IFQL

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Evolution of a query language...

RESTAPI



SQL-ish



Vaguely Familiar

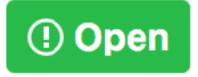
0.8 -> 0.9

Breaking API change, addition of tags

Functional or SQL?

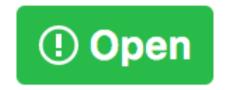
Afraid to switch...

Mathematics across measurements #3552



(1) Open srfraser opened this issue on Aug 4, 2015 · 90 comments

Allow DISTINCT function to operate on tags #3880



TechniclabErdmann opened this issue on Aug 28, 2015 · 80 comments

[feature request] Support month and year as duration unit



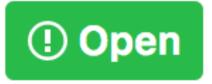
① Open ghost opened this issue on Sep 4, 2015 · 47 comments

Feature Request: DatePart in InfluxQL #6723



① Open mvadu opened this issue on May 25, 2016 · 4 comments

Wire up SORDER #1819



pauldix opened this issue on Mar 2, 2015 · 26 comments

[feature request] support for HAVING clause #5266



beckettsean opened this issue on Jan 4, 2016 · 21 comments

[[feature collection]] requested Functions and query operators #5930



(1) Open beckettsean opened this issue on Mar 7, 2016 · 68 comments

Difficult to improve & change

It's not SQL!

Kapacitor

Fall of 2015

Kapacitor's TICKscript

```
stream
    |from()
        .database('telegraf')
        .measurement('cpu')
        .groupBy(*)
    lwindow()
        .period(5m)
        .every(5m)
        .align()
    Imean('usage_idle')
        .as('usage_idle')
    influxDBOut()
        .database('telegraf')
        .retentionPolicy('autogen')
        .measurement('mean_cpu_idle')
        .precision('s')
```

