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I concede that writing a technical book which is 100% complete and accurate is virtually impossible. However, that does not detract from the author's and technical reviewer's responsibility to strive for that level of perfection. Especially for an exam guide. I have been taking the OCP DBA exams since Oracle 7 and have bought an exam guide every time to help me with my studies. This book is by far
the worst one I have ever used due to its missing content, errors and confused explanations. And I'm barely a third of the way through. Sounds harsh? Here are some examples:

One page 5, it states the default ADR directory is of the form $ORACLE_BASE. WRONG! It's $ORACLE_BASE/diag. This error is repeated several more times in the book. Also on page 5, it gives an example of the location for trace files for a database called orcl2 with an instance name of orcl2. The example given is /u01/app/oracle/diag/rdbms/orcl2/orcl2. That's fine, but it doesn't explain if the first orcl2 is the database name or the instance name.

On page 11, it defines an init parameter called DDL_TIME_LOCKOUT. WRONG! It's actually called DDL_LOCK_TIMEOUT.

On page 15, point #7 mentions you are offered the choice of listeners for the new database you're creating using the DBCA. That's true only if there are some listeners already configured which use that ORACLE_HOME. If there aren't, which is more likely if you've just installed 11g and are creating an 11g database for the first time, you get a warning message. This message tells you there are no listeners and that you'll need to configure one using Netca in a separate session before you can continue (assuming you want to configure Database Control for your new database). Thus point #7 is incomplete.

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