



Hands-on Lab : Database Design using ERDs

Estimated time needed: 45 minutes

In this lab, you will learn how to design a database by creating an entity relationship diagram (ERD) in the PostgreSQL database service using the pgAdmin graphical user interface (GUI) tool. First, you will create an ERD of a database. Next, you will generate and execute an SQL script to create the database schema from its ERD. Finally, you will load the created database schema with data.

Software Used in this Lab

In this lab, you will use [PostgreSQL Database](#). PostgreSQL is a Relational Database Management System (RDBMS) designed to efficiently store, manipulate, and retrieve data.



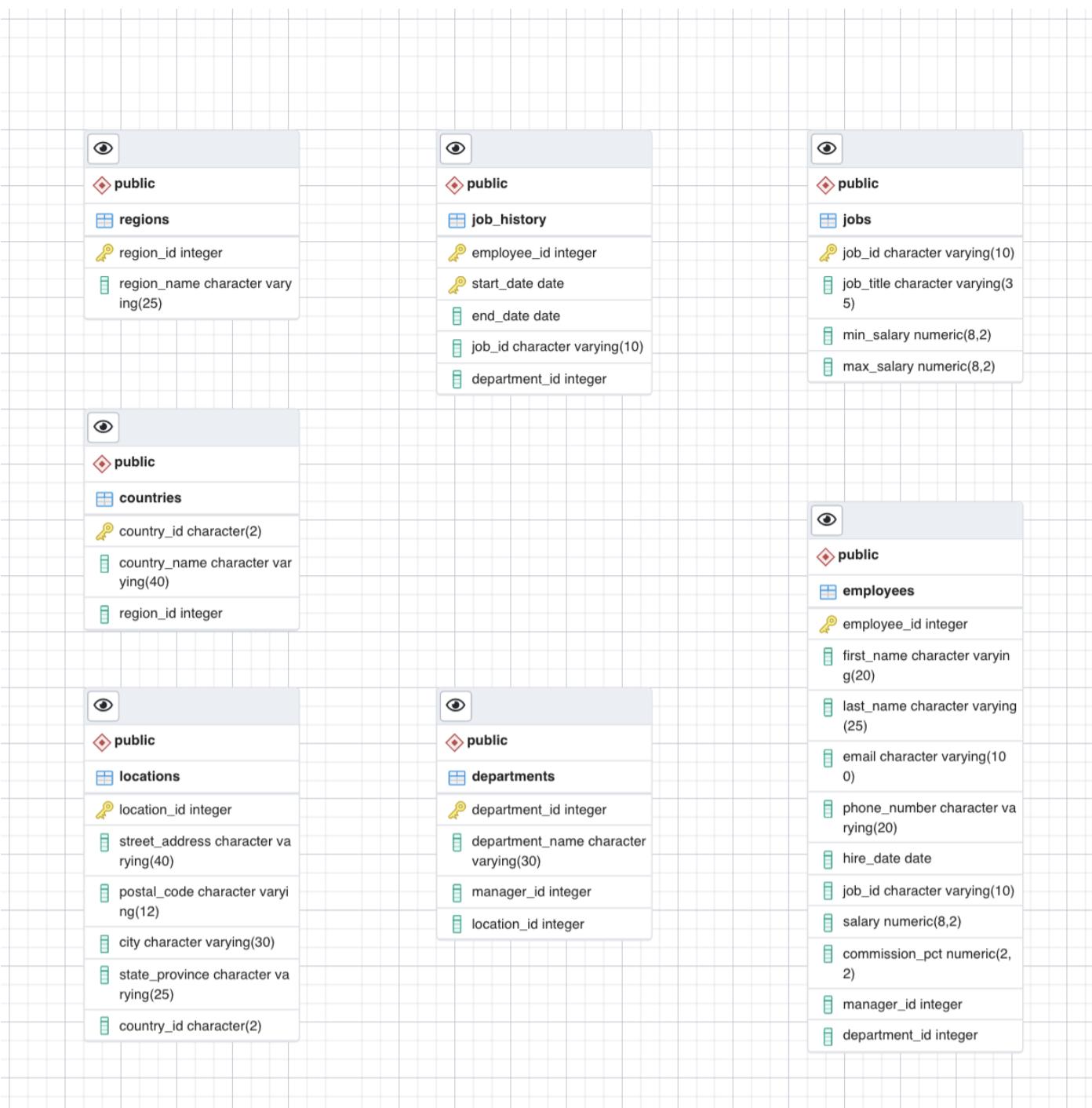
To complete this lab you will utilize the PostgreSQL relational database service available as part of IBM Skills Network Labs (SN Labs) Cloud IDE. SN Labs is a virtual lab environment used in this course.

Database Used in this Lab

The HR database used in this lab comes from the following source: [HR Sample Database](#) [Copyright 2021 - Oracle Corporation].

You will use a modified version of the database for the lab, so to follow the lab instructions successfully please use the database provided with the lab, rather than the database from the original source.

The following ERD shows the tables of the HR database:



Objectives

After completing this lab, you will be able to use pgAdmin with PostgreSQL to:

- Create an ERD of a database.
- Generate and execute an SQL script from an ERD to create a schema.
- Load the database schema with data.

This lab is divided into two exercises, *Example Exercise* and *Practice Exercise*.

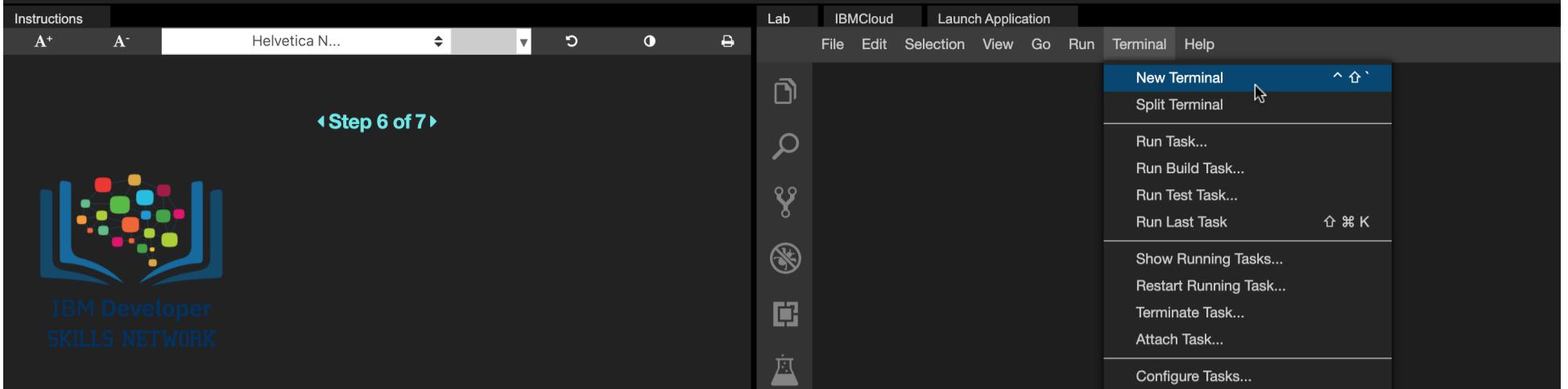
Example Exercise

In this example exercise through different tasks, first you will create a partial ERD of the HR database. Next, you will generate and execute an SQL script to create the partial schema of the HR database from its ERD. Finally, you will load the created database schema with data by using restore feature.

Task A: Create an Entity Relationship Diagram (ERD) of a database

In this task of the Example Exercise, you will create a partial ERD of the HR database.

1. Go to **Terminal > New Terminal** to open a terminal from the side-by-side launched Cloud IDE.



2. Start a PostgreSQL service session in the Cloud IDE using the command below in the terminal. Find your PostgreSQL service session password from the highlighted location of the terminal shown in the image below. Note down your PostgreSQL service session password because you may need to use it later in the lab.

```
start_postgres
```

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theia@theiadocker-sandipsahajo:/home/project$ start_postgres
Starting your Postgres database....
This process can take up to a minute.

