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For more than 20 years, House of Brick has helped clients architect their database infrastructure while optimizing their vendor license spend, keeping compliance at the forefront.

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[House of Brick Launches New Website](#)

We invite you to check out House of Brick's new website. In addition to a new design, we worked to enhance search for our blogs, improve the visitor experience, and streamline our services pages.

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Blog

[Oracle RAC on AWS - The Licensing Question](#)

by Nick Walter, Principal Architect

There are ways to run Oracle Real Application Clusters (RAC) in an EC2 environment on Amazon Web Services (AWS), which have been available for years. What's much trickier is licensing it in a fashion that won't make your next Oracle license audit a painful exercise.

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[Oracle Expands Their Vendor Lock Attempt with Deprecation of Term License Options](#)

by Dave Welch, Chief Evangelist

We were informed by an Oracle partner that Oracle sent out an announcement September 1, 2020 deprecating the option to purchase licenses with two, three, four, and five year terms. Furthermore, the one-year term option has now been reduced to a short list of products.

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[Oracle's New Sales Tactic – SaaS Hosting Compliance](#)

by Nick Walter, Principal Architect

At House of Brick we are constantly hearing from our customers, and peers in the industry, about the latest tactics Oracle is using to try lock clients into expensive licensing deals. The latest tale to reach our ears is that Oracle is now trying to directly approach ISVs that are using AWS and attempt to intimidate them into immediate license sales ([here is a public example](#)).

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Podcast

[Scottish Government Story Featured on the Official AWS Podcast](#)

Episode Number: 391

Speakers: Simon Elisha, Jayaraman Vellore Sampathkumar, Neill Smith, Nick Walter

Hear how the Scottish Government migrated their on-premises datacenters to the cloud using VMware Cloud™ on AWS, with help from House of Brick and AWS. In this episode, Jayaraman Vellore Sampathkumar, Solutions Architect at AWS, is joined by Neill Smith, Head of Infrastructure, Scottish Government (ARE Directorate) and Nick Walter, Principal Architect, House of Brick, as they share their experience of leaving the datacenter and moving to the cloud.

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Events

[Licensing Oracle and SQL Server on vSphere \[HCP1634\]](#)

[VMworld Online](#) | Sept. 29 – Oct. 1

[Adopting Multi-Cloud Services with Confidence](#)

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Industry News



Gartner: 10 key security projects through 2021

CIOdive.com

As companies adapt to changes in March and what's anticipated for the next 12 months, Brian Reed, senior director analyst at Gartner, wants the focus on projects, not programs.

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AWS Introduces New EBS Volume io2 with Higher Durability and IOPS/GiB

InfoQ.com

AWS recently introduced a new provisioned IOPS volume type (io2) for high-performance databases and workloads that offers a durability of 99.999% and the ability to provision up to 500 IOPS for every GiB of storage.

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