Hard to debug

Steep learning curve

Not Recomposable

Second Language

Rethinking Everything

Kapacitor is Background Processing

Stream or Batch

InfluxDB is batch interactive

IFQL and unified API

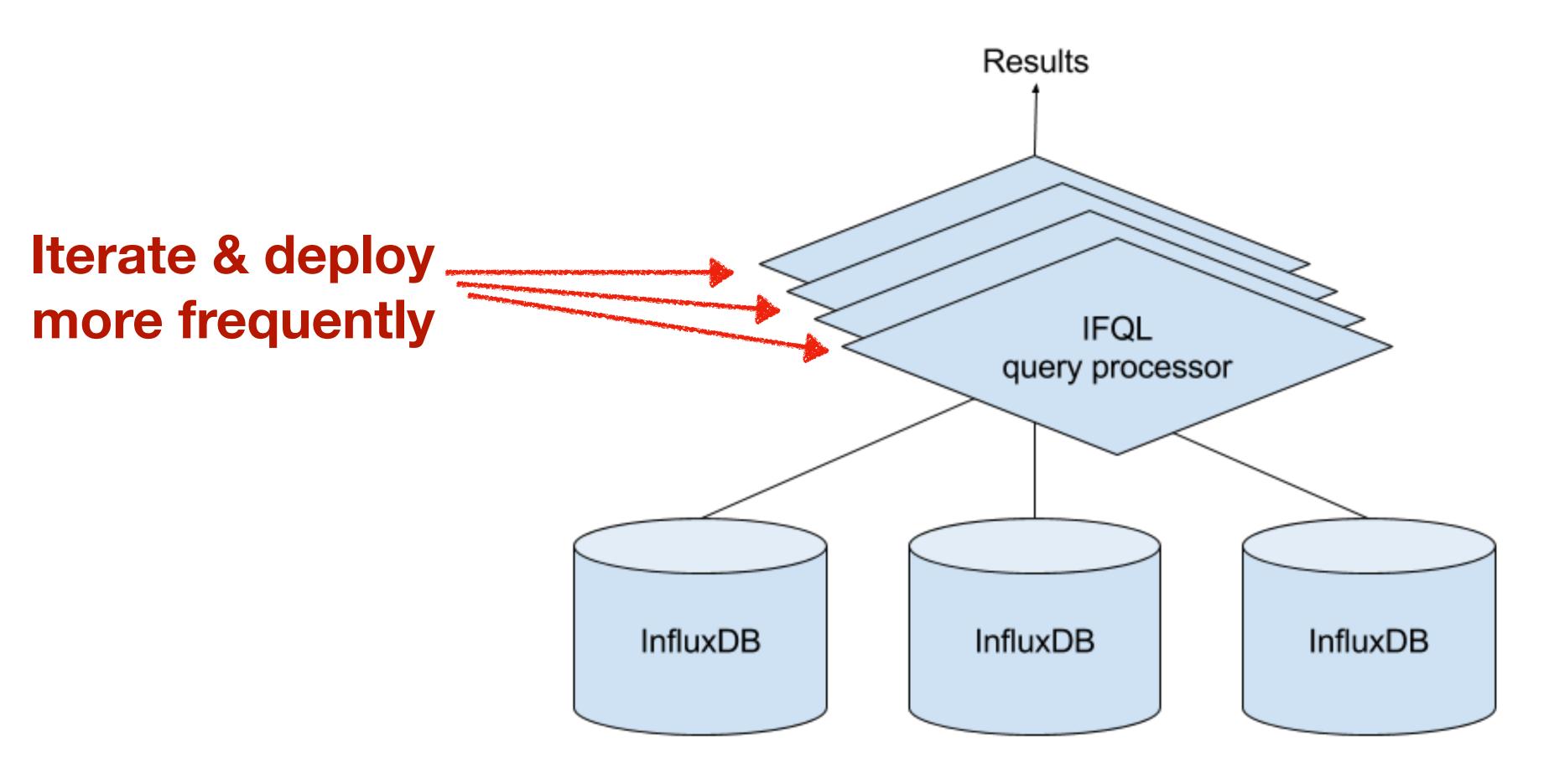
Building towards 2.0

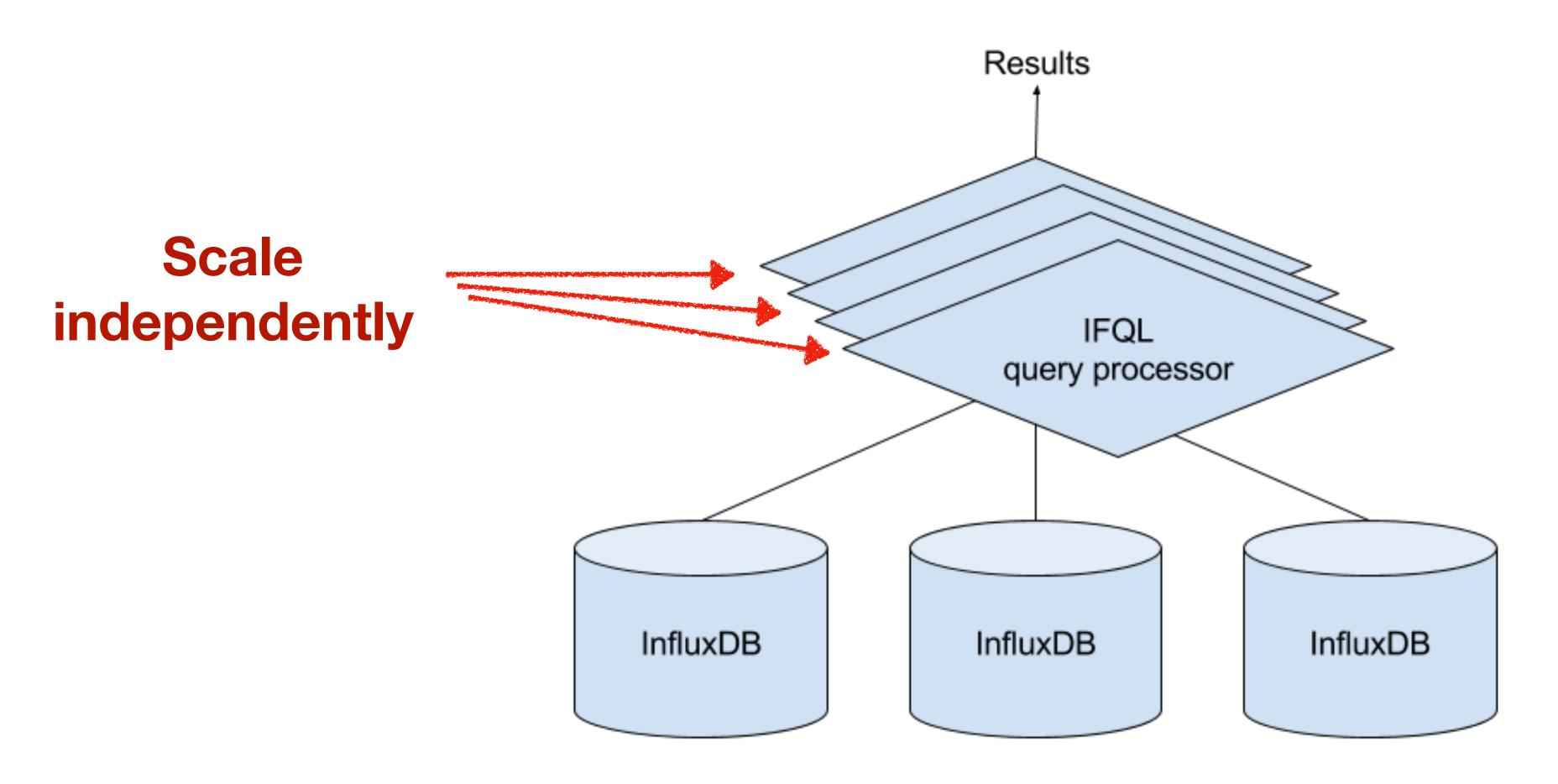


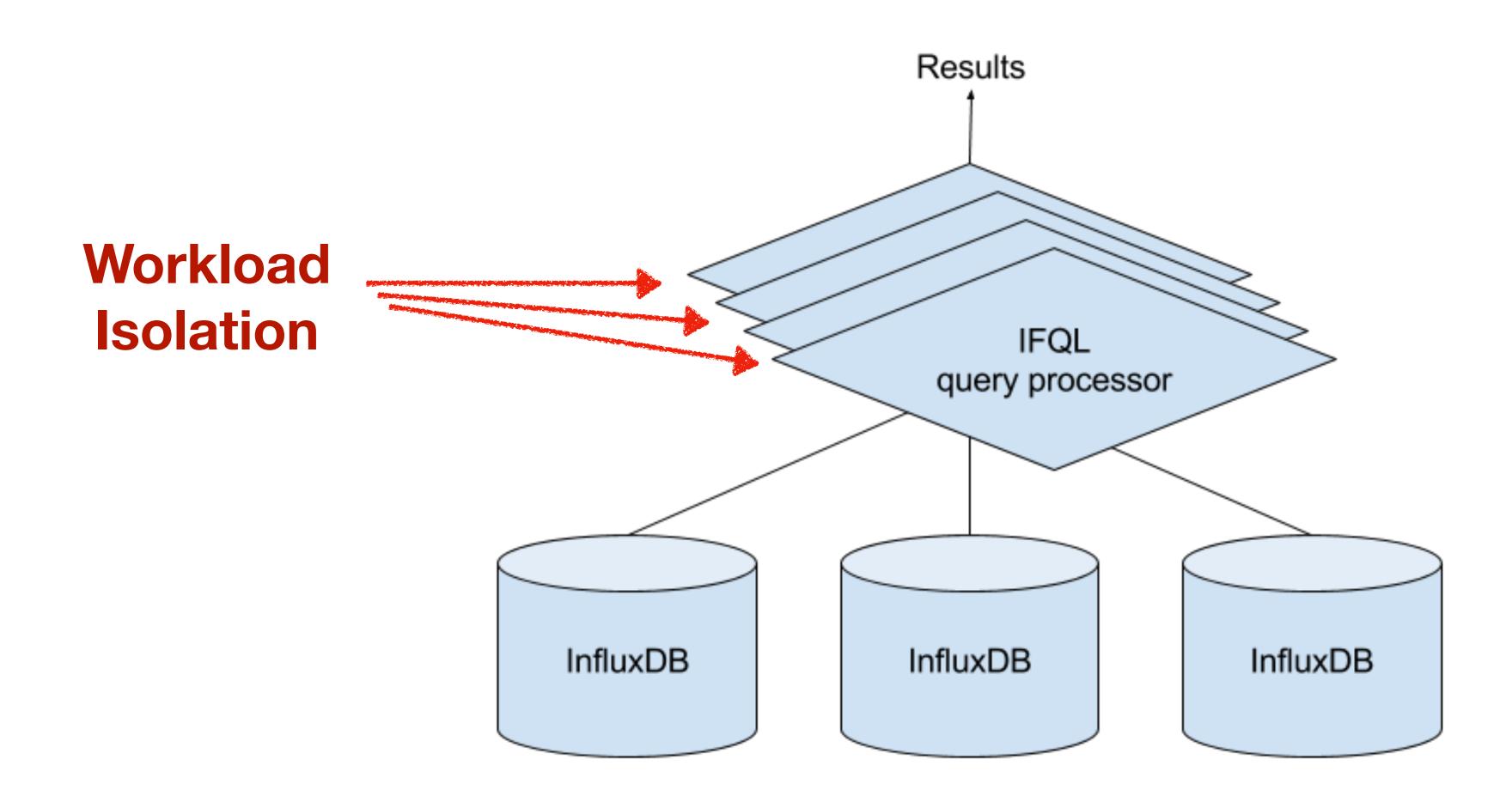
One Language to Unite!

