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CEO counts 50 top business apps for open source

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An open source veteran, David Uhlman has lived and breathed the market from server appliances to financial processing. Now, he's CEO of open source software company Uversa Inc., and Uhlman spoke at the Linux Desktop Summit in San Diego about what he considers to be the top 50 open source business applications. He sat down with SearchOpenSource.com's MiMi Yeh to talk about why IT managers should be on the lookout for MySQL, why macro support in OpenOffice doesn't matter, and what proprietary applications are ripe to switch to open source alternatives.

What applications do you see as enterprise-ready?

David Uhlman: There are many different parts to it and there are numerous pre-conceived notions about what is or is not ready, as well as what 'ready' even means. When it comes to businesses that make less than $50 million, there is not a lot concern. Everything is covered from end to end.

What about the common complaint that OpenOffice's Base tool can't support macros the way Office's Excel tool can?

Which applications do you think are making the most headway in the enterprise?

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