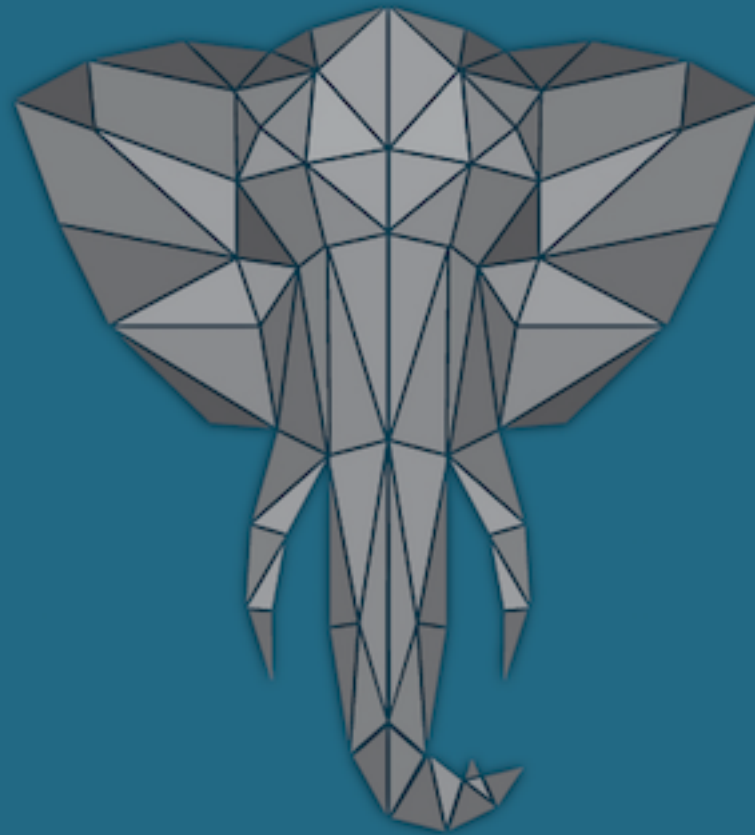


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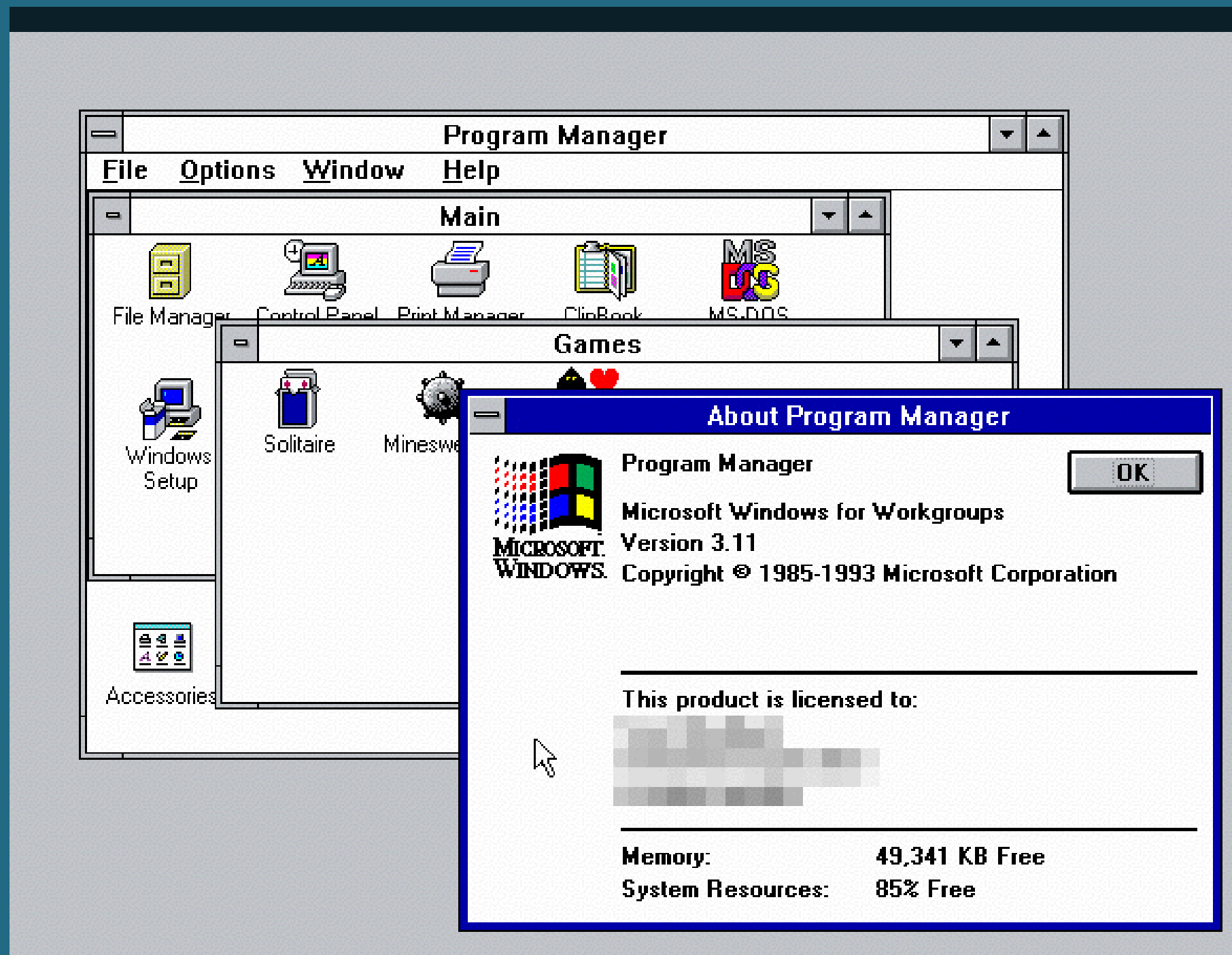
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1. `generate_series()`
2. `WITH RECURSIVE`
3. `LATERAL`
4. Window functions
5. Grouping sets
6. Moving data atomically
7. Run `WHATEVER` you want



