Unlocking the Postgres Lock Manager

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This talk explores all aspects of locking in Postgres by showing queries and their locks; covered lock types include row, table, shared, exclusive, and advisory lock types.

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No One Likes Locking But it Is Necessary for Proper Database Operation



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1. Locking Introduction



What an Adventure! Xyzzy

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The Real Postgres Lock Types

ACCESS SHARE
ROW SHARE
ROW EXCLUSIVE
SHARE UPDATE EXCLUSIVE
SHARE
SHARE ROW EXCLUSIVE
EXCLUSIVE

ACCESS EXCLUSIVE

Share/Exclusive Types

ACCESS SHARE

ROW SHARE

ROW EXCLUSIVE

SHARE UPDATE EXCLUSIVE

SHARE

SHARE ROW EXCLUSIVE

EXCLUSIVE

ACCESS EXCLUSIVE

Row/Access Types

ACCESS SHARE

ROW SHARE

ROW EXCLUSIVE

SHARE UPDATE EXCLUSIVE

SHARE

SHARE ROW EXCLUSIVE

EXCLUSIVE

ACCESS EXCLUSIVE

MVCC

Multiversion Concurrency Control (MVCC) allows Postgres to offer high concurrency even during significant database read/write activity. MVCC specifically offers behavior where "readers never block writers, and writers never block readers".

While Multiversion Concurrency Control (MVCC) reduces locking requirements, it does not eliminate locking.

2. Transaction Identifiers



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Keep Your Eye on the Red (Text)



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What Is Our Process Identifier (PID)?

```
SELECT pg_backend_pid();
pg_backend_pid
------
11306
```

All queries used in this presentation are available at https://momjian.us/main/writings/pgsql/locking.sql.

What Is Our Virtual XID (VXID)

2 is the backend id, and 7 is the virtual transaction id for this backend, i.e., backend id/backend-local xid.

What Is Our Backend Id?

```
SELECT *
FROM pg_stat_get_backend_idset() AS t(id)
WHERE pg_stat_get_backend_pid(id) = pg_backend_pid();
id
----
2
```

The maximum backend id is set by *max_connections*.

The VXID Increments

```
SELECT virtualtransaction AS vxid, transactionid::text
FROM
       pg locks
WHERE pid = pg backend pid()
ORDER BY 1, 2
LIMIT 1;
vxid | transactionid
_____
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SELECT virtualtransaction AS vxid, transactionid::text
FROM pg locks
WHERE pid = pg backend pid()
ORDER BY 1, 2
LIMIT 1;
vxid | transactionid
----+-----
2/11 |
```

Getting a Real/External/Non-Virtual XID

```
BEGIN WORK;
SELECT virtualtransaction AS vxid, transactionid::text
FROM
        pg locks
     pid = pg backend pid()
WHERE
ORDER BY 1, 2
LIMIT 1:
 vxid | transactionid
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ANALYZE pg language;
```

Getting a Real/External/Non-Virtual XID

```
SELECT virtualtransaction AS vxid, transactionid::text
FROM
       pg locks
       pid = pg backend pid()
WHERE
ORDER BY 1, 2
LIMIT 1;
 vxid | transactionid
----+-----
 2/12 | 674
SELECT txid current();
 txid current
         674
```

COMMIT;

Transaction identifiers range from 3 to 4 billion (2^32) . Zero(0) is an invalid transaction id, and 1 and 2 are used for setting frozen xids (*committed* and *aborted*).

Requesting Your XID Assigns One

```
BEGIN WORK:
SELECT virtualtransaction AS vxid. transactionid::text
FROM
      pg locks
WHERE
     pid = pg backend pid()
ORDER BY 1, 2
LIMIT 1:
 vxid | transactionid
2/13 |
-- this will assign a non-virtual xid if not already assigned
SELECT txid current();
 txid current
          675
```

Requesting Your XID Assigns One

3. Lock Types



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Setup: Create View lockview

```
-- cannot be a temporary view because other sessions must see it
CREATE VIEW lockview AS
SELECT pid, virtualtransaction AS vxid, locktype AS lock type,
       mode AS lock mode, granted,
        CASE
                WHEN virtualxid IS NOT NULL AND transactionid IS NOT NULL
                      virtualxid || ' ' || transactionid
                WHEN virtualxid::text IS NOT NULL
                THEN virtualxid
                ELSE transactionid::text
        END AS xid lock, relname,
        page, tuple, classid, objid, objsubid
FROM
       pg locks LEFT OUTER JOIN pg class ON (pg locks.relation = pg class.oid)
WHERE -- do not show our view's locks
       pid != pg backend pid() AND
        -- no need to show self-vxid locks
        virtualtransaction IS DISTINCT FROM virtualxid
-- granted is ordered earlier
ORDER BY 1, 2, 5 DESC, 6, 3, 4, 7;
```

Create View lockview1

Create View lockview2

Create and Populate Table *lockdemo*

```
CREATE TABLE lockdemo (col int);
INSERT INTO lockdemo VALUES (1);
```

Explicit Access Share Locking

```
BEGIN WORK:
LOCK TABLE lockdemo IN ACCESS SHARE MODE;
-- force future psal commands to use the current database
\setenv PGDATABASE :DBNAME
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
       SELECT * FROM lockview1:
       pid | vxid | lock_type | lock_mode | granted | xid_lock | relname
        11306 | 2/23 | relation | AccessShareLock | t
                                                                       lockdemo
```

Explicit ACCESS SHARE Locking

Future slides will only show *lockview2* if it contains useful information.

