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# Why and How to Switch from Oracle to PostgreSQL

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# Agenda

- Cloudway & EDB
- Why Move off of Oracle?
- Why EDB?
- What is our Oracle Migration Approach?
- What's in it for You?
- Q&A



# The EDB-Cloudway Partnership



- EnterpriseDB (EDB), founded in March 2004, is a privately held American software company headquartered in Bedford, Massachusetts
- EDB is the world's largest software, support, and services company focused exclusively on PostgreSQL. EDB is the largest contributor of PostgreSQL
- EDB provides a portfolio of databases and tools that extend PostgreSQL for enterprise workloads
- Cloudway has been a partner of EDB since its inception and covers Greece, Cyprus, Romania, and Bulgaria.
- Cloudway has developed strategic partnerships with leading partners of EDB in EMEA, such as Nibble, Kangaroot & Stromatics





# Cloudway & PostgreSQL



- Cloudway was the first to introduce in Greece and Cyprus the concept of professionally supported PostgreSQL installations, backed by the strictest 24/7 SLAs
- Cloudway also specializes in providing the infrastructure necessary for enterprise-grade PostgreSQL, ensuring high availability across all environments, whether on-premises, hybrid, or public cloud
- Cloudway employs the most experienced PostgreSQL engineers in Greece and Cyprus, with a proven track record of handling highly demanding PostgreSQL-related projects. Our engineers also possess expertise in other RDBMS platforms, such as Oracle, which is essential for seamless migrations
- In less than two years of operation, Cloudway has successfully installed and supports PostgreSQL RDBMS for major banks, commercial enterprises, and public sector organizations in Greece and internationally



# Oracle & PostgreSQL in Greece & Cyprus



- There is no reliable published data on RDBMS market shares in Greece and Cyprus. However, Oracle is estimated to dominate the enterprise RDBMS market in both countries, holding more than 50% of the market share
- An unnecessarily large portion of IT budgets is often consumed by licensing and Oracle support costs. In contrast, PostgreSQL, being open-source, eliminating the need for costly licenses and support fees typically associated with Oracle
- Many companies and organisations in both countries are unaware that PostgreSQL is comparable to — if not superior to — Oracle for enterprise-level requirements.. They are also often unaware of the tools and services available to facilitate seamless migration from Oracle to PostgreSQL, offering a realistic alternative to vendor lock-in
- Oracle's dominance in the public sector in Greece and Cyprus places a significant burden on state budgets while contributing to the outflow of tax revenues to non-EU countries. Additionally, issues related to code transparency, security, and control arise, which conflict with the mandates and principles set forth by the European Commission



# Why Move off of Oracle?





**EDB**

Postgres for the AI Generation



Companies must shift to new **digital** operating models to compete and **stay relevant**

## A new world has emerged

- Data is the currency
- Data ownership is an economic advantage
- Databases are a strategic asset

# It's typically one of the following reasons:



## Price

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Oracle's high cost  
Restrictive and complicated contracts



## Agility

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70% of new apps use open source  
Adopt modern software architectures



## Deployment options

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Organizations move to any Cloud  
Transition to Containers / Cloud Native



## Innovation

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Oracle software is in maintenance mode  
Postgres innovates in many directions



## Consolidation

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Focus IT spend on fewer platforms  
PostgreSQL fits many workloads



