

Catalog inconsistency

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Issue

Getting pg_dump errors that are preventing cx to take dumps:

```
pg_dump: last built-in OID is 16383
pg_dump: reading extensions
pg_dump: identifying extension members
pg_dump: reading schemas
pg_dump: reading user-defined tables
pg_dump: reading user-defined functions
pg_dump: error: schema with OID 307119712 does not exist
```

Investigation/Analysis

```
select oid,nspname from pg_namespace WHERE oid = 307119712
```

Result is empty, there is no schema with oid 307119712

```
select oid, proname, pronamespace from pg_proc where pronamespace not in (select oid from pg_namespace);
```

Result will show those functions that are associated to missing schemas in the current database.

Mitigation

Issue can be mitigated by deleting the offending functions or updating the pronamespace column to point to an already existing schema:

```
DELETE FROM pg_proc where pronamespace not in (select oid from pg_namespace);
or
UPDATE pg_proc set pronamespace=2200 where pronamespace not in (select oid from pg_namespace);
```

This will require an ICM to be opened (example ICM:

<https://portal.microsofticm.com/imp/v3/incidents/details/284895563/home> [↗](#)) as those commands require the superuser privilege, if cx tries to execute those commands they will receive following errors:

```
ERROR: permission denied for table pg_proc
```

To prevent this to happen in future, please explain to cx that ddl sentences like "drop schema" should not be executed within a transaction block.

Repro Steps

You can reproduce the issue by using 2 different sessions, and executing the steps in the following order:

Session1

```
1.BEGIN;  
3.alter function <function> set schema dummy;  
6.commit;
```

Session2

```
2.BEGIN;  
4.drop schema dummy cascade;  
5.commit;
```

If you want to reproduce, please do so in a new server and drop it later as you will create a postgresql catalog inconsistency that will need to involve PG to solve it.

More Information

Issue is related to "drop schema" sentence not being transaction-safe, it's not related exclusively to Azure Database for PostgreSQL Flexible or Single server, it's related to community engine itself.

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