[PostgreSQL Advanced] (cheatSheet)

1. Advanced Database Operations

- Clone a database: CREATE DATABASE new_db WITH TEMPLATE old_db OWNER db_owner;
- Drop all tables in a database: DO \$\$ DECLARE r RECORD; BEGIN FOR r IN (SELECT tablename FROM pg_tables WHERE schemaname = current_schema()) LOOP EXECUTE 'DROP TABLE IF EXISTS ' || quote_ident(r.tablename) || ' CASCADE'; END LOOP; END \$\$;
- Rename a database: ALTER DATABASE old_db RENAME TO new_db;

2. Advanced Table Operations

- Partition a table: CREATE TABLE tablename_part PARTITION OF tablename FOR VALUES FROM (min_value) TO (max_value);
- Convert a table to unlogged: ALTER TABLE tablename SET UNLOGGED;
- Move a table to another schema: ALTER TABLE old schema.tablename SET SCHEMA new_schema;
- Change a column collation: ALTER TABLE tablename ALTER COLUMN column_name TYPE VARCHAR(255) COLLATE "C";
- Copy a table structure only: CREATE TABLE new_table (LIKE old_table INCLUDING ALL);

3. Advanced Data Manipulation

- Insert multiple rows: INSERT INTO tablename (column1, column2) VALUES (value1, value2), (value3, value4), (value5, value6);
- Insert if not exists: INSERT INTO tablename (column1, column2) SELECT value1, value2 WHERE NOT EXISTS (SELECT 1 FROM tablename WHERE condition);
- Insert or update: INSERT INTO tablename (column1, column2) VALUES (value1, value2) ON CONFLICT (column1) DO UPDATE SET column2 = EXCLUDED.column2;
- Batch update: UPDATE tablename SET column = CASE WHEN condition1 THEN value1 WHEN condition2 THEN value2 ELSE column END WHERE id IN (id1, id2, id3);
- Delete all rows and reset identity: TRUNCATE TABLE tablename RESTART IDENTITY;



4. Advanced Subqueries and CTEs

- CTE for recursive queries: WITH RECURSIVE cte_name AS (SELECT column1, column2 FROM table WHERE condition UNION ALL SELECT column1, column2 FROM table JOIN cte_name ON table.column = cte_name.column) SELECT * FROM cte_name;
- Use of subquery in JOIN: SELECT * FROM table1 JOIN (SELECT column FROM table2 WHERE condition) AS subquery ON table1.column = subquery.column;
- Correlated subquery: SELECT * FROM table1 WHERE column1 = (SELECT MAX(column2) FROM table2 WHERE table2.foreign_key = table1.key);

5. Advanced User and Permissions Management

- Create a user with specific privileges: CREATE USER username WITH PASSWORD 'password'; GRANT SELECT, INSERT ON ALL TABLES IN SCHEMA schema_name TO username;
- Clone a user with privileges: CREATE USER newuser WITH PASSWORD 'password'; GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON DATABASE dbname TO newuser;
- Show users with specific privileges: SELECT grantee FROM information_schema.role_table_grants WHERE table_schema = 'public' AND privilege_type = 'SELECT';

6. Advanced Backup and Recovery

- Incremental backup using pg_basebackup: pg_basebackup -D /path/to/backup -Fp -Xs -P -v;
- Restore specific table from backup: pg_restore -d dbname -t tablename backupfile.dump;
- Hot backup with pg_basebackup: pg_basebackup -D /data/backups -Ft -z -P -x;

7. Advanced Performance and Maintenance

- Partition pruning: ALTER TABLE tablename DETACH PARTITION partition_name;
- Query profiling with EXPLAIN ANALYZE: EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM tablename:
- Defragment table with VACUUM FULL: VACUUM FULL tablename;

8. Advanced String and Text Functions

- Extract part of string: SELECT substring(column FROM 'pattern') FROM tablename:
- Find and replace using REGEXP: SELECT regexp_replace(column, 'pattern', 'replacement') FROM tablename;
- Pattern matching: SELECT * FROM tablename WHERE column ~ 'pattern';

9. Advanced Numeric and Date Functions

- Calculate age from date: SELECT age(birthdate) FROM tablename;
- Generate a sequence of numbers: SELECT generate_series(1, 10);
- Format number with commas: SELECT to_char(column, 'FM999,999') FROM tablename;