[EX1] Premium users



[EX1] Premium users

scoring

user	position
3	1
4	2
2	3
1	4

premium

user	position
4	1
3	3



user	position
4	1
2	2
3	3
1	4

1. generate_series()



1. generate_series()

```
SELECT * FROM generate_series(1,8);
```

generate_series
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8

1. generate_series()

```
SELECT * FROM generate_series(1, 5, 2);
```

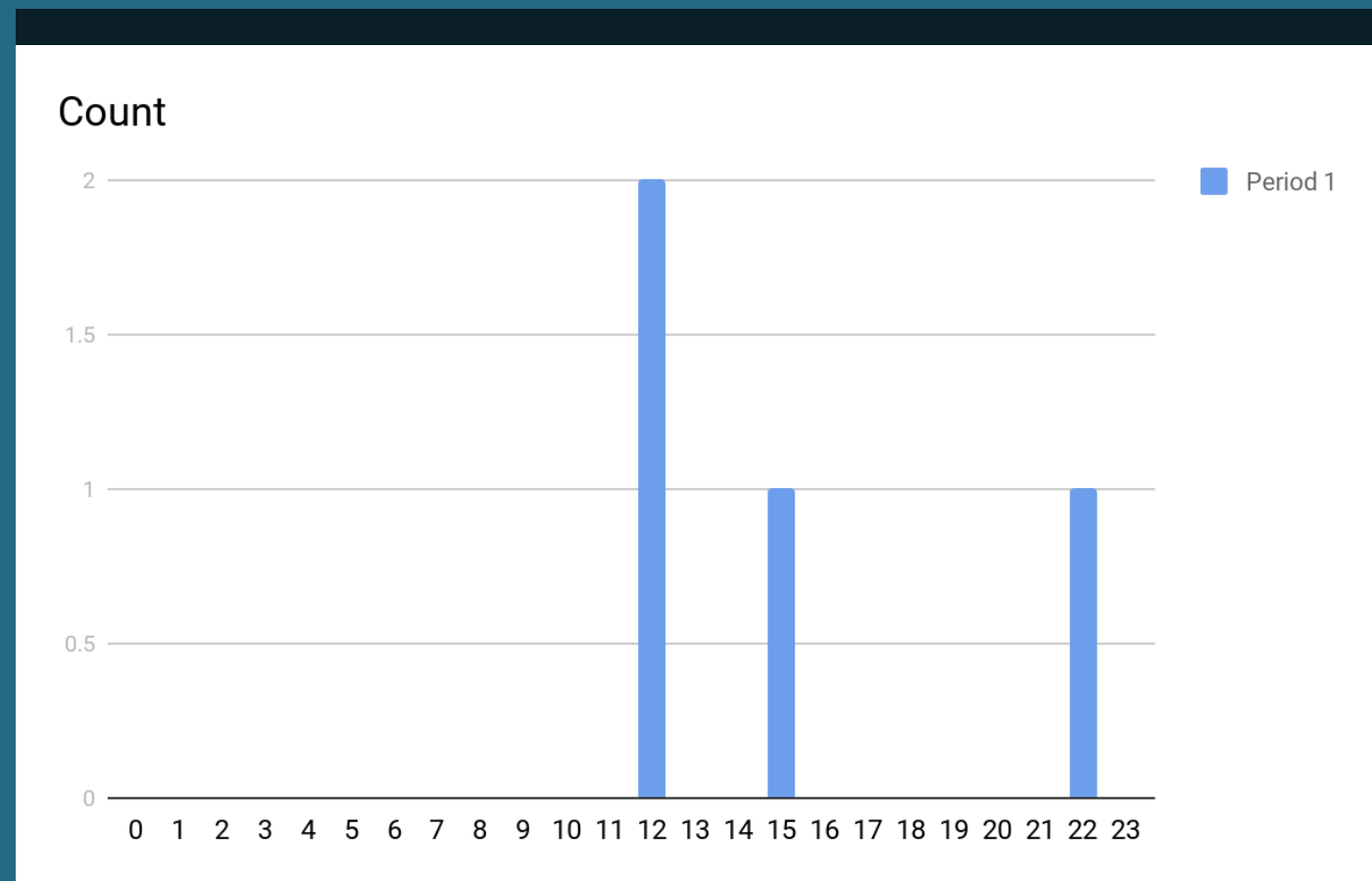
generate_series
1
3
5



1. generate_series()

Generate count of events per hour

id	t
1	12:23
2	12:55
3	15:06
4	22:47



1. generate_series()

```
WITH hours AS (  
    SELECT extract(HOUR FROM t) as hour  
    FROM events  
)  
SELECT hour, count(*)  
FROM hours  
GROUP BY hour;
```



1. generate_series()

