

Shebang

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What is Shebang?

- Definition: shebang
 - UNIX term, for #!
 - Contraction of "hash" (#), and "bang" (!)
- Focus here - #!/bin/bash with PostgreSQL

<http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=shebang&defid=301996>

Agenda

- Pros/cons of shell scripts
- Overview
 - Function library
- PostgreSQL Specific Techniques
 - Executing SQL
 - Set/get PostgreSQL data from/into script variables
 - Keeping PostgreSQL functions in sync with scripts
- General Techniques
 - Locking
 - Doing work in parallel
 - Ensuring cleanup

Pros

- Relatively easy learn
- Great for automating repetitive command line tasks
- Reasonably easy to debug
- Pervasive support in modern Posix systems
- Leverage huge ecosystem of tools

Cons

- Not good for complex tasks
- Relatively slow
- Tend to be less robust
- Portability issues

Common Functions Library

- Aggregate commonly used bash functions
- Prevent proliferation of redundant code
- Centralize for ease of testing and version control

Common Functions Library: Header

```
set -u
set +x          # -x for debug
readonly DEBUG=0      # 1 for debug

# base name of outer script
if [[ "${0:0:1}" == "-" || "${0}" == "/bin/bash" ]]
then
    readonly BASENAME="loginshell"
    readonly BASEDIR="./"
else
    readonly BASENAME="$(basename $0)"
    readonly BASEDIR="$(readlink -m $(dirname $0))"
    set -e
fi
...
```

Common Functions Library: Header

```
...  
# location for any output files  
readonly OUTDIR="${BASEDIR}/output"  
# make sure it exists  
mkdir -p ${OUTDIR}  
  
# location for any sql files  
readonly SQLDIR="${BASEDIR}/sql"  
# make sure it exists  
mkdir -p ${SQLDIR}  
  
# Interlock ENUM  
readonly UNLOCK=0  
readonly NOWAIT=1  
readonly BLOCK=2  
...
```

Common Functions Library: Header

```
...
# often useful for log output and filenames
NOW=$(date +"%Y%m%d-%H%M%S")

# to print all output to both log file and stdout
# change LOGOUTPUT to 1
LOGOUTPUT=0
if [[ -t 1 ]] && [[ LOGOUTPUT -eq 1 ]]
then
    OUTPUTLOG="${OUTDIR}/${BASENAME}_${NOW}.log"
    exec > >(tee -a "${OUTPUTLOG}")
    exec 2>&1
fi
...
```

Common Functions Library: Body

```
...
# Description of my_func1
function my_func1
{
    local VAR1="$1"
    ...
}
```

```
# Description of my_func2
function my_func1
{
    local VAR1="$1"
    ...
}
```

```
...
```

Common Functions Library: Usage

```
#!/bin/bash
# Description of this script

# resolve canonical script directory name
BASEDIR=$(readlink -m $(dirname $0))

# find the function library and use it
COMMON_LIB="${BASEDIR}/common.sh"
if [[ -r "${COMMON_LIB}" ]]; then
    source "${COMMON_LIB}"
else
    echo "ERROR: unable to source file ${COMMON_LIB}"
    exit 1
fi
...
```

Executing SQL - String: Function

```
function exec_sql
{
    local PGHOST="$1"
    local PGPORT="$2"
    local DBNAME="$3"
    local PGUSER="$4"
    local DLM="$5"
    local SQL="$6"

    echo "${SQL}" | \
        psql -v ON_ERROR_STOP=1 \
        -qAt -F "${DLM}" \
        -h ${PGHOST} -p ${PGPORT} \
        -U ${PGUSER} -d ${DBNAME}
}
```

Executing SQL - String: Explanation

```
echo "${SQL}" | psql -v ON_ERROR_STOP=1 -qAt -F "${DLM}" \
-h ${PGHOST} -p ${PGPORT} -U ${PGUSER} -d ${DBNAME}
```

- Pipe SQL to psql versus psql -c
 - psql -c does not honor ON_ERROR_STOP
- -v ON_ERROR_STOP=1
 - Multi-statement SQL will stop on first ERROR
- -qAt -F "\${DLM}"
 - Quiet, unaligned, tuples-only
 - Field separator set to \${DLM}
- -h \${PGHOST} -p \${PGPORT} -U \${PGUSER} -d \${DBNAME}
 - Connection info

