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[PostgreSQL 9.4 Beta 2 Released](#)

Postgres 9.4 brings logical decoding, a new jsonb format, and improvements to materialized views. The second beta is now available for you to begin exploring and trying it out. Make sure to pass along your feedback to the Postgres developers.

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[The End of PostgreSQL 8.4 - A Small Tribute](#)

Postgres 8.4 is now officially end of life. With it came a lot of improvements that really started the path forward for Postgres' resurgence. Here's a look back at a few of those highlights.

[MAGNUS HAGANDER](#)

[PostgreSQL Updates 9.3.5, 9.2.9, 9.1.14, 9.0.18, and 8.4.22 Released](#)

Minor releases which fix a variety of issues on the 9.3, 9.2, 9.1, 9.0, and 8.4 branches.

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[All Your Base Database Conference - Early Birds End Friday](#)

Backend developers, DevOps & Solutions Architects, join us in Oxford on 17 October to hear from database creators & industry leaders working at the coal face on where to store & how to handle your data. Early Bird tickets end Friday 1 August.

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[How to Terminate PostgreSQL Sessions](#)

Long running queries can affect a database in a variety of ways. At times you may want to have more insight and control, in some cases killing queries. Here's a quick playbook on all of the above.

[MILOSZ GALAZKA](#)

[Friends Don't Let Friends Use Loops](#)

Bulk loading data is a common task at times for many applications, but doing so the naive way can lead to a lot more pain than is necessary for your database.

[SHAUN M. THOMAS](#)

[pghero: Database insights made easy](#)

Taking inspiration from [Heroku](#) and in particular their [pg-extras](#) plug-in to give you more insight into your data. Here's a standalone app that will give you lots of key useful information about your database.

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[Optimization Issues: Cross Column Correlation](#)

The Postgres optimizer is generally quite good, but that doesn't mean there aren't edge cases. Check out an interesting case here when cross correlating data.

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[Tales from the Trenches – the New MongoDB FDW](#)

Foreign data wrappers offer a lot of promise for the future of disparate datasets, but many of them aren't quite there today. The Postgres one saw great strides in 9.3 and now Enterprise DB is advancing the Mongo one, here's some great details around it.

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