# A Survey Report of Two Enterprise-Class RDBMSs

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Microsoft SQL Server and PostgreSQL are two widely used enterprise-class Relational Database Management Systems (RDBMSs). Both systems provide implementations of the SQL standard for data management. This paper is a report of a study of contrasting these two DBMSs. Through the implementation of multiple non-trivial schemas, we identified and categorized several common database design, development and administration activities. We will discuss the similarities and differences we found while performing these activities, and how the approach that each DBMS took to implement these activities compares with what is described in the SQL standard. Additionally, we will consider if PostgreSQL is technically suitable for enterprise applications.

This comparison can serve as a baseline for identifying the types of issues that could arise during the migration of schemas from one DBMS to another, and as an addition to the kinds of considerations made while choosing an appropriate DBMS to manage an application's requirements.

# **Categories and Subject Descriptors**

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Relational database management systems (RDBMSs) are widely used to store and manage data. The wide adoption of these systems has led to the availability of a large number of RDBMSs. For an undergraduate research project, we sought to better understand the differences between enterprise-class DBMSs. In particular, we will be comparing Microsoft SQL Server (MSSQL) and PostgreSQL (Postgres).

In this paper, we identify design, development, and administration activities common among RDBMSs. We will then use illustrative examples to show how these tasks differ between MSSQL and Postgres. Sections 2, 3, and 4 will introduce the design, development, and administration activities, respectively. Additionally, these sections will detail the differences found between the two DBMSs for each activity. Finally, section 5 will summarize the differences found between MSSQL and Postgres, based on the activities we identified. We will summarize how the

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SQL implementation of each DBMS compares to the SQL standard, and determine how technically suitable PostgreSQL is to enterprise applications.

## 1.1 Identifying and Categorizing Activities

To compare MSSQL and Postgres, we identified common design, development, and administration activities performed in RDBMSs. Prior to this comparison, we took three separate schemas originally designed for Oracle Database and migrated them to both MSSQL and Postgres. During this process, we observed activities that commonly occurred in the SQL code of each schema, and activities that were needed to work with each DBMS. We then categorized each activity as a design, development, or administration activity. Any feature that affects how a schema is created at the conceptual or logical level, such as data type differences, is considered a design activity. Development activities include anything that involves writing SQL code that relies on the specific implementation of the DBMS. Administration activities include installation, managing users and permissions, and DBMS configuration. It is apparent from these definitions that there is overlap between each category, so each activity is placed in the category it is most relevant to.

## 1.2 DBMSs Used

We used two enterprise-class DBMSs for this comparison, Microsoft SQL Server (MSSQL) and PostgreSQL (Postgres).

Microsoft SQL Server is commercial software produced by Microsoft. We used MSSQL 2016 Express, version 13.0.4001 for this comparison. The SQL implementation used by MSSQL is Microsoft's Transact SQL (T-SQL).

PostgreSQL (Postgres) is available as free and open source software under a BSD like license [5]. We used Postgres version 9.6 for this comparison. The SQL implementation used by Postgres is PL/pgSQL (pgSQL).

# 1.3 Working Examples

Throughout this paper, we provide SQL code examples to show the differences between these two DBMSs. To create these examples, we took three separate schemas previously created for other projects and created versions of each schema for both MSSQL and Postgres.

**Advert**: This schema describes a system for managing advertisement orders for a fictional newspaper.

**Shelter:** This schema describes a system for managing animal care and adoptions at a fictional animal shelter.

**Babysitting**: This schema describes a fictional babysitting co-op where members earn and use credits through babysitting each other's children.

**Classroom**: This schema represents an environment where students in a course are allowed appropriate access to a DBMS in order to experiment and complete assignments. Instructors for this course also have access to the student's work inside of the DBMS.

The full SQL code for each schema is provided in the appendix.

SQL:1999 Standard	SQL Server	PostgreSQL	
DATE (years 0001-9999)	DATE (years 0001-9999, 3B)	DATE (years 4713 B.C.E - 5874897 C.E., 4B)	
TIME (6 fs)	TIME (7 fs, 3-5B)	TIME (6 fs, 8 or 12B, time zone)	
fs = fractional seconds			
TIMESTAMP (years 0001-	DATETIME (years 1753-9999, 3 fs, 8B)	TIMESTAMP (years 4713 B.C.E 294276 C.E., 6	
9999, 6 fs)	DATETIME2 (years 0001-9999, 7 fs, 6-8B)	fs, 8B, time zone)	
	SMALLDATETIME (years 1900-2079, 0 fs, 4B)		
	DATETIMEOFFSET (years 0001-9999, 7 fs, 8-		
	10B, time zone)		
INTEGER	INTEGER ( $-2^{31}$ to $2^{31} - 1$ , 4B)	INTEGER (- $2^{31}$ to $2^{31} - 1$ , 4B)	
SMALLINT	SMALLINT $(-2^{15} \text{ to } 2^{15} - 1, 2B)$	SMALLINT ( $-2^{15}$ to $2^{15} - 1$ , $2B$ )	
BIGINT	BIGINT $(-2^{63} \text{ to } 2^{63} - 1, 8B)$	BIGINT ( $-2^{63}$ to $2^{63} - 1$ , $8B$ )	
(ranges not defined)	TINYINT (0 to 255, 1B)		
NUMERIC	NUMERIC and DECIMAL (up to 38 digits of	NUMERIC and DECIMAL (up to 131072 digits	
DECIMAL	precision)	before decimal, up to 16383 after)	
(ranges not defined)			
REAL	REAL (identical to FLOAT (24))	REAL (usually IEEE single)	
DOUBLE PRECISION	FLOAT(n)	DOUBLE PRECISION (usually IEEE single)	
FLOAT	(1-24: 7 digit precision, 25-53: 15 digit precision	FLOAT(n)	
(ranges not defined)		(1-24: single, 25-53: double)	
CHAR	CHAR	CHAR	
VARCHAR	VARCHAR	VARCHAR	
CLOB	VARCHAR (max)	TEXT	
(maximum sizes not	(approx. 2GB max)	(approx. 1GB max)	
defined)			

Table 1. Standard defined data types and their implementations

#### 2. DESIGN ACTIVITIES

For the purposes of this paper, we categorized activities under *design* if they would be heavily involved in schema creation. In general, these activities do not directly affect the creation of SQL queries, but rather, decisions that would be made during the creation of conceptual and logical schema, and soon after they have been created.

# 2.1 Field Design

Although the specific data types used are generally considered to be a development activity, as they are used when the SQL code to implement a schema, they heavily influence field design. Therefore, we will consider the different data types available in MSSQL and Postgres as a design activity. The SQL standard defines three basic date and time types: DATE, TIME, and TIMESTAMP [1\section 2.4]. MSSQL implements the DATE and TIME types exactly as defined in the standard, with years ranging from 0001 to 9999 C.E., and the same precision available to the user as is defined in the standard. However, MSSQL's TIMESTAMP counterpart is named DATETIME. This is an important distinction because MSSQL does have a data type named TIMESTAMP, but it is used to refer to an internal row versioning system and is now deprecated [2\stimestamp (T-SQL)]. Additionally, DATETIME is not completely equivalent to the standard's TIMESTAMP, as it can only store years from 1753-9999, and only allows up to 3 digits for fractional seconds (compared to 6 in both the SQL standard and Postgres). In addition to these three types, MSSQL also has other types available for storing date and time. These are SMALLDATETIME (years 1900-2079, 1 minute precision, 4 bytes), DATETIME2 (years 0001-9999, 6 fractional seconds, 6-8 bytes) and DATETIMEOFFSET, which is identical in precision and range to DATETIME2, but allows a UTC time offset (time zone) [2§Date and Time]. The other date and time types do not have a method of adding a time zone. In general, it is recommended to use DATETIME2 over DATETIME whenever possible, as it has an

expanded range and precision, and may use less storage space, depending on the precision specified.

In contrast, Postgres fully implements the three types, along with their WITH TIME ZONE counterparts, almost exactly as defined by the standard. As required, WITHOUT TIME ZONE is the default option. Postgres also provides TIMESTAMPTZ as an abbreviation for TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE. One deviation, or perhaps, extension, from the standard is the range of years able to be stored in the DATE and TIMESTAMP types. The SQL standard states the year value is to be exactly 4 digits in length, with years ranging from 0001 to 9999. However, Postgres supports years ranging from 4713 B.C.E to 5874897 C.E. (294276 C.E in TIMESTAMP) [4§8.5]. See figure 2a and 2b for an implementation of a date and time type from the Babysitting schema in both MSSQL and Postgres.

The numeric types that are described in the SOL standard can be separated into two categories: exact numerics and approximate numerics. Exact numerics include INTEGER, SMALLINT, and BIGINT for integral numbers, and NUMERIC and DECIMAL for numbers with a fractional component, which are both given a precision and scale. Approximate numerics include REAL, DOUBLE PRECISION, and FLOAT [1\section 2.4]. These approximate numerics are floating-point numbers, where DOUBLE PRECISION is required to be of a greater precision than that of the REAL type. However, the standard does not provide a suggestion as to how much greater it should be. FLOAT allows the user to specify the desired precision. The standard allows the precision of any of these numeric types to be implementation-defined. The only restriction is that SMALLINT be less than or equal to INTEGER and that BIGINT be equal to or larger than INTEGER. It also states that NUMERIC must always be represented with the exact precision requested, while DECIMAL can be managed with a precision greater than what was specified.

