

# EDB\*Plus User's Guide Version 11

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# 0 EDB\*Plus User's Guide

This guide describes how to connect to an Advanced Server database using EDB\*Plus. EDB\*Plus provides a command line user interface to EDB Postgres Advanced Server that accepts SQL commands that allow you to:

- Query certain database objects
- Execute stored procedures
- Format output from SQL commands
- Execute batch scripts
- Execute OS commands
- · Record output

For detailed information about the features supported by Advanced Server, consult the complete library of Advanced Server guides available at:

https://www.enterprisedb.com/docs

# 1 EDB\*Plus

EDB\*Plus is a utility program that provides a command line user interface to EDB Postgres Advanced Server. EDB\*Plus accepts SQL commands, SPL anonymous blocks, and EDB\*Plus commands.

EDB\*Plus commands are compatible with Oracle SQL\*Plus commands and provide various capabilities including:

- Querying certain database objects
- Executing stored procedures
- Formatting output from SQL commands
- Executing batch scripts
- Executing OS commands
- Recording output

# 2 Installing EDB\*Plus

You can use an RPM installer or a graphical installer to add EDB\*Plus to your Advanced Server installation.

# 2.1 Installation Prerequisites

Before installing EDB\*Plus, you must first install Java (version 1.7 or later). On a Linux system, you can use the yum package manager to install Java. Open a terminal window, assume superuser privileges, and enter:

• On RHEL or CentOS 7:

```
# yum install java
```

• On RHEL or CentOS 8:

```
# dnf install java
```

If you are using Windows, Java installers and instructions are available online at:

http://www.java.com/en/download/manual.jsp

You must also have credentials that allow access to the EDB repository. For information about requesting credentials, visit:

https://info.enterprisedb.com/rs/069-ALB-339/images/Repository%20Access%2004-09-2019.pdf

After receiving your repository credentials:

- 1. Create the repository configuration file.
- 2. Modify the file, providing your user name and password.
- 3. Install EDB\*Plus.

# 2.2 Performing an RPM Installation

For detailed information about creating and using EDB repositories to install Advanced Server or its supporting components, see the *EDB Postgres Advanced Server Installation Guide available* at:

#### https://www.enterprisedb.com/docs

Creating a Repository Configuration File

To create the repository configuration file, assume superuser privileges, and invoke the following command:

• On RHEL or CentOS 7:

```
yum -y install https://yum.enterprisedb.com/edbrepos/edb-repo-
latest.noarch.rpm
```

• On RHEL or CentOS 8:

```
dnf -y install https://yum.enterprisedb.com/edbrepos/edb-repo-
latest.noarch.rpm
```

The repository configuration file is named <a href="edb.repo">edb.repo</a>. The file resides in /etc/yum.repos.d. After saving your changes to the configuration file, you can use the following command to install EDB\*Plus:

On RHEL or CentOS 7:

```
yum install edb-asxx-edbplus
```

• On RHEL or CentOS 8:

```
dnf install edb-asxx-edbplus
```

Where, xx is the Advanced Server version.

When you install an RPM package that is signed by a source that is not recognized by your system, yum may ask for your permission to import the key to your local server. If prompted, and you are satisfied that the packages come from a trustworthy source, entery, and press Return to continue.

During the installation, yum may encounter a dependency that it cannot resolve. If it does, it will provide a list of the required dependencies that you must manually resolve.

# Configuring an RPM Installation

After performing an RPM installation of EDB\*Plus, you must set the values of environment variables that allow EDB\*Plus to locate your Java installation. Use the following commands to set variable values:

```
export JAVA_HOME=<path_to_java>
```

```
export PATH=<path_to_java>/bin:$PATH
```

By default, the pg\_hba.conf file for the RPM installer enforces IDENT authentication. Before invoking EDB\*Plus, you must either modify the pg\_hba.conf file, changing the authentication method to a form other than IDENT (and restarting the server), or perform the following steps to ensure that an IDENT server is accessible:

You must confirm that an identd server is installed and running. You can use the yum package manager to install an identd server by invoking the command:

On RHEL or CentOS 7:

```
yum install xinetd authd
```

• On RHEL or CentOS 8:

```
dnf install xinetd authd
```

The command should create a file named /etc/xinetd.d/auth that contains:

```
service auth
{
        disable = yes
        socket_type = stream
wait =no
user = ident
cps = 4096 10
instances = UNLIMITED
server = /usr/sbin/in.authd server_args = -t60 --xerror -os
}
```

!!! Note If the file includes a -E argument at the end of the server arguments, please erase -E.

