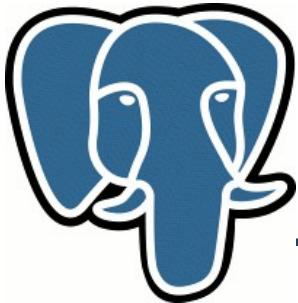


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# Some recent advances in full-text search

Oleg Bartunov, Teodor Sigaev

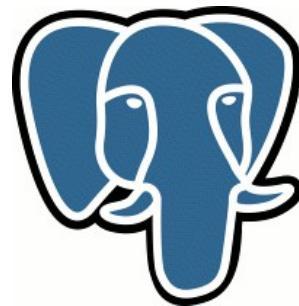
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- Full-text search introduction
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# Full-text search in PostgreSQL

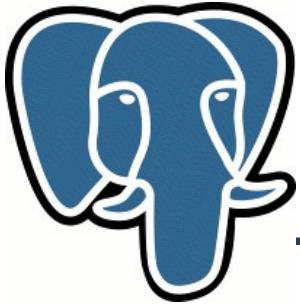
```
=# select 'a fat cat sat on a mat and ate a fat rat'::tsvector  
@@
```

## 'cat & rat':: tsquery;

- **tsvector** – storage for document
    - sorted array of lexemes with optional positional and weight information
  - **tsquery** – textual data type for query
    - Boolean operators - & | ! ()  
`'telefonsvarer' =>`  
`'telefonsvarer' | 'telefon' & 'svar'`
  - **FTS operator**

## tsvector @@ tsquery

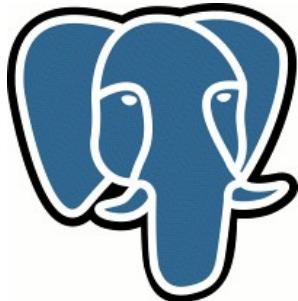
- `to_tsvector`, `to_tsquery`, `plainto_tsquery`
  - Indexes: GiST, GIN



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## Phrase search - definition

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A \$ B: word 'A' followed by 'B':

- A & B (the same priority)
- exists at least one pair of positions  $P_B, P_A$ , so that  $0 \leq P_B - P_A \leq 1$  (distance condition)

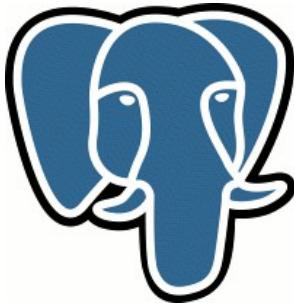
A \$[n] B:  $0 \leq P_B - P_A \leq n$

Result of operation:

- false
- true and array of positions of left argument which satisfy distance condition (without positional information \$ is equivalent to &)

\$ is very similar to & except: A \$ B  $\neq$  B \$ A

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# Phrase search - properties

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'A \$[n] B \$[m] C' → '(A \$[n] B) \$[m] C' →  
matched phrase length  $\leq \max(n, m)$

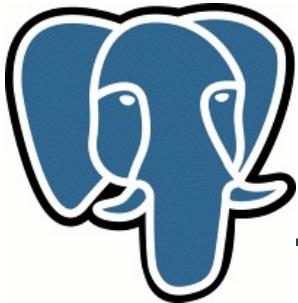
Note: 'A C B' matched by '(A \$[2] B) \$ C'

'A \$[n] (B \$[m] C)' →  
matched phrase length  $\leq n + m$

Note: Order is preserved for any n, m

'A \$[0] B' matches the word with two different  
forms ( infinitives )

```
=# SELECT ts_lexize('ispell','bookings');
   ts_lexize
-----
 {booking,book}
to_tsvector('bookings') @@ 'booking $[0] book'::tsquery
```



# Phrase search - practice

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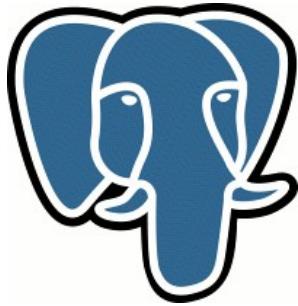
Phrase:

- 'A B C' → 'A \$ (B \$ C)'
- 'A B C' → '(A \$ B) \$[2] C'
- TSQUERY phraseto\_tsearch([CFG,] TEXT)

Stop-words: 'A the B' → 'A \$[2] B'

What shall we do with complex queries?

A \$ ( B & ( C | ! D ) ) → ???

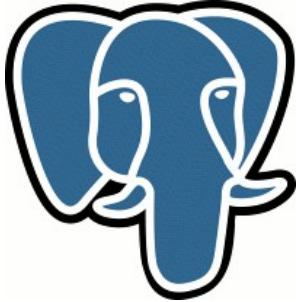


## Phrase search - internals

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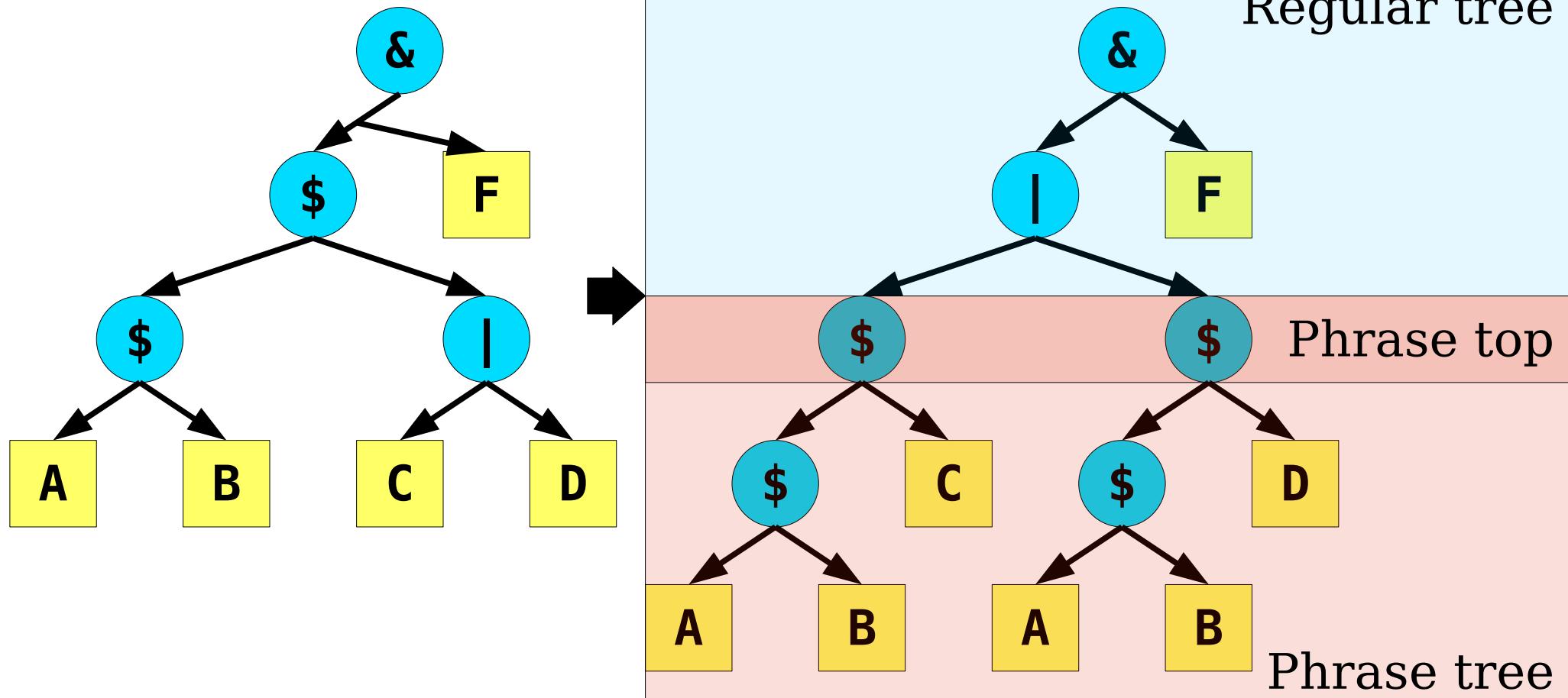
Phrase search has overhead, since it requires access and operations on posting lists

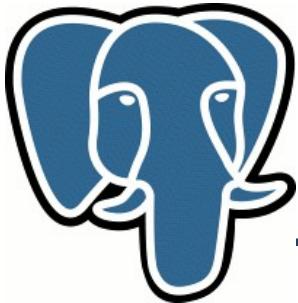
To avoid slowdown of existing tsearch, executor of tsquery should not access positions without necessity. To facilitate this, any \$ operations pushed down in query tree, so tsearch executor can call special phrase executor for the top \$ operation, which will work only with query tree containing only \$ operations.



