# Backup and Restore of ISC Repository and Standby System

This chapter explains how to back up and restore your Sybase and Oracle databases and how to set up a standby system:

## Backup and Restore of ISC Repository

The CCO location of scripts for these procedures is:

http://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/tablebuild.pl/isc

The subsections are:

## Data Items Included in Backup and Recovery

Most of the ISC-related data items are stored in a repository held on a relational database and the rest are stored in an operating system level file system. For ISC to function flawlessly on restart, following a crash, it is necessary that the proposed backup and recovery feature include various ISC-related data items as a whole. The underlying tasks involved in backup and recovery procedures differ depending on the nature of persistence of these data items. However, these procedures shall work commonly for all the data items in a seamless and transparent manner.

The following data elements are included in ISC's backup and recovery plan:

1. **Main repository**: This repository consists of data items such as Customers/Organizations, VPNs, Policies, Devices, and Interfaces. This data is held on an RDBMS, either the embedded Sybase ASA database or the customer's Oracle database.

2. **SLA repository:** This repository consists of data items pertaining to Service Level Agreements (SLA) and Probes. This repository is held on a Sybase ASA database.

3. **Others:** There are a few data items that are stored in the OS level file system under various ISC install directories, which would be part of the proposed backup and recovery plan.

# Guidelines

For the backup and recovery plan to function efficiently, customers are requested to follow these guidelines:

**Step 1**  Support exists for the following types of supported backups:

a. **Full backup** is a complete backup of the ISC repository, ISC repository transaction logs, and other ISC data files held in the file system. It is recommended to have a full backup on a default weekly basis, which could be reconfigured as desired by the customer.

b. **Incremental backup** is a backup of all the data from the time of the last full or incremental backup until this incremental backup. It is recommended that the full backup be interspersed with several incremental backups, by default, daily.

c. **Archive backup** is a complete backup of all ISC data in respective archive files, typically on a tape drive. Use this backup if you are backing up directly to a tape.

d. **Live backup** creates redundant copies of transaction logs to restore the ISC repositories held on a Relational Database Management System (RDBMS) and creates redundant copies of other ISC data held on the file system on the Main server machine. These redundant copies are typically set up on a secondary machine to restart ISC if the primary server machine becomes unusable.

**Step 2**  The plan default schedule requires **Weekly FULL ONLINE** (while system is running) backups interspersed with **DAILY ONLINE** incremental backups of all ISC data items. An **ARCHIVE full** backup, preferably on a tape, is recommended on a MONTHLY basis. This archive tape backup should be stored in different premises to prevent any loss of backups in case of acts of physical disasters at the main server location.

**Step 3**  It is important to keep more than one full backup to prevent accidental loss of backup copies.

**Step 4**  Create archive backup copies on a tape device.

**Step 5**  External factors such as available hardware, the size of database files, recovery medium, disk space, and unexpected errors can affect customers' recovery time. When implementing the plan, the customer shall allow additional recovery time for miscellaneous tasks that must be performed, such as entering recovery commands or retrieving, loading, and organizing tapes.

# Sybase Backup and Restore Process Overview

This section describes how to backup and restore Sybase ASA for an ISC installation. This section contains the following sections:
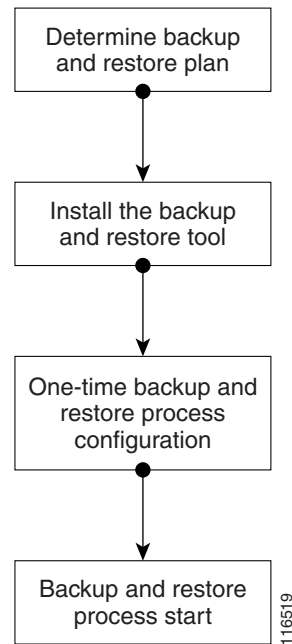
## Overview of the Backup and Restore Process

Figure C-1 shows an overview of the Sybase ASA backup and restore process.

*Figure C-1        Overview - Sybase ASA Backup and Restore*



## Planning your Backup and Restore Process

Before backing up and restoring your Sybase installation, you must first prepare a plan. To prepare your plan, follow these steps:

**Step 1**    Determine the frequency for full backups.

**Step 2**    Determine the frequency for incremental backups.

**Step 3**    Determine the location for storing the backups.

> ✎ **Note**    The file system must be accessible by the primary ISC production machine and the secondary system (if you want to run the restore process from the secondary system or you want to perform a live backup).

**Step 4**    Document the information for Step 1 to Step 3.

**Step 5**    Setup the proper bookkeeping for your backup and restore procedure.

## Installing the Backup and Restore Tool

Figure C-2 shows the process flow for installing the backup and restore tool.

*Figure C-2        Installing the Backup and Restore Tool*
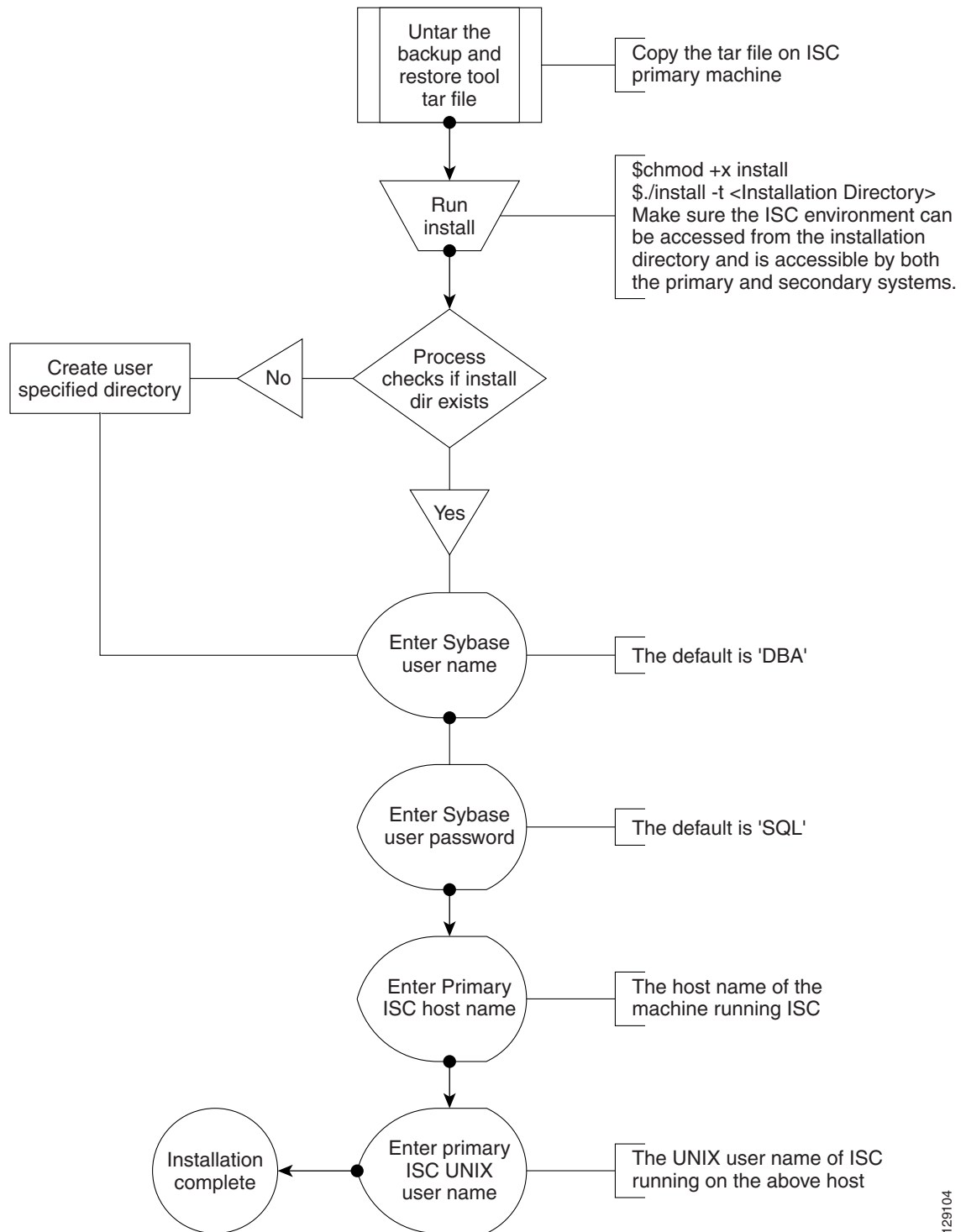
# Configuring the Backup and Restore Process

Figure C-3 shows the one-time configuration process for the backup and restore.

