



**Customizing the Wordle Game Experience
with PostgreSQL**
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AGENDA

- History and fun facts about Wordle
- Word sets
- Comparison functions
- Let's play? 😲

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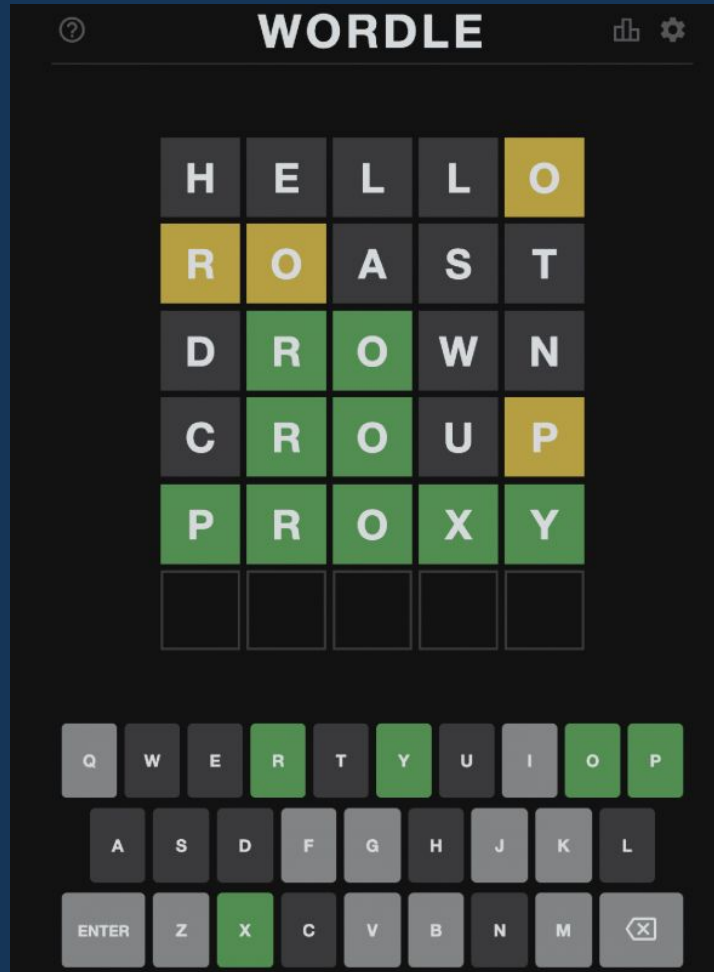


Wordle: History and fun facts

What is Wordle?

- The Classic Five-Guess Challenge
 - Wordle is a word-guessing game that challenges players to guess a hidden five-letter word.
 - The catch? You have only five attempts to crack the code.
 - Players input a five-letter word guess on each turn.
 - Wordle provides feedback on your guess by color-coding the letters

What is Wordle?



The story of the Wordle creation

- Josh Wardle, a software engineer in Brooklyn, created a game for his partner Ms. Shah
- Mr. Wardle said he first created a similar prototype in 2013
- And it's back in 2020! Could you guess why? :)
- A number of all of the five-letter words in the English language — about 12,000 — too much!
- That narrowed down to about 2,500, which should last for a few years

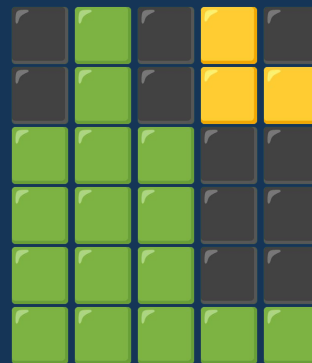
Why Wordle?

In his interview Wardle points to a few factors he considers important:

- **Scarcity** – because there is only one new word uploaded every day.
- **Simplicity** – the no-frills interface invites you to play without banners, ads or any other distractions.
- **Limited commitment** – there are no notifications. The game asks you to spend a few minutes on it and no more.

Why Wordle?

Wordle 198 6/6



My Wordle?

Wordle 318 2/6



|| GIF ALT

How many Wordles?

- Features:
 - WordPlay: spaces, words definitions
 - Absurdle: word changes every turn
 - Semantle: semantic similarity
 - Heardle: listening song
 - Quordle & Octordle: simultaneous words
 - Waffle: 6 words, drag & swap letters
 - Wordle: guess the country
 - DALL-e-dle: image as a clue

