

MySQL Seen as a Buyout Target

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As the world of software consolidates and open-source programs become more popular, some observers think MySQL is the company most likely to be acquired by a software giant.

Cupertino, California-based MySQL is a provider of open-source database software that is becoming a cheap and viable alternative to proprietary software companies like IBM and Oracle.

Because MySQL's code base is open-sourced—meaning acquired through a community of developers worldwide—does not require expensive license fees like proprietary software.

Speaking at the Red Herring Spring Conference in Monterey, California, on Thursday, a panel of industry experts recognized MySQL as a potential target in the industry consolidation.

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