

Free alternatives to SQL Server

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Hi,

There are a few free databases that can be used with .NET, like MySQL, PostgreSQL and Firebird (and others?). I would like to know which one you would prefer, and why.

It would be a pre if the SQL syntax would resemble SQL Server's syntax because I'm already a bit familiar with that. The database should support stored procedures, triggers and transactions. I know MySQL supports stored procedures in 5.0 (beta). The database has to support Windows OS, but the ones I mentioned all do.

Also I would like to know more about the quality of the available .NET data providers (free and commercial) for these databases.

I guess these questions have been asked before, so in that case links to those discussions, FAQ's or websites are also welcome.

Kind regards,

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