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# RELATIONAL DATABASE TUTORIAL (SQL)

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Uses material from [w3Schools SQL Tutorial](#) and applies examples to the [Citizens Police Data Project](#)

# Github Link with Example Queries

[https://github.com/blainerothrock/sql\\_demo](https://github.com/blainerothrock/sql_demo)

# What is SQL?

- SQL stands for **Structured Query Language**
  - No longer Structured English QUery Language (SEQUEL)
- SQL lets you **access** and **manipulate** databases
- SQL became a standard of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) in 1986, and of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in 1987

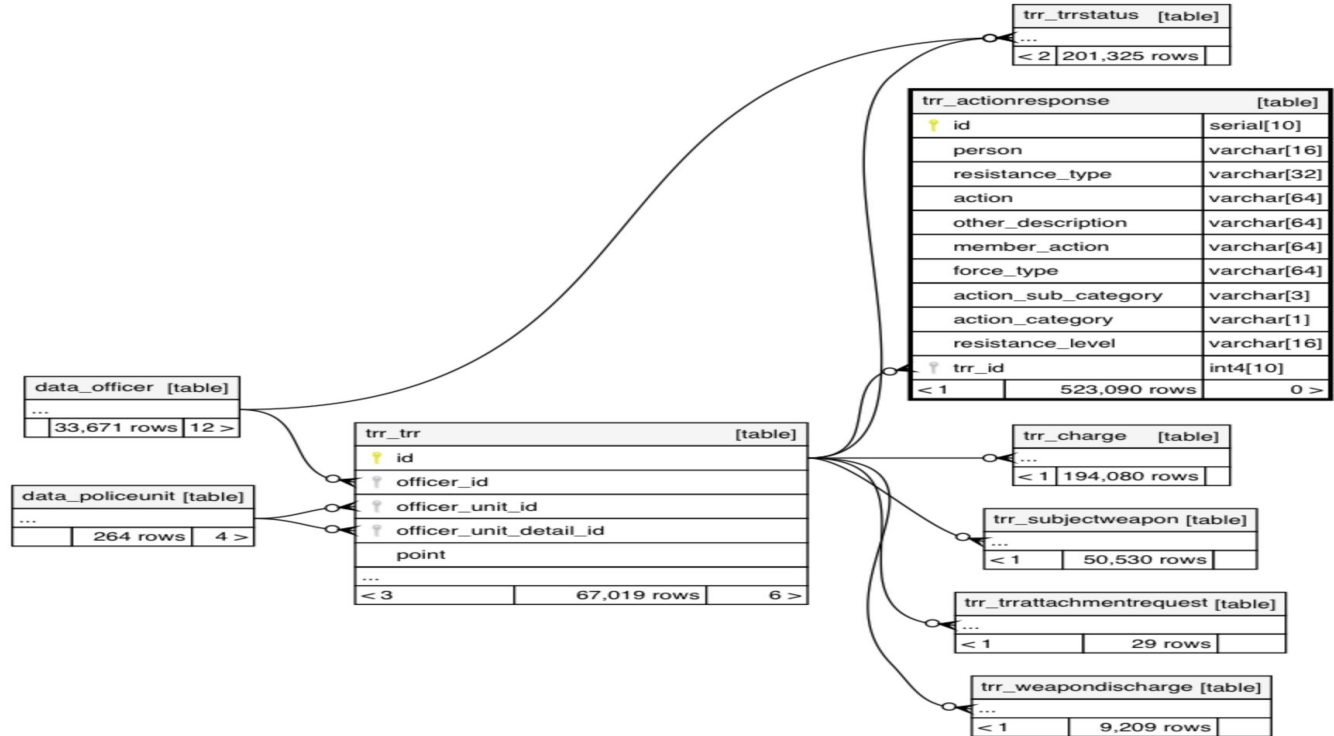
```
SELECT * FROM data_officer
```

# What can SQL do?

- Execute queries against a database
- Retrieve data from a database
- Insert records in a database
- Update records in a database
- Delete records from a database
- Create new databases
- Create new tables in a database
- Create stored procedures in a database
- Create views in a database
- Can set permissions on tables, procedures, and views

