NoSQL & ACID DBMS - Common Misconceptions

- ACID Compliant DBMS don't support JSON and KVP
- Traditional DBMS can't handle the volume or the speed
- Web 2.0 Applications rely on JSON traditional DBMS focus on text, integer, etc.
- Traditional DBMS don't work well with Web 2.0 development languages

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Postgres – NoSQL for the Enterprise

- Data Types
 - Postgres has JSON, JSONB, Key-Value Pair, plus arrays, ranges, timezones, dates, integer, floating point, etc.
- Performance Benchmarks
 - Postgres is very fast and can handle huge amounts of data
 - Postgres can selectively relax key ACID features to increase performance
- · Proven track record
 - ACID compliant
 - Open source
 - ANSI SQL
 - Large developer and vendor community



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NoSQL Data in Postgres

HSTORE

- Key-value pair
- Simple, fast and easy
- Postgres v 8.2 pre-dates many NoSQL-only solutions

JSON

- Hierarchical document model
- Introduced in Postgres 9.2, perfected in 9.3

JSONB

- Binary version of JSON
- Faster, more operators and even more robust
- Postgres 9.4

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Postgres: Document Store

- JSON is the most popular data-interchange format on the web
- Derived from the ECMAScript Programming Language Standard (European Computer Manufacturers Association).
- Supported by virtually every programming language
- New supporting technologies continue to expand JSON's utility
 - PL/V8 JavaScript extension
 - Node.js
- Postgres native JSON data type (v9.2) and a JSON parser and a variety of JSON functions (v9.3)
- Postgres JSONB data type with binary storage and indexing (v9.4)



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Why JSON

- Wherever there is JavaScript you will find JSON
- · Most languages support it
- · Node.Js is becoming popular.
- Lighter and more compact than XML.
- Most application don't need the rich structure of XML
- Flexible Structure
- Due to its flexible structure, JSON is a good fit for NoSQL.

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JSON Examples

Creating a table with a JSONB field

```
CREATE TABLE json data (data JSONB);
```

Simple JSON data element:

```
{"name": "Apple Phone", "type": "phone", "brand":
"ACME", "price": 200, "available": true,
"warranty years": 1}
```

Inserting this data element into the table json_data

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A simple query for JSON data

SELECT DISTINCT

data->>'name' as products

FROM json data;

products

Cable TV Basic Service Package
AC3 Case Black
Phone Service Basic Plan
AC3 Phone
AC3 Case Green
Phone Service Family Plan
AC3 Case Red
AC7 Phone

This query does not return JSON data – it returns text values associated with the key 'name'

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A query that returns JSON data

```
SELECT data FROM json_data;
data

{"name": "Apple Phone", "type": "phone",
"brand": "ACME", "price": 200,
"available": true, "warranty_years": 1}
```

This query returns the JSON data in its original format

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JSON Data Types

JSON is defined per RFC – 7159 For more detail please refer http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc7159

1. Number:

- Signed decimal number that may contain a fractional part and may use exponential notation.
- No distinction between integer and floating-point

2. String

- A sequence of zero or more Unicode characters.
- Strings are delimited with double-quotation mark
- Supports a backslash escaping syntax.

3. Boolean

Either of the values true or false.

4. Array

- An ordered list of zero or more values,
- Each values may be of any type.
- Arrays use square bracket notation with elements being comma-separated.

5. Object

- An unordered associative array (name/value pairs).
- Objects are delimited with curly brackets
- Commas to separate each pair
- Each pair the colon ':' character separates the key or name from its value.
- All keys must be strings and should be distinct from each other within that object.

