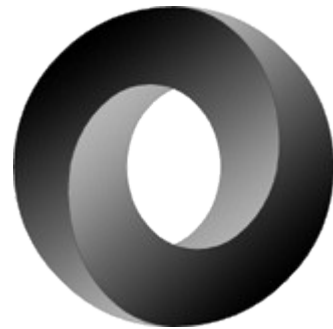


# JSON by the other elephant



PostgreSQL

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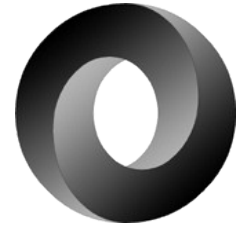
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# JSON



## JavaScript Object Notation

Don't have to care about encoding, it is always Unicode, most implementations use UTF8

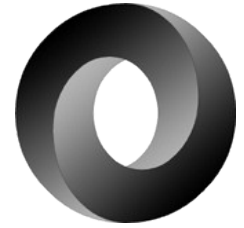
Used for data exchange in web application

Currently two standards [RFC 7159](#) by Douglas Crockford und ECMA-404

PostgreSQL implementation is RFC 7159



# JSON Datatypes



## JSON

Available since 9.2

## BSON

Available as extension on GitHub since 2013

## JSONB

Available since 9.4

Compressed JSON

Fully transactional

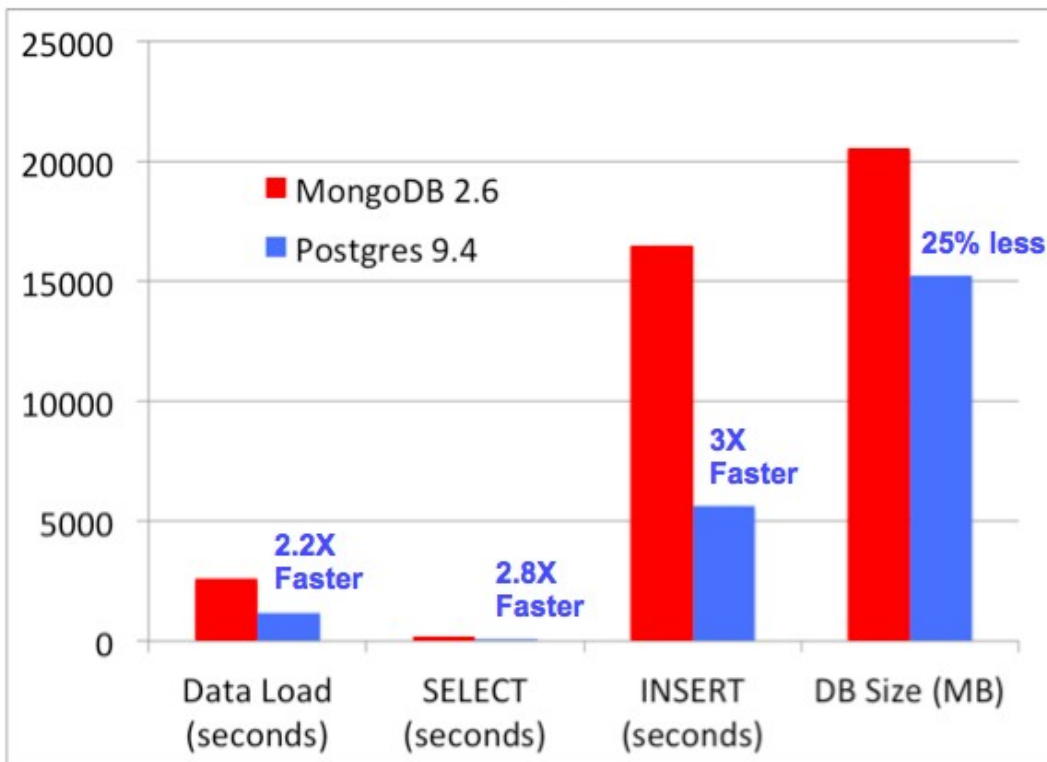
Up to 1 GB (uses **TOAST**)



# Performance



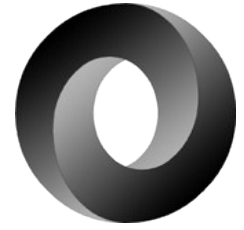
MongoDB 2.6 vs PostgreSQL 9.4 Performance



Test done by  
[EnterpriseDB](#),  
see the [article](#)  
by [Marc Linster](#)



# JSON Functions



`row_to_json({row})`

Returns the row as JSON

`array_to_json({array})`

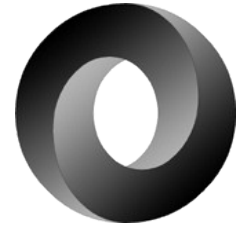
Returns the array as JSON

`jsonb_to_recordset`

Returns a recordset from JSONB



# JSON Operators



Array element

->{int}

Array element by name

->{text}

Object element

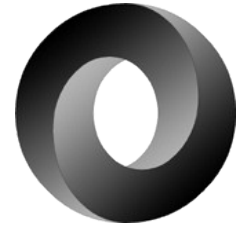
->> {text}

Value at path

#> {text}



# Index on JSON



Index JSONB content for faster access with indexes

GIN index overall

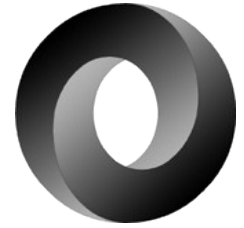
```
CREATE INDEX idx_1 ON jsonb.actor USING  
GIN (jsontdata);
```

Even unique B-Tree indexes are possible

```
CREATE UNIQUE INDEX actor_id_2 ON  
jsonb.actor((CAST(jsontdata->>'actor_id' AS  
INTEGER)));
```



