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To: General Red Hat Linux discussion list <redhat-list@redhat.com>

Rodolfo J. Paiz wrote:

> *On Sun, 2004-09-19 at 18:56, Otto Haliburton wrote:*

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>>> *I was wondering if there is anyway of running MS Access and Red Hat 9*

>>> *?? This computer is set up as a Server so I'm running Apache with Perl,*

>>> *Python, ASP, ASP.NET, PHP, JSP. So basically some ASP and ASP.NET*

>>> *scripts need Access or SQL as Database.*

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> *If all you need is "...Access or SQL..." will *any* SQL database work?*

> *Or do you *need* Microsoft applications?*

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> *If any SQL will help, Red Hat Linux and Fedora have included MySQL and*

> *PostgreSQL for ages. Both are free and work well. Oracle also runs on*

> *Linux as does IBM's DB2. Basically everything made by everyone except*

> *Microsoft runs on Linux.*

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> *Perhaps this is a good time to invest in a database migration?*

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> *Cheers,*

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I'd like to add as it seems many don't know this. If you plan on using MySQL in a commercial environment you need to purchase a commercial license. For a server environment this is pretty cheap. The last time I had someone purchase one it was like \$400-500 US. If anyone ever needs a database for their distributed applications I would advise them to not build on mysql because for every distrobution of the database server one has to purchase a commercial license to be legal.

We checked into this with the MySQL US people and the closest we could get was \$50 US per copy of the database on the CD. We ship many CDs. We purchased Sybase SQL Anywhere for our standalone engine. It has a server side and a redistributable engine. I think in the future we may be looking to use Firebird as it is very nice. I would also like to add that the Sybase SQL Anywhere server is very compatible (not completely)

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with Microsoft SQL Server except for server specific tasks like backing up a database and what not.

Just a little extra info.

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