CenturyLink launches new Relational DB Service on CenturyLink Cloud platform

MONROE, La., Jan. 26, 2016 / PRNewswire/ -- CenturyLink, Inc. (NYSE: CTL) today announced the availability of Relational Database (DB) Service, a MySQL-compatible database-as-a-service designed to meet application developers' rapid software requirements and drive more agile IT. The cloud service, which developers can access and quickly procure through the CenturyLink Cloud platform, balances the increasing need for dynamic databases while minimizing infrastructure costs.

Relational DB Service enables the provisioning of database environments on-demand without having to purchase new hardware or manage complex licensing models. Designed for enterprises both large and small, the cloud service features:

- Flexible provisioning options, including any combination of CPU, RAM and storage within the platform limits;
- Scalable CPU, RAM and storage;
- Heightened security, with Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) Certificates provided for encryption in transit;
- Daily backups with configurable back-up time;
- High availability, with an in-data center replication option with auto-failover.

"Automation helps businesses deliver value-added applications quickly and is a vast improvement over manually creating, configuring and operating a back-end database," said Richard Seroter, vice president, platform product management at CenturyLink. "CenturyLink's Relational DB service helps developers get instant access to a high-performing, highly available MySQL database service. Instead of dealing with installing and managing database infrastructure, customers can focus on taking their products to market."

Relational DB Service highlights CenturyLink's ongoing commitment to both cloud and virtualization. CenturyLink <u>was recognized recently</u> as "Company of the Year – The Cloud Industry, North America" by Frost & Sullivan, a business research and consulting firm. In October, CenturyLink announced its <u>leadership position</u> in building a service-centric environment for customers through the integration of its network and cloud services, combined with virtualization functions.

Relational DB joins CenturyLink's <u>Orchestrate service</u>, rounding out the company's databaseas-a-service portfolio with a relational database option in addition to Orchestrate's NoSQL solution. Visit http://www.ctl.io/relational-database for more information about Relational DB Service.

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