State of the MySQL Community

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ORACLE
What has changed already
What will change soon
What won’t change

with

as steward of MySQL?
Back at UC 2009 ...

What hasn’t changed with MySQL

Jetlagged from transatlantic travel, I woke up in the middle of the Californian night thinking about what has changed since I arrived at the MySQL Conference in Santa Clara on Sunday evening. I was pondering all the questions MySQL users and Sun colleagues were asking at the event, and what the user base was thinking out loud on Twitter yesterday.

What has changed is obviously that Sun Microsystems and Oracle announced they have entered into a definitive agreement under which Oracle will acquire Sun.

What further changes we will see as a result of that is a different story. Evidently, I don’t sit in with a crystal ball predicting what will happen next. Nor do I have insight into Oracle’s plans for MySQL, once the deal is closed. Nor am I even in a position to comment upon the acquisition, so I won’t do it.

However, what I do know and what I can say is what has not changed with MySQL:

1. There still is a huge base of MySQL users out there. They have economic interests that are independent of whoever owns MySQL. The users in the MySQL community come in all flavors, ranging from casual users to those who intimately know the inner workings of MySQL and have contributed to the code base.

2. There still is a huge talent pool of MySQL experts in Sun Microsystems, in Support, in Consulting, in Training, in Engineering, in other parts of Sun. They have a strong loyalty towards the MySQL users they have served over many years.

3. MySQL is still licensed under the GPL. The GPL license used to form a safety net for the users not certain about whether MySQL AB would follow the spirit of Open Source. It continued to be so with Sun Microsystems. And the Open Source license continues to be so with Oracle.
Nearly a year of an exceptional state called **Business As Usual**

Google Alert = news

Ridiculous claims yet: No Comments
Personal advantages:

- some time off
- founding a religion

... using social media running MySQL
Back in Orlando 2008 ...

Short uncertainty: mid Jan to end Feb
Predicting the future 2009


Will there be significant performance improvements?

New features?

Bug fixes?

Code contributions?

Successful forks?
What won’t change


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Oh and by the way ...

... Oracle has a few DB experts, too.

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Forum: Berkeley DB High Availability (Replication)

Evaluating Berkeley DB High Availability for commercial use?
Posted By: keith.bostic@or... -- 2010-feb-10 11:28

Welcome to the Oracle Berkeley DB Replication Discussion Forum!
Posted By: keith.bostic@or... -- 2006-jul-20 17:57

Sync status

maxClockDelta topped at 1 minute?

MV Refresh error

Multi-process master performance

Andy Mendelsohn
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What has been going on already?

Oracle’s contributions to FOSS
What is changing?

MySQL Matures

Accessibility
Revenue recognition
Security
Auditability
other corporate controls

Effect on Alpha, Beta, RC
dev.mysql.com vs.
www.mysql.com
What has changed?

Leadership

Consensus may not always be possible. Or desirable.
What has changed?
Attitude, a long time ago

STARTUP
Give away the software and make it up in volume?
Count me in!

→ Coexistence
What has changed?
Attitude, in the past 12 months
What might improve?
Execution on Stability
What might improve?

Execution on Performance

and release numbering
What might **improve**?

**Execution on Ease of Use**
What might **continue**?

Focus on **ubiquity**
What might **continue**?
Focus on **ubiquity**
What remains a high priority?

A respectful relationship to the community
What got a new name?
MySQL Community Awards ➜ Oracle ACE Directors
Our first Oracle ACE Directors

Ronald Bradford
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What might **deteriorate**?
Execution on Scandinavian **Drinking**

**Level of humour in ads for MySQL 5.1**

**Singing** *Helan går*
What might **improve**?

**Execution towards Linux Distros**

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

**Linux MySQL distros meeting in Brussels**

When I saw Shlomi’s post on why not to use apt-get or yum for MySQL, I thought immediately that his conclusions are quite reasonable. What you get from the Linux distributions is not the same thing that you find in the official MySQL downloads page. Now, whether you value more the completeness of the server or the ease of administration through the distribution installation tools, it’s up to you and your business goals. We at the MySQL team have organized a meeting with the Linux distributions with the intent of finding out which differences and problems we may have with each other, and to solve them by improving communication. What follows is a summary of what happened in Brussels during the meeting.
What might improve?
Execution towards **LAMP** stack
What will change?
Stronger emphasis on Windows
What about you?

• Mysequel, My-Ess-Queue-Elle, Don‘t Care?

• 2009, 2008, 2007, ...
  (Do a „John Cage“)
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