

SIGMOD's Online Database Software Pages - Call for "Pointers"

<http://www.acm.org/sigmod/databaseSoftware>

For a long time there has been a list of publicly available database software on SIGMOD's online pages. At present the list includes 60 software packages from all over the world. Some are freely available industrial strength products and beta versions, others prototypes from academic institutions. Since this could serve as a partitioning criteria we are currently working on separating the current list into those two sections, each with a more clear profile. The separation will make it more clear upfront what one could expect, e.g., in terms of support and licensing terms. We hope that this will also encourage presence from non-academic contributors.

The two lists are

"Publicly Available Database Software from Non-profit Organizations"

<http://www.acm.org/sigmod/databaseSoftware/nonprofit/>

and

"Publicly Available Database Software from Commercial Organizations"

<http://www.acm.org/sigmod/databaseSoftware/commercial/>

The first list is reserved for tools and documentation that were developed at non-profit institutions, in particular educational institutions, and would be typically distributed free of charge (though that would not exclude license fees for commercial users). The second list is for profit-oriented organizations, e.g., DBMS vendors.

The lists are open to a wide range of packages for data management tasks, e.g.:

- advanced database management systems
- user interface tools for data management
- software libraries for database connectivity
- visualization tools for database schemas
- modeling environments for data-intensive applications

The format of items on the two lists shall be more structured to include pointers to the contact addresses and to licensing terms. We ask providers to make their license terms explicit when proposing their products to be published on SIGMOD's online pages. The minimum information must contain:

1. The name of the package
2. URL to the home page of the free version of the package
3. Contact person (name & email)
4. Supplier of the package (e.g. name of the institution)
5. Up to 50 words describing the package in general terms
6. Nature of the supplying institution: either non-profit or commercial
7. URL of the license terms applicable for the free version of the package
8. Date of last change to the published package

We cordially invite providers to submit their packages to the SIGMOD Associated Editor in charge of this service, Dr. Manfred Jeusfeld, via email (manfred.jeusfeld@uvt.nl). SIGMOD Information Director and Associate Director, and ultimately SIGMOD's Executive Committee reserve the right to not include a certain submission.

Suppliers of packages that are already listed in one of the two lists are kindly requested to check the correctness and completeness of their package's description.

We hope this service gives more visibility to contributions by the database community at large and foster cooperation at industry academic and industrial levels. When you have further suggestions to the list profiles or to any related topic, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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