### Unlocking the Postgres Lock Manager

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This talk explores all aspects of locking in Postgres by showing queries and their locks; covered lock types include row, table, shared, exclusive, and advisory lock types.

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# No One Likes Locking But it Is Necessary for Proper Database Operation



### Outline

- 1. Locking Introduction
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### 1. Locking Introduction



# What an Adventure! Xyzzy

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### The Real Postgres Lock Types

ACCESS SHARE
ROW SHARE
ROW EXCLUSIVE
SHARE UPDATE EXCLUSIVE
SHARE
SHARE ROW EXCLUSIVE
EXCLUSIVE

ACCESS EXCLUSIVE

### Share/Exclusive Types

**ACCESS SHARE** 

**ROW SHARE** 

**ROW EXCLUSIVE** 

SHARE UPDATE EXCLUSIVE

**SHARE** 

**SHARE ROW EXCLUSIVE** 

**EXCLUSIVE** 

ACCESS EXCLUSIVE

### Row/Access Types

**ACCESS SHARE** 

**ROW** SHARE

**ROW** EXCLUSIVE

SHARE UPDATE EXCLUSIVE

SHARE

SHARE ROW EXCLUSIVE

**EXCLUSIVE** 

**ACCESS EXCLUSIVE** 

### MVCC

Multiversion Concurrency Control (MVCC) allows Postgres to offer high concurrency even during significant database read/write activity. MVCC specifically offers behavior where "readers never block writers, and writers never block readers".

While Multiversion Concurrency Control (MVCC) reduces locking requirements, it does not eliminate locking.

### 2. Transaction Identifiers



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# Keep Your Eye on the Red (Text)



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### What Is Our Process Identifier (PID)?

```
SELECT pg_backend_pid();
pg_backend_pid
-----
11306
```

All queries used in this presentation are available at https://momjian.us/main/writings/pgsql/locking.sql.

### What Is Our Virtual XID (VXID)

2 is the backend id, and 7 is the virtual transaction id for this backend, i.e., backend id/backend-local xid.

### What Is Our Backend Id?

```
SELECT *
FROM    pg_stat_get_backend_idset() AS t(id)
WHERE    pg_stat_get_backend_pid(id) = pg_backend_pid();
id
----
2
```

The maximum backend id is set by max\_connections.

### The VXID Increments

```
SELECT virtualtransaction AS vxid, transactionid::text
FROM
       pg locks
WHERE pid = pg backend pid()
ORDER BY 1, 2
LIMIT 1;
vxid | transactionid
----+-----
2/10
SELECT virtualtransaction AS vxid, transactionid::text
FROM pg locks
WHERE pid = pg backend pid()
ORDER BY 1, 2
LIMIT 1:
vxid | transactionid
-----+-----
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```

### Getting a Real/External/Non-Virtual XID

```
BEGIN WORK:
SELECT virtualtransaction AS vxid, transactionid::text
FROM pg locks
WHERE pid = pg backend pid()
ORDER BY 1, 2
LIMIT 1;
vxid | transactionid
-----+-----
2/12
ANALYZE pg language;
```

### Getting a Real/External/Non-Virtual XID

```
SELECT virtualtransaction AS vxid, transactionid::text
FROM
       pg locks
WHERE
       pid = pg backend pid()
ORDER BY 1, 2
LIMIT 1;
 vxid | transactionid
----+-----
 2/12 | 674
SELECT txid current();
 txid current
         674
```

COMMIT;

Transaction identifiers range from 3 to 4 billion  $(2^32)$ . Zero(0) is an invalid transaction id, and 1 and 2 are used for setting frozen xids (*committed* and *aborted*).

### Requesting Your XID Assigns One

```
BEGIN WORK:
SELECT virtualtransaction AS vxid, transactionid::text
FROM
      pg locks
WHERE pid = pg backend pid()
ORDER BY 1, 2
LIMIT 1:
 vxid | transactionid
----+-----
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-- this will assign a non-virtual xid if not already assigned
SELECT txid current();
 txid current
         675
```

### Requesting Your XID Assigns One

# 3. Lock Types



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### Setup: Create View lockview

```
-- cannot be a temporary view because other sessions must see it
CREATE VIEW lockview AS
SELECT pid, virtualtransaction AS vxid, locktype AS lock type,
       mode AS lock mode, granted,
       CASE
                WHEN virtualxid IS NOT NULL AND transactionid IS NOT NULL
                THEN
                       virtualxid || ' ' || transactionid
                WHEN virtualxid::text IS NOT NULL
                THEN virtualxid
                ELSE transactionid::text
        END AS xid lock, relname,
        page, tuple, classid, objid, objsubid
FROM
       pg locks LEFT OUTER JOIN pg class ON (pg locks.relation = pg class.oid)
WHFRF
      -- do not show our view's locks
       pid != pg backend pid() AND
        -- no need to show self-vxid locks
        virtualtransaction IS DISTINCT FROM virtualxid
-- granted is ordered earlier
ORDER BY 1, 2, 5 DESC, 6, 3, 4, 7:
```

### Create View lockview1

### Create View lockview2

# Create and Populate Table lockdemo

```
CREATE TABLE lockdemo (col int);

