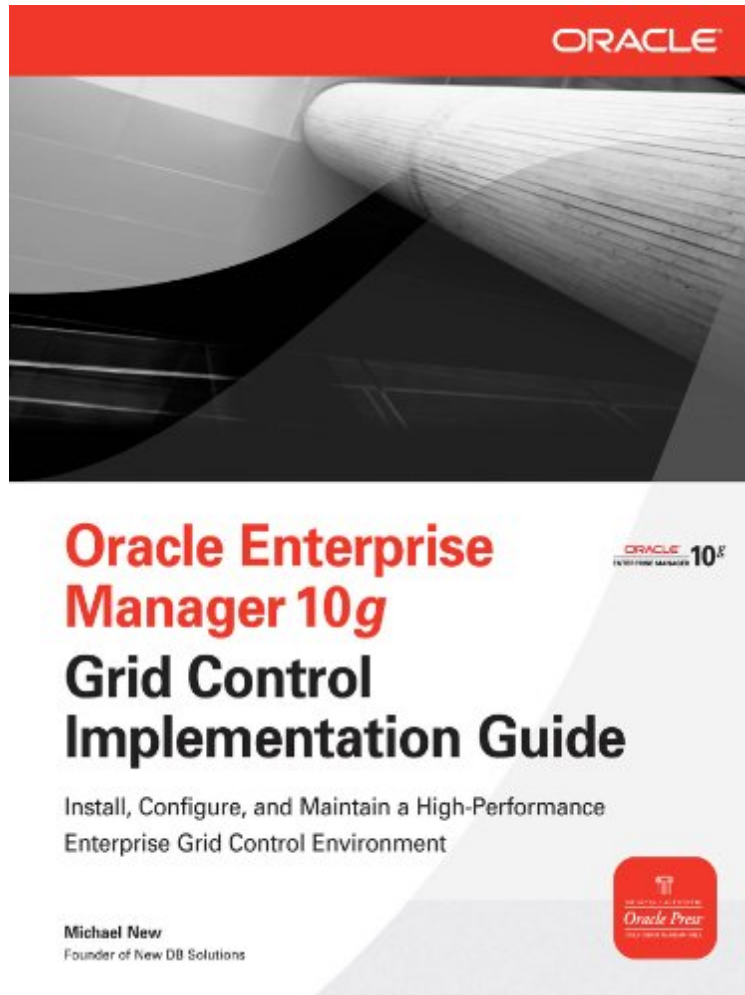


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(Quest ?, ...)it is really hard to master this tool and you may have headaches with the installation and deployment !the agent itself is quite big (around 3GB on AIX for instance), very dependent on the host (have a clean /etc/hosts, the proper packages installed, ...), so having all the prerequisites OK on the target hosts is a great waste of your time, especially if you have to follow ITIL processes (change management); my advice is to collect first all the prerequisites status on the target hosts to be able to weight the effort and measure the progress of your work. Now, if you really want to deploy this tool, my remarks on the book itself:As said in the title, the book deals with the implementation only, with a quite good coverage, so almost nothing is said about reports(which are quite poor in the standard: no really performance or capacity reports), jobs, user-defined metrics(I agree that another entire book is needed to cover that; for instance the tables/views of the management repository is poorly described; if an editor is reading this comments I am interested in writing such a book;-)).The style is quite verbose and should be more concise; at least it contains very few errors.A "quick start" chapter is missing as well as chapter dealing with the silent install/software only.The book deals with the 10.2.0.4 version; an improved version 10.2.0.5 has now been released with quite a lot improvements (and still several bugs) and furthermore the 11g release is also available (expected to have bugs so 10.2.0.5 should be more reliable).In my opinion the book is not enough "project" oriented, especially if you are in an ITIL oriented company: indeed, you will spend weeks or months to have it implemented in your company and if your are only a poor DBA (like me)and not a projet manager, you will waste your time if you are not trained to developp your projet management skills.For very small companies, you can avoid the agent installation on each host and manage all your databases from a single agent (the one installed on the OMS host) : this is not said on this book.It is not explained wich files are to be removed on a regular basis.It is good to use the DBSNMP account for the monitoring of the databases with the agent but you should create your own credentials for your users (that can be not a DBA): this is not explained.The management of the standby databases requiers that the DBSNMP account be granted as DBA.This said I advice to buy this book.Regards,Noel Talard2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Good book to haveBy David WangI have used Grid Control for the last 4 years for database management and performance monitoring. There is a lot of information spread across internet and Oracle OTN website, so every time I had a problem I would Google for help. Now that I have the Oracle Enterprise Manager 10g Grid Control Implementation Guide, it has become my first resource to search for information related to Grid Control. The Grid Control architecture covered in the book is just right for DBAs to understand the whole picture of the product suite. It also details the Oracle version confusion. After the brief architecture overview, the book describes step by step the installation and configuration including screenshots, tips and workarounds. If you are a small shop, you find your procedure to install OMR and OMS in the same server. If you are using Grid Control to manage a large data center, you find your OEM management solution to the High Available Cluster OMS with RAC database as OMR in the book too. The tuning, backup and recovery, security, and high availability and disaster recovery advanced topics for Grid control are also covered in the book. I recommend this book to anyone who is new to Grid Control as a good starting book. Also it will be a good reference book for those who are using Grid Control in their daily job.

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