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[Following a Select Statement Through Postgres Internals](#)

PAT SHAUGHNESSY

An excellent explanation, complete with diagrams, of what happens when you run a standard SELECT query on Postgres. If you're an end user and want to dig a little deeper, this walkthrough provides a great starting point.

[Building Scalable Search from Scratch with Elasticsearch](#)

AIRPAIR

A practical walkthrough of tying together a number of open source technologies around Elasticsearch to provide a flexible, high performance search system for a Web site.

[Another Patent Troll Slain. You Are Now Free To Rotate Your Smartphone.](#)

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[SQL for Marketers](#)

PERISCOPE

SQL isn't the most friendly of languages but it can be incredibly powerful. The amount of valuable data that lies in relational databases continues to grow, so if you're not a developer, here's an awesome intro to SQL.

[The Weather Channel Forecasts Heavy NoSQL Ahead](#)

PCWORLD

The Weather Channel found that it had to switch to a NoSQL MongoDB data store in order to more quickly develop apps and add features to its range of Internet-based weather information services.

[Why Redis Beats Memcached for Caching](#)

INFOWORLD

Redis is more powerful and more flexible and usually the right choice, but Memcached still has its place.

[DatabasePack Beta: Database-as-a-Service for Testing](#)

DATABASE FRIENDS

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[Preparing Your Enterprise for Big Data](#)

DATABASE JOURNAL

Big data applications are now commonplace but 'dropping' them in amongst existing IT infrastructure can be tricky and companies need to prepare appropriately.

[Elasticsearch from the Top Down](#)

ALEX BRASETVIK

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