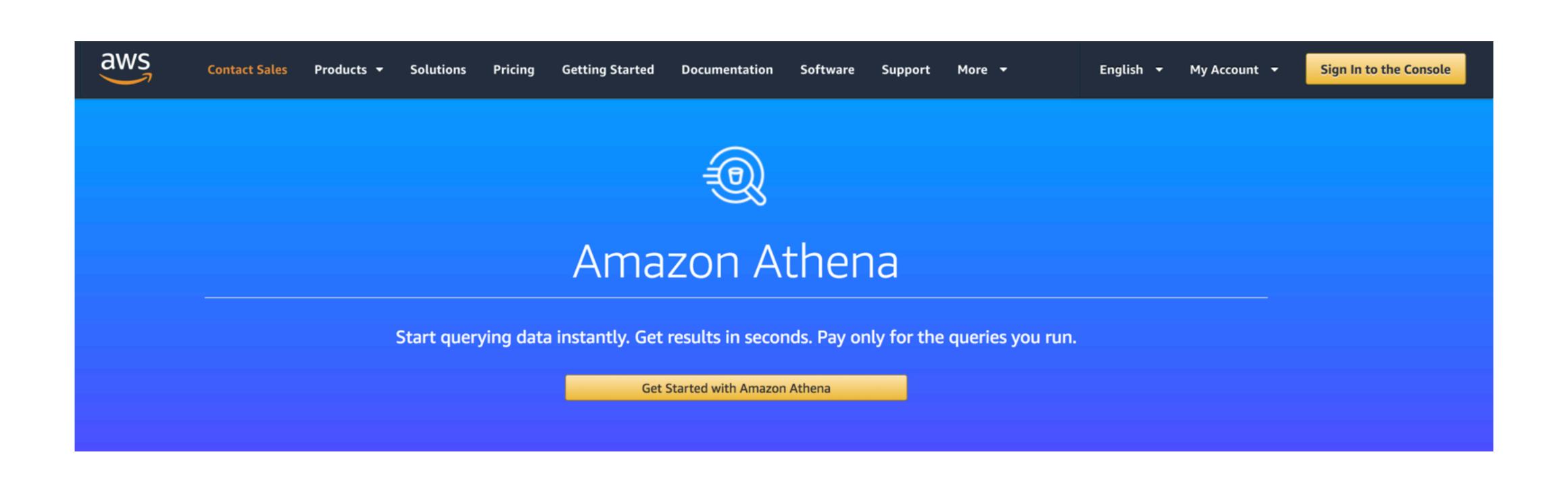
Feature Velocity

Decouple storage from compute





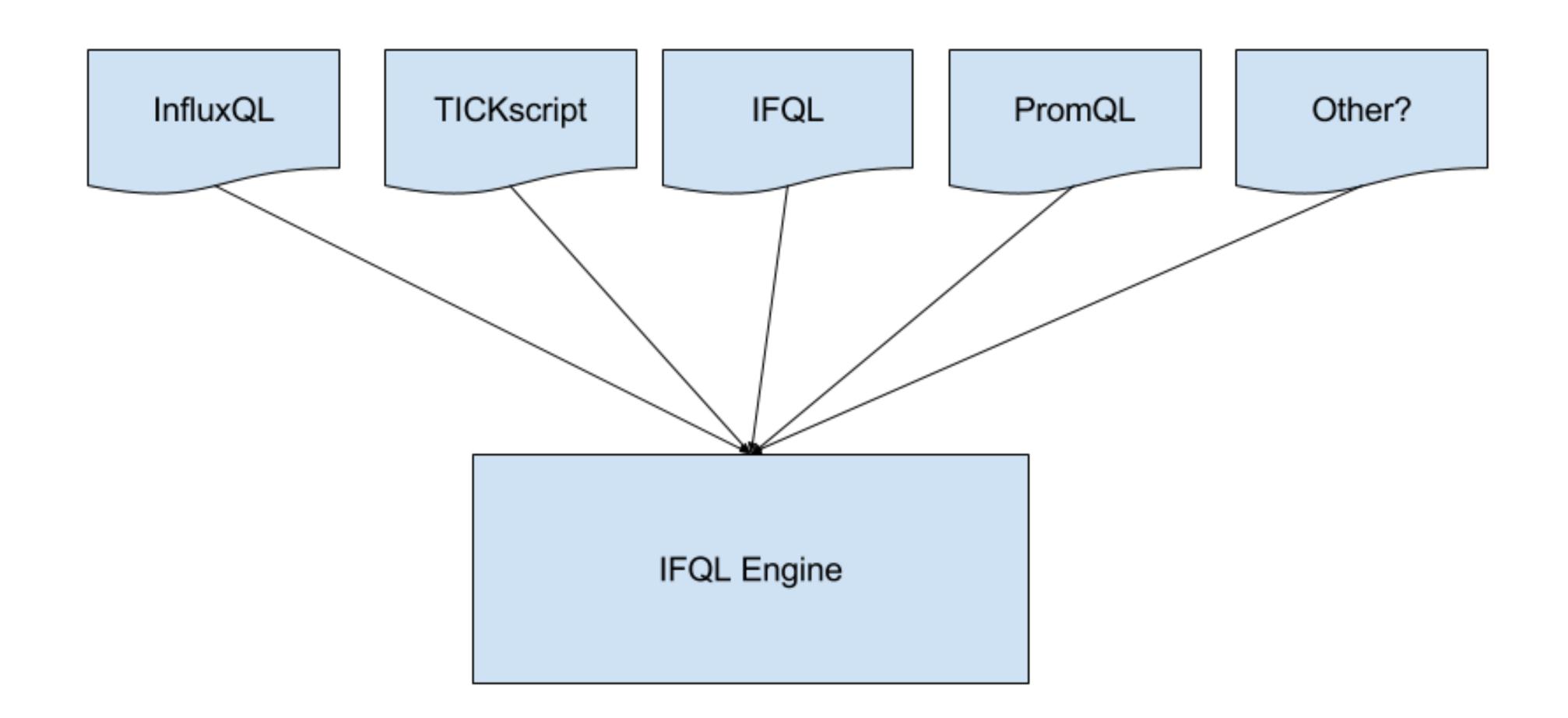




Decouple language from engine

```
"operations": [
        "id": "select0",
        "kind": "select",
        "spec": {
            "database": "foo",
            "hosts": null
   },
{
        "id": "where1",
        "kind": "where",
        "spec": {
            "expression": {
                "root": {
                    "type": "binary",
                    "operator": "and",
                    "left": {
                        "type": "binary",
                        "operator": "and",
                        "left": {
                            "type": "binary",
                            "operator": "==",
                            "left": {
                                "type": "reference",
                                 "name": "_measurement",
                                 "kind": "tag"
                            "right": {
                                "type": "stringLiteral",
                                 "value": "cpu"
                        },
```

Query represented as DAG in JSON



A Data Language

Design Philosophy

Ul for Many

because no one wants to actually write a query

Readability

over terseness

Flexible

add to language easily

Testable

new functions and user queries

Easy to Contribute

inspiration from Telegraf

Code Sharing & Reuse

no code > code

A few examples

```
// get the last value written for anything from a given host
from(db:"mydb")
   |> filter(fn: (r) => r["host"] == "server0")
   |> last()
```

```
// get the last value written for anything from a given host
from(db:"mydb")
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r["host"] == "server0")
  |> last()
```

```
Result: result
Block: keys: [_field, _measurement, host, region] bounds: [1677-09-21T00:12:43.145224192Z, 2018-02-12T15:53:04.361902250Z)
                                              measurement
                                    \_field
                                                                        host
2018-02-12T15:53:00.00000000Z
                                                                                                            60.6284
                              usage system
                                                         cpu
                                                                                        east
                                                                     server0
Block: keys: [ field, measurement, host, region] bounds: [1677-09-21T00:12:43.145224192Z, 2018-02-12T15:53:04.361902250Z)
                       time
                                      field
                                                                        host
                                                                                      region
                                              measurement
                                                                                                            39.3716
2018-02-12T15:53:00.00000000Z
                                 usage user
                                                         cpu
                                                                     server0
                                                                                        east
```

```
// get the last minute of data from a specific
// measurement & field & host
from(db:"mydb")
|> filter(fn: (r) =>
        r["host"] == "server0" and
        r["_measurement"] == "cpu" and
        r["_field"] == "usage_user")
|> range(start:-lm)
```

```
// get the last minute of data from a specific
// measurement & field & host
from(db:"mydb")
   |> filter(fn: (r) =>
        r["host"] == "server0" and
        r["_measurement"] == "cpu" and
        r["_field"] == "usage_user")
   |> range(start:-1m)
```

```
Result: result
Block: keys: [_field, _measurement, host, region] bounds: [2018-02-12T16:01:45.677502014Z, 2018-02-12T16:02:45.677502014Z)
                                     _field
                        time
                                                  measurement
                                                                            host
                                                                                           region
                                                                                                                   _value
                                                                                                                  50.549
2018-02-12T16:01:50.00000000Z
                                    usage user
                                                            cpu
                                                                         server0
                                                                                             east
2018-02-12T16:02:00.00000000Z
                                                                                                                  35.4458
                                                                         server0
                                    usage user
                                                            cpu
                                                                                             east
2018-02-12T16:02:10.00000000Z
                                                                                                                  30.0493
                                    usage user
                                                            cpu
                                                                         server0
                                                                                             east
2018-02-12T16:02:20.00000000Z
                                                                                                                  44.3378
                                    usage user
                                                            cpu
