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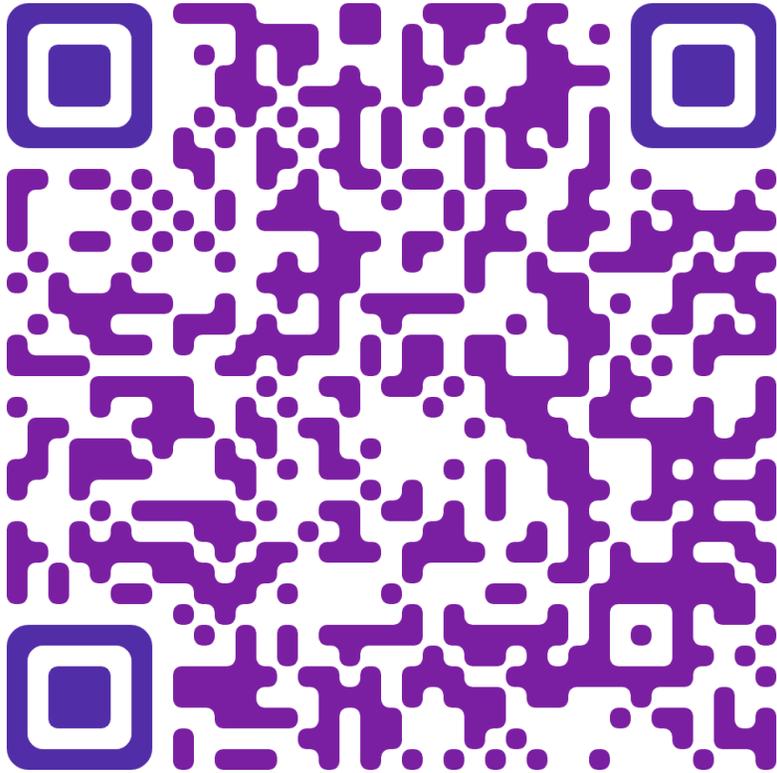
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WE ARE HIRING

We are **hiring**.
Check our openings.



Current openings include:

- Senior Software Engineer (PostgreSQL)
- Support Engineer (PostgreSQL)
- Platform Engineer
- ...and more!



State of Open Source Databases



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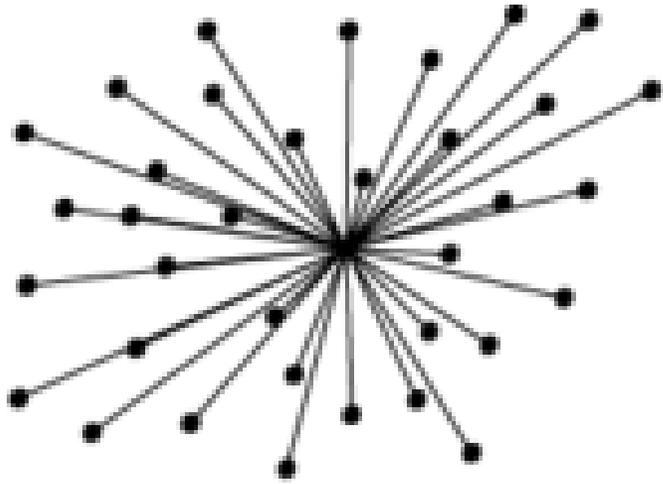
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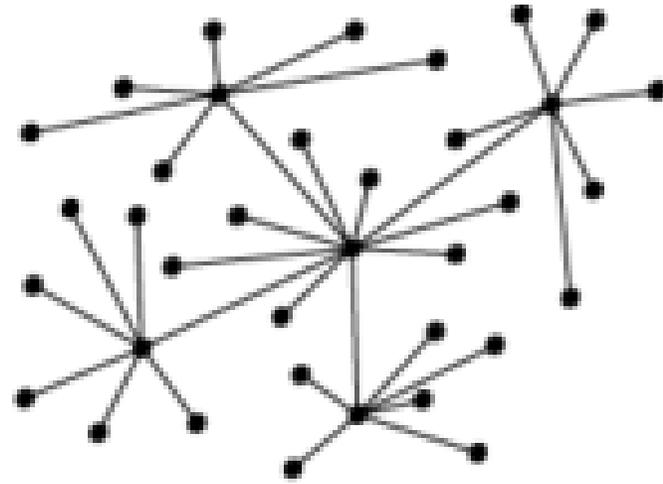


A glowing lightbulb is the central focus, set against a background of a sunset or sunrise. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the bottom to a bright orange and yellow at the top. The lightbulb is illuminated from within, casting a warm glow. The word "Innovation" is written in a clean, white, sans-serif font across the middle of the image. On the left side, there is a vertical orange bar, and on the right side, there is a vertical white bar.

