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# What's new in PostgreSQL 17

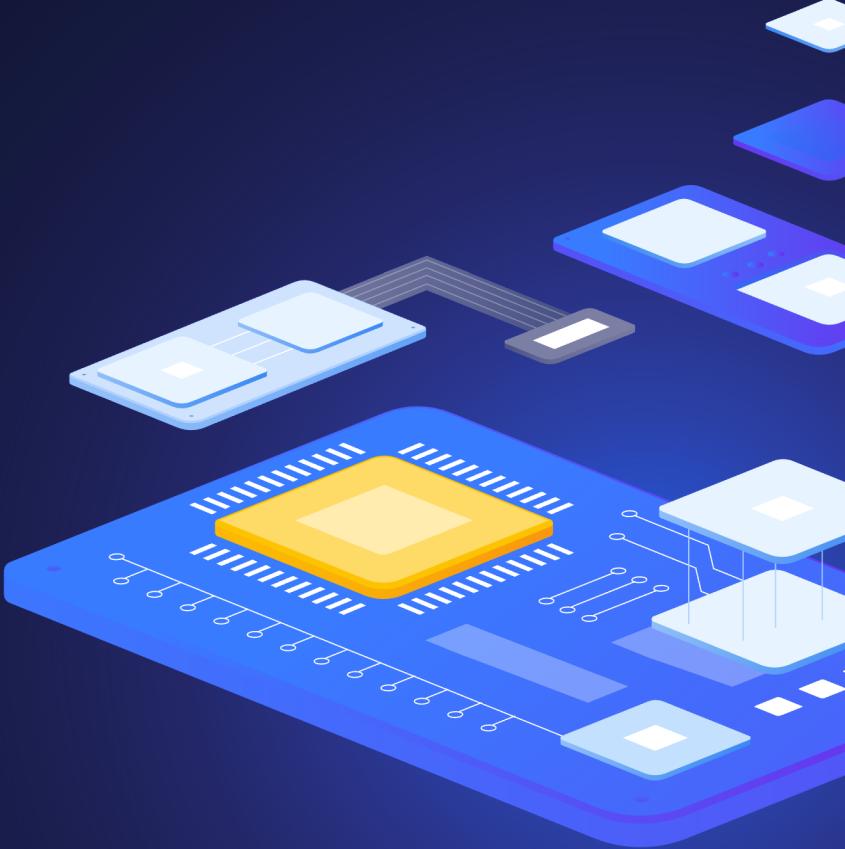
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# 1

Improvements in data processing in large environments



# Performance improvements

## ➤ Supports large-scale memory

The SLRU(Simple Least Recently Used) cache is divided into multiple banks, which is expected to reduce the lock range and improve cache search speed.

## ➤ Streaming I/O

Introduce an abstraction allowing relation data to be accessed as a stream of buffers, with an implementation that is more efficient than the equivalent sequence of ReadBuffer() calls. Now used with ANALYZE command.

## ➤ Adaptive Radix Trees and TIDStore

20% faster Vacuum on systems with low maintenance\_work\_mem or autovacuum\_work\_mem

# Performance improvements

## ➤ Parallel build of BRIN index

The multiple worker processes can now be used to build BRIN indexes.

## ➤ Better Parallel DISTINCT Processing

The Gather Merge plan is now available for parallel execution of SELECT statements with DISTINCT clauses.

## ➤ GROUP BY optimization

If the GROUP BY clause with multiple columns is not related to the sort order, the sorting process can now be reduced by swapping the columns.

## ➤ Better IS [NOT] NULL Handling

The optimizations have been implemented to reduce unnecessary evaluation of IS NULL and IS NOT NULL clauses.

# Performance improvements

## ➤ UNION optimization

The Merge Append plan can now be used for lookups that contain a UNION clause in the subquery. Until now, UNION queries have often been suboptimal as the planner has only ever considered using an Append node and making the results unique by either using a Hash Aggregate, or by Sorting the entire Append result and running it through the Unique operator. Both of these methods always require reading all rows from the union subqueries.

## ➤ GiST Index optimization

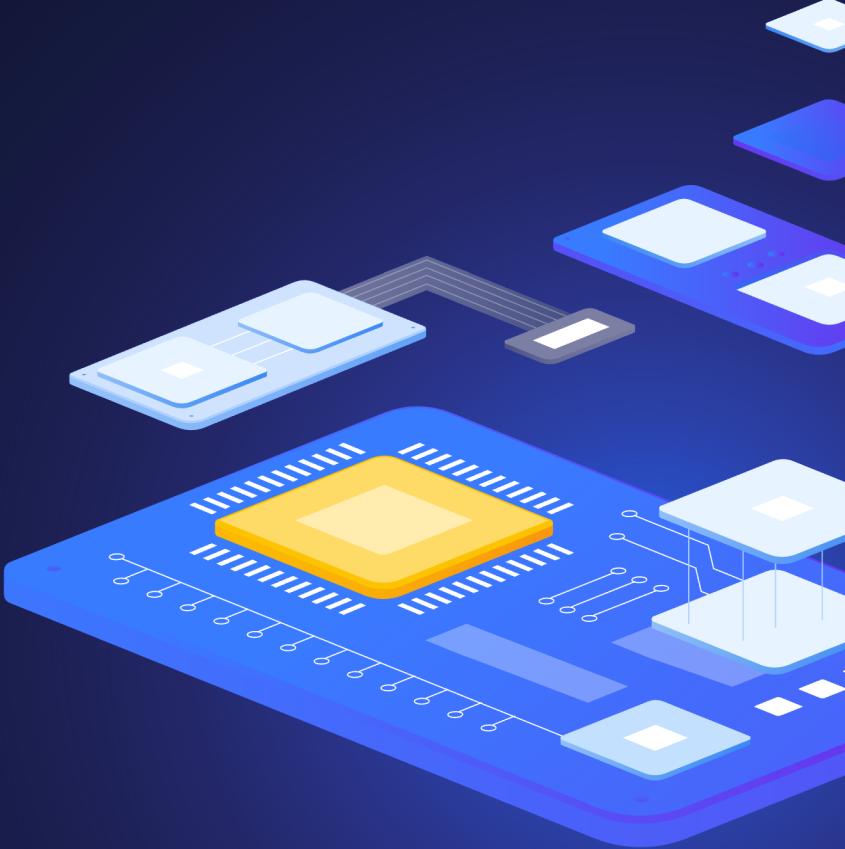
The Incremental Sort plan is now available for GiST and SP-GiST indexes. This was previously possible only with btree indexes.

## ➤ Faster B-tree index scans

In Postgres 17 for queries that involve IN lists or other cases where multiple array values are being passed to Postgres. Can deliver three times faster queries.