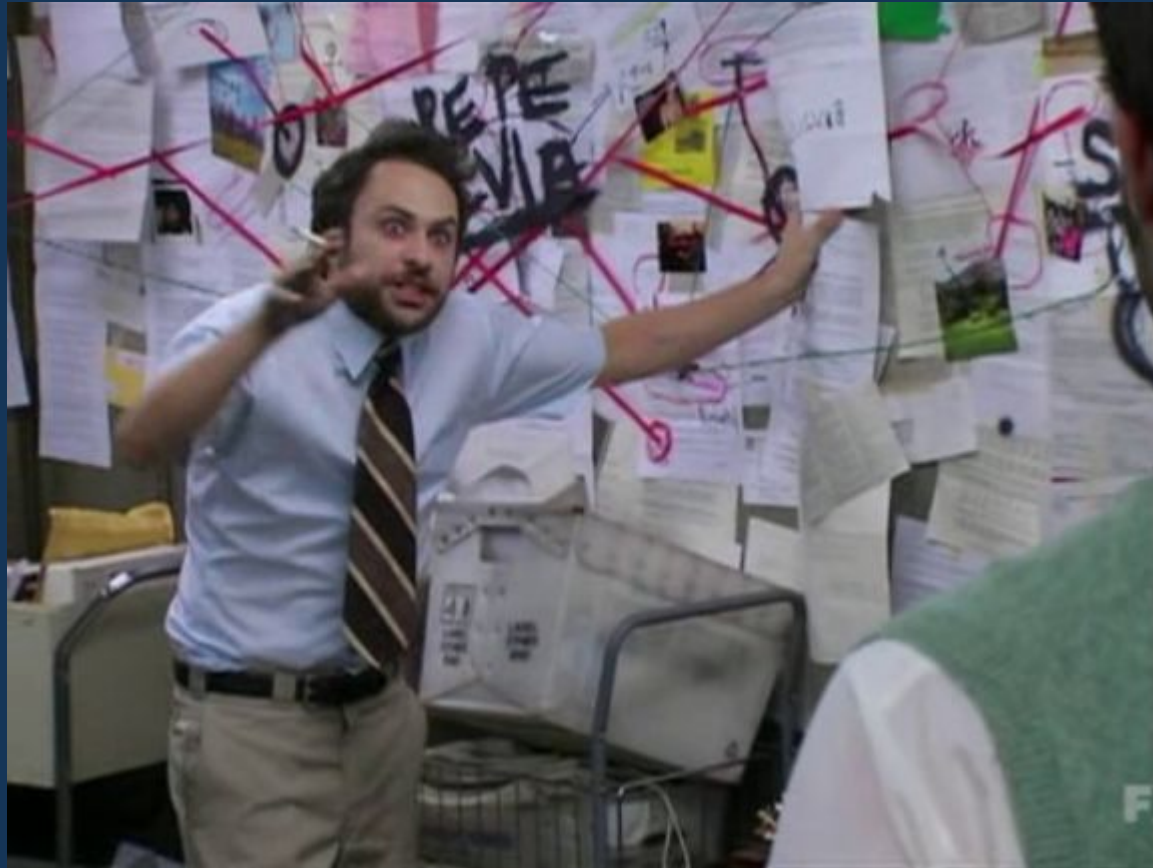
How many Wordles?

- Languages (at least 350):
 - Arwordle: Arabic,
 - Jwordle: Japanese,
 - Vārdulis: Latvian,
 - Wörtchen: German,
 - Слівце: Ukrainian,
 - Žodelė: Lithuanian
 - Swearde...

How many Wordles?

- Themes:
 - Airportle: Airport Codes
 - Anidal: Animals
 - Birdle: Birds
 - Canuckle: Canadian themed
 - Dundle: The Office
 - Filmle: Movie titles
 - Trekle: Star Trek
 - Jazle: Javascript
 - Oxdle: Hexadecimal

Math Definition



Are you ready?

Math Definition

$$\boxed{\text{Wordle}} = \langle \mathbb{W}_n, \mathbb{G}_n, \delta(g, w) \rangle$$

\mathbb{W}_n - set of n-letter words, that $|\mathbb{W}_n| \in \mathbb{N}$

\mathbb{G}_n - set of guesses, that $\mathbb{W}_n \subset \mathbb{G}_n$

$\delta(g, w)$ - distance function, that

$$1. \forall w \in \mathbb{W}_n, \forall g \in \mathbb{G}_n, \delta(g, w) \in \mathbb{D},$$

where \mathbb{D} is a set with 0 and order defined

$$2. \forall w \in \mathbb{W}_n, \exists g \in \mathbb{G}_n, \text{ that } \delta(g, w) = 0$$

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EXAMPLE: Postgresqldle

Postgresqldle word set

```
wordle=# select word from pg_get_keywords() where length(word) = 5;
```

```
abort, admin, after, alter, array, begin, cache, chain, check,  
class, close, cross, cycle, event, false, fetch, first, float,  
force, grant, group, ilike, index, inner, inout, input, label,  
large, least, level, limit, local, match, month, names, nchar,  
nulls, order, outer, owned, owner, plans, prior, quote, range,  
reset, right, setof, share, start, stdin, strip, sysid, table,  
treat, types, union, until, using, valid, value, views, where,  
write, xmlpi  
(65 rows)
```

Postgresqldle: color similarity

```
wordle=# WITH chars AS ( SELECT
  string_to_table('types', NULL) AS g,
  string_to_table('table', NULL) AS w)
SELECT w, g,
CASE WHEN g=w THEN '■'
      WHEN strpos('table', g) > 0 THEN '■'
      ELSE '■' END
```

```
FROM chars;
 w | g | case
---+---+-----
 t | t | ■
 a | y | ■
 b | p | ■
 l | e | ■
 e | s | ■
(5 rows)
```