Implicit Access Share Locking

```
BEGIN WORK:
SELECT * FROM lockdemo:
col
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
     SELECT * FROM lockview1;
       pid | vxid | lock_type | lock_mode | granted | xid_lock | relname
      11306 | 2/24 | relation | AccessShareLock | t
                                                      lockdemo
COMMIT:
```

Multi-Table Access Share Locking

Multi-Table Access Share Locking

```
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/q'
        SELECT
               * FROM lockview1;
          pid
                 vxid | lock type |
                                       lock mode
                                                      granted
                                                                xid lock
                                                                                        relname
                        relation
         11306
                 2/25
                                    AccessShareLock
                                                                            pg attribute
         11306
                 2/25
                        relation
                                    AccessShareLock
                                                                            pg attribute relid attnam index
         11306
                 2/25
                        relation
                                                                            pg attribute relid attnum index
                                    AccessShareLock
         11306
                 2/25
                        relation
                                    AccessShareLock
                                                                            pg class
         11306
                 2/25
                        relation
                                    AccessShareLock
                                                                            pg class oid index
                                                                            pg class relname nsp index
         11306
                 2/25
                        relation
                                    AccessShareLock
         11306
                 2/25
                        relation
                                    AccessShareLock
                                                                            pg namespace
         11306
                 2/25
                        relation
                                    AccessShareLock
                                                                            pg namespace nspname index
         11306
                 2/25
                        relation
                                    AccessShareLock | t
                                                                            pg namespace oid index
```

COMMIT;

Explicit ROW SHARE Locking

```
BEGIN WORK;
LOCK TABLE lockdemo IN ROW SHARE MODE:
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
      SELECT * FROM lockview1:
       pid | vxid | lock_type | lock_mode | granted | xid_lock | relname
      11306 | 2/26 | relation | RowShareLock | t
                                                    l lockdemo
COMMIT:
```

Implicit ROW SHARE Locking

```
BEGIN WORK;
SELECT * FROM lockdemo FOR SHARE;
col
SELECT txid current();
 txid_current
          681
```

Implicit ROW SHARE Locking

When a transaction is assigned a transaction id, it self-locks its transaction id so other sessions can wait on that lock for the transaction to finish.

Explicit ROW EXCLUSIVE Locking

Implicit ROW EXCLUSIVE Locking

Explicit SHARE UPDATE EXCLUSIVE Locking

Implicit SHARE UPDATE EXCLUSIVE Locking

Explicit SHARE Locking

Implicit SHARE Locking

```
BEGIN WORK;
CREATE UNIQUE INDEX i lockdemo on lockdemo(col);
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
       SELECT * FROM lockview1:
                vxid |
                         lock type
                                     lock_mode
                                                           granted |
                                                                      xid lock | relname
        11306
                2/33 | transactionid | ExclusiveLock
                                                                      684
                2/33 |
        11306
                       relation
                                     | AccessExclusiveLock | t
                2/33 | relation
                                       AccessShareLock
        11306
                                                                                  lockdemo
        11306
                2/33 | relation
                                       ShareLock
                                                                                  1ockdemo
```

COMMIT;

Explicit SHARE ROW EXCLUSIVE Locking

Implicit SHARE ROW EXCLUSIVE Locking

```
BEGIN WORK;
CREATE TRIGGER lockdemo trigger
BEFORE UPDATE ON lockdemo
FOR EACH ROW EXECUTE FUNCTION suppress redundant updates trigger();
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/t/g'
       SELECT * FROM lockview1:
                                          lock_mode
              | vxid | lock type
                                                           | granted | xid lock | relname
         pid
                2/35 | transactionid | ExclusiveLock
                                                                      685
        11306 | 2/35 | relation
                                    | ShareRowExclusiveLock | t
                                                                                 1ockdemo
ROLLBACK WORK;
```

Explicit EXCLUSIVE Locking

This lock mode is not automatically used by any Postgres SQL commands.

Explicit Access Exclusive Locking

ACCESS EXCLUSIVE is the default mode for the LOCK command.

Implicit ACCESS EXCLUSIVE Locking

```
BEGIN WORK:
CLUSTER lockdemo USING i lockdemo;
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/q'
        SELECT
                 FROM lockview1:
          pid
                 vxid |
                           lock type
                                               lock mode
                                                                granted |
                                                                          xid lock
                                                                                       relname
         11306
                 2/38
                         transactionid
                                         ExclusiveLock
                                                                           686
         11306
                 2/38
                                         AccessExclusiveLock
                        object
         11306
                 2/38
                                         AccessExclusiveLock
                        object
                 2/38
         11306
                        relation
                                         AccessExclusiveLock
                                                                                      i lockdemo
                 2/38
                        relation
                                         AccessExclusiveLock
         11306
                                                                                      lockdemo
         11306
                 2/38
                        relation
                                         AccessExclusiveLock
         11306
                 2/38
                         relation
                                         Access ShareLock
                                                                                      i lockdemo
         11306
                 2/38
                        relation
                                         ShareLock
                                                                                      1ockdemo
```

Implicit ACCESS EXCLUSIVE Locking

```
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview2;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview2;
                 vxid |
                          lock type
                                       | page | tuple | classid | objid | objsubid
          pid
         11306
                 2/38
                        transactionid
         11306
                 2/38
                                                                  16409
                        object
                                                           1247
         11306
                 2/38
                        obiect
                                                           1247
                                                                  16410
         11306
                 2/38
                       relation
         11306
                 2/38
                        relation
         11306
                 2/38
                        relation
         11306
                 2/38
                        relation
         11306
                 2/38
                        relation
```

COMMIT:

1247 is the *pg_class* entry for *pg_type*. 16409 and 16410 are used as temporary file names.