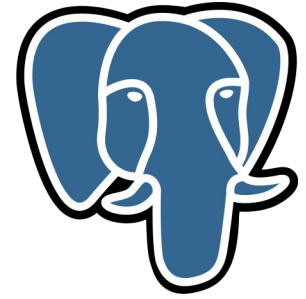
# Working with SQL

Schema:



# What is PostgreSQL?

- Open source RDBMS
- Release in 1996
- Large support with interfaces



# Setup

- CPDP instructions found in [Checkpoint 1](#)
  - This will set you up with the command line interface for PostgreSQL
  - Knowing the command line is **extremely helpful**
- GUI Tools
  - [pgAdmin 4](#) (the standard, open source)
  - [DataGrip](#) (JetBrains)
  - [Postico](#) (dead simple, macOS)



# SQL Query Tutorial

# SELECT statement

```
SELECT first_name as first, last_name as last  
FROM data_officer
```

# WHERE Clause

```
SELECT *  
FROM data_officer  
WHERE birth_year = 1990;
```

# Data Types

| Table "public.data_officer"  |                        |           |          |  |
|--|------------------------|-----------|----------|--|
| Column   | Type                   | Collation | Nullable | Default                                  |
| id   | integer                |           | not null | nextval('data_officer_id_seq'::regclass) |
| gender   | character varying(1)   |           | not null |  |
| race   | character varying(50)  |           | not null |  |
| appointed_date   | date                   |           |          |  |
| rank   | character varying(100) |           | not null |  |
| active   | character varying(10)  |           | not null |  |
| birth_year   | integer                |           |          |  |
| first_name   | character varying(255) |           | not null |  |
| last_name  | character varying(255) |           | not null |  |
| tags   | character varying(20)  |           | not null |  |
| middle_initial   | character varying(5)   |           |          |  |
| suffix_name  | character varying(5)   |           |          |  |
| resignation_date   | date                   |           |          |  |
| complaint_percentile   | numeric(6,4)           |           |          |  |
| middle_initial2  | character varying(5)   |           |          |  |
| civilian_allegation_percentile   | numeric(6,4)           |           |          |  |
| honorable_mention_percentile   | numeric(6,4)           |           |          |  |
| internal_allegation_percentile   | numeric(6,4)           |           |          |  |
| trr_percentile   | numeric(6,4)           |           |          |  |
| Indexes:   |                        |           |          |  |
| "data_officer_pkey" PRIMARY KEY, btree (id)  |                        |           |          |  |
| "data_officer_2a034e9d" btree (first_name)   |                        |           |          |  |
| "data_officer_7d4553c0" btree (last_name)  |                        |           |          |  |
| Referenced by:   |                        |           |          |  |
| TABLE "data_area" CONSTRAINT "data_area_commander_id_45ac9547_fk_data_officer_id" FOREIGN KEY (commander_id) REFERENCES data_officer(id) DEFERRABLE INITIALLY DEFERRED |                        |           |          |  |
| TABLE "data_award" CONSTRAINT "data_award_officer_id_92c5d789_fk_data_officer_id" FOREIGN KEY (officer_id) REFERENCES data_officer(id) DEFERRABLE INITIALLY DEFERRED   |                        |           |          |  |
| :  |                        |           |          |  |

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"dhcp-10-105-107-86.wi" 18:56 26-Sep-19

# Text & Strings

- **CHAR(size)** - fixed length string
- **VARCHAR(size)** - varying length string with max size
- **TEXT(size)** - string with maximum size of 65,535 bytes
- **BINARY/VARBINARY(size)** - binary string array with byte size
- **BLOB(size)** - binary large objects. LongBLOBs max is 4GB
  - TINYBLOB
  - MEDIUMBLOB
  - LONGBLOB
- **ENUM(val1, val2, ... valn)** - String with only 1 value
- **SET(val1, val2, ... valn)** - String with 0 or more values

```
... WHERE first_name = 'NAME'
```

