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NOSQL FOR POSTGRESQL

BEST PRACTICES



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Internals

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→ On-disk representation

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- On-disk representation
- In-memory representation

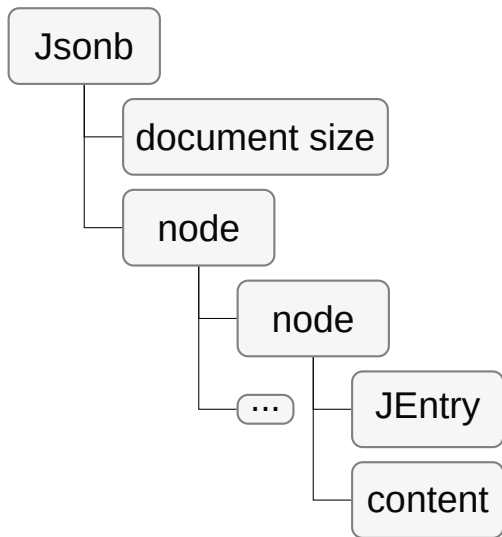
Performance-related factors

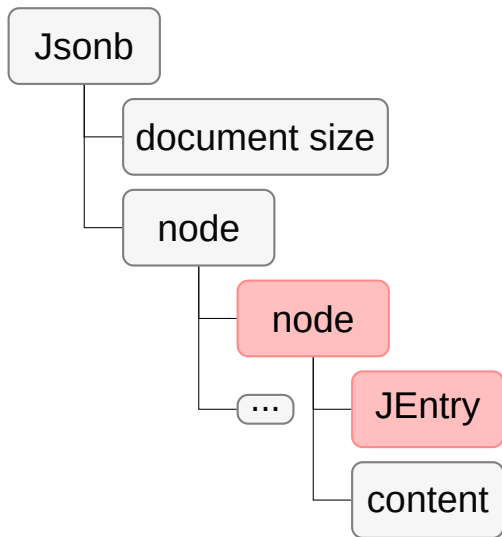
- On-disk representation
- In-memory representation
- Indexing support

**HOW MUCH INFO CAN I PUT
TO A JSON DOCUMENT**



TO WORK EFFICIENTLY WITH IT?





Jsonb Header

type

number of items

JEntry

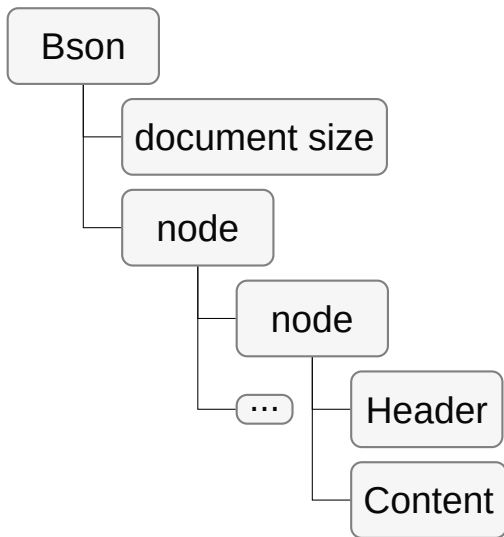
length or offset?

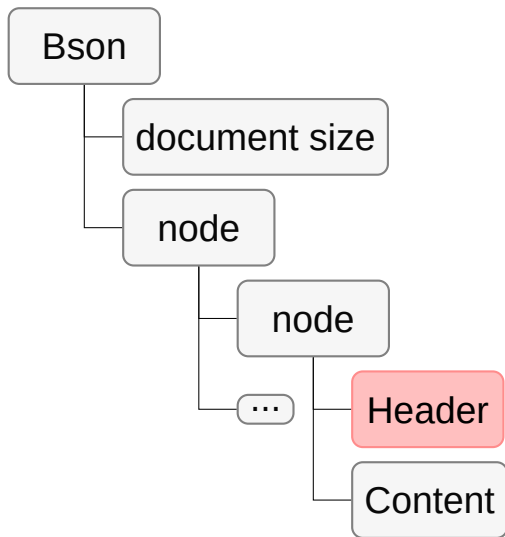
value type

value length or offset

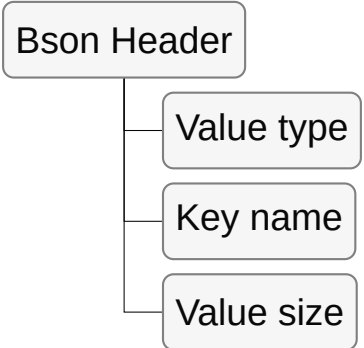
JB_OFFSET_STRIDE

- JEntry may contains a value lenght or offset
- Offset = access speed
- Length = compressibility
- Every **JB_OFFSET_STRIDE**'th JEntry contains an offset
- Rest of them contain length