4. Lock Examples



Ponte Milvio

Row Locks Are Not Visible in *pg_locks*

```
DELETE FROM lockdemo:
BEGIN WORK;
INSERT INTO lockdemo VALUES (1):
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1:
                 vxid |
                                           lock mode
          pid
                          lock type
                                                          granted | xid lock
         11306
                 2/40 | transactionid | ExclusiveLock
                                                                     688
               | 2/40 | relation
                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
         11306
                                                                                 1ockdemo
```

Two Rows Are Similarly Invisible

```
INSERT INTO lockdemo VALUES (2), (3);
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1:
                vxid |
                                                         | granted |
                          lock type
                                           lock mode
                                                                     xid lock
                                                                                relname
         11306
                2/40 | transactionid | ExclusiveLock
                                                                     688
                2/40 | relation
                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
         11306
                                                                                 lockdemo
COMMIT:
```

Update Also Causes an Index Lock

```
BEGIN WORK;
UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 1 WHERE col = 1;
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1:
                 vxid |
                          lock type
                                           lock mode
                                                          granted |
                                                                     xid lock
                                                                                  relname
         11306
                 2/41 |
                        transactionid |
                                        ExclusiveLock
                                                                      689
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                                        RowExclusiveLock
         11306
                        relation
                                                                                 i lockdemo
         11306
                 2/41 | relation
                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
                                                                                 1ockdemo
```

Two Row Updates Are Similar

```
UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 2 WHERE col = 2;
UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 3 WHERE col = 3;
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1:
                                           lock mode
                                                                     xid lock
                 vxid
                          lock type
                                                         granted |
                                                                                 relname
         11306
                                                                     689
                 2/41 | transactionid | ExclusiveLock
         11306
                 2/41 | relation
                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
                                                                                i lockdemo
                 2/41 | relation
                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
         11306
                                                                                 1ockdemo
COMMIT:
```

Delete of One Row Is Similar

```
BEGIN WORK;
DELETE FROM lockdemo WHERE col = 1:
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1:
                 vxid |
          pid
                          lock type
                                           lock mode
                                                          granted |
                                                                     xid lock
                                                                                  relname
         11306
                 2/42 |
                        transactionid |
                                        ExclusiveLock
                                                                     690
                 2/42
                        relation
                                        RowExclusiveLock
         11306
                                                                                 i lockdemo
         11306
                 2/42 | relation
                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
                                                                                 1ockdemo
```

Delete of Two Rows Is Similar

```
DELETE FROM lockdemo:
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1;
                                                          granted |
          pid
                 vxid |
                          lock type
                                            lock mode
                                                                      xid lock
                                                                                  relname
         11306
                 2/42 | transactionid |
                                        ExclusiveLock
                                                                      690
         11306
                 2/42 |
                        relation
                                         RowExclusiveLock
                                                                                  i lockdemo
         11306
                 2/42 |
                        relation
                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
                                                                                  1ockdemo
ROLLBACK WORK;
```

Explicit Row Locks Are Similar

```
BEGIN WORK;
SELECT * FROM lockdemo WHERE col = 1 FOR UPDATE;
col
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/q'
       SELECT * FROM lockview1:
              | vxid | lock type | lock mode | granted | xid lock | relname
        11306 | 2/43 | transactionid | ExclusiveLock | t
                                                               691
                                                                         i lockdemo
        11306 | 2/43 | relation
                                    | RowShareLock | t
                                                                         1ockdemo
```

Three Explicit Row Locks Are Similar

```
SELECT * FROM lockdemo FOR UPDATE;
col
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
       SELECT * FROM lockview1:
              | vxid | lock type | lock mode
                                                     granted | xid lock |
        11306
                2/43 | transactionid | ExclusiveLock | t
                                                                691
                2/43 | relation
                                       RowShareLock | t
        11306
                                                                           i lockdemo
        11306
                2/43 | relation
                                       RowShareLock | t
                                                                           1 ockdemo
COMMIT:
```

Explicit Shared Row Locks Are Similar

```
BEGIN WORK;
SELECT * FROM lockdemo WHERE col = 1 FOR SHARE;
col
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/q'
       SELECT * FROM lockview1:
              | vxid | lock type | lock mode
                                                    granted |
                                                               xid lock
                2/44 | transactionid | ExclusiveLock | t
        11306
                                                               692
        11306
                2/44 | relation
                                      RowShareLock | t
                                                                          i lockdemo
        11306 | 2/44 | relation
                                     | RowShareLock | t
                                                                          1 ockdemo
```

Three Explicit Shared Row Locks Are Similar

```
SELECT * FROM lockdemo FOR SHARE;
col
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1:
               | vxid |
                         lock type | lock mode
                                                     granted | xid lock |
        11306
                2/44 | transactionid | ExclusiveLock | t
                                                                 692
                2/44 | relation
                                       RowShareLock | t
        11306
                                                                            i lockdemo
        11306
                2/44 | relation
                                       RowShareLock | t
                                                                            1 ockdemo
COMMIT:
```

