

Text in Databases

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www.pg4e.com/lectures/04-Text.sql



Generating Test Data



Exploring performance

- We can't really explore performance if we only have 5 records
- So before we play a bit with performance, we need to make up some data



Generating lots of Random Data

- We use **repeat()** to generate long strings (horizontal)
- We use **generate_series()** to generate lots of rows (vertical)
 - Like Python's range
- We use **random()** to make rows unique
 - Floating point $0 \leq \text{random}() \leq 1.0$



```
discuss=> select random(), random(), trunc(random()*100);
```

random	random	trunc
0.192553216125816	0.751528221182525	91

```
discuss=> select repeat('Neon ', 5);
```

```
repeat
-----
Neon Neon Neon Neon Neon
```

```
discuss=> select generate_series(1,5);
```

```
generate_series
-----
1
2
3
4
5
```



```
discuss=> select 'https://sql4e.com/neon/' ||  
discuss->   trunc(random()*1000000) || repeat('Lemon', 5) ||  
discuss->   generate_series(1,5);
```

?column?

```
https://sql4e.com/neon/225845LemonLemonLemonLemonLemon1  
https://sql4e.com/neon/679405LemonLemonLemonLemonLemon2  
https://sql4e.com/neon/603925LemonLemonLemonLemonLemon3  
https://sql4e.com/neon/917014LemonLemonLemonLemonLemon4  
https://sql4e.com/neon/428156LemonLemonLemonLemonLemon5
```



Text Functions



Many Text Functions

- Where Clause Operators
 - LIKE / ILIKE / NOT LIKE / NOT ILIKE
 - SIMILAR TO/ NOT SIMILAR TO (cover later as regular expressions)
 - = > < >= <= **BETWEEN IN**
- Manipulate SELECT Results / WHERE clause
 - lower(), upper()



Function	Return Type	Description	Example	Result
<code>string || string</code>	text	String concatenation	<code>'Post' || 'greSQL'</code>	PostgreSQL
<code>string || non-string</code> or <code>non-string || string</code>	text	String concatenation with one non-string input	<code>'Value: ' || 42</code>	Value: 42
<code>bit_length(string)</code>	int	Number of bits in string	<code>bit_length('jose')</code>	32
<code>char_length(string)</code> or <code>character_length(string)</code>	int	Number of characters in string	<code>char_length('jose')</code>	4
<code>lower(string)</code>	text	Convert string to lower case	<code>lower('TOM')</code>	tom
<code>octet_length(string)</code>	int	Number of bytes in string	<code>octet_length('jose')</code>	4
<code>overlay(string placing string from int [for int])</code>	text	Replace substring	<code>overlay('Txxxxas' placing 'hom' from 2 for 4)</code>	Thomas
<code>position(substring in string)</code>	int	Location of specified substring	<code>position('om' in 'Thomas')</code>	3
<code>substring(string [from int] [for int])</code>	text	Extract substring	<code>substring('Thomas' from 2 for 3)</code>	hom

<https://www.postgresql.org/docs/11/functions-string.html>



Function	Return Type	Description	Example	Result
<code>substring(<i>string</i> from <i>pattern</i>)</code>	text	Extract substring matching POSIX regular expression. See Section 9.7 for more information on pattern matching.	<code>substring('Thomas' from '...\$')</code>	mas
<code>substring(<i>string</i> from <i>pattern</i> for <i>escape</i>)</code>	text	Extract substring matching SQL regular expression. See Section 9.7 for more information on pattern matching.	<code>substring('Thomas' from '%#"o_a#"_' for '#')</code>	oma
<code>trim([leading | trailing | both] [<i>characters</i>] from <i>string</i>)</code>	text	Remove the longest string containing only characters from <i>characters</i> (a space by default) from the start, end, or both ends (both is the default) of <i>string</i>	<code>trim(both 'xyz' from 'yxTomxx')</code>	Tom
<code>trim([leading | trailing | both] [from] <i>string</i> [, <i>characters</i>])</code>	text	Non-standard syntax for trim()	<code>trim(both from 'yxTomxx', 'xyz')</code>	Tom
<code>upper(<i>string</i>)</code>	text	Convert string to upper case	<code>upper('tom')</code>	TOM

<https://www.postgresql.org/docs/11/functions-string.html>



```
CREATE TABLE textfun (  
    content TEXT  
);
```

```
CREATE INDEX textfun_b ON textfun (content);
```

```
discuss=> SELECT pg_relation_size('textfun'), pg_indexes_size('textfun');  
pg_relation_size | pg_indexes_size  
-----+-----  
0 | 8192
```



```
discuss=> SELECT pg_relation_size('textfun'), pg_indexes_size('textfun');
```

pg_relation_size	pg_indexes_size
0	8192

```
INSERT INTO textfun (content)
SELECT (CASE WHEN (random() < 0.5)
            THEN 'https://www.pg4e.com/neon/'
            ELSE 'http://www.pg4e.com/LEMONS/'
        END) || generate_series(100000,200000);
```

```
discuss=> SELECT pg_relation_size('textfun'), pg_indexes_size('textfun');
```

pg_relation_size	pg_indexes_size
6832128	8585216



```
discuss=> SELECT content FROM textfun LIMIT 5;
          content
```

```
-----
http://www.pg4e.com/LEMONS/100000
http://www.pg4e.com/LEMONS/100001
https://www.pg4e.com/neon/100002
http://www.pg4e.com/LEMONS/100003
http://www.pg4e.com/LEMONS/100004
```

```
discuss=> SELECT pg_relation_size('textfun'), pg_indexes_size('textfun');
pg_relation_size | pg_indexes_size
-----+-----
          6832128 |             5931008
```

```
INSERT INTO textfun (content)
SELECT (CASE WHEN (random() < 0.5)
          THEN 'https://www.pg4e.com/neon/'
          ELSE 'http://www.pg4e.com/LEMONS/'
        END) || generate_series(100000,200000);
```



Text Functions

```
SELECT content FROM textfun WHERE content LIKE '%150000%';
-- https://www.pg4e.com/neon/150000
SELECT upper(content) FROM textfun WHERE content LIKE '%150000%';
-- HTTPS://WWW.PG4E.COM/NEON/150000
SELECT lower(content) FROM textfun WHERE content LIKE '%150000%';
-- https://www.pg4e.com/neon/150000
SELECT right(content, 4) FROM textfun WHERE content LIKE '%150000%';
-- 0000
SELECT left(content, 4) FROM textfun WHERE content LIKE '%150000%';
-- http
```