Both MSSQL and Postgres follow the standard-defined exact numeric types and support the three integral types in a similar manner. MSSQL, however, also provides a TINYINT data type for integral values ranging from 0 to 255. Both DBMSs implementations treat the NUMERIC and DECIMAL data types as if they were synonyms, but they have a differing number of maximum digits available in each DBMS [2\struct Decimal and Numeric, 2\struct int, 3\struct 8.5]. See Table 1 for the specific ranges and precision available for each type in both DBMSs.

For approximate numerics, MSSQL does not define a DOUBLE PRECISION data type, but does provide REAL and FLOAT types. This does not change the precision or range available since the FLOAT type provided by MSSQL has a maximum range identical to that of the DOUBLE PRECISION type provided by Postgres (when using the IEEE 754 standard in Postgres) [2§Float and Real]. Postgres follows the SQL standard and provides an implementation of all three approximate numeric types. However, the precision used depends on the environment that the DBMS is set up in. In most cases, REAL follows the single precision IEEE standard 754 Binary Floating-Point Arithmetic, while DOUBLE PRECISION follows the double precision section of that same standard. This is the expected behavior as long as "the underlying processor, operating system, and compiler support it". [4§8.1].

Two main character types are defined in the SQL standard: CHAR and VARCHAR, where CHAR values are fixed length (right-padded with spaces), and VARCHAR values have a variable length (up to a user specified maximum length, at which point the string is truncated). The standard also provides CLOB (character large object) as a type for storing large strings of characters without a maximum length. The character sets and maximum size of these types are left to be implementation defined. MSSQL and Postgres both provide CHAR and VARCHAR types, as expected. However, MSSQL does not accept CLOB as a data type, as it does not provide a separate type for large character objects. Instead, it uses the syntax VARCHAR (max) to provide similar functionality. The CLOB equivalent in Postgres goes under the type name TEXT, and Postgres does not accept CLOB as a synonym. Information on all data types described (including their ranges and size) is available in Table 1.

#### 2.2 Indexes

Despite not being strictly defined in the SQL standard, indexes comprise a significant portion of the design stage of schema creation. They provide necessary optimizations and are frequently used by internal DBMS operations. However, this lack of a specification by the SQL standard does not necessarily mean that their implementations differ greatly. Rather, both DBMSs implement indexes in a relatively similar manner. Apart from some syntaxial differences, the creation and behavior of indexes in both DBMSs is similar. Both MSSQL and Postgres allow the creation of clustered and non-clustered indexes. They both also allow the type of index to be specified. MSSQL does this through the characteristics of the index that was created, while Postgres allows this to be manually set. Changing the type of index affects the data structures and algorithms associated with each index [2§Types of Indexes; 4§11.2]. Since they have similar implementation, most indexes can be designed without needing much modification when moving from one DBMS to the other. Some issues arise when needing to create special kinds of indexes. The three kinds of indexes that we focus on are indexes with included columns, filtered indexes, and indexes on expressions.

**Included Columns:** Indexes with included columns are indexes where in addition to the key attributes (or expressions, as we discuss later), one or more columns are also included and stored with the index. However, these extra columns are not used to organize the index, making them non-key columns in relation to the index. By adding included columns, a well-designed index can eliminate the need for reading data pages for a significant portion of the workload, greatly improving performance for queries that benefit from this covering index. In MSSQL this is performed by adding the INCLUDE keyword after the table that the index is created on, followed by the desired included columns in parenthesis, as in figure 1a. [2§Index w Included Columns]. Adding a column in this manner is less computationally expensive than adding it as a key column for the index. Since the index is not sorted or managed in relation to these columns, queries that only involve included columns, and not the non-key columns, will not see a performance benefit due to the index. Although Postgres does support indexes with more than one column, it does not support adding included columns in this manner. Instead, they must be added as key columns for the index (figure 1b) [4§11.3]. This reduces the net benefit of indexes with multiple columns.

```
CREATE NONCLUSTERED INDEX
IX_dog_arrivalDate
ON dog (arrival_date)
INCLUDE (name, breed)
WHERE arrival_date > '2010-01-01';
```

Figure 1a. Creating a filtered index with included columns (MSSOL)

```
CREATE INDEX IX_dog_arrivDate
ON dog (arrival_date, name, breed)
WHERE arrival_date > '2010-01-01';
```

Figure 1b. Creating a filtered multi-column index (Postgres)

**Filtered Indexes:** These indexes do not include all rows of the table that they are indexing. Instead, they only contain a portion of the table. This reduces the size and overhead of the index, since they can be designed to only include rows that are frequently targeted by queries. The rows in the index are selected through the value of a specified conditional statement. Both MSSQL [2\\$Create Filtered Indexes] and Postgres [4\\$11.8] implement filtered indexes in an identical manner. In both DBMSs, they are created by adding a WHERE keyword, followed by a conditional statement. Figure 1a and 1b show a filtered index being created.

Indexing on Expressions: The final kind of index that we identify are indexes on expressions. In addition to indexing on the columns of a table, indexes can also be created on expressions which involve the columns of a table. These are particularly useful for queries that involve sorting or grouping by an expression, especially if the expression in question is computationally expensive and frequently used. Although MSSQL supports indexes on expressions, they must be defined indirectly through computed columns (see section 2.3) in the base table [2§Indexes on Computed Columns]. After creating the computed column on the base table, the index should then be created or extended to include that computed column. Postgres instead allows expressions to be declared directly alongside regular columns when creating or altering the index [4§11.7].

## 2.3 Computed Columns

Computed columns are a way of representing the results of an expression as an attribute of a table, rather than needing to use the

expression in every related query. This process is not explicitly covered by the SQL standard. MSSQL offers this functionality, while Postgres does not. The simplest way to obtain similar, although not identical, functionality in Postgres is to use a view. If it is not possible or desirable to use a view, then there is also a method to perform this by using a row level trigger on a column which users do not have INSERT or UPDATE permissions of. A shortened example from the Babysitting schema where we implemented a computed column in both DBMSs (by using a view in Postgres) is provided in Figure 2a and Figure 2b.

In Postgres, any expression that would normally be permitted as a part of a SELECT statement on the underlying table can be used. MSSQL also allows any expression, so long as it is not a subquery. As a result, computed columns are only allowed to reference the columns of the table where it resides, and not those of other tables. In MSSQL, certain expressions may limit the ability to use the computed column in a similar manner to a regular (non-computed) column.

When using a view to replace a computed column, no special considerations are necessary and it functions like any other view. In contrast, while MSSQL's implementation may be easier to set up, since it does not require the use of a view, it carries more considerations compared to Postgres' implementation. These considerations are needed because the computed column cannot be used the same way that a regular column can in certain situations.

```
CREATE TABLE mssql_test (
SID INTEGER PRIMARY KEY
SStart DATETIME2,
SFinish DATETIME2,
SLength AS (ROUND(DATEDIFF(mi, SStart,
SFinish) / 60.0, 0)));
```

Figure 2a. Implementing a computed column in MSSQL

```
CREATE TABLE pg_test_tab (
    SID INTEGER PRIMARY KEY,
    SStart TIMESTAMP,
    SFinish TIMESTAMP);

CREATE VIEW pg_test_view AS (
    SELECT SID, SStart, SFinish,
    (SFinish - SStart) as SLength
    FROM pg_test_tab);
```

Figure 2b. Implementing a computed column in Postgres

For instance, these computed columns cannot be modified directly though INSERT or UPDATE statements (though it will be updated as needed if the value of the expression changes). There are additional considerations when placing constraints on the column, or using it as a foreign key. It is also important to note that by default, the computed column is a virtual column, and as a result, the values are not stored. This can be changed by marking the column as PERSISTED [2§Specify Computed Columns].

## 2.4 Querying Metadata

Both DBMSs have at least partial support for the INFORMTION\_SCHEMA. INFORMATION\_SCHEMA is a set of views that contain metadata related to individual objects in the database. In our survey, we focused on views that contain metadata

about tables and columns. For example, the INFORMATION\_SCHEMA.COLUMNS view includes the name, data type, and maximum allowed length of each column in every table (Figure 3). This query works in both T-SQL and pgSQL, as they both implement the view INFORMATION\_SCHEMA.COLUMNS.

```
SELECT column_name, data_type,
    character_maximum_length
FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.COLUMNS
WHERE table_name = 'advertiser_t';
```

Figure 3. A simple INFORMATION SCHEMA query (Advert)

A more complex query allows us to find the column name, table name, and constraint name of every foreign key constraint in the database (Figure 4). This query also works in both T-SQL and pgSQL, and is schema independent.

```
SELECT t.TABLE_NAME, c.COLUMN_NAME,
c.CONSTRAINT_NAME

FROM
INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLE_CONSTRAINTS t

JOIN
INFORMATION_SCHEMA.CONSTRAINT_COLUMN_USAGE
c
ON t.CONSTRAINT_NAME = c.CONSTRAINT_NAME
WHERE CONSTRAINT_TYPE = 'FOREIGN KEY';
```

Figure 4. A more complex INFORMATION SCHEMA query

While MSSQL both and Postgres support INFORMATION SCHEMA, Postgres' support is much more complete. There are 63 views defined in the SQL standard [1§22]. MSSQL only implements 20 of these views, while Postgres implements all 63 [2§Information Schema; 4§35]. One specific example that **MSSQL** lacks is INFORMATION SCHEMA.USAGE PRIVILEGES view Instead, the sys.database permissions table contains similar information. The documentation for both DBMSs notes that all DBMS specific metadata is stored in the system catalog. Additionally, Microsoft's documentation warns against using INFORMATION SCHEMA as a way to reliably determine the schema of a table [2§COLUMNS].

