

The Distributed Database Cassandra Users Migrate To.

IBM acquired DataStax in 2025 to feed Astra DB into watsonx, leaving traditional NoSQL and multi-cloud customers uncertain about the roadmap.

Keep your Cassandra wire protocol. Add ACID transactions, global secondary indexes, and PostgreSQL, all on the same cluster. YugabyteDB is 100% open source under the Apache 2.0 license.

The Limitations You’ve Worked Around for Years, Gone.

DataStax Enterprise was built for a single workload pattern. YugabyteDB is built for the cloud-native era, with ACID, SQL, and Cassandra on a unified core.

Capability	DataStax Enterprise	YugabyteDB
Multi-key ACID transactions	⊗ Not supported on Cassandra	✓ Built into YCQL
Global secondary indexes	⊗ No global indexes; local indexes risk stale reads	✓ Strongly consistent
PostgreSQL / SQL JOINS	⊗ Requires separate RDBMS	✓ YSQL on same cluster
Open source license	⊗ Proprietary, per-node	✓ Apache 2.0
Multi-modal (vector, document, search)	⊗ Multiple products needed	✓ Unified on one cluster
Cloud lock-in	⊗ Locked into IBM roadmap/pricing on Astra	✓ Any cloud, anywhere
Wire-compatible migration	⊗ No path to migrate off DSE without application changes	✓ Existing Cassandra drivers

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