# R, Databases and Docker

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# Introduction

At the end of this chapter, you will be able to

- Understand the importance of using R and Docker to query a DBMS and access a service like Postgres outside of R.
- Setup your environment to explore the use-case for useRs.

#### 1.1 Using R to query a DBMS in your organization

#### 1.1.1 Why write a book about DBMS access from R using Docker?

- Large data stores in organizations are stored in databases that have specific access constraints and structural characteristics.
  - \* Data documentation may be incomplete, often emphasizes operational issues rather than analytic ones, and often needs to be confirmed on the fly.
  - \* Data volumes and query performance are important design constraints.
- R users frequently need to make sense of complex data structures and coding schemes to address incompletely formed questions so that exploratory data analysis has to be fast. \* Exploratory and diagnostic techniques for the purpose should not be reinvented and would benefit from more public instruction or discussion.
- Learning to navigate the interfaces (passwords, packages, etc.) or gap between R and a database is difficult to simulate outside corporate walls.
  - \* Resources for interface problem diagnosis behind corporate walls may or may not address all the issues that R users face, so a simulated environment is needed.
- Docker is a relatively easy way to simulate the relationship between an R/Rstudio session and database
   all on a single machine.

#### 1.2 Docker as a tool for UseRs

Noam Ross's "Docker for the UseR" suggests that there are four distinct Docker use-cases for useRs.

- 1. Make a fixed working environment for reproducible analysis
- 2. Access a service outside of R (e.g., Postgres)

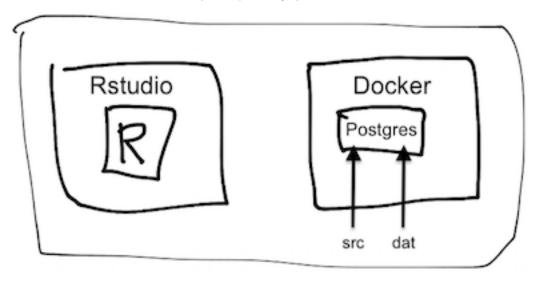
- 3. Create an R based service (e.g., with plumber)
- 4. Send our compute jobs to the cloud with minimal reconfiguration or revision

This book explores #2 because it allows us to work on the database access issues described above and to practice on an industrial-scale DBMS.

- Docker is a relatively easy way to simulate the relationship between an R/RStudio session and a database all on on a single machine, provided you have Docker installed and running.
- You may want to run PostgreSQL on a Docker container, avoiding any OS or system dependencies that might come up.

## 1.3 Docker and R on your machine

Here is how R and Docker fit on your operating system in this tutorial:



(This diagram

needs to be updated as our directory structure evolves.)

#### 1.4 Who are we?

We have been collaborating on this book since the Summer of 2018, each of us chipping into the project as time permits:

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# How to use this book (01)

This book is full of examples that you can replicate on your computer.

## 2.1 Prerequisites

You will need:

- A computer running Windows, MacOS, or Linux (any Linux distro that will run Docker Community Edition, R and RStudio will work)
- R, and RStudio
- Docker
- Our companion package sqlpetr installs with: devtools::install\_github("smithjd/sqlpetr").

The database we use is PostgreSQL 10, but you do not need to install that - it's installed via a Docker image. RStudio 1.2 is highly recommended but not required.

In addition to the current version of R and RStudio, you will need current versions of the following packages:

- tidyverse
- DBI
- RPostgres
- glue
- dbplyr
- knitr

# 2.2 Installing Docker

Install Docker. Installation depends on your operating system:

- On a Mac
- On UNIX flavors
- For Windows, consider these issues and follow these instructions.

## 2.3 Download the repo

The code to generate the book and the exercises it contains can be downloaded from this repo.

# 2.4 Read along, experiment as you go

We have never been sure whether we're writing an expository book or a massive tutorial. You may use it either way.

After the introductory chapters and the chapter that creates the persistent database ("The dvdrental database in Postgres in Docker (05)), you can jump around and each chapter stands on its own.

# Docker Hosting for Windows (02)

At the end of this chapter, you will be able to

- Setup your environment for Windows.
- Use Git and GitHub effectively on Windows.

Skip these instructions if your computer has either OSX or a Unix variant.

### 3.1 Hardware requirements

You will need an Intel or AMD processor with 64-bit hardware and the hardware virtualization feature. Most machines you buy today will have that, but older ones may not. You will need to go into the BIOS / firmware and enable the virtualization feature. You will need at least 4 gigabytes of RAM!

# 3.2 Software requirements

You will need Windows 7 64-bit or later. If you can afford it, I highly recommend upgrading to Windows 10 Pro.

## 3.2.1 Windows 7, 8, 8.1 and Windows 10 Home (64 bit)

Install Docker Toolbox. The instructions are here: https://docs.docker.com/toolbox/toolbox\_install\_windows/. Make sure you try the test cases and they work!

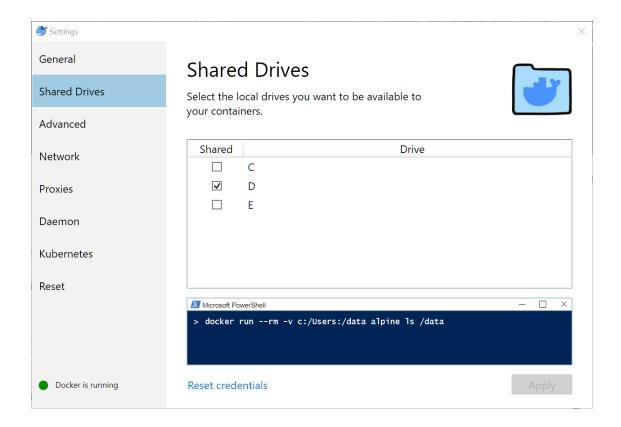
#### 3.2.2 Windows 10 Pro

Install Docker for Windows *stable*. The instructions are here: https://docs.docker.com/docker-for-windows/install/#start-docker-for-windows. Again, make sure you try the test cases and they work.

## 3.3 Docker for Windows settings

#### 3.3.1 Shared drives

If you're going to mount host files into container file systems (as we do in the following chapters), you need to set up shared drives. Open the Docker settings dialog and select **Shared Drives**. Check the drives you want to share. In this screenshot, the D: drive is my 1 terabyte hard drive.

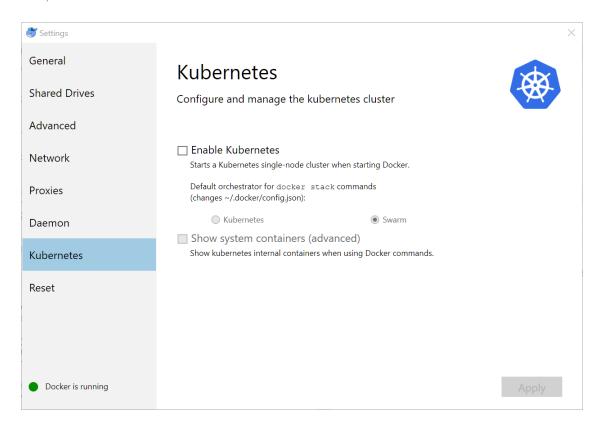


#### 3.3.2 Kubernetes

Kubernetes is a container orchestration / cloud management package that's a major DevOps tool. It's heavily supported by Red Hat and Google, and as a result is becoming a required skill for DevOps.

However, it's overkill for this project at the moment. So you should make sure it's not enabled.

Go to the Kubernetes dialog and make sure the Enable Kubernetes checkbox is cleared.



### 3.4 Git, GitHub and line endings

Git was originally developed for Linux - in fact, it was created by Linus Torvalds to manage hundreds of different versions of the Linux kernel on different machines all around the world. As usage has grown, Git has achieved a huge following and is the version control system used by most large open source projects, including this one.

If you're on Windows, there are some things about Git and GitHub you need to watch. First of all, there are quite a few tools for running Git on Windows, but the RStudio default and recommended one is Git for Windows (https://git-scm.com/download/win).

By default, text files on Linux end with a single linefeed ( $\n$ ) character. But on Windows, text files end with a carriage return and a line feed ( $\n$ ). See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newline for the gory details.

Git defaults to checking files out in the native mode. So if you're on Linux, a text file will show up with the Linux convention, and if you're on Windows, it will show up with the Windows convention.

Most of the time this doesn't cause any problems. But Docker containers usually run Linux, and if you have files from a repository on Windows that you've sent to the container, the container may malfunction or give weird results. This kind of situation has caused a lot of grief for contributors to this project, so beware.

In particular, executable **sh** or **bash** scripts will fail in a Docker container if they have Windows line endings. You may see an error message with \r in it, which means the shell saw the carriage return (\r) and gave up. But often you'll see no hint at all what the problem was.

So you need a way to tell Git that some files need to be checked out with Linux line endings. See https://help.github.com/articles/dealing-with-line-endings/ for the details. Summary:

1. You'll need a .gitattributes file in the root of the repository.

2. In that file, all text files (scripts, program source, data, etc.) that are destined for a Docker container will need to have the designator <spec> text eol=lf, where <spec> is the file name specifier, for example, \*.sh.

This repo includes a sample: .gitattributes

# This Book's Learning Goals and Use Cases (03)

## 4.1 Learning Goals

After working through this tutorial, you can expect to be able to:

- Set up a PostgreSQL database in a Docker environment.
- Run queries against PostgreSQL in an environment that simulates what you will find in a corporate setting.
- Understand techniques and some of the trade-offs between:
  - 1. queries aimed at exploration or informal investigation using dplyr; and
  - 2. those where performance is important because of the size of the database or the frequency with which a query is run.
- Understand the equivalence between dplyr and SQL queries and how R translates one into the other
- Understand some more advanced SQL techniques.
- Gain familiarity with the standard metadata that an SQL database contains to describe its own contents
- Gain some understanding of techniques for assessing query structure and performance.
- Understand enough about Docker to swap databases, e.g. Sports DB for the DVD rental database used in this tutorial. Or swap the database management system (DBMS), e.g. MySQL for PostgreSQL.

# 4.2 Imaging a DVD rental business

- Years ago people rented videos on DVD disks and video stores were a big business.
- Imagine managing a video rental store like Movie Madness in Portland, Oregon.



• What data would be needed and what questions would you have to answer about the business?

This tutorial uses the Postgres version of "dvd rental" database which represents the transaction database for running a movie (e.g., dvd) rental business. The database can be downloaded here. Here's a glimpse of it's structure, which will be discussed in some detail:

A data analyst uses the database abstraction and the practical business questions to answer business questions.

#### 4.3 Use cases

Imagine that you have one of several roles at our fictional company  $\mathbf{DVDs}\ \mathbf{R}\ \mathbf{Us}$  and that you need to:

- As a data scientist, I want to know the distribution of number of rentals per month per customer, so that the Marketing department can create incentives for customers in 3 segments: Frequent Renters, Average Renters, Infrequent Renters.
- As the Director of Sales, I want to see the total number of rentals per month for the past 6 months and I want to know how fast our customer base is growing/shrinking per month for the past 6 months.
- As the Director of Marketing, I want to know which categories of DVDs are the least popular, so that I can create a campaign to draw attention to rarely used inventory.
- As a shipping clerk, I want to add rental information when I fulfill a shipment order.

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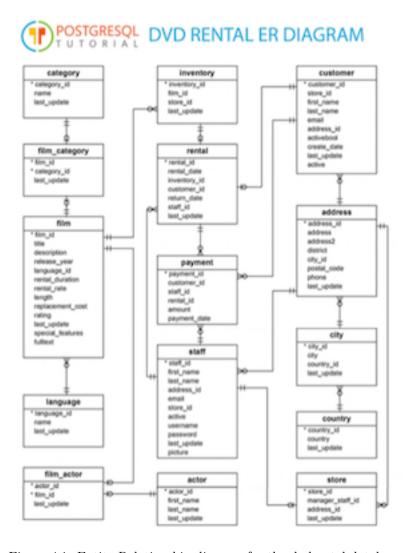


Figure 4.1: Entity Relationship diagram for the dvdrental database

- As the Director of Analytics, I want to test as much of the production R code in my shop as possible against a new release of the DBMS that the IT department is implementing next month.
- etc.

## 4.4 Investigating a question using with an organization's database

- Need both familiarity with the data and a focus question
  - An iterative process where
    - \* the data resource can shape your understanding of the question
    - \* the question you need to answer will frame how your see the data resource
  - You need to go back and forth between the two, asking
    - \* do I understand the question?
    - \* do I understand the data?
- How well do you understand the data resource (in the DBMS)?
  - Use all available documentation and understand its limits
  - Use your own tools and skills to examine the data resource
  - what's missing from the database: (columns, records, cells)
  - why is there missing data?
- How well do you understand the question you seek to answer?
  - How general or specific is your question?
  - How aligned is it with the purpose for which the database was designed and is being operated?
  - How different are your assumptions and concerns from those of the people who enter and use the data on a day to day basis?

# Docker, Postgres, and R (04)

At the end of this chapter, you will be able to

- Run, clean-up and close Docker containers.
- See how to keep credentials secret in code that's visible to the world.
- Interact with Postgres using Rstudio inside Docker container. # Read and write to postgreSQL from R.

We always load the tidyverse and some other packages, but don't show it unless we are using packages other than tidyverse, DBI, RPostgres, and glue.

Devtools install of sqlpetr if not already installed

# 5.1 Verify that Docker is running

Docker commands can be run from a terminal (e.g., the Rstudio Terminal pane) or with a system() command. In this tutorial, we use system2() so that all the output that is created externally is shown. Note that system2 calls are divided into several parts:

- 1. The program that you are sending a command to.
- 2. The parameters or commands that are being sent.
- 3. stdout = TRUE, stderr = TRUE are two parameters that are standard in this book, so that the command's full output is shown in the book.

Check that docker is up and running:

```
sp_check_that_docker_is_up()
```

## [1] "Docker is up but running no containers"

# 5.2 Clean up if appropriate

Remove the cattle and sql-pet containers if they exists (e.g., from a prior experiments).

```
sp_docker_remove_container("cattle")

## Warning in system2("docker", docker_command, stdout = TRUE, stderr = TRUE):
## running command ''docker' rm -f cattle 2>&1' had status 1

## [1] "Error: No such container: cattle"
## attr(,"status")
## [1] 1

sp_docker_remove_container("sql-pet")

## [1] "sql-pet"
```

The convention we use in this book is to put docker commands in the sqlpetr package so that you can ignore them if you want. However, the functions are set up so that you can easily see how to do things with Docker and modify if you want.

We name containers cattle for "throw-aways" and pet for ones we treasure and keep around. :-)

```
sp_make_simple_pg("cattle")
```

## [1] 0

Docker returns a long string of numbers. If you are running this command for the first time, Docker downloads the PostgreSQL image, which takes a bit of time.

The following command shows that a container named cattle is running postgres:10. postgres is waiting for a connection:

```
## [1] "Docker is up, running these containers:"
## [2] "CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED STATUS
## [3] "b06388985784 postgres:10 \"docker-entrypoint.s...\" 1 second ago Up Less
```

# 5.3 Connect, read and write to Postgres from R

#### 5.3.1 Pause for some security considerations

We use the following sp\_get\_postgres\_connection function, which will repeatedly try to connect to PostgreSQL. PostgreSQL can take different amounts of time to come up and be ready to accept connections from R, depending on various factors that will be discussed later on.

This is how the sp\_get\_postgres\_connection function is used:

If you don't have an .Rprofile file that defines those passwords, you can just insert a string for the parameter, like:

```
password = 'whatever',
```

Make sure that you can connect to the PostgreSQL database that you started earlier. If you have been executing the code from this tutorial, the database will not contain any tables yet:

```
dbListTables(con)
```

## character(0)

#### 5.3.2 Alternative: put the database password in an environment file

The goal is to put the password in an untracked file that will **not** be committed in your source code repository. Your code can reference the name of the variable, but the value of that variable will not appear in open text in your source code.

We have chosen to call the file dev\_environment.csv in the current working directory where you are executing this script. That file name appears in the .gitignore file, so that you will not accidentally commit it. We are going to create that file now.

You will be prompted for the database password. By default, a PostgreSQL database defines a database user named postgres, whose password is postgres. If you have changed the password or created a new user with a different password, then enter those new values when prompted. Otherwise, enter postgres and postgres at the two prompts.

In an interactive environment, you could execute a snippet of code that prompts the user for their username and password with the following snippet (which isn't run in the book):

Your password is still in plain text in the file, dev\_environment.csv, so you should protect that file from exposure. However, you do not need to worry about committing that file accidentally to your git repository, because the name of the file appears in the .gitignore file.

For security, we use values from the environment\_variables data.frame, rather than keeping the username and password in plain text in a source file.

#### 5.3.3 Interact with Postgres

Write mtcars to PostgreSQL

## [11] "carb"

```
dbWriteTable(con, "mtcars", mtcars, overwrite = TRUE)
```

List the tables in the PostgreSQL database to show that mtcars is now there:

```
dbListTables(con)

## [1] "mtcars"

# list the fields in mtcars:
dbListFields(con, "mtcars")

## [1] "mpg" "cyl" "disp" "hp" "drat" "wt" "qsec" "vs" "am" "gear"
```

Download the table from the DBMS to a local data frame:

```
mtcars_df <- tbl(con, "mtcars")

# Show a few rows:
knitr::kable(head(mtcars_df))</pre>
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	carb
21.0	6	160	110	3.90	2.620	16.46	0	1	4	4
21.0	6	160	110	3.90	2.875	17.02	0	1	4	4
22.8	4	108	93	3.85	2.320	18.61	1	1	4	1
21.4	6	258	110	3.08	3.215	19.44	1	0	3	1
18.7	8	360	175	3.15	3.440	17.02	0	0	3	2
18.1	6	225	105	2.76	3.460	20.22	1	0	3	1

# 5.4 Clean up

Afterwards, always disconnect from the DBMS, stop the docker container and (optionally) remove it.

```
dbDisconnect(con)

# tell Docker to stop the container:
sp_docker_stop("cattle")

## [1] "cattle"

# Tell Docker to remove the container from it's library of active containers:
sp_docker_remove_container("cattle")
```

```
## [1] "cattle"
```

If we stop the docker container but don't remove it (with the rm cattle command), the container will persist and we can start it up again later with start cattle. In that case, mtcars would still be there and we could retrieve it from R again. Since we have now removed the cattle container, the whole database has been deleted. (There are enough copies of mtcars in the world, so no great loss.)

# The dvdrental database in Postgres in Docker (05)

At the end of this chapter, you will be able to

- Setup the dvdrental database
- Stop and start Docker container to demonstrate persistence
- Connect to and disconnect R from the dvdrental database
- Execute the code in subsequent chapters

#### 6.1 Overview

In the last chapter we connected to PostgreSQL from R. Now we set up a "realistic" database named dvdrental. There are two different approaches to doing this: this chapter sets it up in a way that doesn't delve into the Docker details. If you are interested, you can examine the functions provided in sqlpetr to see how it works or look at an alternative approach in docker-detailed-postgres-setup-with-dvdrental.R)

Note that tidyverse, DBI, RPostgres, and glue are loaded.

# 6.2 Verify that Docker is up and running

```
sp_check_that_docker_is_up()
```

## [1] "Docker is up but running no containers"

# 6.3 Clean up if appropriate

Remove the sql-pet container if it exists (e.g., from a prior run)

```
sp_docker_remove_container("sql-pet")
```

```
## Warning in system2("docker", docker_command, stdout = TRUE, stderr = TRUE):
## running command ''docker' rm -f sql-pet 2>&1' had status 1

## [1] "Error: No such container: sql-pet"
## attr(,"status")
## [1] 1
```

### 6.4 Build the Docker Image

Build an image that derives from postgres:10, defined in dvdrental.Dockerfile, that is set up to restore and load the dvdrental db on startup. The dvdrental.Dockerfile is discussed below.

```
system2("docker",
        glue("build ", # tells Docker to build an image that can be loaded as a container
          "--tag postgres-dvdrental ", # (or -t) tells Docker to name the image
          "--file dvdrental.Dockerfile ", #(or -f) tells Docker to read `build` instructions from the d
          " . "), # tells Docker to look for dvdrental.Dockerfile, and files it references, in the cur
          stdout = TRUE, stderr = TRUE)
##
   [1] "Sending build context to Docker daemon 28.74MB\r\r"
   [2] "Step 1/4 : FROM postgres:10"
   [3] " ---> fc21dac1eb4e"
##
   [4] "Step 2/4 : WORKDIR /tmp"
##
   [5] " ---> Using cache"
##
   [6] " ---> c23a15116c82"
   [7] "Step 3/4 : COPY init-dvdrental.sh /docker-entrypoint-initdb.d/"
##
##
   [8] " ---> Using cache"
  [9] " ---> 3efbafee9af9"
## [10] "Step 4/4 : RUN apt-get -qq update && apt-get install -y -qq curl zip > /dev/null 2>&1 &&
## [11] " ---> Using cache"
## [12] " ---> a7e85aecfce8"
## [13] "Successfully built a7e85aecfce8"
## [14] "Successfully tagged postgres-dvdrental:latest"
```

# 6.5 Run the Docker Image

Run docker to bring up postgres. The first time it runs it will take a minute to create the PostgreSQL environment. There are two important parts to this that may not be obvious:

- The source= parameter points to dvdrental. Dockerfile, which does most of the heavy lifting. It has detailed, line-by-line comments to explain what it is doing.
- Inside dvdrental.Dockerfile the command COPY init-dvdrental.sh /docker-entrypoint-initdb.d/ copies init-dvdrental.sh from the local file system into the specified location in the Docker container. When the PostgreSQL Docker container initializes, it looks for that file and executes it.

Doing all of that work behind the scenes involves two layers of complexity. Depending on how you look at it, that may be more or less difficult to understand than the method shown in the next Chapter.

