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The 8 Biggest Mistakes that C-Level People Make

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Dr. Michael Stonebraker will give his council and share the most common pitfalls that he has seen new C-suite level executives face when stepping into a new leadership role. Here’s a hint, it starts with establishing your company’s data as an asset, finding the right tools to support this, and includes migrating everything to the cloud (where possible).

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