

BlaBlaCar Chooses Percona To Help Keep the Engines Revving



About the company

Headquartered in Paris, France, [BlaBlaCar](#) is the world's leading community-based travel network. The company enables more than 100 million members to share rides across 22 countries via its website and mobile apps.

The challenge

To BlaBlaCar's members, commuting flexibility is a major draw of the platform: They expect to be able to schedule a long-distance carpool a few days in advance or book at a moment's notice. Because of this, BlaBlaCar must ensure it maintains a fast and reliable system architecture.

For BlaBlaCar, reliability is the key to building a best-in-class platform and securing the future of the business.

The solution

Percona provided BlaBlaCar with unbiased expertise and support for running MariaDB.

BlaBlaCar worked closely with the Percona Support team, and thanks to this collaboration, BlaBlaCar learned more about the internals of MariaDB and was able to implement performance improvements to increase mission-critical application uptime. This support saved the BlaBlaCar team time and energy, which they then used to innovate and consolidate their platform.

BlaBlaCar's Database Reliability Engineering team and Percona share the same belief that unbiased open source database expertise provides great products and attractive communication. Percona Support offers us a guarantee to run our business safely and allows us to be focused on high-value areas.

Maxime Fouilleu,
Engineering Manager,
BlaBlaCar DBRE Team

The solution (continued)

Even though BlaBlaCar has a dedicated Database Reliability Engineering (DBRE) team in place, the company has always learned something new when contacting Percona engineers, said Maxime Fouilleul, Engineering Manager for BlaBlaCar's DBRE team. The direct and privileged link to Percona engineers, he said, makes him and his team feel more secure in overcoming technical challenges.

Maxime and his team plan to continue collaborating with Percona, with Maxime calling Percona expert engineers a "luxury" the company uses "several times per year."

Working with Percona

BlaBlaCar chose Percona because of its transparency, unbiased nature, and dedication to the open source database world. The company appreciates that Percona's priority is to help and not to push clients toward Percona products. BlaBlaCar believes the DNA of Percona matches its philosophy of always "choosing the right tool for the job."

BlaBlaCar relies on Percona market-leading MariaDB knowledge and responsive support team.

They benefit from:

- 24x7x365 expert and responsive database support for [MariaDB](#)