*Figure C-3      One-Time Configuration Process Flow*

Start
ISC main
repository
backup / restore
configuration
process

Run
configuration

$<Install Dir>/
BackupRestore/scripts
asa_configs.sh

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Enter ISC
backup
directory

Input a directory on a NFS drive
to keep the backup copies. This
directory should be able to access
ISC environment and accessible from
both primary ISC system and standby
secondary system, if that exists

Enter number
of weeks to
keep

Number of weeks to keep
the backup copies on disk

Old backup
copies archived
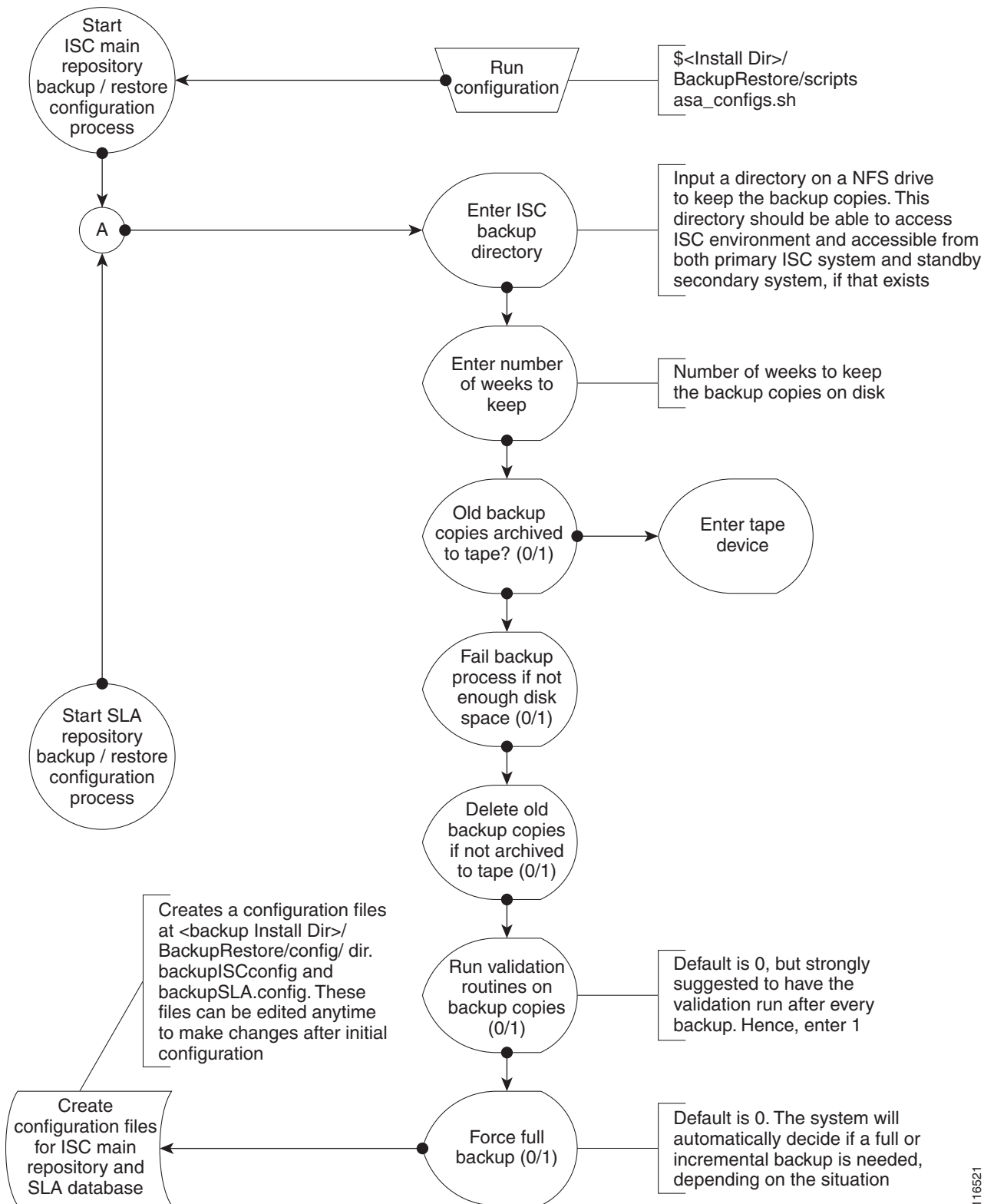to tape? (0/1)

Enter tape
device

Fail backup
process if not
enough disk
space (0/1)

Start SLA
repository
backup / restore
configuration
process

Delete old
backup copies
if not archived
to tape (0/1)

Creates a configuration files
at <backup Install Dir>/
BackupRestore/config/ dir.
backupISCconfig and
backupSLA.config. These
files can be edited anytime
to make changes after initial
configuration

Run validation
routines on
backup copies
(0/1)

Default is 0, but strongly
suggested to have the
validation run after every
backup. Hence, enter 1

Create
configuration files
for ISC main
repository and
SLA database

Force full
backup (0/1)

Default is 0. The system will
automatically decide if a full or
incremental backup is needed,
depending on the situation

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# Understanding the Backup Process Flow

This section contains the following sections:

## Preconditions

Before backing up your Sybase installation, you must observe the following preconditions:

1. The backup task must be carried out while the ISC database server is running.

2. The backup directory path that you specify during the configuration must be on a Network File System (NFS) drive.

3. The backup and restore tool must be installed and accessible by both the primary and secondary systems.

4. The backup and restore tasks must be carried out from the ISC primary machine. However, the live backup and restore is done from the secondary system.

5. You must not modify, rename, or move the backup directory structure after you configure it.

## Functions

1. The backup follows a weekly scheme.

2. The backup week begins every Sunday.

3. A full backup occurs automatically the first time a backup is run for the backup week.

4. After the full backup, only incremental backups occur for the remainder of the week.

5. You can force a full backup during the week by changing the configuration setting to fullBackup=1 before running the backup script.

6. A new subdirectory is created for every backup week under the backup directory specified during the configuration. The name has the format mm-dd-yyyy, where the date is Sunday of the current backup week.

7. A new subdirectory is created for each full backup created during the backup week. All the associated incremental backup copies are also kept under this directory. If a full backup is forced during the same backup week, a new subdirectory is created for the full backup and after associated incremental backups.

Note    Do not modify, rename, delete, or move the directory structure created by the backup tool.

8. Both the database and the transaction log are backed up in a full backup.

9. Only the transaction log is backed up in an incremental backup.

10. The transaction log is truncated after each backup, either full or incremental. In other words, the transaction log is started fresh after each backup.

11. The name of the log file after backup will be of the form yymmddnn.log, where yy is the year, mm is the month, and dd is the day on which the backup is taken and nn is the serial number of this backup on a given day.
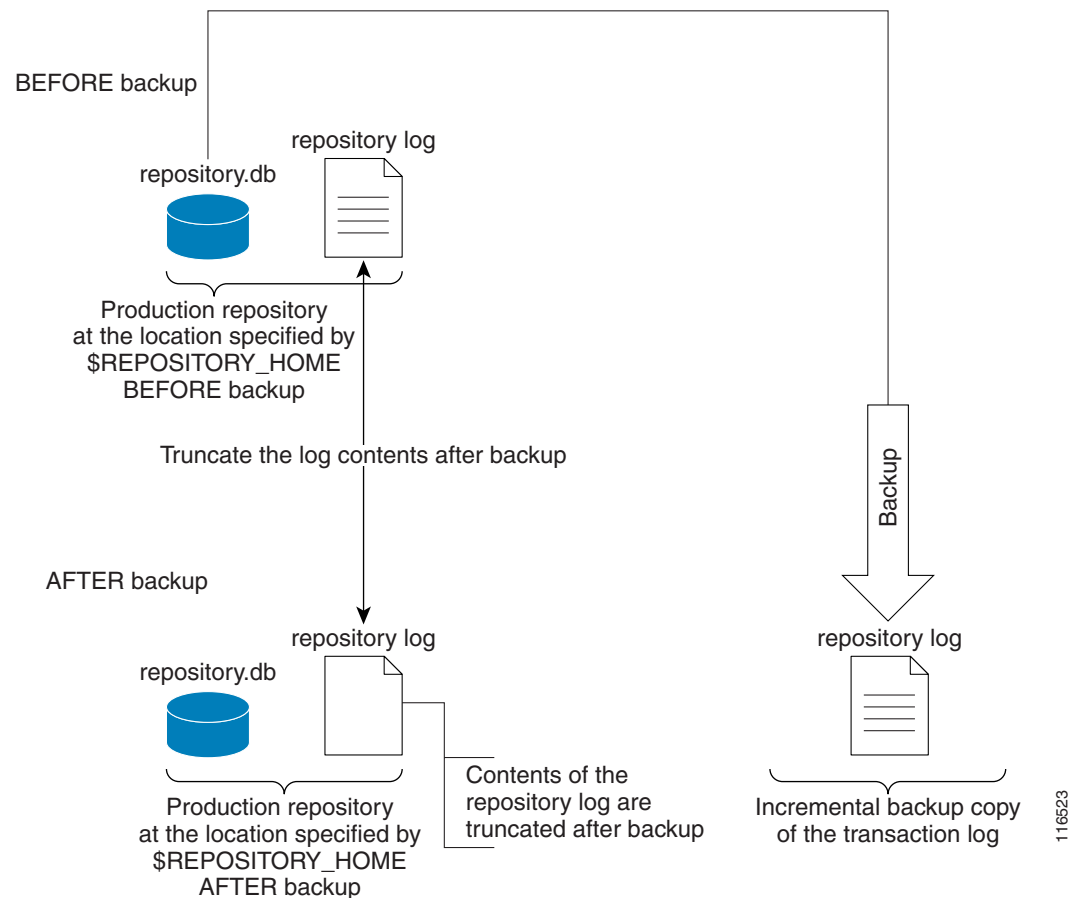
## Full Backup Scheme

