PostgreSQL 9.0 KEWL STUFF U CAN DO

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Introductions

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PostgreSQL

- Current version 8.4.3
- 9.0 is in beta
- Get it here: http://www.postgresql.org/ftp/source/v9.0beta1/ http://www.postgresql.org/developer/beta

Contents

Full list of features: http://developer.postgresql.org/pgdocs/postgres/release-9-0.html

Install server-side language PL/pgSQL by default (Bruce Momjian)

Yes.

Allow function calls to supply parameter names and match them to named parameters in the function definition (Pavel Stehule)

(Demo.)

Add support for to_char() scientific notation output ('EEEE') (Pavel Stehule, Brendan Jurd)

```
postgres=# create table exponents_demo
(example numeric);
CREATE TABLE
postgres=# INSERT INTO exponents_demo
VALUES
  ('10000000').
  ('2.54').
  ('3.1415'),
  ('666'),
  ('6.02e+23'),
  ('5.29e-11'),
  ('8675309')
```

```
postgres=# SELECT * from exponents_demo ;
       example
                 10000000
                     2.54
                    3.1415
                       666
 602000000000000000000000
          0.000000000529
                  8675309
(7 rows)
```

```
postgres=# SELECT to_char(example, '9.9EEEE')
AS lookyhere
FROM exponents_demo ;
 lookyhere
  1.0e+07
  2.5e+00
  3.1e+00
  6.7e+02
  6.0e+23
  5.3e-11
  8.7e+06
(7 rows)
```

RADIUS Authentication (Magnus Hagander)

```
#host database user CIDR-address auth-method [auth-opt
host all all 0.0.0.0/0 radius \
radiusserver=1.2.3.4 radiussecret=canttouchthis \
radiusport=1234 radiusidentifier=gabscooldatabase
```

Add samehost and samenet designations to pg_hba.conf (Stef Walter)

```
# IPv4 local connections:
host all all 127.0.0.1/32 md5
host all all samehost md5
host all all samenet md5
```

Log changed parameter values when postgresql.conf is reloaded (Peter Eisentraut)

```
LOG: parameter "log_rotation_age" changed to "7d"

LOG: parameter "port" cannot be changed without restarting LOG: parameter "log_rotation_age" changed to "1d"

LOG: parameter "log_min_messages" changed to "notice"

LOG: parameter "autovacuum" changed to "off"

<2010-04-22 14:00:50 PDT >LOG: parameter "log_line_prefix <2010-04-22 14:00:50 PDT >LOG: parameter "log_statement"
```

Add an SQL state option (%e) to log_line_prefix (Guillaume Smet)

e.g.:

```
log_line_prefix = '<%t %d %u %e>'
gives you something like:
<2010-04-22 21:02:02 PDT postgres postgres 00000> \
      statement: ALTER TABLE drop_column_demo DROP COLUMN
<2010-04-22 21:02:54 PDT postgres postgres 00000> \
LOG: statement: GRANT SELECT on drop_column_demo to grotl
<2010-04-22 21:02:54 PDT postgres postgres 42704> \
 ERROR: role "groth" does not exist
```

Allow EXPLAIN output in XML, JSON, and YAML formats (Robert Haas, Greg Sabino Mullane)

EXPLAIN

```
Sort (cost=18494.32..18852.33 rows=143204 width=34)
    Sort Key: "timestamp"
    -> Seq Scan on user_history (cost=0.00..2559.04 rows=
(3 rows)
```

```
EXPLAIN (FORMAT XML)
SELECT * FROM user_history ORDER BY "timestamp";
QUERY PLAN
<explain xmlns="http://www.postgresql.org/2009/explain">
  <Query>
    <Plan>
      <Node-Type>Sort</Node-Type>
      <Startup-Cost>18494.32/Startup-Cost>
      <Total-Cost>18852.33</Total-Cost>
      <Plan-Rows>143204</Plan-Rows>
      <Plan-Width>34</Plan-Width>
      <Sort-Key>
        <Item>"timestamp"</Item>
      </Sort-Key>
```

<Plans> <Plan> <Node-Type>Seq Scan</Node-Type> <Parent-Relationship>Outer/Parent-Relationship>-<Relation-Name>user_history</Relation-Name> <Alias>user_history</Alias> <Startup-Cost>0.00</Startup-Cost> <Total-Cost>2559.04</Total-Cost> <Plan-Rows>143204</Plan-Rows> <Plan-Width>34</Plan-Width> </Plan> </Plans> </Plan> </Query> </explain> (1 row)

```
EXPLAIN (FORMAT YAML)
SELECT * FROM user_history ORDER BY "timestamp";
QUERY PLAN
- Plan:
     Node Type: Sort
     Startup Cost: 18494.32
     Total Cost: 18852.33
     Plan Rows: 143204
     Plan Width: 34
     Sort Key:
       - "\"timestamp\""
```

```
Plans:
       - Node Type: Seq Scan
         Parent Relationship: Outer +
         Relation Name: user_history+
         Alias: user_history
         Startup Cost: 0.00
         Total Cost: 2559.04
         Plan Rows: 143204
         Plan Width: 34
(1 row)
```

Speed up CREATE DATABASE by deferring flushes to disk (Andres Freund, Greg Stark)

(Demo.)

Add WHERE clause to CREATE TRIGGER to allow control over whether a trigger is fired (Takahiro Itagaki)

```
psst...It's actually a "When" clause...

CREATE TRIGGER name { BEFORE | AFTER } { event [ OR ... ] ]

ON table [ FOR [ EACH ] { ROW | STATEMENT } ]

[ WHEN ( condition ) ]

EXECUTE PROCEDURE function_name ( arguments )
```

Allow NOTIFY to pass an optional string to listeners (Joachim Wieland)

```
lfnw-9.0=# LISTEN 19_0;
LISTEN
lfnw-9.0=# NOTIFY 19_0, 'need coffee...';
NOTIFY
Asynchronous notification "19_0"
with payload "need coffee..."
received from server process with PID 10480.
```

Have columns defined with storage type MAIN remain on the main heap page unless it cannot fit (Kevin Grittner)

8k page size
Before: a tuple might get TOAST'd prematurely
LIVE DEMO!

Add pg_stat_reset_single_table_counters() and pg_stat_reset_single_function_counters() to allow the resetting of statistics counters for individual tables and indexes (Magnus Hagander)

(Discuss.)

Add pg_last_xlog_receive_location() and pg_last_xlog_replay_location(), which can be used to monitor standby server WAL activity (Simon, Fujii Masao, Heikki)

(Discuss.)

Hot Standby/Streaming Replication

...drumroll ...

And now for something completely different...

Pg Android App Contest!

http://wiki.postgresql.org/wiki/AndroidAppContest

Odds & Ends

vacuumdb -analyze-only (Bruce Momjian) GRANT/REVOKE IN SCHEMA (Petr Jelinek) pg_table_size and pg_indexes_size (Bernd Helmle) Add deferrable unique constraints (Dean Rasheed) Remove the use of flat files for system table bootstrapping (Tom, Alvaro) DROP COLUMN IF EXISTS (Andreas Freund) 64-bit Windows support (Tsutomu Yamada, Magnus Hagander) Improvements to PL/Perl (Tim Bunce) Anonymous functions with 'DO' (Petr Jelinek, Joshua Tolley, Hannu Valtonen) /contrib/passwordcheck (Laurenz Albe)

Final Notes

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These slides:

http://www.slideshare.net/markwkm

Try it!

http://www.postgresql.org/ftp/source/v9.0beta1/
http://www.postgresql.org/developer/beta
http://wiki.postgresql.org/wiki/HowToBetaTest
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