

If DaaS were the solution...

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... then why isn't everybody doing it?

Why are DBMS such a pain?

- **Because they are expensive**
 - have functionality that is not needed
 - have gazillions of knobs for performance, etc.
 - require continous hand-holding by admins
- **Because they solve only part of the problem**
 - SQL alone is not enough
 - yet, dictate the whole application architecture
- **Because they can be attacked easily**
 - what happens if you do not trust your DB admins?
- **Because they are boring**
 - who wants to get a PhD in databases?

Why is this pain a feature (not a bug)?

- **DBMS are expensive...**
 - every customer needs different functionality
 - performance is still critical in many apps
- **DBMS solve only part of the problem...**
 - solving the whole problem creates bigger monster
 - data centric / client-server is the right architecture!
- **DBMS can be attacked...**
 - if not, what happens if you lose the keys?
- **DBMS are boring...**
 - we would make less \$ if they were cool and simple

What does DaaS add?

- **New business model**
 - makes people pay for things that matter today
 - (not for things that mattered 20 years ago)
- **Helps to rethink and reassess pain**
 - repackaging technology stack probably good idea
 - get rid of a few layers (e.g., merge DB+App tiers)
 - rethink programming languages (e.g., LINQ, XQuery)
- **Summary: Great playground for new ideas**
 - DBMS will evolve into „*true*“ distributed systems.