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NO CLOUD**

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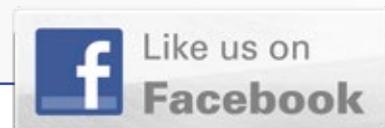
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Just imagine – a cloud shaped for you

One of the most beautiful things about clouds, whether real or digital, is that they can be any shape you can imagine. But when it comes to cloud computing, you need to make the right choices to find the perfect fit for your business.

Right applications, right platform, right infrastructure

Every business can benefit from the power, affordability and flexibility of Oracle's cloud-based applications. They cover every essential business process from sales, marketing and customer service, to resource planning and HR. But great applications also need a great foundation. We deliver that too.

For example, Oracle Infrastructure-as-a-Service delivers hardware and support for a monthly fee, with no upfront investment required. You get the same security and control you have with onsite IT. But you also benefit from the flexibility of Capacity on Demand, so you only use and pay for peak capacity when you really need it.

Similarly, Oracle Platform-as-a-Service enables application developers to build brilliant apps in the cloud, which is much



faster and less expensive than using siloed onsite technology stacks.

Finally, Oracle also offers access to the world's favourite database, Oracle Database 12c as a cloud-based service. You can choose the configuration, select a management model, and have everything up and running right away.

This edition of Oracle ONE Magazine shows you how to use our complete range of integrated systems, software and solutions to deliver a cloud that does exactly what you need it to, at a price that's right for your organisation.

We hope you find it useful.

Is your ERP good enough to eat?

After merging two business units, Dutch food product manufacturer Smilde Foods wanted to unify all its business software onto a single Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) platform.

It implemented a packaged Oracle Accelerate solution for midsize businesses, and deployed a range of Oracle products including Oracle JD Edwards Enterprise One and Oracle Business Intelligence Suite.

The results? Significantly increased business process efficiency, reduced financial risk, and optimised IT management and maintenance costs.

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You're always on the go – so why isn't your BI?

OK, so modern mobile devices make it easier to stay productive on the move. But you can't really access all your critical business KPIs and use them to run your business like you do in the office, right?

WRONG! Oracle Business Intelligence Mobile gives you a full range of BI functionality, from interactive dashboards to location intelligence, and lets you initiate business processes directly from your mobile device.

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What do you mean you don't have any cloud heroes?

Your developers are building exciting new apps. But they aren't arriving fast enough, and your costs are spiralling upwards. You need a superhero to save the day. But where are you going to find one?

Actually, you already have several. Because the superheroes ARE your developers – if you give them the tools they need to harness their powers.

Oracle Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS) turns your developers into true cloud heroes by providing:

- Ease-of-use and support for familiar developer languages and tools
- Enterprise technologies for best-in-class performance, reliability and security
- Open standards to avoid application lock-in
- Integration with the industry's most complete software, database and Infrastructure-as-a-Service (IaaS) solutions

Not only that, Oracle PaaS and IaaS are pay-as-you-go, requiring zero upfront investment. Faster, more cost-effective and highly efficient app development that gives your organisation a competitive advantage: Now that's heroic!

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Your data deserves better

Do you like settling for second best? We didn't think so. But that outlook should also apply to your IT – especially the way you manage your data. The security, efficiency and success of your organisation could depend on it.

Oracle Database 12c Enterprise Edition delivers new levels of database efficiency, security, performance and availability. Plus, it's designed to plug your organisation into the cloud, helping you keep pace with the real-time challenges of modern business.

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What have databases got to do with apartment blocks?

Just as an apartment block has multiple self-contained units, your IT infrastructure has multiple, self-contained databases. Usually, they need to be managed, updated and maintained individually. That's a lot of work.

Oracle Multitenant, a new feature of Oracle Database 12c, lets you consolidate multiple databases onto a single server and manage them as one.

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Good things come in small packages – even databases!

Do you think 'complexity' when you hear the word 'database'? You shouldn't. Why? Because this is the age of the database appliance. We're talking about a database-in-a-box containing a server, software, storage and networking resources that – because they are engineered to work together – save you time and money.

In fact, the Oracle Database Appliance will save your IT department up to 2,000 hours of labour over a three-year period. It also delivers the combination of high availability and low administration effort that midsize organisations with limited resources need. It even features a scalable pay-as-you-grow licensing model that ensures your costs are always under control.

So, when a solution like that is available, why would you even consider trying to build your own database management environment?