Executing SQL - String: Usage

```
# see sqlstr.sh
### Load Common Functions Library ####
PGHOST="/tmp"; PGPORT="55605"; DBNAME="pgcon2015"
PGUSER="postgres"; DLM=" "

SQL="select pid, now() - state_change as age
     from pg_stat_activity
     where datname = current_database()
       and state = 'idle in transaction'"
exec_sql "${PGHOST}" "${PGPORT}" "${DBNAME}" \
"${PGUSER}" "${DLM}" "${SQL}"
```

Executing SQL - File: Function

```
function exec_sql_file ()  
{  
    local PGHOST="$1"  
    local PGPORT="$2"  
    local DBNAME="$3"  
    local PGUSER="$4"  
    local DLM="$5"  
    local SQLFILE="$6"  
  
    psql -v ON_ERROR_STOP=1 \  
        -qAt -F "${DLM}" \  
        -h ${PGHOST} -p ${PGPORT} \  
        -U ${PGUSER} -d ${DBNAME} \  
        -f "${SQLFILE}"  
}
```

Executing SQL - File: Explanation

```
psql -v ON_ERROR_STOP=1 -qAt -F "${DLM}" \
-h ${PGHOST} -p ${PGPORT} -U ${PGUSER} -d $DBNAME \
-f "${SQLFILE}"
```

- Same as string version except source from file
- Useful if dynamically generated SQL needs persistence
- Easier to avoid nested quote and shell expansion issues
- Convenient to manage SQL separately from script

Executing SQL - File: Usage

```
# see sqlfile.sh
### Load Common Functions Library ####
PGHOST="/tmp"; PGPORT="55605"; DBNAME="pgcon2015"
PGUSER="postgres"; DLM=" "

SQLFILE="$(mktemp ${SQLDIR}/test.XXXXXX.sql)"

echo "select pid, now() - state_change as age
from pg_stat_activity
where datname = current_database()
and state = 'idle in transaction'" > "$SQLFILE"

exec_sql_file "${PGHOST}" "${PGPORT}" "${DBNAME}" \
"${PGUSER}" "${DLM}" "${SQLFILE}"
```

Assigning SQL Results: Scalar

```
# see sqlassign.sh
### Load Common Functions Library ####
PGHOST="/tmp"; PGPORT="55605"; DBNAME="pgcon2015"
PGUSER="postgres"; DLM=" "

SQL="select 42 as the_answer"

the_answer=$(exec_sql "${PGHOST}" "${PGPORT}" \
"${DBNAME}" "${PGUSER}" \
"${DLM}" "${SQL}")"

echo "The answer is: ${the_answer}"
```

Assigning SQL Results: Set

```
# see sqlassign.sh
### Load Common Functions Library ####
PGHOST="/tmp"; PGPORT="55605"; DBNAME="pgcon2015"
PGUSER="postgres"; DLM=" "

SQL="select pid, now() - state_change as age
     from pg_stat_activity
     where datname = current_database()
     and state = 'idle in transaction'

while read pid age
do
  echo "pid/age: ${pid}/${age}"
done <<< "$exec_sql ${PGHOST} ${PGPORT} \
          ${DBNAME} ${PGUSER} \
          ${DLM} ${SQL})"
```

Managing SQL Functions: sqlfunc_match

```
function sqlfunc_match
{
    local PGHOST="$1"; local PGPORT="$2"; local DBNAME="$3"
    local PGUSER="$4"; local DLM="$5"; local SCHEMA="$6"
    local FNAME="$7"; local ARGTYPS="$8"; local FUNCMD5="$9"
    local SQL="

        select count(1) from pg_catalog.pg_proc
        where pronamespace=(select oid from pg_catalog.pg_namespace
                            where nspname='${SCHEMA}')
        and proname='${FNAME}'
        and proargtypes = '${ARGTYPES}':::oidvector
        and md5(pg_get_functiondef(oid)) = '${FUNCMD5}'

    "

    echo $( exec_sql "${PGHOST}" "${PGPORT}" "${DBNAME}" \
            "${PGUSER}" "${DLM}" "${SQL}" )
}
```

Managing SQL Functions: Explanation

```
select count(1) from pg_catalog.pg_proc
where pronamespace=(select oid from pg_catalog.pg_namespace
                     where nspname='${SCHEMA}')
and proname='${FNAME}'
and proargtypes = '${ARGTYPES}'::oidvector
and md5(pg_get_functiondef(oid)) = '${FUNCMD5}'
```

