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Conduct change from Oracle to PostgreSQL

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3 Agenda



<h2>Switching from Oracle to PostgreSQL</h2>

- Why such a move?
- Mindshift
- A 5-step plan for success

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4 Why such a move (1/4)



- Money
- Strategy of independence

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5 Why such a move (2/4)

<h2>Money</h2>

- Have you ever been “audited”?
- $(\text{CPU}|\text{Cores}|\text{Friend}|\text{not_Friend})_{\text{numbers}} \times \text{instances} \times [\dots] = \text{lots of money}$
- Boats are expensive, you know



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6 Why such a move (3/4)



<h2>Independence</h2>

- A much better reason
- No more vendor lock-in
- Your PostgreSQL expert has to be good since you can easily replace him now

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7 Why such a move (4/4)

<h2>Government decisions</h2> Crisis: .gov guys have to save money and become free



Le Premier Ministre
5608/SG

Paris, le 19 septembre 2012

à

Mesdames et Messieurs les ministres

Objet : Orientations pour l'usage des logiciels libres dans l'administration

6.2.2.3. MimBD

Domaine :

- ensemble des logiciels de base de données.

Missions spécifiques :

- favoriser la migration des bases propriétaires vers des bases libres, et en particulier PostgreSQL.

Read it [here!](#) (french)

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8 Mindshift (1/4)

<h2>From Editor to Community</h2>



- No one editor accountable for everything
- Our community is composite (individuals, non-profit groups, and businesses) and no vendor to shout at
- No all-in-one solution. No CDs. No DVDs.
- But OTOH: lots (and lots) of ways to do things

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9 Mindshift (2/4)

<h2>License costs to Service costs</h2>



- PostgreSQL may not be cheaper than Oracle
- ...at least not at first (ROI > year(s))
- License costs → Service costs
- Maintenance costs remain (Support)

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10 Mindshift (3/4)

<h2>Technical caveats</h2>



- Oracle RAC? ⇒ [Postgres-XC: version 1.1](#)
- Materialized views? ⇒ [PostgreSQL 9.3: september 2013](#)
- Partitioned tables? ⇒ Still a lot of work to do there (despite [pg_partman](#) which helps)

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Innovation



- [PostGIS](#), long-time award winner for spatial databases ([IGN casestudy](#): Oct 2006!)
- Strong conformity with the standards (ANSI-SQL:2008 and 2011)
- State of the art features: JSON, PLV8, Window functions and CTEs, LATERAL, SQL-Med, Foreign Data Wrappers, etc.

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Studies Learn about the PostgreSQL ecosystem



Performances

1. pgFouine
2. pgSnap
3. pgActivity
4. pgBadger
5. Probes
6. pgTune

Administration

1. pgAdmin
2. PhpPgAdmin
3. Barman
4. ora2pg

1. Munin
2. Zabbix
3. Logwatch
4. Nagios / Check_postgres

Supervision

Haute-Disponibilité

1. Hot Standby
2. Slony
3. PGXC
4. Bucardo
5. pgPool
6. pgBouncer

Recommandé

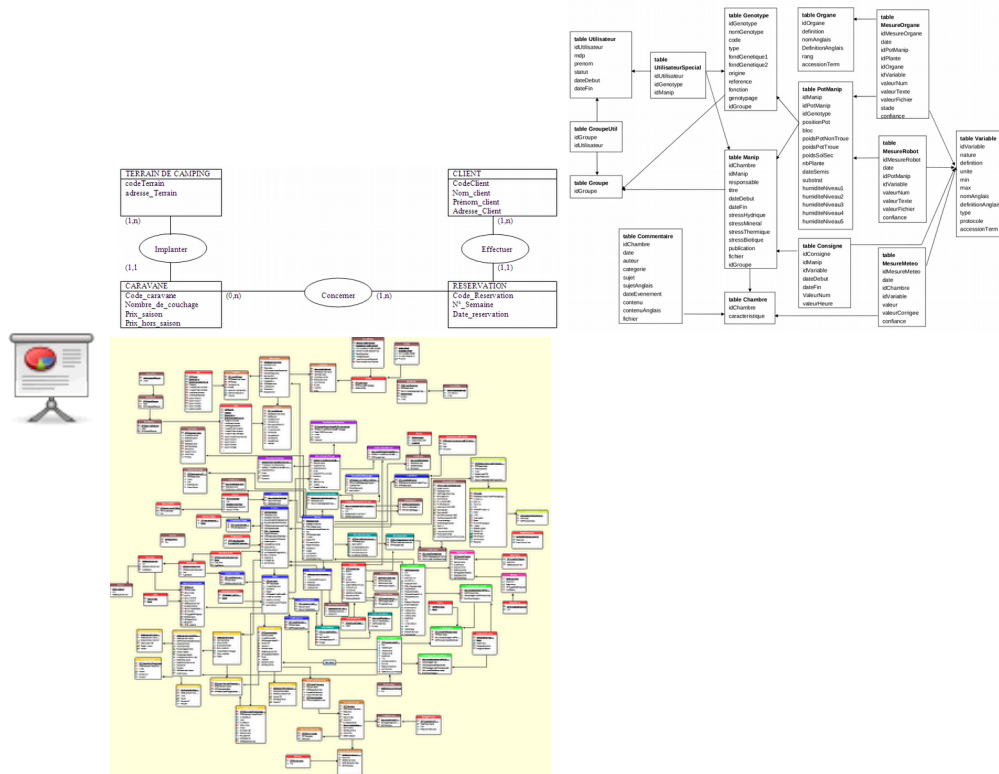
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Attention

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Studies: POC (1/2) Choose an application and make a POC, depending on the context



How to choose it?

