POSTGRES PIPELINE: **ESPECIALLY EMPHASIZING** EXECUTION

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PHASES

- Parsing
- Analysis
- Rewriting
- Planning & Optimizing
- Executing

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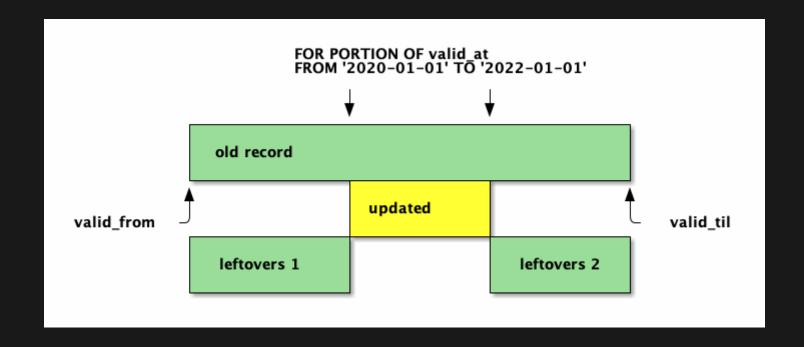
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WHY

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On Tue, Nov 14, 2017 at 9:43 AM Tom Lane <tgl@sss.pgh.pa.us> w
>
   Robert is correct that putting this into the parser
> is completely the wrong thing.
> If you do that, then for example views using the features
> will reverse-list in the rewritten form,
> which we Do Not Want,
> even if the rewritten form is completely valid SQL
> (is it?).
> . . . .
> regards, tom lane
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PARSING

PARSE NODES

MEMORY CONTEXTS

TopMemoryContext
PostmasterContext
CacheMemoryContext
MessageContext
TopTransactionContext
CurTransactionContext
PortalContext
ErrorContext

and more!

RANGETBLENTRY

```
typedef struct RangeTblEntry
   NodeTag
             type;
   RTEKind
             rtekind; /* see above */
                    /* OID of the relation */
   Oid
             relid;
          relkind; /* relation kind (see pg class
   char
   int rellockmode;
                           /* lock level that query requi
            perminfoindex;
   Index
   Query *subquery;
                          /* the sub-query */
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- VIEWS
- RULES
- Query -> List (of Query)

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foreach(lc, parsetree->forPortionOf->rangeSet)
   TargetEntry *tle = (TargetEntry *) lfirst(lc);
   TargetEntry *view tle;
   if (tle->resjunk) continue;
   view_tle = get_tle_by_resno(view_targetlist, tle->resno);
   if (view tle != NULL &&
            !view tle->resjunk &&
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PLANNING & OPTIMIZING

• Query -> PlannedStmt

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    for (;;) {
        TupleTableSlot *slot = node->ExecProcNode(node);
        if (TupIsNull(slot))
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HeapTuple

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TTSOpsBufferHeapTuple

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typedef struct BufferHeapTupleTableSlot
{
    pg_node_attr(abstract)
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Buffer buffer; /* tuple's buffer, or InvalidB
} BufferHeapTupleTableSlot;
```

TTSOpsMinimalTuple

```
resultRelInfo->ri forPortionOf->fp Existing =
    table_slot_create(resultRelInfo->ri_RelationDesc,
                      &mtstate->ps.state->es tupleTable);
/* Create the tuple slots for INSERTing the leftovers */
resultRelInfo->ri forPortionOf->fp Leftover1 =
    ExecInitExtraTupleSlot(mtstate->ps.state, tupDesc,
                           &TTSOpsVirtual);
resultRelInfo->ri forPortionOf->fp Leftover2 =
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