

# 5 Open Source Platforms That Will Define 2014

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Plenty of companies have built businesses around Linux, MySQL, SugarCRM and other open source technologies. But what open source platforms will drive the next wave of partner profits in 2014? Keep an eye on Hadoop, KVM, NoSQL, OpenDaylight and OpenStack. Here's why... one by one:

1. Apache Hadoop: This open source framework allows cloud services providers (CSPs) and enterprises to store and scale large data sets on clusters of commodity hardware. Translation: Hadoop increasingly is a key building block for Big Data applications. Admittedly, The VAR Guy has warned readers to be careful of the Hadoop hype. But for VARs and database partners moving toward Big Data applications, some basic knowledge of the Hadoop industry could be valuable.

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