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Brian Aker is a technical leader in HP's Cloud Services organization, responsible for infrastructure engineering, technical operations, and customer satisfaction. Aker has an extensive background in both technical and business leadership, along with in-depth experience in next generation open source technologies. Brian is a key member of HP's Cloud Services team.

Prior to joining HP, Aker was a Distinguished Engineer for Sun Microsystems, where his team was responsible for the next generation of MySQL and Drizzle, and where he led Sun's efforts to improve Memcached. Aker has also served as Director of Architecture at MySQL AB, where he led engineering for the MySQL product line.

Aker has extensive experience in MySQL, Apache, Memcached and other open source technologies. He spent several years at the Open Source Developer Network where he worked on delivering the second version of Slascode, the content management system that powered Slashdot and other similar Web sites.

Aker is the co-author of [Running Weblogs with Slash](#) and currently authors and maintains a number of open source projects including Drizzle, Libmemcached, and Gearman. Aker is also a core Drizzle developer and member of the Drizzle Foundation board.

Aker has chaired a number of conferences, including the MySQL conference, and is a frequent public speaker. He has given keynote speeches at OSCON, the Drupal Conference, and the International PHP Conference, among others. Aker received his undergraduate degree from Antioch College in Ohio, and completed his graduate work at the University of Iowa.