

The Platinum phrase search with PostgreSQL

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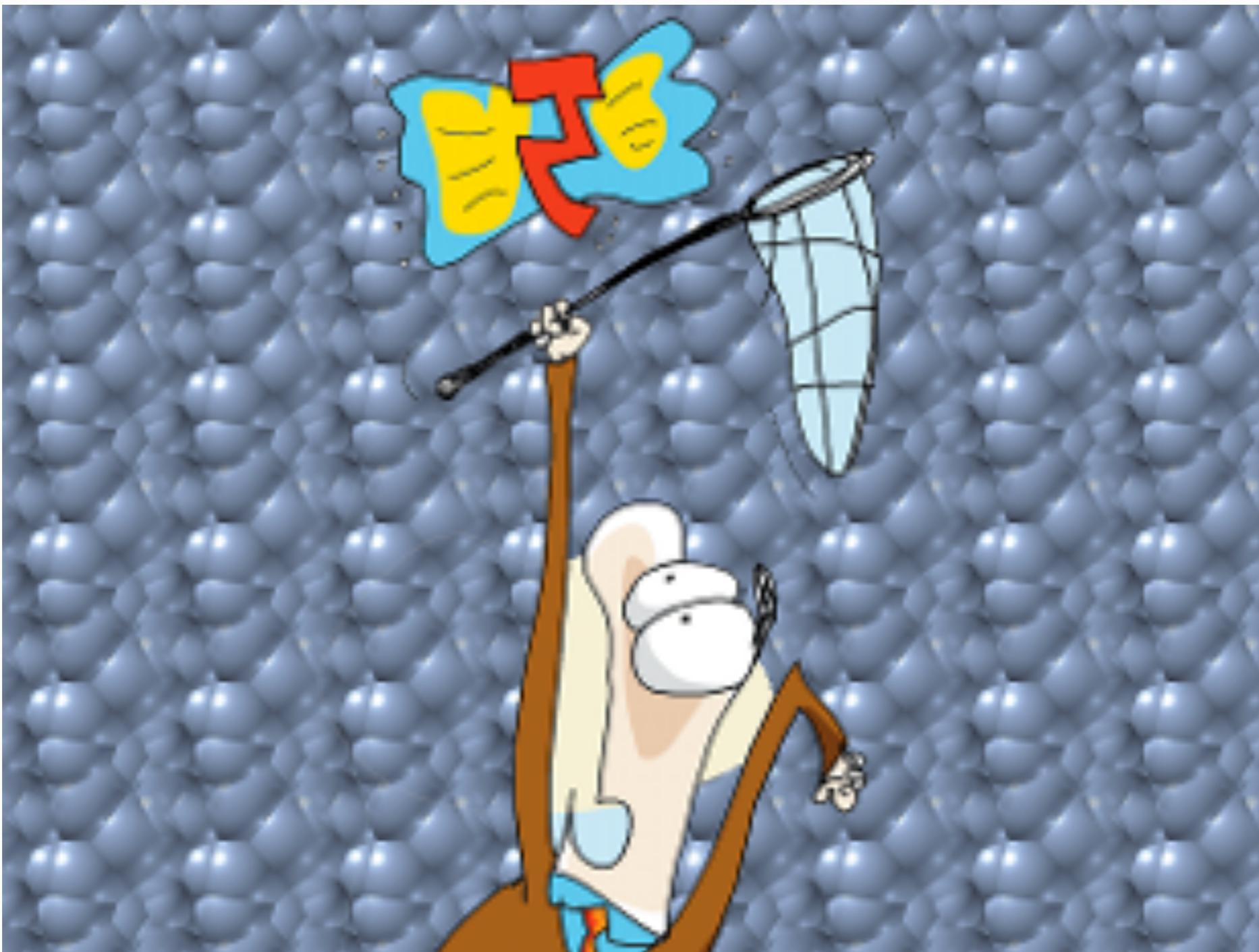
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Why Platinum?



