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Oracle's Java Licensing
Change Can Cost Companies
Millions

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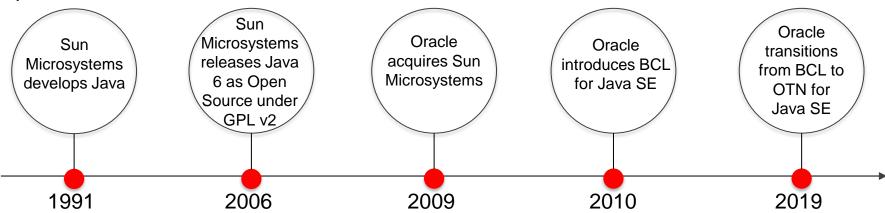
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### Oracle Java Licensing Changes

#### Up to 2019



- Following the Sun Microsystems acquisition:
  - Java was licensed under the clickthrough Binary Code License Agreement (BCL) up to 4/16/19.
    - Permitted Java usage: "designing, developing, and testing".
    - Separate Java SE Advanced Desktop, Java SE Advanced, and Java SE Suite license\* required for usage of Commercial Features "for any commercial or production purpose".
  - During this period, common Oracle practice was to not audit its end users' Java usage or contact them regarding their Java deployments.
  - Oracle Technology Network License Agreement for Oracle Java SE (OTN) replaced BCL.
    - "Development Use" permitted. Commercial or production use requires a subscription license.

<sup>\*</sup> Technology price list as of 10/1/18 referenced. Starting January 2019 perpetual Java licenses were removed from this price list.





### Oracle Java Licensing Changes continued

#### 2019

#### Java SE Subscription

- Used to license servers
- Processor metric
- Oracle's Partitioning Policy\* can impact the Processor count due to hard and soft partitioning

#### Java SE Desktop Subscription

- Used to license endpoints
- Named User Plus metric

Customers had the leverage in negotiations by being able to limit their Java deployments and control subscription costs.

#### 2023

#### Java SE Universal Subscription

- Used to license both servers and endpoints
- Employee metric
  - "(i) all of Your full-time, part-time, temporary employees, and (ii) all of the full-time employees, part-time employees and temporary employees of Your agents, contractors, outsourcers, and consultants that support Your internal business operations".\*\*
  - Number of actual Java users does not matter
- Once Java is licensable, the entire Employee population determines the subscription cost.
- Oracle takes control of negotiations.
- \* https://www.oracle.com/assets/partitioning-070609.pdf
- \*\* https://www.oracle.com/assets/java-se-subscription-pricelist-5028356.pdf





### Impact to Oracle Java End Users

| Company                             | Α        | В         | С           |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| Employee count                      | 400      | 2000      | 9500        |
| Processor count                     | 32       | 512       | 1024        |
| Named User Plus count               | 25       | 550       | 1500        |
| 2019 subscription model total cost* | \$10,350 | \$139,380 | \$251,040   |
| 2023 subscription model total cost* | \$72,000 | \$288,000 | \$1,197,000 |
| Cost increase                       | \$61,650 | \$148,620 | \$945,960   |
| % of increase                       | 596%     | 107%      | 377%        |

<sup>\*</sup>The above hypothetical scenarios assume a 1 year subscription, calculated as follows:

2019 subscription model total cost = Processor count x monthly tier price x 12 months + Named User Plus count x monthly tier price x 12 months

2023 subscription model total cost = Employee count x monthly tier price x 12 months





### Oracle Java Cost Saving Strategies

- Determine potential licensing exposure
  - Review Java deployment for licensable Java:
    - Commercial (production) usage
    - Versions from 8.0.211 on
  - Some Oracle products (e.g. WebLogic, E-Business Suite) and 3<sup>rd</sup> party applications cover Java licensing.
- Alternatives to separately licensing Java
  - Migrate off Oracle Java to an alternate programming language (e.g. JavaScript, Python).
  - Deploy OpenJDK or 3<sup>rd</sup> party Java based on OpenJDK (e.g. Adoptium, Amazon Corretto).
  - Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI) includes Java.
  - Deploy Java Long-Term-Support (LTS) releases (17, 21) available under No-Fee Terms and Conditions (NFTC) license for 1 year after release of subsequent LTS, after which an LTS is licensed under the OTN.
    - 17: Released in 9/21. As the next LTS (21) will be released in 9/23,17 will be covered until 9/24 (3 years).
    - 21: NFTC coverage timeframe can be confirmed after Oracle posts the next LTS release date.\*
- Non-Standard Request (NSR)
  - Existing Java subscribers may renew under their prior terms and metrics.
  - New subscribers have a chance to license under the prior subscription models through submission and Oracle approval of an NSR with proper justification.

<sup>\*</sup> Java release dates specified at https://www.oracle.com/java/technologies/java-se-support-roadmap.html.





## **Q & A**