Then, to start the identd server, invoke the following commands:

```
systemctl enable xinetd systemctl start xinetd
```

Open the pg\_ident.conf file and create a user mapping:

```
### map_name system_username postgres_username
edbas enterprisedb enterprisedb
```

#### Where:

• The name specified in the map\_name column is a user-defined name that will identify the mapping in the pg\_hba.conf file.

- The name specified in the system\_username column is enterprisedb.
- The name specified in the postgres\_username column is enterprisedb.

Then, open the pg\_hba.conf file and modify the IDENT entries:

• If you are using an IPv4 local connection, modify the file entry to read:

```
host all all 127.0.0.0/0 ident map=edbas
```

• If you are using an IPv6 local connection, modify the file entry to read:

```
host all all ::1/128 ident map=edbas
```

You must restart the Advanced Server service before invoking EDB\*Plus. For detailed information about controlling the Advanced Server service, see the *EDB Postgres Advanced Server Installation Guide*, available at:

https://www.enterprisedb.com/docs/

# 2.3 Using the Graphical Installer

Graphical installers for EDB\*Plus are available via StackBuilder Plus; you can access StackBuilder Plus through your Windows or Linux start menu. After opening StackBuilder Plus and selecting the installation for which you wish to install EDB\*Plus, expand the component selection screen tree control to select and download the EDB\*Plus installer.

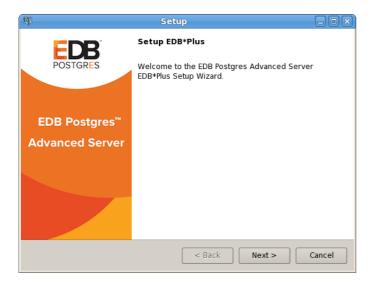


Fig. 1: The EDB\*Plus Welcome window

The EDB\*Plus installer welcomes you to the setup wizard, as shown in the figure below.

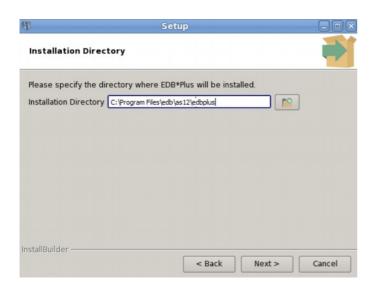


Fig. 2: The Installation Directory window

Use the Installation Directory field to specify the directory in which you wish to install the EDB\*Plus software. Then, click Next to continue.

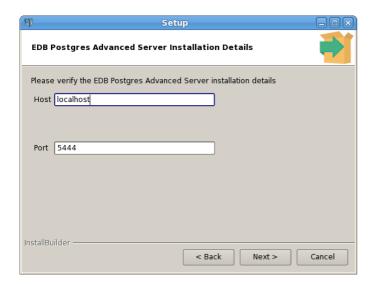


Fig. 3: The Advanced Server Installation Details window

Use fields on the EDB Postgres Advanced Server Installation Details window to identify the location of the Advanced Server host:

- Use the Host field to identify the system on which Advanced Server resides.
- Use the **Port** field to identify the listener port that Advanced Server monitors for client connections.

Then, click Next to continue.

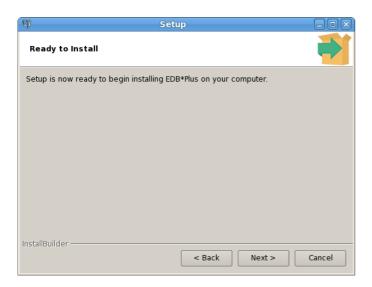


Fig. 4: The Ready to Install window

The Ready to Install window notifies you when the installer has all of the information needed to install EDB\*Plus on your system. Click Next to install EDB\*Plus.

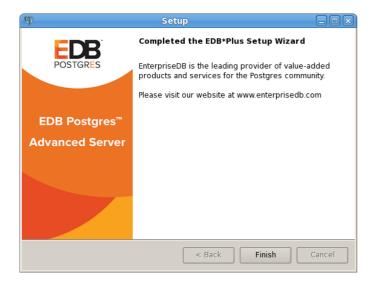


Fig. 5: The installation is complete

The installer notifies you when the setup wizard has completed the EDB\*Plus installation. Click Finish to exit the installer.

