Disabling Oracle Option and Management Packs

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Accidental or unintentional use of the extra cost options and management packs for Oracle Database poses a significant risk to anyone utilizing Oracle software. All of the options and management packs are simply a part of the database software, and many are enabled by default. As a result, it is very easy to accidentally use options or management packs that are not licensed. It is also possible to use most Enterprise Edition options and management packs with Standard Edition Database. When this happens, the liability is not only for the option or management pack, but also for Enterprise Edition Database. However, it is possible to disable some options and management packs in order to prevent their accidental usage.

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When I was a kid I watched a lot of cartoons. This was before YouTube and social media, so that's just what we did. One of the cartoons that I watched was the Rocky and Bullwinkle Show. They had an occasional cartoon of a dastardly villain named Snidely Whiplash that would run around with Vaudeville music playing and tie up women and men and put them on railroad tracks to be run over by oncoming trains. The (sometimes bumbling) hero was Dudley Do-Right. He always tried to do the right thing, and invariably saved the innocent people from danger.

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BUSINESS CONTINUITY AND SECURITY ON-PREM AND IN THE CLOUD: MOVING BEYOND TECHNIQUE
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Have you ever noticed that just about 100% of grade school through high school musicians are capable of playing the right note on their sheet music at the right time? That said, precious few of them have been taught to play by ear - a prerequisite for improvisation.

This post is not about the technique of playing business continuity and security notes in routine production operations. Rather, you could say this post is about improvisation.

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PROTECTING ORACLE DATABASES WITHOUT DATA GUARD
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Oracle Data Guard has long been Oracle's recommended solution for providing DR protection for Oracle instances. If your production Oracle databases are few, the scale of effort to implement and maintain Data Guard might be manageable, though finding and retaining a qualified DBA can be difficult and expensive. If your shop is large with many Oracle databases, the management and coordination of Data Guard during failovers, switchovers and failbacks can be onerous, and can proceed at a different rate than application servers. Given the increased license costs and maintenance overhead associated with implementing Data Guard, businesses often ask us about other options.

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The service branch will use an upcoming contract vehicle to meet virtually all of its cloud computing needs moving forward.

The Navy's natural place is on the water. Soon, it will also be in the cloud.

In the past few weeks, the Department of the Navy has disclosed aggressive goals to host nearly all of the Navy and Marine Corps' IT applications and systems via cloud services within the next three years, reports Federal News Radio. The Navy also revealed that it will rely on a massive, upcoming enterprise contract to meet its cloud computing needs.

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