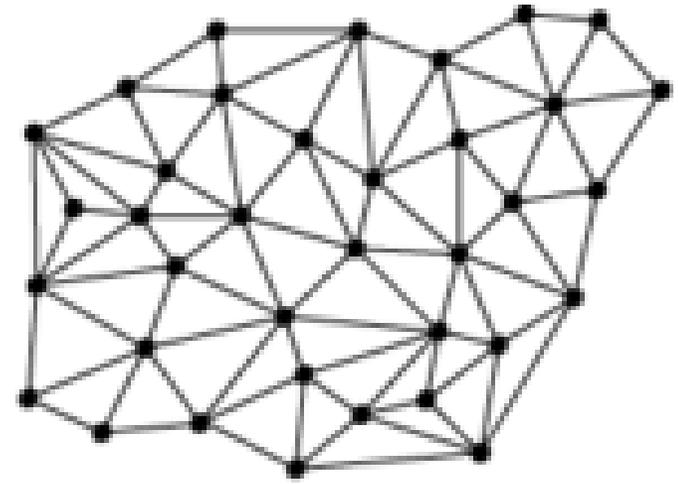
Innovation



centralised



decentralised



distributed

Distributed Databases



Separation of Storage and Compute

Serverless



A pink winged unicorn with a rider on a beach at sunset. The unicorn is pink with large, light pink wings and a long, flowing pink mane. It has blue and white floral patterns on its legs. The rider is a blonde girl with a crown, wearing a green and white dress. They are on a sandy beach with waves in the background under a sunset sky.

HTAP – Hybrid Transactional Analytical Processing



Data Pipelines

Multiple Databases

Microservices

Developers Authority

Cloud



**Not just Relational
Any More**



Time Series



Graph



Data Structures

Different Models



Multi-Model

Some Databases Support Multiple Data Models, Some even Talk Different Languages/Protocols



Vector Search

**Technology Supporting building
applications which use AI**



AI Algorithms do not work with words and Images inside



They work with Vectors



Objects encoded to Vector form called "Embeddings"



Finding Similar Vectors is a key task



Traditional Database Algorithms do not handle it well

What's Up with Vectors

<https://manticoresearch.com/blog/vector-search-in-databases/>

Specific Tasks



Pattern Recognition



Semantic Search



RAG – “Retrieval Augmented
Generation”

Vector search support in databases

Opensource vector dbs

Milvus	2019
Vespa	2020
Weaviate	2021
Qdrant	2022

Opensource dbs and search engines

PostgreSQL	2021
Lucene	2021
Opensearch	2022
Redis	2022
SOLR	2022
Cassandra	2023
Typesense	2023
Clickhouse	2023
Manticore Search	2023
Meilisearch	2023
MariaDB	In progress
MySQL	Not yet

Non-open source dbs

Elasticsearch	2019
Oracle	2023
MongoDB	2023

Clouds

Pinecone	2019
Amazon Elasticsearch / Opensearch	2020
Google Cloud Platform	2021
Alibaba Cloud AnalyticDB	2023
Azure	2023
Amazon DocumentDB	2023
Cloudflare Vectorize	2023



What Is the Biggest
Factor Impacting
Open Source Now?

