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- The situation: squeeze LTS started, but its PostgreSQL package is no longer maintained upstream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 inofficially 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

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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
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