# Phrase search - transformation

( (A \$ B) \$ (C | D) ) & F





## Phrase search - push down

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$a \$ (b \& c) \Rightarrow (a\$b) \& (a\$c)$

$(a \& b) \$ c \Rightarrow (a\$c) \& (b\$c)$

$a \$ (b | c) \Rightarrow (a\$b) | (a\$c)$

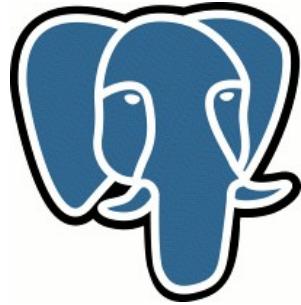
$(a | b) \$ c \Rightarrow (a\$c) | (b\$c)$

$a \$ !b \Rightarrow a \& !(a\$b)$

there is no position of A followed by B

$!a \$ b \Rightarrow b \& !(a\$b)$

there is no position of B precedenced by A



# Phrase search - transformation

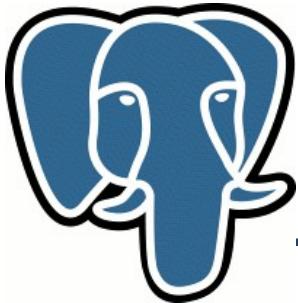
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```
# select '( A | B ) $ ( D | C )'::tsquery;  
          tsquery
```

```
-----  
'A' $ 'D' | 'B' $ 'D' | 'A' $ 'C' | 'B' $ 'C'
```

```
# select 'A $ ( B & ( C | ! D ) )'::tsquery;  
          tsquery
```

```
-----  
( 'A' $ 'B' ) & ( 'A' $ 'C' | 'A' & !( 'A' $ 'D' ) )
```



## Phrase search - example

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'PostgreSQL can be extended by the user in many ways' ->

```
# select phraseto_tsquery('PostgreSQL can be extended  
by the user in many ways');  
phraseto_tsquery
```

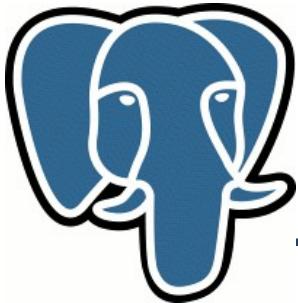
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```
'postgresql' $[3] ( 'extend' $[3] ( 'user' $[2] ( 'mani' $ 'way' ) ) )
```

Can be written by hand:

```
'postgresql' $[3] extend $[6] user $[8] mani $[9] way
```

Difficult to modify, use `phraseto_tsquery()` function !



# Phrase search - TODO

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Ranking functions

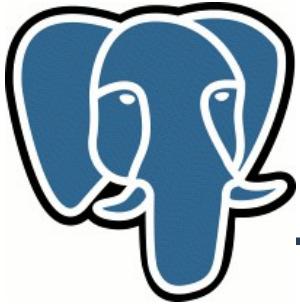
Headline generation

Rewrite subsystem

Concatenation of two tsquery by \$ operation: \$\$ ?

- like other concatenations: &&, || and !!
- distance \$\$[2] !, functional interface ?

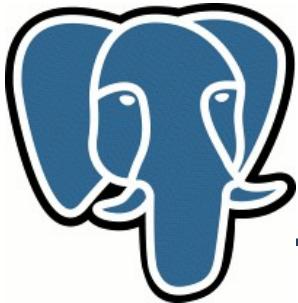
Need testing for agglutinative languages  
(norwegian, german, etc)



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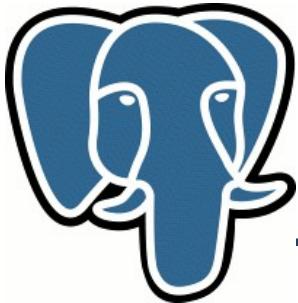


# Dictionaries

| Lexeme's type | Dict #1   | Dict #2   | Dict #N |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| asciivord     | synonym   | en_ispell | en_stem |
| int           | simple    |           |         |
| float         | real_dict |           |         |

```
# \dF+ english
Text search configuration "pg_catalog.english"
Parser: "pg_catalog.default"
```

| Token      | Dictionary   |
|------------|--------------|
| asciihword | english_stem |
| asciivord  | english_stem |
| email      | simple       |
| file       | simple       |
| ...        |              |



# Dictionaries - examples

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Integers

'123456789' -> '123456'

Roman numbers

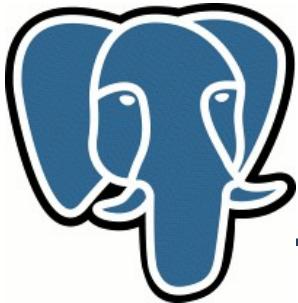
'XIX' -> '19'

Colours

'FFFFFF' -> 'white'

Regexp

H(\s|-)?(alpha|beta|gamma) h\$2 — spectral lines  
of hydrogen



# Dictionaries - interface

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```
void* dictInit(List *dictoptions)
```

- list of dictoptions actually contains list of DefElem structures (see headers)
- returns pointer to the palloc'ed dictionary structure
- Can be expensive (ispell)

```
TSLexeme* dictLexize(
```

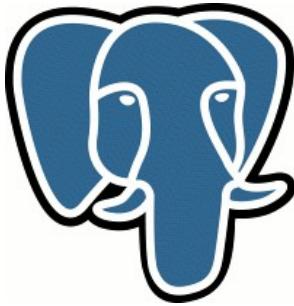
```
    void* dictData, // returned by dictInit()
```

```
    char* lexeme, // not zero-terminated
```

```
    int lenlexeme,
```

```
    DictSubState *substate // optional
```

```
);
```



# Dictionaries – output

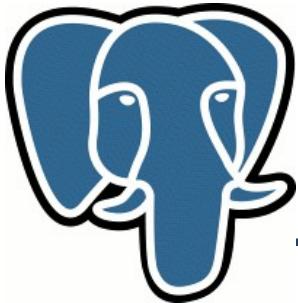
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```
typedef struct {
    uint16      nvariant; // optional
    uint16      flags;    // optional
    char        *lexeme;
} TSLexeme;
```

dictLexize returns NULL – dictionary doesn't recognize the lexeme

dictLexize returns array of TSLexeme  
(last element TSLexeme->lexeme is NULL)

dictLexize returns empty array – dictionary recognizes the lexeme, but it's a stop-word



