Possible Cloud Based Databases

1. Amazon Relational Database (<https://aws.amazon.com/free/>)
   1. Pros
      1. Free trial
      2. Supports multiple database types
   2. Cons
      1. Difficult to learn
2. **Microsoft Azure SQL Database (**[**https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/free/services/sql-database/**](https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/free/services/sql-database/)**)**
   1. **Pros**
      1. **Free trial**
      2. **Free for OIT students**
   2. **Cons**
      1. **Support issues**

**Azure chosen due to better student offerings and likely better interoperability with Microsoft’s SQL Server.**

1. Rackspace Cloud (<https://www.rackspace.com/cloud/databases>)
   1. Pros
      1. Supports multiple database types
      2. Great customer support
   2. Cons
      1. Low documentation
2. Oracle Database Cloud (<https://cloud.oracle.com/en_US/tryit>)
   1. Pros
      1. Easy maintenance
      2. Secure encryption
   2. Cons
      1. Support issues
3. SAP Cloud Platform (<https://developers.sap.com/topics/cloud-platform.html>)
   1. Pros
      1. Free trial
      2. Easy to migrate
   2. Cons
      1. Expensive