Postgres database started, waiting for all services to be ready....
[/>
Your Postgres database is now ready to use and available with username: postgres password: MTQ5NTItc2FuZGlw

You can access your Postgres database via:
• The Browser with pgadmin
  • URL: https://sandipsahajo-5050.theiadocker-27.proxy.cognitiveclass.ai/browser/
  • Database Password: MTQ5NTItc2FuZGlw
  • CommandLine: psql --username=postgres --host=localhost
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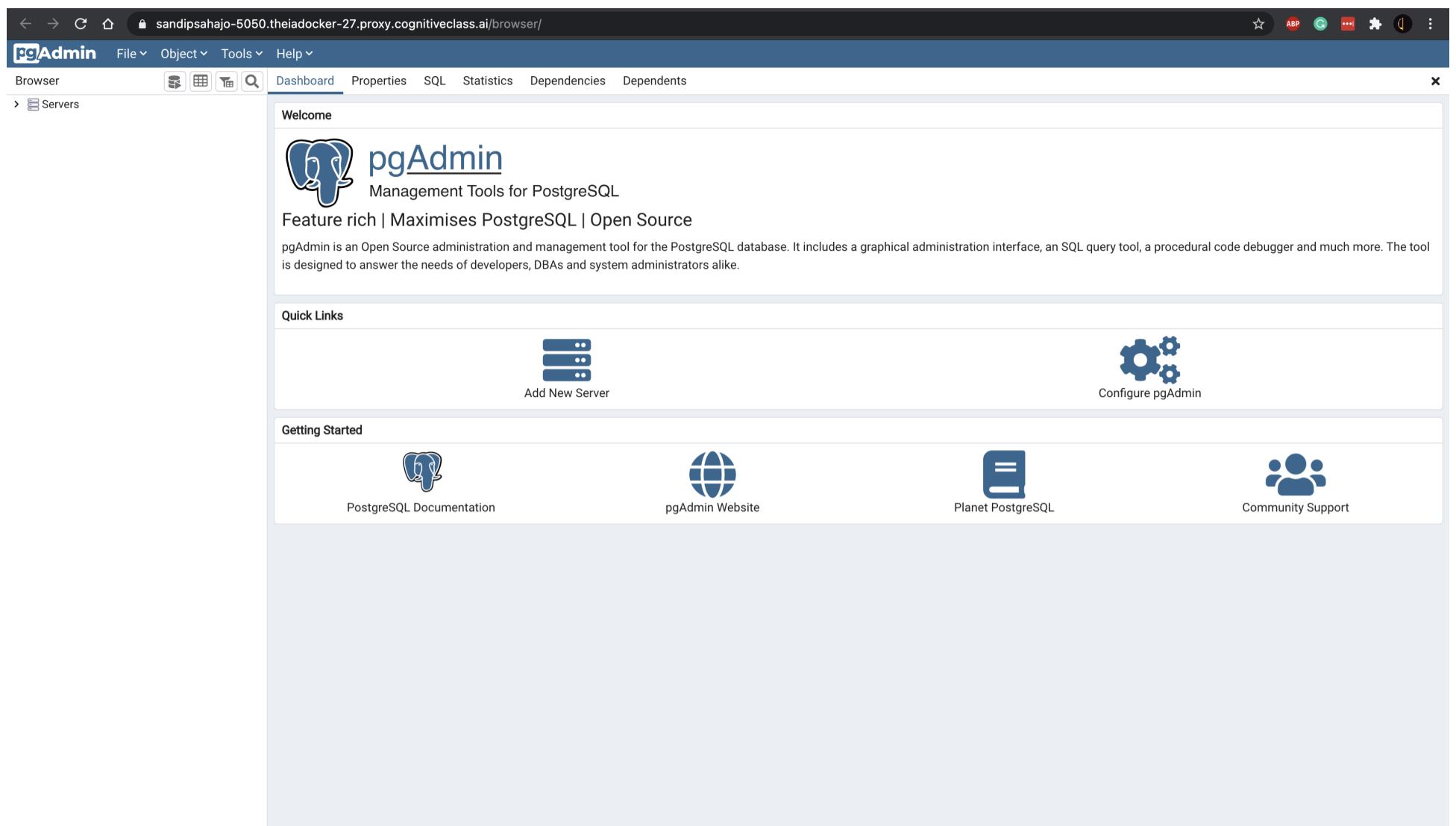
3. Copy your pgAdmin weblink from the highlighted location of the terminal shown in the image below and paste it to a new tab of your web browser.

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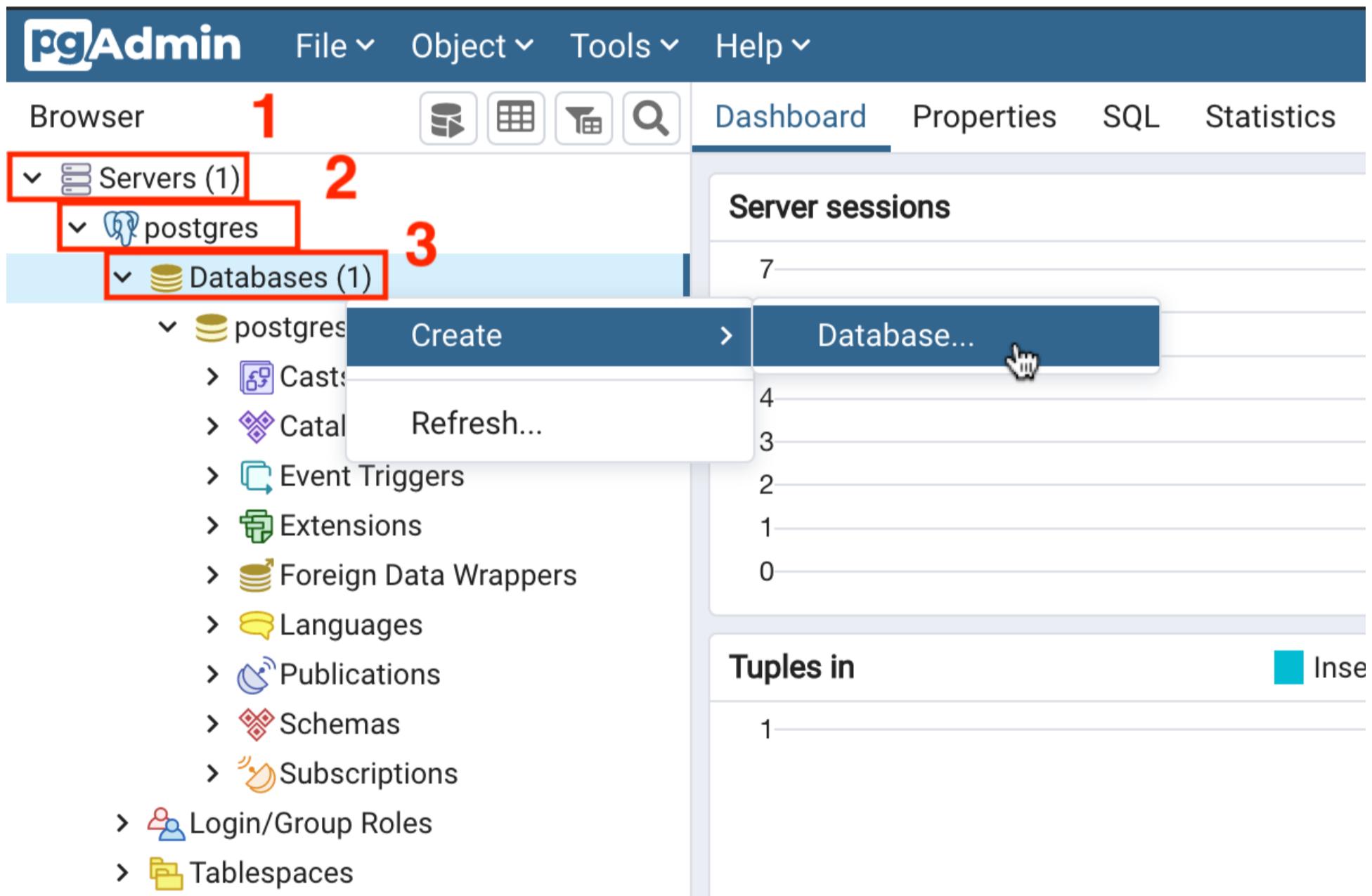
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4. You will see the pgAdmin GUI tool.



5. In the tree-view, expand **Servers** > **postgres** > **Databases**. Enter your PostgreSQL service session password if prompted during the process. Right-click on **Databases** and go to **Create** > **Database**. Type **HR** as name of the database and click **Save**.