Moar Text Functions

```
SELECT content FROM textfun WHERE content LIKE '%150000%';
-- https://www.pg4e.com/neon/150000
SELECT strpos(content, 'https://') FROM textfun WHERE ...
-- 2
SELECT substr(content, 2, 4) FROM textfun WHERE ...
-- ttps
SELECT split_part(content, '/', 4) FROM textfun WHERE ...
-- neon
SELECT translate(content, 'th.p/', 'TH!P_') FROM textfun ...
-- HTTPS:__www!Pg4e!com_neon_150000
```



B-Tree Index performance

```
discuss=> explain analyze SELECT content FROM textfun WHERE content LIKE 'racing%';
Index Only Scan using textfun_b on textfun
    Index Cond: ((content >= 'racing'::text) AND (content < 'racinh'::text))
    Filter: (content ~~ 'racing%'::text)
    Heap Fetches: 0
Execution Time: 0.011 ms
```

```
discuss=> explain analyze SELECT content FROM textfun WHERE content LIKE '%racing%';
Seq Scan on textfun
Filter: (content ~~ '%racing%'::text)
    Rows Removed by Filter: 100001
Execution Time: 10.271 ms
```

```
discuss=> explain analyze SELECT content FROM textfun WHERE content ILIKE 'racing%';
Seq Scan on textfun
Filter: (content ~~* 'racing%'::text)
    Rows Removed by Filter: 100001
Execution Time: 29.958 ms
```

CREATE INDEX textfun_b ON textfun (content);




```
discuss=> explain analyze SELECT content FROM textfun WHERE content  
discuss->    LIKE '%150000%';
```

```
Seq Scan on textfun
```

```
Filter: (content ~~ '%150000% '::text)
```

```
Rows Removed by Filter: 100000
```

```
Execution Time: 14.923 ms
```

```
discuss=> explain analyze SELECT content FROM textfun WHERE content  
discuss->    LIKE '%150000%' LIMIT 1;
```

```
Limit  (cost=0.00..208.40 rows=1 width=33)
```

```
-> Seq Scan on textfun
```

```
Filter: (content ~~ '%150000% '::text)
```

```
Rows Removed by Filter: 50000
```

```
Planning Time: 0.116 ms
```

```
Execution Time: 8.732 ms
```



```
discuss=> explain analyze SELECT content FROM textfun
discuss-> WHERE content IN ('http://www.pg4e.com/neon/150000',
diacuss-> 'https://www.pg4e.com/neon/150000');
```

Index Only Scan using textfun_b on textfun

Index Cond: (content = ANY ('{http://www.pg4e.com/neon/150000,
https://www.pg4e.com/neon/150000}':text[]))

Execution Time: 0.036 ms

```
discuss=> explain analyze SELECT content FROM textfun
```

```
discuss-> WHERE content
```

```
discuss-> IN (SELECT content FROM textfun WHERE content LIKE '%150000%');
```

Nested Loop

-> HashAggregate

Group Key: textfun_1.content

-> Seq Scan on textfun textfun_1

Filter: (content ~~ '%150000%':text)

Rows Removed by Filter: 100000

-> Index Only Scan using textfun_b on textfun

Index Cond: (content = textfun_1.content)

Execution Time: 14.302 ms



Character Sets

<https://www.py4e.com/lessons/network>



ASCII

- American Standard Code for Information Interchange

Dec	Hex	Oct	Bin	Char	Dec	Hex	Oct	Bin	Char	Dec	Hex	Oct	Bin	Char	Dec	Hex	Oct	Bin	Char
0	0x00	000	0000000	NUL	32	0x20	040	0100000	space	64	0x40	100	1000000	@	96	0x60	140	1100000	`
1	0x01	001	0000001	SOH	33	0x21	041	0100001	!	65	0x41	101	1000001	A	97	0x61	141	1100001	a
2	0x02	002	0000010	STX	34	0x22	042	0100010	"	66	0x42	102	1000010	B	98	0x62	142	1100010	b
3	0x03	003	0000011	ETX	35	0x23	043	0100011	#	67	0x43	103	1000011	C	99	0x63	143	1100011	c
4	0x04	004	0000100	EOT	36	0x24	044	0100100	\$	68	0x44	104	1000100	D	100	0x64	144	1100100	d
5	0x05	005	0000101	ENQ	37	0x25	045	0100101	%	69	0x45	105	1000101	E	101	0x65	145	1100101	e
6	0x06	006	0000110	ACK	38	0x26	046	0100110	&	70	0x46	106	1000110	F	102	0x66	146	1100110	f
7	0x07	007	0000111	BEL	39	0x27	047	0100111	'	71	0x47	107	1000111	G	103	0x67	147	1100111	g
8	0x08	010	0001000	BS	40	0x28	050	0101000	{	72	0x48	110	1001000	H	104	0x68	150	1101000	h
9	0x09	011	0001001	TAB	41	0x29	051	0101001	}	73	0x49	111	1001001	I	105	0x69	151	1101001	i
10	0x0A	012	0001010	LF	42	0x2A	052	0101010	*	74	0x4A	112	1001010	J	106	0x6A	152	1101010	j
11	0x0B	013	0001011	VT	43	0x2B	053	0101011	+	75	0x4B	113	1001011	K	107	0x6B	153	1101011	k
12	0x0C	014	0001100	FF	44	0x2C	054	0101100	,	76	0x4C	114	1001100	L	108	0x6C	154	1101100	l
13	0x0D	015	0001101	CR	45	0x2D	055	0101101	-	77	0x4D	115	1001101	M	109	0x6D	155	1101101	m
14	0x0E	016	0001110	SO	46	0x2E	056	0101110	.	78	0x4E	116	1001110	N	110	0x6E	156	1101110	n
15	0x0F	017	0001111	SI	47	0x2F	057	0101111	/	79	0x4F	117	1001111	O	111	0x6F	157	1101111	o
16	0x10	020	0010000	DLE	48	0x30	060	0110000	0	80	0x50	120	1010000	P	112	0x70	160	1110000	p
17	0x11	021	0010001	DC1	49	0x31	061	0110001	1	81	0x51	121	1010001	Q	113	0x71	161	1110001	q
18	0x12	022	0010010	DC2	50	0x32	062	0110010	2	82	0x52	122	1010010	R	114	0x72	162	1110010	r
19	0x13	023	0010011	DC3	51	0x33	063	0110011	3	83	0x53	123	1010011	S	115	0x73	163	1110011	s
20	0x14	024	0010100	DC4	52	0x34	064	0110100	4	84	0x54	124	1010100	T	116	0x74	164	1110100	t
21	0x15	025	0010101	NAK	53	0x35	065	0110101	5	85	0x55	125	1010101	U	117	0x75	165	1110101	u
22	0x16	026	0010110	SYN	54	0x36	066	0110110	6	86	0x56	126	1010110	V	118	0x76	166	1110110	v
23	0x17	027	0010111	ETB	55	0x37	067	0110111	7	87	0x57	127	1010111	W	119	0x77	167	1110111	w
24	0x18	030	0011000	CAN	56	0x38	070	0111000	8	88	0x58	130	1011000	X	120	0x78	170	1111000	x
25	0x19	031	0011001	EM	57	0x39	071	0111001	9	89	0x59	131	1011001	Y	121	0x79	171	1111001	y
26	0x1A	032	0011010	SUB	58	0x3A	072	0111010	:	90	0x5A	132	1011010	Z	122	0x7A	172	1111010	z
27	0x1B	033	0011011	ESC	59	0x3B	073	0111011	;	91	0x5B	133	1011011	[	123	0x7B	173	1111011	{
28	0x1C	034	0011100	FS	60	0x3C	074	0111100	<	92	0x5C	134	1011100	\	124	0x7C	174	1111100	|
29	0x1D	035	0011101	GS	61	0x3D	075	0111101	=	93	0x5D	135	1011101	]	125	0x7D	175	1111101	}
30	0x1E	036	0011110	RS	62	0x3E	076	0111110	>	94	0x5E	136	1011110	^	126	0x7E	176	1111110	~
31	0x1F	037	0011111	US	63	0x3F	077	0111111	?	95	0x5F	137	1011111	_	127	0x7F	177	1111111	DEL

