

# PostgreSQL Performance Tuning

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POSTGRES SQL is an open-source, full-featured relational database. This presentation gives an overview of POSTGRES SQL performance tuning.

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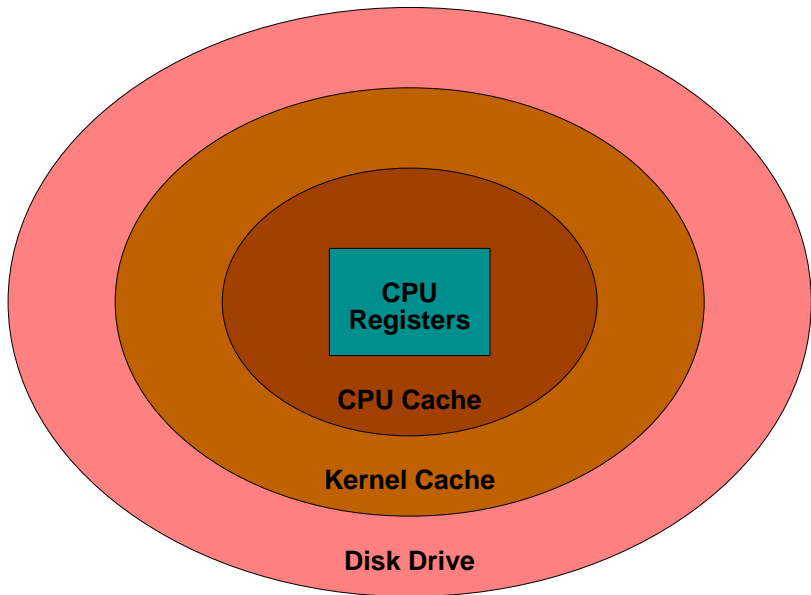
# Outline

1. Caching
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# Caching



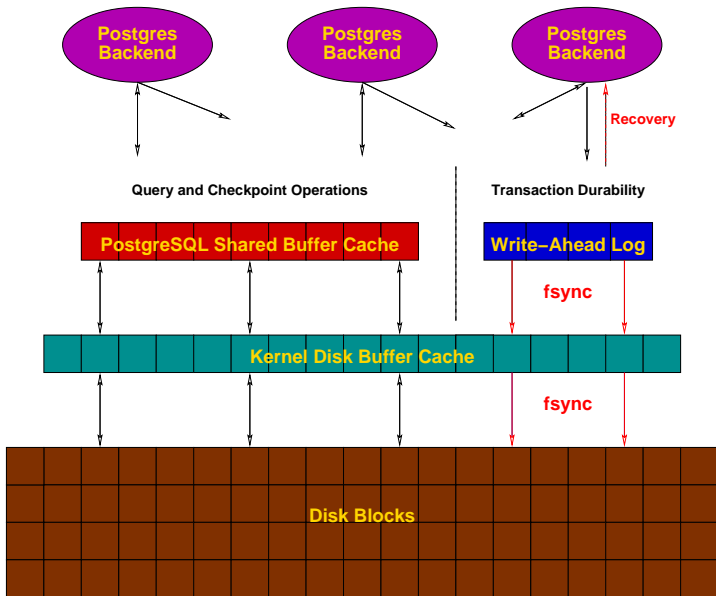
# Caches



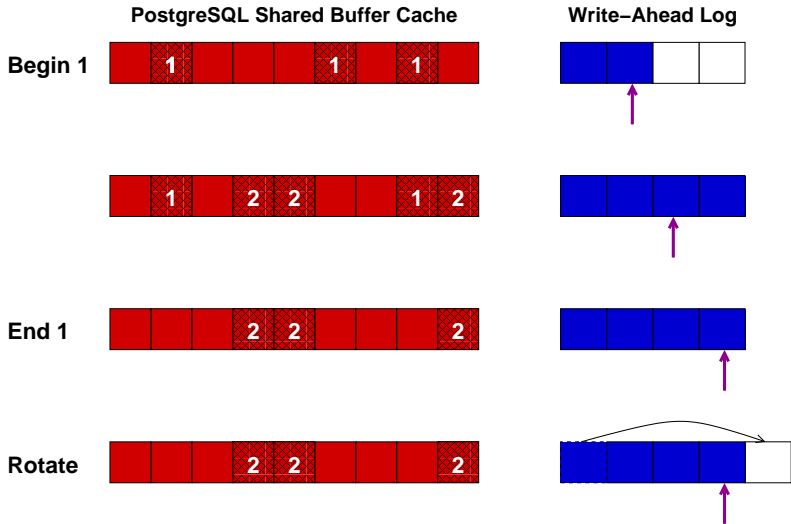
# Cache Sizes

Storage Area	Measured in
CPU registers	bytes
CPU cache	megabytes
RAM	gigabytes
disk drives	terabytes

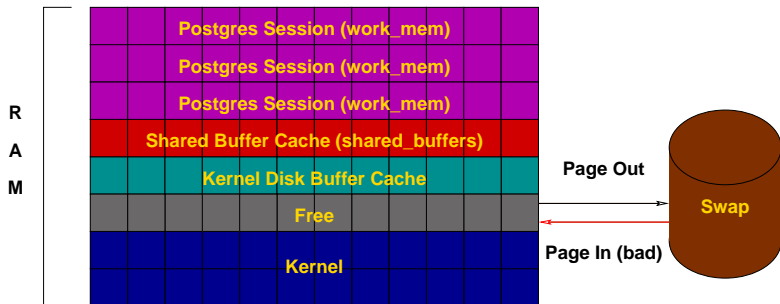
# Checkpoints and WAL Files



# Buffer / Disk Interaction



# Memory Usage





# Postgresql.conf Cache Parameters

```
shared_buffers = 32MB          # min 128kB
                                # (change requires restart)
temp_buffers = 8MB             # min 800kB

#work_mem = 1MB                # min 64kB
#maintenance_work_mem = 16MB   # min 1MB

#effective_cache_size = 128MB
```

Kernel changes often required.

