

When is an Oracle Soft Audit by Cornerstone appropriate?



- You have multiple server installations of Oracle software – Possible server sprawl
- You use VM's for Oracle software installations
- You don't have automated tools in place to scan your Oracle footprint or a comprehensive license review process
- No or limited controls in place to monitor what Oracle options are activated
- Less than thorough understanding of complex Oracle licensing requirements
- You have received notice of an Oracle License Management Services (LMS) Audit – *Imminent need for Cornerstones Oracle License Soft Audit Service*

What does the Soft Audit process entail?

- Scans performed to identify all Oracle instances running & environment they are running on
- Scans performed for identification of all Oracle options that have been or are being utilized
- Soft audit artifact created
 - Install Environment details
 - License analysis – Install against actual licensing
 - Recommendations for license mitigation- Isolation / consolidation
- For Gaps that cannot be mitigated, provide lower cost compliance options



Case study

Subject:

A large multi-site installation utilizing numerous Oracle SE/EE Databases and several Oracle SaaS applications across numerous servers. Environment grown organically over a period of time with many different individuals involved over the years creating a complex licensing scenario. Scheduled to be Audited by LMS.

Findings:

High Audit Exposure: Incorrect number of base licenses, Un-licensed DB options, Removal several of unused DB/Options, Consolidation/Isolation opportunities.



Recommendations:

- Isolation / Consolidation of servers
 - Initial environment - 8 servers containing 18 databases requiring 32 EE database licenses
 - Mitigated environment - 3 servers containing 18 databases requiring 8 EE databases licenses
 - Reduction of need for 28 EE licenses
- Removal
 - Several server installations & software identified for removal/retirement
- License Gaps
 - Several Enterprise edition DB's running on clustered and non-clustered VMware servers with unlicensed tuning and diagnostic packs. These licenses could be purchased at discounted rate to become compliant.

Savings:

In excess of **1.7 M** in hard license costs
+ Support & reduced potential penalties