10. Advanced Conditional Expressions

- Nested CASE statements: SELECT CASE WHEN condition1 THEN result1 WHEN condition2 THEN result2 ELSE default_result END FROM tablename;
- Conditional aggregation: SELECT SUM(CASE WHEN condition THEN column ELSE 0 END) FROM tablename;
- CASE in ORDER BY: SELECT * FROM tablename ORDER BY CASE WHEN condition1 THEN column1 WHEN condition2 THEN column2 ELSE column3 END;

11. Advanced Join Techniques

- Join with USING clause: SELECT * FROM table1 JOIN table2 USING (common_column);
- Anti Join (not in): SELECT * FROM table1 LEFT JOIN table2 ON table1.column = table2.column WHERE table2.column IS NULL;
- Semi Join (exists): SELECT * FROM table1 WHERE EXISTS (SELECT 1 FROM table2 WHERE table1.column = table2.column);

12. Advanced Set Operations

- Intersect using INTERSECT: SELECT column FROM table1 INTERSECT SELECT column FROM table2:
- Except using EXCEPT: SELECT column FROM table1 EXCEPT SELECT column FROM table2;

13. Advanced Security

• Generate UUID: SELECT gen_random_uuid();

- Encrypt α column: UPDATE tablename SET column = pgp_sym_encrypt(column,
- **Decrypt** a **column**: SELECT pgp_sym_decrypt(column, 'key') FROM tablename;

14. Advanced Transaction Control

- Savepoint and rollback to savepoint: SAVEPOINT savepoint_name; ROLLBACK TO SAVEPOINT savepoint_name;
- Set transaction isolation level: SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL SERIALIZABLE;
- Show transaction isolation level: SHOW TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL;

15. Advanced Administration

- Change user password: ALTER USER username WITH PASSWORD 'newpassword';
- Check PostgreSQL server uptime: SELECT date_trunc('second', current_timestamp - pg_postmaster_start_time()) AS uptime;
- Monitor slow queries: SELECT * FROM pg_stat_activity WHERE state = 'active' AND query_start < current_timestamp - interval '5 minutes';

Advanced Debugging and Profiling

- Log all queries for debugging: ALTER SYSTEM SET log_statement = 'all';
- Show current locks: SELECT * FROM pg_locks;
- Analyze query cost: EXPLAIN (ANALYZE, BUFFERS) SELECT * FROM tablename WHERE column = 'value';

17. Advanced Index and Performance Optimization

- Add composite index: CREATE INDEX idx_name ON tablename (column1, column2);
- Drop all indexes in a table: DO \$\$ DECLARE r RECORD; BEGIN FOR r IN (SELECT indexname FROM pg_indexes WHERE tablename = 'tablename') LOOP EXECUTE 'DROP INDEX ' || quote_ident(r.indexname); END LOOP; END \$\$;
- Check index usage: SELECT * FROM pg_stat_user_indexes WHERE relname = 'tablename':

18. Advanced Numeric and Date Functions

• Add minutes to a time: SELECT column + interval '15 minutes' FROM tablename:

- Round to nearest integer: SELECT round(column) FROM tablename;
- Find the difference in months: SELECT date_part('month', age(date1, date2)) FROM tablename;

19. Advanced Aggregate Functions Beyond Basics

- Median of a column: SELECT percentile_cont(0.5) WITHIN GROUP (ORDER BY column) FROM tablename;
- Percentile calculation: SELECT percentile_cont(0.9) WITHIN GROUP (ORDER BY column) FROM tablename;
- Mode of α column: SELECT mode() WITHIN GROUP (ORDER BY column) FROM tablename:

20. Advanced Database Maintenance and Inspection

- Check for corrupted tables: SELECT * FROM pg_catalog.pg_tables WHERE schemaname = 'public' AND tablename NOT IN (SELECT relname FROM pg_stat_user_tables);
- Repair corrupted table: REINDEX TABLE tablename;
- Inspect table space usage: SELECT pg_size_pretty(pg_total_relation_size('tablename')) AS size;