INSERT INTO lockdemo VALUES (1);
```

### **Explicit Access Share Locking**

```
BEGIN WORK:
LOCK TABLE lockdemo IN ACCESS SHARE MODE;
-- force future psal commands to use the current database
\setenv PGDATABASE :DBNAME
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
       SELECT * FROM lockview1:
         pid | vxid | lock_type | lock_mode | granted | xid_lock | relname
        11306 | 2/23 | relation | AccessShareLock | t
                                                                       1ockdemo
```

# **Explicit Access Share Locking**

Future slides will only show lockview2 if it contains useful information.

# Implicit Access Share Locking

```
BEGIN WORK:
SELECT * FROM lockdemo;
col
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
     SELECT * FROM lockview1:
     11306 | 2/24 | relation | AccessShareLock | t
                                                  l lockdemo
COMMIT:
```

# Multi-Table Access Share Locking

### Multi-Table Access Share Locking

```
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
               * FROM lockview1;
        SELECT
          pid
                 vxid | lock type |
                                        lock mode
                                                       granted
                                                                 xid lock |
                                                                                         relname
         11306
                 2/25
                        relation
                                     AccessShareLock
                                                                             pg attribute
                 2/25
                        relation
         11306
                                     AccessShareLock
                                                                             pg attribute relid attnam index
         11306
                 2/25
                        relation
                                    AccessShareLock
                                                                             pg attribute relid attnum index
         11306
                 2/25
                        relation
                                    AccessShareLock
                                                                             pg class
         11306
                 2/25
                        relation
                                    AccessShareLock
                                                                             pg class oid index
         11306
                 2/25
                                    AccessShareLock
                                                                             pg class relname nsp index
                        relation
                 2/25
         11306
                        relation
                                    AccessShareLock
                                                                             pg namespace
                 2/25
                                    AccessShareLock
         11306
                        relation
                                                                             pg namespace nspname index
                 2/25
                                    AccessShareLock | t
                                                                             pg namespace oid index
         11306
                        relation
```

COMMIT:

# Explicit ROW SHARE Locking

```
BEGIN WORK;
LOCK TABLE lockdemo IN ROW SHARE MODE:
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/q'
       SELECT * FROM lockview1:
         pid | vxid | lock type | lock mode | granted | xid lock | relname
        11306 | 2/26 | relation | RowShareLock | t
                                                                 l lockdemo
COMMIT:
```

# Implicit ROW SHARE Locking

```
BEGIN WORK;
SELECT * FROM lockdemo FOR SHARE;
col
SELECT txid current();
 txid current
          681
```

### Implicit ROW SHARE Locking

When a transaction is assigned a transaction id, it self-locks its transaction id so other sessions can wait on that lock for the transaction to finish.

# Explicit ROW EXCLUSIVE Locking

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### Explicit SHARE UPDATE EXCLUSIVE Locking

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# **Explicit SHARE Locking**

### Implicit SHARE Locking

```
BEGIN WORK;
CREATE UNIQUE INDEX i lockdemo on lockdemo(col);
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1:
                 vxid |
                                              lock_mode
                                                              granted |
          pid
                          lock type
                                                                         xid lock
         11306
                 2/33 |
                        transactionid
                                         ExclusiveLock
                                                                         684
         11306
                 2/33
                        relation
                                         AccessExclusiveLock
                 2/33
         11306
                        relation
                                         AccessShareLock
                                                                                     lockdemo
                 2/33 |
                                         ShareLock
                                                                                     1ockdemo
         11306
                        relation
                                                               t
COMMIT;
```

# Explicit SHARE ROW EXCLUSIVE Locking

### Implicit SHARE ROW EXCLUSIVE Locking

```
BEGIN WORK:
CREATE TRIGGER lockdemo trigger
BEFORE UPDATE ON lockdemo
FOR EACH ROW EXECUTE FUNCTION suppress_redundant_updates trigger();
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1:
          pid
               l vxid l
                          lock type
                                             lock mode
                                                               granted | xid lock
                                                                                     relname
                 2/35 | transactionid | ExclusiveLock
         11306
                                                                          685
               | 2/35 | relation
                                      | ShareRowExclusiveLock | t
         11306
                                                                                     1ockdemo
ROLLBACK WORK;
```

# **Explicit EXCLUSIVE Locking**

This lock mode is not automatically used by any Postgres SOL commands.

# Explicit ACCESS EXCLUSIVE Locking

ACCESS EXCLUSIVE is the default mode for the LOCK command.

### Implicit ACCESS EXCLUSIVE Locking

```
BEGIN WORK:
CLUSTER lockdemo USING i lockdemo;
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
               * FROM lockview1:
        SELECT
          pid
                 vxid |
                           lock type
                                               lock mode
                                                                granted
                                                                          xid lock
                                                                                       relname
         11306
                 2/38
                         transactionid
                                         ExclusiveLock
                                                                          686
                 2/38
         11306
                        object
                                         AccessExclusiveLock
         11306
                 2/38
                        object
                                         AccessExclusiveLock
         11306
                 2/38
                        relation
                                         AccessExclusiveLock
                                                                                      i lockdemo
                 2/38
                                         AccessExclusiveLock
         11306
                        relation
                                                                                      1ockdemo
         11306
                 2/38
                        relation
                                         AccessExclusiveLock
         11306
                 2/38
                        relation
                                         AccessShareLock
                                                                                      i lockdemo
         11306
                 2/38
                        relation
                                         ShareLock
                                                                                      1ockdemo
```

### Implicit ACCESS EXCLUSIVE Locking