```
wd <- getwd()
docker_cmd <- glue(</pre>
             # Run is the Docker command. Everything that follows are `run` parameters.
  "--detach ", # (or `-d`) tells Docker to disconnect from the terminal / program issuing the command
  " --name sql-pet ",
                       # tells Docker to give the container a name: `sql-pet`
  "--publish 5432:5432 ", # tells Docker to expose the Postgres port 5432 to the local network with 543
  "--mount ", # tells Docker to mount a volume -- mapping Docker's internal file structure to the host
  "type=bind,", # tells Docker that the mount command points to an actual file on the host system
  'source="', # specifies the directory on the host to mount into the container at the mount point spec
  wd, '",', # the current working directory, as retrieved above
  "target=/petdir", # tells Docker to refer to the current directory as "/petdir" in its file system
  " postgres-dvdrental" # tells Docker to run the image was built in the previous step
# if you are curious you can paste this string into a terminal window after the command 'docker':
docker_cmd
## run --detach --name sql-pet --publish 5432:5432 --mount type=bind,source="/home/znmeb/Projects/sql-
system2("docker", docker_cmd, stdout = TRUE, stderr = TRUE)
```

## [1] "c53609cf9c1222dfa08ad49b614045fd3e9d991677f1a799829f54451c67fc1a"

### 6.6 Connect to Postgres with R

Use the DBI package to connect to PostgreSQL.

List the tables in the database and the fields in one of those tables. Then disconnect from the database.

# dbListTables(con)

```
## [1] "actor_info"
                                     "customer_list"
## [3] "film_list"
                                     "nicer_but_slower_film_list"
## [5] "sales_by_film_category"
                                     "staff"
## [7] "sales by store"
                                     "staff list"
## [9] "category"
                                     "film_category"
## [11] "country"
                                     "actor"
                                     "inventory"
## [13] "language"
## [15] "payment"
                                     "rental"
## [17] "city"
                                     "store"
## [19] "film"
                                     "address"
## [21] "film_actor"
                                     "customer"
```

## 6.7 Stop and start to demonstrate persistence

Stop the container

```
sp_docker_stop("sql-pet")
```

```
## [1] "sql-pet"
```

Restart the container and verify that the dvdrental tables are still there

Check that you can still see the fields in the rental table:

# 6.8 Cleaning up

Always have R disconnect from the database when you're done.

```
dbDisconnect(con)
```

Stop the container and show that the container is still there, so can be started again.

```
sp_docker_stop("sql-pet")

## [1] "sql-pet"

# show that the container still exists even though it's not running
sp_show_all_docker_containers()
```

## [1]	"CONTAINER ID	IMAGE	COMMAND	CREATED	STATUS
## [2]	"c53609cf9c12	postgres-dvdrental	\"docker-entrypoint.s\"	11 seconds ago	Exited
## [3]	"424d4c3dfc89	rstats	\"/init\"	10 days ago	Exited
## [4]	"4c3eb1dc5043	postgis	\"docker-entrypoint.s\"	10 days ago	Exited
## [5]	"8da9d3a59732	dpage/pgadmin4	\"/entrypoint.sh\"	10 days ago	Exited
## [6]	"7030e81489b8	2feef91d6764	\"/bin/sh -c 'su - rs\"	10 days ago	Exited

Next time, you can just use this command to start the container:

```
sp_docker_start("sql-pet")
```

And once stopped, the container can be removed with:

```
sp_check_that_docker_is_up("sql-pet)
```

# 6.9 Using the sql-pet container in the rest of the book

After this point in the book, we assume that Docker is up and that we can always start up our *sql-pet database* with:

```
sp_docker_stop("sql-pet")
```

# Mapping your local environment (10)

#### 7.1 Basics

- Keeping passwords secure.
- Coverage in this book. There are many SQL tutorials that are available. For example, we are drawing some materials from a tutorial we recommend. In particular, we will not replicate the lessons there, which you might want to complete. Instead, we are showing strategies that are recommended for R users. That will include some translations of queries that are discussed there.

### 7.2 Ask yourself, what are you aiming for?

- Differences between production and data warehouse environments.
- Learning to keep your DBAs happy:
  - You are your own DBA in this simulation, so you can wreak havoc and learn from it, but you can learn to be DBA-friendly here.
  - In the end it's the subject-matter experts that understand your data, but you have to work with your DBAs first.

# 7.3 Get some basic information about your database

Assume that the Docker container with PostgreSQL and the dvdrental database are ready to go. Start up the docker-pet container

```
sp_docker_start("sql-pet")
```

Now connect to the dvdrental database with R.

The following code block confirms that one can connect to the Postgres database. The connection is needed for some of the examples/exercises used in this section. If the connection is successful, the output is <PostgreSQLConnection>.

```
con <- sp_get_postgres_connection(
  user = Sys.getenv("DEFAULT_POSTGRES_USER_NAME"),
  password = Sys.getenv("DEFAULT_POSTGRES_PASSWORD"),
  dbname = "dvdrental",</pre>
```

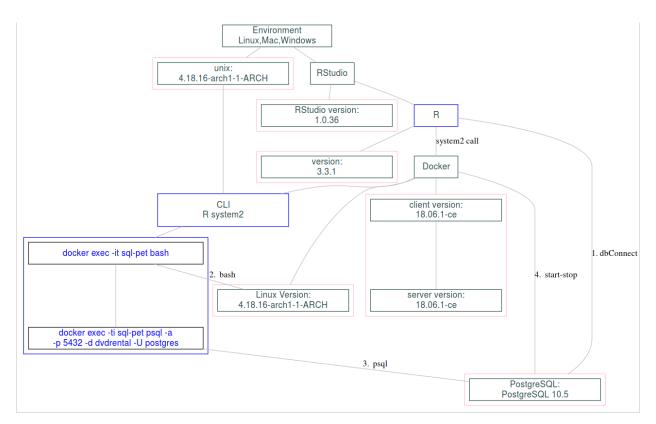
```
seconds_to_test = 10)
con
```

## <PqConnection> dvdrental@localhost:5432

#### 7.4 Tutorial Environment

Below is a high level diagram of our tutorial environment. The single black or blue boxed items are the apps running on your PC, (Linux, Mac, Windows), RStudio, R, Docker, and CLI, a command line interface. The red boxed items are the versions of the applications shown. The labels are to the right of the line.

## Warning in dir.create(directory, recursive = TRUE): 'diagrams' already
## exists



# 7.5 Communicating with Docker Applications

One assumption we made is that most users use RStudio to interface with R. The four take aways from the diagram above are labeled:

#### 1. dbConnect

R-SQL processing, the purpose of this tutorial, is performed via a database connection. This should be a simple task, but often turns out to take a lot of time to actually get it to work. We assume that your final

write ups are done in some flavor of an Rmd document and others will have access to the database to confirm or further your analysis.

One focus of this tutorial is SQL processing through a dbConnection and we will come back to this in a future section. The remainder of this section focuses on some specific Docker commands.

#### 2. bash

The Docker container runs on top of a small Linux kernel foot print. Since Mac and Linux users run a version of Linux already, they may want to poke around the Docker environment. Below is the CLI command to start up a bash session, execute a version of hello world, and exit the bash session.

```
c:\Git\sql-pet>docker exec -ti sql-pet bash
root@7e43294b72cf:/# echo "'hello world'" talking to you live from a bash shell session within Docker!
'hello world' talking to you live from a bash shell session within Docker!
root@7e43294b72cf:/# exit
exit
```

Note that the user in the example is root. Root has all priviledges and can destroy the Docker environment.

```
3. psql
```

For users comfortable executing SQL from a command line directly against the database, one can run the psql application directly. Below is the CLI command to start up psql session, execute a version of hello world, and quitting the psql version.

All SQL commands need to end with a semi-colon. To exit psql, use a \q at the command prompt.

The docker bash and psql command options are optional for this tutorial, but open up a gateway to some very powerful programming techniques for future exploration.

```
4. start-stop
```

Docker has about 44 commands. We are interested in only those related to Postgres status, started, stopped, and available. In this tutorial, complete docker commands are printed out before being executed via a system2 call. In the event that a code block fails, one can copy and paste the docker command into your local CLI and see if Docker is returning additional information.

#### 7.6 Exercises

Docker containers have a small foot print. In our container, we are running a limited Linux kernel and a Postgres database. To show how tiny the docker environment is, we will look at all the processes running inside Docker and the top level file structure.

#### 7.6.1 Docker Help

Typing docker at the command line will print up a summary of all available docker commands. Below are the docker commands used in the exercises.

#### Commands:

ps List containers

start Start one or more stopped containers stop Stop one or more running containers

The general format for a Docker command is

docker [OPTIONS] COMMAND ARGUMENTS

Below is the output for the Docker exec help command which was used in the bash and psql command examples above and for an exercise below.

C:\Users\SMY>docker help exec

Usage: docker exec [OPTIONS] CONTAINER COMMAND [ARG...]

Run a command in a running container

#### Options:

-d,detach	Detached mode: run command in the background
detach-keys string	Override the key sequence for detaching a
	container
-e,env list	Set environment variables
-i,interactive	Keep STDIN open even if not attached
privileged	Give extended privileges to the command
-t,tty	Allocate a pseudo-TTY
-u,user string	Username or UID (format:
	<name uid>[:<group gid>])</group gid></name uid>
-w,workdir string	Working directory inside the container

In these exercises, the -i option and the CONTAINER = sql-pet are used in two of the exercises.

Start up R/RStudio and convert the CLI command to an R/RStudio command

#	Question	Docker CLI Command	R RStudio command	Local Command LINE
1	How many processes are running inside the Docker container?	docker exec -i sql-pet ps -eF		

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#	Question	Docker CLI Command	R RStudio command	Local Command LINE
1a	How many process are running on your local machine?			widows: tasklist Mac/Linux: ps -ef
2	What is the total number of files and directories in Docker?	docker exec -i sql-pet ls -al		
2a	What is the total number of files and directories on your local machine?			
3 3a	Is Docker Running? What are your Client and Server Versions?	docker version		
4	Does Postgres exist in the container?	docker ps -a		
4a	What is the status of Postgres?	docker ps -a		
4b	What is the size of Postgres?	docker ps -a		
4c	What is the size of your laptop OS			https://www. quora.com/ What-is-the-actual-size-of-Window
5	If sql-pet status is Up, How do I stop it?	docker stop sql-pet		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
5a		docker start sql-pet		

In	Dplyr Function	description	SQL Clause	Notes	Category
Y	arrange()	Arrange rows by variables	ORDER BY		Basic single-table verbs
Y?	distinct()	Return rows with matching conditions	SELECT distinct *		Basic single-table verbs
Y	select() rename()	Select/rename variables by name	SELECT column_name alias_name		Basic single-table verbs
N	pull()	Pull out a single variable	SELECT column_name;		Basic single-table verbs

In	Dplyr Function	description	SQL Clause Notes	Category
$\overline{Y}$	mutate() transmute()	Add new variables	SELECT	Basic
			$computed\_value$	single-
			computed_name	table
			-	verbs
Y	summarise()	Reduces multiple values	SELECT aggre-	Basic
	summarize()	down to a single value	gate_functions	single-
	V	Ţ.	GROUP BY	table
				verbs
Ν	group_by() ungroup()	Objects exported from	GROUP BY no	Basic
		other packages	ungroup	single-
				table
				verbs
Ν	distinct()	Select distinct/unique	SELECT distinct	Basic
	V	rows	{colname1,colnamen}	single-
				table
				verbs
N	do()	Do anything	NA	Basic
	()	, o		single-
				table
				verbs
Ν	sample_n()	Sample n rows from a	ORDER BY	Basic
	sample_frac()	table	RANDOM()	single-
			LIMIT 10	table
				verbs
Ν	slice()	Select rows by position	SELECT	Basic
	V	V 1	row_number()	single-
			over (partition by	table
			expression(s)	verbs
			order_by exp)	
Y	tally() count()	Count/tally	GROUP BY	Single-
	add_tally()	observations by group		table
	add_count()	V 0 1		helpers
Y	top_n()	Select top (or bottom) n	ORDER BY	Single-
	<b>1</b> — V	rows (by value)	VALUE {DESC}	table
		( 0 )	LIMIT 10	helpers
Ν	$arrange\_all()$	Arrange rows by a	ORDER BY	scoped-
	arrange_at()	selection of variables		Operate
	arrange_if()			on a
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			selec-
				tion of
				variables
Ν	filter_all() filter_if()	Filter within a selection		scoped-
	filter_at()	of variables		Operate
	v			on a
				selec-
				tion of
				variables

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In	Dplyr Function	description	SQL Clause	Notes	Category
N	group_by_all() group_by_at() group_by_if()	Group by a selection of variables			scoped- Operate on a selec- tion of variables
N	<pre>select_all() rename_all() select_if() rename_if() select_at() rename_at()</pre>	Select and rename a selection of variables			scoped- Operate on a selec- tion of variables
N	summarise_all() summarise_if() summarise_at() summarize_all() summarize_if() summarize_at() mutate_all() mutate_if() mutate_at() transmute_all() transmute_if() transmute_at()	Summarise and mutate multiple columns.			scoped- Operate on a selec- tion of variables
N	all_vars() any_vars()	Apply predicate to all variables			scoped- Operate on a selec- tion of variables
N	vars()	Select variables			scoped- Operate on a selec- tion of variables
N	funs()	Create a list of functions calls.			scoped- Operate on a selec- tion of variables
N	all_equal() all.equal()	Flexible equality comparison for data			Two- table
N	bind_rows() bind_cols() combine()	frames Efficiently bind multiple data frames by row and			verbs Two- table
N	<pre>intersect() union() union_all() setdiff() setequal()</pre>	column Set operations			verbs Two- table verbs

In	Dplyr Function	description	SQL Clause	Notes	Category
N	inner_join()	Join two tbls together			Two-
	$left\_join()$				table
	$right\_join()$				verbs
	full_join()				
	semi_join()				
	anti_join()	7 . 1 . 6			<b></b>
Ν	inner_join()	Join data frame tbls			Two-
	left_join()				table
	right_join()				verbs
	full_join() semi_join()				
N	anti_join()				
	auto_copy()	Copy tables to same			Remote
IN	auto_copy()	source, if necessary			tables
Ν	compute() collect()	Force computation of a			Remote
11	collapse()	database query			tables
Ν	copy_to()	Copy a local data frame			Remote
- '	copj()	to a remote src			tables
N	ident()	Flag a character vector			Remote
	()	as SQL identifiers			tables
Ν	explain()	Explain details of a tbl			Remote
	show_query()	1			tables
N	tbl() is.tbl() as.tbl()	Create a table from a			Remote
	v v v	data source			tables
N	$src\_mysql()$	Source for database			Remote
	$src\_postgres()$	backends			tables
	$src\_sqlite()$				
N	$\operatorname{sql}()$	SQL escaping.			Remote
		_			tables
Ν	groups() group_vars()	Return grouping			Metadata
<b>3</b> . T	1 ()	variables			<b>T</b> 7
N	between()	Do values in a numeric			Vector
		vector fall in specified			functions
	enco whom()	range? A general vectorised if			Vector
N	case_when()	A general vectorised if			functions
Ν	coalesce()	Find first non-missing			Vector
11	coaresec()	element			functions
Ν	cumall() cumany()	Cumulativate versions of			Vector
	cummean()	any, all, and mean			functions
Ν	desc()	Descending order			Vector
	V	0			functions
Ν	if_else()	Vectorised if			Vector
	,,				functions
N	lead() lag()	Lead and lag.			Vector
					functions
N	$order\_by()$	A helper function for			Vector
		ordering window			functions
		function output			
Ν	n()	The number of			Vector
		observations in the			functions
		current group.			

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In	Dplyr Function	description	SQL Clause	Notes	Category
N	n_distinct()	Efficiently count the			Vector
		number of unique values			functions
		in a set of vector			
Ν	$na\_if()$	Convert values to NA			Vector
					functions
Ν	near()	Compare two numeric			Vector
		vectors			functions
Ν	nth() first() last()	Extract the first, last or			Vector
		nth value from a vector			functions
Ν	row_number() ntile()	Windowed rank			Vector
	$\min_{\text{rank}}()$	functions.			functions
	$dense\_rank()$				
	$\operatorname{percent}_{-}\operatorname{rank}()$				
	$\operatorname{cume\_dist}()$				
Ν	recode()	Recode values			Vector
	$recode\_factor()$				functions
Ν	band_members	Band membership			Data
	band_instruments				
	$band\_instruments2$				
Ν	nasa	NASA spatio-temporal			Data
		data			
Ν	starwars	Starwars characters			Data
Ν	storms	Storm tracks data			Data
Ν	$tbl\_cube()$	A data cube tbl			Other
					backends
Ν	as.table()	Coerce a tbl_cube to			Other
	as.data.frame()	other data structures			backends
	$as\_data\_frame()$				
Ν	as.tbl_cube()	Coerce an existing data			Other
		structure into a			backends
		tbl_cube			
Ν	rowwise()	Group input by rows			Other
					backends

# Chapter 8

# Introduction to DBMS queries (11)

These packages are used in this chapter:

```
library(tidyverse)
library(DBI)
library(RPostgres)
library(dbplyr)
require(knitr)
library(bookdown)
library(sqlpetr)
```

Assume that the Docker container with PostgreSQL and the dvdrental database are ready to go.

```
sp_docker_start("sql-pet")
```

Connect to the database:

# 8.1 Downloading the data from the database

As we show later on, the database serves as a store of data and as an engine for sub-setting, joining, and doing computation. We begin with simple extraction, or "downloading" data.

#### 8.1.1 Finding out what's there

We've already seen the simplest way of getting a list of tables in a database with DBI functions that list tables and fields. Here are the (public) tables in the database:

```
DBI::dbListTables(con)
```

```
[1] "actor_info"
                                      "customer list"
##
   [3] "film_list"
                                      "nicer_but_slower_film_list"
##
  [5] "sales_by_film_category"
                                      "staff"
  [7] "sales_by_store"
                                      "staff_list"
##
## [9] "category"
                                      "film_category"
## [11] "country"
                                      "actor"
## [13] "language"
                                      "inventory"
## [15] "payment"
                                      "rental"
## [17] "city"
                                      "store"
## [19] "film"
                                      "address"
## [21] "film_actor"
                                      "customer"
```

Here are the fields (or columns or variables) in one specific table:

```
DBI::dbListFields(con, "rental")

## [1] "rental_id"    "rental_date"    "inventory_id" "customer_id"
## [5] "return_date"    "staff_id"    "last_update"
```

Later on we'll discuss how to get more extensive data about each table and column from the database's own store of metadata.

#### 8.1.2 Downloading an entire table

There are many different methods of getting data from a DBMS, and we'll explore the different ways of controlling each one of them.

DBI::dbReadTable will download an entire table into an R tibble.

```
rental_tibble <- DBI::dbReadTable(con, "rental")
str(rental_tibble)

## 'data.frame': 16044 obs. of 7 variables:
## $ rental_id : int 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 ...</pre>
```

```
## $ rental_date : POSIXct, format: "2005-05-24 22:54:33" "2005-05-24 23:03:39" ...
## $ inventory_id: int 1525 1711 2452 2079 2792 3995 2346 2580 1824 4443 ...
## $ customer_id : int 459 408 333 222 549 269 239 126 399 142 ...
## $ return_date : POSIXct, format: "2005-05-28 19:40:33" "2005-06-01 22:12:39" ...
## $ staff_id : int 1 1 2 1 1 2 2 1 2 2 ...
## $ last_update : POSIXct, format: "2006-02-16 02:30:53" "2006-02-16 02:30:53" ...
```

That's very simple, but if the table is large it may not be a good idea, since R is designed to keep the entire table in memory.

#### 8.1.3 Referencing a table for many different purposes

The dplyr::tbl function gives us more control over access to a table. It creates a connection object that might look like a data frame but it's actually an list object that dplyr uses for constructing queries and retrieving data from the DBMS.

```
rental_table <- dplyr::tbl(con, "rental")</pre>
```

Consider the structure of the connection object:

```
str(rental_table)
```

```
## List of 2
   $ src:List of 2
##
     ..$ con :Formal class 'PqConnection' [package "RPostgres"] with 3 slots
     .. .. ..@ ptr
                       :<externalptr>
     .. .. .. @ bigint : chr "integer64"
##
     .. .. ..@ typnames:'data.frame':
                                       437 obs. of 2 variables:
                        : int [1:437] 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 ...
##
     .. .. .. ..$ oid
     ..... stypname: chr [1:437] "bool" "bytea" "char" "name" ...
##
##
     ..$ disco: NULL
     ..- attr(*, "class")= chr [1:3] "src_dbi" "src_sql" "src"
   $ ops:List of 2
##
##
    ..$ x
           : 'ident' chr "rental"
##
     ...$ vars: chr [1:7] "rental_id" "rental_date" "inventory_id" "customer_id" ...
##
     ..- attr(*, "class")= chr [1:3] "op_base_remote" "op_base" "op"
   - attr(*, "class")= chr [1:4] "tbl_dbi" "tbl_sql" "tbl_lazy" "tbl"
```

Notice that the first list contains the source connection information. Among other things it contains a list of variables in the table:

```
rental_table$ops$vars
```

```
## [1] "rental_id" "rental_date" "inventory_id" "customer_id"
## [5] "return_date" "staff_id" "last_update"
```

But because of lazy loading, R has not retrieved any actual data from the DBMS when you reference the rental\_table object with str. Because R is lazy and smart, it retrieves data as late as possible and only retrieves a certain number of rows. This is a key paradigm shift for those new to working databases using R and dplyr.

We can trigger data retrieval in several ways. The head function, for example, triggers a query and prints its results. And R assumes a print function when it finds an object's name on the command line. By default, these two functions print a different number of rows: head defaults to 6 rows and an implied print defaults to 10.

```
rental_table %>% head
```

```
lazy query [?? x 7]
## # Source:
## # Database: postgres [postgres@localhost:5432/dvdrental]
##
     rental_id rental_date
                                    inventory_id customer_id
##
         <int> <dttm>
                                           <int>
                                                       <int>
## 1
             2 2005-05-24 22:54:33
                                            1525
                                                          459
## 2
             3 2005-05-24 23:03:39
                                                          408
                                            1711
             4 2005-05-24 23:04:41
                                                          333
                                            2452
## 4
             5 2005-05-24 23:05:21
                                            2079
                                                         222
## 5
             6 2005-05-24 23:08:07
                                            2792
                                                         549
             7 2005-05-24 23:11:53
                                            3995
                                                         269
## # ... with 3 more variables: return_date <dttm>, staff_id <int>,
## #
      last_update <dttm>
```

```
rental_table
```

```
table<rental> [?? x 7]
## # Source:
  # Database: postgres [postgres@localhost:5432/dvdrental]
      rental id rental date
##
                                     inventory_id customer_id
          <int> <dttm>
##
                                             <int>
                                                         <int>
              2 2005-05-24 22:54:33
                                              1525
                                                           459
##
    1
##
    2
              3 2005-05-24 23:03:39
                                              1711
                                                           408
##
    3
              4 2005-05-24 23:04:41
                                              2452
                                                           333
##
   4
              5 2005-05-24 23:05:21
                                              2079
                                                           222
              6 2005-05-24 23:08:07
                                              2792
##
    5
                                                           549
##
    6
              7 2005-05-24 23:11:53
                                              3995
                                                           269
              8 2005-05-24 23:31:46
##
   7
                                              2346
                                                           239
              9 2005-05-25 00:00:40
                                              2580
                                                           126
##
   8
##
   9
             10 2005-05-25 00:02:21
                                              1824
                                                           399
## 10
             11 2005-05-25 00:09:02
                                              4443
                                                           142
## # ... with more rows, and 3 more variables: return date <dttm>,
       staff_id <int>, last_update <dttm>
```

In the code block below, we see that **nrows** is like **str** in that it does not trigger a query to the dbms: it just returns NA. See Controlling number of rows returned for how to tell R to quit being lazy, get to work, and return all the rows.

