

PL/pgSQL Debugging

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# Why?



- More web developers using PostgreSQL
  - Use programming techniques inside the database
- Wrong assumptions
  - Using stored procedures prevent SQL Injection attacks
- Migrations
  - Its how Oracle has been advocating database development for years







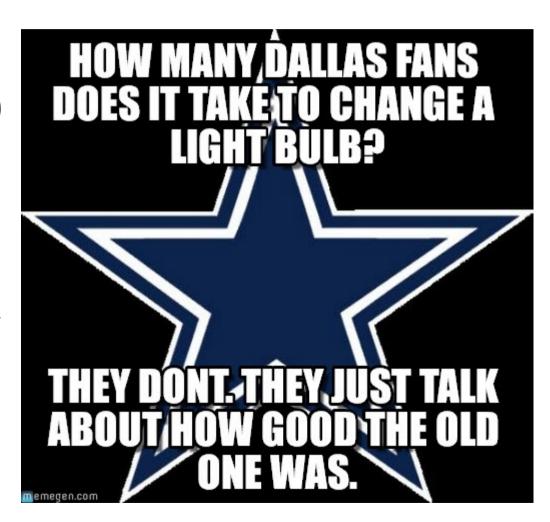


### Example



 Find the youngest rookie to rush for 100 yards against the Dallas Cowboys

first_name	last_name	p_year	p_week	p_age
Edgerrin Jamal (2 rows)	James   Lewis	1999	8   12	





### Database Developer



```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION get youngest rookie backs against team min yards simple (
    p team VARCHAR, p yards integer, OUT first name VARCHAR, OUT last name VARCHAR,
    OUT p year integer, OUT p week integer, OUT p age integer)
 RETURNS SETOF record AS
$$
BEGIN
   RETURN OUERY
     WITH rookies AS (
           SELECT p.first name, p.last name, r.player key,
                  g.year, g.week, (g.year - p.birth year) AS age,
                  first value(q.year - p.birth year) OVER w AS youngest
             FROM games q, rushing r, player p
            WHERE g.game id = r.game id
              AND r.player key = p.player key
              AND (g.team = p team OR g.opponent = p team)
              AND r.yards >= p yards
              AND g.year = p.debut year
              AND r.player key NOT IN (SELECT s.player key
                                         FROM seasons s
                                        WHERE s.year = q.year
                                          AND s.team = p team)
           WINDOW w AS (ORDER BY (g.year - p.birth year)))
      SELECT k.first name, k.last name, k.year, k.week, k.age
        FROM rookies k
       WHERE k.age = k.youngest;
END;
$$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```





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CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION get backs against team min yards (
    p team VARCHAR, p yards integer, OUT p player key VARCHAR,
   OUT p year integer, OUT p week integer)
  RETURNS SETOF record AS
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DECLARE
    g record;
    r record:
BEGIN
    FOR g IN SELECT game id, year, week
               FROM games
              WHERE team = p team
                 OR opponent = p team
    LOOP
        FOR r IN SELECT player key, yards
                   FROM rushing
                  WHERE game id = g.game id
        LOOP
            IF r.yards >= p yards AND
               NOT is on team(p team, r.player key, g.year) THEN
                  p player key := r.player key;
                  p year := g.year;
                  p week := g.week;
                  RETURN NEXT;
            END IF;
        END LOOP;
    END LOOP;
    RETURN;
END;
$BODY$
 LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```





```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION is on team (
    p team VARCHAR, p player key VARCHR, p year integer)
 RETURNS boolean AS
$BODY$
DECLARE
    r record;
BEGIN
    FOR r IN SELECT team
               FROM seasons
              WHERE player key = p player key
                AND year = p year
    LOOP
        IF r.team = p team THEN
            RETURN true;
        END IF;
    END LOOP;
    RETURN false;
END;
$BODY$
  LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```





```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION get rookie backs against team min yards (
    p team VARCHAR, p yards integer, OUT pl player key VARCHAR,
    OUT pl year integer, OUT pl week integer)
  RETURNS SETOF record AS
$BODY$
DECLARE
    r record;
BEGIN
    FOR r IN SELECT p player key, p year, p week
               FROM get backs against_team_min_yards(p_team, p_yards)
    LOOP
        IF is rookie year (r.p player key, r.p year) THEN
              pl player key := r.p player key;
              p1 year := r.p year;
              p1 week := r.p week;
              RETURN NEXT:
        END IF;
    END LOOP;
    RETURN;
END;
$BODY$
  LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```