# 3 Using EDB\*Plus

To open an EDB\*Plus command line, navigate through the Applications or Start menu to the Advanced Server menu, to the Run SQL Command Line menu, and select the EDB\*Plus option. You can also invoke EDB\*Plus from the operating system command line with the following command:

```
edbplus [ -S[ILENT ] ] [ <login> | /NOLOG ] [ @<scriptfile>[.<ext> ]
]
```

#### **SILENT**

If specified, the EDB\*Plus sign-on banner is suppressed along with all prompts.

#### login

Login information for connecting to the database server and database. login takes the following form; there must be no white space within the login information.

```
<username>[/<password>][@{<connectstring> | <variable> } ]
```

#### Where:

username is a database username with which to connect to the database.

password is the password associated with the specified username. If a password is not provided, but a password is required for authentication, a password file is used if available. If there is no password file or no entry in the password file with the matching connection parameters, then EDB\*Plus will prompt for the password.

connectstring is the database connection string with the following format:

```
<host>[:<port>][/<dbname>][?ssl={true | false}]
```

#### Where:

host is the hostname or IP address on which the database server resides. If neither @connectstring nor @variable nor /NOLOG is specified, the default host is assumed to be the localhost. port is the port number receiving connections on the database server. If not specified, the default is 5444. dbname is the name of the database to connect to. If not specified the default is edb. If Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6) is used for the connection instead of IPv4, then the IP address must be enclosed within square brackets (that is, [ipv6\_address]). The following is an example using an IPv6 connection:

```
edbplus.sh enterprisedb/password@[fe80::20c:29ff:fe7c:78b2]:5444/edb
```

The pg\_hba.conf file for the database server must contain an appropriate entry for the IPv6 connection. The following example shows an entry that allows all addresses:

### TYPE DATABASE	USER	ADDRESS	METHOD
host all	all	::0/0	md5

For more information about the pg\_hba.conf file, see the PostgreSQL core documentation at:

#### https://www.postgresql.org/docs/12/static/auth-pg-hba-conf.html

If an SSL connection is desired, then include the <code>?ssl=true</code> parameter in the connection string. In such a case, the connection string must minimally include <code>host:port</code>, with or without <code>/dbname</code>. If the <code>ssl</code> parameter is not specified, the default is <code>false</code>. See <code>Using a Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) Connection</code> for instructions on setting up an SSL connection.

variable is a variable defined in the login.sql file that contains a database connection string. The login.sql file can be found in the edbplus subdirectory of the Advanced Server home directory.

#### /NOLOG

Specify /NOLOG to start EDB\*Plus without establishing a database connection. SQL commands and EDB\*Plus commands that require a database connection cannot be used in this mode. The CONNECT command can be subsequently given to connect to a database after starting EDB\*Plus with the /NOLOG option.

## scriptfile[.ext ]

scriptfile is the name of a file residing in the current working directory, containing SQL and/or EDB\*Plus commands that will be automatically executed after startup of EDB\*Plus. ext is the filename extension. If the filename extension is sql, then the .sql extension may be omitted when specifying scriptfile. When creating a script file, always name the file with an extension, otherwise it will not be accessible by EDB\*Plus. (EDB\*Plus will always assume a .sql extension on filenames that are specified with no extension.)

The following example shows user enterprisedb with password password, connecting to database edb running on a database server on the localhost at port 5444.

```
C:\Program Files\edb\as12\edbplus>edbplus enterprisedb/password
Connected to EnterpriseDB 12.0.1 (localhost:5444/edb) AS enterprisedb
```

```
EDB*Plus: Release 12 (Build 38.0.0)
Copyright (c) 2008-2021, EnterpriseDB Corporation. All rights reserved.
```

#### SQL>

The following example shows user enterprisedb with password, password, connecting to database edb running on a database server on the localhost at port 5445.

```
C:\Program Files\edb\as12\edbplus>edbplus
enterprisedb/password@localhost:5445/edb
Connected to EnterpriseDB 12.0.1 (localhost:5445/edb) AS enterprisedb
EDB*Plus: Release 12 (Build 38.0.0)
```

Copyright (c) 2008-2021, EnterpriseDB Corporation. All rights reserved.