```
nrow(rental_table)
```

## [1] NA

#### 8.1.4 Sub-setting variables

A table in the dbms may not only have many more rows than you want and also many more columns. The select command controls which columns are retrieved.

```
rental_table %>% select(rental_date, return_date) %>% head
```

We won't discuss dplyr methods for sub-setting variables, deriving new ones, or sub-setting rows based on the values found in the table because they are covered well in other places, including:

- Comprehensive reference: https://dplyr.tidyverse.org/
- Good tutorial: https://suzan.rbind.io/tags/dplyr/

In practice we find tht, **renaming variables** is often quite important because the names in an SQL database might not meet your needs as an analyst. In "the wild" you will find names that are ambiguous or overly specified, with spaces in them, and other problems that will make them difficult to use in R. It is good practice to do whatever renaming you are going to do in a predictablel place like at the top of your code. The names in the **dvdrental** database are simple and clear, but if they were not, you might rename them for subsequent use in this way:

```
renamed_rental_table <- dplyr::tbl(con, "rental") %>%
  rename(rental_id_number = rental_id, inventory_id_number = inventory_id)
renamed_rental_table %>%
  select(rental_id_number, rental_date, inventory_id_number) %>%
  head()
## # Source:
               lazy query [?? x 3]
## # Database: postgres [postgres@localhost:5432/dvdrental]
     rental_id_number rental_date
                                           inventory_id_number
##
                <int> <dttm>
                                                         <int>
## 1
                    2 2005-05-24 22:54:33
                                                          1525
## 2
                    3 2005-05-24 23:03:39
                                                          1711
## 3
                    4 2005-05-24 23:04:41
                                                          2452
## 4
                    5 2005-05-24 23:05:21
                                                          2079
## 5
                    6 2005-05-24 23:08:07
                                                          2792
## 6
                    7 2005-05-24 23:11:53
                                                          3995
```

#### 8.1.5 Controlling number of rows returned

The collect function triggers the creation of a tibble and controls the number of rows that the DBMS sends to R.

```
rental_table %>% collect(n = 3) %>% head
## # A tibble: 3 x 7
                                    inventory_id customer_id
##
     rental_id rental_date
##
         <int> <dttm>
                                            <int>
                                                        <int>
## 1
             2 2005-05-24 22:54:33
                                             1525
                                                          459
## 2
             3 2005-05-24 23:03:39
                                            1711
                                                          408
## 3
             4 2005-05-24 23:04:41
                                            2452
                                                          333
## # ... with 3 more variables: return_date <dttm>, staff_id <int>,
       last_update <dttm>
```

In this case the collect function triggers the execution of a query that counts the number of records in the table by staff\_id:

The collect function affects how much is downloaded, not how many rows the DBMS needs to process the query. This query processes all of the rows in the table but only displays one row of output.

#### 8.1.6 Random rows from the dbms

When the dbms contains many rows, a sample of the data may be plenty for your purposes. Although dplyr has nice functions to sample a data frame that's already in R (e.g., the sample\_n and sample\_frac functions), to get a sample from the dbms we have to use dbGetQuery to send native SQL to the database. To peak ahead, here is one example of a query that retrieves 20 rows from a 1% sample:

```
one_percent_sample <- DBI::dbGetQuery(con,
    "SELECT rental_id, rental_date, inventory_id, customer_id FROM rental TABLESAMPLE SYSTEM(1) LIMIT 20;
")
one_percent_sample</pre>
```

```
##
                         rental_date inventory_id customer_id
      rental_id
## 1
          13504 2005-08-20 02:01:48
                                               4322
                                                             293
## 2
          13505 2005-08-20 02:05:57
                                                             536
                                                914
## 3
          13506 2005-08-20 02:07:06
                                               1334
                                                             261
                                                             478
## 4
          13507 2005-08-20 02:10:27
                                               3324
## 5
          13508 2005-08-20 02:12:54
                                               4120
                                                             408
## 6
          13509 2005-08-20 02:14:16
                                               3698
                                                             128
## 7
          13510 2005-08-20 02:18:30
                                                             107
                                                691
## 8
          13511 2005-08-20 02:21:40
                                               2973
                                                              23
## 9
          13512 2005-08-20 02:27:13
                                               4508
                                                              62
## 10
          13513 2005-08-20 02:27:53
                                               1653
                                                             454
## 11
          13514 2005-08-20 02:28:09
                                               3407
                                                              96
          13515 2005-08-20 02:29:47
                                               3438
                                                             194
## 12
          13516 2005-08-20 02:32:45
## 13
                                               4286
                                                              95
## 14
          13517 2005-08-20 02:33:17
                                                533
                                                             186
## 15
          13518 2005-08-20 02:36:17
                                                             528
                                                352
          13519 2005-08-20 02:37:07
## 16
                                                182
                                                              12
## 17
          13520 2005-08-20 02:41:46
                                                              74
                                               3326
## 18
          13521 2005-08-20 02:42:28
                                               2586
                                                             384
## 19
          13522 2005-08-20 02:44:06
                                               2940
                                                             343
## 20
          13523 2005-08-20 02:47:03
                                                163
                                                             572
```

#### 8.1.7 Examining dplyr's SQL query and re-using SQL code

The show\_query function shows how dplyr is translating your query to the dialect of the target dbms:

```
rental_table %>%
  count(staff_id) %>%
  show_query()

## <SQL>
## SELECT "staff_id", COUNT(*) AS "n"
## FROM "rental"
## GROUP BY "staff_id"
```

Here is an extensive discussion of how dplyr code is translated into SQL:

• https://dbplyr.tidyverse.org/articles/sql-translation.html

The SQL code can submit the same query directly to the DBMS with the DBI::dbGetQuery function:

```
DBI::dbGetQuery(con,
    'SELECT "staff_id", COUNT(*) AS "n"
    FROM "rental"
    GROUP BY "staff_id";
    ')
```

```
## staff_id n
## 1 2 8004
## 2 1 8040
```

<<smy We haven't investigated this, but it looks like dplyr collect() function triggers a call simmilar to the dbGetQuery call above. The default dplyr behavior looks like dbSendQuery() and dbFetch() model is used.>>

When you create a report to run repeatedly, you might want to put that query into R markdown. That way you can also execute that SQL code in a chunk with the following header:

```
{sql, connection=con, output.var = "query_results"}
```

```
SELECT "staff_id", COUNT(*) AS "n"
FROM "rental"
GROUP BY "staff_id";
```

Rmarkdown stored that query result in a tibble:

```
query_results
```

```
## staff_id n
## 1 2 8004
## 2 1 8040
```

# 8.2 Investigating a single table with R

Dealing with a large, complex database highlights the utility of specific tools in R. We include brief examples that we find to be handy:

• Base R structure: str

str(rental\_tibble)

- printing out some of the data: datatable, kable, and View
- summary statistics: summary
- glimpse oin the tibble package, which is included in the tidyverse
- skim in the skimr package

#### 8.2.1 str - a base package workhorse

str is a workhorse function that lists variables, their type and a sample of the first few variable values.

```
## 'data.frame': 16044 obs. of 7 variables:
## $ rental_id : int 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 ...
## $ rental_date : POSIXct, format: "2005-05-24 22:54:33" "2005-05-24 23:03:39" ...
## $ inventory_id: int 1525 1711 2452 2079 2792 3995 2346 2580 1824 4443 ...
## $ customer_id : int 459 408 333 222 549 269 239 126 399 142 ...
## $ return_date : POSIXct, format: "2005-05-28 19:40:33" "2005-06-01 22:12:39" ...
## $ staff_id : int 1 1 2 1 1 2 2 1 2 2 ...
```

## \$ last\_update : POSIXct, format: "2006-02-16 02:30:53" "2006-02-16 02:30:53" ...

#### 8.2.2 Always just look at your data with head, View, or kable

There is no substitute for looking at your data and R provides several ways to just browse it. The head function controls the number of rows that are displayed. Note that tail does not work against a database object. In every-day practice you would look at more than the default 6 rows, but here we wrap head around the data frame:

```
sp_print_df(head(rental_tibble))
```

$rental\_id$	rental_date	inventory_id	customer_id	return_date	$staff_id$	last_update
2	2005-05-24 22:54:33	1525	459	2005-05-28 19:40:33	1	2006-02-16 02:30:53
3	2005-05-24 23:03:39	1711	408	2005-06-01 22:12:39	1	2006-02-16 02:30:53
4	2005-05-24 23:04:41	2452	333	2005-06-03 01:43:41	2	2006-02-16 02:30:53
5	2005-05-24 23:05:21	2079	222	2005-06-02 04:33:21	1	2006-02-16 02:30:53
6	2005-05-24 23:08:07	2792	549	2005-05-27 01:32:07	1	2006-02-16 02:30:53
7	2005-05-24 23:11:53	3995	269	2005-05-29 20:34:53	2	2006-02-16 02:30:53

#### 8.2.3 The summary function in base

The basic statistics that the base package summary provides can serve a unique diagnostic purpose in this context. For example, the following output shows that rental\_id is a sequential number from 1 to 16,049 with no gaps. The same is true of inventory\_id. The number of NA's is a good first guess as to the number of dvd's rented out or lost on 2005-09-02 02:35:22.

```
summary(rental_tibble)
```

```
## rental_id rental_date inventory_id
## Min. : 1 Min. :2005-05-24 22:53:30 Min. : 1
## 1st Qu.: 4014 1st Qu.:2005-07-07 00:58:40 1st Qu.:1154
```

```
Median: 8026
                    Median :2005-07-28 16:04:32
                                                  Median:2291
         : 8025
##
                           :2005-07-23 08:13:34
   Mean
                    Mean
                                                  Mean
                                                          :2292
                    3rd Qu.:2005-08-17 21:16:23
                                                  3rd Qu.:3433
   3rd Qu.:12037
   Max.
           :16049
                           :2006-02-14 15:16:03
                                                          :4581
##
                    Max.
                                                  Max.
##
##
     customer id
                     return date
                                                      staff id
##
   Min.
          : 1.0
                    Min.
                           :2005-05-25 23:55:21
                                                  Min.
                                                          :1.000
##
   1st Qu.:148.0
                    1st Qu.:2005-07-10 15:49:36
                                                  1st Qu.:1.000
##
   Median :296.0
                    Median :2005-08-01 19:45:29
                                                  Median :1.000
##
  Mean
           :297.1
                    Mean
                           :2005-07-25 23:58:03
                                                  Mean
                                                          :1.499
   3rd Qu.:446.0
                    3rd Qu.:2005-08-20 23:35:55
                                                  3rd Qu.:2.000
          :599.0
                           :2005-09-02 02:35:22
##
   Max.
                    Max.
                                                  Max.
                                                         :2.000
##
                    NA's
                           :183
##
    last_update
##
           :2006-02-15 21:30:53
  Min.
##
   1st Qu.:2006-02-16 02:30:53
##
  Median :2006-02-16 02:30:53
##
           :2006-02-16 02:31:31
  3rd Qu.:2006-02-16 02:30:53
##
## Max.
           :2006-02-23 09:12:08
##
```

#### 8.2.4 The glimpse function in the tibble package

The tibble package's glimpse function is a more compact version of str:

```
tibble::glimpse(rental_tibble)
```

#### 8.2.5 The skim function in the skmir package

The skimr package has several functions that make it easy to examine an unknown data frame and assess what it contains. It is also extensible.

```
library(skimr)
```

```
##
## Attaching package: 'skimr'
## The following object is masked from 'package:knitr':
##
## kable
```

```
skim(rental_tibble)
## Skim summary statistics
    n obs: 16044
    n variables: 7
##
##
  -- Variable type:integer --
                                                                 p25
                                                                        p50
##
        variable missing complete
                                                       sd p0
                                       n
                                            mean
                                                                      296
##
     customer_id
                       0
                             16044 16044 297.14
                                                  172.45 1 148
##
    inventory_id
                       0
                             16044 16044 2291.84 1322.21
                                                          1 1154
                                                                     2291
##
       rental_id
                            16044 16044 8025.37 4632.78
                                                          1 4013.75 8025.5
                       0
                             16044 16044
##
        staff_id
                                            1.5
                                                     0.5
                                                           1
                                                                1
##
         p75 p100
                       hist
##
               599
      446
##
     3433
              4581
##
    12037.25 16049
##
##
   -- Variable type:POSIXct -----
##
##
       variable missing complete
                                      n
                                               min
                                                           max
                                                                   median
##
    last_update
                      0
                            16044 16044 2006-02-15 2006-02-23 2006-02-16
##
    rental_date
                      0
                            16044 16044 2005-05-24 2006-02-14 2005-07-28
                    183
                           15861 16044 2005-05-25 2005-09-02 2005-08-01
##
    return_date
##
    n_unique
##
           3
##
       15815
##
       15836
```

## 8.3 Dividing the work between R on your machine and the DBMS

They work together.

#### 8.3.1 Make the server do as much work as you can

wide\_rental\_skim <- skim\_to\_wide(rental\_tibble)</pre>

• show\_query as a first draft of SQL. May or may not use SQL code submitted directly.

#### 8.3.2 Criteria for choosing between dplyr and native SQL

This probably belongs later in the book.

- performance considerations: first get the right data, then worry about performance
- Trade offs between leaving the data in PostgreSQL vs what's kept in R:
  - browsing the data
  - larger samples and complete tables
  - using what you know to write efficient queries that do most of the work on the server

## 8.3.3 dplyr tools

Where you place the  ${\tt collect}$  function matters.

```
dbDisconnect(con)
sp_docker_stop("sql-pet")
```

```
## [1] "sql-pet"
```

#### 8.4 Other resources

- Benjamin S. Baumer, A Grammar for Reproducible and Painless Extract-Transform-Load Operations on Medium Data: https://arxiv.org/pdf/1708.07073

# Chapter 9

# Explain queries (11a)

This is file 11\_dplyr\_sql\_summary.Rmd

```
# library(knitr)
dplyr_summary_df <-
    read.delim(here(
    "11_dplyr_sql_summary_table.rmd"),
    header = TRUE,
    sep = '|',
    as.is = TRUE
    )

if (MODE == 'DEMO') {
    View(dplyr_summary_df)
} else {
    kable(dplyr_summary_df)
}</pre>
```

In	Dplyr.Function
_	
Y	arrange()
Y?	$\operatorname{distinct}()$
Y	select() rename()
N	pull()
Y	mutate() transmute()
Y	summarise() summarize()
N	group_by() ungroup()
N	distinct()
N	do()
N	sample_n() sample_frac()
N Y	
$\frac{\mathbf{Y}}{\mathbf{Y}}$	tally() count() add_tally() add_count()
$\frac{\mathbf{r}}{N}$	top_n() arrange_all() arrange_if()
$\frac{N}{N}$	filter_all() filter_if() filter_at()
$\frac{N}{N}$	group_by_all() group_by_at() group_by_if()
$\frac{N}{N}$	select_all() rename_all() select_if() rename_if() select_at() rename_at()
N	select_an() rename_an() select_n() rename_n() select_at() rename_at() summarise_all() summarize_if() summarize_at() summarize_if() summarize_at() mutate_all() mu
N	all_vars() any_vars()
N	vars()
N	funs()
N	all_equal() all.equal( <tbl_df>)</tbl_df>
$\overline{N}$	bind rows() bind cols() combine()
N	intersect() union() union_all() setdiff() setequal()
N	inner_join() left_join() right_join() full_join() semi_join() anti_join()
N	$\frac{1}{\mathrm{inner\_join}()} \frac{1}{\mathrm{left\_join}()} \frac{1}{\mathrm{right\_join}()} \frac{1}{\mathrm{full\_join}()} \frac{1}{\mathrm{semi\_join}()} \frac{1}{\mathrm{semi\_join}($
N	auto_copy()
N	compute() collect() collapse()
N	$\operatorname{copy\_to}()$
N	ident()
N	explain() show_query()
N	tbl() is.tbl() as.tbl()
N	src_mysql() src_postgres() src_sqlite()
N	$\operatorname{sql}()$
N	groups() group_vars()
N	between()
N	case_when()
N	coalesce() cumall() cumany() cummean()
$\frac{N}{N}$	desc()
$\frac{N}{N}$	if else()
N	lead() lag()
N	order_by()
$\frac{N}{N}$	$\mathbf{n}()$
$\frac{1}{N}$	$n_{\text{distinct}}()$
N	na_if()
N	$\operatorname{near}()$
N	nth() first() last()
N	row_number() ntile() min_rank() dense_rank() percent_rank() cume_dist()
N	recode() recode_factor()
N	band_members band_instruments band_instruments2
N	nasa
N	starwars
N	storms
N	thl cube()

tbl\_cube()
as.table(<tbl\_cube>) as.data.frame(<tbl\_cube>) as\_data\_frame(<tbl\_cube>)

# Chapter 10

# Joins and complex queries (13)

Verify Docker is up and running:

```
sp_check_that_docker_is_up()
```

## [1] "Docker is up but running no containers"

verify pet DB is available, it may be stopped.

```
sp_show_all_docker_containers()
```

##	[1]	"CONTAINER ID	IMAGE	COMMAND	CREATED	STATUS
##	[2]	"c53609cf9c12	postgres-dvdrental	\"docker-entrypoint.s\"	25 seconds ago	Exited
##	[3]	"424d4c3dfc89	rstats	\"/init\"	10 days ago	Exited
##	[4]	"4c3eb1dc5043	postgis	\"docker-entrypoint.s\"	10 days ago	Exited
##	[5]	"8da9d3a59732	dpage/pgadmin4	\"/entrypoint.sh\"	10 days ago	Exited
##	[6]	"7030e81489b8	2feef91d6764	\"/bin/sh -c 'su - rs\"	10 days ago	Exited

Start up the docker-pet container

```
sp_docker_start("sql-pet")
```

now connect to the database with R

discuss this simple example? http://www.postgresqltutorial.com/postgresql-left-join/

- dplyr joins on the server side
- Where you put (collect(n = Inf)) really matters

#### 10.1 Joins

Anti joins

#### 10.1.1 Union

#### 10.1.1.1 how many films and languages exist in the DVD rental application

table_name	count
film	1000
language	6

#### 10.1.1.2 what is the film distribution based on language

$\operatorname{id}$	name	total
1	English	1000
5	French	0
6	German	0
2	Italian	0
3	Japanese	0
4	Mandarin	0

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#### 10.2 Store analysis

#### 10.2.1 which store has had more rentals and income

```
rs <- dbGetQuery(con,
                "select *
                            select 'actor' tbl name,count(*) from actor
                      union select 'category' tbl_name,count(*) from category
                       union select 'film' tbl_name,count(*) from film
                       union select 'film_actor' tbl_name,count(*) from film_actor
                       union select 'film_category' tbl_name,count(*) from film_category
                       union select 'language' tbl_name,count(*) from language
                       union select 'inventory' tbl_name,count(*) from inventory
                       union select 'rental' tbl_name,count(*) from rental
                       union select 'payment' tbl_name,count(*) from payment
                       union select 'staff' tbl_name,count(*) from staff
                       union select 'customer' tbl_name,count(*) from customer
                       union select 'address' tbl_name,count(*) from address
                       union select 'city' tbl_name,count(*) from city
                       union select 'country' tbl name, count(*) from country
                       union select 'store' tbl_name,count(*) from store
                       ) counts
                  order by tbl_name
                )
sp_print_df(head(rs))
```

tbl_name	count
actor	200
address	603
category	16
city	600
country	109
customer	599

# 10.3 Store analysis

#### 10.3.1 which store has the largest income stream?

$store\_id$	amt	cnt
2	31059.92	7304
1	30252.12	7292

- 10.3.2 How many rentals have not been paid
- 10.3.3 How many rentals have been paid
- 10.3.4 How much has been paid
- 10.3.5 What is the average price/movie
- 10.3.6 Estimate the outstanding balance

missing	found	amt	cnt	avg_price	est_balance
1452	14596	61312.04	16048	4.2	6098.4

#### 10.3.7 what is the actual outstanding balance

$open\_amt$	count
4297.48	1452

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#### 10.3.8 Rank customers with highest open amounts

```
rs <- dbGetQuery(con,
                "select c.customer_id,c.first_name,c.last_name,sum(f.rental_rate) open_amt,count(*) cou
                   from rental r
                        left outer join payment p
                          on r.rental_id = p.rental_id
                        join inventory i
                          on r.inventory_id = i.inventory_id
                        join film f
                          on i.film_id = f.film_id
                        join customer c
                          on r.customer_id = c.customer_id
                  where p.rental_id is null
                  group by c.customer_id,c.first_name,c.last_name
                  order by open_amt desc
                  limit 25
                )
sp_print_df(head(rs))
```

customer_id	first_name	last_name	open_amt	count
293	Mae	Fletcher	35.90	10
307	Joseph	Joy	31.90	10
316	Steven	Curley	31.90	10
299	James	Gannon	30.91	9
274	Naomi	Jennings	29.92	8
326	Jose	Andrew	28.93	7

#### 10.3.9 what film has been rented the most

$\operatorname{film\_id}$	title	$rental\_rate$	revenue	count
103	Bucket Brotherhood	4.99	169.66	34
738	Rocketeer Mother	0.99	32.67	33
382	Grit Clockwork	0.99	31.68	32
767	Scalawag Duck	4.99	159.68	32
489	Juggler Hardly	0.99	31.68	32
730	Ridgemont Submarine	0.99	31.68	32

# 10.3.10 what film has been generated the most revenue assuming all amounts are collected

film_id	title	rental_rate	revenue	count
103	Bucket Brotherhood	4.99	169.66	34
767	Scalawag Duck	4.99	159.68	32
973	Wife Turn	4.99	154.69	31
31	Apache Divine	4.99	154.69	31
369	Goodfellas Salute	4.99	154.69	31
1000	Zorro Ark	4.99	154.69	31

#### 10.3.11 which films are in one store but not the other.