Bson Header



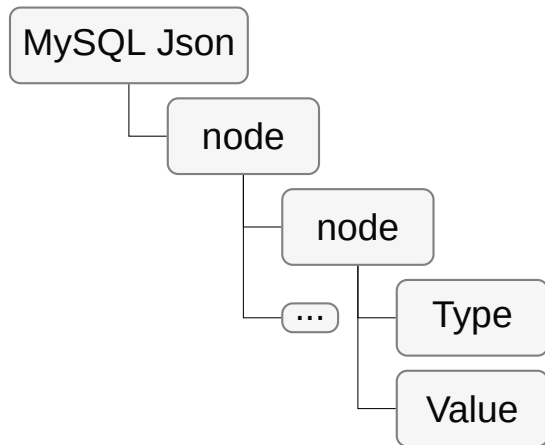
```
graph TD; A[Bson Header] --- B[Value type]; A --- C[Key name]; A --- D[Value size];
```

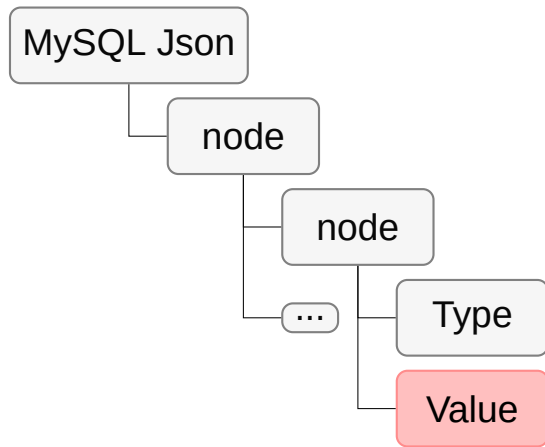
The diagram illustrates the structure of a Bson Header. It consists of a main box labeled 'Bson Header' which is connected by a vertical line to three stacked boxes on the right: 'Value type', 'Key name', and 'Value size'. Each of these three boxes is connected to the main vertical line by a horizontal line.

Value type

Key name

Value size





MySQL Json Object

Count of elements

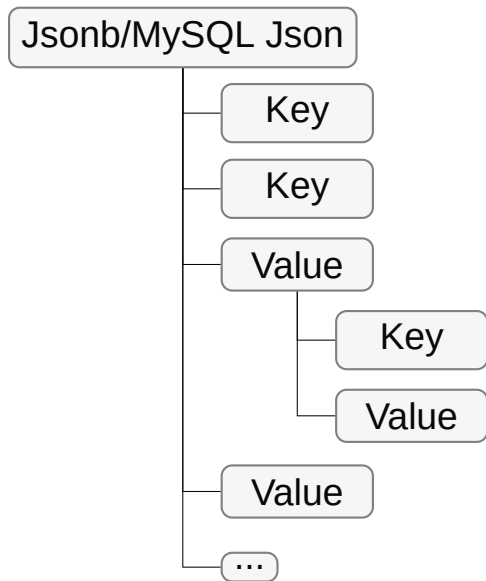
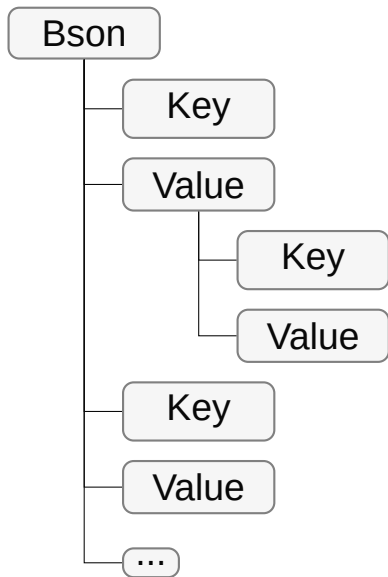
Size

Pointers to keys

Pointers to values

Keys

Values




```
{"a": 3, "b": "xyz"}
```



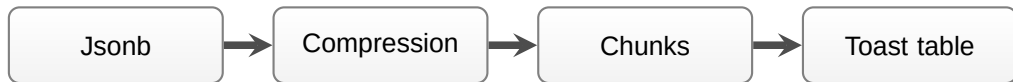
```
bson.dumps({"a": 3, "b": u"xyz"})
```

```
\x17\x00\x00\x00\x10a\x00\x03\x00\x00\x00\x02b\x00\x04\x00\x00\x00xyz\x00\x00
```

```
$ hexdump -C database/table.ibd
```

```
\x00\x02\x00\x18\x00\x12\x00\x01\x00\x13\x00\x01\x00\x05\x03\x00\x0c\x14\x00ab\x03xyz\x00
```

TOAST



- TOAST_TUPLE_THRESHOLD bytes (normally 2 kB)
- PostgreSQL and MySQL use LZ variation
- MongoDB uses snappy block compression

Alignment

Variable-length portion is aligned to a 4-byte

```
insert into test  
values('{"a": "aa", "b": 1}');
```

```
abaa\x20\x00\x00\x00\x00\x80\x01\x00
```

```
insert into test  
values('{"a": 1, "b": "aa"}');
```

```
\x00\x00ab\x00\x00\x20\x00\x00\x00\x00\x80\x01\x00aa
```

In-memory representation

- Tree-like representation (JsonbValue, Document, Json_dom)
- Little bit more expensive but more convenient to work with
- Mostly in use to modify data (except MySQL)
- Most of the read operations use on-disk representation

Indexing support

- PostgreSQL – single path, multiple paths, entire document
- MongoDB – single path, multiple paths
- MySQL – virtual columns, single path, multiple paths

