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In this issue, for the first time, we reprint an article that appeared previously in the trade press. The article, titled "Unix RDBMS: The next generation" describes the state of the relational market for UNIX systems. The original work appeared in the February and March 1994 issues of Advanced Systems Magazine. I profusely thank Michael McCarthy, the editor of Advanced Systems, for making this piece available to the RECORD readers.

In adapting this two-part article to one I had to do some minor editing. The original was in an annotated ASCII format and had to be converted to something more suitable. I apologize if my word-processing introduced any errors. In reading the article bear in mind a number of points. The original was in two parts, so there are references to the "previous month" which are not relevant to us. The author's references to back issues relate to issues of Advanced Systems, not of the RECORD. There are references to three diagrams which do not appear here (they were not sent to me, but I do not think they are essential). Finally, this article was written from a very different point of view than the usual RECORD publication. It has no "research" content, and it is geared to an audience of users, not database experts. This difference in point of view is what I think makes reprinting of this type of work useful to our community.

I hope you enjoy this article and I would welcome any comments about your level of interest in this type of work. I am in the process of arranging for other reprints from other publications, but if you have seen any trade press articles recently that you found outstanding in some way, please let me know via electronic mail.