

# **POSTGRESQL AS APP PLATFORM**

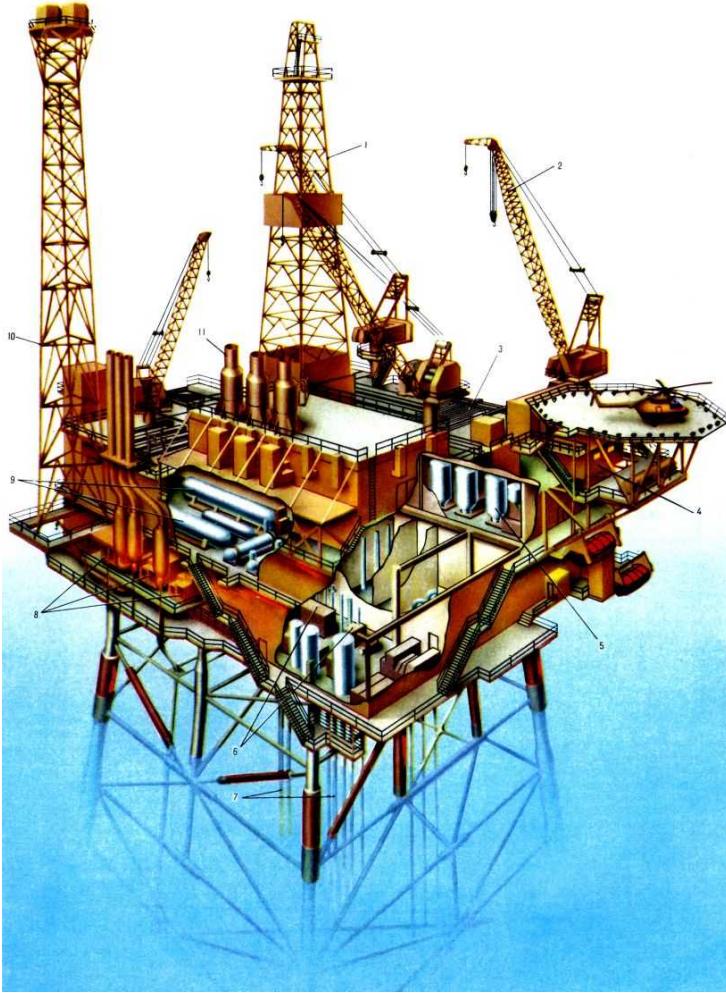
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*PostgreSQL is Operation System  
for data*

**Simon Riggs**

# APP PLATFORM?



# JAVASCRIPT INSIDE POSTGRESQL



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# HEALTHSAMURAI



# MEDCLIENT EHR



Patients John, Smith C., ACCT Prototype Feedback Help Logout

Apple, Celery Y. ♀ 24y (09/28/1988) MRN: 9130852 AN: 9455830  
Weight: 74.8 kg (165.0 lbs) Class: Inpatient Loc: OBS 534 A Admit: 09/21/12 10:00 Olive, Onion K., MD  
Allergies (Verified on 09/21/12 11:19): No known allergies Alerts: Please order MRSA test

Search

903.3 Multifocal motor neuropathy  
226.6 Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy  
762.4 Rhythmic Movement Disorder  
956.3 Steele-Richardson-Olszewski syndrome  
835.6 Transmissible spongiform encephalopathies