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ASCII>

<http://www.catonmat.net/download/ascii-cheat-sheet.png>



Representing Simple Strings

- "In the old days" - each character is represented by a number between 0 and 127 stored in 8 bits of memory
- We refer to "8 bits of memory" as a "byte" of memory
- The `ascii()` function tells us the numeric value of a single ASCII character
- The `chr()` function maps from an integer to a character

```
discuss=> select ascii('H'), ascii('e'), ascii('l'), chr(72), chr(42);
```

ascii	ascii	ascii	chr	chr
72	101	108	H	*



discuss=> select ascii('H'), ascii('e'), ascii('l'), chr(72), chr(42);

```

  ascii | ascii | ascii | chr | chr
-----+-----+-----+-----+-----
    72 |   101 |   108 |  H   |  *

```

In the 1960s
and 1970s, we
just assumed
that one byte
was one
character

Dec	Hex	Oct	Bin	Char	Dec	Hex	Oct	Bin	Char	Dec	Hex	Oct	Bin	Char	Dec	Hex	Oct	Bin	Char
0	0x00	000	00000000	NUL	32	0x20	040	01000000	space	64	0x40	100	10000000	@	96	0x60	140	11000000	`
1	0x01	001	00000001	SOH	33	0x21	041	01000001	!	65	0x41	101	10000001	A	97	0x61	141	11000001	a
2	0x02	002	00000010	STX	34	0x22	042	01000010	"	66	0x42	102	10000010	B	98	0x62	142	11000010	b
3	0x03	003	00000011	ETX	35	0x23	043	01000011	#	67	0x43	103	10000011	C	99	0x63	143	11000011	c
4	0x04	004	00001000	EOT	36	0x24	044	01001000	\$	68	0x44	104	10001000	D	100	0x64	144	11001000	d
5	0x05	005	00001001	ENQ	37	0x25	045	01001001	%	69	0x45	105	10001001	E	101	0x65	145	11001001	e
6	0x06	006	00001010	ACK	38	0x26	046	01001010	&	70	0x46	106	10001010	F	102	0x66	146	11001010	f
7	0x07	007	00001011	BEL	39	0x27	047	01001011	'	71	0x47	107	10001011	G	103	0x67	147	11001011	g
8	0x08	010	00010000	BS	40	0x28	050	01010000	(	72	0x48	110	10010000	H	104	0x68	150	11010000	h
9	0x09	011	00010001	TAB	41	0x29	051	01010001	)	73	0x49	111	10010001	I	105	0x69	151	11010001	i
10	0x0A	012	00010010	LF	42	0x2A	052	01010010	*	74	0x4A	112	10010010	J	106	0x6A	152	11010010	j
11	0x0B	013	00010011	VT	43	0x2B	053	01010011	+	75	0x4B	113	10010011	K	107	0x6B	153	11010011	k
12	0x0C	014	00011000	FF	44	0x2C	054	01011000	,	76	0x4C	114	10011000	L	108	0x6C	154	11011000	l
13	0x0D	015	00011001	CR	45	0x2D	055	01011001	-	77	0x4D	115	10011001	M	109	0x6D	155	11011001	m
14	0x0E	016	00011010	SO	46	0x2E	056	01011010	.	78	0x4E	116	10011010	N	110	0x6E	156	11011010	n



Beyond 127...

- To be "more international" they defined characters 128-255 but inconsistently
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO/IEC_8859-1 (latin1)
 - <https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windows-1252>

7_	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z	{	|	}	~	DEL
112	0070	0071	0072	0073	0074	0075	0076	0077	0078	0079	007A	007B	007C	007D	007E	007F
8_	€		,	f	"	...	†	‡	^	%	Š	‹	ƒ		Ž	
128	20AC		201A	0192	201E	2026	2020	2021	02C6	2030	0160	2039	0152		017D	
9_		,	,	"	"	•	—	—	~	™	Š	›	œ		ž	ÿ
144		2018	2019	201C	201D	2022	2013	2014	02DC	2122	0161	203A	0153		017E	0178
A_	NBSP	ı	ç	£	¤	¥	|	§	¨	©	ª	«	¬	SHY	®	¯
160	00A0	00A1	00A2	00A3	00A4	00A5	00A6	00A7	00A8	00A9	00AA	00AB	00AC	00AD	00AE	00AF
B_	°	±	²	³	´	µ	¶	·	¸	¹	º	»	¼	½	¾	¿
176	00B0	00B1	00B2	00B3	00B4	00B5	00B6	00B7	00B8	00B9	00BA	00BB	00BC	00BD	00BE	00BF
C_	À	Á	Â	Ã	Ä	Å	Æ	Ç	È	É	Ê	Ë	Ì	Í	Î	Ï
192	00C0	00C1	00C2	00C3	00C4	00C5	00C6	00C7	00C8	00C9	00CA	00CB	00CC	00CD	00CE	00CF

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Overlapping character sets

- We needed more than 128 new characters globally so 128-255 could mean different things based on context
 - ISO 8859-2 for Eastern European languages
 - ISO 8859-3 for Turkish, Maltese and Esperanto
 - ISO 8859-5 for Cyrillic
- But these were not self-documenting you needed to know the character set outside the data of the file ---- Confusion