# New JSON functions



PostgreSQL 9.5 new JSONB functions:

`jsonb_pretty`: Formats JSONB human readable

`jsonb_set`: Update or add values

PostgreSQL 9.5 new JSONB operators:

`||`: Concatenate two JSONB

`-:` Delete key

Available as extensions for 9.4 at PGXN: [jsonb\\_x](#)





# Data sources



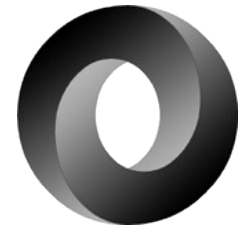
The Chinook database is available at [chinookdatabase.codeplex.com](http://chinookdatabase.codeplex.com)

Amazon book reviews of 1998 are available at

[examples.citusdata.com/customer\\_reviews\\_nested\\_1998.json.gz](http://examples.citusdata.com/customer_reviews_nested_1998.json.gz)



# Chinook Tables



	T tablename
1	Artist
2	Invoice
3	Employee
4	Customer
5	Playlist
6	InvoiceLine
7	Album
8	Genre
9	PlaylistTrack
10	MediaType
11	Track

	T table_name ↕	T column_name ↕	T data_type ↕
1	Artist	ArtistId	integer
2	Artist	Name	character varying (120)

	T table_name ↕	T column_name ↕	T data_type ↕
1	Album	AlbumId	integer
2	Album	Title	character varying (160)
3	Album	ArtistId	integer

	T table_name ↕	T column_name ↕	T data_type ↕
1	Track	TrackId	integer
2	Track	Name	character varying (200)
3	Track	AlbumId	integer
4	Track	MediaTypeId	integer
5	Track	GenreId	integer
6	Track	Composer	character varying (220)
7	Track	Milliseconds	integer
8	Track	Bytes	integer
9	Track	UnitPrice	numeric



# CTE

*Common Table Expressions* will be used in examples

- Example:

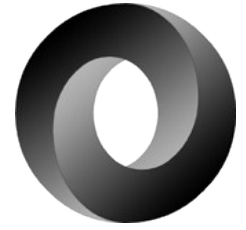
```
WITH RECURSIVE t(n) AS (  
    VALUES (1)  
    UNION ALL  
    SELECT n+1 FROM t WHERE n < 100  
)  
SELECT sum(n), min(n), max(n) FROM t;
```

- Result:

	sum bigint	min integer	max integer
1	5050	1	100



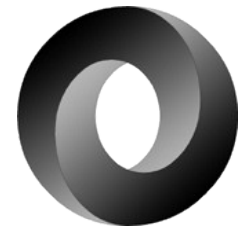
# Live Examples



Let's see, how it does work.



# Live with Chinook data



-- Step 1: Tracks as JSON with the album identifier

```
WITH tracks AS
(
    SELECT "AlbumId" AS album_id
      , "TrackId" AS track_id
      , "Name" AS track_name
    FROM "Track"
)
SELECT row_to_json(tracks) AS tracks
FROM tracks
;
```

tracks	
1	{"album_id":1,"track_id":1,"track_name":"For Those About To Rock (We Salute You)"}
2	{"album_id":2,"track_id":2,"track_name":"Balls to the Wall"}
3	{"album_id":3,"track_id":3,"track_name":"Fast As a Shark"}
4	{"album_id":3,"track_id":4,"track_name":"Restless and Wild"}
5	{"album_id":3,"track_id":5,"track_name":"Princess of the Dawn"}
6	{"album_id":1,"track_id":6,"track_name":"Put The Finger On You"}
7	{"album_id":1,"track_id":7,"track_name":"Let's Get It Up"}

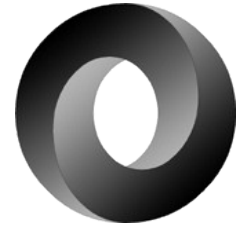
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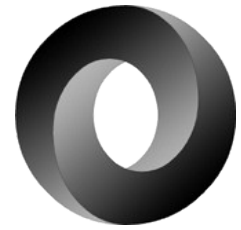
# Live with Chinook data



```
-- Step 2 Albums including tracks with artist identifier
WITH tracks AS
(
    SELECT "AlbumId" AS album_id
        , "TrackId" AS track_id
        , "Name" AS track_name
    FROM "Track"
)
, json_tracks AS
(
    SELECT row_to_json(tracks) AS tracks
    FROM tracks
)
, albums AS
(
    SELECT a."ArtistId" AS artist_id
        , a."AlbumId" AS album_id
        , a."Title" AS album_title
        , array_agg(t.tracks) AS album_tracks
    FROM "Album" AS a
        INNER JOIN json_tracks AS t
        ON a."AlbumId" = (t.tracks->>'album_id')::int
    GROUP BY a."ArtistId"
        , a."AlbumId"
        , a."Title"
)
SELECT artist_id
    , array_agg(row_to_json(albums)) AS album
FROM albums
GROUP BY artist_id
;
```



# Live with Chinook data

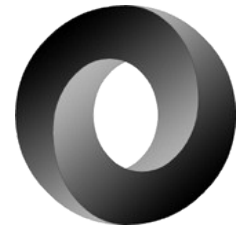


	artist_id	album
1	251	{"artist_id":251,"album_id":319,"album_title":"Armada: Music from the Courts of England and Spain","albu
2	120	{"artist_id":120,"album_id":183,"album_title":"Dark Side Of The Moon","album_tracks":{"album_id":183,"tr
3	227	{"artist_id":227,"album_id":293,"album_title":"Pavarotti's Opera Made Easy","album_tracks":{"album_id":2
4	8	'{"artist_id":8,"album_id":271,"album_title":"Revelations","album_tracks":{"album_id":271,"track_id":3389,"
5	247	{"artist_id":247,"album_id":314,"album_title":"English Renaissance","album_tracks":{"album_id":314,"track
6	138	{"artist_id":138,"album_id":211,"album_title":"The Singles","album_tracks":{"album_id":211,"track_id":2591
7	242	{"artist_id":242,"album_id":307,"album_title":"Adams, John: The Chairman Dances","album_tracks":{"albu

