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Factors to Consider Before Upgrading to Oracle 12c

By Jeff Stonacek, Principal Architect

In recent months we have been helping customers plan and upgrade to 12c. In this blog post we will share some topics you should consider before upgrading.

Once you have made the decision to upgrade your Oracle database to 12c, certain prerequisites must be met. After they have been taken care of, the next step is to decide which method to use. Below we will discuss some of these topics as they relate to 12c upgrades. [Read More](#)

Who Let the Oracle Guy into SQL PASS Summit?

by David Woodard, COO

A little over a week ago I was fortunate to have an opportunity to attend [SQL PASS Summit 2014](#) in Seattle, which is the premier conference for the Microsoft SQL Server community. I attended with Shawn Meyers, who is one of our Principal Architects here at House of Brick, and the technical lead of our SQL Server team. [Read More](#)

VAAI - Storage Hardware Acceleration

By Mike Stone, CIO [@HoBMStone](#)

Scenario: Virtualized 8TB Data warehouse, daily ETL extending multiple GB/day. Enterprise storage system with 4 dedicated controllers and 16 fiber paths configured for active/active.

- Oracle is occasionally recording average I/O service times greater than 100ms for specific operations involving ETL insert activity. Yet, other times it appears fine.
- From a SAN perspective, we see relatively few I/Os the majority of the time and generally single-digit latency numbers.

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Fast XTTS with Cross Platform Incremental Backup

By Jeff Stonacek, Principal Architect

We are all aware of the issue surrounding cross platform database migrations. The endian difference between RISC Unix platforms (big endian) versus x86 platforms (little endian) causes a conversion of the data before it is usable by Oracle. There are three methodologies possible when converting the endianness of a database.

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