Unicode – All Characters in One Set

- Unicode is 32 / 21 bits (long story)
- Unicode 12.1
 - 137,000 characters
 - 150 character sets

```
discuss=> select chr(72), chr(231), chr(20013);
```

chr		chr		chr
-----+-----+-----				
H		ç		中

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Unicode_characters



Code Charts

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Caucasian Albanian	Bassa Vah	Brahmi	Buhid
Cypriot Syllabary	Coptic	Chakma	Hanunoo
Cyrillic	Coptic in Greek block	Devanagari	Javanese
Cyrillic Supplement	Coptic Epact Numbers	Devanagari Extended	Makasar
Cyrillic Extended-A	Egyptian Hieroglyphs (1MB)	Dogra	Rejang
Cyrillic Extended-B	Egyptian Hieroglyph Format Controls	Grantha	Sundanese
Cyrillic Extended-C	Ethiopic	Gujarati	Sundanese Supplement
Elbasan	Ethiopic Supplement	Gunjala Gondi	Tagalog
Georgian	Ethiopic Extended	Gurmukhi	Tagbanwa
Georgian Extended	Ethiopic Extended-A	Kaithi	East Asian Scripts
Georgian Supplement	Medefaidrin	Kannada	Bopomofo
Glagolitic	Mende Kikakui	Kharoshthi	Bopomofo Extended
Glagolitic Supplement	Meroitic	Khojki	CJK Unified Ideographs (Han) (35MB)
Gothic	Meroitic Cursive	Khudawadi	CJK Extension-A (6MB)
Greek	Meroitic Hieroglyphs	Lepcha	CJK Extension B (40MB)
Greek Extended	N'Ko	Limbu	CJK Extension C (3MB)
Ancient Greek Numbers	Osmanya	Mahajani	CJK Extension D



We can't afford 32 bit characters

- UTF-8 is a compression scheme for Unicode
 - Represents 21 bits in 8-32 bits
 - 0-128 are ASCII
 - 128-255 are signals

Number of bytes	Bits for code point	First code point	Last code point	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4
1	7	U+0000	U+007F	0xxxxxxx			
2	11	U+0080	U+07FF	110xxxxx	10xxxxxx		
3	16	U+0800	U+FFFF	1110xxxx	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx	
4	21	U+10000	U+10FFFF	11110xxx	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UTF-8>



Space – the final frontier...

```
discuss=> SELECT char_length('学习管理'), octet_length('学习管理'),  
discuss->    bit_length('学习管理'), ascii('学');
```

char_length	octet_length	bit_length	ascii
4	12	96	23398

... for Unicode



UTF-8 Designed for Transition

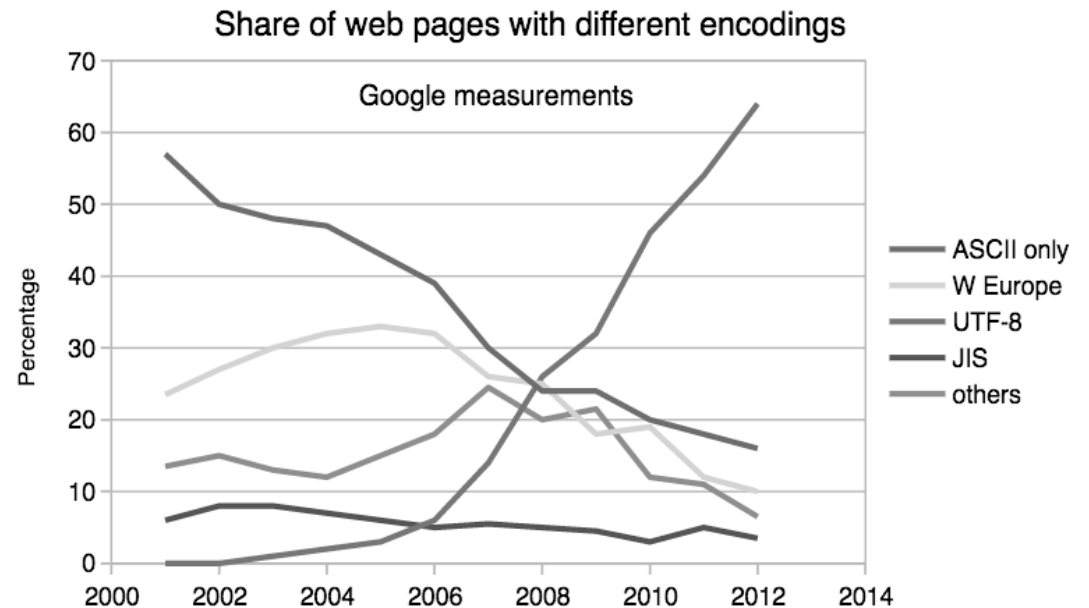
- Pure ASCII is UTF-8 / no conversion
- Partial auto detect/convert of
 - Latin-1 variants
 - 1252 variants

Number of bytes	Bits for code point	First code point	Last code point	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4
1	7	U+0000	U+007F	0xxxxxxx			
2	11	U+0080	U+07FF	110xxxxx	10xxxxxx		
3	16	U+0800	U+FFFF	1110xxxx	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx	
4	21	U+10000	U+10FFFF	11110xxx	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx	10xxxxxx



UTF-8 Is Dominant

- Rapid uptake after 2004
- UTF-8 is 94% of all web pages in 2019



<https://w3techs.com/technologies/details/en-utf8/all/all>



PostgreSQL: Documentation: 9. X

https://www.postgresql.org/docs/9

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22.3.1. Supported Character Sets

Table 22-1 shows the character sets available for use in PostgreSQL.