# Internals



The Anatomy Lesson of Dr. Nicolaes Tulp, Rembrandt van Rijn

# SQL Query

```
SELECT firstname  
FROM friend  
WHERE age = 33;
```

# Query in Psql

```
test=> SELECT firstname  
test-> FROM friend  
test-> WHERE age = 33;  
      firstname
```

---

```
Sandy  
(1 row)
```

# Query Processing

```
test=> SELECT firstname  
test-> FROM friend  
test-> WHERE age = 33;
```

```
[ query is processed ]
```

```
      firstname
```

```
-----
```

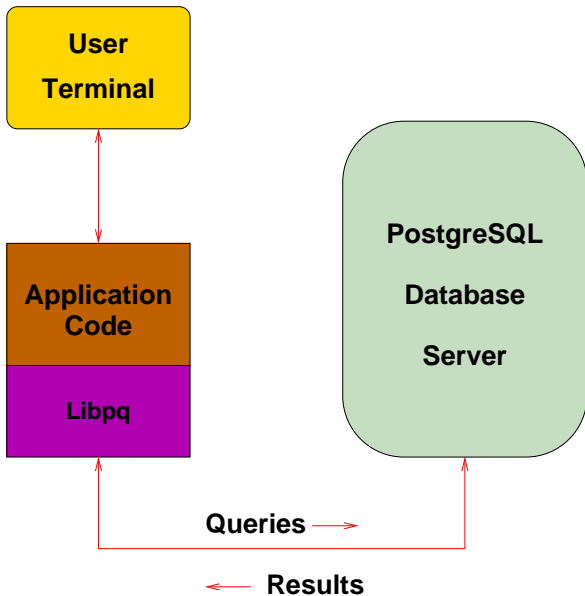
```
Sandy  
(1 row)
```

# Query in Libpq

```
test=> SELECT firstname
test-> FROM friend
test-> WHERE age = 33;
```

```
Breakpoint 1, PQexec (conn=0x807a000,
    query=0x8081200 "SELECT firstname\nFROM friend\nWHERE age = 33
    at fe-exec.c:1195
```

# Libpq



# TCP/IP Packet

17:05:22.715714 family.home.49165 > candle.navpoint.com.5432: P 354:400(46)  
ack 61 win 8760 <nop,nop,timestamp 137847 7276138> (DF)

0000:	00	d0	b7	b9	b6	c8	00	02	b3	04	09	dd	08	00	45	00	_____E_
0010:	00	62	45	31	40	00	40	06	b1	fe	ac	14	00	02	a2	21	_bE1@_@_!
0020:	f5	2e	c0	0d	15	38	1c	af	94	34	a8	1a	1e	39	80	18	_.8_4_9_
0030:	22	38	19	d5	00	00	01	01	08	0a	00	02	1a	77	00	6f	"8_____w_o
0040:	06	6a	51	53	45	4c	45	43	54	20	66	69	72	73	74	6e	_jQSELEC T firstn
0050:	61	6d	65	0a	46	52	4f	4d	20	66	72	69	65	6e	64	0a	ame_FROM friend_
0060:	57	48	45	52	45	20	61	67	65	20	3d	20	33	33	3b	00	WHERE ag e = 33;_



# Query Sent

## Result Received

```
FindExec: found "/var/local/postgres/./bin/postgres" using argv
DEBUG: connection: host=[local] user=postgres database=test
DEBUG: InitPostgres
DEBUG: StartTransactionCommand
DEBUG: query: SELECT firstname
              FROM friend
              WHERE age = 33;

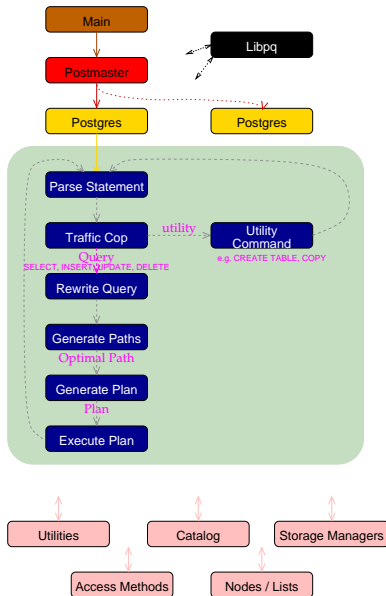
[ query is processed ]

DEBUG: ProcessQuery
DEBUG: CommitTransactionCommand
DEBUG: proc_exit(0)
DEBUG: shmexit(0)
DEBUG: exit(0)
```