## 2.5 Views

Materialized Views: Materialized views are the results of a query stored on the disk as an object in the database. This is in contrast with a non-materialized view, which is completely virtual and not stored. Another difference is that a materialized view is not necessarily kept up-to-date with the data that it originated from. MSSQL supports this indirectly, while Postgres uses a direct syntax. In order to implement what is similar to a materialized view in MSSQL, a unique clustered index must first be created on a view. These are referred to as Indexed Views [2§Create Indexed Views]. In Postgres, a materialized view is created with a CREATE MATERIALIZED VIEW clause, which is then followed by the appropriate subquery [4§39.3]. Along with being created in a different manner, the two differ in that the MSSQL implementation keeps the information up-to-date with the original data. In Postgres, materialized views need to be updated with REFRESH MATERIALIZED VIEW whenever necessary. If the information should not be kept up to date, then it is always possible to create a new table in the database using the CREATE TABLE AS syntax.

**Updateable Views:** Both T-SQL and pgSQL support updateable views with some limitations. Views that only SELECT data from one source table and have no computed columns are updatable in both DMBSs [2§CREATE VIEW,3§VI.I]. For example, the view ADVERTISER in the Advert schema is updateable because it only selects data from the ADVERTISER\_T table. The query in figure 5a will insert a new row into the ADVERTISER\_T table, then update and delete the row through the ADVERTISER view.

Views defined using a JOIN have less ability to be updated. T-SQL is able to perform UPDATE statements on these views, while pgSQL will fail with an error message. Neither implementation is able to DELETE from these views.

```
INSERT INTO ADVERTISER_T VALUES(2,0,0);

UPDATE ADVERTISER

SET advertiser_id = 3

WHERE advertiser_id = 2;

DELETE FROM ADVERTISER

WHERE advertiser_id = 3;
```

Figure 5a. An example of using an updateable view (Advert)

```
UPDATE INVOICE

SET invoice_date = '2017-02-01';

DELETE FROM INVOICE

WHERE ad_id = 0;
```

Figure 5b. Example of a query updating the INVOICE view, defined with a JOIN statement (Advert)

Figure 5b demonstrates performing UPDATE and DELETE statements on the view INVOICE, which is defined using two JOIN statements. The UPDATE in this query will succeed in T-SQL, but fail in pgSQL. The DELETE will fail on both DBMSs.

The documentation for both DBMSs goes into additional detail on the limitations of updatable views. The limitations in T-SQL are based on how the column being updated is derived. Any INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE statement on a view can only modify columns that are derived from a single base table. Additionally, the column definition cannot include any aggregate functions [2§CREATE VIEW]. For example, T-SQL is unable to update the fully paid column in the INVOICE view (Figure 6).

```
UPDATE INVOICE
SET fully_paid = 0;
```

Figure 6. Example query that updates a column in INVOICE derived from multiple tables (Advert)

By comparison, pgSQL's updatable views are more limited. The same qualities that make a view not updatable in T-SQL apply to pgSQL. However, pgSQL makes the entire view not updateable, instead of just the offending column [4§VI.I].

## 2.6 Designing DML Triggers

Both DBMSs support the execution of triggers when DML statements are evaluated. MSSQL refers to these as DML triggers, while Postgres refers to them as regular triggers. Both MSSQL and Postgres execute these triggers in the context of a single database.

The trigger implementations in both DBMSs only support a subset of the standard. MSSQL does not support row-level triggers, which deviates from the standard [1§11.3; 2§CREATE TRIGGER]. Neither MSSQL nor Postgres support the REFERENCING clause for specifying an alias for new or old rows [1§11.3]. MSSQL provides two tables, inserted and deleted, which contain any rows that were inserted or deleted by the triggering statement [2§CREATE TRIGGER]. This also allows statement level triggers to act on a row level basis. Postgres provides the aliases NEW and OLD, which refer to the new and changed rows, respectively [3§I.]. Postgres also requires that the trigger only execute a single, userdefined function, which deviates from the standard [4§I.]. In practice, however, this is easily overcome by having the function execute any needed statements. Figures 7a and 7b present a DML trigger in each DBMS. Note that the MSSQL trigger is able to operate on all deleted rows in a statement-level trigger using the deleted table, and Figure 7b contains both the trigger and function definitions.

```
CREATE OR ALTER TRIGGER
delete ad runs trigger
ON ad
INSTEAD OF DELETE
BEGIN
  DELETE FROM ad run
  WHERE ad id = ANY(SELECT ad id FROM
  deleted);
  DELETE FROM payment
  WHERE ad id = ANY(SELECT ad id FROM
  deleted);
  DELETE FROM invoice t
  WHERE ad id = ANY (SELECT ad id FROM
  deleted);
  DELETE FROM ad
  WHERE ad id = ANY(SELECT ad id FROM
  deleted);
END
```

Figure 7a. DDL trigger example in MSSQL

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION delete_ad_runs()
RETURNS trigger AS
$BODY$
BEGIN

DELETE FROM ad_run WHERE ad_id =
OLD.ad_id;
DELETE FROM payment WHERE ad_id =
OLD.ad_id;
DELETE FROM invoice_t WHERE ad_id =
OLD.ad_id;
RETURN OLD;
END;
$BODY$
LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```

```
CREATE TRIGGER delete_ad_runs_trigger

BEFORE DELETE

ON ad_t

FOR EACH ROW

EXECUTE PROCEDURE delete_ad_runs();
```

Figure 7b. Regular trigger example in Postgres

## 3. DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

The development activities we identified concern the SQL implementation in each DBMS. T-SQL and pgSQL have many differences that require modified SQL code for the same effect in each implementation.

## 3.1 Common Table Expressions

Both T-SQL and pgSQL support common table expressions using the WITH clause. For non-recursive statements, the two implementations are functionally identical.

However, the syntax for recursive WITH statements differs. T-SQL will evaluate any WITH statement recursively, as long as the code is recursive. pgSQL will only evaluate a WITH statement recursively if the RECURSIVE clause is included. Requiring the RECURSIVE clause is consistent with the SQL standard [1 § 9.13]. Figures 8a and 8b demonstrate a recursive WITH statement in both implementations.

```
WITH expanded AS (

SELECT NEW.ad_id, NEW.start_date,
CAST(NEW.num_issues AS int) ni

UNION ALL

SELECT ad_id, start_date, ni - 1

FROM expanded
WHERE ni > 1)
```

Figure 8a. Recursive WITH example (T-SQL)

```
WITH RECURSIVE expanded AS (
SELECT NEW.ad_id, NEW.start_date,
CAST(NEW.num_issues AS int) ni
UNION ALL
SELECT ad_id, start_date, ni - 1
FROM expanded
WHERE ni > 1)
```

Figure~8b.~Recursive~WITH~example~(pgSQL)

## 3.2 Query Batch Execution

T-SQL and pgSQL interpret queries that have been sent through a client interface differently. T-SQL interprets incoming queries in batches. Microsoft defines a query batch as, "a group of two or more SQL statements or a single SQL statement that has the same effect as a group of two or more SQL statements," [2\struct Batches]. Postgres does not have a similar construct, and all queries are essentially evaluated in their own batches.

Thus, when working in an interface such as MSSQL Management Studio, the DBMS interprets any script that results in the execution of two or more SQL statements as a query batch. T-SQL imposes several limitations on what groupings of statements can be in a single batch. The following statements must be executed in their own batch: CREATE DEFAULT, CREATE FUNCTION, CREATE PROCEDURE, CREATE RULE, CREATE SCHEMA,

CREATE TRIGGER, CREATE VIEW. Additionally, columns added or modified using an ALTER TABLE statement may not be referenced by other queries in the same batch [2\\$Batches].

T-SQL does not provide a native statement for explicitly separating a SQL script into multiple batches. To achieve this, Microsoft's client programs implement the GO command [2§GO]. When the program encounters a GO command, it sends all preceding commands in their own batch, and begins sending all following queries in a new batch. This allows a single SQL script to execute multiple statements that would not be allowed in the same batch.

## 3.3 Text Matching

Despite being a common task, the SQL standard does not define advanced support for text matching beyond two simple wildcard characters and case sensitivity. Both T-SQL and pgSQL provide full support for the two wildcards, with the only difference between the two being that T-SQL is case insensitive when using the LIKE keyword, and does not provide a simple method to make the matching case sensitive. pgSQL instead defaults to being case sensitive, which can be disabled through the use of the ILIKE keyword. However, since these facilities are not sufficient for all purposes, both implementations provide extended functionality for text matching through the use of regular expressions. In T-SQL, these expressions still use the LIKE keyword. With these expressions, a single character can be matched to be in or not in a specific range or set of characters [2§Pattern Matching]. pgSQL provides different extensions to text matching. Additional metacharacters, for example "{n}" which marks the repetition of the previous character n times and |, which provides the ability to match either of two values, can be used with the SIMILAR TO and NOT SIMILAR TO keywords. Finally, pgSOL also provide full support of POSIX regular expressions with the ~, ! ~, ~\*, and ! ~\* operators, depending on whether it should be case sensitive or not. and whether it should be identifying a match or mis-match [3§9.7].

## 3.4 Performance Optimization

Both DBMSs use a cost based system for determining the best execution plan for a query [2§Hints,3§I.]. The DBMS selects a set of operations that perform the requested query with the lowest calculated cost. The documentation for both states that the DBMS generally selects the best plan, and advise against manually making changes to the plan [2§Hints,3§I.]. Despite this, both DBMSs provide facilities for optimizing query performance, however, their approaches differ significantly.

