My Journey in PostgreSQL bug fixing

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Agenda

- What is this presentation not about
- What is this presentation about
- A bug is discovered what to do?
- Examples (live demo)



What is this presentation not about

- Provide a complete guide on how to report a bug
- Provide a complete guide on how to fix a bug



What is this presentation about

Sharing my own experience



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A bug is discovered what to do?

- Try to repro?
- Fixed in more recent versions?
- Try to write a patch?
- Report the bug (https://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/bugreporting.html)



Examples

- Sorted by level of difficulty
 - No C coding needed!
 - No need to build a repro but try to provide a patch
 - Nothing in hand except the error
- None of them provided the fix that went in but...
- All have been fixed
- Live demos



Demo





Thank you!

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