```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION is rookie year (
    p player key VARCHAR, p year integer)
 RETURNS boolean AS
$BODY$
DECLARE
    l year integer;
BEGIN
    SELECT debut year
      INTO 1 year
      FROM player
     WHERE player_key = p_player_key;
    IF l year = p year THEN
        RETURN true;
    END IF;
    RETURN false;
END;
$BODY$
  LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```





```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION get youngest rookie backs against team min yards (
BEGIN
   1 age := 99;
   FOR r IN SELECT pl player key, pl year, pl week
               FROM get rookie backs against team min yards(p team, p yards)
   LOOP
        IF get player age in year(r.pl player key, r.pl year) < l age THEN
            l age := get player age in year(r.pl player key, r.pl year);
        END IF;
   END LOOP;
    FOR r IN SELECT pl player key, pl year, pl week
               FROM get rookie backs against team min yards (p team, p yards)
   LOOP
        IF get player age in year(r.pl player key, r.pl year) = l age THEN
              SELECT firstname, lastname
                INTO 1 fn, 1 ln
                FROM get player name (r.p1 player key);
              first name := 1 fn;
              last name := 1 ln;
              p year := r.p1 year;
              p week := r.p1 week;
              p age := l age;
              RETURN NEXT;
        END IF;
   END LOOP;
   RETURN;
END;
$BODY$
 LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```





```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION get player age in year (
    p player key character varying, p year integer)
 RETURNS integer AS
$BODY$
DECLARE
    l year integer;
BEGIN
    SELECT birth year
      INTO 1 year
      FROM player
     WHERE player key = p player key;
    RETURN p year - l_year;
END;
$BODY$
  LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```





```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION get player name (
    p player key VARCHAR, OUT firstname VARCHAR,
    OUT lastname VARCHAR)
 RETURNS record AS
$BODY$
BEGIN
    SELECT first name, last name
      INTO firstname, lastname
      FROM seasons
     WHERE player key = p player key
     LIMIT 1;
    RETURN:
END;
$BODY$
  LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```



### How?



- The code rarely starts so complex, but growing functional requirements and short time lines contribute to short cuts
- Developers know enough PostgreSQL to be dangerous



# Fantasy Football



 Fantasy football is a statistical game in which players compete against each other by managing groups of real players or position units selected from American football teams.





### **Business Rules**



- Passing
  - Touchdown (4 points)
  - Every 25 yards (1 point)
  - Interception (-1 point)
- Rushing
  - Touchdown (6 points)
  - Every 10 yards (1 point)
- Receiving
  - Touchdown (6 points)
  - Every 10 yards (1 point)



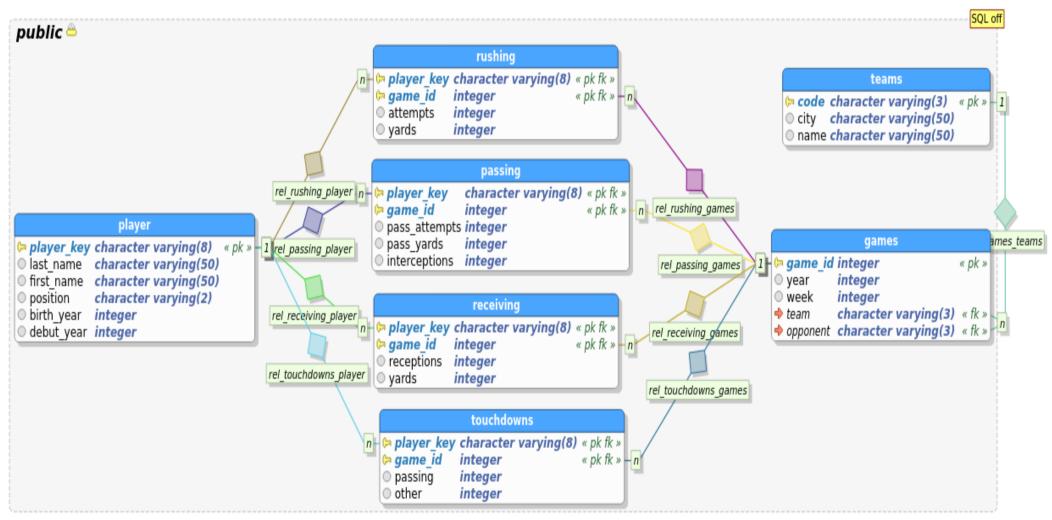
### Business Rules (Hockey Translation)



- Goal
  - Wings & Centers (3 points)
  - Defensemen (5 points)
  - Goalie (5 points)
- Assist
  - Wings & Centers (2 points)
  - Defensemen (3 points)
  - Goalie (3 points)

### Sample Schema







### Procedures