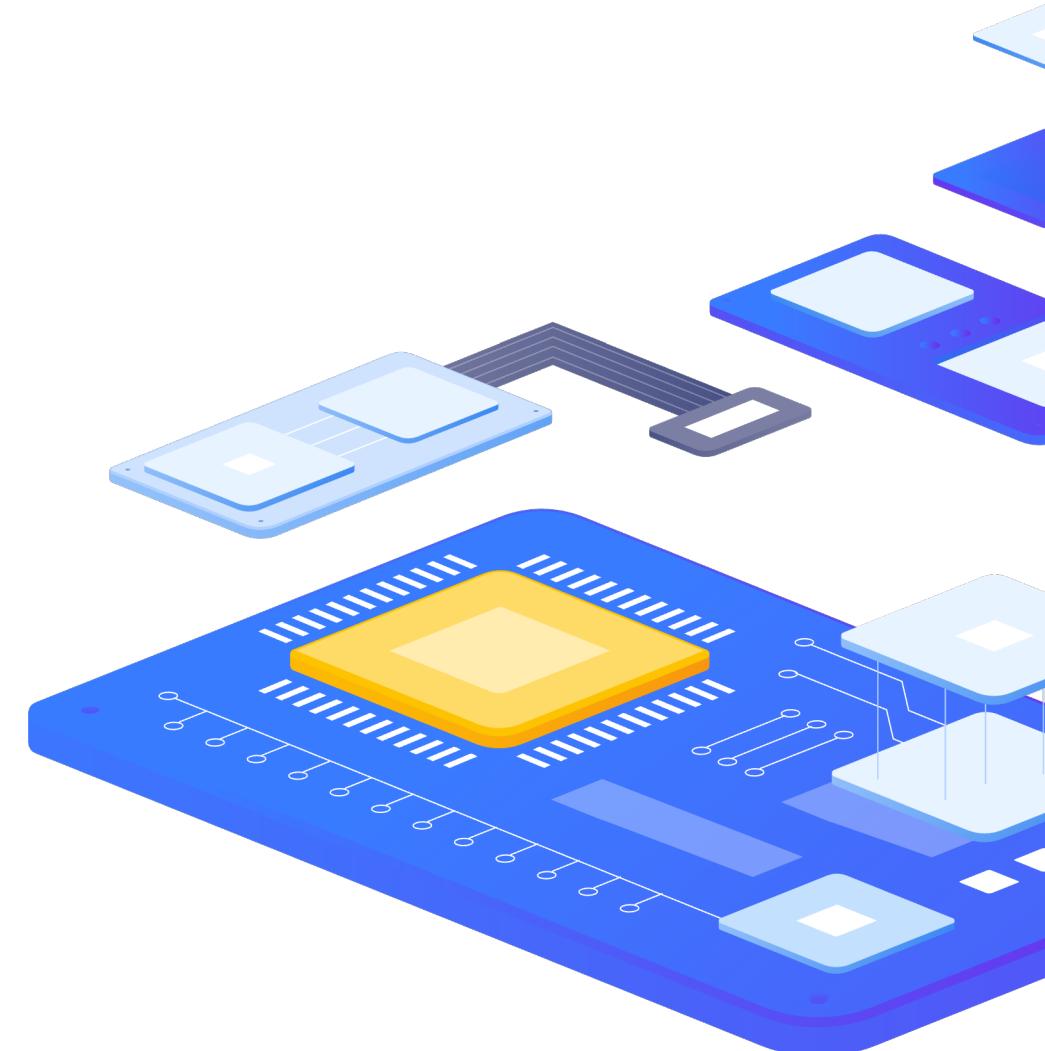
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Improvements in server administration



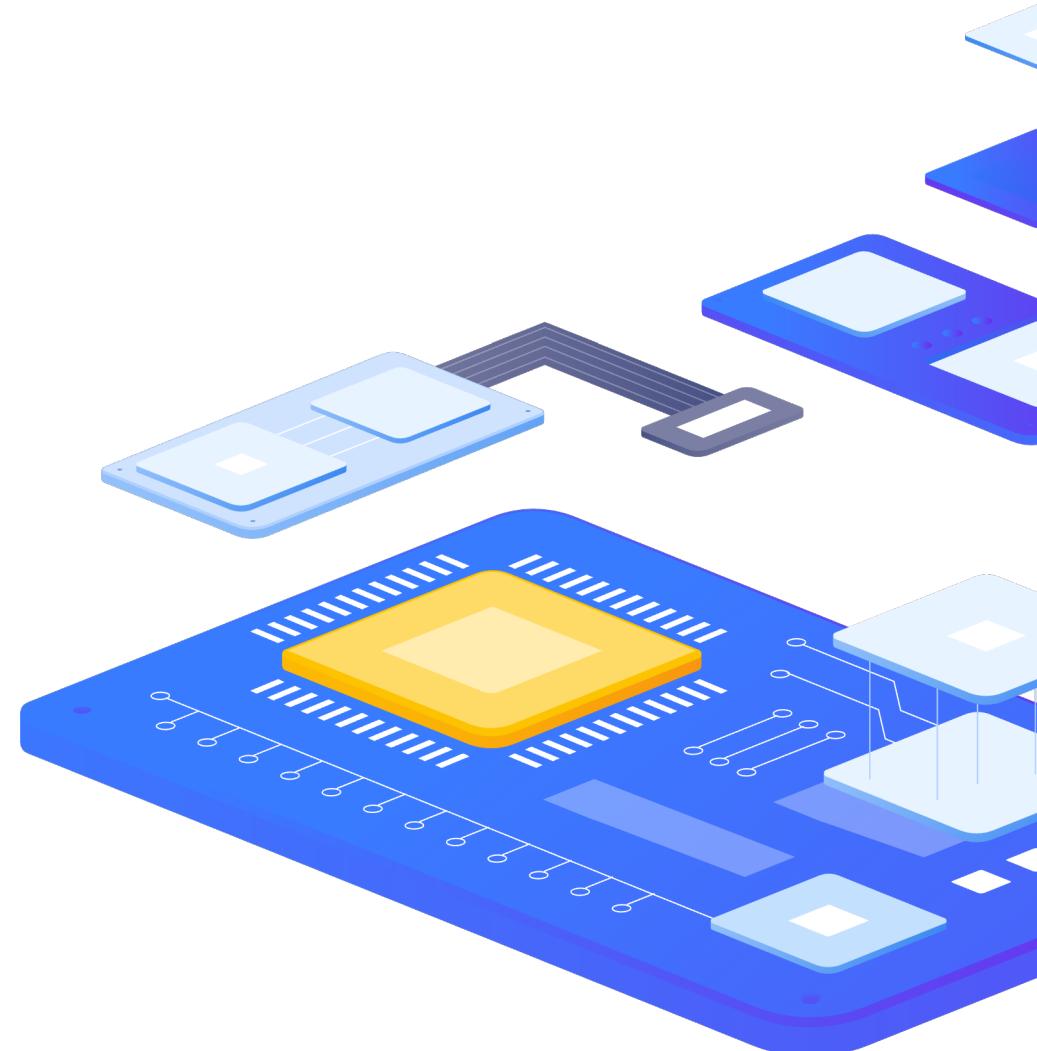
# Incremental Backup

- The pg\_basebackup is now able to do incremental backup. There is a new binary called pg\_combinebackup that merges the base and incremental backups.
- To use incremental backup, the WAL summarize feature must be enabled.
- When this feature is enabled, a "walsummarizer" process is invoked in the instance and summary data of the WAL file is stored in the \${PGDATA}/pg\_wal/summaries directory.
- The WAL summary file is automatically removed when the parameter wal\_summary\_keep\_time (default value '10d') is exceeded.



# Configuration File

- The maximum length of tokens in the pg\_hba.conf and pg\_ident.conf files has been extended from 256 bytes to unlimited.
- In complex environments configured with LDAP, there were problems with exceeding the previous maximum length.