SQL>

Using variable hr\_5445 in the login.sql file, the following illustrates how it is used to connect to database hr on localhost at port 5445.

```
C:\Program Files\edb\as12\edbplus>edbplus
enterprisedb/password@hr_5445
Connected to EnterpriseDB 12.0.1 (localhost:5445/hr) AS enterprisedb

EDB*Plus: Release 12 (Build 38.0.0)
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SQL>
```

The following is the content of the login.sql file used in the previous example.

```
define edb="localhost:5445/edb"
define hr_5445="localhost:5445/hr"
```

The following example executes a script file, dept\_query.sql after connecting to database edb on server localhost at port 5444.

```
C:\Program Files\edb\as12\edbplus>edbplus enterprisedb/password
@dept_query
Connected to EnterpriseDB 12.0.1 (localhost:5444/edb) AS enterprisedb
```

SQL> SELECT \* FROM dept;

DEPTNO	DNAME	LOC
10	ACCOUNTING	NEW YORK
20	RESEARCH	DALLAS
30	SALES	CHICAGO
40	OPERATIONS	BOSTON

SQL> EXIT

Disconnected from EnterpriseDB Database.

The following is the content of file dept\_query.sql used in the previous example.

```
SET PAGESIZE 9999
SET ECHO ON
SELECT * FROM dept;
```

# 4 Using a Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) Connection

An EDB\*Plus connection to the Advanced Server database can be accomplished using secure sockets layer (SSL) connectivity.

Using SSL requires various prerequisite configuration steps performed on the database server involved with the SSL connection as well as creation of the Java truststore and keystore on the host that will run EDB\*Plus.

The Java *truststore* is the file containing the Certificate Authority (CA) certificates with which the Java client (EDB\*Plus) uses to verify the authenticity of the server to which it is initiating an SSL connection.

The Java *keystore* is the file containing private and public keys and their corresponding certificates. The keystore is required for client authentication to the server, which is used for the EDB\*Plus connection.

The following is material to which you can refer to for guidance in setting up the SSL connections:

 For information on setting up SSL connectivity to the Advanced Server database, see the section about secure TCP connections with SSL in Chapter 18 "Server Setup and Operation" in the PostgreSQL Core Documentation located at:

https://www.postgresql.org/docs/12/ssl-tcp.html

• For information on JDBC client connectivity using SSL, see the section on configuring the client in Chapter 4 "Using SSL" in The PostgreSQL JDBC Interface located at:

https://jdbc.postgresql.org/documentation/head/ssl-client.html

The following sections provide information for the configuration steps of using SSL.

- Configuring SSL on Advanced Server
- Configuring SSL for the EDB\*Plus client
- Requesting SSL connection to the Advanced Server database

# Configuring SSL on Advanced Server

This section provides an example of configuring SSL on a database server to demonstrate the use of

SSL with EDB\*Plus. A self-signed certificate is used for this purpose.

Step 1: Create the certificate signing request (CSR).

In the following example the generated certificate signing request file is server.csr. The private key is generated as file server.key.

```
$ openssl req -new -nodes -text -out server.csr \
> -keyout server.key -subj "/CN=enterprisedb"
Generating a 2048 bit RSA private key
.....+++
+
writing new private key to 'server.key'
-----
```

!!! Note When creating the certificate, the value specified for the common name field (designated as CN=enterprisedb in this example) must be the database user name that is specified when connecting to EDB\*Plus.

In addition, user name maps can be used as defined in the <code>pg\_ident.conf</code> file to permit more flexibility for the common name and database user name. Steps 8 and 9 describe the use of user name <code>maps</code>.

Step 2: Generate the self-signed certificate.

The following generates a self-signed certificate to file server.crt using the certificate signing request file, server.csr, and the private key, server.key, as input.

```
$ openssl x509 -req -days 365 -in server.csr -signkey server.key \
> -out server.crt
Signature ok
subject=/CN=enterprisedb
Getting Private key
```

Step 3: Make a copy of the server certificate (server.crt) to be used as the root Certificate Authority (CA) file (root.crt).

```
$ cp server.crt root.crt
```

Step 4: Delete the now redundant certificate signing request (server.csr).

```
$ rm -f server.csr
```

Step 5: Move or copy the certificate and private key files to the Advanced Server data directory (for example, /opt/edb/as12/data).

```
$ mv root.crt /opt/edb/as12/data
$ mv server.crt /opt/edb/as12/data
$ mv server.key /opt/edb/as12/data
```

Step 6: Set the file ownership and permissions on the certificate files and private key file.

Set the ownership to the operating system account that owns the data sub-directory of the database server. Set the permissions so that no other groups or accounts other than the owner can access these files.

Step 7: In the postgresql.conf file, make the following modifications.

```
ssl = on
ssl_cert_file = 'server.crt'
ssl_key_file = 'server.key'
ssl_ca_file = 'root.crt'
```

Step 8: Modify the pg\_hba.conf file to enable SSL usage on the desired database to which EDB\*Plus is to make the SSL connection.