## Future-proof

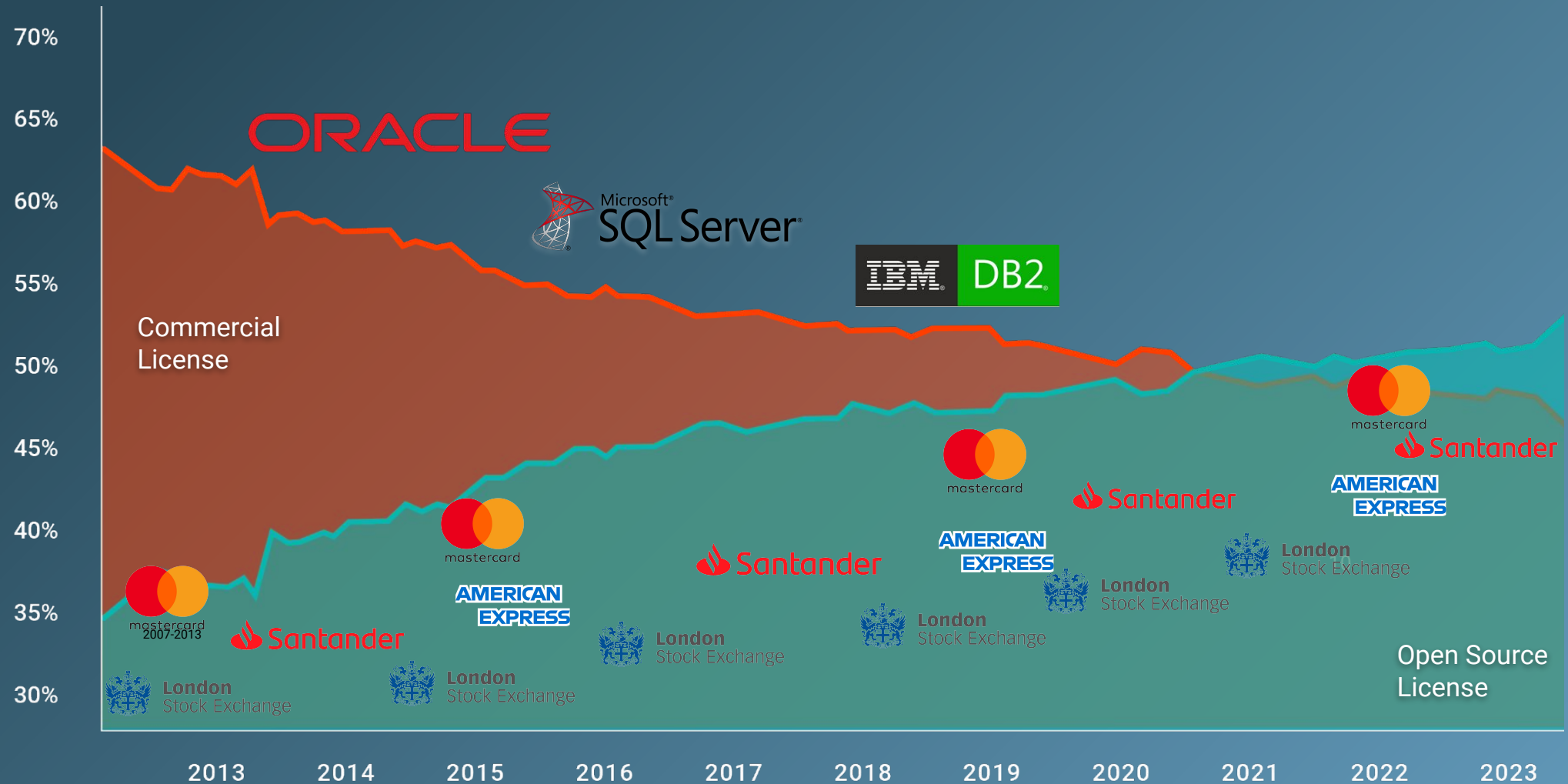
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PostgreSQL inherently innovates  
as the market evolves





