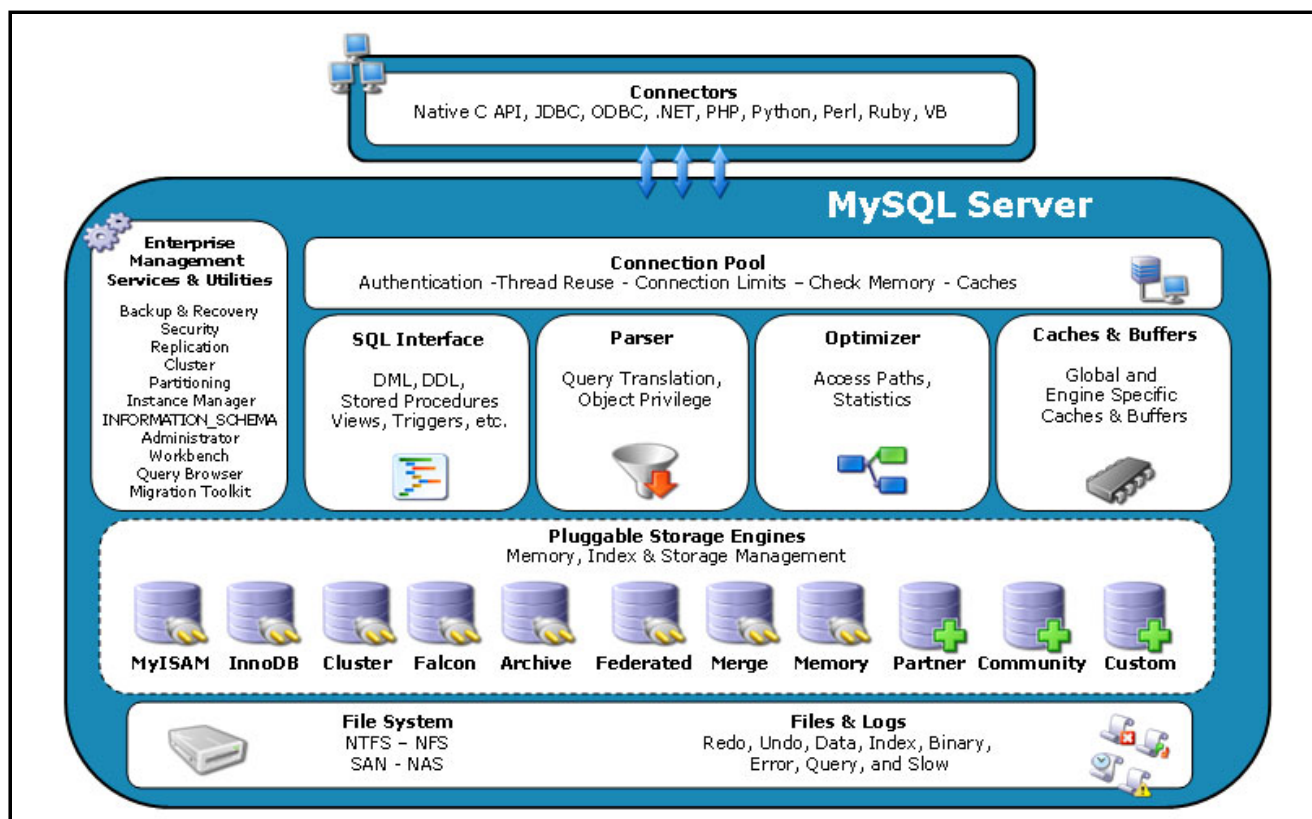


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# MySQL Database

MySQL is a multithreaded, multi-user SQL relational database management system (RDBMS) which has more than 100 million installations. It was owned and sponsored by a single for-profit firm [MySQL AB](#) now owned by [Oracle Corporation](#). MySQL is an open-source DBMS. It means anyone can download MySQL and tailor it to their needs in accordance with the general public license. The company develops and maintains the system, selling support and service contracts, as well as proprietary-licensed copies of MySQL, and employing people all over the world who collaborate via the Internet.



MySQL is a key part of LAMP (Linux, Apache, MySQL, PHP/Perl/Python), a fast growing open source enterprise software stack. More and more companies are using LAMP as an alternative to expensive

proprietary software stacks because of its lower cost and freedom from lock-in.

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