Text Search (grep)

```
→ postgresql git:(master) time grep -r --exclude-dir=".git" "bigint" .
grep --color -r --exclude-dir=".git" "bigint" .
1.50s user 0.08s system 98% cpu 1.596
total
```

Processor 2.5 GHz Intel Core i7
Memory 16 GB 1600 MHz DDR3

Text Search (Platinum Searcher)

→ postgresql git:(master) time pt bigint
0.28s user 0.15s system 448% cpu 0.094
total

Processor 2.5 GHz Intel Core i7

Memory 16 GB 1600 MHz DDR3

Text Search (ripgrep)

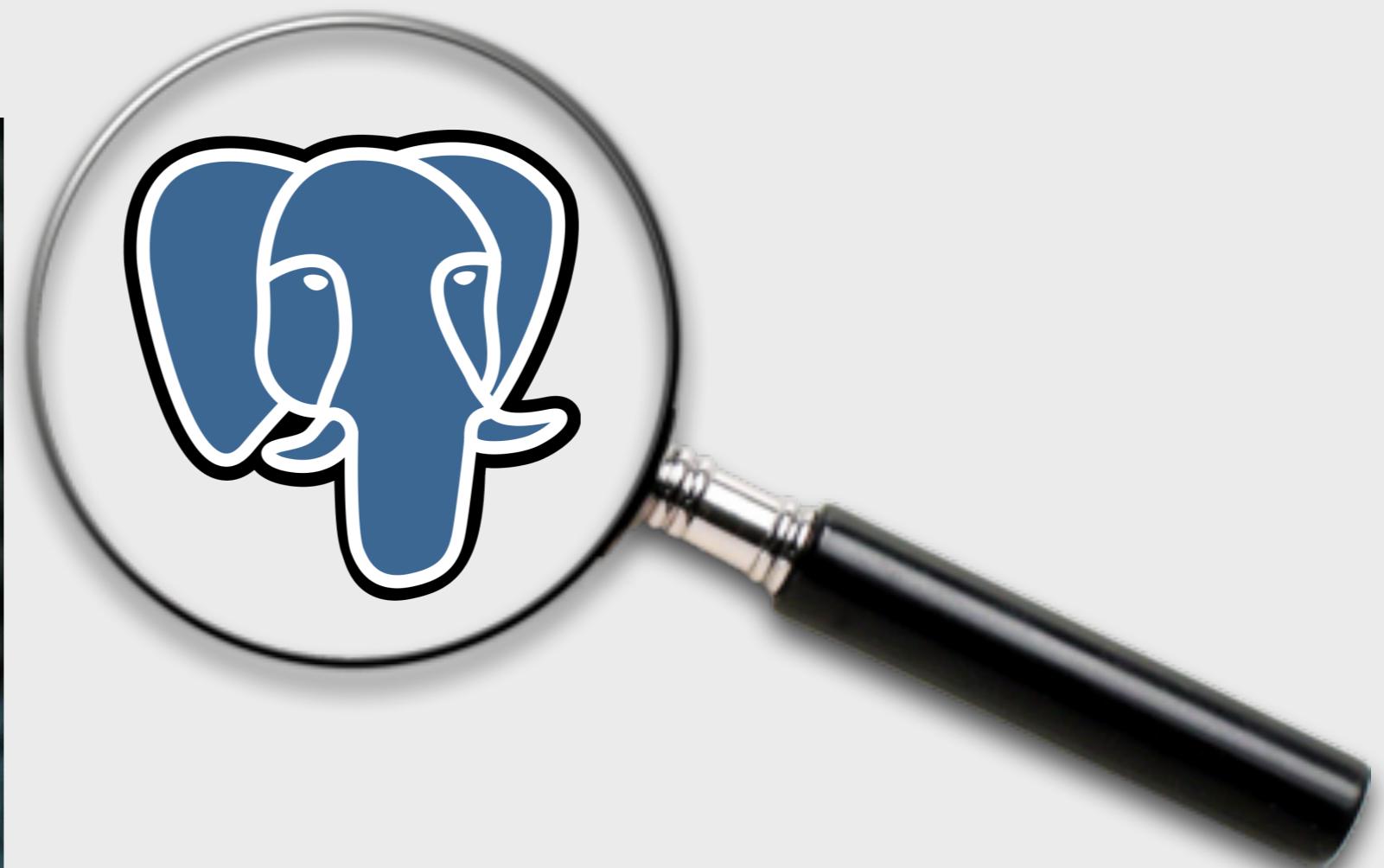
```
→ postgresql git:(master) time rg -uu bigint
0.14s user 0.40s system 180% cpu 0.297
total
```

