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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

[How to Build A Simple REST API Using Only Nginx and PostgreSQL](#)

Often times a full web framework can be overkill if you need a simple rest API. Fortunately there's a Postgres module for nginx that makes building a simple, persistent REST server rather easy.

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

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The rest

[Merging JSONs in PostgreSQL](#)

Following some previous posts about [JavaScript support in Postgres](#), here's another look at taking advantage of it to merge data from the JSON datatype.

[Simple CSV Dumps from your Postgres Database](#)

When moving data around and doing various ETL you don't always need a robust tool, sometimes you just need some CSVs to work with. Postgres of course makes it simple and here's a great look at some of the options for exporting CSVs.

[wal-e: A S3 based WAL-shipping disaster recovery and standby toolkit](#)

If you're running your own Postgres you want to make sure your data is safe. Here's a S3 based WAL-shipping disaster recovery and standby toolkit, with some great new features in its [upcoming release](#)

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[Waiting for 9.4 – Add SQL Standard WITH ORDINALITY support for UNNEST](#)

With Postgres 9.3 still just around the corner Postgres 9.4 features keep rolling in. Here's a look at another great one allowing you to retrieve the order when unnesting data.

[Documenting your PostgreSQL database](#)

Documenting your code is not just encouraged its almost required nowadays. You should be doing the exact same to your database and here's a look at how.

[CRAIG KERSTIENS](#)

[How to Create Postgres Indexes Concurrently in ActiveRecord Migrations](#)

Postgres' CREATE INDEX CONCURRENTLY is an amazing feature that lets you add an index without locking the table. While previously not simple to work with in ActiveRecord, coming in Rails 4 you've got support built right in.

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