PG indexing details

- JGIN_MAXLENGTH
- jsonb_path
- jsonb_path_ops

Queries

Pitfalls

- No Json path out of the box (jquery, SQL/JSON)
- Queries with an array somewhere in the middle
- Iterating through document
- Update inside document

```
[{
  "items": [
    {"id": 1, "value": "aaa"},
    {"id": 2, "value": "bbb"}
  ]
}, {
  "items": [
    {"id": 3, "value": "aaa"},
    {"id": 4, "value": "bbb"}
  ]
}]
```

```
WITH items AS (  
    SELECT jsonb_array_elements(data->'items')  
    AS item FROM test  
)  
SELECT * FROM items  
WHERE item->'value' = 'aaa';
```

item

```
{ "id": 1, "value": "aaa" }  
{ "id": 3, "value": "aaa" }  
(2 rows)
```

```
{  
  "items": {  
    "item1": {"status": true},  
    "item2": {"status": true},  
    "item3": {"status": false}  
  }  
}
```

```
WITH items AS (  
    SELECT jsonb_each(data->'items')  
    AS item FROM test  
)  
SELECT (item).key FROM items  
WHERE (item).value->'status' = 'true';  
  
key  
--  
item1  
item2  
(2 rows)
```

Benchmarks



GREAT PERFORMANCE

AWS EC2

m4.xlarge instance

separate instance (database and generator)

16GB memory, 4 core 2.3GHz

Ubuntu 16.04

Same VPC and placement group

AMI that supports HVM virtualization type

at least 4 rounds of benchmark

PostgreSQL 9.6.3

MySQL 5.7.9/8.0

MongoDB 3.4.4

YCSB 0.13

10^6 rows and operations

AWS EC2

Configuration

shared_buffers

effective_cache_size

max_wal_size

innodb_buffer_pool_size

innodb_log_file_size

write concern level (journalled or transaction_sync)

checkpoint

eviction

Document types

“simple” document

10 key/value pairs (100 characters)

“large” document

100 key/value pairs (200 characters)

“complex” document

100 keys, 3 nesting levels (100 characters)