# Numeric

- **BIT(size)** - bit-value of a certain size.
- **INT(size)**
  - BIGINT
  - MEDIUMINT
  - SMALLINT
  - TINYINT
- **BOOL**
- **FLOAT**
- **DECIMAL(size, d)** - an exact fixed-point decimal of size

```
...WHERE complaint_percentile >= 99.0;
```

# Date & Time

- **DATE** - YYYY-MM-DD
- **DATETIME** - YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss
  - DEFAULT - created date
  - ON UPDATE - last modified
- **TIMESTAMP** - stored as number of seconds since unix epoch (01/01/1970)
- **TIME** - hh:mm:ss (can be negative)
- **YEAR** - year in four-digit format

```
...WHERE incident_date = '2018-01-31';
```

# SQL Operators

- **Arithmetic:** +, -, \*, /, %
- **Bitwise:** &, |, ^
- **Comparison:** =, <, >, <=, >=, <>
- **Compound:** +=, -=, \*=, /=
- **Logical:** ALL, AND, ANY, BETWEEN, EXIST, IN, LIKE, NOT, OR, SOME



## Where cont.

```
SELECT *  
FROM data_officer  
WHERE resignation_date = '2016-07-31';
```

## Where cont.

```
SELECT *  
FROM data_officer  
WHERE civilian_allegation_percentile > 99.9
```

## And, Not and Or

```
SELECT *  
FROM data_allegation  
WHERE is_officer_complaint = True  
AND NOT location = 'Police Building'  
AND beat_id NOTNULL  
AND (beat_id = 160 OR beat_id = 139);
```

## Order By

```
SELECT first_name, last_name, birth_year  
FROM data_officer  
WHERE birth_year NOTNULL  
ORDER BY birth_year DESC;
```

# Null

```
SELECT COUNT(*)  
FROM data_award  
WHERE ceremony_date IS NULL;
```

## Quiz #1 (for candy)

What is the birth year of the youngest officers?

## Potential Solution

```
SELECT id, first_name, last_name, birth_year,  
complaint_percentile  
FROM data_officer  
WHERE birth_year NOTNULL  
      AND active = 'Yes'  
      AND complaint_percentile > 0.0  
ORDER BY birth_year DESC, complaint_percentile DESC;
```

# Min, Max, Count, Avg, Sum

```
SELECT SUM(salary)
FROM data_salary
WHERE year = 2017;
```

[More SQL Functions](#)



# Like & Wildcards (pattern matching)

[PostgreSQL pattern matching](#)

```
SELECT *  
FROM data_allegationcategory  
WHERE allegation_name LIKE '%Abuse%';
```

