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Installing PostgreSQL Database Server/Client on RedHat Linux Families (RedHat,Fedora,CentOS,SELinux)

Hello everyone,

Today, I would like to talk about a very very good open source Database Server called **PostgreSQL**. Recently, I've started to work with Postgresql and really love it. I would say it has all features of commercial databases such as DB2 and Oracle and even more. Some of core features are:

1. Object-Relational DBMS
2. Capable of handling complex routines and rules
3. Declarative SQL queries
4. Multi version concurrency control
5. Multi user support
6. Transactions

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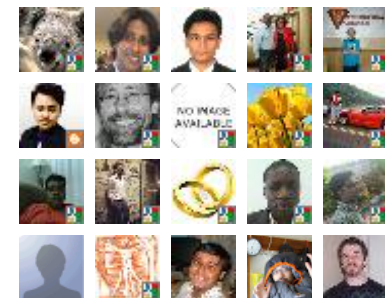
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7. Query optimization
8. Inheritance
9. Arrays
10. Highly extensible
11. Comprehensive SQL support (support SQL99, SQL92)
12. Referential integrity (insure the validity of database's data)
13. Flexible API (so many vendors such as Object Pascal, Python, Perl, PHP, ODBC, Java/JDBC, Ruby, TCL, C/C++, and Pike have deployment support for PostgreSQL RDBMS)
14. Procedural Languages (it supports internal procedural native language called PL/pgSQL, which comparable to the Oracle procedural language PL/SQL, and also it has ability to use Perl, Python, and/or TCL as an embedded procedural language)
15. MVCC (Multi-version Concurrency Control is the technology that Posgresql uses to avoid unnecessary locking)
16. Server/Client
17. Write Ahead Logging (WAL), ability to write the changes to log file before writing to database.(In case of unlikely crash, there will be a record of transaction to restore)

Installing PostgreSQL

The following shows how to install PostgreSQL from source code. Although you could install PostgreSQL server and client easily with yum command (***yum install postgresql-server postgresql-client***), *I would recommend to install from source code* because it is so flexible to adding/removing features and to customize it even after compiling source code. For example, you can add more features to Postgresql by reconfiguring and compiling the source code again without losing your data and databases.

1. Installing the required/optional packages:

yum install gcc make kernel-devel perl-ExtUtils-MakeMaker perl-ExtUtils-Embed readline-devel zlib-devel openssl-devel pam-devel libxml2-devel openldap-devel tcl-devel python-devel flex bison

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2. Download the source code from command line: (PostgreSQL-9.2.4 is the current stable version at the time of writing this)

wget <http://ftp.postgresql.org/pub/source/v9.2.4/postgresql-9.2.4.tar.gz>

3. Creating the "**postgres**" user:

It is always a good idea to create a PostgreSQL superuser to own and manage the PostgreSQL database files rather than using "root" account as the PostgreSQL superuser because of security purposes. This user can be named anything and I named it "postgres":

su - --> switch to root account

useradd postgres --> create user

passwd postgres --> set password

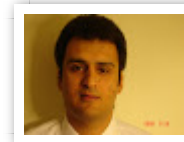
```
[root@localhost ~]# useradd postgres
[root@localhost ~]# passwd postgres
Changing password for user postgres.
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: all authentication tokens updated successfully.
[root@localhost ~]#
```

Figure 1

4. Move and unpack the Postgresql source package:

cp postgresql-9.2.4.tar.gz /usr/local/src/

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```
cd /usr/local/src/  
tar -xzvf postgresql-9.2.4.tar.gz
```

5. Grant the ownership of the Postgresql source directory to "postgres" user. It enables you to compile PostgreSQL as the "postgres" user.

```
chown -R postgres.postgres postgresql-9.2.4
```

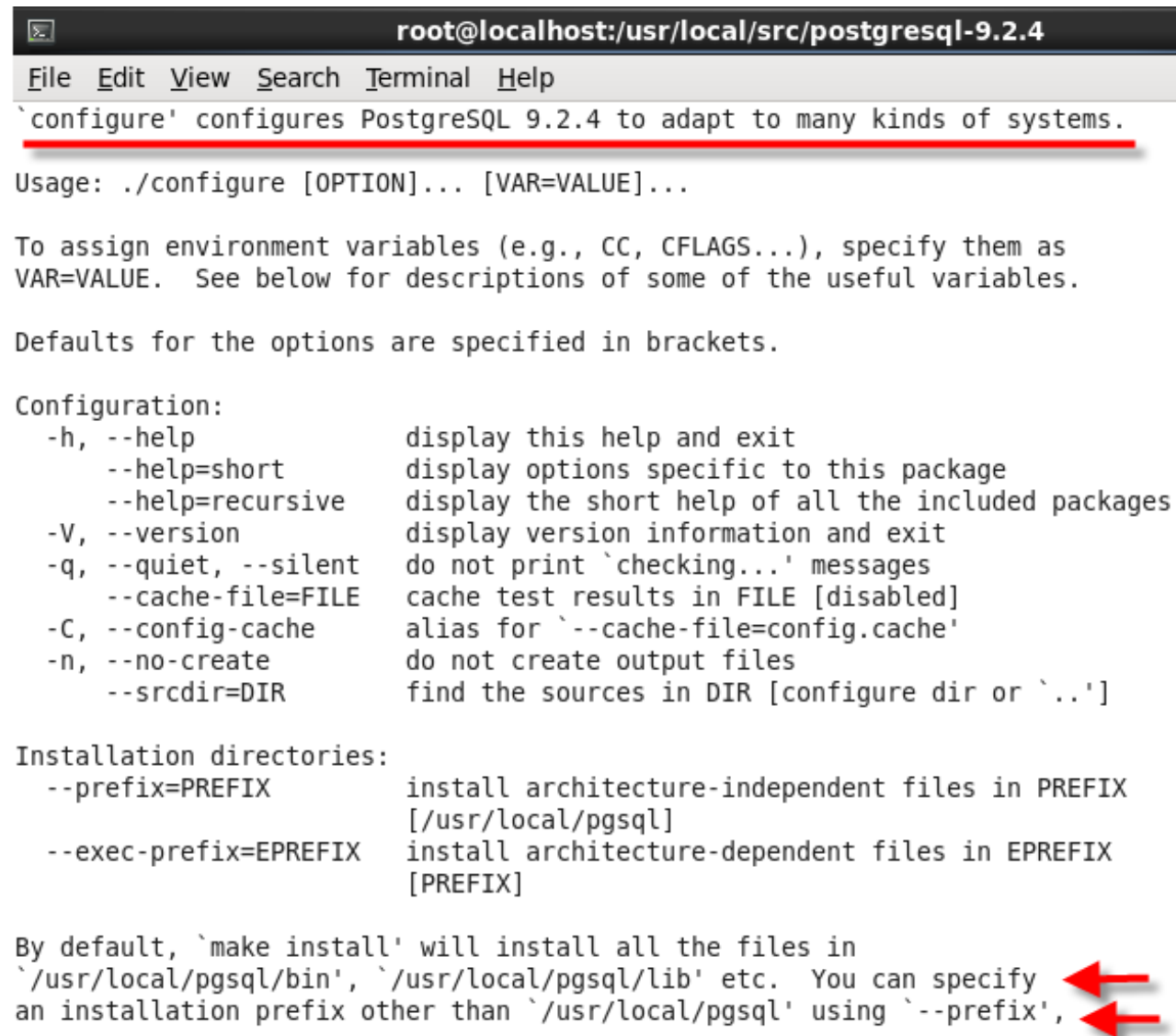
6. Configuring the source. Now, switch to postgresql-9.2.4 directory:

```
cd postgresql-9.2.4
```

and run

```
./configure --help
```

to see all available options to customize your PostgreSQL



```
root@localhost:/usr/local/src/postgresql-9.2.4
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
`configure' configures PostgreSQL 9.2.4 to adapt to many kinds of systems.
Usage: ./configure [OPTION]... [VAR=VALUE]...

