

Independent Research Firm Names Red Hat a Leader Among Private Cloud Software Suites

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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 it has been named a leader in two Forrester research reports ranking private cloud software suites and hybrid cloud management solutions. "The Forrester Wave™: Private Cloud Software Suites, Q1 2016" and "The Forrester Wave™: Hybrid Cloud Management Solutions, Q1 2016" reports assessed vendors in terms of their current offerings, market presence, and strategy, and Red Hat was placed as a leader in both reports.

"Red Hat ... leads the evaluation with its powerful portal, top governance capabilities, and a strategy built around integration, open source, and interoperability. Rather than trying to build a custom approach for completing functions around operations, governance, or automation, Red Hat provides a very composable package by leveraging a mix of market standards and open source in addition to its own development," "The Forrester Wave™: Private Cloud Software Suites, Q1 2016" report noted.

According to Forrester, the private cloud market "is growing because more I&O professionals see private cloud as the platform to enable their customer experience transformation. When selecting a solution, enterprises look for speed to provision, control of access and fully published APIs." In "The Forrester Wave™: Hybrid Cloud Management Solutions, Q1 2016," Forrester indicated that, "Sixty-five percent [of survey respondents] say they already use more than one public and/or private cloud platform, indicating that the hybrid cloud is a reality today."

For "The Forrester Wave™: Private Cloud Software Suites, Q1 2016" report, Forrester conducted a 40-criteria evaluation of the nine most significant private cloud software providers. Each evaluated vendor sells a software-only solution that allows for complete automation and management of the cloud infrastructure provisioning process. Red Hat "received top marks for workflow life-cycle automation, administrative portal usability and experience, permissions, compliance tracking, capacity monitoring, platform APIs, ITSM and developer tools, and configuration management tool integration."

Red Hat CloudForms was also named a leader in "The Forrester Wave™: Hybrid Cloud Management Solutions, Q1 2016." For this writeup, Forrester evaluated hybrid cloud management vendors against 32 criteria and grouped them into three high-level buckets based on current offerings, strategy and market presence. Red Hat was listed as one of the "top choices for developer and DevOps teams concerned mainly with building applications that run across multiple clouds, with a strong preference for public cloud platforms."

Red Hat's private cloud and cloud management portfolio has experienced significant momentum over the past year. The latest version of its hybrid cloud management platform, Red Hat CloudForms 4, was [released in December 2015](#) and delivered expanded capabilities, including support for Microsoft Azure. This inclusion marked a key milestone in Red Hat's [recently-announced partnership with Microsoft](#) - a collaboration aimed at enabling customers to embrace hybrid cloud computing by providing greater choice and flexibility for the deployment of Red Hat solutions on Microsoft Azure. Red Hat also updated its cloud infrastructure portfolio in the [summer of 2015](#), introducing Red Hat Cloud Infrastructure 6 with a unified installer designed to enable smoother deployment of a complete private cloud spanning infrastructure and management platforms.

Supporting Quote

Tim Yeaton, senior vice president, Infrastructure Business Group, Red Hat

"As private clouds and suites for building and deploying them continue to mature, we believe that Red Hat's solution capabilities and milestones in cloud management and private cloud are being recognized by research firms for offering thoroughness, integration, and customer value. These solution offerings from Red Hat provide the IaaS, PaaS and management building blocks for an enterprise-scale hybrid cloud, bringing innovations that come from a strong core in the upstream open source community. The structure of these solutions also reflect the strategic direction set by our work with partners, enabling even more customers to embrace open source cloud management that spans their multiple platforms and styles of deployment."

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