

Re: implementing hierarchy

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>> *Then Joe C has a post where he gives a more complex version that has some benefits, but is still quite messy, depending on your actual needs.* <<

What I find to be weird is that the kids who grew up with HTML, XML, et al think that the nested sets model is easier than the adjacency list model. Us old farts who used to use pointer chains and traverse links found the adjacency list model to be the most natural.

The other advantage of the CTE is that you can avoid creating a VIEW for a table expression that has to be used twice or more in a query.