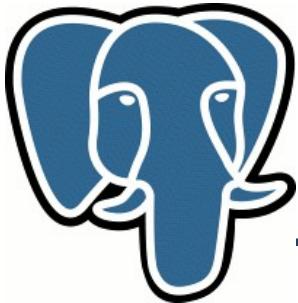
# Dictionaries - output

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```
SELECT ts_lexize('en_ispell','bookings');
```

TSLexeme array:

| # | nvariant | flags | lexeme  |
|---|----------|-------|---------|
| 0 | 0        | 0     | booking |
| 1 | 0        | 0     | book    |
| 2 | 0        | 0     | NULL    |



# Agglutinative Languages

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German, norwegian, ...

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agglutinative\\_language](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agglutinative_language)

Concatenation of words without space

Query - Fotballklubber

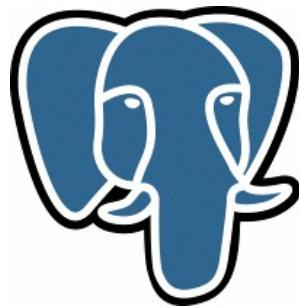
Document - Klubb **on** fotballfield

How to find document ?

Split words and build search query

'fotballklubber' =>

'( fotball & klubb ) | ( fot & ball & klubb ) '



# Dictionaries - TSLexeme->nvariant

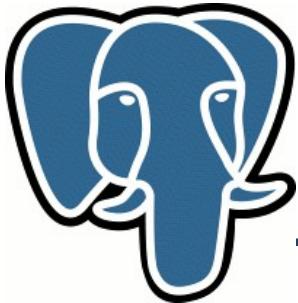
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Agglutinative languages have several variants of word's splitting:

Word 'foobarcom' (imaginary)

| Lexeme | nvariant | Comment                       |
|--------|----------|-------------------------------|
| foo    | 1        |                               |
| bar    | 1        |                               |
| com    | 1        |                               |
| foob   | 2        | -a- is an affix<br>(interfix) |
| rcom   | 2        |                               |

```
tsvector: 'bar:1 com:1 foo:1 foob:1 rcom:1'  
tsquery: '(foob & rcom) | (foo & bar & com)'
```



## Dictionaries - output

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Each TSLexeme describes one normalized lexeme

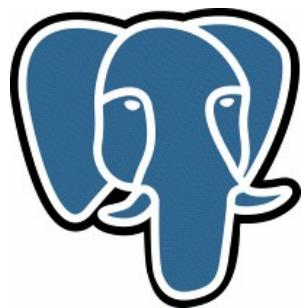
TSLexeme->flags is an OR-ed:

- `TSL_PREFIX` indicates to use prefix search for this lexeme

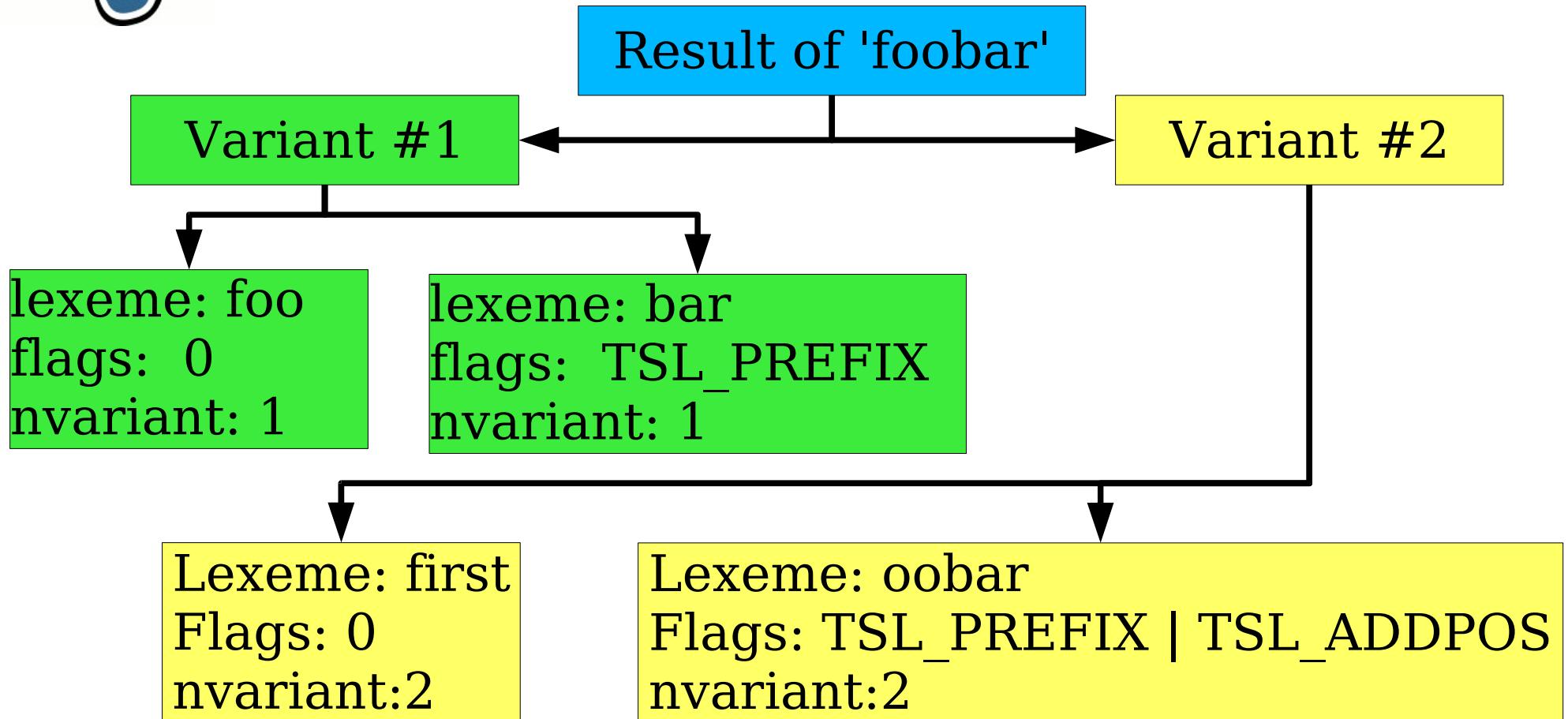
Note: dictionaries are planned for 8.5

- `TSL_ADDPOS` points to parser to increase position's counter

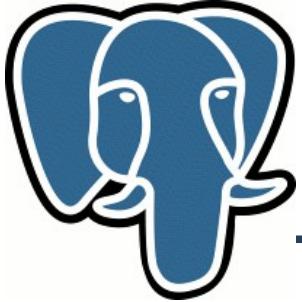
Note: currently only thesaurus dictionary uses it



# Dictionaries – output (imaginary)



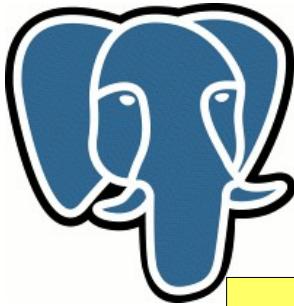
```
tsvector: 'foo:1 bar:1 first:1 oobar:2'
tsquery: '(foo & bar:*) | (first & oobar:*)'
```



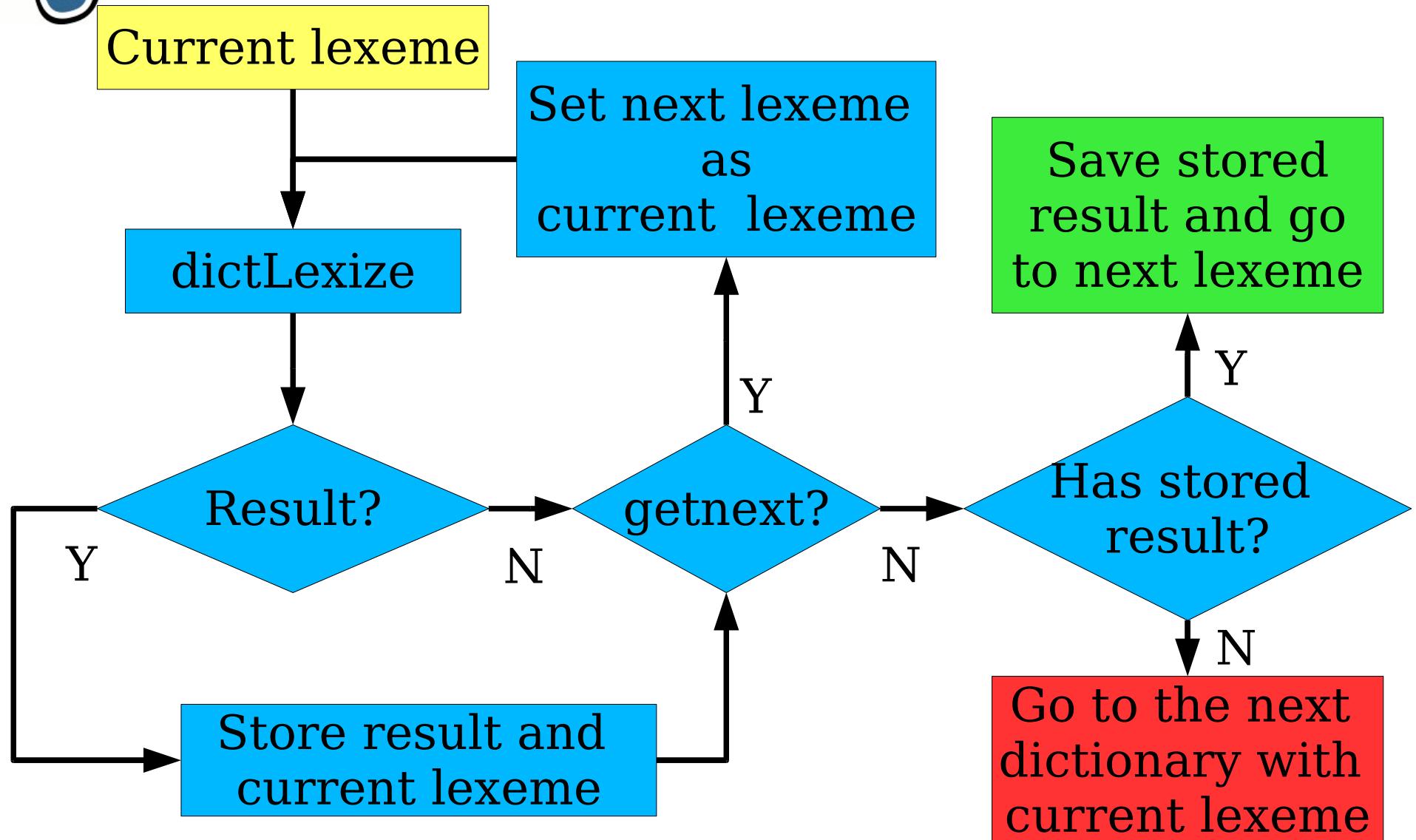
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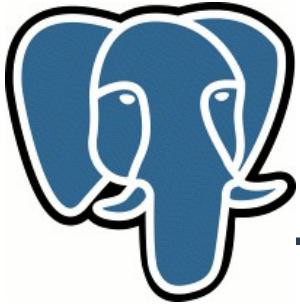
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```
typedef struct {
    bool      isend;    // in: marks end of text
                      // (input lexeme is invalid!)
    bool      getnext;  // out: dictionary asks for
                      // a next lexeme
    void     *private;  // internal state of
                      // dictionary while it's
                      // asking a next lexeme
} DictSubState;
```