# Open source databases now outpace legacy

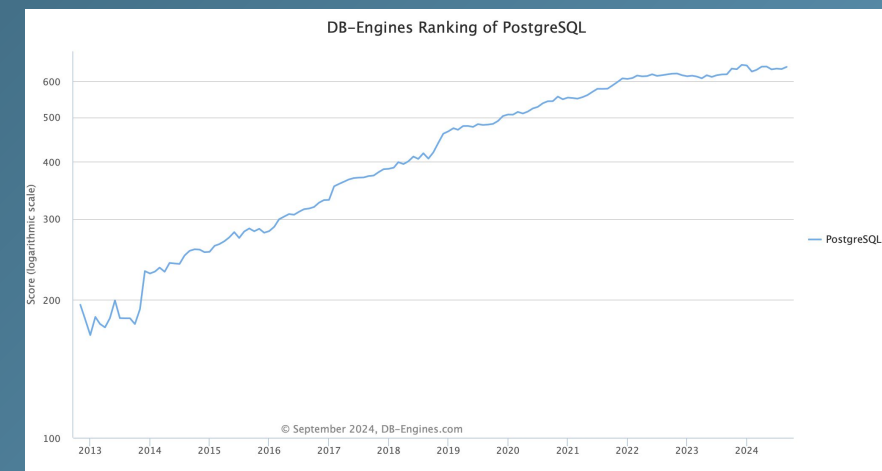
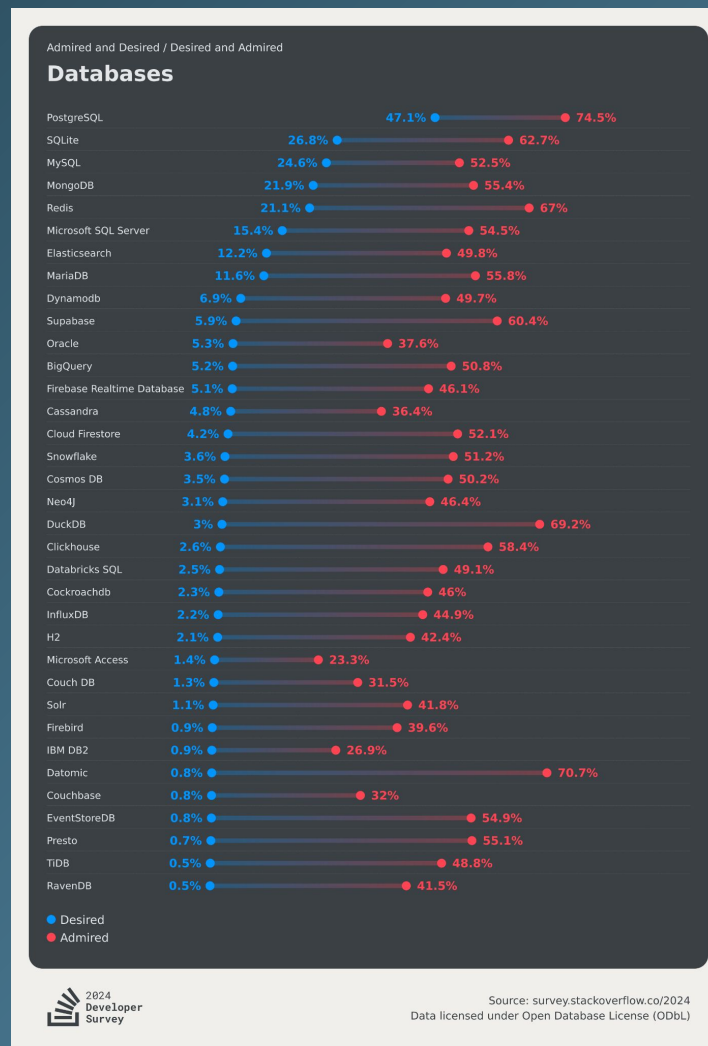
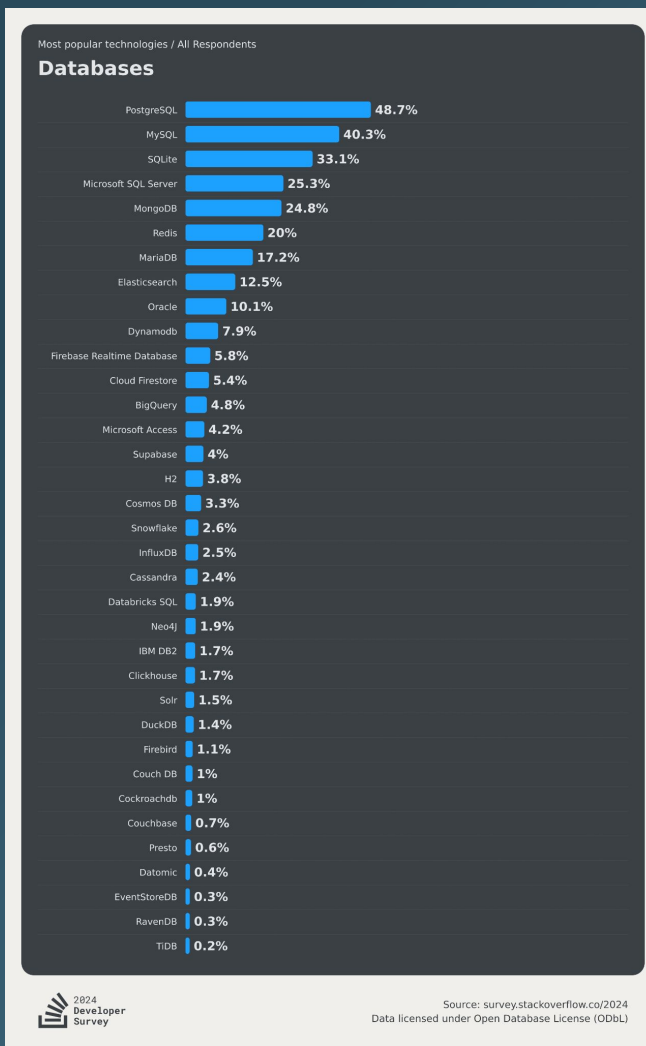


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# Postgres has consistently led the open source pack



# Why EDB?



# EDB in Summary

EDB is the world's largest software, support, and services company focused exclusively on PostgreSQL. We are proud to serve some of the world's leading financial services, government, media & communications, and information technology organisations. Our 16 offices worldwide enable us to deploy our global expertise in all your business locations.

## POSTGRES SQL COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

- ~40% of Postgres code contributed
- >300 Dedicated Postgres engineers
- 3 of 7 Postgres Core Team Members

## EDB SUPPORT

- 24/7 world-class support
- Experienced support engineers, with the world's leading Postgres contributors
- Cloud/Remote DBA Service, Technical Account Management, CTO Office

## EDB PLATFORM (SOFTWARE & TOOLS)

- Databases: PostgreSQL, EPAS
- Tools: Variety of supported open source and proprietary tools for High availability, backup, monitoring and migration

## EDB SERVICES

- PostgreSQL deployment, design, migration
- Postgres optimization: Best practices
- Enterprise strategy: Use-case driven PostgreSQL architectures
- Embedded PostgreSQL experts



# Industry leaders are adopting Postgres

## Financial Services & Insurance



## Technology

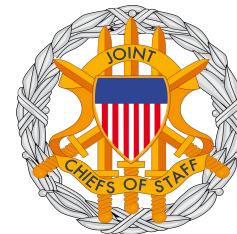


## Telecom





# EDB is trusted by the most secure organizations



**Australian Government**  
**Defence**



**Australian Government**  
**Services Australia**



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**CUSTOMS SERVICE**  
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# Databases EDB supports