Table 22-1. PostgreSQL Character Sets

Name	Description	Language	Server?	Bytes/Char	Aliases
BIG5	Big Five	Traditional Chinese	No	1-2	WIN950, Windows950
EUC_CN	Extended UNIX Code-CN	Simplified Chinese	Yes	1-3	
EUC_JP	Extended UNIX Code-JP	Japanese	Yes	1-3	
EUC_JIS_2004	Extended UNIX Code-JP, JIS X 0213	Japanese	Yes	1-3	
EUC_KR	Extended UNIX Code-KR	Korean	Yes	1-3	
EUC_TW	Extended UNIX Code-TW	Traditional Chinese, Taiwanese	Yes	1-3	
GB18030	National Standard	Chinese	No	1-4	

M

```
discuss=> SHOW SERVER_ENCODING;  
server_encoding
```

```
-----
```

```
UTF8
```

```
(1 row)
```



Character Sets In Python

<https://www.py4e.com/lessons/network>

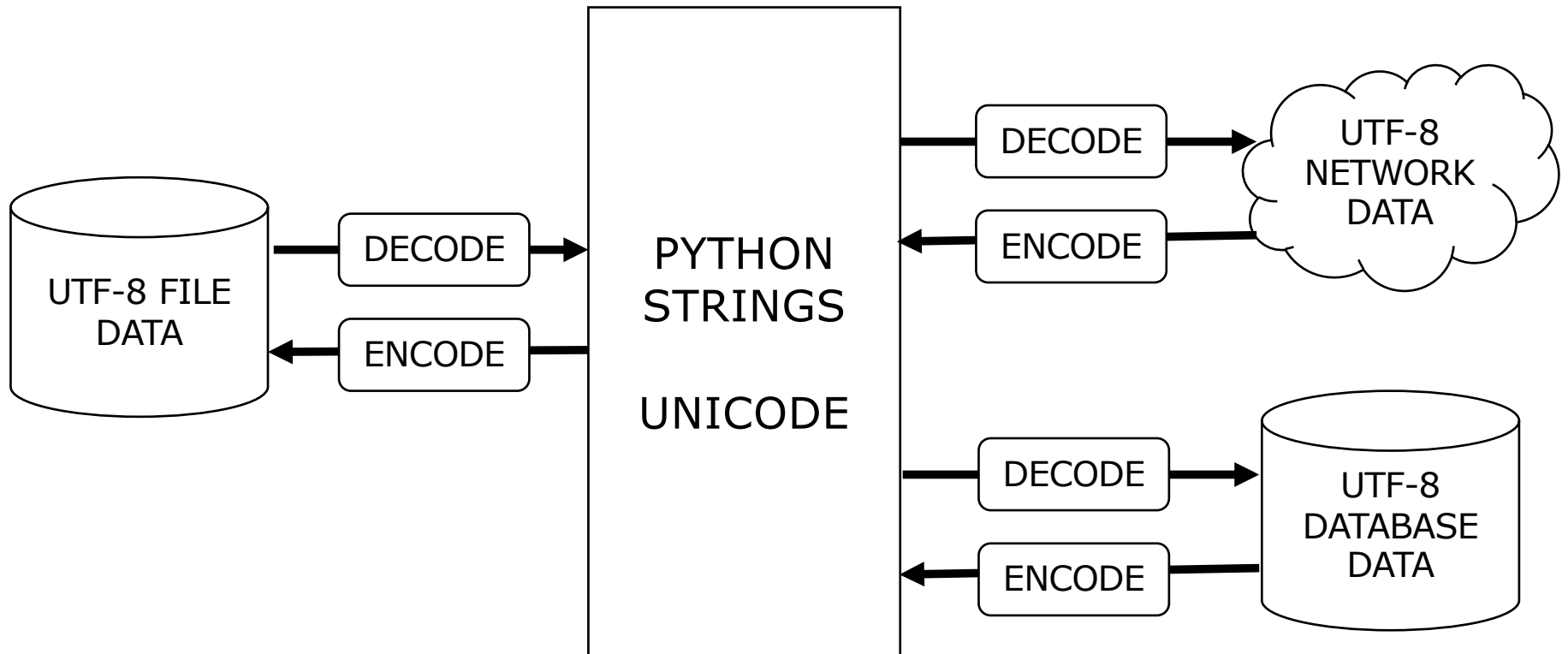


Python 3 and Unicode

- Strings in memory are Unicode
- The "bytes" type is for 8-bit characters
- Strings "at rest" are generally stored UTF-8 for space and interoperability
 - Files
 - Network resources
 - Database tables

```
>>> x = b'abc'
>>> type(x)
<class 'bytes'>
>>> x = '이광춘'
>>> type(x)
<class 'str'>
>>> x = u'이광춘'
>>> type(x)
<class 'str'>
```





Opening a File

```
open(file, mode='r', buffering=-1,  
      encoding=None, errors=None, newline=None,  
      closefd=True, opener=None)
```

encoding is the name of the encoding used to decode or encode the file. This should only be used in text mode. The default encoding is platform dependent (whatever `locale.getpreferredencoding()` returns), but any text encoding supported by Python can be used. See the codecs module for the list of supported encodings.

<https://docs.python.org/3/library/functions.html#open>



Reading Network Data

- When we read data from an network resource, we must decode it based on the character set so it is properly represented in Python 3 as a UNICODE string

```
while True:
    data = mysock.recv(512)
    if ( len(data) < 1 ) :
        break
    mystring = data.decode()
    print(mystring)
```



Database Data

- When you interact with a database from Python all conversion between Unicode and UTF-8 is done implicitly
- The Python database connector (i.e. `psycopg2`) knows the internal storage format of the database and automatically handles all conversion



Inside Hashes



A **hash function** is any function that can be used to map data of arbitrary size onto data of a fixed size.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hash_function



Uses of Hashes

- Checksum – see if a message was altered in transit
- Cryptography / Signature – See if a message came from a trusted source
- Good functions enable fast lookup of data
 - Python dictionaries
 - Database tables



Good Hash Functions

- Deterministic – There can be no randomness – must get the same output for the same input
- Uniform Distribution – Should have an equal chance of generating any value with the range of its outputs – values don't cluster or collide
- Sensitive – Any change in input should provide a change in output
- One-way – You should not be able to derive the input from the output (cannot reverse)



Special Math for Hash Computation

- Bitwise operators
 - << left shift
 - ^ Exclusive or
 - & And

<https://www.pg4e.com/code/hashmath.py>

```
x = 15
y = ord('H')
print('x', x, format(x, '08b'))
print('y', y, format(y, '08b'))
print('x^y ', format(x^y, '08b'));
print('x&y ', format(x&y, '08b'));
print('x<<1', format(x<<1, '08b'));
```

```
$ python3 hashmath.py
x 15 00001111
y 72 01001000
x^y 01000111
x&y 00001000
x<<1 00011110
```



```

while True:
    txt = input("Enter a string: ")
    if len(txt) < 1: break

    hv = 0;
    for let in txt:

        hv = ((hv << 1) ^ ord(let)) & 0xffffffff;

        if ( hv < 2000 ) :
            print(let,
                  format(ord(let), '08b'),
                  format(hv, '16b'),
                  format(ord(let), '03d'), hv)
    print(format(hv, '08x'), hv)