# Dictionaries – several words



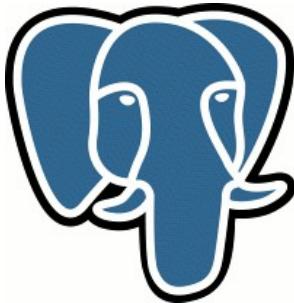


# Dictionaries – filter for 8.5

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New TSLexeme->flags: TSL\_FILTER

If dictionary returns only one lexeme with TSL\_FILTER flag, then that lexeme will be used as an input for the subsequent dictionaries in the chain.



# Filter dictionary – unaccent (8.5)

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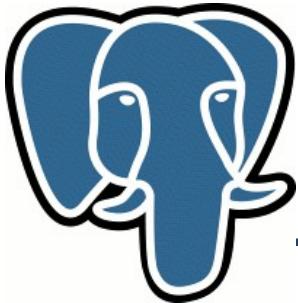
contrib/unaccent provides unaccent text search dictionary and function to remove accents (suffix tree, ~ 25x faster *translate()* solution)

1. Unaccent dictionary does nothing and returns NULL.  
(lexeme 'Hotels' will be passed to the next dictionary if any)

```
=# select ts_lexize('unaccent','Hotels') is NULL;  
?column?  
-----  
t
```

2. Unaccent dictionary removes accent and returns 'Hotel'.  
(lexeme 'Hotel' will be passed to the next dictionary if any)

```
=# select ts_lexize('unaccent','Hôtel');  
ts_lexize  
-----  
{Hotel}
```



# Filter dictionary - unaccent

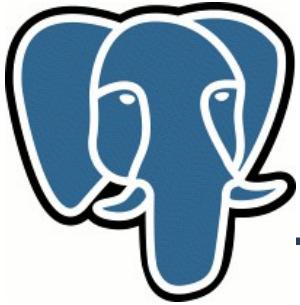
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```
CREATE TEXT SEARCH CONFIGURATION fr ( COPY = french );
ALTER TEXT SEARCH CONFIGURATION fr ALTER MAPPING FOR hword, hword_part, word
    WITH unaccent, french_stem;
```

```
=# select to_tsvector('fr','Hôtel de la Mer') @@ to_tsquery('fr','Hotels');
?column?
-----
t
```

Finally, unaccent dictionary solves the known problem with headline !  
( `to_tsvector(remove_accent(document))` works with search, but  
has problem with highlighting )

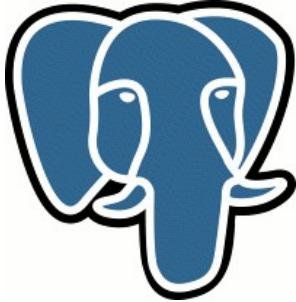
```
=# select ts_headline('fr','Hôtel de la Mer',to_tsquery('fr','Hotels'));
ts_headline
-----
<b>Hôtel</b> de la Mer
```



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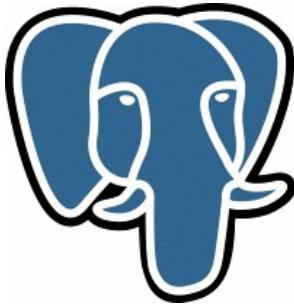
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# New features and improvements

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- `ts_headline()` enhancements (8.4)
- Prefix full-text search support (8.4)
- Devanagari script support (8.4)
- `dict_xsyn` improvement
- `ts_stat()` performance improvement (8.4)
- Fast approximated statistics (8.3,8.4)
- GIN improvements: fast update (8.4), partial match support (8.4), multicolumn (8.4)
- contrib/btree\_gin (8.4)



# ts\_headline enhancement

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- New parameter **MaxFragments** by Sushant Sinha. Default is 0, `ts_headline()` generates one fragment

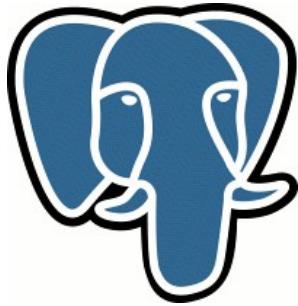
```
=# select ts_headline($$
```

Text from <http://www.postgresql.org/docs/8.3/static/history.html>  
\$\$,

