

# openCRX Installation Guide for Oracle 9

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# 1 About this Book

This book describes how to setup an openCRX database instance for Oracle.

## 1.1 Who this book is for

The intended audience are openCRX database administrators.

## 1.2 What do you need to understand this book

This book describes the installation of openCRX for Oracle. The book assumes that you are familiar with Oracle installation and configuration.

## 1.3 Tips, Warnings, etc.

We make use the following pictograms:



Information provided as a “Tip” might be helpful for various reasons: time savings, risk reduction, etc. - it goes without saying that we advise to follow our guides meticulously

**meticulous** \muh-TIK-yuh-luhs\, *adjective*:  
Extremely or excessively careful about details.



You should carefully read information marked with “Important”. Ignoring such information is typically not a good idea.



Warnings should not be ignored (risk of data loss, etc.)

## 2 Prerequisites

As a first step you must download the following software packages:

- Download **openCRX for Oracle** from here (e.g. *opencrx-1.9.0-core.oracle-8.zip* [if your Oracle installation supports Unicode by default] or *opencrx-1.9.0-core.oracle-8N.zip* [if your Oracle installation does not support Unicode by default]).
- Download **Oracle Database Server** from here. You will require an OTN account.
- You can find the Oracle JDBC driver inside the Oracle client distribution; alternatively, you can download it from here.



Please ensure that you install the **correct JDBC driver** (i.e. matching JDK, Oracle version, etc.) and **one JDBC driver** only! Ignoring this wisdom leads to problems as the connection to the database will fail.

As a next step you must install Oracle. The Oracle documentation explains in detail how to install the database.

This document assumes that you use the **Oracle dbca tool** and the **Sql\*Plus** for database administration. The JDBC driver is required for the application server installation.

## 3 Upgrading from previous versions

If you already have Oracle for openCRX installed, upgrade the database as explained below. You can then skip the rest of this document.



**Warning**

Do not forget to backup your database **before** you run any upgrade or migrate scripts!



**Warning**

Please consult <http://www.opencrx.org/faq.htm#upgrade> and find out whether there exist specific instructions for your openCRX version. Instructions below are generic and might not cover all steps required to successfully upgrade your openCRX version.

### 3.1 The SQL Script upgrade-from-...

In a first step you must upgrade your database. openCRX distributions provide an SQL script of the form

**upgrade-from-<version from>-to-<version to>.sql**

If you have installed openCRX 1.8.1, for example, and you want to upgrade to version 1.9.0 you have to run the script `upgrade-from-1.8.1-to-1.9.0.sql` on your database instance.

### 3.2 The SQL Script migrate-from-...

In a second step you must migrate your database. openCRX distributions often times provide an SQL script of the form

**migrate-from-<version from>-to-<version to>.sql**

If you have installed openCRX 1.8.1, for example, and you want to upgrade to version 1.9.0 you have to run the script `upgrade-from-1.8.1-to-1.9.0.sql` on your database instance.

### 3.3 The SQL Script drop-from-...

Next you can drop unused tables from your database. openCRX distributions often times provide an SQL script of the form

**drop-from-<version from>-to-<version to>.sql**

If you have installed openCRX 1.8.1, for example, and you want to drop tables not used by openCRX 1.9.0 you can run the script `drop-from-1.8.1-to-1.9.0.sql` on your database instance. Alternatively, you can also rename such tables, e.g. from `transition_type` to `_unused_transition_type`. Also, it goes without saying that you should never drop a table before you made a backup!

### 3.4 The SQL Script **dbcreate-views.sql**

Most new openCRX versions make use of new/changed views, i.e. if an openCRX distribution includes an SQL script of the form

#### **dbcreate-views.sql**

then you should run that script. If you have installed openCRX 1.8.1, for example, and you want to upgrade to openCRX 1.9.0 you should run the script **dbcreate-views.sql** on your database instance. Make sure that old views are indeed dropped and new views properly created.