MSSQL provides query hints and table hints, which allow the developer to modify the behavior of the query optimizer. Query hints are added in an additional clause to a query, and are only applied to that query. There are several distinct areas of behavior that hints allow you to modify. The JOIN, UNION, and GROUP hints force the optimizer to generate a plan with a specific method of performing JOINS, UNIONS, and GROUP BYS. The MAXDOP hint forces the optimizer to generate a plan with a certain maximum degree of parallelism. Similarly, MAXRECURSION specifies the maximum number of recursive calls the query can perform. The OPTIMIZE FOR hint allows a value for one or more variables to be supplied to the optimizer. It will use these values to generate the query plan, instead of the values that will be used in the query execution. There are also several miscellaneous hints that allow certain query optimizer features to be forced on or disabled.

Query hints also include a subset called table hints, which are applied to a single table in a query. These can force a specific index

be used when accessing that table, or modify how the query plan will access the table.

MSSQL provides an additional tool for optimizing performance called Plan Guides. Plan guides force the query optimizer to behave a certain way when it encounters a specific query text [2§Plan Guides]. This is useful in a situation where the exact text of a query cannot be changed, such as when an external application is issuing the query. Plan guides are created using the sp\_create\_plan\_guide stored procedure, which is provided the query text to match and the query hints that should be applied to it. Guides can only be scoped to a single database, so only plans from the current database a query is executing from are eligible to be applied to the query [2§Plan Guides].

MSSQL also provides an additional form of plan guides, template plan guide. These allow a plan guide to be applied to any query text that can be parameterized to a certain query, even if the text does not match exactly [2§Create a Plan Guide for Parameterized Queries]. Template plan guides are created by first using sp\_get\_query\_tempalte to get the template for the desired query, and the using sp\_create\_plan\_guide with the parameterized template.

Postgres provides a very different method for performance optimization. There is no facility provided for changing the behavior of the planner on a query by query basis. Instead, Postgres exposes many parameters to change the overall behavior of the planner [4\\$19.7]. Two types of configuration options are exposed, method configurations and cost constants. Method configurations allow the user to disable certain query execution operations, similar to MSSQL's query hints. Unlike query hints, these options apply to all plans generated by the query planner. The Postgres documentation warns that these options are not intended to be permanent solutions, rather they should only be used for performance testing [4\\$19.7].

For permanent changes to the planner's behavior, Postgres provides cost constants. These allows the user to set the cost for different internal database operations, which can cause the planner to select different plans.

# 3.5 Dynamic SQL

Both DBMSs support executing a dynamically constructed string as a SQL query. MSSQL provides the EXEC statement and sp\_executesql stored procedure to accomplish this. EXEC will compile and execute a statement string at runtime, while sp\_executesql will take a parameterized query string and the relevant parameters, construct the final query, and then execute it.

```
DECLARE @query_text NVARCHAR(MAX);
SET @query_text = '';

SELECT @query_text += 'SELECT * FROM ' + table_name + ';'
FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES;

EXEC(@query_text);
```

Figure 9. Example of dynamic SQL in MSSQL (Advert)

Postgres also supports executing dynamic SQL using the EXECUTE statement. Additionally, the format() function can be used to construct a parameterized query, similar to sp\_executesql. EXECUTE can only be used to perform a dynamic query in a PL/pgSQL context. If the query is expected to

return a single value, the syntax EXECUTE <query>; INTO <var>; can be used to directly place the result of the query into a variable.

The requirement of executing dynamic SQL in PL/pgSQL contexts can complicate certain queries. For example, the query in figure 9 can be implemented in PL/pgSQL, as shown in figure 10. However, the output from the query cannot be easily displayed, because any output from a PL/pgSQL code block must be explicitly returned. Data cannot be arbitrarily SELECTed to show up in the console output. This query outputs the text of the generated query for demonstration purposes. Note that although the dynamic query is executed, the output is discarded.

```
DO $$

DECLARE

query TEXT;

BEGIN

SELECT string_agg('

SELECT * FROM ' || table_name, ';')

INTO query

FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES

WHERE table_schema='public'

AND NOT table_name ='';

EXECUTE(query);

RAISE NOTICE 'Query to select from all tables in database: %I', query;

END$$;
```

Figure 10. Example of dynamic SQL in PL/pgSQL (Advert)

## 3.6 Miscellaneous Activities

We also identified several minor activities related to development. While these do not represent the most important differences, they should be kept in mind during a schema migration process.

Date Arithmetic: T-SQL and pgSQL provide different facilities for date arithmetic. T-SQL provides non-standard functions for performing date arithmetic, including DATEADD() and DATEDIFF() [2\struct\text{DAte} and Time]. These functions take a date interval, such as day, and two DATETIME values and return the sum or difference of the two dates (Figure 11a). pgSQL follows the standard, and allows for date arithmetic using normal arithmetic operators. Figure 11b performs the same query as figure 11a in Postgres [4\struct\text{8}8.5]. Note that DATEDIFF subtracts the first input value from the second, whereas pgSQL's arithmetic operator subtracts the second operand from the first.

```
SELECT DATEDIFF(day,

(SELECT MIN(issue_date) first_issue

FROM AD_RUN

WHERE ad_id = 0),

(SELECT MAX(issue_date) last_issue

FROM AD_RUN

WHERE ad_id = 0)) + 1 run_length;
```

Figure 11a. Example of  $\mathtt{DATEDIFF}$  () (Advert)

```
SELECT

(SELECT MAX(issue_date) first_issue

FROM AD_RUN

WHERE ad_id = 0) -

(SELECT MIN(issue_date) last_issue

FROM AD_RUN

WHERE ad_id = 0) + 1 run_length;
```

Figure 11b. Example of pgSQL date arithmetic syntax (Advert)

**Expressions in ORDER BY and GROUP BY:** Both T-SQL and pgSQL allow an identical set of expressions to be a part of an ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause. If an expression uses a function, it must be a scalar function that performs an identical action to every value that is queried. As a part of the Babysitting schema, we were asked to query a list of birthdates and addresses, sorted by day of the year, in order to create a birthday mailing list. In order to perform the sorting, we used an expression in the ORDER BY clause that would sort the list by only the month and day parts of a date. Both the T-SQL and pgSQL implementations used a single function to extract these date parts. However, they used different functions due to differences in the functions available to manipulate dates.

**TRIM Functions:** Postgres provides a TRIM() function. T-SQL does not implement a function called TRIM(). Instead it implements LTRIM() and RTRIM(), which remove whitespace from the left and right sides of a string, respectively. When used together, they are effectively the same as TRIM().

T-SQL Stored Procedure Library: T-SQL provides several built-in stored procedures for retrieving metadata from the system catalog. In particular, we discovered <code>sp\_columns</code> when looking for a replacement for Oracle's <code>DESCRIBE</code> statement. <code>sp\_columns</code> returns metadata about a table's columns, similar to the <code>INFORMATION\_SCHEMA</code> query in (Figure 3). Since T-SQL does not fully support <code>INFORMATION\_SCHEMA</code>, <code>sp\_columns</code> allows easy access to column metadata stored in the system catalog. Several other stored procedures with similar functionality are provided, such as <code>sp\_tables[2\$sp\_columns]</code>.

**SELECT Without FROM:** Another development activity we identified was using a SELECT statement to select data not inside the database. This feature is commonly used as a way to output text from a query without necessarily accessing data inside the database. Both T-SQL and pgSQL accomplish this using SELECT statements without a WHERE clause. This allows a query to output data that is not inside the DBMS.

Type Casting and Conversion: Since SQL is a strongly typed language, both T-SQL and pgSQL provide facilities to convert between variable types. T-SQL provides the CAST and CONVERT statements for explicitly converting between data types. CAST provides the SQL standard facility for type conversion, using the syntax CAST (<var> AS <type>). T-SQL will try to convert the supplied value to the requested data type, and throw an exception if the types are incompatible. CONVERT behaves similarly, and provides addition facilities for how the cast should be performed. For example, CONVERT can cast a FLOAT number into a VARCHAR with commas and a fixed fractional precision. T-SQL also provides TRY\_CAST and TRY\_CONVERT, which return NULL if the cast cannot be performed, instead of an exception. Additionally, the MSDN documentation provides a table of which

data types can be implicitly converted, explicitly converted, or are incompatible [2§CAST and CONVERT].

Postgres also provides the CAST statement for type conversion, with the same syntax. pgSQL will also attempt to implicitly convert types when necessary. It will first find if the operator or function has a version that matches the input type or types. If not, it will attempt to convert one or more of the input values to a compatible type. If one or more of the input values still does not match the required values, an exception is thrown. The same process is followed when attempting to insert values into a table [4§10.1].

Grouping Sets: The final minor development activity we found was advanced grouping through the use of GROUPING SETS, including the two shorthands for common grouping sets: CUBE and ROLLUP. Grouping by a grouping set runs the SELECT expression on each column/expression in the grouping set, outputting the results for each element of the grouping set. This is an important feature because it allows this grouping to be performed with a single query, rather than relying on several UNION ALLs. Despite not being defined in the SQL standard, these are all implemented similarly in both T-SQL[2\standard, these are all implemented and pgSQL[4\standard, 2].

#### 4. ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES

Administration activities are those which involve the operations and maintenance of the DBMS, rather than those which deal with data modeling or querying. As we were only dealing with a single user and did not need to perform any maintenance on the systems, our experience with administration activities is limited to those involved during the setup of both DBMSs on our machines. Other administration activities include those performed via the Data Control Language (DCL) component of SQL, and other management and optimization activities.