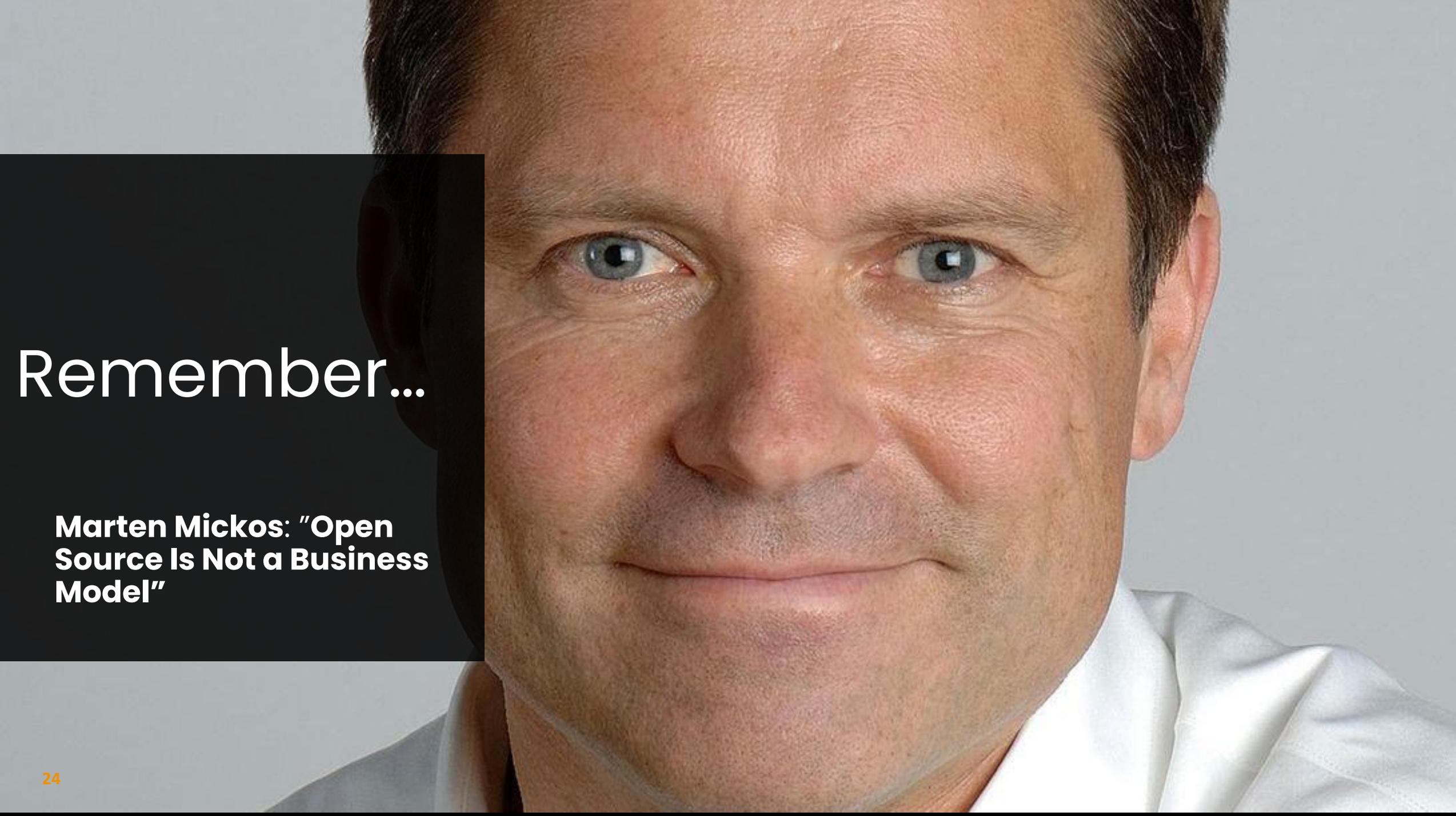
Many will Say:
Cloud



**Maximize and
Simplify
Adoption**

**Change
Opportunities
for Monetization**

Cloud Impact

A close-up portrait of Marten Mickos, a man with short dark hair and blue eyes, wearing a light-colored suit jacket and a white shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a plain, light gray.

Remember...

Marten Mickos: "Open Source Is Not a Business Model"