Create - Database

X

General Definition Security Parameters Advanced SQL

Database

HR

Owner

postgres

Comment

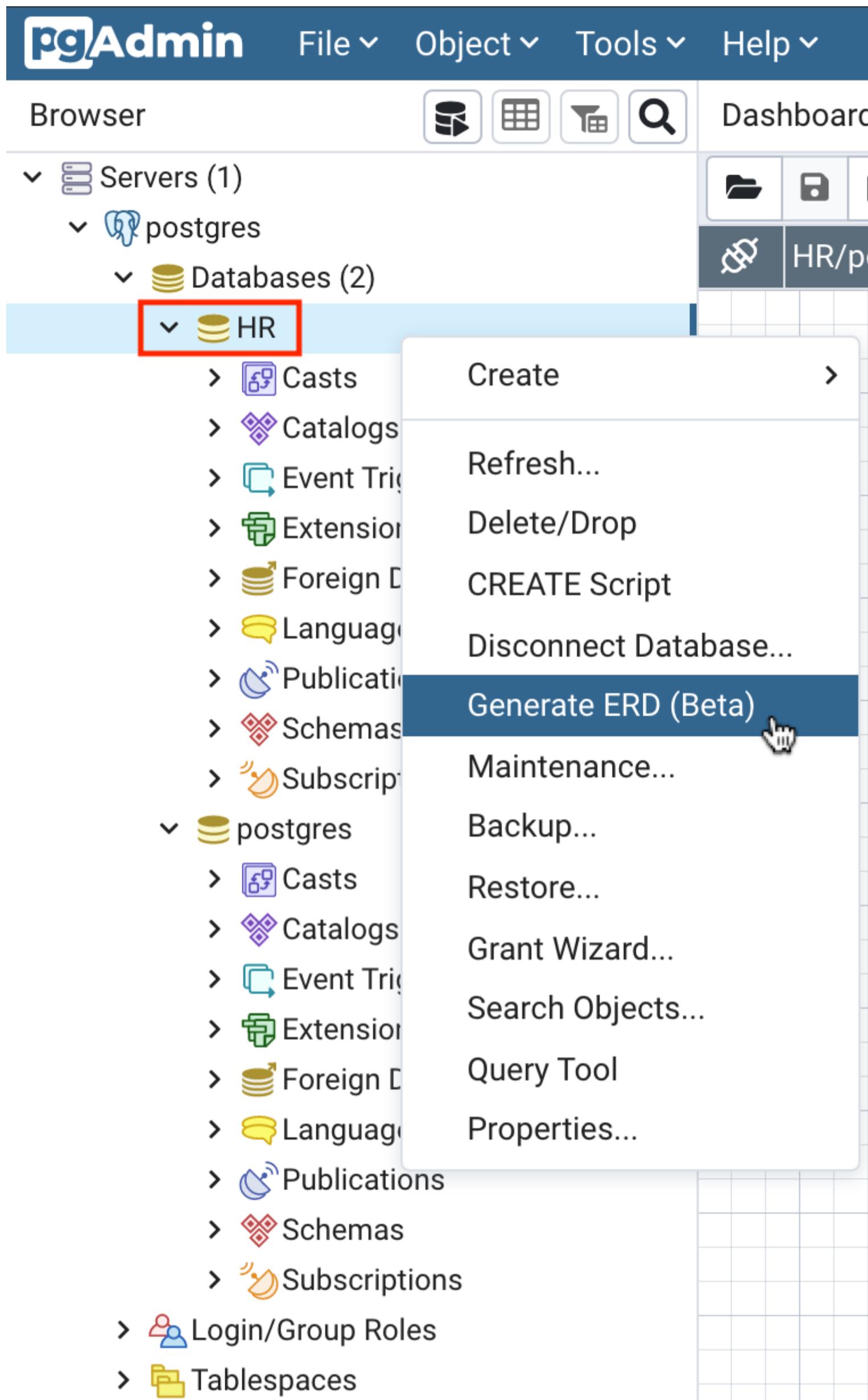


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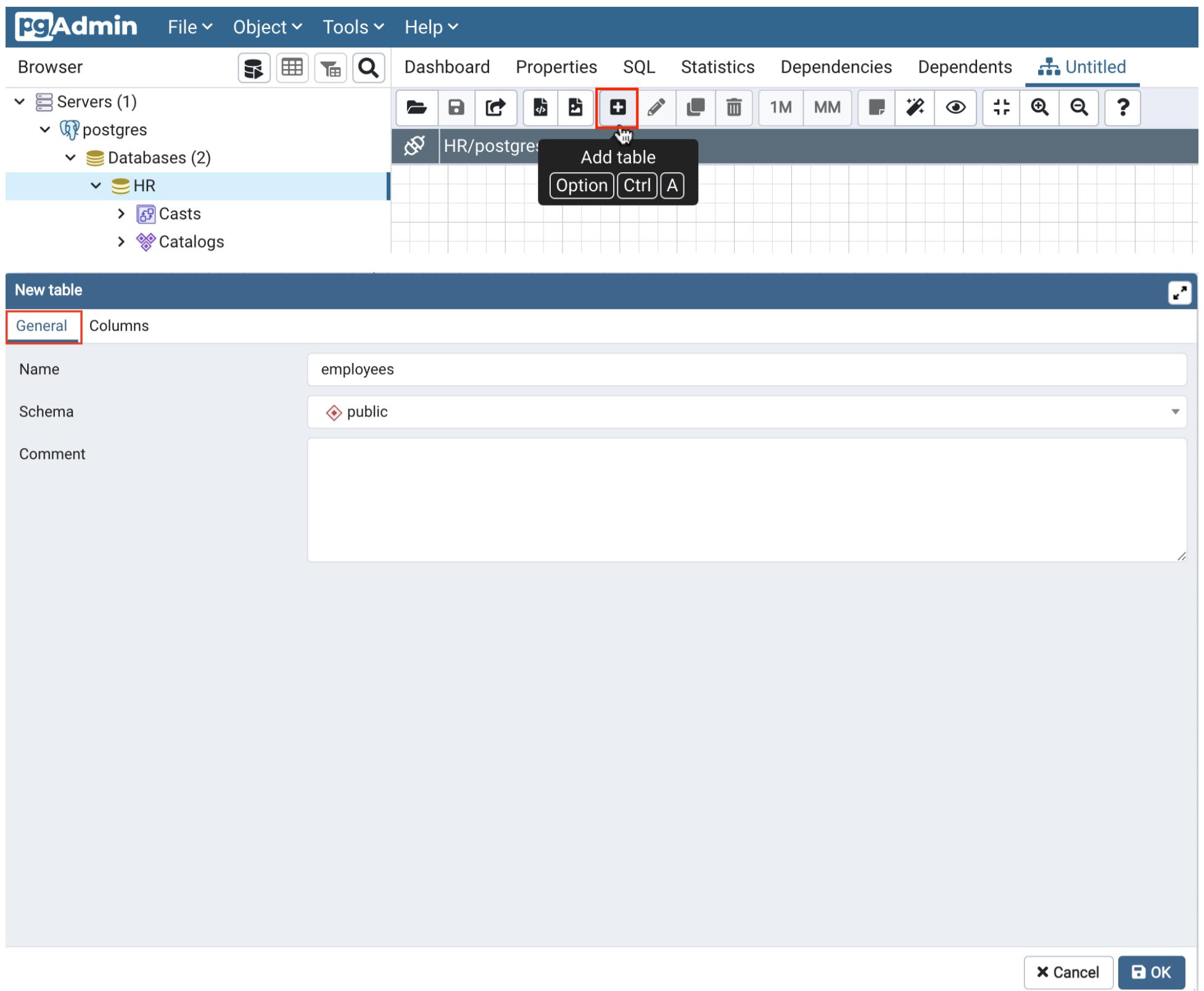
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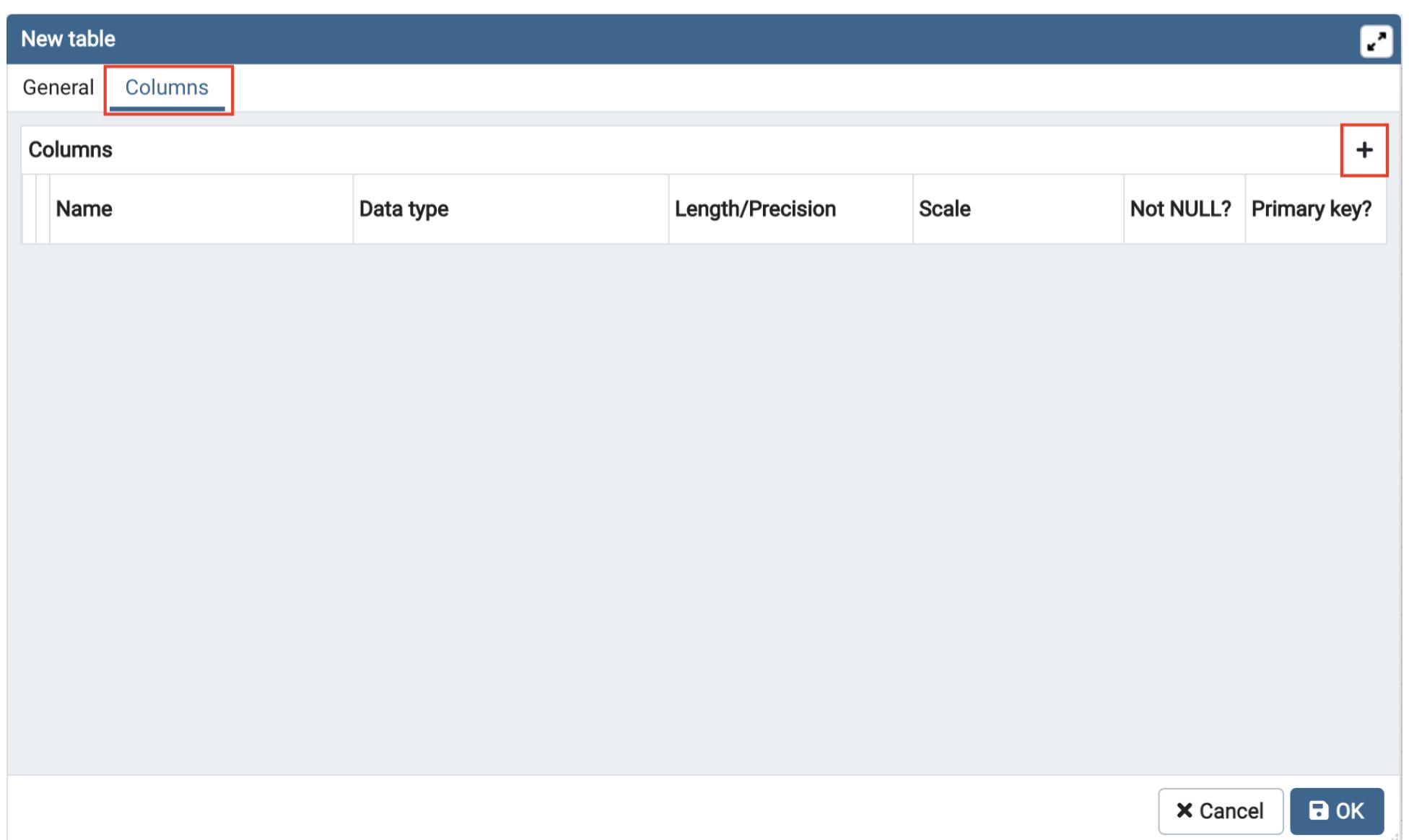
6. In the tree-view, expand **HR**. Right-click on **HR** and select **Generate ERD (Beta)**.