```
rs <- dbGetQuery(con,
                "select coalesce(i1.film_id,i2.film_id) film_id
                       ,f.title,f.rental_rate,i1.store_id,i1.count,i2.store_id,i2.count
                            (select film_id,store_id,count(*) count
                   from
                               from inventory where store_id = 1
                             group by film_id, store_id) as i1
                         full outer join
                            (select film id, store id, count(*) count
                               from inventory where store_id = 2
                             group by film_id, store_id
                            ) as i2
                           on i1.film_id = i2.film_id
                         join film f
                           on coalesce(i1.film_id,i2.film_id) = f.film_id
                  where i1.film_id is null or i2.film_id is null
                 order by f.title ;
sp_print_df(head(rs))
```

film_id	title	rental_rate	store_id	count	$store\_id6$	count7
2	Ace Goldfinger	4.99	NA	NA	2	3
3	Adaptation Holes	2.99	NA	NA	2	4
5	African Egg	2.99	NA	NA	2	3
8	Airport Pollock	4.99	NA	NA	2	4
13	Ali Forever	4.99	NA	NA	2	4
20	Amelie Hellfighters	4.99	1	3	NA	NA

#### 10.3.12 Compute the outstanding balance.

open_amt	count
4297.48	1452

## 10.4 Different strategies for interacting with the database

select examples dbGetQuery returns the entire result set as a data frame. For large returned datasets, complex or inefficient SQL statements, this may take a long time.

```
dbSendQuery: parses, compiles, creates the optimized execution plan.

dbFetch: Execute optimzed execution plan and return the dataset.

dbClearResult: remove pending query results from the database to your R environment
```

## 10.4.1 Use dbGetQuery

How many customers are there in the DVD Rental System

```
rs1 <- dbGetQuery(con, 'select * from customer;')
sp_print_df(head(rs1))</pre>
```

$customer\_id$	store_id	first_name	last_name	email	address_id	activebool	crea
524	1	Jared	Ely	jared.ely@sakilacustomer.org	530	TRUE	200
1	1	Mary	Smith	mary.smith@sakilacustomer.org	5	TRUE	200
2	1	Patricia	Johnson	patricia.johnson@sakilacustomer.org	6	TRUE	200
3	1	Linda	Williams	linda.williams@sakilacustomer.org	7	TRUE	200
4	2	Barbara	Jones	barbara.jones@sakilacustomer.org	8	TRUE	200
5	1	Elizabeth	Brown	elizabeth.brown@sakilacustomer.org	9	TRUE	200

```
pco <- dbSendQuery(con, 'select * from customer;')
rs2 <- dbFetch(pco)
dbClearResult(pco)
sp_print_df(head(rs2))</pre>
```

customer_id	store_id	first_name	last_name	email	address_id	activebool	crea
524	1	Jared	Ely	jared.ely@sakilacustomer.org	530	TRUE	200
1	1	Mary	Smith	mary.smith@sakilacustomer.org	5	TRUE	200
2	1	Patricia	Johnson	patricia.johnson@sakilacustomer.org	6	TRUE	200
3	1	Linda	Williams	linda.williams@sakilacustomer.org	7	TRUE	200
4	2	Barbara	Jones	barbara.jones@sakilacustomer.org	8	TRUE	200
5	1	Elizabeth	Brown	elizabeth.brown@sakilacustomer.org	9	TRUE	200

#### 10.4.2 Use dbExecute

```
# insert yourself as a new customer
dbExecute(con,
    "insert into customer
    (store_id,first_name,last_name,email,address_id
    ,activebool,create_date,last_update,active)
    values(2,'Sophie','Yang','dodreamdo@yahoo.com',1,TRUE,'2018-09-13','2018-09-13',1)
    returning customer_id;
    "
    )
```

## [1] 0

#### 10.4.3 anti join – Find sophie who have never rented a movie.

$first\_name$	last_name	email
Sophie	Yang	dodreamdo@yahoo.com

```
# diconnect from the db
dbDisconnect(con)
sp_docker_stop("sql-pet")
```

## [1] "sql-pet"

knitr::knit\_exit()

# Chapter 11

# SQL Quick start - simple retrieval (15)

Start up the docker-pet container

```
sp_docker_start("sql-pet")
```

Now connect to the dvdrental database with R

```
con <- sp_get_postgres_connection(
  user = Sys.getenv("DEFAULT_POSTGRES_USER_NAME"),
  password = Sys.getenv("DEFAULT_POSTGRES_PASSWORD"),
  dbname = "dvdrental",
  seconds_to_test = 10)
con</pre>
```

## <PqConnection> dvdrental@localhost:5432

```
colFmt <- function(x,color)
{
    # x string
    # color
    outputFormat = knitr::opts_knit$get("rmarkdown.pandoc.to")
    if(outputFormat == 'latex')
        paste("\\textcolor{",color,"}{",x,"}",sep="")
    else if(outputFormat == 'html')
        paste("<font color='",color,"'>",x,"</font>",sep="")
    else
        x
}

# sample call
# * `r colFmt('Cover inline tables in future section','red')`
```

Moved this from 11-elementary-queries

```
dplyr_summary_df <-
    read.delim(
    '11-dplyr_sql_summary_table.tsv',
    header = TRUE,
    sep = '\t',
    as.is = TRUE
    )
head(dplyr_summary_df)</pre>
```

```
##
     In
                 Dplyr_Function
## 1
     Y
                      arrange()
## 2 Y?
                     distinct()
## 3 Y
              select() rename()
## 4 N
                         pull()
## 5
     Y
           mutate() transmute()
     Y summarise() summarize()
## 6
##
                                         description
## 1
                          Arrange rows by variables
               Return rows with matching conditions
## 2
## 3
                    Select/rename variables by name
                         Pull out a single variable
## 4
## 5
                                   Add new variables
## 6 Reduces multiple values down to a single value
##
                              SQL Clause Notes
                                                                 Category
                                 ORDER BY
## 1
                                             NA Basic single-table verbs
## 2
                       SELECT distinct *
                                             NA Basic single-table verbs
## 3
           SELECT column_name alias_name
                                             NA Basic single-table verbs
## 4
                     SELECT column_name;
                                             NA Basic single-table verbs
## 5 SELECT computed value computed name
                                             NA Basic single-table verbs
## 6 SELECT aggregate functions GROUP BY
                                             NA Basic single-table verbs
```

#### 11.1 Databases and Third Normal Form - 3NF

Most relational database applications are designed to be third normal form "like", 3NF. The key benefits of 3NF are

- 1. speedy on-line transactional processing, OLTP.
- 2. improved referential integrity, reduce modification anomalies that can occur during an insert, update, or delete operation.
- 3. reduced storage, elimination of redundant data.

3NF is great for database application input performance, but not so great for getting the data back out for the data analyst or report writer. As a data analyst, you might get the ubiquitous Excel spreadsheet with all the information needed to start an Exploratory Data Analysis, EDA. The spreadsheet may have provider, patient, diagnosis, procedure, and insurance information all "neatly" arranged on a single row. At least "neatly" when compared to the same information stored in the database, in at least 5 tables.

For this tutorial, the most important thing to know about 3NF is that the data you are looking for gets spread across many many tables. Working in a relational database requires you to

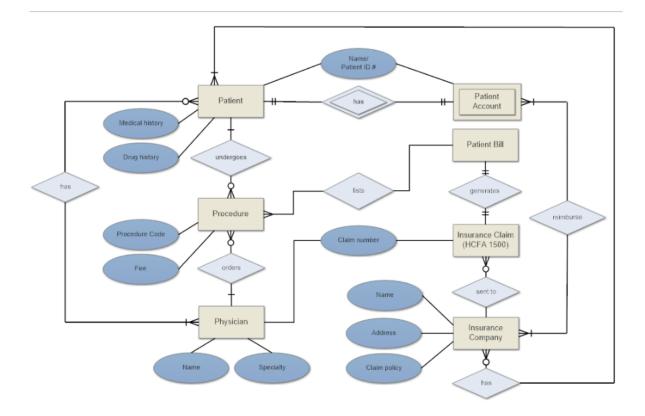


Figure 11.1: hospital-billing-erd

- 1. find the many many different tables that contains your data.
- 2. Understand the relationships that tie the tables together correctly to ensure that data is not dropped or duplicated. Data that is dropped or duplicated can either over or understate your aggregated numeric values.

https://www.smartdraw.com/entity-relationship-diagram/examples/hospital-billing-entity-relationship-diagram/Real life applications have 100's or even 1000's of tables supporting the application. The goal is to transform the application data model into a useful data analysis model using the DDL and DML SQL statements.

## 11.2 SQL Commands

SQL commands fall into four categories.

SQL Category	Definition
DDL:Data	DBA's execute these commands to define objects in the database.
Definition Language	
DML:Data	Users and developers execute these commands to investigate data.
Manipulation	
Language	
DCL:Data Control	DBA's execute these commands to grant/revoke access to
Language	

SQL Category	Definition
TCL:Transaction Control Language	Developers execute these commands when developing applications.

Data analysts use the SELECT DML command to learn interesting things about the data stored in the database. Applications are used to control the insert, update, and deletion of data in the database. Data users can update the database objects via the application which enforces referential integrity in the database. Data users should never directly update data application database objects. Leave this task to the developers and DBA's.

DBA's can setup a sandbox within the database for a data analyst. The application(s) do not maintain the data in the sandbox.

The sql-pet database is tiny, but for the purposes of these exercises, we assume that data so large that it will not easily fit into the memory of your laptop.

This tutorial focuses on the most frequently used SQL statement, the SQL SELECT statement.

A SQL SELECT statement consists of 1 to 6 clauses.

SQL Clause	DPLYR Verb	SQL Description
SELECT	SELECT()	Contains a list of column names from an object or a derived value.
	mutate()	v
FROM	v	Contains a list of related tables from which
		the SELECT list of columns is derived.
WHERE	filter()	Provides the filter conditions the objects in
	· ·	the FROM clause must meet.
GROUP BY	$group\_by()$	Contains a list rollup aggregation columns.
HAVING		Provides the filter condition on the the
		GROUP BY clause.
ORDER BY	arrange()	Contains a list of column names indicating
	,	the order of the column value. Each column
		can be either ASCending or DEScending.

The foundation of the SQL language is based set theory and the result of a SQL SELECT statement is referred to as a result set. A SQL SELECT statement is "guaranteed" to return the same set of data, but not necessarily in the same order. However, in practice, the result set is usually in the same order.

SQL SELECT statements can be broken up into two categories, SELECT detail statements and SELECT aggregate statements.

SELECT DETAIL	SELECT AGGREGATE
select det_col1det_coln from same	select det_agg1, agg1,,aggn from same
where same	where same group by det_agg1
	having
order by same	order by same

The difference between the two statements is the AGGREGATE has

Table 11.4: select all columns

store_id	manager_staff_id	address_id	last_update
1	1	1	2006-02-15 09:57:12
2	2	2	2006-02-15 09:57:12

- 1. select clause has one or more detail columns, det\_agg1..., on which values get aggregated against/rolled up to.
- 2. select clause zero or more aggregated values, agg1, ..., aggn
- 3. group by clause is required and matches the one or more detail columns, det\_agg1.
- 4. having clause is optional and adds a filter condition on one or more agg1 ... aggn values.

## 11.3 SQL SELECT Quick Start

This section focuses on getting new SQL users familiar with the six SQL query clauses and a single table. SQL queries from multiple tables are discussed in the JOIN section of this tutorial. The JOIN section resolves the issue introduced with 3NF, the splitting of data into many many tables, back into a denormalized format similar to the Excel spreadsheet.

The DBI::dbGetQuery function is used to submit SQL SELECT statements to the Postgres database. At a minimum it requires two parameters, a connection object and a SQL SELECT statement.

In the following section we only look at SELECT DETAIL statements.

#### 11.3.1 SELECT Clause: Column Selection – Vertical Partioning of Data

#### 11.3.1.1 1. Simplest SQL query: All rows and all columns from a single table.

```
rs <-
  DBI::dbGetQuery(
  con,
  "
  select * from store;
  ")
kable(rs,caption = 'select all columns')</pre>
```

#### 11.3.1.2 2. Same Query as 1, but only show first two columns;

```
rs <-
   DBI::dbGetQuery(
   con,
   "
   select STORE_ID, manager_staff_id from store;
   ")
kable(rs,caption = 'select first two columns only')</pre>
```

Table 11.5: select first two columns only

store_id	manager_staff_id
1	1
2	2

Table 11.6: reverse the column order

manager_staff_id	store_id
1	1
2	2

#### 11.3.1.3 3. Same Query as 2, but reverse the column order

dvdrental=# select manager\_staff\_id,store\_id from store;

```
rs <-
   DBI::dbGetQuery(
   con,
   "
   select manager_staff_id,store_id from store;
   ")
kable(rs,caption = 'reverse the column order')</pre>
```

#### 11.3.1.4 4. Rename Columns - SQL column alias in the result set

```
rs <-
   DBI::dbGetQuery(
   con,
   "
   select manager_staff_id mgr_sid,store_id st_id from store;
   ")
kable(rs,caption = 'Rename Columns')</pre>
```

The manager\_staff\_id has changed to mgr\_sid. store\_id has changed to st\_id.

Note that the column names have changed in the result set only, not in the actual database table. The DBA's will not allow a space or other special characters in a database table column name.

Some motivations for aliasing the result set column names are

Table 11.7: Rename Columns

mgr_sid	$st\_id$
1	1
2	2

showing	store_id	manager_staff_id	address_id	last_update	db	user	dtts
derived column	1	1	1	2006-02-15 09:57:12	dvdrental	postgres	2018/10/28 1
derived column	2	2	2	2006-02-15 09:57:12	dvdrental	postgres	2018/10/28 1

- 1. Some database table column names are not user friendly.
- 2. When multiple tables are joined, the column names may be the same in one or more tables and one n

#### 11.3.1.5 5. Adding Meta Data Columns to the Result Set

All the previous examples easily fit on a single line. This one is longer. Each column is entered on

- 1. The showing column is a hard coded string surrounded by single quotes. Note that single quotes are
- 2. The db and dtts, date timestamp, are new columns generated from Postgres System Information Function
- 3. Note that `user` is not a function call, no parenthesis.

#### 11.3.2 SQL Comments

SQL supports both a single line comment, preced the line with two dashes, --, and a C like block comment,  $\ ^* \dots ^*/.$ 

#### 11.3.2.1 6. Single line comment -

Table 11.9: Sincle line comment

showing	store_id	manager_staff_id	address_id	last_update	db	user
single line comment, dtts	1	1	1	2006-02-15 09:57:12	dvdrental	postgres
single line comment, dtts	2	2	2	2006-02-15 09:57:12	dvdrental	postgres

Table 11.10: Multi-line comment

showing	store_id	manager_staff_id	address_id	last_update
block comment drop db, user, and dtts	1	1	1	2006-02-15 09:57:12
block comment drop db, user, and dtts	2	2	2	2006-02-15 09:57:12

```
-- ,to_char(now(),'YYYYY/MM/DD HH24:MI:SS') dtts
  from store;
")
kable(rs,caption = 'Sincle line comment')
```

The dtts line is commented out with the two dashes and is dropped from the end of the result set column

#### 11.3.2.2 7. Multi-line comment /\*...\*/

The three columns db, user, and dtts, between the  $/\*$  and  $\*$ / have been commented and no longer appear

#### 11.3.3 FROM Clause

The FROM clause contains one or more datasets, usually database tables/views, from which the SELECT columns are derived. For now, in the examples, we are only using a single table. If the database reflects a relational model, your data is likely spread out over several tables. The key take away when beginning your analysis is to pick the table that has most of the data that you need for your analysis. This table becomes your main or driving table to build your SQL query statement around. After identifying your driving table, potentially save yourself a lot of time and heart ache, review any view that is built on your driving table. If

one or more exist, especially, if vendor built, may already have the additional information needed for your analysis.

#### Insert SQL here or link to Views dependent on what

In this tutorial, there is only a single user hitting the database and row/table locking is not necessary and considered out of scope.

#### 11.3.3.1 Table Uses

- A table can be used more than once in a FROM clause. These are self-referencing tables. An example is an EMPLOYEE table which contains a foriegn key to her manager. Her manager also has a foriegn key to her manager, etc up the corporate ladder.
- In the example above, the EMPLOYEE table plays two roles, employee and manager. The next line shows the FROM clause showing the same table used twice.

FROM EMPLOYEE EE, EMPLOYEE MGR

- The EE and MGR are aliases for the EMPLOYEE table and represent the different roles the EMPLOYEE table plays.
- Since all the column names are exactly the same for the EE and MGR role, the column names need to be prefixed with their role alias, e.g., SELECT MGR.EE\_NAME, EE.EE\_NAME ... shows the manager name and her employee name(s) who work for her.
- It is a good habit to always alias your tables and prefix your column names with the table alias to eliminate any ambiguity as to where the column came from. This is critical where there is inconsistent table column naming convention. It also helps when debugging larger SQL queries.
- Cover inline tables in future section

Side Note: Do not create an unintended Cartesian join. If one has more than one table in the FROM clau

#### 11.3.4 WHERE Clause: Row Selection – Horizontal Partitioning of Data

In the previous SELECT clause section, the SELECT statement either partitioned data vertically across the table columns or derived vertical column values. This section provides examples that partitions the table data across rows in the table.

The WHERE clause defines all the conditions the data must meet to be included or excluded in the final result set. If all the conditions are met data is returned or it is rejected. This is commonly referred to as the data set filter condition.

Side Note: For performance optimization reasons, the WHERE clause should reduce the dataset down to the

The WHERE condition(s) can be simple or complex, but in the end are the application of the logic rules shown in the table below.

p	q	p and q	p or q
Т	${\rm T}$	Τ	${ m T}$
Τ	$\mathbf{F}$	F	${ m T}$
$\mathbf{T}$	Ν	N	${ m T}$
$\mathbf{F}$	$\mathbf{F}$	$\mathbf{F}$	$\mathbf{F}$
$\mathbf{F}$	N	$\mathbf{F}$	${ m T}$
Ν	N	N	N

Table 11.12: select all columns

store_id	manager_staff_id	$address\_id$	last_update
1	1	1	2006-02-15 09:57:12
2	2	2	2006-02-15 09:57:12

Table 11.13: WHERE always FALSE

store_id	manager_	staff	_id	address	_id	last_	_update
----------	----------	-------	-----	---------	-----	-------	---------

When the filter logic is complex, it is sometimes easier to represent the where clause symbollically and apply a version of DeMorgan's law which is shown below.

```
    (A and B)' = A' or B'
    (A or B)' = A' and B'
```

#### 11.3.4.1 Examples Continued

We begin with 1, our simplest SQL query.

```
rs <-
  DBI::dbGetQuery(
  con,
  "
  select * from store;
  ")
kable(rs,caption = 'select all columns')</pre>
```

#### 11.3.4.2 8 WHERE condition logically never TRUE.

```
rs <-
   DBI::dbGetQuery(
   con,
   "
   select * from store where 1 = 0;
   ")
kable(rs,caption = 'WHERE always FALSE')</pre>
```

Since 1 = 0 is always false, no rows are ever returned. Initially this construct seems useless, but ac

#### 11.3.4.3 9 WHERE condition logically always TRUE.

```
rs <-
DBI::dbGetQuery(
con,
"</pre>
```

Table 11.14: WHERE always TRUE

store_id	manager_staff_id	address_id	last_update
1	1	1	2006-02-15 09:57:12
2	2	2	2006-02-15 09:57:12

Table 11.15: WHERE EQUAL

store_id	$manager\_staff\_id$	$address\_id$	last_update
2	2	2	2006-02-15 09:57:12

```
select * from store where 1 = 1;
")
kable(rs,caption = 'WHERE always TRUE')
```

Since 1 = 1 is always true, all rows are always returned. Initially this construct seems useless, but

## 11.3.4.4 10 WHERE equality condition

```
rs <-
  DBI::dbGetQuery(
  con,
  "
  select * from store where store_id = 2;
  ")
kable(rs,caption = 'WHERE EQUAL')</pre>
```

The only row where the store\_id = 2 is row 2 and it is the only row returned.

## 11.3.4.5 11 WHERE NOT equal conditions

```
rs <-
  DBI::dbGetQuery(
  con,
  "
  select * from store where store_id <> 2;
  ")
kable(rs,caption = 'WHERE NOT EQUAL')
```

Table 11.16: WHERE NOT EQUAL

store_id	manager_staff_id	$address\_id$	last_update
1	1	1	2006-02-15 09:57:12

Table 11.17: WHERE OR condition

store_id	manager_staff_id	$address\_id$	last_update
1	1	1	2006-02-15 09:57:12
2	2	2	2006-02-15 09:57:12

<> is syntactically the same as !=

The only row where the store\_id <> 2 is row 1 and only row 1 is returned.

## 11.3.4.6 12 WHERE OR condition