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<h2>Studies: POC (2/2)</h2> Make this POC a S.M.A.R.T. objective



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<h2>Studies: Tools</h2>



- [Ora2Pg](#) features among others:
 - Migration cost assessment of an Oracle database.
 - Migration cost assessment of PL/SQL code from a file.
 - Migration cost assessment of Oracle SQL queries stored in a file.
- Features sponsored by French Government [DGFIP](#) and developed by [Dalibo](#)

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<h2>Training</h2>

- Your Oracle DBA(s) rox
- You can convert them to PostgreSQL in 1 or 2 weeks
- 1 week for all other profiles (devs, sysadmins, project managers, etc)
- Beware of the **lack of PostgreSQL profiles**

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<h2>Migration: Tools</h2>



- [Ora2Pg](#) again...
- Quite magical but: *“Ora2Pg does its best to automatically convert your Oracle database to PostgreSQL but there's still manual work to do. The Oracle-specific PL/SQL code generated for functions, procedures, packages and triggers has to be reviewed to match the PostgreSQL syntax.”*
- Sample: “204.5 cost migration units means approximatively 3 man-days”
- Reality hurts sometimes: “31154.8 cost migration units means approximatively 371 man-days”

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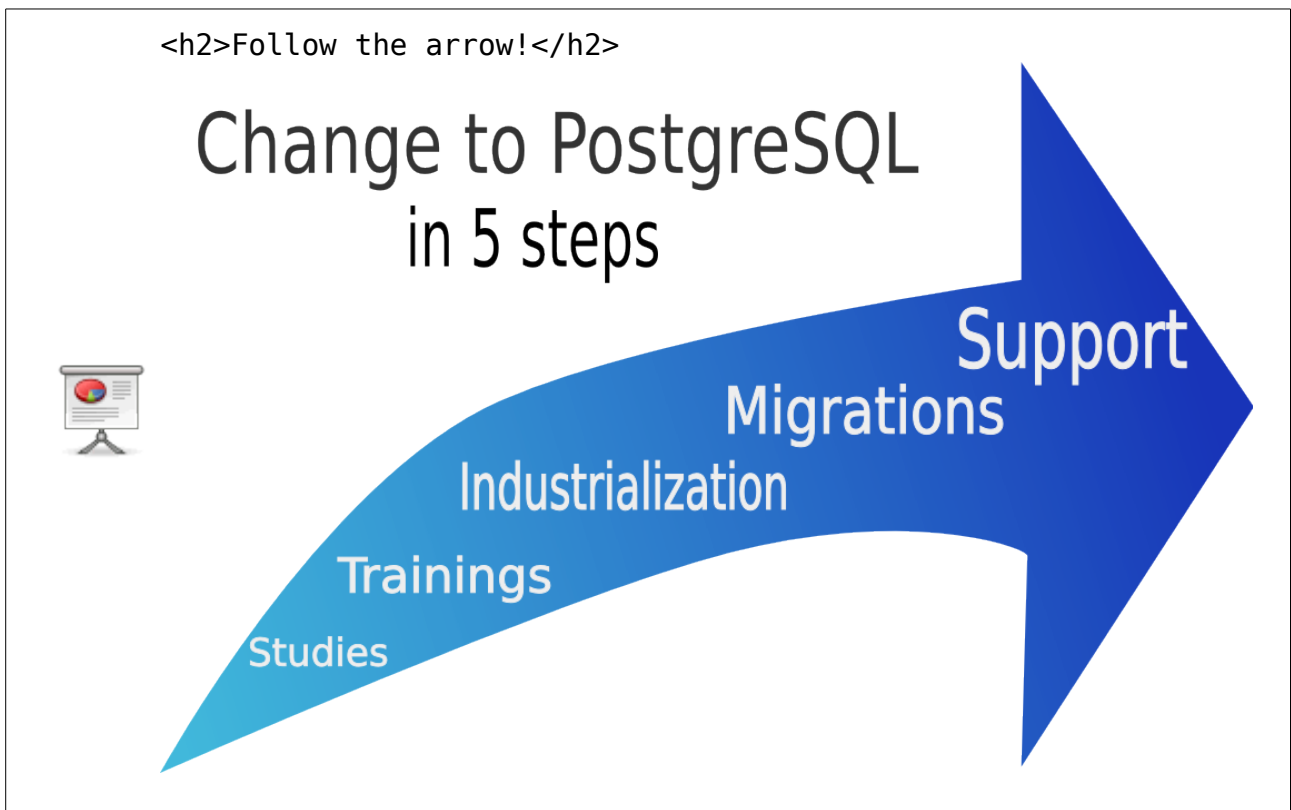


<h2>Support</h2>

- Internal skills or external?
- Depending on your strategy, the offers exist
- From classic hotline to proactive services


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22 Questions ?



- This talk will become a “white paper” soon
- Look at dalibo.org
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