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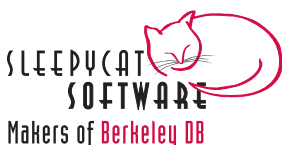
Featured Product

Berkeley DB

Sleepycat Software makes Berkeley DB, the most widely used open source developer database in the world with over 200 million deployments. Privately held and profitable since it started in 1996, the Company boasts some of the leading database experts in the world, including co-founder and CTO Dr. Margo Seltzer, the Herchel Smith Professor of Computer Science at Harvard University.

In the early 1990's while at the University of California at Berkeley, Sleepycat founders Margo Seltzer and Keith Bostic developed a new key/value database to replace dbm file-based storage found in UNIX systems. This database evolved to become **Berkeley DB** version 1.85 and was broadly distributed with the release of 4.4BSD UNIX in 1992. The code became very popular and was widely adopted, but users wanted commercial support and new features added to the software. In response, Seltzer and Bostic formed Sleepycat Software in 1996. The company released version 2.0 in 1997, 3.0 in 1999 and 4.0 in 2001, with multiple point releases in between. In 2003, Sleepycat added a second product to its offerings, **Berkeley DB XML**, a native XML database. In 2004, the company added a third, **Berkeley DB Java Edition**, a pure Java version of Berkeley DB.

Through an innovative dual licensing model, Berkeley DB gained tremendous ubiquity through open source and proprietary customer adoption. At the same time, Sleepycat Software was able to fund further development and growth



through licensing-based revenue. Today, there are well over 200 million deployments worldwide. Sleepycat's **customers** include telecom and networking leaders such as Cisco, Motorola and Ericsson, computing giants such as Sun, HP, Hitachi and Fujitsu, service providers such as Google, Amazon.com, AOL and Yahoo, and storage leaders such as EMC and VERITAS. Berkeley DB is also widely used in **open source** projects, including all versions of Linux and BSD UNIX, OpenLDAP, sendmail, Kerberos, various Apache projects, Subversion, MySQL, OpenOffice and many others.

Markets

Berkeley DB has a huge installed base and is used in nearly every industry and market segment, anywhere there are developers. Spanning the range from embedded devices to desktop applications to servers and big iron to global Web applications, Berkeley DB is tremendously flexible. The same software is used in Motorola cellphones, Microsoft/Groove's collaboration suite, Sun's Java Enterprise System, Ericsson routers, EMC storage boxes, and the primary websites of Amazon.com and Google.

Many of these applications are highly mission-critical, and they depend on Berkeley DB. For example, Amazon.com uses Berkeley DB as a cache for all product-related data on its Web pages. Several major stock exchanges and banks also use Berkeley DB. Many authentication systems rely on Berkeley DB to store user, profile and preference information. Berkeley DB helps control border security for the U.K. government and helps battlefield commanders make decisions in Iraq. No matter the market segment or application, Sleepycat Software consistently delivers more value at lower cost.

Sleepycat's key markets include:

- Telecommunications
- Internet and enterprise infrastructure software
- Storage
- Security
- Financial Services
- Government/Military/Aerospace
- Knowledge Management
- Web Commerce

These markets share a common set of needs that are well-served by Berkeley DB and not by traditional, relational databases:

- Low latency and high throughput under extreme load
- Unattended operation
- High availability and automatic failure recovery
- Local, in-process storage, not remote or network based storage
- Predictable access patterns (static queries over dynamic data)
- Low cost of ownership

Products

The **Berkeley DB family** of products consists of:

- **Berkeley DB**
- **Berkeley DB Java Edition**
- **Berkeley DB XML**

All products in the Berkeley DB family deliver the core data management functionality, power, scalability and flexibility of traditional relational databases but without the performance overhead of a query processing layer or client/server communication. Software developers rely on Berkeley DB because of its many advantages, such as:

- Significantly higher performance
- Proven scalability and reliability
- Low TCO
- Zero administration - no DBA required
- Small footprint
- Simplicity of integration into an application
- Lower development cost, time-to-market and development risk

Berkeley DB is distributed under a dual license: an open source license that permits internal use and redistribution within open source applications at no charge, and a commercial license that enables customers to redistribute Berkeley DB within proprietary applications.

Berkeley DB runs on all major operating systems, including all versions of Linux and UNIX, Windows, and many embedded operating systems such as embedded Linux, QNX and VxWorks.

Sleepycat Software makes Berkeley DB, the most widely used open source developer database in the world with over 200 million deployments. Customers such as Amazon.com, AOL, Cisco Systems, EMC, Google, Hitachi, HP, Motorola, RSA Security, Sun Microsystems, TIBCO and VERITAS also rely on Berkeley DB for fast, scalable, reliable and cost-effective data management for their mission-critical applications. Profitable since it was founded in 1996, Sleepycat is a privately held company with offices in California, Massachusetts and the United Kingdom.

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