- SCHEMA+FNAME+ARGTYPES ⇒ function signature
- md5(pg_get_functiondef(oid)) ⇒ function version

Managing SQL Functions: cr_sql_func

```
function cr_sql_func
{
    local PGHOST="$1"; local PGPORT="$2"; local DBNAME="$3"
    local PGUSER="$4"; local DLM="$5"; local SQLFILE="$6"
    local FQ_SQLFILE="${SQLDIR}/${SQLFILE}"

    local SCHEMA=$(cut -d "." -f 1 <<< ${SQLFILE})
    local FNAME=$((cut -d "." -f 2 <<< ${SQLFILE}) | \
                  cut -d "-" -f 1)
    local ARGTYPS=$((cut -d "." -f 2 <<< ${SQLFILE}) | \
                  cut -d "-" -f 2 | tr '_' ' ')
    local FUNCMD5=$(md5sum ${FQ_SQLFILE} | cut -d " " -f 1)

    ...
}
```

Managing SQL Functions: Explanation

```
local SCHEMA=$(cut -d "." -f 1 <<< ${SQLFILE})
local FNAME=$((cut -d "." -f 2 <<< ${SQLFILE}) | \
               cut -d "-" -f 1)
local ARGTYPS=$((cut -d "." -f 2 <<< ${SQLFILE}) | \
               cut -d "-" -f 2 | tr '_' ' ')
local FUNCMD5=$(md5sum ${FQ_SQLFILE} | cut -d " " -f 1)
```

- Parse SCHEMA+FNAME+ARGTYP from SQLFILE basename
- Calculate MD5 of SQLFILE

Managing SQL Functions: cr_sql_func

```
...
funcmatch=$(sqlfunc_match "${PGHOST?}" "${PGPORT?}" \
                      "${DBNAME?}" "${PGUSER?}" \
                      "${DLM}" "${SCHEMA}" "${FNAME}" \
                      "${ARGTYPSS}" "${FUNCMD5}" )

if [[ $funcmatch -ne 1 ]]; then
    echo "Executing ${SQLFILE} to install/replace ${SCHEMA}.${FNAME}"
    sqlout=$(exec_sql_file "${PGHOST}" "${PGPORT}" "${DBNAME}" \
                          "${PGUSER}" "${DLM}" "${FQ_SQLFILE}")
fi
}
```

Managing SQL Functions: Explanation

```
funcmatch=$(sqlfunc_match "${PGHOST?}" "${PGPORT?}" \
                      "${DBNAME?}" "${PGUSER?}" \
                      "${DLM}" "${SCHEMA}" "${FNAME}" \
                      "${ARGTYPSS}" "${FUNCMD5}" )

if [[ $funcmatch -ne 1 ]]; then
    ...

```

- SCHEMA+FNAME+ARGTYPSS+MD5 match?
- If not, CREATE OR REPLACE ...

Managing SQL Functions: Usage

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION testfunc(arg int)
RETURNS text LANGUAGE sql AS $$  
select 'The answer is ' || arg::text as the_answer
$$;
```

Managing SQL Functions: Usage

```
# see sqlfdump.sh
### Load Common Functions Library ####
PGHOST="/tmp"; PGPORT="55605"; DBNAME="pgcon2015"
PGUSER="postgres"; DLM=" "

SCHEMA="$1"; FNAME="$2"; ARGTYPS="$3"; SQLFILE="$4"
SQL="select pg_get_functiondef(p.oid)
from pg_catalog.pg_proc p
join pg_catalog.pg_namespace n on n.oid = p.pronamespace
where nspname = '${SCHEMA}'
and proname = '${FNAME}'
and proargtypes = '${ARGTYPES}'

FDEF=$(exec_sql "${PGHOST}" "${PGPORT}" "${DBNAME}" \
"${PGUSER}" "${DLM}" "${SQL}")

echo "${FDEF}" > "${SQLDIR}/${SQLFILE}"
```

Managing SQL Functions: Usage

```
# see sqlcheck.sh
### Load Common Functions Library ####
PGHOST="/tmp"; PGPORT="55605"; DBNAME="pgcon2015"
PGUSER="postgres"; DLM=" "

SQLFILE="public.testfunc-23.sql"

