

How to Create a New PostgreSQL Database and Set It Up for Django

1. Install PostgreSQL (if not already installed)

- **On Ubuntu/Debian:**

```
sudo apt update  
sudo apt install postgresql postgresql-contrib
```

- **On macOS (using Homebrew):**

```
brew install postgresql
```

- **On Windows:** Download and install PostgreSQL from [PostgreSQL's website](#).

2. Access PostgreSQL Command Line

1. **Open the terminal.**
2. **Switch to the postgres user (Linux/macOS):**

```
sudo -i -u postgres
```

3. **Open PostgreSQL CLI:**

```
psql
```

3. Create a New Database

1. **Create the database:**

```
createdb yourdbname
```

Replace yourdbname with the name you want for your database.

2. **Verify the database creation:**

```
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```

This lists all databases. Ensure yourdbname is in the list.

4. Create a New Database User (if needed)

1. **Create a new user:**

```
CREATE USER yourdbuser WITH PASSWORD 'yourpassword';
```

2. **Grant privileges to the user:**

```
sql
```

```
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON DATABASE yourdbname TO yourdbuser;
```

Replace `yourdbuser`, `yourpassword`, and `yourdbname` with your desired username, password, and database name.

5. Configure Django to Use the New Database

1. Open your Django project's `settings.py` file.
2. Update the `DATABASES` setting:

```
python
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DATABASES = {
    'default': {
        'ENGINE': 'django.contrib.gis.db.backends.postgis',
        'NAME': 'yourdbname',
        'USER': 'yourdbuser',
        'PASSWORD': 'yourpassword',
        'HOST': 'localhost',
        'PORT': '5432',
    }
}
```

Replace `yourdbname`, `yourdbuser`, and `yourpassword` with your database name, user, and password.

6. Create and Apply Migrations

1. Delete existing migration files (if starting fresh):

```
find . -path "*/migrations/*.py" -not -name "__init__.py" -delete
find . -path "*/migrations/*.pyc" -delete
```

2. Create new initial migrations:

```
python manage.py makemigrations
```

3. Apply the new migrations:

```
python manage.py migrate
```

4. Verify the migrations:

```
python manage.py showmigrations
```

7. Verify the Database Schema

1. Connect to the database using PostgreSQL CLI:

```
sh
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psql -d yourdbname
```

2. List tables:

```
sql
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```

Ensure that the tables created by your migrations are present.

3. Check the structure of a specific table (optional):

```
sql
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\d tablename
```

Replace `tablename` with the name of the table you want to inspect.

8. Run Your Django Development Server

1. Start the Django development server:

```
sh
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python manage.py runserver
```

2. Access your application:

Open your web browser and navigate to `http://127.0.0.1:8000` to ensure your Django application is running correctly.