Managing Oracle Licensing in a Shared Storage Environment

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About a year ago, some joint customers of Oracle, VMware, and House of Brick began to be informed they needed to purchase Oracle licenses for all nodes sharing storage.

ORACLE CONTRACT BASICS

Let's start by looking at what the Oracle License and Services Agreement (the contract) says you have to do. We'll use the City of Oceanside's November 2011 OLSA, as it's publicly available and scanned reliably through our OCR software, for reference (or pull this scannable December 2012 OLSA if you don't want to bother with OCR). **Read More**

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Oracle Ksplice
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Oracle Ksplice (also referred to as uptrack or Ksplice uptrack)

http://www.ksplice.com is a kernel patching tool for Linux that does not require a reboot after applying a patch.

> "On July 21, 2011, Oracle announced that it has acquired Ksplice, a privately-held company based in Cambridge, MA. Ksplice is the creator of innovative zero downtime update technology for Linux."

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Disabling Transparent HugePages Using Tuned
By Jeff Stonacek, Principal Architect

If you are reading this post then you probably already know about HugePages in Linux. If not, then read this previous blog post, which describes HugePages. In newer versions of Linux, specifically RHEL/OEL 6.x and SLES 11, transparent HugePages were introduced in an attempt to improve memory management. Transparent HugePages allow the kernel to dynamically allocate HugePages as needed.

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