```
plainto_tsquery('postgresql postgres '), 'MaxFragments=3,  
MinWords=3, MaxWords=6');  
          ts_headline
```

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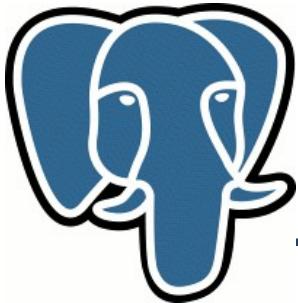
**PostgreSQL** is derived from the **POSTGRES** ...  
behind it, **PostgreSQL** ... **PostgreSQL** as  
"**Postgres**" (now rarely



# Prefix full-text search support

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- Prefix full-text search support
  - `to_tsquery('supernov:*)` - match all documents, which contains words with prefix 'supernov'
  - `to_tsquery('supernov:ab*)` - the same, but only in titles (weight 'a') and keywords (weight 'b')
  - Can use new GIN partial match feature to speedup search
  - Can be useful if there is no stemmer available



# Devanagari script support

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PostgreSQL 8.3- has problem with Devanagari script (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Devanagari> - script for Hindi, Marathi, Nepali, Sanscrit,...).

```
select * from ts_parse('default', 'मदन पुरस्कार पुस्तकालय');
```

2 मदन

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2 पुरस

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2 कारे

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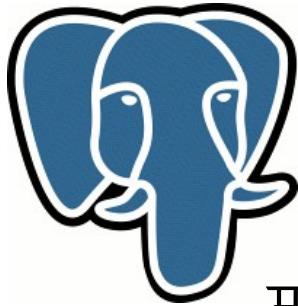
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2 तकालय

Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya

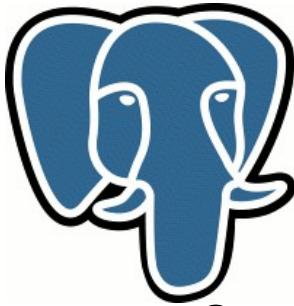
Virama sign (modifier, suppresses inherent vowel) – *punct* in np\_NP locale. Breaks all parsers, which use locale.



# Devanagari script support

मदन पुरस्कार पुस्तकालय ( Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya )

| character | byte | UTF-32 | encoded as | glyph | name                     |
|-----------|------|--------|------------|-------|--------------------------|
| 0         | 0    | 00092E | E0 A4 AE   | म     | DEVANAGARI LETTER MA     |
| 1         | 3    | 000926 | E0 A4 A6   | द     | DEVANAGARI LETTER DA     |
| 2         | 6    | 000928 | E0 A4 A8   | न     | DEVANAGARI LETTER NA     |
| 3         | 9    | 000020 | 20         |       | SPACE                    |
| 4         | 10   | 00092A | E0 A4 AA   | प     | DEVANAGARI LETTER PA     |
| 5         | 13   | 000941 | E0 A5 81   | ु     | DEVANAGARI VOWEL SIGN U  |
| 6         | 16   | 000930 | E0 A4 B0   | र     | DEVANAGARI LETTER RA     |
| 7         | 19   | 000938 | E0 A4 B8   | स     | DEVANAGARI LETTER SA     |
| 8         | 22   | 00094D | E0 A5 8D   | 、     | DEVANAGARI SIGN VIRAMA   |
| 9         | 25   | 000915 | E0 A4 95   | क     | DEVANAGARI LETTER KA     |
| 10        | 28   | 00093E | E0 A4 BE   | ॑     | DEVANAGARI VOWEL SIGN AA |
| 11        | 31   | 000930 | E0 A4 B0   | र     | DEVANAGARI LETTER RA     |
| 12        | 34   | 000020 | 20         |       | SPACE                    |
| 13        | 35   | 00092A | E0 A4 AA   | प     | DEVANAGARI LETTER PA     |
| 14        | 38   | 000941 | E0 A5 81   | ु     | DEVANAGARI VOWEL SIGN U  |
| 15        | 41   | 000938 | E0 A4 B8   | स     | DEVANAGARI LETTER SA     |
| 16        | 44   | 00094D | E0 A5 8D   | 、     | DEVANAGARI SIGN VIRAMA   |
| 17        | 47   | 000924 | E0 A4 A4   | त     | DEVANAGARI LETTER TA     |
| 18        | 50   | 000915 | E0 A4 95   | क     | DEVANAGARI LETTER KA     |
| 19        | 53   | 00093E | E0 A4 BE   | ॑     | DEVANAGARI VOWEL SIGN AA |
| 20        | 56   | 000932 | E0 A4 B2   | ल     | DEVANAGARI LETTER LA     |
| 21        | 59   | 00092F | E0 A4 AF   | य     | DEVANAGARI LETTER YA     |



# Devanagari script support

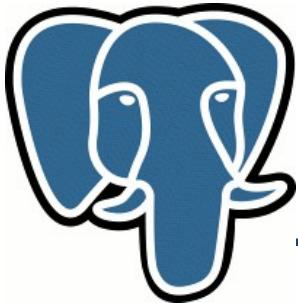
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8.4 knows Virama signs

```
=# select * from ts_parse('default',
                           'मदन पुरस्कार पुस्तकालय');
```

| tokid    | token     |
|----------|-----------|
| 2        | मदन       |
| 12       |           |
| 2        | पुरस्कार  |
| 12       |           |
| 2        | पुस्तकालय |
| (5 rows) |           |

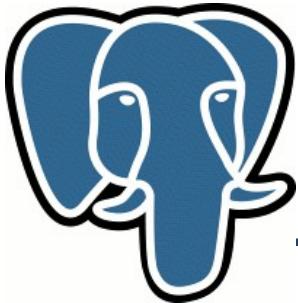
Thanks to Dibyendra Hyoju and Bal Krishna Bal  
for testing and valuable discussion



# Devanagari script support

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- TODO
  - Port stemmer for nepali to snowball
  - Improve Hunspell support (recognize more flags in affix file)

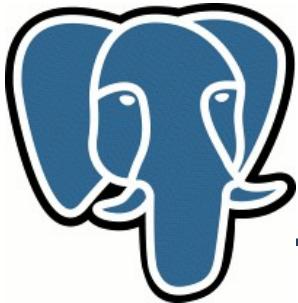


# Synonym dictionary with prefix search support (8.5)

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```
cat $SHAREDIR/tsearch_data/synonym_sample.syn
postgres      pgsql
postgresql    pgsql
postgre       pgsql
gogle         googl
indices index*
```

```
=# create text search dictionary syn
( template=synonym,synonyms='synonym_sample');
=# select ts_lexize('syn','indices');
ts_lexize
-----
{index}
```

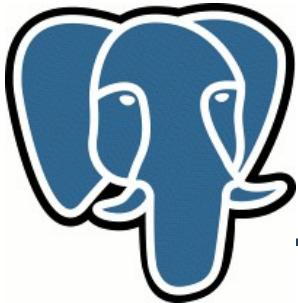


# Synonym dictionary with prefix search support (8.5)

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```
=# create text search configuration tst ( copy=simple);
=# alter text search configuration tst alter mapping
   for asciiword with syn;

