DBI-Link: 3.0



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What is DBI-Link?

Gives you SQL access to external tabular data from PostgreSQL

PostgreSQL

Perl and DBI

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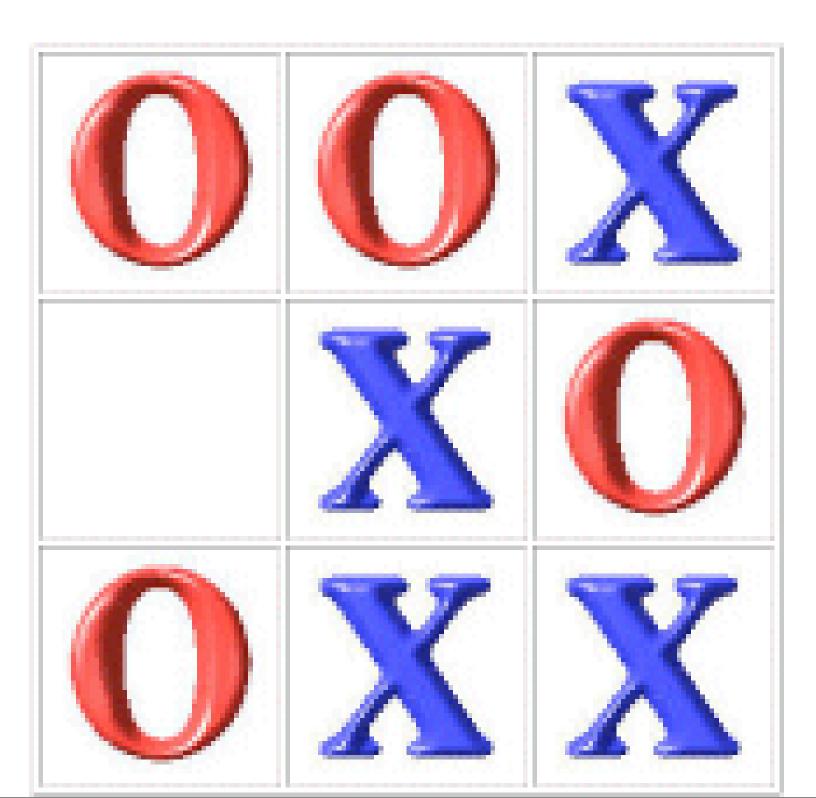
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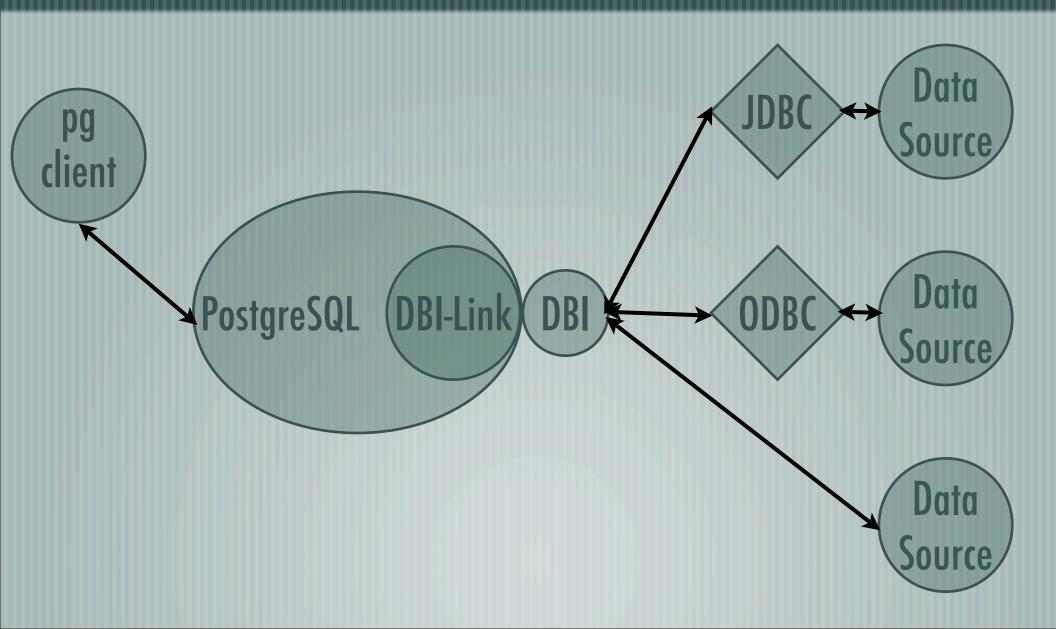
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Computer-based Tabular Data DBI Can Use

PostgreSQL	Oracle			
DB2	Excel			
MySQL	CSV			
NMAP	Google			
ps	etc.			