Processor 2.5 GHz Intel Core i7
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Text Search benchmarks

Tool	Command	Line count	Time
ripgrep (Unicode)	<code>rg -n -w '[A-Z]+_SUSPEND'</code>	450	0.134s
The Silver Searcher	<code>ag -w '[A-Z]+_SUSPEND'</code>	450	0.753s
git grep	<code>LC_ALL=C git grep -E -n -w '[A-Z]+_SUSPEND'</code>	450	0.823s
git grep (Unicode)	<code>LC_ALL=en_US.UTF-8 git grep -E -n -w '[A-Z]+_SUSPEND'</code>	450	2.880s
sift	<code>sift --git -n -w '[A-Z]+_SUSPEND'</code>	450	3.656s
The Platinum Searcher	<code>pt -w -e '[A-Z]+_SUSPEND'</code>	450	12.369s
ack	<code>ack -w '[A-Z]+_SUSPEND'</code>	1878	16.952s

PostgreSQL



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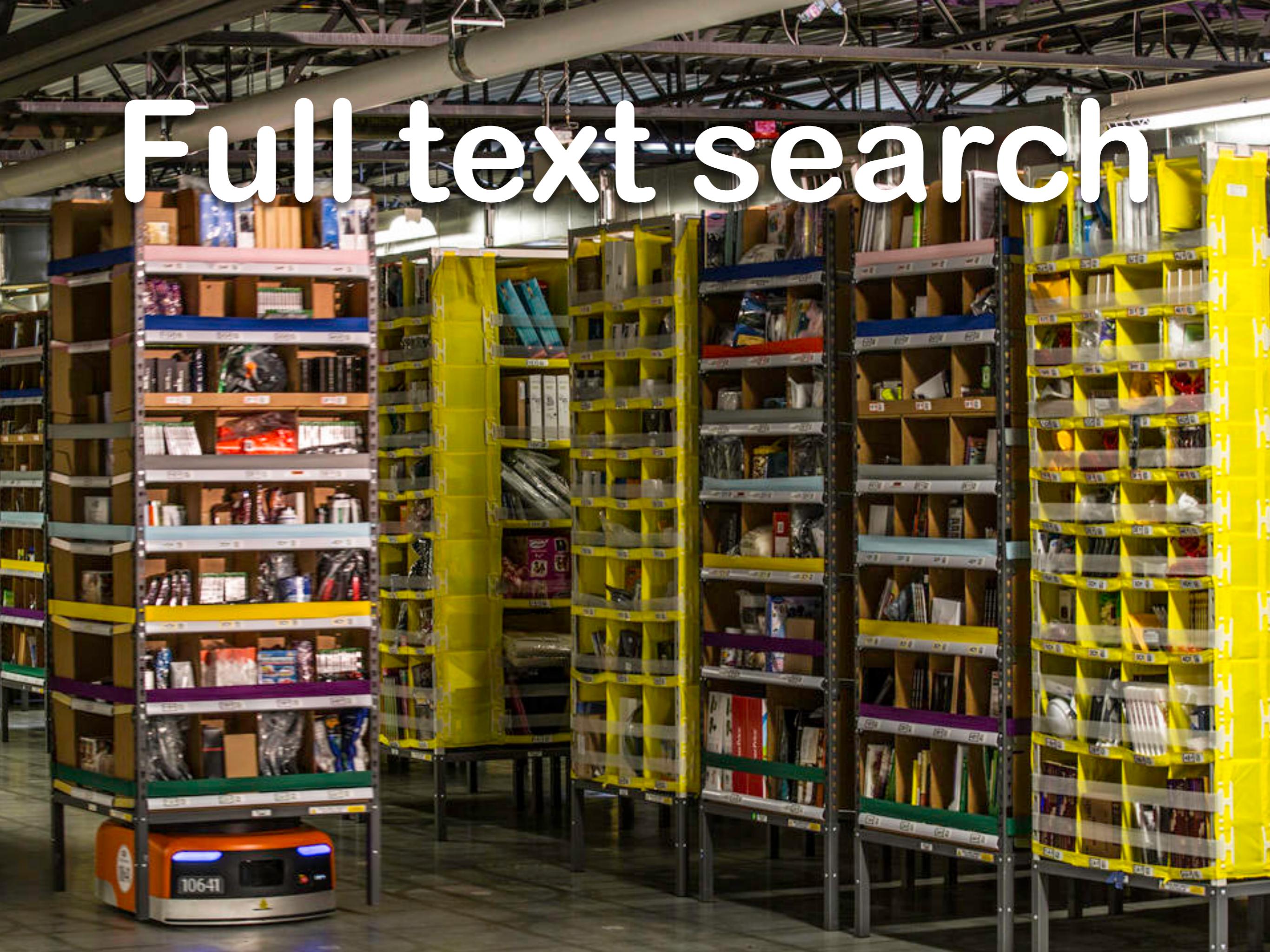
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Full text search