7. Click the **Add table** button. On the **General** tab, in the **Name** box, type **employees** as name of the table. Don't click **OK**, proceed to the next step.



8. Switch to the **Columns** tab and click the **Add new row** button to add the necessary column placeholders. Now enter the **employees** table definition information as shown in the image below to create its entity diagram. Then click **OK**.



New table

General **Columns**

Columns

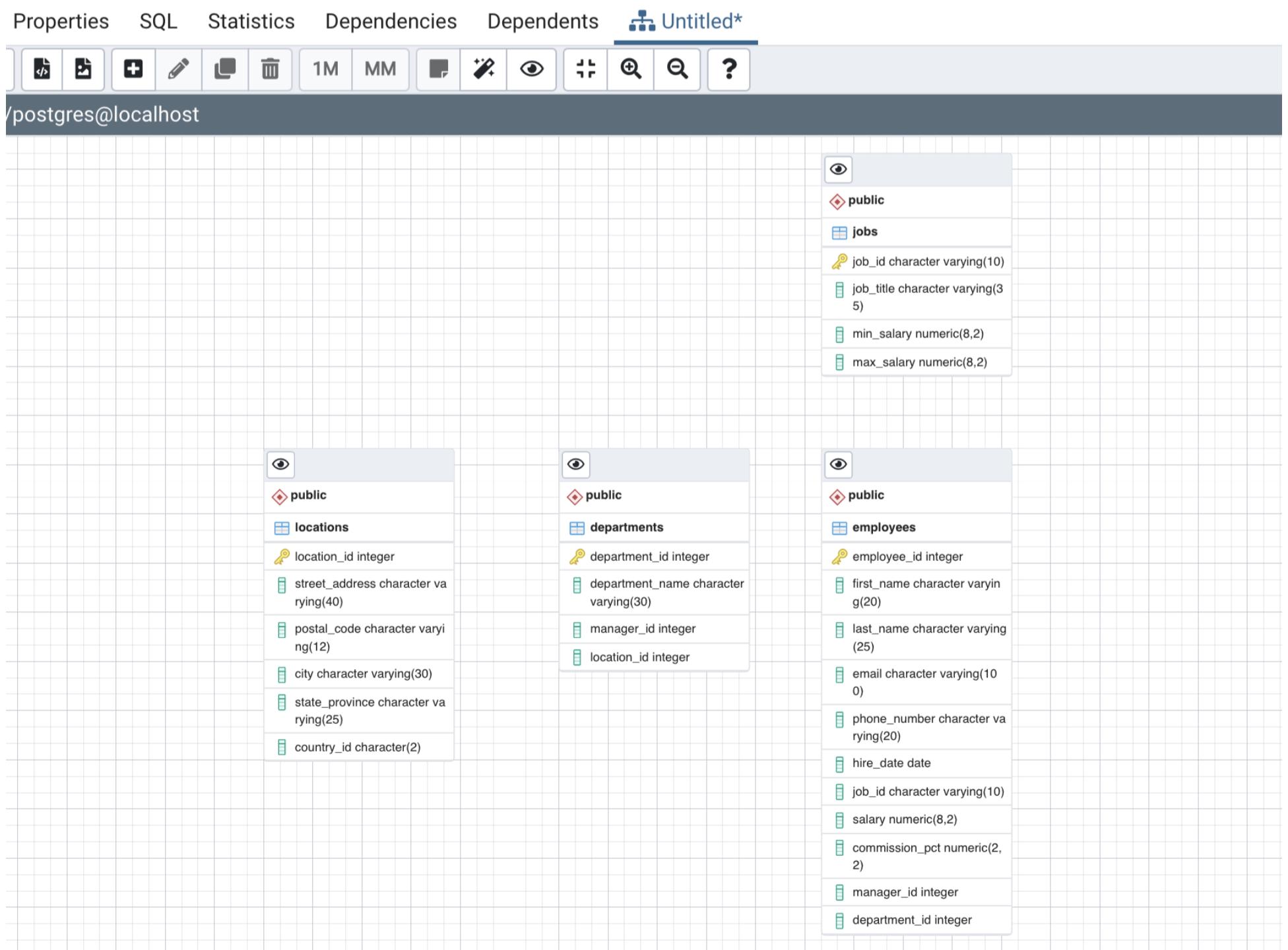
	Name	Data type	Length/Precision	Scale	Not NULL?	Primary key?
	employee_id	integer			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
	first_name	character varying	20		<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	last_name	character varying	25		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	email	character varying	100		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	phone_number	character varying	20		<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	hire_date	date			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	job_id	character varying	10		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	salary	numeric	8	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	commission_pct	numeric	2	2	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	manager_id	integer			<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	department_id	integer			<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Cancel OK

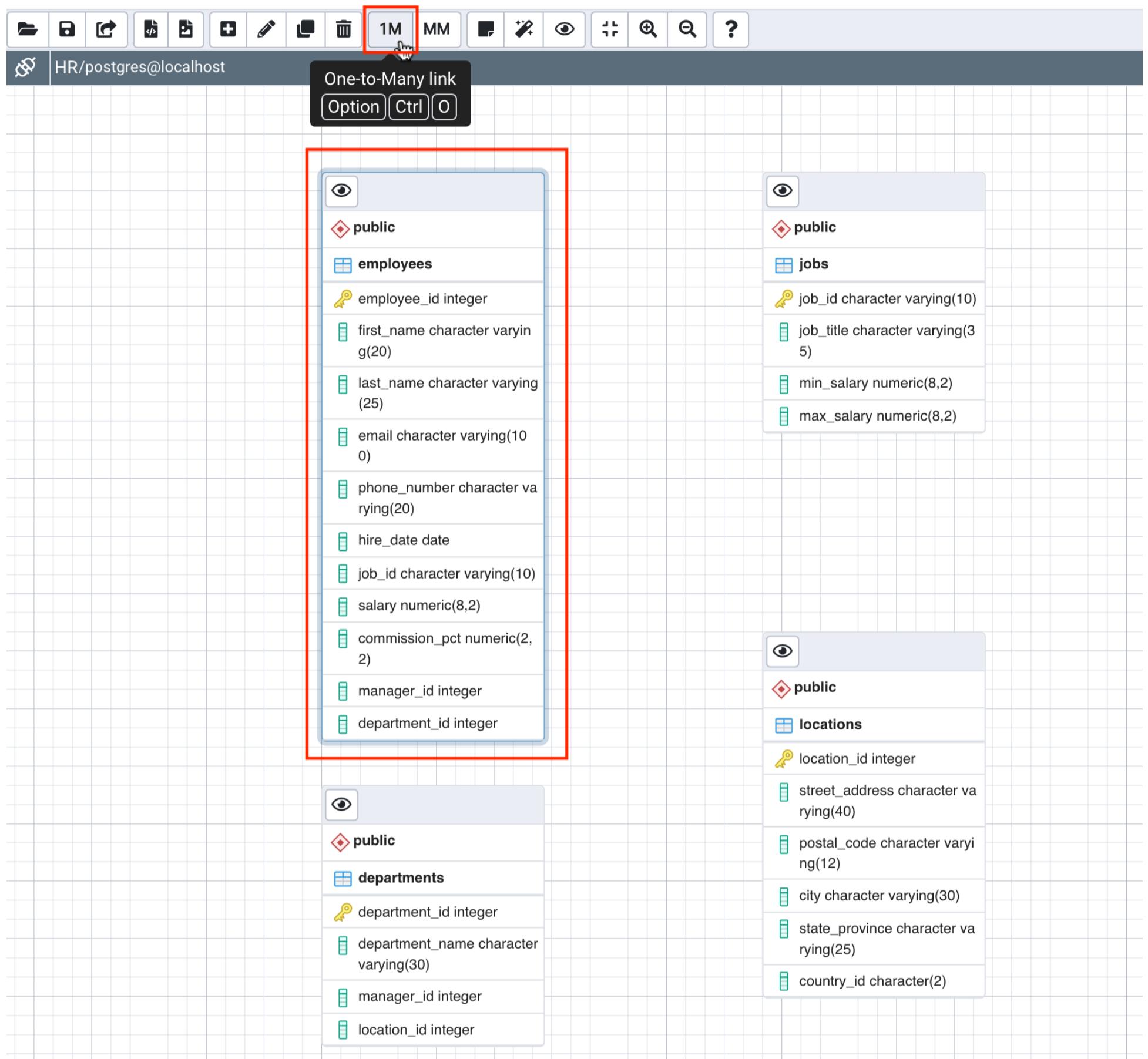
9. Similarly, create entity diagrams for the other three tables following steps 7 and 8:

- ▶ [Click here] Create an entity diagram for the jobs table
- ▶ [Click here] Create an entity diagram for the departments table
- ▶ [Click here] Create an entity diagram for the locations table

10. After creating all four entity diagrams, the entities of the ERD are complete.



11. Next you will create relationships between the entities by adding foreign keys to the tables. Select the entity diagram **employees** and click the **One-to-Many link** button. Now enter the definition information for a foreign key on the **employees** table as shown in the image below to create the relationship. Then click **OK**.