### 3.5 The SQL Script **dbcreate-indexes.sql**

Most new openCRX versions make use of new/changed indexes, i.e. if an openCRX distribution includes an SQL script of the form

#### **dbcreate-indexes.sql**

then you should run that script. If you have installed openCRX 1.8.1, for example, and you want to upgrade to openCRX 1.9.0 you should run the script **dbcreate-indexes.sql** on your database instance.

### 3.6 Populate Preferences

The last step involves deleting old preferences and populating the table with new ones. Run the SQL script **populate-preferences.sql** to do this.



Make sure that old preferences are indeed removed and new ones loaded. This table contains the configuration of the openMDX database plugin, i.e. openCRX persistency will not work properly if the loaded preferences do not match the version of openCRX.

## 4 Create the database

An existing database may be utilized, or alternatively you may create a new database.

A new database instance may be created with the **Oracle Database Configuration Assistant (dbca)**. The following snapshots are taken from a windows installation, but the procedure is identical for all supported platforms. It is assumed the base oracle installation directory (Oracle Home) is "c:/oracle".

Start dbca as the Oracle owner account and Create a new "General Purpose" database as shown below:

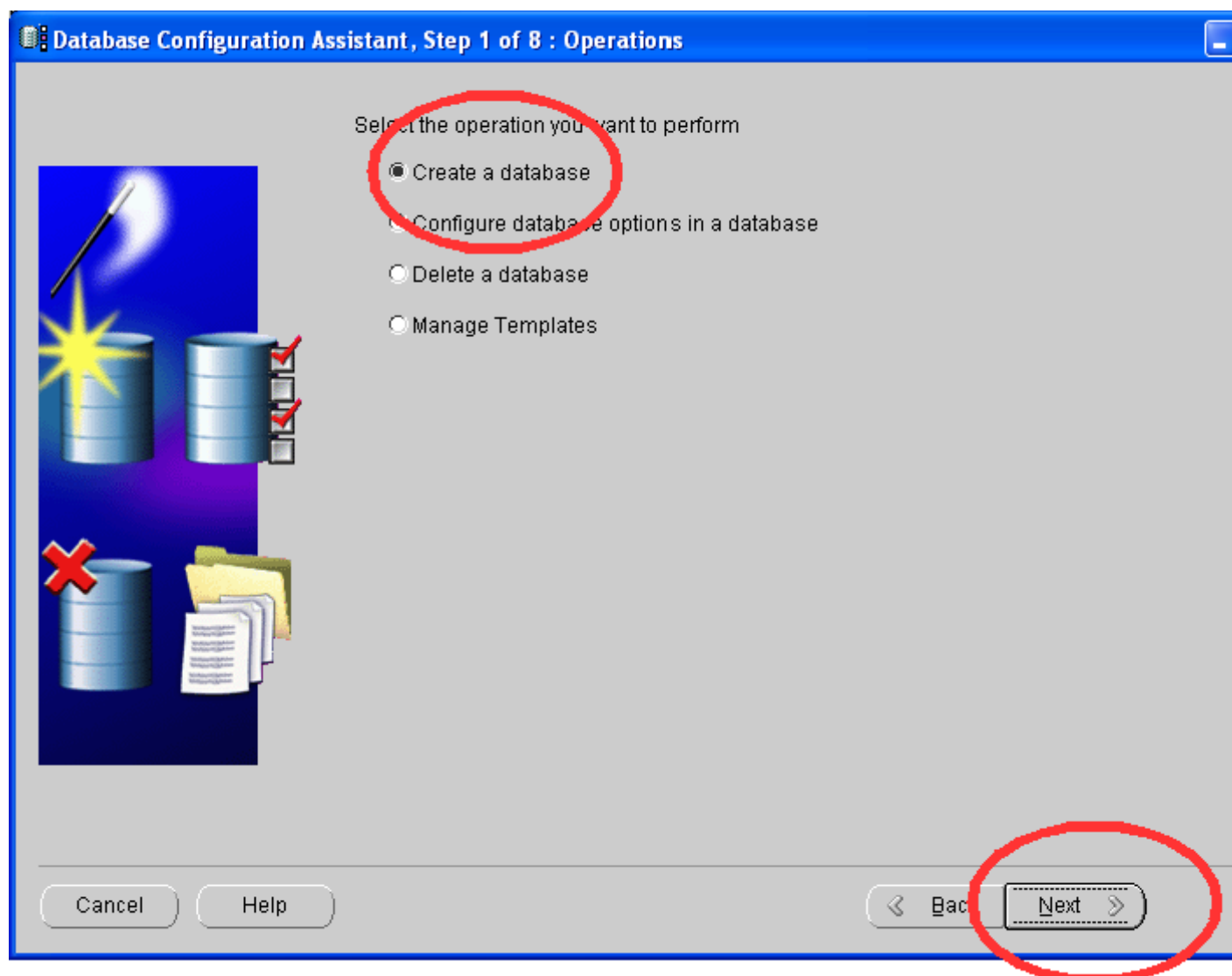
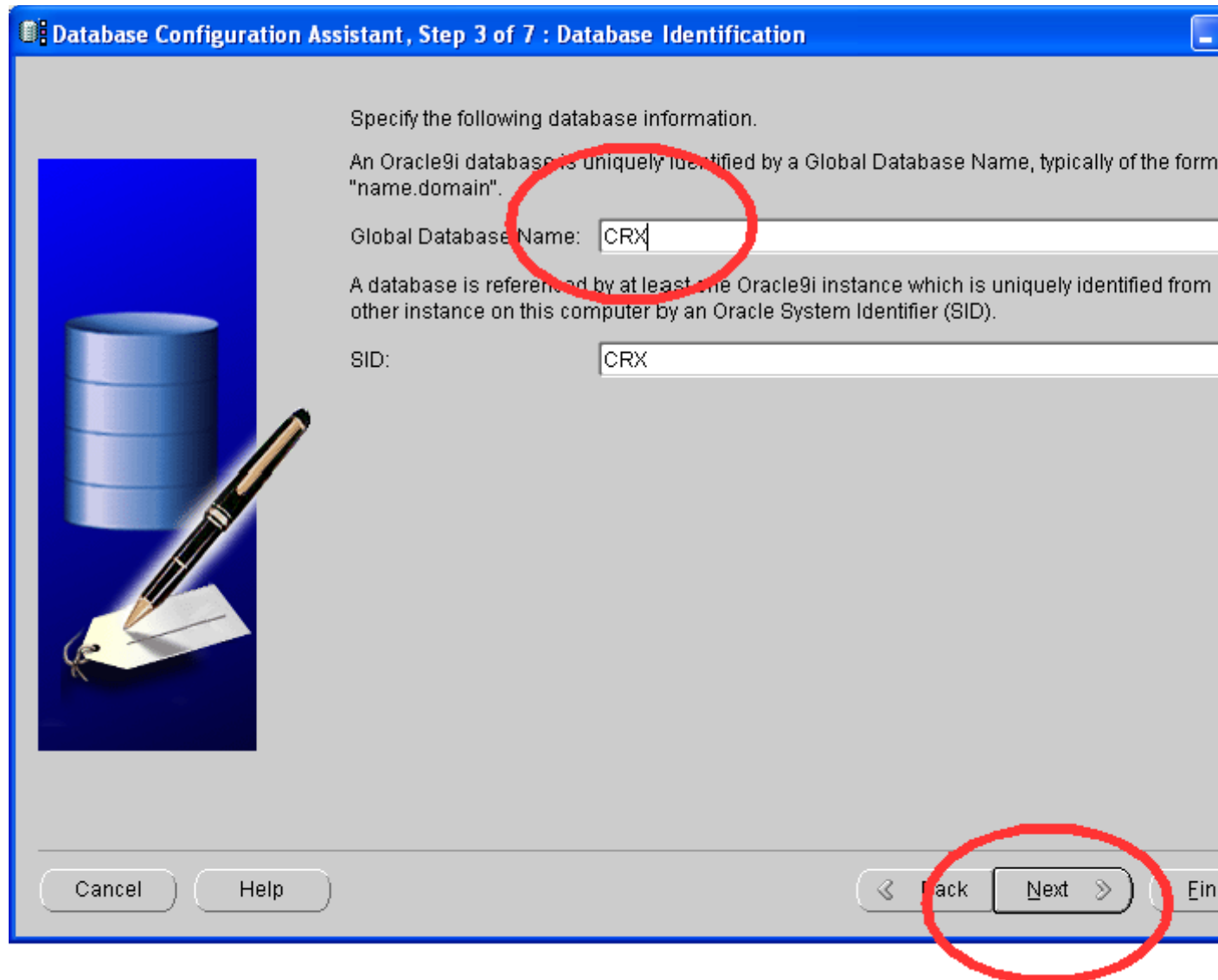


