How to install PostgreSQL 11 on CentOS 7

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This guide will help you to install PostgreSQL 11 on CentOS 7. PostgreSQL is the World's most advanced, powerful, open source relational database system with over 30 years of active development that has earned it a strong reputation for reliability, feature robustness, and performance.

PostgreSQL 11 was released on 2018-10-18 and you can check its new features from the Release page. Installation of PostgreSQL 11 on CentOS 7 is done from the PostgreSQL Yum Repository by following below steps:

For Fedora use: How to install PostgreSQL 11 on Fedora 29 / Fedora 28

Step 1: Update System

Ensure system packages are up to date:

```
sudo yum update -y
```

Since you may have Kernel updates, it is recommended to reboot your system after an upgrade

sudo reboot

Step 2: Add PostgreSQL Yum Repository

Add PostgreSQL Yum Repository to your CentOS 7 system by running the command

Total size: 2.7 k

```
Installed size: 2.7 k
Is this ok [y/d/N]: y
Downloading packages:
Running transaction check
Running transaction test
Transaction test succeeded
Running transaction
   Installing: pgdg-centos11-11-2.noarch
   Verifying: pgdg-centos11-11-2.noarch
Installed:
   pgdg-centos11.noarch 0:11-2
Complete!
```

Step 3: Install PostgreSQL Server and Client packages

After adding PostgreSQL Yum Repository, install PostgreSQL Server / Client packages:

```
sudo yum -y install postgresql11-server postgresql11
```

Confirm the installed package:

```
$ sudo rpm -qi postgresql11-server
Name : postgresql11-server
```

Version : 11.0

Release : 1PGDG.rhe17 Architecture: x86 64

Install Date: Sat 03 Nov 2018 04:43:38 PM UTC

Group : Applications/Databases

Size : 19382677 License : PostgreSQL

Signature : DSA/SHA1, Thu 18 Oct 2018 09:06:24 AM UTC, Key ID 1f16d2e144

Source RPM : postgresql11-11.0-1PGDG.rhel7.src.rpm

Build Date : Tue 16 Oct 2018 02:28:25 AM UTC Build Host : koji-centos7-x86-64-pgbuild

Relocations : (not relocatable)

Vendor : PostgreSQL Global Development Group

URL : https://www.postgresql.org/

Summary : The programs needed to create and run a PostgreSQL server

Description :

PostgreSQL is an advanced Object-Relational database management system (DB The postgresql11-server package contains the programs needed to create and run a PostgreSQL server, which will in turn allow you to create and maintain PostgreSQL databases.

Step 4: Initialize the database and enable automatic start

Now that the database packages have been installed, Initialize the database by running the following command

```
$ sudo /usr/pgsql-11/bin/postgresql-11-setup initdb Initializing database ... OK
```

Then start and enable the service to start on boot

```
sudo systemctl start postgresql-11
sudo systemctl enable postgresql-11
```

PostgreSQL 11 config file is /var/lib/pgsql/11/data/postgresql.conf

If you have a running Firewall service and remote clients should connect to your database server, allow PostgreSQL service.

```
sudo firewall-cmd --add-service=postgresql --permanent
sudo firewall-cmd --reload
```

Step 5: Enable remote Acess to PostgreSQL

Edit the file /var/lib/pgsql/11/data/postgresql.conf and set Listen address to your server IP address or "*" for all interfaces.

```
listen addresses = '192.168.18.9'
```

Also set PostgreSQL to accept remote connections

```
$ sudo vim /var/lib/pgsql/11/data/pg_hba.conf
```

```
# Accept from anywhere
host all all 0.0.0.0/0 md5
```

```
# Accept from trusted subnet host all all 192.168.18.0/24 md5
```

Restart service

```
sudo systemctl restart postgresql-11
```

Step 6: Set PostgreSQL admin user's password

Set PostgreSQL admin user

```
$ sudo su - postgres
bash-4.2$ psql -c "alter user postgres with password 'StrongPassword'"
ALTER ROLE
-bash-4.2$
```

Create a test user and database

- -bash-4.2\$ createuser test user
- -bash-4.2\$ createdb test_db -0 test_user
- -bash-4.2\$ grant all privileges on database test db to test user;

Login as a test_user user try to create a table on the Database.

\$ psql -U test_user -h localhost -d test_db

Step 7: Install pgAdmin 4 on CentOS 7 / Fedora 29 / Fedora 28

Install pgAdmin 4 on CentOS 7 / Fedora 29 / Fedora 28 to administer your PostgreSQL from a web interface.

Also read: Using SQLPad - Web-based SQL editor for MySQL / PostgreSQL / SQL Server

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