```
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview2;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT
               * FROM lockview2:
          pid
                 vxid |
                          lock type
                                       | page | tuple | classid | objid | objsubid
         11306
                 2/38
                        transactionid
         11306
                 2/38
                        object
                                                            1247
                                                                   16409
         11306
                 2/38
                        obiect
                                                            1247
                                                                   16410
         11306
                 2/38
                        relation
         11306
                 2/38
                        relation
         11306
                 2/38
                        relation
         11306
                 2/38
                        relation
         11306
                 2/38
                        relation
```

COMMIT;

1247 is the *pg\_class* entry for *pg\_type*. 16409 and 16410 are used as temporary file names.

# 4. Lock Examples



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# Row Locks Are Not Visible in *pg\_locks*

```
DELETE FROM lockdemo:
BEGIN WORK;
INSERT INTO lockdemo VALUES (1):
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/q'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1:
                                                         | granted | xid lock | relname
          pid
               | vxid |
                        lock type
                                          lock mode
         11306
                 2/40 | transactionid | ExclusiveLock
                                                                    688
         11306 | 2/40 | relation
                                      | RowExclusiveLock | t
                                                                               1ockdemo
```

### Two Rows Are Similarly Invisible

```
INSERT INTO lockdemo VALUES (2). (3):
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1;
                vxid |
                          lock type
                                           lock mode
                                                         | granted |
          pid
                                                                    xid lock
                                                                                relname
         11306 | 2/40 | transactionid | ExclusiveLock
                                                                     688
         11306
                2/40 | relation
                                      | RowExclusiveLock | t
                                                                                1ockdemo
COMMIT:
```

### Update Also Causes an Index Lock

```
BEGIN WORK;
UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 1 WHERE col = 1;
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1:
                 vxid |
                          lock type
                                           lock mode
                                                          granted |
                                                                     xid lock
                                                                                  relname
         11306
                 2/41 | transactionid | ExclusiveLock
                                                                     689
         11306
                 2/41 | relation
                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
                                                                                 i lockdemo
                 2/41 | relation
                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
         11306
                                                                                 1ockdemo
```

#### Two Row Updates Are Similar

```
UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 2 WHERE col = 2:
UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 3 WHERE col = 3;
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1:
                 vxid |
                          lock type
                                           lock mode
                                                                                 relname
                                                         granted
                                                                    xid lock
                2/41 | transactionid | ExclusiveLock
         11306
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         11306
                 2/41 | relation
                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
                                                                                i lockdemo
               | 2/41 | relation
                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
                                                                                1ockdemo
         11306
COMMIT:
```

#### Delete of One Row Is Similar

```
BEGIN WORK;
DELETE FROM lockdemo WHERE col = 1:
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1:
                 vxid |
                          lock type
                                           lock mode
                                                          granted |
                                                                     xid lock
                                                                                 relname
         11306
                 2/42 | transactionid | ExclusiveLock
                                                                     690
         11306
                 2/42 | relation
                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
                                                                                 i lockdemo
                 2/42 | relation
                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
         11306
                                                                                 1ockdemo
```

#### Delete of Two Rows Is Similar

```
DELETE FROM lockdemo;
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1:
          pid
                 vxid |
                          lock type
                                            lock mode
                                                           granted |
                                                                      xid lock
                                                                                  relname
                                                                      690
         11306
                 2/42
                        transactionid
                                        ExclusiveLock
         11306
                 2/42
                        relation
                                         RowExclusiveLock
                                                                                 i lockdemo
         11306
                 2/42 |
                        relation
                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
                                                                                  1ockdemo
```

ROLLBACK WORK;

### Explicit Row Locks Are Similar

```
BEGIN WORK;
SELECT * FROM lockdemo WHERE col = 1 FOR UPDATE;
col
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
       SELECT * FROM lockview1:
                                                    granted | xid_lock | relname
              | vxid | lock type | lock mode
        11306 |
                2/43 | transactionid | ExclusiveLock | t
                                                                691
                2/43 | relation
                                      RowShareLock | t
        11306
                                                                           i lockdemo
        11306 | 2/43 | relation
                                      RowShareLock | t
                                                                           1 ockdemo
```

### Three Explicit Row Locks Are Similar

```
SELECT * FROM lockdemo FOR UPDATE;
col
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1:
                 vxid |
                          lock type
                                           lock_mode
                                                        granted |
                                                                  xid lock
         11306
                2/43 | transactionid | ExclusiveLock | t
                                                                  691
                 2/43 |
                        relation
                                        RowShareLock
         11306
                                                                              i lockdemo
                2/43 | relation
                                        RowShareLock
         11306
                                                                              1ockdemo
COMMIT;
```

### Explicit Shared Row Locks Are Similar

```
BEGIN WORK;
SELECT * FROM lockdemo WHERE col = 1 FOR SHARE;
col
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
       SELECT * FROM lockview1:
               | vxid |
                        lock type | lock mode
                                                    granted | xid lock |
                2/44 | transactionid | ExclusiveLock | t
                                                                692
        11306
                2/44 | relation
                                      RowShareLock | t
        11306
                                                                           i lockdemo
        11306 |
               2/44 | relation
                                      RowShareLock | t
                                                                           1 ockdemo
```

#### Three Explicit Shared Row Locks Are Similar

```
SELECT * FROM lockdemo FOR SHARE;
col
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1:
                 vxid |
                          lock type
                                           lock_mode
                                                        granted |
                                                                  xid lock
         11306
                 2/44 | transactionid | ExclusiveLock | t
                                                                  692
                 2/44
                        relation
         11306
                                        RowShareLock
                                                                              i lockdemo
                 2/44 |
                       relation
                                        RowShareLock
         11306
                                                                              1ockdemo
COMMIT;
```

#### Restore Table Lockdemo