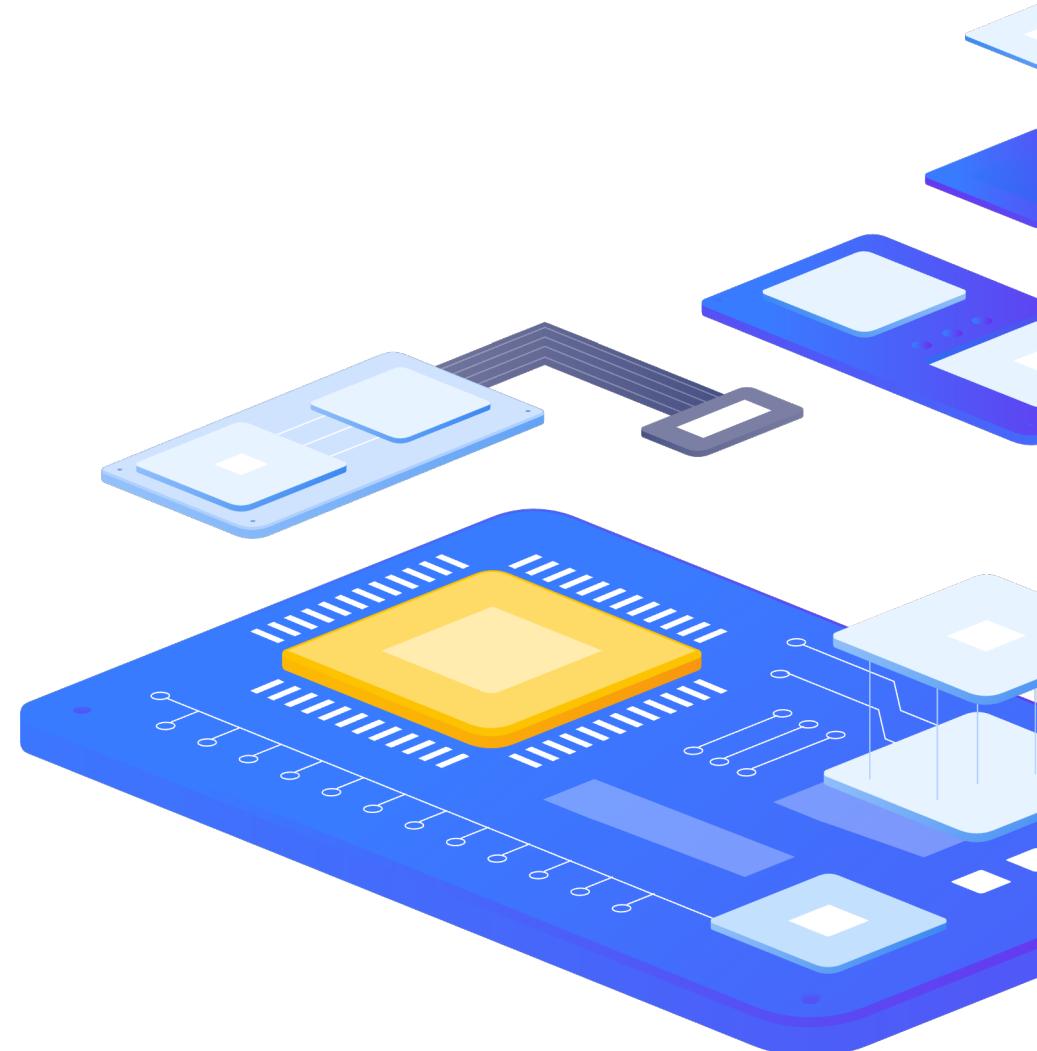
# Logging

## ➤ Recovery related logging

The logs at the start and end of the recovery process have been added.

## ➤ Password change

A new function, `PQchangePassword()`, has been added to `libpq`. The password is not sent to the server in cleartext because it is "encrypted" on the client side. This is good because it ensures the cleartext password is never known by the server, and therefore won't end up in logs, `pg_stat` displays, etc.



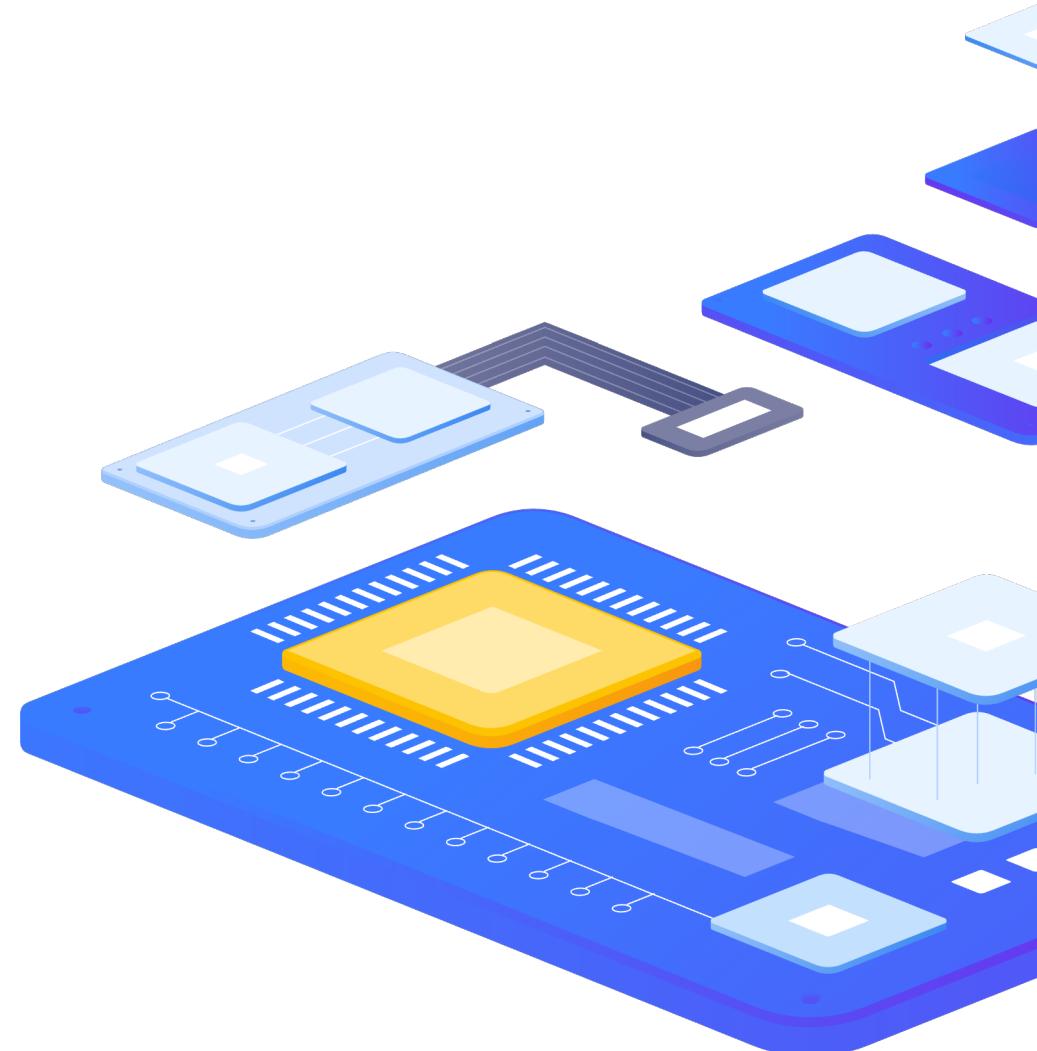
# New privilege and event trigger

- The login event trigger is now available that executes upon successful authentication. Useful for auditing.
- The MAINTAIN privilege has been added to perform maintenance operations such as VACUUM, ANALYZE, and REINDEX statements. The pg\_maintain predefined role has been added to allow maintenance operations on objects for all users.
  - A role granted this privilege can execute VACUUM, ANALYZE, REINDEX, REFRESH MATERIALIZED VIEW, CLUSTER, and LOCK TABLE statements on the target relation.
  - GRANT MAINTAIN ON table TO user ;
  - The pg\_maintain predefined role has been added. This role is able to grant MAINTAIN privilege on all relations.

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### New views

- The **pg\_stat\_checkpointer** view has been added. Stats moved from **pg\_stat\_bgwriter**.
- The **pg\_wait\_events** view provides the names and descriptions of registered wait events



# Reindexdb

- The **--all** and other options can now be used at the same time.

```
reindexdb --all --schema=public
```

- The **--jobs** and **--index** options can now be used at the same time.  
Multiple indexes on different tables can be processed in parallel.

```
reindexdb --jobs=2 --index=idx_data1 --index=idx_data2
```