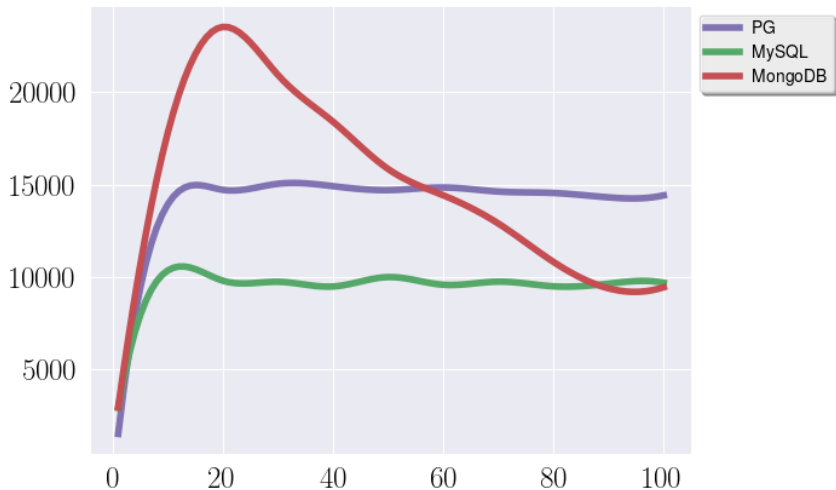
Select, GIN

"simple" document

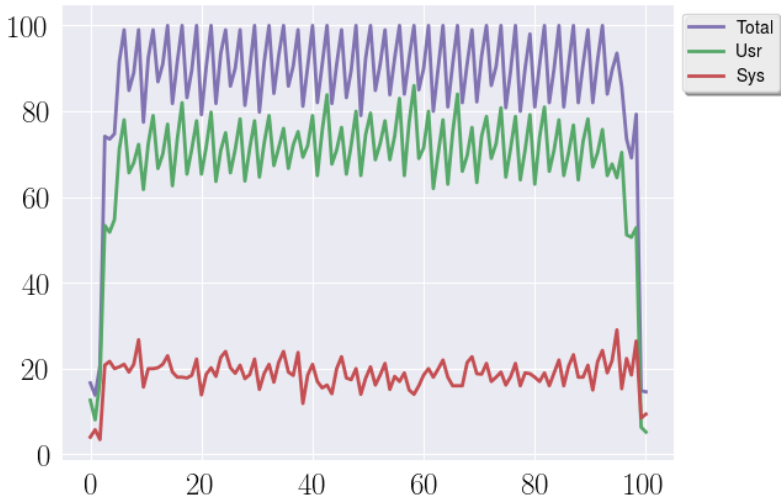
jsonb_path_ops

where data @> '{"key": "value"}'::jsonb

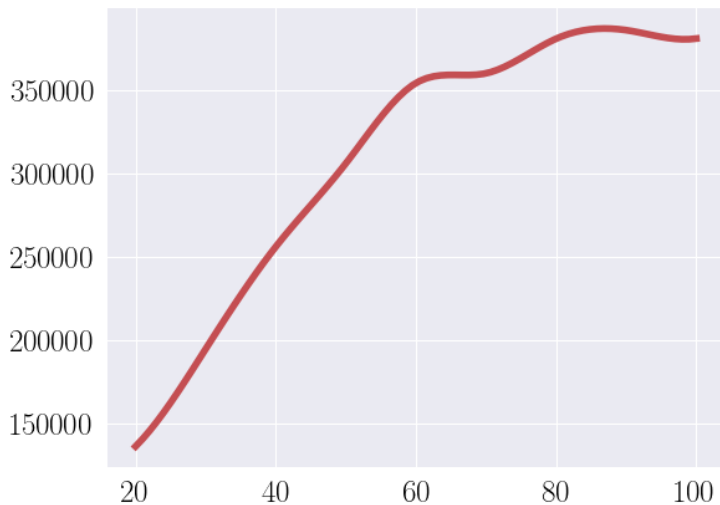
Throughput (ops/sec)



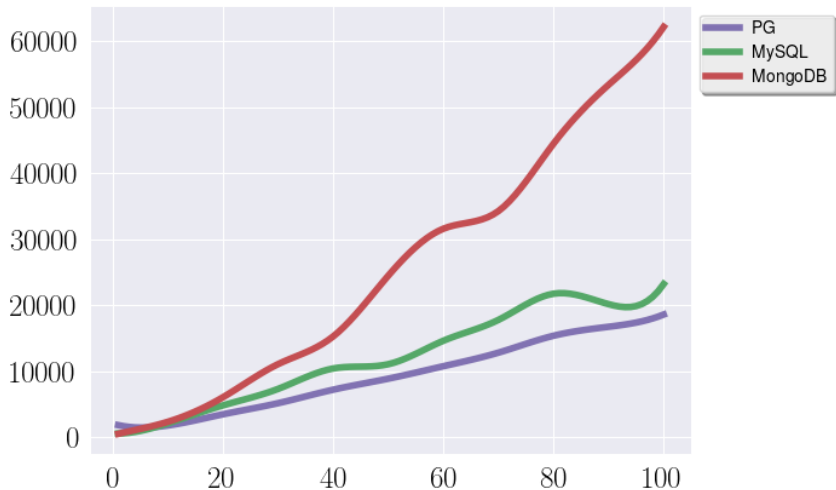
CPU%



CPU migrations (MongoDB)



Latency 99% (μs)

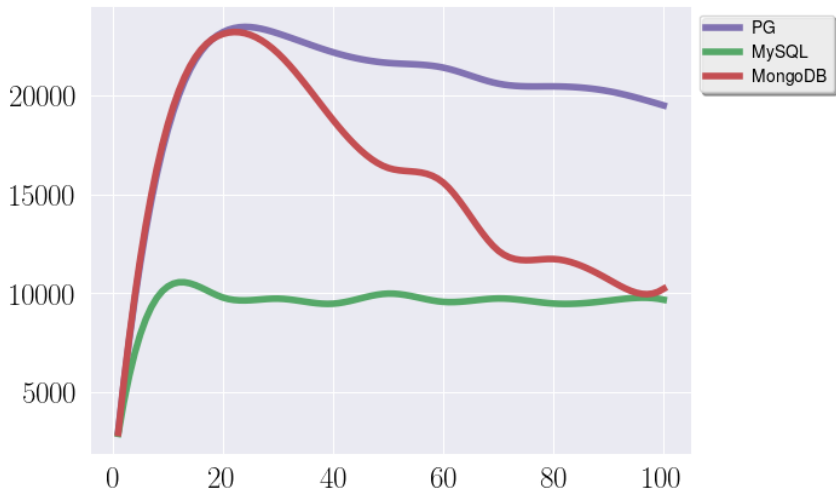


Select, BTree

"simple" document

btree

Throughput (ops/sec)

