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Oracle acquires BEA

There was another acquisition announcement a few days ago. Oracle acquires BEA Systems for 8.5 billion dollars.. Wow ... a large amount of money. But this was obvious: It wasn't the question if Oracle will buy BEA, it was the question when and at which price tag ... at least from my perspective. Sun didn't need the products of BEA in it's own portfolio as Glassfish gets better and better (okay, the Transaction Monitor would be nice, but you don't buy a TM for 8.5 bn \$). IBM has it's well established Websphere product. Redhat has it's JBoss. And then there is the Apache Foundation with Apache Geronimo.

Oracle had a little problem in thee past. When i talked with customers or colleagues, the Oracle Application Server is often described as a technical failure (to use friendly words). Thus Oracle had an open flank here. It was obvious, that Oracle would solve this problem by buying a better product portfolio. Oracle has the vision to deliver the complete software stack to their customers (from the OS to the ERP) and without a decent application server this vision would be incomplete. Thus BEA was an obvious prey for Larry.

PS: I still think we made the better deal with Mysql AB

Posted by Joerg Moellenkamp at 05:12

Hi,

you wrote:

.. from the OS to the ERP" ...

ERP: no problem

OS: ehh ... Oracle OS ?

Do you imply that they might buy some kind of OS company some day ?

Hmm .. OS/2 & SCO seems to be available ^^

cheers

Alex

Anonymous on Jan 18 2008, 08:17

No, they have already an operating system: Oracle Linux.

Anonymous on Jan 18 2008, 08:21

Oracle Linux.... oh yeah... that RHEL Clone.

Anonymous on Jan 18 2008, 08:38

Yes, but it matches to the strategy of Oracle ...

Anonymous on Jan 18 2008, 09:19

Ah ok,

another Linux, nothing special then.

Thx for the information.

Alex

Anonymous on Jan 18 2008, 09:46