Figure 1: Create a new database

Enter *CRX* as database name as shown below:



*Figure 2: Create the schema CRX*

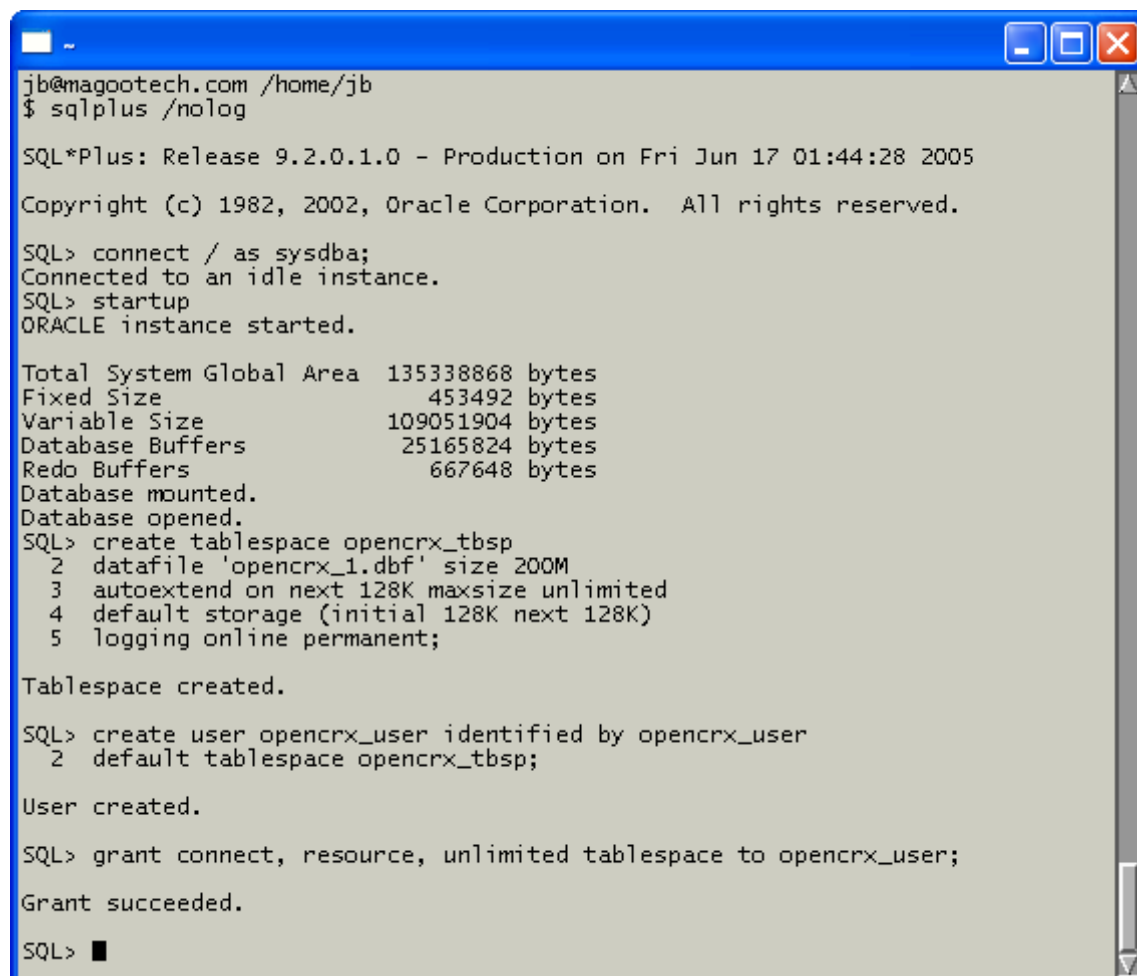
Continue through the screens, tuning the database parameters as required (the defaults will work in most simple deployments). Finally, select Create Database and select Finish in Step 7.

