

# POSTGIS 2.0.0 PGSQL2SHP SHP2PGSQL CHEAT SHEET

shp2pgsql and pgsql2shp are all located in the bin folder of the PostgreSQL install.

pgsql2shp dumps a postgis database table, view or sql query to ESRI shape file format.

**USAGE:** `pgsql2shp [OPTIONS] database [schema.]table pgsql2shp [OPTIONS] database query`

shp2pgsql generates an SQL script from ESRI shape and DBF files suitable for loading into a PostGIS enabled database.

**USAGE:** `shp2pgsql [OPTIONS] shapefile [schema.]table`

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General options: (P - pgsql2shp, S - shp2pgsql)

P	<b>-b</b>	Use a binary cursor.
S	<b>-s from_srid:to_srid</b>	If <b>-s :to_srid</b> <sup>1</sup> is not specified then from_srid is assumed and no transformation happens.
S	<b>(-d a c p)</b>	These are mutually exclusive options:
S	<b>-d</b>	Drops the table, then recreates it and populates it with current shape file data.
S	<b>-a</b>	Appends shape file into current table, must be exactly the same table schema.
S	<b>-c</b>	Creates a new table and populates it, default if you do not specify any options.
S	<b>-p</b>	Prepare mode, only creates the table.
P	<b>-f filename</b>	Use this option to specify the name of the file to create
P S	<b>-g geometry_column_name</b>	Specify the name of the geometry column to be (S) created (P) exported.
P	<b>-h hostname</b>	Specify db server host name defaults to localhost.
S	<b>-D</b>	Use postgresql dump format (defaults to sql insert statements).
S	<b>-e</b>	Execute each statement individually, do not use a transaction. Not compatible with <b>-D</b>
P S	<b>-k</b>	Keep postgresql identifiers case.
S	<b>-i</b>	Use int4 type for all integer dbf fields.
S	<b>-I</b>	Create a GiST index on the geometry column.
S	<b>-p port</b>	Allows you to specify a database port other than the default. Defaults to 5432.
P	<b>-P password</b>	Connect to the database with the specified password.
P	<b>-r</b>	Raw mode. Do not unescape attribute names and not skip the 'gid' attribute.
P	<b>-S</b>	Generate simple geometries instead of MULTI geometries.
S	<b>-u user</b>	Connect to the database as the specified user.
P	<b>-w</b>	Use wkt format (for postgis-0.x support - drops M - drifts coordinates).
S	<b>-W</b>	<i>encoding</i> The character encoding of Shape's attribute column. (default : "UTF-8")
S	<b>-N</b>	
S	<b>-n</b>	<i>policy</i> Specify NULL geometries handling policy (insert,skip,abort)
S	<b>-G<sup>2</sup></b>	Only import DBF file.
S	<b>-T<sup>1</sup></b>	Use geography type instead of geometry (requires lon/lat data) in WGS84 long lat (-s SRID=4326)
S	<b>-X<sup>1</sup></b>	Specify the tablespace for the new table. Indexes will still use the default tablespace unless the <b>-X</b> param
S	<b>-X<sup>1</sup></b>	Specify the tablespace for the new index.
P	<b>-m<sup>1</sup> filename</b>	Remap identifiers to ten character names. The content of the file is lines of two symbols separated by a si
P S	<b>-?</b>	Display this help screen

PSQL Connection options:

-h, --host=HOSTNAME	database server host or socket directory
-p, --port=PORT	database server port number
-U, --username=NAME	connect as specified database user
-W, --password	force password prompt (should happen automatically)
-e, --exit-on-error	exit on error, default is to continue

If no input file name is supplied, then standard input is used.

**LOADING DATA WITH SHP2PGSQL**

Load data into PostgreSQL from ESRI shape file MA stateplane feet

```
shp2pgsql -s 2249 neighborhoods public.neighborhoods > neighborhoods.sql
psql -h myserver -d mydb -U myuser -f neighborhoods.sql
```

Do above in one step

```
shp2pgsql -s 4326 neighborhoods public.neighborhoods | psql -h myserver -d mydb -U myuser
```

Load data into PostgreSQL from ESRI shape file MA stateplane feet to geography

```
shp2pgsql -G -s 2249:4326 neighborhoods public.neighborhoods > neighborhoods_geog.sql
psql -h myserver -d mydb -U myuser -f neighborhoods_geog.sql
```

Sample linux sh script to load tiger 2007 massachusetts edges and landmark points

```
TMPDIR="/gis data/staging"
STATEDIR="/gis data/25_MASSACHUSETTS"
STATESCHEMA="ma"
DB="tiger"
USER_NAME="tigeruser"
cd $STATEDIR
#unzip files into temp directory
for z in */*.zip; do unzip -o -d $TMPDIR $z; done
for z in *.zip; do unzip -o -d $TMPDIR $z; done

#prepare the tables don't load data
#force non-multi and set the geometry column name to the_geom_4269, dbf is in latin1 encoding
shp2pgsql -s 4269 -g the_geom_4269 -S -W "latin1" -p fe_2007_25025_edges.shp ${STATESCHEMA}.edges | psql -U $USER_NAME -d $DB
shp2pgsql -s 4269 -g the_geom_4269 -S -W "latin1" -p fe_2007_25025_pointlm.shp ${STATESCHEMA}.pointlm | psql -U $USER_NAME -d $DB

#loop thru pointlm and edges county tables and append to respective ma.pointlm ma.edges tables
for t in pointlm edges;
do
  for z in ${t}.dbf;
  do
    shp2pgsql -s 4269 -g the_geom_4269 -S -W "latin1" -a $z ${STATE_SCHEMA}.${t} | psql -d $DB -U $USER_NAME;
  done
done
```

**OUTPUTING TO ESRI SHAPEFILE/DBF WITH PGSQL2SHP**

Export query to a shape file called jpnei.shp/dbf

```
pgsql2shp -f "/path/to/jpnei" -h myserver -u appuser -P apppassword mygisdb
"SELECT neigh_name, the_geom FROM neighborhoods WHERE neigh_name = 'Jamaica Plain'"
```

Export a table in ma schema called streets to streets.shp/dbf

```
pgsql2shp -f "/path/to/streets" -h myserver -u appuser -P apppassword mygisdb ma.streets
```



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