## EDB COMMUNITY 360 PLAN

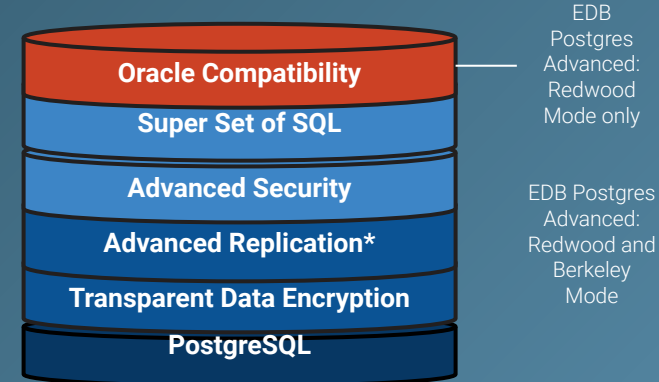
Ideal for organizations with an OS first strategy as well as those using PostgreSQL for admin and operational applications



- Open Source Tools
- Community PostgreSQL
- EDB & Community Support
- Kubernetes Operator

## EDB ENTERPRISE PLAN

Best choice for Oracle modernization and savings, mission critical applications and systems of record.



- Open Source Tools
- Community PostgreSQL
- EDB & Community Support
- Kubernetes Operator
- EDB Tools & Extension - Including PEM
- EDB Postgres Extended
- EDB Postgres Advanced Server
- Extreme High Availability (PGD addon)\*



# Our Platform

## EDB POSTGRES AI PLATFORM

### UNIFIED WORKLOAD MANAGEMENT

TRANSACTIONAL

ANALYTICAL

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

### SINGLE PANE OF GLASS ADMINISTRATION

HYBRID DATA ESTATE

INTELLIGENT OBSERVABILITY

ENTERPRISE SECURITY

### HYBRID AND MULTI-CLOUD DEPLOYMENT

PUBLIC CLOUD  
(MANAGED)

PRIVATE CLOUD  
(SOFTWARE)

ON PREMISES  
(APPLIANCE)

### PLATFORM TOOLS AND SERVICES

MIGRATION  
PORTAL

CONTINUOUS HIGH  
AVAILABILITY

BACKUP AND  
RECOVERY

### EXTENSIBILITY

CSP INTEGRATIONS

DEVOPS TOOLING

KUBERNETES TOOLING

GENAI & LLM INTEGRATIONS

LAKEHOUSE INTEGRATIONS

Delivered with world-class  
strategic partners:



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# What is our Oracle migration approach?



# Typical migration concerns

“Will our SQL and PL/SQL translate or will we need to recode?”

“Will we have downtime?”

“Will the new database be as secure or more secure than the legacy systems?”

“Will our applications continue to work?”

“Can we verify that the data is equivalent?”

“Will migrating cost more money and hold back development apps?”





# Oracle database migration solutions



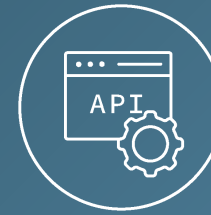
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Data