```

<https://www.pg4e.com/code/simplehash.py>

```

$ python3 simplehash.py
Enter a string: Hello
H 01001000          1001000 072 72
e 01100101          11110101 101 245
l 01101100          110000110 108 390
l 01101100          1101100000 108 864
o 01101111          11010101111 111 1711
000006af 1711
Enter a string: hello
h 01101000          1101000 104 104
e 01100101          10110101 101 181
l 01101100          100000110 108 262
l 01101100          1001100000 108 608
o 01101111          10010101111 111 1199
000004af 1199
Enter a string: ehlllo
e 01100101          1100101 101 101
h 01101000          10100010 104 162
l 01101100          100101000 108 296
l 01101100          1000111100 108 572
o 01101111          10000010111 111 1047
00000417 1047

```



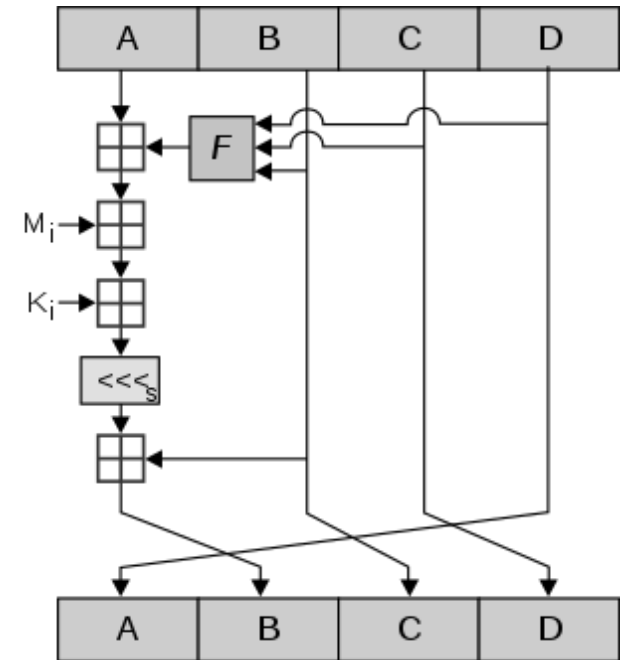
The Science/Math of Hashing

- Designing Hash Computations is serious work
- National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) runs multi-year "competitions" when new hashing algorithms are needed
- Sometimes algorithms have flaws that are detected years later and we deprecate them



The "Classic" Hash - MD5

- 128 bit hash
- Widely implemented
- Broken for cryptography
 - Can alter data in transit without breaking a signature
 - Rainbow tables use forward computation and storage to reverse MD5 for short input strings (Password hashing)



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MD5>



SHA-256 – A Modern Hash

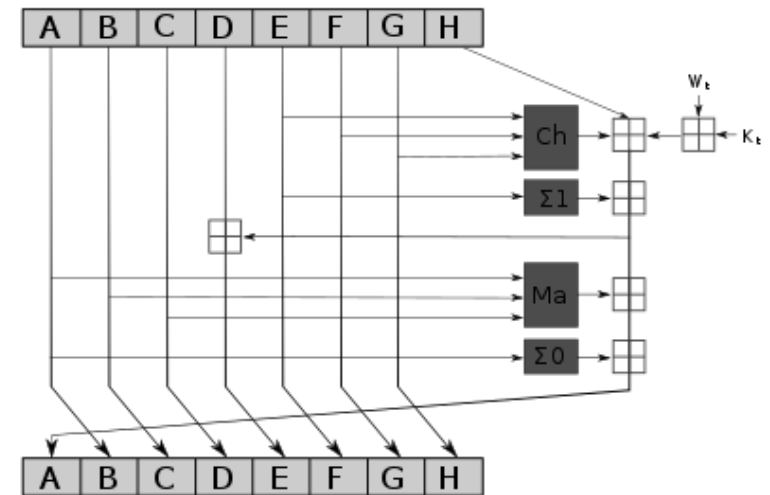
- A family of related hashes called "SHA-2"
- Created in 2001

```
discuss=> select md5('hello');  
md5
```

5d41402abc4b2a76b9719d911017c592

```
discuss=> select sha256('hello');  
sha256
```

\x2cf24dba5fb0a30e26e83b2ac5b9e29e1b161e5c1fa7425e73043362938b9824



Indexes and Performance



Lets Build a Web Crawler

- Approach
 - Retrieve a web page from our queue of web pages
 - Store the web page and look for outgoing links
 - Add the links we have not already read to a queue
- This table will be large and we will look up URLs quite often (100s per retrieved page)



How long is a URL?

```
CREATE TABLE crl (  
  id SERIAL,  
  url VARCHAR(128) UNIQUE,  
  content TEXT  
);
```

```
discuss=> insert into crl(url)  
discuss-> select repeat('Neon', 1000) || generate_series(1,5000);  
ERROR:  value too long for type character varying(128)  
discuss=>
```



```
CREATE TABLE cr2 (  
    id SERIAL,  
    url TEXT,  
    content TEXT  
);
```

```
discuss=> insert into cr2 (url)  
discuss-> select repeat('Neon', 1000) || generate_series(1,5000);  
INSERT 0 5000
```

```
discuss=> select pg_relation_size('cr2'), pg_indexes_size('cr2');  
pg_relation_size | pg_indexes_size  
-----+-----  
507904 | 0
```

```
discuss=> create unique index cr2_unique on cr2 (url);  
CREATE INDEX
```

```
discuss=> select pg_relation_size('cr2'), pg_indexes_size('cr2');  
pg_relation_size | pg_indexes_size  
-----+-----  
507904 | 450560
```



```
discuss=> drop index cr2_unique;  
DROP INDEX
```

```
discuss=> create unique index cr2_md5 on cr2 (md5(url));  
CREATE INDEX
```

```
discuss=> select pg_relation_size('cr2'), pg_indexes_size('cr2');  
pg_relation_size | pg_indexes_size  
-----+-----  
507904 | 311296
```

```
discuss=> explain select * from cr2 where url='lemons';  
Seq Scan on cr2 (cost=0.00..124.50 rows=1 width=99)  
Filter: (url = 'lemons'::text)
```

```
discuss=> explain select * from cr2 where md5(url)=md5('lemons');  
Index Scan using cr2_md5 on cr2 (cost=0.28..8.30 rows=1 width=99)  
Index Cond: (md5(url) = '238ad51a7f1d25d991e6b51879d6b66d'::text)
```



```
discuss=> explain analyze select * from cr2 where md5(url)=md5('lemons');
```

```
Index Scan using cr2_md5 on cr2  (cost=0.28..8.30 rows=1 width=99)
  (actual time=0.118..0.118 rows=0 loops=1)
    Index Cond: (md5(url) = '238ad51a7f1d25d991e6b51879d6b66d'::text)
  Planning Time: 0.116 ms
  Execution Time: 0.142 ms
```

```
discuss=> explain analyze select * from cr2 where url='lemons';
```

```
Seq Scan on cr2  (cost=0.00..124.50 rows=1 width=99)
  (actual time=1.764..1.764 rows=0 loops=1)
    Filter: (url = 'lemons'::text)
    Rows Removed by Filter: 5000
  Planning Time: 0.067 ms
  Execution Time: 1.784 ms
```



