**Hierarchical**

**Software Name:** Information Management System (IMS)

**Vendor Name:** IBM

**Interesting Info:**

* IMS was created by IBM to record large bill of materials used on the Saturn V moon rocket and Apollo space vehicle used in the Apollo program.
* Versions of IMS are still used today for its speed and ability to process thousands of transactions per second.

**Relational**

**Software Name:** MySQL

**Vendor Name:** Owned by Oracle, Free open source and paid versions

* Free versions available for download from mysql.com.
* Paid versions available from various vendors: Webyog Inc, The Globalsolutions, Cognosys Inc, etc.

**Interesting Info:**

* MySQL is still used by Facebook, Google, Yahoo, Wikipedia.
* MySQL is free open source as well as paid software. The paid version gives you additional features that the free version doesn’t.

**Object-Relational**

**Software Name:** PostgreSQL

**Vendor Name:** PostgreSQL Global Development Group

* PostgreSQL is not sold, but open source, free downloadable software

**Interesting Info:**

* Free open source software.
* The PostgreSQL Global Development Group is non-profit foundation comprised of several companies to keep PostgreSQL free.
* PostgreSQL is the software used by Pandora.