Firebird Development and Release Plan

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This Year Releases

- **Done**

  - 1.5.4
  - 2.0.1
  - 2.0.2 and 2.0.3
  - 2.1 Alpha and two Betas

- **To Do**

  - 1.5.5
  - 2.0.4
  - 2.1 Release Candidate
  - 2.1 Final

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- ## Features

  - Database triggers
  - Text BLOB enhancements
  - MERGE statement
  - Global temporary tables
  - CTE and recursive queries
  - Monitoring tables
  - Query cancellation
  - Native authentication on Windows
  - Unicode collations and other INTL improvements
  - Optimized network protocol
  - About 50 new built-in functions
  - 64-bit Windows builds
  - Countless bugfixes

Development Priorities

- **Bugfixing**
- **SMP and multi-core capabilities**
- **SQL features**
- **Monitoring capabilities**
- **Optimizer enhancements**
- **Internal performance optimizations**
- **Security**
- **Porting to other platforms**

Maintenance

- **1.5**

  - Security fixes
  - Trivial generic bugfixes
  - Release 1.5.5 in Q4 2007
  - Follow-ups at least once a year

- **2.0**

  - All kinds of bugfixes
  - Performance improvements
  - Porting efforts
  - Release 2.0.4 in Q4 2007 - Q1 2008
  - Follow-ups at least twice a year

Current Development

- **Branch 2.0**
  - ◆ Bugfixing and porting

- **Branch 2.1**
  - ◆ Bugfixing
  - ◆ New features are being completed

- **Branch 3.0**
  - ◆ MT-safety, merge with Vulcan
  - ◆ New features
  - ◆ Performance improvements
  - ◆ Code cleanup

Branch 2.0 Activity

- ## Bugfixing

  - ◆ About 50 bugs fixed per every point release
  - ◆ Performance regressions are solved
  - ◆ Backward compatibility options are considered

- ## Porting

  - ◆ Solaris Sparc and Intel
  - ◆ MacOS Intel
  - ◆ AIX
  - ◆ HP-UX

Branch 2.1 Activity

- **Features and bugfixes**

  - About 70 new features and improvements
  - More than 150 bugfixes

- **Current State**

  - Beta 2 has just been released
  - Feature-freeze mode
  - Release Candidate 1 is next

Branch 3.0 Activity

- **Step 1**

  - Multi-threading with private caches
  - Efficient in-process lock management

- **Step 2**

  - Shared page cache
  - Unified architecture (single set of binaries)
  - Per-database configuration
  - Server- or database-level authentication
  - SQL-based user management

- **Step 3**

  - Shared metadata cache
  - Compiled statements cache
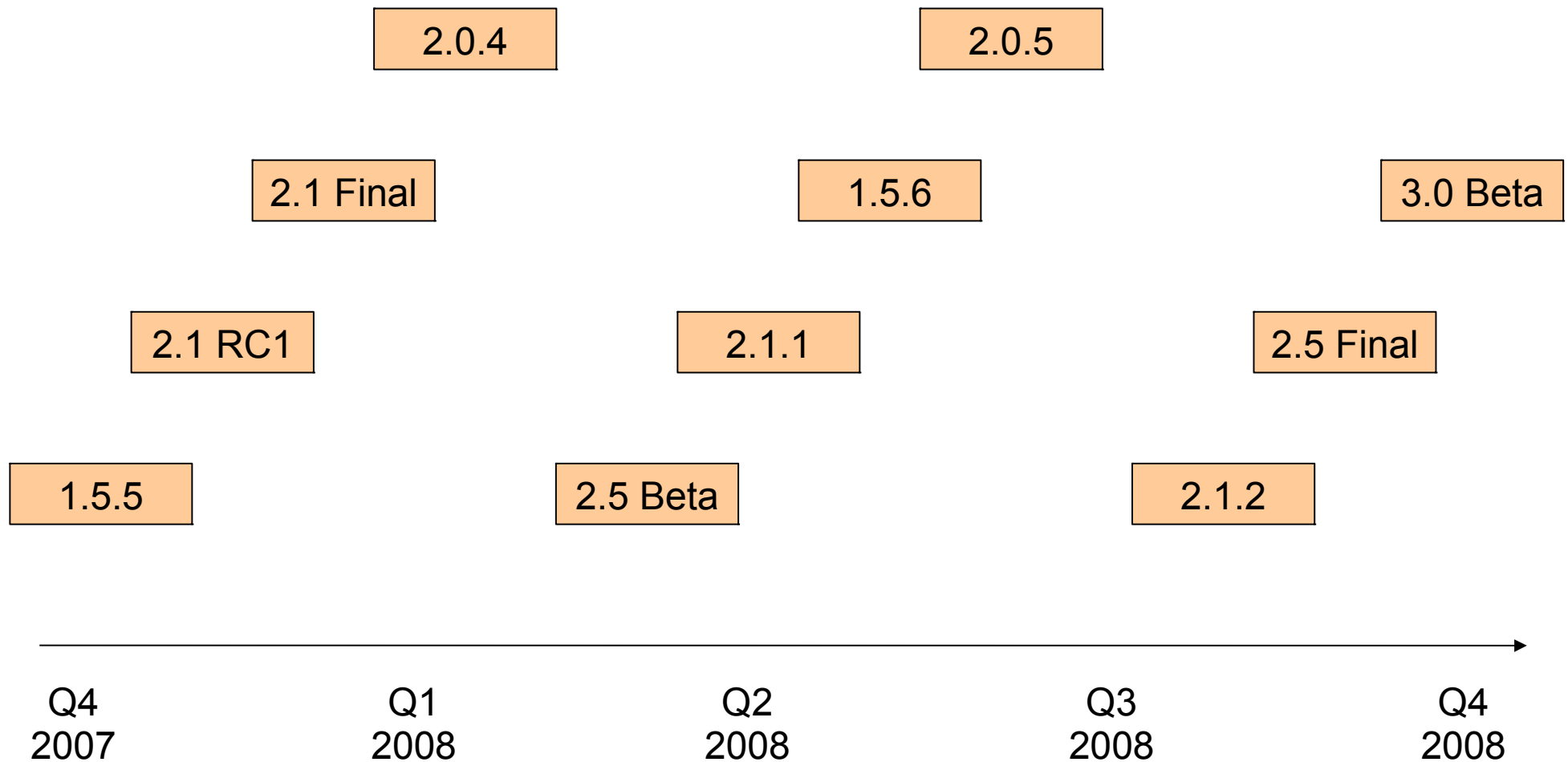
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- ## Strategy

  - ◆ "Release often" is still in game
  - ◆ Vulcan merge: revolution vs evolution

- ## Performance and scalability

  - ◆ Multi-threading
  - ◆ Various internal optimizations

- ## Features

  - ◆ TYPE OF COLUMN <table name>.<column name>
  - ◆ ALTER VIEW
  - ◆ Monitoring extensions
  - ◆ External procedures

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- **Other possible features**

  ◆ Merge with SAS enhancements
  ◆ Bulk-load facilities
  ◆ Cross-database queries
  ◆ SQL functions
  ◆ Database encryption

- **Schedule**

  ◆ Beta version in Q1 2008
  ◆ Final release in Q4 2008

Firebird Release Plan

2.0.4	2.0.5	
2.1 Final	1.5.6	3.0 Beta
2.1 RC1	2.1.1	2.5 Final
1.5.5	2.5 Beta	2.1.2

Q4 2007 — Q1 2008 — Q2 2008 — Q3 2008 — Q4 2008

Questions?