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**eRServer v1.0+ BSD
PostgreSQL, Inc. Releases Open Source Replication Version**

PostgreSQL, Inc. is today contributing its commercially developed replication solution, eRServer(c) v1.0+ for the PostgreSQL database, to the PostgreSQL project and the global open source community. This is part of PostgreSQL Inc.'s ongoing commitment to promoting open source software by adding a crucial enterprise component to the world's most advanced open source database.

Replication is one of the most critical utilities for enterprise databases, and this release makes that capability accessible to qualified developers and users who could not previously afford replication because of software licensing or support fees.

About the company:

PostgreSQL, Inc. is a privately held commercial company whose mission is to promote and advance the use and acceptance of PostgreSQL, the world's most advanced open source database.

While PostgreSQL, Inc. is independent from the PostgreSQL Global Development Project, the company is a committed contributor and supporter of Free/Libre Open Source Software principles through actively promoting PostgreSQL's BSD open source licensing - even when that may compete with our commercial developments. One of the most innovative of those commitments is our promise to make any of our commercial software source code available as BSD open source within two years of its retail release...

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Open Source vs. Proprietary:

We advocate Open Source, BSD style :) We will consider and develop short term (up to 24 month) proprietary applications and solutions where there is a strong business and intellectual property case to be made. *All* proprietary developments that we are involved in *will* become open source within two years of implementation, without exception."

"eRServer has proven itself by supporting large mission critical systems, including the .INFO and .ORG registry management system," observes PgSQL President Marc Fournier, "Version 1.0 was released commercially in October 2001 and today I am proud to announce that an enhanced version of that source code is being released to the community under the BSD Open Source Software License."

"We and our global network of partners encourage and challenge every company that uses, sells or supports open source software to follow our lead and begin to path all proprietary developments into the open source stream as well." states PostgreSQL, Inc. CEO Geoff Davidson. "By committing commercial development efforts to advancing open source software, companies like PostgreSQL, Inc. are ensuring that Free/Libre Open Source Software will continue to increase the availability and benefits of advanced applications and features to everyone. This approach ensures that anyone who wants to is enabled to contribute to their community regardless of how much they may have in the bank."

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"This eRServer(c) v1.0+BSD source code includes all the original capabilities of the release version, along with improved documentation, bug fixes, and even some of the enhanced features previously available only in v1.2 or higher. We are releasing this with plans to work with many in the community to develop new capabilities to benefit both our open source and commercial channels. It is our hope to attract new developers interested in working with us towards our broader vision for expanding PostgreSQL use in enterprises that require larger, more dynamic databases to exploit the truly unlimited scale and scope that PostgreSQL achieves in broadly distributed database environments.

"However," cautions Fournier, "replication can be an extremely complex area for programming in enterprise systems - so even the more advanced database users should expect to invest a good deal of development time and effort in properly deploying this software. Although eRServer(c) v1.0+BSD does not come with free support, it will be covered under any of our commercial support programs, and should quickly pick up support and expertise from the community as more users become familiar with configuring and deploying the many replication capabilities this source code enables."

"eRServer gives us one of the 'top five' components that the PostgreSQL database has needed in order to compete with commercial enterprise databases such as Oracle and DB2 on equal terms," said Josh Berkus, member of the PostgreSQL Global Development Group (PGDG). "We are very grateful for the contribution. PostgreSQL Inc.'s example shows other companies that you can contribute software to the open source community and be successful."

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