```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION rushing score (p player key VARCHAR,
                                          p year int,
                                          p week int)
 RETURNS INT AS
$$
DECLARE
                INT;
  score
BEGIN
  -- 1 point for every 10 yards rushing
  SELECT r.yards/10
    INTO score
    FROM rushing r, games g
   WHERE r.game id = g.game id
     AND g.year = p year
     AND q.week = p week
     AND r.player key = p player key;
  IF score IS NULL THEN
    RETURN 0;
  END IF;
 RETURN score;
END;
$$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```



#### Procedures



```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION player game score(p player key VARCHAR, p year int, p week int)
BEGIN
 score := 0;
 -- Get the position of the player
 SELECT position
   INTO 1 position
   FROM player
  WHERE player key = p player key;
 IF 1 position = 'qb' THEN
    score := score + passing score(p player key, p year, p week);
    score := score + rushing score(p player key, p year, p week);
    score := score + td score(p player key, p year, p week);
 ELSIF | position = 'rb' THEN
    score := score + rushing score(p player key, p year, p week);
    score := score + td score(p player key, p year, p week);
 ELSIF 1 position = 'wr' THEN
    score := score + receiving score(p player key, p year, p week);
    score := score + td score(p player key, p year, p week);
 ELSIF 1 position = 'te' THEN
    score := score + receiving score(p player key, p year, p week);
    score := score + td score(p player key, p year, p week);
 ELSE
   return 0;
 END IF;
 return score;
END;
$$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```



#### Procedures



```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION avg yearly score (
    p player key VARCHAR, p year int)
  RETURNS REAL AS
$$
DECLARE
                INT;
  score
                INT;
BEGIN
  score := 0;
  FOR i IN 1..17 LOOP
    score := score + player game score(p player key,
p year, i);
  END LOOP;
  RETURN score/16.0;
END;
$$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```



### Debugging: RAISE



```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION passing score (p player key VARCHAR, p year int, p week
int)
 RETURNS INT AS
$$
BEGIN
 score := 0;
 -- 1 point for every 25 yards passing
 SELECT p.pass yards/25
    INTO yardage score
    FROM passing p, games g
  WHERE p.game id = g.game id
    AND g.year = p year
    AND g.week = p week
    AND p.player key = p player key;
 IF yardage score IS NULL THEN
   yardage score := 0;
 END IF;
 RAISE NOTICE 'Passing Yards Score: %', yardage score;
```