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significant terms



PostgreSQL

Full Text Search

```
db=# SELECT to_tsvector('kiev devops  
meetups') @@ to_tsquery('meetup');  
?column?
```

```
-----  
t  
( 1 row )
```

'kiev devops **meetups**' <-> '**meetup**'

Simple Full text search

```
SELECT to_tsvector('kiev devops meetup')
@@ to_tsquery('kiev meetup');
ERROR:  syntax error in tsquery: "kiev
meetup"
```

Simple Full text search

```
SELECT to_tsvector('kiev devops  
meetups')  
@@ to_tsquery('meetup & kiev');  
?column?
```

```
t  
( 1 row)
```

iTunes Database

```
select count(*) from application;  
count
```

```
2366689  
( 1 row )
```

More real example

Full text search

```
select title from application where search_vector @@  
to_tsquery('Facebook') LIMIT 5;
```

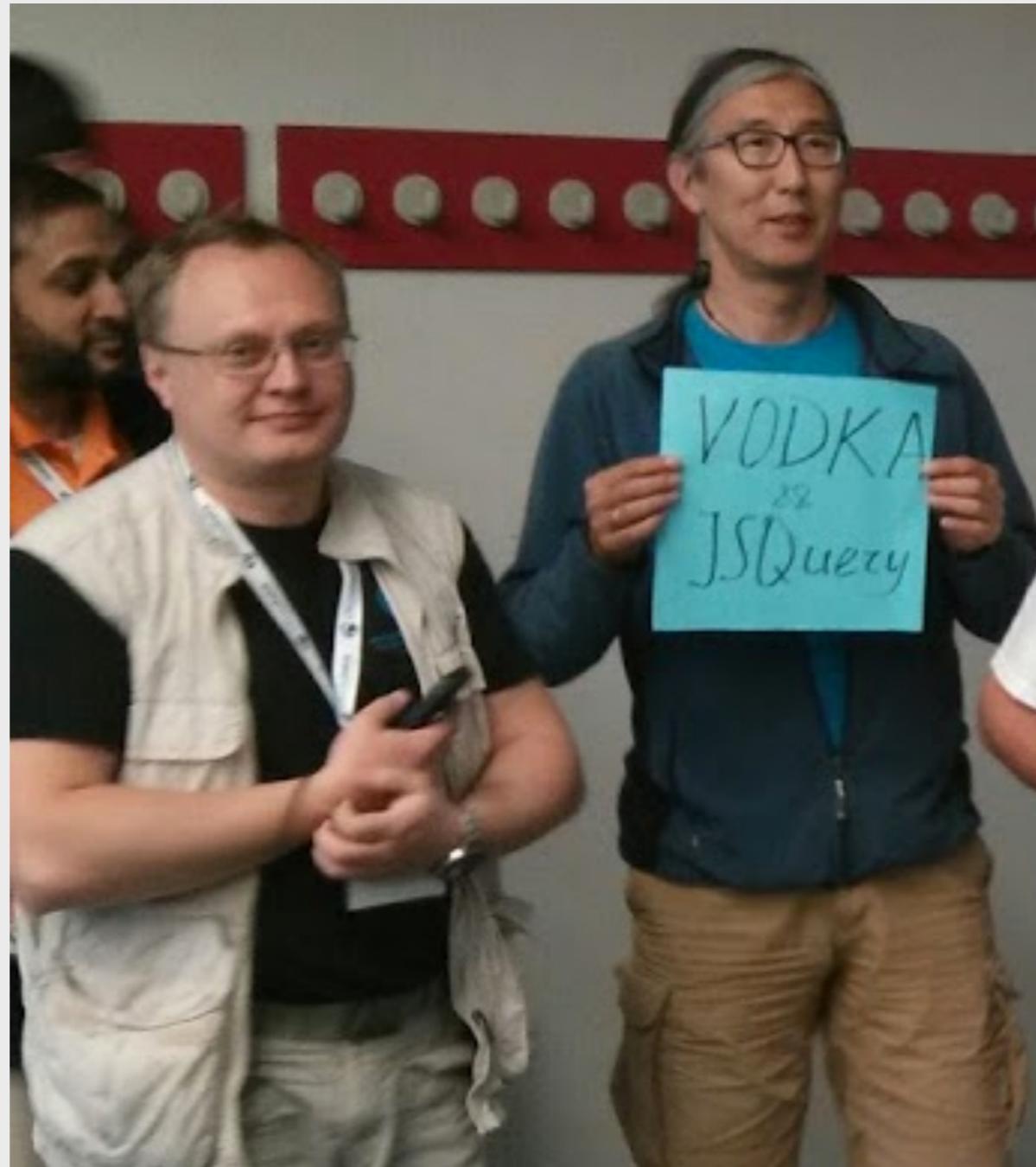
title

```
... for Facebook, WhatsApp, Twitter  
... Hair Sticker Editor for Facebook Anime Edition  
... Telegram, Kik, GroupMe, Viber, Snapchat, Facebook Me  
... T-Shirt for Facebook - ...  
... Facebook - Check if someone ... on Facebook  
(5 rows)
```

Origins of phrase search

text a <-> text b

Phrase search



Teodor Sigaev and Oleg Bartunov

New FOLLOWED BY operator

```
select phraseto_tsquery(  
'PostgreSQL allows searching for waxed  
