

Fascinating Reporting with Postgres psql and sendmail

Presented by Christopher L. Augustus

<https://orcid.org/0000-0001-7297-2325>

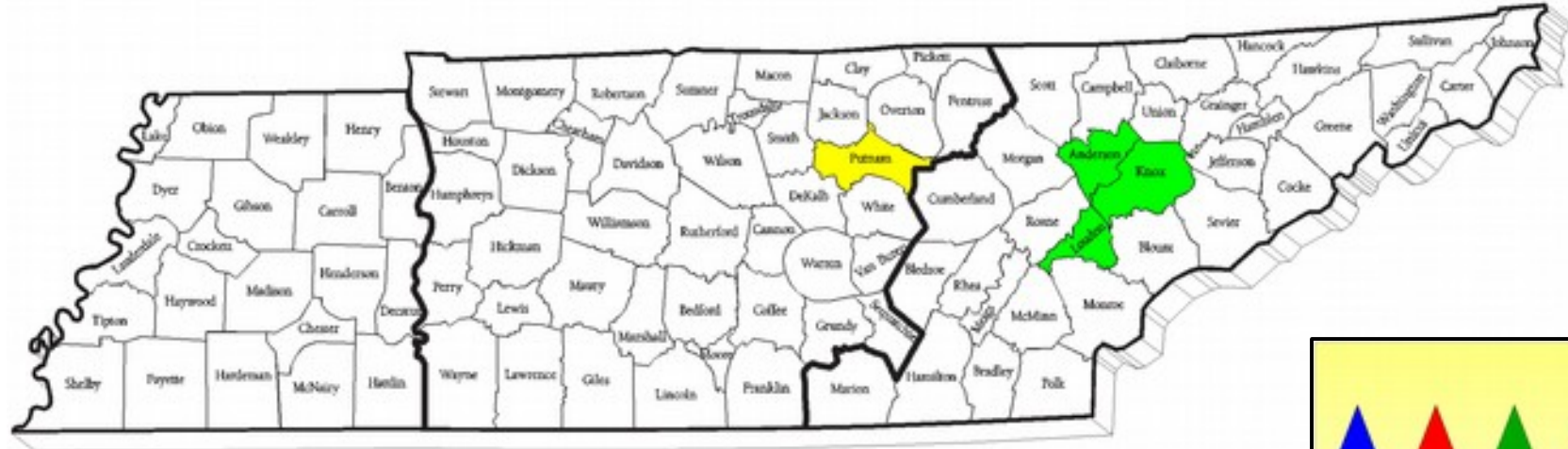
PostgresOpen 2019, Orlando, Florida

2:30 PM, Thursday, September 12, 2019

Salons 13-15

<https://www.osti.gov/servlets/purl/1560062>

About the Speaker



Tennessee Blue Book 2017-2018, page 685



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY

Office of
Science

Office of Scientific and
Technical Information



<https://www.iiaweb.com/>

<https://www.osti.gov>

<https://archive.org/search.php?query=subject%3A%22RFETN%22&sort=-publicdate>

The Plan

④ Automated Reporting System

③ UNIX/Linux sendmail

② Postgres SQL

① Postgres psql

Two Development Theories

Paul McCartney

– or –

John Lennon

Simple Doctor Who Database

- Simple schema "dw" of two tables "stories" (every classic Doctor Who story intended for broadcast between 1963 and 1989) and "episodes" (every broadcast episode).
- A script to create the "dw" schema and the two tables can be found here:
 - http://www.knology.net/~augustus/presentations/build_dw.txt

stories		
Column	Type	Nullable
st_id	SMALLINT	NOT NULL
st_code	CHARACTER VARYING(3)	
st_name	CHARACTER VARYING(31)	
doctor	CHARACTER VARYING(21)	
season	SMALLINT	

159 Records



episodes		
Column	Type	Nullable
st_id	SMALLINT	NOT NULL
ep_number	SMALLINT	NOT NULL
ep_name	CHARACTER VARYING(31)	
airdate	DATE	
episode_exists	BOOLEAN	

695 Records

① Postgres psql

What is psql?

- Official Webpage:
<https://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/app-psql.html>
- PostgreSQL interactive terminal (psql)
 - A terminal-based front-end to Postgres.
 - Type in queries interactively, issue them to Postgres, and see the query results.
 - Alternatively, input can be from a file or from command line arguments.
 - Provides a number of meta-commands and various shell-like features to facilitate writing scripts and automating a wide variety of tasks.

One Way to Connect to Postgres with psql


- Setup a ".pgpass" file.
 - <https://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/libpq-pgpass.html>
- Set four environment variables:

```
export PGDATABASE=postgres
export PGHOST=localhost
export PGPORT=5432
export PGUSER=chris
```


Default psql Settings

Example of a simple query with all default settings.

```
SELECT *
FROM   dw.stories
WHERE  season = 1
ORDER BY st_id;
```



st_id	st_code	st_name	doctor	season
1	A	An Unearthly Child	William Hartnell	1
2	B	The Daleks	William Hartnell	1
3	C	The Edge of Destruction	William Hartnell	1
4	D	Marco Polo	William Hartnell	1
5	E	The Keys of Marinus	William Hartnell	1
6	F	The Aztecs	William Hartnell	1
7	G	The Sensorites	William Hartnell	1
8	H	The Reign of Terror	William Hartnell	1

(8 rows)

psql Meta Commands

<https://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/app-psql.html#APP-PSQL-META-COMMANDS>

- Always start with a backslash \.
- Postgres 11 has 56 major backslash commands.
- Quick overview of some meta commands:
 - \q to cleanly exit psql.
 - \h or \help for getting help on SQL commands.
 - \d useful for showing details of database objects.
 - \echo for outputting strings and variables.
 - \copy is an awesome way to get data into and out of Postgres!!!
 - \if for conditional statements – **new in Postgres 11.**
 - \set is useful for setting and viewing psql variables.
 - \pset is useful for formatting query output.

\pset

- Sets the formatting of query output tables.
- In Postgres 11, typing \pset on a default configured psql returns:

border	1
columns	0
expanded	off
fieldsep	' '
fieldsep_zero	off
footer	on
format	aligned
linestyle	ascii
null	' '
numericlocale	off
pager	1
pager_min_lines	0
recordsep	'\n'
recordsep_zero	off
tableattr	
title	
tuples_only	off
unicode_border_linestyle	single
unicode_column_linestyle	single
unicode_header_linestyle	single

\pset linestyle ascii & \pset border 0

Query with a border of zero.

```
\pset linestyle ascii
```

```
\pset border 0
```

```
SELECT *
```

```
FROM dw.stories
```

```
WHERE season = 1
```

```
ORDER BY st_id;
```

st_id	st_code	st_name	doctor	season
1	A	An Unearthly Child	William Hartnell	1
2	B	The Daleks	William Hartnell	1
3	C	The Edge of Destruction	William Hartnell	1
4	D	Marco Polo	William Hartnell	1
5	E	The Keys of Marinus	William Hartnell	1
6	F	The Aztecs	William Hartnell	1
7	G	The Sensorites	William Hartnell	1
8	H	The Reign of Terror	William Hartnell	1

```
(8 rows)
```