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# Live with Chinook data



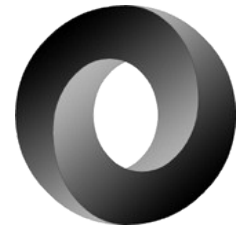
-- Step 3 Return one row for an artist with all albums as VIEW

```
CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW v_json_artist_data AS
WITH tracks AS
(
    SELECT "AlbumId" AS album_id
        , "TrackId" AS track_id
        , "Name" AS track_name
        , "MediaTypeId" AS media_type_id
        , "Milliseconds" AS milliseconds
        , "UnitPrice" AS unit_price
    FROM "Track"
)
, json_tracks AS
(
    SELECT row_to_json(tracks) AS tracks
    FROM tracks
)
, albums AS
(
    SELECT a."ArtistId" AS artist_id
        , a."AlbumId" AS album_id
        , a."Title" AS album_title
        , array_agg(t.tracks) AS album_tracks
    FROM "Album" AS a
    INNER JOIN json_tracks AS t
        ON a."AlbumId" = (t.tracks->>'album_id')::int
    GROUP BY a."ArtistId"
        , a."AlbumId"
        , a."Title"
)
, json_albums AS
(
    SELECT artist_id
        , array_agg(row_to_json(albums)) AS album
    FROM albums
    GROUP BY artist_id
)
-- -> Next Page
```





# Live with Chinook data



```
-- Step 3 Return one row for an artist with all albums as VIEW  
, artists AS
```

```
(  
    SELECT a."ArtistId" AS artist_id  
        , a."Name" AS artist  
        , jsa.album AS albums  
    FROM "Artist" AS a  
        INNER JOIN json_albums AS jsa  
        ON a."ArtistId" = jsa.artist_id  
)  
SELECT (row_to_json(artists))::jsonb AS artist_data  
FROM artists  
;
```



# Live with Chinook data



-- Select data from the view

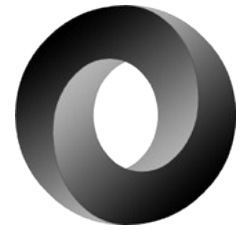
```
SELECT *  
FROM v_json_artist_data  
;
```

	? artist_data
1	{"albums": [{"album_id": 319, "artist_id": 251, "album_title": "Armada: Music from the Courts of England and Spain", "album_tracks": [{"album_id": 319, "track_id": 3389, "track_name": "The Armada Song"}]}
2	{"albums": [{"album_id": 183, "artist_id": 120, "album_title": "Dark Side Of The Moon", "album_tracks": [{"album_id": 183, "track_id": 3390, "track_name": "Breathe (Afterglow)"}]}
3	{"albums": [{"album_id": 293, "artist_id": 227, "album_title": "Pavarotti's Opera Made Easy", "album_tracks": [{"album_id": 293, "track_id": 3391, "track_name": "Nessun Dorma"}]}
4	{"albums": [{"album_id": 271, "artist_id": 8, "album_title": "Revelations", "album_tracks": [{"album_id": 271, "track_id": 3389, "track_name": "The Armada Song"}]}
5	{"albums": [{"album_id": 314, "artist_id": 247, "album_title": "English Renaissance", "album_tracks": [{"album_id": 314, "track_id": 3392, "track_name": "The English Renaissance"}]}
6	{"albums": [{"album_id": 211, "artist_id": 138, "album_title": "The Singles", "album_tracks": [{"album_id": 211, "track_id": 2591, "track_name": "The Singles"}]}
7	{"albums": [{"album_id": 307, "artist_id": 242, "album_title": "Adams, John: The Chairman Dances", "album_tracks": [{"album_id": 307, "track_id": 3393, "track_name": "The Chairman Dances"}]}

168 row(s) fetched - 29ms

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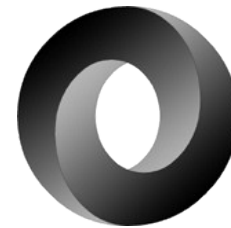


```
-- SELECT data from that VIEW, that does querying
SELECT jsonb_pretty(artist_data)
FROM v_json_artist_data
WHERE artist_data->>'artist' IN ('Miles Davis', 'AC/DC')
;
```

The screenshot shows the JSONB Pretty application interface. At the top, there's a title bar with a text input containing 'jsonb\_pretty'. Below it is a table with 2 rows and 5 columns. The first row contains the following JSON data: `{ "albums": [{"album_id": 4, "artist_id": 1, "album_title": "Let There Be Rock", "album_tracks": [{"album_id": 4, "track_id": 15, "track_name": "Go Down"}]}]`. The second row contains: `{ "albums": [{"album_id": 48, "artist_id": 68, "album_title": "The Essential Miles Davis [Disc 1]", "album_tracks": [{"album_id": 4, "track_id": 16, "track_name": "Dog Eat Dog"}]}]`. A tooltip is displayed over the first row, showing the full JSON object for that row. At the bottom, there's a status bar indicating '2 row(s) fetched - 25ms' and a toolbar with various icons for grid, zoom, and other functions.



