Troubleshooting VMware Workstation at 100% CPU

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Here at House of Brick, virtualization is near and dear to our hearts, we heavily utilize VMware Workstation to create secure client access, create labs to test new features, etc.

This is a great product, but my current laptop only has a single socket with four cores. So when I'm running a multi-node cluster, domain controller, etc. the single socket easily becomes overwhelmed and the result is my lab grinds productivity to a halt.

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BrightTALK Webinar | Thursday January 25, 2018 11:00 am CST
Presenters: Dave Welch, House of Brick; Pam Fulmer, Fulmer Ware

In this session, we will provide a summary of Oracle licensing by the contract, and explore Oracle audit practices referencing the Mars Incorporated lawsuit against Oracle.

We will share recommendations to help you prepare for an Oracle audit, including VMware licensing information.

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Setup of an Oracle GoldenGate Hub

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In this post, we will provide the steps to setup a GoldenGate hub. In our hypothetical environment, we have a medium sized company, with two offices, one in Delaware and one in Washington. The HR departments are logically separated between the east and west coasts, so the east coast schema is HREAST and the west coast schema is HRWEST.

All data in the HREAST schema is for east coast employees, and all data for the HRWEST schema is for the west coast employees. The HREAST schema is updated on the hreastrh7 VM and the data is replicated using GoldenGate (one way) to hrwestrh7. Similarly, the data from the HRWEST schema is replicated (one way) to the hreastrh7 VM.

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Microsoft to run VMware on Azure: VMware refuses to support its wares running in Azure
These two articles are important to understand for those considering running database workloads on Azure.   While Microsoft is claiming they will run VMware workloads on Azure - similar to Amazon & VMware's VMware Cloud on AWS - VMware is saying Microsoft Azure is unsupported.

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Read the second article

VMware and AWS Say Move Your DR Data Center to the Cloud
Disaster recovery is a good use case for Oracle and SQL Server workloads when considering Cloud. For those who already use VMware SRM, this VMware & Amazon Web Services announcement could be a good option.

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Larry Ellison: Oracle's fancy new 'autonomous' database is coming in January, and it will crush Amazon
In this article, Morgan Stanley surveyed a few of Oracle's database customers and found that half of them have already moved one of their Oracle databases to another vendor. About three-quarters of them said they have plans to move more of their Oracle databases to another vendor, and 71% said they plan to choose a database vendor other than Oracle for much of their future database needs. Larry Ellison's claims that Oracle's new features and pricing will help save money may be hard to believe for many of his current and past customers.

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