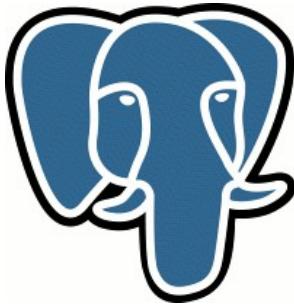
=# select to_tsquery('tst','indices');
 to_tsquery
-----
'index':*
=# select 'indexes are very useful'::tsvector @@
      to_tsquery('tst','indices');
?column?
-----
t
```



# dict\_xsyn improvement

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- How to search for 'William' and any synonyms 'Will', 'Bill', 'Billy' ? We can:
  - Index only synonyms
  - Index synonyms and original name
  - Index only original name - replace all synonyms. Index size is minimal, but *search for specific name is impossible.*



# dict\_xsxn improvement

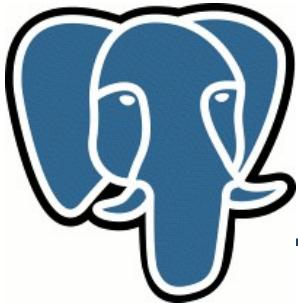
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- Old version of dict\_xsxn can return only list of synonyms. It's possible to prepare synonym file to support other options:

William Will Bill Billy  
Will William Bill Billy  
Bill William Will Billy  
Billy William Will Bill

- New dict\_xsxn (Sergey Karpov) allows better control:

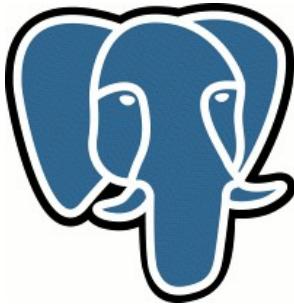
```
CREATE TEXT SEARCH DICTIONARY xsyn
(RULES='xsyn_sample', KEEPORIG=false|true,
mode='SIMPLE|SYMMETRIC|MAP');
```



# dict\_xsyn improvement

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- Mode SIMPLE - accepts the original word and returns all synonyms as OR-ed list. This is default mode.
- Mode SYMMETRIC - accepts the original word **or any** of its synonyms, and return all others as OR-ed list.
- Mode MAP - accepts any synonym and returns the original word.



# dict\_xsxn improvement

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## EXAMPLES:

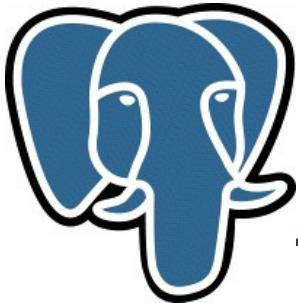
```
=# ALTER TEXT SEARCH DICTIONARY xsyn (RULES='xsyn_sample',  
KEEPORIG=false, mode='SYMMETRIC');
```

```
=# select ts_lexize('xsyn','Will') as Will,  
ts_lexize('xsyn','Bill') as Bill,  
ts_lexize('xsyn','Billy') as Billy;
```

| will                 | bill                 | billy               |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| {william,bill,billy} | {william,will,billy} | {william,will,bill} |

Mode='MAP'

| will      | bill      | billy     |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| {william} | {william} | {william} |



# ts\_stat() performance !

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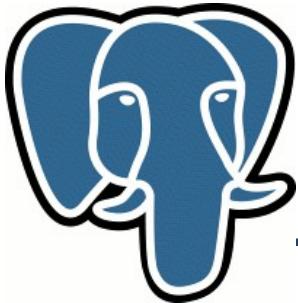
- ts\_stat() function gathers words statistics from tsvector – now uses binary tree instead of sorted arrays (probably, better to use rbtree to defense against skewed data)

Dataset with geonames, total 5,793,013 rows with 2,404,197 unique names:

```
=# select * into ts_stat2  
      from ts_stat('select fts from spots');
```

8.3: 66405972.737 ms

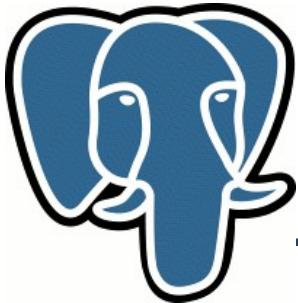
CVS HEAD: 25506.736 ms 2600x faster !



# Fast approximated statistics

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- Gevel extension — GiST/GIN indexes explorer (<http://www.sai.msu.su/~megera/wiki/Gevel>)
- **Fast** — uses only GIN index (no table access)
- **Approximated** — no table access, which contains visibility information, approx. for long posting lists
- For mostly **read-only** data error is small



# Fast approximated statistics

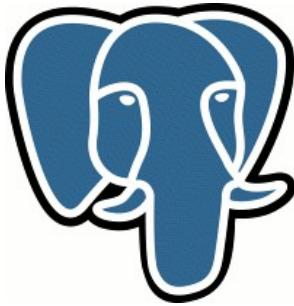
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- Top-5 most frequent words (463,873 docs)

```
=# SELECT * FROM gin_stat('gin_idx') as t(word text, ndoc int)
order by ndoc desc limit 5;
```

| word   | ndoc   |
|--------|--------|
| page   | 340858 |
| figur  | 240366 |
| use    | 148022 |
| model  | 134442 |
| result | 129010 |

(5 rows)  
Time: 520.714 ms



# Fast approximated statistics

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- `gin_stat()` vs `ts_stat()`

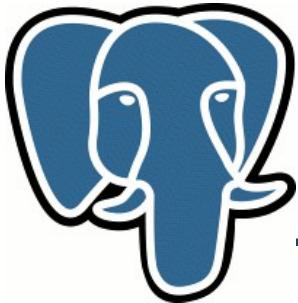
```
=# select * into stat from ts_stat('select fts from papers') order by ndoc  
desc, nentry desc, word;
```

**...wait.... 68704,182 ms**