**Admitting diagnoses**

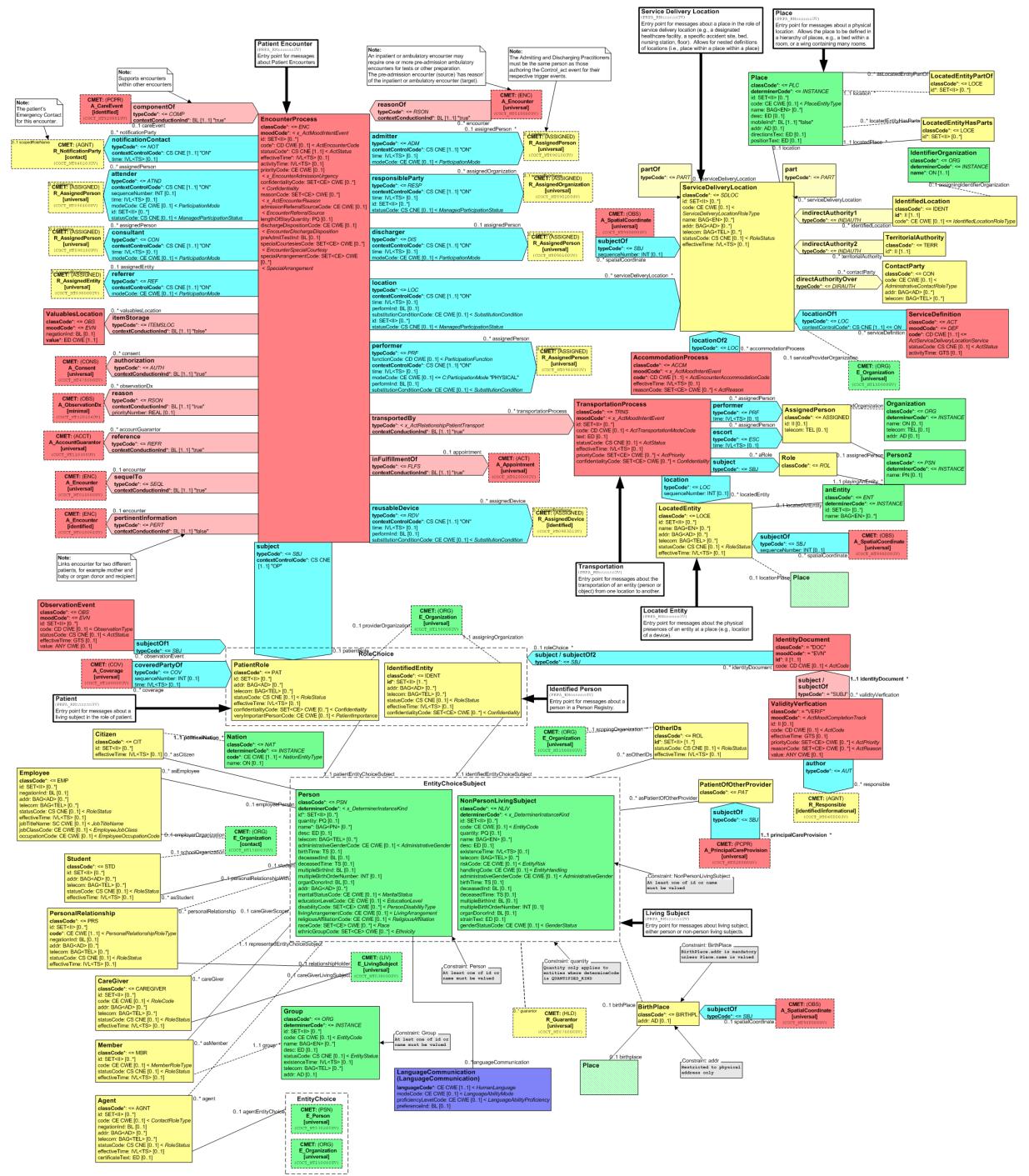
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481.9	Myoclonic Encephalopathy of infants	<input type="button" value="admitting"/>	<input checked="" type="button" value="primary"/>	<input type="button" value="additional"/>	<input type="button" value="reason of admit"/>
565.0	Tethered spinal cord syndrome	<input type="button" value="admitting"/>	<input checked="" type="button" value="primary"/>	<input type="button" value="additional"/>	<input type="button" value="reason of admit"/>

## MEDCLIENT

- Monolith + 10 services
- ~0.5M ruby SLOC + jvm, js etc
- Auto install on AWS (chef/sensu/etc)
- 5 databases ~ 1000 tables
- no high load (100 sessions)
- no big data (0.5T)
- **structural complexity**