Restore Table Lockdemo

```
DELETE FROM lockdemo;

INSERT INTO lockdemo VALUES (1);
```

```
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
       SELECT * FROM lockview1;
                vxid |
                         lock type
                                          lock mode
         pid
                                                        granted | xid lock
                                                                                relname
         11306
                2/47 | transactionid | ExclusiveLock
                                                                    695
                2/47 | relation
        11306
                                       AccessShareLock | t
                                                                               i lockdemo
                2/47 | relation
                                       AccessShareLock | t
        11306
                                                                               1ockdemo
\! psql -e -c 'UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 2; \
  SELECT pg sleep(0.200); \
  SELECT ctid, xmin, * FROM lockdemo;' | \
  sed s/^/t/g' &
```

Backslashes are used to illustrate continued lines, though *psql* does not support the use of backslashes in this way; \! commands must be on a single line.

```
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/q'
        SELECT
               * FROM lockview1:
                 vxid
                           lock type
                                            lock mode
                                                             granted
          pid
                                                                       xid lock |
                                                                                   relname
         11306
                 2/47
                         transactionid
                                         Exclusive ock
                                                                       695
         11306
                 2/47
                         relation
                                         AccessShareLock
                                                                                   i lockdemo
                 2/47
         11306
                         relation
                                         AccessShareLock
                                                                                   1ockdemo
                 3/110
                                         ExclusiveLock
         11557
                         transactionid
                                                                       696
                 3/110
                                         RowExclusiveLock
                                                                                   i lockdemo
         11557
                         relation
         11557
                 3/110
                         relation
                                         RowExclusiveLock
                                                                                   1ockdemo
        ctid
                 xmin |
         (0.9)
                  696 l
```

COMMIT WORK;

Restore Table Lockdemo

```
DELETE FROM lockdemo;

INSERT INTO lockdemo VALUES (1);
```

```
BEGIN WORK;

SELECT ctid, xmin, * FROM lockdemo;
  ctid | xmin | col
-----(0,10) | 698 | 1

UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 2;
```

```
SELECT ctid, xmin, * FROM lockdemo;
 ctid | xmin | col
(0,11) | 699 | 2
SELECT pg backend pid();
pg backend pid
          11306
SELECT txid current();
txid current
          699
```

```
\! psql -e -c 'BEGIN WORK; UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 3; \
    SELECT pg sleep(0.200); \
   COMMIT; ' | \
    sed s/^/t/g' &
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1:
                 vxid
                           lock type
                                             lock mode
                                                             granted
                                                                        xid lock
                                                                                    relname
          pid
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                         transactionid
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                         relation
                                          AccessShareLock
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                         relation
                                          AccessShareLock
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                 2/51
                         relation
                                          RowExclusiveLock
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                         relation
                                          RowExclusiveLock
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                 3/112
                         relation
                                          RowExclusiveLock
                                                                                    i lockdemo
         11575
                 3/112
                         relation
                                          RowExclusivelock
                                                                                    lockdemo
         11575
                 3/112
                         tuple
                                          ExclusiveLock
                                                                                    lockdemo.
         11575
                 3/112
                         transactionid
                                          ShareLock
                                                                        699
```

```
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview2;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview2:
                vxid
                           lock type
                                         page | tuple | classid | objid | objsubid
          pid
         11306
                 2/51
                       l transactionid
         11306
                 2/51
                       | relation
                 2/51
         11306
                       | relation
                 2/51
                       | relation
         11306
         11306
                 2/51
                       | relation
                 3/112
         11575
                         transactionid
         11575
                 3/112
                         relation
         11575
                 3/112
                         relation
         11575
                 3/112
                         tuple
                                                   10
         11575
                 3/112
                         transactionid
```

COMMIT;

```
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1:
          pid
                vxid
                           lock type
                                           lock mode
                                                            granted
                                                                    | xid lock |
                                                                                  relname
         11575
                3/112 |
                         transactionid
                                         ExclusiveLock
                                                                      700
         11575
                3/112
                         relation
                                         RowExclusiveLock
                                                                                 i lockdemo
         11575 | 3/112 |
                        relation
                                         RowExclusiveLock | t
                                                                                  1ockdemo
```

```
CREATE VIEW lockinfo hierarchy AS
        WITH RECURSIVE lockinfol AS (
                SELECT pid, vxid, granted, xid lock, lock type, relname, page, tuple
                FROM lockview
                WHERE xid lock IS NOT NULL AND
                      relname IS NULL AND
                      granted
                UNION ALL
                SELECT lockview.pid, lockview.vxid, lockview.granted, lockview.xid lock,
                        lockview.lock type, lockview.relname, lockview.page, lockview.tuple
                FROM lockinfol JOIN lockview ON (lockinfol.xid_lock = lockview.xid_lock)
                WHERE lockview.xid lock IS NOT NULL AND
                      lockview.relname IS NULL AND
                      NOT lockview.granted AND
                      lockinfol.granted),
```

```
lockinfo2 AS (
        SELECT pid, vxid, granted, xid lock, lock type, relname, page, tuple
        FROM lockview
        WHERE lock type = 'tuple' AND
              granted
        UNION ALL
        SELECT lockview.pid, lockview.vxid, lockview.granted, lockview.xid lock,
                lockview.lock type, lockview.relname, lockview.page, lockview.tuple
        FROM lockinfo2 JOIN lockview ON (
                lockinfo2.lock type = lockview.lock type AND
                lockinfo2.relname = lockview.relname AND
                lockinfo2.page = lockview.page AND
                lockinfo2.tuple = lockview.tuple)
        WHERE lockview.lock type = 'tuple' AND
              NOT lockview.granted AND
              lockinfo2.granted
SELECT * FROM lockinfol
UNION ALL
SELECT * FROM lockinfo2;
```

```
SELECT ctid, xmin, * FROM lockdemo;
 ctid | xmin | col
-----
(0,13) \mid 702 \mid 4
SELECT pg backend pid();
pg backend pid
         11306
SELECT txid current();
txid current
         702
```

```
\! psql -e -c 'BEGIN WORK; UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 5; \
   SELECT pg sleep(0.200); \
    COMMIT: ' | \
    sed s/^/t/g' &
\! psql -e -c 'BEGIN WORK; UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 6; \
   SELECT pg sleep(0.200); \
    COMMIT: ' | \
    sed s/^/t/g &
\! psql -e -c 'BEGIN WORK; UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 7; \
   SELECT pg sleep(0.200); \
    COMMIT; ' | \
    sed s/^/t/q' &
```