Figure C-4 shows a full backup scheme.

*Figure C-4*     ***Full Backup Scheme***
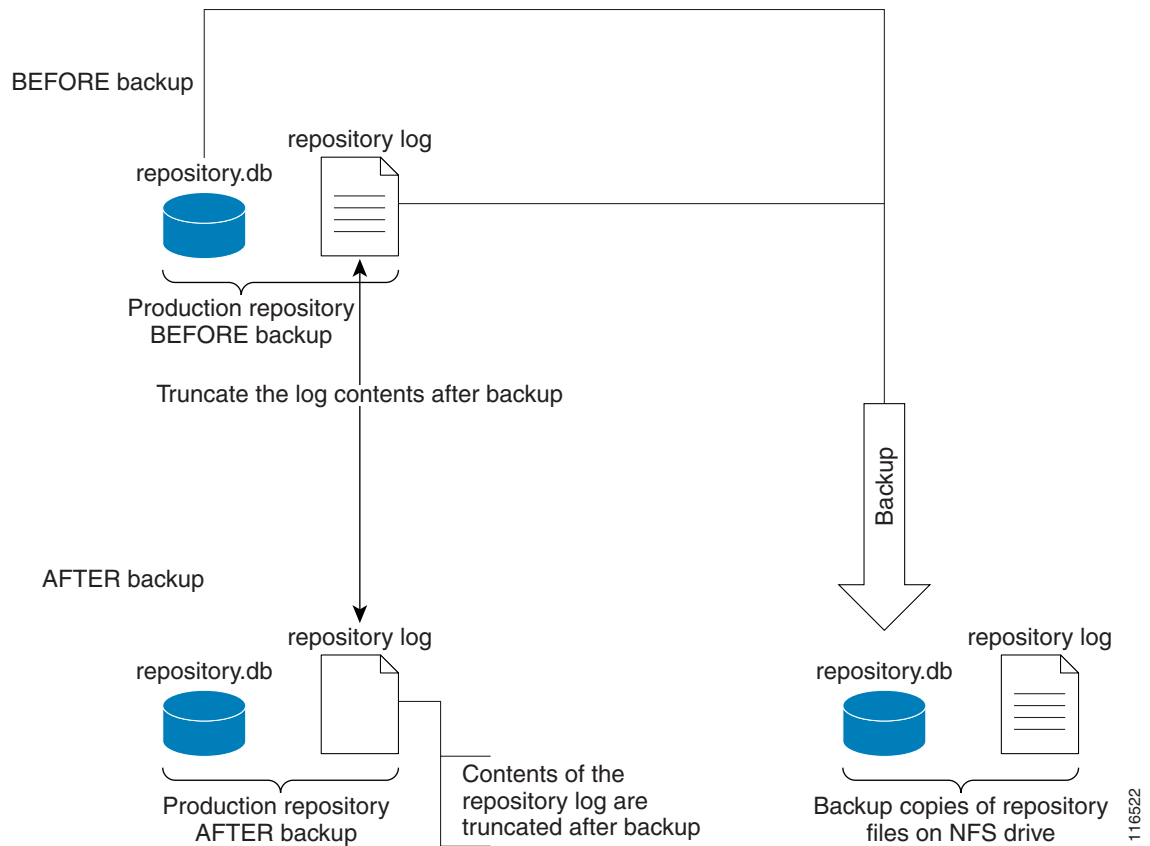


## Incremental Backup Scheme

Figure C-5 shows an incremental backup scheme.

***Figure C-5        Incremental Backup Scheme***

BEFORE backup

repository log

repository.db

Production repository
at the location specified by
$REPOSITORY_HOME
BEFORE backup

Truncate the log contents after backup

Backup

AFTER backup

repository log

repository.db

Production repository
at the location specified by
$REPOSITORY_HOME
AFTER backup

Contents of the
repository log are
truncated after backup

repository log

Incremental backup copy
of the transaction log

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## Typical Backup Directory Structure

To create a backup directory structure on an NFS drive, you can use the following procedure.

Assume the Backup Week is 03/14/2004 through 03/20/2004 and the Backup Dir as specified during configuration is /auto/iscBackups (NFS drive). The system creates two subdirectories under user specified backup dir, ISCMain and SLA.

1. First backup run on 03/15/2004 Monday, default full backup. Creates a sub dir /03-14-2004/full_01.dir under ISCMain and SLA directories.

2. Second backup run on the same date 03/15/2004, default incremental backup.

3. Third backup run on 03/17/2004, default incremental backup.

4. Fourth backup, Forced FULL backup (after changing configuration file setting, fullBackup to 1) on 03/18/2004. Creates a new sub dir /03-14-2004/full_02.dir under ISCMain and SLA directories.

**Note**      Configuration setting, full backup reset to 0.

5. Fifth backup, run on 03/19/2004, default incremental backup.

6. Sixth backup, run on 03/20/2004, default incremental backup.

> ✎
> **Note**     Backup Week ended on 03/20/2004.

Figure C-6 shows a typical backup directory structure on an NFS drive.