# INTERNATIONAL DOMAIN COMPLEXITY



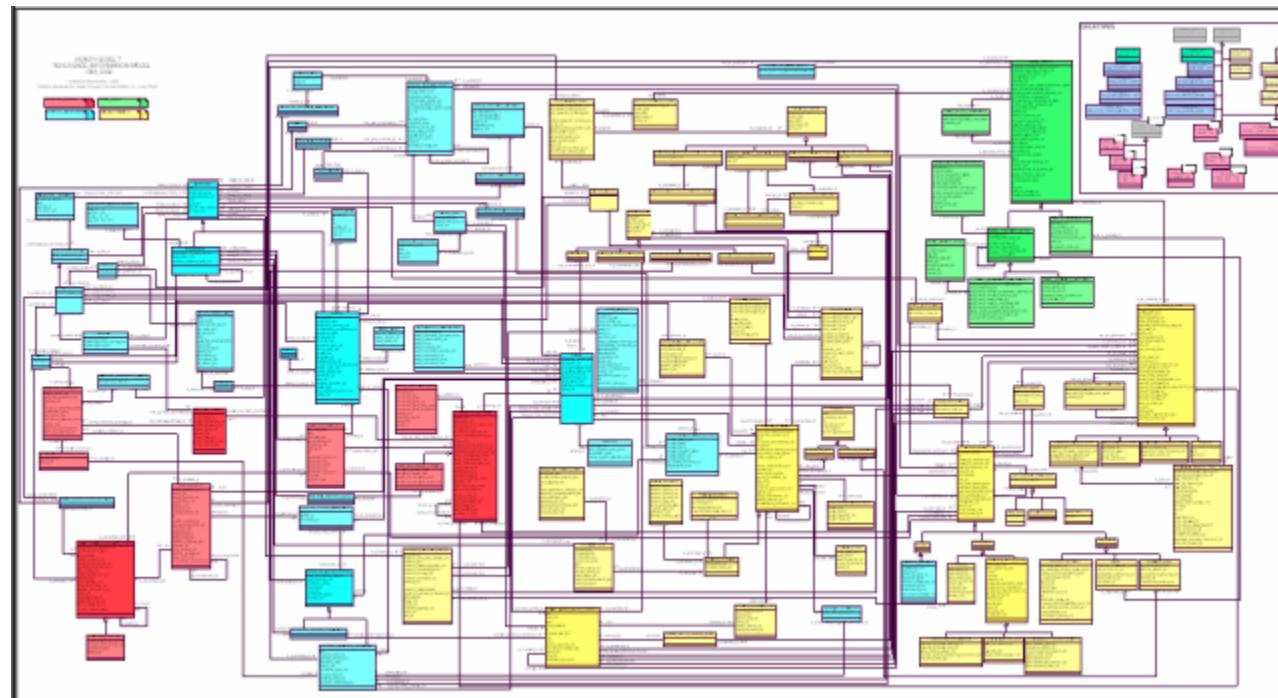
# **WE NEED STANDARD!**

## **WHICH?**

- HL7 v2
- HL7 v3
- OpenEHR
- FHIR

# MGRID

Database for HL7 v3 RIM (Postgres)