```
DELETE FROM lockdemo;

INSERT INTO lockdemo VALUES (1);
```

```
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
       SELECT * FROM lockview1:
         pid
                vxid |
                         lock type
                                          lock mode
                                                        | granted | xid lock
                                                                                relname
         11306
                2/47 | transactionid | ExclusiveLock
                                                                    695
         11306
                2/47 | relation
                                        AccessShareLock | t
                                                                               i lockdemo
         11306
               | 2/47 | relation
                                        AccessShareLock | t
                                                                               1ockdemo
\! psql -e -c 'UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 2; \
  SELECT pg sleep(0.200); \
  SELECT ctid, xmin, * FROM lockdemo;' | \
  sed s/^/t/q' &
```

Backslashes are used to illustrate continued lines, though *psql* does not support the use of backslashes in this way; \! commands must be on a single line.

```
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/q'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1;
         pid
                vxid
                           lock type
                                            lock mode
                                                            granted
                                                                      xid lock
                                                                                   relname
         11306
                 2/47
                         transactionid
                                         ExclusiveLock
                                                                       695
         11306
                 2/47
                        relation
                                         AccessShareLock
                                                                                  i lockdemo
         11306
                 2/47
                        relation
                                         AccessShareLock
                                                                                  1ockdemo
         11557
                 3/110
                         transactionid
                                         ExclusiveLock
                                                                      696
                 3/110
         11557
                         relation
                                         RowExclusiveLock
                                                                                  i lockdemo
         11557
                 3/110
                         relation
                                         RowExclusiveLock | t
                                                                                  1ockdemo
        ctid
                 xmin |
         (0,9)
                  696 I
```

COMMIT WORK;

#### Restore Table Lockdemo

```
DELETE FROM lockdemo;

INSERT INTO lockdemo VALUES (1);
```

```
BEGIN WORK;

SELECT ctid, xmin, * FROM lockdemo;
  ctid | xmin | col
-----(0,10) | 698 | 1

UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 2;
```

```
SELECT ctid, xmin, * FROM lockdemo;
 ctid | xmin | col
(0,11) | 699 | 2
SELECT pg backend pid();
pg backend pid
          11306
SELECT txid current();
txid current
          699
```

```
\! psql -e -c 'BEGIN WORK; UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 3; \
    SELECT pg sleep(0.200); \
   COMMIT: ' | \
    sed \frac{s}{\frac{1}{2}} &
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1:
          pid
                 vxid
                            lock type
                                              lock mode
                                                               granted
                                                                         xid lock |
                                                                                      relname
         11306
                 2/51
                          transactionid
                                           ExclusiveLock
                                                                          699
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                                           AccessShareLock
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                 2/51
                         relation
                                                                                      i lockdemo
                                           RowExclusiveLock
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                 2/51
                          relation
                                           RowExclusiveLock
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         11575
                 3/112
                          transactionid
                                           ExclusiveLock
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                 3/112
                          relation
                                           RowExclusiveLock
                                                                                     i lockdemo
         11575
                 3/112
                          relation
                                           RowExclusiveLock
                                                                                      lockdemo.
         11575
                 3/112
                          tuple
                                           Exclusive ock
                                                                                      lockdemo.
                 3/112
         11575
                          transactionid
                                           ShareLock
                                                                          699
```

```
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview2;' | sed 's/^/\t/q'
       SELECT * FROM lockview2;
         pid
               l vxid
                          lock type
                                      | page | tuple | classid | objid | objsubid
        11306
                2/51
                       l transactionid
                2/51
        11306
                      | relation
        11306
                2/51
                     | relation
        11306
                2/51
                     | relation
        11306
                2/51 | relation
        11575
                3/112 | transactionid
                3/112
        11575
                        relation
        11575
                3/112
                        relation
                                                  10
        11575
                3/112
                        tuple
        11575
                3/112
                        transactionid
```

COMMIT;

```
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
       SELECT * FROM lockview1:
         pid
              l vxid
                         lock type
                                      lock mode
                                                       granted
                                                                 | xid lock |
                                                                             relname
                                      ExclusiveLock
        11575 | 3/112 | transactionid
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        11575
               3/112
                       relation
                                      RowExclusiveLock
                                                                             i lockdemo
        11575 | 3/112 |
                       relation
                                     | RowExclusiveLock | t
                                                                             1ockdemo
```

```
CREATE VIEW lockinfo hierarchy AS
        WITH RECURSIVE lockinfol AS (
                SELECT pid, vxid, granted, xid lock, lock type, relname, page, tuple
                FROM lockview
                WHERE xid lock IS NOT NULL AND
                      relname IS NULL AND
                      granted
                UNTON ALL
                SELECT lockview.pid, lockview.vxid, lockview.granted, lockview.xid lock,
                        lockview.lock type, lockview.relname, lockview.page, lockview.tuple
                FROM lockinfol JOIN lockview ON (lockinfol.xid lock = lockview.xid lock)
                WHERE lockview.xid lock IS NOT NULL AND
                      lockview.relname IS NULL AND
                      NOT lockview.granted AND
                      lockinfol.granted).
```

