Amsterdam-based DuckDB Labs scales their technology to the cloud in partnership with MotherDuck, which gets $47.5M investment from A16Z and Madrona Ventures

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DuckDB Labs, the open-source data warehouse, announced today that it has signed a strategic partnership with MotherDuck, the serverless data analytics platform. The deal includes a $47.5 million investment. By combining MotherDuck’s cloud-native data processing platform with DuckDB’s data processing engine, MotherDuck is now able to offer customers an easier and more productive way to take advantage of DuckDB’s database and analytics capabilities.

**The partnership**

This is a significant milestone for DuckDB Labs, co-founded by Mark Raasveldt and Hannes Mühleisen. The deal is of particular importance to the European community as it will bring the benefits of this technology to local compute power and use it in concert with the cloud.

**Partnership Details**

As part of the deal, MotherDuck will host the open-source data warehouse DuckDB. The latter is homegrown at CWI, the Dutch national research institute for mathematics and computer science. As CWI co-founder and director, Mühleisen says: "The open-source data warehouse DuckDB will accelerate its ambition to become a household brand in the modern technology stack, with a recent investment of $47.5M in Seattle-based startup MotherDuck. DuckDB is the brainchild of Dr. Mark Raasveldt & Dr. Hannes Mühleisen based on their research at CWI, the Dutch national research institute for mathematics and computer science. As CWI director, I have spent many years working in software technology and data science with the focus of developing a data management system: the DuckDB database.

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**Background**

DuckDB is an open-source data warehouse engine that is designed to be fast, scalable, and easy to use. It is built on top of the PostgreSQL database system and is designed to support complex data processing tasks such as joins, aggregations, and window functions. It is written entirely in Rust, a systems programming language, and is designed to be highly performant and scalable.

**Vision**

With the investment from A16Z and Madrona Ventures, DuckDB Labs will be able to continue to innovate and scale the technology to the cloud. The open-source data warehouse solution DuckDB will accelerate its ambition to become a household brand in the modern technology stack, with a recent investment of $47.5M in Seattle-based startup MotherDuck. DuckDB is the brainchild of Dr. Mark Raasveldt & Dr. Hannes Mühleisen based on their research at CWI, the Dutch national research institute for mathematics and computer science. As CWI director, I have spent many years working in software technology and data science with the focus of developing a data management system: the DuckDB database.

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