# In

```
SELECT *  
FROM data_allegation  
WHERE beat_id in (159, 66, 112);
```

# Between

```
SELECT *  
FROM data_officer_allegation  
WHERE start_date BETWEEN '2016-01-01' AND '2016-01-31';
```

# Group By

```
SELECT location, COUNT(id)
FROM data_allegation
GROUP BY location
```

## Quiz #2 (for more candy)

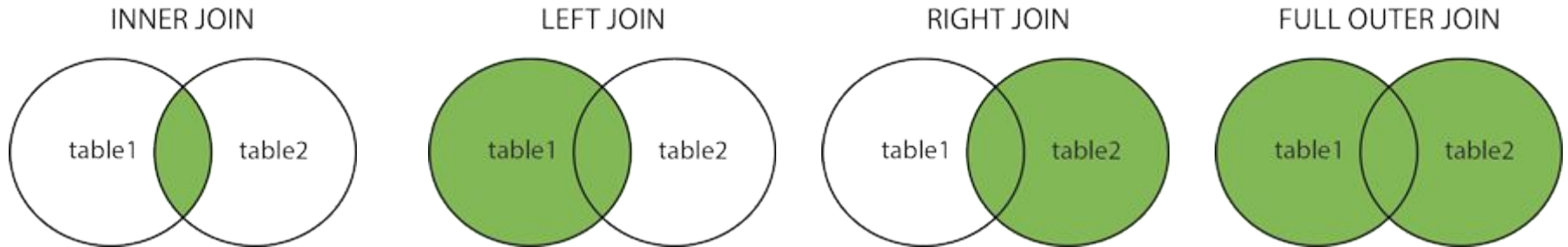
How many allegations were filed in 2004?

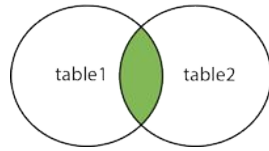
# Potential Solution

```
SELECT COUNT(*)  
FROM data_allegation  
WHERE incident_date BETWEEN '2004-01-01' AND '2004-12-31';
```

# Introduction: Joins

Joins are used to combine rows from two or more tables based on related fields

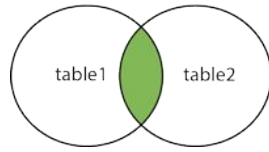




# Inner Join

```
-- all officers w/ allegation records  
SELECT first_name AS first, last_name AS last  
FROM data_officer o  
INNER JOIN data_officer_allegation a  
ON o.id = a.officer_id
```



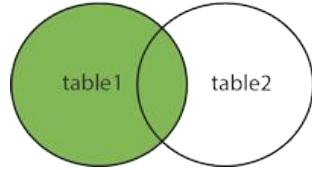


## Inner Join (2) - same result as previous slide

```
-- all officers w/ allegation records  
SELECT first_name AS first, last_name AS last  
FROM data_officer o, data_officer_allegation a  
WHERE o.id = a.officer_id
```

# Left Join & Group by

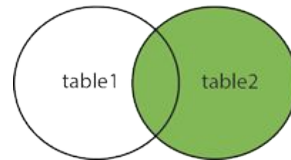
LEFT JOIN



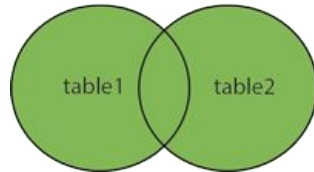
```
-- all officers allegation count
SELECT o.id, COUNT(a.id) as allegation_count
FROM data_officer o
LEFT JOIN data_officer_allegation a on o.id = a.officer_id
GROUP BY o.id
ORDER BY allegation_count DESC;
```

# Right Join

RIGHT JOIN



```
-- officers allegation count with >=1 allegation
SELECT o.id, COUNT(a.id) as allegation_count
FROM data_officer o
RIGHT JOIN data_officer_allegation a on o.id = a.officer_id
GROUP BY o.id
ORDER BY allegation_count DESC;
```



# Full Outer Join

```
SELECT o.id as officer_id, tts.id as trr_status_id
FROM data_officer o
FULL OUTER JOIN trr_trrstatus tts on o.id = tts.officer_id
```

# Self Join

```
SELECT o1.first_name AS officer_1, o2.first_name AS officer_2,  
o1.last_name  
FROM data_officer o1, data_officer o2  
WHERE o1.id <> o2.id  
AND o1.last_name = o2.last_name;
```

## Quiz #3

Which rank has the lowest average salary? What is the average?