To assign environment variables (e.g., CC, CFLAGS...), specify them as
VAR=VALUE.  See below for descriptions of some of the useful variables.

Defaults for the options are specified in brackets.

Configuration:
  -h, --help                display this help and exit
    --help=short            display options specific to this package
    --help=recursive        display the short help of all the included packages
  -V, --version             display version information and exit
  -q, --quiet, --silent     do not print `checking...' messages
    --cache-file=FILE       cache test results in FILE [disabled]
  -C, --config-cache        alias for `--cache-file=config.cache'
  -n, --no-create           do not create output files
    --srcdir=DIR            find the sources in DIR [configure dir or `..']

Installation directories:
  --prefix=PREFIX           install architecture-independent files in PREFIX
                          [/usr/local/pgsql]
  --exec-prefix=EPREFIX     install architecture-dependent files in EPREFIX
                          [PREFIX]

By default, `make install' will install all the files in
`/usr/local/pgsql/bin', `/usr/local/pgsql/lib' etc. You can specify
an installation prefix other than `/usr/local/pgsql' using `--prefix',
```

Figure 2

It's pretty self explanatory. For our purpose, I am going to use the options below and leave other options as default:

```
./configure --mandir=/usr/local/pgsql/man --with-tcl --with-perl --with-python --with-pam --with-ldap --with-openssl --with-libxml
```

which

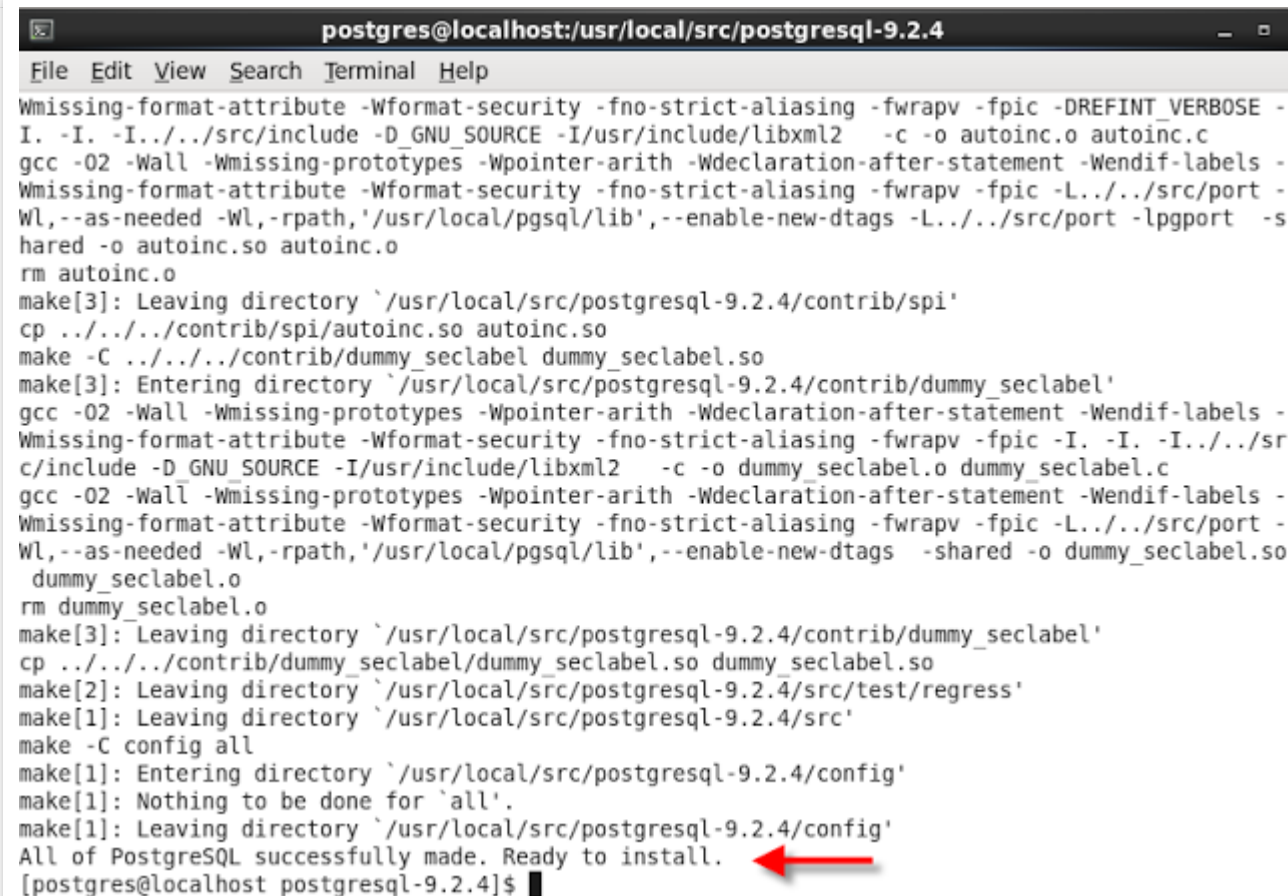
<code>--mandir=DIR</code>	is	man documentation [DATAROOTDIR/man]
<code>--with-tcl</code>	is	build Tcl modules (PL/Tcl); if you plan to use pl/Tcl procedural language
<code>--with-perl</code>	is	build Perl modules (PL/Perl); if you plan to use pl/Perl procedural language
<code>--with-python</code>	is	build Python modules (PL/Python); if you plan to use pl/Python procedural language
<code>--with-pam</code>	is	build with PAM support
<code>--with-ldap</code>	is	build with LDAP support
<code>--with-openssl</code>	is	build with OpenSSL support
<code>--with-libxml</code>	is	build with XML support

7. Now, run the "make" command after switching to "postgres" user:

```
su postgres  
make
```

After compiling source, you should see the following message:

```
"All of PostgreSQL successfully made. Ready to install."
```

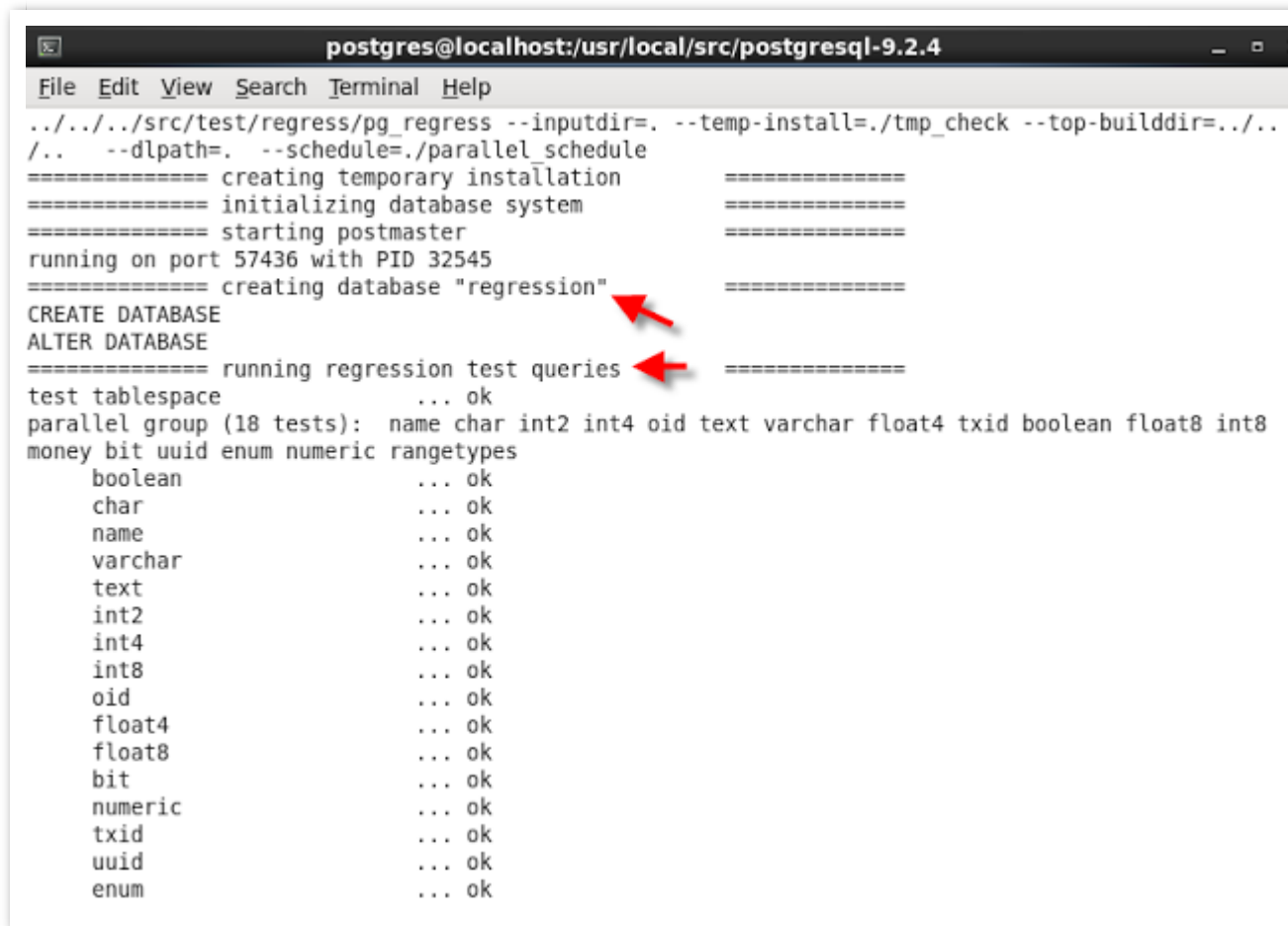
A terminal window titled 'postgres@localhost:/usr/local/src/postgresql-9.2.4' with a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Search, Terminal, Help). The terminal output shows the final steps of the PostgreSQL 9.2.4 installation. It includes commands for compiling and installing 'autoinc.o' and 'dummy_seclabel.o', and the final 'make -C config all' command. The output concludes with 'All of PostgreSQL successfully made. Ready to install.' and a red arrow pointing to this line. The prompt '[postgres@localhost postgresql-9.2.4]\$' is visible at the bottom.

```
postgres@localhost:/usr/local/src/postgresql-9.2.4
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
Wmissing-format-attribute -Wformat-security -fno-strict-aliasing -fwrapv -fpic -DREFINT_VERBOSE -
I. -I. -I../src/include -D GNU_SOURCE -I/usr/include/libxml2 -c -o autoinc.o autoinc.c
gcc -O2 -Wall -Wmissing-prototypes -Wpointer-arith -Wdeclaration-after-statement -Wendif-labels -
Wmissing-format-attribute -Wformat-security -fno-strict-aliasing -fwrapv -fpic -L../src/port -
Wl,--as-needed -Wl,-rpath,'/usr/local/pgsql/lib',--enable-new-dtags -L../src/port -lpqport -s
hared -o autoinc.so autoinc.o
rm autoinc.o
make[3]: Leaving directory `/usr/local/src/postgresql-9.2.4/contrib/spi'
cp ../../contrib/spi/autoinc.so autoinc.so
make -C ../../contrib/dummy_seclabel dummy_seclabel.so
make[3]: Entering directory `/usr/local/src/postgresql-9.2.4/contrib/dummy_seclabel'
gcc -O2 -Wall -Wmissing-prototypes -Wpointer-arith -Wdeclaration-after-statement -Wendif-labels -
Wmissing-format-attribute -Wformat-security -fno-strict-aliasing -fwrapv -fpic -I. -I. -I../sr
c/include -D GNU_SOURCE -I/usr/include/libxml2 -c -o dummy_seclabel.o dummy_seclabel.c
gcc -O2 -Wall -Wmissing-prototypes -Wpointer-arith -Wdeclaration-after-statement -Wendif-labels -
Wmissing-format-attribute -Wformat-security -fno-strict-aliasing -fwrapv -fpic -L../src/port -
Wl,--as-needed -Wl,-rpath,'/usr/local/pgsql/lib',--enable-new-dtags -shared -o dummy_seclabel.so
dummy_seclabel.o
rm dummy_seclabel.o
make[3]: Leaving directory `/usr/local/src/postgresql-9.2.4/contrib/dummy_seclabel'
cp ../../contrib/dummy_seclabel/dummy_seclabel.so dummy_seclabel.so
make[2]: Leaving directory `/usr/local/src/postgresql-9.2.4/src/test/regress'
make[1]: Leaving directory `/usr/local/src/postgresql-9.2.4/src'
make -C config all
make[1]: Entering directory `/usr/local/src/postgresql-9.2.4/config'
make[1]: Nothing to be done for `all'.
make[1]: Leaving directory `/usr/local/src/postgresql-9.2.4/config'
All of PostgreSQL successfully made. Ready to install.
[postgres@localhost postgresql-9.2.4]$
```

Figure 3

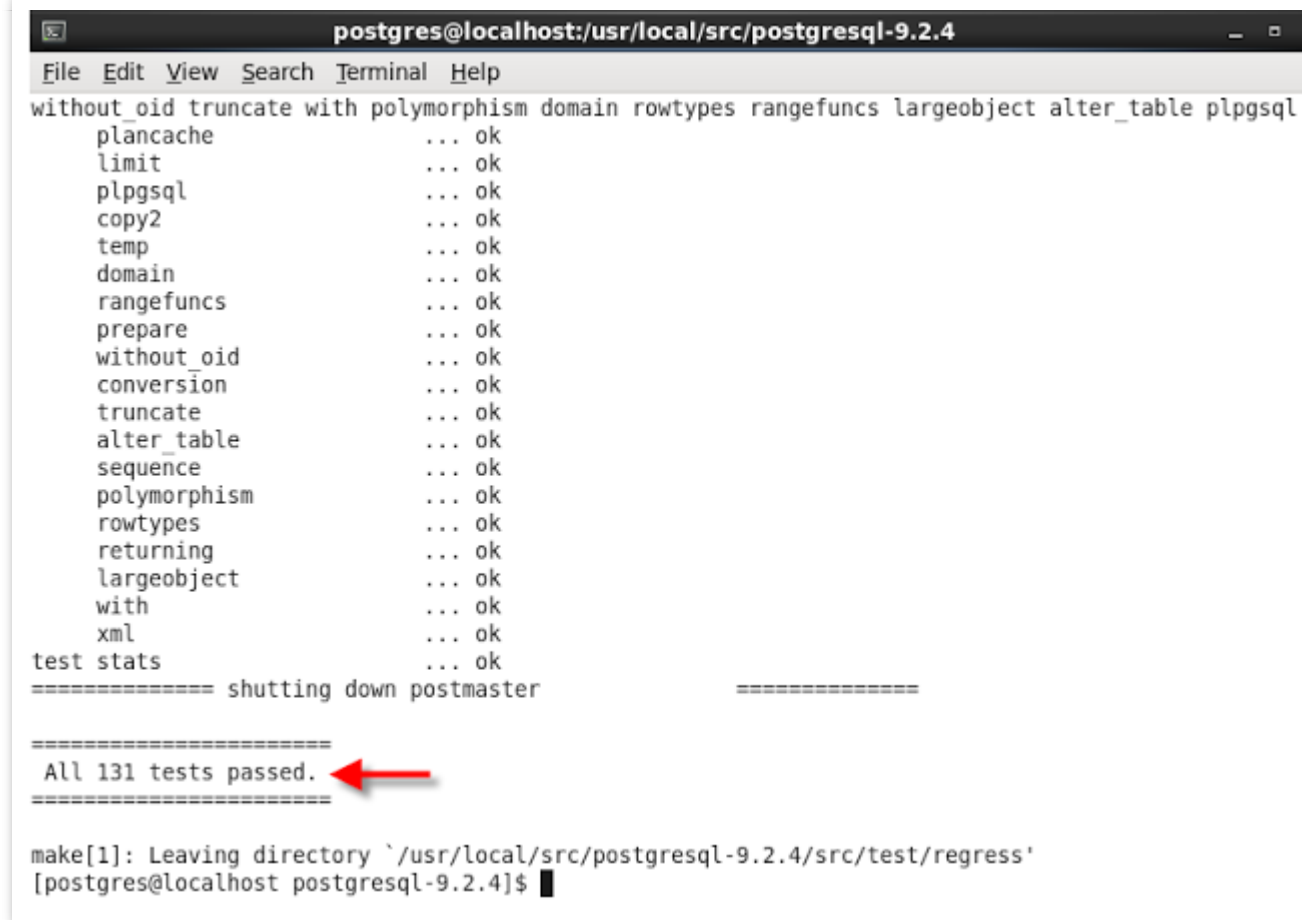
8. We need to do regression test. This is optional but really recommended it.

make check



