Partition and Conquer Large Data in PostgreSQL 10



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Partition-wise operations

- Partition-wise join
- Partition-wise aggregation/grouping
- Partition-wise sorting/ordering
- Partition-wise set operations?



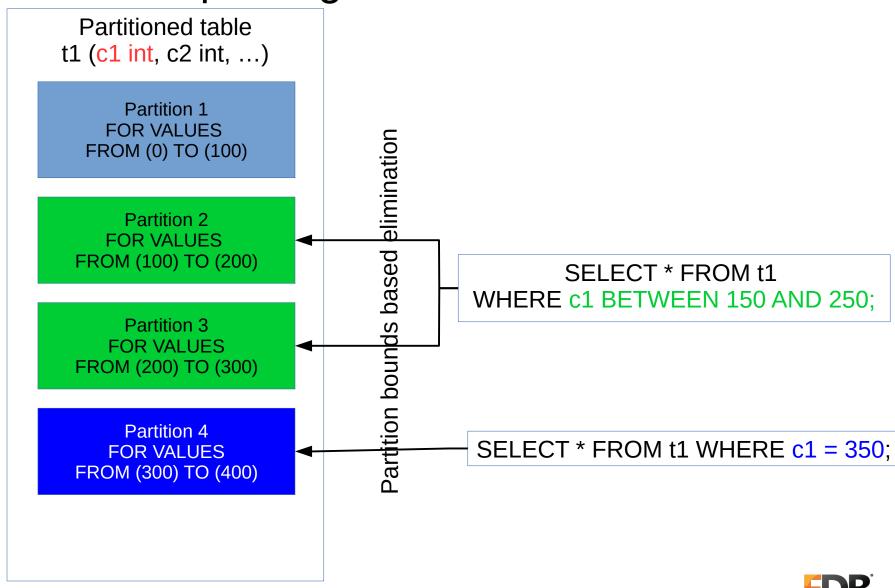


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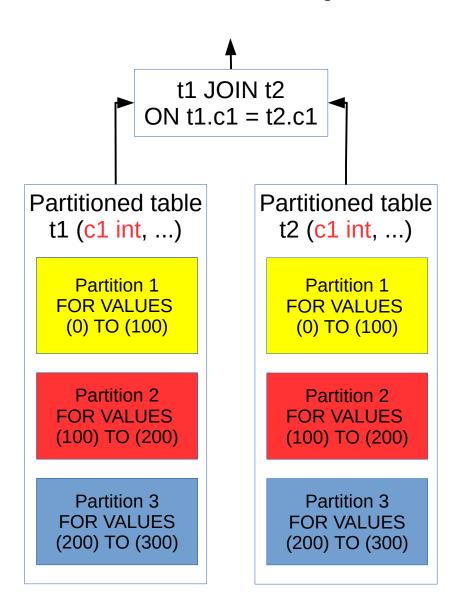
- Push operations down to partitions
- Improve performance by exploiting properties of partitions
 - Indexes, constraints on partitions
- Faster algorithms working on smaller data
- Parallel query: one worker per partition
- FDW push-down for foreign partitions
- Eliminate data from pruned partitions

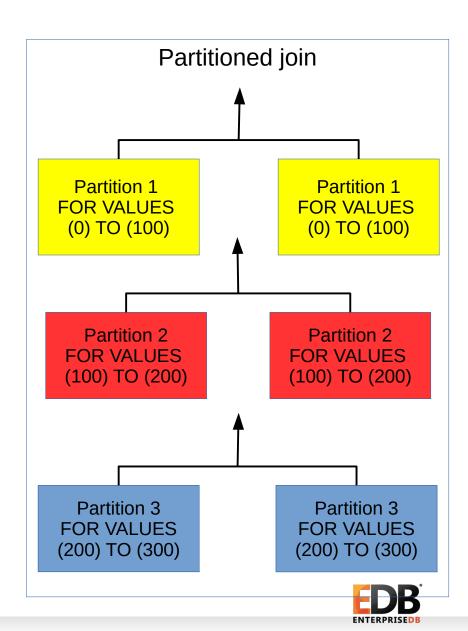


Partition pruning



Partition-wise join





Partition-wise join performance

- Different join strategy for each partition-join
 - Based on properties of partitions like indexes, constraints, statistics, sizes etc.
- Cheaper strategy for smaller data instead of expensive strategy for large data
 - hash join instead of merge join
 - parameterized nested loop join instead of hash/merge join
- Each partition-join may be executed in parallel
- Partition-join pushed to the foreign server
 - Partitions being joined reside on the same foreign server



