MongoDB Issues New Server Side Public License for MongoDB Community Server

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New License Leads the Way for Open Source in the Cloud Era

NEW YORK, NY - October 16, 2018 – Today MongoDB, Inc. (Nasdaq: MDB), the leading modern, general purpose database platform, issued a new software license, called Server Side Public License (SSPL), for MongoDB Community Server. The license clearly and explicitly states the conditions of deploying MongoDB - or any other open source project licensed under the SSPL - as a service. All versions of MongoDB's Community Server released after today, including patch fixes for prior versions, will be licensed under the SSPL.

MongoDB has become one of the most popular databases in the market, adopted by organizations of all sizes across many industries and geographies. MongoDB was previously licensed under the GNU AGPLv3 (AGPL), which meant companies who wanted to modify and run MongoDB as a publicly available service had to open source their software or obtain a commercial license from MongoDB. However, MongoDB's popularity has led some organizations to test the boundaries of the AGPL. In response, MongoDB has created the SSPL and submitted it to the Open Source Initiative for approval.

The SSPL builds on the spirit of the AGPL, but clarifies the condition for providing open source software as a service. The license retains all of the same freedoms that the open source community had with MongoDB under the AGPL: freedom to use, review, modify and redistribute the software. The only substantive change is an explicit condition that any organization attempting to exploit MongoDB as a service must open source the software that it uses to offer such service. This license change will not impact customers who have purchased a commercial license from MongoDB.

"The market is increasingly consuming software as a service, creating an incredible opportunity to foster a new wave of great open source server side software. Unfortunately, once an open source project becomes interesting, it is too easy for cloud vendors who have not developed the software to capture all of the value while contributing little back to the community," said Eliot Horowitz, CTO and co-founder, MongoDB. "We have greatly contributed to, and benefited from, open source, and are in a unique position to lead on an issue impacting many organizations. We hope this new license will help inspire more projects and protect open source innovation."

"We are big believers in open source. It leads to more valuable, robust and secure software. However, it is important that open source licenses evolve to keep pace with the changes in our industry," said Dev Ittycheria, President & CEO, MongoDB. "We have invested approximately $300M in R&D over the past decade to offer a modern, general purpose, open source database for everyone. With the added protection of the SSPL, we can continue to invest in R&D and further drive innovation and value for the community."

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Server Side Public License

Blog from MongoDB CTO and co-founder Eliot Horowitz

About MongoDB

MongoDB is the leading modern, general purpose database platform, designed to unleash the power of software and data for developers and the applications they build. Headquartered in New York, MongoDB has more than 7,400 customers in over 100 countries. The MongoDB database platform has been downloaded over 40 million times and there have been more than one million MongoDB University registrations.

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