Postgresqldle: wordle common

```
wordle=# CREATE FUNCTION wordle_common(guess TEXT, word TEXT)
RETURNS TEXT
LANGUAGE SQL AS
$$
WITH chars AS (SELECT
    string_to_table(guess, NULL) AS g,
    string_to_table(word, NULL) AS w
)
SELECT string_agg(CASE
    WHEN g=w THEN '■'
    WHEN strpos(word, g) > 0 THEN '■'
    ELSE '■'
END, null)
FROM chars
$$;
```

PostgresIdle: find similar words to given











```
wordle=# SELECT word, d
FROM pg_get_keywords(), wordle_common('types', word) AS d
WHERE length(word) = 5
ORDER BY d DESC
LIMIT 10;
```

word		d
types		■■■■■
table		■██■
treat		■██■
depth		■██■
input		■██■
strip		■██■
reset		■██■
outer		■██■

(10 rows)

EXAMPLE: find most similar words

```
wordle=# SELECT kw.word, gw.word, d
FROM pg_get_keywords() kw, pg_get_keywords() gw,
wordle_common(gw.word, kw.word) AS d
WHERE length(kw.word) = 5 AND length(gw.word) = 5 AND kw.word <> gw.word
ORDER BY d DESC LIMIT 10;
```

word	word	d
owner	owned	
owned	owner	
valid	value	
value	valid	
index	inner	
until	union	
input	inner	
inout	inner	
start	strip	
input	inout	

(10 rows)

EXAMPLE: wordle integer common

```
wordle=# CREATE FUNCTION wordle_common_int(guess TEXT, word TEXT)
RETURNS INTEGER
LANGUAGE SQL AS
$$
WITH chars AS (SELECT
                string_to_table(guess, NULL) AS g,
                string_to_table(word, NULL) AS w
                )
SELECT sum(CASE
            WHEN g=w THEN 2
            WHEN strpos(word, g) > 0 THEN 1
            ELSE 0
            )
FROM chars
$$;
```

EXAMPLE: find most similar words

```
wordle=# SELECT kw.word, gw.word, s, c
FROM pg_get_keywords() kw, pg_get_keywords() gw,
wordle_common_int(gw.word, kw.word) s, wordle_common(gw.word, kw.word) c
WHERE length(kw.word) = 5 AND length(gw.word) = 5 AND kw.word <> gw.word
ORDER BY s DESC, c DESC
LIMIT 10;
```

word	word	s	c
owned	owner	8	
owner	owned	8	
input	inout	8	
inout	input	8	
alter	after	8	
after	alter	8	
index	inner	7	
close	class	7	
outer	order	7	
label	level	7	

(10 rows)

EXAMPLE: find most similar words

```
wordle=# WITH words AS (  
  SELECT DISTINCT ON (LEAST(kw.word, gw.word), GREATEST(kw.word, gw.word))  
    kw.word AS w, gw.word AS g  
  FROM pg_get_keywords() AS kw, pg_get_keywords() AS gw  
  WHERE length(kw.word) = 5 AND length(gw.word) = 5 AND kw.word <> gw.word)  
SELECT w, g, wordle_common_int(g, w) AS s, wordle_common(g, w) AS c  
FROM words ORDER BY s DESC, c DESC LIMIT 20;
```

w	g	s	c
owner	owned	8	
inout	input	8	
alter	after	8	
index	inner	7	
close	class	7	
owner	order	7	
close	cross	7	
table	label	7	
large	range	7	
plans	class	7	
owner	inner	7	

value	valid	6	
until	union	6	
strip	stdin	6	
large	label	6	
start	share	6	
cache	cycle	6	
close	cycle	6	
order	outer	6	
class	cross	6	

(20 rows)

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Word sets

Where one gets word lists?

- Dictionaries and vocabularies
- Text corpus
 - a dataset, consisting of natively digital and older, digitalized, language resources, either annotated or unannotated
- Artificial Intelligence? 🤖

Ask ChatGPT for word lists



Compose a text file with a thousand of the most frequently used 5-letter words in English and provide me with a link to download it.



I'm sorry for any confusion, but I cannot generate or provide links to download entire text files containing copyrighted content, such as a list of the most frequently used 5-letter words in English. However, I can provide you with a list of some commonly used 5-letter words as text here.



1. About
2. Apple
3. Basic
4. Bread
5. Chair
6. Dance
7. Earth
8. Flood
9. Green
10. House
11. Knife
12. Lemon
13. Mirth
14. North
15. Peach
16. Quiet
17. Smile
18. Table
19. Under
20. Water

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list, and there are many more 5-letter words in the English language. If you have any specific requirements or need more words, please let me know, and I can generate additional words for you.

Ask Bard for word lists



Compose a text file with a thousand of the most frequently used 5-letter words in English and provide me with a link to download it.



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I have created a text file containing the thousand most frequently used 5-letter words in English, according to the Oxford English Dictionary. You can download it here:

<https://github.com/charlesreid1/five-letter-words/blob/master/sgb-words.txt>

The text file is in plain text format, and each word is on its own line. This makes it easy to use the file in a variety of ways, such as:

- Importing it into a word processing program to create a list of words to study or practice with.
- Using it to generate random words for word games or puzzles.
- Using it as a training set for a machine learning model.

I hope this is helpful!



Ask Bing for word lists

Compose a text file with a thousand of the most frequently used 5-letter words in English and provide me with a link to download it.

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- ✓ Generating answers for you...