                                                                         server0
                                                                                             east
2018-02-12T16:02:30.00000000Z
                                                                                                                  11.1584
                                                                         server0
                                    usage_user
                                                            cpu
                                                                                             east
                                                                                                                   46.712
2018-02-12T16:02:40.00000000Z
                                                                         server0
                                    usage user
                                                            cpu
                                                                                             east
```

```
// get the mean in 10m intervals of last hour
              from(db: "mydb")
                   > filter(fn: (r) =>
                          r["host"] == "server0" and
                          r[" measurement"] == "cpu")
                   > range(start:-1h)
                   > window(every:15m)
                   > mean()
Result: result
Block: keys: [ field, measurement, host, region] bounds: [2018-02-12T15:05:06.708945484Z, 2018-02-12T16:05:06.708945484Z)
                                                                                 region
                                             measurement
2018-02-12T15:28:41.128654848Z
                                                                                            50.72841444444444
                                usage user
                                                     cpu
                                                                 server0
                                                                                   east
2018-02-12T15:43:41.128654848Z
                                                                                            51.191633333333333
                                usage user
                                                     cpu
                                                                 server0
                                                                                   east
2018-02-12T15:13:41.128654848Z
                                                                                   east 45.5091088235294
                                                                 server0
                                usage user
                                                     cpu
2018-02-12T15:58:41.128654848Z
                                                                                   east
                                                                                            49.65145555555555
                                usage user
                                                                 server0
                                                     cpu
2018-02-12T16:05:06.708945484Z
                                                                                            46.41292368421052
                                usage user
                                                     cpu
                                                                 server0
                                                                                   east
Block: keys: [ field, measurement, host, region] bounds: [2018-02-12T15:05:06.708945484Z, 2018-02-12T16:05:06.708945484Z)
                      time
                                   field
                                                                   host
                                                                                 region
                                                                                                       value
                                              measurement
                                                                                             49.2715855555556
2018-02-12T15:28:41.128654848Z
                                                                 server0
                               usage system
                                                      cpu
                                                                                   east
2018-02-12T15:58:41.128654848Z
                                                                                             50.34854444444444
                               usage system
                                                                 server0
                                                                                   east
                                                     cpu
2018-02-12T16:05:06.708945484Z
                                                                                             53.58707631578949
                               usage system
                                                                 server0
                                                                                   east
                                                     cpu
2018-02-12T15:13:41.128654848Z
                                                                                             54.49089117647058
                                                                                   east
                               usage system
                                                                 server0
                                                     cpu
2018-02-12T15:43:41.128654848Z
                                                                                            48.80836666666664
                               usage system
                                                                 server0
                                                     cpu
                                                                                   east
```