# New GUCs

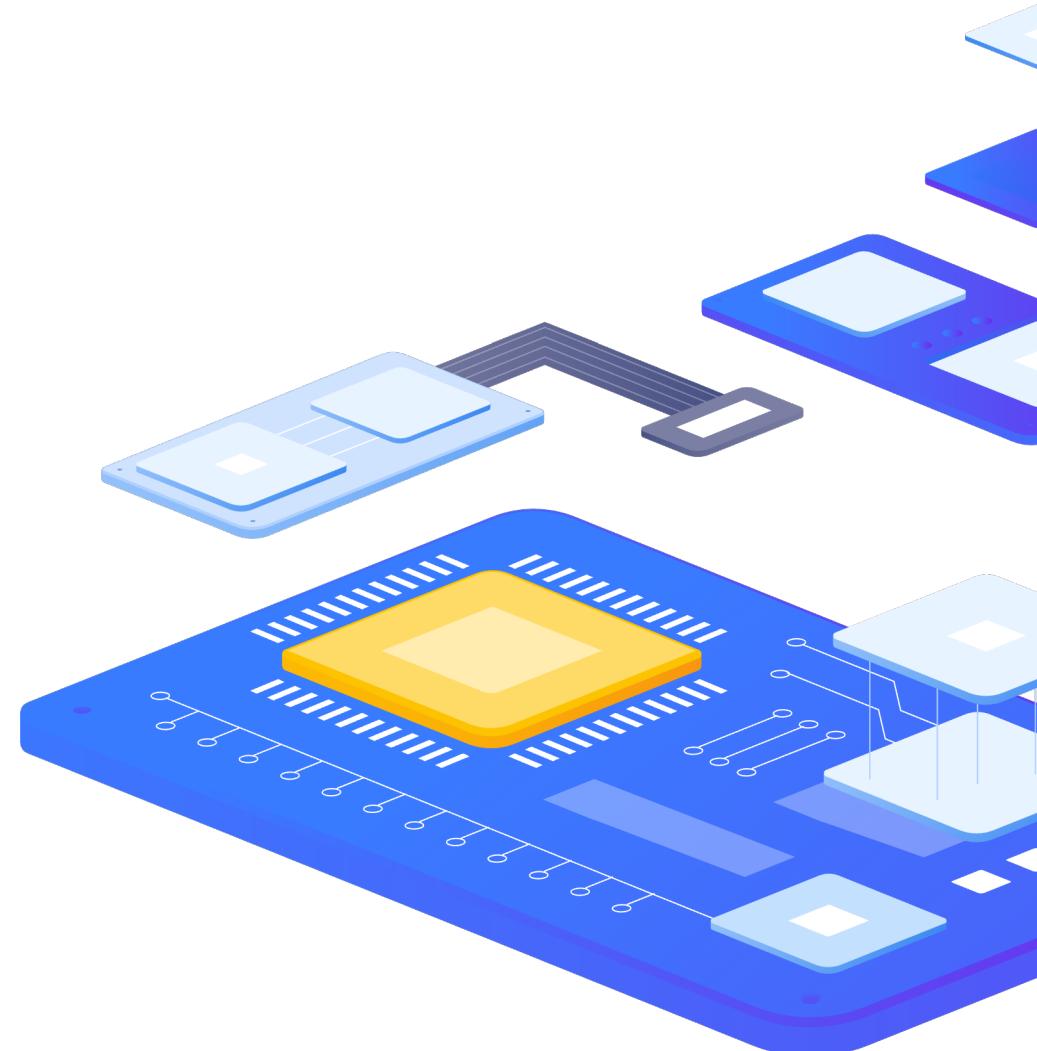
## ▶ **allow\_alter\_system**

This parameter determines whether the ALTER SYSTEM statement is allowed to be executed. The default value is 'on', which allows the ALTER SYSTEM statement to be executed. This parameter itself cannot be changed by the ALTER SYSTEM statement.

## ▶ **transaction\_timeout**

Specify the maximum transaction execution time in milliseconds. If a timeout occurs, the session is forcibly disconnected. The default value is 0, which means no timeout will occur.

