

POSTGRESQL COUNT FUNCTION

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PostgreSQL **COUNT** function is the simplest function and very useful in counting the number of records, which are expected to be returned by a SELECT statement.

To understand **COUNT** function consider the table [COMPANY](#) having records as follows:

```
testdb# select * from COMPANY;
 id | name  | age | address  | salary
-----+-----+-----+-----+-----
  1 | Paul  |  32 | California | 20000
  2 | Allen |  25 | Texas     | 15000
  3 | Teddy |  23 | Norway    | 20000
  4 | Mark  |  25 | Rich-Mond | 65000
  5 | David |  27 | Texas     | 85000
  6 | Kim   |  22 | South-Hall | 45000
  7 | James |  24 | Houston   | 10000
(7 rows)
```

Now suppose based on the above table you want to count total number of rows in this table, then you can do it as follows:

```
testdb=# SELECT COUNT(*) FROM COMPANY ;
```

Above PostgreSQL statement will produce the following result:

```
count
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      7
(1 row)
```

Similarly, you want to count the number of records for Paul, then it can be done as follows:

```
testdb=# SELECT COUNT(*) FROM COMPANY WHERE name='Paul';
```

```
count
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      1
(1 row)
```