### Debugging: RAISE



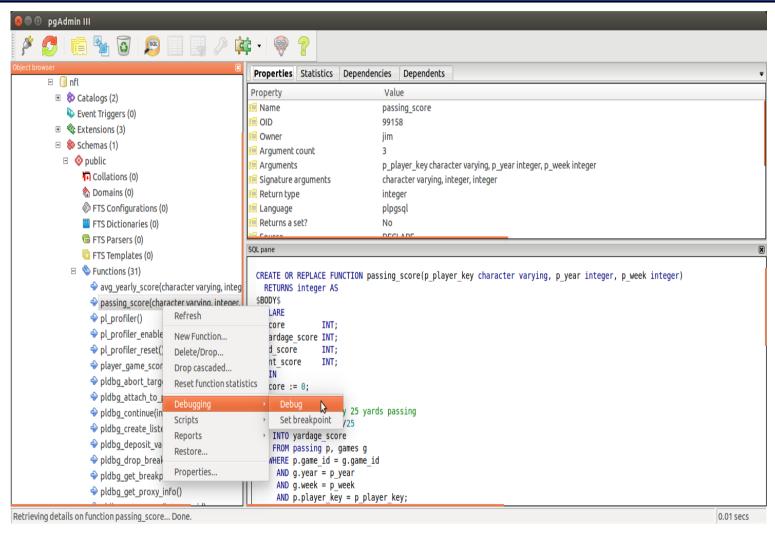




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git://git.postgresql.org/git/pldebugger.git
make USE PGXS=1
make install USE PGXS=1
www.bigsql.org/postgresql/installers.jsp
shared preload libraries =
'$libdir/plugin debugger'
CREATE EXTENSION pldbgapi;
```







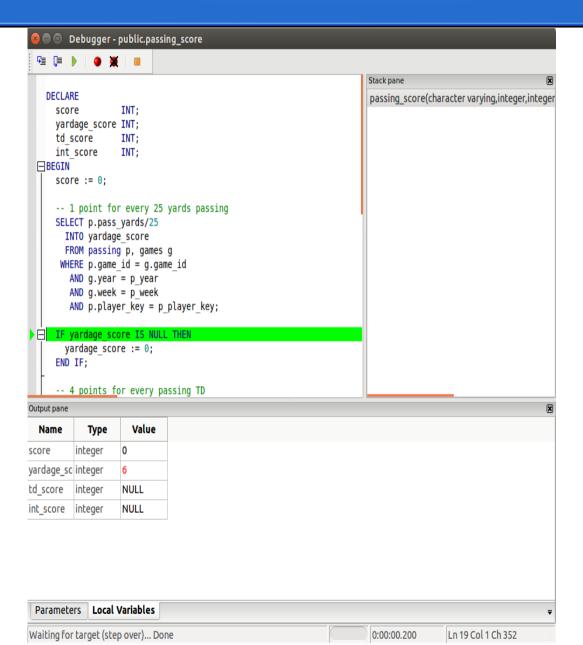




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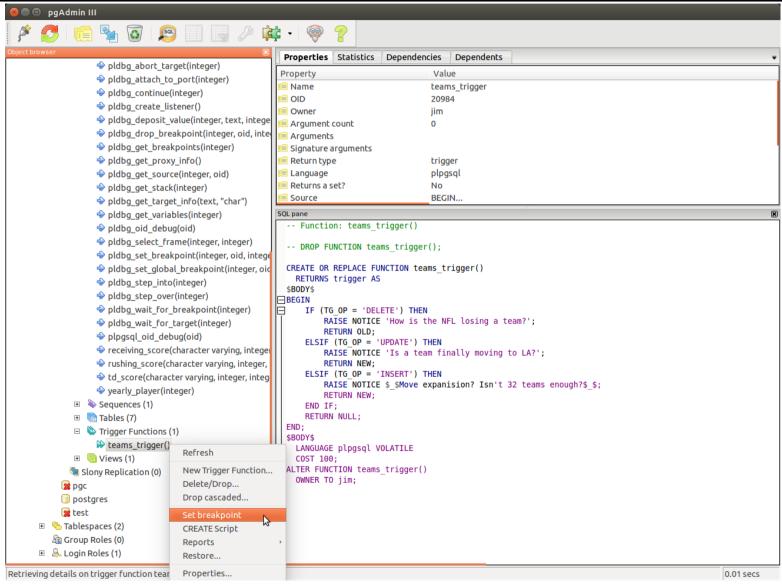