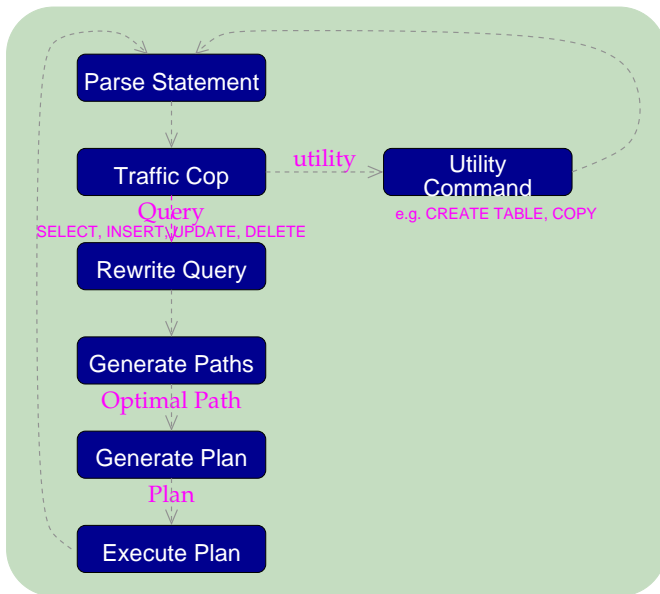
# Query Processing

```
FindExec: found "/var/local/postgres/./bin/postmaster" using argv[0]
./bin/postmaster: BackendStartup: pid 3320 user postgres db test socket 5
./bin/postmaster child[3320]: starting with (postgres -d99 -F -d99 -v131072 -p test )
FindExec: found "/var/local/postgres/./bin/postgres" using argv[0]
DEBUG: connection: host=[local] user=postgres database=test
DEBUG: InitPostgres
DEBUG: StartTransactionCommand
DEBUG: query: SELECT firstname
        FROM friend
        WHERE age = 33;
DEBUG: parse tree: { QUERY :command 1 :utility <> :resultRelation 0 :into <> :isPortal false :isBinary false :isTemp false :hasAggs false :hasSubLinks false :rtable ({ RTE :relname friend :relid 26912 :subquery <> :alias <> :eref { ATTR :relname friend :attrs { "firstname" "lastname" "city" "state" "age" }} :inh true :inFromCl true :checkForRead true :checkForWrite false :checkAsUser 0 }} :jointree { FROMEXPR :fromlist ({ RANGETBLREF 1 }} :quals { EXPR :typeOid 16 :opType op :oper { OPER :opno 96 :opid 0 :oprresulttype 16 }} :args ({ VAR :varno 1 :varattno 5 :vartype 23 :vartypmod -1 :varlevelsup 0 :varnoold 1 :varoattno 5 }} :constlen 4 :constbval true :constisnull false :constvalue 4 [ 33 0 0 0 ] }}} :rowMarks () :targetList ({ TARGETENTRY :resdom { RESDOM :resno 1 :restype 1042 :restypmod 19 :resname firstname :reskey 0 :reskeyop 0 :ressortgroupref 0 :resjunk false }} :expr { VAR :varno 1 :varattno 1 :vartype 1042 :vartypmod 19 :varlevelsup 0 :varnoold 1 :varoattno 1 }}} :groupClause <> :havingQual <> :distinctClause <> :sortClause <> :limitOffset <> :limitCount <> :setOperations <> :resultRelations ()}
DEBUG: rewritten parse tree:
DEBUG: { QUERY :command 1 :utility <> :resultRelation 0 :into <> :isPortal false :isBinary false :isTemp false :hasAggs false :hasSubLinks false :rtable ({ RTE :relname friend :relid 26912 :subquery <> :alias <> :eref { ATTR :relname friend :attrs { "firstname" "lastname" "city" "state" "age" }} :inh true :inFromCl true :checkForRead true :checkForWrite false :checkAsUser 0 }} :jointree { FROMEXPR :fromlist ({ RANGETBLREF 1 }} :quals { EXPR :typeOid 16 :opType op :oper { OPER :opno 96 :opid 0 :oprresulttype 16 }} :args ({ VAR :varno 1 :varattno 5 :vartype 23 :vartypmod -1 :varlevelsup 0 :varnoold 1 :varoattno 5 }} :constlen 4 :constbval true :constisnull false :constvalue 4 [ 33 0 0 0 ] }}} :rowMarks () :targetList ({ TARGETENTRY :resdom { RESDOM :resno 1 :restype 1042 :restypmod 19 :resname firstname :reskey 0 :reskeyop 0 :ressortgroupref 0 :resjunk false }} :expr { VAR :varno 1 :varattno 1 :vartype 1042 :vartypmod 19 :varlevelsup 0 :varnoold 1 :varoattno 1 }}} :groupClause <> :havingQual <> :distinctClause <> :sortClause <> :limitOffset <> :limitCount <> :setOperations <> :resultRelations ()}
DEBUG: plan: { SEQSCAN :startup_cost 0.00 :total_cost 22.50 :rows 10 :width 12 :qptargetlist ({ TARGETENTRY :resdom { RESDOM :resno 1 :restype 1042 :restypmod 19 :resname firstname :reskey 0 :reskeyop 0 :ressortgroupref 0 :resjunk false }} :expr { VAR :varno 1 :varattno 1 :vartype 1042 :vartypmod 19 :varlevelsup 0 :varnoold 1 :varoattno 1 }}} :qpqual ({ EXPR :typeOid 16 :opType op :oper { OPER :opno 96 :opid 65 :oprresulttype 16 }} :args ({ VAR :varno 1 :varattno 5 :vartype 23 :vartypmod -1 :varlevelsup 0 :varnoold 1 :varoattno 5 }} :constlen 4 :constbval true :constisnull false :constvalue 4 [ 33 0 0 0 ] }}} :lefttree <> :righttree <> :extprn () :loccprn () :initplan <> :nprn 0 :scanrelid 1 }
DEBUG: ProcessQuery
DEBUG: CommitTransactionCommand
DEBUG: proc_exit(0)
DEBUG: shm_exit(0)
DEBUG: exit(0)
./bin/postmaster: reaping dead processes...
./bin/postmaster: CleanupProc: pid 3320 exited with status 0
```

# Backend Flowchart



# Backend Flowchart - Magnified



# Statistics - Part 1

## PARSER STATISTICS

system usage stats:

0.000002 elapsed 0.000000 user 0.000001 system sec  
[0.009992 user 0.049961 sys total]  
0/0 [0/1] filesystem blocks in/out  
0/0 [0/0] page faults/reclaims, 0 [0] swaps  
0 [0] signals rcvd, 0/0 [2/2] messages rcvd/sent  
0/0 [2/6] voluntary/involuntary context switches

postgres usage stats:

Shared blocks:	0 read,	0 written, buffer hit rate = 0.00%
Local blocks:	0 read,	0 written, buffer hit rate = 0.00%
Direct blocks:	0 read,	0 written

## PARSE ANALYSIS STATISTICS

system usage stats:

0.000002 elapsed 0.000001 user 0.000002 system sec  
[0.009993 user 0.049965 sys total]  
0/0 [0/1] filesystem blocks in/out  
0/0 [0/0] page faults/reclaims, 0 [0] swaps  
0 [0] signals rcvd, 0/0 [2/2] messages rcvd/sent  
0/0 [2/6] voluntary/involuntary context switches

postgres usage stats:

Shared blocks:	1 read,	0 written, buffer hit rate = 96.88%
Local blocks:	0 read,	0 written, buffer hit rate = 0.00%
Direct blocks:	0 read,	0 written

