A look at the Elephants Trunk PostgreSQL 10

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PostgreSQL 10

A new era of versioning

Versioning

- ...
- 8.4
- 9.0
- ...
- 9.4
- 9.5
- 9.6

Versioning

- 9.6
 - **9.6.2**
- 10
 - **10.1**
- 11
- 12

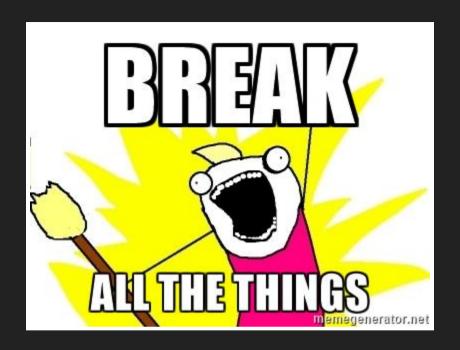
Development schedule

- August 2016 branch 9.6
- September 2016 CF1
- November 2016 CF2
- January 2017 CF3
- March 2017 CF4
- May 2017 Beta1!
 - Please test!
- (August 2017 Beta2)

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First things first



The small things

- Drop support for protocol 1.0
 - (No more clients < 6.3)
- Drop support for floating point timestamps

The bigger things

```
Directory pg_xlog is now pg_wal Directory pg_clog is now pg_xact
```

Even bigger...

```
pg_switch_xlog() is now pg_switch_wal()
pg_xlogfile_name() is now pg_walfile_name()
pg_current_xlog*() is now pg_current_wal*
pg_last_xlog*() is now pg_last_wal*
pg_xlog_location_diff() is now
pg_wal_location_diff()
```

One more...

```
pg_receivexlog is now pg_receivewal
pg_resetxlog is now pg_resetwal
pg_xlogdump is now pg_waldump
```

Last one!

```
pg_basebackup --xlog-methodisnow--wal-method
pg_basebackup --xlogdirisnow--waldir
```

OK, some good news

- Logging about multixact wraparound protection less chatty
 - Don't be scared...

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SCRAM authentication

- Salted Challenge Response Authentication
- Standardized way to do auth
- More secure than md5!
- Switch when your clients support it

libpq enhancements

Multiple hosts can be specified

host=pg1,pg2,pg3 user=bob password=topsecret

Writable host can be requested

host=pg1,pg2,pg3 target_session_attrs=read-write

.pgpass overridden in connection string

host=pg1 passfile=/some/where/mypgpass

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pg_stat_activity

walsender processes now visible

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Backgrund worker processes now visible!

```
datid |
                    backend_type
                                              application_name
          pid
12295
                 client backend
        18301
                                        psql
                 autovacuum launcher
        17295
                                       logical replication launche
                 background worker
        17297
                 background writer
        17293
        17292 | checkpointer
                                        pg_receivewal
                 walsender
        18615
        17294
                 walwriter
(7 rows)
```

New wait events

- Latches
 - Extensions
 - Client/socket
 - Timeout
 - **-** ...
- I/O events
 - Reads
 - Writes
 - Individually identified

Monitoring roles

Avoid superuser!

- pg_read_all_settings
- pg_read_all_stats
- pg_stat_scan_tables
- pg_monitor

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regexp_match

- regexp_match()
 - Like regexp_matches but not SRF
 - No subquery needed

IDENTITY columns

- Same functionality as SERIAL
 - Minus the permissions gotcha!
- SQL standard

```
CREATE TABLE itest (
    a int GENERATED BY DEFAULT AS IDENTITY,
    b int GENERATED ALWAYS AS IDENTITY
)
```

Data ingestion

• *file_fdw* can now use program

```
CREATE FOREIGN TABLE
test(a int, b text)
SERVER csv
OPTIONS (program 'gunzip -c /tmp/data.csv.gz');
```

XMLTABLE

- (almost) per SQL standard
- Convert XML document to resultset
- Mapping XPath etc
- Much faster than individual queries

