Automating Virtualized Oracle Deployments - Part 2

By Joe Grant (@dba_jedi), Principal Architect

In keeping with the use of templates, as we did in underline part one of this post, the next thing would be to install the Oracle Database software into the OS template that should already exist. The following describes installing 11g into a Linux VM. **Read More**

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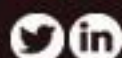Webinar | July 16th 1:00pm EDT
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I have been meeting with customers all around the world recently and ~~talking~~ *commiserating* with them about their experiences dealing with Oracle on licensing topics. I cannot think of a single company out there that has as negative a reputation with their valued customers than Oracle does. The customers I have been talking to say things like "I feel like they are bullying me" or "the Oracle reps keep telling me they are doing me a favor, but I still feel like I am being taken advantage of." **Read More**

Can NetApp's FlexClone Provide Automated, Useful Instant V2P Cloning of Hot Database Volumes Residing in VMDK Files?

by Mike Stone (@HoBMStone), CIO & Principal Architect

I recently read about a feature of NetApp called "FlexClone," which promises instant virtual-to-physical (v2p) cloning of VMDK files, which reside on a NetApp NFS DataStore for VMware. This idea was intriguing, since one of the questions our customers often ask us is "What do I do when Oracle asks me to reproduce a problem on physical?" **Read More**

Oracle Database Licensing Insights and Tips

by Jim Hannan (@HoBHannan), Principal Architect

In this blog post, we will take a look at general Oracle database licensing and how the Oracle database tracks feature usage. This can be helpful in preparing for a LMS audit or for taking inventory before renewing an Oracle contract. We will also provide general tips for entitlements and Oracle contracts. As most people close to Oracle know, licensing and product discovery can be complex. The intent of this blog is to help clear up some of the common misunderstandings. **Read More**

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