\pset linestyle ascii & \pset border 1

Query with a border of one which is the default.

```
\pset linestyle ascii
```

```
\pset border 1
```

```
SELECT *
```

```
FROM dw.stories
```

```
WHERE season = 1
```

```
ORDER BY st_id;
```

st_id	st_code	st_name	doctor	season
1	A	An Unearthly Child	William Hartnell	1
2	B	The Daleks	William Hartnell	1
3	C	The Edge of Destruction	William Hartnell	1
4	D	Marco Polo	William Hartnell	1
5	E	The Keys of Marinus	William Hartnell	1
6	F	The Aztecs	William Hartnell	1
7	G	The Sensorites	William Hartnell	1
8	H	The Reign of Terror	William Hartnell	1

```
(8 rows)
```

\pset linestyle ascii & \pset border 2

Query with a border of two.

```
\pset linestyle ascii
\pset border 2
SELECT *
FROM   dw.stories
WHERE  season = 1
ORDER BY st_id;
```

st_id	st_code	st_name	doctor	season
1	A	An Unearthly Child	William Hartnell	1
2	B	The Daleks	William Hartnell	1
3	C	The Edge of Destruction	William Hartnell	1
4	D	Marco Polo	William Hartnell	1
5	E	The Keys of Marinus	William Hartnell	1
6	F	The Aztecs	William Hartnell	1
7	G	The Sensorites	William Hartnell	1
8	H	The Reign of Terror	William Hartnell	1

(8 rows)

\pset linestyle unicode

- \pset linestyle has three options:
 - ascii – displays the borders with ASCII7 characters.
 - old-ascii – for compatibility to 8.4 and earlier.
 - unicode – displays the borders with Unicode box drawing characters.

\pset linestyle unicode & \pset border 0

Query with a border of zero.

```
\pset linestyle unicode
```

```
\pset border 0
```

```
SELECT *
```

```
FROM dw.stories
```

```
WHERE season = 1
```

```
ORDER BY st_id;
```

st_id	st_code	st_name	doctor	season
1	A	An Unearthly Child	William Hartnell	1
2	B	The Daleks	William Hartnell	1
3	C	The Edge of Destruction	William Hartnell	1
4	D	Marco Polo	William Hartnell	1
5	E	The Keys of Marinus	William Hartnell	1
6	F	The Aztecs	William Hartnell	1
7	G	The Sensorites	William Hartnell	1
8	H	The Reign of Terror	William Hartnell	1

```
(8 rows)
```


\pset linestyle unicode & \pset border 1

Query with a border of one.

```
\pset linestyle unicode
```

```
\pset border 1
```

```
SELECT *
```

```
FROM dw.stories
```

```
WHERE season = 1
```

```
ORDER BY st_id;
```

st_id	st_code	st_name	doctor	season
1	A	An Unearthly Child	William Hartnell	1
2	B	The Daleks	William Hartnell	1
3	C	The Edge of Destruction	William Hartnell	1
4	D	Marco Polo	William Hartnell	1
5	E	The Keys of Marinus	William Hartnell	1
6	F	The Aztecs	William Hartnell	1
7	G	The Sensorites	William Hartnell	1
8	H	The Reign of Terror	William Hartnell	1

(8 rows)

\pset linestyle unicode & \pset border 2

Query with a border of two.

```
\pset linestyle unicode
\pset border 2
SELECT      *
FROM        dw.stories
WHERE       season = 1
ORDER BY    st_id;
```

st_id	st_code	st_name	doctor	season
1	A	An Unearthly Child	William Hartnell	1
2	B	The Daleks	William Hartnell	1
3	C	The Edge of Destruction	William Hartnell	1
4	D	Marco Polo	William Hartnell	1
5	E	The Keys of Marinus	William Hartnell	1
6	F	The Aztecs	William Hartnell	1
7	G	The Sensorites	William Hartnell	1
8	H	The Reign of Terror	William Hartnell	1

(8 rows)

`\pset title` & `\pset footer` & `\pset tuples_only`

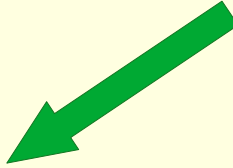
- `\pset title` puts a title above the tables.
 - If title is more than one word, enclose the title with single quotes.
 - To remove the title, do not pass any values.
 - Once set, a title will show up on every table until changed or removed!
 - `\C` is a shortcut.
- `\pset footer` turns on or off the "(x rows)" display at the bottom of a table.
- `\pset tuples_only` turns on viewing just the rows or rows and headers.
 - `\t` is a shortcut.

\pset title

Give the table a title.

```
\pset linestyle unicode
\pset border 2
\pset title 'Doctor Who Season One'
SELECT      *
FROM        dw.stories
WHERE       season = 1
ORDER BY    st_id;
```

Doctor Who Season One



st_id	st_code	st_name	doctor	season
1	A	An Unearthly Child	William Hartnell	1
2	B	The Daleks	William Hartnell	1
3	C	The Edge of Destruction	William Hartnell	1
4	D	Marco Polo	William Hartnell	1
5	E	The Keys of Marinus	William Hartnell	1
6	F	The Aztecs	William Hartnell	1
7	G	The Sensorites	William Hartnell	1
8	H	The Reign of Terror	William Hartnell	1

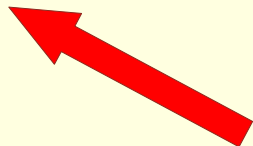
(8 rows)

\pset footer

Removes the footer.

```
\pset linestyle unicode
\pset border 2
\pset footer off
SELECT      *
FROM        dw.stories
WHERE       season = 1
ORDER BY    st_id;
```

st_id	st_code	st_name	doctor	season
1	A	An Unearthly Child	William Hartnell	1
2	B	The Daleks	William Hartnell	1
3	C	The Edge of Destruction	William Hartnell	1
4	D	Marco Polo	William Hartnell	1
5	E	The Keys of Marinus	William Hartnell	1
6	F	The Aztecs	William Hartnell	1
7	G	The Sensorites	William Hartnell	1
8	H	The Reign of Terror	William Hartnell	1



\pset tuples_only

Show just the rows of the table. (Also set the boarder to zero.)

```
\pset border 0
\pset tuples_only on
SELECT      *
FROM        dw.stories
WHERE       season = 1
ORDER BY    st_id;
```

1	A	An Unearthly Child	William Hartnell	1
2	B	The Daleks	William Hartnell	1
3	C	The Edge of Destruction	William Hartnell	1
4	D	Marco Polo	William Hartnell	1
5	E	The Keys of Marinus	William Hartnell	1
6	F	The Aztecs	William Hartnell	1
7	G	The Sensorites	William Hartnell	1
8	H	The Reign of Terror	William Hartnell	1

\pset format

- Formats the output in one of eight major formats. So far all examples have been aligned. Possible values are:
 - unaligned
 - aligned
 - wrapped
 - html
 - asciidoc
 - latex
 - latex-longtable
 - troff-ms

\pset format asciidoc

Added in Postgres 9.5.

```
\pset format asciidoc
\pset title 'Doctor Who Season One'
SELECT      *
FROM        dw.stories
WHERE       season = 1
ORDER BY st_id;
.Director Who Season One
[options="header",cols=">l,<l,<l,<l,>l",frame="none"]
|===
^l|st_id ^l|st_code ^l|st_name ^l|doctor ^l|season
|1 |A |An Uneearthly Child |William Hartnell |1
|2 |B |The Daleks |William Hartnell |1
|3 |C |The Edge of Destruction |William Hartnell |1
|4 |D |Marco Polo |William Hartnell |1
|5 |E |The Keys of Marinus |William Hartnell |1
|6 |F |The Aztecs |William Hartnell |1
|7 |G |The Sensorites |William Hartnell |1
|8 |H |The Reign of Terror |William Hartnell |1
|===

....
(8 rows)
....
```


