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# **DB Weekly**

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# Defusing Database Time Bombs: Avoiding the Need to Refactor Databases

THOMAS LEBLANC

Where applications evolve gradually, challenges to database development can arise. If designed too loosely, schemas can become harder and harder to refactor until they constitute a database 'time bomb.' Thomas LeBlanc describes how to avoid a few basic, but very common, database time bombs.

## Why SQLite's Temporary File Prefix is 'etilgs', not 'sglite'

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You'd never guess the reason, but it's a funny piece of history and an example of how simple things in code can have real life consequences.

## The Battle against Patent Trolls Starts Again

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Everyone hates patent trolls, but we can only fight them one at a time. Solving the patent troll problem for everyone requires changing the system that aids and encourages troll behavior. Read more on the Innovation Act that was recently re-introduced to Congress.

#### <u>GraphpostgresQL: GraphQL for Postgres</u>

JASON DUSEK

GraphQL is a data querying language designed to describe the complex, nested data dependencies of modern applications. Essentially, a graph interface to relational data.

#### Pinterest Open Sources 'Pinball', a Data Workflow Manager

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#### Why Presto is the Best SQL-On-Hadoop You Haven't Heard Of

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Presto is an open source, in-memory distributed SQL query engine developed by Facebook.

#### Introducing Apache Spark 1.3

PATRICK WENDELL

A powerful open source processing engine that provides easy-to-use APIs for operating on large datasets.

### Why We Built ActorDB

BIOKODA

ActorDB is a distributed SQL database with linear scalability that aims to have no single point of failure.

## Goodbye MongoDB, Hello PostgreSQL

YORICK PETERSE

Mongo offers developers a lot of agility but data often has structure that needs to be managed in a more relational way. Here's an interesting and detailed story of someone moving from Mongo to Postgres highlighting the why and how.

### **Jobs**

Customer Data Engineer Rackspace is seeking a Customer Data Engineer. To do this successfully you'll be switching hats often, from Systems Administrator resolving a configuration problem on a machine, to DBA digging into production databases to identify issues, to Software Developer troubleshooting customer code. You'll have the opportunity to work with a broad range of technologies – MongoDB, MySQL, Redis, and Hadoop in particular. Apply here.
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Database Administrator (Blacksburg, VA) Rackspace is seeking a Senior Database Administrator in our Blacksburg, VA
office. The Senior DBA will be responsible for maintaining the company's database systems (currently MS SQL Server) including
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