ducks.' );
```

phraseto_tsquery

```
-----  
'postgresql' <-> 'allow' <-> 'search'  
<2> 'wax' <-> 'duck'  
( 1 row )
```

New FOLLOWED BY operator

SELECT

```
to_tsvector('kiev devops meetup') @@  
to_tsquery('kiev <-> devops');
```

?column?

```
t  
( 1 row)
```

New FOLLOWED BY operator

SELECT

```
to_tsvector('kiev devops meetup') @@  
to_tsquery('kiev <-> meetup');
```

?column?

f
(1 **row**)

New FOLLOWED BY operator

SELECT

```
to_tsvector('kiev devops meetup') @@  
to_tsquery(  
'kiev <-> devops & devops <-> meetup');
```

?column?

t
(1 **row**)

New FOLLOWED BY operator

SELECT

```
to_tsvector('kiev devops meetup') @@  
to_tsquery('kiev <2> meetup');
```

?column?

```
t  
( 1 row)
```

near phrase search :)

```
select seller_name from application where  
search_vector @@ plainto_tsquery('Facebook Inc')  
LIMIT 5;
```

seller_name

```
-----  
FunPokes, Inc.  
DATT JAPAN INC.  
Hoot Live, Inc  
Loytr Inc  
Facebook, Inc.  
( 5 rows )
```

unordered lexeme set

since PostgreSQL 9.6
we have ability to
search for an exact
phrase

Phrase search

```
select seller_name from application
where search_vector @@ 
phraseto_tsquery('Facebook Inc')
LIMIT 5;
```

seller_name

Facebook, Inc.
Facebook, Inc.
Facebook, Inc.
Facebook, Inc.
Facebook, Inc.