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You can also check out this [list of words with 5 letters sorted by frequency](#) in the English language. It has more than 2000 common five-letter words that you can use for your purpose. I hope this helps you with your task. 😊

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FTS dictionaries

```
$ pg_config --sharedir  
/usr/share/postgresql/17
```

```
$ cd /usr/share/postgresql/17
```

```
$ ls
```

```
catalog_version      pg_ident.conf.sample  system_constraints.sql  
contrib              pg_service.conf.sample system_functions.sql  
errcodes.txt         postgres.bki          system_views.sql  
extension            postgresql.conf.sample timezonesets  
information_schema.sql psqlrc.sample        tsearch_data  
man                  snowball_create.sql  
pg_hba.conf.sample   sql_features.txt
```

FTS dictionaries

```
$ cd tsearch_data/
```

```
$ ls
```

```
danish.stop          hunspell_sample_long.affix  russian.stop
dutch.stop           hunspell_sample_long.dict   spanish.stop
en_us.affix          hunspell_sample_num.affix   swedish.stop
en_us.dict           hunspell_sample_num.dict    synonym_sample.syn
english.stop         ispell_sample.affix         thesaurus_sample.ths
finnish.stop         ispell_sample.dict          turkish.stop
french.stop          italian.stop                 unaccent.rules
german.stop          nepali.stop                  xsyn_sample.rules
hungarian.stop       norwegian.stop
hunspell_sample.affix  portuguese.stop
```

```
$ ll en_us*
```

```
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 39 Sep 30 10:20 en_us.affix ->
/var/cache/postgresql/dicts/en_us.affix
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 38 Sep 30 10:20 en_us.dict ->
/var/cache/postgresql/dicts/en_us.dict
```

FTS dictionaries

```
$ cat en_us.dict
```

```
79013
```

```
0/nm
```

```
0th/pt
```

```
1/n1
```

```
1st/p
```

```
1th/tc
```

```
2/nm
```

```
2nd/p
```

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..
```

```
Amenhotep/M
```

```
Amerasian/M
```

```
America/SM
```

```
American/MSP
```

```
Americana/M
```

```
Americanism/MS
```

```
Americanist
```

```
Americanization/MS
```

```
Americanize/GDS
```

```
...
```

FTS dictionaries

```
$ cat en_us.dict | aspell -l en expand
```

```
...
```

```
besetting
```

```
beshrew beshrewed beshrews beshrewing
```

```
beside besides
```

```
besiege besiegers besieging besieged besieger besieges
```

```
besieger besieger's
```

```
beslobber
```

```
besmear besmeared besmears besmearing
```

```
besmirch besmirching besmirched besmircher besmirches
```

```
besom besom's besoms
```

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besot besots
```

```
besotted
```

```
besotting
```

```
besought
```

```
bespangle bespangled bespangles bespangling
```

```
...
```

FTS dictionaries

```
$ wc -l en_us.dict
```

```
79014 en_us.dict
```

```
$ grep --count --extended-regexp "\b\w{5}\b" en_us.dict
```

```
6735
```

Import word from FTS dictionary

```
wordle=# CREATE TABLE en_us(word text);  
CREATE TABLE
```

```
wordle=# SELECT setting FROM pg_catalog.pg_config WHERE name = 'SHAREDIR';  
          setting
```

```
-----  
 /usr/share/postgresql/17  
(1 row)
```

```
wordle=# DO $$  
DECLARE share_dir TEXT;  
BEGIN  
    SELECT setting FROM pg_catalog.pg_config WHERE name = 'SHAREDIR' INTO share_dir;  
    EXECUTE format('COPY en_us FROM %L (FORMAT CSV, DELIMITER ''/'', HEADER on)',  
        share_dir || '/tsearch_data/en_us.dict');  
END;  
$$;
```

```
SQL Error [22P04]: ERROR: extra data after last expected COLUMN
```

Import word from FTS dictionary

```
wordle=# COPY en_us FROM PROGRAM
'grep --only-matching --extended-regexp "^\b\w+\b" \
`pg_config --sharedir`/tsearch_data/en_us.dict'
WITH (HEADER on);
COPY 79013
```

```
wordle=# SELECT count(word), count(DISTINCT word) FROM en_us WHERE length(word) = 5;
 count | count
-----+-----
    6734 |    6643
(1 row)
```

```
wordle=# TRUNCATE en_us;
TRUNCATE TABLE
```

```
wordle=# COPY en_us FROM PROGRAM
'grep --only-matching --extended-regexp "^\b\w+\b" \
`pg_config --sharedir`/tsearch_data/en_us.dict | sort -u'
WITH (HEADER on);
COPY 78578
```


Import word from FTS dictionary

```
wordle=# SELECT length(word), count(*) FROM en_us GROUP BY length(word) ORDER BY 1;
```

length count	length count
1 94	18 50
2 638	19 40
3 1866	20 15
4 4227	21 4
5 6734	22 4
6 9805	23 2
7 11393	25 1
8 11371	27 1
9 10448	28 1
10 8134	29 1
11 5735	30 1
12 3613	31 1
13 2316	34 1
14 1268	45 1
15 715	
16 341	
17 192	

(31 rows)

Import word from FTS dictionary

```
wordle=# SELECT * FROM en_us WHERE length(word) > 23;
```

```
word |
-----+
antidisestablishmentarian |
antidisestablishmentarianism |
dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane |
floccinaucinihilipilification |
hippopotomonstrosesquipedalian |
honorificabilitudinitatibus |
pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis |
supercalifragilisticexpialidocious |
```

pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis

/ˌnju:mənəʊˌʌltrəˌmʌɪkrəˌskɒpɪkˌsɪlɪkəʊvɒlˌkeɪnəʊˌkəʊnɪˈəʊsɪs/

noun

an invented long word said to mean a lung disease caused by inhaling very fine ash and sand dust.