```
postgres@localhost:/usr/local/src/postgresql-9.2.4
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
../../../../src/test/regress/pg_regress --inputdir=. --temp-install=./tmp_check --top-builddir=../..
/.. --dpath=. --schedule=./parallel_schedule
===== creating temporary installation =====
===== initializing database system =====
===== starting postmaster =====
running on port 57436 with PID 32545
===== creating database "regression" =====
CREATE DATABASE
ALTER DATABASE
===== running regression test queries =====
test tablespace          ... ok
parallel group (18 tests): name char int2 int4 oid text varchar float4 txid boolean float8 int8
money bit uuid enum numeric rangetypes
boolean                  ... ok
char                     ... ok
name                     ... ok
varchar                  ... ok
text                     ... ok
int2                     ... ok
int4                     ... ok
int8                     ... ok
oid                      ... ok
float4                   ... ok
float8                   ... ok
bit                      ... ok
numeric                  ... ok
txid                     ... ok
uuid                     ... ok
enum                     ... ok
```

Figure 4

A terminal window titled 'postgres@localhost:/usr/local/src/postgresql-9.2.4' with a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Search, Terminal, Help). The terminal displays the output of a regression test. It lists various PostgreSQL features and their test status, all of which are 'ok'. The features listed are: without_oid, truncate, with, polymorphism, domain, rowtypes, rangefuncs, largeobject, alter_table, plpgsql, plancache, limit, copy2, temp, domain, rangefuncs, prepare, without_oid, conversion, truncate, alter_table, sequence, polymorphism, rowtypes, returning, largeobject, with, xml, and test stats. After the tests, it says 'shutting down postmaster'. A red arrow points to the line 'All 131 tests passed.' which is preceded by a line of equals signs. The terminal ends with the command prompt '[postgres@localhost postgresql-9.2.4]\$' and a cursor.

```
postgres@localhost:/usr/local/src/postgresql-9.2.4
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
without_oid truncate with polymorphism domain rowtypes rangefuncs largeobject alter_table plpgsql
plancache          ... ok
limit              ... ok
plpgsql            ... ok
copy2              ... ok
temp               ... ok
domain             ... ok
rangefuncs         ... ok
prepare            ... ok
without_oid        ... ok
conversion          ... ok
truncate           ... ok
alter_table        ... ok
sequence           ... ok
polymorphism        ... ok
rowtypes           ... ok
returning          ... ok
largeobject         ... ok
with               ... ok
xml                ... ok
test stats         ... ok
===== shutting down postmaster =====

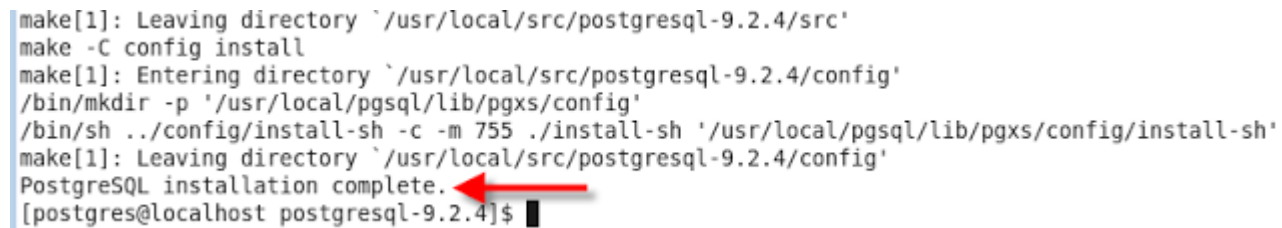
=====
All 131 tests passed.
=====

make[1]: Leaving directory `/usr/local/src/postgresql-9.2.4/src/test/regress'
[postgres@localhost postgresql-9.2.4]$
```

Figure 5

8. Now, you need to install compiled programs and libraries and "**su -**" command save your time to log in as root user for command's execution:

su -c "make install"

A terminal window showing the final steps of PostgreSQL 9.2.4 installation. The output shows the user leaving the source directory, running 'make -C config install', entering the config directory, creating the installation directory, running the install script, and finally completing the installation. A red arrow points to the 'PostgreSQL installation complete.' message.

