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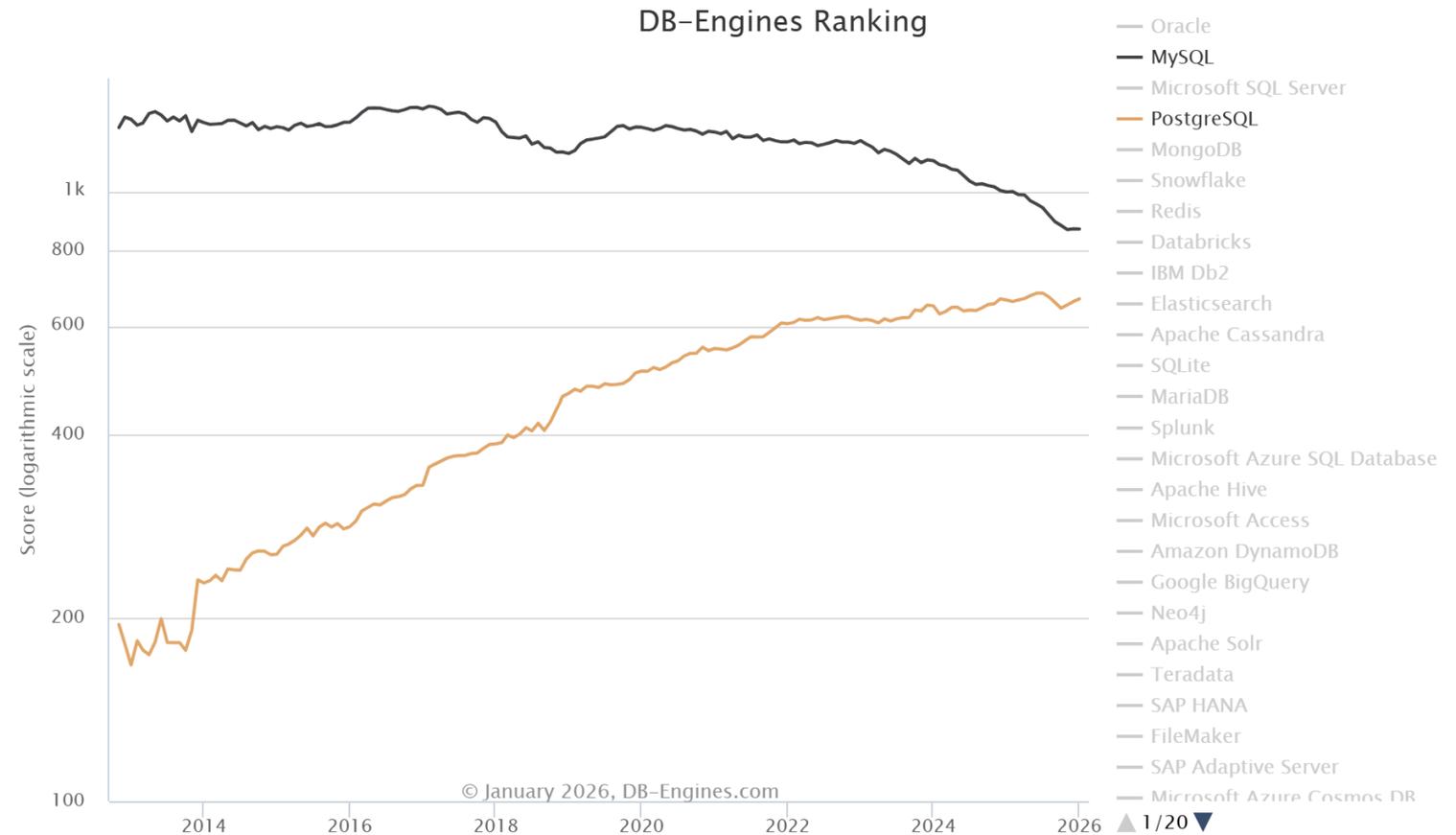
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# What MySQL Community can learn from PostgreSQL ?

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# Why Learn from PostgreSQL?



Who owns  
PostgreSQL ?



# Who Owns PostgreSQL

**PostgreSQL Global Development Group (PGDG)**

**Global Volunteer Community (not a company or foundation)**

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# Who Owns MySQL ?

# MySQL Challenge



**Owned by Commercial Company**



**It is Public Company**



**MySQL is small portion of its \$60B+  
Business**

## Oracle Challenge

**As Owner has responsibility  
of MySQL innovation and  
carries most of costs**

**Most Business opportunities  
moved to Cloud where Oracle  
is not as successful**

## What do you consider most important Proprietary MySQL variant ?

You can see how people vote. [Learn more](#)

MySQL Enterprise	19%
MySQL Heatwave	9%
AWS RDS for MySQL	21%
AWS Aurora for MySQL	51%

159 votes • Poll closed

# Proprietary Options

Not the same

**MySQL and PostgreSQL Communities will not operate the same  
because of those fundamental differences**

# Vendor Role in Community

## MySQL

- Small, Vendor Control
- Disorganized Vendor Neutral

## PostgreSQL

- Well organized Vendor Neutral
- Small Vendor Specific, supporting PostgreSQL

# Not just MySQL Server

While Oracle Produces MySQL  
Server (and some tooling) overall  
MySQL Ecosystem is a lot larger



