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Posted by [Zbych](#) on Tue, 05 Jul 2011 13:44:13 GMT
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Posted by [mirek](#) on Wed, 06 Jul 2011 12:30:32 GMT
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Actually, perhaps TIME should be defined in seconds accuracy...

However, what kind of issues does it leads to? I would say you store seconds, you are about retrieve seconds from DB, right?

Mirek

Subject: Re: Timestamp accuracy in postgres and upp
Posted by [Zbych](#) on Wed, 06 Jul 2011 13:02:12 GMT

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Subject: Re: Timestamp accuracy in postgres and upp

Posted by [zsolt](#) on Thu, 07 Jul 2011 11:17:39 GMT

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I think, it would be easier to use a 'serial' field.

Subject: Re: Timestamp accuracy in postgres and upp

Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 23 Jul 2011 07:15:35 GMT

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What I am not getting is why it finds the log the first time, actually...

I mean, if the select is something like

```
Select().From(LOG).Where(timestamp >= 16:00 && timestamp < 17:00)
```

(and than move forward).

In fact, I am posting this because I have very similar arrangemnt in one of mine apps, so I would like to know if I am missing something

Subject: Re: Timestamp accuracy in postgres and upp

Posted by [Zbych](#) on Sat, 23 Jul 2011 16:14:06 GMT

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Subject: Re: Timestamp accuracy in postgres and upp

Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 30 Jul 2011 16:59:56 GMT

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Zbych wrote on Sat, 23 July 2011 12:14 This log can be found for the first time because main server doesn't have it in it's database and uses timestamp of earlier log as a start point.

I see.

OK, patch applied, TIME_SEC added...

Mirek