\pset format unaligned

By default, unaligned data is pipe delimited. Can be configured.

```
\pset format unaligned
\pset title 'Doctor Who Season One'
SELECT      *
FROM        dw.stories
WHERE       season = 1
ORDER BY    st_id;
Doctor Who Season One
st_id|st_code|st_name|doctor|season
1|A|An Unearthly Child|William Hartnell|1
2|B|The Daleks|William Hartnell|1
3|C|The Edge of Destruction|William Hartnell|1
4|D|Marco Polo|William Hartnell|1
5|E|The Keys of Marinus|William Hartnell|1
6|F|The Aztecs|William Hartnell|1
7|G|The Sensorites|William Hartnell|1
8|H|The Reign of Terror|William Hartnell|1
(8 rows)
```

\pset fieldsep (defaults to the pipe)

\pset recordsep (defaults to a newline)

\pset format html

Produces code for HTML table. Great format for e-mailed reports.

```
\pset format html
\pset title 'Doctor Who Season One'
SELECT  *
FROM    dw.stories
WHERE   season = 1
ORDER BY st_id;
<table border="1">
  <caption>Doctor Who Season One</caption>
  <tr>
    <th align="center">st_id</th>
    <th align="center">st_code</th>
    <th align="center">st_name</th>
    <th align="center">doctor</th>
    <th align="center">season</th>
  </tr>
  <tr valign="top">
    <td align="right">1</td>
    <td align="left">A</td>
    <td align="left">An Unearthly Child</td>
    <td align="left">William Hartnell</td>
    <td align="right">1</td>
  </tr>
  <tr valign="top">
    <td align="right">2</td>
    <td align="left">B</td>
    <td align="left">The Daleks</td>
    <td align="left">William Hartnell</td>
    <td align="right">1</td>
```

```
...
  <tr valign="top">
    <td align="right">6</td>
    <td align="left">F</td>
    <td align="left">The Aztecs</td>
    <td align="left">William Hartnell</td>
    <td align="right">1</td>
  </tr>
  <tr valign="top">
    <td align="right">7</td>
    <td align="left">G</td>
    <td align="left">The Sensorites</td>
    <td align="left">William Hartnell</td>
    <td align="right">1</td>
  </tr>
  <tr valign="top">
    <td align="right">8</td>
    <td align="left">H</td>
    <td align="left">The Reign of Terror</td>
    <td align="left">William Hartnell</td>
    <td align="right">1</td>
  </tr>
</table>
<p>(8 rows)<br />
</p>
```

\pset format html

Example of the output as an HTML table.

Doctor Who Season One

st_id	st_code	st_name	doctor	season
1	A	An Unearthly Child	William Hartnell	1
2	B	The Daleks	William Hartnell	1
3	C	The Edge of Destruction	William Hartnell	1
4	D	Marco Polo	William Hartnell	1
5	E	The Keys of Marinus	William Hartnell	1
6	F	The Aztecs	William Hartnell	1
7	G	The Sensorites	William Hartnell	1
8	H	The Reign of Terror	William Hartnell	1

(8 rows)

\pset format latex

Produces code in LaTeX format. How do you say LaTeX?

```
\pset format latex
\pset title 'Doctor Who Season One'
SELECT      *
FROM        dw.stories
WHERE       season = 1
ORDER BY st_id;
\begin{center}
Doctor Who Season One
\end{center}

\begin{tabular}{r | l | l | l | r}
\textit{st\_id} & \textit{st\_code} & \textit{st\_name} & \textit{doctor} & \textit{season} \\
\hline
1 & A & An Unearthly Child & William Hartnell & 1 \\
2 & B & The Daleks & William Hartnell & 1 \\
3 & C & The Edge of Destruction & William Hartnell & 1 \\
4 & D & Marco Polo & William Hartnell & 1 \\
5 & E & The Keys of Marinus & William Hartnell & 1 \\
6 & F & The Aztecs & William Hartnell & 1 \\
7 & G & The Sensorites & William Hartnell & 1 \\
8 & H & The Reign of Terror & William Hartnell & 1 \\
\end{tabular}

\noindent (8 rows)
```

\pset format troff-ms

An output format dating back to the 1960s!

```
\pset format troff-ms
\pset title 'Doctor Who Season One'
SELECT *
FROM dw.stories
WHERE season = 1
ORDER BY st_id;
.LP
.DS C
Doctor Who Season One
.DE
.LP
.TS
center;
r | l | l | l | r.
\fIst_id\fP    \fIst_code\fP    \fIst_name\fP    \fIdoctor\fP    \fIseason\fP
-
1      A      An Unearthly Child    William Hartnell    1
2      B      The Daleks          William Hartnell    1
3      C      The Edge of Destruction William Hartnell    1
4      D      Marco Polo          William Hartnell    1
5      E      The Keys of Marinus   William Hartnell    1
6      F      The Aztecs           William Hartnell    1
7      G      The Sensorites       William Hartnell    1
8      H      The Reign of Terror   William Hartnell    1
.TE
.DS L
(8 rows)
.DE
```

`\pset expanded`

- Expanded can be on or off.
 - If on, expanded displays data in two columns.
 - The first column contains the field names.
 - The second column contains the field values.
- Expanded display is useful for displaying data from very wide tables.
 - Shortcut `\x`

\pset expanded

\pset expanded off

```
SELECT  st_id,st_name
FROM    dw.stories
WHERE   season = 1
ORDER BY st_id;
```

st_id	st_name
1	An Unearthly Child
2	The Daleks
3	The Edge of Destruction
4	Marco Polo
5	The Keys of Marinus
6	The Aztecs
7	The Sensorites
8	The Reign of Terror

(8 rows)

\pset expanded on

```
SELECT  st_id,st_name
FROM    dw.stories
WHERE   season = 1
ORDER BY st_id;
```

-[RECORD 1]-----
st_id 1
st_name An Unearthly Child
-[RECORD 2]-----
st_id 2
st_name The Daleks
-[RECORD 3]-----
st_id 3
st_name The Edge of Destruction
-[RECORD 4]-----
st_id 4
st_name Marco Polo
-[RECORD 5]-----
st_id 5
st_name The Keys of Marinus
-[RECORD 6]-----
st_id 6
st_name The Aztecs
-[RECORD 7]-----
st_id 7
st_name The Sensorites
-[RECORD 8]-----
st_id 8
st_name The Reign of Terror

\copy

Very powerful meta-command! Example outputting a CSV file.

```
-- Output to the screen.
```

```
\copy (SELECT * FROM dw.stories WHERE season = 1 ORDER BY st_id) TO STDOUT CSV HEADER;
```

```
st_id,st_code,st_name,doctor,season
```

```
1,A,An Unearthly Child,William Hartnell,1
```

```
2,B,The Daleks,William Hartnell,1
```

```
3,C,The Edge of Destruction,William Hartnell,1
```

```
4,D,Marco Polo,William Hartnell,1
```

```
5,E,The Keys of Marinus,William Hartnell,1
```

```
6,F,The Aztecs,William Hartnell,1
```

```
7,G,The Sensorites,William Hartnell,1
```

```
8,H,The Reign of Terror,William Hartnell,1
```

```
-- Output to a file from the machine where psql is running.
```

```
\copy (SELECT * FROM dw.stories WHERE season = 1 ORDER BY st_id) TO 'dw.csv' CSV HEADER;
```

```
COPY 8
```

Can output in three formats: CSV, text, and binary.

