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[What ORMs Have Taught Me: Just Learn SQL](#)

GEOFF WOZNIAK

"I've come to the conclusion that, for me, ORMs are more detriment than benefit. In short, they can be used to nicely augment working with SQL in a program, but they should not replace it."

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