# **Debugging Triggers**

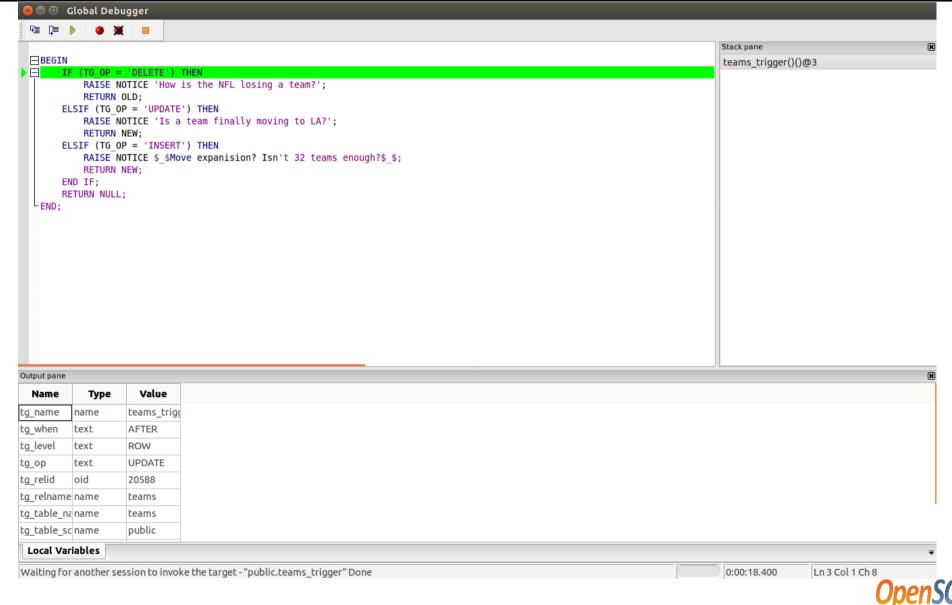






# **Debugging Triggers**





### Debugging: RAISE





# Debugging: RAISE



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NOTICE: Passing TD Score: 4
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NOTICE: Interception Score: -2
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#### Track Functions



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### Profiler