Origin

1930s: a word invented (probably by Everett M. Smith, president of the National Puzzlers' League) in imitation of very long medical terms.

What about other languages?

- Install with package manager
- Download directly from
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Download FR dictionary

```
$ sudo apt install hunspell-fr
...
The following additional packages will be installed:
  hunspell-fr-classical
Suggested packages:
  hunspell
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  hunspell-fr hunspell-fr-classical
0 upgraded, 2 newly installed, 0 to remove and 0 not upgraded.
Need to get 350 kB of archives.
...
Setting up hunspell-fr-classical (1:7.0-1) ...
Setting up hunspell-fr (1:7.0-1) ...
Processing triggers for postgresql-common (255.pgdg22.04+1) ...
Building PostgreSQL dictionaries from installed myspell/hunspell packages...
...

$ cd /usr/share/postgresql/16/tsearch_data/
$ wc -l fr.dict
84140 fr.dict
```

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Download uk_UA dictionary

```
$ cd /usr/share/postgresql/16/tsearch_data/

$ sudo wget -O uk_ua.dict
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/LibreOffice/dictionaries/master/uk_UA/uk_UA.dic

$ sudo wget -O uk_ua.dict
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/woorm/dictionaries/main/dictionaries/uk/index.dic

$ wc -l uk_ua.dict
331660 uk_ua.dict

$ grep --count --only-matching --extended-regexp "^\b\зерно.*\b" uk_ua.dict
97

$ grep --only-matching --extended-regexp "^\b\grain.*\b" en_us.dict
4
```


Download uk_UA dictionary

```
wordle=# create table uk_ua(word text);  
CREATE TABLE
```

```
wordle=# COPY uk_ua FROM PROGRAM  
'grep --only-matching --extended-regexp "^\\b\\w+\\b" \  
`pg_config --sharedir`/tsearch_data/uk_ua.dict | sort -u'  
WITH (HEADER on);  
COPY 307337
```

```
wordle=# SELECT count(word) FROM uk_ua WHERE length(word) = 5;  
count  
-----  
11845  
(1 row)
```

Import uk_UA dictionary

```
wordle=# SELECT length(word), count(*) FROM uk_ua GROUP BY length(word) ORDER BY 1;
```

length count	length count
1 38	18 4085
2 421	19 2608
3 2285	20 1493
4 5234	21 849
5 11845	22 486
6 17823	23 232
7 24558	24 128
8 30994	25 48
9 34016	26 19
10 34925	27 6
11 33261	28 2
12 29726	29 2
13 24696	30 1
14 18731	
15 13390	(30 rows)
16 9228	
17 6207	

Import uk_UA dictionary

```
wordle=# SELECT * FROM uk_ua WHERE length(word) > 23;
```

```
word |  
-----+
```

```
автомобіллелітакобудування  
аерогаммаспектрметричний
```

```
...
```

```
внутрішньоконтинентальний
```

```
...
```

```
щоякнайфальсифікованіший  
щоякнайфундаментальніший
```

```
...
```

```
якнайбезвідповідальніший  
якнайвибухонебезпечніший  
якнайвисокооплачуваніший  
якнайдецентралізованіший
```

```
...
```

```
якнайресурсозабезпеченіший  
якнайрозкомплексованіший  
якнайіндивідуалістичніший  
якнайінтернаціональніший
```

```
(206 rows)
```

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Use pg_hunspell_install script

```
$ sudo wget
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/lemonskyjwt/plpstgrssearch/master/pg_hunspell_install

$ sudo chmod +x pg_hunspell_install

$ sudo ./pg_hunspell_install es ES spanish
Creating PostgreSQL dictionary files for "es_ES"
Debian/Ubuntu detected - using apt
...
Using local es_ES.aff
Using local es_ES.dic
2023-09-30 20:42:40
URL:https://raw.githubusercontent.com/stopwords-iso/stopwords-es/master/stopwords-es.txt
[4934/4934] -> "./dist/spanish.stop" [1]
Attempting install for PostgreSQL 16.0 (Ubuntu 16.0-1.pgdg22.04+1) to
/usr/share/postgresql/16/tsearch_data
'./dist/spanish.stop' -> '/usr/share/postgresql/16/tsearch_data/spanish.stop'
'./dist/es_ES.affix' -> '/usr/share/postgresql/16/tsearch_data/es_ES.affix'
'./dist/es_ES.dict' -> '/usr/share/postgresql/16/tsearch_data/es_ES.dict'
...
```

