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Why You Should Consider Oracle SE2

by Jim Hannan, Principal Architect

With core counts rapidly increasing per socket (currently we are seeing chips with 20+ cores per socket), Oracle felt they needed to do something about their SE and SE1 licenses, which offered ever increasing capability to their customers at a significantly reduced cost compared to Enterprise editions. This is because the SE/SE1 licenses had been socket based with no restriction of core count. With the release of 12c (12.1.0.2), they certainly did something. Oracle took cues from Microsoft, and in addition to the 2-socket maximum, they added a software limitation of 16 threads per database instance. [Read More](#)

Oracle Gives Itself a 100+% Raise in Authorized Cloud Compute Environments

by Dave Welch, CTO & Chief Evangelist

Oracle introduced its [Licensing Oracle Software in the Cloud Computing Environment](#) policy document in 2010. The most recent change on January 23, 2017 comes with a handful of substantial negatives for licensees' budgets. This revision does come with a solitary positive for licensees, distinguishing it from [Oracle's Standard Edition 2](#) announcement (which was all price increase and no offsetting benefit).

Although the policy document is not referenced by Oracle contract templates, and as such is technically non-binding in your contract, it is our understanding that Oracle is obligated to the extra-contractual privileges the policy grants. (Since we are not attorneys, House of Brick encourages customers to validate this understanding with legal counsel.) Another example of granting extra-contractual privileges is Oracle's [Database Licensing Information User Manual](#) that grants the privilege of bundling infrastructure databases. [Read More](#)

State of Oregon's September 2016 Settlement with Oracle - A Layman's View

by Dave Welch ([@OraVBCA](#)), CTO & Chief Evangelist

Layman means I'm not an attorney.

Anyone who saw my quote in Nick Budnick's excellent [Portland Tribune piece](#) on the September 15, 2016 CoverOregon settlement would know I'm concerned. I said, "Oracle made out like a bandit with this."

I believe Budnick's investigative reporting on the CoverOregon/Oracle feud excelled. See also his [September 15, 2016](#), and [November 29, 2016](#) articles. Budnick and I discussed much during our interviews, only a fraction of which made it into his articles, and understandably so.

Oregon Attorney General Rosenblum had filed suit against Oracle at the request of then-Gov. John Kitzhaber. However, when Governor Kate Brown came to office, [she made it known publicly](#) that she viewed the State's action against Oracle as a liability.

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2017 - Looking Forward to a Pivotal Year in Cloud Computing

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

About a month ago I published a blog post reflecting on a positive and challenging 2016. I also said that a week later, I would publish a new blog looking forward to 2017. Well, becoming a first-time grandparent to a beautiful baby girl got in the way of that schedule, but I am fulfilling my commitment by getting this out before the end of January.

For many years people have been talking about cloud computing, and the operational advantages and cost containment that could be provided in such an environment. Industry stalwarts such as Amazon AWS, Microsoft Azure, and the Google Cloud Platform (GCP) have established themselves as worthy public infrastructure as a service (IaaS) options for many workloads.

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