One to many relation



General

Local Table	(public) employees	▼
Local Column	department_id	✖ ▾
Referenced Table	(public) departments	✖ ▾
Referenced Column	department_id	✖ ▾

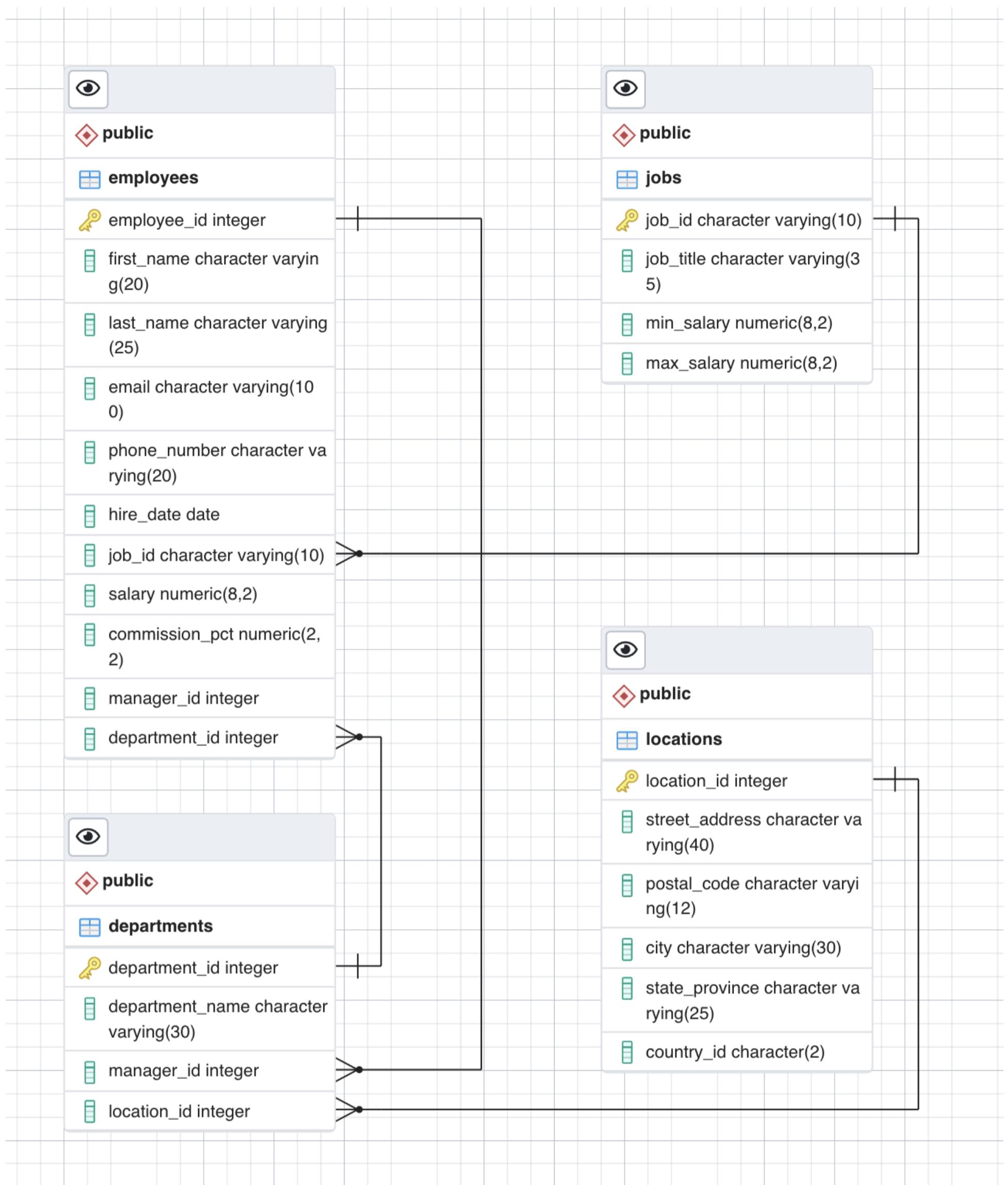
✖ Cancel

✔ OK

12. Similarly, create the other relationships between the tables following the instructions in step 11:

- ▶ [Click here] Create a relationship between employees and jobs
- ▶ [Click here] Create a relationship between departments and locations
- ▶ [Click here] Create a relationship between departments and employees

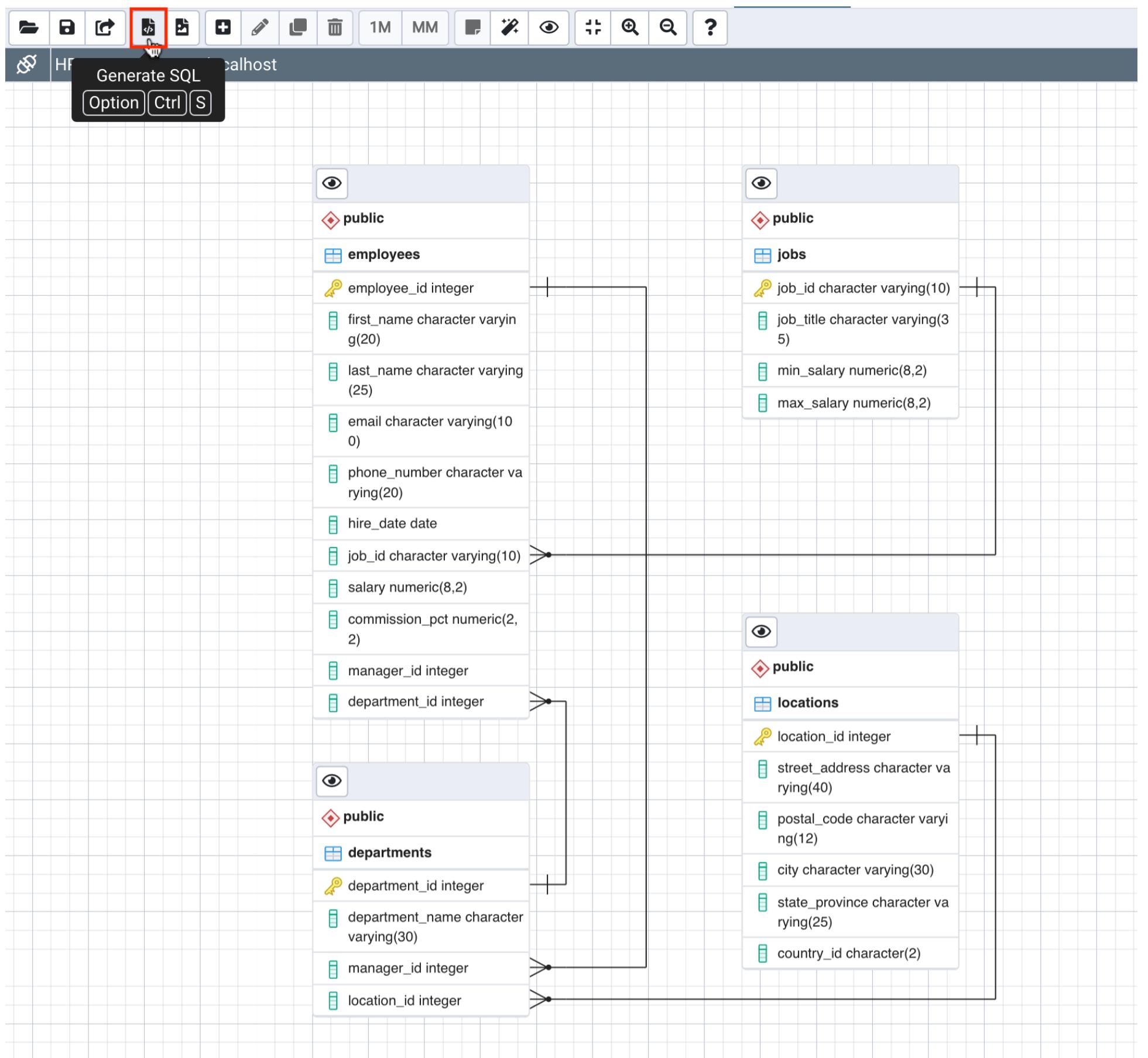
13. After creating all four relationships, you have completed the ERD for this exercise. Proceed to Task B.