Next you must create a database user, tablespaces and grant this user access to the newly created database. Ensure your shell environment is setup with the following variables:

*Listing 1: Shell variables*

```
ORACLE_SID=CRX
ORACLE_HOME=c:/oracle
PATH=${ORACLE_HOME}/bin:${PATH}
```

Launch a terminal and execute command sequence as demonstrated below:



```
jb@magootech.com /home/jb
$ sqlplus /nolog

SQL*Plus: Release 9.2.0.1.0 - Production on Fri Jun 17 01:44:28 2005
Copyright (c) 1982, 2002, Oracle Corporation. All rights reserved.

SQL> connect / as sysdba;
Connected to an idle instance.
SQL> startup
ORACLE instance started.

Total System Global Area 135338868 bytes
Fixed Size 453492 bytes
Variable Size 109051904 bytes
Database Buffers 25165824 bytes
Redo Buffers 667648 bytes
Database mounted.
Database opened.
SQL> create tablespace opencrx_tbsp
 2 datafile 'opencrx_1.dbf' size 200M
 3 autoextend on next 128K maxsize unlimited
 4 default storage (initial 128K next 128K)
 5 logging online permanent;

Tablespace created.

SQL> create user opencrx_user identified by opencrx_user
 2 default tablespace opencrx_tbsp;

User created.

SQL> grant connect, resource, unlimited tablespace to opencrx_user;

Grant succeeded.

SQL> █
```

*Figure 3: Create user, tablespace*

Of course Oracle Enterprise Manager, Toad and various other 3rd party tools will achieve the equivalent goal, but rarely with the same speed and control if you are not scared of a command line.

You are now done creating the database and database schema.

## 5 Install the openCRX Database Schema Objects

After creating the schema you are now ready to install the openCRX database schema objects. The following scripts must be executed:

- dbcreate-tables.sql
- dbcreate-views.sql
- dbcreate-indexes.sql
- populate-preferences.sql



Do not execute any other scripts included in the distribution.



Oracle has issues with the null lines in the DDL scripts. This can be resolved by manually editing the files, or alternatively using a command to strip the empty lines out as demonstrated below:

### *Listing 2: Strip Null lines from DDL scripts*

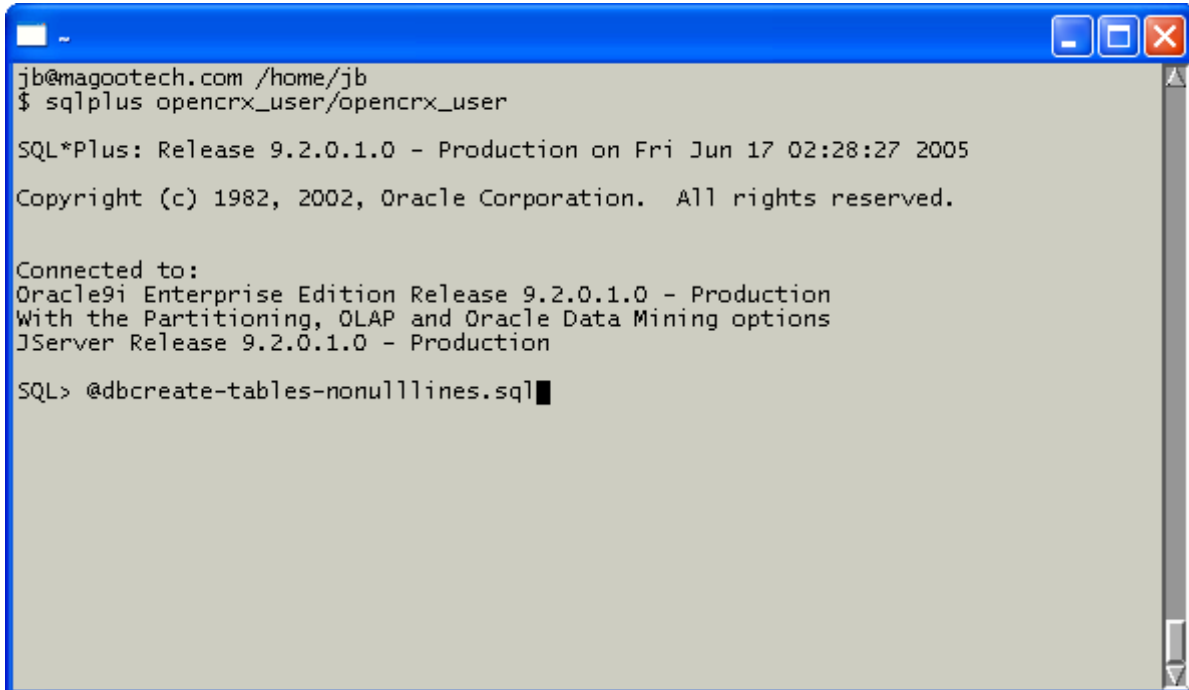
```
$ cat dbcreate-tables.sql |
> sed -n '/^$/!p' |
> sed -n '/^[ \t\f\n\r\v]*$/!p' > dbcreate-tables-nonulllines.sql

$ cat dbcreate-views.sql |
> sed -n '/^$/!p' |
> sed -n '/^[ \t\f\n\r\v]*$/!p' > dbcreate-views-nonulllines.sql

$ cat dbcreate-indexes.sql |
> sed -n '/^$/!p' |
> sed -n '/^[ \t\f\n\r\v]*$/!p' > dbcreate-indexes-nonulllines.sql

$ cat populate-preferences.sql |
> sed -n '/^$/!p' |
> sed -n '/^[ \t\f\n\r\v]*$/!p' > populate-preferences-nonulllines.sql
```

Start **Oracle Sql\*Plus**, and login as `opencrx_user`, password `opencrx_user`. Copy/paste the database script `dbcreate-tables.sql` (or `dbcreate-tables-nonulllines.sql` if you stripped Null lines) and execute it as shown below:

A screenshot of a terminal window with a blue title bar. The terminal shows a user logging into SQL\*Plus as 'opencrx\_user' and then executing a script named '@dbcreate-tables-nonulllines.sql'. The output shows the SQL\*Plus version (9.2.0.1.0) and the Oracle database version (9.2.0.1.0).

```
jb@magoootech.com /home/jb
$ sqlplus opencrx_user/opencrx_user

SQL*Plus: Release 9.2.0.1.0 - Production on Fri Jun 17 02:28:27 2005
Copyright (c) 1982, 2002, Oracle Corporation. All rights reserved.

Connected to:
Oracle9i Enterprise Edition Release 9.2.0.1.0 - Production
With the Partitioning, OLAP and Oracle Data Mining options
JServer Release 9.2.0.1.0 - Production

SQL> @dbcreate-tables-nonulllines.sql
```

*Figure 4: Install Database Schema Objects*

Similarly, execute the remaining scripts:

- `dbcreate-views.sql` (or `dbcreate-views-nonulllines.sql`)
- `dbcreate-indexes.sql` (or `dbcreate-indexes-nonulllines.sql`)
- `populate-preferences.sql` (or `populate-preferences-nonulllines.sql`)

The scripts should run without errors.

## **6 Next Steps**

If you have completed successfully the database installation you are ready to use the openCRX database. The application server installation guides explain how to connect the application server to the openCRX database instance.