# Statistics - Part 2

```
REWRITER STATISTICS
system usage stats:
0.000002 elapsed 0.000000 user 0.000002 system sec
[0.009993 user 0.049968 sys total]
0/0 [0/1] filesystem blocks in/out
0/0 [0/0] page faults/reclaims, 0 [0] swaps
0 [0] signals rcvd, 0/0 [2/2] messages rcvd/sent
0/0 [2/6] voluntary/involuntary context switches
postgres usage stats:
Shared blocks:          0 read,          0 written, buffer hit rate = 0.00%
Local blocks:           0 read,          0 written, buffer hit rate = 0.00%
Direct blocks:          0 read,          0 written
PLANNER STATISTICS
system usage stats:
0.009974 elapsed 0.009988 user -1.999985 system sec
[0.019982 user 0.049955 sys total]
0/0 [0/1] filesystem blocks in/out
0/0 [0/0] page faults/reclaims, 0 [0] swaps
0 [0] signals rcvd, 0/0 [2/2] messages rcvd/sent
0/0 [2/6] voluntary/involuntary context switches
postgres usage stats:
Shared blocks:          5 read,          0 written, buffer hit rate = 96.69%
Local blocks:           0 read,          0 written, buffer hit rate = 0.00%
Direct blocks:          0 read,          0 written
EXECUTOR STATISTICS
system usage stats:
0.040004 elapsed 0.039982 user 0.000013 system sec
[0.059964 user 0.049970 sys total]
0/0 [0/1] filesystem blocks in/out
0/0 [0/0] page faults/reclaims, 0 [0] swaps
0 [0] signals rcvd, 0/2 [2/4] messages rcvd/sent
2/2 [4/8] voluntary/involuntary context switches
postgres usage stats:
Shared blocks:          2 read,          0 written, buffer hit rate = 83.33%
Local blocks:           0 read,          0 written, buffer hit rate = 0.00%
Direct blocks:          0 read,          0 written
```

# Optimizer

- ▶ Scan Methods
- ▶ Join Methods
- ▶ Join Order

# Scan Methods

- ▶ Sequential Scan
- ▶ Index Scan
- ▶ Bitmap Scan



# Sequential Scan

## Heap



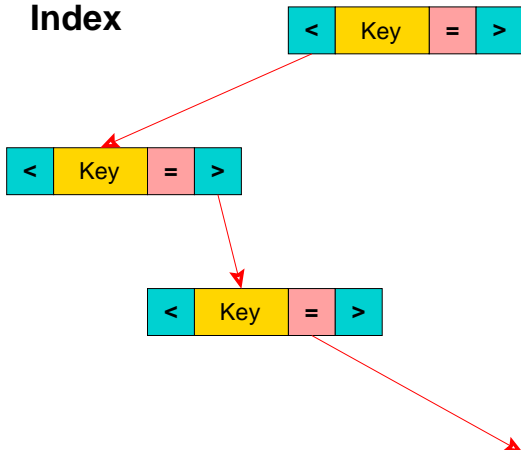
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A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A



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# Btree Index Scan

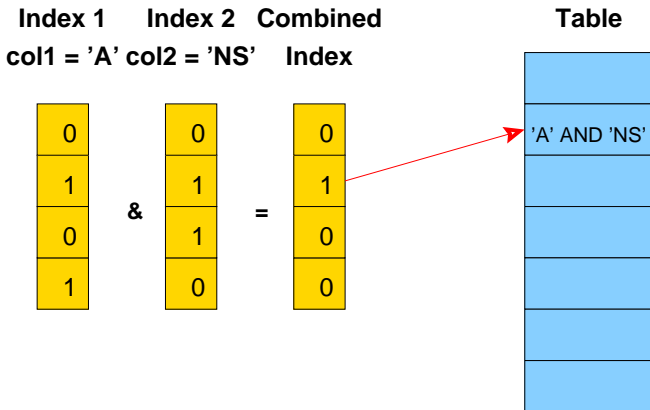
**Index**



**Heap**

D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
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T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A

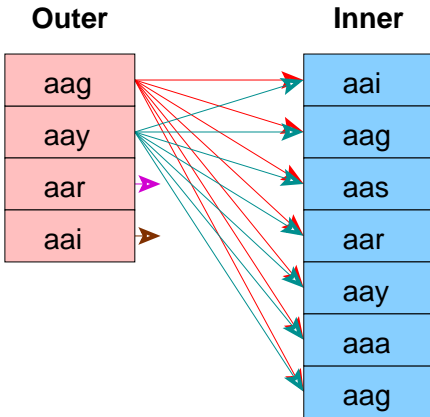
# Bitmap Scan



# Join Methods

- ▶ Nested Loop
  - ▶ With Inner Sequential Scan
  - ▶ With Inner Index Scan
- ▶ Hash Join
- ▶ Merge Join

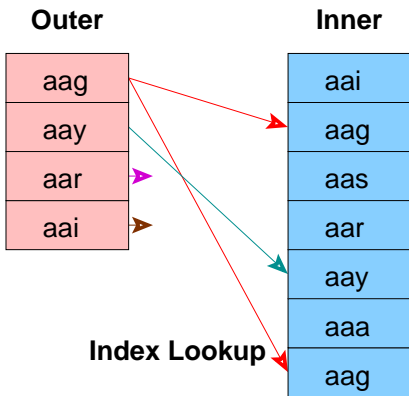
# Nested Loop Join with Inner Sequential Scan



No Setup Required

Used For Small Tables

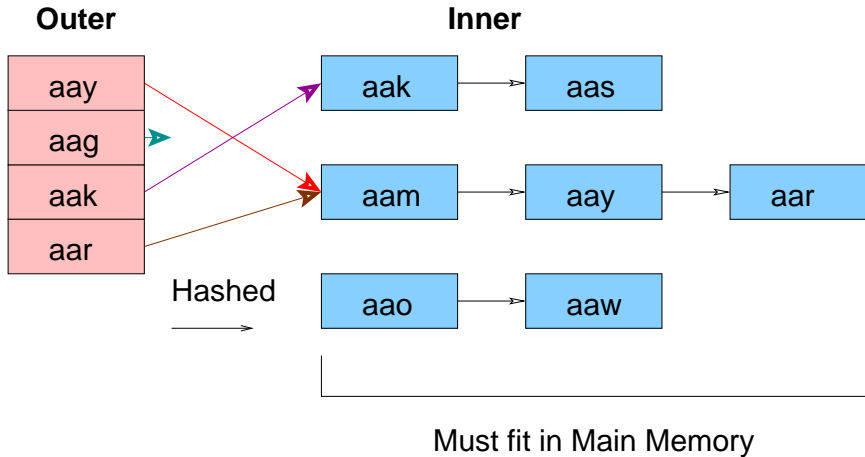
# Nested Loop Join with Inner Index Scan