6. null

An empty value, using the word null

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JSON Data Type Example

```
"firstName": "John", -- String Type
"lastName": "Smith", -- String Type
"isAlive": touc
"isAlive": true,
                                -- Boolean Type
                                -- Number Type
"age": 25,
"height_cm": 167.6, -- Number Type
"address": { -- Object Type
  "streetAddress": "21 2nd Street",
  "city": "New York",
 "state": "NY",
 "postalCode": "10021-3100"
"phoneNumbers": [ -- Object Array
                          -- Object
   "type": "home",
"number": "212 555-1234"
    "type": "office",
   "number": "646 555-4567"
],
"children": [],
                   -- Null
"spouse": null
```

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JSON and BSON

- BSON stands for 'Binary JSON'
- BSON != JSONB
 - BSON cannot represent an integer or floating-point number with more than 64 bits of precision.
 - JSONB can represent arbitrary JSON values.
- Caveat Emptor!
 - This limitation will not be obvious during early stages of a project!

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JSONB and Node.js - Easy as TT

```
// require the Postgres connector
var pg = require("pg");
// connection to local database
var conString = "pg://postgres:password@localhost:5432/nodetraining";
var client = new pg.Client(conString);
client.connect();
// initiate the sample database
 client.query("CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS emps(data jsonb)");
 client.query("TRUNCATE TABLE emps;");
 client.query('INSERT INTO emps VALUES($JSON$ {"firstname": "Ronald" , "lastname": "McDonald" }$JSON$)')
client.query('INSERT INTO emps values($JSON$ {"firstname": "Mayor", "lastname": "McCheese"}$JSON$)')
// run SELECT query
 client.query("SELECT * FROM emps",function(err,result){
     console.log("Test Output of JSON Result Object");
     console.log(result);
     console.log("Parsed rows");
// parse the result set
    for (var i = 0; i< result.rows.length ; i++ ){</pre>
         var data = JSON.parse(result.rows[i].data);
         console.log("First Name => "+ data.firstname + "\t| Last Name => " + data.lastname);
 client.end();
})
```

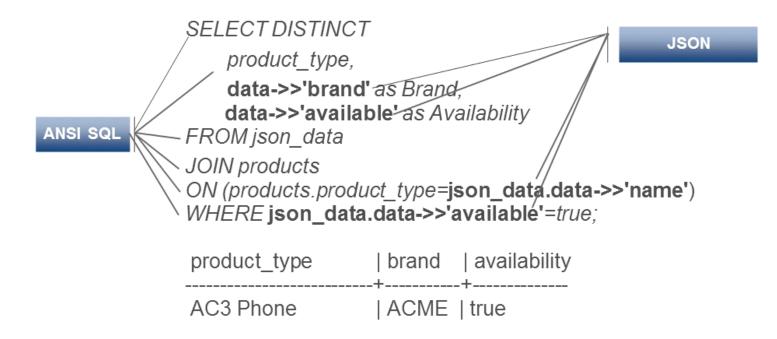
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JSON and ANSI SQL – A Great Fit

- ated with
- JSON is naturally integrated with ANSI SQL in Postgres
- JSON and HSTORE are elegant and easy to use extensions of the underlying objectrelational model
- JSON and SQL queries use the same language, the same planner, and the same ACID compliant transaction framework

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JSON and ANSI SQL Example



No need for programmatic logic to combine SQL and NoSQL in the application – Postgres does it all



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Bridging between SQL and NoSQL

Simple ANSI SQL Table Definition

```
CREATE TABLE products (id integer, product name text );
```

Select query returning standard data set

```
SELECT * FROM products;
```

```
id | product_name
```

- 1 | iPhone
- 2 | Samsung
- 3 | Nokia

Select query returning the same result as a JSON data set SELECT ROW_TO_JSON(products) FROM products;

```
{"id":1,"product_name":"iPhone"}
{"id":2,"product_name":"Samsung"}
{"id":3,"product_name":"Nokia"}
```

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Postgres Provides Great Flexibility

- Start unstructured, and become structured as you learn more
 - Use the quick-to-get-started capabilities of NoSQL

FDD

- Complete the initial sprints without a DBA
- Move data between unstructured and structured
- Embrace corporate data standards as you move from the stand-alone application towards integrated applications with a bigger value proposition

By 2017, 50% of data stored in NoSQL DBMSs will be damaging to the business due to lack of applied information governance policies and programs.

