

# Red Hat Receives "Positive" Rating in Gartner's Vendor Rating Report

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RALEIGH, N.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Red Hat, Inc. (NYSE: RHT), the world's leading provider of open source solutions, today announced that Gartner, Inc., a leading provider of research and analysis on the global information technology industry, has given the company a "Positive" rating in its first Vendor Rating.<sup>1</sup> Gartner creates Vendor Ratings for approximately 30 leading IT vendors, and Red Hat believes its "Positive" rating reflects on the importance of its technologies and solutions in today's IT market.

"Open source is a driving force behind everything from cloud computing and mobile to big data and beyond, and Red Hat customers around the world are benefiting from the innovation we provide," said Paul Cormier, president, Products and Technologies, Red Hat. "I believe that Gartner's 'Positive' Vendor Rating validates the strength of our open hybrid cloud portfolio and our ability to meet enterprise customer needs as the worlds of physical, virtual and cloud systems converge."

Gartner's Vendor Ratings are highly structured reports that define Gartner's position on an individual vendor as a whole, not just on its position within a single market. Gartner's evaluation was based on various criteria, such as Red Hat's strategy, products and services, technology, marketing, and overall financial viability.

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<sup>1</sup> Gartner, "Vendor Rating: Red Hat" by Andrew Butler, George J. Weiss, Gary Spivak, Philip Dawson, Arun Chandrasekaran, Ronni J. Colville, Yefim V. Natis, Dennis Smith, Lydia Leong. Dec. 12, 2014. ID:G00269440

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