② Postgres SQL


Explore SQL

- SQL Command Reference:
 - <https://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/sql-commands.html>
- SELECT Statement Reference:
 - <https://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/sql-select.html>

Change the Column Headings

Put friendly column headings inside double quotes.

```
SELECT  st_id "#",  
        st_name "Story Name"  
FROM    dw.stories  
WHERE   season = 1  
ORDER BY "#";  
# |      Story Name
```



```
-----+-----  
1 | An Unearthly Child  
2 | The Daleks  
3 | The Edge of Destruction  
4 | Marco Polo  
5 | The Keys of Marinus  
6 | The Aztecs  
7 | The Sensorites  
8 | The Reign of Terror  
(8 rows)
```

Subqueries in SELECT Clause

A subquery can be used to count the number of detail records.

```
SELECT  st_id "#",
        st_name "Story Name",
        (SELECT COUNT(*)
         FROM   dw.episodes e
         WHERE  e.st_id = s.st_id) "Episode Count"
FROM    dw.stories s
WHERE   season = 1
ORDER BY "#";
```

#	Story Name	Episode Count
1	An Unearthly Child	4
2	The Daleks	7
3	The Edge of Destruction	2
4	Marco Polo	7
5	The Keys of Marinus	6
6	The Aztecs	4
7	The Sensorites	6
8	The Reign of Terror	6

(8 rows)

Groups

Group by ID and name and use the aggregate function COUNT.

```
SELECT  s.st_id "#",
        st_name "Story Name",
        COUNT(*) "Episode Count"
FROM    dw.stories s JOIN dw.episodes e ON (s.st_id = e.st_id)
WHERE   season = 1
GROUP BY "#", "Story Name"
ORDER BY "#";
```

#	Story Name	Episode Count
1	An Unearthly Child	4
2	The Daleks	7
3	The Edge of Destruction	2
4	Marco Polo	7
5	The Keys of Marinus	6
6	The Aztecs	4
7	The Sensorites	6
8	The Reign of Terror	6

(8 rows)

USING

The USING (field) keyword cuts down on typing ON (field1 = field2).

```
SELECT  st_id "#",
        st_name "Story Name",
        COUNT(*) "Episode Count"
FROM    dw.stories JOIN dw.episodes USING (st_id)
WHERE   season = 1
GROUP BY "#", "Story Name"
ORDER BY "#";
```

#	Story Name	Episode Count
1	An Unearthly Child	4
2	The Daleks	7
3	The Edge of Destruction	2
4	Marco Polo	7
5	The Keys of Marinus	6
6	The Aztecs	4
7	The Sensorites	6
8	The Reign of Terror	6

(8 rows)

Know Your Data!

- It is important to know how clean or dirty your data is.
- But what if there was a story without any episodes?

Subqueries

There are no episode detail records for Shada. This is correct.

```
SELECT  st_id "#",
        st_name "Story Name",
        (SELECT COUNT(*)
         FROM   dw.episodes e
         WHERE  e.st_id = s.st_id) "Episode Count"
FROM    dw.stories s
WHERE   season = 17
ORDER BY "#";
```

#	Story Name	Episode Count
104	Destiny of the Daleks	4
105	City of Death	4
106	The Creature from the Pit	4
107	Nightmare of Eden	4
108	Horns of Nimon	4
109	Shada	0

(6 rows)

JOIN

A normal join leaves off Shada.

```
SELECT  st_id "#",
        st_name "Story Name",
        COUNT(*) "Episode Count"
FROM    dw.stories JOIN dw.episodes USING (st_id)
WHERE   season = 17
GROUP BY "#", "Story Name"
ORDER BY "#";
```

#	Story Name	Episode Count
104	Destiny of the Daleks	4
105	City of Death	4
106	The Creature from the Pit	4
107	Nightmare of Eden	4
108	Horns of Nimon	4

(5 rows)

WRONG

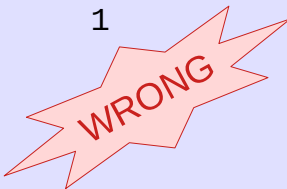
OUTER JOIN

The outer join included Shada. But Shada shows one episode?

```
SELECT  st_id "#",
        st_name "Story Name",
        COUNT(*) "Episode Count"
FROM    dw.stories LEFT OUTER JOIN dw.episodes USING (st_id)
WHERE   season = 17
GROUP BY "#", "Story Name"
ORDER BY "#";
```

#	Story Name	Episode Count
104	Destiny of the Daleks	4
105	City of Death	4
106	The Creature from the Pit	4
107	Nightmare of Eden	4
108	Horns of Nimon	4
109	Shada	1

(6 rows)




COUNT(field)

Counting the non NULL ep_number fields now returns zero.

```
SELECT  st_id "#",
        st_name "Story Name",
        COUNT(ep_number) "Episode Count"
FROM    dw.stories LEFT OUTER JOIN dw.episodes USING (st_id)
WHERE   season = 17
GROUP BY "#", "Story Name"
ORDER BY "#";
```

#	Story Name	Episode Count
104	Destiny of the Daleks	4
105	City of Death	4
106	The Creature from the Pit	4
107	Nightmare of Eden	4
108	Horns of Nimon	4
109	Shada	0

(6 rows)



Sorting Results

Join the season 17 stories to episodes and sort the results.

```
SELECT  st_id "#",
        st_name "Story Name",
        ep_name "Episode Name"
FROM    dw.stories LEFT OUTER JOIN dw.episodes USING (st_id)
WHERE   season = 17
ORDER BY "#", "Episode Name";
```

#	Story Name	Episode Name
104	Destiny of the Daleks	Part Four
104	Destiny of the Daleks	Part One
104	Destiny of the Daleks	Part Three
104	Destiny of the Daleks	Part Two
105	City of Death	Part Four
105	City of Death	Part One
105	City of Death	Part Three
105	City of Death	Part Two
...		
108	Horns of Nimon	Part Four
108	Horns of Nimon	Part One
108	Horns of Nimon	Part Three
108	Horns of Nimon	Part Two
109	Shada	

(21 rows)

Sorting Results

Episodes are sorted correctly.

```
SELECT  st_id "#",
        st_name "Story Name",
        ep_name "Episode Name"
FROM    dw.stories LEFT OUTER JOIN dw.episodes USING (st_id)
WHERE   season = 17
ORDER BY "#", ep_number;
```

#	Story Name	Episode Name
104	Destiny of the Daleks	Part One
104	Destiny of the Daleks	Part Two
104	Destiny of the Daleks	Part Three
104	Destiny of the Daleks	Part Four
105	City of Death	Part One
105	City of Death	Part Two
105	City of Death	Part Three
105	City of Death	Part Four
...		
108	Horns of Nimon	Part One
108	Horns of Nimon	Part Two
108	Horns of Nimon	Part Three
108	Horns of Nimon	Part Four
109	Shada	

(21 rows)

Arrays

- Nine years ago, I wondered who on earth needed arrays in a relational database.
- This was before discovering the rich set of functions in Postgres to handle arrays.
- The use of array fields in tables at OSTI are rare.
- Using arrays in reports has become quite common.
- For reference, see aggregate functions documentation:
 - <https://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/functions-aggregate.html>