```
make[1]: Leaving directory `/usr/local/src/postgresql-9.2.4/src'
make -C config install
make[1]: Entering directory `/usr/local/src/postgresql-9.2.4/config'
/bin/mkdir -p '/usr/local/pgsql/lib/pgxs/config'
/bin/sh ../config/install-sh -c -m 755 ./install-sh '/usr/local/pgsql/lib/pgxs/config/install-sh'
make[1]: Leaving directory `/usr/local/src/postgresql-9.2.4/config'
PostgreSQL installation complete.
[postgres@localhost postgresql-9.2.4]$
```

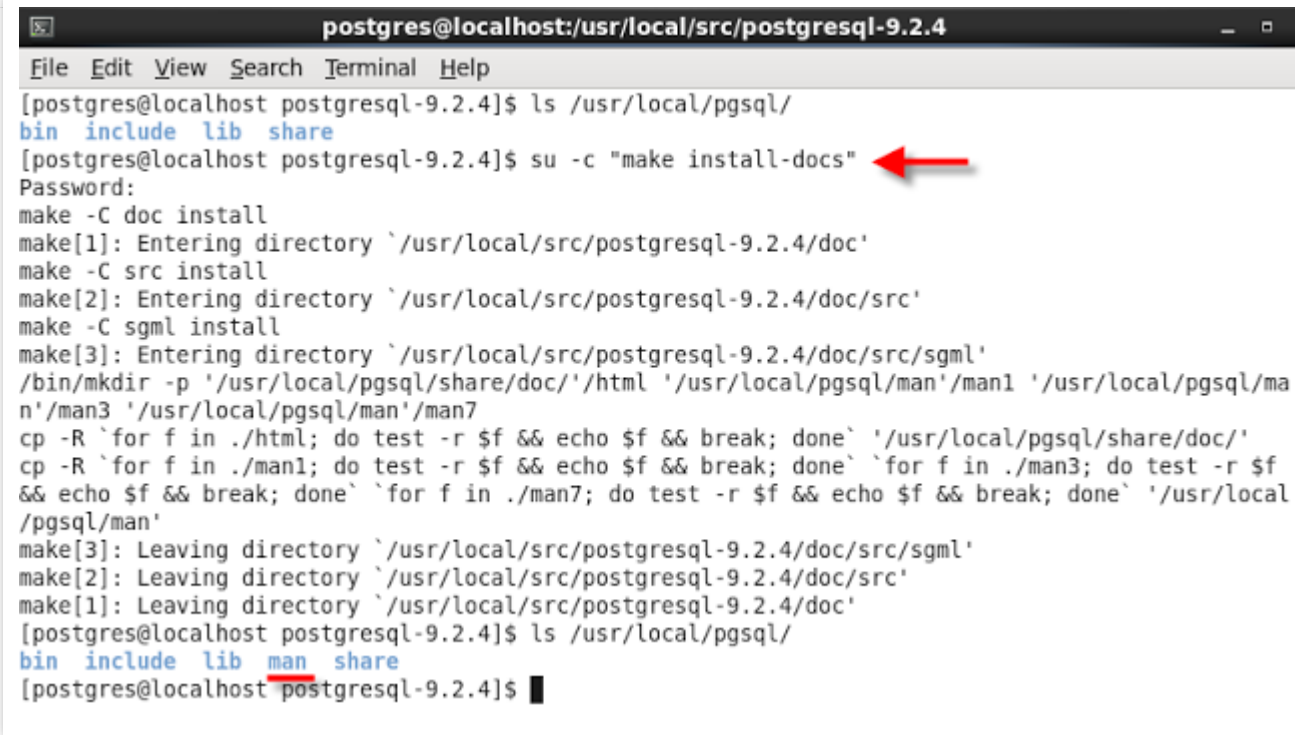
Figure 6

Don't forget to change the owner of PostgreSQL installation directory, in this case /usr/local/pgsql, to "postgres" user:

```
su -c "chown -R postgres.postgres /usr/local/pgsql"
```

9. Then, install documentation:

```
su -c "make install-docs"
```



```
postgres@localhost:/usr/local/src/postgresql-9.2.4
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[postgres@localhost postgresql-9.2.4]$ ls /usr/local/pgsql/
bin include lib share
[postgres@localhost postgresql-9.2.4]$ su -c "make install-docs"
Password:
make -C doc install
make[1]: Entering directory `/usr/local/src/postgresql-9.2.4/doc'
make -C src install
make[2]: Entering directory `/usr/local/src/postgresql-9.2.4/doc/src'
make -C sgml install
make[3]: Entering directory `/usr/local/src/postgresql-9.2.4/doc/src/sgml'
/bin/mkdir -p '/usr/local/pgsql/share/doc/'/html '/usr/local/pgsql/man'/man1 '/usr/local/pgsql/man'/man3 '/usr/local/pgsql/man'/man7
cp -R `for f in ./html; do test -r $f && echo $f && break; done` '/usr/local/pgsql/share/doc/'
cp -R `for f in ./man1; do test -r $f && echo $f && break; done` `for f in ./man3; do test -r $f && echo $f && break; done` `for f in ./man7; do test -r $f && echo $f && break; done` '/usr/local/pgsql/man'
make[3]: Leaving directory `/usr/local/src/postgresql-9.2.4/doc/src/sgml'
make[2]: Leaving directory `/usr/local/src/postgresql-9.2.4/doc/src'
make[1]: Leaving directory `/usr/local/src/postgresql-9.2.4/doc'
[postgres@localhost postgresql-9.2.4]$ ls /usr/local/pgsql/
bin include lib man share
[postgres@localhost postgresql-9.2.4]$
```

Figure 7

10. Next, we need to set environment variables. I am going to set environment variables for man page and bin directory. In order to do that, add the following lines to the end of `/etc/profile`

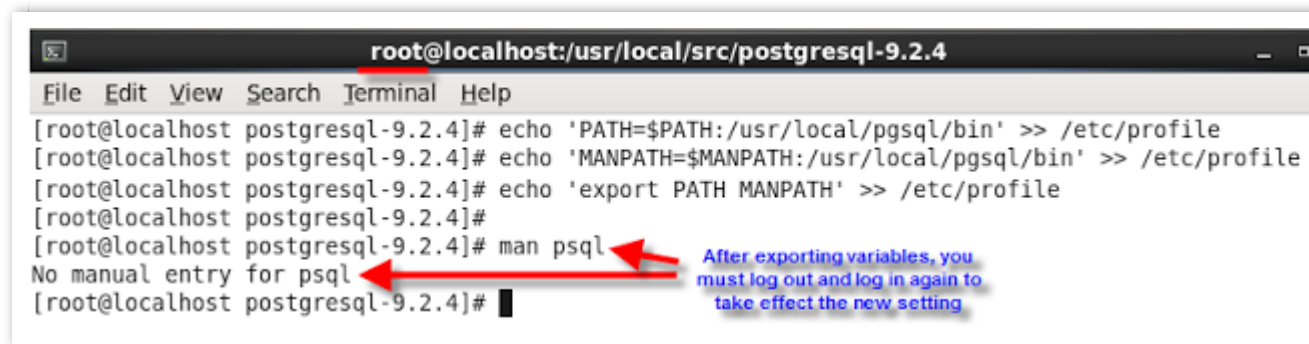
```
echo 'PATH=$PATH:/usr/local/pgsql/bin' >> /etc/profile
```

```
echo 'MANPATH=$MANPATH:/usr/local/pgsql/bin' >> /etc/profile
```

```
echo 'export PATH MANPATH' >> /etc/profile
```

Don't forget to log out and log in again to take effect the new variables.

Now try "man psql"