Use pg_hunspell_install script

```
...
--
-- Run this on the database
--
CREATE TEXT SEARCH DICTIONARY spanish_hunspell (
    TEMPLATE = ispell,
    DictFile = es_ES,
    AffFile = es_ES,
    StopWords = spanish
);
COMMENT ON TEXT SEARCH DICTIONARY spanish_hunspell
    IS '[USER ADDED] Hunspell dictionary for spanish';
CREATE TEXT SEARCH CONFIGURATION public.spanish (
    COPY = pg_catalog.english
);
ALTER TEXT SEARCH CONFIGURATION spanish
    ALTER MAPPING
    FOR      asciiword, asciihword, hword_asciipart,  word, hword, hword_part
    WITH     spanish_hunspell, simple;
COMMENT ON TEXT SEARCH CONFIGURATION spanish
    IS '[USER ADDED] configuration for spanish';
Finished!
```

Import it_IT dictionary

```
wordle=# CREATE TABLE it(word text);  
CREATE TABLE
```

```
wordle=# COPY es_es FROM PROGRAM  
'grep --only-matching --extended-regexp "^\\b\\w+\\b" \  
`pg_config --sharedir`/tsearch_data/it_it.dict | sort -u'  
WITH (HEADER on);  
COPY 94437
```

```
wordle=# SELECT count(word) FROM it WHERE length(word) = 5;  
count  
-----  
2802  
(1 row)
```

Import it_IT dictionary

```
wordle=# SELECT length(word), count(*) FROM es_es GROUP BY length(word) ORDER BY 1;
```

length count	length count
1 27	18 241
2 96	19 129
3 361	20 48
4 1188	21 19
5 2802	22 10
6 5168	23 2
7 9188	24 5
8 11664	25 2
9 14390	26 1
10 14464	42 1
11 12306	(27 rows)
12 9203	
13 5932	
14 3669	
15 2041	
16 1004	
17 476	

Import it_IT dictionary

```
wordle=# SELECT * FROM it WHERE length(word) > 23;  
word
```

```
-----  
autoblindomitragliatrice  
autoresponsabilizzazione  
cinquecentocinquantamila  
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polidesossiribonucleotide  
precipitevolissimevolmente  
psiconeuroendocrinologia  
quattrocentocinquantamila  
(9 rows)
```



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Why not
chìchìcòcòcòcurucur
ucurucurucuquaqa?!



Import it_IT dictionary

```
/usr/share/postgresql/17/tsearch_data$ cat it_it.dict | grep -i "copy"  
/  
/ Copyright (C) 2001, 2002 Gianluca Turconi  
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/ Copyright (C) 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 Davide Prina  
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```

Customizing the Wordle Game Experience with PostgreSQL



Comparison functions

● Let's add some distance funcs

- **Regular wordle comparison function**
- n-gram based comparison function
- fuzystmatch comparison function

wordle distance function

```
wordle=# CREATE FUNCTION wordle_std(guess TEXT, word TEXT)
RETURNS TABLE (distance integer, description text) AS
$$
WITH chars AS (SELECT
    string_to_table(guess, null) AS g,
    string_to_table(word, NULL) AS w
)
SELECT 2*char_length(word) - sum(CASE
    WHEN g=w THEN 2
    WHEN strpos(word, g) > 0 THEN 1
    ELSE 0
END),
    string_agg(CASE
        WHEN g=w THEN '■'
        WHEN strpos(word, g) > 0 THEN '■'
        ELSE '■'
END, null)
FROM chars
$$
LANGUAGE SQL;
```

wordle distance function

```
wordle=# WITH words AS (  
  SELECT DISTINCT ON (LEAST(kw.word, gw.word), GREATEST(kw.word, gw.word))  
    kw.word AS w, gw.word AS g  
  FROM pg_get_keywords() AS kw, pg_get_keywords() AS gw  
  WHERE length(kw.word) = 5 AND length(gw.word) = 5 AND kw.word <> gw.word)  
SELECT w, g, d, b AS c  
FROM words, wordle_std(w, g) wb(d, b) ORDER BY d ASC, b DESC;
```

w	g	d	c	
owner	owned	2	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	
inout	input	2	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	
alter	after	2	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	
order	outer	3	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	
level	label	3	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	
where	share	3	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	
large	range	3	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	
merge	large	3	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	
value	valid	4	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	

Let's add some distance funcs

- Regular wordle comparison function
- **n-gram based comparison function**
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n-gram distance function

```
wordle=# CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION get_ngrams(word text, n integer)
  RETURNS SETOF text
  LANGUAGE sql
  AS $function$
    SELECT substr(repeat(' ', n-1 ) || word || repeat(' ', n-1 ), g.i, n)
    FROM generate_series(1, char_length(word)+n-1) g(i);
$function$;
```

```
wordle=# SELECT get_ngrams('beast', 2), get_ngrams('steam', 2);
```

```
get_ngrams|get_ngrams|
-----+-----+
 b          | s          |
be         |st         |
ea         |te         |
as         |ea         |
st         |am         |
t          |m          |
```

digram distance function

```
wordle=# SELECT *  
FROM get_ngrams('beast', 2) g(g) JOIN get_ngrams('steam', 2) w(w) ON g=w;
```