```
rs <-
   DBI::dbGetQuery(
   con,
   "
   select * from store where manager_staff_id = 1 or store_id < 3;
   ")
kable(rs,caption = 'WHERE OR condition')</pre>
```

The first condition manager\_staff\_id = 1 returns a single row and the second condition store\_id < 3 ret

Following table is modified from http://www.tutorialspoint.com/sql/sql-operators

SQL Comparison Operators

Operator	Description	example
=	Checks if the values of two operands are equal or not, if yes then	(a = b) is not
	condition becomes true.	true.
!=	Checks if the values of two operands are equal or not, if values are not	(a != b) is
	equal then condition becomes true.	true.
<>	Checks if the values of two operands are equal or not, if values are not	$(a \ll b)$ is
	equal then condition becomes true.	true.
>	Checks if the value of left operand is greater than the value of right	(a > b) is not
	operand, if yes then condition becomes true.	true.
<	Checks if the value of left operand is less than the value of right operand,	(a < b) is
	if yes then condition becomes true.	true.
>=	Checks if the value of left operand is greater than or equal to the value of	(a >= b) is
	right operand, if yes then condition becomes true.	not true.
<=	Checks if the value of left operand is less than or equal to the value of	$(a \le b)$ is
	right operand, if yes then condition becomes true.	true.
!<	Checks if the value of left operand is not less than the value of right	(a ! < b) is
	operand, if yes then condition becomes true.	false.
!>	Checks if the value of left operand is not greater than the value of right	(a !> b) is
	operand, if yes then condition becomes true.	true.

Operator	Description
ALL	The ALL operator is used to compare a value to all values in another value set.
AND	The AND operator allows the existence of multiple conditions in an SQL statement's
	WHERE clause.
ANY	The ANY operator is used to compare a value to any applicable value in the list as per the
	condition.
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BETWEENThe BETWEEN operator is used to search for values that are within a set of values, given

Operator	Description
EXISTS	The EXISTS operator is used to search for the presence of a row in a specified table that meets a certain criterion.
IN	The IN operator is used to compare a value to a list of literal values that have been specified.
LIKE	The LIKE operator is used to compare a value to similar values using wildcard operators.
NOT	The NOT operator reverses the meaning of the logical operator with which it is used. Eg: NOT EXISTS, NOT BETWEEN, NOT IN, etc. This is a negate operator.
OR	The OR operator is used to combine multiple conditions in an SQL statement's WHERE clause.
IS NULL	The NULL operator is used to compare a value with a NULL value.
UNIQUE	The UNIQUE operator searches every row of a specified table for uniqueness (no duplicates).

https://pgexercises.com/questions/basic

## TO-DO's

- 1. inline tables
- 2. correlated subqueries

## 11.4 Paradigm Shift from R-Dplyr to SQL

Paraphrasing what some have said with an R dplyr background and no SQL experience, "It is like working from the inside out." This sentiment occurs because

- 1. The SQL SELECT statement begins at the end, the SELECT clause, and drills backwards, loosely speaking, to derive the desired result set.
- 2. SQL SELECT statements are an all or nothing proposition. One gets nothing if there is any kind of syntax error.
- 3. SQL SELECT result sets can be quite opaque. The WHERE clause can be very dense and difficult to trace through. It is rarely ever linear in nature.
- 4. Validating all the permutations in the where clause can be tough and tedious.

## 11.4.1 Big bang versus piped incremental steps.

- 1. Dplyr starts with one or more sources joined together in a conceptually similar way that SQL joins sources.
- 2. The pipe and filter() function breaks down the filter conditions into small managable logical steps. This makes it much easier to understand what is happening in the derivation of the final tibble. Adding tees through out the pipe line gives one full trace back of all the data transformations at every pipe.

Helpful tidyverse functions that output tibbles: tbl\_module function in https://github.com/nhemerson/tibbleColumns package;

Mental picture: SQL approach: Imagine a data lake named Niagera Falls and drinking from it without drowning. R-Dplyr approach: Imagine a resturant at the bottom of the Niagera Falls data lake and having a refreshing dring out of the water faucet.

## 11.4.2 SQL Execution Order

The table below is derived from this site. https://www.periscopedata.com/blog/sql-query-order-of-operations It shows what goes on under the hood SQL SELECT hood.

SEQ	$\operatorname{SQL}$	Function	Dplyr
1	WITH	Common Table expression, CTE, one or more datasets/tables used FROM clause.	data parameter in dplyr functions
2	FROM	Choose and join tables to get base data	data parameter in dplyr functions
3	ON	Choose and join tables to get base data	dplyr join family of functions
4	JOIN	Choose and join tables to get base data	dplyr join family of functions
5	WHERE	filters the base data	dplyr filter()
6	GROUP BY	aggregates the base data	dplyr group_by family of functions
7	WITH CUBE/ROLLUP	aggregates the base data	is this part of the dplyr grammar
8	HAVING	filters aggregated data	dplyr filter()
9	SELECT	Returns final data set	dplyr select()
10	DISTINCT	Dedupe the final data set	dplyr distinct()
11	ORDER BY	Sorts the final data set	arrange()
12	TOP/LIMIT	Limits the number of rows in data set	
13	OFFSET/FETCH	Limits the number of rows in data set	

The SEQ column shows the standard order of SQL execution. One take away for this tutorial is that the SELECT clause actually executes late in the process, even though it is the first clause in the entire SELECT statement. A second take away is that SQL execution order, or tweaked order, plays a critical role in SQL query tuning.

- 6. SQL for View table dependencies.
- 7. Add cartesian join exercise.

# Chapter 12

# Drilling into Your DB Environment (21-29)

These packaages are called in this Chapter

```
library(tidyverse)
library(DBI)
library(RPostgres)
library(glue)
library(here)
require(knitr)
library(dbplyr)
library(sqlpetr)
display_rows <- 5</pre>
```

Start up the docker-pet container

```
sp_docker_start("sql-pet")
```

Now connect to the dvdrental database with R

```
con <- sp_get_postgres_connection(
  user = Sys.getenv("DEFAULT_POSTGRES_USER_NAME"),
  password = Sys.getenv("DEFAULT_POSTGRES_PASSWORD"),
  dbname = "dvdrental",
  seconds_to_test = 10)
con</pre>
```

## <PqConnection> dvdrental@localhost:5432

## 12.0.1 Which database?

Your DBA will create your user accounts and privileges for the database(s) that you can access.

One of the challenges when working with a database(s) is finding where your data actually resides. Your best resources will be one or more subject matter experts, SME, and your DBA. Your data may actually reside

in multiple databases, e.g., a detail and summary databases. In our tutorial, we focus on the one database, dvdrental. Database names usually reflect something about the data that they contain.

Your laptop is a server for the Docker Postgres databases. A database is a collection of files that Postgres manages in the background.

## 12.0.2 How many databases reside in the Docker Container?

showing	db
DB Names in Docker	postgres
DB Names in Docker	dvdrental

Which databases are available?

Modify the connection call to connect to the `postgres` database.

```
con <- sp_get_postgres_connection(
  user = Sys.getenv("DEFAULT_POSTGRES_USER_NAME"),
  password = Sys.getenv("DEFAULT_POSTGRES_PASSWORD"),
  dbname = "your code goes here",
  seconds_to_test = 10)</pre>
```

#### ## [1] "There is no connection"

```
if (con != 'There is no connection')
    dbDisconnect(con)

#Answer: con <PqConnection> postgres@localhost:5432

# Reconnect to dudrental

con <- sp_get_postgres_connection(
    user = Sys.getenv("DEFAULT_POSTGRES_USER_NAME"),
    password = Sys.getenv("DEFAULT_POSTGRES_PASSWORD"),
    dbname = "dvdrental",
    seconds_to_test = 10)
con</pre>
```

#### ## <PqConnection> dvdrental@localhost:5432

Note that the two Sys.getenv function calls work in this tutorial because both the user and password are available in both databases. This is a common practice in organizations that have implemented single sign on across their organization.

#### Gotcha:

If one has data in multiple databases or multiple environments, Development, Integration, and Produt

The following code block should be used to reduce propagating the above gotcha. Current\_database(), CURRENT\_DATE or CURRENT\_TIMESTAMP, and 'result set' are the most useful and last three not so much. Instead of the host IP address having the actual host name would be a nice addition.

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Since we will only be working in the dvdrental database in this tutorial and reduce the number of output columns shown, only the 'result set description' will be used.

## 12.0.3 Which Schema?

In the code block below, we look at the information\_schema.table which contains information about all the schemas and table/views within our dvdrental database. Databases can have one or more schemas, containers that hold tables or views. Schemas partition the database into big logical blocks of related data. Schema names usually reflect an application or logically related data sets. Occasionally a DBA will set up a new schema and use a users name.

What schemas are in the dvdrental database? How many entries are in each schema?

```
## Database Schemas
#
rs1 <-
   DBI::dbGetQuery(
   con,
   "SELECT 'DB Schemas' showing,t.table_catalog DB,t.table_schema,COUNT(*) tbl_vws
        FROM information_schema.tables t
        GROUP BY t.table_catalog,t.table_schema
   "
   )
kable(rs1)</pre>
```

showing	db	table_schema	tbl_vws
DB Schemas	dvdrental	$pg\_catalog$	121
DB Schemas	dvdrental	public	22
DB Schemas	dvdrental	information_schema	67

We see that there are three schemas. The pg\_catalog is the standard PostgreSQL meta data and core schema. Postgres uses this schema to manage the internal workings of the database. DBA's are the primary users of pg\_catalog. We used the pg\_catalog schema to answer the question 'How many databases reside in the Docker Container?', but normally the data analyst is not interested in analyzing database data.

The information\_schema contains ANSI standardized views used across the different SQL vendors, (Oracle, Sybase, MS SQL Server, IBM DB2, etc). The information\_schema contains a plethora of metadata that will help you locate your data tables, understand the relationships between the tables, and write efficient SQL queries.

#### 12.0.4 Exercises

showing	db	table_schema	tbl_vws
1. ORDER BY table_catalog	dvdrental	pg_catalog	121
1. ORDER BY table_catalog	dvdrental	public	22
1. ORDER BY table_catalog	dvdrental	information_schema	67

showing	db	table_schema	tbl_vws
2. ORDER BY tbl_vws desc	dvdrental	pg_catalog	121
2. ORDER BY tbl_vws desc	dvdrental	public	22
2. ORDER BY tbl_vws desc	dvdrental	information_schema	67

showing	?column?
3. all information_schema tables	your code goes here
3. all information_schema tables	your code goes here
3. all information_schema tables	your code goes here
3. all information_schema tables	your code goes here
3. all information_schema tables	your code goes here

```
showing ?column?

5. information_schema.tables your code goes here
```

kable(head(rs5,display\_rows))

showing	?column?
6. information_schema.tables	your code goes here
6. information_schema.tables	your code goes here
6. information_schema.tables	your code goes here
6. information_schema.tables	your code goes here
6. information_schema.tables	your code goes here

In the next exercise we combine both the table and column output from the previous exercises. Review the following code block. The last two lines of the WHERE clause are switched. Will the result set be the same or different? Execute the code block and review the two data sets.

showing	db_info	table_name	table_type
7. information_schema.tables	dvdrental.information_schema	collations	VIEW
7. information_schema.tables	dvdrental.information_schema	collation_character_set_applicability	VIEW
7. information_schema.tables	dvdrental.information_schema	column_domain_usage	VIEW
7. information_schema.tables	dvdrental.information_schema	column_privileges	VIEW
7. information_schema.tables	dvdrental.information_schema	column_udt_usage	VIEW

showing	db_info	table_name	table_type
8. information_schema.tables	dvdrental.information_schema	column_options	VIEW
8. information_schema.tables	dvdrental.information_schema	_pg_foreign_table_columns	VIEW
8. information_schema.tables	dvdrental.information_schema	view_column_usage	VIEW
8. information_schema.tables	dvdrental.information_schema	triggered_update_columns	VIEW
8. information_schema.tables	dvdrental.information_schema	tables	VIEW

Operator/Element	Associativity	Description
	left	table/column name separator
::	left	PostgreSQL-style typecast
[]	left	array element selection
-	$\operatorname{right}$	unary minus
^	left	exponentiation
/ %	left	multiplication, division, modulo
+ -	left	addition, subtraction

Operator/Element	Associativity	Description
IS		IS TRUE, IS FALSE, IS UNKNOWN, IS NULL
ISNULL		test for null
NOTNULL		test for not null
(any other)	left	all other native and user-defined operators
ÌN		set membership
BETWEEN		range containment
OVERLAPS		time interval overlap
LIKE ILIKE SIMILAR		string pattern matching
< >		less than, greater than
=	$\operatorname{right}$	equality, assignment
NOT	$\operatorname{right}$	logical negation
AND	left	logical conjunction
OR	left	logical disjunction

$^{\mathrm{db}}$	table_schema	table_name	table_type
dvdrental	public	actor_info	VIEW
dvdrental	public	customer_list	VIEW
dvdrental	public	film_list	VIEW
dvdrental	public	nicer_but_slower_film_list	VIEW
dvdrental	public	sales_by_film_category	VIEW
dvdrental	public	staff	BASE TABLE

## kable(head(rs2))

db	table_schema	table_type	tbls
dvdrental	information_schema	BASE TABLE	7
dvdrental	information_schema	VIEW	60
dvdrental	pg_catalog	BASE TABLE	62
dvdrental	public	BASE TABLE	15
dvdrental	public	VIEW	7
dvdrental	pg_catalog	VIEW	59

#### kable(head(rs3))

db	table_schema	tbls
dvdrental	information_schema	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	information_schema	VIEW
dvdrental	pg_catalog	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	VIEW
dvdrental	pg_catalog	VIEW

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```
## Explain a `dplyr::join
tbl_pk_fk_df <- DBI::dbGetQuery(con,
SELECT --t.table catalog, t.table schema,
  c.table_name
   ,kcu.column_name
   ,c.constraint_name
   ,c.constraint_type
    ,coalesce(c2.table_name, '') ref_table
    ,coalesce(kcu2.column_name, '') ref_table_col
FROM information_schema.tables t
LEFT JOIN information_schema.table_constraints c
  ON t.table_catalog = c.table_catalog
   AND t.table_schema = c.table_schema
   AND t.table name = c.table name
LEFT JOIN information_schema.key_column_usage kcu
    ON c.constraint_schema = kcu.constraint_schema
       AND c.constraint_name = kcu.constraint_name
LEFT JOIN information_schema.referential_constraints rc
    ON c.constraint_schema = rc.constraint_schema
        AND c.constraint name = rc.constraint name
LEFT JOIN information_schema.table_constraints c2
    ON rc.unique_constraint_schema = c2.constraint_schema
        AND rc.unique_constraint_name = c2.constraint_name
LEFT JOIN information_schema.key_column_usage kcu2
   ON c2.constraint_schema = kcu2.constraint_schema
        AND c2.constraint_name = kcu2.constraint_name
        AND kcu.ordinal_position = kcu2.ordinal_position
WHERE c.constraint_type IN ('PRIMARY KEY', 'FOREIGN KEY')
 AND c.table_catalog = 'dvdrental'
   AND c.table_schema = 'public'
ORDER BY c.table_name;
")
\# \ View(tbl\_pk\_fk\_df)
tables_df <- tbl_pk_fk_df %>% distinct(table_name)
# View(tables_df)
```

```
library(DiagrammeR)
table_nodes_ndf <- create_node_df(</pre>
  n <- nrow(tables_df)</pre>
  ,type <- 'table'</pre>
  ,label <- tables_df$table_name</pre>
  ,shape = "rectangle"
  ,width = 1
  , height = .5
  ,fontsize = 18
tbl_pk_fk_ids_df <- inner_join(tbl_pk_fk_df,table_nodes_ndf
                 ,by = c('table_name'='label')
                 ,suffix(c('st','s'))
                ) %>%
     rename('src_tbl_id' = id) %>%
     left_join(table_nodes_ndf
                ,by = c('ref_table'='label')
                ,suffix(c('st','t'))
                ) %>%
     rename('fk_tbl_id' = id)
tbl_fk_df <- tbl_pk_fk_ids_df %>% filter(constraint_type == 'FOREIGN KEY')
tbl_pk_df <- tbl_pk_fk_ids_df %>% filter(constraint_type == 'PRIMARY KEY')
# View(tbl_pk_fk_ids_df)
kable(head(tbl_fk_df))
```

table_name	column_name	constraint_name	constraint_type	ref_table	ref_table_col	$src\_tbl\_id$
address	city_id	fk_address_city	FOREIGN KEY	city	city_id	2
city	country_id	fk_city	FOREIGN KEY	country	country_id	4
customer	address_id	customer_address_id_fkey	FOREIGN KEY	address	address_id	6
film	language_id	film_language_id_fkey	FOREIGN KEY	language	language_id	7
film_actor	actor_id	film_actor_actor_id_fkey	FOREIGN KEY	actor	actor_id	8
film_actor	film_id	film_actor_film_id_fkey	FOREIGN KEY	film	film_id	8

#### kable(head(tbl\_pk\_df))

table_name	column_name	constraint_name	constraint_type	ref_table	ref_table_col	$src\_tbl\_id$	type.x
actor	actor_id	actor_pkey	PRIMARY KEY			1	table
address	address_id	address_pkey	PRIMARY KEY			2	table
category	category_id	category_pkey	PRIMARY KEY			3	table
city	city_id	city_pkey	PRIMARY KEY			4	table
country	country_id	country_pkey	PRIMARY KEY			5	table
customer	customer_id	customer_pkey	PRIMARY KEY			6	table

```
# Create an edge data frame, edf

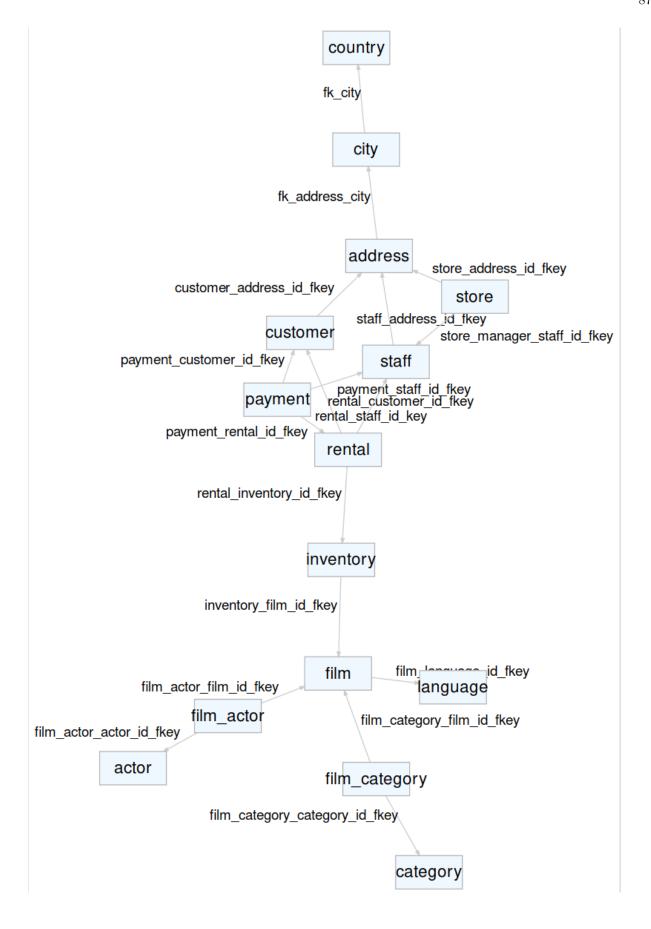
fk_edf <-
    create_edge_df(
    from = tbl_fk_df$src_tbl_id,
    to = tbl_fk_df$fk_tbl_id,
    rel = "fk",</pre>
```

```
label=tbl_fk_df$constraint_name,
  fontsize = 15
)
# View(fk_edf)
```

```
fkgraph_widget <-
    create_graph(
    nodes_df = table_nodes_ndf,
    edges_df = fk_edf,
    graph_name = 'Simple FK Graph'
    ) %>% render_graph()

# export to image files
fkgraph_file <- sqlpetr::sp_make_image_files(
    fkgraph_widget,
    "diagrams",
    "fkgraph"
)</pre>
```

```
## Warning in dir.create(directory, recursive = TRUE): 'diagrams' already
## exists
```



```
dbDisconnect(con)
# system2('docker', 'stop sql-pet')
```

## Chapter 13

# Getting metadata about and from the database (21)

Note that tidyverse, DBI, RPostgres, glue, and knitr are loaded. Also, we've sourced the db-login-batch-code.R file which is used to log in to PostgreSQL.

Assume that the Docker container with PostgreSQL and the dvdrental database are ready to go.

```
sp_docker_start("sql-pet")
```

Connect to the database:

```
con <- sp_get_postgres_connection(
  user = Sys.getenv("DEFAULT_POSTGRES_USER_NAME"),
  password = Sys.getenv("DEFAULT_POSTGRES_PASSWORD"),
  dbname = "dvdrental",
  seconds_to_test = 10
)</pre>
```

## 13.1 Always look at the data

## 13.1.1 Connect with people who own, generate, or are the subjects of the data

A good chat with people who own the data, generate it, or are the subjects can generate insights and set the context for your investigation of the database. The purpose for collecting the data or circumsances where it was collected may be burried far afield in an organization, but usually someone knows. The metadata discussed in this chapter is essential but will only take you so far.

### 13.1.2 Browse a few rows of a table

Simple tools like head or glimpse are your friend.

```
rental <- dplyr::tbl(con, "rental")
kable(head(rental))</pre>
```

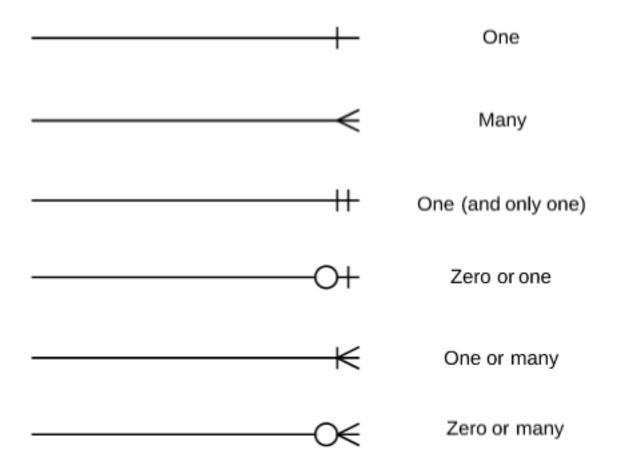
rental_id	rental_date	inventory_id	customer_id	return_date	staff_id	last_update
2	2005-05-24 22:54:33	1525	459	2005-05-28 19:40:33	1	2006-02-16 02:30:53
3	2005-05-24 23:03:39	1711	408	2005-06-01 22:12:39	1	2006-02-16 02:30:53
4	2005-05-24 23:04:41	2452	333	2005-06-03 01:43:41	2	2006-02-16 02:30:53
5	2005-05-24 23:05:21	2079	222	2005-06-02 04:33:21	1	2006-02-16 02:30:53
6	2005-05-24 23:08:07	2792	549	2005-05-27 01:32:07	1	2006-02-16 02:30:53
7	2005-05-24 23:11:53	3995	269	2005-05-29 20:34:53	2	2006-02-16 02:30:53

```
glimpse(rental)
```

## 13.2 Database contents and structure

#### 13.2.1 Database structure

For large or complex databases, however, you need to use both the available documentation for your database (e.g., the dvdrental database) and the other empirical tools that are available. For example it's worth learning to interpret the symbols in an Entity Relationship Diagram:



The information\_schema is a trove of information *about* the database. Its format is more or less consistent across the different SQL implementations that are available. Here we explore some of what's available using several different methods. Postgres stores a lot of metadata.

## 13.2.2 Contents of the information\_schema

For this chapter R needs the dbplyr package to access alternate schemas. A schema is an object that contains one or more tables. Most often there will be a default schema, but to access the metadata, you need to explicitly specify which schema contains the data you want.

## 13.2.3 What tables are in the database?

The simplest way to get a list of tables is with

```
table_list <- DBI::dbListTables(con)
kable(table_list)</pre>
```

X
actor_info
customer_list
film_list
nicer_but_slower_film_list
sales_by_film_category
staff
sales_by_store
staff_list
category
film_category
country
actor
language
inventory
payment
rental
city
store
film
address
film_actor
customer

## 13.2.4 Digging into the information\_schema

We usually need more detail than just a list of tables. Most SQL databases have an information\_schema that has a standard structure to describe and control the database.

