
Engine Yard, New Relic Partner to Scale Rails

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Engine Yard and New Relic are teaming up to push the Ruby on Rails development technology in the enterprise.

Engine Yard, which provides a Ruby on Rails deployment platform, and New Relic, which offers a Rails application performance management solution, announced a partnership May 27 to boost the technology's adoption in the enterprise.

As part of the partnership, Engine Yard will give its customers exclusive access to New Relic's introductory level of service, New Relic RPM Basic. New Relic hosts its Rails performance management solution on an Engine Yard private cluster.

Engine Yard customers Matchbin, The Hockey Pool, RedeParede, and Hutz.com are among the more than 500 companies that have signed up to use New Relic RPM to help their Rails applications perform and scale. With this value-add service, Engine Yard customers can see performance metrics in real time so they can identify problems and fix them fast, officials said.

College Tonight, a social networking Web site promoting social interactivity among college students, graduate students and alumni, was among the first to take advantage of New Relic RPM for its site, which runs on Engine Yard clusters.

Jason Schutzbank, executive vice president and chief technology officer at College Tonight, said in a statement that "the addition of New Relic RPM to our Engine Yard service has already paid off, eliminating an application performance issue we were facing. When we recently announced our partnership with celebrity Lauren Conrad, Engine Yard helped us prepare our site for the additional demands of increased traffic. Engine Yard takes the guesswork out of managing our Rails applications and now with New Relic, we can tune and optimize them as well."

The partnership with New Relic is the latest to support Engine Yard's mission to provide stable, enterprise-level Rails application deployment services, company officials said.