# Live with Chinook data



```
-- SELECT some data from that VIEW using JSON methods
SELECT artist_data->>'artist' AS artist
      , artist_data#>'{albums, 1, album_title}' AS album_title
      , jsonb_pretty(artist_data#>'{albums, 1, album_tracks}') AS album_tracks
FROM v_json_artist_data
WHERE artist_data->'albums' @> '[{"album_title": "Miles Ahead"}]';
```

	T artist	? album_title	T album_tracks
1	Miles Davis	"Miles Ahead"	[{"album_id": 157, "track_id": 1902}

1 row(s) fetched - 27ms

Grid



# Live with Chinook data



-- Array to records

```
SELECT artist_data->>'artist_id' AS artist_id
, artist_data->>'artist' AS artist
, jsonb_array_elements(artist_data#>'{albums}')->>'album_title' AS album_title
, jsonb_array_elements(jsonb_array_elements(artist_data#>'{albums}')#>'{album_tracks}')->>'track_name' AS song_titles
, jsonb_array_elements(jsonb_array_elements(artist_data#>'{albums}')#>'{album_tracks}')->>'track_id' AS song_id
FROM v_json_artist_data
WHERE artist_data->>'artist' = 'Metallica'
ORDER BY album_title
, song_id
;
```

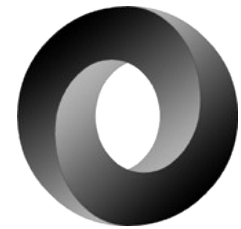
	T artist_id	T artist	T album_title	T song_titles	T song_id
1	50	Metallica	...And Justice For All	Sad But True	1802
2	50	Metallica	...And Justice For All	The Unforgiven	1804
3	50	Metallica	...And Justice For All	Don't Tread On Me	1806
4	50	Metallica	...And Justice For All	Nothing Else Matters	1808
5	50	Metallica	...And Justice For All	The God That Failed	1810
6	50	Metallica	...And Justice For All	The Struggle Within	1812
7	50	Metallica	...And Justice For All	Helpless	1813
8	50	Metallica	...And Justice For All	The Wait	1815
9	50	Metallica	...And Justice For All	Last Caress/Green Hell	1817
10	50	Metallica	...And Justice For All	Blitzkrieg	1819
11	50	Metallica	...And Justice For All	The Prince	1821
12	50	Metallica	...And Justice For All	So What	1823
13	50	Metallica	...And Justice For All	Overkill	1825
14	50	Metallica	...And Justice For All	Stone Dead Forever	1827
15	50	Metallica	...And Justice For All	Hit The Lights	1829
16	50	Metallica	...And Justice For All	Motorbreath	1831
17	50	Metallica	...And Justice For All	(Anesthesia) Pulling Teeth	1833

200 row(s) fetched - 47ms

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# Live with Chinook data



-- Convert albums to a recordset

```
SELECT *
FROM jsonb_to_recordset(
    SELECT (artist_data->>'albums')::jsonb
    FROM v_json_artist_data
    WHERE (artist_data->>'artist_id')::int = 50
) AS x(album_id int, artist_id int, album_title text, album_tracks jsonb)
;
```