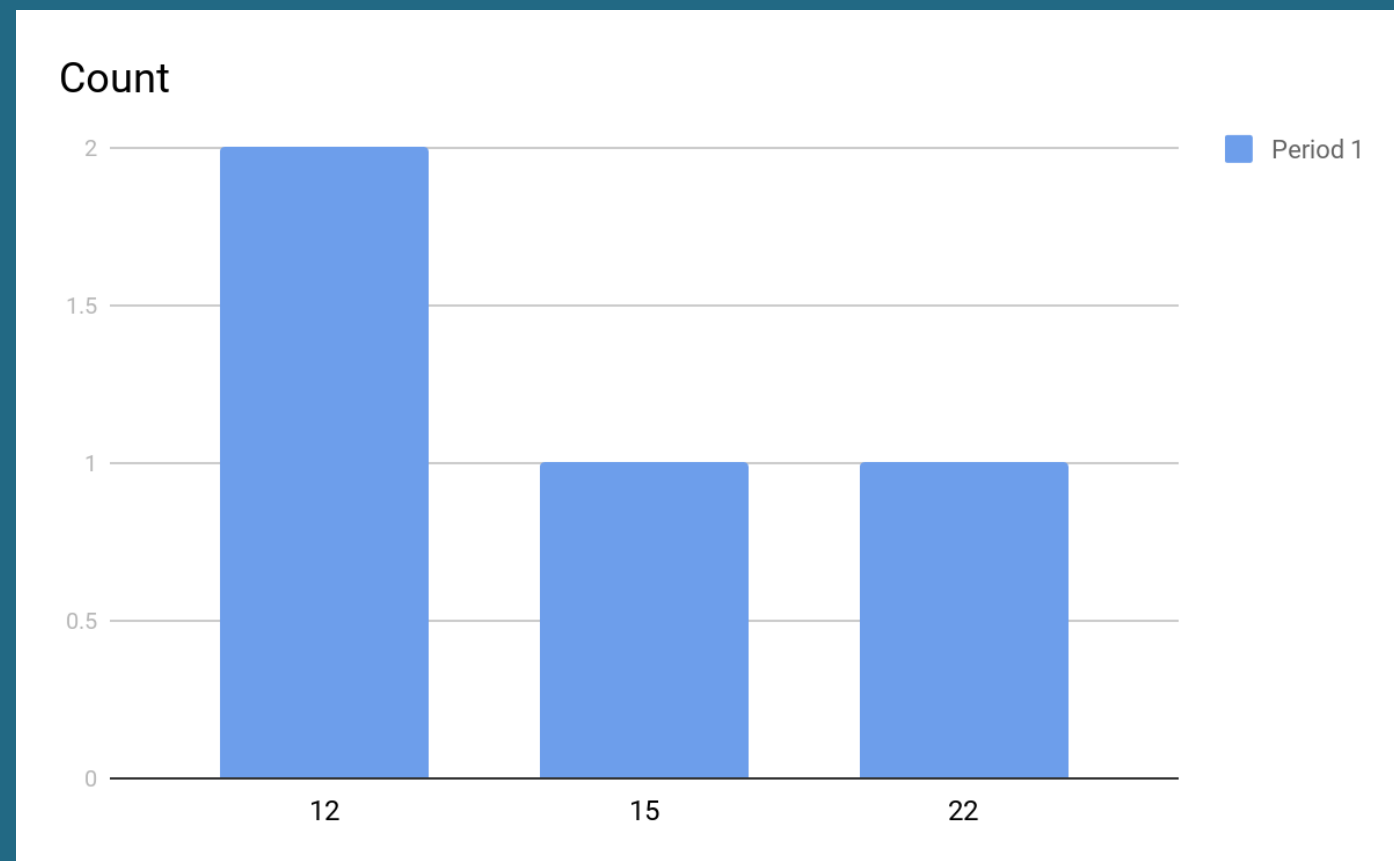
Does it work?



1. generate_series()

Generate event count per hour

id	t
1	12:23
2	12:55
3	15:06
4	22:47



1. generate_series()

```
WITH hours AS (  
    SELECT extract(HOUR FROM t) as hour  
    FROM events  
)  
hour_count AS(  
    SELECT hour, count(*) as t  
    FROM hours  
    GROUP BY hour  
)  
SELECT e.h, coalesce(hc.t, 0)  
FROM hour_count hc  
RIGHT JOIN (SELECT generate_series(0,23) as h) e  
ON hc.hour = e.h;
```



2. WITH RECURSIVE



2. WITH RECURSIVE

```
WITH RECURSIVE t(n) AS (  
VALUES (1)  
UNION ALL  
SELECT n+1 FROM t WHERE n < 100  
) SELECT sum(n) FROM t;
```

sum
5050



2. WITH RECURSIVE

id	name	parent_id
1	good1	-
2	wrong1	-
3	good2	1
4	good3	2
5	wrong2	1
6	good4	3
7	good5	4



id	name	parent_id
1	good1	-
3	good2	1
6	good4	3

name NOT LIKE 'wrong%'

2. WITH RECURSIVE

```
WITH RECURSIVE flattened(id) AS (  
    SELECT id  
    FROM t  
    WHERE parent_id IS NULL  
    AND name NOT LIKE 'wrong%'  
  
    UNION ALL  
  
    SELECT t.id  
    FROM t  
    JOIN flattened  
    ON flattened.id = t.parent_id  
    AND parent_id IS NOT NULL  
    WHERE name NOT LIKE 'wrong%'  
)  
SELECT t.*  
FROM t  
JOIN flattened  
ON flattened.id = t.id;
```



