



New Additions for the Week 18 May - TOP STORIES #167

Here are the Vendors for the week, and for a full list of Vendors already transacting with us on the Marketplace, they [can be found here](#)

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Company Overview

The **MariaDB Foundation** is a non-profit organisation incorporated in Delaware, USA, with operational roots in Helsinki, Finland, founded in 2012. It was established to serve as the custodian of the MariaDB Server codebase and guardian of its global developer community, ensuring that no single person or commercial entity controls the direction of MariaDB/MySQL development. The Foundation operates on three core principles, namely Openness, Adoption, and Continuity, and owns the official MariaDB development tree and the mariadb.org domain. With a small but focused team of 11 to 20 employees led by CEO Anna Widenius, it provides continuity and independence from commercial interests.

The Foundation's commercial counterpart, MariaDB plc, develops and sells enterprise database products built on top of the open-source MariaDB Server, positioning the platform as a modern, AI-ready alternative to MySQL and a cost-effective replacement for proprietary databases such as Oracle. In October 2025, MariaDB launched its Enterprise Platform 2026, a landmark release that unifies transactional, analytical, and AI vector database engines into a single platform and introduces native RAG pipelines and AI agents, cementing its relevance in the era of agentic, data-driven applications.

Products and Services

- **MariaDB Community Server**, the core open-source relational database engine, fully MySQL-compatible and freely available.
- **MariaDB Enterprise Server**, a hardened, security-enhanced version of Community Server for business-critical production deployments.
- **MariaDB MaxScale**, an advanced database proxy delivering automatic failover, query routing, and an integrated database firewall for enhanced access control.
- **MariaDB Enterprise Cluster**, high-availability clustering powered by Galera for synchronous multi-master replication.
- **MariaDB ColumnStore**, a columnar storage engine for massively parallel analytics and HTAP (hybrid transactional/analytical processing) workloads.
- **MariaDB Xpand**, a distributed SQL engine designed for extreme transactional scalability.
- **MariaDB Enterprise Platform 2026**, a unified platform integrating all engines, plus vector search, an MCP Server, and native AI RAG



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Founded in 2010 and headquartered in Johannesburg, South Africa, **Flowgear is the country's first enterprise-grade iPaaS (Integration Platform as a Service) provider**, recognised globally as one of the top 30 iPaaS solutions on Gartner Peer Insights. The company serves businesses of all sizes across multiple international markets, supported by a network of 120+ certified partners and over 1,000 certified developers worldwide.

Today, Flowgear powers mission-critical integrations across ERP, CRM, eCommerce, finance, and supply chain environments, with a strong focus on low-to-no-code accessibility. In May 2026 the platform launched its next-generation Runtime engine, combining compiled execution, concurrent step processing, release management with rollback, and a built-in AI Copilot, positioning Flowgear firmly in the AI-assisted integration space.

Products and Services

- **Flowgear iPaaS Platform**, core low-code integration and automation engine with a visual drag-and-drop designer for cloud and on-premise workflows.
- **Flowgear New Runtime (v2)**, upgraded execution engine with AI Copilot, compiled workflows, lazy evaluation for large data volumes, and concurrent step execution.
- **Flowgear Embedded**, is a managed integration-as-a-service offering for SaaS vendors to deliver integrations to their own customers without building or maintaining the integration layer.
- **200+ Pre-Built Connectors**, ready-made integrations covering Salesforce, HubSpot, Microsoft Dynamics, SAP, and hundreds of other SaaS and on-premise applications.
- **API Management & Creation**, tooling to build, expose, and manage APIs directly within the platform.
- **Robotic Process Automation (RPA)**, combined with iPaaS to automate repetitive desktop and browser-based processes.
- **Workflow Templates**, reusable pre-built workflow patterns to accelerate integration deployments.
- **DropPoint Agent**, an on-premise agent for hybrid connectivity into protected or legacy environments.

pipelines for GenAI application development.

- **MariaDB SkySQL**, a cloud-hosted database-as-a-service offering with dynamic scalability.
- **Enterprise Subscriptions and Support**, tiered 24x7x365 support plans with 30-minute emergency response SLAs.

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- **Partner Programme**, a reseller and implementation channel offering up to 20% first-year subscription revenue and ongoing professional services opportunities.

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MariaDB Review

MariaDB consistently earns strong ratings across major peer review platforms, recognised for its high performance, ease of use, and seamless MySQL compatibility. On G2, the platform carries a rating of 4.3 out of 5 stars across 668 verified reviews, with users frequently citing superior query speed with large datasets, straightforward integration, and an active community as primary strengths. On TrustRadius, MariaDB Platform scores 8.8 out of 10, with small-to-enterprise users praising high availability through Enterprise Cluster and responsive technical support. PeerSpot rates MariaDB at 8.2 out of 10, ranking it among the top open-source and relational database solutions. Reviewers across platforms consistently highlight the platform's value as a cost-effective alternative to proprietary databases, combined with enterprise-grade reliability and the significant step forward represented by the AI-integrated Enterprise Platform 2026 release.