<pre>\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' sed 's/^/\t/g' SELECT * FROM lockview1;</pre>						
pi	d vxid	lock_type	l lock_mode	granted	xid_lock	relname
113 113 113 113 113 115	06 2/54 06 2/54 06 2/54 06 2/54 06 3/114 96 3/114	transactionid relation relation relation relation relation transactionid relation	ExclusiveLock AccessShareLock AccessShareLock RowExclusiveLock RowExclusiveLock ExclusiveLock RowExclusiveLock	t t t t t	702 703	i_lockdemo lockdemo i_lockdemo lockdemo i_lockdemo
115 115 116 116	96 3/114	relation tuple transactionid transactionid	RowExclusiveLock ExclusiveLock ShareLock ExclusiveLock	t t <mark>f</mark> t	 <mark>702</mark> 704	lockdemo lockdemo
116 116 116 116	00 4/14 00 4/14 00 4/14	relation relation tuple transactionid	RowExclusiveLock RowExclusiveLock ExclusiveLock ExclusiveLock	t t f t	 705	i_lockdemo lockdemo lockdemo
116 116 116	04 5/2 04 5/2	relation relation tuple	RowExclusiveLock RowExclusiveLock ExclusiveLock	t t f	 	i_lockdemo lockdemo lockdemo

Three Concurrent Updates Show Locking

```
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview2;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview2:
          pid
                 vxid
                           lock type | page | tuple | classid | objid | objsubid
         11306
                 2/54
                         transactionid
         11306
                 2/54
                        | relation
         11306
                 2/54
                        | relation
                 2/54
         11306
                       | relation
                 2/54
                        | relation
         11306
         11596
                 3/114 |
                         transactionid
         11596
                 3/114
                         relation
         11596
                 3/114
                         relation
         11596
                 3/114
                         tuple
                                                    12
                 3/114
         11596
                         transactionid
         11600
                 4/14
                         transactionid
         11600
                 4/14
                        l relation
         11600
                 4/14
                         relation
         11600
                 4/14
                         tuple
                                                    12
         11604
                 5/2
                       I transactionid
         11604
                 5/2
                       | relation
                        relation
         11604
                 5/2
         11604
                 5/2
                         tuple
                                                    12
```

Three Concurrent Updates Show Locking

```
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockinfo hierarchy;' | sed 's/^{\t/g'}
        SELECT * FROM lockinfo hierarchy;
                 vxid
                         granted | xid lock |
                                                                relname
          pid
                                                  lock type
                                                                            page
         11306
                 2/54
                                    702
                                                transactionid
         11596
                 3/114
                                    703
                                                transactionid
                                                transactionid
         11600
                 4/14
                                    704
         11604
                 5/2
                                    705
                                                transactionid
         11596
                 3/114
                                    702
                                                transactionid
         11596
                 3/114
                                                tuple
                                                                 1ockdemo
                                                                                       12
         11600
                 4/14
                                                tuple
                                                                 1ockdemo
                                                                                       12
         11604
                 5/2
                                                tuple
                                                                 lockdemo
                                                                                       12
```

Three Concurrent Updates Show Locking

<pre>\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' sed 's/^/\t/g' SELECT * FROM lockview1;</pre>								
	pid	pid vxid lock_type		lock_mode	granted	xid_lock	relname	
	11596 3/114 transactionid		ExclusiveLock	 t	+ 703			
	11596	3/114	relation	AccessShareLock	İt		i lockdemo	
	11596	3/114	relation	AccessShareLock	j t	İ	lockdemo	
	11596	3/114	relation	RowExclusiveLock	l t	İ	i lockdemo	
	11596	3/114	relation	RowExclusiveLock	t	İ	lockdemo	
11600 4/14 transactionid		ExclusiveLock	t	704	İ			
11600 4/14 relation		RowExclusiveLock	t	ĺ	i_lockdemo			
	11600 4/14 relation		RowExclusiveLock	t	ĺ	lockdemo		
	11600 4/14 relation		AccessExclusiveLock	t	ĺ	lockdemo		
	11600 4/14 transactionid		ShareLock	f	703			
	11604 5/2 transactionid		ExclusiveLock	t	705			
	11604	5/2	relation	RowExclusiveLock	t		i_lockdemo	
	11604 5/2 relation		RowExclusiveLock	t		lockdemo		
	11604	5/2	relation	AccessExclusiveLock	f		lockdemo	
	11604	5/2	transactionid	ExclusiveLock	t	703		
	11604	5/2	transactionid	RowExclusiveLock	t		i_lockdemo	
	11604	5/2	transactionid	RowExclusiveLock	t		lockdemo	
	11604	5/2	transactionid	AccessExclusiveLock	f		lockdemo	

