WSI — Database Systems Research Group



Assignment 1 (29.04.2022)

Handin until: Friday, 06.05.2022, 00:00

1. [0 Points] Introduction

- (a) **Before we grade your** team, you have to complete a few administrative tasks first. In your team's GitHub Classroom repository, there exists a file called **README.md**. Add each team member's name, surname, matrikel number, subject, field of study, e-mail as well as forum username to the incomplete table and commit+push the changes.

 Completing this task is a **requirement** for your team to be graded in the first place. Please make sure the file always exists with the correct information present.
- (b) All of your submissions will be placed inside the assignments/ directory of your team's GitHub Class-room repository. Each submission requires its own subdirectory called solution<number>, where number is the current assignment number. For example, the submission of this assignment will be located in the assignments/solution01/ directory.
- (c) In general, the only accepted file formats are plain text files (.txt) and source files (.sql, .py, ...). Other formats may not be graded, unless stated otherwise.
- (d) Your submitted code has to work out of the box. If particular preparatory steps have to be taken to run your queries, document these steps properly.
- (e) Lastly, the usual rules for plagiarism and other academic integrity apply.
- (f) For any further questions about this lecture, assignment and other related topics, visit the forum at

https://forum-db.informatik.uni-tuebingen.de/c/ss22-db2.

2. [20 Points] FizzBuzz

In the lectures, we introduced generate_series(...) for both *PostgreSQL* and *MonetDB*. Solve the following tasks in (1) *PostgreSQL* and (2) *MonetDB*.

- (a) Write a simple SQL query which produces a table with a single column of type **TEXT**. Use **generate_series(...)** to generate numbers $i \in \{1,2,...,100\}$. The resulting table should contain each i (casted to a **text** value: **CAST(i AS text)**). However, note the two following exceptions:
 - If i is divisible by 3, the table should contain 'FIZZ' instead of i.
 - If i is divisble by 5, the table should contain 'BUZZ' instead of i.
 - Lastly, if i is divisible by both 3 and 5, the table should contain 'FIZZBUZZ' instead of i.

Order the output so that you obtain a result as shown here:



Note:

- Consider to use CASE WHEN¹-expressions, which are similar to if/else statements in other programming languages.
- Do **not** use user-defined functions or common table expressions as part of your solution.
- (b) Create a table fizzbuzz(v text) then populate it with the result of the query of (a).
- (c) Use EXPLAIN to show the query plan of the following query. Based on the used operators, will the query always return the exact same result as the query in (a)?

Explain briefly.

(d) Table **fizzbuzz** is now persistently stored on your disk as a regular file. Name the path of this file on your system and describe the way you found it briefly.

Consider the system catalogs table **pg_class**² in *PostgreSQL* and the *MAL* function **bat.info()** in *MonetDB*.

Note: Details of this subtask will be provided in the lecture on Monday, May 2.

3. [10 Points] Memory Scan

For this assignment, you are given the file **transfer.c** which has been introduced in the lecture. This C program measures the time needed to read the same chunk of memory (32 MB) over and over until the total amount of memory read equals 64 GB.

Now, lower the size of the chunk of memory (see macro SCANSIZE). One approach is to halve SCANSIZE in every step until you reach a size of about 4 KB. For each chunk size, determine the time your program needs to complete and write it down.

Explain how you can use these experiments to determine the size of your Level 1, Level 2 (and Level 3, if any) data caches of your CPU. Can you determine the cache level sizes on your system? What cache level sizes do your measurements suggest for your particular CPU?

¹https://www.postgresql.org/docs/12/functions-conditional.html

²https://www.postgresql.org/docs/12/static/catalog-pg-class.html