

Dear SAP DB Customer,

SAP is pleased to announce our recently completed partnership agreement with MySQL AB. This initiative is designed to strengthen and enhance our support for open source databases. Under the terms of this agreement, we will deliver the next generation of enterprise scale, open source database management systems based on SAP DB. We will combine the enterprise class DBMS technology of SAP DB with the open source popularity of MySQL.

MySQL is the world's most popular open source database and is used in an estimated four million installations around the world, powering Web sites, data warehouses, business applications, logging systems, and more. Each day, the product is downloaded from the company's Web site (www.mysql.com) approximately 30,000 times.

For existing SAP DB customers nothing will change. SAP remains faithfully committed to provide ongoing support and development for your SAP DB installations. The only difference you will notice is that externally, the current SAP DB product will be renamed under a MySQL branding.

In a multi-year development effort, SAP and MySQL AB plan to jointly build the next generation of a MySQL DBMS. MySQL AB will take the primary responsibility for development and product management of this new product. Product support will evolve into a tiered approach between the two companies. Until that time, SAP will continue to take primary responsibility for development and support for the rebranded SAP DB product.

SAP has entered into this agreement for the primary benefit of our customers and the future benefit of the SAP DB product. MySQL AB delivers product focus and access to the world's largest open source DBMS community. SAP DB customers will continue to enjoy the benefits of an enterprise-class open source DBMS and the perspective of a quickly growing community of MySQL end users, consultants, DBMS service companies and independent software vendors.

We look forward to keeping you updated with continued developments in the coming months. If you have further questions please do not hesitate to contact Rudolf Munz, Senior Vice President, GBU Development Platforms via email at: rudolf.munz@sap.com

Kind regards,
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