DB Code



API



Tools

**Part of the way**

Schema and data only



**Most of the way**

Schema, data, and code



**Almost there**

Schema, data, code, and interface

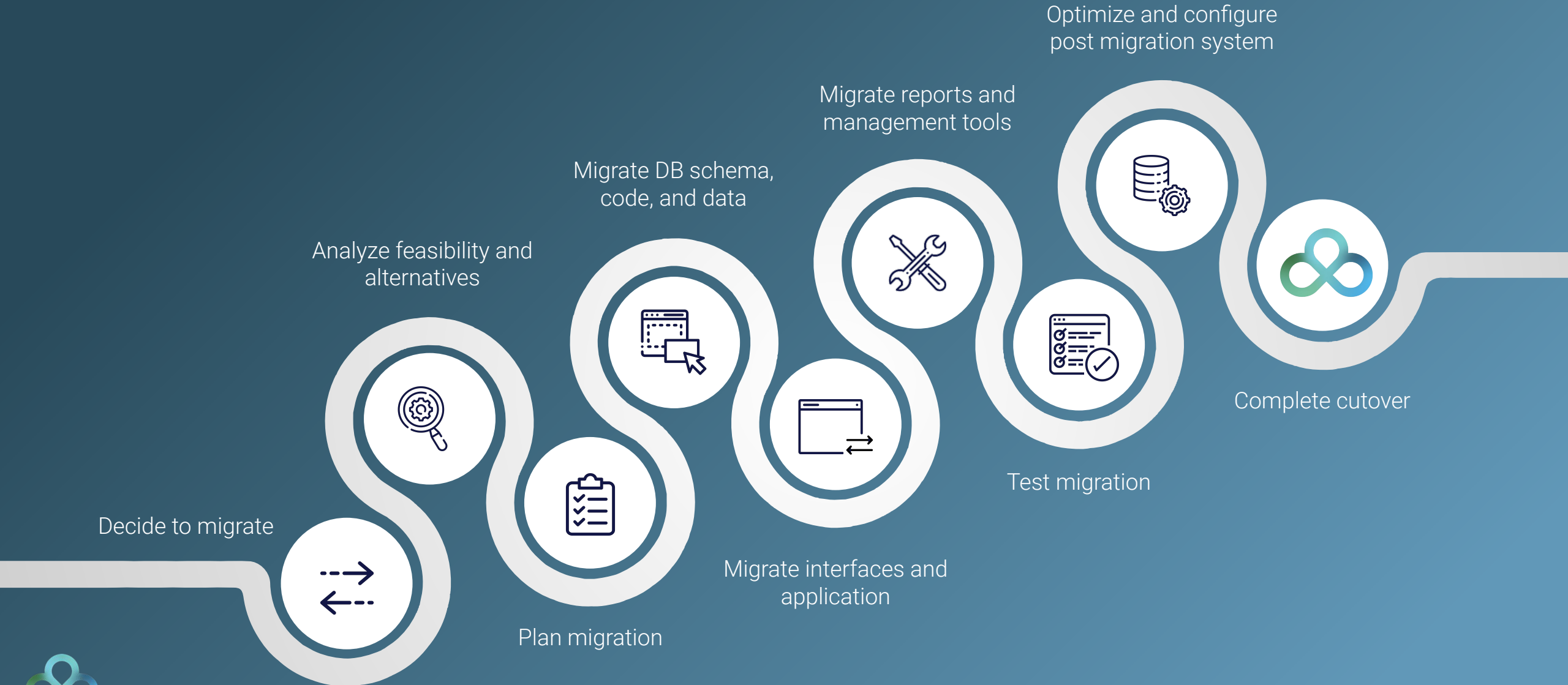


**All the way**

Schema, data, code, interface, and operational tools



# Legacy application database migration journey



# Understanding your database estate

What are we dealing with?

