What's All the Buzz Around Oracle Multitenant?

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It seems like every time I turn around this fall, I hear questions about "12c Multitenancy" or pluggable databases. This probably means that Oracle Sales has initiated a campaign around this new (separately licensed) feature. So, what's all the buzz about? **Read More**

Do All-Flash Storage Arrays Help Reduce My Oracle License Footprint?

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The trend in the storage industry towards all flash arrays is a welcomed development. The cost of flash storage has finally gotten to the point where it creates a compelling cost to benefit reason to displace spinning disks, especially for tier-1 business critical applications and databases. Storage vendors from EMC and Pure, to Oracle are delivering very compelling all-flash technology. This blog post will not delve into the pluses or minuses of those particular products, but will instead focus on the potential impact of all-flash storage on Oracle software licenses. **Read Now**

Required PERL Modules for Opatch Auto Patching
by Joe Grant, Principal Architect

One of the nice things that Oracle has done for patching RAC systems is to introduce the "Opatch auto" command. This one little command does make patching of RAC systems much easier. However, now that Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 has been certified with 11.2, this command no longer works. The issue is that a few OPatch required Perl modules have been deprecated in Perl 5.10 and have finally been removed in RHEL 7. The good news however, is that it is fairly easy to identify and install the missing modules. **Read More**

Increase Swap by Resizing the Partition
by Jeff Stonacek, Principal Architect

There are two common ways to increase the amount of swap space in Linux, by either adding a storage device or adding a swap file on a filesystem. In certain situations however, it would be cleaner to merely increase the size of the existing swap device. This last method is the one that we will be discussing in this blog topic. **Read More**

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