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That would have been a great decision – 2 hours ago

You know that business has never moved faster than it does today. That means making the right decisions before someone else does is more of a competitive advantage than ever.

Database In-Memory, a key feature of Oracle Database 12c, helps you create the insight you need for great decision-making in seconds, rather than hours or days. And better decisions made in real-time help you lower costs, improve productivity, and win in your marketplace.

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YOU HIRED HIM? BIG MISTAKE.

Only 15% of HR's time is spent strategically. That figure might even be lower in fast growing organisations that need more people, right now. After all, you don't have time to think about Human Capital Management (HCM) strategy when you just need to get customer orders filled, right?

However, without a strategy and the technology to support it, a lot of things can go wrong. You hire the wrong people. The good people you have start leaving. And pretty soon you have a smaller, underperforming workforce instead of a larger, stellar one.

Oracle HCM Cloud for Midsize Companies helps you attract, retain and grow the right talent for your business.

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You're selling like crazy. So why is nobody buying?

There is a one-word answer: disconnection. Many digital marketing solutions are all technology and no communication. Marketers can't identify the best target audiences. And customers don't get a joined up experience. That's why most organisations never deliver on their promise of 'customer focus'. And sales suffer as a result.

The Oracle Marketing Cloud is different. It's the only Modern Marketing Cloud



solution that integrates cross-channel, content, and social marketing with data management. It allows you to find and develop your ideal customers by personalising your marketing. The results are measured in increased engagement, advocacy and revenue.

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Serious storage for database lovers



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Your accounting system just broke down. Time to move it to the cloud!

Sooner or later, basic accounting software always breaks under the strain of rapid growth. So, what comes next? Big, expensive onsite accounting software that you might have to replace again in a few years?

There is an alternative – log in to a cloud-based solution that will grow with your business, no matter how big it gets. Here are 5 signs that you are ready to take that step:

1. You're growing really fast
2. Your systems can't keep up
3. Reporting and compliance fulfilment take forever
4. You're going global
5. You need more business transparency and insight

Do two or more of these apply to your business? Then it's time to take a look at Oracle's cloud-based ERP and Enterprise Performance Management (EPM) solutions.

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It's here – solar power for your cloud!

Look out of your window – see clouds? They wouldn't be there without the sun. And, if you're looking for world-class security, guaranteed availability and simplified management for your IT cloud, you also need your own 'sun' in the background – Oracle Solaris.



Oracle Solaris 11.2 offers new enhancements that make the world's first true cloud operating system even better. For example, what was already one of the most secure offerings on the market now provides protection that meets key industry and de facto security standards. The result: your most critically sensitive services are safeguarded.

And there's even better news: With Oracle Solaris 11.2, your existing applications are instantly cloud ready – no additional work required!

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Still debating a move to the cloud? Step it up!

Every great journey starts with the first step. In terms of cloud computing, that step is consolidating your databases within a private cloud. Your benefits? Higher performance, availability and security, plus reduced costs.

Oracle's cloud infrastructure features servers, storage, networking fabric and software, all engineered to work together. It's the perfect private cloud foundation.

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Oracle infrastructure refresh reduces Council's costs by over £60k

Oracle Platinum Partner, Esteem designed and installed an Oracle infrastructure refresh for Newcastle City Council, which provided them with real cost savings, as well as increasing their platforms capability and performance. The new estate of Oracle T5-2 and T4-1 servers resulted in a reduction in the council's rack space by 58%. This in turn reduced the council's datacentre power and cooling costs, providing a cost saving for the council of over £68,000 over a five year support contract. Esteem had implemented the council's previous infrastructure, and so fully understood their business and

IT requirements. This knowledge enabled them to successfully complete one of the largest virtualisation projects within a tight four month timescale.

» **To find out more contact Esteem on contact@esteem.co.uk or call us on 01937 861 000**

Managed services saves local council over £500k

Working with Oracle Platinum Partner, Esteem, Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council saved over half a million pounds with a virtualised and managed IT infrastructure. Esteem designed, built and implemented the new Oracle Infrastructure, optimized by engineering a solution built on the complete Oracle 'Red stack', including servers, databases, middleware and storage. At the same time as upgrading their infrastructure, Knowsley contracted for a managed service agreement with Esteem, allowing Knowsley to deliver against their business objectives by removing the requirement for in-house management of their Oracle infrastructure. This included the management of Knowsley's Oracle databases – making sure data and applications are performing at an optimum level.

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