ARRAY_AGG

Episodes are accurately shown as an array. Can it be prettied up?

```
SELECT  st_id "#",
        st_name "Story Name",
        ARRAY_AGG (ep_name ORDER BY ep_number) "Episode Names"
FROM    dw.stories LEFT OUTER JOIN dw.episodes USING (st_id)
WHERE   season = 17
GROUP BY "#", "Story Name"
ORDER BY "#";
```

#	Story Name	Episode Names
104	Destiny of the Daleks	{"Part One", "Part Two", "Part Three", "Part Four"}
105	City of Death	{"Part One", "Part Two", "Part Three", "Part Four"}
106	The Creature from the Pit	{"Part One", "Part Two", "Part Three", "Part Four"}
107	Nightmare of Eden	{"Part One", "Part Two", "Part Three", "Part Four"}
108	Horns of Nimon	{"Part One", "Part Two", "Part Three", "Part Four"}
109	Shada	{NULL}

(6 rows)

ARRAY_TO_STRING

Episodes are now shown delimited by a semicolon and a space.

```
SELECT  st_id "#",
        st_name "Story Name",
        ARRAY_TO_STRING (ARRAY_AGG (ep_name ORDER BY ep_number),'; ') "Episode Names"
FROM    dw.stories LEFT OUTER JOIN dw.episodes USING (st_id)
WHERE   season = 17
GROUP BY "#", "Story Name"
ORDER BY "#";
```

#	Story Name	Episode Names
104	Destiny of the Daleks	Part One; Part Two; Part Three; Part Four
105	City of Death	Part One; Part Two; Part Three; Part Four
106	The Creature from the Pit	Part One; Part Two; Part Three; Part Four
107	Nightmare of Eden	Part One; Part Two; Part Three; Part Four
108	Horns of Nimon	Part One; Part Two; Part Three; Part Four
109	Shada	

(6 rows)

Temporary Table

Select the ID, story name, and an array of episode names.

```
SELECT  st_id,  
        st_name,  
        ARRAY_AGG (ep_name ORDER BY ep_number) ep_names  
FROM    dw.stories LEFT OUTER JOIN dw.episodes USING (st_id)  
GROUP BY st_id, st_name  
ORDER BY st_id;
```

st_id	st_name	ep_names
1	An Unearthly Child	{"An Unearthly Child", "The Cave of Skulls", "The Forest of Fear", "The Firemaker"}
2	The Daleks	{"The Dead Planet", "The Survivors", "The Escape", "The Ambush", "The Expedition", "The Ordeal", "The Rescue"}
3	The Edge of Destruction	{"The Edge of Destruction", "The Brink of Disaster"}
...		
143	Revelation of the Daleks	{"Part One", "Part Two"}
144	The Mysterious Planet	{"Part One", "Part Two", "Part Three", "Part Four"}
145	Mindwarp	{"Part Five", "Part Six", "Part Seven", "Part Eight"}
146	Terror of the Vervoids	{"Part Nine", "Part Ten", "Part Eleven", "Part Twelve"}
147	The Ultimate Foe	{"Part Thirteen", "Part Fourteen"}
148	Time and the Rani	{"Part One", "Part Two", "Part Three", "Part Four"}
149	Paradise Towers	{"Part One", "Part Two", "Part Three", "Part Four"}
150	Delta and the Bannermen	{"Part One", "Part Two", "Part Three"}
151	Dragonfire	{"Part One", "Part Two", "Part Three"}
152	Remembrance of the Daleks	{"Part One", "Part Two", "Part Three", "Part Four"}
153	The Happiness Patrol	{"Part One", "Part Two", "Part Three"}
154	Silver Nemesis	{"Part One", "Part Two", "Part Three"}
155	The Greatest Show in the Galaxy	{"Part One", "Part Two", "Part Three", "Part Four"}
156	Battlefield	{"Part One", "Part Two", "Part Three", "Part Four"}
157	Ghost Light	{"Part One", "Part Two", "Part Three"}
158	The Curse of Fenric	{"Part One", "Part Two", "Part Three", "Part Four"}
159	Survival	{"Part One", "Part Two", "Part Three"}

(159 rows)

CREATE TEMPORARY TABLE

Creates a temporary table that only lasts as long as the session.

```
CREATE TEMPORARY TABLE stories_episodes AS
```

```
SELECT  st_id,  
        st_name,  
        ARRAY_AGG (ep_name ORDER BY ep_number) ep_names  
FROM    dw.stories LEFT OUTER JOIN dw.episodes USING (st_id)  
GROUP BY st_id, st_name  
ORDER BY st_id;
```

```
SELECT  *  
FROM    stories_episodes  
ORDER BY st_id;
```

st_id	st_name	ep_names
1	An Unearthly Child	{"An Unearthly Child", "The Cave of Skulls", "The Forest of Fear", "The Firemaker"}
...		
159	Survival	{"Part One", "Part Two", "Part Three"}

(159 rows)

```
\d stories_episodes
```

Table "pg_temp_3.stories_episodes"				
Column	Type	Collation	Nullable	Default
st_id	smallint			
st_name	character varying(31)			
ep_names	character varying[]			

Stay in session.

UNNEST

Takes an array and makes separate rows for each element.

```
SELECT  st_id "#",
        st_name "Story",
        UNNEST (ep_names) "Episodes"
FROM    stories_episodes
WHERE   st_id IN (1,2,3)
ORDER BY st_id;
```

#	Story	Episodes
1	An Unearthly Child	An Unearthly Child
1	An Unearthly Child	The Cave of Skulls
1	An Unearthly Child	The Forest of Fear
1	An Unearthly Child	The Firemaker
2	The Daleks	The Dead Planet
2	The Daleks	The Survivors
2	The Daleks	The Escape
2	The Daleks	The Ambush
2	The Daleks	The Expedition
2	The Daleks	The Ordeal
2	The Daleks	The Rescue
3	The Edge of Destruction	The Edge of Destruction
3	The Edge of Destruction	The Brink of Disaster

(13 rows)

Stay in session.

UNNEST

See what happens with an empty array.

```
SELECT  st_id "#",
        st_name "Story",
        UNNEST (ep_names) "Episodes"
FROM    stories_episodes
WHERE   st_id IN (108,109,110)
ORDER BY st_id;
```

#	Story	Episodes
108	Horns of Nimon	Part One
108	Horns of Nimon	Part Two
108	Horns of Nimon	Part Three
108	Horns of Nimon	Part Four
109	Shada	
110	The Leisure Hive	Part One
110	The Leisure Hive	Part Two
110	The Leisure Hive	Part Three
110	The Leisure Hive	Part Four

(9 rows)

End session.