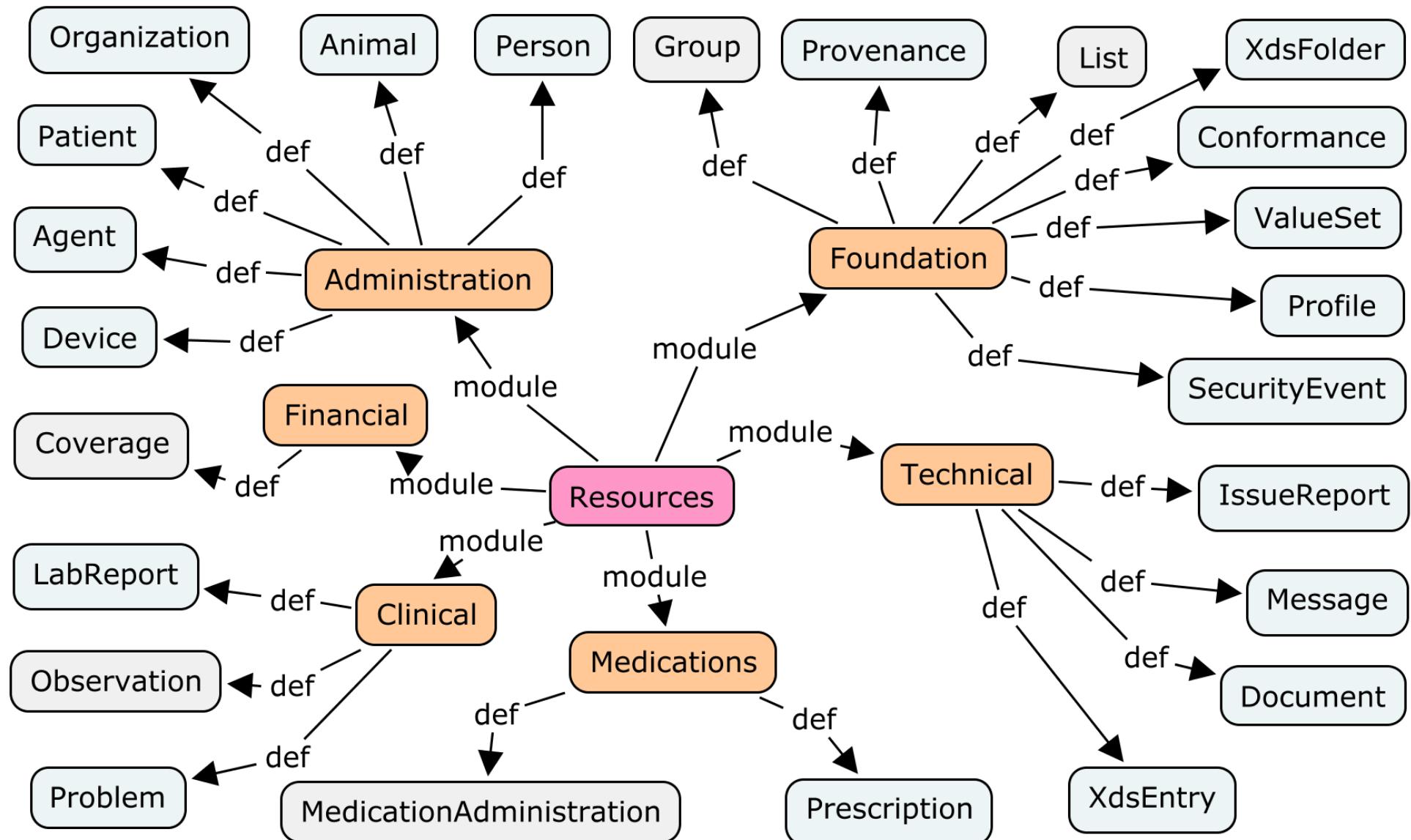


# FHIR



Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources

# FHIR: ~100 RESOURCES



# FHIR: REST API

- CRUD
- History
- Search
- Terminology
- ...

# POLYGLOT



RUBY, CLOJURE, JVM, JAVASCRIPT, .NET ...



# FHIRBASE

Relational Storage  
for FHIR resources

# FHIRBASE

```
SELECT fhir.create($JSON$  
{  
  resourceType: "Patient",  
  name: [{text: "Ivan"}],  
  birthDate: "1981-01-02"  
}  
$JSON$);  
  
SELECT fhir.search('Patient', 'name=ivan&birthdate=>1970');
```

# WORKS!?

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- fhiface, Aidbox - clojure
- Netrika (SPb) - .NET
- Kainos (UK) - Java
- ...

# BUT, PROGRAMMERS UX IS :(



## UX & TOOLING

- own preprocessor
- own modules
- own test framework
- own migrations

# PREPROCESSOR

```
func _build_url(_cfg_ jsonb, VARIADIC path text[]) RETURNS text
  SELECT _cfg_->>'base' || '/' || (SELECT string_agg(x, '/') 
    FROM unnest(path) x)

CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION
module._build_url(_cfg_ jsonb, VARIADIC path text[]) RETURNS text
AS $$
  SELECT _cfg_->>'base' || '/' || (SELECT string_agg(x, '/') 
    FROM unnest(path) x)
$$ language SQL immutable;
```