# verify the correct version of the SQL function is installed
cr_sql_func "${PGHOST}" "${PGPORT}" "${DBNAME}" \
    "${PGUSER}" "${DLM}" "${SQLFILE}"

# now use it
SQL="select public.testfunc(42)"
exec_sql "${PGHOST}" "${PGPORT}" "${DBNAME}" \
    "${PGUSER}" "${DLM}" "${SQL}"
```

Concurrent Execution Interlock

- Ensure script only runs once at any time
- Especially important if script:
 - might run long
 - is executed from periodic cron job
 - concurrent execution might cause undue load or damage
- Examples:
 - Forcing table vacuum based on custom criteria
 - Maintaining data in external (non-pg) systems
 - Dependence on starting state

Concurrent Execution Interlock

```
function interlock
{
    local LOCKNAME="$1"; local LOCKTYPE="$2"; set +e
    if [[ ${LOCKTYPE} -ne ${UNLOCK} ]]; then
        if [[ ${LOCKTYPE} -eq ${NOWAIT} ]]; then
            action="--nonblock"
        else
            action=""
        fi
        exec {FD}> "${LOCKNAME}"
        flock --exclusive ${action} ${FD}
        rv=$?
        if [[ $rv -ne 0 ]]; then
            echo "could not obtain lock - ${LOCKNAME}"
        fi
    else
        ...
    fi
}
```

Concurrent Execution Interlock

```
...
else
    flock --unlock ${FD}
    rv=$?
    if [[ $rv -ne 0 ]]
    then
        echo "could not unlock ${LOCKNAME}"
    fi
fi
return $rv
}
```

Concurrent Execution Interlock

```
# see flock.sh
### Load Common Functions Library ####
SLEEPTIME=10
LOCKFILE="${OUTDIR}/${BASENAME}.lock"
echo "Attempt to grab lock in non-blocking mode..."
interlock "${LOCKFILE}" ${NOWAIT}
rv=$?
if [[ $rv -ne 0 ]]
then
    echo "Attempt to grab lock in blocking mode..."
    interlock "${LOCKFILE}" ${BLOCK}
fi

echo "sleeping ${SLEEPTIME} seconds locked"
sleep ${SLEEPTIME}
echo "done ${SLEEPTIME} seconds"
```

Parallel Work

- Launch multiple async processes and wait until completion
- Examples:
 - pg_dump across multiple servers
 - multiple long running queries
- Example script:
 - Three queries, each launched as separate background task
 - The wait command blocks until all three complete
 - Without parallelism, would take ≥ 15 seconds
 - With parallelism, takes ~ 5 seconds

Parallel Work - Simple Method

- Cannot gather results easily
- Still useful for long autonomous tasks

```
### Load Common Functions Library ###
PGHOST_1="/tmp"; PGHOST_2="/tmp"; PGHOST_3="/tmp"
PGPORT="55605"; DBNAME="pgcon2015"; PGUSER="postgres"
DLM=" "; SLEEPTIME=5
SQL="select 42 as the_answer, pg_sleep(30)"

exec_sql "${PGHOST_1}" ... "${SQL}" &
exec_sql "${PGHOST_2}" ... "${SQL}" &
exec_sql "${PGHOST_3}" ... "${SQL}" &
wait
...
...
```

Parallel Work - More Complex

- Able to gather results, but coproc has issues

```
# see parallel.sh
### Load Common Functions Library ####
PGHOST_1="/tmp"; PGHOST_2="/tmp"; PGHOST_3="/tmp"
PGPORT="55605"; DBNAME="pgcon2015"; PGUSER="postgres"
DLM=" "; SLEEPTIME=5
SQL1="select 42 as the_answer, pg_sleep(${SLEEPTIME})"
SQL2="select 43 as the_answer, pg_sleep(${SLEEPTIME})"
SQL3="select 44 as the_answer, pg_sleep(${SLEEPTIME})"
coproc p1 { exec_sql "${PGHOST_1}" ... "${SQL1}" ; }
coproc p2 { exec_sql "${PGHOST_2}" ... "${SQL2}" ; }
coproc p3 { exec_sql "${PGHOST_3}" ... "${SQL3}" ; }
coproc p4 { sleep 1 ; } #work around coproc bug
wait
read buf1 <&${p1}; echo "buf1=${buf1}"
read buf2 <&${p2}; echo "buf2=${buf2}"
read buf3 <&${p3}; echo "buf3=${buf3}"
```

Parallel Work - More Complex

- Another coproc issue