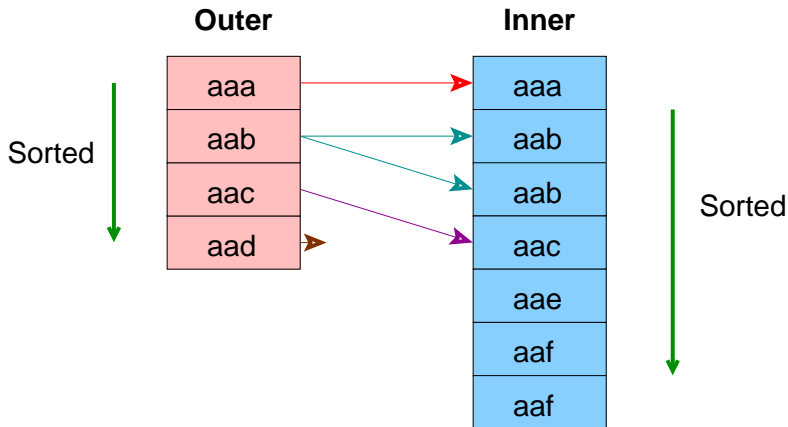
No Setup Required

Index Must Already Exist

# Hash Join



# Merge Join



Ideal for Large Tables

An Index Can Be Used to Eliminate the Sort



# Three-Table Join Query

```
SELECT part.price  
FROM customer, salesorder, part  
WHERE customer.customer_id = salesorder.customer_id AND  
salesorder.part = part.part_id
```

# Three-Table Join, Pass 1, Part 1

```
(2 3 ): rows=575 width=76
path list:
HashJoin rows=575 cost=3.57..41.90
  clauses=(salesorder.part_id = part.part_id)
    SeqScan(2) rows=575 cost=0.00..13.75
    SeqScan(3) rows=126 cost=0.00..3.26
Nestloop rows=575 cost=0.00..1178.70
  SeqScan(2) rows=575 cost=0.00..13.75
  IdxScan(3) rows=126 cost=0.00..2.01
Nestloop rows=575 cost=0.00..1210.28
  pathkeys=((salesorder.customer_id, customer.customer_id) )
    IdxScan(2) rows=575 cost=0.00..45.33
    pathkeys=((salesorder.customer_id, customer.customer_id) )
    IdxScan(3) rows=126 cost=0.00..2.01

cheapest startup path:
Nestloop rows=575 cost=0.00..1178.70
  SeqScan(2) rows=575 cost=0.00..13.75
  IdxScan(3) rows=126 cost=0.00..2.01

cheapest total path:
HashJoin rows=575 cost=3.57..41.90
  clauses=(salesorder.part_id = part.part_id)
    SeqScan(2) rows=575 cost=0.00..13.75
    SeqScan(3) rows=126 cost=0.00..3.26
```

## Three-Table Join, Pass 1, Part 2

```
(1 2 ): rows=575 width=76
path list:
HashJoin rows=575 cost=3.00..40.75
  clauses=(salesorder.customer_id = customer.customer_id)
    SeqScan(2) rows=575 cost=0.00..13.75
    SeqScan(1) rows=80 cost=0.00..2.80
MergeJoin rows=575 cost=0.00..64.39
  clauses=(salesorder.customer_id = customer.customer_id)
    IdxScan(1) rows=80 cost=0.00..10.88
      pathkeys=((salesorder.customer_id, customer.customer_id) )
    IdxScan(2) rows=575 cost=0.00..45.33
      pathkeys=((salesorder.customer_id, customer.customer_id) )

cheapest startup path:
MergeJoin rows=575 cost=0.00..64.39
  clauses=(salesorder.customer_id = customer.customer_id)
    IdxScan(1) rows=80 cost=0.00..10.88
      pathkeys=((salesorder.customer_id, customer.customer_id) )
    IdxScan(2) rows=575 cost=0.00..45.33
      pathkeys=((salesorder.customer_id, customer.customer_id) )

cheapest total path:
HashJoin rows=575 cost=3.00..40.75
  clauses=(salesorder.customer_id = customer.customer_id)
    SeqScan(2) rows=575 cost=0.00..13.75
    SeqScan(1) rows=80 cost=0.00..2.80
```

# Three-Table Join, Pass 2, Part 1

```
(2 3 1 ): rows=575 width=112
path list:
HashJoin rows=575 cost=6.58..68.90
  clauses=(salesorder.customer_id = customer.customer_id)
    HashJoin rows=575 cost=3.57..41.90
      clauses=(salesorder.part_id = part.part_id)
        SeqScan(2) rows=575 cost=0.00..13.75
        SeqScan(3) rows=126 cost=0.00..3.26
      SeqScan(1) rows=80 cost=0.00..2.80
    HashJoin rows=575 cost=3.57..92.54
      clauses=(salesorder.part_id = part.part_id)
        MergeJoin rows=575 cost=0.00..64.39
          clauses=(salesorder.customer_id = customer.customer_id)
            IdxScan(1) rows=80 cost=0.00..10.88
              pathkeys=((salesorder.customer_id, customer.customer_id) )
            IdxScan(2) rows=575 cost=0.00..45.33
              pathkeys=((salesorder.customer_id, customer.customer_id) )
          SeqScan(3) rows=126 cost=0.00..3.26
        HashJoin rows=575 cost=3.00..1205.70
          clauses=(salesorder.customer_id = customer.customer_id)
            Nestloop rows=575 cost=0.00..1178.70
              SeqScan(2) rows=575 cost=0.00..13.75
              IdxScan(3) rows=126 cost=0.00..2.01
            SeqScan(1) rows=80 cost=0.00..2.80
```

