

A photograph of a chessboard with several pieces. In the foreground, a black king piece is on the left and a light-colored pawn is on the right. The background shows other pieces like pawns, knights, and a rook, all slightly out of focus. The text 'Chess extension PostgreSQL' is overlaid in the center.

# Chess extension PostgreSQL

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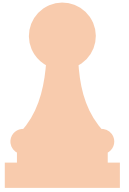
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# Structure



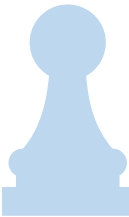
ChessGame Type



Chessboard type



Functions and predicates



Indexes: B-tree and GIN

# ChessGame Type

chess.c

```
typedef struct {  
    int32 length;  
    char pgn[FLEXIBLE_ARRAY_MEMBER];  
} chessgame_t;
```

```
static chessgame_t *  
chessgame_make(const char *pgn)  
{  
    chessgame_t *chessgame = (chessgame_t *)  
    malloc(VARHDRSZ + strlen(pgn) + 1);  
    SET_VARSIZE(chessgame, VARHDRSZ + strlen(pgn) + 1);  
    memcpy(chessgame->pgn, pgn, strlen(pgn) + 1);  
    return chessgame;  
}
```

chess--1.0.sql

```
CREATE TYPE chessgame (  
    internallength = variable,  
    input = chessgame_in,  
    output = chessgame_out,  
    receive = chessgame_recv,  
    send = chessgame_send  
);
```

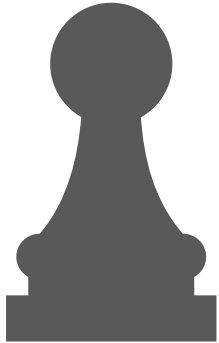
Test 1: Size of data types

Test 1.1: Size of each game - SELECT game, pg\_size\_pretty(pg\_column\_size(game)::bigint) AS game\_size FROM games;

game	game_size
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ndf3 cxd4	70 bytes
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.O-O Nf6	74 bytes
1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.cxd5 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Bc4 Bg7 7.Nf3 O-O	73 bytes
1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.cxd5 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nxd5 6.d4 Nc6 7.Nf3 e6	73 bytes
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7	70 bytes

(5 rows)

Time: 0.184 ms



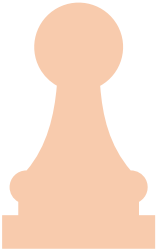
# ChessBoard Type



chess.c

```
typedef struct {  
    int32 length;  
    char fen[FLEXIBLE_ARRAY_MEMBER];  
} chessboard_t;
```

```
static chessboard_t *  
chessboard_make(const char *fen)  
{  
    chessboard_t *chessboard = (chessboard_t *)  
    malloc(VARHDRSZ + strlen(fen) + 1);  
    SET_VARSIZE(chessboard, VARHDRSZ + strlen(fen) + 1);  
    memcpy(chessboard->fen, fen, strlen(fen) + 1);  
    return chessboard;  
}
```



chess--1.0.sql

```
CREATE TYPE chessboard (  
    internallength = variable,  
    input = chessboard_in,  
    output = chessboard_out,  
    receive = chessboard_recv,  
    send = chessboard_send  
);
```

# Functions and predicates



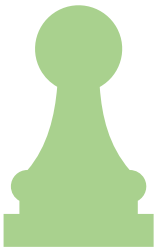
Definition of the two sql  
functions



chess--1.0.sql

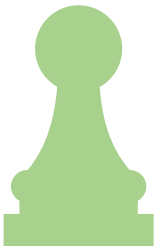
```
CREATE FUNCTION getFirstMoves(chessgame, integer)
  RETURNS chessgame
  AS 'MODULE_PATHNAME', 'getFirstMoves'
  LANGUAGE C IMMUTABLE STRICT PARALLEL SAFE;
```

```
CREATE FUNCTION getBoard(chessgame, integer)
  RETURNS chessboard
  AS 'MODULE_PATHNAME', 'getBoard'
  LANGUAGE C IMMUTABLE STRICT PARALLEL SAFE;
```