Task B: Generate and execute SQL script from ERD to create schema

In this task of the Example Exercise, you will generate and execute an SQL script from the ERD you created in Task A of the Example Exercise.

1. In the **Generate ERD (Beta)** window, click the **Generate SQL** button.



2. A new Query Editor window will open containing a SQL script generated from the ERD. Click the **Execute/Refresh** button to run the script. Proceed to Task C.

The screenshot shows the pgAdmin 4 interface with the following details:

- Toolbar:** Includes icons for file operations (New, Open, Save, Print, Find, Copy, Paste, Delete, Undo, Redo), search, filter, and connection management.
- Connection Bar:** Shows the connection as "HR/postgres@localhost".
- Query Editor:** Contains the following SQL script:

```
1 -- This script was generated by a beta version of the ERD tool in pgAdmin 4.
2 -- Please log an issue at https://redmine.postgresql.org/projects/pgadmin4/issues/new if you
3 BEGIN;
4
5
6 CREATE TABLE public.departments
7 (
8     department_id integer NOT NULL,
9     department_name character varying(30) NOT NULL,
10    manager_id integer,
11    location_id integer,
12    PRIMARY KEY (department_id)
13 );
14
15 CREATE TABLE public.employees
16 (
17     employee_id integer NOT NULL,
18     first_name character varying(20),
19     last_name character varying(25) NOT NULL,
20     email character varying(100) NOT NULL,
21     phone_number character varying(20),
22     hire_date date NOT NULL,
23     job_id character varying(10) NOT NULL,
24     salary numeric(8, 2) NOT NULL,
25     commission_pct numeric(2, 2).
```
- Data Output:** Shows the message "Data Output" and "Query returned successfully in 99 msec."
- Messages:** The tab is currently selected.
- Notifications:** Shows the message "COMMIT".
- Scratch Pad:** An empty area for temporary notes.

Task C: Load the database schema with data.

In this task of the Example Exercise, you will load the database schema you created in Task B of the Example Exercise with data using the pgAdmin restore feature.

1. Download the **HR_pgsql_dump_data_for_example-exercise.tar** PostgreSQL dump file (containing the partial HR database data) using the link below to your local computer storage.
 - [HR_pgsql_dump_data_for_example-exercise.tar](#)
2. Follow the instructions below to import/restore the data:
 - In the tree-view, expand **HR**. Right-click **HR** and click **Restore**.

Browser



Dashboard Properties

Servers (1)

postgres

Databases (2)

HR

- > Casts
- > Catalogs
- > Event Triggers
- > Extensions
- > Foreign Data Wrappers
- > Languages
- > Publications
- > Schemas (1)
 - > public
 - > Collations
 - > Domains
 - > FTS Configuration
 - > FTS Dictionaries
 - > FTS Parsers
 - > FTS Templates
 - > Foreign Tables
 - > Functions
 - > Materialized Views
 - > Procedures
 - > Sequences
 - > Tables
 - > Trigger Functions
 - > Types
 - > Views
 - > Subscriptions

Create >

Refresh...

Delete/Drop

CREATE Script

Disconnect Database...

Generate ERD (Beta)

Maintenance...

Backup...

Restore...

Grant Wizard...

Search Objects...

Query Tool

Properties...

- On the General tab, click the Select file button by the Filename box.

Restore (Database: HR)

General Restore options

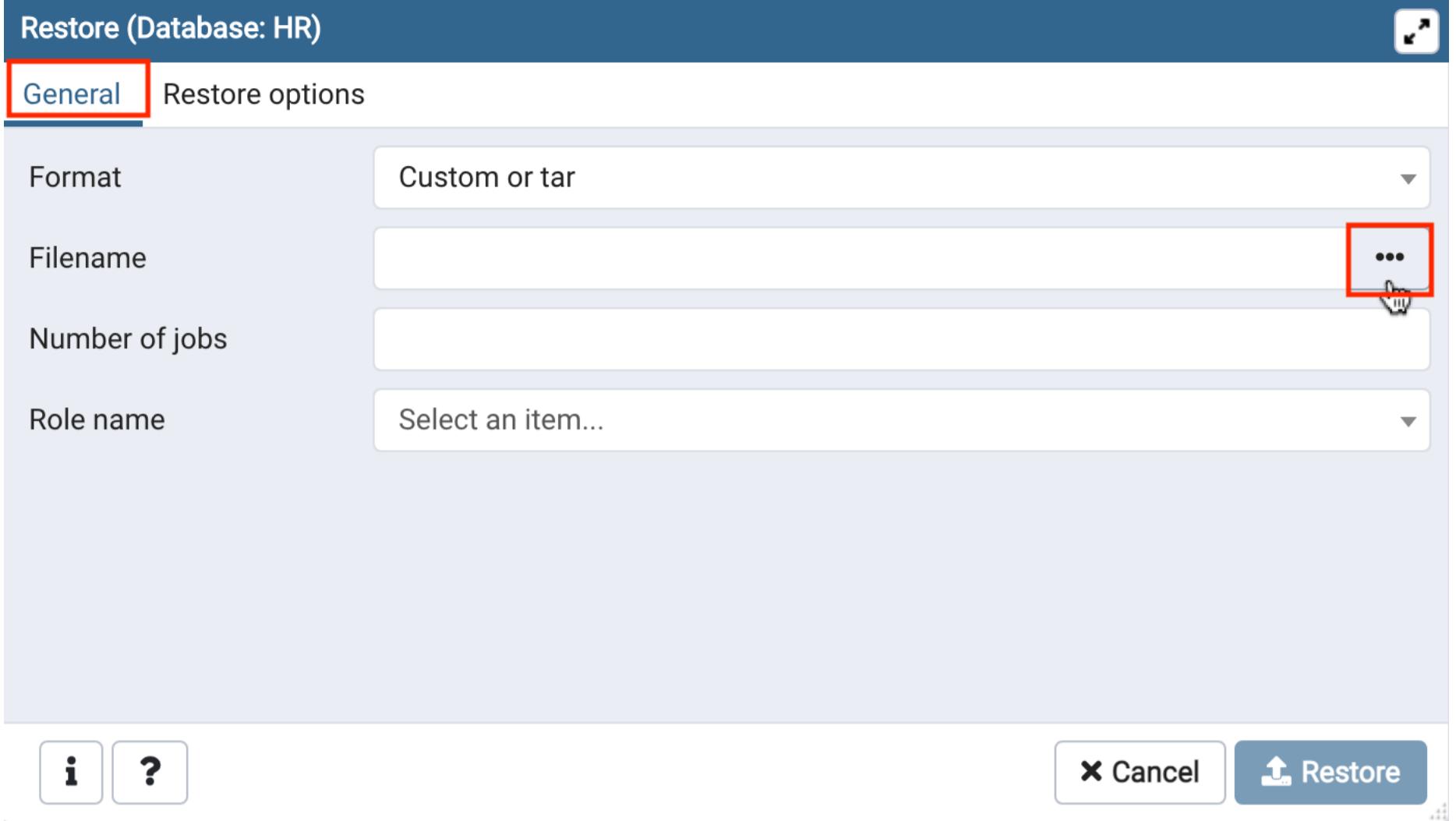
Format: Custom or tar

Filename: ...

Number of jobs:

Role name: Select an item...

Cancel **Restore**



- Click the **Upload File** button.