## Potential Solution

```
SELECT s.rank, AVG(salary)
FROM data_officer o
INNER JOIN data_salary s
ON s.officer_id = o.id
GROUP BY s.rank
ORDER BY AVG(salary) ASC
```

# Union

```
SELECT race
FROM data_officer
UNION
SELECT race
FROM data_complainant
UNION
SELECT race
FROM data_victim
```



# Having

```
-- locations with over 250 allegations before 2016
SELECT location, COUNT(id)
FROM data_allegation
WHERE NOT location = ''
AND incident_date <= '2015-12-31'
GROUP BY location
HAVING count(id) > 250
ORDER BY count(id) DESC
```

# Exists

```
-- officers with allegations resulting in suspension
SELECT first_name, last_name
FROM data_officer o
WHERE EXISTS
(
    SELECT id
    FROM data_officer_allegation a
    WHERE o.id = a.officer_id
    AND final_outcome LIKE '%Suspen%'
)
```

# Any & All

```
SELECT id
FROM data_allegation
WHERE id = ANY
(
    SELECT allegation_id
    FROM data_officer_allegation
    WHERE final_outcome LIKE '%Suspen%'
);
```

# SQL Database Manipulation

## Select Into

```
SELECT *  
INTO beat_66_allegations  
FROM data_allegation  
WHERE beat_id = 66;
```

# Views

```
CREATE VIEW beat_66_allegations AS  
SELECT * FROM data_allegation  
WHERE beat_id = 66;
```

# Create Table

```
CREATE TABLE public.data_allegation_areas (  
    id integer NOT NULL,  
    allegation_id integer NOT NULL,  
    area_id integer NOT NULL  
);
```

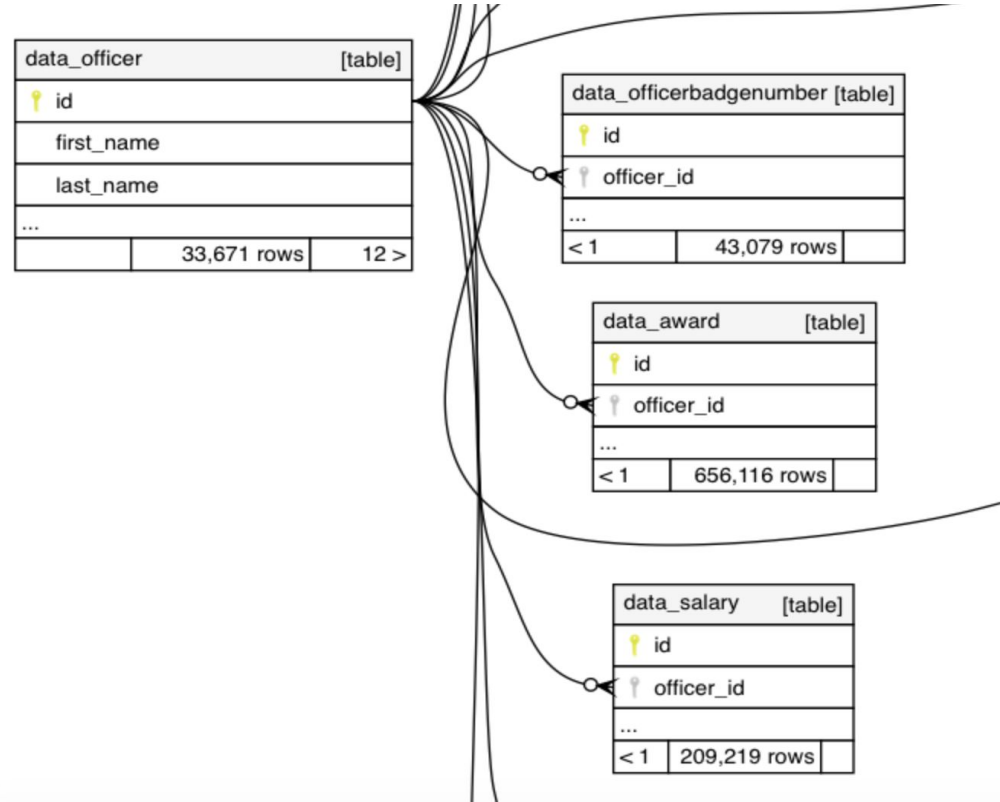
# Quick Primer on Keys

- Relations (tables) are sets
  - **No duplicate tuples (rows) within a table** - each one is unique
  - Each tuple must be different in at least one attribute (column)
- Candidate Keys
  - A minimal set of attributes such that no two tuples in the table can have the same value in all those attributes
  - Choose one of the candidate keys to be the **primary key (PK)**
    - *Example:* Social Security Number (SSN) - guaranteed to be unique
      - So PK: (SSN)
    - PK can have multiple attributes: (ID, another\_attribute)