**Figure C-6      Typical Backup Directory Structure**
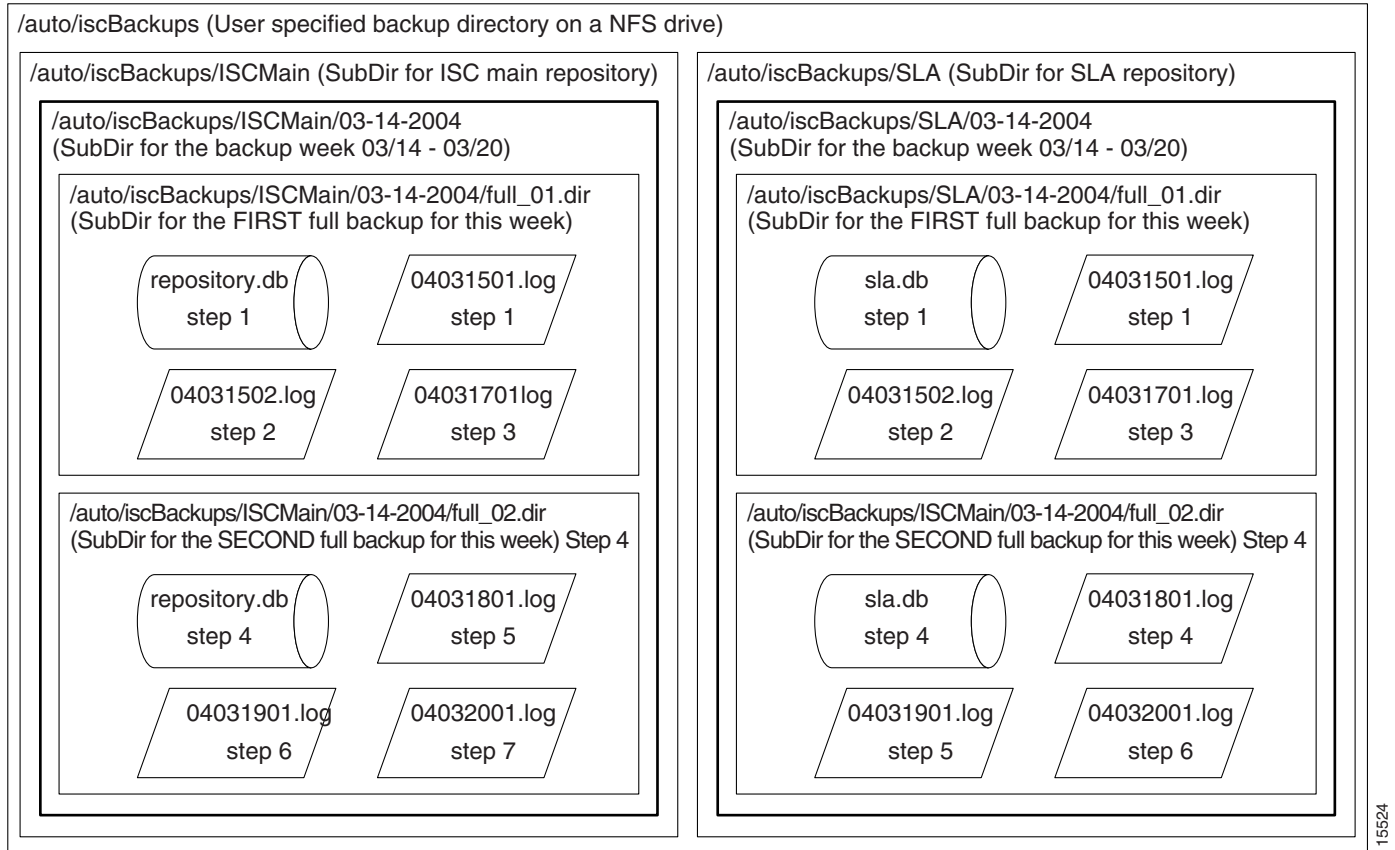


## Understanding the Restore Process Flow

This section contains the following sections:

### Preconditions

Before restoring your Sybase installation, you must observe the following preconditions:

1. The ISC database server should be stopped while running the Restore task.

2. The backup directory path that you specify during the configuration must be on a Network File System (NFS) drive.

3. The backup and restore tool must be installed and accessible by both the primary and secondary systems.

4. The backup and restore tasks must be carried out from the ISC primary machine. However, the live backup and restore is done from the secondary system.

5. The user running the restore script needs write permissions on the $REPOSITORY_HOME directory.

6. The repository files shall have write permission for the user running the restore.

7. Do not modify, rename, or move the backup directory structure after configured.

8. Do not rename, move, or delete the backup copies of the repository files.

9. Do not move, rename, or delete the production repository files under $REPOSITORY_HOME.

## Functions

1. Restores the repository from existing full and incremental backup copies.

2. At least one full backup copy should be available to restore the repository.

3. The repository can be restored to a desired point in time using the available backup copies.

4. The restore process can recover the repository if there is a media failure on the database file, repository.db and/or sla.db.

5. The restore process cannot recover the repository if there is a media failure on the transaction log file. In this case, one of the following should be done to recover the database until the most recent checkpoint (partial recovery only):

   a. Using the available backup copies, the repository can be restored to a desired point in time. Use the ISC restore script to do this.

   b. Make an extra backup copy of the database file immediately. When the transaction log is gone, the only record of the changes between the last backup and the most recent checkpoint is in the database file. Delete or rename the transaction log file. Restart the database with the -f switch.

      For example, $SYBASE_HOME/bin/dbsrv8 $REPOSITORY_HOME/repository.db -f
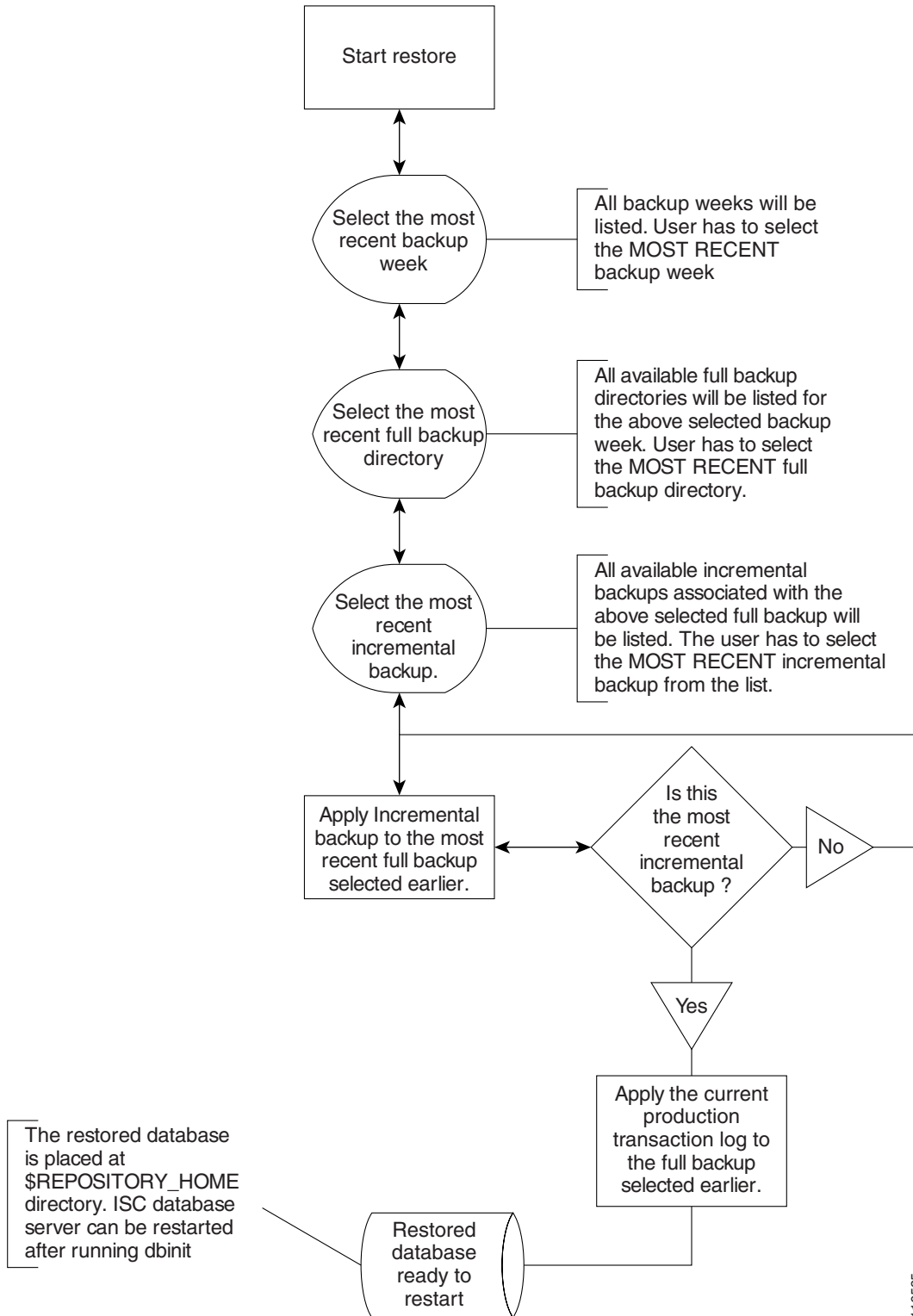
      Note     Please see Sybase ASA documentation for more information.

      Note     This option should be done by an authorized database administrator only.

## Restore from Media Failure

Figure C-7 shows the process flow for how to restore from a media failure on the database file (.db).