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SET transaction_timeout = '10s' ;
```

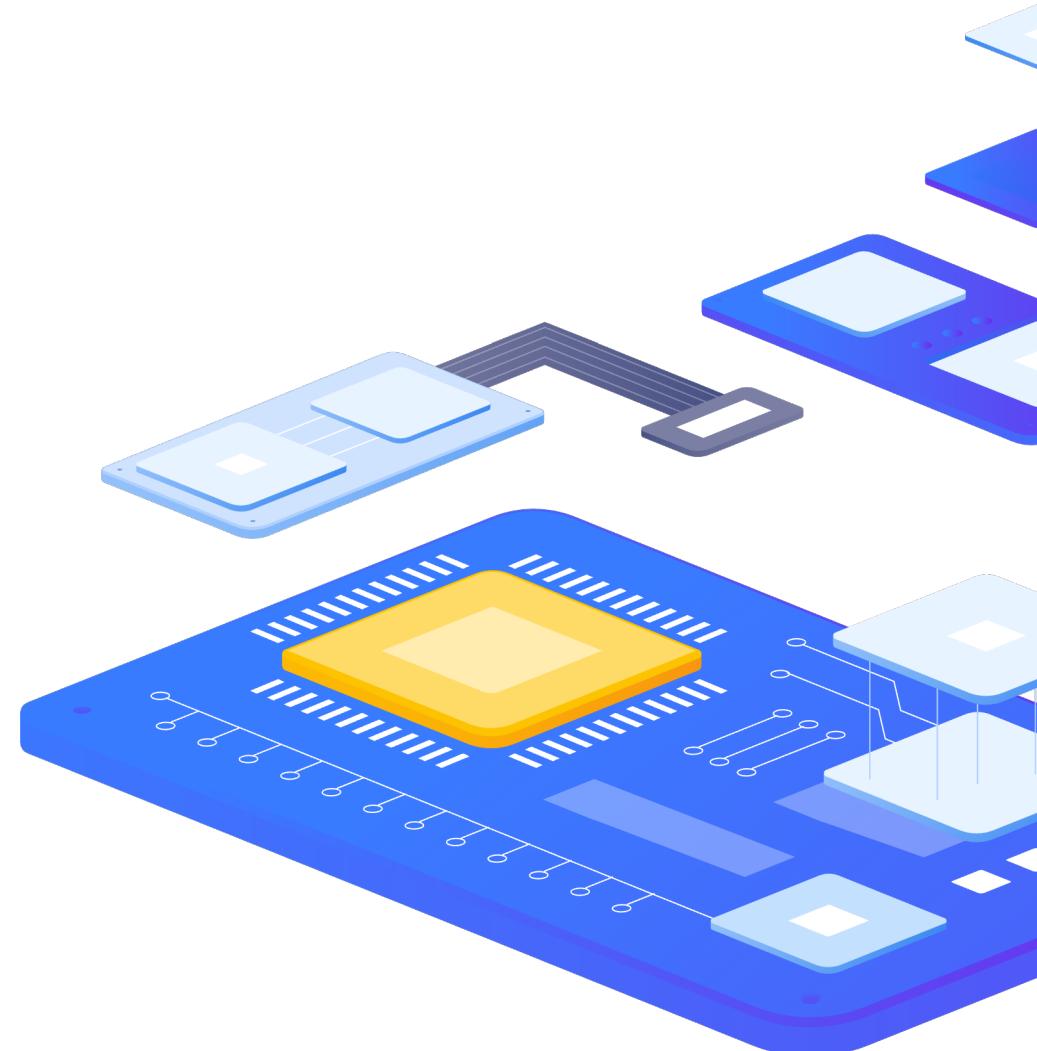


# Replication

- **The pg\_createsubscriber**
  - The new command `pg_createsubscriber` has been added. This command converts a streaming replication standby server to a logical replication standby server. The major advantage of using this command is to reduce the initial data copy overhead that occurs when setting up a logical replication environment.
- **Streaming Replication Enhancements**
  - Data to be transferred to the standby instance is now retrieved from the WAL buffer if possible. If available, read directly from WAL buffers, avoiding the need to go through the filesystem. Only for physical replication for now, but can be expanded to other callers. In preparation for replicating unflushed WAL data.

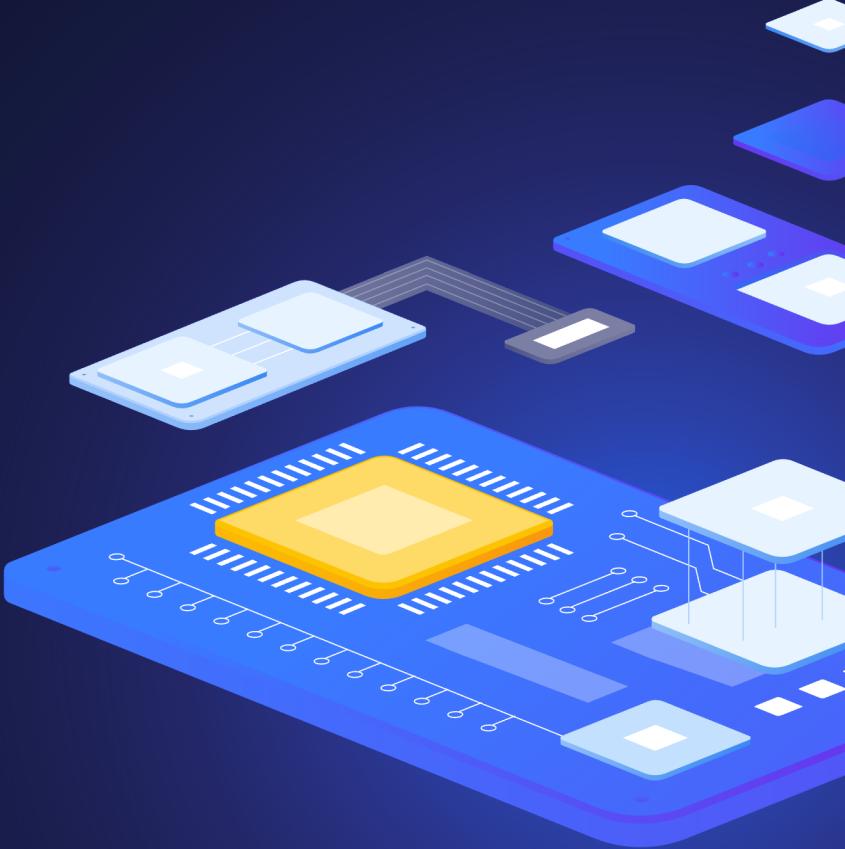
# Replication

- **Logical Replication Slot Synchronization**
  - The replication slot information used for logical replication can now be synchronized to the standby server. The "slotsync worker" process is launched.
- **Pg\_upgrade**
  - The subscriber (SUBSCRIPTION) state can now be preserved. In previous versions, only metadata was preserved.
  - The logical replication slots are now recreated on the destination cluster during upgrade.



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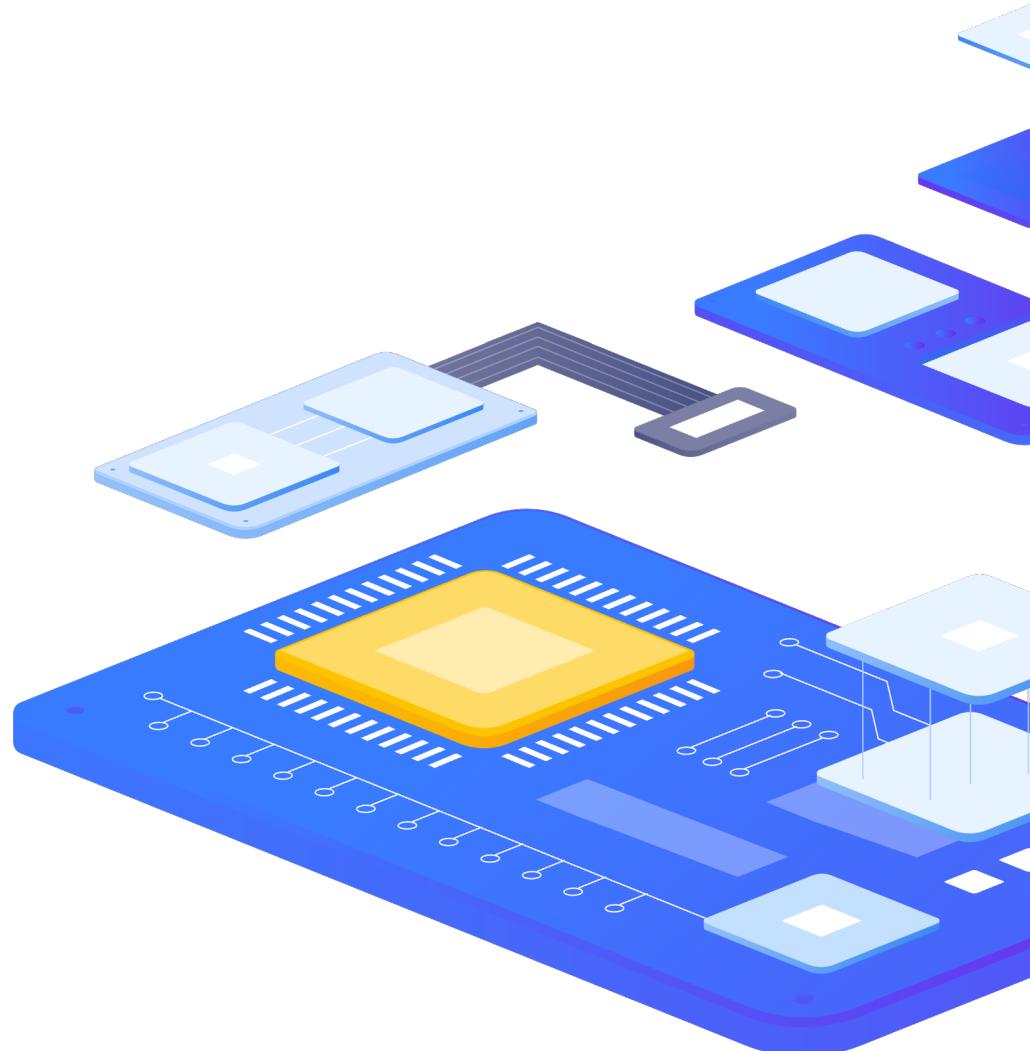
## Incompatibility



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# MERGE statement

- The SELECT privilege on the target table is now required even when specifying the DO NOTHING clause in a MERGE statement. This specification will be backported to PostgreSQL 15 and later.



# pg\_walfile\_name / pg\_walfile\_name\_offset

- ▶ In previous versions, these functions returned the previous segment number when the LSN was on a segment boundary. It has been changed to always return the current segment number of the LSN. This fix is also reflected in previous versions.