```
lockinfo2 AS (
        SELECT pid, vxid, granted, xid lock, lock type, relname, page, tuple
        FROM lockview
        WHERE lock type = 'tuple' AND
              granted
        UNION ALL
        SELECT lockview.pid, lockview.vxid, lockview.granted, lockview.xid lock,
                lockview.lock type, lockview.relname, lockview.page, lockview.tuple
        FROM lockinfo2 JOIN lockview ON (
                lockinfo2.lock type = lockview.lock type AND
                lockinfo2.relname = lockview.relname AND
                lockinfo2.page = lockview.page AND
                lockinfo2.tuple = lockview.tuple)
        WHERE lockview.lock type = 'tuple' AND
              NOT lockview.granted AND
              lockinfo2.granted
SELECT * FROM lockinfo1
UNION ALL
SELECT * FROM lockinfo2;
```

```
SELECT ctid, xmin, * FROM lockdemo;
 ctid | xmin | col
(0,13) \mid 702 \mid 4
SELECT pg backend pid();
pg backend pid
          11306
SELECT txid current();
txid current
          702
```

```
\! psql -e -c 'BEGIN WORK; UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 5; \
   SELECT pg sleep(0.200); \
    COMMIT: ' | \
    sed s/^/t/q' &
\! psql -e -c 'BEGIN WORK; UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 6; \
   SELECT pg sleep(0.200); \
   COMMIT: ' | \
    sed s/^/t/g &
\! psql -e -c 'BEGIN WORK; UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 7; \
   SELECT pg sleep(0.200); \
   COMMIT; ' | \
    sed 's/^/\t/g' &
```

<pre>\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;'   sed 's/^/\t/g' SELECT * FROM lockview1;</pre>							
	pid	vxid	lock_type	lock_mode	granted	xid_lock	relname
	11306	2/54	transactionid	ExclusiveLock	t	702	
	11306	2/54	relation	AccessShareLock	t		i_lockdemo
	11306	2/54	relation	AccessShareLock	t		lockdemo
	11306	2/54	relation	RowExclusiveLock	t		i_lockdemo
	11306	2/54	relation	RowExclusiveLock	t		lockdemo
	11596	3/114	transactionid	ExclusiveLock	t	703	
	11596	3/114	relation	RowExclusiveLock	t		i_lockdemo
	11596	3/114	relation	RowExclusiveLock	t		lockdemo
	11596	3/114	tuple	ExclusiveLock	t		lockdemo
	11596	3/114	transactionid	ShareLock	f	702	
	11600	4/14	transactionid	ExclusiveLock	t	704	
	11600	4/14	relation	RowExclusiveLock	t		i_lockdemo
	11600	4/14	relation	RowExclusiveLock	t		lockdemo
	11600	4/14	tuple	ExclusiveLock	f		lockdemo
	11604	5/2	transactionid	ExclusiveLock	t	705	
	11604	5/2	relation	RowExclusiveLock	t		i_lockdemo
	11604	5/2	relation	RowExclusiveLock	t		lockdemo
	11604	5/2	tuple	ExclusiveLock	f		lockdemo

## Three Concurrent Updates Show Locking

```
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview2;' | sed 's/^/\t/q'
        SELECT * FROM lockview2;
                                        | page | tuple | classid | objid | objsubid
          pid
                 vxid
                           lock type
         11306
                 2/54
                         transactionid
         11306
                 2/54
                        relation
         11306
                 2/54
                        | relation
                 2/54
         11306
                       | relation
         11306
                 2/54
                        | relation
         11596
                 3/114
                         transactionid
         11596
                 3/114
                         relation
         11596
                 3/114
                         relation
         11596
                 3/114
                         tuple
                                                    12
                 3/114
         11596
                         transactionid
                 4/14
         11600
                         transactionid
         11600
                 4/14
                        relation
                 4/14
         11600
                         relation
         11600
                 4/14
                         tuple
                                                    12
         11604
                 5/2
                       l transactionid
                 5/2
         11604
                       | relation
         11604
                 5/2
                        | relation
         11604
                 5/2
                         tuple
                                                    12
```

## Three Concurrent Updates Show Locking