Open Source Ownership and Governance

- Foundation Driven (Multiple Vendors)
- Single Vendor Driven



**CLOUD HELPS TO
ACCELERATE ADOPTION**



**CLOUD CHANGES WHO
CAPTURES THE VALUE**

Foundation Based Open Source



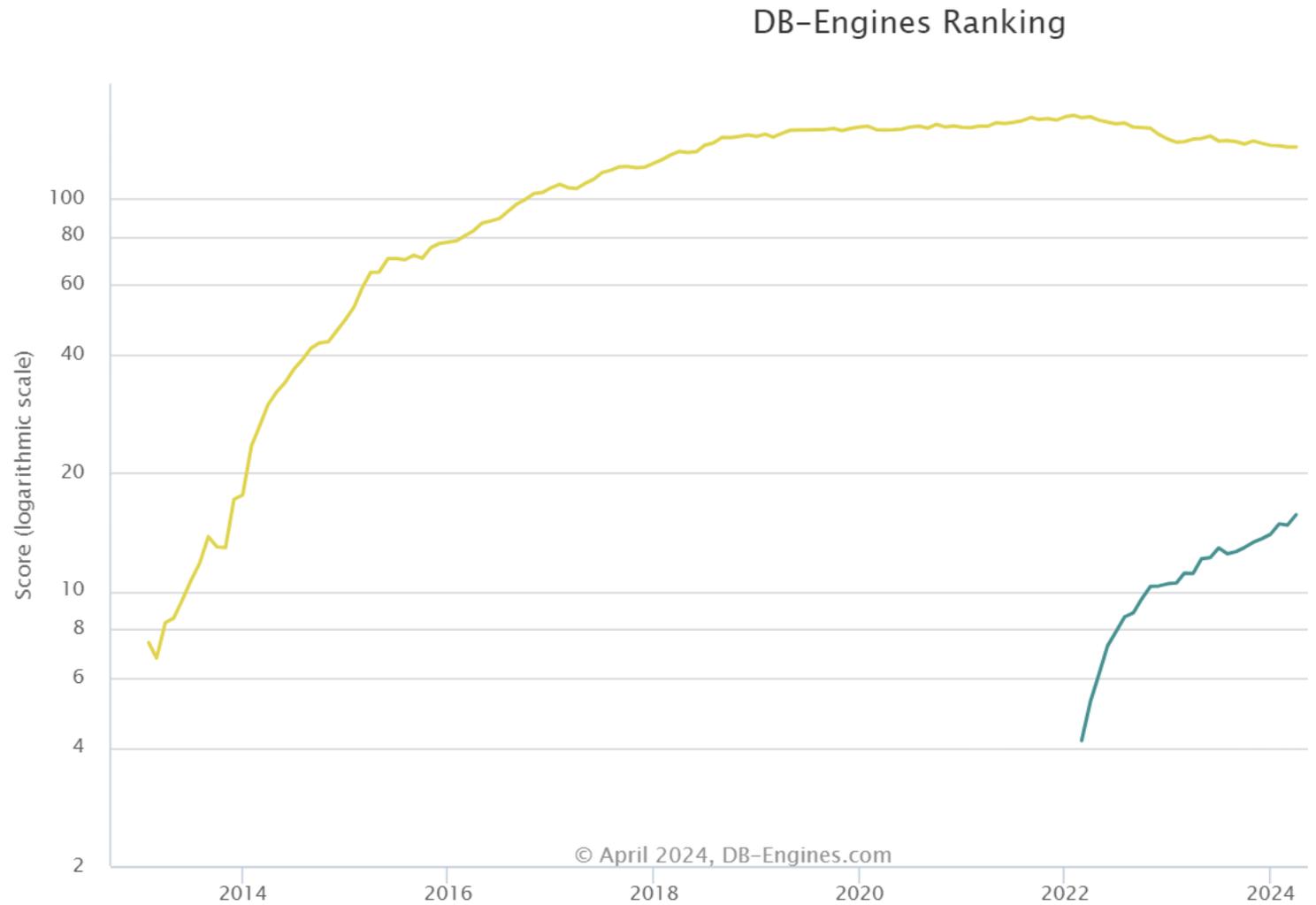
Single Vendor

- Tend to Be Venture Funded or Public Companies
- Feared of Competition with Cloud Vendors

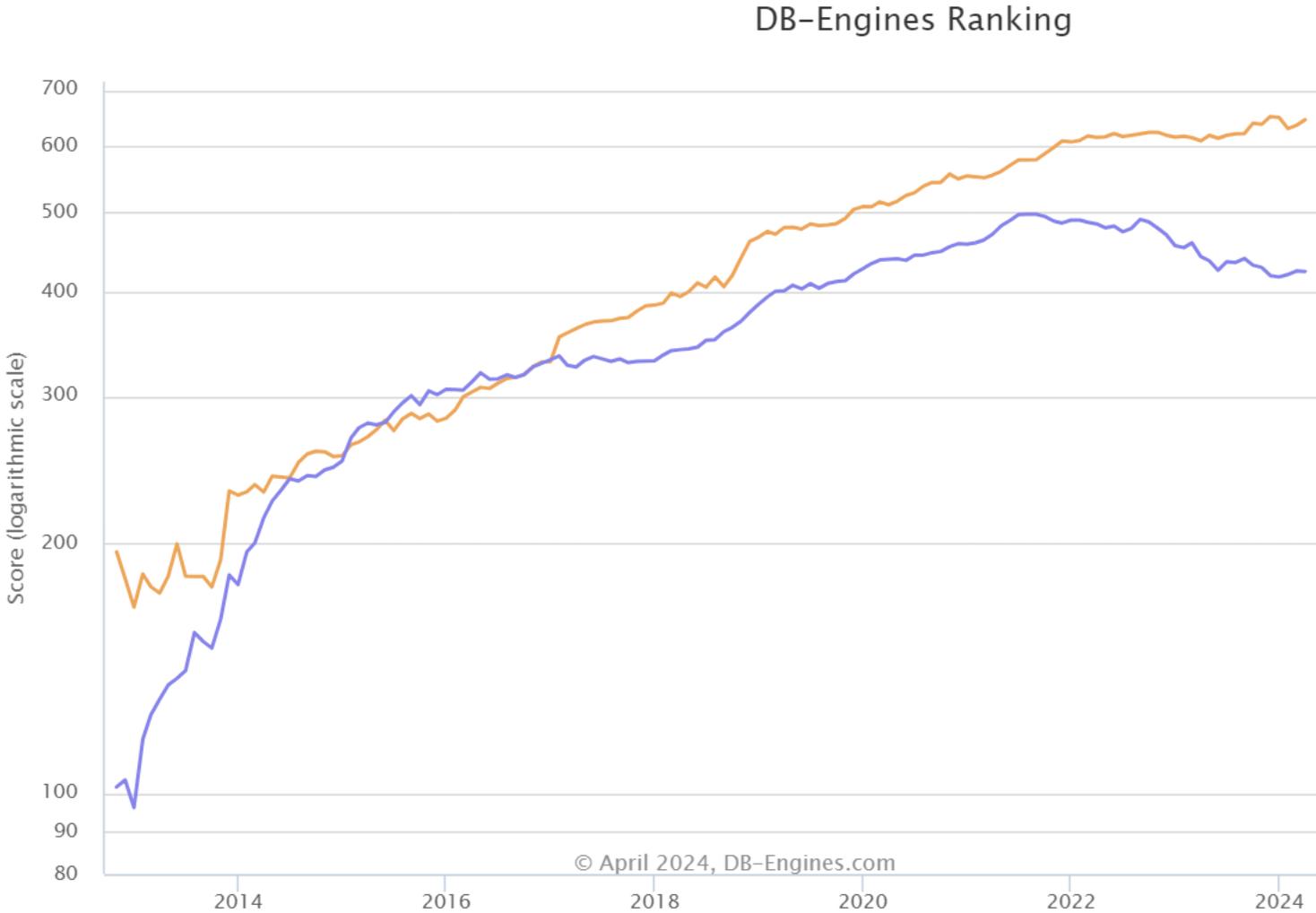
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Open Source
Licenses