```
root@localhost:/usr/local/src/postgresql-9.2.4
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[root@localhost postgresql-9.2.4]# echo 'PATH=$PATH:/usr/local/pgsql/bin' >> /etc/profile
[root@localhost postgresql-9.2.4]# echo 'MANPATH=$MANPATH:/usr/local/pgsql/bin' >> /etc/profile
[root@localhost postgresql-9.2.4]# echo 'export PATH MANPATH' >> /etc/profile
[root@localhost postgresql-9.2.4]#
[root@localhost postgresql-9.2.4]# man psql
No manual entry for psql
[root@localhost postgresql-9.2.4]#
```

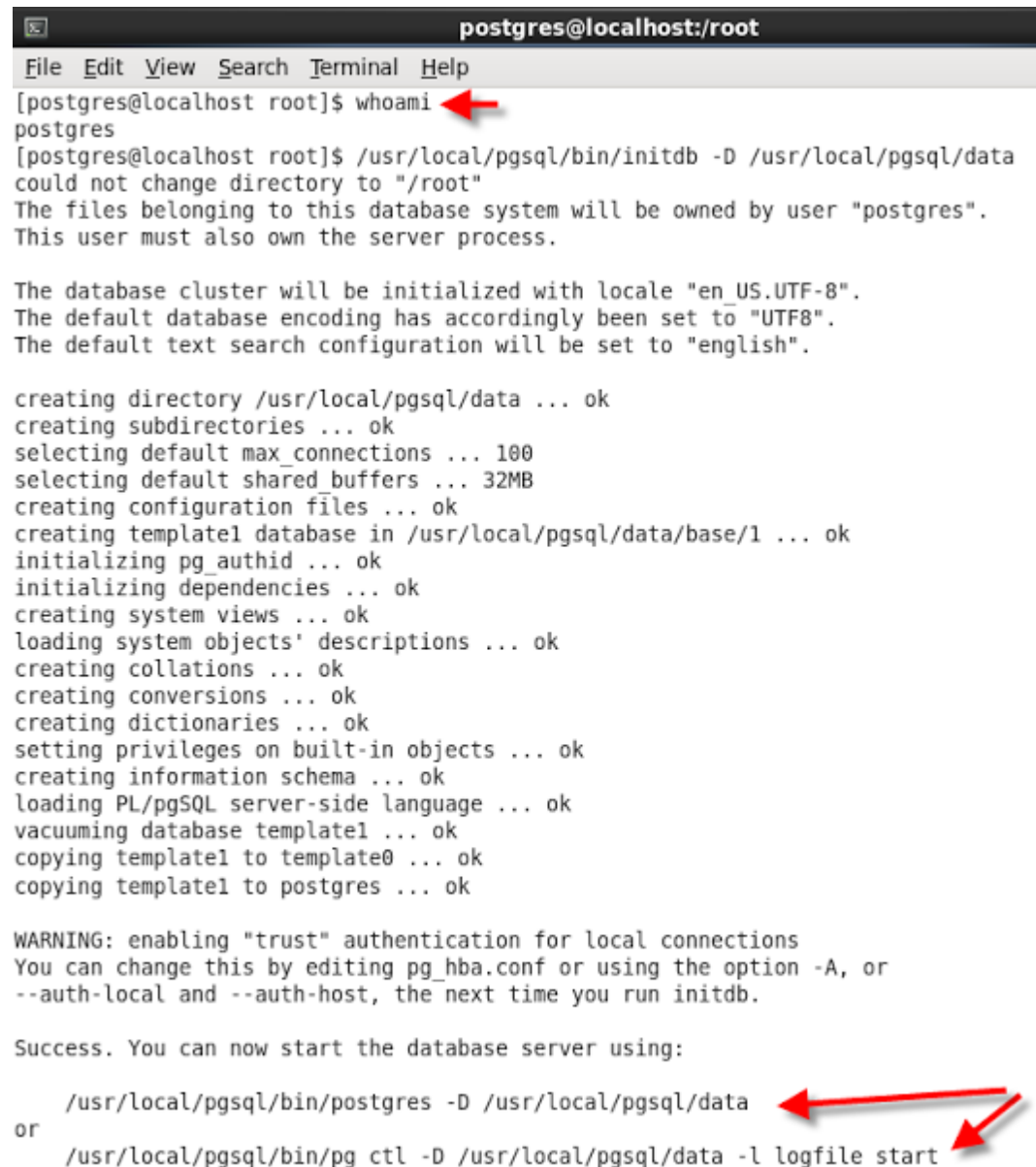
After exporting variables, you must log out and log in again to take effect the new setting

Figure 8

11. Now, we need to initialize and start PostgreSQL. Make sure you logged in as postgres user. Then run the following command:

/usr/local/pgsql/bin/initdb -D /usr/local/pgsql/data

The path after the **-D** option is up to you. You can put any path **BUT** make sure on that path the user "postgres" has write access on it.

A terminal window titled 'postgres@localhost:/root' with a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Search, Terminal, Help). The terminal shows the execution of 'whoami' (returns 'postgres') and 'initdb' to initialize the database cluster. It lists various configuration steps like creating directories, setting max connections, and initializing the database. At the end, it provides two commands to start the server: '/usr/local/pgsql/bin/postgres -D /usr/local/pgsql/data' and '/usr/local/pgsql/bin/pg_ctl -D /usr/local/pgsql/data -l logfile start'. Red arrows point to the 'whoami' command and the first start command.

```
postgres@localhost:/root
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[postgres@localhost root]$ whoami
postgres
[postgres@localhost root]$ /usr/local/pgsql/bin/initdb -D /usr/local/pgsql/data
could not change directory to "/root"
The files belonging to this database system will be owned by user "postgres".
This user must also own the server process.

The database cluster will be initialized with locale "en_US.UTF-8".
The default database encoding has accordingly been set to "UTF8".
The default text search configuration will be set to "english".

creating directory /usr/local/pgsql/data ... ok
creating subdirectories ... ok
selecting default max_connections ... 100
selecting default shared_buffers ... 32MB
creating configuration files ... ok
creating template1 database in /usr/local/pgsql/data/base/1 ... ok
initializing pg_authid ... ok
initializing dependencies ... ok
creating system views ... ok
loading system objects' descriptions ... ok
creating collations ... ok
creating conversions ... ok
creating dictionaries ... ok
setting privileges on built-in objects ... ok
creating information schema ... ok
loading PL/pgsql server-side language ... ok
vacuuming database template1 ... ok
copying template1 to template0 ... ok
copying template1 to postgres ... ok

WARNING: enabling "trust" authentication for local connections
You can change this by editing pg_hba.conf or using the option -A, or
--auth-local and --auth-host, the next time you run initdb.

Success. You can now start the database server using:

    /usr/local/pgsql/bin/postgres -D /usr/local/pgsql/data
or
    /usr/local/pgsql/bin/pg_ctl -D /usr/local/pgsql/data -l logfile start
```

Figure 9

12. To start the database server in the background, run the following command:

```
/usr/local/pgsql/bin/pg_ctl -D /usr/local/pgsql/data -l /tmp/logfile-pgsql.log start
```

to make sure that server is running, use the following commands:

```
cat /tmp/logfile-pgsql.log
```

```
netstat -antp
```

```

postgres@localhost:/root
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[postgres@localhost root]$ ls /tmp/*.log
ls: cannot access /tmp/*.log: No such file or directory
[postgres@localhost root]$
[postgres@localhost root]$ /usr/local/pgsql/bin/pg_ctl -D /usr/local/pgsql/data -l /tmp/logfile-
pgsql.log start
could not change directory to "/root"
server starting
[postgres@localhost root]$ ls /tmp/*.log
/tmp/logfile-pgsql.log
[postgres@localhost root]$ cat /tmp/logfile-pgsql.log
LOG: database system was shut down at 2013-08-27 13:56:38 EDT
LOG: database system is ready to accept connections
LOG: autovacuum launcher started
[postgres@localhost root]$
[postgres@localhost root]$ netstat -antp
(Not all processes could be identified, non-owned process info
will not be shown, you would have to be root to see it all.)
Active Internet connections (servers and established)
Proto Recv-Q Send-Q Local Address           Foreign Address         State       PID/Progr
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:111             0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      -
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:631           0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      -
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:5432          0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      11026/pos
postgres  0      0 127.0.0.1:25            0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      -
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:50757           0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      -

```

Figure 10

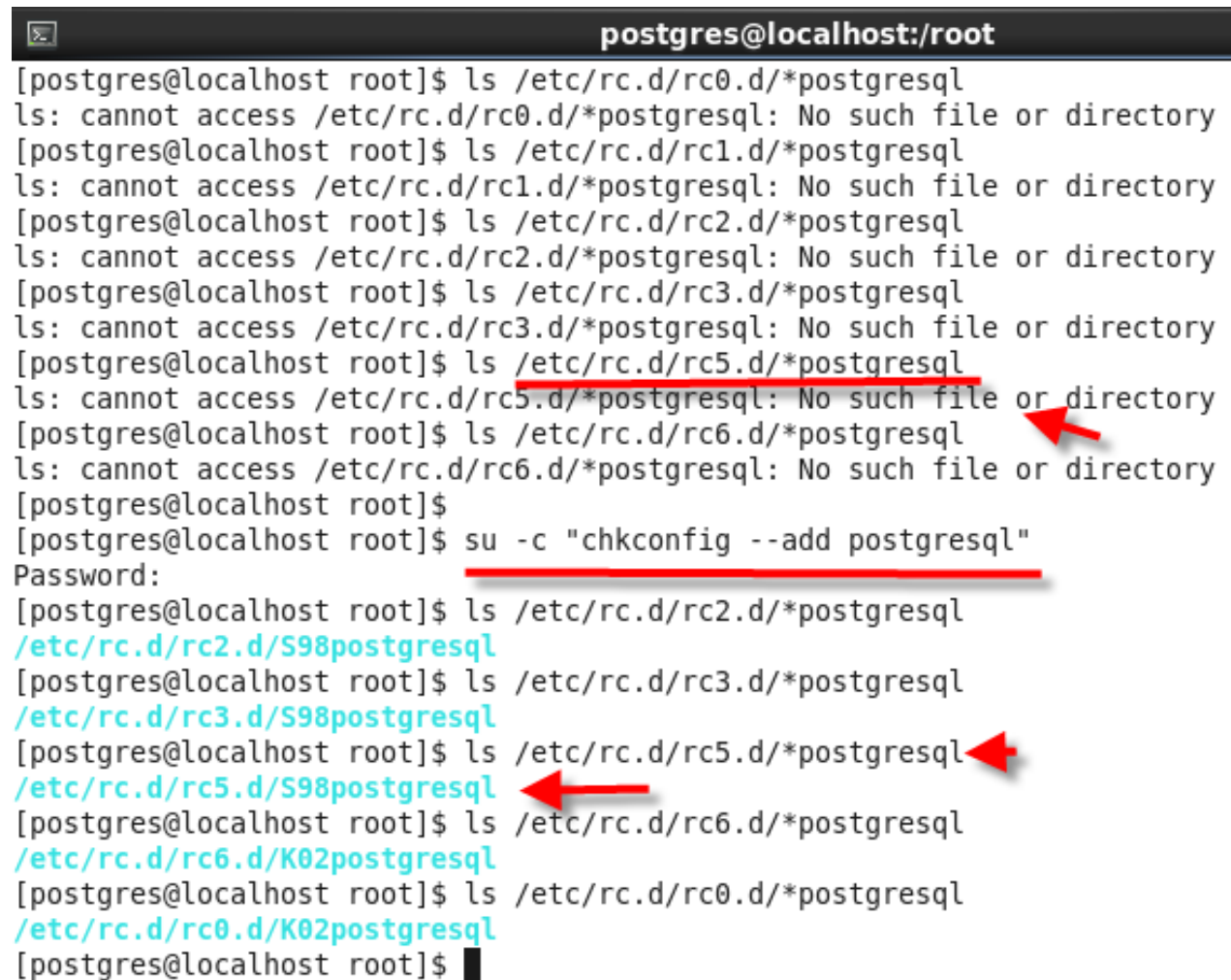
13. Next, we need to configure PostgreSQL in SysV Script so that we can gracefully control PostgreSQL database through the use of SysV runlevel system. In order to do that, we need to copy a script called "*linux*" to *init.d* directory. I also renamed it to "*postgresql*" to be more meaningful. Run the following commands:

```
su -c "cp /usr/local/src/postgresql-9.2.4/contrib/start-scripts/linux /etc/rc.d/init.d/postgresql"
```

```
su -c "chmod a+x /etc/rc.d/init.d/postgresql" --> make the script executable
```

If you wish for the script to startup PostgreSQL automatically when the machine boots up, run the following command:

```
su -c "chkconfig --add postgresql"
```

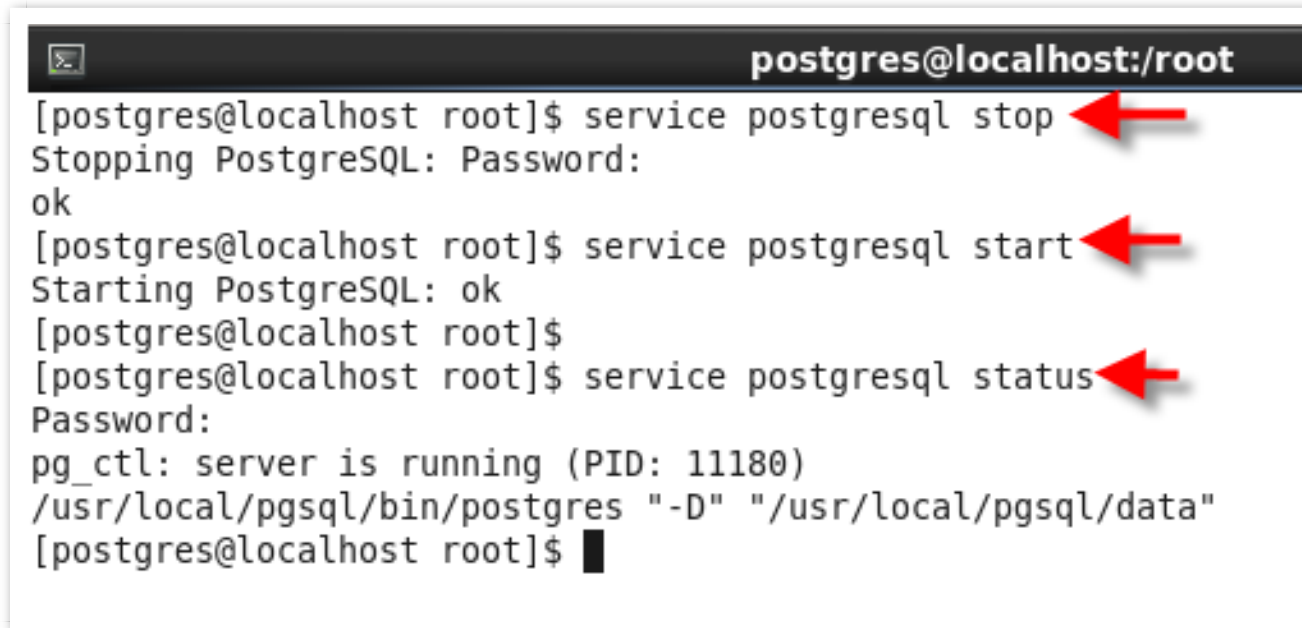



```
postgres@localhost:/root
[postgres@localhost root]$ ls /etc/rc.d/rc0.d/*postgresql
ls: cannot access /etc/rc.d/rc0.d/*postgresql: No such file or directory
[postgres@localhost root]$ ls /etc/rc.d/rc1.d/*postgresql
ls: cannot access /etc/rc.d/rc1.d/*postgresql: No such file or directory
[postgres@localhost root]$ ls /etc/rc.d/rc2.d/*postgresql
ls: cannot access /etc/rc.d/rc2.d/*postgresql: No such file or directory
[postgres@localhost root]$ ls /etc/rc.d/rc3.d/*postgresql
ls: cannot access /etc/rc.d/rc3.d/*postgresql: No such file or directory
[postgres@localhost root]$ ls /etc/rc.d/rc5.d/*postgresql
ls: cannot access /etc/rc.d/rc5.d/*postgresql: No such file or directory
[postgres@localhost root]$ ls /etc/rc.d/rc6.d/*postgresql
ls: cannot access /etc/rc.d/rc6.d/*postgresql: No such file or directory
[postgres@localhost root]$
[postgres@localhost root]$ su -c "chkconfig --add postgresql"
Password:
[postgres@localhost root]$ ls /etc/rc.d/rc2.d/*postgresql
/etc/rc.d/rc2.d/S98postgresql
[postgres@localhost root]$ ls /etc/rc.d/rc3.d/*postgresql
/etc/rc.d/rc3.d/S98postgresql
[postgres@localhost root]$ ls /etc/rc.d/rc5.d/*postgresql
/etc/rc.d/rc5.d/S98postgresql
[postgres@localhost root]$ ls /etc/rc.d/rc6.d/*postgresql
/etc/rc.d/rc6.d/K02postgresql
[postgres@localhost root]$ ls /etc/rc.d/rc0.d/*postgresql
/etc/rc.d/rc0.d/K02postgresql
[postgres@localhost root]$
```

Figure 11

Now, to start and stop PostgreSQL, run the following commands:

service postgresql stop
service postgresql start

A terminal window titled 'postgres@localhost:/root' showing the execution of PostgreSQL service commands. The commands and their outputs are: 'service postgresql stop' (indicated by a red arrow), 'Stopping PostgreSQL: Password: ok', 'service postgresql start' (indicated by a red arrow), 'Starting PostgreSQL: ok', and 'service postgresql status' (indicated by a red arrow). The status output shows 'pg_ctl: server is running (PID: 11180)' and the data directory path. The prompt returns to '[postgres@localhost root]\$' with a cursor.