*Figure C-7        Restore from Media Failure on the Database File (.db)*

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                    ┌──────────────────┐
                    │                  │
                    │  Start restore   │
                    │                  │
                    └──────────────────┘
                             ↕
                        ╭─────────╮        ┌──────────────────────┐
                       ╱ Select the╲       │ All backup weeks will │
                      │ most recent  │──────│ be listed. User has to│
                      │ backup week  │      │ select the MOST RECENT│
                       ╲            ╱       │ backup week           │
                        ╰─────────╯        └──────────────────────┘
                             ↕
                        ╭─────────╮        ┌──────────────────────┐
                       ╱ Select the╲       │ All available full    │
                      │ most recent  │──────│ backup directories    │
                      │ full backup  │      │ will be listed for    │
                      │ directory    │      │ the above selected     │
                       ╲            ╱       │ backup week. User has  │
                        ╰─────────╯        │ to select the MOST     │
                             ↕             │ RECENT full backup dir.│
                                           └──────────────────────┘
                        ╭─────────╮        ┌──────────────────────┐
                       ╱ Select the╲       │ All available         │
                      │ most recent  │──────│ incremental backups   │
                      │ incremental  │      │ associated with the   │
                      │ backup.      │      │ above selected full   │
                       ╲            ╱       │ backup will be listed.│
                        ╰─────────╯        │ The user has to select│
                             ↕             │ the MOST RECENT incre-│
                                           │ mental backup from list│
                                           └──────────────────────┘
```

All backup weeks will be listed. User has to select the MOST RECENT backup week

All available full backup directories will be listed for the above selected backup week. User has to select the MOST RECENT full backup directory.

All available incremental backups associated with the above selected full backup will be listed. The user has to select the MOST RECENT incremental backup from the list.

Apply Incremental backup to the most recent full backup selected earlier.

Is this the most recent incremental backup ?

No

Yes

Apply the current production transaction log to the full backup selected earlier.

The restored database is placed at $REPOSITORY_HOME directory. ISC database server can be restarted after running dbinit

Restored database ready to restart

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## Restore to a Desired Point-in-Time

Figure C-8 shows the process flow for how to restore from a desired point-in-time.

*Figure C-8*        *Restore the Database to a Desired Point-in-Time*
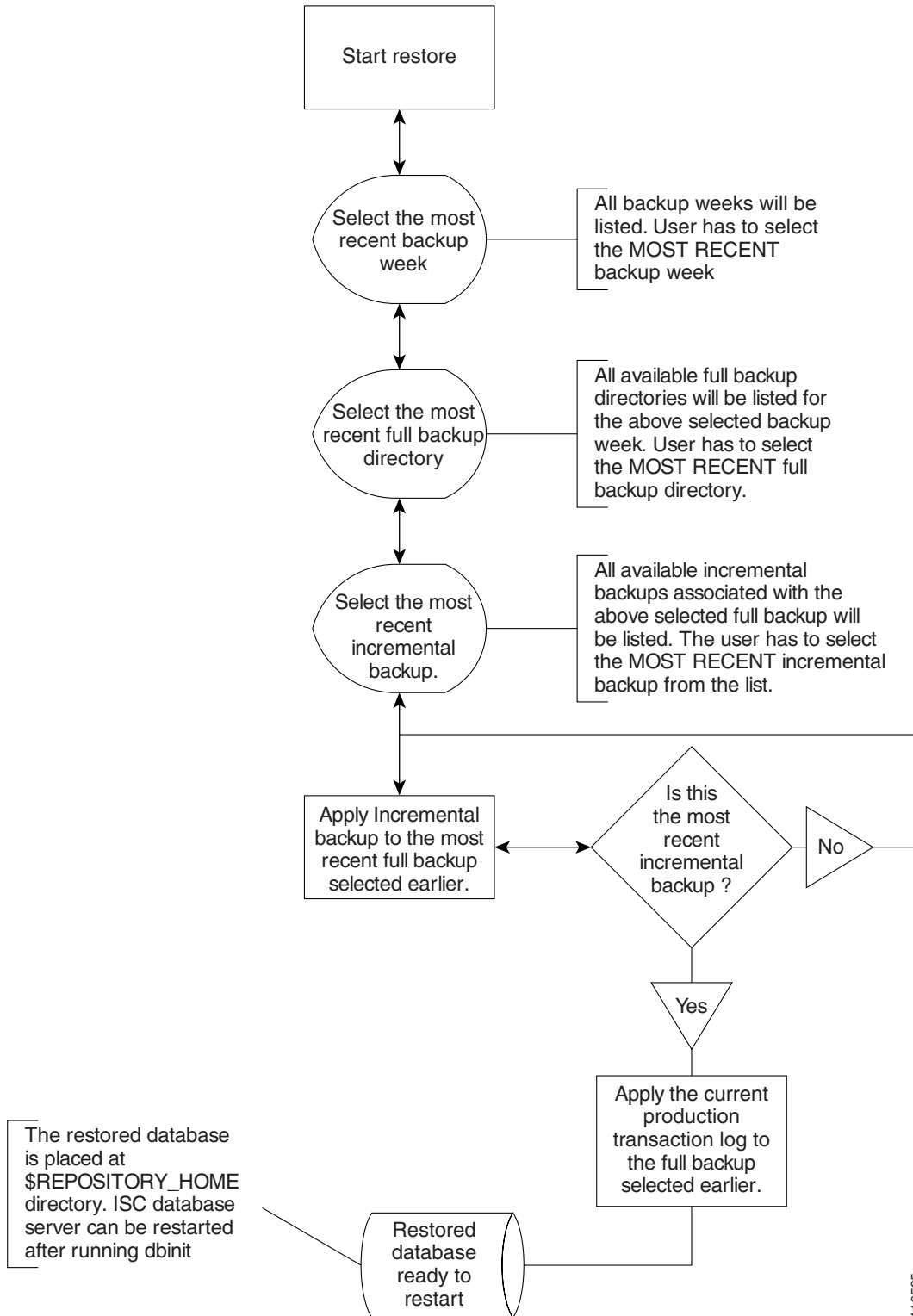
# Sybase Database Backup and Restore

It is important to protect all ISC-related data by a well-defined backup and recovery plan. Data loss could occur due to the following reasons. The objective of ISC's backup and recovery plan is to greatly minimize the risk of data loss due to any of these reasons:

- Media failure
  - The disk drive holding database files and other data files becomes unusable.
  - The database files and other data files become corrupted due to hardware or software problems.
- System failure
  - A computer or operating system goes down while there are partially completed transactions.

The Sybase Backup and Restore tool provides a suite of scripts with several options to back up and restore your embedded Sybase database.

The backup script automatically detects whether a full backup is needed for this current backup week. If a full backup already exists for this current backup week, this script automatically takes an incremental backup. However, the user can force a full backup overriding this default behavior by changing the configuration setting.

## Installing the Sybase Backup and Restore Tool

**Step 1** From the location http://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/tablebuild.pl/isc, download the tar file iscBRToolASA.tar.gz and untar this file as follows:

**mkdir -p $ISC_HOME/backup/Sybase**

**gzip -d < iscBRToolASA.tar.gz | tar xf -**

**Step 2** **chmod +x install**

Run install from where the tar file is unpacked. The install script takes command line arguments. Because **install** is also a system command, to differentiate between the system command and this installation script, run the script as follows:

```
./install -t <BACKUP_INSTALL_DIR>
```

where: `<BACKUP_INSTALL_DIR>` must be NFS accessible by both the primary and secondary systems.

For help in the install script, use **-h(elp)** as a command line argument.

## Sample Install Prompts and User Responses

The following is a sample install session:

```
#./install -t /users/yourname/iscBRToolInstall
```

When the install script is invoked as above, if the specified target install directory already exists, the user is prompted as follows:

```
Looks like the installation already exists
Do you want to continue installation - it might remove the existing contents [y,n,?]
removing the previous installation
Enter the Sybase User Name: DBA (user input)
Enter the Sybase User Password: SQL (user input)
Enter the Primary ISC Host Name: yourname-u10 (user input, the host name of the machine
running ISC)
Enter Primary ISC user/owner name: yourname (user input, the user/owner name of ISC on the
above host)
```

## Post Install Status

The installation creates an env.sh script under the *<BACKUP_INSTALL_DIR>*/**BackupRestore/config** directory.

Editing the env.sh script is NOT RECOMMENDED. This env.sh script sets the necessary environment variables needed to run ISC backup and restore scripts.

## Configuring the Sybase Backup and Restore Tool

**Step 1**    One time configuration is needed before the first backup is carried out. Invoke the asa_configs.sh script to configure the backup and restore process. Execute this script from the directory *<BACKUP_INSTALL_DIR>*/**BackupRestore/scripts** as follows:

```
# ./asa_configs.sh
```

A sample configuration session is as follows, with the configuration prompt on the LHS and sample user response on the RHS of the prompt.