# Functions and predicates

chess.c

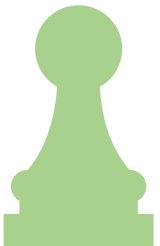


```
PG_FUNCTION_INFO_V1(getFirstMoves);
Datum
getFirstMoves(PG_FUNCTION_ARGS)
{
    chessgame_t *chessgame = PG_GETARG_CHESSGAME_P(0);
    uint16_t number_half_moves = PG_GETARG_UINT16(1);
    chessgame_t *truncated_chessgame = truncate_chessgame(chessgame, number_half_moves);
    PG_FREE_IF_COPY(chessgame, 0);
    PG_RETURN_CHESSGAME_P(truncated_chessgame);
}
```

```
chessgame_t *
truncate_chessgame(chessgame_t *chessgame, uint16_t number_half_moves)
{
    char delimiter = ' ';
    uint16_t i = 0;
    uint16_t counter = 0;
    char *truncated_pgn = (char *) malloc(sizeof(char) * MAX_PGN_LENGTH);
    while (chessgame->pgn[i] != '\0' && counter < number_half_moves) {
        if(chessgame->pgn[i] == delimiter) {
            counter += 1;
        }
        truncated_pgn[i] = chessgame->pgn[i];
        i += 1;
    }
    truncated_pgn[i] = '\0';
    chessgame_t *truncated_chessgame = PGN_to_chessgame(truncated_pgn);
    free(truncated_pgn);
    return truncated_chessgame;
}
```

# Functions and predicates

chess.c



```
PG_FUNCTION_INFO_V1(getBoard);
Datum
getBoard(PG_FUNCTION_ARGS)
{
    chessgame_t *chessgame = PG_GETARG_CHESSGAME_P(0);
    uint16_t number_half_moves = PG_GETARG_INT16(1);
    chessboard_t *chessboard = chessgame_to_chessboard(chessgame, number_half_moves);
    PG_FREE_IF_COPY(chessgame, 0);
    PG_RETURN_CHESSBOARD_P(chessboard);
}
```

```
static chessboard_t *
chessgame_to_chessboard(chessgame_t *chessgame, uint16_t number_half_moves)
{
    SCL_Record record;
    SCL_Board board;
    char *fen = (char *) malloc(sizeof(char) * SCL_FEN_MAX_LENGTH);
    SCL_recordFromPGN(record, chessgame->pgn);
    SCL_recordApply(record, board, number_half_moves);
    SCL_boardToFEN(board, fen);
    chessboard_t *chessboard = FEN_to_chessboard(fen);
    free(fen);
    return chessboard;
}
```

# Functions and predicates

Two versions of the hasOpening method.

- Both use the Index Only Scan
- Both work the same way but use Filter instead of Index Condition

hasOpening



chess--1.0.sql

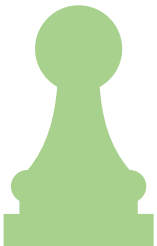
```
CREATE FUNCTION hasOpening(chessgame, chessgame)
  RETURNS boolean
  AS 'MODULE_PATHNAME', 'hasOpening'
  LANGUAGE C IMMUTABLE STRICT PARALLEL SAFE;
```

chess.c

```
PG_FUNCTION_INFO_V1(hasOpening);
Datum
hasOpening(PG_FUNCTION_ARGS)
{
    chessgame_t *chessgame_1 = PG_GETARG_CHESSGAME_P(0);
    chessgame_t *chessgame_2 = PG_GETARG_CHESSGAME_P(1);
    bool hasOpening = compare_moves(chessgame_1, chessgame_2);
    PG_FREE_IF_COPY(chessgame_1, 0);
    PG_FREE_IF_COPY(chessgame_2, 1);
    PG_RETURN_BOOL(hasOpening);
}
```