# Quick Primer on Keys

- **Foreign Keys (FK)**
  - Gold is **primary key**
  - Gray is **foreign key**
- **Referential Integrity**
  - Every **officer\_id** in the *data\_award* table must be found in the *data\_officer* table in **id** column



# Create Table, Primary Keys, and Foreign Keys

```
CREATE TABLE public.data_allegation_areas (  
    id integer NOT NULL references public.data_allegation(id),  
    allegation_id integer NOT NULL,  
    area_id integer NOT NULL,  
    PRIMARY KEY id  
);
```

# Delete Table

```
DROP TABLE public.copa_officer;
```

# Insert Data

```
INSERT INTO public.data_allegation_areas (id,  
allegation_id, area_id) VALUES (1234, 5678, 9);
```

```
INSERT INTO student (id, first_name, last_name, yr)  
VALUES (1234, 'Jane', 'Doe', 'Sophomore');
```

# Update Tuples

```
UPDATE student  
SET first_name = 'John', yr = 'Senior'  
WHERE id = 1234;
```

# Delete Tuples

```
DELETE FROM student WHERE id = 1234;
```

# Advanced SQL

# SQL CASE Statements

```
SELECT id, first_name, last_name,  
       CASE  
         WHEN complaint_percentile >= 99.0 THEN 'Top 1%'  
         WHEN complaint_percentile >= 90.0 THEN 'Top 10%'  
         WHEN complaint_percentile >= 75.0 THEN 'Top 25%'  
         WHEN complaint_percentile >= 25.0 THEN 'Top 75%'  
         ELSE 'Bottom 25%'  
       END as allegation_count  
FROM data_officer
```



# SQL Sequence

The sequence is a special type of data created to generate unique numeric identifiers in the [PostgreSQL database](#).

```
CREATE SEQUENCE sequence_1
START WITH 100
INCREMENT BY 1
MINVALUE 0
MAXVALUE 10000
NOCYCLE;
```

```
INSERT into students
VALUES(sequence_1.nextval, 'Blaine');
INSERT into students
VALUES(sequence_1.nextval, 'Grant');
INSERT into students
VALUES(sequence_1.nextval, 'Sundar');
```

# Index

- Indexes are used to retrieve data very fast
- Should only be used when necessary

```
CREATE INDEX idx_incident_date  
ON data_allegation (incident_date)  
  
DROP INDEX idx_incident_date;
```

# Working with SQL and Troubleshooting

- Connecting to your Database

```
Last login: Sun Sep 29 16:49:12 on ttys002
(base)
sundar@dhcp-10-105-163-222 ~
[$ psql cpdb cpdb
[Password for user cpdb:
psql (11.5)
Type "help" for help.
```

# Working with SQL and Troubleshooting

- Show me all my Databases : \l (L in lower case)

```
cpdb=#
[cpdb=#
[cpdb=#
[cpdb=# \l
```

| List of databases |          |          |         |       |  |
|-------------------|----------|----------|---------|-------|--|
| Name              | Owner    | Encoding | Collate | Ctype | Access privileges                      |
| cpdb              | cpdb     | UTF8     | C       | C     |  |
| cpdp              | postgres | UTF8     | C       | C     |  |
| postgres          | postgres | UTF8     | C       | C     |  |
| template0         | postgres | UTF8     | C       | C     | =c/postgres +<br>postgres=CTc/postgres |
| template1         | postgres | UTF8     | C       | C     | =c/postgres +<br>postgres=CTc/postgres |

```
(5 rows)

[cpdb=#
[cpdb=#
```