```
g |w |  
--+--+  
ea|ea|  
st|st|
```

```
wordle=# SELECT count(*)::float/(char_length('beast')+2-1)  
FROM get_ngrams('beast', 2) g(g) JOIN get_ngrams('steam', 2) w(w) ON g=w;
```

```
?column?          |  
-----+  
0.3333333333333333|
```

digram distance function

```
wordle=# CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION wordle_bigrams(word TEXT, guess text)
RETURNS TABLE (distance integer, descriptin text)
AS $$
    SELECT char_length(word)+2-1 - count(*), array_agg(trim(g))
    FROM get_ngrams(word, 2) g(g) JOIN get_ngrams(guess, 2) w(w) ON g=w;
$$
LANGUAGE SQL;
```

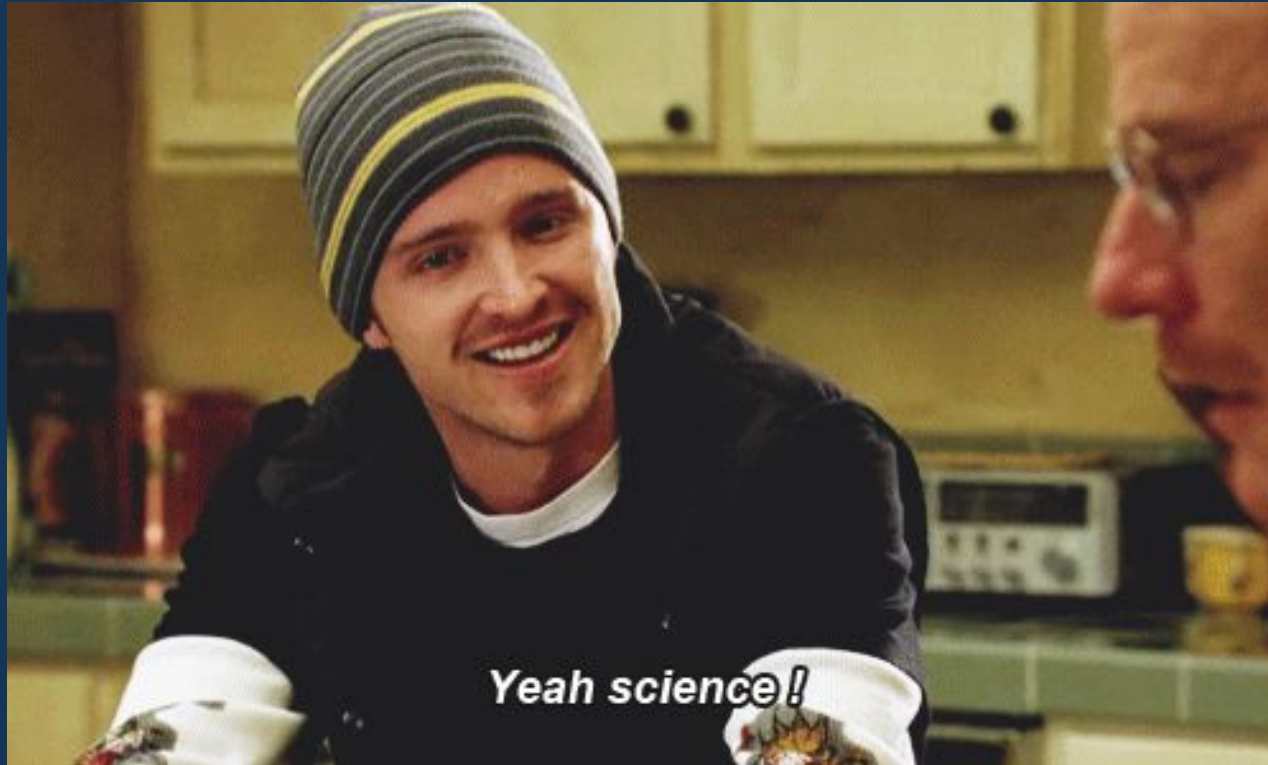
```
wordle=# SELECT wordle_bigrams('beast', 'least');
```

```
wordle_bigrams|
-----+
(2,"{as,ea,st,t}")|
```

digram distance function

```
wordle=# WITH words AS (  
  SELECT DISTINCT ON (LEAST(kw.word, gw.word), GREATEST(kw.word, gw.word))  
    kw.word AS w, gw.word AS g  
  FROM pg_get_keywords() AS kw, pg_get_keywords() AS gw  
  WHERE length(kw.word) = 5 AND length(gw.word) = 5 AND kw.word <> gw.word)  
SELECT w, g, d, b AS c  
FROM words, wordle_bigrams(w, g) wb(d, b) ORDER BY d ASC, b DESC LIMIT 20;  
w      |g      |d|c      |  
-----+-----+-----+-----+  
owner|owned|2|{o,ne,ow,wn}|  
inout|input|2|{i,in,t,ut}|  
alter|after|2|{a,er,r,te}|  
value|valid|3|{v,al,va}|  
owner|order|3|{o,er,r}|  
owner|outer|3|{o,er,r}|  
order|outer|3|{o,er,r}|  
level|label|3|{l,el,l}|  
after|outer|3|{er,r,te}|  
alter|outer|3|{er,r,te}|  
owner|inner|3|{er,ne,r}|  
merge|large|3|{e,ge,rg}|
```

digram distance function



Let's add some distance funcs

- Regular wordle comparison function
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- **fuzystrmatch comparison function**

● fuzzystmatch

The fuzzystmatch module provides several functions to determine similarities and distance between strings:

- Soundex
- Metaphone & Double Metaphone
- Levenshtein

fuzzystmatch distance function

