



Keeping PostgreSQL 8.4 alive for Debian LTS

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PostgreSQL-8.4 vs Debian squeeze



- ▶ PostgreSQL-8.4
 - ▶ Quite good release, much less manual tuning needed
 - ▶ Reasonable performance on small amounts of cores
 - ▶ EOL in July 2014
- ▶ Debian squeeze
 - ▶ EOL in May 2014
- ▶ Debian squeeze LTS
 - ▶ Extended support until February 2016
 - ▶ <https://www.debian.org/security/2014/dsa-2907>
- ▶ The situation: squeeze LTS started, but its PostgreSQL package is no longer maintained upstream

Keeping PostgreSQL-8.4 alive



- ▶ PostgreSQL-8.4 is unofficially maintained by credativ GmbH on a best-effort basis as LTS
- ▶ We talked to the PostgreSQL Core Team, decided to debrand in order to avoid confusion, i.e. no 8.4.23 release
- ▶ Adopted same backpatching policy as upstream
- ▶ Tracking commits from REL9_0_STABLE branch
- ▶ Repository: <https://github.com/credativ/postgresql-lts>
- ▶ 250 commits, 5 releases, 8.4.22lts1-8.4.22lts5 based on 9.0.19-9.0.22
- ▶ 41 skipped commits, see <https://github.com/credativ/postgresql-lts/wiki>
- ▶ Now that PostgreSQL-9.0 is EOL'd, we'll switch to REL9_1_STABLE

PostgreSQL-9.1 vs Debian wheezy



- ▶ PostgreSQL-9.1
 - ▶ EOL in September 2016
- ▶ Debian wheezy
 - ▶ EOL in February 2016
- ▶ Debian wheezy LTS
 - ▶ Extended support until May 2018
- ▶ credativ is committed to continue supporting PostgreSQL-9.1 until then
 - ▶ On a best-effort community basis, talk to us if you need more

- ▶ <https://github.com/credativ/postgresql-lts>
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