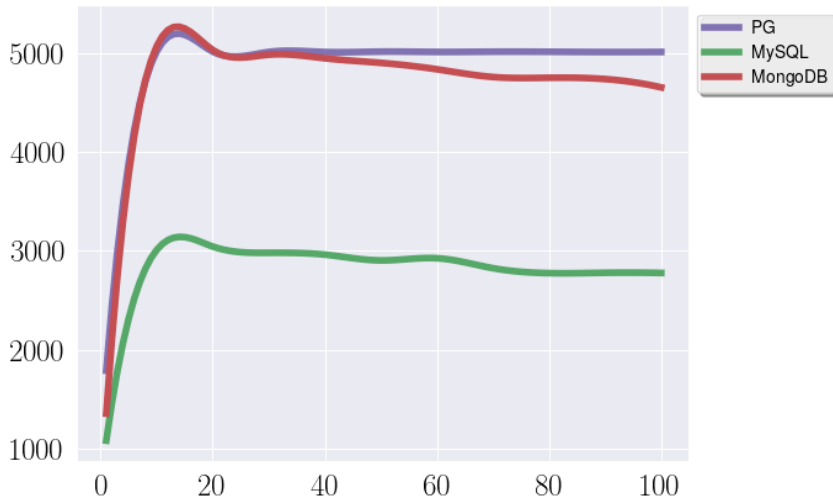


Select, BTree

"complex" document

btree

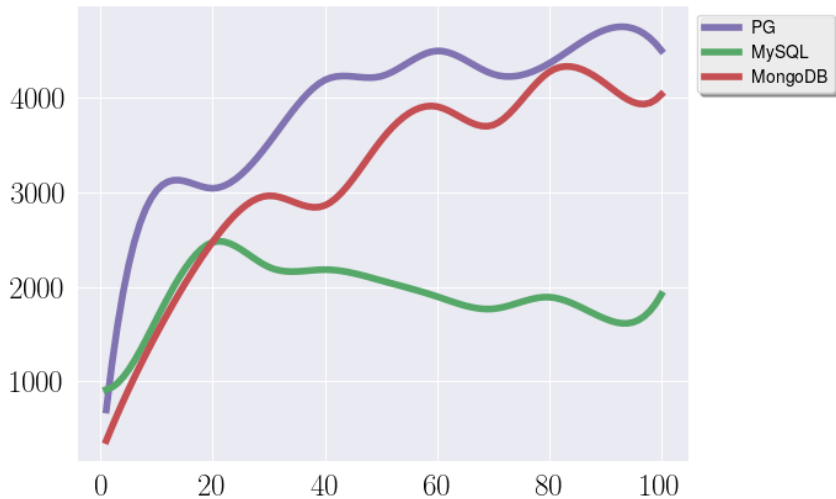
Throughput (ops/sec)



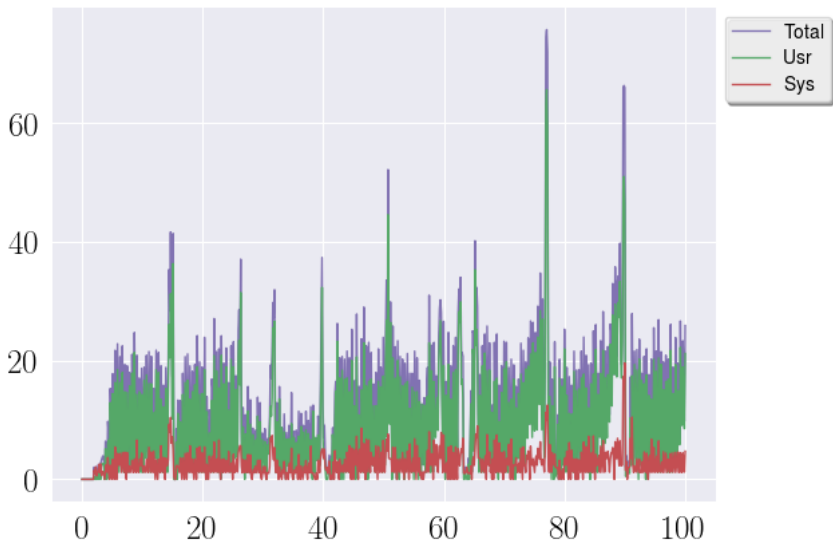
Insert

"simple" document
journalized

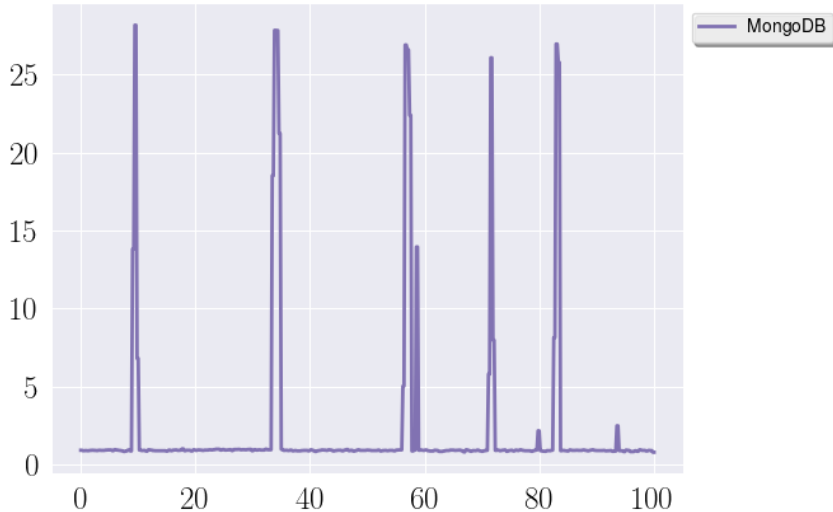
Throughput (ops/sec)



