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Featured

[PostgreSQL 2013-10-10 Update Release](#)

The PostgreSQL Global Development Group has released a bug-fix update to all current versions of the PostgreSQL database system, including versions 9.3.1, 9.2.5, 9.1.10, 9.0.14, and 8.4.18. These releases fix many issues reported by the community over the last six months.

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[Postgres 9.3 - How Urgent Is That Update?](#)

A new point release is out for Postgres 9.3. Fortunately unlike many releases where its unclear if it actually affects you, Josh Berkus has done a great job of clearly spelling out the changes.

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The rest

[First Thing You Do Is Take A Backup](#)

No matter what precautions you take database corruption can still occur, having backups in place is a critical piece. Should you not have them already resisting the urge to get back up and running as possible is important to ensure you do have a stable place to recover from. A real world experience highlights this further.

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[Geolocation with PostgreSQL](#)

Dealing with location is table stakes for most applications these days, so having a database that plays well with it makes life easier for everyone. One large and common piece of that is converting IPs to locations. Postgres has a great custom datatype to handle IPs and here's a look at it and mapping to location.

[Multicorn: A Powerful Foreign Data Wrapper for PostgreSQL](#)

Foreign data wrappers or FDWs are one of the more exciting features to the future of Postgres recently. Though for most the idea of writing C code to create on isn't overly exciting. Multicorn is a great wrapper to create FDWs in python and here's a good initial dive into it.

[Fancy SQL Monday: Finding Broken Keys](#)

Its not overly common but when corruption does occur it can be related to your index keys. A quick way of discovering this is dump/restore to find key constraints. While the cleanup is a bit more manual than the detection, the act of identifying them is still incredibly valuable.

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Jobs

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