# Three-Table Join, Pass 2, Part 2

```
MergeJoin rows=575 cost=0.00..1229.35
  clauses=(salesorder.customer_id = customer.customer_id)
    Nestloop rows=575 cost=0.00..1210.28
      pathkeys=((salesorder.customer_id, customer.customer_id) )
        IdxScan(2) rows=575 cost=0.00..45.33
          pathkeys=((salesorder.customer_id, customer.customer_id) )
            IdxScan(3) rows=126 cost=0.00..2.01
        IdxScan(1) rows=80 cost=0.00..10.88
          pathkeys=((salesorder.customer_id, customer.customer_id) )
```

cheapest startup path:

```
MergeJoin rows=575 cost=0.00..1229.35
  clauses=(salesorder.customer_id = customer.customer_id)
    Nestloop rows=575 cost=0.00..1210.28
      pathkeys=((salesorder.customer_id, customer.customer_id) )
        IdxScan(2) rows=575 cost=0.00..45.33
          pathkeys=((salesorder.customer_id, customer.customer_id) )
            IdxScan(3) rows=126 cost=0.00..2.01
        IdxScan(1) rows=80 cost=0.00..10.88
          pathkeys=((salesorder.customer_id, customer.customer_id) )
```

cheapest total path:

```
HashJoin rows=575 cost=6.58..68.90
  clauses=(salesorder.customer_id = customer.customer_id)
    HashJoin rows=575 cost=3.57..41.90
      clauses=(salesorder.part_id = part.part_id)
        SeqScan(2) rows=575 cost=0.00..13.75
        SeqScan(3) rows=126 cost=0.00..3.26
      SeqScan(1) rows=80 cost=0.00..2.80
```

# Result Returned

```
test=> SELECT firstname
test-> FROM friend
test-> WHERE age = 33;
```

```
1:  firstname          (typeid = 1042, len = -1, typmod = 19, byval =
-----
1:  firstname = "Sandy" (typeid = 1042, len = -1, typmod = 19, byval =
-----
```

```
      firstname
```

```
-----
Sandy
(1 row)
```

# VACUUM ANALYZE

```
test=> VACUUM ANALYZE VERBOSE customer;
INFO:  vacuuming "pg_catalog.pg_depend"
INFO:  index "pg_depend_depender_index" now contains 3616 row versions in 19 pages
DETAIL:  0 index pages have been deleted, 0 are currently reusable.
CPU 0.00s/0.00u sec elapsed 0.00 sec.
INFO:  index "pg_depend_reference_index" now contains 3616 row versions in 23 pages
DETAIL:  0 index pages have been deleted, 0 are currently reusable.
CPU 0.00s/0.00u sec elapsed 0.00 sec.
INFO:  "pg_depend": found 0 removable, 3616 nonremovable row versions in 25 pages
DETAIL:  0 dead row versions cannot be removed yet.
There were 9 unused item pointers.
0 pages are entirely empty.
CPU 0.00s/-1.99u sec elapsed 0.00 sec.
INFO:  analyzing "pg_catalog.pg_depend"
INFO:  "pg_depend": 25 pages, 3000 rows sampled, 3625 estimated total rows
VACUUM
```

# ANALYZE

```
starelid      | 16416
staattnum     | 4
stanullfrac   | 0
stawidth      | 22
stadistinct   | -0.4244
stakind1      | 1
stakind2      | 2
stakind3      | 3
stakind4      | 0
staop1        | 98
staop2        | 664
staop3        | 664
staop4        | 0
stanumbers1   | {0.146658,0.027904,0.0246593,0.0233615,0.0227125,0.0227125,0.0227125,0.0149254,0.01427
64,0.0123297}
stanumbers2   |
stanumbers3   | {-0.145569}
stanumbers4   |
stavalues1    | {I/0,equal,"not equal",less-than,greater-than,greater-than-or-equal,less-than-or-equal
,subtract,multiply,add}
stavalues2    | {"(Block, offset), physical location of tuple","absolute value","btree less-equal-grea
ter","convert int2 to float4","deparse an encoded expression","format int8 to text","is opclass visi
ble in search path?","matches LIKE expression","print type names of oidvector field",sine,"-18 digit
integer, 8-byte storage"}
stavalues3    |
stavalues4    |
```



# EXPLAIN

```
test=> EXPLAIN SELECT name FROM customer;
```

```
NOTICE:  QUERY PLAN:
```

```
Seq Scan on customer (cost=0.00..225.88 rows=12288 width=34)
```

```
EXPLAIN
```

```
VACUUM
```

# EXPLAIN ANALYZE

```
test=> EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT name FROM customer;
```

```
NOTICE: QUERY PLAN:
```

```
Seq Scan on customer (cost=0.00..225.88 rows=12288 width=34) (actual time=0.21..205.20 rows=12288 loops=1)  
Total runtime: 249.10 msec  
EXPLAIN
```

# EXPLAIN USING ANSI JOINS

```
test=> EXPLAIN INSERT INTO warehouse_tmp
test-> (uri, expression, n, relevance, spid_measure, size, title, sample)
test-> SELECT d.uri, dn.expression, n.n, dn.relevance, d.spid_measure,
test->      d.size, d.title, dn.sample
test-> FROM document as d
test->      INNER JOIN (document_n_gram AS dn
test(>      INNER JOIN n_gram AS n
test(>      ON (dn.expression = n.expression))
test->      ON (d.uri = dn.uri)
test-> ORDER BY dn.expression, n.n;
```

NOTICE: QUERY PLAN:

```
Subquery Scan *SELECT* (cost=3895109.07..3895109.07 rows=1009271 width=886)
-> Sort (cost=3895109.07..3895109.07 rows=1009271 width=886)
    -> Hash Join (cost=1155071.81..2115045.12 rows=1009271 width=886)
        -> Merge Join (cost=1154294.92..1170599.85 rows=1009271 width=588)
            -> Sort (cost=1001390.67..1001390.67 rows=1009271 width=439)
                -> Seq Scan on document_n_gram dn
                    (cost=0.00..49251.71 rows=1009271 width=439)
            -> Sort (cost=152904.25..152904.25 rows=466345 width=149)
                -> Seq Scan on n_gram n (cost=0.00..12795.45 rows=466345 width=149)
        -> Hash (cost=767.71..767.71 rows=3671 width=298)
            -> Seq Scan on document d (cost=0.00..767.71 rows=3671 width=298)
```

