A Story of Introducing PostgreSQL to a Small and Medium-sized Enterprise

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Today's story

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- (2) The Two Big problems in SME
- (2) How to solve them
- (3) Why do I use OSS
- (4) Why do I use PostgreSQL
- (5) Introduce some cases about it.
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Introduction about my company

- Employee 70 persons
- Trading company
- Dealing with tire equipments

Two Big Problems

In Small and Middle Enterprize

Not enough budget

No IT specialist

Never give up

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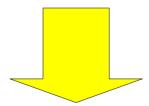
- We have the trump card
- Open source Software

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- If we study OSS with passion!
- We introduce IT without IT specialist

Why do I use OSS

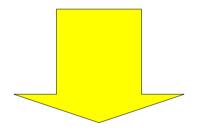
- In 2000
- Need for Internet connect
- Need to set Server



Outsoucing is very expensive

I faced difficult problem...

- If I gave up
- We could not get bussiness chance.
- I thought every day to discover a good idea



I could look for good idea!

I know that OSS is free

- If I study Linux , I can make server with low cost
- I tried to make a PC server with textbooks
- I am not an IT specialist, so it was very hard.
- But I could introduce the low cost server.

Inotice

OSS is the best tool for SME

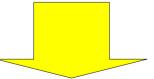
Why do I use PostgreSQL

In 2001, Web Search System

Before

- We provide Car Alignment data to customers
- Customers always ask data by telephone.
- We send the data to FAX at that time.
- It is very troublesome

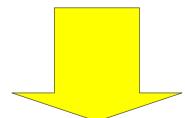
Solution



Web Search System

I had to introduce with low cost...

- Buy PC server by 100,000 yen(≒US\$1,000)
- Use PostgreSQL
- I can make Web Search System with low cost.
- But I had not used PostgreSQL.

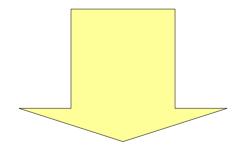


I tried to introduce PostgreSQL.

I began to study it.

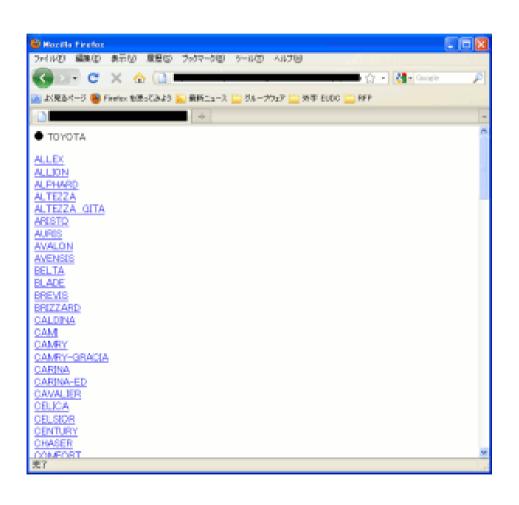
"Try" is very important!

- learned how to install PostgreSQL
- I only use "SELECT", "UPDATE", "DELETE"
- I can only write easy SQL sentence.

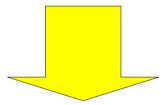


I could make Web Search System!

Web Search System



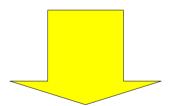
- can use 24 hours
- get data by mobile too
- easy to search data



Merits for customers!!

After Intoroducing system

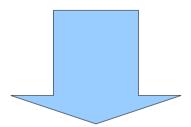
- Customers use Web Search System.
- Reducing call from customers.
- Reducing troblesome.



Raise business efficiency

The merits of introducing OSS

- Not only saving money
- But also get more business chances

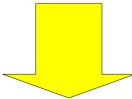


Even if not enough budget We can improve business.

Case2 Work Schedule System

Before

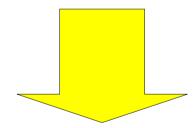
- Many co-works tell Work-Schedule by e-mail
- Received e-mails increaces year by year.
- Filing is very troublesome.
- Groupware is necessary.
- But it is expensive.



How do I solve this problem?

I had to make system with low cost

- I looked for Free Work Schedule software.
- I could find it "pgcalendar"
- When using it, PostgreSQL is necessary



I introduced it soon!

pgCalendar + PostgreSQL



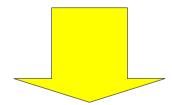


- Every co-worker use this system.
- released from e-mail filing
- Now applied to meeting room schedule system

I study PostgreSQL more

Before

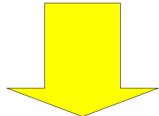
- Usage frequency is very low.
- I did not think database security
- I use only "SELECT", "UPDATE", "DELETE"



I did not know what transaction is?

Usage frequency increases!

- Databese security is getting important before
- If I ignore database security ,
- Data is not reliable
- It is big problem.

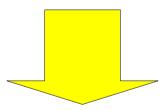


I must study PostgreSQL more!!

I studied...

- what transaction is
- what lock is
- what WAL is
- what PITR is

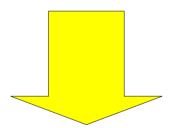
After study _



I re-write programs used PostgreSQL

After study

- I know PostgreSQL more detail.
- I can make more secure program.
- Database security is better than before.



Even If we are not IT specialist, We can make reliable system.

Case3 Internet Shopping System

Before

- When Customers order tire items
- They call to our company every time.
- It is troublesome.
- Sometimes human errors occure

Need

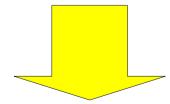
Extend market

EC-CUBE + PostgreSQL

What is EC-CUBE?

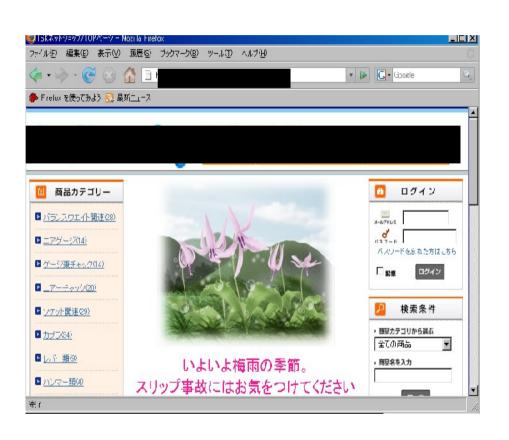


- Open Source EC site
- The Using database is PostgreSQL
- made in Japan.
- better for japanese bussiness practice.



I selected this software!

Our company's EC site



- Low cost
- High quality
- Easy to use

Now using custemer increases . improving bussiness chance!!

Summary

- OSS effects are very big for SME
- Not only saving money
- But also improving business

OSS and PostgreSQL bring SME big revolution!

- Even if there is no IT spealist
- We study OSS and PostgreSQL ourself
- We can introduce IT!!

I tell SME's persons "Yes we can!"

Thank you for listening