As an user I want to see more relevant results

```
select title from application where search_vector @@  
to_tsquery('Facebook') LIMIT 5;
```

title

```
... for Facebook, WhatsApp, Twitter  
... Hair Sticker Editor for Facebook Anime Edition  
... Telegram, Kik, GroupMe, Viber, Snapchat, Facebook Me  
... T-Shirt for Facebook - ...  
... Facebook - Check if someone ... on Facebook  
(5 rows)
```

Ranking Search Results

```
# Ranks vectors based on the frequency  
of their matching lexemes.  
ts_rank(textsearch, query)  
  
# This function computes the cover  
density ranking for the given document  
vector and query  
ts_rank_cd(textsearch, query, 0 /* 1 2  
4 8 16 32 */)
```

Ranking Search Results

```
select left(title, 40),  
ts_rank_cd(search_vector_title,  
phraseto_tsquery('instagram')) as rank  
from application  
where search_vector_title @@  
phraseto_tsquery('instagram')  
order by rank  
LIMIT 5;
```

left	rank
Love Frames : Share your valentine photo	0.1
FullSized Insta - Square Ready Fotos for	0.1
InstaClean for Instagram -Cleaner Mass D	0.1
Stickers Free for WhatsApp, Telegram, Ki	0.1
Pip Camera - Photo Collage Maker For Ins	0.1

divides the rank by the document length

```
select left(title, 40),  
ts_rank_cd(search_vector_title,  
phraseto_tsquery('facebook'), 2) as rank from  
application where search_vector_title @@  
phraseto_tsquery('facebook') order by rank desc  
LIMIT 5;
```

left	rank
Facebook	0.1
Who Deleted Me? for Facebook	0.05
Location for Facebook	0.05
MessengerApp for Facebook	0.05
Picturito for Facebook	0.05
(5 rows)	

Performance

GIN



Generalized Inverted index

1	Term	Doc_1	Doc_2
2		-----	
3	Quick		X
4	The	X	
5	brown	X	X
6	dog	X	
7	dogs		X
8	fox	X	
9	foxes		X
10	in		X
11	jumped	X	
12	lazy	X	X
13	leap		X
14	over	X	X
15	quick	X	
16	summer		X
17	the	X	
18		-----	