```
https://bitbucket.org/openscg/plprofiler.git
make USE PGXS=1
make install USE PGXS=1
http://www.bigsql.org/postgresql/installers.jsp
shared preload libraries =
'$libdir/plprofiler.so'
CREATE EXTENSION plprofiler;
```





```
$ plprofiler help
```

usage: plprofiler COMMAND [OPTIONS]

plprofiler is a command line tool to control the plprofiler extension for PostgreSQL.

The input of this utility are the call and execution statistics, the plprofiler extension collects. The final output is an HTML report of the statistics gathered. There are several ways to collect the data, save the data permanently and even transport it from a production system to a lab system for offline analysis.

Use

plprofiler COMMAND --help

for detailed information about one of the commands below.





```
$ plprofiler help
...
```

GENERAL OPTIONS:

All commands implement the following command line options to specify the target database:

-h, --host=HOST The host name of the database server.

-p, --port=PORT The PostgreSQL port number.

-U, --user=USER The PostgreSQL user name to connect as.

-d, --dbname=DB The PostgreSQL database name or the DSN.

plprofiler currently uses psycopg2 to connect to the target database. Since that is based on libpq, all the above parameters can also be specified in this option with the usual

conninfo string or URI formats.

--help Print the command specific help information

and exit.



\$ plprofiler help

TERMS:

The following terms are used in the text below and the help output of individual commands:

in-memory-data The plprofiler extension collects run-time data in per-backend hashtables (in-memory). This data is only accessible in the current session and is lost when the session ends or the hash tables are explicitly reset.

collected-data The plprofiler extension can copy the in-memory-data into global tables, to make the statistics available to other sessions. See the "monitor" command for details. This data relies on the local database's system catalog to resolve Oid values into object definitions.

saved-dataset

