HP Buys Cloud Prowess With Eucalytus

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HP buys open source private and hybrid enterprise cloud software developer Eucalyptus in a move to get the necessary manpower to expand its cloud software and services operations.

Financial details of the deal are not available.

Following the acquisition Eucalyptus CEO Maren Mickos gets a place in HP hierarchy as senior VP and general manager of the Cloud business, reporting directly to CEO Meg Whitman. Mickos is the ex-CEO of MySQL, and he will lead HP Cloud in building the OpenStack-based Helion server portfolio.

"Eucalyptus and HP share a common vision for the future of cloud in the enterprise," Mickos says. "Enterprises are demanding open source cloud solutions, and I'm thrilled to have this opportunity to grow the HP Helion portfolio and lead a world-class business that delivers private, hybrid, managed and public clouds to enterprise customers worldwide."

Current HP Cloud boss Martin Fink will retain his roles as HP CTO and HP Labs director.

Eucalyptus is an interesting acquisition for HP, as its software helps companies build private clouds compatible with the Amazon public cloud. On the either hand OpenStack, the focus of HP's current cloud efforts, is designed for customers who are not interested in compatibility with the Amazon cloud.

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