

Most Wanted

Future PostgreSQL Features

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Top Priorities after PostgreSQL 9.0

- ▶ Administration and monitoring tools
- ▶ Driver quality and maintenance
- ▶ Modules and extension management
- ▶ Per-column locale/collation
- ▶ VLDB?
- ▶ Cloud?

<http://postgresql.uservoice.com/>

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I suggest you ...

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Materialized Views

Materialized views will boost performance for every web application and not only that is must for our era.

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by anonymous | 2 comments

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Synchronous replication

Send WAL replication information to the slave without delay, so the data is known committed on the slave before the master reports the command or transaction complete to its client.

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by Peter Eisentraut | 3 comments

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Status: started

88

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parallel query option

Rationale:

We are running a BI wimid-size data warehouse. PostgreSQL scales reasonably well for the BI app - i.e. when there is enough users running dashboards, ad-hoc queries, etc the server is as busy as expected.

HOWEVER when running the ETL overnight most of the processors are idle - BECAUS...

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by buduhnek | 1 comment

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Index-only scans

For performance reasons (reduced-I/O) it would be good for PostgreSQL to obtain index-only scans.

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1. Materialized views
2. Synchronous replication
3. Parallel query
4. Index-only scans
5. MERGE/UPSERT/REPLACE
6. Administration and monitoring tools
7. In-place upgrades
8. Partitioning

Status: Materialized Views

- ▶ User-space toolkit exists: http://tech.jonathangardner.net/wiki/PostgreSQL/Materialized_Views
- ▶ No core work planned

Status: Synchronous Replication

- ▶ 9.0 will have “Hot Standby” and “**Streaming** Replication”
- ▶ **Synchronous** replication might be expected for 9.1
- ▶ More refinement work on streaming replication

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- ▶ Wait! . . . Just in: Simon will fix it.

<http://database-explorer.blogspot.com/2010/02/parallel-query-1.html>

Status: Index-Only Scans

- ▶ In progress
- ▶ Might be expected for 9.1

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Example:

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- ▶ No plans?
- ▶ Standardized since SQL:2003
- ▶ All other relevant SQL databases support some variant of this.
- ▶ Potential major blocker: new (predicate?) locking support

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- ▶ Dozens of tools exist
- ▶ Problems need to be defined

Status: In-Place Upgrades

- ▶ 8.3 -> 8.4 didn't work very well ☹️
- ▶ 8.4 -> 9.0 can be expected to work 😊
- ▶ Will require new effort for each release

Status: Partitioning

- ▶ Constraint exclusion doesn't scale
- ▶ Some work was proposed during 9.0 cycle
- ▶ Possible for 9.1

Status: Driver Quality and Maintenance

- ▶ Problem: most are underrecognized or “one-man” projects
- ▶ Need lots of help

Status: Per-column locale/collation

- ▶ Open question: glibc vs. ICU
- ▶ Could happen any day or never . . .

Status: Module and Extension Management

- ▶ Various ideas are/have been in prototype phases
- ▶ Current approach: **PGAN**
- ▶ Possible for 9.1

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