

# Firebird : ten years !



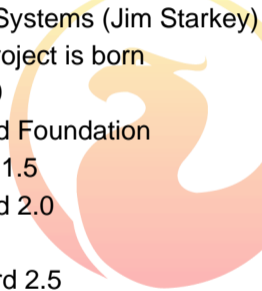
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## Main dates

- **1984**: Groton Database Systems (Jim Starkey)
  - **July 31 2000**: Firebird project is born
  - **March 2002**: Firebird 1.0
  - **November 2002**: Firebird Foundation
  - **February 2004**: Firebird 1.5
  - **November 2006**: Firebird 2.0
  - **April 2008**: Firebird 2.1
  - **September 2010**: Firebird 2.5
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- The Firebird logo is a stylized bird in flight, rendered in a gradient of colors from light yellow at the top to light red at the bottom. It is set against a circular background that also follows the same color gradient.

# Maintenance and new development

- **Past releases**

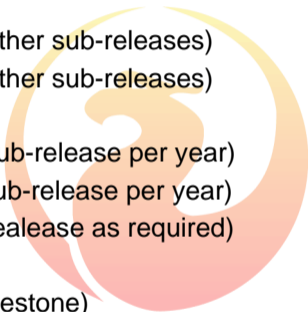
- Firebird 1.0.3 (no further sub-releases)
- Firebird 1.5.6 (no further sub-releases)

- **Release series**

- Firebird 2.0.5 (one sub-release per year)
- Firebird 2.1.4 (two sub-release per year)
- Firebird 2.5.0 (sub-realease as required)

- **Under development**

- Firebird 3.0 (next milestone)



## Firebird 2.5 ports collection

**Windows:** x86, x64

**Linux:** x86, x64, UltraSparc, PowerPC64, Mipsel, Mips, Arm, Ia64, S390, S390x, Super-H4

**Darwin:** x86, x64, PowerPC64

**Solaris:** x86, x64, UltraSparc

**HPUX:** PA-RISC, Ia64

**AIX:** PowerPC64

**FreeBSD:** x86, x64

## Firebird organization

- Commercially independent
  - IDPL licence
  - 24 members of the admin list
  - around 70 members
  - around 30 developers
- Decision made by consensus
  - Dedicated mailling lists
    - Devel : 947 members
    - Support : 6600 members
    - Checkins : 50 members
  - Bug tracker
  - Daily snapshots
  - Technical Task Group



## Firebird Core Dev

### Core Development

- Dimitry Yemanov (Coordinator)
- Vlad Horsun
- Alex Peshkov
- Adriano dos Santos Fernandes
- Claudio Valderrama

### With the help of

- Paul Beach
- Helen Borrie
- Pavel Cisar
- Philippe Makowski
- Paul Reeves



## Firebird sub projects

**Jaybird (jdbc driver):** Roman Rokytskyy

**Ado .Net driver:** Jiri Cincura

**ODBC driver:** Alexander Potachenko

**Python driver:** Pavel Cisar

**Documentation:** Paul Vinkenoog, Helen Borrie, Norman Dunbar, Geoff Worboys, Frank Ingermann, IBPhoenix and translators

## External contribution

- **code**

- IBPhoenix
- Redsoft
- Sas
- Fyracle
- Various from Linux packaging

- **tools**

- Flamerobin
- Drivers
- Various GUI

- **events, initiatives**

- Ukraine, Brazil, Russia, France
- Mind the Bird !



# Firebird Foundation

- **objectives**

- To support and advance the development
- To encourage cooperation
- To provide non-commercial infrastructure to manage funds

- 350 members

- 35 countries

- 16 sponsors

- Budget \$150,000

Salaries per year for the project : \$350,000 (Foundation and IBPhoenix)



# Foundation Management Committee

## Office Bearers

- Philippe Makowski (President)
- Steve Summers (Vice-President)
- Alan McDonald (Treasurer)
- Helen Borrie (Secretary)

## Members

- Paul Beach
- Pavel Cisar
- Fabio Codebue
- Stephan Heymann
- Frank Ingermann
- Mauricio Longo
- Olivier Mascia
- Roman Rokytskyy



## Firebird's Future

- **actual**

- Firebird keeps getting bigger = same people, doing more work
- Funding pressures continue to increase
- Need to find new resources

- **soon**

- help people to join the project for various task around
- create Firebird Foundation affiliate around the world

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**Thank you !**