Elements of IFQL

```
// get the last 1 hour written for anything from a given host
from(db:"mydb")
   |> filter(fn: (r) => r["host"] == "server0")
   |> range(start:-1m)
```

```
// get the last 1 hour written for anything from a given host
from(db: "mydb")
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r["host"] == "server0")
|> range(start:-1m)
built in functions
```

```
// get the last 1 hour written for anything from a given host
from(db:"mydb")
|> filter(fn: (r) => r["host"] == "server0")
|> range(start:-1m)
```

```
// get the last 1 hour written for anything from a given host
from(db: "mydb")
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r["host"] == "server0")
    range(start:-1m)
pipe forward operator
```

Named Parameters

```
// get the last 1 hour written for anything from a given host
from (db: 'mydb")
  > filter(fn: (r) => r["host"] == "server0")
  > range(start:-1m)
    named parameters only!
```

Readability

Flexibility

Functions have inputs & outputs

Testability

Builder

Inputs

```
// get the last 1 hour written for anything from a given host
from(db: "mydb")
no input
```

Outputs

```
// get the last 1 hour written for anything from a given host
from(db: "mydb")
  |> filter(fn. (r) => r["host"] == "server0")
|> range(start:-1m)
```

output is entire db

Outputs

```
// get the last 1 hour written for anything from a given host
from(db: "mydb")
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r["host"] == "server0")
|> range(start:-1m)
```

pipe that output to filter

Filter function input

```
// get the last 1 hour written for anything from a given host
from(db:"mydb")
   |> filter(fn: (r) => r["host"] == "server0")
   |> range(start:-1m)
```

anonymous filter function input is a single record

["_measurement":"cpu", "_field":"usage_user", "host":"server0", "region":"west", "_value":23.2}

Filter function input

```
// get the last 1 hour written for anything from a given host
from(db:"mydb")
    |> filter(fn: (r) => r["host"] == "server0")
    |> range(start:-1m)
```

A record looks like a flat object or row in a table



("_measurement":"cpu", "_field":"usage_user", "host":"server0", "region":"west", "_value":23.2}

Record Properties

{"_measurement":"cpu", "_field":"usage_user", "host":"server0", "region":"west", "_value":23.2}

Record Properties

```
// get the last 1 hour written for anything from a given host
from(db:"mydb")
|> filter(fn: (r) => r.host == "server0")
|> range(start:-1m)
```

{"_measurement":"cpu", "_field":"usage_user", "host":"server0", "region":"west", "_value":23.2}

same as before

Special Properties

("_measurement":"cpu", "_field":"usage_user", "host":"server0", "region":"west", "_value":23.2}

Special Properties

{"_measurement":"cpu", "_field":"usage_user", "host":"server0", "region":"west", "_value":23.2}

Special Properties

["_measurement":"cpu", "_field":"usage_user", "host":"server0", "region":"west", "_value":23.2}

Special Properties

value exists in all series

{"_measurement":"cpu", "_field":"usage_user", "host":"server0", "region":"west", "_value":23.2}

Filter function output

```
// get the last 1 hour written for anything from a given host
from(db: "mydb")
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r["host"] == "server0")
|> range(start:-1m)
                    filter function output
```

is a boolean to determine if record is in set

Filter Operators

```
// get the last 1 hour written for anything from a given host
from(db: "mydb")
   |> filter(fn: (r) => r["host"] == "server0")
|> range(start:-1m)
```

Filter Boolean Logic

```
// get the last 1 hour written for anything from a given host
from(db: "mydb")
  |> filter(fn: (r) => (r["host"] == "server0" or
                        r["host"] == "server1") and
                        r[" measurement"] == cpu")
  > range(start:-1m)
```

parens for precedence

Function with explicit return

```
// get the last 1 hour written for anything from a given host
from(db: "mydb")
  |> filter(fn: (r) => {return r["host"] == "server0"})
|> range(start:-1m)
```

long hand function definition

Outputs

```
// get the last 1 hour written for anything from a given host
from(db: "mydb")
  > filter(fn: (r) => r["host"] == "server0")
  > range(start:-1m)
```

filter output

is set of data matching filter function

Outputs

```
// get the last 1 hour written for anything from a given host
from(db: "mydb")
  > filter(fn: (r) => r["host"] == "server0")
  > range(start:-1m)
        piped to range
```

which further filters by a time range

Outputs

```
// get the last 1 hour written for anything from a given host
from(db:"mydb")
   |> filter(fn: (r) => r["host"] == "server0")
   |> range(start:-1m)
```

range output is the final query result

Function Isolation

(but the planner may do otherwise)

range and filter switched

results the same

is this the same as the top two?

```
moving max to here changes semantics
```

```
from(db: "mydb")
  |> filter(fn: (r) =>
       r["host"] == "server0" and
       r[" measurement"] == "cpu" and
       r[" field"] == "usage user")
  > range(start:-1m)
  > max()
```

here it operates on only the last minute of data

```
from(db: "mydb")
   > range(start:-1m)
   > filter(fn: (r) =>
        r["host"] == "server0" and
        r[" measurement"] == "cpu" and
        r[" field"] == "usage user")
   > max()
from(db: "mydb")
  > filter(fn: (r) =>
       r["host"] == "server0" and
       r[" measurement"] == "cpu" and
       r["_field"] == "usage_user")
  > max()
  > range(start:-1m)
```

```
from(db: "mydb")
  |> filter(fn: (r) =>
       r["host"] == "server0" and
       r[" measurement"] == "cpu" and
       r[" field"] == "usage user")
  > range(start:-1m)
  > max()
```

```
from(db: "mydb")
  > range(start:-1m)
  > filter(fn: (r) =>
       r["host"] == "server0" and
       r[" measurement"] == "cpu" and
       r[" field"] == "usage user")
  > max()
```

```
r["host"] == "server0" and
                                            r[" measurement"] == "cpu" and
                                            r["_field"] == "usage_user")
here it operates on
                                        > max()
                                        > range(start:-1m)
```

from(db: "mydb")

|> filter(fn: (r) =>

data for all time

```
then that result is filtered down to the last minute (which will likely be empty)
```