JSON(b) FTS

- JSON-aware full text search
- Working ts_headline()

```
postgres=# SELECT to_tsvector('{"foo": "bar", "baz": 3}');
    '3':4 'bar':2 'baz':3 'foo':1

postgres=# SELECT to_tsvector('{"foo": "bar", "baz": 3}'::jsonb);
    'bar':1

postgres=# SELECT ts_headline('{"foo": "bar", "baz": 3}', 'foo');
{"<b>foo</b>": "bar", "baz": 3}

postgres=# SELECT ts_headline('{"foo": "bar", "baz": 3}'::jsonb, '
{"baz": 3, "foo": "bar"}
```

ICU collations

- More choice for collations
 - Not just OS ones
- Stable across versions
 - Except ICU major versions
 - But those are detected

ICU collations

```
SELECT * FROM t ORDER BY a COLLATE "sv-SE-x-icu";

valle
vera
walle
wera
```

ICU collations

```
SELECT * FROM t ORDER BY a COLLATE "sv-SE-u-co-standard-x-icu";

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```

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New defaults

- New postgresql.conf defaults:
 - wal_level = replica
 - max_wal_senders = 10
 - max_replication_slots = 10
- New pg_hba.conf defaults
 - Replication connections by default

Replication slots

- Support for temporary replication slots
- Automatically dropped at end of session
- Prevents fall-behind with less risk

pg_basebackup

- WAL streaming supported in tar mode (-Ft)
- Better excludes
- New defaults
 - WAL streaming (-X stream) now default
 - Uses temporary replication slots by default

Quorum based sync replication

- Support ANY and FIRST mode
- Previously only *FIRST*

```
synchronous_standby_names=
  FIRST 2 (pg1, pg2, pg3, pg4)

synchronous_standby_names=
  ANY 2 (pg1, pg2, pg3, pg4)
```

Logical replication

- Based on WAL
- And logical decoding
- Replicate individual tables
 - Or sets of tables

Logical replication

```
CREATE TABLE testtable (a int PRIMARY KEY, b text);

CREATE PUBLICATION testpub FOR TABLE testtable;
```

Logical replication

```
CREATE TABLE testtable (a int PRIMARY KEY, b text);

CREATE SUBSCRIPTION testsub
   CONNECTION 'host=/tmp port=5500 dbname=postgres user=mha'
   PUBLICATION testpub;
```

Limits

- No schema replication
- No sequence replication
- Not suitable for fail-over

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Hash indexes

- Now WAL logged
 - So actually useful
- Many performance enhancements
 - Better caching
 - Supports page-level vacuum
 - **-** ...
- Sometimes better than btree

- Based on existing inheritance
 - Same as old "manual partitioning"
- Easier to work with
 - Automatic tuple routing
- More limitations -> more optimizations
 - Many not there yet

- Range partitioning
 - (Single column only)
- List partitioning

```
CREATE TABLE testlog (t timestamptz DEFAULT now(), txt text)
PARTITION BY RANGE(t);

CREATE TABLE testlog_2017
   PARTITION OF testlog (t)
   FOR VALUES FROM ('2017-01-01') TO ('2018-01-01');

INSERT INTO testlog (txt) VALUES ('test');
```

```
CREATE TABLE testcat (category text, txt text)
PARTITION BY LIST(category);

CREATE TABLE testcat_cat13
PARTITION OF testcat (category)
FOR VALUES IN ('cat1', 'cat2', 'cat3');

INSERT INTO testcat VALUES ('cat1', 'Test1');
```

- Still many limitations
 - No row-movement
 - No cross-partition indexes
 - No cross-partition keys
 - No partition-wise processing
 - No tuple routing for foreign partitions

More parallelism

- 9.6 introduced parallelism
 - Sequential scans
 - Aggregates
 - Hash and loop joins

Usability

- New parameter max_parallel_workers
- query string now in workers
 - Shows in pg_stat_activity

Index scans

- Regular index scans (btree)
- Index Only scans (btree)
- Bitmap Heap Scan
 - Index still scanned serially

Joins

Merge joins

Multi column statistics

- Collect statistics across columns
 - Previously each column individually
- Combinations must be explicitly selected

CREATE STATISTICS test_stats ON b,c FROM test

Collects dependency and n_distinct

That's a lot!

There's always more

- Lots of smaller fixes
- Performance improvements
- etc, etc
- Can't mention them all!

Please help!

Please help!

- Download and test!
 - apt packages available
 - rpm/yum packages available
 - Both beta and dev snapshots!

Thank you!

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