[EX1] Premium users



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scoring

user	position
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premium

user	position
4	1
3	3



user	position
4	1
2	2
3	3
1	4

[EX1] Premium users

```
WITH premium AS  
(  
    select *  
    from pusers  
) , total_users AS  
(  
    select count(*)  
    from tusers  
)
```



[EX1] Premium users

```
free AS
(
  select ROW_NUMBER() OVER(
    ORDER BY id ASC) as target_place, name
  from tusers
  WHERE name not in (select name from pusers)
)
```



[EX1] Premium users

```
series AS
(
  select s.*, ROW_NUMBER() OVER(
    ORDER BY n ASC) as target_place
  from
  (
    select generate_series as n
    from generate_series(1, (select count(*) from tusers))
  ) s
  LEFT JOIN premium
  ON premium.target_place = s.n
  where premium.name is null
)
```



[EX1] Premium users

```
SELECT *
FROM
(
    SELECT *
    FROM premium

    UNION ALL

    (
        SELECT
            s.n,
            f.name
        FROM series s

        JOIN free f
        ON s.target_place = f.target_place
    )
) u
ORDER BY 1 ASC;
```



[EX2] User sessions



[EX2] User sessions

events

id	user_id	time
1	1	12:40
2	1	13:05
3	2	13:40
4	1	13:45
5	2	14:02
6	1	18:23



sessions

user_id	events
1	2
1	1
1	1
2	2

*Two consecutive events by the same user belong to the same session iff $t_2 - t_1 \leq 30$ minutes

3. LATERAL



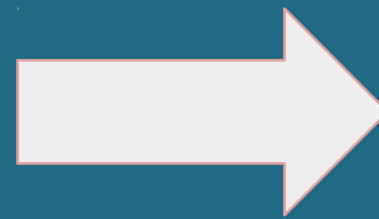
3. LATERAL

```
SELECT t.*  
FROM team t  
JOIN stadium s  
ON t.id = s.team_id  
WHERE s.name = 'Riazor';
```



3. LATERAL

```
SELECT t.*  
FROM team t  
WHERE id = (  
    SELECT team_id  
    FROM stadium  
    WHERE s.name = 'Riazor'
```



3. LATERAL

teams

id	name
1	Deportivo
2	Barcelona
3	Real Madrid
4	Atlético Madrid

players

id	team_id	name	value	country
1	2	Messi	150	ARG
2	2	Iniesta	100	ESP
3	2	Umtiti	70	FRA
4	3	Modric	100	CRO
5	3	Cristiano Ronaldo	95	POR
6	4	Griezmann	120	FRA



3. LATERAL

```
SELECT t.*, value
FROM teams t
JOIN (
    SELECT
        team_id AS id,
        sum(value) as value
    FROM players
    GROUP BY team_id
) v
ON t.id = v.id;
```



id	name	value
1	Deportivo	80
2	Barcelona	1000
3	Real Madrid	1000
4	Atlético Madrid	700



3. LATERAL

team	best_player	value	country
Deportivo	Emre Çolak	15	TUR
Barcelona	Messi	150	ARG
Real Madrid	Modric	100	CRO
Atlético	Griezmann	120	FRA



3. LATERAL

```
SELECT t.name, p.name, p.value, p.country
FROM teams t
JOIN players p
ON t.id = p.team_id
AND NOT EXISTS (
    SELECT id
    FROM players p2
    WHERE p2.team_id = t.id
    AND p2.value > p.value
);
```







3. LATERAL

```
SELECT t.name, p.name, p.value, p.country
FROM teams t
JOIN LATERAL (
    SELECT *
    FROM players p
    WHERE p.team_id = t.id
    ORDER BY p.value DESC
    LIMIT 1
) p
ON t.id = p.team_id;
```



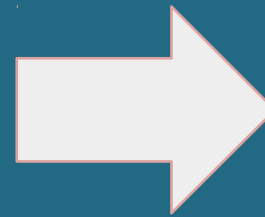


4. Window functions



4. Window functions

```
SELECT p.team_id, p.name, p.value
FROM players p
JOIN (
    SELECT team_id, max(value) as value
    FROM players p
    GROUP BY team_id
) best
ON p.team_id = best.team_id
AND p.value = best.value;
```



team_id	name	value
1	Emre Çolak	15
2	Messi	150
3	Modric	100
4	Griezmann	120



4. Window functions

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5	3	Cristiano Ronaldo	95	POR
6	4	Griezmann	120	FRA