Open Source  
Innovation

Permissionless

Often Coopetition  
Bases

# Database Communities



**Users**



**Contributors**



**Vendors**

# Users Community

Most Healthy

Oracle supports events (like this one)

Some independent users activities

Vendor Bias



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May 27-29, 2026  
Computer History Museum,  
Mountain View, California

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# Contributors Community

Unwelcome Second Class

No Involvement in Governance

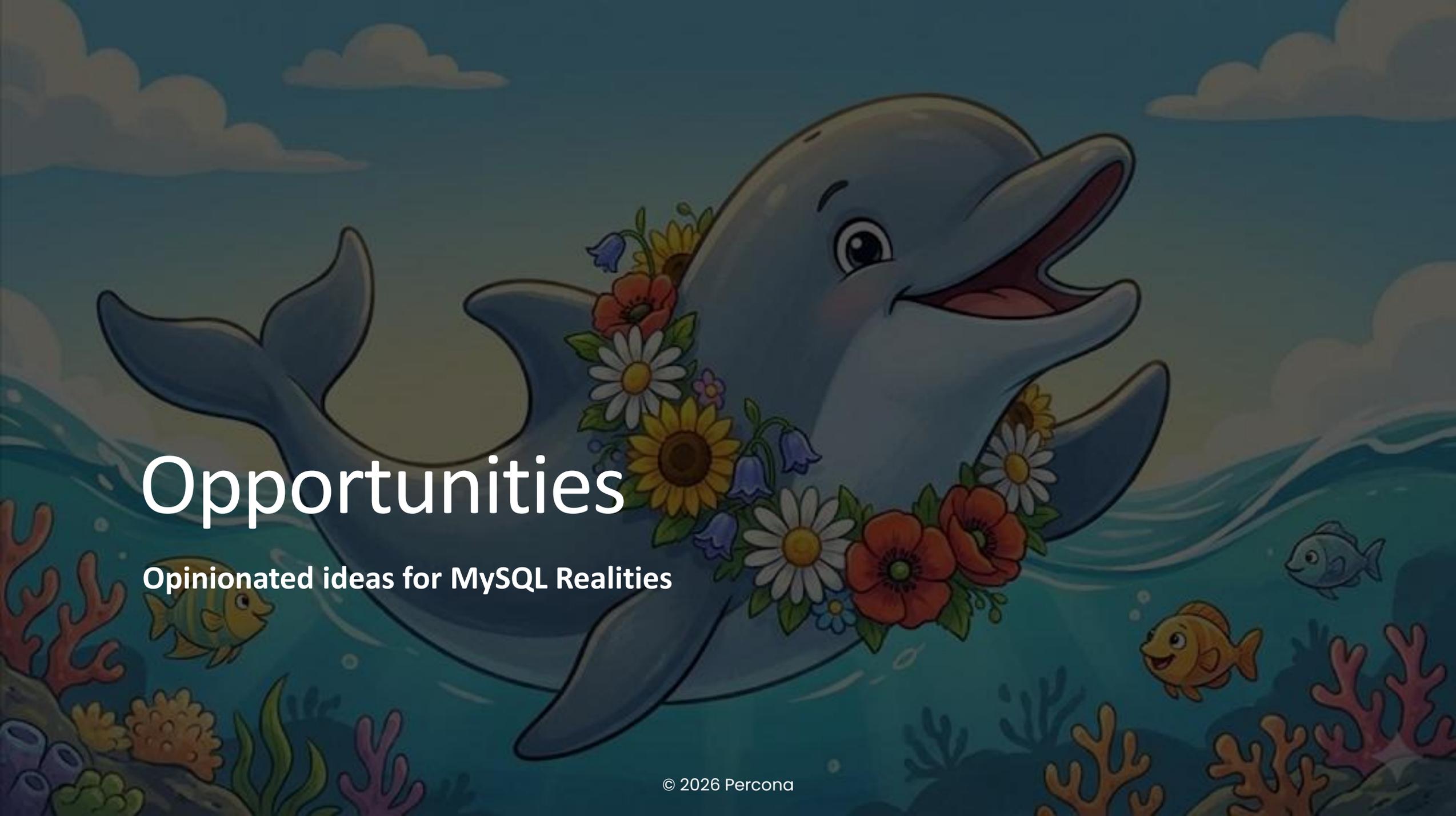
Development done in Private

Can innovate in “Tools” but no Oracle support

# Vendors

Oracle thinks about Vendors in  
context of Partners not  
Community





# Opportunities

Opinionated ideas for MySQL Realities



# Better Together

The best outcome is to work together with Oracle to ensure MySQL innovation and great future

# Governance

**Encourage Oracle to share Governance with Community**

Build in  
Public

**Do Development of MySQL Community In Public –  
from design to early versions of the code**

# Support

**Coopetition in Multi Vendor Community**



# In our Hands

Stronger Vendor Neutral MySQL Community

# Call for Ideas

**Summit for MySQL Community**

**Brussels, Monday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>**

<https://percona.com/community/events/2026-summit-mysql-eu/>



# Vendor Neutral “MySQL Hub”



Events



Content



Software



Services



Cloud  
Solutions



# 20 Years of Open Source Database Awesomeness



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