The information\_schema is in a different schema from the default, so to connect to the tables table in the information\_schema we connect to the database in a different way:

```
table_info_schema_table <- tbl(con, dbplyr::in_schema("information_schema", "tables"))
```

The information\_schema is large and complex and contains 210 tables. So it's easy to get lost in it.

This query retrieves a list of the tables in the database that includes additional detail, not just the name of the table.

```
table_info <- table_info_schema_table %>%
  filter(table_schema == "public") %>%
  select(table_catalog, table_schema, table_name, table_type) %>%
  arrange(table_type, table_name) %>%
  collect()

kable(table_info)
```

table_catalog	table_schema	table_name	table_type
dvdrental	public	actor	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	address	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	category	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	city	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	country	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	customer	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	film	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	film_actor	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	film_category	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	inventory	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	language	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	payment	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	rental	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	staff	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	store	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	actor_info	VIEW
dvdrental	public	customer_list	VIEW
dvdrental	public	film_list	VIEW
dvdrental	public	nicer_but_slower_film_list	VIEW
dvdrental	public	sales_by_film_category	VIEW
dvdrental	public	sales_by_store	VIEW
dvdrental	public	staff_list	VIEW

In this context table\_catalog is synonymous with database.

Notice that VIEWS are composites made up of one or more BASE TABLES.

The SQL world has its own terminology. For example rs is shorthand for result set. That's equivalent to using df for a data frame. The following SQL query returns the same information as the previous one.

```
rs <- dbGetQuery(
  con,
  "select table_catalog, table_schema, table_name, table_type
  from information_schema.tables
  where table_schema not in ('pg_catalog','information_schema')
  order by table_type, table_name
  ;"
)
kable(rs)</pre>
```

table_catalog	table_schema	table_name	table_type
dvdrental	public	actor	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	address	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	category	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	city	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	country	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	customer	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	film	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	film_actor	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	film_category	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	inventory	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	language	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	payment	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	rental	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	staff	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	store	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	actor_info	VIEW
dvdrental	public	customer_list	VIEW
dvdrental	public	film_list	VIEW
dvdrental	public	nicer_but_slower_film_list	VIEW
dvdrental	public	sales_by_film_category	VIEW
dvdrental	public	sales_by_store	VIEW
dvdrental	public	staff_list	VIEW

## 13.3 What columns do those tables contain?

Of course, the DBI package has a dbListFields function that provides the simplest way to get the minimum, a list of column names:

```
DBI::dbListFields(con, "rental")

## [1] "rental_id"    "rental_date"    "inventory_id" "customer_id"
## [5] "return_date"    "staff_id"    "last_update"
```

But the information\_schema has a lot more useful information that we can use.

```
columns_info_schema_table <- tbl(con, dbplyr::in_schema("information_schema", "columns"))</pre>
```

Since the information\_schema contains 1855 columns, we are narrowing our focus to just one table. This query retrieves more information about the rental table:

```
TRUE ~ data_type)
        ) %>%
  filter(table_name == "rental") %>%
  select(-table_schema, -numeric_precision, -numeric_precision_radix)
glimpse(columns_info_schema_info)
## Observations: 7
## Variables: 7
## $ table_catalog
                          <chr> "dvdrental", "dvdrental", "dvdrental"...
                           <chr> "rental", "rental", "rental", "rental...
## $ table_name
                          <chr> "rental_id", "rental_date", "inventor...
## $ column name
                           <chr> "integer", "timestamp without time zo...
## $ data_type
## $ ordinal_position <int> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
## $ character_maximum_length <int> NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA
## $ column_default
                             <chr> "nextval('rental_rental_id_seq'::regc...
kable(columns_info_schema_info)
```

table_catalog	table_name	column_name	data_type	ordinal_position	character_maximum_
dvdrental	rental	rental_id	integer	1	
dvdrental	rental	rental_date	timestamp without time zone	2	
dvdrental	rental	inventory_id	integer	3	
dvdrental	rental	customer_id	smallint	4	
dvdrental	rental	return_date	timestamp without time zone	5	
dvdrental	rental	staff_id	smallint	6	
dvdrental	rental	last_update	timestamp without time zone	7	

## 13.3.1 What is the difference between a VIEW and a BASE TABLE?

The BASE TABLE has the underlying data in the database

```
table_info_schema_table %>%
  filter(table_schema == "public" & table_type == "BASE TABLE") %>%
  select(table_name, table_type) %>%
  left_join(columns_info_schema_table, by = c("table_name" = "table_name")) %>%
  select(
    table_type, table_name, column_name, data_type, ordinal_position,
    column_default
) %>%
  collect(n = Inf) %>%
  filter(str_detect(table_name, "cust")) %>%
  kable()
```

table_type	table_name	column_name	data_type	ordinal_position	column_default
BASE TABLE	customer	store_id	smallint	2	NA
BASE TABLE	customer	first_name	character varying	3	NA
BASE TABLE	customer	last_name	character varying	4	NA
BASE TABLE	customer	email	character varying	5	NA
BASE TABLE	customer	address_id	smallint	6	NA
BASE TABLE	customer	active	integer	10	NA
BASE TABLE	customer	customer_id	integer	1	nextval('customer_cu
BASE TABLE	customer	activebool	boolean	7	true
BASE TABLE	customer	create_date	date	8	('now'::text)::date
BASE TABLE	customer	last_update	timestamp without time zone	9	now()

Probably should explore how the VIEW is made up of data from BASE TABLEs.

```
table_info_schema_table %>%
  filter(table_schema == "public" & table_type == "VIEW") %>%
  select(table_name, table_type) %>%
  left_join(columns_info_schema_table, by = c("table_name" = "table_name")) %>%
  select(
    table_type, table_name, column_name, data_type, ordinal_position,
    column_default
) %>%
  collect(n = Inf) %>%
  filter(str_detect(table_name, "cust")) %>%
  kable()
```

table_type	table_name	column_name	data_type	ordinal_position	column_default
VIEW	customer_list	id	integer	1	NA
VIEW	customer_list	name	text	2	NA
VIEW	customer_list	address	character varying	3	NA
VIEW	customer_list	zip code	character varying	4	NA
VIEW	customer_list	phone	character varying	5	NA
VIEW	customer_list	city	character varying	6	NA
VIEW	customer_list	country	character varying	7	NA
VIEW	customer_list	notes	text	8	NA
VIEW	customer_list	sid	smallint	9	NA

## 13.3.2 What data types are found in the database?

```
columns_info_schema_info %>% count(data_type)
```

## 13.4 Characterizing how things are named

Names are the handle for accessing the data. Tables and columns may or may not be named consistently or in a way that makes sense to you. You should look at these names as data.

## 13.4.1 Counting columns and name reuse

Pull out some rough-and-ready but useful statistics about your database. Since we are in SQL-land we talk about variables as columns.

```
public_tables <- columns_info_schema_table %>%
  filter(table_schema == "public") %>%
  collect()

public_tables %>% count(table_name, sort = TRUE) %>%
  kable()
```

table_name	n
film	13
staff	11
customer	10
customer_list	9
address	8
film_list	8
nicer_but_slower_film_list	8
staff_list	8
rental	7
payment	6
actor	4
actor_info	4
city	4
inventory	4
store	4
category	3
country	3
film_actor	3
film_category	3
language	3
sales_by_store	3
sales_by_film_category	2

How many *column names* are shared across tables (or duplicated)?

```
public_tables %>% count(column_name, sort = TRUE) %>% filter(n > 1)
```

```
## 5 last_name 4
## 6 name 4
## 7 store_id 4
## 8 actor_id 3
## 9 address 3
## 10 category 3
## # ... with 24 more rows
```

How many column names are unique?

## 13.5 Database keys

## 13.5.1 Direct SQL

How do we use this output? Could it be generated by dplyr?

```
rs <- dbGetQuery(
   con,
    "
--SELECT conrelid::regclass as table_from
select table_catalog||'.'||table_schema||'.'||table_name table_name
, conname, pg_catalog.pg_get_constraintdef(r.oid, true) as condef
FROM information_schema.columns c,pg_catalog.pg_constraint r
WHERE 1 = 1 --r.conrelid = '16485'
   AND r.contype in ('f','p') ORDER BY 1
;"
)
glimpse(rs)</pre>
```

## kable(head(rs))

conname	condef
actor_pkey	PRIMARY KEY (actor_id)
actor_pkey	PRIMARY KEY (actor_id)
actor_pkey	PRIMARY KEY (actor_id)
country_pkey	PRIMARY KEY (country_id)
country_pkey	PRIMARY KEY (country_id)
country_pkey	PRIMARY KEY (country_id)
	actor_pkey actor_pkey actor_pkey country_pkey country_pkey

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The following is more compact and looks more useful. What is the difference between the two?

```
rs <- dbGetQuery(
 con,
  "select conrelid::regclass as table_from
     ,c.conname
      ,pg_get_constraintdef(c.oid)
 from pg_constraint c
 join pg_namespace n on n.oid = c.connamespace
where c.contype in ('f', 'p')
  and n.nspname = 'public'
order by conrelid::regclass::text, contype DESC;
)
glimpse(rs)
## Observations: 33
## Variables: 3
## $ table from
                          <chr> "actor", "address", "address", "category"...
                          <chr> "actor_pkey", "address_pkey", "fk_address...
## $ conname
## $ pg_get_constraintdef <chr> "PRIMARY KEY (actor_id)", "PRIMARY KEY (a...
```

# kable(head(rs))

table_from	conname	pg_get_constraintdef
actor	actor_pkey	PRIMARY KEY (actor_id)
address	address_pkey	PRIMARY KEY (address_id)
address	fk_address_city	FOREIGN KEY (city_id) REFERENCES city(city_id)
category	category_pkey	PRIMARY KEY (category_id)
city	city_pkey	PRIMARY KEY (city_id)
city	fk_city	FOREIGN KEY (country_id) REFERENCES country(country_id)

```
dim(rs)[1]
```

## [1] 33

## 13.5.2 Database keys with dplyr

This query shows the primary and foreign keys in the database.

```
tables <- tbl(con, dbplyr::in_schema("information_schema", "tables"))
table_constraints <- tbl(con, dbplyr::in_schema("information_schema", "table_constraints"))
key_column_usage <- tbl(con, dbplyr::in_schema("information_schema", "key_column_usage"))
referential_constraints <- tbl(con, dbplyr::in_schema("information_schema", "referential_constraints"))
constraint_column_usage <- tbl(con, dbplyr::in_schema("information_schema", "constraint_column_usage"))
keys <- tables %>%
left_join(table_constraints, by = c(
    "table_catalog" = "table_catalog",
    "table_schema" = "table_schema",
    "table_name" = "table_name"
```

```
)) %>%
  # table_constraints %>%
 filter(constraint_type %in% c("FOREIGN KEY", "PRIMARY KEY")) %>%
 left_join(key_column_usage,
            by = c(
              "table_catalog" = "table_catalog",
              "constraint_catalog" = "constraint_catalog",
              "constraint schema" = "constraint schema",
              "table_name" = "table_name",
              "table_schema" = "table_schema",
              "constraint_name" = "constraint_name"
              )) %>%
  # left join(constraint column usage) %>% # does this table add anything useful?
  select(table_name, table_type, constraint_name, constraint_type, column_name, ordinal_position) %>%
  arrange(table_name) %>%
collect()
glimpse(keys)
```

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actorBASE TABLEactor_pkeyPRIMARY KEYactor_idaddressBASE TABLEaddress_pkeyPRIMARY KEYaddress_idaddressBASE TABLEfk_address_cityFOREIGN KEYcity_idcategoryBASE TABLEcategory_pkeyPRIMARY KEYcategory_cityBASE TABLEcity_pkeyPRIMARY KEYcity_id	
address BASE TABLE fk_address_city FOREIGN KEY city_id category BASE TABLE category_pkey PRIMARY KEY category_	
category BASE TABLE category_pkey PRIMARY KEY category_	id
	id
oity DACE TADLE oity play DDIMADV VEV oity id	
city BASE TABLE   fk_city   FOREIGN KEY   country_i	
country BASE TABLE   country_pkey   PRIMARY KEY   country_i	
customer BASE TABLE customer_address_id_fkey FOREIGN KEY address_id	
customer BASE TABLE customer_pkey PRIMARY KEY customer_	
film BASE TABLE film_language_id_fkey FOREIGN KEY language_	id
film BASE TABLE   film_pkey   PRIMARY KEY   film_id	
film_actor BASE TABLE film_actor_actor_id_fkey FOREIGN KEY actor_id	
film_actor BASE TABLE   film_actor_film_id_fkey   FOREIGN KEY   film_id	
film_actor BASE TABLE   film_actor_pkey   PRIMARY KEY   actor_id	
film_actor BASE TABLE film_actor_pkey PRIMARY KEY film_id	
film_category BASE TABLE film_category_id_fkey FOREIGN KEY category_	id
film_category BASE TABLE film_category_film_id_fkey FOREIGN KEY film_id	
film_category BASE TABLE film_category_pkey PRIMARY KEY film_id	
film_category BASE TABLE film_category_pkey PRIMARY KEY category_	id
inventory BASE TABLE inventory_film_id_fkey FOREIGN KEY film_id	
inventory BASE TABLE inventory_pkey PRIMARY KEY inventory_	
language BASE TABLE language_pkey PRIMARY KEY language_	
payment BASE TABLE payment_customer_id_fkey FOREIGN KEY customer_	
payment BASE TABLE   payment_pkey   PRIMARY KEY   payment_	id
payment BASE TABLE payment_rental_id_fkey FOREIGN KEY rental_id	
payment BASE TABLE payment_staff_id_fkey FOREIGN KEY staff_id	
rental BASE TABLE   rental_customer_id_fkey   FOREIGN KEY   customer_	
rental BASE TABLE   rental_inventory_id_fkey   FOREIGN KEY   inventory_	_id
rental BASE TABLE rental_pkey PRIMARY KEY rental_id	
rental BASE TABLE   rental_staff_id_key   FOREIGN KEY   staff_id	
staff BASE TABLE staff_address_id_fkey FOREIGN KEY address_id	d
staff BASE TABLE staff_pkey PRIMARY KEY staff_id	
store BASE TABLE store_address_id_fkey FOREIGN KEY address_id	
store BASE TABLE store_manager_staff_id_fkey FOREIGN KEY manager_	staff_id
store BASE TABLE store_pkey PRIMARY KEY store_id	

What do we learn from the following query? How is it useful?

```
rs <- dbGetQuery(
  con,
   "SELECT r.*,
  pg_catalog.pg_get_constraintdef(r.oid, true) as condef
FROM pg_catalog.pg_constraint r
  WHERE 1=1 --r.conrelid = '16485' AND r.contype = 'f' ORDER BY 1;
  "
  )
head(rs)</pre>
```

```
## conname connamespace contype condeferrable
## 1 cardinal_number_domain_check 12703 c FALSE
## 2 yes_or_no_check 12703 c FALSE
```

```
## 3
                                             2200
                                                                    FALSE
                         year_check
                                                         С
## 4
                                             2200
                                                                    FALSE
                         actor_pkey
                                                         р
## 5
                       address_pkey
                                              2200
                                                         p
                                                                    FALSE
## 6
                                             2200
                                                                    FALSE
                     category_pkey
                                                         p
##
     condeferred convalidated conrelid contypid conindid confrelid
## 1
           FALSE
                           TRUE
                                        0
                                             12716
                                                            0
                                                                       0
## 2
                                        0
                                                                       0
           FALSE
                           TRUE
                                             12724
                                                            0
## 3
           FALSE
                           TRUE
                                        0
                                              16397
                                                            0
                                                                       0
## 4
           FALSE
                           TRUE
                                    16420
                                                  0
                                                       16555
                                                                       0
## 5
           FALSE
                           TRUE
                                    16461
                                                  0
                                                       16557
                                                                       0
## 6
           FALSE
                           TRUE
                                    16427
                                                  0
                                                       16559
                                                                       0
##
     confupdtype confdeltype confmatchtype conislocal coninhcount
## 1
                                                     TRUE
                                                                     0
## 2
                                                                     0
                                                     TRUE
## 3
                                                     TRUE
                                                                     0
## 4
                                                     TRUE
                                                                     0
## 5
                                                                     0
                                                     TRUE
## 6
                                                     TRUE
                                                                     0
     connoinherit conkey confkey conpfeqop conppeqop conffeqop conexclop
##
## 1
             FALSE
                     <NA>
                              <NA>
                                         <NA>
                                                    <NA>
                                                               <NA>
                                                               <NA>
## 2
             FALSE
                     <NA>
                              <NA>
                                         <NA>
                                                    <NA>
                                                                          <NA>
## 3
             FALSE
                      <NA>
                                         <NA>
                                                                          <NA>
                              <NA>
                                                    <NA>
                                                               <NA>
## 4
              TRUE
                       {1}
                              <NA>
                                         < NA >
                                                    <NA>
                                                                          <NA>
                                                               <NA>
              TRUE
## 5
                       {1}
                              <NA>
                                         <NA>
                                                    <NA>
                                                               <NA>
                                                                          <NA>
## 6
              TRUE
                       {1}
                              <NA>
                                         <NA>
                                                    < NA >
                                                               <NA>
                                                                          <NA>
##
## 1
## 2 {SCALARARRAYOPEXPR :opno 98 :opfuncid 67 :useOr true :inputcollid 100 :args ({RELABELTYPE :arg {CO
## 3
## 4
## 5
## 6
##
                                                                                                 consrc
                                                                                          (VALUE >= 0)
## 1
     ((VALUE)::text = ANY ((ARRAY['YES'::character varying, 'NO'::character varying])::text[]))
                                                               ((VALUE >= 1901) AND (VALUE <= 2155))
## 3
## 4
                                                                                                   <NA>
## 5
                                                                                                   <NA>
## 6
                                                                                                   <NA>
##
                                                                                                   condef
                                                                                      CHECK (VALUE >= 0)
## 2 CHECK (VALUE::text = ANY (ARRAY['YES'::character varying, 'NO'::character varying]::text[]))
## 3
                                                               CHECK (VALUE >= 1901 AND VALUE <= 2155)
## 4
                                                                                 PRIMARY KEY (actor_id)
## 5
                                                                               PRIMARY KEY (address_id)
                                                                              PRIMARY KEY (category_id)
## 6
```

## 13.6 Creating your own data dictionary

If you are going to work with a database for an extended period it can be useful to create your own data dictionary. Here is an illustration of the idea

```
some_tables <- c("rental", "city", "store")
all_meta <- map_df(some_tables, sp_get_dbms_data_dictionary, con = con)
all_meta</pre>
```

```
## # A tibble: 15 x 11
       table_name var_name var_type num_rows num_blank num_unique min
##
       <chr>
                    <chr>
                              <chr>
                                            <int>
                                                        <int>
                                                                     <int> <chr> <chr>
## 1 rental
                    rental_~ integer
                                             16044
                                                            0
                                                                     16044 1
                                                                                    4013
## 2 rental rental_~ double
## 3 rental invento~ integer
## 4 rental custome~ integer
## 5 rental return_~ double
                                            16044
                                                             0
                                                                    15815 2005~ 2005~
                                                                      4580 1
                                            16044
                                                            0
                                                                                    1154
                                            16044
                                                            0
                                                                       599 1
                                                                                    148
                                                           183
                                                                     15836 2005~ 2005~
                                            16044
## 6 rental staff_id integer
                                           16044
                                                          0
                                                                          2 1
                                                                                    1
## 7 rental last_up~ double
## 8 city city_id integer
## 9 city city charact~
## 10 city country~ integer
## 11 city last_up~ double
                                            16044
                                                           0
                                                                          3 2006~ 2006~
                                               600
                                                            0
                                                                        600 1
                                                                                    150
                                               600
                                                             0
                                                                        599 A Co~ Dzer~
                              charact~
                                               600
                                                             0
                                                                        109 1
                                                                          1 2006~ 2006~
                                               600
                                                             0
## 12 store
                    store_id integer
                                               2
                                                             0
                                                                          2 1
                                                                                    1
## 13 store
                                                2
                                                             0
                                                                          2 1
                    manager~ integer
                                                                                    1
                                                 2
## 14 store
                    address~ integer
                                                                          2 1
                                                                                    1
## 15 store
                    last_up~ double
                                                 2
                                                             0
                                                                          1 2006~ 2006~
## # ... with 3 more variables: q_50 <chr>, q_75 <chr>, max <chr>
```

#### glimpse(all\_meta)

```
## Observations: 15
## Variables: 11
## $ table_name <chr> "rental", "rental", "rental", "rental", "rental", "...
## $ var_name <chr> "rental_id", "rental_date", "inventory_id", "custom...
## $ num_rows <int> 16044, 16044, 16044, 16044, 16044, 16044, 16044, 60...
## $ num_blank <int> 0, 0, 0, 0, 183, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0
## $ num_unique <int> 16044, 15815, 4580, 599, 15836, 2, 3, 600, 599, 109...
             <chr> "1", "2005-05-24 22:53:30", "1", "1", "2005-05-25 2...
## $ min
              <chr> "4013", "2005-07-07 00:58:00", "1154", "148", "2005...
## $ q_25
              <chr> "8025", "2005-07-28 16:03:27", "2291", "296", "2005...
## $ q_50
              <chr> "12037", "2005-08-17 21:13:35", "3433", "446", "200...
## $ q_75
## $ max
              <chr> "16049", "2006-02-14 15:16:03", "4581", "599", "200...
```

## kable(head(all\_meta))

table_name	var_name	var_type	num_rows	num_blank	num_unique	min	q_25
rental	rental_id	integer	16044	0	16044	1	4013
rental	rental_date	double	16044	0	15815	2005-05-24 22:53:30	2005-07-07 00:
rental	inventory_id	integer	16044	0	4580	1	1154
rental	$customer\_id$	integer	16044	0	599	1	148
rental	return_date	double	16044	183	15836	2005-05-25 23:55:21	2005-07-10 15:
rental	staff_id	integer	16044	0	2	1	1

## 13.7 Save your work!

The work you do to understand the structure and contents of a database can be useful for others (including future-you). So at the end of a session, you might look at all the data frames you want to save. Consider saving them in a form where you can add notes at the appropriate level (as in a Google Doc representing table or columns that you annotate over time).