```
time ./parallel.sh
./parallel.sh: line 29: warning: execute_coproc: ...
./parallel.sh: line 30: warning: execute_coproc: ...
./parallel.sh: line 31: warning: execute_coproc: ...
buf1=42
buf2=43
buf3=44

real    0m5.083s
user    0m0.106s
sys     0m0.063s
```

Automated Cleanup

- Register trap
- Examples:
 - Undo partial changes after error or SIGINT (Ctl-c)
 - Clean up on any EXIT, e.g. temporary files
 - Keep track of progress/provide ability to restart
- Example script:
 - Set undo traps
 - TRUNCATE t1; INSERT INTO t2;
 - Perform some DML
 - INSERT INTO t1; TRUNCATE t2;
 - On ERROR or SIGINT, trap runs
 - On success, trap does not run

Automated Cleanup

```
# see trap.sh
### Load Common Functions Library ####
PGHOST="/tmp"; PGPORT="55605"; DBNAME="pgcon2015"
PGUSER="postgres"; DLM=" "

if [[ $# -eq 1 ]]
then THROWERR="1"
else THROWERR="0"
fi

function clean_up
{
    for (( i=${#ARRAY[@]} - 1; i>=0; i-- )); do
        eval ${ARRAY[$i]}
    done; exit 1
}
...
...
```

Automated Cleanup

```
...
declare -a ARRAY
SQL="truncate table t1"
ELEMENT="echo 'exit trap: truncating table t1';
        exec_sql \"${PGHOST}\\" \"${PGPORT}\\" \"${DBNAME}\\" \
                  \"${PGUSER}\\" \"${DLM}\\" \"${SQL}\\""
ARRAY[0]="$ELEMENT"

SQL="insert into t2 values(1),(2),(3),(4)"
ELEMENT="echo 'exit trap: inserting into table t2';
        exec_sql \"${PGHOST}\\" \"${PGPORT}\\" \"${DBNAME}\\" \
                  \"${PGUSER}\\" \"${DLM}\\" \"${SQL}\\""
ARRAY[$[#ARRAY[@]]]="$ELEMENT"

trap 'clean_up' SIGINT ERR
...
```

Automated Cleanup

```
...
SQL="insert into t1 values(1),(2),(3)"
echo "script: inserting into table t1"
exec_sql "${PGHOST}" "${PGPORT}" "${DBNAME}" \
          "${PGUSER}" "${DLM}" "${SQL}"
SQL="truncate table t2"
echo "script: truncating table t2"
exec_sql "${PGHOST}" "${PGPORT}" "${DBNAME}" \
          "${PGUSER}" "${DLM}" "${SQL}"
SQL="select count(1) from t1"
echo "t1 count: $(exec_sql "${PGHOST}" "${PGPORT}" \
          "${DBNAME}" "${PGUSER}" "${DLM}" "${SQL}")"
SQL="select count(1) from t2"
echo "t2 count: $(exec_sql "${PGHOST}" "${PGPORT}" \
          "${DBNAME}" "${PGUSER}" "${DLM}" "${SQL}")"
...

```

Automated Cleanup

```
...
if [[ $THROWERR -eq 1 ]]
then
    echo "ctl-c to get SIGINT, after 5 seconds force error"
    sleep 5
    false
else
    echo "Completed successfully"
fi
```

Automated Cleanup

```
./trap.sh err
script: inserting into table t1
script: truncating table t2
t1 count: 3
t2 count: 0
ctl-c to get SIGINT, after 5 seconds force error
exit trap: inserting into table t2
exit trap: truncating table t1

echo "select (select count(1) from t1) as t1,
       (select count(1) from t2) as t2" | \
psql -h /tmp -p 55605 -U postgres -d pgcon2015
t1 | t2
----+----
 0 |  4
(1 row)
```

Automated Cleanup

```
./trap.sh
script: inserting into table t1
script: truncating table t2
t1 count: 3
t2 count: 0
Completed successfully

echo "select (select count(1) from t1) as t1,
        (select count(1) from t2) as t2" | \
psql -h /tmp -p 55605 -U postgres -d pgcon2015
t1 | t2
----+----
     3 |  0
(1 row)
```

Questions?

Thank You!
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