# Modified Parameters

The following parameters have been changed.

Parameter name	Changes
wal_sync_method	The configuration value <code>fsync_writethrough</code> is no longer available in Microsoft Windows environments.
log_connections	Information on trust connections is now output.
log_replication_commands	Replication slot addition information is now output.

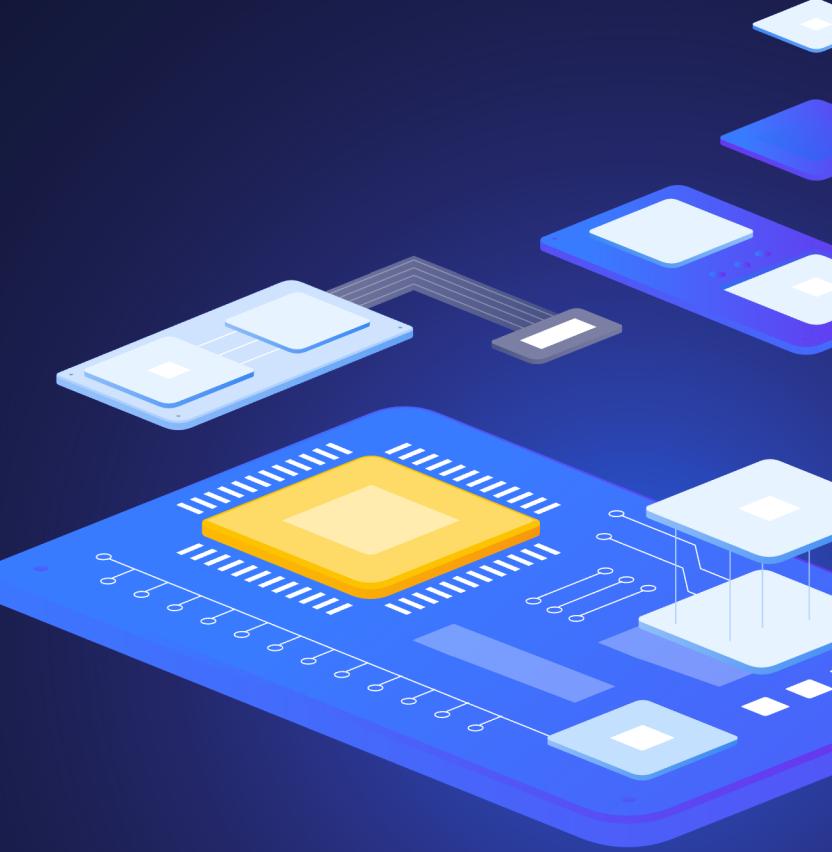
# Removed parameters

The following parameters have been removed

Parameter name	Reason
db_user_namespace	It was removed because it was determined that there were few users
old_snapshot_threshold	Removed due to accuracy and performance issues. It is a desirable feature, and improved implementations may be available in the future.
trace_recovery_messages	Removed because it can be replaced by pg_waldump command, etc.

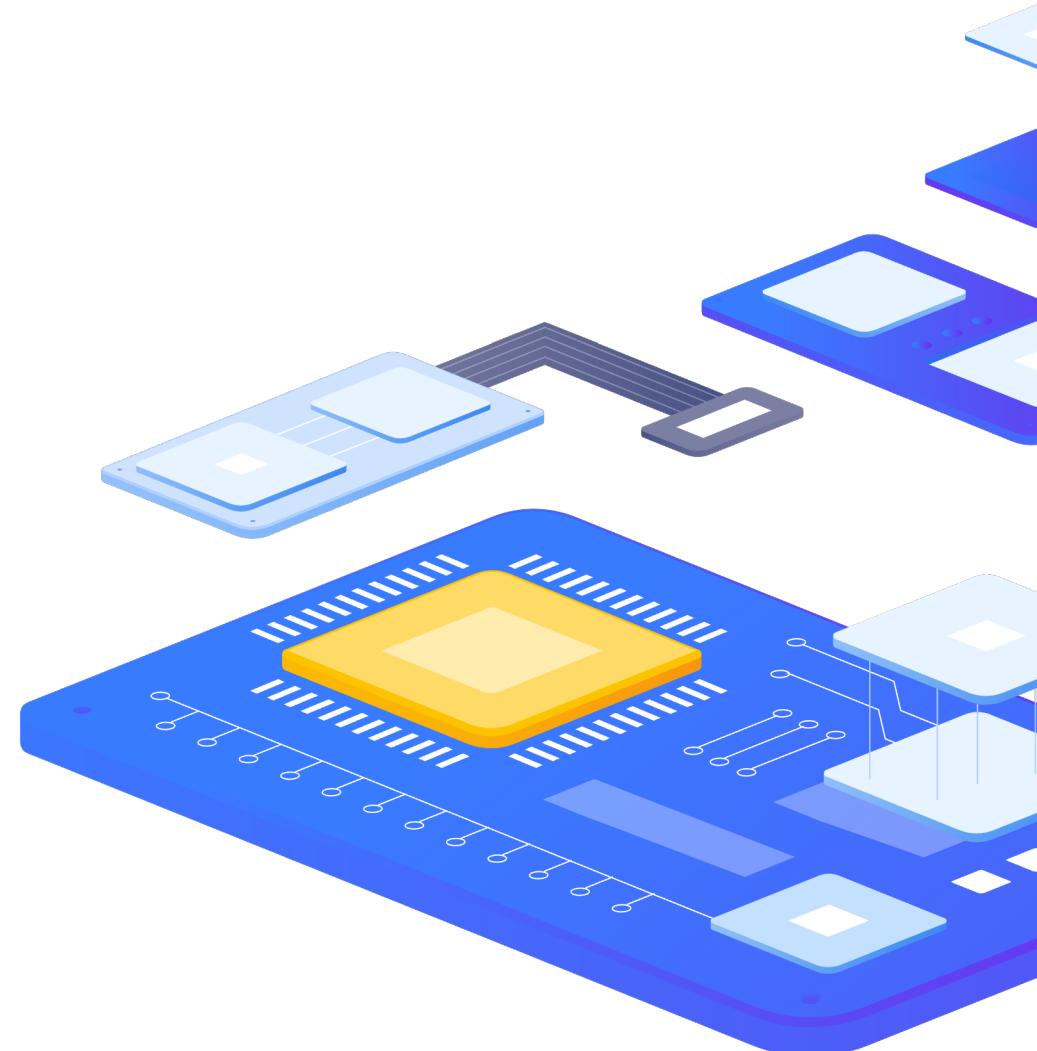
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# SQL



# MERGE statement

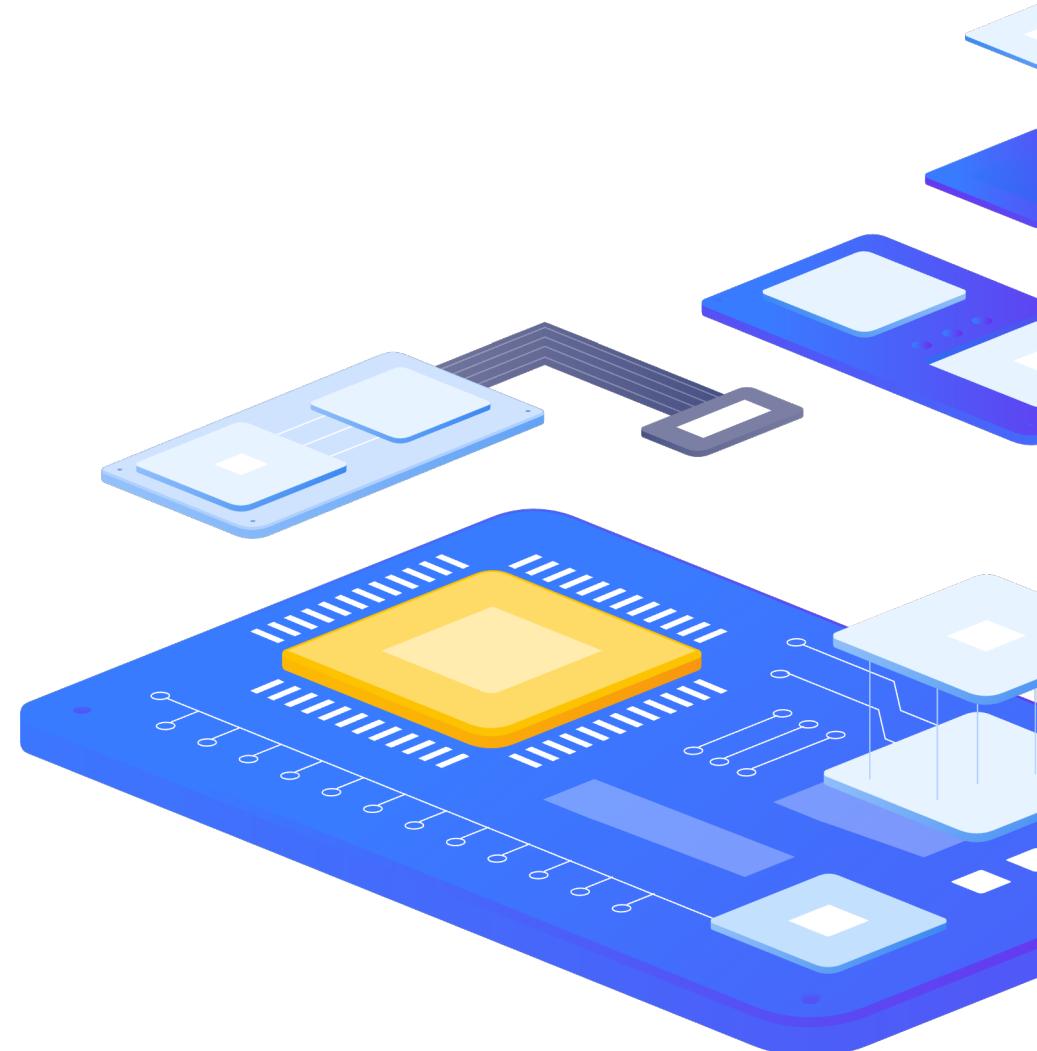
- The MERGE statements can now specify the RETURNING clause to return the data of updated tuples.
- A special function merge\_action() has been added to determine the type (INSERT/UPDATE/DELETE) of the tuple returned by the RETURNING clause.



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# JSON Enhancements

- Among others the JSON\_TABLE function has been added to convert JSON data to the relational view. This allows JSON data to be converted into a relational table format temporarily, facilitating more complex queries and data manipulation.



# Partitioning

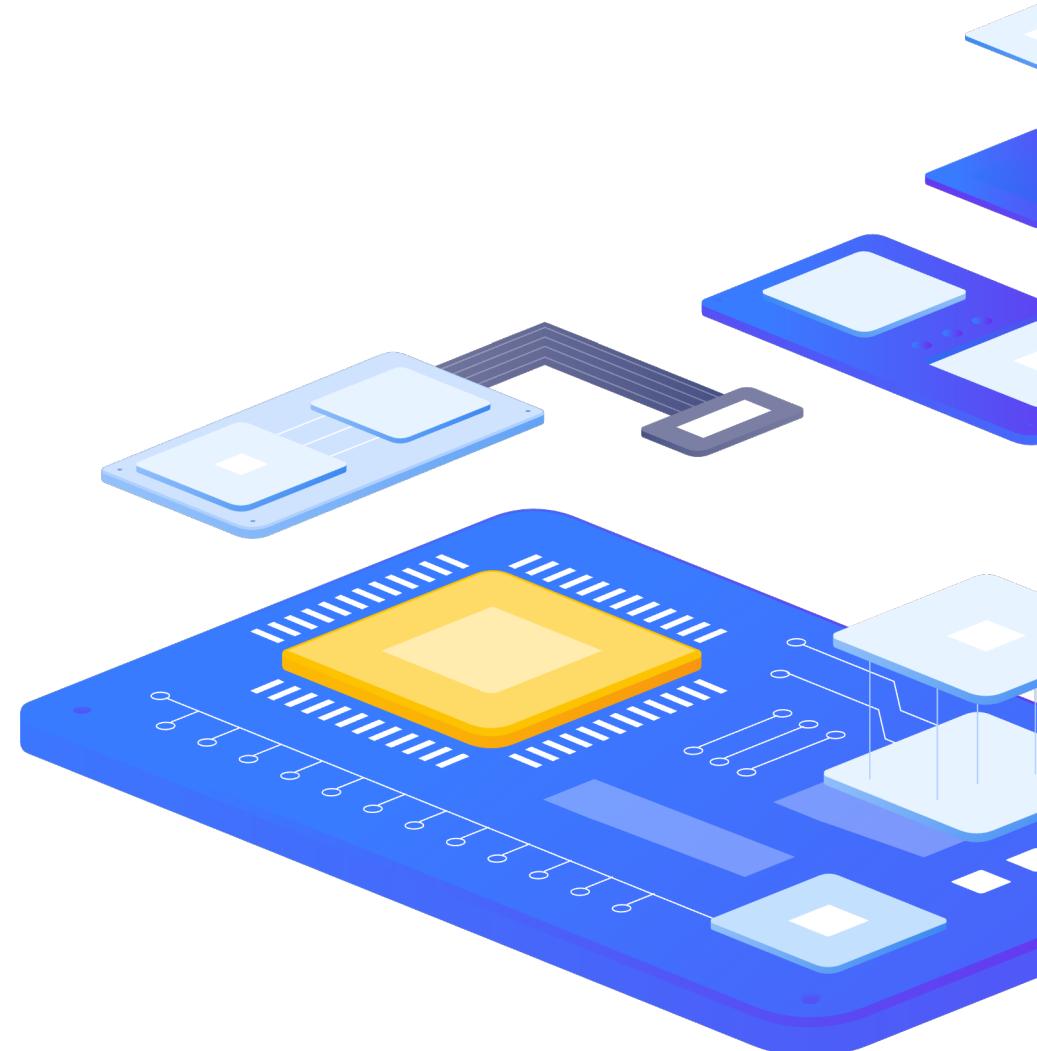
- Support for IDENTITY column
  - The INSERT statements are now supported on partitions of partitioned tables with IDENTITY columns.