Use strstr()

hasOpening



chess--1.0.sql

```
CREATE FUNCTION hasOpening2(a chessgame, b chessgame)
  RETURNS boolean
  AS $$
    SELECT a LIKE b;
  $$ IMMUTABLE LANGUAGE sql;
```

hasOpening2





# Functions and predicates

## Two versions of the hasBoard method

- The C one is complete, but doesn't use the index
- The SQL one uses the index but falls short of the requirements

hasBoard



chess--1.0.sql

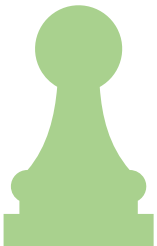
chess.c



```
CREATE FUNCTION hasBoard(chessgame, chessboard, integer)
RETURNS boolean
AS 'MODULE_PATHNAME', 'hasBoard'
LANGUAGE C IMMUTABLE STRICT PARALLEL SAFE;
```

```
PG_FUNCTION_INFO_V1(hasBoard);
Datum
hasBoard(PG_FUNCTION_ARGS)
{
    chessgame_t *chessgame = PG_GETARG_CHESSGAME_P(0);
    chessboard_t *chessboard = PG_GETARG_CHESSBOARD_P(1);
    UInt16_t number_half_moves = PG_GETARG_INT16(2);
    bool hasBoard = chessgame_contains_chessboard(chessgame,
    chessboard, number_half_moves);
    PG_FREE_IF_COPY(chessgame, 0);
    PG_FREE_IF_COPY(chessboard, 1);
    PG_RETURN_BOOL(hasBoard);
}
```

hasBoard



chess--1.0.sql

hasBoard2

```
CREATE FUNCTION hasBoard2(a chessgame, b chessboard,
                           c integer)
RETURNS boolean
AS $$
    SELECT chessgame_to_chessboards(a) @> ARRAY[b];
$$ IMMUTABLE LANGUAGE sql;
```

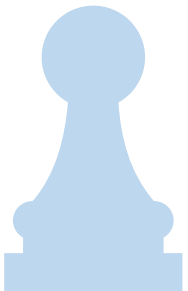


# Indexes

B-tree

## Operators

chess--1.0.sql



```
CREATE OPERATOR = (  
  LEFTARG = chessgame, RIGHTARG = chessgame,  
  PROCEDURE = chess_opening_eq,  
  COMMUTATOR = =, NEGATOR = <>  
);
```

```
CREATE OPERATOR < (  
  LEFTARG = chessgame, RIGHTARG = chessgame,  
  PROCEDURE = chess_opening_lt,  
  COMMUTATOR = >, NEGATOR = >=  
);
```

```
CREATE OPERATOR <= (  
  LEFTARG = chessgame, RIGHTARG = chessgame,  
  PROCEDURE = chess_opening_le,  
  COMMUTATOR = >=, NEGATOR = <  
);
```

```
CREATE OPERATOR >= (  
  LEFTARG = chessgame, RIGHTARG = chessgame,  
  PROCEDURE = chess_opening_ge,  
  COMMUTATOR = <=, NEGATOR = <  
);
```

```
CREATE OPERATOR > (  
  LEFTARG = chessgame, RIGHTARG = chessgame,  
  PROCEDURE = chess_opening_gt,  
  COMMUTATOR = <, NEGATOR = <=
```

Additional custom operator for hasOpening that is not in the B-tree operators:

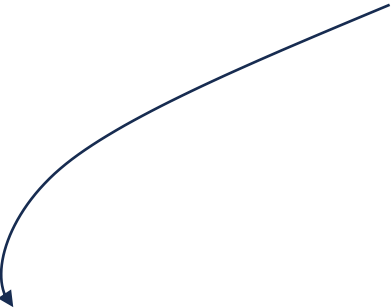
```
CREATE OPERATOR ~~ (  
  LEFTARG = chessgame, RIGHTARG = chessgame,  
  PROCEDURE = chess_opening_like,  
  COMMUTATOR = ~~ , NEGATOR = !~  
);
```