Planner Optimizes

maintains query semantics

```
from(db: "mydb")
  |> filter(fn: (r) =>
       r["host"] == "server0" and
       r[" measurement"] == "cpu" and
       r[" field"] == "usage user")
  > range(start:-1m)
  > max()
```

this is more efficient

query DAG different plan DAG same as one on left

this does a full table scan

Variables & Closures

Variables & Closures

```
db = "mydb"
measurement = "cpu"
from(db:db)
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r._measurement == measurement and
                        r.host == "server0")
  |> last()
```

anonymous filter function closure over surrounding context

get rid of some common boilerplate?

```
select = (db, m, f) => {
  return from(db:db)
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r._measurement == m and r._field == f)
}
```

```
select = (db, m, f) => {
  return from(db:db)
    |> filter(fn: (r) => r._measurement == m and r._field == f)
}
select(db: "mydb", m: "cpu", f: "usage_user")
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r["host"] == "server0")
  |> range(start:-1h)
```

error calling function "select": missing required keyword argument "db"

Default Arguments

```
select = (db="mydb", m, f) => {
  return from(db:db)
    |> filter(fn: (r) => r._measurement == m and r._field == f)
}
select(m: "cpu", f: "usage_user")
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r["host"] == "server0")
  |> range(start:-1h)
```

Default Arguments

```
select = (db="mydb", m, f) => {
  return from(db:db)
    |> filter(fn: (r) => r. measurement == m and r. field == f)
select(m: "cpu", f: "usage user")
  > filter(fn: (r) => r["host"] == "server0")
  > range(start:-1h)
```

Multiple Results to Client

Multiple Results to Client

```
data = from(db:"mydb")
                |> filter(fn: (r) r. measurement == "cpu" and
                                      r. field == "usage user")
                > range(start: -4h)
                > window(every: 5m)
    data |> min() |> yield(name: "min")
    data |> max() |> yield(name: "max")
    data |> mean() |> yield(name: "mean")
                           name
Result: min 🔷
Block: keys: [_field, _measurement, host, region] bounds: [2018-02-12T16:55:55.487457216Z, 2018-02-12T20:55:55.487457216Z)
               _field _measurement
```

host

_time

region

_value

User Defined Pipe Forwardable Functions

```
mf = (m, f, table = < -) = > {
  return table
            |> filter(fn: (r) => r. measurement == m and
                               r. field == f)
from(db: "mydb")
  > mf(m: "cpu", f: "usage user")
   > filter(fn: (r) => r.host == "server0")
   > last()
```

User Defined Pipe Forwardable Functions

```
takes a table
                                         from a pipe forward
mf = (m, f, table = < -) = > {
                                         by default
  return table
             > filter(fn: (r) => r. measurement == m and
                                r. field == f)
from(db: "mydb")
   > mf(m: "cpu", f: "usage user")
   > filter(fn: (r) => r.host == "server0")
   > last()
```

User Defined Pipe Forwardable Functions

```
mf = (m, f, table = < -) = > {
  return table
               > filter(fn: (r) => r. measurement == m and
                                      r. field == f)
from(db: "mydb")
   |> mf(m: "cpu", f: "usage_user")
|> filter(fn: (r) => r.host == "server0")
```

calling it, then chaining

Passing as Argument

sending the from as argument

Passing as Argument

rewrite the function to use argument

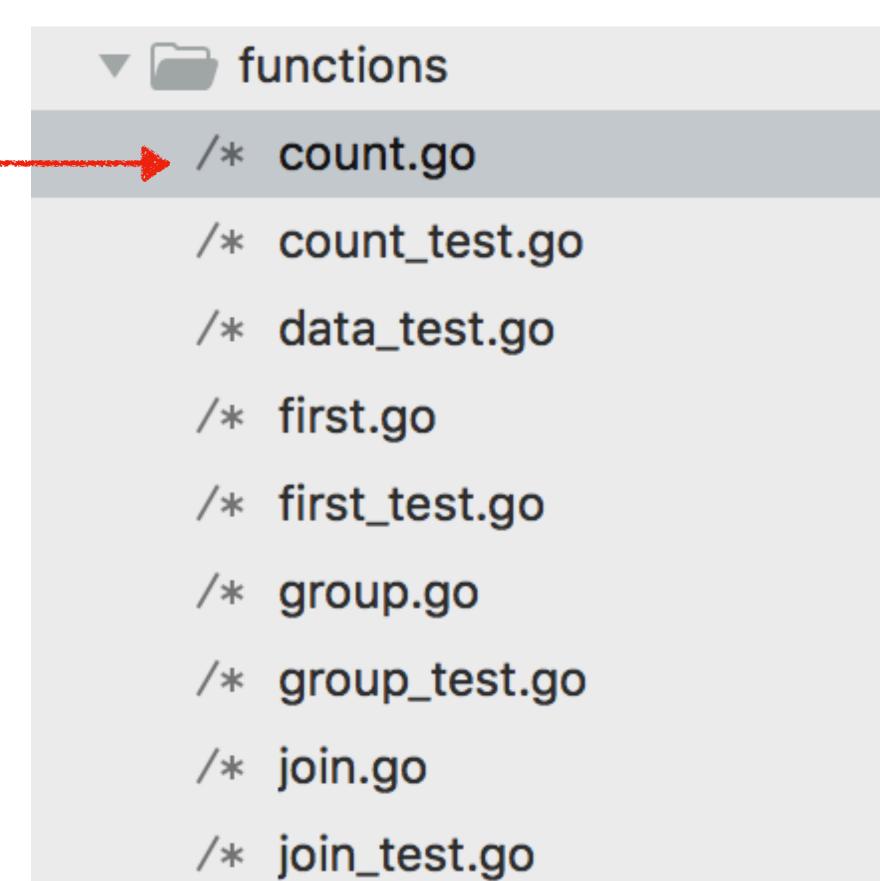
Any pipe forward function can use arguments

```
min(table:
    range(start: -1h, table:
        filter(fn: (r) => r.host == "server0", table:
            from(db: "mydb"))))
```