```
Starting backup Configuration for Main ISC database
DB server Name...yourname_yourname-u10

ISC Backup script invoked with the following parameters:
------------------------------------------------------------------------
Backup directory: /users/yourname/iscBRToolInstall/BackupRestore/Backups
Number of weeks to keep: 2
Backups archived to tape (0=no, 1=yes): 0
Tape device: /dev/rmt/0
Fail backup if there is not enough space for a full backup (0=no, 1=yes): 1
Delete old backups if not archived to tape (0=no, 1=yes): 0
Run validation routines on backup files (0=no, 1=yes): 0
Force full backup (0=no, 1=yes): 0
------------------------------------------------------------------------
The ISC backup configuration file is nonexistent ... creating new file
Modifying ISC backup configuration settings ...
Enter new ISC backup directory path (a subdirectory ISC will be added
automatically) [/users/yourname/iscBRToolInstall/BackupRestore/Backups] [?]
/users/yourname/iscBackup
Backup directory for ISC specified is "/users/yourname/iscBackup/ISCMain".
Is this correct? [y]  [y,n,?] y
Enter the number of weeks to keep [2] [?] 3
Number of weeks specified is "3".
Is this correct? [y]  [y,n,?] y
Old backups archived to tape (0=no, 1=yes) [0] [?]
Archive to tape option specified is "0".
```

```
Is this correct? [y]  [y,n,?] y
Enter tape device [/dev/rmt/0] [?]
Tape device specified is "/dev/rmt/0".
Is this correct? [y]  [y,n,?] y
Fail backup if there is not enough space for a full backup (0=no,1=yes) [1] [?]
Fail backup if not enough space specified is "1".
Is this correct? [y]  [y,n,?] y
Delete old backups if not archived to tape (0=no, 1=yes) [0] [?]
Delete old backups specified is "0".
Is this correct? [y]  [y,n,?] y
Run validation routines on backup files (0=no, 1=yes) [0] [?] 1
Run validation routines specified is "1".
Is this correct? [y]  [y,n,?]
Force full backup (0=no, 1=yes) [0] [?] 0
Force full backup specified is "0".
Is this correct? [y]  [y,n,?] y
ISC Backup configuration settings have been modified ...
If you wish to verify the values or modify them again then re-run the script
asa_configs.sh again
The ISC backup engine is now exiting without backing up the database.You must run the
asa_backup.sh script for the backup to take place.
ISC Backup Configuration Successfully completed
ISC Backup Configuration script ending.
Starting backup Configuration for SLA database
DB server Name...rpokalor_rpokalor-u10
SLA Backup script invoked with the following parameters:
------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Backup directory: /users/yourname/iscBRToolInstall/BackupRestore/Backups
Number of weeks to keep: 2
Backups archived to tape (0=no, 1=yes): 0
Tape device: /dev/rmt/0
Fail backup if there is not enough space for a full backup (0=no, 1=yes): 1
Delete old backups if not archived to tape (0=no, 1=yes): 0
Run validation routines on backup files (0=no, 1=yes): 0
Force full backup (0=no, 1=yes): 0
------------------------------------------------------------------------------
The SLA backup configuration file is nonexistent ... creating new file
Modifying SLA backup configuration settings ...
Enter new SLA backup directory path (a subdirectory SLA will be added
automatically) [/users/yourname/iscBRToolInstall/BackupRestore/Backups] [?]
/users/yourname/iscBackup
Backup directory for SLA specified is "/users/yourname/iscBackup/SLA".
Is this correct? [y]  [y,n,?] y
Enter the number of weeks to keep [2] [?] 3
Number of weeks specified is "3".
s this correct? [y]  [y,n,?] y
Old backups archived to tape (0=no, 1=yes) [0] [?]
Archive to tape option specified is "0".
Is this correct? [y]  [y,n,?] y
Enter tape device [/dev/rmt/0] [?]
Tape device specified is "/dev/rmt/0".
s this correct? [y]  [y,n,?] y
Fail backup if there is not enough space for a full backup (0=no,1=yes) [1] [?]
Fail backup if not enough space specified is "1".
Is this correct? [y]  [y,n,?] y
Delete old backups if not archived to tape (0=no, 1=yes) [0] [?]
Delete old backups specified is "0".
Is this correct? [y]  [y,n,?] y
Run validation routines on backup files (0=no, 1=yes) [0] [?]
Run validation routines specified is "0".
Is this correct? [y]  [y,n,?]
Force full backup (0=no, 1=yes) [0] [?]
Force full backup specified is "0".
Is this correct? [y]  [y,n,?]
```

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```
LA Backup configuration settings have been modified ...
If you wish to verify the values or modify them again then re-run the script
asa_configs.sh again
The SLA backup engine is now exiting without backing up the database. You must run the
asa_backup.sh script for the backup to take place.
SLA Backup Configuration Successfully completed
SLA Backup Configuration script ending.
```

## Post Configuration Status

```
-----------------------------------------------------------------------
The configuration creates backupISC.config and backupSLA.config files under
<BACKUP_INSTALL_DIR>/BackupRestore/config directory.

To modify the initial configuration settings, users can either re-run the asa_configs.sh
script or simply modify the contents of these .config files. For example, if the user
wants to suppress the validation of the database after each backup, the config file
setting validateDB property to 0 instead of 1. Similarly, if the user wants to force full
backup, set the property fullBackup=1.
```

## How to Use the Backup Script

**Step 1**    Run the *<BACKUP_INSTALL_DIR>*/**BackupRestore/script/asa_backup.sh** script to initiate the backup task.

    **a.**  The backup should be made while the ISC database server is running. There is no need to stop ISC to back up the database.

    **b.**  The backup directory path specified during the configuration process *must* be on an NFS device.

    It is important to keep the backup copies on an external storage device to protect the backup copies if the main ISC system crashes.

    **c.**  Install the Backup and Restore tool and implement the periodic backup tasks from the primary ISC host machine. However, the backup task can be carried out from a secondary system, provided the following conditions are met:

        –  The main ISC and SLA repository files should be placed on an NFS device accessible from the primary ISC host system and the secondary ISC host system.

        –  The hardware and software configuration of the secondary system should be the same as the ISC primary host system.

        –  The same version of ISC should be installed on both the primary and secondary systems.

        –  The Backup and Restore tool should be installed on the secondary ISC system.

**Step 2**    Rerun the config script to make changes to the initial configuration settings, if needed.

## Behavior of the Backup Process

**Step 1**    The backup scripts follow a weekly backup scheme; the backup week begins on Sunday.

**Step 2**    A full backup (both .db and .log files) is taken the first time the backup script is run during the backup week. Only incremental (only .log file) backups are taken for the remainder of the current backup week.

**Step 3**    You can force a full backup instead of an automatic incremental backup by setting the fullBackup property to 1 in the backupISC.config and backupSLA.config file, before running the asa_backup.sh script.

**Step 4**    A new subdirectory (under the user-specified backup directory) is created for each backup week. This directory is named as MM-DD-YYYY, where MM is the month and DD is the date of the Sunday of this backup week and YYYY is the year.

**Step 5**    A subdirectory is created for each full backup and all the associated incremental backups under the above weekly directory. Each time a forced full backup is made for the current backup week, there is a new subdirectory created to contain this full backup and its associated incremental backups.The full backup directory for the current backup week is named full_0$n$.dir, where $n$ is 1,2...9.

## How to Restore the Database from the Backup

The **asa_restore.sh** script supports the following types of database restore:

1. A restore of a previous Full or incremental backup.

2. A recovery from a media failure on the database file.

**Note**    The main ISC repository consists of repository.db and repository.log files and the SLA consists of sla.db and sla.log files. ISC does not support placing the .db and.log files in different locations. Thus, if there is a media failure on the .db file, then the associated .log file also becomes unusable and thus this option might not be useful.

**Step 1**    Run *<BACKUP_INSTALL_DIR>*/**BackupRestore/script/asa_restore.sh** script to initiate the restore task after being sure to follow these pre-conditions:

   **a.**    The database server of ISC should not be running. Failing to stop the database server results in an inconsistent database after the restore.

   **b.**    Follow the instructions and prompts carefully while running the scripts.

   **c.**    Do not copy, move, or delete the repository files under **$REPOSITORY_HOME**.

# Oracle Database Backup and Restore

From the location http://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/tablebuild.pl/isc, download the tar file iscBRToolORA.tar.gz and untar this file as follows:

**mkdir -p $ISC_HOME/backup/Oracle**

**gzip -d < iscBRToolORA.tar.gz | tar xf -**

Oracle databases have a backup and restore Recovery Manager (RMAN) tool. To use this tool for online backup, the Oracle database must be in ARCHIVELOG mode, as explained in the "Create RMAN Catalog Database" section on page C-21. RMAN maintains the bookkeeping intelligence of backup and recovery files and backs up at the block level. Therefore, RMAN can significantly speed up backups and reduce the server load by using incremental backups.

Figure C-9 shows an Oracle Database Backup Diagram.

