

Open source databases '60 per cent cheaper'

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Open source databases can save enterprises up to 60 per cent over proprietary products, according to data collected by Forrester Research.

Noel Yuhanna, a senior analyst at Forrester covering database management systems, estimated that average savings on the total cost of ownership are about 50 per cent. The data is based on surveys and customer interviews.

Open source databases such as Enterprise DB, Ingres and MySQL do not carry licence fees, and management tools tend to be less expensive than for proprietary databases from Oracle, Microsoft and IBM.

Open source offerings especially outshine their proprietary competitors in low-end applications with databases of less than 200GB in size.

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