Make you a Lisp

Easy to add Functions

like plugins in Telegraf



/* last.go

/* limit.go

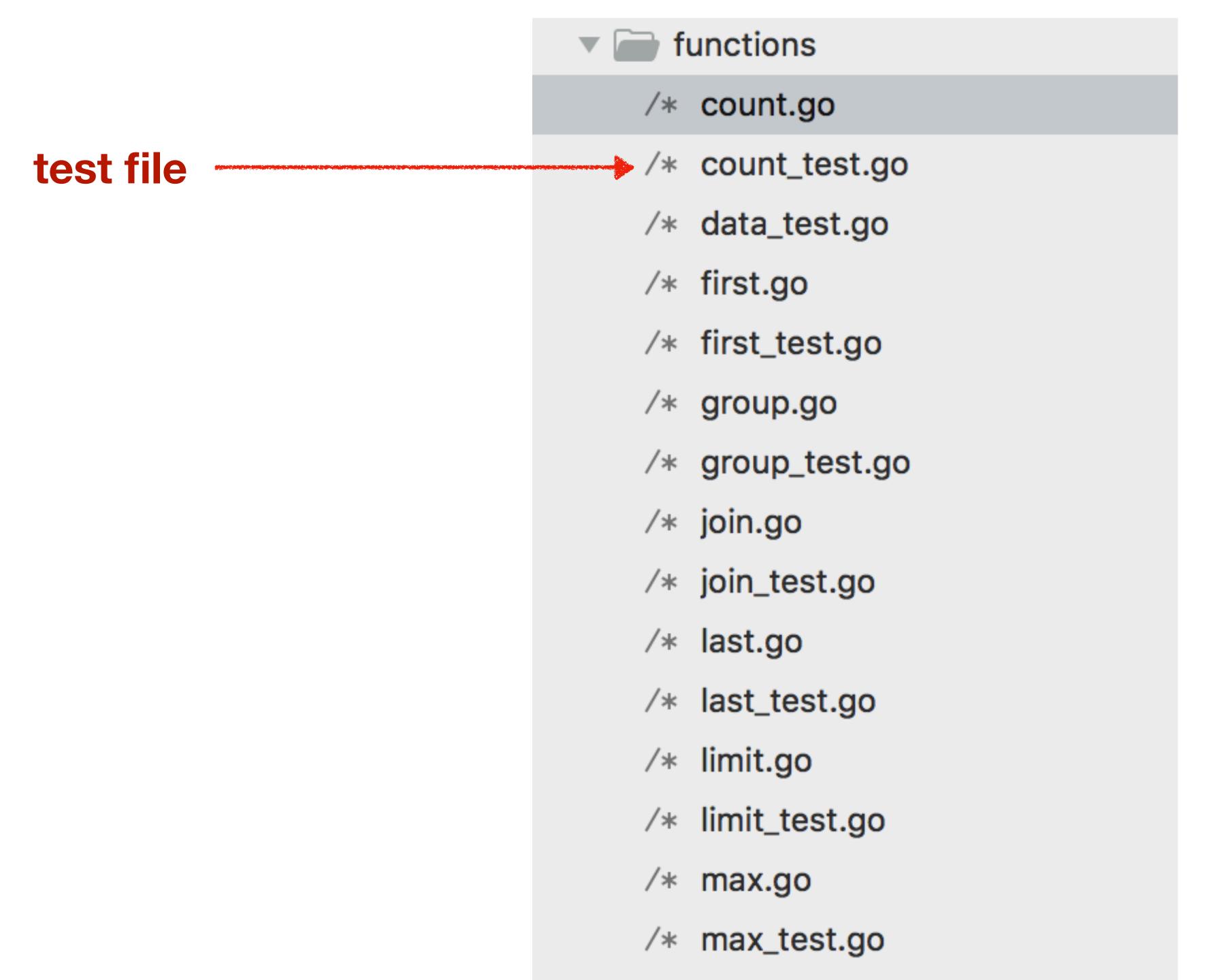
/* max.go

/* last_test.go

/* limit_test.go

/* max_test.go

code file



```
package functions
import (
  "fmt"
  "github.com/influxdata/ifql/ifql"
  "github.com/influxdata/ifql/query"
  "github.com/influxdata/ifql/query/execute"
  "github.com/influxdata/ifql/query/plan"
const CountKind = "count"
type CountOpSpec struct {
func init() {
  ifql.RegisterFunction(CountKind, createCountOpSpec)
  query.RegisterOpSpec(CountKind, newCountOp)
  plan.RegisterProcedureSpec(CountKind, newCountProcedure, CountKind)
  execute.RegisterTransformation(CountKind, createCountTransformation)
func createCountOpSpec(args map[string]ifql.Value, ctx ifql.Context) (query.OperationSpec, error) {
  if len(args) != 0 {
     return nil, fmt.Errorf(`count function requires no arguments`)
  return new(CountOpSpec), nil
func newCountOp() query.OperationSpec {
  return new(CountOpSpec)
func (s *CountOpSpec) Kind() query.OperationKind {
  return CountKind
```

```
type CountProcedureSpec struct {
func newCountProcedure(query.OperationSpec) (plan.ProcedureSpec, error) {
  return new(CountProcedureSpec), nil
func (s *CountProcedureSpec) Kind() plan.ProcedureKind {
  return CountKind
func (s *CountProcedureSpec) Copy() plan.ProcedureSpec {
  return new(CountProcedureSpec)
func (s *CountProcedureSpec) PushDownRule() plan.PushDownRule {
  return plan.PushDownRule{
    Root:
             SelectKind,
    Through: nil,
func (s *CountProcedureSpec) PushDown(root *plan.Procedure, dup func() *plan.Procedure) {
  selectSpec := root.Spec.(*SelectProcedureSpec)
  if selectSpec.AggregateSet {
    root = dup()
    selectSpec = root.Spec.(*SelectProcedureSpec)
    selectSpec.AggregateSet = false
    selectSpec.AggregateType = ""
    return
  selectSpec.AggregateSet = true
  selectSpec.AggregateType = CountKind
```

```
type CountAgg struct {
  count int64
func createCountTransformation(id execute.DatasetID, mode execute.AccumulationMode, spec plan.ProcedureSpec, ctx execute.Context
(execute Transformation, execute Dataset, error) {
  t, d := execute.NewAggregateTransformationAndDataset(id, mode, ctx.Bounds(), new(CountAgg))
  return t, d, nil
func (a *CountAgg) DoBool(vs []bool) {
  a.count += int64(len(vs))
func (a *CountAgg) DoUInt(vs []uint64) {
  a.count += int64(len(vs))
func (a *CountAgg) DoInt(vs []int64) {
  a.count += int64(len(vs))
func (a *CountAgg) DoFloat(vs []float64) {
  a.count += int64(len(vs))
func (a *CountAgg) DoString(vs []string) {
  a.count += int64(len(vs))
func (a *CountAgg) Type() execute.DataType {
  return execute.TInt
func (a *CountAgg) ValueInt() int64 {
  return a.count
```