# Working with PSQL and Troubleshooting

- Which Database am I connected to : \conninfo

```
[cpdb-#  
[cpdb-#  
[cpdb-#  
[cpdb-#  
[cpdb-#  
[cpdb-#  
[cpdb-#  
[cpdb-# \conninfo  
You are connected to database "cpdb" as user "cpdb" via socket in "/tmp" at port "5432".  
[cpdb-#  
[cpdb-#  
[cpdb-#  
[cpdb-#  
[cpdb-#
```

# Working with SQL and Troubleshooting

- Show me all my tables : \dt

```
cpdb=#  
[cpdb=#  
[cpdb=#  
[cpdb=#  
[cpdb=# \dt
```

| List of relations |                              |       |        |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Schema            | Name                         | Type  | Owner  |
| public            | copa_officer                 | table | jennie |
| public            | data_allegation              | table | cpdb   |
| public            | data_allegation_areas        | table | cpdb   |
| public            | data_allegation_line_areas   | table | cpdb   |
| public            | data_allegationcategory      | table | cpdb   |
| public            | data_area                    | table | cpdb   |
| public            | data_attachmentfile          | table | cpdb   |
| public            | data_award                   | table | cpdb   |
| public            | data_complainant             | table | cpdb   |
| public            | data_investigator            | table | cpdb   |
| public            | data_investigatorallegation  | table | cpdb   |
| public            | data_involvement             | table | cpdb   |
| public            | data_linearea                | table | cpdb   |
| public            | data_officer                 | table | cpdb   |
| public            | data_officeralias            | table | cpdb   |
| public            | data_officeralllegation      | table | cpdb   |
| public            | data_officerbadgenumber      | table | cpdb   |
| public            | data_officerhistory          | table | cpdb   |
| public            | data_pipeline_appliedfixture | table | cpdb   |
| public            | data_policeunit              | table | cpdb   |
| public            | data_policewitness           | table | cpdb   |
| public            | data_racepopulation          | table | cpdb   |
| public            | data_salary                  | table | cpdb   |
| public            | data_versioning_changelog    | table | cpdb   |
| public            | data_victim                  | table | cpdb   |
| public            | spatial_ref_sys              | table | cpdb   |
| public            | trr_actionresponse           | table | cpdb   |
| public            | trr_charge                   | table | cpdb   |
| public            | trr_subjectweapon            | table | cpdb   |
| public            | trr_trr                      | table | cpdb   |
| public            | trr_trrattachmentrequest     | table | cpdb   |
| public            | trr_trrstatus                | table | cpdb   |
| public            | trr_weapondischarge          | table | cpdb   |

```
(33 rows)  
cpdb=#
```

# Working with SQL and Troubleshooting

- Switch your Database : \c [new database name]

```
[cpdb=#  
[cpdb=#  
[cpdb=#  
[cpdb=#  
[cpdb=# \c cpdb  
You are now connected to database "cpdb" as user "sundar".  
[cpdb=#  
[cpdb=#  
[cpdb=#  
[cpdb=# \c postgres  
You are now connected to database "postgres" as user "sundar".  
[postgres=#  
[postgres=#  
[postgres=#  
[postgres=#  
postgres=# █
```

# Working with SQL and Troubleshooting

- Describe your table : \d

```
type "help" for help.
[cpdb=# \d copa_officer
```

| Column                             | Type                        | Collation | Nullable | Default |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|---------|
| log_no                             | integer                     |           |          |         |
| complaint_date                     | timestamp without time zone |           |          |         |
| assignment                         | character varying           |           |          |         |
| case_type                          | character varying           |           |          |         |
| current_status                     | character varying           |           |          |         |
| current_category                   | character varying           |           |          |         |
| finding_code                       | character varying           |           |          |         |
| police_shooting                    | character varying           |           |          |         |
| beat                               | character varying           |           |          |         |
| race_of_involved_officer           | character varying           |           |          |         |
| sex_of_involved_officer            | character varying           |           |          |         |
| age_of_involved_officer            | character varying           |           |          |         |
| years_on_force_of_involved_officer | character varying           |           |          |         |
| complaint_hour                     | integer                     |           |          |         |
| complaint_day                      | integer                     |           |          |         |
| complaint_month                    | integer                     |           |          |         |