GIN

```
CREATE INDEX name ON table USING GIN  
(column);
```

GIN



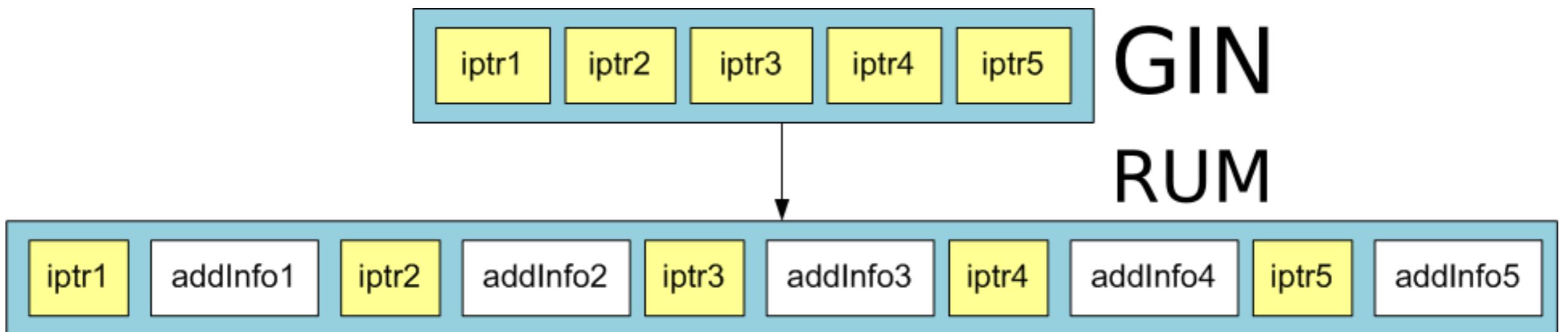
GIN

- Slow ranking.
- Slow phrase search
- Slow ordering by timestamp

RUM



RUM index



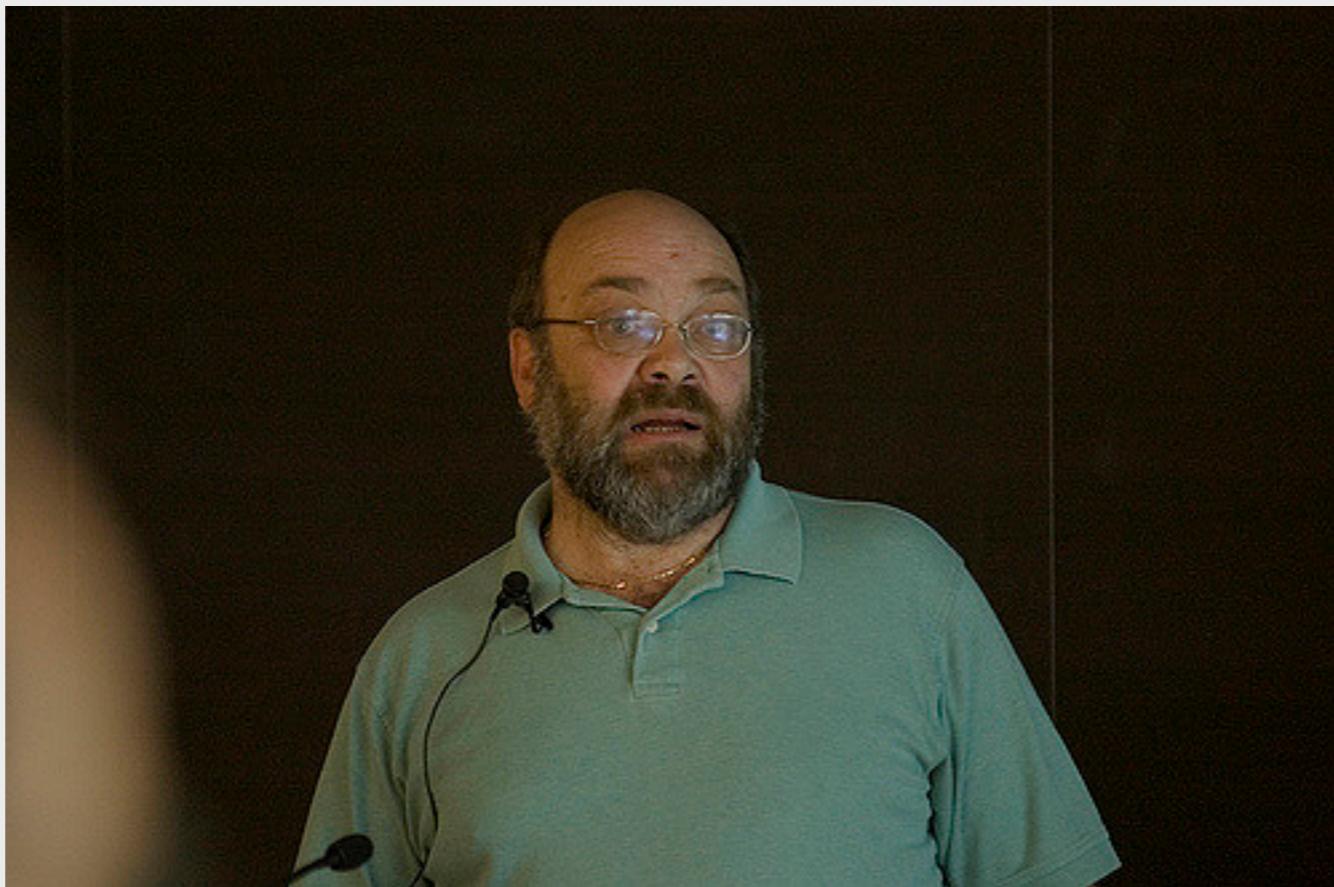
<https://github.com/postgrespro/rum>

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Andrew Dunstan committed patch:



[http://git.postgresql.org/pg/commitdiff/
e306df7f9cd6b4433273e006df11bdc966b7079e](http://git.postgresql.org/pg/commitdiff/e306df7f9cd6b4433273e006df11bdc966b7079e)

PostgreSQL 10

Full text search

support for json and

jsonb

Release date: August 10th, 2017

```
$ select id, jsonb_pretty(payload) from test;
 id |          jsonb_pretty
---+
 1 | {
    "glossary": {
      "title": "example glossary",
      "GlossDiv": {
        "title": "S",
        "GlossList": {
          "GlossEntry": {
            "ID": "SGML",
            "Abbrev": "ISO 8879:1986",
            "SortAs": "SGML",
            "Acronym": "SGML",
            "GlossDef": {
              "para": "A meta-markup language, used to create markup languages such as DocBook.",
              "GlossSeeAlso": [
                "GML",
                "XML"
              ],
              "GlossSee": "markup",
              "GlossTerm": "Standard Generalized Markup Language"
            }
          }
        }
      }
    }
}
(1 row)
```

Full text search on json

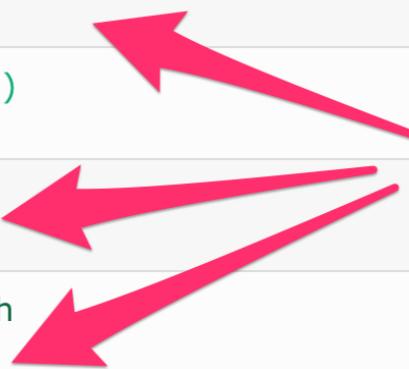
```
select to_tsvector('english', payload) from test;
          to_tsvector
-----
'1986':8 '8879':7 'creat':21 'docbook':26
'exAMPL':1 'general':35 'glossari':2.
. 'gml':28 'iso':6 'languag':18,23,37 'markup':
17,22,32,36 'meta':16 'meta-mark.
.up':15 'sgml':4,10,12 'standard':34 'use':19
'xml':30
(1 row)
```



django

Django 2.0

#28194	Add search rank cd function and normalization for Postgres full text search	assigned	Andrii Soldatenko	New feature	contrib.postgres	1.11
#28077	Allow specifying an operator class for GinIndex()	new		New feature	contrib.postgres	1.11
#28041	Postgres prefix searching for full text search	assigned	Joe Tsoi	New feature	contrib.postgres	1.10
#27899	Phrase search query for Postgres full text search	assigned	Andrii Soldatenko	New feature	contrib.postgres	master



Django hardcoded ts functions

```
class SearchQuery(SearchQueryCombinable, Value):
    def as_sql(self, compiler, connection):
        ...
        template =
'plainto_tsquery({}::regconfig,
%s)'.format(config_sql)
```

Django ORM cd_ranks

```
class SearchRankCD(SearchRank):
    function = 'ts_rank_cd'

    def __init__(self, vector, query, normalization=0, **extra):
        super(SearchRank, self).__init__(
            vector, query, normalization, **extra)

query = SearchQuery('messenger')

Application.objects.annotate(
    rank=SearchRankCD(
        F('search_vector_title'), query,
        normalization=2) # 2 divides the rank by the document length
).filter(search_vector_title=query).order_by('-rank')
```

Conclusions

- PostgreSQL FTS combine with relation queries.
- phrase search works fast (ms)
- don't forget to contribute if you fix something

Thank You

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