

Contributing (code) to postgres

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About me

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The problem I'm trying to solve

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alter table t  
  add column b int  
  generated always as (a * 2) stored;
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