# Working with SQL and Troubleshooting

- Get Help : \h

```
cpdb=#
cpdb=#
cpdb=# \h
Available help:
ABORT
ALTER AGGREGATE
ALTER COLLATION
ALTER CONVERSION
ALTER DATABASE
ALTER DEFAULT PRIVILEGES
ALTER DOMAIN
ALTER EVENT TRIGGER
ALTER EXTENSION
ALTER FOREIGN DATA WRAPPER
ALTER FOREIGN TABLE
ALTER FUNCTION
ALTER GROUP
ALTER INDEX
ALTER LANGUAGE
ALTER LARGE OBJECT
ALTER MATERIALIZED VIEW
ALTER OPERATOR
ALTER OPERATOR CLASS
ALTER OPERATOR FAMILY
ALTER POLICY
ALTER PROCEDURE
ALTER PUBLICATION
ALTER ROLE
ALTER ROUTINE
ALTER RULE
ALTER SCHEMA
ALTER SEQUENCE
ALTER SERVER
ALTER STATISTICS
ALTER SUBSCRIPTION
ALTER SYSTEM
ALTER TABLE
ALTER TABLESPACE
ALTER TEXT SEARCH CONFIGURATION
ALTER TEXT SEARCH DICTIONARY
ALTER TEXT SEARCH PARSER
ALTER TEXT SEARCH TEMPLATE
ALTER TRIGGER
ALTER TYPE
ALTER USER
ALTER USER MAPPING
ALTER VIEW
ANALYZE
BEGIN
CALL
CHECKPOINT
CLOSE
CLUSTER
COMMENT
COMMIT
COMMIT PREPARED
COPY
CREATE ACCESS METHOD
CREATE AGGREGATE
CREATE CAST
CREATE COLLATION
CREATE CONVERSION
CREATE DATABASE
CREATE DOMAIN
CREATE EVENT TRIGGER
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CREATE TRANSFORM
CREATE TRIGGER
CREATE TYPE
CREATE USER
CREATE USER MAPPING
CREATE VIEW
DEALLOCATE
DECLARE
DELETE
DISCARD
DO
DROP ACCESS METHOD
DROP AGGREGATE
DROP CAST
DROP COLLATION
DROP CONVERSION
DROP DATABASE
DROP DOMAIN
DROP EVENT TRIGGER
```

# Fun with SQL

Some examples on formatting and casting

- 1) TO\_CHAR
- 2) || operator
- 3) Distinct
- 4) Cast
- 5) COALESCE
- 6) NULLIF
- 7) Age(ts,ts) Age(ts)
- 8) TO\_NUMBER(String, Format)

# Postgis

- PostgreSQL extension with support for geographic objects

**Spatial databases store and manipulate spatial objects like any other object in the database.**

The following briefly covers the evolution of spatial databases, and then reviews three aspects that associate *spatial* data with a database – data types, indexes, and functions.

1. **Spatial data types** refer to shapes such as point, line, and polygon;
2. Multi-dimensional **spatial indexing** is used for efficient processing of spatial operations;
3. **Spatial functions**, posed in SQL are for querying of spatial properties and relationships.

# Example: Finding the top nth salary

Using DENSE\_RANK()

```
SELECT officer_id, salary
FROM (
    SELECT salary, officer_id, DENSE_RANK()
        OVER (ORDER BY salary DESC) as dense_rank
    FROM data_salary
) as d
WHERE d.dense_rank = 11
```