4. Window functions

position	id	team_id	name	value	country
1	1	2	Messi	150	ARG
2	2	2	Iniesta	100	ESP
3	3	2	Umtiti	70	FRA
1	4	3	Modric	100	CRO
2	5	3	Cristiano Ronaldo	95	POR
1	6	4	Griezmann	120	FRA



4. Window functions

```
SELECT *, rank()  
  OVER (  
    PARTITION BY team_id  
    ORDER BY value DESC  
  ) AS position  
FROM players
```



4. Window functions

```
SELECT t.name, p.name, p.value, p.country
FROM teams t
JOIN (
    SELECT *, rank()
        OVER (
            PARTITION BY team_id
            ORDER BY value DESC
        ) AS position
    FROM players
) p
ON t.id = p.team_id
WHERE p.position = 1;
```



4. Window functions

row_number()
rank()
dense_rank()
percent_rank()
cume_dist()
ntile(num_buckets integer)

lag(value anyelement [, offset
integer [,default anyelement]])
lead(value anyelement [, offset
integer [,default anyelement]])
first_value(value any)
last_value(value any)
nth_value(value any, nth
integer)



[EX2] User sessions



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sessions

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1	2
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1	1
2	2

*Two consecutive events by the same user belong to the same session iff $t_2 - t_1 \leq 30$ minutes

[EX2] User sessions

```
WITH presessions (user_id, t, s) AS (  
  SELECT user_id, t, CASE WHEN t - lag(t, 1) OVER (PARTITION BY user_id  
    ORDER BY user_id, t) > '30 minutes'::interval THEN row_number() OVER  
    (PARTITION BY user_id ORDER BY user_id, t) ELSE 0 END  
  FROM events  
)
```



[EX2] User sessions

```
sessions (user_id, t, s) AS (  
SELECT user_id, t, max(s) OVER (PARTITION BY user_id ORDER BY user_id, t)  
FROM presessions  
)
```



[EX2] User sessions

```
SELECT DISTINCT user_id, s, count(s) OVER (PARTITION BY user_id, s ORDER BY  
user_id, s)  
FROM sessions ORDER BY user_id ASC, s ASC;
```



[EX3] Palindromes



[EX3] Palindromes

words

pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolc
anoconiosis
pseudopseudohypoparathyroidism
floccinaucinihilipilification
antidisestablishmentarianism
supercalifragilisticexpialidocious
incomprehensibilities
honorificabilitudinitatibus
tattarrattat



palindromes

user_id	events
racard	r ACA rd
racard	RACAR d
ifisi	IFI si
ifisi	If ISI



5. Grouping sets



5. Grouping sets

```
SELECT country, team_id, avg(value)
FROM players
GROUP BY GROUPING SETS(
    country,
    team_id,
    ()
);
```

country	team_id	avg
ARG		150
CRO		100
ESP		100
FRA		95
POR		95
	1	15
	2	106.6667
	3	97.5
	4	120
		105.8333



5. Grouping sets

```
GROUP BY CUBE(country, team_id)
```

```
GROUP BY GROUPING SETS(  
    (country, team_id),  
    country,  
    team_id,  
    ()  
);
```



5. Grouping sets

```
GROUP BY ROLLUP(country, region, city);
```

```
GROUP BY GROUPING SETS(  
    (country, region, city),  
    (country, region),  
    (country),  
    ()  
);
```



5. Grouping sets

```
SELECT  
GROUPING(country, team_id),  
country, team_id, avg(value)  
FROM players  
GROUP BY GROUPING SETS(  
    country,  
    team_id,  
    ()  
);
```

grouping	country	team_id	avg
1	ARG		150
1	CRO		100
1	ESP		100
1	FRA		95
1	POR		95
2		1	15
2		2	106.6667
2		3	97.5
2		4	120
3			105.8333



