

RASQL - REST API for SQL

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REST API for SQL (rasql)

Transform SQL Queries in Files to REST Queries via HTTP Protocol

`curl --user id:passwd http://localhost:8080/<schema>/<query-file>?a1=abc&a2=xyz`

```
$ curl --user jmscott:lose20pd \  
    http://localhost:8080/pg_catalog/pg_stat_activity-state-count?state=active  
[  
  "duration,columns,rows",  
  0.001444535,  
  ["activity_count"],  
  
  [  
    [1]  
  ]  
]
```

Find Available REST Queries

```
$ curl --user jmscott:lose20pd https://localhost:8080/pg_catalog
[
  "duration,colums,rows",
  0.0,
  ["path","synopsis","description"],

  [
["pg_class-by-nspname","Fetch all classes in a particular name space",""],
["pg_stat_activity","Select all tuples from pg_stat_activity",""],
["pg_roles","Fetch all roles in the pg_roles view",""],
["pg_stat_activity-slow-count","Select count of queries slower than a certain duration.",""],
["pg_stat_activity-count","Select all queries in table pg_stat_activity.",""],
["pg_stat_activity-state-count","Select count of queries in a certain state.",""],
["pg_class","Fetch all classes in a pg_catalog.pg_class",""]
  ]
]
```

Specification

- Build REST Queries from SQL Queries in Files
- Simple Configuration File
- Validate URL Query Arguments
- Encryption via Secure Sockets.
- Basic Authentication
- Self Documenting from SQL File
- Export Results in JSON, CSV and TSV
- Log Slow Queries
- Pool SQL Connections for SSL

Only 1500 Lines of Go Code!

Parse Preamble in SQL File

```
/*
 * Synopsis:
 *   Select count of queries slower than a certain duration.
 *
 * Command Line Variables:
 *   duration text
 *
 * Usage:
 *   psql --file pg_stat_activity-slow-count.sql --set duration="'-1min'"
 */

SELECT
    count(*) as slow_count
FROM
    pg_catalog.pg_stat_activity
WHERE
    query_start <= (now() + :duration)
;
```

https://github.com/jmscott/work/blob/master/rasql/pg_stat_activity-slow-count.sql

Configuration File in JSON (abbreviated)

```
{
  "synopsis":      "PostgreSQL 9.6 System Catalog Schema",
  "http-listen":   "localhost:8080",
  "basic-auth-path": "password-rasql.example",
  "tls-http-listen": "localhost:443",
  "tls-cert-path":  "self-signed.cert",
  "tls-key-path":   "self-signed.key",
  "rest-path-prefix": "/pg_catalog",
  "sql-query-set": {
    "pg_stat_activity-slow-count": {
      "source-path": "pg_stat_activity-slow-count.sql"
    }
  },
  "http-query-arg-set": {
    "dur" : {
      "matches": "^.{1,63}$",
      "sql-alias": "duration"
    }
  },
  "warn-slow-sql-query-duration": 5
}
```

https://github.com/jmscott/work/blob/master/rasql/pg_catalog.rasql.example

All SQL Queries in pg_catalog.rasql.example

```
"sql-query-set": {  
  "pg_class": {  
    "source-path": "pg_class.sql"  
  },  
  "pg_class-by-nspname": {  
    "source-path": "pg_class-by-nspname.sql"  
  },  
  "pg_stat_activity": {  
    "source-path": "pg_stat_activity.sql"  
  },  
  "pg_roles": {  
    "source-path": "pg_roles.sql"  
  },  
  "pg_stat_activity-slow-count": {  
    "source-path": "pg_stat_activity-slow-count.sql"  
  },  
  "pg_stat_activity-count": {  
    "source-path": "pg_stat_activity-count.sql"  
  },  
  "pg_stat_activity-state-count": {  
    "source-path": "pg_stat_activity-state-count.sql"  
  }  
},
```


All HTTP Query Arguments in pg_catalog.rasql.example

```
"http-query-arg-set": {  
  "name" : {  
    "matches": "^.{1,63}$",  
    "sql-alias": "nspname"  
  },  
  "dur" : {  
    "matches": "^.{1,63}$",  
    "sql-alias": "duration"  
  },  
  "state" : {  
    "matches": "^[a-z]{1,32}$"  
  }  
},
```

https://github.com/jmscott/work/blob/master/rasql/pg_catalog.rasql.example

Regular Expressions Validate Query Arguments.
SQL Layer Also Validates.