```
=# SELECT a.word, b.ndoc as exact, a.estimation as estimation,  
round ( (a.estimation-b.ndoc)*100.0/a.estimation,2)||'%' as error  
FROM (SELECT * FROM gin_stat('gin_x_idx') as t(word text, estimation int)  
order by estimation desc limit 5 ) as a, stat b  
WHERE a.word = b.word;
```

| word     | exact  | estimation | error |
|----------|--------|------------|-------|
| page     | 340430 | 340858     | 0.13% |
| figur    | 240104 | 240366     | 0.11% |
| use      | 147132 | 148022     | 0.60% |
| model    | 133444 | 134442     | 0.74% |
| result   | 128977 | 129010     | 0.03% |
| (5 rows) |        |            |       |

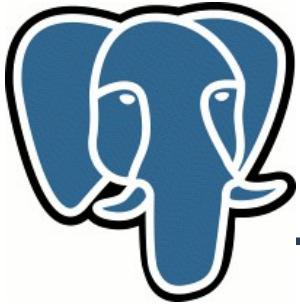
Time: 550.562 ms



# GIN improvements

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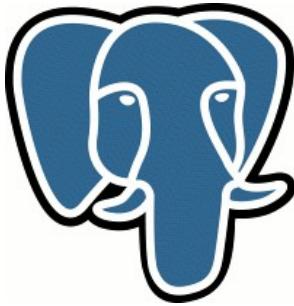
- GIN fast update (8.4)
- GIN partial match support (8.4)
- GIN multicolumn index (8.4)
- contrib/btree\_gin (8.4) – provides GIN operator classes, that implement B-tree for all data types. Useful to use with GIN multicolumn feature:  
`CREATE index fts_idx ON papers USING gin(timestamp, fts_tsvector);`



# Talk roadmap

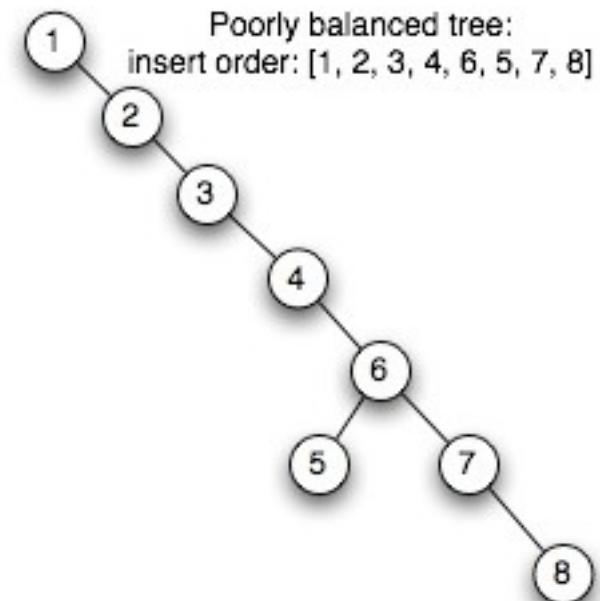
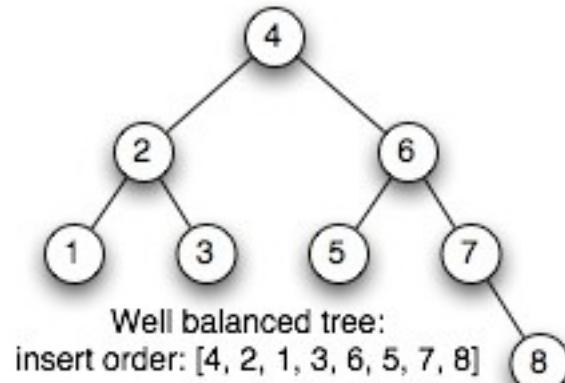
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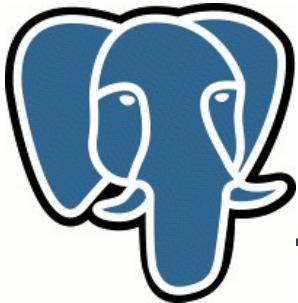
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# Future features

Red-Black tree experiment to replace binary tree in GIN – better defense against skewed data.





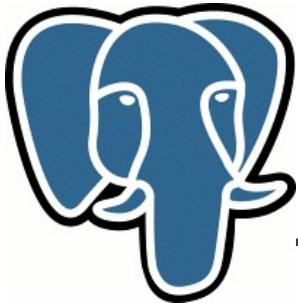
# Future features

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- Red-Black tree experiment to replace binary tree in GIN – better defense against skewed data – motivational example by Sergey Burladyan  
<http://archives.postgresql.org/pgsql-performance/2009-03/msg00340.php>

```
create table a (i1 int, i2 int, i3 int, i4 int, i5 int, i6 int);
insert into a select n, n, n, n, n, n from generate_series(1, 100000) as n;
create index arr_gin on a using gin ( (array[i1, i2, i3, i4, i5, i6]) );
```

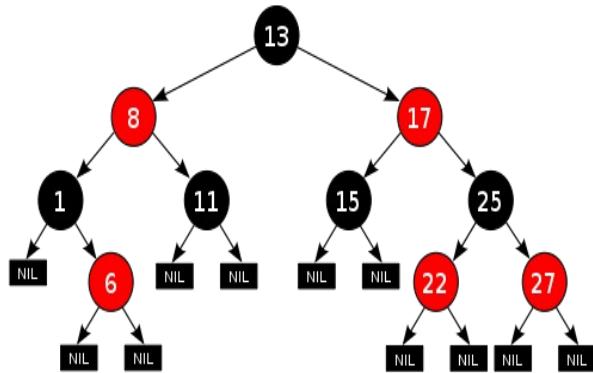
```
truncate a;
drop index arr_gin ;
create index arr_gin on a using gin ( (array[i1, i2, i3, i4, i5, i6]) );
insert into a select n, n, n, n, n, n from generate_series(1, 100000) as n;
```



# Red-Black Tree

- 8.3.5 – binary tree
- 8.4beta1 - binary tree + limit
- 8.4beta1+Red-Black tree

(self-balancing binary search tree,  
the longest path from any node to a leaf  
is no more than twice the shortest path)



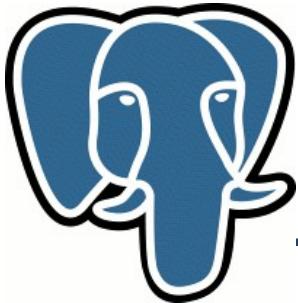
8.3.5

8.4beta1

8.4beta1+rbtree

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index (bulk): 123276.419 2686.435 2075.634  
index+insert: 3415.676 2900.268 2708.512



# Red-Black Tree

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```
select array_to_string(ARRAY(select "||c||'.'||b from
generate_series(1,50) b), ' ')::tsvector AS i INTO a
FROM generate_series(1,100000) c;
create index arr_gin on a using gin (i);
```

```
drop table a;                                '1.1' '1.10' '1.11' '1.12' '1.13' '1.14' ....
create table a ( i tsvector);    '2.1' '2.10' '2.11' '2.12' '2.13' '2.14' ....
create index arr_gin on a using gin (i);
insert into a select array_to_string(ARRAY(select "||c||'.'||b from
generate_series(1,50) b), ' ')::tsvector AS i
FROM generate_series(1,100000) c;
```

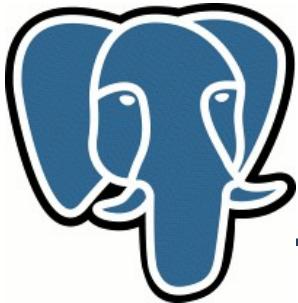
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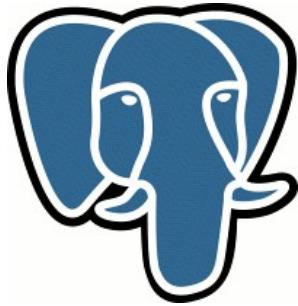
|                 |               |            |            |
|-----------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| index (bulk):   | inf (>1night) | 228564.291 | 152569.763 |
| index+insert:   | 410300.855    | 314332.507 | 251015.830 |
| Epaper archive: |               | 81714.308  | 86312.517  |



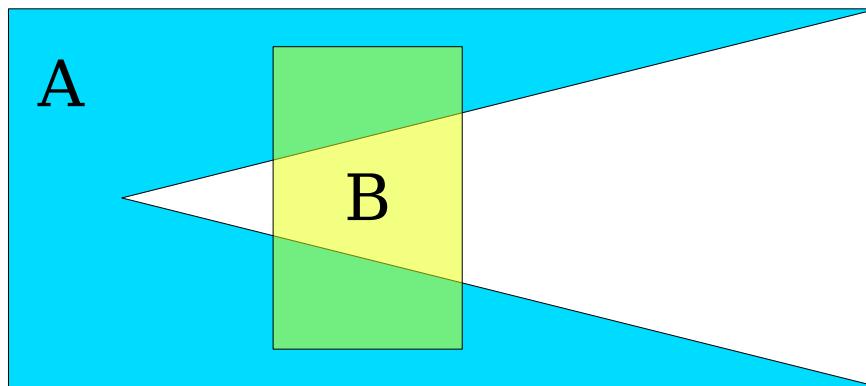
# Downloads (CVS HEAD)

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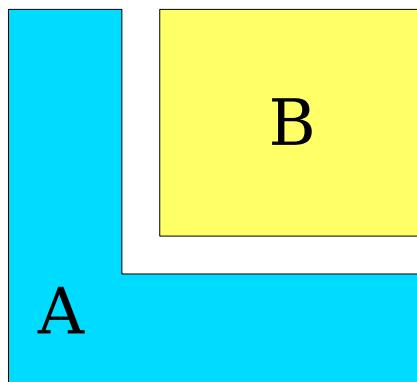
- Phrase search
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- Filter dictionary support
  - [http://www.sigaev.ru/misc/filter\\_dict-0.2.gz](http://www.sigaev.ru/misc/filter_dict-0.2.gz)
  - <http://www.sigaev.ru/misc/unaccent-0.2.tar.gz>
- Synonym dictionary with prefix search
  - [http://www.sigaev.ru/misc/synonym\\_prefix.gz](http://www.sigaev.ru/misc/synonym_prefix.gz)
- Red-Black tree
  - <http://www.sigaev.ru/misc/rbtree-0.2.gz>