```
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockinfo hierarchy;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockinfo hierarchy;
                         granted | xid lock |
          pid
                 vxid
                                                  lock type
                                                               | relname
                                                                            page
         11306
                 2/54
                                    702
                                                transactionid
         11596
                 3/114
                                    703
                                                transactionid
         11600
                 4/14
                                    704
                                                transactionid
         11604
                                                transactionid
                                    705
         11596
                 3/114
                                    702
                                                transactionid
         11596
                 3/114
                                                tuple
                                                                 1ockdemo
                                                                                      12
         11600
                 4/14
                                                tuple
                                                                 1ockdemo
                                                                                       12
         11604
                 5/2
                                                tuple
                                                                 1ockdemo
                                                                                       12
```

## Three Concurrent Updates Show Locking

\! psql -e -c 'SELECT \* FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/ $^/$ \t/g' SELECT \* FROM lockview1: pid vxid lock type lock mode granted xid lock relname 11596 3/114 transactionid ExclusiveLock 703 11596 3/114 relation AccessShareLock i lockdemo 11596 3/114 relation AccessShareLock lockdemo 11596 3/114 relation RowExclusiveLock i lockdemo 3/114 11596 relation RowExclusiveLock lockdemo. 11600 4/14 transactionid ExclusiveLock 704 11600 4/14 relation RowExclusiveLock i lockdemo 11600 4/14 relation RowExclusiveLock lockdemo 11600 4/14 relation AccessExclusiveLock lockdemo. 4/14 11600 transactionid Sharel ock 703 5/2 705 11604 transactionid ExclusiveLock 11604 5/2 relation RowExclusiveLock i lockdemo 11604 5/2 relation RowExclusiveLock lockdemo 11604 5/2 AccessExclusiveLock relation lockdemo 11604 5/2 transactionid ExclusiveLock 703 11604 5/2 transactionid RowExclusiveLock i lockdemo 11604 5/2 transactionid RowExclusiveLock lockdemo. 11604 5/2 transactionid AccessExclusiveLock lockdemo

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```
DELETE FROM lockdemo;

INSERT INTO lockdemo VALUES (50), (80);
```

```
BEGIN WORK;
UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 50 WHERE col = 50;
SELECT pg backend pid();
 pg backend pid
          11306
SELECT txid current();
 txid current
          710
```

```
\! psql -e -c 'BEGIN WORK; \
    UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 81 WHERE col = 80; \
    UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 51 WHERE col = 50; \
    COMMIT;' | \
    sed 's/^/\t/g' &

SELECT pg_sleep(0.200);
```

```
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/q'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1:
          pid
                 vxid
                           lock_type
                                             lock mode
                                                             granted
                                                                       xid lock
                                                                                    relname
        11306
                 2/61
                         transactionid
                                          ExclusiveLock
                                                                       710
         11306
                 2/61
                         relation
                                          RowExclusiveLock
                                                                                   i lockdemo
         11306
                 2/61
                         relation
                                          RowExclusiveLock
                                                                                   1ockdemo
         11642
                 3/116
                                                                        711
                         transactionid
                                          Exclusive ock
         11642
                 3/116
                         relation
                                          RowExclusiveLock
                                                                                   i lockdemo
                 3/116
         11642
                         relation
                                          RowExclusiveLock
                                                                                   1ockdemo
         11642
                 3/116
                         tuple
                                          ExclusiveLock
                                                                                   1ockdemo
         11642
                 3/116
                         transactionid
                                          ShareLock
                                                                       710
```

```
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview2;' | sed 's/^/\t/q'
        SELECT * FROM lockview2;
         pid
                vxid
                          lock type
                                        page | tuple | classid | objid | objsubid
        11306
                2/61
                     transactionid
        11306
                2/61
                     | relation
        11306
                2/61
                       | relation
        11642
                3/116
                        transactionid
        11642
                3/116 | relation
                3/116 |
                        relation
        11642
                3/116
                                                  18
        11642
                        tuple
        11642
                3/116 |
                        transactionid
```

```
-- show lockview while waiting for deadlock_timeout
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT pg_sleep(0.200); \
    SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | \
    sed 's/^\t/g' &
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT pg_sleep(0.400); \
    SELECT * FROM lockview2;' | \
    sed 's/^\t/g' &

-- the next line hangs waiting for deadlock timeout
UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 80 WHERE col = 80;
```

<pre>SELECT pg_sleep(0.200); SELECT * FROM lockview1;</pre>							
pid	vxid	lock_type	lock_mode	granted	xid_lock	relname	
	<del>-</del>	+	·	++	+		
11306	2/61	transactionid	ExclusiveLock	t	710		
11306	2/61	relation	RowExclusiveLock	t		i_lockdemo	
11306	2/61	relation	RowExclusiveLock	t		lockdemo	
11306	2/61	tuple	ExclusiveLock	t		lockdemo	
11306	2/61	transactionid	ShareLock	f	711		
11642	3/116	transactionid	ExclusiveLock	t	711		
11642	3/116	relation	RowExclusiveLock	t		i_lockdemo	
11642	3/116	relation	RowExclusiveLock	t		lockdemo	
11642	3/116	tuple	ExclusiveLock	t	ĺ	lockdemo	
11642	3/116	transactionid	ShareLock	f	710		

<pre>SELECT pg_sleep(0.400); SELECT * FROM lockview2;</pre>							
pid   vxid	lock_type	page	tuple	classid	objid	objsubid	
		·	++	+	+		
11306   2/61	transactionid			1			
11306   2/61	relation			1			
11306   2/61	relation			- 1	J		
11306   2/61	tuple	0	19	- 1			
11306   2/61	transactionid			1			
11642   3/116	transactionid			- 1	J		
11642   3/116	relation			- 1			
11642   3/116	relation			1			
11642   3/116	tuple	0	18	- 1	J		
11642   3/116	transactionid						

```
ERROR: deadlock detected

DETAIL: Process 11306 waits for ShareLock on transaction 711; blocked by process 11642.

Process 11642 waits for ShareLock on transaction 710; blocked by process 11306.

HINT: See server log for query details.

CONTEXT: while updating tuple (0,18) in relation "lockdemo"

COMMIT:
```

The Postgres server log will report the queries involved in the deadlock.

```
DELETE FROM lockdemo;

INSERT INTO lockdemo VALUES (40), (60), (80);
```

```
BEGIN WORK;
UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 40 WHERE col = 40;
SELECT pg backend pid();
 pg backend pid
          11306
SELECT txid current();
 txid current
          714
```

```
\! psql -e -c 'BEGIN WORK; \
   UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 61 WHERE col = 60; \
    UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 41 WHERE col = 40: \
    COMMIT; ' | \
   sed s/^/t/g' &
\! psql -e -c 'BEGIN WORK; \
   UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 81 WHERE col = 80; \
    UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 61 WHERE col = 60: \
    COMMIT; ' | \
    sed s/^/t/q' &
SELECT pg sleep(0.200);
```

```
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT pg_sleep(0.200); \
    SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | \
    sed 's/^\t/g' &
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT pg_sleep(0.400); \
    SELECT * FROM lockview2;' | \
    sed 's/^\t/g' &
-- the next line hangs waiting for deadlock timeout
UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 80 WHERE col = 80;
```