Gartner, December 2013

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Postgres NoSQL Performance Evaluation

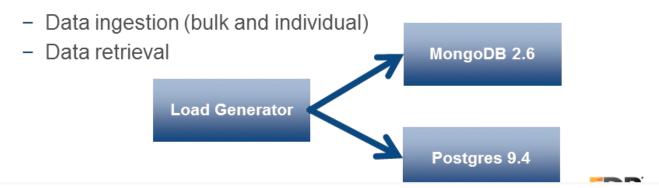
Goal

- Help our customers understand when to choose Postgres and when to chose a specialty solution
- Help us understand where the NoSQL limits of Postgres are

Setup

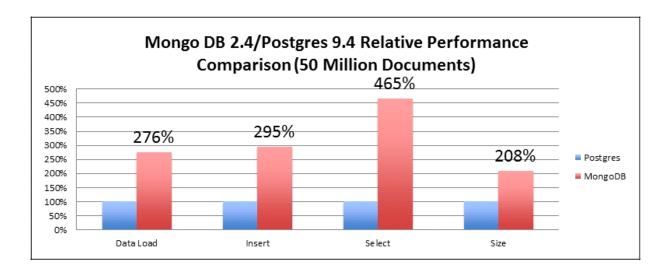
- Compare Postgres 9.4 to Mongo 2.6
- Single instance setup on AWS M3.2XLARGE (32GB)

Test Focus



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NoSQL Performance Evaluation



| | Postgres | MongoDB |
|---------------|----------|---------|
| Data Load (s) | 4,732 | 13,046 |
| Insert (s) | 29,236 | 86,253 |
| Select (s) | 594 | 2,763 |
| Size (GB) | 69 | 145 |

Correction to earlier versions:

MongoDB console does not allow for INSERT of documents > 4K. This lead to truncation of the MongoDB size by approx. 25% of all records in the benchmark.

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Postgres NoSQL Performance Evaluation

- Tests confirm that Postgres can handle many NoSQL workloads
- EDB is making the test scripts publically available
- EDB encourages community participation to better define where Postgres should be used and where specialty solutions are appropriate
- Download the source at https://github.com/EnterpriseDB/pg nosql benchmark

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Foreign Data Wrappers – Co-Existence Platform

- FDW implements SQL/MED ("SQL Management of External Data")
- PostgreSQL 9.1 read-only support
- PostgreSQL 9.3 read/write support
- FDW
 - Makes data on other servers (or services) look like tables in Postgres
 - available for databases (MongoDB, MySQL, Oracle, ...), files, services (Twitter, ...)
- MongoDB FDW: https://github.com/EnterpriseDB



MongoDB FDW Example

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MongoDB FDW Example

SELECT * FROM mongo data WHERE brand='ACME' limit 10;

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MongoDB FDW Example

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"No SQL Only" or "Not Only SQL"?

- Structures and standards emerge!
- Data has references (products link to catalogues; products have bills of material; components appear in multiple products; storage locations link to ISO country tables)
- When the database has duplicate data entries, then the application has to manage updates in multiple places – what happens when there is no ACID transactional model?

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- NoSQL only databases are not ACID transactional. Which means, if you tell go and change this data element in 5 collections, there is no guarantee to check if all of your changes happen or none of your changes happen.
- > There is no concept of atomicity in NoSQL only databases

Postgres: The Best of Both Worlds

- Postgres has many NoSQL features without the drawbacks:
 - Schema-less data combined with structured data
 - High performance with predictable transaction model
 - Durable by default, but configurable per-table or per-transaction
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Say 'Yes' to 'Not Only SQL'

- Postgres is Not Only SQL (NoSQL is No SQL only)
- Fully ACID compliant
- Proven track record
- Fully capable of handling the variety, velocity and volume requirements of most applications
- Tackle NoSQL projects without leaving the capabilities of the relational model behind you
- Combine Oracle compatibility, JSON and PostGIS to migrate applications onto more cost-effective platforms, make the app NoSQL capable and geo-location aware.

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