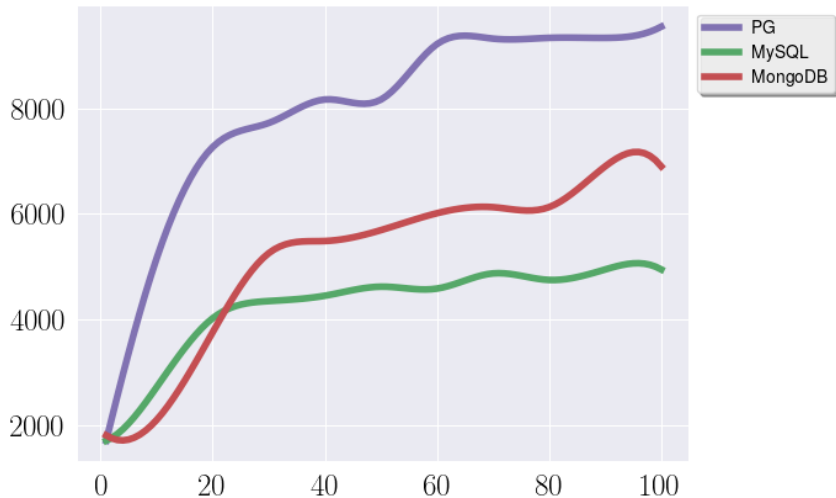
CPU%



IO queue size



Throughput (ops/sec)



Update 50%, Select 50%

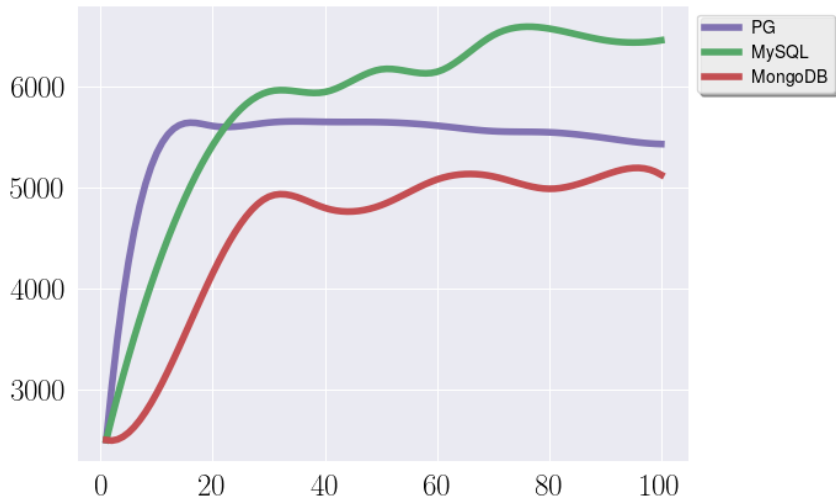
"simple" document

Update one field

journalled

max wal size 1GB

Throughput (ops/sec)



Update 50%, Select 50%

"large" document

Update one field

Throughput (ops/sec)



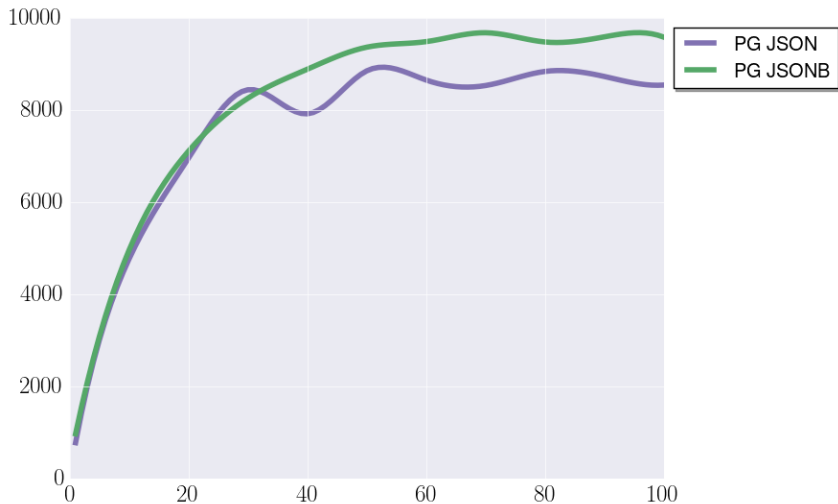
JSON vs JSONB

"simple" document

btree

insert

Throughput (ops/sec)



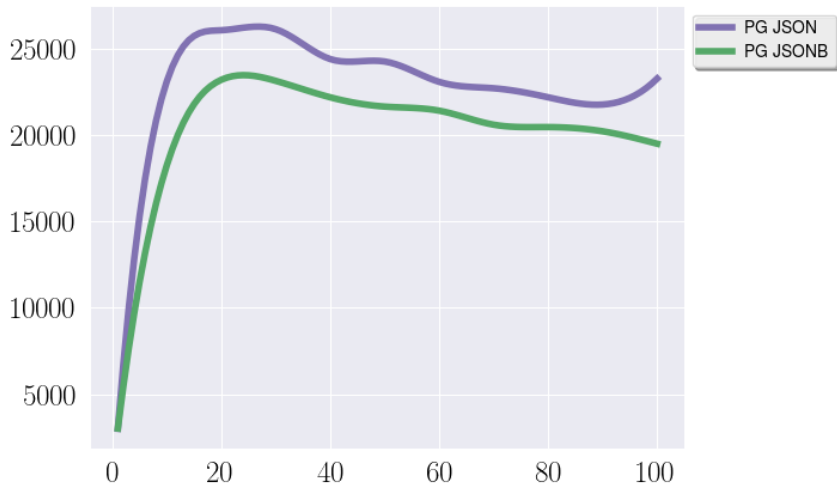
JSON vs JSONB

"simple" document

btree

select

Throughput (ops/sec)