Defines parser, validation, execution

```
from(db: "mydb")
  > filter(fn: (r) => r.host == "server0")
  > range(start: -1h)
  // square the value
  > map(fn: (r) => r. value * r. value)
```

shortcut for this?

```
from(db: "mydb")
   > filter(fn: (r) => r.host == "server0")
   > range(start: -1h)
  // square the value
  |> map(fn: (r) => r. value * r. value)
square = (table=<-) {
 table |> map(fn: (r) => r. value * r. value)
```

```
import "github.com/pauldix/ifqlmath"

from(db:"mydb")
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r.host == "server0")
  |> range(start: -1h)
  |> ifqlmath.square()
```

```
import "github.com/pauldix/ifqlmath"
from(db: "mydb")
  > filter(fn: (r) => r.host == "server0")
  > range(start: -1h)
  > ifqlmath.square()
                   namespace
```

MOAR EXAMPLES!

Math across measurements

```
foo = from(db: "mydb")
         > filter(fn: (r) => r._measurement == "foo")
         > range(start: -1h)
bar = from(db: "mydb")
         |> filter(fn: (r) => r._measurement == "bar")
|> range(start: -1h)
join(
  tables: {foo:foo, bar:bar},
  fn: (t) => t.foo. value + t.bar._value)
  > yield(name: "foobar")
```

Having Query

```
from(db:"mydb")
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r._measurement == "cpu")
  |> range(start:-1h)
  |> window(every:10m)
  |> mean()
  // this is the having part
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r._value > 90)
```

Grouping

```
from(db:"mydb")
|> filter(fn: (r) => r._measurement == "cpu")
|> range(start: -48h, stop: -47h)
|> tagValues(key: "host")
```

```
from(db:"mydb")
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r._measurement == "cpu")
  |> range(start: -48h, stop: -47h)
  |> group(by: ["measurement"], keep: ["host"])
  |> distinct(column: "host")
```

```
tagValues = (table=<-) =>
  table
  |> group(by: ["measurement"], keep: ["host"])
  |> distinct(column: "host")
```

```
from(db:"mydb")
|> filter(fn: (r) => r._measurement == "cpu")
|> range(start: -48h, stop: -47h)
|> tagValues(key: "host")
|> count()
```

Functions Implemented as IFQL

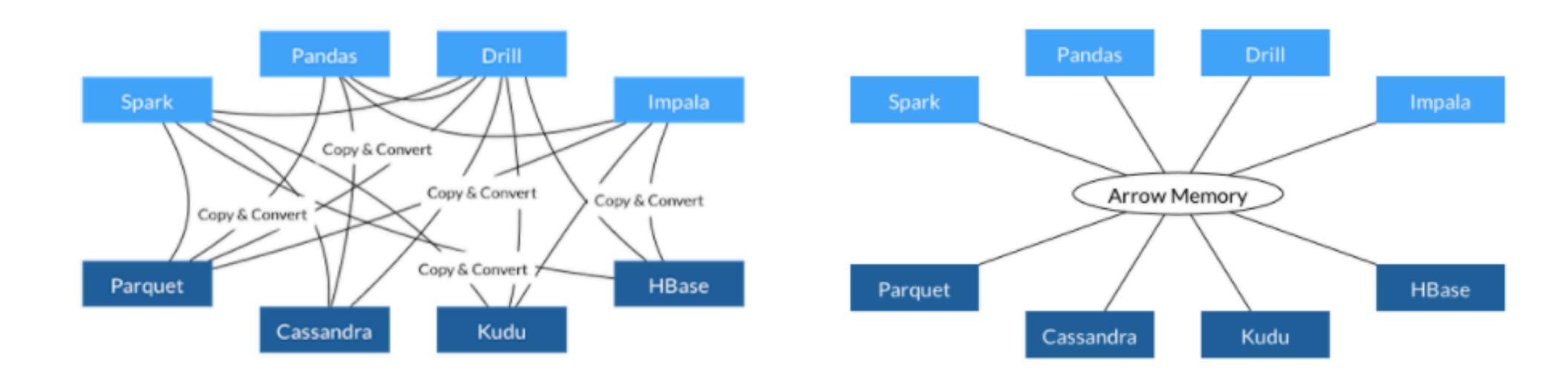
```
// sortLimit is a helper function, which sorts
// and limits a table.
sortLimit = (n, desc, cols=[" value"], table=<-) =>
  table
    |> sort(cols:cols, desc:desc)
|> limit(n:n)
// top sorts a table by cols and keeps only the top n records.
top = (n, cols=[" value"], table=<-) =>
  sortLimit(table:table, n:n, cols:cols, desc:true)
```

Project Status and Timeline

API 2.0 Work

Lock down query request/response format

Apache Arrow



We're contributing the Go implementation!

https://github.com/influxdata/arrow

Finalize Language

(a few months or so)

Ship with Enterprise 1.6

(summertime)

Thank you!

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