<pre>SELECT pg_sleep(0.200); SELECT * FROM lockview1;</pre>							
pid	vxid	lock_type	lock_mode	granted	xid_lock	relname	
11306	2/65	transactionid	ExclusiveLock	t	714		
11306	2/65	relation	RowExclusiveLock	t		i_lockdemo	
11306	2/65	relation	RowExclusiveLock	t		lockdemo	
11306	2/65	tuple	AccessExclusiveLock	t		lockdemo	
11306	2/65	transactionid	ShareLock	f	716		
11662	3/118	transactionid	ExclusiveLock	t	715		
11662	3/118	relation	RowExclusiveLock	t	1	i_lockdemo	
11662	3/118	relation	RowExclusiveLock	t		lockdemo	
11662	3/118	tuple	AccessExclusiveLock	t		lockdemo	
11662	3/118	transactionid	ShareLock	f	714		
11666	4/22	transactionid	ExclusiveLock	t	716		
11666	4/22	relation	RowExclusiveLock	t		i_lockdemo	
11666	4/22	relation	RowExclusiveLock	t		lockdemo	
11666	4/22	tuple	AccessExclusiveLock	t		lockdemo	
11666	4/22	transactionid	ShareLock	f	715		

SELECT p	g_sleep(   vxid	0.400); SELECT *   lock_type	FROM 1 page		:;   classid	objid	objsubid
	+			+ <del>-</del>	⊦ '	<del>-</del>	
11306	2/65	transactionid	!	!	ļ		
11306	2/65	relation					
11306	2/65	relation					
11306	2/65	tuple	0	24	ĺ		
11306	2/65	transactionid	ĺ	ĺ	ĺ		
11662	3/118	transactionid	ĺ	ĺ	ĺ		
11662	3/118	relation	ĺ	ĺ	ĺ		
11662	3/118	relation	ĺ	ĺ	ĺ		
11662	3/118	tuple	0	22	ĺ		
11662	3/118	transactionid	1	1			
11666	4/22	transactionid	ĺ	ĺ	ĺ		
11666	4/22	relation	ĺ	ĺ	ĺ		
11666	4/22	relation	ĺ	ĺ	ĺ		
11666	4/22	tuple	0	23			
11666	4/22	transactionid					

```
ERROR: deadlock detected

DETAIL: Process 11662 waits for ShareLock on transaction 714; blocked by process 11306.

Process 11306 waits for ShareLock on transaction 716; blocked by process 11666.

Process 11666 waits for ShareLock on transaction 715; blocked by process 11662.

HINT: See server log for query details.

CONTEXT: while updating tuple (0,22) in relation "lockdemo"
```

### Restore Table Lockdemo

```
DELETE FROM lockdemo;

INSERT INTO lockdemo VALUES (1);
```

```
BEGIN WORK;

SELECT * FROM lockdemo;

col

1
```

```
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
       SELECT * FROM lockview1;
         pid
             vxid | lock_type | lock_mode
                                                    granted | xid_lock
                                                                           relname
        11306
               2/70 | transactionid | ExclusiveLock
                                                               719
               2/70 | relation
                                   | AccessShareLock | t
        11306
                                                                          i lockdemo
        11306 | 2/70 | relation
                                    | AccessShareLock | t
                                                                          lockdemo
```

COMMIT;

```
BEGIN WORK;

SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL SERIALIZABLE;

SELECT * FROM lockdemo;

col
----
1
```

```
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1;
          pid
                 vxid |
                          lock type
                                           lock mode
                                                         granted
                                                                    xid lock
                                                                                relname
         11306
                 2/71
                        transactionid |
                                        ExclusiveLock
                                                                    720
         11306
                 2/71
                        relation
                                        AccessShareLock
                                                                               i lockdemo
         11306
                 2/71
                        relation
                                        AccessShareLock
                                                                                1ockdemo
         11306
                2/71 |
                       relation
                                        SIReadLock
                                                                                1ockdemo
COMMIT:
```

## Unique Insert Locking

## Unique Insert Locking

```
BEGIN WORK;
INSERT INTO lockdemo VALUES (2);
SELECT pg backend pid();
pg backend pid
          11306
SELECT txid current();
txid current
          721
```

## Unique Insert Locking

```
\! PGOPTIONS='-c statement timeout=200' \
    psql -e -c 'INSERT INTO lockdemo VALUES (2);' | \
    sed \frac{s}{\frac{1}{2}} 
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/q'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1:
          pid
               l vxid
                           lock type
                                            lock mode
                                                            granted
                                                                      xid lock |
                                                                                   relname
                 2/78 | transactionid
         11306
                                         Exclusivelock
                                                                       721
         11306
                 2/78
                         relation
                                         RowExclusiveLock
                                                                                   lockdemo
                 3/128 | transactionid |
                                         ExclusiveLock
                                                                       722
         11696
                 3/128 | relation
         11696
                                         RowExclusiveLock
                                                                                   i lockdemo
                 3/128
                                         RowExclusiveLock
                                                                                   lockdemo
         11696
                         relation
                                                                       721
         11696
                 3/128
                         transactionid
                                         ShareLock
SELECT pg sleep(0.400);
ERROR: canceling statement due to statement timeout
ROLLBACK WORK;
```

