

# MySQL Drops Support For BerkeleyDB

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Open-source database maker MySQL AB has quietly dropped support for BerkeleyDB, the embedable database Oracle acquired in February.

From the current beta version of MySQL 5.1.12 going forward, MySQL will no longer allow BerkeleyDB to serve as one of its storage engines, according to a posting on MySQL's Web site late last month.

MySQL is one of the few databases that lets users choose among different engines to store data in a format best suited to their needs. The default engine, MYISAM, and InnoDB are seen as the most widely-used by MySQL users.

BerkeleyDB, which Oracle acquired when it bought SleepyCat Software in mid-February, is actually one of the less popular engines for MySQL, according to users. It has been deployed more than 200 million times, including in the Linux and BSD Unix operating systems, the Apache Web server, OpenLDAP directory and OpenOffice productivity suite.

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