRADE and do manual REBIND
 - Attempt to fix the standby and if so, re-issue UPGRADE DATABASE to continue replay

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Scenario 7: In Db2 Version 11.1, if the standby database becomes unavailable while in upgrade in progress state. Once the UPGRADE DATABASE command is issued on the primary and the primary forms a connection with a standby database, the upgrade will proceed without issue on the primary and will eventually complete successfully. The concern is that there is no standby database replaying log data, which leaves an exposure to a loss of the primary. Post upgrade the primary database can still be brought up through the START HADR command specifying the BY FORCE option. At this point, all attempts should be made to resolve the issues with the standby. Once resolved, since the standby was in upgrade in progress state, the UPGRADE DATABASE command should be issued. The standby continues to replay the upgrade log data shipped by the primary until it completes and is no longer in the upgrade in progress state.

Scenario 8: In Db2 Version 11.1, if the UPGRADE DATABASE command with the REBINDALL option was specified on the primary and the standby database becomes unavailable while in upgrade in progress state.

The difference from Scenario 7 is that on the primary the UPGRADE DATABASE command was specified with the REBINDALL option. In this case, the UPGRADE DATABASE command requires and attempts a new connection to the database. If the standby database is not available during this second connection attempt, the UPGRADE DATABASE command returns SQL1499W. SQL1499W can be returned for many other reasons so the Db2 diagnostics log may be required to tell what failed and whether this scenario applies. If so, the primary database can still be brought up through the START HADR command specifying the BY FORCE option. Rebinding can still take place manually at this point. But, all attempts should be made to resolve the issues with the standby. Once resolved, since the standby was in upgrade in progress state, the UPGRADE DATABASE command should be issued. The standby continues to replay the upgrade log data shipped by the primary until it completes and is no longer in the upgrade in progress state.

At any time, if there are issues with the upgrade to Db2 Version 11.1, you can reverse the upgrade or fall back from Db2 Version 11.1 to a pre-Db2 Version 11.1 release. See [Reversing Db2 server upgrade](#) to learn all the required steps to reverse a database upgrade.

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HADR Major Version Upgrade – The Future

- In a perfect world we have:
 - Rolling Version Upgrades
 - Treat like fix pack updates
 - Minimal, if any, disruption
 - Better system catalog table support
 - Log replay supports downlevel log record / file formats
 - Other ???



The future is no difference between rolling updates and rolling upgrades. Be able to update/upgrade versions with no or very minimal database outage.

Resources

- Db2 11.1 Knowledge Center – Performing Rolling Updates in HADR
 - https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSEPGG_11.1.0/com.ibm.db2.luw.admin.ha.doc/doc/t0011766.html
- Db2 11.1 Knowledge Center – Upgrading HADR Environments
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- Db2 Upgrade Portal
 - <http://www.ibm.com/software/data/db2/upgrade/portal>
- My Blog - Db2 Availability & Recovery Insider
 - <https://www.idug.org/p/bl/et/blogid=703>



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