**Question**:  If you could change 1 thing about your favorite framework/language/platform (pick one), what would it be?

I’m historically a .NET framework guy (all the way back to beta) and if I could change one thing, it would be to remove the use of Entity Framework (EF) from the existence of the universe. I have very strong opinions on ORMs; while they are great for simple CRUD, my belief is that they are creating a generation of developers that don’t know how to write complex SQL. Secondly, historically EF has not been able to produce consistent execution plans which has caused poor intermittent performance in applications all over the world. While I believe that Stored Procedures are the better performant way to get your data, I understand that ORMs have their place in the industry. I recognize that ORMs have an advantage with their mapping functionality, which supports streamlining development without sacrificing performance (when using Dapper or NHibernate). While EF Core is better than the full implementation, in my opinion, Dapper is superior to EF Core not only from a performance standpoint but also encourages developers to think critically when developing SQL.

If I would replace EF with another ORM, I would choose Dapper. Dapper is extremely lightweight and has consistently shown that it is more performant that EF in a multitude of ways (see performance document below). Furthermore Dapper makes running dynamic, inline SQL and store procedures extraordinarily easy and is the lightest weight of the ORMs out there in the market.

<https://www.techgems.net/posts/2020-04-04/dapper-vs-entity-framework-core-going-beyond-just-performance>