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```
DELETE FROM lockdemo;

INSERT INTO lockdemo VALUES (50), (80);
```

```
BEGIN WORK;
UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 50 WHERE col = 50;
SELECT pg backend pid();
 pg backend pid
          11306
SELECT txid current();
 txid current
          710
```

```
\! psql -e -c 'BEGIN WORK; \
    UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 81 WHERE col = 80; \
    UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 51 WHERE col = 50; \
    COMMIT;' | \
    sed 's/^/\t/g' &

SELECT pg_sleep(0.200);
```

```
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1;
                 vxid
                                             lock mode
                                                             granted
                                                                        xid lock
                                                                                    relname
          pid
                           lock type
         11306
                 2/61
                         transactionid
                                          ExclusiveLock
                                                                        710
         11306
                 2/61
                         relation
                                          RowExclusiveLock
                                                                                   i lockdemo
         11306
                 2/61
                         relation
                                          RowExclusiveLock
                                                                                   1ockdemo
         11642
                 3/116
                                          ExclusiveLock
                                                                        711
                         transactionid
         11642
                 3/116
                         relation
                                          RowExclusiveLock
                                                                                   i lockdemo
                 3/116
         11642
                         relation
                                          RowExclusiveLock
                                                                                   1ockdemo
         11642
                 3/116
                         tuple
                                          ExclusiveLock
                                                                                   1ockdemo
         11642
                 3/116
                         transactionid
                                          ShareLock
                                                                        710
```

```
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview2;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview2;
                vxid
                           lock type
                                        page | tuple | classid |
                                                                 objid |
                                                                         objsubid
         pid
         11306
                2/61
                     transactionid
         11306
                2/61
                       | relation
                2/61
         11306
                       relation
         11642
                3/116
                        transactionid
         11642
                3/116 |
                        relation
                3/116
         11642
                        relation
         11642
                3/116
                        tuple
                                                   18
                3/116
         11642
                        transactionid
```

```
-- show lockview while waiting for deadlock_timeout
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT pg_sleep(0.200); \
    SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | \
    sed 's/^\t/g' &
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT pg_sleep(0.400); \
    SELECT * FROM lockview2;' | \
    sed 's/^\\t/g' &

-- the next line hangs waiting for deadlock timeout
UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 80 WHERE col = 80;
```

SELECT pg_sleep(C	0.200); SELECT * lock_type	FROM lockview1; lock_mode	granted	xid_lock	relname
11306 2/61 11306 2/61 11306 2/61 11306 2/61 11306 2/61 11306 2/61 11642 3/116	transactionid relation relation tuple transactionid transactionid relation	ExclusiveLock RowExclusiveLock RowExclusiveLock ExclusiveLock ShareLock ExclusiveLock RowExclusiveLock	t	710 711 711 711	i_lockdemo lockdemo lockdemo
11642 3/116 11642 3/116 11642 3/116	relation tuple transactionid	RowExclusiveLock ExclusiveLock ShareLock	t t f	710	lockdemo lockdemo

<pre>SELECT pg_sleep(0.400); SELECT * FROM lockview2;</pre>							
pid	vxid	lock_type	page	tuple	classid	objid	objsubid
	⊦ +		+	++	+	+	
11306	2/61	transactionid					
11306	2/61	relation	İ				
11306	2/61	relation	1				
11306	2/61	tuple	0	19			
11306	2/61	transactionid	İ				
11642	3/116	transactionid	İ				
11642	3/116	relation	1				
11642	3/116	relation	İ	į į			
11642	3/116	tuple	0	18		ĺ	
11642	3/116	transactionid	İ	j j			

```
ERROR: deadlock detected

DETAIL: Process 11306 waits for ShareLock on transaction 711; blocked by process 11642.

Process 11642 waits for ShareLock on transaction 710; blocked by process 11306.

HINT: See server log for query details.

CONTEXT: while updating tuple (0,18) in relation "lockdemo"

COMMIT;
```

The Postgres server log will report the queries involved in the deadlock.