Hashing with a separate column

```
CREATE TABLE cr3 (  
  id SERIAL,  
  url TEXT,  
  url_md5 uuid unique,  
  content TEXT  
);
```

```
discuss=> insert into cr3 (url)  
discuss-> select repeat('Neon', 1000) || generate_series(1,5000);  
INSERT 0 5000  
discuss=> update cr3 set url_md5 = md5(url)::uuid;  
UPDATE 5000  
discuss=> select pg_relation_size('cr3'), pg_indexes_size('cr3');  
  pg_relation_size | pg_indexes_size  
-----+-----  
          1097728 |           368640
```

```
discuss=> explain analyze select * from cr3 where url_md5=md5('lemons')::uuid;  
  Index Scan using cr3_url_md5_key on cr3  
    Index Cond: (url_md5 = '238ad51a-7f1d-25d9-91e6-b51879d6b66d'::uuid)  
Planning Time: 0.110 ms  
Execution Time: 0.030 ms
```



Index Strategies

```
CREATE TABLE cr2 (  
  id SERIAL,  
  url TEXT,  
  content TEXT  
);
```

No INDEX

Relation Size 507904
Index Size 0

SELECT 1.784 ms

```
CREATE TABLE cr2 (  
  id SERIAL,  
  url TEXT,  
  content TEXT  
);
```

MD5 Index on url

Relation Size 507904
Index Size 311296

SELECT 0.142ms

```
CREATE TABLE cr3 (  
  id SERIAL,  
  url TEXT,  
  url_md5 uuid unique,  
  content TEXT  
);
```

Relation Size 1097728
Index Size 368640

SELECT 0.030 ms

The speed is for *exact match* SELECT statements – like one might do for a logical key on a table.



PostgreSQL Index Types

- B-Tree – Maintains order – Usually preferred
 - Helps on exact lookup, prefix lookup, <, >, range, sort
- HASH
 - Smaller - helps only on exact lookup
 - Not recommended before PostgreSQL 10




```
CREATE TABLE cr4 (
  id SERIAL,
  url TEXT,
  content TEXT
);
```

```
create index cr4_hash on cr4 using hash (url);
```

```
discuss=> select pg_relation_size('cr5'), pg_indexes_size('cr5');
 pg_relation_size | pg_indexes_size
-----+-----
          507904 |          278528
(1 row)
```

```
discuss=> explain analyze select * from cr5 where url='lemons';
Bitmap Heap Scan on cr5
  Recheck Cond: (url = 'lemons'::text)
    -> Bitmap Index Scan on cr5_hash
      Index Cond: (url = 'lemons'::text)
Planning Time: 0.131 ms
Execution Time: 0.045 ms
```



Hash Versus B-Tree

```
CREATE TABLE cr3 (  
  id SERIAL,  
  url TEXT,  
  url_md5 uuid unique,  
  content TEXT  
);
```

Relation Size 1097728
Index Size 368640

SELECT 0.030 ms

```
CREATE TABLE cr4 (  
  id SERIAL,  
  url TEXT,  
  content TEXT  
);
```

Index HASH (url)

Relation Size 507904
Index Size 278528

SELECT 0.045 ms

The speed is for *exact match* SELECT statements – also HASH index cannot be unique.



Regular Expressions

<https://www.py4e.com/lessons/regex>



Regular Expressions

- A text based programming language
- Clever wild-card strings for matching and parsing text
- Widely available
 - Unix commands like "grep"
 - Virtually every programming language
 - Subtle differences across implementations
- PostgreSQL uses the POSIX variant

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regular_expression



Understanding Regular Expressions

- Very powerful and quite cryptic at first
- Fun once you understand them
- It is like learning a new programming language where marker characters are keywords
- It is kind of a throwback to the 1970's – very compact
- Lots of StackOverflow posts to look at 😊





There is an
XKCD for
Everything

<http://xkcd.com/208/>



Regular Expression Quick Guide

<code>^</code>	Matches the beginning of a line
<code>\$</code>	Matches the end of the line
<code>.</code>	Matches any character
<code>*</code>	Repeats a character zero or more times
<code>*?</code>	Repeats a character zero or more times (non-greedy)
<code>+</code>	Repeats a character one or more times
<code>+?</code>	Repeats a character one or more times (non-greedy)
<code>[aeiou]</code>	Matches a single character in the listed set
<code>[^XYZ]</code>	Matches a single character not in the listed set
<code>[a-z0-9]</code>	The set of characters can include a range
<code>(</code>	Indicates where string extraction is to start
<code>)</code>	Indicates where string extraction is to end

<https://www.pg4e.com/lectures/04-Text-Regex-Handout.txt>



9.7.3. POSIX Regular Expressions

Table 9.14 lists the available operators for pattern matching using POSIX regular expressions.

Table 9.14. Regular Expression Match Operators

Operator	Description	Example
<code>~</code>	Matches regular expression, case sensitive	<code>'thomas' ~ '.*thomas.*'</code>
<code>~*</code>	Matches regular expression, case insensitive	<code>'thomas' ~* '.*Thomas.*'</code>
<code>!~</code>	Does not match regular expression, case sensitive	<code>'thomas' !~ '.*Thomas.*'</code>
<code>!~*</code>	Does not match regular expression, case insensitive	<code>'thomas' !~* '.*vadim.*'</code>

POSIX regular expressions provide a more powerful means for pattern matching than the `LIKE` and `SIMILAR TO` operators. Many Unix tools such as `egrep`, `sed`, or `awk` use a pattern matching language that is similar to the one described here.

A regular expression is a character sequence that is an abbreviated definition of a set of strings (a *regular set*). A string is said to match a regular expression if it is a member of the regular set described by the regular expression. As with `LIKE`, pattern characters match string characters exactly unless they are special characters in the regular expression language — but regular expressions use different special characters than `LIKE` does. Unlike `LIKE` patterns, a regular expression is allowed to match anywhere within a string, unless the regular expression is explicitly anchored to the beginning or end of the string.

PostgreSQL
documentation is
good. Lots of
online examples.