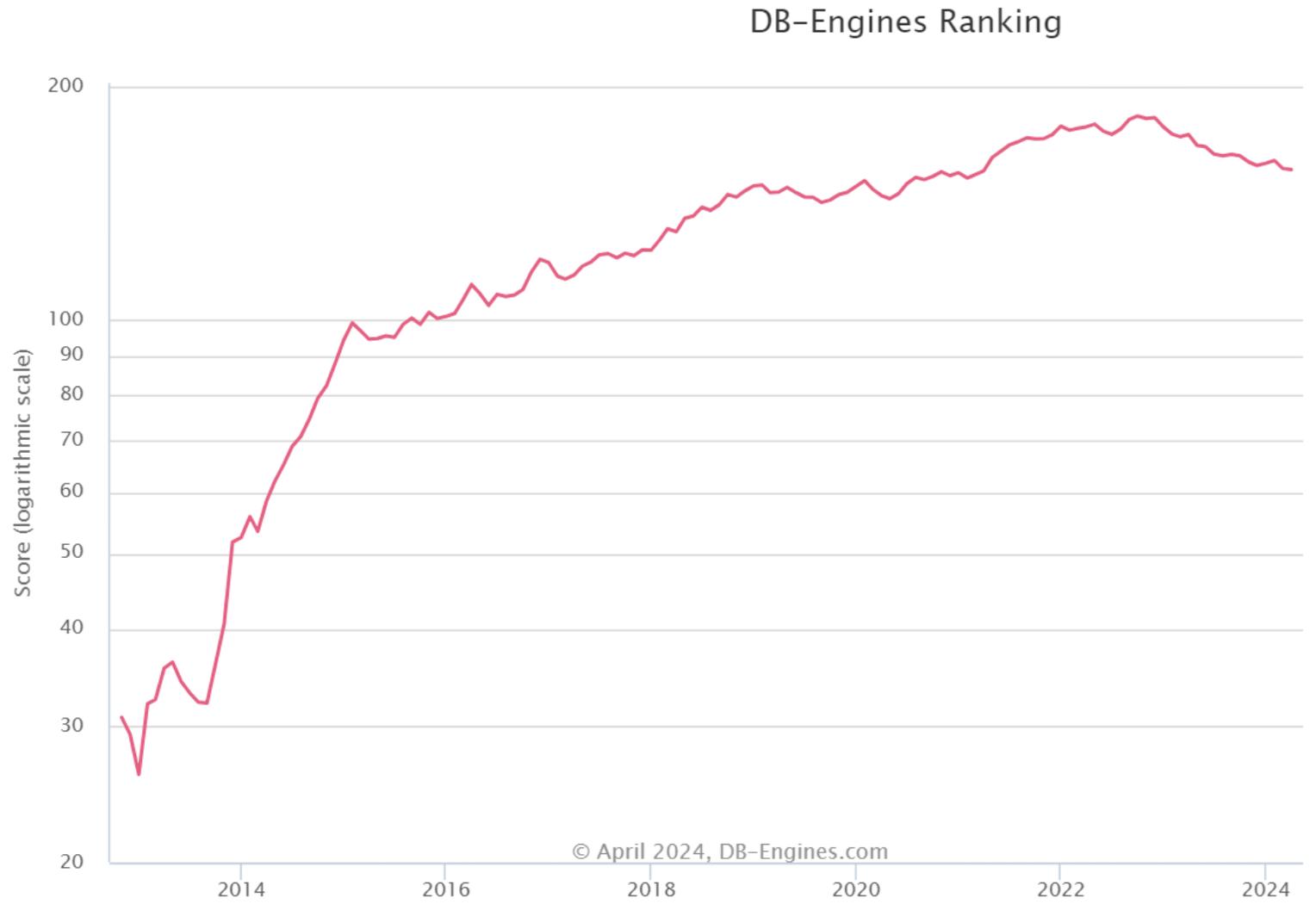
Elastic vs OpenSearch after Licence Change



MongoDB vs PostgreSQL



Redis



Linux Foundation is Stepping Up!