#### ls()

```
##
    [1] "all_meta"
                                     "columns_info_schema_info"
    [3] "columns_info_schema_table"
##
    [5] "constraint_column_usage"
                                     "key_column_usage"
##
    [7] "keys"
                                     "public_tables"
   [9] "referential_constraints"
                                     "rental"
## [11] "rs"
                                     "some_tables"
## [13] "table_constraints"
                                     "table_info"
## [15] "table_info_schema_table"
                                     "table_list"
## [17] "tables"
```

## Chapter 14

# Drilling into Your DB Environment (22)

Start up the docker-pet container

```
sp_docker_start("sql-pet")
```

Now connect to the dvdrental database with R

```
con <- sp_get_postgres_connection(
  user = Sys.getenv("DEFAULT_POSTGRES_USER_NAME"),
  password = Sys.getenv("DEFAULT_POSTGRES_PASSWORD"),
  dbname = "dvdrental",
  seconds_to_test = 10)
con</pre>
```

## <PqConnection> dvdrental@localhost:5432

## 14.1 Which database?

Your DBA will create your user accounts and priviledges for the database(s) that you can access.

One of the challenges when working with a database(s) is finding where your data actually resides. Your best resources will be one or more subject matter experts, SME, and your DBA. Your data may actually reside in multiple databases, e.g., a detail and summary databases. In our tutorial, we focus on the one database, dvdrental. Database names usually reflect something about the data that they contain.

Your laptop is a server for the Docker Postgres databases. A database is a collection of files that Postgres manages in the background.

## 14.2 How many databases reside in the Docker Container?

showing	db
DB Names in Docker	postgres
DB Names in Docker	dvdrental

Which databases are available?

Modify the connection call to connect to the `postgres` database.

```
con <- sp_get_postgres_connection(
  user = Sys.getenv("DEFAULT_POSTGRES_USER_NAME"),
  password = Sys.getenv("DEFAULT_POSTGRES_PASSWORD"),
  dbname = "your code goes here",
  seconds_to_test = 10)</pre>
```

### ## [1] "There is no connection"

```
if (con != 'There is no connection')
    dbDisconnect(con)

#Answer: con <PqConnection> postgres@localhost:5432

# Reconnect to dvdrental

con <- sp_get_postgres_connection(
    user = Sys.getenv("DEFAULT_POSTGRES_USER_NAME"),
    password = Sys.getenv("DEFAULT_POSTGRES_PASSWORD"),
    dbname = "dvdrental",
    seconds_to_test = 10)

con</pre>
```

## ## <PqConnection> dvdrental@localhost:5432

Note that the two Sys.getenv function calls work in this tutorial because both the user and password are available in both databases. This is a common practice in organizations that have implemented single sign on across their organization.

#### Gotcha:

If one has data in multiple databases or multiple environments, Development, Integration, and Produt

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The following code block should be used to reduce propagating the above gotcha. Current\_database(), CURRENT\_DATE or CURRENT\_TIMESTAMP, and 'result set' are the most useful and last three not so much. Instead of the host IP address having the actual hostname would be a nice addition.

```
rs1 <-
   DBI::dbGetQuery(
   con,
   "SELECT current_database() DB
        ,CURRENT_DATE
        ,CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
        ,'result set description' showing
        ,session_user
        ,inet_server_addr() host
        ,inet_server_port() port
   "
   )
kable(display_rows)</pre>
```

```
\frac{x}{5}
```

Since we will only be working in the dvdrental database in this tutorial and reduce the number of output columns shown, only the 'result set description' will be used.

## 14.3 Which Schema?

In the code block below, we look at the information\_schema.table which contains information about all the schemas and table/views within our dvdrental database. Databases can have one or more schemas, containers that hold tables or views. Schemas partition the database into big logical blocks of related data. Schema names usually reflect an application or logically related datasets. Occasionally a DBA will set up a new schema and use a users name.

What schemas are in the dvdrental database? How many entries are in each schema?

```
## Database Schemas
#
rs1 <-
   DBI::dbGetQuery(
   con,
   "SELECT 'DB Schemas' showing,t.table_catalog DB,t.table_schema,COUNT(*) tbl_vws
        FROM information_schema.tables t
        GROUP BY t.table_catalog,t.table_schema
   "
   )
kable(rs1)</pre>
```

showing	db	table_schema	tbl_vws
DB Schemas	dvdrental	pg_catalog	121
DB Schemas	dvdrental	public	22
DB Schemas	dvdrental	information_schema	67

We see that there are three schemas. The pg\_catalog is the standard PostgreSQL meta data and core schema. Postgres uses this schema to manage the internal workings of the database. DBA's are the primary

users of pg\_catalog. We used the pg\_catalog schema to answer the question 'How many databases reside in the Docker Container?', but normally the data analyst is not interested in analyzing database data.

The information\_schema contains ANSI standardized views used across the different SQL vendors, (Oracle, Sysbase, MS SQL Server, IBM DB2, etc). The information\_schema contains a plethora of metadata that will help you locate your data tables, understand the relationships between the tables, and write efficient SQL queries.

## 14.4 Exercises

showing	db	table_schema	tbl_vws
1. ORDER BY table_catalog	dvdrental	pg_catalog	121
1. ORDER BY table_catalog	dvdrental	public	22
1. ORDER BY table_catalog	dvdrental	information_schema	67

showing	db	table_schema	tbl_vws
2. ORDER BY tbl_vws desc	dvdrental	pg_catalog	121
2. ORDER BY tbl_vws desc	dvdrental	public	22
2. ORDER BY tbl_vws desc	dvdrental	information_schema	67

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showing	?column?
3. all information_schema tables	your code goes here
3. all information_schema tables	your code goes here
3. all information_schema tables	your code goes here
3. all information_schema tables	your code goes here
3. all information_schema tables	your code goes here

```
showing ?column?

5. information_schema.tables your code goes here
```

kable(head(rs5,display\_rows))

showing	?column?
6. information_schema.tables	your code goes here
6. information_schema.tables	your code goes here
6. information_schema.tables	your code goes here
6. information_schema.tables	your code goes here
6. information_schema.tables	your code goes here

In the next exercise we combine both the table and column output from the previous exercises. Review the following code block. The last two lines of the WHERE clause are swithced. Will the result set be the same or different? Execute the code block and review the two datasets.

showing	db_info	table_name	table_type
7. information_schema.tables	dvdrental.information_schema	collations	VIEW
7. information_schema.tables	dvdrental.information_schema	collation_character_set_applicability	VIEW
7. information_schema.tables	dvdrental.information_schema	column_domain_usage	VIEW
7. information_schema.tables	dvdrental.information_schema	column_privileges	VIEW
7. information_schema.tables	dvdrental.information_schema	column_udt_usage	VIEW

showing	db_info	table_name	table_type
8. information_schema.tables	dvdrental.information_schema	column_options	VIEW
8. information_schema.tables	dvdrental.information_schema	_pg_foreign_table_columns	VIEW
8. information_schema.tables	dvdrental.information_schema	view_column_usage	VIEW
8. information_schema.tables	dvdrental.information_schema	triggered_update_columns	VIEW
8. information_schema.tables	dvdrental.information_schema	tables	VIEW

Operator/Element	Associativity	Description
	left	table/column name separator
::	left	PostgreSQL-style typecast
[]	left	array element selection
-	$\operatorname{right}$	unary minus
^	left	exponentiation
/ %	left	multiplication, division, modulo
+ -	left	addition, subtraction

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Operator/Element	Associativity	Description
IS		IS TRUE, IS FALSE, IS UNKNOWN, IS NULL
ISNULL		test for null
NOTNULL		test for not null
(any other)	left	all other native and user-defined operators
IN		set membership
BETWEEN		range containment
OVERLAPS		time interval overlap
LIKE ILIKE SIMILAR		string pattern matching
<>		less than, greater than
=	$\operatorname{right}$	equality, assignment
NOT	$\operatorname{right}$	logical negation
AND	left	logical conjunction
OR	left	logical disjunction

```
rs1 <- DBI::dbGetQuery(con,"SELECT t.table_catalog DB ,t.table_schema
                                  ,t.table_name,t.table_type
                              FROM information_schema.tables t")
rs2 <- DBI::dbGetQuery(con, "SELECT t.table_catalog DB ,t.table_schema
                                  ,t.table_type,COUNT(*) tbls
                              FROM information_schema.tables t
                            group by t.table_catalog ,t.table_schema
                                  ,t.table_type
rs3 <- DBI::dbGetQuery(con, "SELECT distinct t.table_catalog DB ,t.table_schema
                                 ,t.table_type tbls
                             FROM information_schema.tables t
#kable(head(rs1 %>% arrange (table_name)))
# View(rs1)
# View(rs2)
# View(rs3)
kable(head(rs1))
```

db	table_schema	table_name	table_type
dvdrental	public	actor_info	VIEW
dvdrental	public	customer_list	VIEW
dvdrental	public	film_list	VIEW
dvdrental	public	nicer_but_slower_film_list	VIEW
dvdrental	public	sales_by_film_category	VIEW
dvdrental	public	staff	BASE TABLE

#### kable(head(rs2))

db	table_schema	table_type	tbls
dvdrental	information_schema	BASE TABLE	7
dvdrental	information_schema	VIEW	60
dvdrental	pg_catalog	BASE TABLE	62
dvdrental	public	BASE TABLE	15
dvdrental	public	VIEW	7
dvdrental	pg_catalog	VIEW	59

#### kable(head(rs3))

db	table_schema	tbls
dvdrental	information_schema	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	information_schema	VIEW
dvdrental	pg_catalog	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	BASE TABLE
dvdrental	public	VIEW
dvdrental	pg_catalog	VIEW

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Comment on the practice of putting a comma at the beginning of a line in SQL code.

```
## Explain a `dplyr::join
tbl_pk_fk_df <- DBI::dbGetQuery(con,
SELECT --t.table_catalog,t.table_schema,
  c.table name
   ,kcu.column_name
    ,c.constraint_name
    ,c.constraint_type
   ,coalesce(c2.table_name, '') ref_table
    ,coalesce(kcu2.column_name, '') ref_table_col
FROM information schema.tables t
LEFT JOIN information_schema.table_constraints c
 ON t.table_catalog = c.table_catalog
   AND t.table_schema = c.table_schema
   AND t.table_name = c.table_name
LEFT JOIN information_schema.key_column_usage kcu
   ON c.constraint_schema = kcu.constraint_schema
       AND c.constraint_name = kcu.constraint_name
LEFT JOIN information_schema.referential_constraints rc
   ON c.constraint_schema = rc.constraint_schema
        AND c.constraint_name = rc.constraint_name
LEFT JOIN information_schema.table_constraints c2
    ON rc.unique_constraint_schema = c2.constraint_schema
        AND rc.unique_constraint_name = c2.constraint_name
LEFT JOIN information_schema.key_column_usage kcu2
   ON c2.constraint_schema = kcu2.constraint_schema
       AND c2.constraint_name = kcu2.constraint_name
        AND kcu.ordinal position = kcu2.ordinal position
WHERE c.constraint_type IN ('PRIMARY KEY', 'FOREIGN KEY')
```

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```
AND c.table_catalog = 'dvdrental'
   AND c.table_schema = 'public'

ORDER BY c.table_name;
")

# View(tbl_pk_fk_df)

tables_df <- tbl_pk_fk_df %>% distinct(table_name)

# View(tables_df)
```

```
library(DiagrammeR)
table_nodes_ndf <- create_node_df(</pre>
 n <- nrow(tables_df)</pre>
  ,type <- 'table'</pre>
  ,label <- tables_df$table_name</pre>
  ,shape = "rectangle"
  ,width = 1
  , height = .5
  ,fontsize = 18
tbl_pk_fk_ids_df <- inner_join(tbl_pk_fk_df,table_nodes_ndf
                 ,by = c('table_name' = 'label')
                 ,suffix(c('st','s'))
                ) %>%
     rename('src_tbl_id' = id) %>%
     left_join(table_nodes_ndf
                ,by = c('ref_table' = 'label')
                ,suffix(c('st','t'))
               ) %>%
     rename('fk_tbl_id' = id)
tbl_fk_df <- tbl_pk_fk_ids_df %>% filter(constraint_type == 'FOREIGN KEY')
tbl_pk_df <- tbl_pk_fk_ids_df %>% filter(constraint_type == 'PRIMARY KEY')
# View(tbl_pk_fk_ids_df)
# View(tbl_fk_df)
# View(tbl_pk_df)
kable(head(tbl_fk_df))
```

table_name	column_name	constraint_name	constraint_type	ref_table	ref_table_col	src_tbl_id
address	city_id	fk_address_city	FOREIGN KEY	city	city_id	2
city	country_id	fk_city	FOREIGN KEY	country	country_id	4
customer	address_id	customer_address_id_fkey	FOREIGN KEY	address	address_id	6
film	language_id	film_language_id_fkey	FOREIGN KEY	language	language_id	7
film_actor	actor_id	film_actor_actor_id_fkey	FOREIGN KEY	actor	actor_id	8
film_actor	film_id	film_actor_film_id_fkey	FOREIGN KEY	film	film_id	8

```
kable(head(tbl_pk_df))
```

table_name	column_name	constraint_name	constraint_type	ref_table	ref_table_col	src_tbl_id	type.x
actor	actor_id	actor_pkey	PRIMARY KEY	'		1	table
address	address_id	address_pkey	PRIMARY KEY	'		2	table
category	category_id	category_pkey	PRIMARY KEY	'		3	table
city	city_id	city_pkey	PRIMARY KEY	'		4	table
country	country_id	country_pkey	PRIMARY KEY			5	table
customer	customer_id	customer_pkey	PRIMARY KEY	·		6	table

```
# Create an edge data frame, edf

fk_edf <-
    create_edge_df(
        from = tbl_fk_df$src_tbl_id,
        to = tbl_fk_df$fk_tbl_id,
        rel = "fk",
        label = tbl_fk_df$constraint_name,
        fontsize = 15
    )

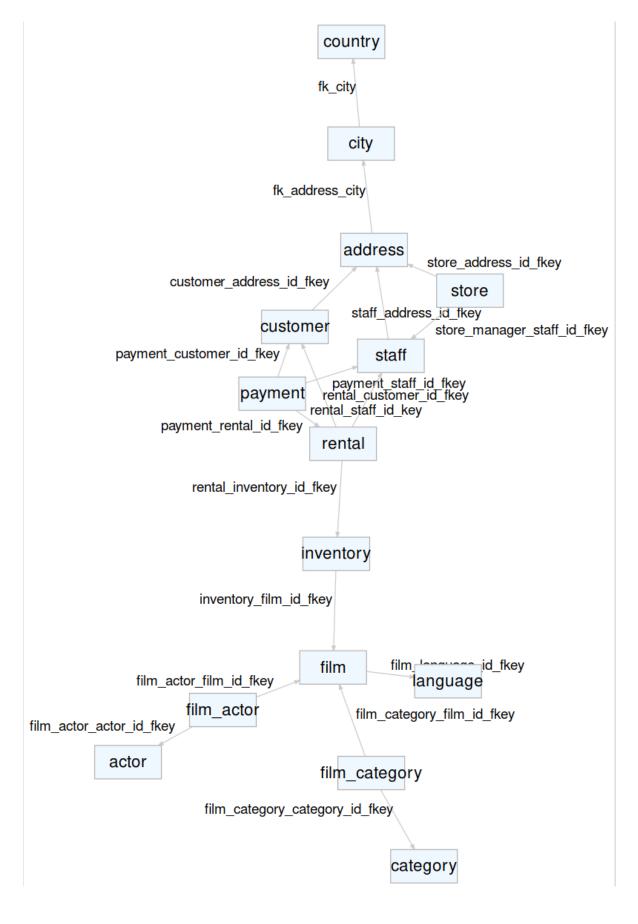
# View(fk_edf)</pre>
```

```
fkgraph_widget <-
    create_graph(
    nodes_df = table_nodes_ndf,
    edges_df = fk_edf,
    graph_name = 'Simple FK Graph'
    ) %>% render_graph()

# export to image files
fkgraph_file <- sqlpetr::sp_make_image_files(
    fkgraph_widget,
    "diagrams",
    "fkgraph"
)</pre>
```

```
## Warning in dir.create(directory, recursive = TRUE): 'diagrams' already
## exists
```

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```
dbDisconnect(con)
# system2('docker', 'stop sql-pet')
```

# Explain queries (71)

• examining dplyr queries (dplyr::show\_query on the R side v EXPLAIN on the PostgreSQL side)

Start up the docker-pet container

```
sp_docker_start("sql-pet")
```

now connect to the database with R

#### 15.1 Performance considerations

```
## [1] relname relnamespace reltype
## [4] reloftype relowner relam
## [7] relfilenode reltablespace relpages
```

```
relallvisible
## [10] reltuples
                                                reltoastrelid
## [13] relhasindex
                           relisshared
                                                relpersistence
## [16] relkind
                           relnatts
                                                relchecks
## [19] relhasoids
                           relhaspkey
                                                relhasrules
## [22] relhastriggers
                           relhassubclass
                                                relrowsecurity
## [25] relforcerowsecurity relispopulated
                                                relreplident
## [28] relispartition
                           relfrozenxid
                                                relminmxid
## [31] relacl
                            reloptions
                                                relpartbound
## <0 rows> (or 0-length row.names)
This came from 14-sql pet-examples-part-b.Rmd
rs1 <- DBI::dbGetQuery(con,
                "explain select r.*
                   from rental r
                )
head(rs1)
##
                                                         QUERY PLAN
## 1 Seq Scan on rental r (cost=0.00..310.44 rows=16044 width=36)
rs2 <- DBI::dbGetQuery(con,
                "explain select count(*) count
                   from rental r
                        left outer join payment p
                          on r.rental_id = p.rental_id
                    where p.rental_id is null
                 ;")
head(rs2)
##
                                                                           QUERY PLAN
                                     Aggregate (cost=896.49..896.50 rows=1 width=8)
## 1
## 2
                         -> Hash Anti Join (cost=436.41..892.86 rows=1452 width=0)
## 3
                                              Hash Cond: (r.rental_id = p.rental_id)
                        Seg Scan on rental r (cost=0.00..310.44 rows=16044 width=4)
## 4
## 5
                                  -> Hash (cost=253.96..253.96 rows=14596 width=4)
## 6
                   -> Seq Scan on payment p (cost=0.00..253.96 rows=14596 width=4)
rs3 <- DBI::dbGetQuery(con,
                "explain select sum(f.rental_rate) open_amt,count(*) count
                   from rental r
                        left outer join payment p
                          on r.rental_id = p.rental_id
                        join inventory i
                          on r.inventory_id = i.inventory_id
                        join film f
                          on i.film_id = f.film_id
```

where p.rental id is null

;")

head(rs3)

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```
##
                                                                           QUERY PLAN
## 1
                                  Aggregate (cost=1101.11..1101.12 rows=1 width=40)
## 2
                             -> Hash Join (cost=987.51..1093.84 rows=1452 width=6)
## 3
                                                  Hash Cond: (i.film_id = f.film_id)
## 4
                             -> Hash Join (cost=911.01..1013.52 rows=1452 width=2)
## 5
                                        Hash Cond: (i.inventory_id = r.inventory_id)
## 6
                   -> Seq Scan on inventory i (cost=0.00..70.81 rows=4581 width=6)
rs4 <- DBI::dbGetQuery(con,
                "explain select c.customer_id,c.first_name,c.last_name,sum(f.rental_rate) open_amt,coun
                   from rental r
                        left outer join payment p
                          on r.rental_id = p.rental_id
                        join inventory i
                          on r.inventory_id = i.inventory_id
                        join film f
                          on i.film_id = f.film_id
                        join customer c
                          on r.customer_id = c.customer_id
                  where p.rental_id is null
                  group by c.customer_id,c.first_name,c.last_name
                  order by open_amt desc
                )
head(rs4)
##
                                                             QUERY PLAN
                       Sort (cost=1166.25..1167.75 rows=600 width=57)
## 1
## 2
                                   Sort Key: (sum(f.rental_rate)) DESC
## 3
          -> HashAggregate
                            (cost=1131.07..1138.57 rows=600 width=57)
## 4
                                              Group Key: c.customer_id
## 5
             -> Hash Join (cost=1010.01..1120.18 rows=1452 width=23)
## 6
                            Hash Cond: (r.customer_id = c.customer_id)
```

#### 15.2 Clean up

## [1] "sql-pet"

```
# dbRemoveTable(con, "cars")
# dbRemoveTable(con, "mtcars")
# dbRemoveTable(con, "cust_movies")

# diconnect from the db
dbDisconnect(con)

sp_docker_stop("sql-pet")
```

# SQL queries behind the scenes (72)

Start up the docker-pet container

```
sp_docker_start("sql-pet")
```

now connect to the database with R

#### 16.1 SQL Execution Steps

- Parse the incoming SQL query
- Compile the SQL query
- Plan/optimize the data acquisition path
- Execute the optimized query / acquire and return data

```
dbWriteTable(con, "mtcars", mtcars, overwrite = TRUE)
rs <- dbSendQuery(con, "SELECT * FROM mtcars WHERE cyl = 4")
dbFetch(rs)</pre>
```

```
##
      mpg cyl disp hp drat
                             wt qsec vs am gear carb
## 1 22.8
         4 108.0 93 3.85 2.320 18.61 1 1
## 2 24.4 4 146.7 62 3.69 3.190 20.00 1 0
                                                 2
         4 140.8 95 3.92 3.150 22.90
## 3 22.8
## 4 32.4 4 78.7 66 4.08 2.200 19.47 1 1
## 5 30.4 4 75.7 52 4.93 1.615 18.52 1 1
## 6 33.9 4 71.1 65 4.22 1.835 19.90 1 1
         4 120.1 97 3.70 2.465 20.01 1 0
## 7 21.5
## 8 27.3
         4 79.0 66 4.08 1.935 18.90 1 1
## 9 26.0 4 120.3 91 4.43 2.140 16.70 0 1
## 10 30.4 4 95.1 113 3.77 1.513 16.90 1 1
                                                 2
## 11 21.4 4 121.0 109 4.11 2.780 18.60
```

```
dbClearResult(rs)
```

#### 16.2 Passing values to SQL statements

```
#Pass one set of values with the param argument:
rs <- dbSendQuery(con, "SELECT * FROM mtcars WHERE cyl = 4")
dbFetch(rs)
##
      mpg cyl disp hp drat
                            wt qsec vs am gear carb
## 1 22.8
          4 108.0 93 3.85 2.320 18.61 1 1
## 2 24.4 4 146.7 62 3.69 3.190 20.00 1 0
## 3 22.8 4 140.8 95 3.92 3.150 22.90 1 0
## 4 32.4 4 78.7 66 4.08 2.200 19.47 1 1
## 5 30.4 4 75.7 52 4.93 1.615 18.52 1 1
## 6 33.9 4 71.1 65 4.22 1.835 19.90 1 1 4 1
## 7 21.5 4 120.1 97 3.70 2.465 20.01 1 0 3 1
## 8 27.3 4 79.0 66 4.08 1.935 18.90 1 1
                                            4 1
## 9 26.0 4 120.3 91 4.43 2.140 16.70 0 1 5 2
## 10 30.4 4 95.1 113 3.77 1.513 16.90 1 1 5 2
## 11 21.4 4 121.0 109 4.11 2.780 18.60 1 1
dbClearResult(rs)
```

#### 16.3 Pass multiple sets of values with dbBind():

```
rs <- dbSendQuery(con, "SELECT * FROM mtcars WHERE cyl = $1")
dbBind(rs, list(6L)) # cyl = 6
dbFetch(rs)
##
     mpg cyl disp hp drat
                            wt qsec vs am gear carb
## 1 21.0 6 160.0 110 3.90 2.620 16.46 0 1 4
## 2 21.0 6 160.0 110 3.90 2.875 17.02 0 1
## 3 21.4 6 258.0 110 3.08 3.215 19.44 1 0 3 1
## 4 18.1 6 225.0 105 2.76 3.460 20.22 1 0 3 1
## 5 19.2 6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440 18.30 1 0
## 6 17.8 6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440 18.90 1 0 4 4
## 7 19.7 6 145.0 175 3.62 2.770 15.50 0 1
dbBind(rs, list(8L)) # cyl = 8
dbFetch(rs)
      mpg cyl disp hp drat
                             wt qsec vs am gear carb
## 1 18.7
          8 360.0 175 3.15 3.440 17.02 0 0
## 2 14.3 8 360.0 245 3.21 3.570 15.84 0 0
## 3 16.4 8 275.8 180 3.07 4.070 17.40 0 0 3 3
## 4 17.3 8 275.8 180 3.07 3.730 17.60 0 0 3
```

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```
## 5 15.2 8 275.8 180 3.07 3.780 18.00 0 0 3 3 4 ## 6 10.4 8 472.0 205 2.93 5.250 17.98 0 0 3 4 ## 7 10.4 8 460.0 215 3.00 5.424 17.82 0 0 3 4 ## 8 14.7 8 440.0 230 3.23 5.345 17.42 0 0 3 4 ## 9 15.5 8 318.0 150 2.76 3.520 16.87 0 0 3 2 ## 10 15.2 8 304.0 150 3.15 3.435 17.30 0 0 3 2 ## 11 13.3 8 350.0 245 3.73 3.840 15.41 0 0 3 4 ## 12 19.2 8 400.0 175 3.08 3.845 17.05 0 0 3 2 ## 13 15.8 8 351.0 264 4.22 3.170 14.50 0 1 5 4 ## 14 15.0 8 301.0 335 3.54 3.570 14.60 0 1 5 8
```

#### 16.4 Clean up

```
# dbRemoveTable(con, "cars")
dbRemoveTable(con, "mtcars")
# dbRemoveTable(con, "cust_movies")

# diconnect from the db
dbDisconnect(con)

sp_docker_stop("sql-pet")
```

```
## [1] "sql-pet"
```

# Writing to the DBMS (73)

At the end of this chapter, you will be able to

- Write queries in R using docker container.
- Start and connect to the database with R.
- Create, Modify, and remove the table.