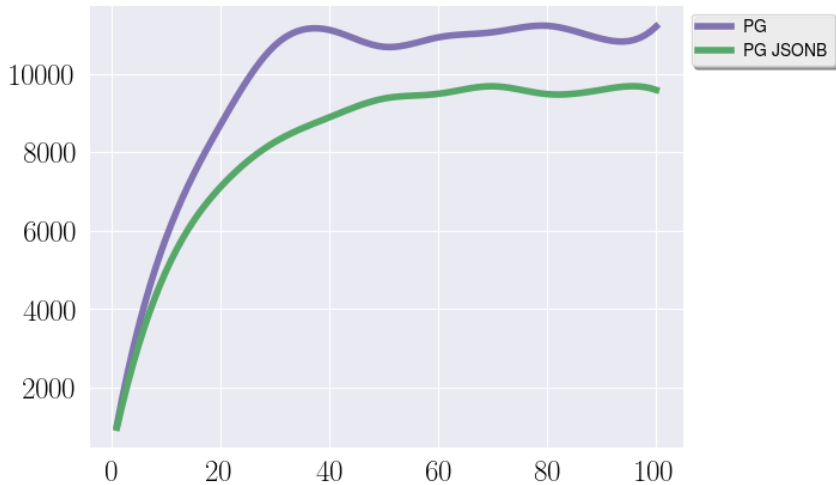
SQL vs JSONB

"simple" document

btree

insert

Throughput (ops/sec)



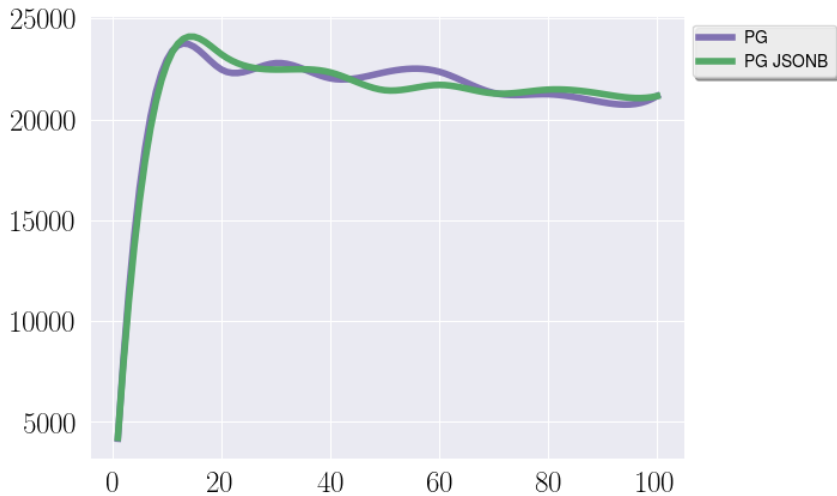
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select

Throughput (ops/sec)





How to bring it down accidentally?

WHAT COULD POSSIBLY GO WRONG?



- Update one field of a document
- DETOAST of a document
(select, constraints, procedures etc.)
- Reindex of an entire document

Document slice

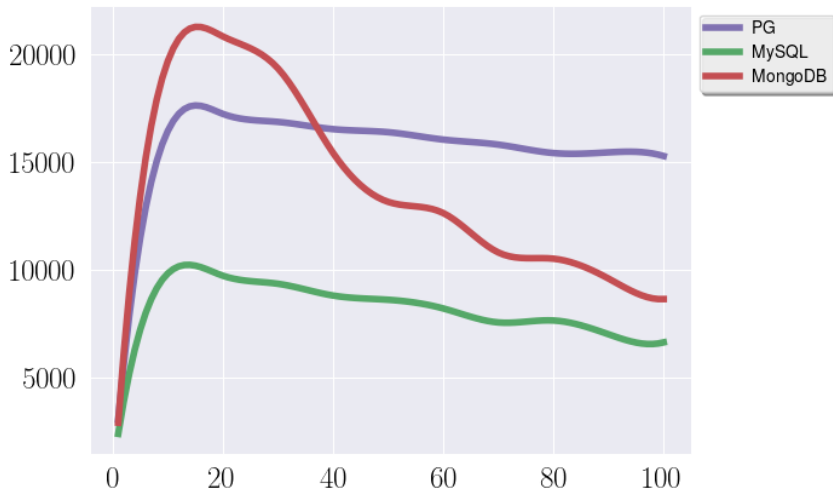
"large" document

One field from a document

```
select data→'key1'→'key2' from table;
```

```
select data→'key1', data→'key2' from table;
```

Throughput (ops/sec)

