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| Name | **Microsoft SQL Server  [X](https://db-engines.com/en/system/MySQL%3BPostgreSQL)** | **MySQL  [X](https://db-engines.com/en/system/Microsoft+SQL+Server%3BPostgreSQL)** | **PostgreSQL  [X](https://db-engines.com/en/system/Microsoft+SQL+Server%3BMySQL)** |
| Description | Microsofts flagship relational DBMS | Widely used open source [RDBMS](https://db-engines.com/en/article/RDBMS) | Widely used open source [RDBMS](https://db-engines.com/en/article/RDBMS) info |
| Primary database model | [Relational DBMS](https://db-engines.com/en/article/RDBMS) | [Relational DBMS](https://db-engines.com/en/article/RDBMS) info | [Relational DBMS](https://db-engines.com/en/article/RDBMS) info |
| Secondary database models | [Document store](https://db-engines.com/en/article/Document+Stores) [Graph DBMS](https://db-engines.com/en/article/Graph+DBMS) [Spatial DBMS](https://db-engines.com/en/article/Spatial+DBMS) | [Document store](https://db-engines.com/en/article/Document+Stores) [Spatial DBMS](https://db-engines.com/en/article/Spatial+DBMS) | [Document store](https://db-engines.com/en/article/Document+Stores) [Spatial DBMS](https://db-engines.com/en/article/Spatial+DBMS) |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | [DB-Engines Ranking](https://db-engines.com/en/ranking) info | [ranking trend](https://db-engines.com/en/ranking_trend/system/Microsoft+SQL+Server%3BMySQL%3BPostgreSQL) | | [Trend Chart](https://db-engines.com/en/ranking_trend/system/Microsoft+SQL+Server%3BMySQL%3BPostgreSQL) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Score | 970.85 | | | Rank | #3 | [Overall](https://db-engines.com/en/ranking) | |  | #3 | [Relational DBMS](https://db-engines.com/en/ranking/relational+dbms) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Score | 1212.52 | | | Rank | #2 | [Overall](https://db-engines.com/en/ranking) | |  | #2 | [Relational DBMS](https://db-engines.com/en/ranking/relational+dbms) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Score | 577.50 | | | Rank | #4 | [Overall](https://db-engines.com/en/ranking) | |  | #4 | [Relational DBMS](https://db-engines.com/en/ranking/relational+dbms) | |
| Website | [www.microsoft.com/­en-us/­sql-server](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/sql-server/) | [www.mysql.com](https://www.mysql.com/) | [www.postgresql.org](https://www.postgresql.org/) |
| Technical documentation | [docs.microsoft.com/­en-US/­sql/­sql-server](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-US/sql/sql-server/) | [dev.mysql.com/­doc](https://dev.mysql.com/doc/) | [www.postgresql.org/­docs](https://www.postgresql.org/docs/) |
| Developer | Microsoft | Oracle info | PostgreSQL Global Development Group info |
| Initial release | 1989 | 1995 | 1989 info |
| Current release | SQL Server 2019, November 2019 | 8.0.26, July 2021 | 13.4, August 2021 |
| License info | commercial info | Open Source info | Open Source info |
| Cloud-based only info | no | no | no |
| DBaaS offerings (sponsored links) info |  | [ScaleGrid for MySQL](https://t.sidekickopen79.com/s1t/c/5/f18dQhb0SdYj8bGch0W2n0x6l2B9nMJW7t69v68pTbB4W63Bc1d16gGCMf3DJp1901?te=W3R5hFj4cm2zwW4cHbrv3K4dNZW3GGZrk1LBf35F47PNcYS6TW1&si=370885007&pi=a68632e2-e84c-4cff-8541-4a0fd2702aba): Fully managed MySQL hosting on AWS, Azure and DigitalOcean with high availability and SSH access on the #1 multi-cloud DBaaS. | [ScaleGrid for PostgreSQL](https://t.sidekickopen79.com/s1t/c/5/f18dQhb0SdYj8bGch0W2n0x6l2B9nMJW7t69v68pTbB4W63Bc1d16gGCMf3DJp1901?te=W3R5hFj4cm2zwW4cHbrv3K4dNZW3GGZrk1LCtCBW4fHrkG4cP21jf3R5h1204&si=370885007&pi=a68632e2-e84c-4cff-8541-4a0fd2702aba): Fully managed PostgreSQL hosting on AWS, Azure and DigitalOcean with high availability and SSH access on the #1 multi-cloud DBaaS. |
| Implementation language | C++ | C and C++ | C |
| Server operating systems | Linux Windows | FreeBSD Linux OS X Solaris Windows | FreeBSD HP-UX Linux NetBSD OpenBSD OS X Solaris Unix Windows |
| Data scheme | yes | yes | yes |
| Typing info | yes | yes | yes |
| XML support info | yes | yes | yes info |
| Secondary indexes | yes | yes | yes |
| SQL info | yes | yes info | yes info |
| APIs and other access methods | ADO.NET JDBC ODBC OLE DB Tabular Data Stream (TDS) | ADO.NET JDBC ODBC Proprietary native API | ADO.NET JDBC native C library ODBC streaming API for large objects |
| Supported programming languages | C# C++ Delphi Go Java JavaScript (Node.js) PHP Python R Ruby Visual Basic | Ada C C# C++ D Delphi Eiffel Erlang Haskell Java JavaScript (Node.js) Objective-C OCaml Perl PHP Python Ruby Scheme Tcl | .Net C C++ Delphi Java info JavaScript (Node.js) Perl PHP Python Tcl |
| Server-side scripts info | Transact SQL, .NET languages, R, Python and (with SQL Server 2019) Java | yes info | user defined functions info |
| Triggers | yes | yes | yes |
| Partitioning methods info | tables can be distributed across several files (horizontal partitioning); sharding through federation | horizontal partitioning, sharding with MySQL Cluster or MySQL Fabric | partitioning by range, list and (since PostgreSQL 11) by hash |
| Replication methods info | yes, but depending on the SQL-Server Edition | Multi-source replication Source-replica replication | Source-replica replication info |
| MapReduce info | no | no | no |
| Consistency concepts info | Immediate Consistency | Immediate Consistency | Immediate Consistency |
| Foreign keys info | yes | yes info | yes |
| Transaction concepts info | ACID | ACID info | ACID |
| Concurrency info | yes | yes info | yes |
| Durability info | yes | yes | yes |
| In-memory capabilities info | yes | yes | no |
| User concepts info | fine grained access rights according to SQL-standard | Users with fine-grained authorization concept info | fine grained access rights according to SQL-standard |