***Figure C-9***      ***Oracle Database Backup***
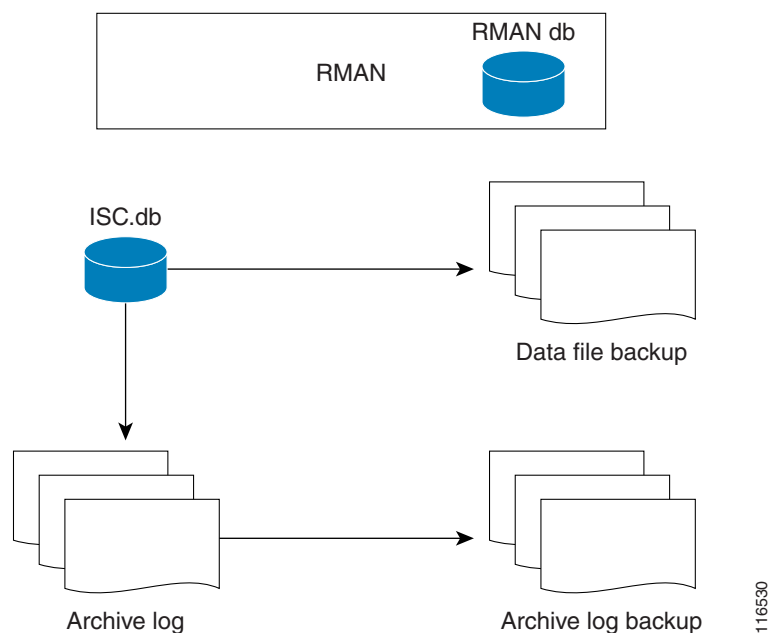


RMAN for Oracle 10g is explained in the quick start guide and reference manual, which are available from Oracle's web site.

RMAN is convenient to use. However, it only provides a command line interface. And it still demands database analyst knowledge when recovery is needed.

Be sure that the backup data and RMAN catalog are located on a different disk from where the Oracle database (data files, redo logs, and control files) are located. Both can reside on the same ISC database server.

Oracle Enterprise manager (GUI) can be used to set up RMAN.

Alternatively, RMAN configuration is explained in the following areas that should be implemented sequentially:

**Step 1**   Create RMAN Catalog Database, page C-21.

**Step 2**   Create RMAN User, page C-21.

**Step 3**   Create RMAN Catalog, page C-21.

**Step 4**   Register the ISC Database with the RMAN Catalog, page C-21.

**Step 5**   Modify ISC Database Initial Parameter File, page C-21.

**Step 6**   Backup Database, page C-22.

**Step 7**   Recover Database, page C-23.

## Create RMAN Catalog Database

The catalog database holds the recovery catalogs. This database typically is set up on a different server from any database being registered in it. It also works if this database is set up on the same database server as the ISC database.

Use the Oracle utility **dbassist** to create a catalog database. (This is the same as ISC database creation, except you should name the RMAN global name **rcat**, and you should name the SID **rcat**.)

## Create RMAN User

Creating an RMAN user is the same as creating an ISC user on an **rcat** database. Name the RMAN user ID **rmanuser** and name the password **rmanpassword**. Make sure **rmanuser** has proper privileges. For example:

SQL> **grant connect, resource, recovery_catalog_owner to rmanuser;**

## Create RMAN Catalog

Create a catalog from the RMAN command prompt:

RMAN> **connect catalog rmanuser/rmanpassword@rcat**

RMAN> **create catalog;**

## Register the ISC Database with the RMAN Catalog

Set the ORACLE_SID environment variable = isc.

%**rman**

RMAN > **connect catalog rmanuser/rmanpassword@rcat**

RMAN > **connect target sys/change_on_install**

RMAN > **register database**

RMAN> **configure controlfile autobackup on;**

The default password for an Oracle sys account after Oracle installation is **change_on_install**. Replace this sys account password with the correct sys account password for the ISC database.

## Modify ISC Database Initial Parameter File

To modify the ISC database initial parameter file, do the following:

**Step 1**    To ensure the database is in archive log mode, enter the following:

SQL> **alter system set log_archive_dest_1 = 'location=</var/tmp/oradata/arch>' SCOPE=BOTH;**

SQL> **alter system archive log start;**

where *</var/tmp/oradata/arch>* is the location of the archive destination.

**Step 2**   Restart the ISC database server with the ARCHIVELOG mode turned on, as follows:

**startup mount**

**alter database archivelog;**

**alter database open**

**Step 3**   Check the archive log mode, as follows:

SQL> **archive log list;**

## Backup Database

To back up the database, do the following:

**Step 1**   Download the software for backup and restore from:

http://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/tablebuild.pl/isc

**Step 2**   Before you run the backup scripts, make sure you update the file
**$ISC_HOME/backup/Oracle/backupenv.properties**

Use a text editor to open this file and read the directions on how to update each property.

✎
**Note**   The file **$ISC_HOME/backup/Oracle/backupenv.properties** contains BACKUP_DEST, which must point to a directory that is writable by the owner of the Oracle database. To do this, specify **chmod atw** <*file_defined_by_BACKUP_DEST*>

**Step 3**   To perform a full database backup, execute the following:

**$ISC_HOME/backup/Oracle/oracle_backup.sh -f**

**Step 4**   You can perform incremental backups after a minimum of one full backup. To perform an incremental backup, execute the following:

**$ISC_HOME/backup/Oracle/oracle_backup.sh -i**

✎
**Note**   These backup scripts can be run as cron jobs or scheduled by the ISC task manager.

## Backup Non-database Files

On the ISC server machine, to backup non-database related files, such as task logs or ISC system properties, execute the script: **non_db_backup.sh**.

## Recover Database

To recover a database, do the following:

**Step 1**    Stop the ISC watchdog before recovering a database, as follows:

**stopall**

**Step 2**    To recover a database, you can execute the following from the location $ISC_HOME/backup/Oracle/oracle_recover.sh

%**oracle_recover.sh** [“*<date_time>*”]

The “*<date_time>*” is optional. The format is “mmm dd yyyy hh**:**mm**:**ss”, where the first mmm is the month and must be alphabetic characters with an initial capitalization, for example:

“Oct 09 2003 15:25:00”

If you do not specify *<date_time>*, the script does a full database recovery.

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**Note**    Do not stop the Oracle Listener during restore.

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# Standby System for ISC (Secondary System)

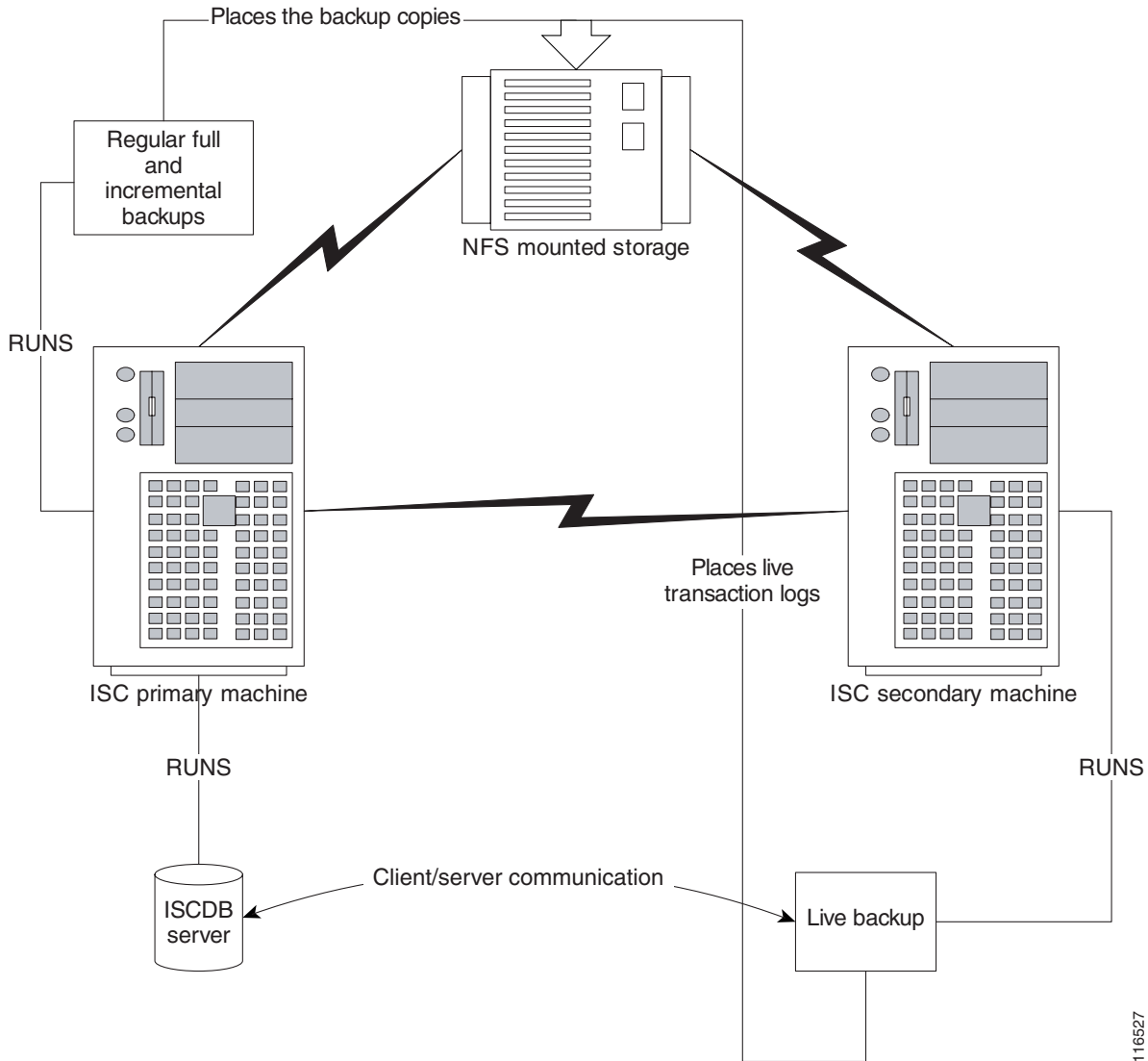This section explains how to set up Sybase and Oracle standby systems for ISC.

