

Using psql for Question 2 of Tutorial 4

This handout describes how to attempt Question 2 of Tutorial 4 using `psql`. Your submission for this tutorial will not be graded as this is just for your own practice and to get you familiar with the submission process.

1 How to set up

1. Login to `sunfire` server.
2. Download the file `http://www.comp.nus.edu.sg/~cs2102/cs2102-tut4.zip` as follows.

```
$ cd ~  
$ wget http://www.comp.nus.edu.sg/~cs2102/cs2102-tut4.zip  
$ unzip cs2102-tut4.zip
```

The unzipped directory `cs2102-tut4/` contains the following files.

- `setup0.sh`, `setup1.sh` - bash scripts to update environment variables
 - `check.sh` - bash script to display the values of your PostgreSQL environment variables.
 - `tut4.sql` - template SQL script for you to fill in your answers for Question 2.
 - `data/` - directory containing 5 CSV files for a database instance.
 - `loaddata.sql` - SQL script to create database schema and load database instance.
 - `solution-files/` - directory containing the solution output files for the provided database instance.
 - `test.sql` - bash script to compare the outputs of your SQL answers against the provided solution files.
3. Execute `setup0.sh` if your assigned PostgreSQL server is `psql0`; otherwise, execute `setup1.sh`.

```
$ cd ~/cs2102-tut4  
$ bash setupX.sh  
$ source ~/.bash_profile  
$ echo $PATH
```

You should see the directory names `/home/course/cs2102/bin` and `/usr/local/postgres/10-pgdg/bin/64` included in the value of `PATH`. Note that you do not need to repeat this step for subsequent logins.

If you have not already configured your `~/.pgpass` file, a message will be displayed explaining how to configure this file.

4. Check your PostgreSQL environment variable configurations by executing the `check.sh` script. The following illustrates the output for a user with PostgreSQL account “alice” assigned to PostgreSQL server “psql0”.

```
$ cd ~/cs2102-tut4
$ bash check.sh
PGUSER=alice
PGHOST=psql0
PGDATABASE=cs2102
PGSQL_EDITOR=/usr/local/bin/vim
```

If the values shown are not the expected values, edit the file `~/.bash.profile` with the necessary changes.

5. Create the database schema and load the provided database instance as follows.

```
$ psql < loaddata.sql
```

2 How to prepare & check your answers

Edit the provided SQL script `tut4.sql` to fill in your answers for Question 2. Your answer to each SQL query will be specified as a view.

For each part, say part X, a view has been defined named `qX` in `tut4.sql` with a dummy definition consisting of a single line (e.g., `SELECT 1`) that has the comment “replace this line”. To input your answer for part X, simply search for the view definition `qX` in `tut4.sql`, and replace the single line commented with “replaced this line” with your SQL answer.

You can compare the outputs of your SQL answers against the provided solutions in `solution-files/` as follows.

```
$ bash test.sh
```

The `test.sh` script will first execute your `tut4.sql` script to create all your view definitions. Next, for each view definition `qX`, it will generate the output of your view `qX` in a file named `your-solution/qX.txt` and compare it against the corresponding solution file named `solution-files/qX.txt` using the `diff` command. The `diff` command will create an output file named `diff-dir/qX.txt` which will be empty if your solution file matches the provided solution file; otherwise, the output file will contain the differences between the two solution files. Refer to https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diff_utility for an overview of how to interpret the output created by the `diff` command.

Edit `tut4.sql` and run `test.sh` again if necessary to fix any errors.

3 How to submit

Submit your SQL script `tut4.sql` as follows.

```
$ submit-tut4
```

You submitted tut4.sql (size: 1622 bytes, #lines: 51) on Friday, February 9, 2018 12:31:13 PM SGT

You may make multiple submissions using the `submit-tut4` command and only the latest submission will be recorded.