Create a New Temporary Table

This time the episode names column is semicolon delimited.

```
CREATE TEMPORARY TABLE new_stories_episodes AS
SELECT  st_id,
        st_name,
        ARRAY_TO_STRING (ARRAY_AGG (ep_name ORDER BY ep_number),'; ') ep_names
FROM    dw.stories LEFT OUTER JOIN dw.episodes USING (st_id)
GROUP BY st_id,st_name
ORDER BY st_id;

SELECT  *
FROM    new_stories_episodes
ORDER BY st_id;
```

st_id	st_name	ep_names
1	An Unearthly Child	An Unearthly Child; The Cave of Skulls; The Forest of Fear; The Firemaker
...		
158	The Curse of Fenric	Part One; Part Two; Part Three; Part Four
159	Survival	Part One; Part Two; Part Three

(159 rows)

STRING_TO_ARRAY

Convert the semicolon delimited string into an array.

```
SELECT  st_id "#",
        st_name "Story",
        ep_names "Episodes",
        STRING_TO_ARRAY (ep_names, ';' ' ') "Episodes Array"
FROM    new_stories_episodes
WHERE   st_id IN (108,109,110)
ORDER BY st_id;
```

#	Story	Episodes	Episodes Array
108	Horns of Nimon	Part One; Part Two; Part Three; Part Four	{"Part One","Part Two","Part Three","Part Four"}
109	Shada		{}
110	The Leisure Hive	Part One; Part Two; Part Three; Part Four	{"Part One","Part Two","Part Three","Part Four"}

(3 rows)

End session.

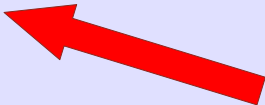
DISTINCT and DISTINCT ON

- For reference:
 - <https://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/queries-select-lists.html#QUERIES-DISTINCT>
 - <https://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/sql-select.html>
- DISTINCT is part of the SQL standard.
 - Very useful to show unique or distinct values only in a query.
- DISTINCT ON () is not part of the SQL standard.
 - Can be used as a shortcut of very basic windowing functions.

DISTINCT

Shows one record for each unique or distinct episode name.


```
SELECT  DISTINCT
        ep_name "Distinct Episode Names"
FROM    dw.stories LEFT OUTER JOIN dw.episodes USING (st_id)
WHERE   season = 17
ORDER BY "Distinct Episode Names";
Distinct Episode Names
-----
Part Four
Part One
Part Three
Part Two
(5 rows)
```



COALESCE

Coalesce turns NULL values into a displayable value.

```
SELECT  DISTINCT
        COALESCE (ep_name, 'None') "Distinct Episode Names"
FROM    dw.stories LEFT OUTER JOIN dw.episodes USING (st_id)
WHERE   season = 17
ORDER BY "Distinct Episode Names";
Distinct Episode Names
-----
None
Part Four
Part One
Part Three
Part Two
(5 rows)
```



DISTINCT ON ()

What is the first episode name of each story?

Funny story!

```
SELECT  DISTINCT ON (st_id)
        st_name "Story",
        ep_number "Episode Number",
        ep_name "First Episode Name"
FROM    dw.stories LEFT OUTER JOIN dw.episodes USING (st_id)
WHERE   season = 1
ORDER BY st_id, ep_number;
```

Story	Episode Number	First Episode Name
An Unearthly Child	1	An Unearthly Child
The Daleks	1	The Dead Planet
The Edge of Destruction	1	The Edge of Destruction
Marco Polo	1	The Roof of the World
The Keys of Marinus	1	The Sea of Death
The Aztecs	1	The Temple of Evil
The Sensorites	1	Strangers in Space
The Reign of Terror	1	A Land of Fear

(8 rows)

DISTINCT ON ()

What is the last episode name of each story?

```
SELECT  DISTINCT ON (st_id)
        st_name "Story",
        ep_number "Episode Number",
        ep_name "Last Episode Name"
FROM    dw.stories LEFT OUTER JOIN dw.episodes USING (st_id)
WHERE   season = 1
ORDER BY st_id, ep_number DESC;
```

Story	Episode Number	Last Episode Name
An Unearthly Child	4	The Firemaker
The Daleks	7	The Rescue
The Edge of Destruction	2	The Brink of Disaster
Marco Polo	7	Assassin at Peking
The Keys of Marinus	6	The Keys of Marinus
The Aztecs	4	The Day of Darkness
The Sensorites	6	Kidnap
The Reign of Terror	6	Prisoners of Conciergerie

(8 rows)

③ UNIX/Linux sendmail

sendmail

- Sendmail is an electronic mail transport agent.
- Sendmail sends a message to one or more recipients, routing the message over whatever networks are necessary. Sendmail does internetwork forwarding as necessary to deliver the message to the correct place.
- Dates back to 1983!
- `sendmail -t` reads the message for recipients.

Hello World

Very simple "Hello world." e-mail message from sendmail.

```
cat >tmp.txt  
To: chris@localhost  
Subject: Test One  
Hello world. This is test one.  
[Control-D]  
$ cat tmp.txt | sendmail -t
```

```
From: chris@localhost  
Sent: Sunday, September 1, 2019 3:14 PM  
To: chris@localhost  
Subject: Test One  
  
Hello world. This is test one.
```

More Complex Example

Send the same e-mail to multiple recipients and provide a from.

```
cat >tmp.txt
To: apple@localhost
To: bag@localhost
Cc: cat@localhost
Cc: dog@localhost
Bcc: ear@localhost
Bcc: farm@localhost
From: goat@localhost
Subject: Test Two
This test shows how multiple recipients are specified.
[Control-D]
$ cat tmp.txt | sendmail -t
```

```
From: goat@localhost
Sent: Sunday, September 1, 2019 3:15 PM
To: apple@localhost, bag@localhost
Cc: cat@localhost, dog@localhost
Subject: Test Two
```

This test shows how multiple recipients are specified.

Send Text UTF-8

Send a simple plain character based UTF-8 e-mail.

```
cat >tmp.txt
To: chris@localhost
Subject: Test Three
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=UTF-8
Content-Disposition: inline
```

Just wanted to send you this note 🎵

[Control-D]

```
$ cat tmp.txt | sendmail -t
```

```
From: chris@localhost
Sent: Sunday, September 1, 2019 3:16 PM
To: chris@localhost
Subject: Test Three
```

Just wanted to send you this note 🎵

Send HTML

```
cat >tmp.txt
To: chris@localhost
Subject: Test Four
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
Content-Disposition: inline
<html>
<body>
<b>Bold</b>
<br>
<i>Just testing out HTML.</i>
<br>
End of the page.
</body>
</html>
[Control-D]
$ cat tmp.txt | sendmail -t
```

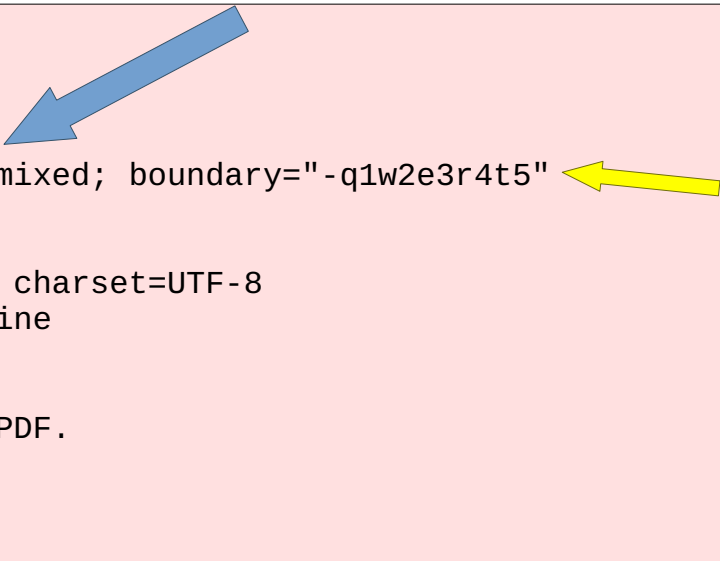
From: chris@localhost
Sent: Sunday, September 1, 2019 3:17 PM
To: chris@localhost
Subject: Test Four

Bold
Just testing out HTML.
End of the page.