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\d+ prt1000 1
              Table "part mem usage.prt1000"
                          | Collation | Nullable
  Column
                   Type
         integer
                                            not null
 a
        character varying
a mod 100k | integer
Partition key: RANGE (a)
Partitions: prt1000 p1 FOR VALUES FROM (0) TO (1000000),
... other 1000 partitions, each partition has 1M rows
\d+ prt1000 1 p1
              Table "part mem usage.prt1000 p1"
                               Collation | Nullable
  Column
a
           integer
                                           not null
           character varying
 a mod 100k | integer
Partition of: prt1000 FOR VALUES FROM (0) TO (1000000)
Indexes:
   "iprt1000 pl a" btree (a)
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prt1000_2 similarly partitioned

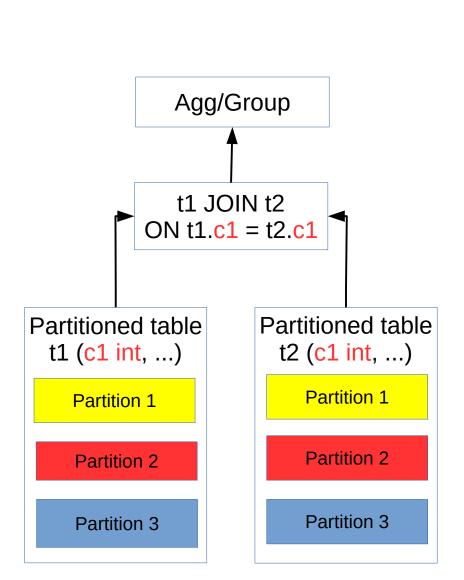


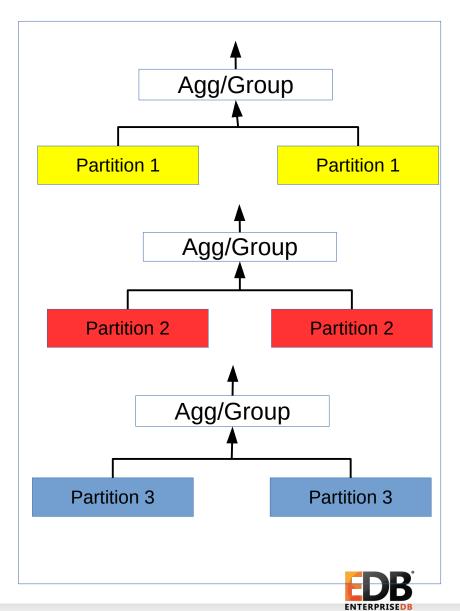
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Query: select t1.a from prt1000 1 t1, prt1000 2 t2 where t1.a = t2.a and
t2.a \mod 100k < 200;
With enable partition wise join = false
OUERY PLAN
 Hash Join
   Hash Cond: (t1.a = t2.a)
   -> Append
         -> Seg Scan on prt1000 1 p1 t1 1
         ... repeat 1000 times for 1000 partitions
   -> Hash
         Buckets: 524288 Batches: 8 Memory Usage: 12861kB
         -> Append
               -> Seq Scan on prt1000 2 p1 t2 1
                     Filter: (a mod 100k < 200)
                     Rows Removed by Filter: 998000
               ... repeat 1000 times for 1000 partitions
 Planning time: 1652.877 ms ~ 1.6s
 Execution time: 1038588.935 ms ~ 1038s
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QUERY PLAN
 Append
   -> Nested Loop
         -> Seg Scan on prt1000 2 pl t2
               Filter: (a mod 100k < 200)
               Rows Removed by Filter: 998000
         -> Index Only Scan using iprt1000 pl a on prt1000 l pl t1
               Index Cond: (a = t2.a)
               Heap Fetches: 0
... repeat 1000 times for 1000 joins between partitions
 Planning time: 3047.403ms ~ 3s
 Execution time: 239987.389ms ~ 239s
                                                    5x faster
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Partition-wise aggregation





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Source: Jeevan Chalke's partition-wise aggregate proposal
Query: SELECT a, count(*) FROM plt1 GROUP BY a;
plt1: partitioned table with 3 foreign partitions, each with 1M rows
Query returns 30 rows, 10 rows per partition
enable partition wise agg to false
OUERY PLAN
HashAggregate
  Group Key: plt1.a
   -> Append
         -> Foreign Scan on fplt1 p1
         -> Foreign Scan on fplt1 p2
                                                      7x faster
         -> Foreign Scan on fplt1 p3
Planning time: 0.251 ms
Execution time: 6499.018ms \sim 6.5s
enable partition wise agg to true
OUERY PLAN
Append
   -> Foreign Scan: Aggregate on (public.fplt1 pl plt1)
   -> Foreign Scan: Aggregate on (public.fplt1 p2 plt1)
   -> Foreign Scan: Aggregate on (public.fplt1 p3 plt1)
Planning time: 0.370ms
Execution time: 945.384ms ~ .9s
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Partition-wise sorting

