

PL/Python goodies

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from plpy import spiexceptions

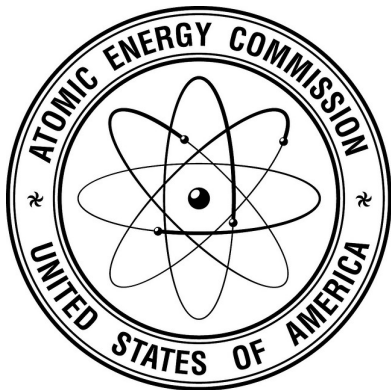
while True:
    res = plpy.execute("update db set b = %s where a = %d" %
                       (plpy.quote_nullable(data), key))
    if res.nrows():
        break

    try:
        plpy.execute("insert into db(a, b) values (%d, %s)" %
                     (key, plpy.quote_nullable(data)))
        break
    except spiexceptions.UniqueViolation:
        pass
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with `plpy.subtransaction()`:

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plpy.execute("insert into this values ('that')")
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plpy.execute("insert into this values ('another')")
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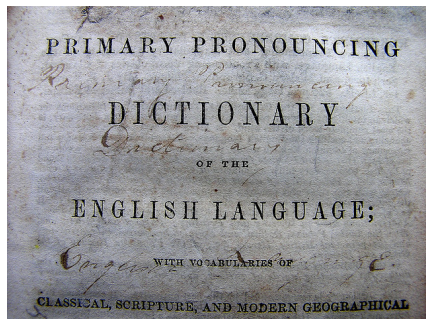
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- <https://github.com/wulczer/pyhstore>



Thanks!