Attach a Binary File

Complex example of sending a message and attachment part 1.

```
cat >tmp.txt
To: chris@localhost
Subject: Test Six
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: multipart/mixed; boundary="-q1w2e3r4t5"
---q1w2e3r4t5
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
Content-Disposition: inline
<html>
<body>
Please see the attached PDF.
</body>
</html>
---q1w2e3r4t5
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=UTF-8
Content-Transfer-Encoding: base64
Content-Disposition: attachment; filename="document.pdf"
[Control-D]
```



Attach a Binary File

Complex example of sending a message and attachment part 2.

```
cat document.pdf | uuencode --base64 document.pdf >>tmp.txt
```

```
cat >>tmp.txt
```

```
---q1w2e3r4t5--
```

```
[Control-D]
```

```
$ cat tmp.txt | sendmail -t
```

 document.pdf (28 kb)

From: chris@localhost

Sent: Sunday, September 1, 2019 3:19 PM

To: chris@localhost

Subject: Test Six

Please see the attached PDF.

④ Automated Reporting System

A Complex Automated Reporting System

- Earlier this decade, a developer wanted to create a complex reporting system.
- He wanted to store these things in database tables:
 - Recipients
 - Titles
 - Schedule
 - Queries
 - Parameters
- No one had time to design it nor implement it.
- Would have only handled the simplest reports.
- Complex reports would still have to be custom written.
- Ultimately never progressed beyond wishes and talk.

A Simple Automated Reporting System


- I had a pain a few summers ago:
 - I maintained handful of shell script and psql reports sent on a cron schedule via e-mail.
 - To change recipients, I had to edit the shell scripts.
 - It was sometimes hard to match the e-mail to the shell script.
- There was not a lot of time to create a simple automated reporting system, so baby steps were taken.

Phase 1

- The requirements for phase 1:
 - Come up with database tables to store recipients.
 - Come up with a function to get recipients out of database tables into sendmail format.
 - Assign each report a unique ID.
- Then to test phase 1, create or retrofit an existing low profile report to prove the idea works.


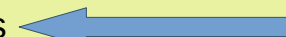

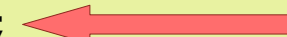
Phase 1 Database Tables

```
CREATE TABLE dw.reports
(
    report_id            INTEGER                NOT NULL,
    report_title         CHARACTER VARYING(200) NOT NULL,
    report_description    TEXT,
    CONSTRAINT reports_pk PRIMARY KEY (report_id)
);
```



```
CREATE TABLE dw.reports_email
(
    report_id            INTEGER                NOT NULL,
    fields               CHARACTER VARYING(4)   NOT NULL,
    email_address        CHARACTER VARYING(64)  NOT NULL,
    active_flag          BOOLEAN                NOT NULL DEFAULT TRUE,
    CONSTRAINT reports_email_pk PRIMARY KEY (report_id,fields,email_address),
    CONSTRAINT "'fields' can only equal TO, CC, BCC, or FROM"
        CHECK (fields IN ('TO','CC','BCC','FROM'))
);
```


Phase 1 Database Function

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION dw.report_sendmail_recipients (INTEGER)
  RETURNS SETOF text AS 
$report_sendmail_recipients$
  SELECT    CASE fields 
            WHEN 'FROM' THEN 'From: '
            WHEN 'TO'   THEN 'To: '
            WHEN 'CC'   THEN 'Cc: '
            WHEN 'BCC'  THEN 'Bcc: '
          END || email_address
  FROM      dw.reports_email
  WHERE     report_id = $1 AND
            active_flag = TRUE
  ORDER BY CASE fields 
            WHEN 'FROM' THEN 1
            WHEN 'TO'   THEN 2
            WHEN 'CC'   THEN 3
            WHEN 'BCC'  THEN 4
          END,
            email_address;
$report_sendmail_recipients$
  LANGUAGE SQL VOLATILE; 
```

Phase 1 Populate the Tables

```
INSERT INTO dw.reports
  (report_id,report_title,report_description)
VALUES
  (1,'Doctor Who Season Report','A report of a Doctor Who season based on passed in parameter.');
```

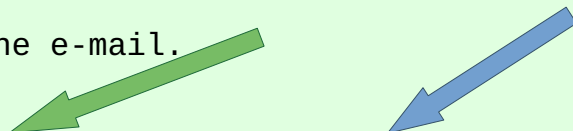


```
INSERT INTO dw.reports_email
  (report_id,fields,email_address)
VALUES
  (1,'TO','chris@localhost'),
  (1,'FROM','thedoctor@localhost');
```

Phase 1 Shell Script (1 of 4)

```
#  
# Get the season from parameter 1.  
#  
export DW_SEASON=$1  
#  
# Set environment variables for connection. Password is in ".pgpass".  
#  
export PGDATABASE=postgres  
export PGHOST=localhost  
export PGPORT=5432  
export PGUSER=chris  
#  
# Set the report ID to be the "Doctor Who Season" report.  
#  
export REPORT_ID=1
```

Phase 1 Shell Script (2 of 4)



```
#
# Begin the e-mail.
#
(
psql --quiet <<EndOfSql | awk 'NF'
--
-- Output only tuples, set thte border to zero, and turn off the footer.
--
\pset tuples_only on
\pset border 0
\pset footer off
--
-- Output the sendmail recipients from the report e-mails database table.
--
SELECT dw.report_sendmail_recipients (${REPORT_ID});
--
-- Output the subject line from the report database table.
--
SELECT 'Subject: ' || report_title
FROM   dw.reports
WHERE  report_id = ${REPORT_ID};
--
-- Start an HTML e-mail.
--
\echo 'MIME-Version: 1.0'
\echo 'Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8'
\echo 'Content-Disposition: inline'
```

Phase 1 Shell Script (3 of 4)

```
\echo '<html>'
\echo '<head><style>'
\echo 'th { background-color: silver; }'
\echo 'caption { background-color: silver; font-size: 120%; font-weight: bolder }'
\echo '</style></head>'
\echo '<body>'
--
-- Turn off tuples only, set the output format to HTML, set the HTML boarder to 1,
-- set several table attributes, and set the title.
--
\pset tuples_only off
\pset format html
\pset border 1
\pset tableattr 'cellspacing="0" cellpadding="2"'
\pset title 'Season ${DW_SEASON} Report'
--
-- Run the query
--
SELECT    st_id "#",
          st_name "Story Name",
          ARRAY_TO_STRING (ARRAY_AGG (ep_name ORDER BY ep_number),'; ') "Episode List"
FROM      dw.stories LEFT OUTER JOIN dw.episodes USING (st_id)
WHERE     season = ${DW_SEASON}
GROUP BY  st_id,st_name
ORDER BY  st_id;
```

Phase 1 Shell Script (4 of 4)