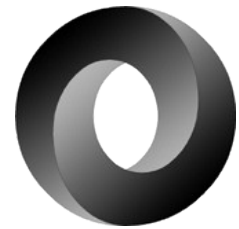
	album_id	artist_id	album_title	album_tracks
1	152	50	Master Of Puppets	[{"album_id": 152, "track_id": 1853, "track_name": "Battery"}, {"album_id": 152, "track_id": 1854, "track_name": "Rattle and Hum"}, {"album_id": 152, "track_id": 1855, "track_name": "Leviathan"}, {"album_id": 152, "track_id": 1856, "track_name": "Maggot Brain"}, {"album_id": 152, "track_id": 1857, "track_name": "Mentally Retarded"}, {"album_id": 152, "track_id": 1858, "track_name": "Nimrod"}, {"album_id": 152, "track_id": 1859, "track_name": "Orion"}, {"album_id": 152, "track_id": 1860, "track_name": "Rattle and Hum"}, {"album_id": 152, "track_id": 1861, "track_name": "Tomb Raider"}, {"album_id": 152, "track_id": 1862, "track_name": "Unleashed"}]
2	35	50	Garage Inc. (Disc 1)	[{"album_id": 35, "track_id": 408, "track_name": "Free Speech For The Rubenoid"}, {"album_id": 35, "track_id": 409, "track_name": "Dead and Company"}, {"album_id": 35, "track_id": 410, "track_name": "Dead and Company"}, {"album_id": 35, "track_id": 411, "track_name": "Dead and Company"}, {"album_id": 35, "track_id": 412, "track_name": "Dead and Company"}, {"album_id": 35, "track_id": 413, "track_name": "Dead and Company"}, {"album_id": 35, "track_id": 414, "track_name": "Dead and Company"}, {"album_id": 35, "track_id": 415, "track_name": "Dead and Company"}, {"album_id": 35, "track_id": 416, "track_name": "Dead and Company"}, {"album_id": 35, "track_id": 417, "track_name": "Dead and Company"}]
3	154	50	Ride The Lightning	[{"album_id": 154, "track_id": 1874, "track_name": "Fight Fire With Fire"}, {"album_id": 154, "track_id": 1875, "track_name": "Ride The Lightning"}, {"album_id": 154, "track_id": 1876, "track_name": "Ride The Lightning"}, {"album_id": 154, "track_id": 1877, "track_name": "Ride The Lightning"}, {"album_id": 154, "track_id": 1878, "track_name": "Ride The Lightning"}, {"album_id": 154, "track_id": 1879, "track_name": "Ride The Lightning"}, {"album_id": 154, "track_id": 1880, "track_name": "Ride The Lightning"}, {"album_id": 154, "track_id": 1881, "track_name": "Ride The Lightning"}, {"album_id": 154, "track_id": 1882, "track_name": "Ride The Lightning"}, {"album_id": 154, "track_id": 1883, "track_name": "Ride The Lightning"}]
4	149	50	Garage Inc. (Disc 2)	[{"album_id": 149, "track_id": 1813, "track_name": "Helpless"}, {"album_id": 149, "track_id": 1814, "track_name": "Helpless"}, {"album_id": 149, "track_id": 1815, "track_name": "Helpless"}, {"album_id": 149, "track_id": 1816, "track_name": "Helpless"}, {"album_id": 149, "track_id": 1817, "track_name": "Helpless"}, {"album_id": 149, "track_id": 1818, "track_name": "Helpless"}, {"album_id": 149, "track_id": 1819, "track_name": "Helpless"}, {"album_id": 149, "track_id": 1820, "track_name": "Helpless"}, {"album_id": 149, "track_id": 1821, "track_name": "Helpless"}, {"album_id": 149, "track_id": 1822, "track_name": "Helpless"}]
5	150	50	Kill 'Em All	[{"album_id": 150, "track_id": 1829, "track_name": "Hit The Lights"}, {"album_id": 150, "track_id": 1830, "track_name": "Hit The Lights"}, {"album_id": 150, "track_id": 1831, "track_name": "Hit The Lights"}, {"album_id": 150, "track_id": 1832, "track_name": "Hit The Lights"}, {"album_id": 150, "track_id": 1833, "track_name": "Hit The Lights"}, {"album_id": 150, "track_id": 1834, "track_name": "Hit The Lights"}, {"album_id": 150, "track_id": 1835, "track_name": "Hit The Lights"}, {"album_id": 150, "track_id": 1836, "track_name": "Hit The Lights"}, {"album_id": 150, "track_id": 1837, "track_name": "Hit The Lights"}, {"album_id": 150, "track_id": 1838, "track_name": "Hit The Lights"}]
6	151	50	Load	[{"album_id": 151, "track_id": 1839, "track_name": "Ain't My Bitch"}, {"album_id": 151, "track_id": 1840, "track_name": "Ain't My Bitch"}, {"album_id": 151, "track_id": 1841, "track_name": "Ain't My Bitch"}, {"album_id": 151, "track_id": 1842, "track_name": "Ain't My Bitch"}, {"album_id": 151, "track_id": 1843, "track_name": "Ain't My Bitch"}, {"album_id": 151, "track_id": 1844, "track_name": "Ain't My Bitch"}, {"album_id": 151, "track_id": 1845, "track_name": "Ain't My Bitch"}, {"album_id": 151, "track_id": 1846, "track_name": "Ain't My Bitch"}, {"album_id": 151, "track_id": 1847, "track_name": "Ain't My Bitch"}, {"album_id": 151, "track_id": 1848, "track_name": "Ain't My Bitch"}]
7	153	50	ReLoad	[{"album_id": 153, "track_id": 1861, "track_name": "Fuel"}, {"album_id": 153, "track_id": 1862, "track_name": "Fuel"}, {"album_id": 153, "track_id": 1863, "track_name": "Fuel"}, {"album_id": 153, "track_id": 1864, "track_name": "Fuel"}, {"album_id": 153, "track_id": 1865, "track_name": "Fuel"}, {"album_id": 153, "track_id": 1866, "track_name": "Fuel"}, {"album_id": 153, "track_id": 1867, "track_name": "Fuel"}, {"album_id": 153, "track_id": 1868, "track_name": "Fuel"}, {"album_id": 153, "track_id": 1869, "track_name": "Fuel"}, {"album_id": 153, "track_id": 1870, "track_name": "Fuel"}]
8	148	50	Black Album	[{"album_id": 148, "track_id": 1801, "track_name": "Enter Sandman"}, {"album_id": 148, "track_id": 1802, "track_name": "Enter Sandman"}, {"album_id": 148, "track_id": 1803, "track_name": "Enter Sandman"}, {"album_id": 148, "track_id": 1804, "track_name": "Enter Sandman"}, {"album_id": 148, "track_id": 1805, "track_name": "Enter Sandman"}, {"album_id": 148, "track_id": 1806, "track_name": "Enter Sandman"}, {"album_id": 148, "track_id": 1807, "track_name": "Enter Sandman"}, {"album_id": 148, "track_id": 1808, "track_name": "Enter Sandman"}, {"album_id": 148, "track_id": 1809, "track_name": "Enter Sandman"}, {"album_id": 148, "track_id": 1810, "track_name": "Enter Sandman"}]
9	155	50	St. Anger	[{"album_id": 155, "track_id": 1882, "track_name": "Frantic"}, {"album_id": 155, "track_id": 1883, "track_name": "Frantic"}, {"album_id": 155, "track_id": 1884, "track_name": "Frantic"}, {"album_id": 155, "track_id": 1885, "track_name": "Frantic"}, {"album_id": 155, "track_id": 1886, "track_name": "Frantic"}, {"album_id": 155, "track_id": 1887, "track_name": "Frantic"}, {"album_id": 155, "track_id": 1888, "track_name": "Frantic"}, {"album_id": 155, "track_id": 1889, "track_name": "Frantic"}, {"album_id": 155, "track_id": 1890, "track_name": "Frantic"}, {"album_id": 155, "track_id": 1891, "track_name": "Frantic"}]
10	156	50	...And Justice For All	[{"album_id": 156, "track_id": 1893, "track_name": "Blackened"}, {"album_id": 156, "track_id": 1894, "track_name": "Blackened"}, {"album_id": 156, "track_id": 1895, "track_name": "Blackened"}, {"album_id": 156, "track_id": 1896, "track_name": "Blackened"}, {"album_id": 156, "track_id": 1897, "track_name": "Blackened"}, {"album_id": 156, "track_id": 1898, "track_name": "Blackened"}, {"album_id": 156, "track_id": 1899, "track_name": "Blackened"}, {"album_id": 156, "track_id": 1900, "track_name": "Blackened"}, {"album_id": 156, "track_id": 1901, "track_name": "Blackened"}, {"album_id": 156, "track_id": 1902, "track_name": "Blackened"}]

