



SQL Sprawl and Its Impact on Your Licensing

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At House of Brick we regularly provide license based consulting across the SQL Server and Oracle database stacks. We have numerous blogs on the Oracle stack, but today we will be talking about SQL Server sprawl and its possible impact on licensing.

The term “SQL Sprawl” has been floating around the SQL community for a number of years, but for the purposes of this blog we will be defining it as “the SQL Server footprint within an organization having expanded beyond the IT department’s ability to manage, and/or the inventory (or lack thereof) of SQL Server is no longer a confident source of data”. This is typically termed as a License assessment.

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