Select file

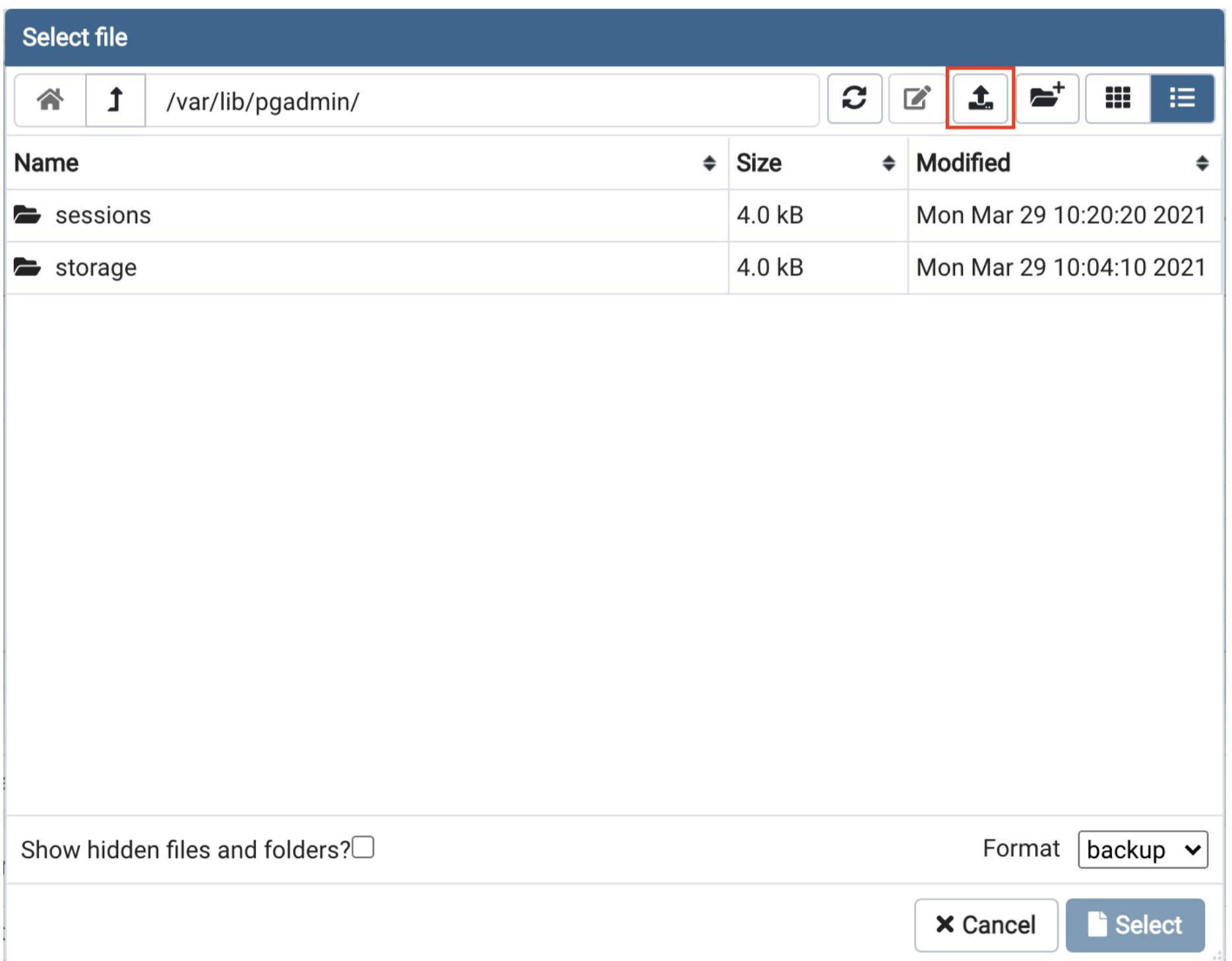
/var/lib/pgadmin/

Name	Size	Modified
sessions	4.0 kB	Mon Mar 29 10:20:20 2021
storage	4.0 kB	Mon Mar 29 10:04:10 2021

Show hidden files and folders?

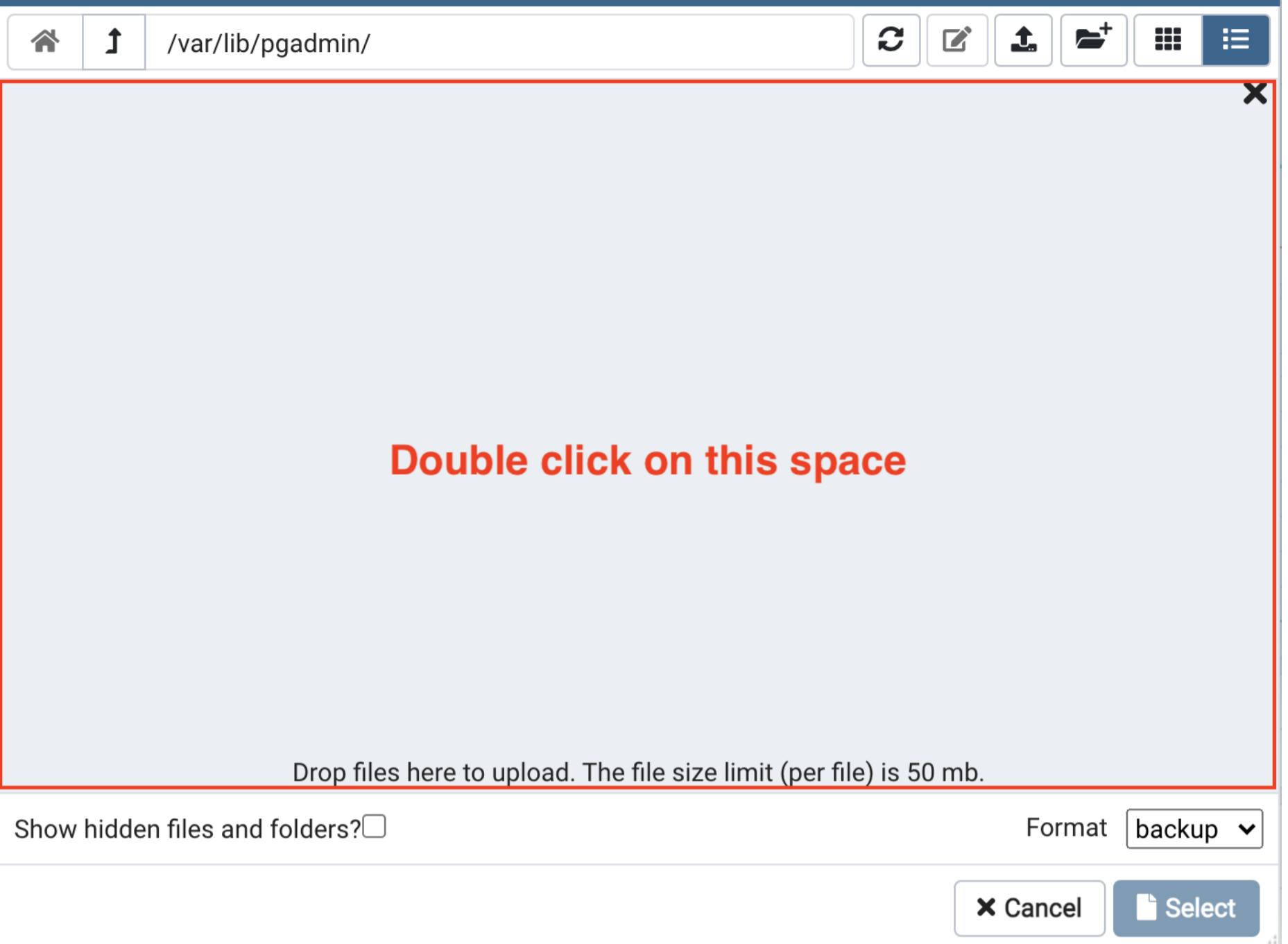
Format: backup

Cancel **Select**



- Double-click on the drop files area and load the **HR_pgsql_dump_data_for_example-exercise.tar** you downloaded earlier from your local computer storage.

Select file



- Make sure Format is set to **All Files**, select the uploaded **HR_pgsql_dump_data_for_example-exercise.tar** file from the list, and then click the **Select** button.

Select file

Home | Up | /var/lib/pgadmin/HR_pgsql_dump_data_for_example-exercise.tar | Refresh | Edit | Upload | New folder | Grid view | List view

Name	Size	Modified
HR_pgsql_dump_data_for_example-exercise.tar	20.5 kB	Thu Apr 1 13:46:45 2021
pgadmin4.db	156.0 kB	Thu Apr 1 13:45:14 2021
sessions	4.0 kB	Thu Apr 1 09:25:08 2021
storage	4.0 kB	Thu Apr 1 09:24:08 2021

Show hidden files and folders?

Format **All Files**

Cancel **Select**

- Now switch to **Restore options** tab.

Restore (Database: HR)

General **Restore options**

Format	Custom or tar
Filename	/var/lib/pgadmin/HR_pgsql_dump_data_for_example-exercise.tar
Number of jobs	
Role name	Select an item...

i **?** **Cancel** **Restore**

- Under **Disable**, set the **Trigger** option to **Yes**. Then click **Restore** button.

