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# Is Oracle Still the Largest Relational Database Vendor?

By Shawn Meyers ([@1dizzygoose](#)), Principal Architect

A couple of weeks ago one of my coworkers, Dave Welch, published a [great blog post](#) about Oracle licensing terms. In this post, he mentions Oracle is the largest relational database vendor in the world. Being a SQL Server DBA, I took some offense to this, as I think SQL Server is larger than Oracle.

Dave confessed he didn't even have a given criteria in mind when he made the statement. He encouraged me to take up the issue in a blog post. Which got me started on some analysis and discussions, and the first thing that came up was how to define "largest". The situation reminded me of Ford and Chevy talking about which truck is better. They each pick a place where they have an advantage and state it.

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## HoB Launches Managed License Support Service for Oracle

The Managed License Support Service from House of Brick is designed to take a proactive and preventive approach to Oracle licensing, and aggressively defend clients in the event of an audit. Rather than eliminating the need for clients to track license purchases, it ensures the integrity of their usage allowing organizations to focus instead on what makes their business successful.

"We introduced our Managed License Support Service to address an increasing demand from our customers - the need for support in managing the most complex and costly item in their IT portfolio, their Oracle licenses," said Nathan Biggs, CEO. "Regular analysis and management of how our customers deploy their Oracle licenses can help them avoid paying more than necessary to Oracle. We will also provide support to our customers and their legal teams in defending themselves in the case of an audit from Oracle."

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## GoldenGate Application Readiness

by Joe Grant ([@dba\\_jedi](#)), Principal Architect

The dream of active/active datacenters is becoming more of a reality. One issue for this type of architecture is how to replicate the databases between different datacenters. For the replication itself, Oracle GoldenGate is one possible solution. However, it is likely that any GoldenGate implementation will have an impact on the application itself. There are several potential issues that need to be addressed when implementing.

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## Oracle to PostgreSQL

by Andy Kerber ([@dbakerber](#)), Senior Consultant

Recently Oracle has dramatically increased the price of its Oracle Standard Edition database. Because of this price increase, many observers in the database world feel that some companies may be migrating from Oracle to other database versions such as SQL Server, NoSQL or PostgreSQL.

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