# Indexes

B-tree

## Operators : Implementation

Each operator has been implemented the same way. Here is the one we add for the predicate function *hasOpening()*.



```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION
chess_opening_like(chessgame, chessgame)
RETURNS boolean
AS 'MODULE_PATHNAME'
LANGUAGE C IMMUTABLE STRICT PARALLEL SAFE;
```

```
PG_FUNCTION_INFO_V1(chess_opening_like);
Datum
chess_opening_like(PG_FUNCTION_ARGS)
{
    chessgame_t *c = PG_GETARG_CHESSGAME_P(0);
    chessgame_t *d = PG_GETARG_CHESSGAME_P(1);


    bool result = chess_opening_cmp_internal(chessgame_truncated_internal(c, chessgame_to_number_internal(d)), d) == 0;
    PG_FREE_IF_COPY(c, 0);
    PG_FREE_IF_COPY(d, 1);
    PG_RETURN_BOOL(result);
}
```

# Indexes

B-tree

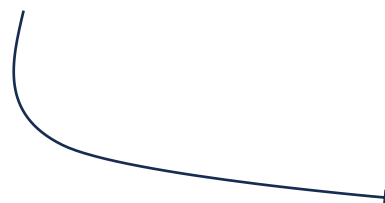
## Operators : Implementation

Each operator has been implemented the same way. Here is the one we add for the predicate function *hasOpening()*.



```
PG_FUNCTION_INFO_V1(chess_opening_like);
Datum
chess_opening_like(PG_FUNCTION_ARGS)
{
    chessgame_t *c = PG_GETARG_CHESSGAME_P(0);
    chessgame_t *d = PG_GETARG_CHESSGAME_P(1);

    bool result = chess_opening_cmp_internal(chessgame_truncated_internal(c, chessgame_to_number_internal(d)), d) == 0;
    PG_FREE_IF_COPY(c, 0);
    PG_FREE_IF_COPY(d, 1);
    PG_RETURN_BOOL(result);
}
```



```
static int
chess_opening_cmp_internal(chessgame_t *a, chessgame_t *b)
{
    int cmp_result = strcmp(opening(a), opening(b));
    if (cmp_result < 0)
    {
        return -1;
    }
    if (cmp_result > 0)
    {
        return 1;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

# Indexes

B-tree



## Query plan with hasOpening predicate without index



Test 6.1: without btree index

### QUERY PLAN

Aggregate (cost=257.59..257.60 rows=1 width=8) (actual time=0.643..0.644 rows=1 loops=1)

-> Seq Scan on games (cost=0.00..254.74 rows=1140 width=0) (actual time=0.005..0.639 rows=8 loops=1)

Filter: hasopening(game, '1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 '::chessgame)

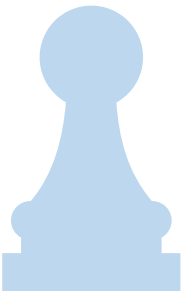
Rows Removed by Filter: 3411

Planning Time: 0.078 ms

Execution Time: 0.656 ms

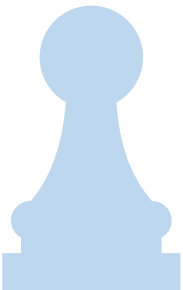
(6 rows)

Time: 1.103 ms



# Indexes

## B-tree



### Query plan with hasOpening and hasOpening2 predicate with B-Tree index

```
QUERY PLAN
-----
Aggregate (cost=1099.21..1099.22 rows=1 width=8) (actual time=1.697..1.698 rows=1 loops=1)
-> Index Only Scan using games_game_btree_idx on games (cost=0.53..1096.36 rows=1140 width=0) (actual time=0.969..1.690 rows=8 loops=1)
    Filter: hasopening(game, '1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 '::chessgame)
    Rows Removed by Filter: 3411
    Heap Fetches: 0
Planning Time: 0.095 ms
Execution Time: 1.714 ms
(7 rows)

Time: 2.170 ms
```

```
Test 6.3: with btree index and hasOpening2() function
QUERY PLAN
-----
Aggregate (cost=1100.64..1100.65 rows=1 width=8) (actual time=67.531..67.532 rows=1 loops=1)
-> Index Only Scan using games_game_btree_idx on games (cost=0.53..1096.36 rows=1140 width=0) (actual time=38.566..67.520 rows=8 loops=1)
    Filter: (game ~ '1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 '::chessgame)
    Rows Removed by Filter: 3411
    Heap Fetches: 0
Planning Time: 0.100 ms
Execution Time: 67.575 ms
(7 rows)