The in-memory-data as well as the collected-data can be turned into a named, saved dataset. These sets can be exported and imported onto other machines. The saved datasets are independent of the system catalog, so a report can be generated again later, even even on a different system.





\$ plprofiler help

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#### COMMANDS:

run Runs one or more SQL statements with the plprofiler

extension enabled and creates a saved-dataset and/or

an HTML report from the in-memory-data.

monitor Monitors a running application for a requested time

and creates a saved-dataset and/or an HTML report from

the resulting collected-data.

reset-data Deletes the collected-data.

save Saves the current collected-data as a saved-dataset.

list Lists the available saved-datasets.

edit Edits the metadata of one saved-dataset. The metadata

is used in the generation of the HTML reports.

report Generates an HTML report from either a saved-dataset

or the collected-data.

delete Deletes a saved-dataset.

export Exports one or all saved-datasets into a JSON file.

with the export command.





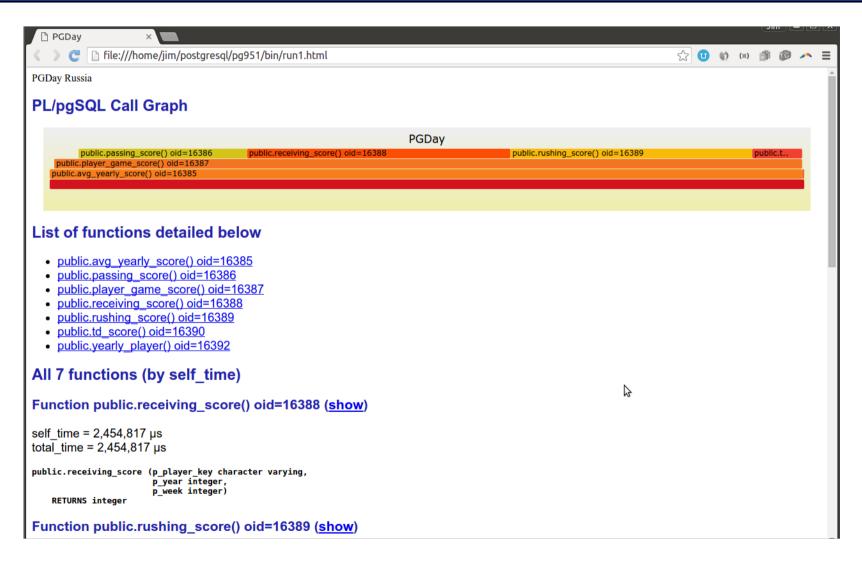
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nfl=# SELECT p.first name, p.last name, p.position,
            avg yearly score (p.player key, 2006) AS score
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nfl-# FROM player p
nfl-# WHERE p.player key IN (SELECT * FROM
yearly player(2005))
nfl-# AND avg yearly score(p.player_key, 2006) > 10
nfl-# ORDER BY 4 DESC;
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           | Bulger
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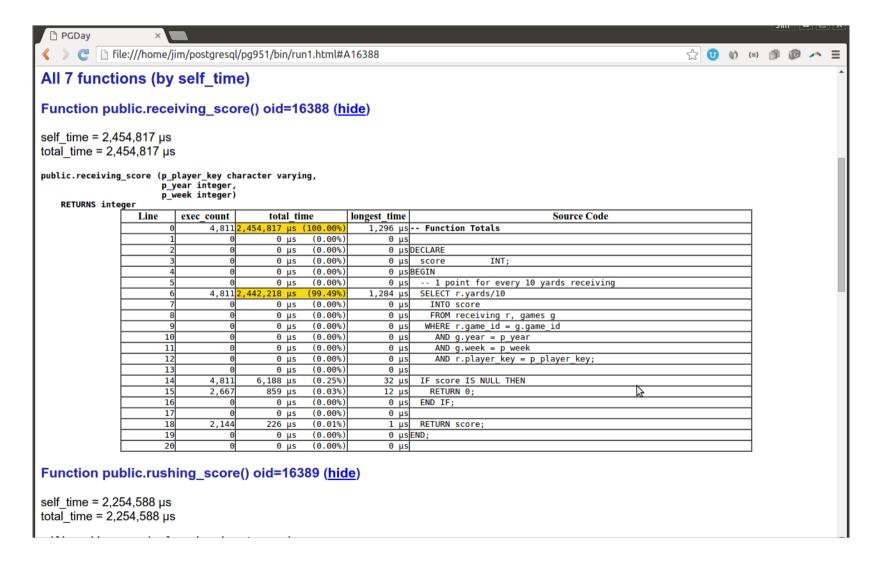








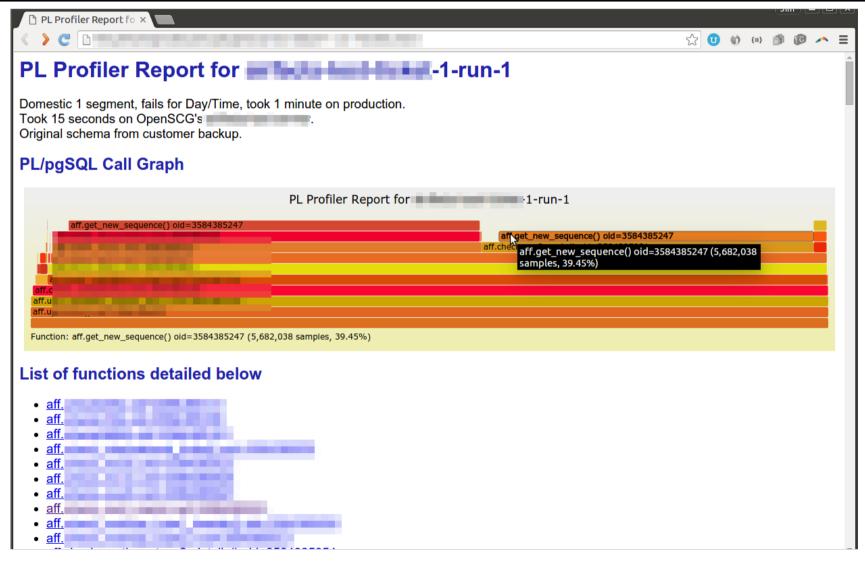






## Real Use Case







# Real Use Case

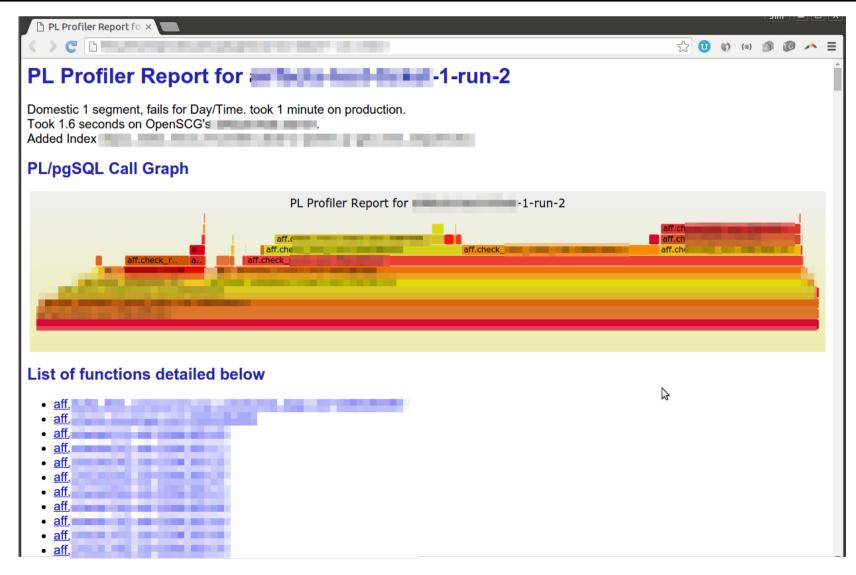


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### Real Use Case







# Summary



- Be careful running these tools on production systems
  - They do have some performance impact
- Building the extensions are simple, but still require a development environment
- The debugger and the profiler use the same hooks so at the moment they can not be used at the same time



Questions?

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