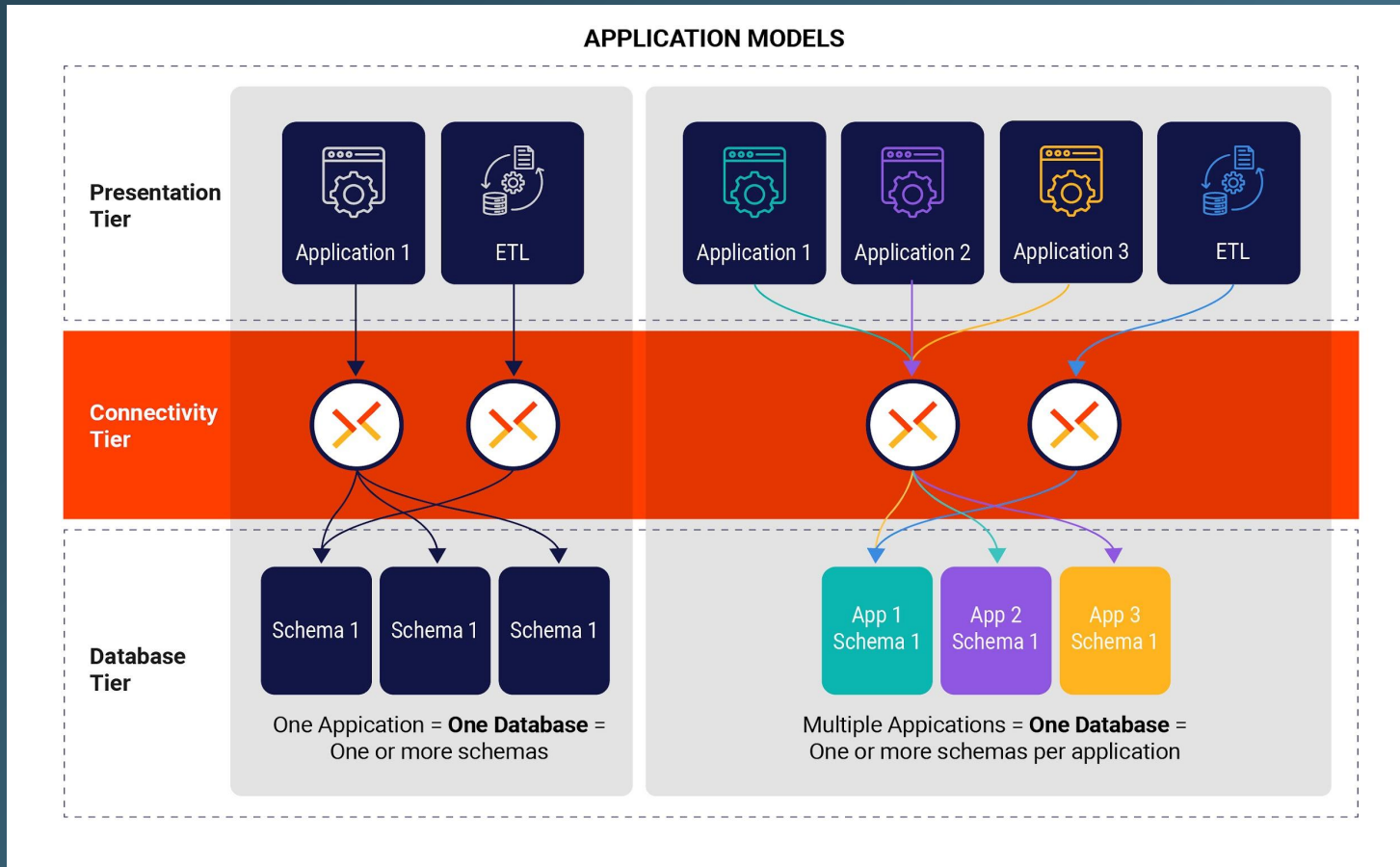
## LISTS OF APPLICATIONS AND DATABASES

- Application name
- Commercial off the shelf (COTS) or custom developed
- Nbr of database(s)/schema(s)
- Primary use case (data lake, data warehouse, data mart, ODS, SoR, SoA, Edge, Mobile)
- Data volume and read/write % balance
- Lifecycle stage (strategic, EoL within 24 months, scheduled for overhaul within 24 months)
- Current database technology platform (Oracle, DB2, SQL Server, Sybase, etc.)
- Is the application development or maintenance team available for verification and, potentially, minor changes to the application?
- Is a test harness available for functional and non-functional verification?



# Applications and databases

Two sides of the same coin



- Some databases support multiple applications
- Some applications use multiple databases



# Understand Postgres' fit

Postgres is great, but not universal

Data Lake	Data Warehouse	Data Mart	ODS	System of Record	System of Engagement	Edge Computing	Mobile Computing
<b>Description</b> 100 TB+; read-only; relational +; multiple topics; rel. Integrity not relevant; data scientist focus	50TB+; read only; relational; star/cube/mat. view; automatic refresh mat. view; multiple topics; analyst focused	10TB+; read only; relational; star/cube/mat. view; periodic refresh mat view; single topic; citizen analyst focus	10TB+; read only; relational only; normalized data model; concurrent refresh; citizen analyst focused	1-20TB; read/write; 90% relational; ACID; ERP/ CRM, Line of business focused	< 2TB; read/write; relational + doc + GIS; ACID or BASE; micro services; website and social media focus	< 2TB; read/write; relational + doc + GIS; ACID or BASE; micro services; M2M, IoT focus	< 1GB; read/write; relational + doc + GIS; single user; micro services IoT, mobile app focus