```
DELETE FROM lockdemo;

INSERT INTO lockdemo VALUES (40), (60), (80);
```

```
BEGIN WORK;
UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 40 WHERE col = 40;
SELECT pg_backend_pid();
 pg backend pid
          11306
SELECT txid current();
 txid current
          714
```

```
\! psql -e -c 'BEGIN WORK; \
   UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 61 WHERE col = 60: \
    UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 41 WHERE col = 40: \
    COMMIT; ' | \
    sed s/^/t/g &
\! psql -e -c 'BEGIN WORK; \
   UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 81 WHERE col = 80; \
    UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 61 WHERE col = 60; \
    COMMIT: ' | \
    sed s/^/t/q' &
SELECT pg sleep(0.200);
```

```
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT pg_sleep(0.200); \
    SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | \
    sed 's/^\t/g' &
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT pg_sleep(0.400); \
    SELECT * FROM lockview2;' | \
    sed 's/^\t/g' &
-- the next line hangs waiting for deadlock timeout
UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 80 WHERE col = 80;
```

<pre>SELECT pg_sleep(0.200); SELECT * FROM lockview1;</pre>							
pid	vxid	lock_type	lock_mode	granted	xid_lock	relname	
		tt		+	t		
11306	2/65	transactionid	ExclusiveLock	t	714		
11306	2/65	relation	RowExclusiveLock	t		i_lockdemo	
11306	2/65	relation	RowExclusiveLock	t		lockdemo	
11306	2/65	tuple	AccessExclusiveLock	t		lockdemo	
11306	2/65	transactionid	ShareLock	f	716		
11662	3/118	transactionid	ExclusiveLock	t	715		
11662	3/118	relation	RowExclusiveLock	t		i_lockdemo	
11662	3/118	relation	RowExclusiveLock	t		lockdemo	
11662	3/118	tuple	AccessExclusiveLock	t		lockdemo	
11662	3/118	transactionid	ShareLock	f	714		
11666	4/22	transactionid	ExclusiveLock	t	716		
11666	4/22	relation	RowExclusiveLock	t		i_lockdemo	
11666	4/22	relation	RowExclusiveLock	t		lockdemo	
11666	4/22	tuple	AccessExclusiveLock	t		lockdemo	
11666	4/22	transactionid	ShareLock	f	715		

	g_sleep(vxid	0.400); SELECT * lock_type			 objid	objsubid
	+		+	tt	 ⊦ -	
11306	2/65	transactionid				
11306	2/65	relation	ĺ			ĺ
11306	2/65	relation	ĺ	ĺ	ĺ	ĺ
11306	2/65	tuple	0	24		
11306	2/65	transactionid	ĺ		ĺ	ĺ
11662	3/118	transactionid	ĺ			ĺ
11662	3/118	relation	ĺ			
11662	3/118	relation	ĺ		ĺ	
11662	3/118	tuple	0	22		
11662	3/118	transactionid	ĺ		ĺ	ĺ
11666	4/22	transactionid	ĺ		ĺ	
11666	4/22	relation				
11666	4/22	relation				
11666	4/22	tuple	0	23		
11666	4/22	transactionid	l			

```
ERROR: deadlock detected

DETAIL: Process 11662 waits for ShareLock on transaction 714; blocked by process 11306.

Process 11306 waits for ShareLock on transaction 716; blocked by process 11666.

Process 11666 waits for ShareLock on transaction 715; blocked by process 11662.

HINT: See server log for query details.

CONTEXT: while updating tuple (0,22) in relation "lockdemo"
```

Restore Table Lockdemo

```
DELETE FROM lockdemo;

INSERT INTO lockdemo VALUES (1);
```

```
BEGIN WORK;

SELECT * FROM lockdemo;
col
-----
1
```

```
SELECT pg_backend_pid();
pg_backend_pid
-----
11306

SELECT txid_current();
txid_current
-----
719
```

```
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/q'
       SELECT * FROM lockview1;
         pid
              | vxid |
                       lock type
                                    lock mode
                                                     granted | xid lock
                                                                            relname
        11306 | 2/70 | transactionid | ExclusiveLock
                                                                719
        11306
                2/70 | relation
                                      AccessShareLock | t
                                                                           i lockdemo
        11306 | 2/70 | relation
                                    | AccessShareLock | t
                                                                           1ockdemo
```

COMMIT;

```
BEGIN WORK;

SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL SERIALIZABLE;

SELECT * FROM lockdemo;

col
-----
1
```

```
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1;
                 vxid |
                                           lock mode
                                                                    xid lock
                                                                                 relname
          pid
                          lock type
                                                         granted
         11306
                 2/71
                        transactionid
                                        ExclusiveLock
                                                                     720
         11306
                 2/71
                        relation
                                        AccessShareLock
                                                                                i lockdemo
                 2/71
         11306
                        relation
                                        AccessShareLock
                                                                                1ockdemo
                 2/71 |
                                                                                1ockdemo
         11306
                        relation
                                        SIReadLock
COMMIT:
```

Unique Insert Locking

Unique Insert Locking

```
BEGIN WORK;
INSERT INTO lockdemo VALUES (2);
SELECT pg_backend_pid();
 pg backend pid
          11306
SELECT txid current();
 txid current
          721
```

Unique Insert Locking

```
\! PGOPTIONS='-c statement timeout=200' \
   psql -e -c 'INSERT INTO lockdemo VALUES (2);' | \
   sed s/^/t/q' &
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
       SELECT * FROM lockview1:
                vxid
                          lock type
                                           lock mode
                                                           granted
         pid
                                                                     xid lock
                                                                                  relname
        11306
                       transactionid
                                        ExclusiveLock
                2/78
                                                                     721
        11306
                2/78
                        relation
                                        RowExclusiveLock
                                                                                 1ockdemo
        11696
                3/128 |
                        transactionid
                                        Exclusive ock
                                                                     722
                3/128
                        relation
         11696
                                        RowExclusiveLock
                                                                                 i lockdemo
        11696
                3/128
                        relation
                                        RowExclusiveLock
                                                                                 lockdemo
                        transactionid
        11696
                3/128
                                        ShareLock
                                                                     721
SELECT pg sleep(0.400);
ERROR: canceling statement due to statement timeout
ROLLBACK WORK:
```

Subtransactions