The subsections are:

# Sybase Standby System Process Overview
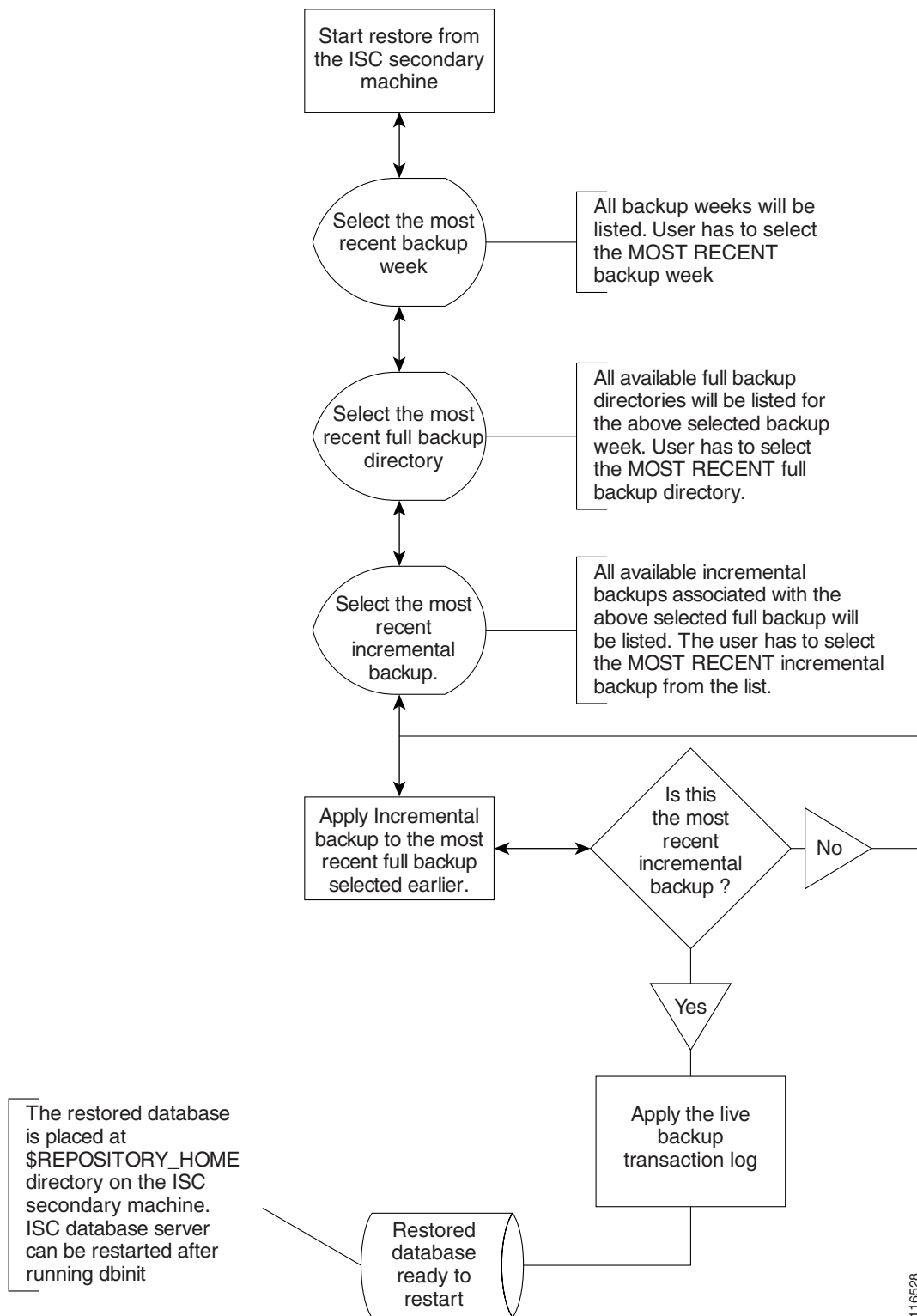
Figure C-10 shows a live backup scheme.

***Figure C-10        Live Backup Scheme***



## Restore from Live Backup

Figure C-11 shows the process flow for how to restore from a live backup.

*Figure C-11*        *Restore from Live Backup*



The restored database is placed at $REPOSITORY_HOME directory on the ISC secondary machine. ISC database server can be restarted after running dbinit

# Sybase Standby System Set Up

The explanation of setting up a Sybase standby system is explained as follows:

## Running Live Backup of ISC Databases

Run <*BACKUP_INSTALL_DIR*>**/BackupRestore/scripts/asa_liveBackup.sh** from the ISC secondary system to start the live backup after being sure to follow these pre-conditions:

**Step 1**   Set up a standby ISC system.

**Step 2**   The standby system should be similar to the primary ISC host system in hardware and software configurations.

**Step 3**   The ISC primary and standby systems should be on the same LAN.

**Step 4**   ISC software should be installed on the secondary system and the version of ISC on the primary and standby systems should be the same.

**Step 5**   The backup and restore tool should be installed on the primary and the secondary systems.

**Step 6**   The live backup should be started from the secondary system only, you should not run the live backup from ISC primary system.

**Step 7**   The storage device where the regular backup copies are placed should be accessible from the standby system.

**Step 8**   You *must* run <*BACKUP_INSTALL_DIR*>**/BackupRestore/scripts/asa_liveBackupConfig.sh** to configure the live backup on the standby system before starting the live backup for the first time.

**Step 9**   The ISC database server must be running on the primary ISC host before starting the live backup on the standby system.

**Step 10**   The live backup stops when the ISC database server is stopped and should be restarted after restarting ISC.

**Step 11**   At least one full backup must be taken before starting the live backup.

**Step 12**   Regular periodic full/incremental backups should be taken even if the live backup is running on the secondary system.

**Step 13**   There should not be more than one live backup running simultaneously.

## How to Restore the Database from the Live Backup

When the primary ISC host fails, the standby system restores the database from the latest available full backup, the latest incremental backup, and the live backup.

Run the <*BACKUP_INSTALL_DIR*>**/BackupRestore/script/asa_restoreFromLiveBackup.sh** script on the standby system to restore the database after being sure to follow these pre-conditions:

**Step 1**   At least one full backup copy should be available to restore the database.

**Step 2**    If more than one backup copy is available, use only the latest full backup and the latest associated incremental backup.

**Step 3**    Run the restore from the standby machine.

# Oracle Standby System Set Up

ISC 5.0 supports both physical standby and logical standby in Oracle 10g Data Guard. For information about the Oracle 10g standby concept and configuration, see the *Oracle Data Guard Concept and Administration 10g Release 1 (10.1)* Part No. B10823-01. The document can be found at Oracles' web site.

When the standby database is activated, use the following commands to point ISC to the new database server:

**stopall -y**

**update $ISC_HOME/etc/install.cfg and replace** *<old_db_server>* **with** *<new_db_server>*.

**execute applycfg.sh**

**initdb.sh**

**startwd**

where:

*<old_db_server>* is the name of the old database server

*<new_db_server>* is the name of the new database server.