10 row(s) fetched - 29ms

Grid



# Live with Chinook data



-- Convert the tracks to a recordset

```
SELECT album_id
, track_id
, track_name
, media_type_id
, milliseconds
, unit_price
FROM jsonb_to_recordset(
(
SELECT artist_data#> '{albums, 1, album_tracks}'
FROM v_json_artist_data
WHERE (artist_data->> 'artist_id')::int = 50
)
) AS x(album_id int, track_id int, track_name text, media_type_id int, milliseconds int, unit_price float)
;
```

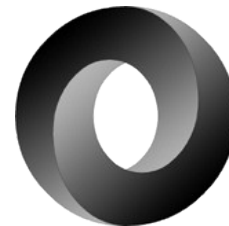
	album_id	track_id	track_name	media_type_id	milliseconds	unit_price
1	35	408	Free Speech For The Dumb	1	155.428	0,99
2	35	409	It's Electric	1	213.995	0,99
3	35	410	Sabbara Cadabra	1	380.342	0,99
4	35	411	Turn The Page	1	366.524	0,99
5	35	412	Die Die My Darling	1	149.315	0,99
6	35	413	Loverman	1	472.764	0,99
7	35	414	Mercyful Fate	1	671.712	0,99
8	35	415	Astronomy	1	397.531	0,99
9	35	416	Whiskey In The Jar	1	305.005	0,99
10	35	417	Tuesday's Gone	1	545.750	0,99
11	35	418	The More I See	1	287.973	0,99

11 row(s) fetched - 44ms

Grid



# Live with Chinook data



```
-- Create a function, which will be used for UPDATE on the view v_artrist_data
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION trigger_v_json_artist_data_update()
    RETURNS trigger AS
$BODY$
    -- Data variables
    DECLARE rec          RECORD;
    -- Error variables
    DECLARE v_state      TEXT;
    DECLARE v_msg        TEXT;
    DECLARE v_detail     TEXT;
    DECLARE v_hint       TEXT;
    DECLARE v_context    TEXT;
BEGIN
    -- Update table Artist
    IF (OLD.artist_data->>'artist')::varchar(120) <> (NEW.artist_data->>'artist')::varchar(120) THEN
        UPDATE "Artist"
        SET "Name" = (NEW.artist_data->>'artist')::varchar(120)
        WHERE "ArtistId" = (OLD.artist_data->>'artist_id')::int;
    END IF;
    -- Update table Album with an UPSERT
    -- Update table Track with an UPSERT
    RETURN NEW;

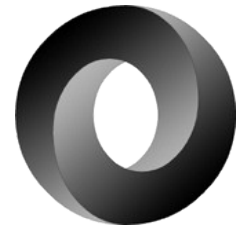
    EXCEPTION WHEN unique_violation THEN
        RAISE NOTICE 'Sorry, but the something went wrong while trying to update artist data';
        RETURN OLD;

    WHEN others THEN
        GET STACKED DIAGNOSTICS
            v_state = RETURNED_SQLSTATE,
            v_msg = MESSAGE_TEXT,
            v_detail = PG_EXCEPTION_DETAIL,
            v_hint = PG_EXCEPTION_HINT,
            v_context = PG_EXCEPTION_CONTEXT;
        RAISE NOTICE '%', v_msg;
        RETURN OLD;
END;
$BODY$
LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```





# Live with Chinook data



Name	Value
	<pre>-- Create a function, which will be used for UPDATE on the view v_artrist_data CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION trigger_v_json_artist_data_update()     RETURNS trigger AS \$BODY\$     -- Data variables     DECLARE rec          RECORD;     -- Error variables     DECLARE v_state      TEXT;     DECLARE v_msg        TEXT;     DECLARE v_detail     TEXT;</pre>

1 row(s) fetched - 8ms

Grid



# Live with Chinook data



```
-- The trigger will be fired instead of an UPDATE statement to save data
CREATE TRIGGER v_json_artist_data_instead_update INSTEAD OF UPDATE
  ON v_json_artist_data
  FOR EACH ROW
  EXECUTE PROCEDURE trigger_v_json_artist_data_update();
```

Name	Value
Query	-- The trigger will be fired instead of an UPDATE statemen to save data CREATE TRIGGER v_json_artist_data_instead_update INSTEAD OF UPDATE ON v_json_artist_data FOR EACH ROW EXECUTE PROCEDURE trigger_v_json_artist_data_update()
Updated Rows	0

1 row(s) fetched - 13ms

Grid



# Live with Chinook data



```
-- Manipulate data with jsonb_set
SELECT artist_data->>'artist_id' AS artist_id
      , artist_data->>'artist' AS artist
      , jsonb_set(artist_data, '{artist}', '"Whatever we want, it is just text"'::jsonb)->>'artist' AS new_artist
FROM v_json_artist_data
WHERE (artist_data->>'artist_id')::int = 50
;
```

	T artist_id	T artist	T new_artist
1	50	Metallica	Whatever we want, it is just text

1 row(s) fetched - 5ms

Grid



# Live with Chinook data