## **4.1 Environment Setup**

Installation of both DBMSs was rather straightforward. Both DBMSs were installed on machines running Windows. (See section 1..2 for the specific versions of each DBMS used.) MSSQL only provides a single installer [3], whereas Postgres' website provides two installers. One is an "Interactive installer" provided by EnterpriseDB, and the other is a "Graphical installer" provided by BigSQL [6]. We found that the Interactive Installer required additional configuration if command line access using the included psql tool was desired. However, no other configuration was needed in either distribution if the graphical pgAdmin tool was used. Finally, since Postgres is open source, there is also the option to create an individual or custom build of the software.

While both DBMSs can have all administration activities performed via a command line interface, MSSQL's packaged graphical interface, SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS), is also able to perform all of these activities. However, the graphical interface that is usually packaged with Postgres (pgAdmin) cannot perform all available administration activities. This tool is a separate community project, not maintained by the same group that manages the Postgres DBMS. Additionally, it has recently undergone a complete rewrite, as such, some issues are bound to arise. However, these issues are actively being worked on, and the latest two versions (v1.3 and v1.4) contain over 60 combined bug fixes.

#### **4.2 DDL and Server Level Triggers**

Both DBMSs support triggers that execute when DDL statements are performed. MSSQL refers to these as DDL triggers, while

Postgres refers to them as event triggers. MSSQL can execute DDL triggers in the context of a single database, or the entire server. Event triggers can only be executed in the context of a database in Postgres.

Since these triggers are commonly used for logging, it is important that they can be executed with the correct permissions. MSSQL allows an EXECUTE AS clause in a DDL trigger definition. This causes the trigger procedure to be executed with different permissions than the user causing the trigger to execute. There are three permission types EXECUTE AS can use: CALLER, SELF, or <user name> [2\\$EXECUTE AS]. CALLER executes the trigger with the same permissions as the executing user. SELF executes the trigger with the same permissions as the trigger owner. Additionally, a login name of the user the trigger will execute as can be provided.

Postgres provides similar functionality with the SECURITY clause [4\\$1.]. Since Postgres triggers always execute a user-defined function, the execution permissions are set on the function itself, not the trigger. There are two forms of the SECURITY clause, SECURITY DEFINER and SECURITY CALLER. SECURITY DEFINER executes the function with the permissions of the defining user, while SECURITY CALLER executes with the permissions of the executer.

MSSQL also supports logon triggers. These are similar to DDL triggers, but are only executed when a user logs on to the database, and can only be executed in the context of the whole server. Logon triggers support the same permissions mentioned previously. Postgres does not provide any functionality similar to a logon trigger.

#### 4.3 Users and Roles

Although the SQL standard gives an outline of how a security and permissions system should be implemented, it leaves the separation between roles (groups) and users (authorization identifiers) up to be implementation defined. MSSQL provides a clear separation between groups and users, while Postgres merges them both into the same model (roles). As such, the concept of roles are different in the two DBMSs. In MSSQL, roles always refer to groups, whereas in Postgres, they may refer to either users or groups. MSSQL also provides integration with Windows accounts, allowing an easier infrastructure setup for organizations who already have a Microsoft Windows domain and organizational system in place. Another difference between the two is that MSSQL requires the creation of a login, which is based at the server level. Following that, logins can then be assigned to users (one login per user per database) [2§Server and Database Roles...]. Postgres does not separate the two, instead, it uses a LOGIN attribute to allow a role to connect to the database. The presence or lack thereof can be seen as the equivalent of the separation between users and groups. Other role settings which are based at the server level (such as the maximum number of connections) are also done using attributes when creating or altering a role [4§21.2]. The process of creating users is explored through the Classroom scenario. An example of creating a student and an instructor can be seen in figure 12a and 12b. In the actual implementation of this scenario, these processes can be performed using stored procedures, rather than the exact statements in these two examples.

#### **4.4 Execution Permissions**

Although a user with administrative or superuser rights is able to perform most management tasks without needing to switch roles, it is sometimes necessary to do so.

```
CREATE ROLE CS205F17Student;
CREATE ROLE CS205F17Instructor;
CREATE USER [WCSU\Students\Ramsey033];
ALTER
       ROLE
              CS205F17Student
  [WCSU\Students\Ramsey033];
CREATE
        SCHEMA
                 ramsey033
                             GRANT
                                     SELECT.
  INSERT, DELETE, UPDATE;
       SELECT
                     SCHEMA
                              ramsey033
  CS205F17Instructor;
```

Figure 12a. Creating a student user based on a windows account (MSSQL)

```
CREATE ROLE CS205F17Student;
CREATE ROLE CS205F17Instructor;

CREATE USER ramsey033 PASSWORD '50045123';
CREATE USER westP PASSWORD '123999888';

GRANT CS205F17Student TO ramsey003;
GRANT CS205F17Instructor to westP;

CREATE SCHEMA ramsey003;
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON SCHEMA ramsey003 TO ramsey003;
GRANT USAGE ON SCHEMA ramsey003 TO cs205F17Instructor;
```

Figure 12b. Example of creating a student user (Postgres)

More frequently, different permissions or restrictions are needed when executing a procedure, or when a procedure needs to impersonate another role in the database. Another reason to switch execution permissions is to follow the least privilege principle, so users and applications will run with the minimum permissions necessary, and only switch to a role with greater permissions when needed. Both MSSQL and Postgres provide methods of doing so. In MSSQL, the EXECUTE AS <user> statement allows this [2§EXECUTE AS], and Postgres permits this with the SET SESSION AUTHORIZATION < role> statement [4§SET SESSION AUTHORIZATION]. Both implementations also provide methods of returning to the previous user, with the REVERT statement in MSSQL, and RESET AUTHORIZATION in Postgres. With Postgres, it is also possible to return to the default role rather than simply resetting by using DEFAULT SESSION AUTHORIZATION. This may or may not be the same role that was being used prior to changing the session authorization. Postgres also allows the ability to only change the current role, and not the current session, through the SET ROLE <role> statement, and its correspondent RESET ROLE. Different privilege checks are run depending on whether a session or a role is being switched. Also, switching sessions changes the available roles that can be switched to. This Postgres implementation is in line with the statements that the SOL standard recommends [1§14.5]. Both implementations also allow switching sessions (along with roles in Postgres) during a transaction, despite being a restriction suggested by the SQL standard.

#### 4.5 Stored Procedures

MSSQL supports separate stored procedures and functions, while Postgres implements stored procedures as a subset of functions [2§CREATE PROCEDURE, 4§41.1]. In MSSQL, functions are intended to perform an atomic set of operations on an input to provide some output, while stored procedures may execute several T-SQL statements in one or more transactions. Stored procedures do support input and output parameters, while functions support input parameters and return values. Stored procedures may call functions, or perform any other T-SQL statements. Functions may not call stored procedures, however, because a function must be an atomic operation, and a stored procedure may perform multiple transactions.

Postgres implements stored procedures as a special case of a function. Stored procedures are functions that have no return statement, and thus can't be used in an expression. Both are created using the CREATE FUNCTION statement. While both can contain many pgSQL statements, all functions are treated as atomic, so stored procedures can only use a single transaction.

Language Support: MSSQL currently only allows T-SQL statements, or Microsoft .NET Framework common runtime language methods to be run in stored procedures [2§Stored Procedures (DB Engine)], whereas Postgres allows the execution of any language that has been implemented to run in Postgres, including C and R. However, some support for the R programming language is available through an alternate framework [2§SQL Server R Services]. Additionally, it has been recently announced that a newer version of MSSQL (SQL Server 2017) adds support for the Python programming language [7].

## 4.6 Error Handling

The final administrative activity we identified was dealing with exceptional situations during the execution of stored procedures. MSSQL's implementation follows the TRY...CATCH and THROW convention familiar to most computer programmers. If any execution error with a severity that is greater than 10 occurs during the processing of statements in the try block, control is passed to the catch block. [2§TRY...CATCH]. Although Postgres does not implement these TRY...CATCH blocks, the EXCEPTION keyword provides similar functionality. The EXCEPTION keyword can be used once in each BEGIN block (typically towards the end of the block). If an error occurs during the execution of a stored procedure, execution is moved to the statements following the EXCEPTION keyword. Here, conditions can be checked, followed by statements that can appropriately handle the exceptional circumstances [4§33.8].

## 5. SUMMARY

Our survey found many similarities and differences between MSSQL and Postgres. Both DBMSs supported the majority of activities we identified. The most glaring incompatibilities we found between the two DBMSs were MSSQL's partial INFORMATION\_SCHEMA support, and Postgres' lack of computed columns, advanced indexing, and per-query optimization.

Standards Compliance: MSSQL is clearly less standards compliant than Postgres. MSSQL showed major deviations, such as its lack of support for the complete INFORMATION\_SCHEMA, and minor deviations, such as allowing recursive CTEs without explicit declaration. While Postgres is largely standards compliant, there are several areas where both DBMSs deviate. For example, both DBMSs deviate in their implementation of the CLOB data

type. MSSQL uses a different syntax for performing the same functionality, while Postgres uses a different name.

Despite being largely standards-compliant, we still identified many differences between both DBMSs. The SQL standard primarily dictates features a DBMS must support. It often does not place strict limitations on the behavior of such features. One example is the difference in fractional exact numerical data type ranges, as the standard does not define what they must be. For example, Postgres supported a greatly expanded range for date data types. Another example is that the SQL standard requires support for views, but it does not define any requirements for the behavior of updatable views [1§4.3]. This allows for the differences we observed between the MSSQL and Postgres implementations of updatable views.

