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Oracle's Cloud Offering: DBaaS (Part 2)

By Jeff Stonacek, Principal Architect

Every major hardware and software vendor has a Cloud Computing offering nowadays. Oracle Corporation is no different. In [part 1 of this series](#), we provided a general overview of Cloud Computing. In this segment, we will delve deeper into Database as a Service (DBaaS), specifically Oracle's DBaaS model. [Read More](#)

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Many organizations that run, or plan to run, their Oracle Business Critical Applications on VMware virtualization do not understand that the Oracle contract is agnostic to VMware and how that translates to their infrastructure. VMware, in partnership with DBTA, invites you to join this webinar for a frank presentation and conversation about Oracle on VMware licensing by the contract. [Learn More](#)

**5 Things a Business Person Should
 Think about When Considering DBaaS**
 By Nathan Biggs, CEO [@nathanbiggs](#)

Many organizations that we talk to at HoB are excited about the vision and promise of Database as a Service (DBaaS). At a high level, this includes self-service automated provisioning of application-ready database servers that are fully configured and deployed on your infrastructure. What we have found, however, is that DBaaS involves much more than deploying new technology. There are key people and process concerns that, if not considered, introduce far more risk into your implementation plans.

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OS Watcher Black Box - Revisited
 By Tom Roehr, Senior Consultant

Previously, my colleague Jim Hannan, wrote an [introductory blog](#) about Oracle's OS Watcher Black Box. I'd like to review OS Watcher and add some additional information that I have found useful.

WHAT IS OS WATCHER BLACK BOX?

OS Watcher Black Box (OSWBB) is provided by Oracle to automate gathering of UNIX system performance statistics and analysis. [Read More](#)