<https://www.postgresql.org/docs/11/functions-matching.html#FUNCTIONS-POSIX-REGEXP>



Where Clause Operators

- `~` Matches
- `~*` Matches case insensitive
- `!~` Does not match
- `!~*` Does not match case insensitive
- Different than LIKE – Match anywhere
 - `tweet ~ 'UMSI'`
 - `tweet LIKE '%UMSI%'`

<https://www.postgresql.org/docs/11/functions-matching.html#FUNCTIONS-POSIX-REGEXP>



The simplest regex is like LIKE

```
CREATE TABLE em (id serial, primary key(id), email text);
```

```
INSERT INTO em (email) VALUES ('csev@umich.edu');  
INSERT INTO em (email) VALUES ('coleen@umich.edu');  
INSERT INTO em (email) VALUES ('sally@uiuc.edu');  
INSERT INTO em (email) VALUES ('ted79@umuc.edu');  
INSERT INTO em (email) VALUES ('glenn1@apple.com');  
INSERT INTO em (email) VALUES ('nbody@apple.com');
```

```
discuss=> SELECT email FROM em WHERE email ~ 'umich';  
          email
```

```
-----
```

```
csev@umich.edu  
coleen@umich.edu
```



```
discuss=> SELECT email from em;  
email
```

```
csev@umich.edu  
coleen@umich.edu  
sally@uiuc.edu  
ted79@umuc.edu  
glenn1@apple.com  
nbody@apple.com
```

```
discuss=> SELECT email FROM em WHERE email ~ 'umich';  
email
```

```
csev@umich.edu  
coleen@umich.edu
```

```
discuss=> SELECT email FROM em WHERE email ~ '^c';  
email
```

```
csev@umich.edu  
coleen@umich.edu
```



```
discuss=> SELECT email from em;  
email
```

```
-----  
csev@umich.edu  
coleen@umich.edu  
sally@uiuc.edu  
ted79@umuc.edu  
glenn1@apple.com  
nbody@apple.com
```

```
discuss=> SELECT email FROM em WHERE email ~ 'edu$';  
email
```

```
-----  
csev@umich.edu  
coleen@umich.edu  
sally@uiuc.edu  
ted79@umuc.edu
```

```
discuss=> SELECT email FROM em WHERE email ~ '^[gnt]';  
email
```

```
-----  
ted79@umuc.edu  
glenn@apple.com  
nbody@apple.com
```



```
discuss=> SELECT email from em;  
          email
```

```
-----  
csev@umich.edu  
coleen@umich.edu  
sally@uiuc.edu  
ted79@umuc.edu  
glenn1@apple.com  
nbody@apple.com
```

```
discuss=> SELECT email FROM em WHERE email ~ '[0-9]';  
          email
```

```
-----  
ted79@umuc.edu  
glenn1@apple.com  
(2 rows)
```

```
discuss=> SELECT email FROM em  
discuss->      WHERE email ~ '[0-9][0-9]';  
          email
```

```
-----  
ted79@umuc.edu
```



```
discuss=> SELECT substring(email FROM '[0-9]+')
discuss->    FROM em WHERE email ~ '[0-9]';
substring
-----
79
1

discuss=> SELECT substring(email FROM '.*@(.*)$') FROM em;
substring
-----
umich.edu
umich.edu
uiuc.edu
umuc.edu
apple.com
apple.com
```



```
discuss=> SELECT DISTINCT substring(email FROM '.*@(.*)$') FROM em;  
substring
```

```
-----  
apple.com  
uiuc.edu  
umuc.edu  
umich.edu
```

```
discuss=> SELECT substring(email FROM '.*@(.*)$'),  
discuss->      count(substring(email FROM '.*@(.*)$'))  
discuss-> FROM em GROUP BY substring(email FROM '.*@(.*)$');  
substring | count
```

```
-----+-----  
apple.com |      2  
uiuc.edu  |      1  
umuc.edu  |      1  
umich.edu |      2
```



Multiple Matches

- The `substring()` gets the first match in a text column
- We can get an array of matches using `regexp_matches()`

```
CREATE TABLE tw (id serial, primary key(id), tweet text);
```

```
INSERT INTO tw (tweet) VALUES ('This is #SQL and #FUN stuff');
```

```
INSERT INTO tw (tweet) VALUES ('More people should learn #SQL from #UMSI');
```

```
INSERT INTO tw (tweet) VALUES ('#UMSI also teaches #PYTHON');
```




```
discuss=> SELECT tweet FROM tw;
          tweet
```

```
This is #SQL and #FUN stuff
More people should learn #SQL from #UMSI
#UMSI also teaches #PYTHON
```

```
discuss=> SELECT id, tweet FROM tw WHERE tweet ~ '#SQL';
id | tweet
---+-----
 1 | This is #SQL and #FUN stuff
 2 | More people should learn #SQL from #UMSI
```



```
discuss=> SELECT regexp_matches(tweet, '#([A-Za-z0-9_]+)', 'g') FROM tw;  
regexp_matches
```

```
{SQL}  
{FUN}  
{SQL}  
{UMSI}  
{UMSI}  
{PYTHON}
```

```
discuss=> SELECT DISTINCT regexp_matches(tweet, '#([A-Za-z0-9_]+)', 'g')  
discuss-> FROM tw;  
regexp_matches
```

```
{FUN}  
{UMSI}  
{SQL}  
{PYTHON}
```



```
discuss=> SELECT tweet FROM tw;
          tweet
```

```
-----
This is #SQL and #FUN stuff
More people should learn #SQL from #UMSI
#UMSI also teaches #PYTHON
(3 rows)
```

```
discuss=> SELECT id, regexp_matches(tweet, '#([A-Za-z0-9_]+)', 'g')
```

```
discuss->      FROM tw;
```

id	regexp_matches
1	{SQL}
1	{FUN}
2	{SQL}
2	{UMSI}
3	{UMSI}
3	{PYTHON}



DEMO Reading Email



-- <https://www.pg4e.com/lectures/mbox-short.txt>

```
CREATE TABLE mbox (line TEXT);  
\copy mbox FROM 'mbox-short.txt' with delimiter E'\007';
```

```
SELECT line FROM mbox WHERE line ~ '^From ';
```

```
SELECT substring(line, ' (.[^ ]+)' ) FROM mbox WHERE line ~ '^From ';
```

```
SELECT substring(line, ' (.[^ ]+)', count(substring(line, ' (.[^ ]+)' ))  
FROM mbox WHERE line ~ '^From '  
GROUP BY substring(line, ' (.[^ ]+)' )  
ORDER BY count(substring(line, ' (.[^ ]+)' )) DESC;
```

```
SELECT email, count(email) FROM  
( SELECT substring(line, ' (.[^ ]+)' ) AS email  
  FROM mbox WHERE line ~ '^From '  
) AS badsub  
GROUP BY email ORDER BY count(email) DESC;
```



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