Major Features: Postgres 12

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PostgreSQL is an open-source, full-featured relational database. This presentation gives an overview of the Postgres 12 release.

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Full item list at https://www.postgresql.org/docs/12/index.html
1. Partitioning Improvements

- Thousands of partitions now efficiently processed
- Partitioned tables can now be referenced as foreign keys
- Improve COPY into partitioned tables
- Partition bounds can now be expressions
- New partition introspection SQL functions
2. Btree Improvements

- Reduce multi-column index size by using space more efficiently
- Improve performance of indexes with many duplicates
- Allow `VACUUM` to more efficiently remove tuples from indexes with many duplicates
- Reduce locking requirements during index updates
3. Multi-Column Most-Common-Value Statistics

Allow most-common-value statistics for multiple columns; previously only a single correlation value was recorded for multiple columns.

```
CREATE STATISTICS stts3 (mcv) ON city, state FROM zipcodes;
```

```
ANALYZE zipcodes;
```

```
SELECT m.* FROM pg_statistic_ext,
    pg_mcv_list_items(stxmcv) m WHERE stxname = 'stts3';
```

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Many common table expressions (CTE) can now be inlined:

```
-- PG 11
EXPLAIN WITH t(x) AS (SELECT 1) SELECT * FROM t;

QUERY PLAN
--------------------------------------------------
CTE Scan on t (cost=0.01..0.03 rows=1 width=4)
CTE t
    -> Result (cost=0.00..0.01 rows=1 width=4)
```

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QUERY PLAN
--------------------------------------------------
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```
5. Prepared Plan Control

Prepared statements usually use generic/prepared plans after six executions:

```sql
PREPARE p (INTEGER) AS
SELECT relname FROM pg_class WHERE oid = $1;

EXPLAIN EXECUTE p (1);
```

```
QUERY PLAN

---------------------------------------------------------------------
Index Scan using pg_class_oid_index on pg_class ...  
Index Cond: (oid = '1'::oid)
```

```sql
EXPLAIN EXECUTE p (1);
```

```
QUERY PLAN

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Index Scan using pg_class_oid_index on pg_class ...  
Index Cond: (oid = '1'::oid)
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plan_cache_mode allows users to force always-custom or always-generic plans:

   DEALLOCATE p;

   PREPARE p (INTEGER) AS SELECT relname FROM pg_class WHERE oid = $1;

   SET plan_cache_mode = force_generic_plan;

   EXPLAIN EXECUTE p (1);

   QUERY PLAN

   -------------------------------------------------
   Index Scan using pg_class_oid_index on pg_class  ...
   Index Cond: (oid = ($1)::oid)
6. Just-in-Time Compilation

- Enable JIT by default
- Useful for data warehouse queries
7. Checksums Control

- Allow a cluster’s checksum mode to be changed while it's offline
- `pg_checksums --enable --progress`
- Online change control planned
Like `CREATE INDEX CONCURRENTLY`, this allows `REINDEX` with minimal locking, specifically, just before completion:

```
CREATE TABLE test (x INTEGER);

INSERT INTO test SELECT generate_series(1, 1000);

CREATE INDEX i_test ON test (x);

REINDEX INDEX CONCURRENTLY i_test;
```
Conclusion

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