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The Register®

DATABASES

Linux Foundation marshals support for open source alternative to Redis

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Follows the vendor's decision to overhaul licensing of the popular cache database

 Lindsay Clark

Wed 3 Apr 2024 // 11:15 UTC



Cloud giants AWS, Google, and Oracle have come out in support of a Linux Foundation open source fork of Redis, the popular in-memory database frequently used as a cache, following changes to its licensing.

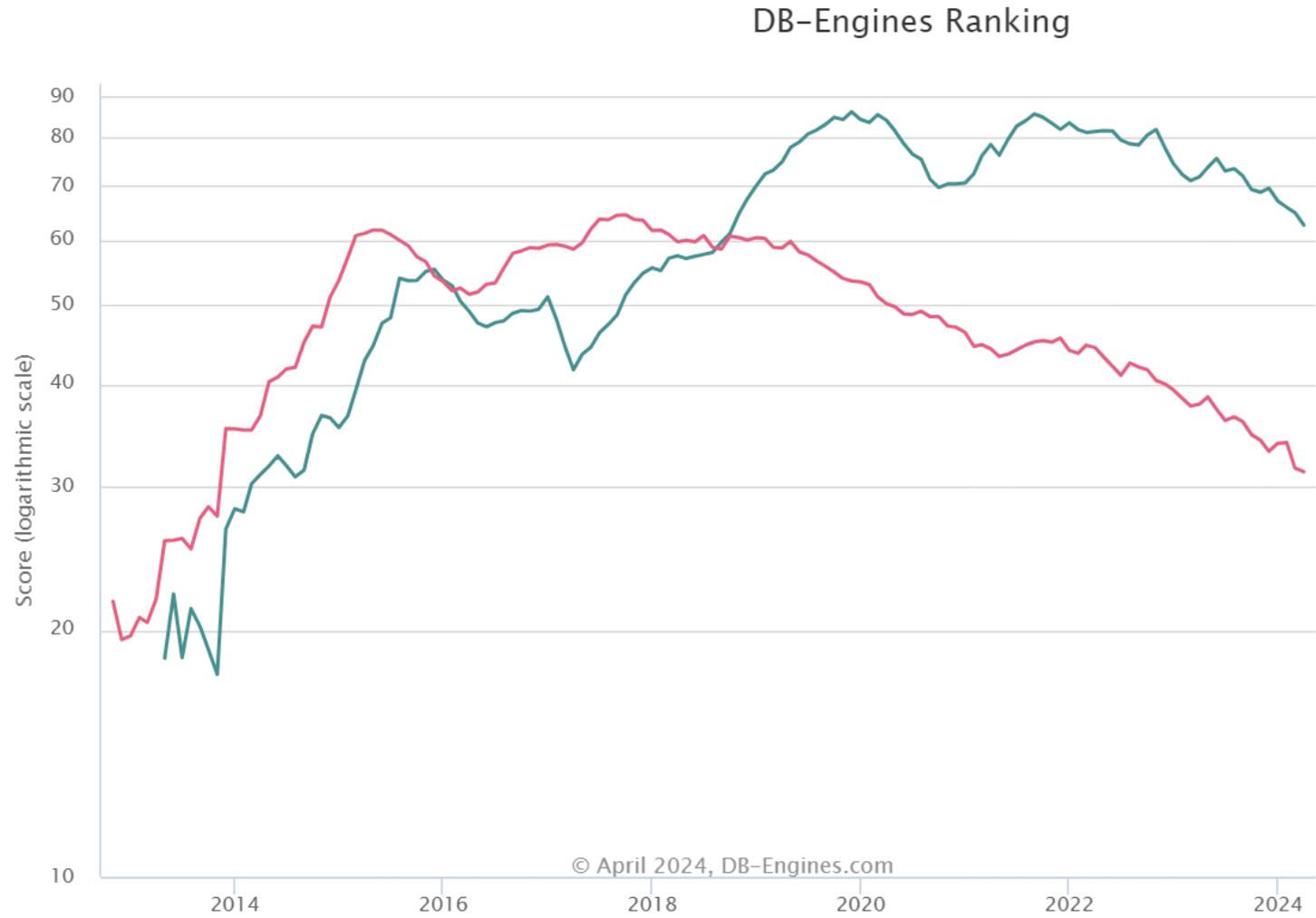
Last month, [Redis confirmed it was shifting its main key-value store system to a dual-license approach](#), imposing far more restrictive terms. Previously, the source code was available under the Berkeley Software Distribution (BSD) 3-clause license, which allows developers to make commercial use of the code without paying.

https://www.theregister.com/2024/04/03/open_source_redis_alternative/

Percona Joins the Effort!