```
-- Update a JSONB column with a jsonb_set result
UPDATE v_json_artist_data
SET artist_data= jsonb_set(artist_data, '{artist}', '"NEW Metallica"'::jsonb)
WHERE (artist_data->>'artist_id')::int = 50
;
```

Name	Value
Query	-- Update a JSONB column with a jsonb_set result UPDATE json_artist_data SET artist_data= jsonb_set(artist_data, '{artist}', '"NEW Metallica"'::jsonb) WHERE (artist_data->>'artist_id')::int = 50
Updated Rows	1
1 row(s) fetched - 20ms	
Grid	



# Live with Chinook data



```
-- View the changes done by the UPDATE statement
SELECT artist_data->>'artist_id' AS artist_id
      , artist_data->>'artist' AS artist
FROM v_json_artist_data
WHERE (artist_data->>'artist_id')::int = 50
;
```

	T artist_id	T artist
1	50	NEW Metallica

1 row(s) fetched - 1ms

Grid



# Live with Chinook data

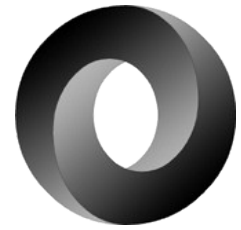


- Lets have a view on the explain plans
- SELECT the data from the view

Node Type	Entity	Cost
▼ Subquery Scan		309.51 - 317.03
▼ CTE Scan		309.51 - 317.01
Seq Scan	Track	0.00 - 68.83
CTE Scan		0.00 - 64.87
▼ Aggregate		146.83 - 150.65
▼ Hash Join		9.89 - 118.00
CTE Scan		0.00 - 57.66
▼ Hash		6.06 - 6.06
Seq Scan	Album as a	0.00 - 6.06
▼ Aggregate		8.42 - 10.92
CTE Scan		0.00 - 6.12
▼ Hash Join		7.49 - 14.24
CTE Scan		0.00 - 4.00
▼ Hash		4.44 - 4.44
Seq Scan	Artist as a_1	0.00 - 4.44



# Live with Chinook data



```
-- View the changes in in the table instead of the JSONB view  
-- The result should be the same, only the column name differ
```

```
SELECT *  
FROM "Artist"  
WHERE "ArtistId" = 50  
;
```

	ArtistId	Name
1	50	NEW Metallica

1 row(s) fetched - 3ms



# Live with Chinook data



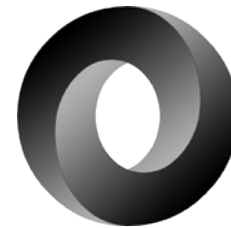
- Lets have a view on the explain plans
- SELECT the data from table Artist

Node Type	Entity	Cost
Seq Scan	Artist	0.00 - 5.05





# Live with Chinook data



-- Manipulate data with the concatenating / overwrite operator

```
SELECT artist_data->>'artist_id' AS artist_id
      , artist_data->>'artist' AS artist
      , jsonb_set(artist_data, '{artist}', '"Whatever we want, it is just text" '::jsonb)->>'artist' AS new_artist
      , artist_data || '{"artist":"Metallica"}'::jsonb->>'artist' AS correct_name
FROM v_json_artist_data
WHERE (artist_data->>'artist_id')::int = 50
;
```

	T artist_id	T artist	T new_artist	T correct_name
1	50	NEW Metallica	Whatever we want, it is just text	Metallica

1 row(s) fetched - 6ms

Grid



# Live with Chinook data



```
-- Revert the name change of Metallica with in a different way: With the replace operator
UPDATE v_json_artist_data
SET artist_data = artist_data || '{"artist":"Metallica"}'::jsonb
WHERE (artist_data->>'artist_id')::int = 50
;
```

Name	Value
Query	-- Revert the name change of Metallica with in a different way: With the replace operator UPDATE json_artist_data SET artist_data = artist_data    '{"artist":"Metallica"}'::jsonb WHERE (artist_data->>'artist_id')::int = 50
Updated Rows	1



# Live with Chinook data



-- View the changes done by the UPDATE statement with the replace operator

```
SELECT artist_data->>'artist_id' AS artist_id  
      , artist_data->>'artist' AS artist  
FROM v_json_artist_data  
WHERE (artist_data->>'artist_id')::int = 50  
;
```

	T artist_id	T artist
1	50	Metallica
1 row(s) fetched - 5ms		

Grid



2 row(s) fetched - 29ms

 Grid





# Live Amazon reviews



```
-- Create a table for JSON data with 1998 Amazon reviews  
CREATE TABLE reviews(review_jsonb jsonb);
```

Name	Value
Query	CREATE TABLE reviews(review_jsonb jsonb)
Updated Rows	0
1 row(s) fetched - 32ms	



# Live Amazon reviews

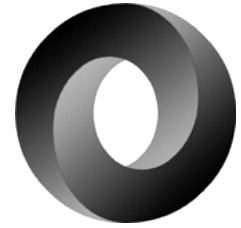


```
-- Import customer reviews from a file
COPY reviews
FROM '/var/tmp/customer_reviews_nested_1998.json'
;
```

Name	Value
Query	-- Import customer reviews from a file COPY reviews FROM '/var/tmp/customer_reviews_nested_1998.json'
Updated Rows	0
1 row(s) fetched - 10730ms	



# Live Amazon reviews



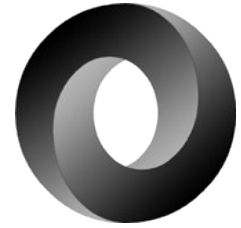
-- There should be 589.859 records imported into the table

```
SELECT count(*)  
FROM reviews  
;
```

	count
1	589.859
1 row(s) fetched - 104ms	



# Live Amazon reviews