# MODULES

```
-- #import ./fhirbase_json.sql
-- #import ./fhirbase_gen.sql
-- #import ./fhirbase_coll.sql
-- #import ./fhirbase_util.sql
-- #import ./fhirbase_generate.sql

func _build_url(_cfg_ jsonb, VARIADIC path text[]) RETURNS text
  SELECT _cfg_->>'base' || '/' || (SELECT string_agg(x, '/') 
    FROM unnest(path) x)
```

# TESTS

```
BEGIN;
_extract_id('rid/_history/vid') => 'rid'
-- SELECT expect(_extract_id('rid/_history/vid'), 'rid')

SELECT fhirbase_generate.generate_tables(''{Patient}'');

setv('createOutcome',
      fhirbase_crud.create('{}'::jsonb, :'pt_json')
);

getv('createOutcome')->>'resourceType' => 'OperationOutcome'
getv('createOutcome')#>>'{issue,0,code,coding,1,code}' => '400'

ROLLBACK;
```

# THRESHOLD



АКОНИТ-М

```

func _expand_search_params(_resource_type text, _query text) RETURNS setof query_param
WITH RECURSIVE params(parent_resource, link_path, res, chain, key, operator, value) AS (
    SELECT null::text as parent_resource, -- we start with empty parent resource
           '{}'::text[] as link_path, -- path of reference attribute to join
           _resource_type::text as res, -- this is resource to apply condition
           ARRAY[_resource_type]::text[] || key as chain, -- initial chain
           key as key,
           operator as operator,
           value as value
    FROM fhirbase_params._parse_param(_query)
   WHERE key[1] NOT IN ('_tag', '_security', '_profile', '_sort', '_count', '_page')
UNION
    SELECT res as parent_resource, -- move res to parent_resource
           fhirbase_coll._rest(ri.path) as link_path, -- remove first element
           this.get_reference_type(x.key[1], re.ref_type) as res, -- set next res in chain
           x.chain AS chain, -- save search path
           fhirbase_coll._rest(x.key) AS key, -- remove first item from key untill only one key left
           x.operator,
           x.value
    FROM params x
   JOIN searchparameter ri
     ON ri.name = split_part(key[1], ':', 1)
    AND ri.base = x.res
   JOIN structuredefinition_elements re
     ON re.path = ri.path
   WHERE array_length(key,1) > 1
)
SELECT
    parent_resource as parent_resource,
    link_path as link_path,
    res as resource_type,
    fhirbase_coll._butlast(p.chain) as chain,
    ri.search_type,
    ri.is_primitive,
    ri.type,
    fhirbase_coll._rest(ri.path)::text[] as field_path,
    fhirbase_coll._last(key) as key,
    operator,
    value
FROM params p
JOIN searchparameter ri

```

# LOGIC IN DB



## **LOGIC IN DB (SMART STORAGE): PRO**

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- Performance (faster transactions, data locality)
- Consistency (like encapsulation)
- Integration by db
- Reuse

## LOGIC IN DB: CONTRA

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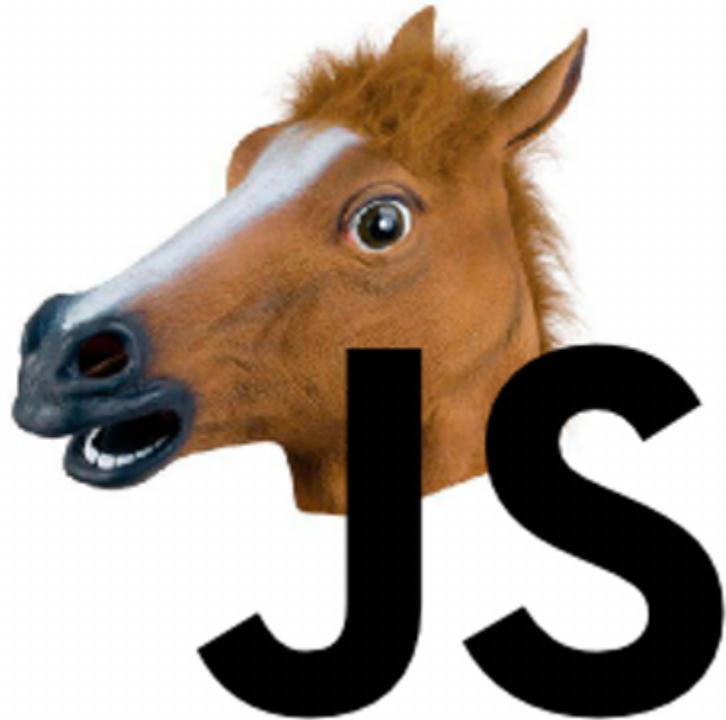
- Overload database
- No good practices (TDD, modules etc)
- Archaic languages
- Slow development

