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# Postgres Weekly

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As always, a big thanks to [Craig Kerstiens](#) for curating Postgres Weekly and if you want to recommend anything for a future issue, tweet @craigkerstiens and he'll consider it! :-)

## Featured

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### [Tom Lane Explains Query Planner \[video\]](#)

Tom Lane, one of the major contributors to Postgres and on the Postgres core team, was in San Francisco last week and gave a talk at the SF Postgres Users Group. Here's the video from the talk where Tom explains the innards of the PostgreSQL query planner. Whether you're a noob or a knowledgeable Postgres user this is a must watch.

### [JavaScript Functions for PostgreSQL](#)

With recent attention to [JavaScript support in Postgres](#) and talks highlighting [how to liberate your schema](#) there's definitely plenty of excitement. When 9.3 hits the JSON format and functions are immediately more usable, in the meantime here's some functions that will help you take advantage of JS in your DB.

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### [Heroku Postgres - Fully managed Postgres on EC2](#)

There's a lot to worry about when building your application; ensuring your database is secured, backed up, available shouldn't have to be part of that. Let Heroku Postgres focus on keeping your database running so you can take advantage of all the awesome features within Postgres.

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## The rest

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### [Postgres New Relic Plugin](#)

New Relic recently expanded their application monitoring platform to include the ability to send additional information. Now there's a plugin specifically for Postgres to highlight Postgres performance within New Relic.

### [Recursive Postgres Queries](#)

Common table expressions and recursive queries within Postgres have no end of use cases. Here's a great real world example taking advantage of recursive queries, though you could of course materialize such a thing. Regardless PostgreSQL gives you the flexibility to solve your use case as you see fit.

### [Fun with PostgreSQL: Tagging Blog Posts](#)

Postgres is packed full of great datatypes. In particular arrays can be great in really clear use cases such as when tagging categories as highlighted in this article.

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