```
postgres@localhost:/root
[postgres@localhost root]$ service postgresql stop
Stopping PostgreSQL: Password:
ok
[postgres@localhost root]$ service postgresql start
Starting PostgreSQL: ok
[postgres@localhost root]$
[postgres@localhost root]$ service postgresql status
Password:
pg_ctl: server is running (PID: 11180)
/usr/local/pgsql/bin/postgres "-D" "/usr/local/pgsql/data"
[postgres@localhost root]$
```

Figure 12

14. Let's create a test database, we need it when we want to try to connect from client side(another machine) to database server:

createdb testdb
psql testdb

```

postgres@localhost:/root
[postgres@localhost root]$ createdb testdb
[postgres@localhost root]$
[postgres@localhost root]$ psql testdb
could not change directory to "/root"
psql (9.2.4)
Type "help" for help.

testdb=# \l

```

Name	Owner	Encoding	Collate	Ctype	Access privileges
postgres	postgres	UTF8	en_US.UTF-8	en_US.UTF-8	
template0	postgres	UTF8	en_US.UTF-8	en_US.UTF-8	=c/postgres + postgres=CTc/postgres
template1	postgres	UTF8	en_US.UTF-8	en_US.UTF-8	=c/postgres + postgres=CTc/postgres
testdb	postgres	UTF8	en_US.UTF-8	en_US.UTF-8	

```

(4 rows)

testdb=#

```

Figure 13

15. In order to connect to database server through network from client side, we need to do the followings:

1. Install PostgreSQL Client with yum command in the client machine(it's different than server machine):
yum install postgresql-client
2. Go back to server, and open pg_hba.conf in vi:
vi /usr/local/pgsql/data/pg_hba.conf
then, change this line:

```
host all all 127.0.0.1/32 trust
```

to whatever your client's ip address is. Or you can say the whole subnet. In this case:

```
host all all 192.168.0.2/24 trust
```

3. Next, open postgresql.conf in vi:

```
vi /usr/local/pgsql/data/postgresql.conf
```

and uncomment this line:

```
#listen_addresses = 'localhost'
```

and change 'localhost' to the ip address of server, in this case:

```
listen_addresses = '192.168.0.1'
```

4. Open the PostgreSQL server port, run the below command:

```
su -c "iptables -I INPUT -m state --state NEW -m tcp -p tcp --dport 5432 -j ACCEPT"
```

5. Restart postgresql service:

```
service postgresql stop
```

```
service postgresql start
```

6. Finally, try to connect to server by the following command in client machine:

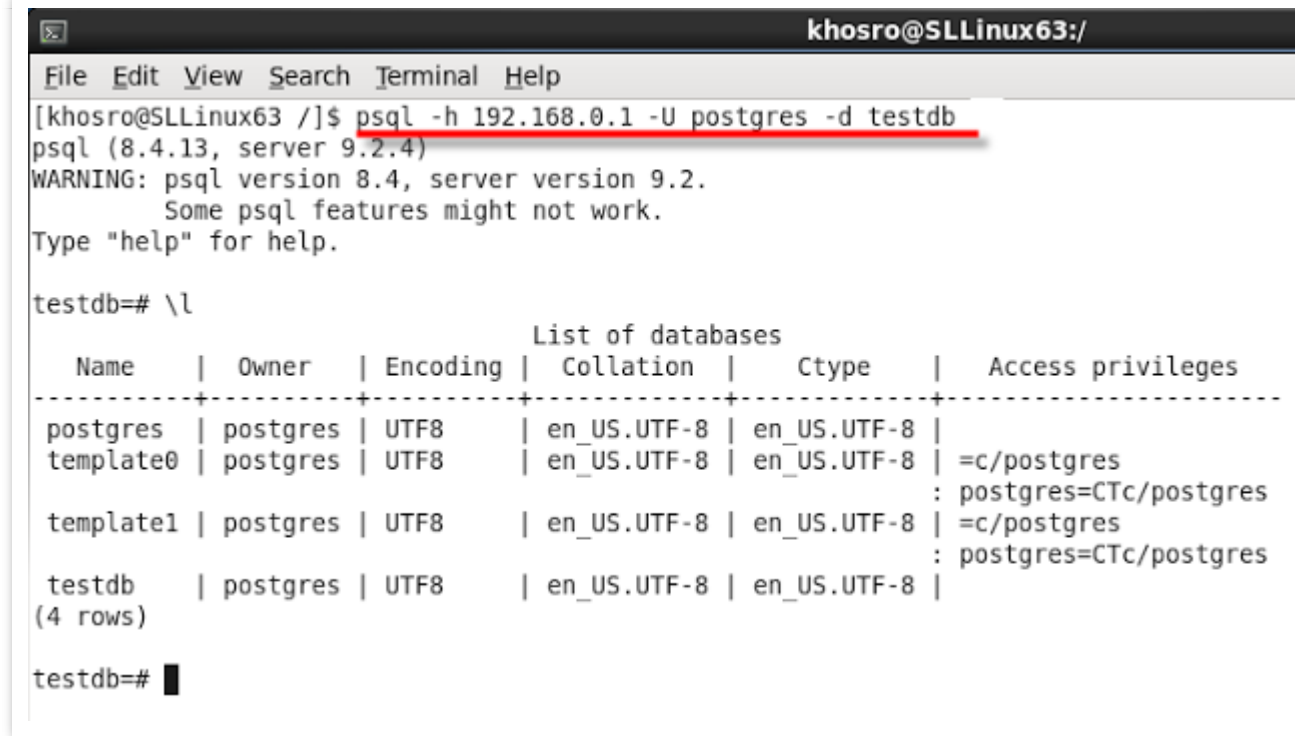
```
psql -h 192.168.0.1 -U postgres -d testdb
```

which

-h means host

-U means user

-d means database name



```

khosro@SLLinux63:/
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[khosro@SLLinux63 /]$ psql -h 192.168.0.1 -U postgres -d testdb
psql (8.4.13, server 9.2.4)
WARNING: psql version 8.4, server version 9.2.
        Some psql features might not work.
Type "help" for help.

testdb=# \l

               List of databases
  Name      | Owner   | Encoding | Collation |  Ctype  | Access privileges
-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----
 postgres   | postgres | UTF8      | en_US.UTF-8 | en_US.UTF-8 | 
 template0   | postgres | UTF8      | en_US.UTF-8 | en_US.UTF-8 | =c/postgres
              : postgres=CtC/postgres
 template1   | postgres | UTF8      | en_US.UTF-8 | en_US.UTF-8 | =c/postgres
              : postgres=CtC/postgres
 testdb      | postgres | UTF8      | en_US.UTF-8 | en_US.UTF-8 | 
(4 rows)

testdb=#

```

Figure 14

And that's all. I am going to post more blog about PostgreSQL since I've been liked it so far. Hope you enjoyed.

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