Easy to Bind JSON Keys to Go Variables

```
type Config struct {
    source_path string

    Synopsis      string `json:"synopsis"`
    HTTPListen    string `json:"http-listen"`
    RESTPathPrefix string `json:"rest-path-prefix"`
    SQLQuerySet   `json:"sql-query-set"`
    HTTPQueryArgSet `json:"http-query-arg-set"`

    BasicAuthPath string `json:"basic-auth-path"`

    basic_auth map[string]string

    // Note: also want to log slow http requests!
    //         consider moving into WARN section.

    WarnSlowSQLQueryDuration float64 `json:"warn-slow-sql-query-duration"`

    // https paramters

    TLSHTTPListen string `json:"tls-http-listen"`
    TLSCertPath    string `json:"tls-cert-path"`
    TLSKeyPath     string `json:"tls-key-path"`
}
```

Extract Row as JSON, CSV or Tab Separated

```
$ curl --user jmscott:lose20pd curl --user jmscott:lose20pd \  
http://localhost:8080/pg_catalog/csv/pg_roles
```

```
rolname,rolsuper,rolinherit,rolcreatorole,rolcreatedb,rolcanlogin,rolreplication,rolconlimit,rolpassword  
blobio,false,true,false,false,true,false,-1,*****,,false,,16384  
jmscott,false,false,false,false,true,false,-1,*****,,false,,16386  
omega,false,true,false,false,true,false,-1,*****,,false,,16387  
pg_signal_backend,false,true,false,false,false,false,-1,*****,,false,,4200  
pgbackup,false,true,false,false,true,true,-1,*****,,false,,39214049  
postgres,true,true,true,true,true,true,-1,*****,,false,,10  
root,false,true,false,false,false,false,-1,*****,,false,,39311573  
setspace,false,true,false,false,true,false,-1,*****,,false,,16388  
wwwuser,false,true,false,false,false,false,-1,*****,,false,,39311574
```

Content-Type: text/csv

Basic Authentication is Apache Password Format

```
#  
# Synopsis:  
#   Example password file for rasql basic authorization  
# Usage:  
#   "basic-auth-path": "etc/passwd-rasql"  
#  
  
# user:clear-password  
# user must be alphanumeric.  password follows colon, exactly  
# comments and empty strings are ignored  
  
jmsscott:ch0mski4told2  
cassie:lose10pd
```

<https://github.com/jmsscott/work/blob/master/rasql/password-rasql.example>

Need to authenticate with SQL query!

Adding https/SSL to Server is Trivial

```
if cf.TLSHTTPListen != "" {
    if cf.TLSCertPath == "" {
        die("http listen tls: missing tls-cert-path")
    }
    if cf.TLSKeyPath == "" {
        die("http listen tls: missing tls-key-path")
    }
    log("tls listening: %s%s", cf.TLSHTTPListen, cf.RESTPathPrefix)
    go func() {
        err := http.ListenAndServeTLS(
            cf.TLSHTTPListen,
            cf.TLSCertPath,
            cf.TLSKeyPath,
            nil,
        )
        die("http listen tls: %s", err)
    }()
}
```

<https://github.com/jmscott/work/blob/master/rasql/rasqlid.go>

SSL Key Generation and Self Signing is Easy

Generate private key (.key)

```
# Key considerations for algorithm "RSA" ≥ 2048-bit

openssl genrsa -out server.key 2048

# Key considerations for algorithm "ECDSA" ≥ secp384r1
# List ECDSA the supported curves (openssl ecparam -list_curves)

openssl ecparam -genkey -name secp384r1 -out server.key
```

Generation of self-signed(x509) public key (PEM-encodings .pem | .crt) based on the private (.key)

```
openssl req -new -x509 -sha256 -key server.key -out server.pem -days 3650
```

May need insecure mode in curl during testing

```
curl --insecure http://localhost:8080...
```

Enhancements

- Use GoLang Text Templates to Conditionally Rewrite SQL queries
- Authenticate with an SQL Query or PostgreSQL Auth
- Generate HTML Documentation of SQL
- Parse SQL to Extract Target List and Arguments.
- Monitor Changes in SQL Files
- View SQL Source Code from REST Query
- Authenticate with Trusted Keys
- Syslog
- SSL SQL Connections
- HTTP Redirect of http:// to https://
- Scan Directory for SQL Query Files
- Trusted Network

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