<b>Key players</b> Hadoop, Cassandra, Data Bricks	Redshift, Snowflake, Teradata, Exadata, BigQuery	Exadata, Oracle DB, SQL Server, Postgres	Oracle, SQL Server, Postgres	Oracle, SQL Server, Postgres	MongoDB, MySQL, Redis, Postgres	MySQL, Postgres	SQLite, Realm
<b>Postgres strengths</b>		Analytics capab.; compatibility; ease of integration	Analytics capab.; compatibility; ease of integration	Innovation; cost; compatibility; no vendor lock in;	Multi-model; innovation; cost; Available everywhere	Multi-model; innovation; cost; Available everywhere	
<b># in the enterprise</b>	1 (maybe 2-5)	10-50	5-20	10-5,000	10-2,000	100 -10,000	10,000+

- Use the right tool for the right job
- Yes, Postgres has been known to be used in DWH, Data Lakes and in mobile apps, but...





# Degrees of compatibility

What's easy, what's hard

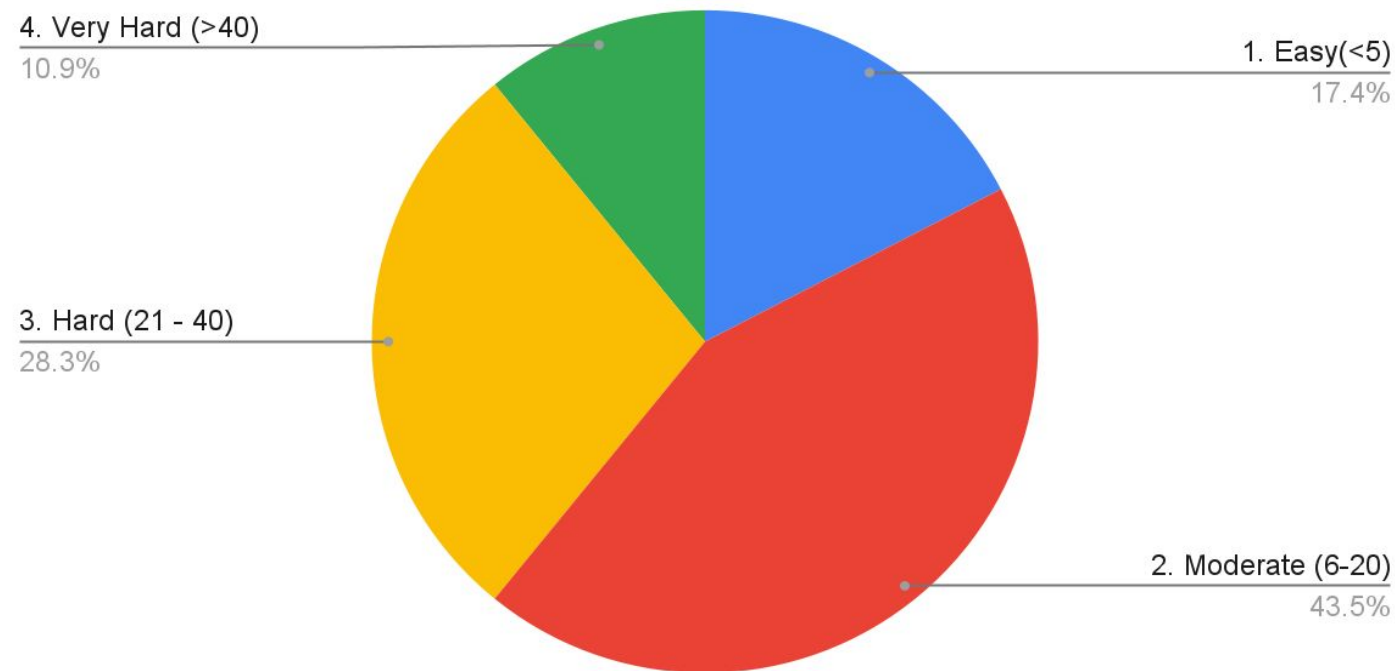
- Very Easy: No conversion at all/No incompatible code objects
- Easy: Minor changes/Automatic repair through Migration Portal or known, simple workarounds.
- Medium: Moderate conversions need to be applied.
- Hard: New design, development and testing needed
- Very Hard: Complete rewrite of application, db features etc (Eg: Apex, Forms) that may not be worthwhile targets for a migration effort
- Don't: Commercial off the shelf applications where the vendor does not support Postgres