# UNRESOLVABLE?

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- +modern language
- +modularity
- +tooling

**WHICH LANG?**



- everywhere (interop)
- everyone knows
- fast

- most misunderstood language
- last programming language
- githut
- 2015

# PLV8: V8 JAVASCRIPT IN PG

- Scalar function calls
- Trigger function calls
- Mapping between JS and DB types
- Prepared Statements and Cursors
- Subtransaction & Window function API
- Remote debugger
- Runtime separation across users

# PLV8: FUNCTIONS

```
CREATE FUNCTION plv8_test(keys text[], vals text[])
RETURNS json AS $$

    var obj = {};
    for(var i=0; i<keys.length; i++){
        obj[keys[i]] = vals[i];
    }
    return obj;
$$ LANGUAGE plv8 IMMUTABLE STRICT;

SELECT plv8_test(ARRAY[ 'name' , 'age' ], ARRAY[ 'Tom' , '29' ]);
--          plv8_test
-----
-- { "name": "Tom", "age": "29" }
```

# PLV8: RETURNING FUNCTION CALLS

```
CREATE TYPE rec AS (i integer, t text);
CREATE FUNCTION set_of_records() RETURNS SETOF rec AS
$$
    // plv8.return_next() stores records in an internal tuplestore,
    // and return all of them at the end of function.
    plv8.return_next( { "i": 1, "t": "a" } );
    plv8.return_next( { "i": 2, "t": "b" } );

    // You can also return records with an array of JSON.
    return [ { "i": 3, "t": "c" }, { "i": 4, "t": "d" } ];
$$
LANGUAGE plv8;

SELECT * FROM set_of_records();
```

# PLV8: TRIGGERS

```
CREATE FUNCTION test_trigger() RETURNS trigger AS
$$
    plv8.elog(NOTICE, JSON.stringify(NEW));
    plv8.elog(NOTICE, JSON.stringify(OLD));
    plv8.elog(NOTICE, TG_OP);
    plv8.elog(NOTICE, TG_ARGV);
    if (TG_OP == UPDATE) {
        NEW.i = 102;
        return NEW;
    }
$$ LANGUAGE plv8;

CREATE TRIGGER test_trigger
BEFORE INSERT OR UPDATE OR DELETE
ON test_tbl FOR EACH ROW
EXECUTE PROCEDURE test_trigger('foo', 'bar');
```

# PLV8: CURSORS

```
var plan = plv8.prepare(
  'SELECT * FROM tbl WHERE col = $1', ['int']
);
var rows = plan.execute( [1] );
var sum = 0;
for (var i = 0; i < rows.length; i++) {
  sum += rows[i].num;
}
plan.free();

return sum;
```

# PLV8: BENCH

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alg	sql	v8	pgsql
noop	1	3.9	5.0
add	1	3.1	4.8
str	~	1	1.8
get key	1	4.4	2.8
iter	~	1	1.2
exec	~	1.2	1
polynom	~	1	200

improve

# NOT ONE LANGUAGE

- CoffeeScript
- TypeScript
- ClojureScript
- PureScript
- pgsql :)
- your?