Time: 68.061 ms
```

# Indexes

## B-tree



### Query plan with operators and B-Tree index

This query has the same logic as hasOpening() but it is by hand

```
chess=# EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * from games where game > '1.e4 e6 ' and game < '1.e4 e7 ';
```

QUERY PLAN

Index Only Scan using games\_game\_btree\_idx on games (cost=0.13..4.15 rows=1 width=72) (actual time=0.013..0.014 rows=2 loops=1)

Index Cond: ((game > '1.e4 e6 '::chessgame) AND (game < '1.e4 e7 '::chessgame))

Heap Fetches: 0

Planning Time: 0.046 ms

Execution Time: 0.025 ms

(5 rows)

```
chess=# EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * from games where game ~~ '1e4 e6';
```

QUERY PLAN

Index Only Scan using games\_game\_btree\_idx on games (cost=0.13..8.22 rows=2 width=72) (actual time=0.049..0.050 rows=0 loops=1)

Filter: (game ~~ '1e4 e6 '::chessgame)

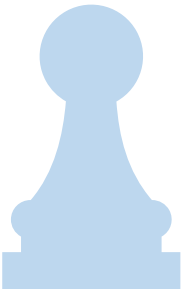
Rows Removed by Filter: 5

Heap Fetches: 0

Planning Time: 0.051 ms

Execution Time: 0.076 ms

(6 rows)



# Indexes GIN

chess--1.0.sql

## Operators

```
CREATE OPERATOR && (  
  LEFTARG = _chessboard, RIGHTARG = _chessboard,  
  PROCEDURE = _chessboard_overlap,  
  COMMUTATOR = &&, NEGATOR = <>  
);
```

```
CREATE OPERATOR @> (  
  LEFTARG = _chessboard, RIGHTARG = _chessboard,  
  PROCEDURE = chessboard_contains,  
  COMMUTATOR = <@, NEGATOR = <>  
);
```

```
CREATE OPERATOR <@ (  
  LEFTARG = _chessboard, RIGHTARG = _chessboard,  
  PROCEDURE = _chessboard_contained,  
  COMMUTATOR = @>, NEGATOR = <>  
);
```

```
CREATE OPERATOR = (  
  LEFTARG = _chessboard, RIGHTARG = _chessboard,  
  PROCEDURE = _chessboard_eq,  
  COMMUTATOR = =, NEGATOR = <>  
);
```



# Indexes

GIN



## Operators

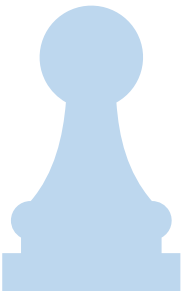
chess--1.0.sql

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION
_chessboard_contains(_chessboard, _chessboard)
RETURNS boolean
AS 'MODULE_PATHNAME'
LANGUAGE C IMMUTABLE STRICT PARALLEL SAFE;
```



chess\_gin.c

```
PG_FUNCTION_INFO_V1(_chessboard_contains);
Datum
_chessboard_contains(PG_FUNCTION_ARGS)
{
    ArrayType *a = PG_GETARG_ARRAYTYPE_P(0);
    ArrayType *b = PG_GETARG_ARRAYTYPE_P(1);
    PG_RETURN_BOOL(_chessboard_contains_internal(a, b));
}
```

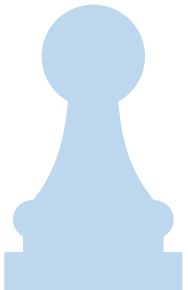


## Operators : Implementation

Each operator has been implemented the same way. Let's take a closer look on the *contains* operator