```
SELECT jsonb_pretty(review_jsonb)
FROM reviews
LIMIT 1
;
```

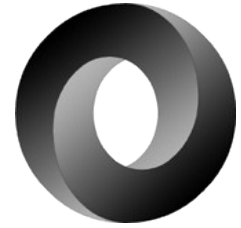
T jsonb_pretty	
1	<pre>{   "review": {     "date": "1970-12-30",     "votes": 10,     "rating": 5,     "helpful_votes": 0   },   "product": {     "id": "1551803542",     "group": "Book",     "title": "Start and Run a Coffee Bar (Start Run a)",     "category": "Business Investing",     "sales_rank": 11611,     "similar_ids": [       "0471136174",       "0910627312",       "047112138X",       "0786883561",       "0201570483"     ],     "subcategory": "General"   },   "customer_id": "AE22YDHSBFYIP" }</pre>

1 row(s) fetched - 4ms





# Live Amazon reviews



-- Select data with JSON

**SELECT**

review\_jsonb#>> '{product,title}' **AS** title

, **avg**((review\_jsonb#>> '{review,rating}')::int) **AS** average\_rating

**FROM** reviews

**WHERE** review\_jsonb@> '{"product": {"category": "Sheet Music & Scores"}}'

**GROUP BY** title

**ORDER BY** average\_rating **DESC**

;

Without an Index: 248ms

	title	average_rating
1	Complete Works for Solo Keyboard	5
2	The Magic Flute (Die Zauberflote in Full Score)	5
3	Requiem in Full Score	5
4	The Four Seasons and Other Violin Concertos in Full Score	5
5	Symphony No. 3 (Dover Miniature Scores)	5

12 row(s) fetched - 248ms

Grid



# Live Amazon reviews



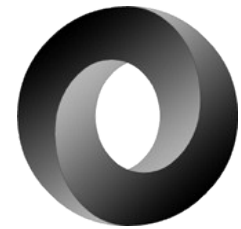
-- Create a GIN index

```
CREATE INDEX review_review_jsonb ON reviews USING GIN (review_jsonb);
```

Name	Value
Query	-- Create a GIN index CREATE INDEX review_review_jsonb ON reviews USING GIN (review_jsonb)
Updated Rows	0
1 row(s) fetched - 21079ms	



# Live Amazon reviews



```
-- Select data with JSON
SELECT review_jsonb#>> '{product,title}' AS title
      , avg((review_jsonb#>> '{review,rating}')::int) AS average_rating
FROM reviews
WHERE review_jsonb@> '{"product": {"category": "Sheet Music & Scores"}}'
GROUP BY title
ORDER BY average_rating DESC
;
```

The same query as before with the previously created GIN Index: 7ms

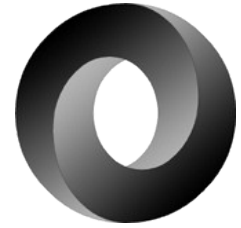
	title	average_rating
1	Complete Works for Solo Keyboard	5
2	The Magic Flute (Die Zauberflote in Full Score)	5
3	Requiem in Full Score	5
4	The Four Seasons and Other Violin Concertos in Full Score	5
5	Symphony No. 3 (Dover Miniature Scores)	5

12 row(s) fetched - 7ms

Grid



# Live Amazon reviews



```
-- SELECT some statistics from the JSON data
SELECT review_jsonb#>>'{product,category}' AS category
      , avg((review_jsonb#>>'{review,rating}')::int) AS average_rating
      , count((review_jsonb#>>'{review,rating}')::int) AS count_rating
FROM reviews
GROUP BY category
;
```

Without an Index: 9747ms

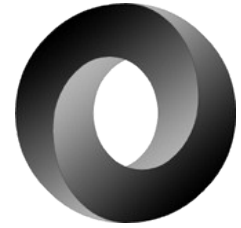
	category	average_rating	count_rating
1		4,487	1.521
2	Accessories	4,703	37
3	Action & Adventure	4,261	3.938
4	African American Cinema	4,694	36
5	Alternative Rock	4,522	15.508

84 row(s) fetched - 9747ms

Grid



# Live Amazon reviews



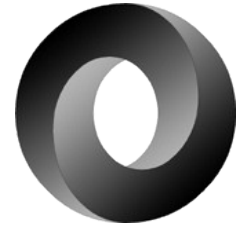
-- Create a B-Tree index on a JSON expression

**CREATE INDEX** reviews\_product\_category **ON** reviews ((review\_jsonb#>>'{product,category}'));

Name	Value
Query	-- Create a B-Tree index on a JSON expression CREATE INDEX reviews_product_category ON reviews ((review_jsonb#>>'{product,category}'))
Updated Rows	0
1 row(s) fetched - 11875ms	



# Live Amazon reviews



```
-- SELECT some statistics from the JSON data
SELECT review_jsonb#>>'{product,category}' AS category
      , avg((review_jsonb#>>'{review,rating}')::int) AS average_rating
      , count((review_jsonb#>>'{review,rating}')::int) AS count_rating
FROM reviews
GROUP BY category
;
```

The same query as before with the previously created BTREE Index: 1605ms

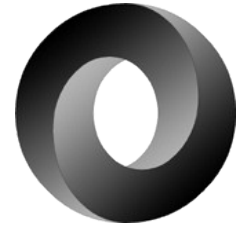
	category	average_rating	count_rating
1		4,487	1.521
2	Accessories	4,703	37
3	Action & Adventure	4,261	3.938
4	African American Cinema	4,694	36
5	Alternative Rock	4,522	15.508

84 row(s) fetched - 1605ms

Grid



# JSON by example



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