6. Moving data atomically



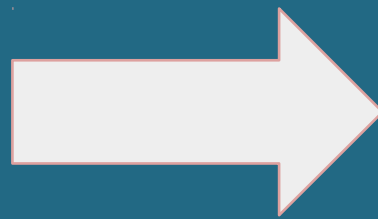
6. Moving data atomically

t1

stay	id
t	1
t	2
f	3
f	4

t2

id
5



t1

stay	id
t	1
t	2

t2

id
3
4
5



6. Moving data atomically

```
WITH moved_rows AS (  
    DELETE FROM t1  
    WHERE stay = false  
    RETURNING *  
)  
INSERT INTO t2  
SELECT id FROM moved_rows;
```



7. Run **WHATEVER** you want



7. Run WHATEVER you want

DO allows you to run whatever you want:

- No parameters
- No result
- You can run any PostgreSQL compatible procedure
 - pl/pgsql
 - perl
 - python
- The procedure is not stored anywhere



[EX3] Palindromes



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words

pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolc
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pseudopseudohypoparathyroidism
floccinaucinihilipilification
antidisestablishmentarianism
supercalifragilisticexpialidocious
incomprehensibilities
honorificabilitudinitatibus
tattarrattat



palindromes

user_id	events
racard	r ACA rd
racard	RACAR d
ifisi	IFI si
ifisi	If ISI

<https://blog.jooq.org/2017/08/22/finding-all-palindromes-contained-in-strings-with-sql/>

By @lukaseder



[EX3] Palindromes

```
WITH RECURSIVE
  words (word) AS (
    VALUES
      ('pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis'),
      ('pseudopseudohypoparathyroidism'),
      ('floccinaucinihilipilification'),
      ('antidisestablishmentarianism'),
      ('supercalifragilisticexpialidocious'),
      ('incomprehensibilities'),
      ('honorificabilitudinitatibus'),
      ('tattarrattat')
  )
```



[EX3] Palindromes

```
starts (word, start) AS (  
  SELECT word, 1 FROM words  
  UNION ALL  
  SELECT word, start + 1 FROM starts WHERE start < length(word)  
)
```



[EX3] Palindromes

```
palindromes (word, palindrome, start, length) AS (  
  SELECT word, substring(word, start, x), start, x  
  FROM starts CROSS JOIN (VALUES(0), (1)) t(x)  
  UNION ALL  
  SELECT word, palindrome, start, length + 2  
  FROM (  
    SELECT  
      word,  
      substring(word, start - length / 2, length) AS palindrome,  
      start, length  
    FROM palindromes  
  ) AS p  
  WHERE start - length / 2 > 0  
  AND start + (length - 1) / 2 <= length(word)  
  AND substring(palindrome, 1, 1) =  
    substring(palindrome, length(palindrome), 1)  
)
```



[EX3] Palindromes

```
SELECT DISTINCT
  word,
  trim(replace(word, palindrome, ' ' || upper(palindrome) || ' '))
  AS palindromes
FROM palindromes
WHERE length(palindrome) > 1
ORDER BY 2
```



Extra!



