Loading Data In Postgresql, Fast. Any Data. PostgreSQL Conference Europe, 2014

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- pgloader
- prefix, skytools
- apt.postgresql.org
- CREATE EXTENSION
- CREATE EVENT TRIGGER
- Bi-Directional Réplication
- pginstall, pgcharts





pgloader : Load Data Into PostgreSQL

http://pgloader.io/





pgloader: Open Source, github

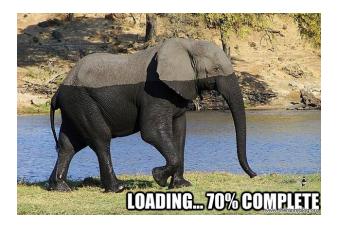
https://github.com/dimitri/pgloader





pgloader: Load Data

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From CSV Files

http://pgloader.io/howto/csv.html





From dBase III Files

http://pgloader.io/howto/dBase.html





From SQLite

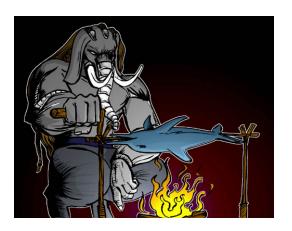
http://pgloader.io/howto/sqlite.html





From a MySQL connection string

http://pgloader.io/howto/mysql.html





From a MySQL connection string

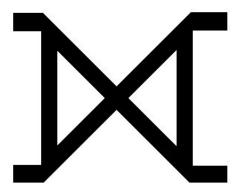
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pgloader: Transforming data on the fly

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pgloader version 3.1.0 is now available



Version 1 TCL, version 2 Python, version 3 Common Lisp



pgloader: loading data fast





User feedback comparing versions 2 and 3, loading CSV files

	•	v2					v3					speedup
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3865750 3994483 (4 rows)												



COPY

The copy command will always be faster than pgloader, but has very limited error handling capability.





pgloader main features

pgloader is not just copy

- Error handling with reject files
- Transforming data on the fly
- A full command language to specify the data loading
- Parallel processing architecture allowing async IO
- · Large number of input file formats, and growing!



Setup used to look like an INI file

```
[pgsql]
base = pgloader
client_encoding = 'latin1'
pg_option_standard_conforming_strings = on
null
empty_string = "\ "
[csv]
table
                 = csv
format
                 = csv
filename
          = csv/csv.data
field_size_limit = 512kB
field_sep
quotechar
                 = x, y, a, b, d:6, c:5
columns
only_cols
                 = 3-6
skip_head_lines = 1
```

Now the setup is a command

```
LOAD CSV
     FROM inline (x, y, a, b, c, d)
     INTO postgresql://pgloader?csv (a, b, d, c)
     WITH truncate,
          skip header = 1,
          fields optionally enclosed by '"',
          fields escaped by double-quote,
          fields terminated by ','
      SET client_encoding to 'latin1',
          work_mem to '12MB',
          standard_conforming_strings to 'on'
```



and the command continues

```
BEFORE LOAD DO

$$ drop table if exists csv; $$,

$$ create table csv (
    a bigint,
    b bigint,
    c char(2),
    d text
   );

$$;
```

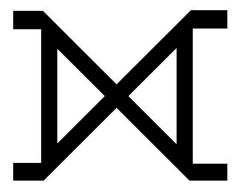


Examples of supported data sources

```
FROM stdin
FROM inline (a, b, c)
FROM data/2013_Gaz_113CDs_national.txt
FROM FILENAME MATCHING ~/GeoLiteCity-Location.csv/
FROM ALL FILENAMES MATCHING ~/F[A-Z]{4}1[45]|0Z20/
FROM http://www.census.gov/geo/maps-data/
            data/docs/gazetteer/places2k.zip
FROM http://www.insee.fr/fr/methodes/nomenclatures/
            cog/telechargement/2013/dbf/historiq2013.zip
FROM 'sqlite/sqlite.db'
FROM mysql://root@localhost/sakila
FROM mysql://root@unix:/tmp/mysql.sock:/goeuro
```

pgloader: Transforming data on the fly

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Transforms

```
FROM FILENAME MATCHING ~/GeoLiteCity-Blocks.csv/
    WITH ENCODING iso-8859-1
    (
        startIpNum, endIpNum, locId
    )
INTO postgresql:///ip4r?geolite.blocks
    (
        iprange ip4r using (ip-range startIpNum endIpNum),
        locId
    )
```

Transforms

```
FROM FILENAME MATCHING ~/GeoLiteCity-Location.csv/
       locId, country,
       region null if blanks,
        city null if blanks,
       postalCode null if blanks,
       latitude, longitude,
       metroCode null if blanks,
       areaCode null if blanks
INTO postgresql:///ip4r?geolite.location
        locid, country, region, city, postalCode,
       location point
          using (format nil "(~a,~a)" longitude latitude),
       metroCode, areaCode
```

Full MySQL to PostgreSQL migration in one command

http://www.galaxya.fr/





Working with Galaxya, used previous toolset

None of them are solving the actual (data) problems...

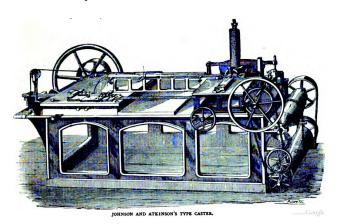
- mysql2pgsql, then manually edit the schema
- SELECT INTO OUTFILE server side, then COPY
- MySQL client pretends to be able to output CSV...
- There's always that last awk or sed step
- Some ruby and python scripts exist too





MySQL vision of data types

Empty string and NULL, default values, zero dates 0000-00-00, int(11), float(20,2), tinyint rather than boolean, sets, encoding, ...





MySQL: CAST rules

```
LOAD DATABASE
```

FROM mysql://root@unix:/tmp/mysql.sock:/goeuro
INTO postgresql://dim@unix:/tmp:/godollar

CAST type datetime to timestamptz

drop default drop not null
using zero-dates-to-null,

column bools.a to boolean drop typemod using tinyint-to-boolean,

type char when (= precision 1)
 to char keep typemod,

column enumerate.foo
 using empty-string-to-null



MySQL: MATERIALIZE VIEWS

So that it's possible to change the Schema (DDL) while migrating

```
MATERIALIZE VIEWS foo,
  d as $$
    select cast(d as date) as d, count(*) as n
        from plop
    where d > '2013-10-02'
    group by cast(d as date);
$$
```



pgloader limits

Still quite some work ahead

- Full support for views (it's another SQL dialect entirely)
- Triggers
- Stores Procedures
- Some data types (geometric)
- ON UPDATE CURRENT TIMESTAMP



Other full database source types







Future





New data sources

Normalizing data while loading might be possible



{JSON}



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Supporting new connection types















Questions?

Now is the time to ask!

