

Oracle CEO Larry Ellison Comments on Sun Acquisition

Media Coverage Highlights from September 21, 2009 Churchill Club Event

When asked if Oracle planned to keep all of Sun's existing systems, Ellison was adamant: "We are keeping everything. We're keeping tape. We're keeping storage. We're keeping x86 technology and SPARC technology - and we're going to increase the investment in it." -- [The Register, 22 September 2009](#)

"We think with the combination of Sun technology and Oracle technology we can succeed and beat IBM," he said, "That's our goal." -- [The Register, 22 September 2009](#)

"We have a deep interest in the systems business," he explained. "We think that by combining our software with hardware that we can deliver systems that can be the backbone of most enterprises in America and around the world." -- [The Register, 22 September 2009](#)

"The Java [platform] already is the lingua franca of network computers." -- [Computerworld, 22 September 2009](#)

"Sun has been a national treasure for the last couple of decades." -- [Computerworld, 22 September 2009](#)

"Solaris is way better than [IBM's] AIX," Ellison said. He added that Sun machines "will outrun the IBM machines running the Oracle database." Oracle also remains "a big supporter of Linux," but Solaris is the more mature OS, said Ellison. -- [Computerworld, 22 September 2009](#)

"We've already beaten IBM in software, now, if everyone will let us, we will beat IBM in hardware," Ellison said. "That is our goal." -- [The Deal, 22 September 2009](#)

"MySQL and Oracle do not compete at all," said Mr. Ellison, adding that he would not sell MySQL. -- [Financial Times, 22 September 2009](#)

"The US took their time and deliberations and cleared it. They said it was overwhelmingly a pro-competitive deal," he said. "The Europeans have to do their job, but I think once they do their job, they'll come to the same conclusion." -- [Financial Times, 22 September 2009](#)

"We're not going to spin it off," the CEO said in answering a question related to Sun's MySQL business. He said the E.U.'s executive arm, the European Commission, eventually will clear the deal without conditions, as regulators in the U.S. did. -- [Dow Jones, 22 September 2009](#)

"Oracle has a pretty good track record of innovating," Ellison said. "We know how to deliver database, applications and middleware, and tune that to work on the hardware. As long as we continue to be innovative, we can deliver more value by engineering the pieces to fit together." -- [Bloomberg, 22 September 2009](#)

"We want to get this done," he said of the acquisition, adding that he wants "to save as many jobs as we can." -- [San Jose Mercury News, 22 September 2009](#)

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