EXPLAIN

# Explain Using Subselect In FROM Clause

```
test=> EXPLAIN SELECT cs.entity_id as region, r.name, cs.status, count(*)
test-> FROM region r inner join
test->      (SELECT DISTINCT findregion(entity_id) AS entity_id, status
test(>      FROM current_status
test(>      ORDER BY 1
test(>      ) AS cs on r.region_id = cs.entity_id
test-> GROUP BY region, r.name, cs.status;
NOTICE: QUERY PLAN:
Aggregate  (cost=13688.40..14338.40 rows=6500 width=24)
->  Group  (cost=13688.40..14175.90 rows=65000 width=24)
->  Sort   (cost=13688.40..13688.40 rows=65000 width=24)
->  Merge Join  (cost=7522.19..7674.94 rows=65000 width=24)
->    Index Scan using region_pkey on region r
        (cost=0.00 59.00 rows=1000 width=16)
->    Sort  (cost=7522.19..7522.19 rows=6500 width=8)
        -> Subquery Scan cs  (cost=6785.54..7110.54
                            rows=65 width=8)
            -> Unique  (cost=6785.54..7110.54 rows=6500
                        with=8)
                -> Sort  (cost=6785.54..6785.54 rows=650
                            width=8)
                    -> Seq Scan on current_status
                        (st=0.00..1065.00 rows=65000 width=8)
```

EXPLAIN

# Postgresql.conf Optimizer Parameters

# - Planner Method Enabling -

```
#enable_hashagg = true
#enable_hashjoin = true
#enable_indexscan = true
#enable_mergejoin = true
#enable_nestloop = true
#enable_seqscan = true
#enable_sort = true
#enable_tidscan = true
```

# - Planner Cost Constants -

#effective_cache_size = 1000	# typically 8KB each
#random_page_cost = 4	# units are one sequential page fetch cost
#cpu_tuple_cost = 0.01	# (same)
#cpu_index_tuple_cost = 0.001	# (same)
#cpu_operator_cost = 0.0025	# (same)

# More Postgresql.conf Optimizer Parameters

# - Genetic Query Optimizer -

#geqo = true

#geqo\_threshold = 11

#geqo\_effort = 1

#geqo\_generations = 0

#geqo\_pool\_size = 0                      # default based on tables in statement,  
# range 128-1024

#geqo\_selection\_bias = 2.0              # range 1.5-2.0

# - Other Planner Options -

#default\_statistics\_target = 10 # range 1-1000

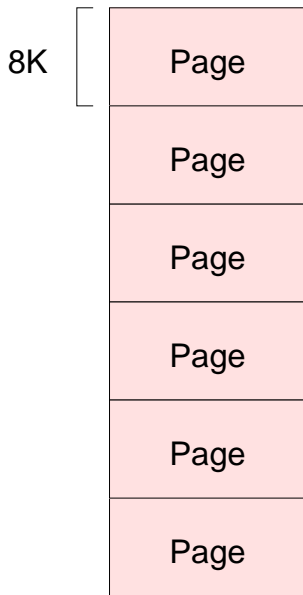
#from\_collapse\_limit = 8

#join\_collapse\_limit = 8              # 1 disables collapsing of explicit JOINS

# Storage

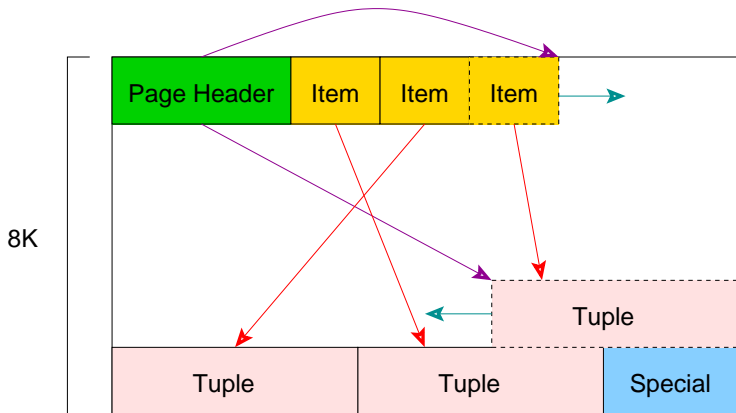


# File Structure



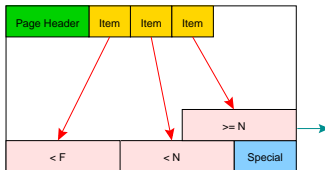


# Page Structure

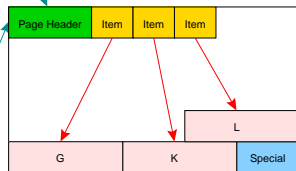
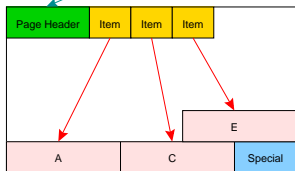


# Index Page Structure

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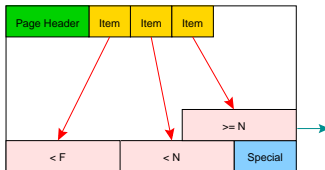


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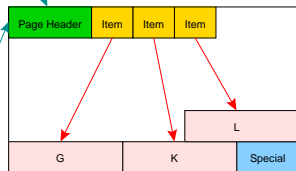
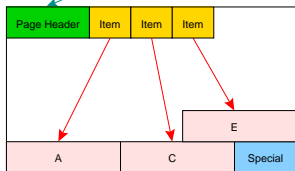


# CLUSTER

Internal



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# CLUSTER

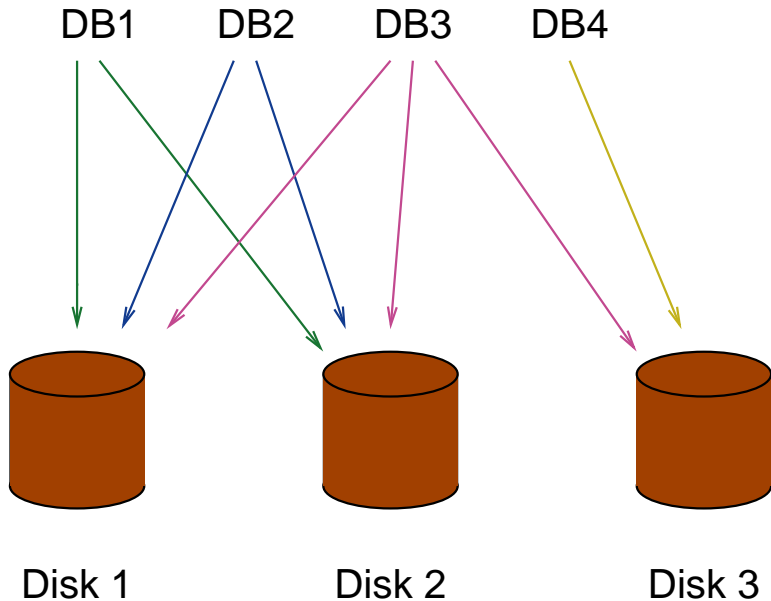
```
test=> CREATE TABLE customer (id SERIAL, name TEXT);  
NOTICE: CREATE TABLE will create implicit sequence 'customer_id_seq' for SERIAL column 'customer.id'  
test=> CREATE INDEX customer_id_index ON customer (id);  
CREATE INDEX  
test=> CLUSTER customer USING customer_id_index;  
CLUSTER
```

