

SO YOU WANT TO FORK POSTGRESQL



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Guide for forking PostgreSQL



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- Difficult process
- Not much documentation available

Option 1: The Pat Helland Way

- Hire core PostgreSQL developer
- Team of 30 engineers



Option 2: Poor Man's Postgres Fork

- This summer with 3 interns
- Goal: Easier to develop
 - *Multi-threaded model*
 - *Port to C++*
 - *Integrate custom engine*



Multi-threaded Model

- Multi-process to multi-threaded model

*Problem:
No Copy-on-Write
Semantics*

*Solution:
Use Postgres support
for Win32*

Process 1

x = 5

Thread 1

x = 5

Process 2

x = 5

Thread 2

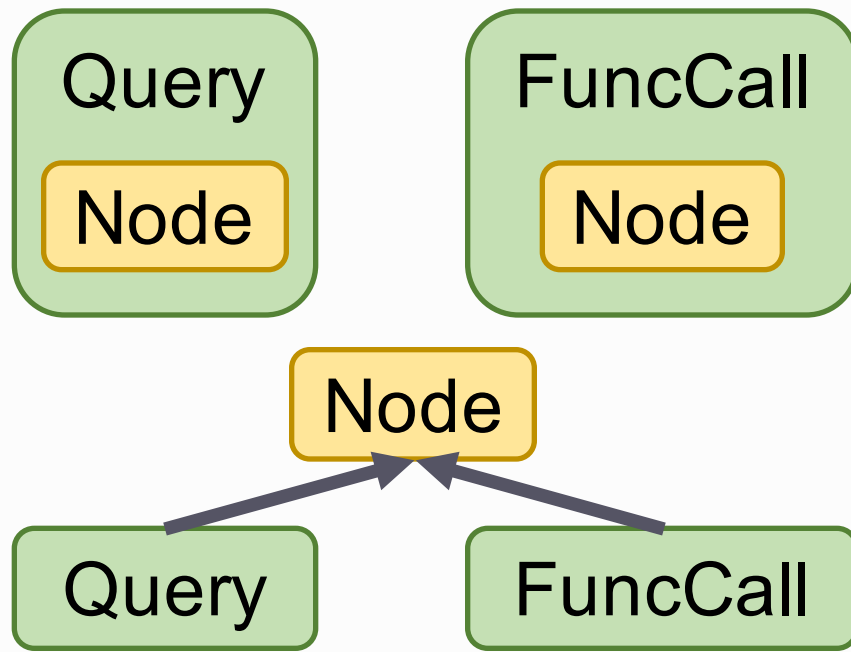
x = 5

C++

- Port to C++

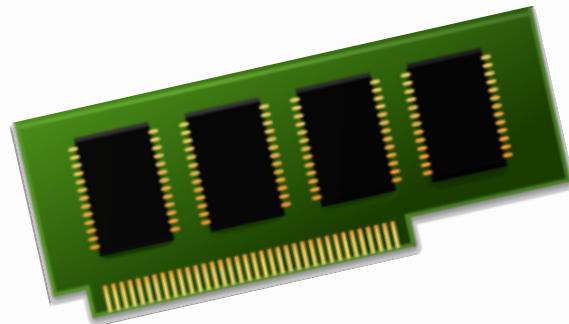
*Problem:
C-style casting*

*Solution:
Inheritance*



Integrate Custom Engine

- Optimized for main-memory
- Hybrid workloads
- Machine learning model



*Problem:
Integrate engine*

*Solution:
Plan Transformation*

Peloton

- Multi-threaded C++ Postgres fork
- Distributed in-memory HTAP DBMS
- Check out Peloton @ <http://pelotondb.org>
- Testbed for NVM research
- [Storage and recovery methods](#) [SIGMOD'15]

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