```
CREATE TABLE test(column1 INT, column2 INT GENERATED ALWAYS AS IDENTITY)
PARTITION BY RANGE(column1) ;
CREATE TABLE test_p1 PARTITION OF test FOR VALUES FROM (0) TO (5000) ;
INSERT INTO test(column1) VALUES (1) ;
INSERT INTO test_p1(column1) VALUES (2) ;
ERROR: null value in column "column2" of relation "test_p1" violates not-null constraint
```

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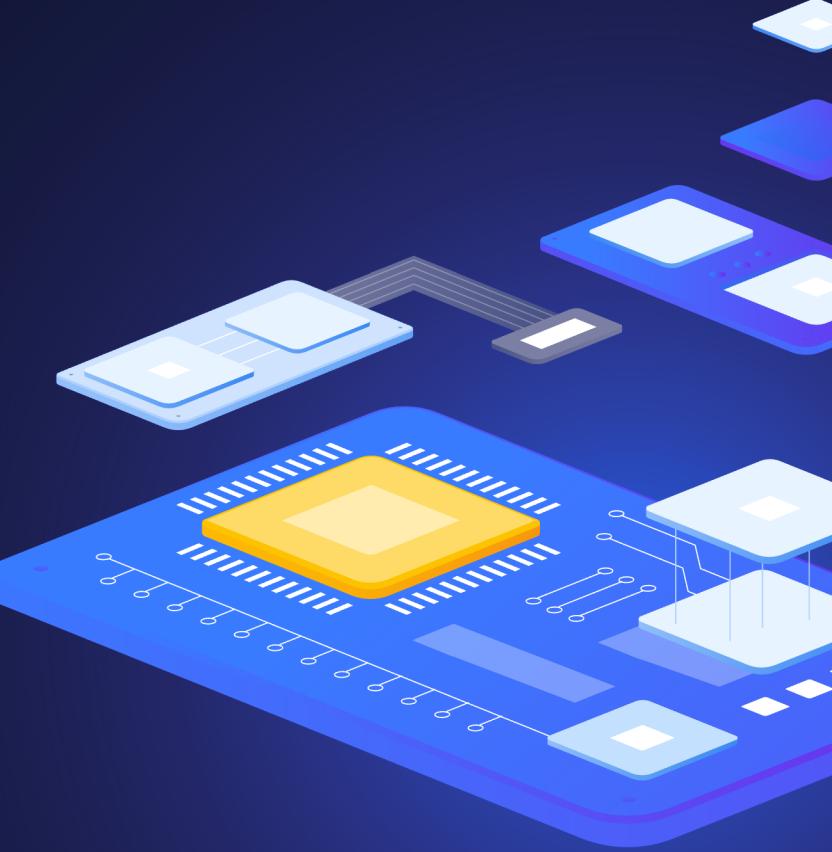
# Merge/Split partitions

- The ALTER TABLE statement for the RANGE / LIST partition table is now able to merge multiple partitions into a single partition or vice versa.
- This patch was reverted during beta period.



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## Misc



# Built-in Locale Provider

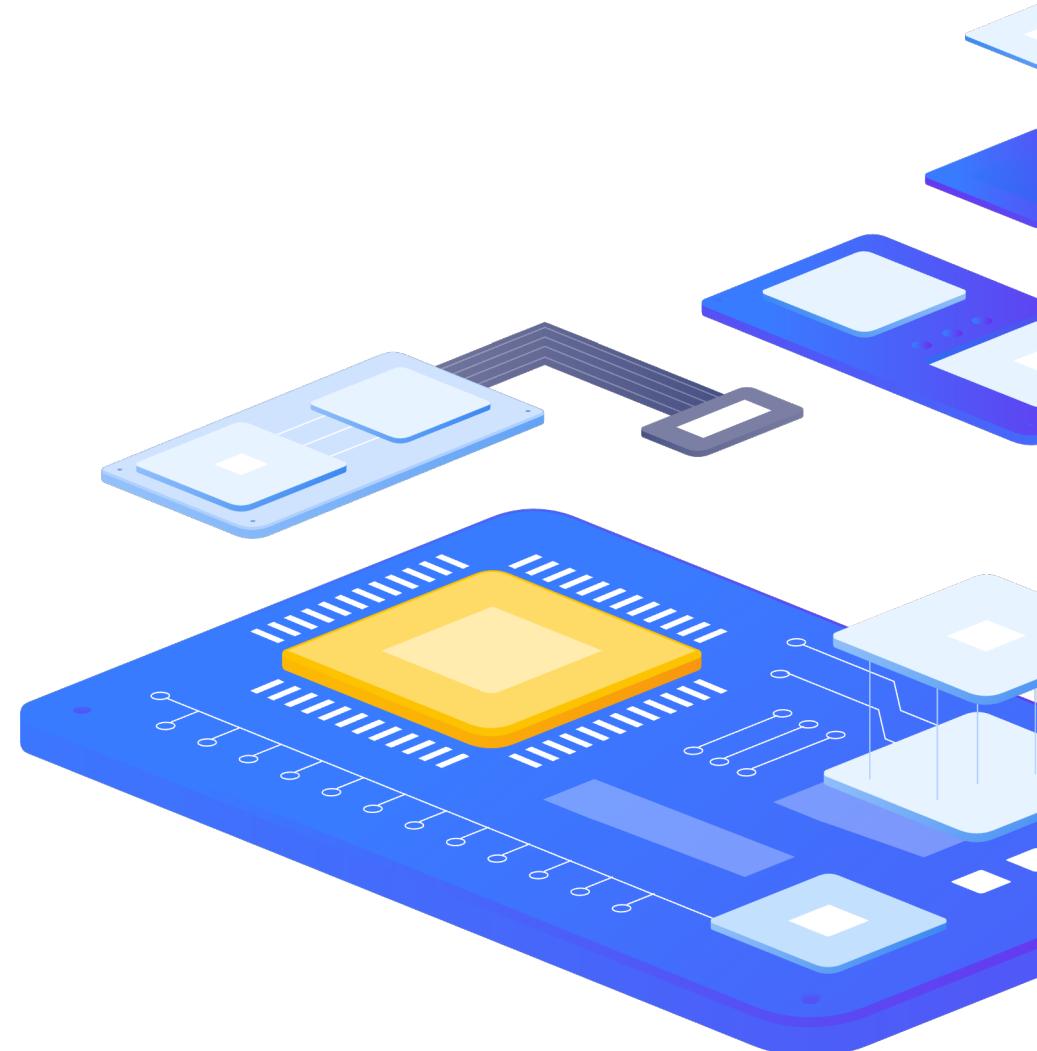
- A 'built-in' locale provider has been added, independent of external libraries such as libc or icu. The BUILTIN keyword can now be specified in commands and SQL statements that specify a locale provider.
- Currently, the only locales offered by this locale provider are C and C.UTF-8. The built-in locale C.UTF-8 provides advantages versus the libc locale, such as faster sorting, faster case conversion, and is platform-independent.