21. Advanced Information Schema Usage

- Get column statistics: SELECT * FROM information_schema.columns WHERE table_name = 'tablename';
- List foreign keys in a schema: SELECT conname AS constraint_name, conrelid::regclass AS table_from, conkey AS fk_cols, confrelid::regclass AS table_to, confkey AS pk_cols FROM pg_constraint WHERE contype = 'f' AND connamespace = 'schema_name'::regnamespace;
- Get table size: SELECT relname AS table_name, pg_size_pretty(pg_total_relation_size(relid)) AS total_size FROM pg_catalog.pg_statio_user_tables ORDER BY pg_total_relation_size(relid) DESC;

22. Advanced Performance Schema for Diagnostics

- Track wait events: SELECT * FROM pg_stat_activity WHERE wait_event IS NOT
- Check IO statistics: SELECT * FROM pg_stat_io WHERE relname = 'tablename';

 Monitor query execution time: SELECT query, total_exec_time, mean_exec_time FROM pg_stat_statements ORDER BY total_exec_time DESC LIMIT 10;

23. Advanced Query Optimization Techniques

- Use index hints: SELECT * FROM tablename /*+ IndexScan(tablename index_name) */ WHERE column = 'value';
- Force index usage: SET enable_seqscan = OFF; SELECT * FROM tablename WHERE column = 'value'; SET enable_seqscan = ON;
- Optimize query plan: SET enable_nestloop = OFF; EXPLAIN ANALYZE SELECT * FROM tablename WHERE column = 'value'; SET enable_nestloop = ON;

24. Advanced Data Export and Import

- Export data to CSV: COPY (SELECT * FROM tablename) TO '/path/to/file.csv' WITH CSV HEADER:
- Import data from CSV: COPY tablename FROM '/path/to/file.csv' WITH CSV **HEADER:**
- Export specific columns: COPY (SELECT column1, column2 FROM tablename) TO '/path/to/file.csv' WITH CSV HEADER;

25. Advanced JSON Functions

- Extract JSON value: SELECT json_column->>'key' FROM tablename;
- Update JSON value: UPDATE tablename SET json_column = jsonb_set(json_column, '{key}', '"new_value"') WHERE condition;
- Merge JSON values: SELECT jsonb_concat(json_column1, json_column2) FROM tablename;

26. Advanced Spatial Data Operations

- Create spatial index: CREATE INDEX idx_name ON tablename USING GIST (spatial_column);
- Select within radius: SELECT * FROM tablename WHERE ST_DWithin(spatial_column::geography, ST_MakePoint(lng, lat)::geography, radius);
- Find nearest point: SELECT * FROM tablename ORDER BY spatial_column <-> ST_SetSRID(ST_MakePoint(lng, lat), 4326) LIMIT 1;

27. Advanced Full-Text Search

- Full-text search with relevance: SELECT *, ts_rank_cd(to_tsvector('english', column), to_tsquery('search_term')) AS relevance FROM tablename WHERE to_tsvector('english', column) @@ to_tsquery('search_term');
- Boolean mode search: SELECT * FROM tablename WHERE to_tsvector('english', column) @@ plainto_tsquery('term1 & !term2');
- Phrase search: SELECT * FROM tablename WHERE to_tsvector('english'. column) @@ phraseto_tsquery('phrase');

28. Advanced View Management

- Create a view with joins: CREATE VIEW viewname AS SELECT a.column1, b.column2 FROM table1 a JOIN table2 b ON a.common_column = b.common_column;
- Update a view: CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW viewname AS SELECT column1, column2 FROM tablename:
- Drop a view: DROP VIEW viewname;

29. Advanced Stored Procedures and Functions

- Create a stored procedure: CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE proc_name(param1 INT, OUT param2 VARCHAR) LANGUAGE plpqsql AS \$\$ BEGIN SELECT column INTO param2 FROM tablename WHERE id = param1; END \$\$;
- Call a stored procedure: CALL proc_name(1, param2);
- Create a stored function: CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION func_name(param1 INT) RETURNS VARCHAR AS \$\$ BEGIN RETURN (SELECT column FROM tablename WHERE id = param1); END \$\$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;

30. Advanced Triggers

- Create a trigger for update: CREATE TRIGGER trigger_name BEFORE UPDATE ON tablename FOR EACH ROW EXECUTE FUNCTION trigger_function();
- Create a trigger for insert: CREATE TRIGGER trigger_name BEFORE INSERT ON tablename FOR EACH ROW EXECUTE FUNCTION trigger_function();
- Drop a trigger: DROP TRIGGER trigger_name ON tablename;