# Indexes GIN

chess\_gin.c



```
static bool
_chessboard_contains_internal(ArrayType *a, ArrayType *b)
{
    chessboard_t **_chessboard_1;
    chessboard_t **_chessboard_2;
    bool *elementNulls1;
    bool *elementNulls2;
    int numElements1;
    int numElements2;
    deconstruct_array(a, TypenameGetTypeId("chessboard"), -1, false, 'i', (Datum **)&_chessboard_1, &elementNulls1, &numElements1);
    deconstruct_array(b, TypenameGetTypeId("chessboard"), -1, false, 'i', (Datum **)&_chessboard_2, &elementNulls2, &numElements2);
    for (int i = 0; i < ARRNELEMS(b); ++i) {
        bool found = false;
        for (int j = 0; j < ARRNELEMS(a); ++j) {
            if (chessboard_cmp_internal(_chessboard_1[j], _chessboard_2[i]) == 0) {
                found = true;
                break;
            }
        }
        if (!found) {
            pfree(_chessboard_1);
            pfree(_chessboard_2);
            return false;
        }
    }
    pfree(_chessboard_1);
    pfree(_chessboard_2);
    return true;
}
```

# Indexes GIN



## Query plan with hasBoard and hasBoard2 predicates and Gin index



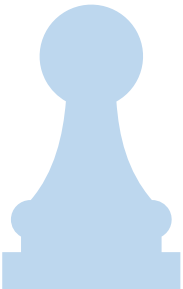
```
chess=# EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT count(*) FROM games WHERE hasboard(game, 'rnbqkbnr/pppppppp/8/8/8/PPPPPPPP/RNBQKBNR w KQkq - 0 1', 10);
                                         QUERY PLAN

-----
Aggregate  (cost=10000000257.59..10000000257.60 rows=1 width=8) (actual time=811.927..811.929 rows=1 loops=1)
  -> Seq Scan on games  (cost=10000000000.00..10000000254.74 rows=1140 width=0) (actual time=71.743..811.663 rows=3419 loops=1)
        Filter: hasboard(game, 'rnbqkbnr/pppppppp/8/8/8/PPPPPPPP/RNBQKBNR w KQkq - 0 1'::chessboard, 10)
Planning Time: 0.054 ms
JIT:
  Functions: 4
  Options: Inlining true, Optimization true, Expressions true, Deforming true
  Timing: Generation 0.348 ms, Inlining 49.091 ms, Optimization 12.616 ms, Emission 9.870 ms, Total 71.925 ms
Execution Time: 833.004 ms
(9 rows)
```



```
chess=# EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT count(*) FROM games WHERE hasboard2(game, 'rnbqkbnr/pppppppp/8/8/8/PPPPPPPP/RNBQKBNR w KQkq - 0 1', 10);
                                         QUERY PLAN

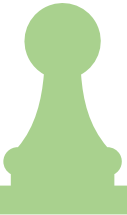
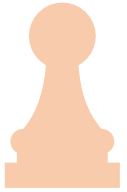
-----
Aggregate  (cost=272.24..272.25 rows=1 width=8) (actual time=1.096..1.097 rows=1 loops=1)
  -> Bitmap Heap Scan on games  (cost=30.32..267.97 rows=1710 width=0) (actual time=0.533..0.878 rows=3419 loops=1)
        Recheck Cond: (chessgame_to_chessboards(game) @> '{"rnbqkbnr/pppppppp/8/8/8/PPPPPPPP/RNBQKBNR w KQkq - 0 1"}'::chessboard[])
        Heap Blocks: exact=212
  -> Bitmap Index Scan on games_game_gin_idx  (cost=0.00..29.89 rows=1710 width=0) (actual time=0.484..0.484 rows=3419 loops=1)
        Index Cond: (chessgame_to_chessboards(game) @> '{"rnbqkbnr/pppppppp/8/8/8/PPPPPPPP/RNBQKBNR w KQkq - 0 1"}'::chessboard[])
Planning Time: 0.546 ms
Execution Time: 1.224 ms
(8 rows)
```



# Conclusion



- Storage of chessgames
- Datatypes are optimized
- Query execution time is reduced by use of indexes on operators
- Operators on datatypes are able to compare datatypes



- **Predicates uses IndexOnlyScan but with a filter and not a index condition**

