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All You Need to Know About Sorting in Postgres

During queries, Postgres often sorts your data behind the scenes for optimization purposes. This primer should give you a better understanding of how this sorting works.

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Postgres Query Plan Visualization

Understanding the query plan or EXPLAIN output can be tricky, even for an experienced Postgres user. This is one of the best tools I've seen yet to help better understand how a query is performing.

ALEX TATIYANTS [#TOOLS](#)

Spot over-locking

Datadog collects lock metrics over time, and can alert on changes immediately. With 50+ Postgres-specific metrics, Datadog helps you spot and fix issues before they're problems.

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Improve Your PostgreSQL Workflow with vim and dbext

JONATHAN SACRAMENTO

Postgres FDW, One Year Later

If you didn't know, Postgres ships with one foreign data wrapper out of the box – the Postgres one. Here's a great write-up after extensive use on getting it set up and hands on with it.

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Postgres Checksum Performance Impact

Checksums, made available in Postgres 9.3, are incredibly valuable to ensure your database doesn't silently corrupt. But, as with most things they're not free. Take a look at what performance impact turning them on may have.

GREG SABINO MULLANE

cstore_fdw and 'Files are Hard'

[Files are hard](#) was a great article that lays out so many of the issues on files and filesystems. As a response to that he laid out many of the choices in the popular extension [cstore](#) from [Citius Data](#), a great read if you want to look at the internals of one approach to an interesting extension.

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Scenic: Versioned Database Views for Rails

Scenic makes it easier to work with database views within your Rails application– without having to drop down to raw SQL.

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