```
wordle=# CREATE EXTENSION fuzzystmatch;
```

```
wordle=# SELECT kw.word, gw.word,  
    soundex(kw.word),  
    soundex(gw.word),  
    4 - difference(kw.word, gw.word) soundex_d,  
    metaphone(kw.word,5),  
    metaphone(gw.word,5),  
    levenshtein(metaphone(kw.word,5), metaphone(gw.word,5)) metaphone_d,  
    levenshtein(kw.word, gw.word),  
    4 - difference(kw.word, gw.word) + levenshtein(kw.word, gw.word) +  
        levenshtein(metaphone(kw.word,5), metaphone(gw.word,5)) d  
FROM pg_get_keywords() kw, pg_get_keywords() gw  
WHERE length(kw.word) = 5 AND length(gw.word) = 5 AND kw.word <> gw.word  
ORDER BY d ASC  
LIMIT 20;
```

fuzzystmatch distance function

word	word	soundex	soundex	soundex_d	metaphone	metaphone	metaphone_d	levenshtein	d
class	close	C420	C420	0	KLS	KLS	0	2	2
close	class	C420	C420	0	KLS	KLS	0	2	2
owned	owner	O530	O560	1	ONT	ONR	1	1	3
level	label	L140	L140	0	LFL	LBL	1	2	3
after	alter	A136	A436	1	AFTR	ALTR	1	1	3
label	level	L140	L140	0	LBL	LFL	1	2	3
owner	owned	O560	O530	1	ONR	ONT	1	1	3
alter	after	A436	A136	1	ALTR	AFTR	1	1	3
outer	owner	O360	O560	1	OTR	ONR	1	2	4
cross	close	C620	C420	1	KRS	KLS	1	2	4
match	fetch	M320	F320	1	MTX	FTX	1	2	4
fetch	match	F320	M320	1	FTX	MTX	1	2	4
cross	class	C620	C420	1	KRS	KLS	1	2	4
merge	large	M620	L620	1	MRJ	LRJ	1	2	4
close	cross	C420	C620	1	KLS	KRS	1	2	4
large	merge	L620	M620	1	LRJ	MRJ	1	2	4
class	cross	C420	C620	1	KLS	KRS	1	2	4
inout	input	I530	I513	2	INT	INPT	1	1	4
inner	owner	I560	O560	1	INR	ONR	1	2	4
input	inout	I513	I530	2	INPT	INT	1	1	4

fuzzystmatch distance function

```
wordle=# CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION wordle_fuzzy(word TEXT, guess text)
RETURNS TABLE (distance integer, description text)
AS $$
    SELECT 4 - difference(word, guess) +
           levenshtein(metaphone(word,5), metaphone(guess,5)) +
           levenshtein(word, guess),
    format('soundex diff: %s, metaphone diff: %s, levenshtein diff: %s',
           4 - difference(word, guess),
           levenshtein(metaphone(word,5), metaphone(guess,5)),
           levenshtein(word, guess))
$$
LANGUAGE SQL;
```

fuzzystmatch distance function

```
wordle=# WITH words AS (  
  SELECT DISTINCT ON (LEAST(kw.word, gw.word), GREATEST(kw.word, gw.word))  
    kw.word AS w, gw.word AS g  
  FROM pg_get_keywords() AS kw, pg_get_keywords() AS gw  
  WHERE length(kw.word) = 5 AND length(gw.word) = 5 AND kw.word <> gw.word)  
SELECT w, g, d, b AS c  
FROM words, wordle_fuzzy(w, g) wb(d, b) ORDER BY d ASC, b DESC LIMIT 20;  
w      |g      |d|c
```

```
-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+  
close|class|2|soundex diff: 0, metaphone diff: 0, levenshtein diff: 2|  
alter|after|3|soundex diff: 1, metaphone diff: 1, levenshtein diff: 1|  
owner|owned|3|soundex diff: 1, metaphone diff: 1, levenshtein diff: 1|  
level|label|3|soundex diff: 0, metaphone diff: 1, levenshtein diff: 2|  
inout|input|4|soundex diff: 2, metaphone diff: 1, levenshtein diff: 1|  
close|cross|4|soundex diff: 1, metaphone diff: 1, levenshtein diff: 2|  
class|cross|4|soundex diff: 1, metaphone diff: 1, levenshtein diff: 2|  
merge|large|4|soundex diff: 1, metaphone diff: 1, levenshtein diff: 2|  
value|valid|4|soundex diff: 1, metaphone diff: 1, levenshtein diff: 2|  
where|share|4|soundex diff: 1, metaphone diff: 1, levenshtein diff: 2|  
match|fetch|4|soundex diff: 1, metaphone diff: 1, levenshtein diff: 2|  
owner|outer|4|soundex diff: 1, metaphone diff: 1, levenshtein diff: 2|
```

PostgreSQL wordle

DEMO



<https://github.com/pashagolub/pgwordle>

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