# Degrees of compatibility

What does it usually look like?

Average person days for schema and data migration  
(Source: 2022 EDB Oracle Migration Assessments)



61% of Oracle migrations to EDB Postgres are easy/moderate

- 5 to 20 person days of effort
- Migrate schema and data
- Leverage EDB Oracle Compatibility



# A sample ECAT analysis

Don't try this without a tool

High Level Compatibility Estimates:-

Application Name	Schemas	Features	Occurrences	Avg. Schema Conversion Hours	Max Score	Compatibility Class	Total Migration Days
raptor	1	1	8	4	1	Very Easy	1
raptor_snap	1	4	15	32	3	Medium	4
raptor_sync	9	12	88	188	4	Hard	23

## Compatibility Class

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## Databases, Schemas, Features, Occurrences

- Counts by application of databases, schemas, features identified and the number of occurrences of the features.

## Average Conversion/ Migration Days

- This is an estimate of the average effort required to convert the schema and migrate the data based on the high-level compatibility assessment.
- From EDB's experience this estimate is within +/- 20% in 80% of scenarios.



# A sample ECAT analysis

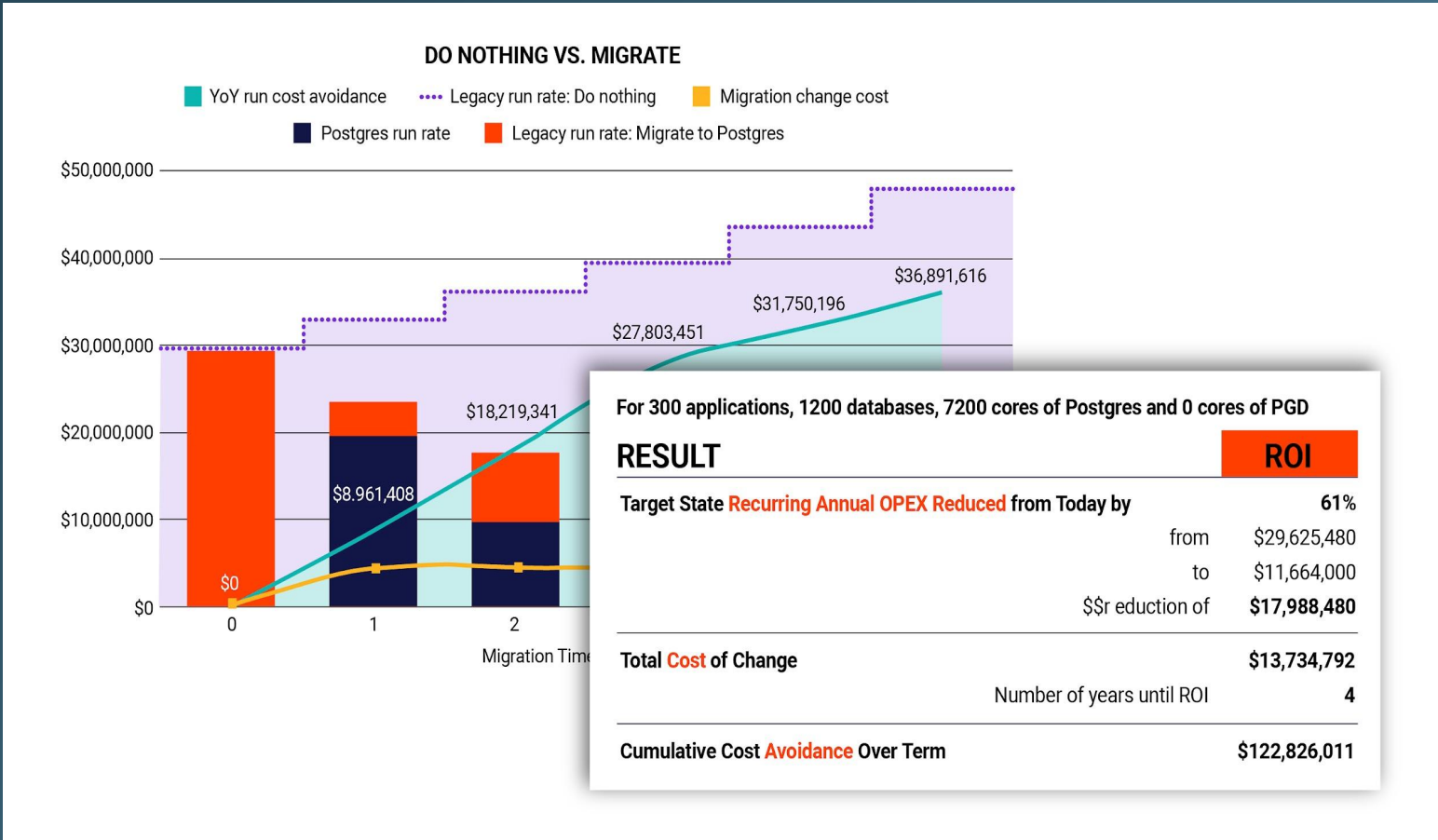
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	Application Name	Schemas	Incompatible Features	Occurrences
0	raptor	all_schemas	No	0
1	raptor_snap	license	dbms_lob	4
2	raptor_snap	license	dbms_sqltune	3
3	raptor_snap	license	utl_http	4
4	raptor_snap	license	utl_i18n	5
5	raptor_sync	app_password_owner	dbms_assert	43
6	raptor_sync	ard_amer_owner	dbms_stats	1
7	raptor_sync	ard_amer_user	dbms_application_info	1
8	raptor_sync	ard_amer_user	dbms_ddl	1
9	raptor_sync	license	dbms_lob	4
10	raptor_sync	license	dbms_sqltune	3
11	raptor_sync	license	utl_http	4
12	raptor_sync	license	utl_i18n	5
13	raptor_sync	rbsdba_jgos	dbms_shared_pool	1
14	raptor_sync	rcm_user	dbms_application_info	1
15	raptor_sync	rcm_user	dbms_ddl	1
16	raptor_sync	sam_app_user	dbms_application_info	1
17	raptor_sync	sam_app_user	dbms_ddl	1
18	raptor_sync	sam_prof_user	dbms_application_info	1
19	raptor_sync	sam_prof_user	dbms_ddl	1
20	raptor_sync	stg_owner	dbms_application_info	3
21	raptor_sync	stg_owner	dbms_stats	2
22	raptor_sync	stg_owner	dbms_xmlgen	3
23	raptor_sync	stg_owner	owa_util	2



# The ROI building blocks

No project without ROI





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No project without ROI

- Effort
  - EDB
  - Inhouse (internal staff and SI)
- Cores
  - HA cores
    - RAC
    - Streaming Replication
- Timeline



# The migration backlog

## Getting organized

- Backlog
  - Application Name
  - Database(s)/Schemas
  - High Level compatibility classification (very easy, easy, medium, hard, very hard)
  - High level effort and cost estimate
  - License cost reduction estimate
  - Priority
- Recommendation
  - Start with Very Easy and Easy
  - Initially avoid applications with critical HA requirements (RAC or Golden Gate)
  - Build skills and confidence into estimation and execution



# The migration sprints

Execute, execute, execute

- 1-5 applications/sprint --- no more
- For each
  - Detailed Code Migration LoE
    - Run EDB Migration Portal
    - Use EDB SQL Assess (beta) to identify and assess application generated SQL statements
    - Review AWR reports if available
  - Architecture and Deployment LoE
    - New architecture versus existing?
    - Degree of automation
  - Data Transfer LoE
    - Snapshot (~50GB/hour)
    - Change data capture to minimize cutover times
  - LoE for functional and non-functional verification



# What's in it for you?



# Delivering business value

EDB is the fastest, easiest way to migrate from Oracle to Postgres

The majority migrate in

<20

days per Oracle based application

Automate

>95%

of the Oracle schema migration

Save

>2 mil

on Oracle license costs per year





# EDB Postgres will unshackle your business

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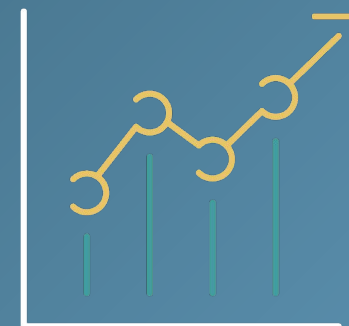
Understandable licensing  
– savings with EDB of up  
to 80% over legacy



Community driven – 144  
companies and 412  
contributors\*



Freedom of choice in IT  
stack – any cloud, any OS



Ability to scale – spin up  
new databases in minutes



# Summary

- Migration is a process
- It's been done (*many times*) before
- We have been doing it for 20 years
- Proven practices and tools are available
- Try EDB's [ROI Calculator for Oracle Migration](#)



# Q&A





# Thank You

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