

Hands-on Lab : Upload and Export using Db2 on Cloud

Estimated time needed: 15 minutes

In this lab, you will learn how to upload and export data in a table using Db2 on Cloud.

Objectives

After completing this lab, you will be able to use the Db2 on Cloud to:

- Upload data onto a table in Db2
- Export data from Db2

Software Used in this Lab

In this lab, you will use [IBM Db2 Database](#). Db2 is a Relational Database Management System (RDBMS) from IBM, designed to store, analyze, and retrieve the data efficiently.

IBM Db2

To complete this lab you will utilize a Db2 database service on IBM Cloud. If you did not complete the lab below earlier, you may not have access to Db2 on Cloud and should complete that lab before starting this lab.

- [Hands-on Lab : Sign up for IBM Cloud and Create Db2 service instance](#)

Database Used in this Lab

The first dataset used in this lab comes from the following source:

<https://dataplatform.cloud.ibm.com/exchange/public/entry/view/5562ced564e776edc5f91e13d48d8309?context=cpdaas>. This dataset is published by **IBM**, and Contains point data for a sample list of hospitals in US. Note that this is sample data for SQL demo purpose and is not necessarily current or accurate.

Exercise 1: Upload Data into a Table

In this example exercise, you will go through an example on how to create a table structure on the Db2 UI and upload data into it.

First, you'll want to go ahead and download the dataset you are going to use in this lab. You can do so by clicking on the following: [hospitals.csv](#)

Now that you have the file on your local machine, let's get started with uploading it onto Db2.

1. Open up and sign into the [IBM Cloud](#).
2. On the tab on the left side of the webpage, click the **Resource list** button.
3. Under the **Services and software** subsection, find and select the Db2 database. It will be titled some variation of "Db2-xx" where xx is some combination of letters and numbers.



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Resource list



▼ Name



Group

🔍 Filter by name or IP address...

Filter by group

^ Container Registry (0)

^ Satellite (0)

^ Cloud Foundry apps (0)

^ Cloud Foundry services (0)

^ Services and software (5)

2



Db2-qk

Default



KnowledgeCatalog

Default



WatsonMachineLearning

Default



WatsonOpenScale

Default



WatsonStudio

Default

^ Storage (1)



CV Studio

Default

^ Network (0)



[Resource list](#) /

Db2-qk

✓ Active

Add tags

Manage

Getting started

Service credentials

Connections

Getting started

Where can I find my credentials?
Get your username and password
link to the left and selecting "New

Go to UI



Getting started

6. Either drag and drop the *hospitals.csv* file you downloaded at the beginning of this lab or click **Browse files** to select in on your machine.

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Select a data source

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My Computer

A single delimited text file (CSV) without header row.

S3 Amazon S3

Cloud Object Storage

File select

7. Once loaded, you will see the file displayed on the right and the **Next** button at the bottom right of the page will turn blue. When ready, click the **Next** button to continue.



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Target

You are loading the file ***hospitals.csv***



My Computer

A single delimited text file (CSV) without header row.



Amazon S3



Cloud Object Storage

File selection



8. Select the schema corresponding to your Db2 userid. It typically starts with 3 letters (not SQL) followed by 5 numbers (but will be different from the **BNX44073** example below).
9. Click the **New table** button.
10. Enter a name for the new table. A good option is "HOSPITALS". Then click the blue "Create" button.



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Target

You are loading the file ***hospitals.csv***

Select a load target

Schema



Find schemas

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BNX44073



11. After creating the table, you will see the “Next” button at the bottom right of the webpage turn blue. Click this button to move on to the next step.
12. As you can see, the data from the *hospitals.csv* file is displayed here and columns were automatically created in the new table with the appropriate data type for that column. To move on, click the blue **Next** button.



SQL



☒ Source ☒ Target

You are loading the file ***hospitals.csv*** into ***BNX44073.HOSPITALS***

Code page (character encoding): 1208 (UTF-8) ▼ (

	ID	NAME
	SMALLINT	VARCHAR(50)
1	1	Southern Hills Medical Center
2	2	Sycamore Shoals Hospital
3	3	Tokona Hospital
4	4	University of Tennessee Child Develo
5	5	Volunteer General Hospital
6	6	West Side Hospital
7	7	William L Bork Memorial Hospital
8	8	All Saints Hospital
9	9	Beaumont Army Hospital
10	10	Burns Hospital

13. Finally, you will see a summary of the data you are about to upload. To complete the upload process, click the blue “Begin Load” button at the bottom right.