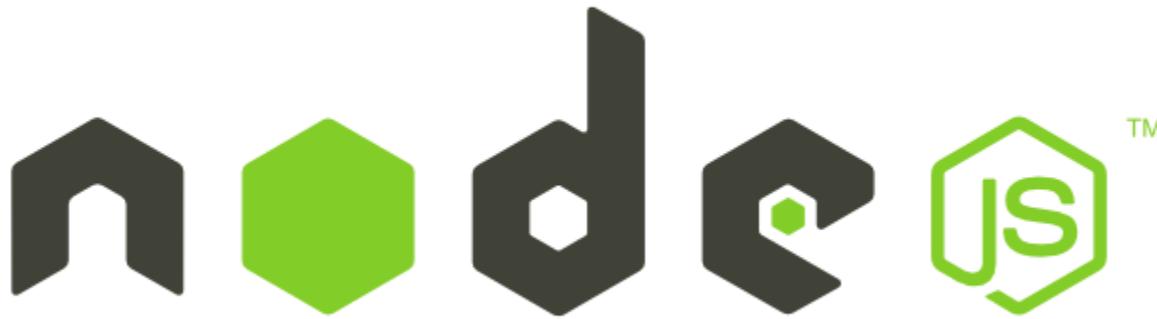
# JSX -> JSQ**L**

```
var HelloMessage = React.createClass({  
  render: function() {  
    return <div>Hello {this.props.name}</div>;  
  }  
});  
// why not  
var x = 5;  
(SELECT .* FROM users where id = x)  
.map(function(u){  
  return u.name;  
})
```

# WE NEED MORE

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- + modularity
- + tooling



Event-driven I/O server-side  
JavaScript environment based on V8

# PG + PLV8 + NODEJS?

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[www.megomult.ru](http://www.megomult.ru)

# PG.JS: CONCEPT

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- write in node
- compile into plv8

# PG.JS: MOCK PLV8

```
Client = require('pg-native')
client = new Client
client.connectSync(conn_string)

global.INFO="INFO"
module.exports =
  execute: = ->
    client.querySync.apply(client, arguments).map(coerse)
  elog: (x, msg) ->
    console.log "#{x}: ", msg
  quote_literal: (str)->
    str && client.pq.escapeLiteral(str)
  quote_ident: (str)->
    str && client.pq.escapeIdentifier(str)
```

# PG.JS: WRITE IN NODE

```
util = require('./util')
uuid = (plv8)-
  plv8.execute('select gen_random_uuid() as uuid')[0].uuid

exports.uuid = uuid
create = (plv8, resource)-
  table_name = util.table_name(resource_type)
# ...
json = JSON.stringify(resource)
plv8.execute """
  INSERT INTO #{table_name}
  (id, version_id, content)
  VALUES ($1,$2,$3)
  """, [id, version_id, json]
resource
```

# PG.JS: TEST IN NODE

```
plv8 = require('../lib/plv8')
crud = require('../src/crud')
schema = require('../src/schema')

describe "CRUD", ()->
  beforeEach ()->
    schema.generate_table(plv8, 'Patient')

  it "read", ()->
    pt = {resourceType: 'Patient', name: {text: 'Albert'}}
    pt_created = crud.create(plv8, pt)
    expect(pt_created.id).toBeTruthy()
    expect(pt_created.meta.versionId).toBeTruthy()
```

# PG.JS: COMPILE INTO PLV8

```
Module = require("module")
oldrequire = Module::require
Module::require = (f1) ->
  currentModule = f1
  oldrequire.apply this, arguments

oldcompile = Module::_compile
Module::_compile = (answer, filename) ->
  for k,v of @exports when v.plv8?
    plv8_exports[k] ={fn: v, filename: filename}
```

[github](#)

# PG.JS: COMPILE INTO PLV8

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION #{def_fn} AS $$  
var deps = {}  
var cache = {}  
#{modules_js}  
var require = function(dep){  
    if(!cache[dep]) {  
        var module = {exports: {}};  
        deps[dep](module, module.exports, require);  
        cache[dep] = module.exports;  
    }  
    return cache[dep]  
}  
return require('#{mod}').#{k}#{def_call};  
$$ LANGUAGE plv8 IMMUTABLE STRICT;
```

# PG.JS: CALL IN POSTGRES

```
select fhir.read('StructureDefinition', 'Patient') as read
```

# EXPERIMENTS ON GITHUB

- pgpp
- plpl
- plpl-sampl

## PG.JS: ROAD MAP

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- remove death code (Google closure comp)
- extend plv8 - require, native fn call,....
- deploy
- apply to fhirbase

THX

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