[MariaDB G2 Reviews](#)

FlowGear Review

Flowgear is formally recognised by Gartner Peer Insights in the Application Integration Platforms category, where verified enterprise buyers rate its ease of deployment, value for money, and low-code accessibility. On G2, users consistently praise the intuitive drag-and-drop interface, broad connector library, and the platform's ability to reduce integration development time significantly, with recent reviews from April 2026 highlighting its Salesforce connectors and cloud support capabilities. SoftwareReviews (Info-Tech) awards Flowgear a +91 Net Emotional Footprint score, with reviewers citing reliability, flawless automation, and strong performance in hybrid cloud and on-premise deployments.

[Gartner Reviews](#)



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Waves Audio Ltd. is the world's leading developer of professional audio plugins, digital signal processing (DSP) technologies, and hardware solutions for music production, mixing, mastering, live sound, broadcast, and post-production. Founded in October 1992 by Gilad Keren and Meir Sha'ashua in Tel Aviv, Israel, the company pioneered the commercial audio plugin industry with the release of the Q10 Paragraphic Equaliser, the world's first commercially available audio plugin.

Corporate headquarters and primary R&D are based in Tel Aviv, Israel, with additional offices in the United States, China, and Taiwan, and development centres in India and Ukraine. The company has grown from its Israeli origins into a truly global force, with its products heard on hit records, major motion pictures, and popular video games worldwide.

Waves received a Technical Grammy Award in 2011 for "contributions of outstanding technical significance to the recording field," firmly establishing its standing as an industry benchmark. Today, Waves is the first choice for Grammy-winning mixing engineers, music producers, musicians, and sound designers across professional and consumer audio markets.

Waves currently operates a subscription model called Creative Access, offering two tiers, namely Waves Essential and Waves Ultimate, priced at approximately \$14.99 and \$24.99 per month respectively. These subscriptions provide access to Waves' entire plugin catalogue, with new plugins added regularly at no extra cost, and perpetual licences also remain available for existing plugin owners.

Products and Services

- **Audio Plugins (200+)**, The world's largest catalogue of pro-quality plugins spanning EQ, compression, reverb, delay, saturation, limiting, de-essing, and more, including legendary series such as Renaissance, SSL, API, and Abbey Road analog emulations.

- **AI-Powered Plugins**, Clarity Vx (neural network vocal noise removal), Clarity Vx DeReverb, AQ, and Curves Equator, all leveraging machine learning for real-time intelligent processing.
- **StudioVerse**, an AI-powered plugin chain community integrated into Waves StudioRack, enabling users to discover, share, and load professionally crafted signal chains from top engineers and artists, with AI-driven search by sound descriptors.
- **Waves Creative Access Subscription**, Two-tier subscription (Essential and Ultimate) delivering access to 110–220+ plugins, automatic updates, and new plugin additions at no additional cost.
- **eMotion LV1 Live Mixer**, a software-based live mixing console featuring up to 80 stereo channels, double-precision 32-bit float mix engine, deep SoundGrid integration, and the new LV1 Classic hardware control surface with 17 motorised faders and a 21.5-inch touch screen.
- **SoundGrid Ecosystem**, a proprietary audio-over-Ethernet networking technology enabling real-time processing with sub-millisecond latency, supporting audio interfaces, stage boxes, DSP servers (including SoundGrid Extreme-C), and scalable I/O infrastructure for live and studio applications.
- **Waves Strea**, a real-time remote music collaboration tool integrated within the Creative Access subscription, enabling lossless audio sharing directly from the DAW.
- **Virtual Instruments & Effects**, a growing catalogue of synthesisers, samplers, and creative effects alongside traditional processing tools.
- **OEM & Licensing**, psychoacoustic and DSP technology licensed to major consumer electronics manufacturers including Dell, Google, Fitbit, and Asus.
- **Waves Central**, the centralised plugin management application for installing, activating, and updating all Waves plugins and hardware firmware.

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Waves Audio Review

Waves Audio holds a strong 4.2 out of 5 rating on Trustpilot, based on nearly 940 verified user reviews, reflecting consistently high satisfaction across professional and consumer user segments. Reviewers overwhelmingly praise the quality, depth, and affordability of the plugin catalogue, frequently describing Waves plugins as "industry standard" and highlighting the intuitive workflow. The customer support team receives particular commendation for being patient, knowledgeable, and highly responsive in resolving technical and licensing issues. The Creative Access subscription model is widely seen as delivering exceptional value, giving users access to one of the largest collections of professional audio tools for an accessible monthly fee.

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