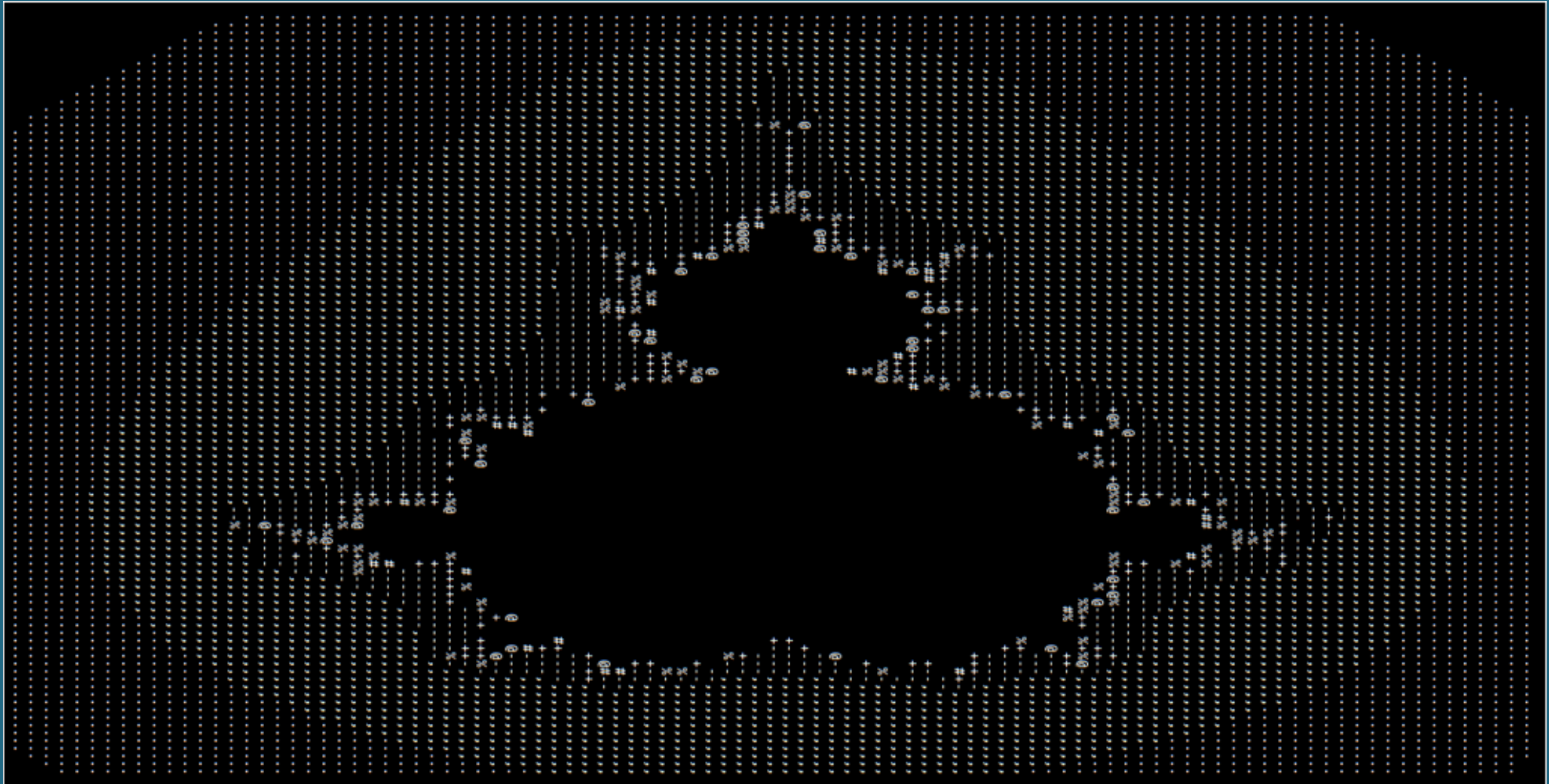

```

WITH RECURSIVE x(i) AS (
VALUES(0) UNION ALL
SELECT i + 1 FROM x WHERE i < 101
),
Z(Ix, Iy, Cx, Cy, X, Y, I) AS (
SELECT Ix, Iy, X::FLOAT, Y::FLOAT, X::FLOAT, Y::FLOAT, 0
FROM
(SELECT -2.2 + 0.031 * i, i FROM x) AS xgen(x,ix)
CROSS JOIN
(SELECT -1.5 + 0.031 * i, i FROM x) AS ygen(y,iy)
UNION ALL
SELECT Ix, Iy, Cx, Cy, X * X - Y * Y + Cx AS X, Y * X * 2 + Cy, I + 1
FROM Z
WHERE X * X + Y * Y < 16.0
AND I < 27
),
Zt (Ix, Iy, I) AS (
SELECT Ix, Iy, MAX(I) AS I
FROM Z
GROUP BY Iy, Ix
ORDER BY Iy, Ix
)
SELECT array_to_string(
array_agg(SUBSTRING(' .,.,- - - - + + + + % % % % @ @ @ @ # # # # ', GREATEST(I,1),1)), ''
)
FROM Zt
GROUP BY Iy
ORDER BY Iy;

```



Fractals!



Thank you

Questions?