31. Advanced Replication Management

- Setup replication user: CREATE USER replicator WITH REPLICATION ENCRYPTED PASSWORD 'password';
- Show replication status: SELECT * FROM pg_stat_replication;

- Start replication: SELECT pg_start_backup('label');
- Stop replication: SELECT pg_stop_backup();

32. Advanced Event Scheduler

- Create an event: CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION event_function() RETURNS void AS \$\$ BEGIN UPDATE tablename SET column = value WHERE condition; END \$\$ LANGUAGE plpgsql; CREATE EXTENSION pg_cron; SELECT cron.schedule('0 0 * * *', 'CALL event_function()');
- Show events: SELECT * FROM cron.job;
- Drop an event: SELECT cron.unschedule(job_id) FROM cron.job WHERE job_name = 'event_function';

33. Advanced Schema Management

- Copy schema: CREATE SCHEMA new_schema; ALTER SCHEMA old_schema RENAME TO new_schema;
- Rename schema: ALTER SCHEMA old_schema RENAME TO new_schema;
- Export schema structure: pg_dump -s -U username dbname > schema.sql;

34. Advanced Audit and Logging

- Enable general query log: ALTER SYSTEM SET log_statement = 'all';
- Show slow queries: SELECT * FROM pg_stat_statements ORDER BY total_exec_time DESC LIMIT 10;
- Enable binary logging: ALTER SYSTEM SET wal_level = 'logical';

35. Advanced Partition Management

- Reorganize partition: ALTER TABLE tablename DETACH PARTITION partition_name;
- Merge partitions: ALTER TABLE tablename ATTACH PARTITION partition_name FOR VALUES FROM (min_value) TO (max_value);
- Drop partition: ALTER TABLE tablename DROP PARTITION partition_name;

36. Advanced Data Masking and Anonymization

- Mask sensitive data: UPDATE tablename SET column = LEFT(column, 3) || '***' || RIGHT(column, 3) WHERE condition;
- Anonymize data with random values: UPDATE tablename SET column = md5(random()::text) WHERE condition;

37. Advanced Data Migration

- Migrate data between tables: INSERT INTO new_table (column1, column2) SELECT column1, column2 FROM old_table;
- Copy data between servers: pg_dump -h source_host -U username dbname | psql -h destination_host -U username dbname;
- Transform data during migration: INSERT INTO new_table (column1, column2) SELECT column1, UPPER(column2) FROM old_table;

38. Advanced Security Management

- Change user host: ALTER ROLE username WITH LOGIN;
- Disable a user account: ALTER USER username NOLOGIN;
- **Enable a user account:** ALTER USER username LOGIN;

39. Advanced Performance Analysis

- Show buffer pool status: SELECT * FROM pg_buffercache;
- Analyze query cache: SELECT * FROM pg_stat_database WHERE datname = 'dbname':
- Analyze index usage: SELECT * FROM pg_stat_user_indexes WHERE relname = 'tablename':

40. Advanced Storage Engine Management

- Convert table storage engine: ALTER TABLE tablename SET (storage_parameter = 'value');
- Check storage engine status: SELECT * FROM pg_statio_user_tables WHERE relname = 'tablename';
- Enable/disable storage engine: ALTER TABLE tablename SET (autovacuum_enabled = false);

41. Advanced Geographic Data Management

- Insert spatial data: INSERT INTO tablename (spatial_column) VALUES (ST_GeomFromText('POINT(lng lat)', 4326));
- Query spatial data: SELECT ST_AsText(spatial_column) FROM tablename WHERE condition:
- Spatial distance calculation: SELECT ST_Distance_Sphere(ST_MakePoint(lng1, lat1), ST_MakePoint(lng2, lat2)) FROM tablename;

42. Advanced JSON Operations

- Merge JSON arrays: SELECT jsonb_agg(column) FROM tablename;
- Remove JSON key: UPDATE tablename SET json_column = jsonb 'key' WHERE condition;
- Extract multiple JSON values: SELECT json_column->>'key1', json_column->>'key2' FROM tablename;