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Source

✓ Target

You are loading the file **hospitals.csv** into **BNX44073.HOSPITALS**

Review settings

Summary

Code page: 1208 (Default)

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Timestamp format: YYYY-MM-DD HH

String delimiter: (Default)



14. The upload will take a few moment to complete, after which you will be redirected to the page shown below. Click the **View table** button near the top right of the webpage to take a look at the data which you have just uploaded.

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Load details

**WARNING**

96 warnings

My computer

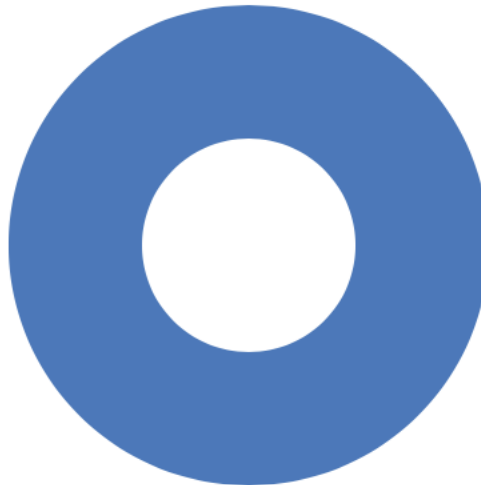
Target

hospitals.csv

BNX44073.HOSPITALS

Status

Settings

**6,501**

Rows read

6,501

Rows loaded

0

Rows rejected

Start time

10/06/2021 1:43:41 PM

End time

10/06/2021 1:43:45 PM

15. As you can see, the data in the *hospitals.csv* file was successfully uploaded into a SQL table on the Db2 database.

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Indices

BNX44073.HOSPITALS

	ID SMALLINT	NAME VARCHAR(50)
1	1	Southern Hills Medical Cen
2	2	Sycamore Shoals Hospital
3	3	Tokona Hospital
4	4	University of Tennessee Ch
5	5	Volunteer General Hospital
6	6	West Side Hospital
7	7	William L Bork Memorial Hc
8	8	All Saints Hospital
9	9	Beaumont Army Hospital
10	10	Burns Hospital
11	11	Club of Christ Hospital
12	12	Danforth Memorial Hospita
13	13	Eldridge Memorial Hospital

Exercise 2: Export a Table from Db2

In Exercise 1, you learned how to upload data from a file into a Db2 database. Now in this exercise, you will gain hands-on experience in the inverse of this. Using the Db2 UI, you will export a table from the database into a *csv* file. In particular, you will export a Db2 System Table called **SYSTABLES**, which stores metadata about all other database objects. We won't get into much detail about System Tables in this lab as it will be covered in more depth in a later lab. For now, we can treat it as just a table we wish to export. Let's get started.

1. First, click the **SQL** button on the left tab of the webpage.
2. Click the blue **Create new** button to enter a custom SQL script.



Run SQL



Choose script so...

Open a script to e...

SQL

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From file



Create new



2



Templates

Choose a template to start your SQL editor.

Template - SQL Stored Procedure

Template - Select Statement



3. Enter the following SQL command in the script editor to query the entire **SYSTABLES** table.

```
1. 1  
1. SELECT * FROM SYSIBM.SYSTABLES;
```

Copied!

4. Click the blue **Run all** button to execute the command.

5. You will see the result of the query displayed on a window on the right half of the webpage. Above the result preview, click the indicated download button to export the table as a csv file.



Run SQL



SQL



* Untitled - 1



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SELECT * FROM SYSIBM.SYSTABLES;

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2

Run all



Remember my selection

In this practice exercise, you will get a chance to put what you learned in the first two exercises to use. Using the Db2 UI and the SQL script editor, attempt the following:

*Export the **name**, **tbname**, and **tbcreator** columns of the **SYSIBM.SYSCOLUMNS** table.*

▼ **Hint** (Click Here)

Recall what you did in Exercise 2. This practice exercise is very similar.

▼ **Solution** (Click Here)

1. Click the **SQL** button on the left tab of the Db2 UI.

2. Enter the following SQL command:

```
1. 1
1. SELECT name, tbname, tbcreator FROM SYSIBM.SYSCOLUMNS;
```

Copied!

3. Click the **Run all** button.

4. Above the query result, click the highlighted **Export as CSV** button.



Run SQL



SQL

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* Untitled - 1



1 SELECT name, tbname, tbcreator FROM SYSIBM.SYSCOL



3

Run all

☒ Remember my selection

Congratulations! You have completed this lab, and you are ready for the next topic.

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