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Licensing Oracle on AWS: Opening a Window Wide to the Cloud

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

In November of 2016, I wrote a [blog post](#) that followed the announcement by VMware and Amazon about the VMware Cloud on AWS (VMC on AWS). The subtitle of that blog was "VMware and AWS Announcement May Crack Open the Window of Opportunity". As I will show in this blog post, we are now pushing the window wide open by recommending that our customers consider the Oracle cloud policy as applicable to all AWS deployment options, including VMC on AWS.

While expressing House of Brick's excitement over the announcement at the time of the earlier blog, we were not clear how Oracle licensing might be applied in the new environment. We hoped that the policy document "[Licensing Oracle Software in the Cloud Computing Environment](#)" would apply, but there were many questions that needed to be answered.

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Microsoft Made an Easy Button for SPN and Double Hop Issues

by Shawn Meyers ([@1dizzygoose](#)), Principal Architect

Recently I have been dealing with a lot of SPN and SQL Server double hop issues. I was really starting to get good at all of the syntax needed to make this work, but then I found a tool (almost an easy button) from Microsoft.

This tool came out five years ago, so how come this isn't the first result when Googling SPN issues? At the time of this writing it isn't. Hopefully many of you will find this tool helpful, and this blog will make it easier for others to find it. I wonder how many people have been banging their head against the wall trying to solve these sorts of issues when they could solve them with just a couple of clicks? So if you want solve those SSPI errors, or are trying to setup double hop authentication, read on.

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Oracle Geospatial Features: Spatial vs. Locator

by Jeff Stonacek, Principal Architect

Oracle Spatial and Graph is a product that allows for the storage and processing of geospatial objects inside of the database. From the [Oracle Technology Global Pricing List](#), "Oracle Spatial is an integrated set of functions and procedures that enables spatial data to be stored, accessed, and analyzed quickly and efficiently in an Oracle database."

Oracle Spatial and Graph is a separately licensed feature, similar to Partitioning or Advanced Compression.

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Database decisions: AWS has changed the game for IT

Enterprises are **figuring** out that they likely need different database engines to power different parts of their applications. AWS has figured that out too.

You may not have heard of [OpenSCG](#), but Amazon Web Services has. A week ago, AWS quietly acquired the [PostgreSQL](#) migration services company founded by PostgreSQL veteran Denis Lussier. While [some PostgreSQL fans weren't happy](#) about the move, the OpenSCG acquisition is emblematic of a much larger move by AWS to serve a wide array of database needs.

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Pat Gelsinger, VMware's CEO: Digitize or Die

Little more than two years ago, Pat Gelsinger's CEO tenure at VMware looked shaky. The software company's stock price was down by half since his arrival in 2012, an apparent victim of the industry shift to cloud computing. But the naysayers were wrong; VMware is back and reborn. I recently caught up with Gelsinger in London.

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Oracle Needs A New Narrative - Oracle Corporation | Seeking Alpha

Revenue for the most recent quarter was \$9.8 billion, up 6% Y/Y. Software as a Services ("SaaS") and Platform as a Service ("PaaS") were up 33% and 28%,

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respectively. The company's non-cloud services product segments only grew revenue at 2%. Cloud services have energized the company's top line and energized investors. However, only 20% of Oracle's revenue is derived from the cloud. The company's On Premise Software business represents around 66% of total revenue. This is still Oracle's bread and butter. It provides an anchor and stable cash flows that could be used for investments in other areas.

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