



Migration of energy efficiency data processing from MS SQL Server to PostgreSQL.





Data problem

Introduce myself, the CEDARS project, and the data requirements



Migration

Key motivations and roadblocks to migration, and how we are overcame them.

Lessons



What we've learned, and our next steps to complete the migration.









The Hydrophone Data Repository (Hydra)

Funders: UW, NOAA, US-ACE, UC-Davis, Seattle City Light, and more

Team: Jennifer, Eric, Chris

Hydra has been online since 2008 and was Sound Data's first online database project. Hydra provides data management and sharing for fisheries researchers who study the movement of aquatic animals using acoustic telemetry. Hydra has enjoyed tremendous success, growing from a grassroots regional solution to serve more than 200 researchers from across the west coast of North America.

From Hydra's about page:

Around the Pacific Northwest, researchers from a variety of federal and local agencies, universities, and tribes in aggregate are using several hundred hydrophones to conduct research studies on movement patterns of aquatic animals. Each research program is characterized by numerous tagged animals that move and a relatively limited number of acoustic receivers that are located to address a significant question for individual programs. Importantly, these tagged animals move over larger domains than individual receiver arrays. These researchers have recognized the value of coordinating placement of hydrophones to improve their collective listening capability and ability to address emergent, larger-scale management questions. Researchers needed the ability to efficiently share detections of each others tag codes to enable the larger research collaboration. Hydra was developed to facilitate data sharing and research coordination for these researchers. The researchers were happy with Hydra's service so they told their colleagues who are also doing acoustic telemetry about Hydra and they joined too. Currently Hydra extends from British Columbia to Baja California.





California Energy Data and Reporting System (CEDARS)

Client: California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) Energy Division (ED) Team: Jennifer, Eric, Chris, Javier, Sky

Sound Data has handled every aspect of the CEDARS project since its inception, including developing and articulating client business processes, change management, system requirements, security requirements, platform specification, software development, testing, client management, and automation of data integration between disparate data systems. CEDARS goals are to automate manual data processing and quality control tasks that have been time consuming, expensive, and error prone, to communicate transparent data specification and quality control rules, to be robust to change over time, and to integrate what had been disparate data sets to enable analysis and review; the CEDARS project has been highly successful, delivering multiple modules on-time despite tight deadlines, and the CPUC continues to expand the scope of CEDARS. CEDARS also accomplished the high-level goals of integrating with the CPUC Database for Energy Efficiency Resources (DEER) for purposes of claim and filing data validation, as well as integrating with the CPUC Cost Effectiveness Tool (CET) for purposes of calculating cost effectiveness of the portfolio.





California Public Utility Commission (CPUC)

Our Mission

The California Public Utilities Commission serves the public interest by protecting consumers and ensuring the provision of safe, reliable utility service and infrastructure at just and reasonable rates, with a commitment to environmental enhancement and a healthy California economy. We regulate utility services, stimulate innovation, and promote competitive markets, where possible, in the communications, energy, transportation, and water industries.

http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/







The CPUC authorizes a \$1B per year investment in energy efficiency in CA.

Energy efficiency program administrators are required to submit data demonstrating their accomplishments that demonstrate they have a cost effective total portfolio.

If program administrators hit the savings goals set by the CPUC, they are awarded financial incentives.



In the beginning, there was chaos.

Data stream flowing

In 2009, we had three years of data in hand and more data arriving 5x per year.

Come as you are

The first three years of data we held were requested as "give us your data" without specification.

Manual work

The team was manually processing and Qcing claim data. Data were spit between different groups and each group developed their own manual processes.









How can we make energy efficiency data reporting more efficient?



Automate

Fully automate data processing and QC feedback. Give program administrators real-time data QC feedback.



Integrate

Build API integrations between CEDARS and external systems.

Move data processing to an open source platform and eliminate costs while improving performance.





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Comparing RDBMS

Key factors

Database administration overhead Development expense Performance Integration Cost Tools

What the CPUC stood to gain



Security

Move SFTP off database server



User Access

Eliminate SFTP users, add CPUC ED users, improve public user access



Automation

Data processing and cross-server automations

Transparency

Ensure consistency and transparency of data specifications



Performance

Data processing that took months is now done in minutes.



Reporting

Provide advanced on-demand data reporting across multiple data sets.





CEDARS CALIFORNIA ENERGY DATA AND REPORTING SYSTEM	Programs Monthly Reports Budget Filings Quarterly Claims Tool (CET) Data Users Tasks	jennifer
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PGLOADER

BLOG ABOUT CONTRIBUTE ROADMAP WHITE PAPER

pgloader loads data into PostgreSQL and allows you to implement Continuous Migration from your current database to PostgreSQL. Read the White Paper to learn how to limit risks and control your budget, and start your PostgreSQL migration today!

Introduction



pgLoader has two modes of operation. It can either load data from files, such as CSV or Fixed-File Format; or migrate a whole database to PostgreSQL.

pgLoader supports several RDBMS solutions as a migration source, and fetches information from the

catalog tables over a connection to then create an equivalent schema in PostgreSQL. This means that you can migrate to PostgreSQL in a single command-line!

Supported operations include:

- Migrate from MySQL to PostgreSQL
- Migrate from SQLite to PostgreSQL

You can also *migrate from database files* in the DBF and IXF formats, where pgLoader can inspect the target table format for you automatically in the file headers.

https://pgloader.io/

https://github.com/dimitri/pgloader

\$ apt-get install pgloader





Server Expense

We run three PostgreSQL servers on Ubuntu for less cost than our one Windows server.

CPUC is consolidating server resources into their new AWS Gov cloud. CEDARS was the first project they brought into AWS Gov. Our three CEDARS database servers cost less than our one MSSS server; all four servers are the same instance type.



Increased Automation

Migrating to PostgreSQL

Transparency

Data specifications are version controlled. Updates are made per the change management protocol.

Low latency

Data processing is fully automated and no manual work is required. Processing happens in minutes.



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Improved relationship



CEDARS improves communication and collaboration between program administrator and CPUC staff.

Reduced cost

Lower server costs, elimination of manual tasks, and elimination of software costs.

Better access

Public data access becomes realtime and is expanded. CPUC staff can directly access data.

External integrations

APIs to external systems enable real-time synchronization. Manua reconciliation was eliminated.











PostgreSQL for the win

Lighter database administration overhead Lighter development expense Better performance Easier integrations Much lower cost Powerful tools

And the migration to PostgreSQL was painless.