#### Subtransactions

```
BEGIN WORK;
UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 1;
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1:
                 vxid |
                          lock type
                                           lock mode
                                                          granted |
                                                                     xid lock
                                                                                 relname
         11306
                 2/79 | transactionid | ExclusiveLock
                                                                      723
                 2/79 | relation
         11306
                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
                                                                                 i lockdemo
                 2/79 | relation
                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
                                                                                 1ockdemo
         11306
```

#### Subtransactions

```
SAVEPOINT lockdemo1:
UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 2;
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1:
                 vxid |
                                           lock_mode
                                                          granted |
          pid
                          lock type
                                                                     xid lock
                                                                                 relname
         11306
                 2/79 | transactionid | ExclusiveLock
                                                                     723
         11306
                 2/79 |
                       transactionid
                                        ExclusiveLock
                                                                     724
                 2/79 | relation
         11306
                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
                                                                                 i lockdemo
         11306
                 2/79 | relation
                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
                                                                                 1ockdemo
```

#### Subtransactions

```
ROLLBACK WORK TO SAVEPOINT lockdemol:
UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 3;
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview1:
                 vxid |
                                            lock mode
                                                            granted
                                                                      xid lock
                                                                                   relname
          pid
                          lock type
                        transactionid | ExclusiveLock
         11306
                 2/79 |
                                                                       723
         11306
                 2/79
                        transactionid
                                         ExclusiveLock
                                                                       725
         11306
                 2/79
                        relation
                                         RowExclusiveLock
                                                                                  i lockdemo
                 2/79 |
                                         RowExclusiveLock
                                                                                  1ockdemo
         11306
                        relation
COMMIT;
```

## **Advisory Locks**

```
BEGIN WORK;
SELECT pg advisory lock(col) FROM lockdemo;
pg advisory lock
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview1;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
       SELECT * FROM lockview1:
              vxid | lock_type | lock_mode
                                                   | granted | xid lock |
        11306 |
                2/80 | advisory | ExclusiveLock
               | 2/80 | relation | AccessShareLock | t
        11306
                                                                         i lockdemo
        11306 |
                2/80 | relation | AccessShareLock | t
                                                                         1ockdemo
```

## **Advisory Locks**

```
\! psql -e -c 'SELECT * FROM lockview2;' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
        SELECT * FROM lockview2:
          pid | vxid | lock type | page | tuple | classid | objid | objsubid
         11306 | 2/80 | advisory |
         11306 |
                2/80 | relation
         11306 | 2/80 | relation
SELECT pg advisory unlock(col) FROM lockdemo;
pg advisory unlock
COMMIT:
```

# Joining Pg\_locks and Pg\_stat\_activity

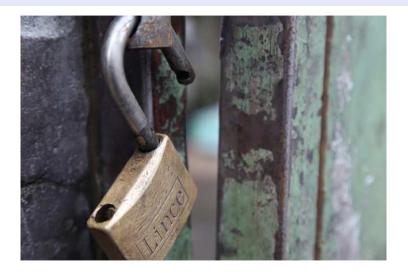
# Joining Pg\_locks and Pg\_stat\_activity

```
BEGIN WORK;
UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 1;
SELECT pg backend pid();
 pg backend pid
          11306
SELECT txid current();
 txid current
          727
```

## Joining *Pg\_locks* and *Pg\_stat\_activity*

```
\! nsql -e -c 'UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 2:' |
                                              sed 's/^/\t/g' &
\! psql -e -c 'UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 3:' |
                                              sed 's/^/\t/g' &
\! nsql -e -c 'SFLECT * FROM lock stat view:' | sed 's/^/\t/g'
          nid
                                                 wait event
                                                                          lock type
                                                                                           lock mode
                                                                                                          granted | xid lock
                            query
                                                                vxid
                                                                                                                    727
               | SELECT txid current():
                                               ClientRead
                                                                2/83
                                                                        transactionid
                                                                                        ExclusiveLock
                SELECT txid current():
                                                                2/83
         11306
                                               ClientRead
                                                                        relation
                                                                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
                SELECT txid current():
         11306
                                               ClientRead
                                                                2/83
                                                                        relation
                                                                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
         11740
                UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 2:
                                               transactionid
                                                                3/146
                                                                        transactionid
                                                                                        ExclusiveLock
                                                                                                                    728
         11740
                UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 2;
                                               transactionid
                                                                3/146
                                                                        relation
                                                                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
         11740
                UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 2:
                                               transactionid
                                                                3/146
                                                                        relation
                                                                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
         11740
                UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 2:
                                               transactionid
                                                                3/146
                                                                        tuple
                                                                                        ExclusiveLock
         11740
                UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 2:
                                               transactionid
                                                                3/146
                                                                        transactionid
                                                                                        Sharel ock
                                                                                                                    727
         11748
                UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 3;
                                               tuple
                                                                4/30
                                                                        transactionid
                                                                                       ExclusiveLock
                                                                                                                    729
                UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 3;
         11748
                                               tuple
                                                                4/30
                                                                        relation
                                                                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
         11748
                UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 3:
                                                                4/30
                                                                        relation
                                                                                        RowExclusiveLock | t
                                               tuple
         11748 | UPDATE lockdemo SET col = 3: | tuple
                                                                4/30
                                                                        tuple
                                                                                        ExclusiveLock
SELECT pg blocking pids(11740):
 pg blocking pids
------
{11306}
SELECT pg blocking pids(11748):
 pg blocking pids
-----
 {11740}
COMMIT:
```

### Conclusion





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