```
--  
-- Output the report ID for easy identification of the report.  
--  
\echo '<br><font size=1>Report ID ${REPORT_ID}</font>'  
\echo '</body></html>'  
-----  
EndOfSql  
#  
# E-Mail the info.  
#  
) | /usr/sbin/sendmail -t
```

Phase 1 Tests

./doctor_who_season 1

From: chris@localhost
Sent: Sunday, September 1, 2019 3:20 PM
To: chris@localhost
Subject: Doctor Who Season Report

Season 1 Report

#	Story Name	Episode List
1	An Unearthly Child	An Unearthly Child; The Cave of Skulls; The Forest of Fear; The Firemaker
2	The Daleks	The Dead Planet; The Survivors; The Escape; The Ambush; The Expedition; The Ordeal; The Rescue
3	The Edge of Destruction	The Edge of Destruction; The Brink of Disaster
4	Marco Polo	The Roof of the World; The Singing Sands; Five Hundred Eyes; The Wall of Lies; Rider From Shang-Tu; Mighty Kublai Khan; Assassin at Peking
5	The Keys of Marinus	The Sea of Death; The Velvet Web; The Screaming Jungle; The Snows of Terror; Sentence of Death; The Keys of Marinus
6	The Aztecs	The Temple of Evil; The Warriors of Death; The Bride of Sacrifice; The Day of Darkness
7	The Sensorites	Strangers in Space; The Unwilling Warriors; Hidden Danger; A Desperate Venture; A Race Against Death; Kidnap
8	The Reign of Terror	A Land of Fear; Guests of Madame Guillotine; A Change of Identity; The Tyrant of France; A Bargain of Necessity; Prisoners of Conciergerie

Report ID 1

Phase 1 Tests

./doctor_who_season 17

From: chris@localhost
Sent: Sunday, September 1, 2019 3:21 PM
To: chris@localhost
Subject: Doctor Who Season Report

Season 17 Report

#	Story Name	Episode List
104	Destiny of the Daleks	Part One; Part Two; Part Three; Part Four
105	City of Death	Part One; Part Two; Part Three; Part Four
106	The Creature from the Pit	Part One; Part Two; Part Three; Part Four
107	Nightmare of Eden	Part One; Part Two; Part Three; Part Four
108	Horns of Nimon	Part One; Part Two; Part Three; Part Four
109	Shada	

Report ID 1

Send E-Mail with CSV Attachment

- Send a report just like the phase 1 report.
- Attached a CSV file that can be opened with Microsoft Excel or LibreOffice Calc.
- The CSV file will be all the details kept in the database.
- The shell script pieces will be identical to phase 1 report.
- Will utilize the powerful \copy meta-command!
- Blue text will be unchanged lines.
- Red text will be new or changed lines.

CSV Attachment (1 of 4)

```
#
# Begin the e-mail.
#
(
psql --quiet <<EndOfSql | awk 'NF'
--
-- Output only tuples, set thte border to zero, and turn off the footer.
--
\pset tuples_only on
\pset border 0
\pset footer off
--
-- Output the sendmail recipients from the report e-mails database table.
--
SELECT dw.report_sendmail_recipients (${REPORT_ID});
--
-- Output the subject line from the report database table.
--
SELECT 'Subject: ' || report_title
FROM   dw.reports
WHERE  report_id = ${REPORT_ID};
```

CSV Attachment (2 of 4)

```
--
-- Start a multipart e-mail.
--
\echo 'MIME-Version: 1.0'
\echo 'Content-Type: multipart/mixed; boundary="-q1w2e3r4t5"'
\echo
\echo '---q1w2e3r4t5'
--
-- The HTML half of the e-mail.
--
\echo 'Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8'
\echo 'Content-Disposition: inline'
\echo '<html>'
\echo '<head><style>'
\echo 'th { background-color: silver; }'
\echo 'caption { background-color: silver; font-size: 120%; font-weight: bolder }'
\echo '</style></head>'
\echo '<body>'
--
-- Turn off tuples only, set the output format to HTML, set the HTML boarder to 1,
-- set several table attributes, and set the title.
--
\pset tuples_only off
\pset format html
\pset border 1
\pset tableattr 'cellspacing="0" cellpadding="2"'
\pset title 'Season ${DW_SEASON} Report'
```

CSV Attachment (3 of 4)

```
--  
-- Run the query  
--  
SELECT      st_id "#",  
            st_name "Story Name",  
            ARRAY_TO_STRING (ARRAY_AGG (ep_name ORDER BY ep_number),'; ') "Episode List"  
FROM        dw.stories LEFT OUTER JOIN dw.episodes USING (st_id)  
WHERE       season = ${DW_SEASON}  
GROUP BY    st_id,st_name  
ORDER BY    st_id;  
--  
-- Output the report ID for easy identification of the report.  
--  
\echo '<br><font size=1>Report ID ${REPORT_ID}</font>'  
\echo '</body></html>'  
\echo '---q1w2e3r4t5'
```

CSV Attachment (4 of 4)

```
--
-- The CSV attachment half of the e-mail.
--
\echo 'Content-Type: text/plain; charset=UTF-8'
\echo 'Content-Transfer-Encoding: base64'
\echo 'Content-Disposition: attachment; filename="season_detail.csv"'
--
-- Create a temporary table of all story and episode records for a season.
--
CREATE TEMPORARY TABLE temp_season_table AS
SELECT      *
FROM        dw.stories LEFT OUTER JOIN dw.episodes USING (st_id)
WHERE       season = ${DW_SEASON}
ORDER BY st_id,ep_number;
--
-- Output the temporary table to uuencode
--
\COPY temp_season_table TO PROGRAM 'uuencode --base64 season_detail.csv' CSV HEADER
\echo '---q1w2e3r4t5--'
-----
EndOfSql
#
# E-Mail the info.
#
) | /usr/sbin/sendmail -t
```

CSV Attachment Test

./doctor_who_season 1

 season_detail.csv (4 kB)

From: chris@localhost

Sent: Sunday, September 1, 2019 3:20 PM

To: chris@localhost

Subject: Doctor Who Season Report

Season 1 Report

#	Story Name	Episode List
1	An Unearthly Child	An Unearthly Child; The Cave of Skulls; The Forest of Fear; The Firemaker
2	The Daleks	The Dead Planet; The Survivors; The Escape; The Ambush; The Expedition; The Ordeal; The Rescue
3	The Edge of Destruction	The Edge of Destruction; The Brink of Disaster
4	Marco Polo	The Roof of the World; The Singing Sands; Five Hundred Eyes; The Wall of Lies; Rider From Shang-Tu; Mighty Kublai Khan; Assassin at Peking
5	The Keys of Marinus	The Sea of Death; The Velvet Web; The Screaming Jungle; The Snows of Terror; Sentence of Death; The Keys of Marinus
6	The Aztecs	The Temple of Evil; The Warriors of Death; The Bride of Sacrifice; The Day of Darkness
7	The Sensorites	Strangers in Space; The Unwilling Warriors; Hidden Danger; A Desperate Venture; A Race Against Death; Kidnap
8	The Reign of Terror	A Land of Fear; Guests of Madame Guillotine; A Change of Identity; The Tyrant of France; A Bargain of Necessity; Prisoners of Conciergerie

Report ID 1

Phase 2

- A Java web application was written to allow end users to maintain the recipients.
- Recipients can be pulled from other tables.
- More than just shell script + psql reports use the tables.
- Just assigned report ID 79!

Future Phases?

- Automate some more pieces of the shell script.
 - Set database connection information from common environment file.
 - Directly call a certain version of psql from common environment file.
- Still no plans to create the complex system.

Fascinating Reporting
with Postgres psql
and sendmail

Thank You!

Download this presentation from OSTI.GOV:

<https://www.osti.gov/servlets/purl/1560062>