```
CREATE DATABASE zabbixdb LOCALE_PROVIDER BUILTIN LOCALE 'C.UTF-8' TEMPLATE template0 ;  
initdb --locale-provider=builtin --builtin-locale=C.UTF8 -D data
```

# \watch meta-command

- The iterative operation terminates when the specified number of tuples are no longer output.

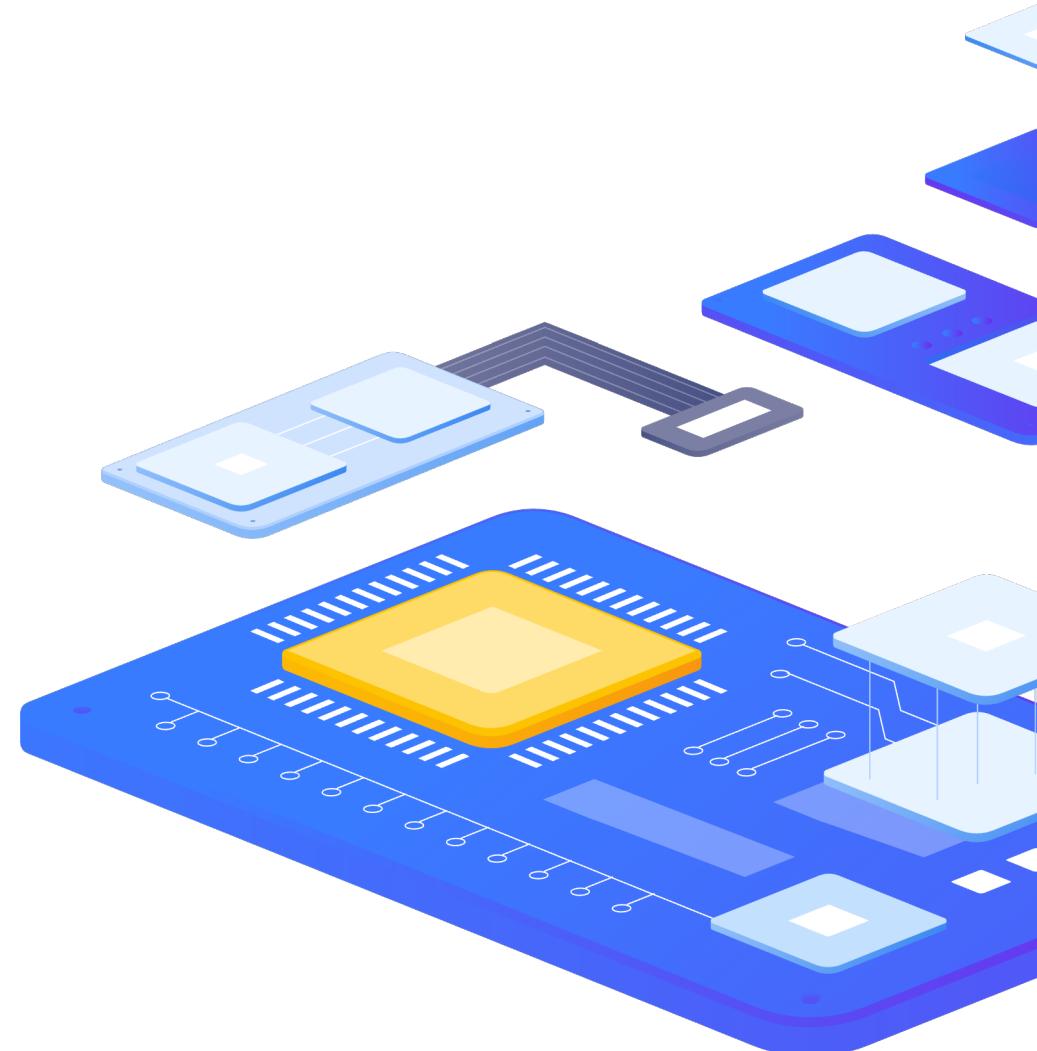
```
\watch 10 min_rows=1
```



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# EXPLAIN statement

- The EXPLAIN statement with the MEMORY clause provides information on both the allocated memory and the memory that is actually in use.



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Newly added parameters



# Not a complete list of newly added parameters

Parameter name	Description (context)	Default value
allow_alter_system	Allow execution of ALTER SYSTEM statement (sighup)	on
event_triggers	Enable event triggers (superuser)	on
standby_slot_names	Replication slot name for standby database (sighup)	"
summarize_wal	Output WAL summary (sighup)	off
sync_replication_slots	Whether replication slots are synchronized (sighup)	off
transaction_timeout	Transaction execution timeout (user)	0

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Parameter name	Description (context)	Default value
wal_summary_keep_time	WAL summary retention duration (sighup)	10d

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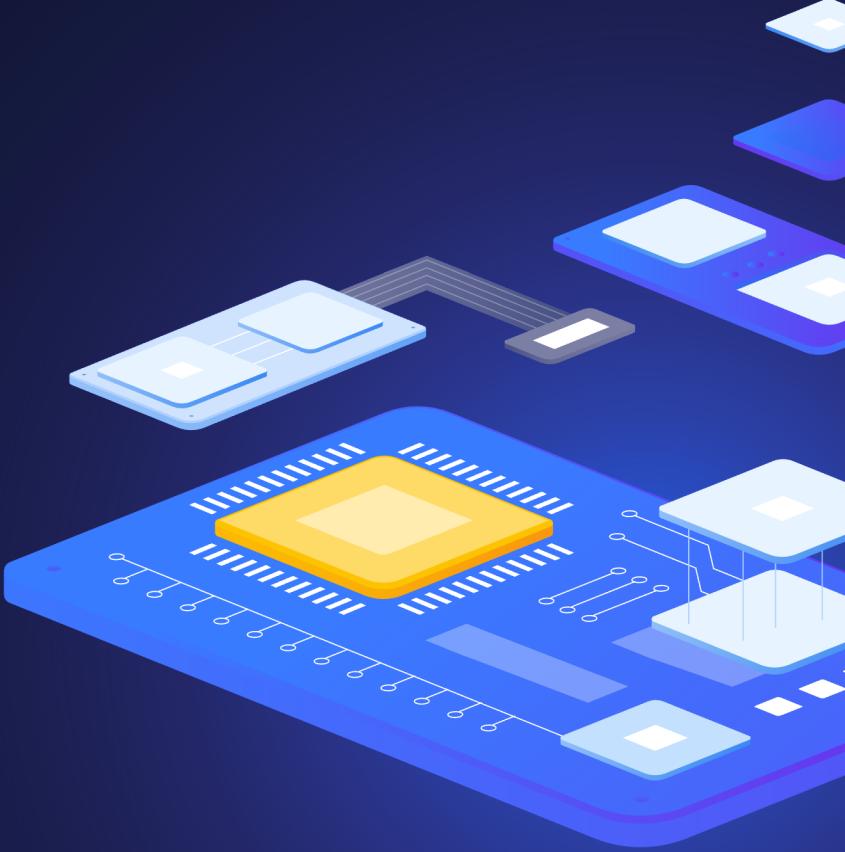
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