Hive (Blue) and HBase





Primary Goal of the License Change?

- **Creating Monopoly on DBaaS Market**



STATE OF ART SIMPLICITY



**HIGH LEVEL OF
AUTOMATION**



**MAXIMIZES DEVELOPERS
FOCUS ON APPLICATION**

Why DBaaS?

What Is the
Problem with
Monopoly on
DBaaS?

MONOPOLY



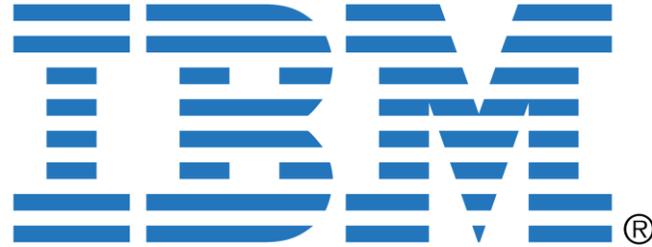
No Different from Proprietary Software

Using DBaaS is a very different skill compared to rolling your own database setup



DBaaS Vendor Lock-In

It may not be so painful **now**, but it is going to be painful in the **future**



History Lesson

**Oracle used to Save its customer from IBM
Hardware Lock-in with Mainframe computers**



Why Data is Special

Moving Data is Expensive. Moving Lots of Data is Very Expensive – Principle of Data Gravity Applies

Not All Is Lost



Have We
Been Here
Before?

2000s



2020s



Operating
Systems



Open Source Catches Up Again



- **Lock-in with Cloud Vendor**
- **Use Proprietary Solutions**
- **Highly Differentiated Cloud**
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**CLOUD NATIVE
COMPUTING FOUNDATION**

- **Freedom to Run Anywhere**
- **Use Open Source**
- **Cloud Is Commodity**
- **Customer**
- **Choice of Vendors**

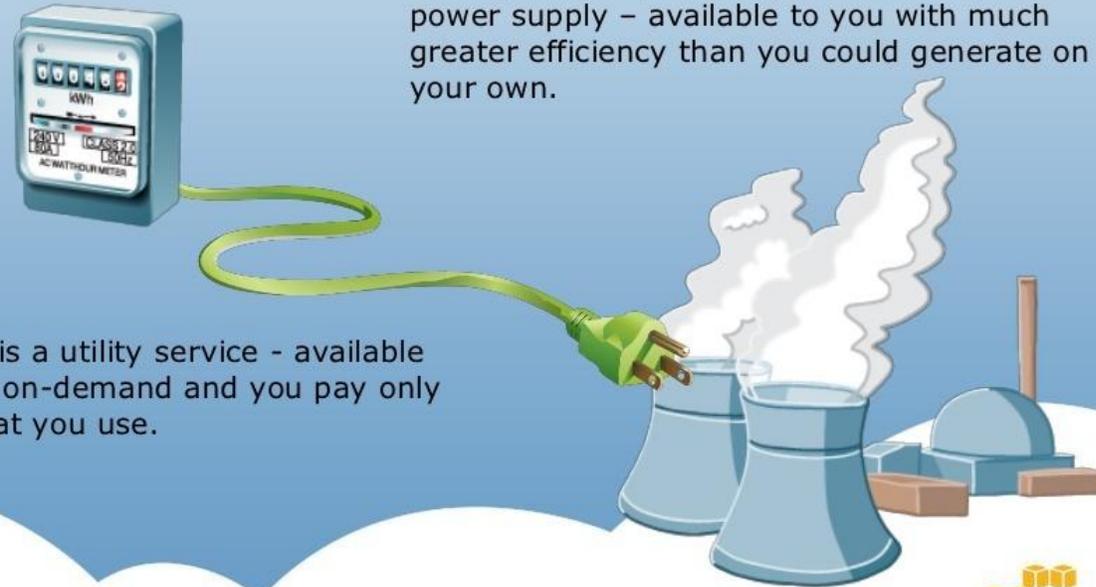


Giving Cloud Its Originally Intended Role of Commodity Infrastructure

What is Cloud Computing?

An analogy: think of electricity services...

You simply plug into a vast electrical grid managed by experts to get a low cost, reliable power supply – available to you with much greater efficiency than you could generate on your own.