General Restore options

Queries

Include CREATE
DATABASE
statement

No

Clean before
restore

No

Single
transaction

No

Disable

Trigger

Yes

No data for
Failed Tables

No



Cancel

Restore

Practice Exercise

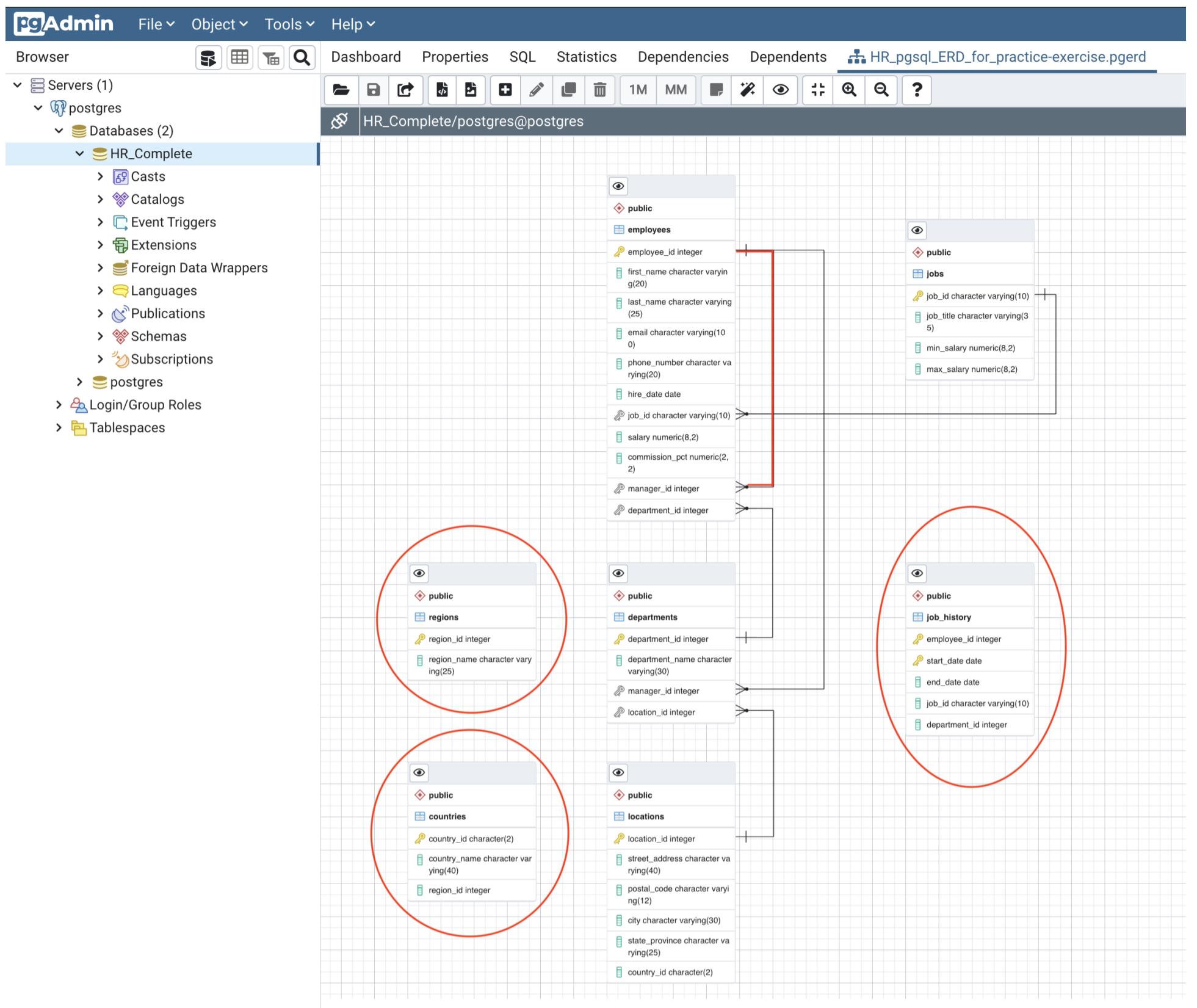
In this practice exercise, first you will finish creating a partially complete ERD for the HR database. Next, you will generate and execute an SQL script to build the complete schema of the HR database from its ERD. Finally, you will load the complete database schema with data by using restore feature.

1. Download the **HR_pgsql_ERD_for_practice-exercise.pgerd** ERD file (containing a partial HR database ERD based on the one that you created in Task A of Example Exercise) below to your local computer storage.
 - [HR_pgsql_ERD_for_practice-exercise.pgerd](#)
2. In pgAdmin, create a new database named **HR_Complete**.
3. Open the ERD Tool and use the **Load from file** button to load the **HR_pgsql_ERD_for_practice-exercise.pgerd** file.

The screenshot shows the pgAdmin interface with the ERD tool open. The left sidebar shows a tree view of servers and databases, with 'HR_Complete' selected. The main area has a toolbar with various icons, and the 'Load from file' button is highlighted with a red box. A tooltip for the button says 'Load from file' and shows a keyboard shortcut 'Ctrl+O'.

Tip: Follow Example Exercise Task C for how to load any file in pgAdmin.

4. You will see the previous four entity diagrams along with relationships that you created in the Example Exercise. You will also see three new entity diagrams for the **job_history**, **regions**, and **countries** tables as well as one new relationship within the entity diagram of the **employees** table between *manager_id* as local column and *employee_id* as referenced column.

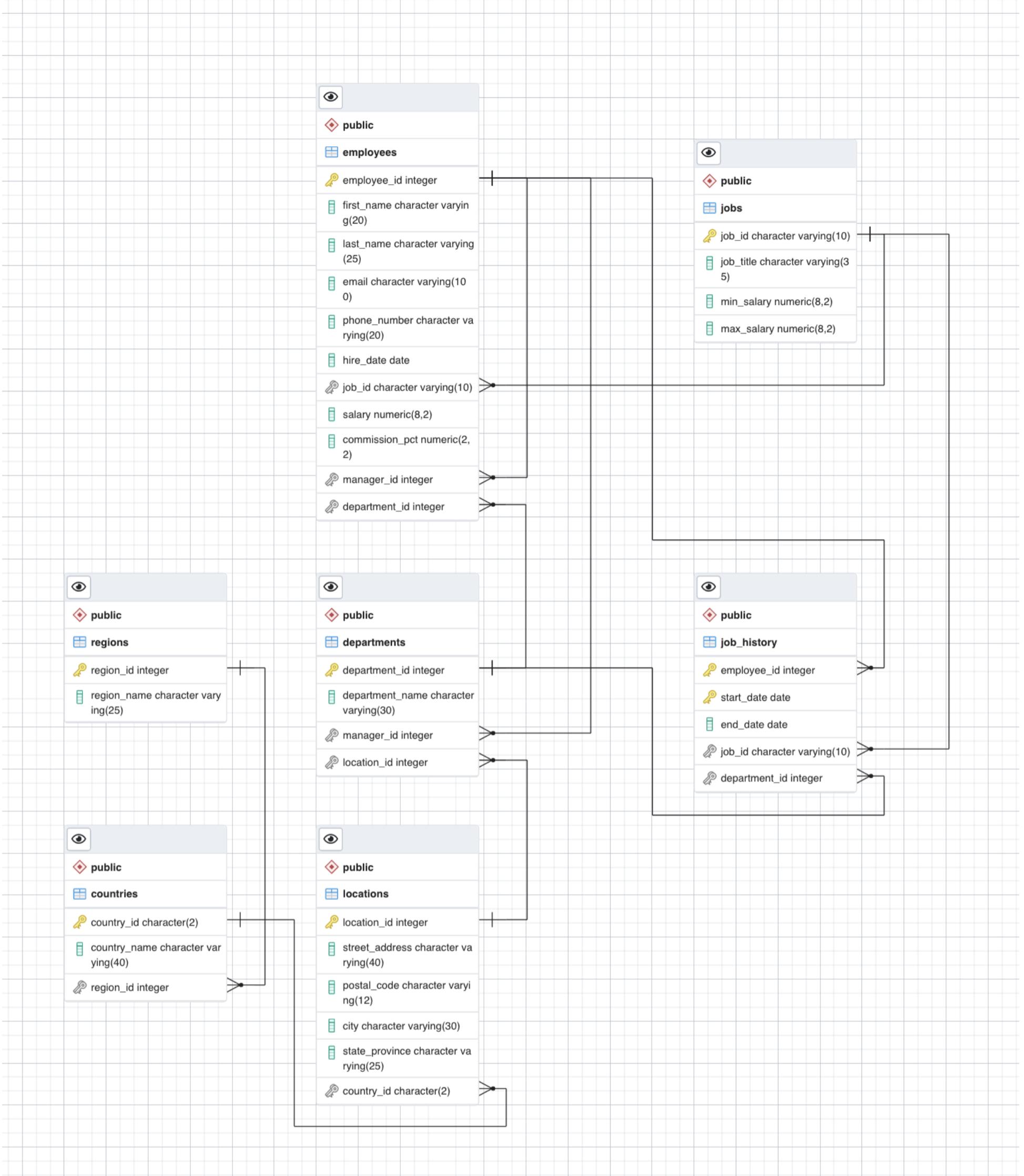


5. Create the remaining relationships between the tables:

- ▶ [Click here] Create a relationship between countries and regions
- ▶ [Click here] Create a relationship between job_history and departments
- ▶ [Click here] Create a relationship between job_history and employees
- ▶ [Click here] Create a relationship between job_history and jobs
- ▶ [Click here] Create a relationship between locations and countries

Tip: Follow Example Exercise Task A for how to create relationships between the entities by adding foreign keys to the tables.

6. After creating the remaining relationships, the complete ERD of the HR database will look like the following image:



7. Generate and execute an SQL script from the ERD to create the schema of the **HR_Complete** database.

Tip: Follow Example Exercise Task B.

8. Download the **HR_pgsql_dump_data.tar** PostgreSQL dump file (containing the complete HR database data) below to your local computer storage. Use the dump file to restore/import the data to the **HR_Complete** database.

- [HR_pgsql_dump_data.tar](#)

Tip: Follow Example Exercise Task C.

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

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