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## Oracle GI 11.2 Installation on RHEL 7

By Joe Grant ([@dbi\\_jedi](#)), Principal Architect

When Oracle Grid Infrastructure 11.2.0.4 was released it did not yet support Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7, however Oracle recently certified 11.2.0.4 on RHEL 7. As a result, there are a few things that the 11.2.0.4 installer does not contain that are necessary for successfully installing a GI home.

The primary issue when trying to install 11.2 on RHEL is that the initialization and services system was completely rewritten for RHEL 7. Rather than use the old init system, RHEL 7 now uses systemd. I will not debate the merits of one over the other, that is a completely different topic, for a completely different time and a completely different forum. As a result of this change, the startup scripts for ohasd provided in the 11.2.0.4 installer are not compatible with RHEL 7. [Read More](#)

## Exadata vs. VBlock: A Case Study

by Nathan Biggs ([@nathanbiggs](#)), CEO

I have had the privilege this year of working with our partner EMC in providing Oracle-focused technical sessions around the world. The best part of this is not hearing the same presentations over and over (including my own), but in meeting with, and talking to, dedicated professionals in hundreds of the best companies in the entire industry.

In this blog post, I thought that I would share a case study of a customer that EMC introduced House of Brick to who was ready to immediately sign with Oracle for an Exadata. [Read More](#)

### Oracle Licensing and the Advanced Compression Option

by Jeff Stonacek, Principal Architect

Unfortunately, many of our clients are surprised to find they are in fact using database features like Advance Compression. Features like this are easy to enable and the Oracle software does little to warn you that they have been enabled. In [part 1](#) of this series, my colleague Jim Hannan wrote an overview of Oracle licensing gotchas. In this installment, I will provide a little more detail about the Advanced Compression option and its impact on Oracle Licensing.

#### DATA PUMP

When most people think about the Advanced Compression option they usually think about compressing table data. While that is one element, there are many other compression features, as part of the Oracle stack, which also require licensing the Advanced Compression option. [Read More](#)

### Storage Presentation Options

by Joe Grant ([@dba\\_jedi](#))  
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One of the most asked questions concerning running Oracle Databases in a virtualized environment is:

"How do we present the fastest storage possible?"

It is not always necessary to present the fastest storage available, but rather to present storage that is easy to manage and is as flexible as possible. In addition, there may be storage tools from the storage vendor that may need to be integrated into the solution. Examples are Snap Manger for Oracle (or SQL Server) or other snap technologies. These additional tools may require a specific type of storage such as NFS for all of the data volumes with SMO. [Read More](#)

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