This also allows both DBMSs to implement extended features that are not defined in the standard. Postgres' extensible native language support is an example of one such feature. Many of MSSQL's deviations from the standard are used to provide an extended feature set. For example, included columns and query hints are not defined in the standard, however these are features that are clearly useful for many applications. The clear disadvantage to these features is that they are not defined in the standard. Therefore, an application depending on them becomes locked to platforms that support the required non-standard features.

MSSQL	Postgres
2	2
1	2
2	0
2	2
1	2
2	2
2	0
2	2
1	2
	1
2	2
0	2
1	2
2	2
2	0
2	2
2	2
2	2
2	2
2	0
2	2
2	2
0	2
2	1
2	2
2	0
0	2
42	41
	0

Table 2. Summary of support for each identified activity

Conclusions: One conclusion that can be drawn from these differences is that standards compliant SQL code is not necessarily portable or optimal. While many of the differences shown may individually be minor, their sum can make schema migration difficult. For example, a schema that heavily relies on computed columns or updatable views may be difficult to migrate to Postgres, despite being otherwise standards-compliant. Likewise, a schema that relies on INFROMATION\_SCHEMA may be difficult to migrate to MSSQL, and may require the use of non-standard features.

To help gauge the overall level of support both DBMSs showed for the activities we studied, we assigned a score for each activity based on the level of support the DBMS had for that activity. A score of two indicates complete, and, if possible, standards compliant support for that activity. A score of one indicates partial or non-standard support for that activity. A score of zero indicates no support for that activity. The score for each activity, as well as the total score for each DBMS can be seen in table 2.

The highest possible score was 52 points, a score of two in each of the 26 activities. MSSQL score slightly higher than Postgres, at 42 points compared to 41. This indicates that overall, both DBMSs had a high level of support for the activities we studied. When MSSQL did not have full support for an activity, it tended to have partial or non-standard support. This is shown by its four scores of one compared to only two of zero. Conversely, Postgres tended to have no support instead of partial support, as evidenced by five scores of zero and only a single score of one. This points to one of the fundamental differences between the two DBMSs. MSSQL is more likely to have support for a given activity, however this comes at the cost of standards compliance. Postgres has support for less activities, however those it does support are very likely to be standards compliant.

This also effects Postgres' technical suitability for enterprise applications. The activities Postgres does support function very well, and show that it is suitable for enterprise applications.

However, many enterprise applications require feature Postgres does not support, such as logon triggers or included columns in indexes. Therefore, we can conclude that Postgres is suitable for any enterprise applications that do not require features it does not support.

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#### **APPENDIX**

## A. SOL CODE FOR SCHEMA

These schemas are also available digitally (as .sql files) at our respective drop off folders on the WCSU X: drive and publicly via Microsoft OneDrive. Additional working examples for each schema are located in their respective folders.

Base directories:

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#### A.1 Advert

## A.1.1 T-SQL

Schema File: Advert\MSSQL\3\_createAdvertTSQL.sql

Additional working examples for this schema:

```
1_ddl-login-triggers.sql
```

4\_dml-trigger.sql

5\_opsTSQL.sql

6\_dynamic-sql.sql

```
7_perfromance-optimization.sql
```

```
--The ADVERTISER entity is fully represented by the view ADVERTISER below
CREATE TABLE ADVERTISER T
(
 advertiser id NUMERIC(5, 0) CHECK(advertiser id > -1) PRIMARY KEY,
 university org NUMERIC(1, 0) CHECK(university org = 0 OR university org = 1),
 nonprofit org NUMERIC(1, 0) CHECK(nonprofit org = 0 OR nonprofit org = 1)
 --outstanding balance is in view ADVERTISER
CREATE TABLE CONTACT INFO
 advertiser id NUMERIC(5, 0) NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY REFERENCES ADVERTISER T,
 name VARCHAR (50) NOT NULL,
 address VARCHAR (50) NOT NULL,
 city VARCHAR (30) NOT NULL,
 state CHAR(2) CHECK(LEN(LTRIM(RTRIM(state))) = 2),
 zip CHAR(5) CHECK(LEN(LTRIM(RTRIM(zip))) = 5),
 email VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
 phone CHAR(10) CHECK(LEN(LTRIM(RTRIM(phone))) = 10)
CREATE TABLE RATE_CARD
 rate card id NUMERIC(2, 0) NOT NULL CHECK(rate card id > -1) PRIMARY KEY,
 ad size CHAR(5) NOT NULL CHECK(LEN(LTRIM(RTRIM(ad size))) = 5),
 price_per_issue NUMERIC(8, 2) NOT NULL
```

```
);
CREATE TABLE PRICE REQUEST
 rate card id NUMERIC(2, 0) NOT NULL REFERENCES RATE CARD,
 advertiser id NUMERIC (5, 0) NOT NULL REFERENCES ADVERTISER T,
 PRIMARY KEY(rate_card_id, advertiser_id)
CREATE TABLE AD
 ad id NUMERIC(10, 0) CHECK(ad id > -1) PRIMARY KEY,
 name CHAR(20) CHECK(LEN(LTRIM(RTRIM(name))) = 20) UNIQUE,
 order date DATE NOT NULL,
 start date DATE NOT NULL,
 rate card id NUMERIC(2, 0) NOT NULL REFERENCES RATE CARD,
 num issues NUMERIC(5, 0) NOT NULL,
 prepaid NUMERIC(1, 0) CHECK(prepaid = 0 OR prepaid = 1),
 consec disc AS (CASE WHEN num issues > 4 THEN 1 ELSE 0 END),
 premium place NUMERIC(1, 0) CHECK(premium place = 0 OR premium place = 1),
 color NUMERIC(1, 0) CHECK(color = 0 OR color = 1),
 edit NUMERIC(1, 0) CHECK(edit = 0 OR edit = 1),
 advertiser id NUMERIC(5, 0) NOT NULL REFERENCES ADVERTISER T
);
CREATE TABLE INVOICE T
 ad id NUMERIC(10, 0) NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY REFERENCES AD,
 invoice date DATE NOT NULL,
 advertiser id NUMERIC(5, 0) NOT NULL REFERENCES ADVERTISER T
 --total charge is in view INVOICE
 --fully paid is in view INVOICE
 --run complete is in view INVOICE
 --run_failed is in view INVOICE
):
CREATE TABLE PAYMENT
 payment id NUMERIC(16, 0) CHECK(payment id > -1) PRIMARY KEY,
 advertiser id NUMERIC (5, 0) NOT NULL REFERENCES ADVERTISER T,
 ad id NUMERIC(10, 0) NOT NULL REFERENCES INVOICE T,
 amount NUMERIC(8, 2) NOT NULL
CREATE TABLE AD RUN
 ad id NUMERIC(10, 0) NOT NULL REFERENCES INVOICE T,
 issue date DATE NOT NULL,
 proof sent NUMERIC(1, 0) CHECK(proof sent = 0 OR proof sent = 1 OR proof sent IS NULL),
```

```
PRIMARY KEY(ad id, issue date)
);
CREATE VIEW AD PRICE AS
SELECT a.ad id ad id, a.advertiser id advertiser id,
  (a.num issues * r.price per issue) base price,
  (a.num issues * r.price per issue + 100 * a.edit + a.num issues
 * r.price per issue * 0.30 * a.color + a.num issues
 * r.price_per_issue * 0.20 * a.premium_place - a.num_issues
 * r.price per issue * 0.10 * a.prepaid - a.num issues
 * r.price_per_issue * 0.10 * a.consec_disc - a.num_issues
 * r.price per issue * 0.25 * av.university org - a.num issues
  * r.price per issue * 0.50 * av.nonprofit org) total price
FROM AD a
JOIN RATE CARD r ON r.rate card id = a.rate card id
JOIN ADVERTISER T av ON av.advertiser id = a.advertiser id;
GO
CREATE VIEW ADVERTISER AS
SELECT a.advertiser id advertiser id, a.university org university org, a.nonprofit org
nonprofit org,
 SELECT SUM(ar.total price)
 FROM AD PRICE ar
 WHERE ar.advertiser id = a.advertiser id
(
 SELECT SUM (p.amount)
 FROM PAYMENT p
 WHERE p.advertiser id = a.advertiser id
) outstanding balance
FROM ADVERTISER T a;
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CREATE VIEW INVOICE AS
SELECT i.ad id ad id, i.invoice date invoice date, ap.total price total price,
 CASE WHEN ap.total price -
   SELECT SUM (p.amount)
   FROM Payment p
   WHERE p.ad id = i.ad id
  ) > 0 THEN 0 ELSE 1 END fully paid,
 CASE WHEN DATEADD(day, a.num issues, a.start date) < GETDATE() THEN 1 ELSE 0 END
run complete,
 CASE WHEN DATEADD(day, a.num issues, a.start date) > GETDATE() OR
   SELECT SUM(COALESCE(ar.proof sent, 0))
   FROM AD RUN ar
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WHERE ar.ad id = i.ad id
 ) = a.num issues THEN 0 ELSE 1 END run failed
FROM INVOICE T i
JOIN AD a ON a.ad id = i.ad id
JOIN AD PRICE ap ON ap.ad id = i.ad id;
INSERT INTO RATE CARD
VALUES(0, '01x01', 5);
INSERT INTO RATE CARD
VALUES(1, '02x02', 10);
INSERT INTO RATE CARD
VALUES(2, '03x03', 15);
INSERT INTO RATE CARD
VALUES(3, '10x10', 40);
INSERT INTO RATE CARD
VALUES(4, 'fullp', 100);
SELECT 'Price List' BASE DATA;
SELECT *
FROM RATE CARD;
INSERT INTO ADVERTISER T
VALUES(0, 0, 0);
INSERT INTO CONTACT INFO
VALUES(0, 'Robert''s Discount Furniture', '000 Example Street', 'Danbury', 'CT',
'00000',
'robert@rdiscountfurniture.net', '5555555555');
INSERT INTO PRICE REQUEST
VALUES(3, 0);
INSERT INTO PRICE REQUEST
VALUES(4, 0);
INSERT INTO AD
(ad id, name, order date, start date, rate card id, num issues, prepaid, premium place,
  edit, advertiser id
VALUES(0, 'RODISCFURN2016000000', GETDATE() - 1, GETDATE() + 7, 4, 10, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0);
INSERT INTO INVOICE T
VALUES(0, GETDATE(), 0);
INSERT INTO AD RUN
VALUES(0, GETDATE() + 7, 0);
INSERT INTO AD RUN
VALUES(0, GETDATE() + 8, 0);
INSERT INTO AD RUN
VALUES(0, GETDATE() + 9, 0);
INSERT INTO AD RUN
VALUES(0, GETDATE() + 10, 0);
INSERT INTO AD RUN
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VALUES(0, GETDATE() + 11, 0);
INSERT INTO AD RUN
VALUES (0, GETDATE() + 12, 0);
INSERT INTO AD RUN
VALUES(0, GETDATE() + 13, 0);
INSERT INTO AD RUN
VALUES(0, GETDATE() + 14, 0);
INSERT INTO AD RUN
VALUES(0, GETDATE() + 15, 0);
INSERT INTO AD RUN
VALUES(0, GETDATE() + 16, 0
A.1.2 pgSOL
Schema File: Advert\Postgres\ 3_createAdvertpgSQL.sql
Additional working examples for this schema:
1_ddl-login-triggers.sql
4_dml-trigger.sql
5_opsTSQL.sql
6_dynamic-sql.sql
7_perfromance-optimization.sql
CREATE TABLE advertiser t
  advertiser id NUMERIC(5,0) CHECK(advertiser id > -1) PRIMARY KEY,
  university org NUMERIC(1,0) CHECK(university org = 0 OR university org = 1),
  nonprofit org NUMERIC(1,0) CHECK(nonprofit org = 0 OR nonprofit org = 1)
CREATE TABLE contact info
  advertiser id NUMERIC(5,0) NOT NULL
  PRIMARY KEY REFERENCES advertiser t,
  name VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
  address VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
  city VARCHAR(30) NOT NULL,
  state CHAR(2) CHECK(LENGTH(TRIM(state)) = 2),
  zip CHAR(5) CHECK(LENGTH(TRIM(zip)) = 5),
  email VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
  phone CHAR(10) CHECK(LENGTH(TRIM(phone)) = 10)
);
CREATE TABLE rate card
  rate card id NUMERIC(2,0) NOT NULL CHECK(rate card id > -1) PRIMARY KEY,
  ad size CHAR(5) NOT NULL CHECK(LENGTH(TRIM(ad size)) = 5),
  price per issue NUMERIC(8,2) NOT NULL
CREATE TABLE price_request
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rate card id NUMERIC(2,0) NOT NULL REFERENCES rate card,
 advertiser id NUMERIC(5,0) NOT NULL REFERENCES advertiser t,
 PRIMARY KEY (rate card id, advertiser id)
CREATE TABLE ad t
 ad id NUMERIC(10,0) CHECK(ad id > -1) PRIMARY KEY,
 name CHAR(20) CHECK(LENGTH(TRIM(name)) = 20) UNIQUE,
 order date DATE NOT NULL,
 start date DATE NOT NULL,
 rate card id NUMERIC(2,0) NOT NULL REFERENCES RATE CARD,
 num issues NUMERIC(5,0) NOT NULL,
 prepaid NUMERIC(1,0) CHECK(prepaid = 0 OR prepaid = 1),
 premium place NUMERIC(1,0) CHECK(premium place = 0 OR premium place = 1),
 color NUMERIC(1,0) CHECK(color = 0 OR color = 1),
 edit NUMERIC(1,0) CHECK(edit = 0 OR edit = 1),
 advertiser id NUMERIC(5,0) NOT NULL REFERENCES advertiser t
);
CREATE VIEW ad AS
SELECT
 ad id, name, order date, start date, rate card id, num issues, prepaid,
  (CASE WHEN num_issues > 4 THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS consec disc,
 premium_place, color, edit, advertiser_id
FROM ad t;
CREATE TABLE invoice t
 ad id NUMERIC(10,0) NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY REFERENCES ad t,
 invoice date DATE NOT NULL,
 advertiser id NUMERIC(5,0) NOT NULL REFERENCES advertiser t
CREATE TABLE payment
 payment id NUMERIC(16,0) CHECK(payment id > -1) PRIMARY KEY,
 advertiser id NUMERIC(5,0) NOT NULL REFERENCES advertiser t,
 ad id NUMERIC(10,0) NOT NULL REFERENCES invoice t,
 amount NUMERIC(8,2) NOT NULL
CREATE TABLE ad run (
 ad id NUMERIC(10,0) NOT NULL REFERENCES invoice_t,
 issue date DATE NOT NULL,
 proof sent NUMERIC(1,0) CHECK(proof sent = 0
 OR proof sent = 1
 OR proof sent IS NULL),
 PRIMARY KEY(ad id, issue date)
);
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CREATE VIEW ad price AS
SELECT a.ad id ad id, a.advertiser id advertiser id,
  (a.num issues * r.price per issue)
 base_price,
  (a.num issues * r.price per issue
  + 100 * a.edit
  + a.num issues * r.price per issue * 0.30 * a.color
  + a.num issues * r.price per issue * 0.20 * a.premium place
  - a.num_issues * r.price_per_issue * 0.10 * a.prepaid
   - a.num issues * r.price per issue * 0.10 * a.consec disc
   - a.num issues * r.price per issue * 0.25 * av.university org
   - a.num issues * r.price per issue * 0.50 * av.nonprofit org) total price
FROM ad a
JOIN rate card r ON r.rate card id = a.rate card id
JOIN advertiser t av ON av.advertiser id = a.advertiser id;
CREATE VIEW advertiser AS
SELECT a.advertiser id advertiser id, a.university org university org, a.nonprofit org
nonprofit_org,
  (SELECT SUM(ar.total price)
  FROM ad price ar
  WHERE ar.advertiser_id = a.advertiser_id)
  - (SELECT SUM(p.amount)
      FROM payment p
      WHERE p.advertiser id = a.advertiser id) outstanding balance
FROM advertiser t a;