# Index Types

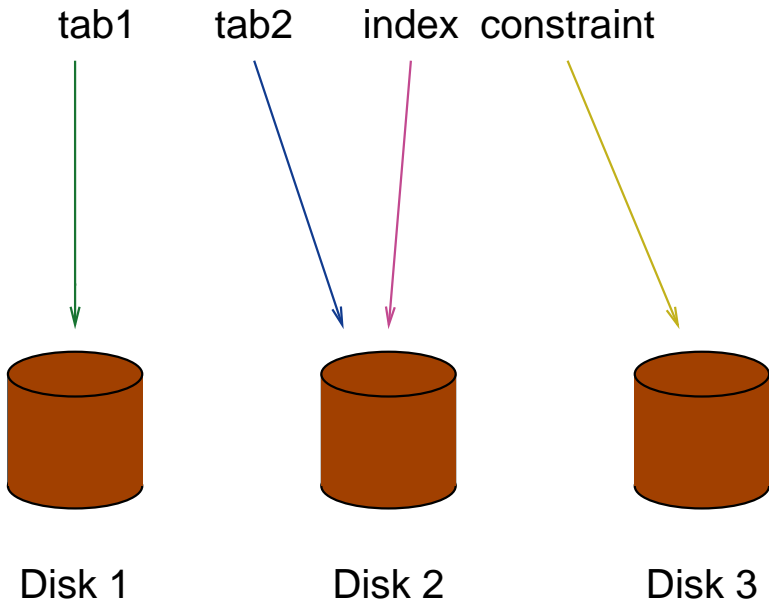
## (Access Methods)

- ▶ Btree
- ▶ Hash
- ▶ Rtree
- ▶ GiST
- ▶ GIN

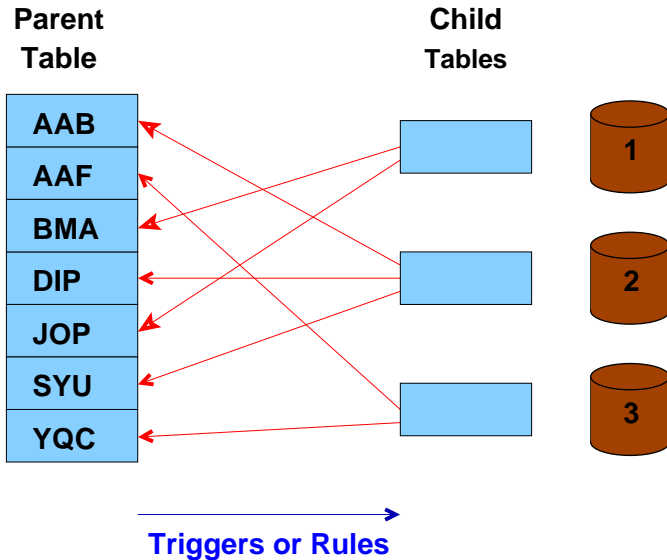
# Tablespaces For Database I/O Balancing



# Tablespaces For Table and Index I/O Balancing



# Table I/O Balancing Using constraint\_exclusion



Range partitioning is also possible.



# Caches

- ▶ System Cache
- ▶ Relation Information Cache
- ▶ File Descriptor Cache

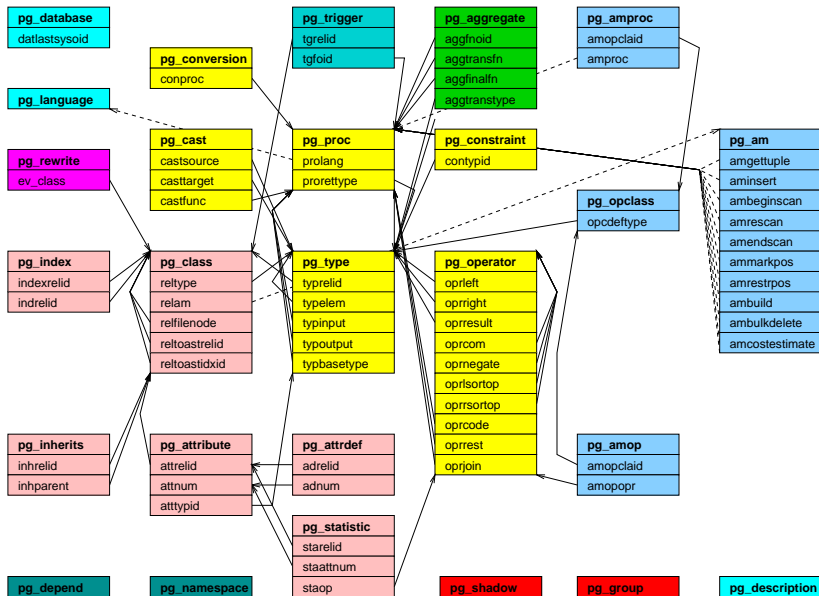
# Shared Memory

- ▶ Proc structure
- ▶ Lock structure
- ▶ Buffer structure
- ▶ Free space map

# Query Tips

- ▶ COPY vs. INSERT
- ▶ LIMIT vs. CURSOR
- ▶ TRUNCATE vs. DELETE
- ▶ Expression Indexes
- ▶ Partial Indexes
- ▶ Prepared Queries
- ▶ INTERSECT vs. AND (selfjoin)
- ▶ UNION vs. OR

# System Tables



# Conclusion



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