Start up the docker-pet container:

```
sp_docker_start("sql-pet")
```

Now connect to the database with R using your login info:

#### 17.1 Create a new table

This is an example from the DBI help file.

```
dbWriteTable(con, "cars", head(cars, 3)) # "cars" is a built-in dataset, not to be confused with mtcars
dbReadTable(con, "cars") # there are 3 rows
## speed dist
## 1 4 2
```

```
17.2 Modify an existing table
```

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## 2 ## 3

To add additional rows or instances to the "cars" table, we will use INSERT command with their values.

There are two different ways of adding values: list them or pass values using the param argument.

```
dbExecute(
 con,
 "INSERT INTO cars (speed, dist) VALUES (1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)"
## [1] 3
dbReadTable(con, "cars") # there are now 6 rows
## speed dist
## 1
       4
## 2
       4 10
       7 4
## 3
## 4
       1 1
        2
          2
## 5
## 6
       3
            3
# Pass values using the param argument:
dbExecute(
 con,
 "INSERT INTO cars (speed, dist) VALUES ($1, $2)",
 param = list(4:7, 5:8)
)
## [1] 4
dbReadTable(con, "cars") # there are now 10 rows
##
     speed dist
## 1
        4
           10
## 2
        4
         7
## 3
             4
## 4
        1 1
## 5
        2
## 6
         3 3
## 7
        4 5
## 8
       5 6
         6 7
## 9
## 10
```

#### 17.3 Remove table and Clean up

Here you will remove the table "cars", disconnect from the database and exit docker.

```
dbRemoveTable(con, "cars")

# diconnect from the db
dbDisconnect(con)

sp_docker_stop("sql-pet")
```

```
## [1] "sql-pet"
```

# (APPENDIX) Appendix A: Other resources (89)

#### 18.1 Editing this book

• Here are instructions for editing this tutorial

#### 18.2 Docker alternatives

• Choosing between Docker and Vagrant

#### 18.3 Docker and R

- Noam Ross' talk on Docker for the UseR and his Slides give a lot of context and tips.
- Good Docker tutorials
  - An introductory Docker tutorial
  - A Docker curriculum
- Scott Came's materials about Docker and R on his website and at the 2018 UseR Conference focus on R inside Docker.
- It's worth studying the ROpensci Docker tutorial

#### 18.4 Documentation for Docker and Postgres

- The Postgres image documentation
- Dockerize PostgreSQL
- Postgres & Docker documentation
- Usage examples of Postgres with Docker

#### 18.5 SQL and dplyr

- Why SQL is not for analysis but dplyr is
- Data Manipulation with dplyr (With 50 Examples)

#### 18.6 More Resources

- David Severski describes some key elements of connecting to databases with R for MacOS users
- This tutorial picks up ideas and tips from Ed Borasky's Data Science pet containers, which creates a framework based on that Hack Oregon example and explains why this repo is named pet-sql.

# APPENDIX B - Mapping your local environment (92)

#### 19.1 Environment Tools Used in this Chapter

Note that tidyverse, DBI, RPostgres, glue, and knitr are loaded. Also, we've sourced the [db-login-batch-code.R]('r-database-docker/book-src/db-login-batch-code.R') file which is used to log in to PostgreSQL.

library(rstudioapi)

The following code block defines Tool and versions for the graph that follows. The information order corresponds to the order shown in the graph.

```
library(DiagrammeR)
## OS information
os_lbl <- .Platform$OS.type
os ver <- 0
if (os_lbl == 'windows') {
 os_ver <- system2('cmd',stdout = TRUE) %>%
   grep(x = .,pattern = 'Microsoft Windows \\[',value = TRUE) %>%
    gsub(x = .,pattern = "^Microsoft.+Version |\\]", replace = '')
}
if (os_lbl == 'unix' || os_lbl == 'Linux' || os_lbl == 'Mac') {
 os_ver <- system2('uname', '-r', stdout = TRUE)
}
## Command line interface into Docker Apps
## CLI/system2
cli <- array(dim = 3)</pre>
cli[1] <- "docker [OPTIONS] COMMAND ARGUMENTS\n\nsystem2(docker,[OPTIONS,]\n, COMMAND,ARGUMENTS)"</pre>
cli[2] <- 'docker exec -it sql-pet bash\n\nsystem2(docker,exec -it sql-pet bash)'</pre>
cli[3] <- 'docker exec -ti sql-pet psql -a \n-p 5432 -d dvdrental -U postgres\n\nsystem2(docker,exec -t
# R Information
r lbl <- names(R.Version())[1:7]
```

```
<- R. Version()[1:7]
r_ver
# RStudio Information
rstudio_lbl <- c('RStudio version','Current program mode')</pre>
rstudio_ver <- c(as.character(rstudioapi::versionInfo() $version), rstudioapi::versionInfo() $mode)
# Docker Information
docker_lbl <- c('client version', 'server version')</pre>
docker_ver <- system2("docker", "version", stdout = TRUE) %>%
    grep(x = ., pattern = 'Version', value = TRUE) %>%
    gsub(x = ., pattern = ' +Version: +', replacement = '')
# Linux Information
linux_lbl <- 'Linux Version'</pre>
linux_ver <- system2('docker', 'exec -i sql-pet /bin/uname -r', stdout = TRUE)</pre>
# Postgres Information
con <- sp_get_postgres_connection(user = Sys.getenv("DEFAULT_POSTGRES_USER_NAME"),</pre>
                          password = Sys.getenv("DEFAULT_POSTGRES_PASSWORD"),
                          dbname = "dvdrental",
                          seconds_to_test = 10)
postgres_ver <- dbGetQuery(con, "select version()") %>%
  gsub(x = ., pattern = '\\(.*$', replacement = '')
```

The following code block uses the data generated from the previous code block as input to the subgraphs, the ones outlined in red. The application nodes are the parents of the subgraphs and are not outlined in red. The Environment application node represents the machine you are running the tutorial on and hosts the sub-applications.

Note that the '@@' variables are populated at the end of the Environment definition following the ## 001 - 005 source data comment.

```
grViz("
digraph Envgraph {
  # graph, node, and edge definitions
  graph [compound = true, nodesep = .5, ranksep = .25,
         color = red]
  node [fontname = Helvetica, fontcolor = darkslategray,
        shape = rectangle, fixedsize = true, width = 1,
        color = darkslategray]
  edge [color = grey, arrowhead = none, arrowtail = none]
  # subgraph for Environment information
  subgraph cluster1 {
   node [fixedsize = true, width = 3]
    '@@1-1'
  }
  # subgraph for R information
  subgraph cluster2 {
```

```
node [fixedsize = true, width = 3]
  '@@2-1' -> '@@2-2' -> '@@2-3' -> '@@2-4'
  '@@2-4' -> '@@2-5' -> '@@2-6' -> '@@2-7'
# subgraph for RStudio information
subgraph cluster3 {
 node [fixedsize = true, width = 3]
  '@@3-1' -> '@@3-2'
# subgraph for Docker information
subgraph cluster4 {
 node [fixedsize = true, width = 3]
  '@@4-1' -> '@@4-2'
# subgraph for Docker-Linux information
subgraph cluster5 {
  node [fixedsize = true, width = 3]
  '@@5-1'
}
# subgraph for Docker-Postgres information
subgraph cluster6 {
 node [fixedsize = true, width = 3]
 '@@6-1'
}
# subgraph for Docker-Postgres information
subgraph cluster7 {
 node [fixedsize = true, height = 1.25, width = 4.0]
  '@@7-1' -> '@@7-2' -> '@@7-3'
}
CLI [label='CLI\nRStudio system2',height = .75,width=3.0, color = 'blue']
Environment
                       [label = 'Linux, Mac, Windows', width = 2.5]
Environment -> R
Environment -> RStudio
Environment -> Docker
Environment -> '@@1' [lhead = cluster1] # Environment Information
R -> '@@2-1' [lhead = cluster2] # R Information
RStudio
          -> '@@3' [lhead = cluster3] # RStudio Information
-> '@@4' [lhead = cluster4] # Docker Information
Docker
          -> '@@5' [lhead = cluster5] # Docker-Linux Information
Docker
         -> '@@6' [lhead = cluster6] # Docker-Postgres Information
Docker
'@@1' -> CLI
          -> '@@7'
CLI
                        [lhead = cluster7] # CLI
'@@7-2'
          -> '@@5'
'@@7-3'
           -> '@@6'
```

```
[1]: paste0(os_lbl, ':\\n', os_ver)
[2]: paste0(r_lbl, ':\\n', r_ver)
[3]: paste0(rstudio_lbl,':\\n', rstudio_ver)
[4]: paste0(docker_lbl, ':\\n', docker_ver)
[5]: paste0(linux_lbl, ':\\n', linux_ver)
[6]: paste0('PostgreSQL:\\n', postgres_ver)
[7]: cli
")
```

One sub-application not shown above is your local console/terminal/CLI application. In the tutorial, fully constructed docker commands are printed out and then executed. If for some reason the executed docker command fails, one can copy and paste it into your local terminal window to see additional error information. Failures seem more prevalent in the Windows environment.

#### 19.2 Communicating with Docker Applications

In this tutorial, the two main ways to interface with the applications in the Docker container are through the CLI or the RStudio system2 command. The blue box in the diagram above represents these two interfaces.

# APPENDIX C - Creating the sql-pet Docker container a step at a time

Step-by-step Docker container setup with dvdrental database installed This needs to run *outside a project* to compile correctly because of the complexities of how knitr sets working directories (or because we don't really understand how it works!) The purpose of this code is to

- Replicate the docker container generated in Chapter 5 of the book, but in a step-by-step fashion
- Show that the dvdrental database persists when stopped and started up again.

#### 20.1 Overview

Doing all of this in a step-by-step way that might be useful to understand how each of the steps involved in setting up a persistent PostgreSQL database works. If you are satisfied with the method shown in Chapter 5, skip this and only come back if you're interested in picking apart the steps.

```
library(tidyverse)
## -- Attaching packages ------ tidyverse 1.2.1 --
## v ggplot2 3.1.0
                   v purrr
                            0.2.5
## v tibble 1.4.2
                   v dplyr
                           0.7.7
## v tidyr
         0.8.1 v stringr 1.3.1
         1.1.1 v forcats 0.3.0
## v readr
## -- Conflicts ------ tidyverse_conflicts() --
## x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
## x dplyr::lag()
                 masks stats::lag()
library(DBI)
library(RPostgres)
library(glue)
## Attaching package: 'glue'
```

```
## The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
##
##
       collapse
require(knitr)
## Loading required package: knitr
library(dbplyr)
##
## Attaching package: 'dbplyr'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:dplyr':
##
##
       ident, sql
library(sqlpetr)
library(here)
## here() starts at /home/znmeb/Projects/sql-pet
```

#### 20.2 Download the dvdrental backup file

## [1] "dvdrental.tar" "dvdrental.zip"

sp\_show\_all\_docker\_containers()

The first step is to get a local copy of the dvdrental PostgreSQL restore file. It comes in a zip format and needs to be un-zipped.

```
opts_knit$set(root.dir = normalizePath('../'))
if (!require(downloader)) install.packages("downloader")

## Loading required package: downloader

library(downloader)

download("http://www.postgresqltutorial.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/dvdrental.zip", destfile = glue()
unzip("dvdrental.zip", exdir = here()) # creates a tar archhive named "dvdrental.tar"

Check on where we are and what we have in this directory:
dir(path = here(), pattern = "^dvdrental(.tar|.zip)")
```

```
## [1] "CONTAINER ID
                            IMAGE
                                                  COMMAND
                                                                           CREATED
                                                                                                 STATUS
## [2] "c53609cf9c12
                                                 \"docker-entrypoint.s...\"
                            postgres-dvdrental
                                                                             About a minute ago
                                                                                                  Exited
## [3] "424d4c3dfc89
                            rstats
                                                 \"/init\"
                                                                             10 days ago
                                                                                                  Exited
## [4] "4c3eb1dc5043
                                                 \"docker-entrypoint.s...\"
                                                                             10 days ago
                            postgis
                                                                                                  Exited
## [5] "8da9d3a59732
                            dpage/pgadmin4
                                                 \"/entrypoint.sh\"
                                                                             10 days ago
                                                                                                  Exited
## [6] "7030e81489b8
                            2feef91d6764
                                                 \"/bin/sh -c 'su - rs...\"
                                                                             10 days ago
                                                                                                  Exited
```

Remove the sql-pet container if it exists (e.g., from a prior run)

```
if (system2("docker", "ps -a", stdout = TRUE) %>%
    grepl(x = ., pattern = 'sql-pet') %>%
    any()) {
    sp_docker_remove_container("sql-pet")
}
```

```
## [1] "sql-pet"
```

#### 20.3 Build the Docker Container

Build an image that derives from postgres:10. Connect the local and Docker directories that need to be shared. Expose the standard PostgreSQL port 5432.

```
wd <- here()
wd</pre>
```

## [1] "/home/znmeb/Projects/sql-pet"

```
docker_cmd <- glue(
    "run ",  # Run is the Docker command. Everything that follows are `run` parameters.
    "--detach ", # (or `-d`) tells Docker to disconnect from the terminal / program issuing the command
    " --name sql-pet ",  # tells Docker to give the container a name: `sql-pet`
    "--publish 5432:5432 ", # tells Docker to expose the Postgres port 5432 to the local network with 543
    "--mount ", # tells Docker to mount a volume -- mapping Docker's internal file structure to the host
    'type=bind,source="', wd, '",target=/petdir',
    " postgres:10 " # tells Docker the image that is to be run (after downloading if necessary)
)
docker_cmd</pre>
```

```
## run --detach --name sql-pet --publish 5432:5432 --mount type=bind,source="/home/znmeb/Projects/sql-]
system2("docker", docker_cmd, stdout = TRUE, stderr = TRUE)
```

```
## [1] "4b6936510092a15a3db26ea80795528c0d8e1d1132d32625ea1051dfd7dfbcd2"
```

Peek inside the docker container and list the files in the petdir directory. Notice that dvdrental.tar is in both.

#### 20.4 Create the database and restore from the backup

We can execute programs inside the Docker container with the exec command. In this case we tell Docker to execute the psql program inside the sql-pet container and pass it some commands as follows.

```
sp_show_all_docker_containers()
```

```
## [1] "CONTAINER ID
                            IMAGE
                                                 COMMAND
                                                                          CREATED
                                                                                               STATUS
## [2] "4b6936510092
                                                 \"docker-entrypoint.s...\"
                            postgres:10
                                                                            4 seconds ago
                                                                                                 Up 3 sec
                                                 \"/init\"
## [3] "424d4c3dfc89
                            rstats
                                                                            10 days ago
                                                                                                 Exited (
## [4] "4c3eb1dc5043
                            postgis
                                                 \"docker-entrypoint.s...\" 10 days ago
                                                                                                 Exited (
## [5] "8da9d3a59732
                            dpage/pgadmin4
                                                 \"/entrypoint.sh\"
                                                                            10 days ago
                                                                                                 Exited (
                                                 \"/bin/sh -c 'su - rs...\"
## [6] "7030e81489b8
                            2feef91d6764
                                                                           10 days ago
                                                                                                 Exited (
```

inside Docker, execute the postgress SQL command-line program to create the dvdrental database:

```
Sys.sleep(3)
```

The psql program repeats back to us what it has done, e.g., to create a database named dvdrental. Next we execute a different program in the Docker container, pg\_restore, and tell it where the restore file is located. If successful, the pg\_restore just responds with a very laconic character(0). restore the database from the .tar file

## character(0)

```
system2("docker", "exec sql-pet pg_restore -U postgres -d dvdrental petdir/dvdrental.tar", stdout = TRUI
```

```
Sys.sleep(3)
```

#### 20.5 Connect to the database with R

If you are interested take a look inside the sp\_get\_postgres\_connection function to see how the DBI package is beingcused.

```
con <- sp_get_postgres_connection(user = Sys.getenv("DEFAULT_POSTGRES_USER_NAME"),</pre>
                                   password = Sys.getenv("DEFAULT_POSTGRES_PASSWORD"),
                                   dbname = "dvdrental",
                                   seconds_to_test = 20)
dbListTables(con)
  [1] "actor_info"
##
                                      "customer_list"
## [3] "film_list"
                                      "nicer_but_slower_film_list"
                                      "staff"
## [5] "sales_by_film_category"
## [7] "sales_by_store"
                                      "staff_list"
## [9] "category"
                                      "film_category"
## [11] "country"
                                      "actor"
## [13] "language"
                                      "inventory"
## [15] "payment"
                                      "rental"
## [17] "city"
                                      "store"
## [19] "film"
                                      "address"
## [21] "film_actor"
                                      "customer"
dbDisconnect(con)
# Stop and start to demonstrate persistence
```

Stop the container

```
sp_docker_stop("sql-pet")
```

```
## [1] "sql-pet"
```

Restart the container and verify that the dvdrental tables are still there

```
## [1] "actor_info" "customer_list"
## [3] "film_list" "nicer_but_slower_film_list"
## [5] "sales_by_film_category" "staff"
```

```
## [7] "sales_by_store"
                                      "staff_list"
## [9] "category"
                                      "film_category"
## [11] "country"
                                      "actor"
## [13] "language"
                                      "inventory"
## [15] "payment"
                                      "rental"
## [17] "city"
                                      "store"
## [19] "film"
                                      "address"
## [21] "film_actor"
                                      "customer"
```

#### 20.6 Cleaning up

## [1] TRUE

It's always good to have R disconnect from the database

```
dbDisconnect(con)
```

Stop the container and show that the container is still there, so can be started again.

```
sp_docker_stop("sql-pet")
## [1] "sql-pet"
```

show that the container still exists even though it's not running

```
sp_show_all_docker_containers()
```

## [1]	"CONTAINER ID	IMAGE	COMMAND	CREATED	STATUS
## [2]	"4b6936510092	postgres:10	\"docker-entrypoint.s\"	17 seconds ago	Exited (
## [3]	"424d4c3dfc89	rstats	\"/init\"	10 days ago	Exited (
## [4]	"4c3eb1dc5043	postgis	\"docker-entrypoint.s\"	10 days ago	Exited (
## [5]	"8da9d3a59732	dpage/pgadmin4	\"/entrypoint.sh\"	10 days ago	Exited (
## [6]	"7030e81489b8	2feef91d6764	\"/bin/sh -c 'su - rs\"	10 days ago	Exited (

We are leaving the sql-pet container intact so it can be used in running the rest of the examples and book. Clean up by removing the local files used in creating the database:

```
file.remove(here("dvdrental.zip"))
## [1] TRUE
file.remove(here("dvdrental.tar"))
```

# APPENDIX D - Quick Guide to SQL (94)

SQL stands for Structured Query Language. It is a database language where we can perform certain operations on the existing database and we can use it create a new database. There are four main categories where the SQL commands fall into: DDL, DML, DCL, and TCL.

##Data Definition Langauge (DDL)

It consists of the SQL commands that can be used to define database schema. The DDL commands include:

- 1. CREATE
- 2. ALTER
- 3. TRUNCATE
- 4. COMMENT
- 5. RENAME
- 6. DROP

##Data Manipulation Langauge (DML)

These four SQL commands deals with the manipulation of data in the database.

- 1. SELECT
- 2. INSERT
- 3. UPDATE
- 4. DELETE

##Data Control Language (DCL)

The DCL commands deals with user's rights, permissions and other controls in database management system.

- 1. GRANT
- 2. REVOKE

##Transaction Control Language (TCL)

These commands deals with the control over transaction within the database. Transaction combines a set of tasks into single execution.

- 1. SET TRANSACTION
- 2. SAVEPOINT
- 3. ROLLBACK
- 4. COMMIT