Power is a utility service - available to you on-demand and you pay only for what you use.



Kubernetes



kubernetes

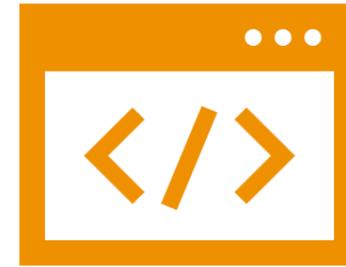
Kubernetes is universally available

Kubernetes is getting better for stateful applications

Kubernetes Operators are available for most popular Open Source Databases



**Day 1 and Day 2 Automation, Toil
Reduction Similar to DBaaS**



**UX is Different, Requires
Kubernetes Expertise**

What's Up with Kubernetes Operators?

Can We Build
DBaaS on
Kubernetes?



Database as a Service.

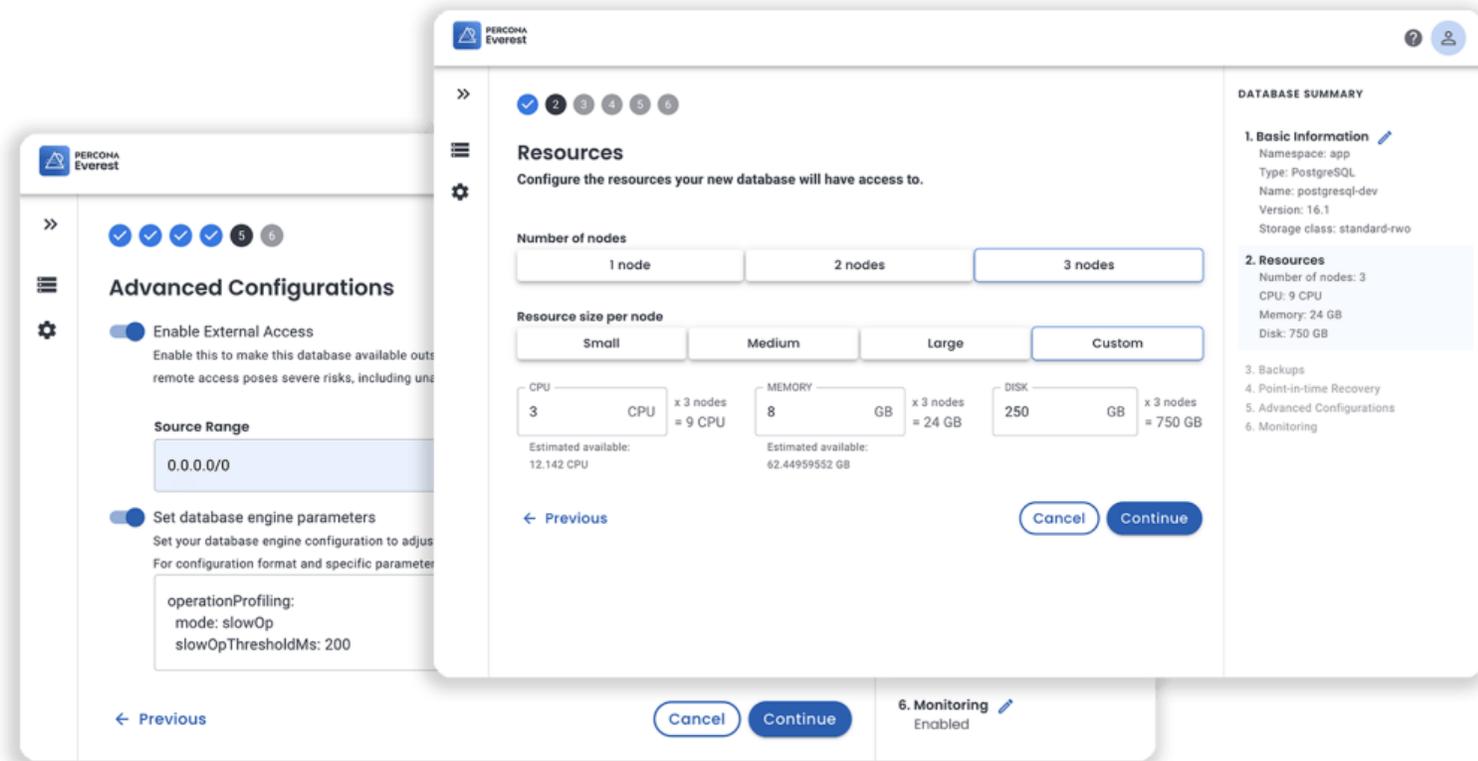


kubernetes

Many
Modern
DBaaS are
Built on
Kubernetes
Operators



Open Source DBaaS Experience with Percona Everest



Summary



**Fantastic Pace
Innovation**



**Evolving Open
Source Models**



Great Future

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