

Oracle's Aggressive Audit Tactics Draw Increasing Media Attention

A recent article published by *Business Insider* ([here](#)) is the latest in a run of recent media attention (more [here](#)) that Oracle has received regarding the software audit practices of its License Management Services (LMS) compliance arm, writes Christopher Barnett in Scott & Scott's Oracle Audit Blog. In particular, the article details how Oracle's sales teams may use the weight of oppressive LMS audit findings to drive customers toward the recurring-revenue business model embodied by Oracle's expanding cloud services.

"The 'enthusiasm' with which LMS pursues undeserved windfalls from previously loyal customers is nearly legendary," the blog post says. "The Business Insider article describes the LMS tactic of determining that all hosts in a VMware cluster must be licensed to capacity for an Oracle technology product – even if there is only one VM running the product on a single host in the cluster – simply because Oracle does not recognize VMware as an approved 'hard partitioning technology.' "

Read the blog post.