The Big Picture



Current Uses

MySQL

Informix

MS-SQL Server (spawned project)

Oracle Conversion: multi-TB

Software You Need

DBI-Link http://www.pgfoundry.org/projects/dbi-link/

PostgreSQL 8.3 or better

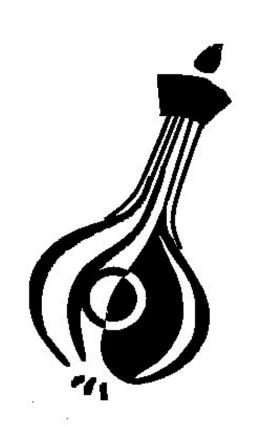
— PL/PerlU

— JSON::XS



Software You Need

- Perl 5.8.8
 - JSON::XS.pm from CPAN
 - DBI.pm
 - DBD module for each type of external data source



Setting Up DBI-Link

Load PL/PerlU into PostgreSQL

Run the DBI-Link creation SQL script in PostgreSQL

For each remote data source:

Make the accessor functions

Installing DBI-Link On Your Machine

yum install postgresql-dbi-link

Installing DBI-Link Into a Database

psql-f dbi_link.sql outreach

Setting Up Access to an External Data Source

JOIN Internal and External Data

```
SELECT h.column_here, t.column_there
FROM
  table here h
LEFT JOIN
  needs_help.table_there t
 ON
     (h.here_id = t.there_id);
```

Import External Data

```
INSERT INTO schedule (
 venue,
  room,
  start_time
SELECT venue, room, start_time
FROM a spreadsheet.schedule;
```

Reach Out and Fix Something

```
UPDATE needs_help.log_table

SET my_timestamp = NULL

WHERE my_timestamp = '0000-00-00 00:00:00';
```

Using PostgreSQL Features Externally

```
DELETE FROM needs_help.schedule
WHERE
start_time < CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
- INTERVAL '1 day';
```

Some Terms

RULE

VIEW

Set-Returning Function (SRF)

RULEs (1/3)

RULEs rewrite SQL statements into other SQL statements

VIEWs (2/3)

Like a TABLE

A RULE called __RETURN

SRFs (3/3)

Can take parameters

Return rows

These SRFs return SETOF RECORD

The DBI-Link Implementation

- Stores connection information in the DBI-Link schema
- CREATES VIEWs for each external table
 - --- CREATES RULES & TRIGGER functions
 - SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE and DELETE of the VIEWs
- Functions use cached database handles to:
 - read from external data sources
 - write to external data sources

What Goes On Underneath

- call make_accessor_functions()
 - INSERTs database connection info into dbi_link.dbi_connection
 - CREATES writeable VIEWs

Set-Returning Functions

A Set-Returning Function (SRF) takes parameters and returns rows as though they were from a table.

These SRFs return a set of composite TYPEs.

Each TABLE and VIEW in the external data source now has a corresponding SRF

Tools DBI-Link Uses (1/2)

```
remote_select(
  data_source_id INTEGER, /* Created by make_accessor_functions() */
  remote_query TEXT /* Any query that returns rows */
SELECT country_name
FROM remote_select(
  'SELECT country_name FROM country'
AS (country_name TEXT);
```

Tools DBI-Link Uses (2/2)

```
remote_execute(
  data_source_id INTEGER, /* Created by make_accessor_functions() */
  remote_query TEXT /* Any query that does NOT return rows */
SELECT remote execute(
  $$DELETE FROM country WHERE country_name = 'Empire of Grand Colombia'$$
```

CREATE VIEW for Each External TABLE

Each TABLE in the external data source has a set of columns

DBI-Link uses DBI methods to guess what data types those columns are.

It then CREATEs a VIEW with each of the names and the corresponding type.

VIEWs use the SRFs

- SELECT on a VIEW ->
 - Rule transforms it into a SELECT on an external TABLE
 - Sends it out via DBI
 - Returns the rows (if any)

INSERT, UPDATE and DELETE

- INSERT, UPDATE or DELETE on a VIEW ->
- Rule transforms it into an INSERT on a Shadow TABLE
- Trigger on shadow TABLE operates on each inserted row
- Sends the row transformation out via DBI.

Shadow Tables

- Shadow TABLEs have 2n+1 columns in them, where n is the number of columns in the external TABLE or VIEW
- 1 for the action to be taken (INSERT, UPDATE or DELETE)
- n for the OLD values of a row (possibly all NULL)
- n for the NEW values (possibly all NULL)

DBI-Link 3.0 Features

"Neutral" Data Type Mapping by default

Data Types Per DBD

User-settable Type Mapping

The Future

More Data Types Per DBD

Internationalization

Automatic Predicate Pushing (PostgreSQL 8.4)

Your Features

Obrigado!

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