```
BEGIN WORK;
UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 1;
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1;
                                                                     xid lock
          pid
                 vxid
                          lock type
                                           lock mode
                                                         granted |
                                                                                 relname
         11306
                 2/79 |
                        transactionid |
                                        ExclusiveLock
                                                                     723
         11306
                 2/79
                       relation
                                        RowExclusiveLock
                                                                                i lockdemo
         11306
                 2/79 | relation
                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
                                                                                1ockdemo
```

Subtransactions

```
SAVEPOINT lockdemo1:
UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 2;
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1:
          pid
               | vxid |
                          lock type
                                        lock mode
                                                         granted | xid lock
                                                                                 relname
         11306
                 2/79 | transactionid | ExclusiveLock
                                                                     723
                2/79 | transactionid | ExclusiveLock
         11306
                                                                     724
         11306
                2/79 | relation
                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
                                                                                i lockdemo
                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
         11306
                2/79 |
                       relation
                                                                                1ockdemo
```

Subtransactions

```
ROLLBACK WORK TO SAVEPOINT lockdemol:
UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 3;
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1:
          pid
                 vxid |
                          lock type
                                          lock_mode
                                                         granted |
                                                                     xid lock
                                                                                 relname
         11306
                 2/79 | transactionid | ExclusiveLock
                                                                     723
         11306
                 2/79 |
                       transactionid | ExclusiveLock
                                                                     725
                 2/79 | relation
                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
         11306
                                                                                 i lockdemo
         11306
               | 2/79 | relation
                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
                                                                                 lockdemo
COMMIT;
```

Advisory Locks

```
BEGIN WORK;
SELECT pg advisory lock(col) FROM lockdemo;
pg advisory lock
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/q'
       SELECT * FROM lockview1:
              | vxid | lock type | lock mode
                                                  granted | xid lock |
        11306
                2/80 | advisory | ExclusiveLock
        11306 | 2/80 | relation | AccessShareLock | t
                                                                        i lockdemo
        11306 | 2/80 | relation | AccessShareLock | t
                                                                         1ockdemo
```

Advisory Locks

```
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview2;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview2;
               | vxid | lock type | page | tuple | classid | objid | objsubid
          pid
         11306 | 2/80 | advisory
         11306
                2/80 | relation
         11306 | 2/80 | relation
SELECT pg advisory unlock(col) FROM lockdemo;
pg advisory unlock
COMMIT;
```

Joining Pg_locks and Pg_stat_activity

Joining Pg_locks and Pg_stat_activity

```
BEGIN WORK;
UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 1:
SELECT pg_backend_pid();
 pg backend pid
          11306
SELECT txid current();
 txid current
          727
```

Joining Pg_locks and Pg_stat_activity

```
\! nsql -e -c 'UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 2:' |
                                               sed 's/^/\t/g' &
\! psql -e -c 'UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 3:' |
                                               sed 's/^/\t/a' &
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lock stat view:' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
          pid
                                                                                                                     | xid lock
                            auerv
                                                  wait event
                                                                 vxid
                                                                           lock type
                                                                                             lock mode
                                                                                                            granted
                 SELECT txid current():
                                                                 2/83
                                                                                                                      727
                                                ClientRead
                                                                         transactionid
                                                                                         ExclusiveLock
         11306
                 SELECT txid current():
                                                ClientRead
                                                                 2/83
                                                                         relation
                                                                                         RowExclusiveLock | t
         11306
                 SELECT txid current():
                                                                 2/83
                                                ClientRead
                                                                         relation
                                                                                          RowExclusiveLock | t
         11740
                 UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 2;
                                                transactionid
                                                                 3/146
                                                                                         ExclusiveLock
                                                                                                                      728
                                                                         transactionid
         11740
                 UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 2:
                                                transactionid
                                                                 3/146
                                                                                         RowExclusiveLock | t
                                                                         relation
         11740
                UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 2:
                                                transactionid
                                                                 3/146
                                                                         relation
                                                                                         RowExclusiveLock | t
         11740
                 UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 2:
                                                transactionid
                                                                 3/146
                                                                         tuple
                                                                                         ExclusiveLock
         11740
                UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 2:
                                                transactionid
                                                                 3/146
                                                                         transactionid
                                                                                         ShareLock
                                                                                                                      727
         11748
                UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 3:
                                                                 4/30
                                                                         transactionid
                                                                                         ExclusiveLock
                                                                                                           t
                                                                                                                      729
                                                tuple
         11748
                UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 3:
                                                                 4/30
                                                                         relation
                                                                                         RowExclusiveLock | t
                                                tuple
         11748
                UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 3:
                                                                 4/30
                                                                         relation
                                                                                         RowExclusiveLock | t
                                                tuple
         11748 | UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 3; | tuple
                                                                 4/30
                                                                         tuple
                                                                                         ExclusiveLock
SELECT pg blocking pids(11740):
 pg blocking pids
{11306}
SELECT pg blocking pids(11748):
 pg blocking pids
 {11740}
COMMIT:
```

Conclusion





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