



## **vSphere 5.5 Extended Support Ends in September 2020. Now What? Or So What?**

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I imagine those reading that title will be divided into two groups:

- Those that paid the vSphere 5.5 extended support fee out of fear of Oracle licensing consequences, and
- Everyone else that's wondering what this article is really about.

This [Micronauts post](#) lists the vSphere 5.5 Extended Support fee at \$300,000. I suppose the extended support fee acts as an incentive to upgrade to vSphere 6.x. If an organization's vSphere 5.5 Extended Support was motivated by Oracle licensing concerns, I'm confident that's dirty money that VMware didn't want.

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#### **[Common Pitfalls of a DB Cloud Migration - Part 1](#)**

by Nick Walter, Principal Architect

In my role with House of Brick, I have the opportunity to assist many of our clients with migrating their business-critical databases to the public cloud. While every client (and every migration plan) is unique, I've observed a trend of common mistakes, or misconceptions, about the process of

#### **[Common Pitfalls of a DB Cloud Migration - Part 2](#)**

by Nick Walter, Principal Architect

In part two, we focus on the topic of bandwidth, specifically bandwidth between on-premises data centers and public cloud platforms. There are a variety of means I've seen clients use to procure such bandwidth, whether using IPSEC VPN tunnels, AWS DirectConnect, or Azure

migrating to the cloud that occur again and again amongst my clients. Lately I've taken to reviewing these common pitfalls right at the beginning of migration planning, which has been successful in preventing my clients from experiencing issues that slow down or derail cloud migration plans.

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ExpressRoute. Regardless of the means of cloud connection, I have yet to see a client properly forecast the necessary bandwidth for a cloud migration. Everyone underestimates the bandwidth needed, and my goal today is to explain how and why, so others can avoid making a similar mistake.

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Presenter: Nick Walter, Principal Architect

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