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Highlights of vNUMA & SQL Server Session at VMworld 2015

By Shawn Meyers , Principal Architect

Last week I was at VMworld Europe giving a presentation on vNUMA and its impact on SQL server. This post will cover some of the highlights from my presentation and items you should be aware of when dealing with very large virtual machines.

What is vNUMA?

The way VMware presents NUMA architecture to the virtual machine, is very important as Windows, and SQL Server are both fully NUMA aware and they make scheduling decisions for threads based on the NUMA topology. Having the proper NUMA architecture presented to the virtual machine means that the OS and SQL Server will be able to schedule threads in the most efficient manner. [Read More](#)

Review of the Campaign for Clear Licensing's Report on Oracle Licensing

by Dave Welch, CTO and Chief Evangelist

The press loved the Campaign for Clear Licensing's assessment of Oracle's licensing practices, "Key Risks in Managing Oracle Licensing" when the CCL report was released in Q4 of 2014. The 22-page report can be found [here](#).

What has changed a year after the report was published? House of Brick's Oracle licensing team is unaware of any substantive positive adjustments whatsoever that Oracle has made with respect to any issues listed in the report, be they technical, organizational, or in messaging. [Read More](#)

Oracle AWR & Statspack Reports: Performing an Initial High Level Review

by Jonas Mason, Senior Consultant

House of Brick consultants assess Tier 1 Oracle workloads using a number of load generating tools and performance reports. In this blog post, I will cover some of the items reviewed in an AWR and Statspack report when performing an initial, cursory assessment of an instance and server before a more involved analysis. The decision to use Statspack or AWR is made based on what the client is licensed for. Using Statspack reports is safest if you are unsure about your Oracle licensing.

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Installing Oracle Software - Prerequisites

by Andy Kerber, Senior Consultant

The intent of this series of posts is to cover basic Oracle skills for the beginning DBA. These are follow-on posts to my previous article titled '[Eleven Critical Skills for the Beginning DBA](#)'.

I debated with myself for some time on how detailed I need to be, and at what point in the installation process I should begin this article. After some consideration, I have decided to start this entry with the installation of Oracle required packages.

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