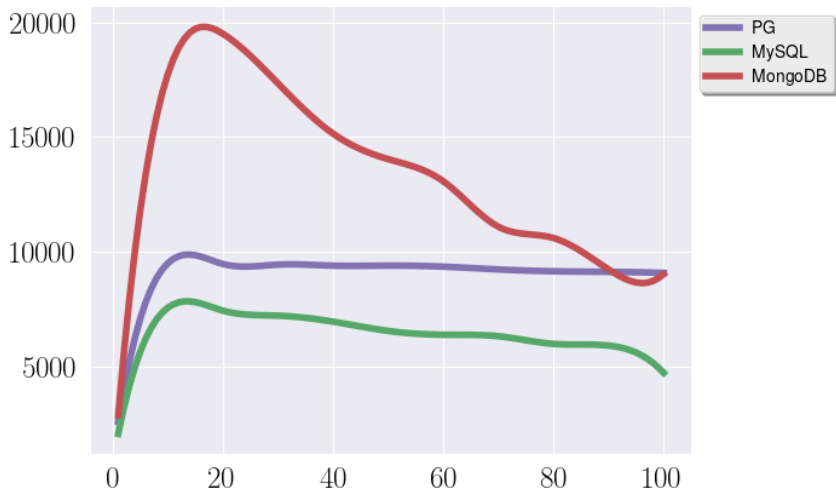


Document slice

"large" document

10 fields from a document

Throughput (ops/sec)



Document slice

```
create type test as ("a" text, "b" text);  
insert into test_jsonb  
values('{"a": 1, "b": 2, "c": 3}');  
select q.* from test_jsonb,  
jsonb_populate_record(NULL::test, data) as q;
```

| a | b |
|---|---|
|---|---|

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | 2 |
|---|---|

(1 row)

A person wearing a black hoodie and a backpack stands with their arms crossed on a glowing blue grid floor that recedes into the distance. The background is a dark space filled with stars and nebulae. The text "SET STORAGE EXTERNAL" is overlaid in large white letters at the bottom.

SET STORAGE EXTERNAL

TOAST_TUPLE_THRESHOLD

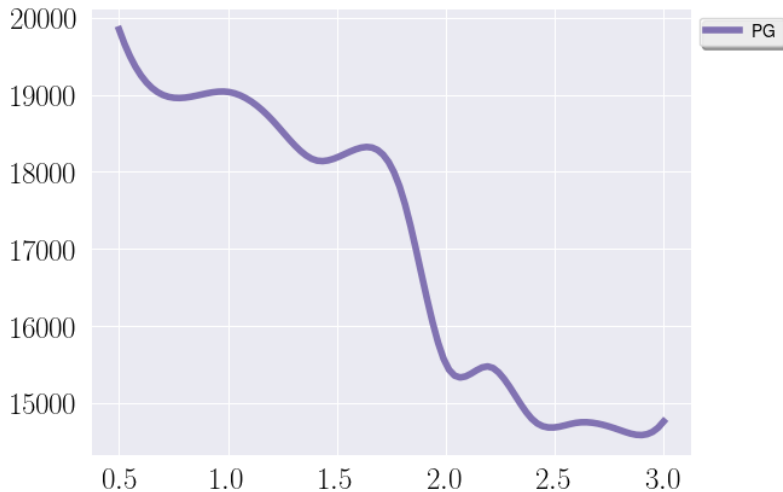
"simple" document

40 threads

different document size

select

Throughput, 40 clients



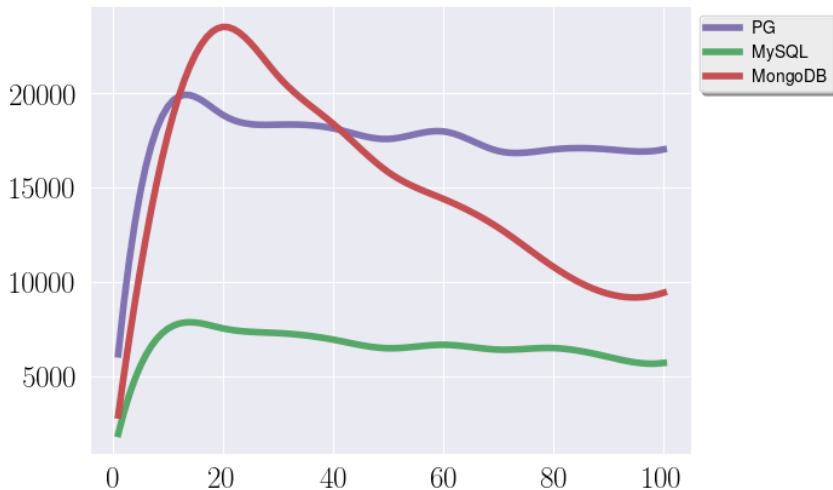
Select, GIN

"simple" document

jsonb_path_ops

where data @> jsonb_build_object('key', 'value')

Throughput (ops/sec)



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- You need your own tests

Questions?

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```
[{
  "items": [
    {"id": 3, "value": "ccc"},
    {"id": 4, "value": "ddd"}
  ]
}, {
  "items": [
    {"id": 1, "value": "aaa"},
    {"id": 2, "value": "bbb"}
  ]
}]
```

```
UPDATE test
SET data = jsonb_set(data, '{items}',
(SELECT
    jsonb_agg(
        CASE WHEN item->'value' = 'aaa'
        THEN jsonb_set(item, '{value}', '"NEW"')
        ELSE item END
    )
FROM (SELECT
    jsonb_array_elements(data->'items')
    AS item) q));
```

Scalability

"simple" document

m4.large

m4.xlarge

m4.2xlarge

Throughput (ops/sec)