CREATE VIEW INVOICE AS
SELECT i.ad id ad id, i.invoice date invoice date, ap.total price total price,
 CASE WHEN ap.total price
   - (SELECT SUM(p.amount)
      FROM Payment p
       WHERE p.ad id = i.ad id) > 0 THEN 0 ELSE 1 END fully paid,
 CASE WHEN a.start date + interval '1day' * a.num issues < current date THEN 1 ELSE 0
 END run complete,
 CASE WHEN a.start date + interval 'lday' * a.num issues > current date OR
  (SELECT SUM(COALESCE(ar.proof sent, 0))
    FROM ad run ar
   WHERE ar.ad id = i.ad id) = a.num issues THEN 0 ELSE 1 END run failed
FROM invoice t i
JOIN ad a ON a.ad id = i.ad id
JOIN ad price ap ON ap.ad id = i.ad id;
INSERT INTO rate card VALUES(0, '01x01', 5);
INSERT INTO rate_card VALUES(1, '02x02', 10);
INSERT INTO rate card VALUES(2, '03x03', 15);
INSERT INTO rate_card VALUES(3, '10x10', 40);
INSERT INTO rate_card VALUES(4, 'fullp', 100);
INSERT INTO advertiser t
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VALUES(0, 0, 0);
INSERT INTO contact info
VALUES(0, 'Robert''s Discount Furniture', '000 Example Street', 'Danbury', 'CT',
'00000', 'robert@rdiscountfurniture.net', '5555555555');
INSERT INTO price_request
VALUES(3, 0);
INSERT INTO price request
VALUES (4, 0);
INSERT INTO ad
  (ad id, name, order date, start date, rate card id, num issues, prepaid,
   premium place, color, edit, advertiser id)
  VALUES(0, 'RODISCFURN2016000000', CURRENT DATE - 1, CURRENT DATE + 7, 4, 10, 1, 0,
   0, 0, 0);
INSERT INTO invoice t
VALUES (0, CURRENT DATE, 0);
INSERT INTO ad run
VALUES (0, CURRENT DATE + 7, 0);
INSERT INTO ad run
VALUES (0, CURRENT DATE + 8, 0);
INSERT INTO ad run
VALUES (0, CURRENT DATE + 9, 0);
INSERT INTO ad run
VALUES (0, CURRENT DATE + 10, 0);
INSERT INTO ad run
VALUES (0, CURRENT DATE + 11, 0);
INSERT INTO ad run
VALUES (0, CURRENT DATE + 12, 0);
INSERT INTO ad run
VALUES (0, CURRENT DATE + 13, 0);
INSERT INTO ad run
VALUES (0, CURRENT DATE + 14, 0);
INSERT INTO ad run
VALUES(0, CURRENT DATE + 15, 0);
INSERT INTO ad_run
VALUES(0, CURRENT DATE + 16, 0);
A.2 Shelter
A.2.1 T-SQL and pgSQL
Directory: Shelter\MSSQL\shelter_TSQL.sql or Shelter\Postgres\shelter_pgSQL.sql
CREATE TABLE dog
  dog id
                CHAR(3) NOT NULL,
  name
                VARCHAR (15),
  arrival date DATE,
  breed
                VARCHAR(20),
  date of birth DATE,
  weight
                NUMERIC (3),
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PRIMARY KEY(dog_id)
);
CREATE TABLE adopter
 adopter id CHAR(3),
 fname VARCHAR(10),
 address VARCHAR(20),
 city
          VARCHAR (15),
 state
          CHAR(2),
 zip
         CHAR(5),
         CHAR (13),
 phone
 PRIMARY KEY(adopter id)
);
CREATE TABLE volunteer
 vol id CHAR(3),
 fname VARCHAR(10),
 lname VARCHAR(10) NOT NULL,
 phone CHAR(13),
 email VARCHAR(15),
 PRIMARY KEY(vol_id)
);
CREATE TABLE responsibility
 title VARCHAR(20),
 PRIMARY KEY(title)
);
 vet_id CHAR(1),
 fname VARCHAR(10),
 lname VARCHAR(10) NOT NULL,
 address VARCHAR(20),
 city VARCHAR(15),
 state CHAR(2),
 zip CHAR(5),
 phone CHAR(13),
 PRIMARY KEY (vet id)
);
CREATE TABLE adoption
 dog id
         CHAR(3),
 adopter id CHAR(3),
 vol id
           CHAR(3),
 adoption date DATE,
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adoption_fee NUMERIC(5, 2),
  FOREIGN KEY(dog id) REFERENCES dog(dog id),
  FOREIGN KEY (adopter id) REFERENCES adopter (adopter id),
  FOREIGN KEY(vol id) REFERENCES volunteer(vol id),
  PRIMARY KEY(dog id, adopter id, vol id)
);
CREATE TABLE treatment
 treatment_id CHAR(3),
 vet id
               CHAR (1),
 dog_id
                 CHAR(3),
  treatment date DATE,
  description
               VARCHAR(20),
               NUMERIC (5, 2),
  discount_rate NUMERIC(4, 2),
  FOREIGN KEY(vet id) REFERENCES vet(vet id),
  FOREIGN KEY(dog id) REFERENCES dog(dog id),
  PRIMARY KEY(treatment id)
CREATE TABLE "return"
 dog id
           CHAR(3),
 adopter_id CHAR(3),
 return date DATE,
             VARCHAR(30),
 reason
 FOREIGN KEY(dog id) REFERENCES dog(dog id),
  FOREIGN KEY(adopter id) REFERENCES adopter(adopter id),
  PRIMARY KEY(dog id, adopter id)
CREATE TABLE assignment
 vol id
                 CHAR(3),
 responsibility VARCHAR(20),
 FOREIGN KEY(vol id) REFERENCES volunteer(vol_id),
  FOREIGN KEY(responsibility) REFERENCES responsibility(title),
  PRIMARY KEY(vol id, responsibility)
A.3 Babysitting
A.3.1 T-SQL
Directory: Babysitting\MSSQL\babysitting_TSQL.sql
CREATE TABLE Family (
      FID INTEGER PRIMARY KEY CHECK (FID > 0),
      FName VARCHAR (50) NOT NULL,
      FAddress VARCHAR (100) NOT NULL
);
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CREATE TABLE Family Member(
      FID INTEGER,
      Member VARCHAR(50),
      CONSTRAINT pk Family Member PRIMARY KEY (FID, Member),
      CONSTRAINT fk PartOfFamily FOREIGN KEY (FID)
       REFERENCES Family(FID)
);
CREATE TABLE Child(
      FID INTEGER NOT NULL,
      CName VARCHAR (50) NOT NULL,
      CBirthdate DATE NOT NULL,
      CONSTRAINT pk Child PRIMARY KEY (FID, CName),
      CONSTRAINT fk ChildOfFamily FOREIGN KEY (FID)
       REFERENCES Family (FID)
);
CREATE TABLE Sitting(
      SID INTEGER PRIMARY KEY CHECK (SID > 0),
      F FID INTEGER NOT NULL,
      CName VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
      C FID INTEGER NOT NULL,
      SDate DATE NOT NULL,
      SStart DATETIME2 NOT NULL,
      SFinish DATETIME2 NOT NULL,
      SLength AS (ROUND(DATEDIFF(mi, SStart, SFinish) / 60.0, 0)),
      CONSTRAINT fk SittingFamily FOREIGN KEY (F FID)
       REFERENCES Family (FID),
      CONSTRAINT fk ChildSat FOREIGN KEY (C FID, CName)
       REFERENCES Child(FID, CName),
      CONSTRAINT Sitting_DiffFam CHECK (F_FID <> C_FID),
      CONSTRAINT Sitting SeqTimes CHECK (SStart < SFinish)
);
A.3.2 PgSQL
Directory: Babysitting\Postgres\babysitting_pgSQL.sql
CREATE TABLE Family (
      FID INTEGER PRIMARY KEY CHECK (FID > 0),
      FName VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
      FAddress VARCHAR (100) NOT NULL
);
CREATE TABLE Family Member(
      FID INTEGER,
      Member VARCHAR(50),
      CONSTRAINT pk Family Member PRIMARY KEY (FID, Member),
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CONSTRAINT fk_PartOfFamily FOREIGN KEY (FID)
       REFERENCES Family (FID)
);
CREATE TABLE Child(
      FID INTEGER NOT NULL,
      CName VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
      CBirthdate DATE NOT NULL,
       CONSTRAINT pk_Child PRIMARY KEY (FID, CName),
      CONSTRAINT fk ChildOfFamily FOREIGN KEY (FID)
       REFERENCES Family(FID)
);
CREATE TABLE Sitting (
       SID INTEGER PRIMARY KEY CHECK (SID > 0),
       F FID INTEGER NOT NULL,
       CName VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL,
       C FID INTEGER NOT NULL,
       SDate DATE NOT NULL,
       SStart TIMESTAMP NOT NULL,
       SFinish TIMESTAMP NOT NULL,
      CONSTRAINT fk SittingFamily FOREIGN KEY (F FID)
       REFERENCES Family (FID),
      CONSTRAINT fk ChildSat FOREIGN KEY (C FID, CName)
       REFERENCES Child(FID, CName),
       CONSTRAINT Sitting DiffFam CHECK (F FID <> C FID),
       CONSTRAINT Sitting SeqTimes CHECK (SStart < SFinish)
);
CREATE VIEW Sitting Comp AS (
  SELECT SID, F FID, CName, C FID SDate, SStart, SFinish,
    (SFinish - SStart) as SLength
  FROM Sitting );
A.4 Classroom
No schemas available as Classroom is only a hypothetical scenario, not a full implementation.
A.3.1 T-SQL
Directory: Classroom\MSSQL
-- The following is specific example of creating a student
--Implementations with stored procedures will vary depending on the organization's
-- user and group structure.
CREATE ROLE CS205F17Student;
CREATE ROLE CS205F17Instructor;
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CREATE USER [WCSU\Students\Ramsey033];

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ALTER ROLE CS205F17Student ADD MEMBER [WCSU\Students\Ramsey033];
CREATE SCHEMA ramsey033 GRANT SELECT, INSERT, DELETE, UPDATE;
GRANT SELECT on SCHEMA ramsey033 to CS205F17Instructor;
A.3.2 PgSQL
Directory: Classroom\Postgres
--Group equivalent for managing permissions for students
CREATE ROLE CS205F17Student;
--Group equivalent for managing permissions for instructors
CREATE ROLE CS205F17Instructor;
--Removes the ability for users to modify the "public" schema for the current database
REVOKE CREATE ON SCHEMA public FROM PUBLIC;
--Creates a role for a student given a username and password. This procedure also
-- a schema for each user and gives both the student and instructor appropriate
-- privilages.
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION createCS205F17Student(userName VARCHAR(25), pw VARCHAR(25))
RETURNS VOID AS
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BEGIN
 userName := lower(userName);
 EXECUTE format('CREATE USER %I PASSWORD %L', userName, pw);
 EXECUTE format('GRANT CS205F17Student TO %I', userName);
 EXECUTE format ('CREATE SCHEMA %I', userName);
 EXECUTE format('GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON SCHEMA %I TO %I', userName, userName);
 EXECUTE format('GRANT USAGE ON SCHEMA %I TO cs205F17Instructor', userName);
 EXECUTE format('ALTER USER %I SET search path = %I', userName, userName);
END
$$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
--Creates a role for an instructor given a username and password. The procedure also
-- adds this new instuctor to the appropriate group, but does not create any schemas.
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION createCS205F17Instructor(userName VARCHAR(25), pw
VARCHAR(25)) RETURNS VOID AS
$$
BEGIN
 userName := lower(userName);
 EXECUTE format('CREATE USER %I PASSWORD %L', userName, pw);
 EXECUTE format('GRANT CS205F17Instructor TO %I', userName);
$$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
--Creates a sample student and instructor
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```
SELECT createCS205F17Student('Ramsey033', '50045123');
SELECT createCS205F17Instructor('WestP', '123999888');
```

--Note that in order to drop the roles, all objects beloging to the role must also be -- dropped before doing so.