# Polygons

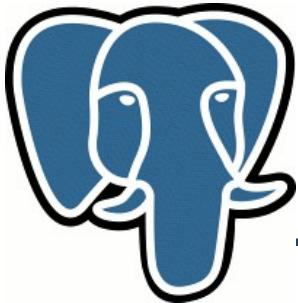


$A @> B = \text{TRUE}$



$A \&\& B = \text{TRUE}$

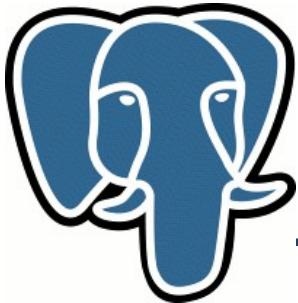
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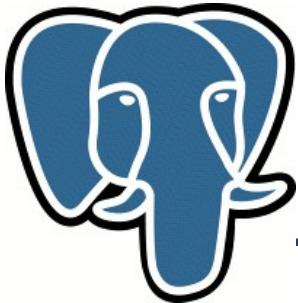
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# Full-text search tips

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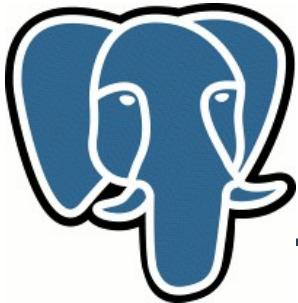
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- Stable to\_tsquery
- Find documents with specific token type
- Getting words from tsvector
- Confuse with text search



# Aggregate for tsvector

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```
CREATE AGGREGATE tsvector_sum(tsvector) (
    SFUNC = tsvector_concat,
    STYPE = tsvector,
    INITCOND = ''
);
=# SELECT tsvector_sum( t.fts) FROM ( select ('1 2 ' || generate_series(3,10,1))::tsvector AS fts ) AS t;
-----  
'1' '2' '3' '4' '5' '6' '7' '8' '9' '10'
```



# Stable to\_tsquery

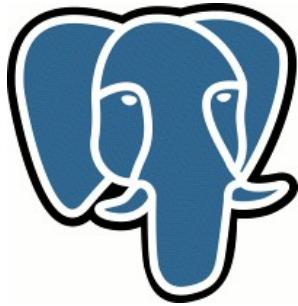
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Result of `to_tsquery()` can't be used as a cache key, since `ts_query()` does preserve an order, which isn't good for cacheing.

Little function helps:

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION stable_ts_query(tsquery)
RETURNS tsquery AS
$$
  SELECT ts_rewrite( $1 , 'dummy_word' , 'dummy_word' );
$$
LANGUAGE SQL RETURNS NULL ON NULL INPUT IMMUTABLE;
```

Note: Remember about text search configuraton to have really good cache key !



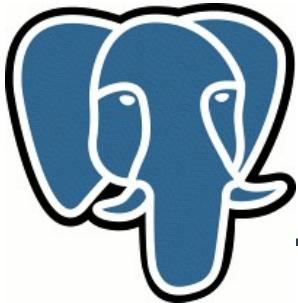
# Find documents with specific token type

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How to find documents, which contain emails ?

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION document_token_types(text)
RETURNS _text AS
$$

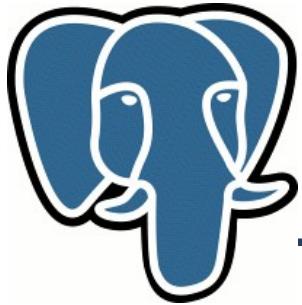
SELECT ARRAY (
    SELECT
        DISTINCT alias
    FROM
        ts_token_type('default') AS tt,
        ts_parse('default', $1) AS tp
    WHERE
        tt.tokid = tp.tokid
    );
$$ LANGUAGE SQL immutable;
```



# Find documents with specific token type

```
=# SELECT document_token_types(title) FROM papers
   LIMIT 10;
          document_token_types
-----
{asciihword,asciword,blank,hword_asciipart}
{asciword,blank}
{asciword,blank}
{asciword,blank}
{asciword,blank}
{asciword,blank, float,host}
{asciword,blank}
{asciihword,asciword,blank,hword_asciipart,int,numword,uint}
{asciword,blank}
{asciword,blank}
(10 rows)
```

```
CREATE INDEX fts_types_idx ON papers USING
    gin( document_token_types (title) );
```



# Find documents with specific token type

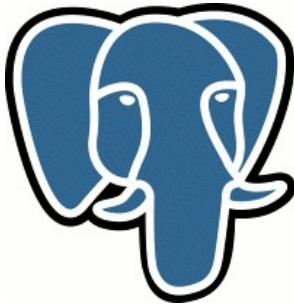
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How to find documents, which contain emails ?

```
SELECT comment FROM papers  
WHERE document_token_types(title) && '{email}' ;
```

The list of available token types:

```
SELECT * FROM ts_token_type('default') ;
```



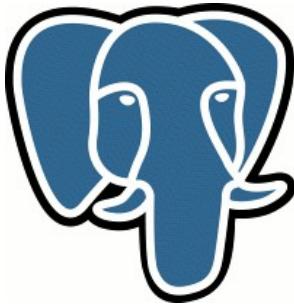
# Getting words from tsvector

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```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION ts_stat(tsvector, OUT word text,  
OUT ndoc integer, OUT nentry integer)  
RETURNS SETOF record AS $$  
SELECT ts_stat('SELECT ' || quote_literal( $1::text )  
              || '::tsvector');  
$$ LANGUAGE SQL RETURNS NULL ON NULL INPUT IMMUTABLE;
```

```
SELECT id, (ts_stat(fts)).* FROM apod WHERE id=1;
```

| id | word | ndoc | nentry |
|----|------|------|--------|
| 1  | 1    | 1    | 1      |
| 1  | 2    | 1    | 2      |
| 1  | io   | 1    | 2      |
| 1  | may  | 1    | 1      |
| 1  | new  | 1    | 1      |
| 1  | red  | 1    | 1      |
| 1  | two  | 1    | 1      |



# Confuse with text search

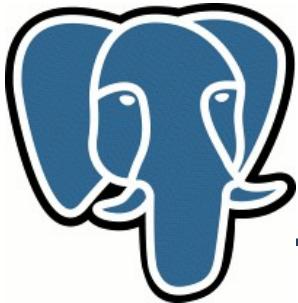
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One expected **true** here, but result is disappointing **false**

```
=# select to_tsquery('ob_1','inferences') @@  
      to_tsvector('ob_1','inference');  
?column?  
-----  
f
```

Use `ts_debug()` to understand the problem

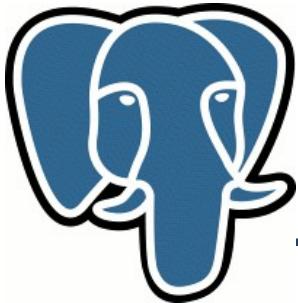
```
'inferences':  
{french_ispell,french_stem} | french_stem | {inferent}  
  
'inference':  
{french_ispell,french_stem} | french_ispell | {inference}
```



# Confuse with text search

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- Use synonym dictionary as a first dictionary  
{synonym,french\_ispell,french\_stem}  
with rule 'inferences inference'
  - Don't forget to reindex !
- Use ts\_rewrite()
  - Don't need to reindex



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