In the pg\_hba.conf file, the hostssl type indicates the entry is used to validate SSL connection attempts from the client (EDB\*Plus).

The authentication method is set to cert with the option clientcert=1 in order to require an SSL certificate from the client against which authentication is performed using the common name of the certificate (enterprisedb in this example).

The map=sslusers option specifies that a mapping named sslusers defined in the pg\_ident.conf file is to be used for authentication. This mapping allows a connection to the database if the common name from the certificate and the database user name attempting the connection match the SYSTEM-USERNAME/PG-USERNAME pair listed in the pg\_ident.conf file.

The following is an example of the settings in the pg\_hba.conf file if the database (edb) must use SSL connections.

```
### TYPE
          DATABASE
                         USER
                                       ADDRESS
                                                                METHOD
### "local" is for Unix domain socket connections only
local
        all
                      all
                                                              md5
### IPv4 local connections:
                                             cert clientcert=1
hostssl
          edb
                      all 192.168.2.0/24
map=sslusers
```

Step 9: The following shows the user name maps in the pg\_ident.conf file related to the pg\_hba.conf file by the map=sslusers option. These user name maps permit you to specify database user names edbuser, postgres, or enterprisedb when connecting with EDB\*Plus.

```
### MAPNAME SYSTEM-USERNAME PG-USERNAME
sslusers enterprisedb edbuser
sslusers enterprisedb postgres
sslusers enterprisedb enterprisedb
```

Step 10: Restart the database server after you have made the changes to the configuration files.

### Configuring SSL for the EDB\*Plus Client

After you have configured SSL on the database server, the following steps provide an example of generating certificate and keystore files for EDB\*Plus (the JDBC client).

Step 1: Using files server.crt and server.key located under the database server data subdirectory, create copies of these files and move them to the host where EDB\*Plus is to be running.

Store these files in the desired directory to contain the trusted certificate and keystore files to be generated in the following steps. The suggested location is to create a .postgresql sub-directory under the home user account that will invoke EDB\*Plus. Thus, these files will be under the ~/.postgresql directory of the user account that will run EDB\*Plus.

For this example, assume file <a href="edb.crt">edb.crt</a> is a copy of <a href="server.crt">server.crt</a> and <a href="edb.key">edb.key</a> is a copy of <a href="server.key">server.key</a>.

Step 2: Create an additional copy of edb.crt.

```
$ cp edb.crt edb_root.crt
$ ls -l
total 12
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user 985 Aug 22 14:17 edb.crt
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user 1704 Aug 22 14:18 edb.key
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user 985 Aug 22 14:19 edb_root.crt
```

Step 3: Create a Distinguished Encoding Rules (DER) format of file <a href="edb\_root.crt">edb\_root.crt</a>. The generated DER format of this file is <a href="edb\_root.crt.der">edb\_root.crt.der</a>. The DER format of the file is required for the <a href="keytool">keytool</a> program used in Step 4.

```
$ openssl x509 -in edb_root.crt -out edb_root.crt.der -outform der
$ ls -l
total 16
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user 985 Aug 22 14:17 edb.crt
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user 1704 Aug 22 14:18 edb.key
-rw-r--r-- 1 user user 985 Aug 22 14:19 edb_root.crt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user user 686 Aug 22 14:21 edb_root.crt.der
```

Step 4: Use the keytool program to create a keystore file (postgresql.keystore) using edb\_root.crt.der as the input. This process adds the certificate of the Postgres database server to the keystore file.

!!! Note The file name <code>postgresql.keystore</code> is recommended so that it can be accessed in its default directory location ~/.postgresql postgresql.keystore, which is under the home directory of the user account invoking EDB\*Plus. Also note that the file name suffix can be <code>.jks</code> instead of <code>.keystore</code> (thus, file name <code>postgresql.jks</code>). However, in the remainder of these examples, file name <code>postgresql.keystore</code> is used.

For Windows only: The path is %APPDATA%\.postgresql\postgresql.keystore

The keytool program can be found under the bin subdirectory of the Java Runtime Environment installation.

You will be prompted for a new password. Save this password as it must be specified with the PGSSLCERTPASS environment variable.

```
$ /usr/java/jdk1.8.0_131/jre/bin/keytool -keystore
postgresal.kevstore \
> -alias postgresqlstore -import -file edb_root.crt.der
Enter keystore password:
Re-enter new password:
Owner: CN=enterprisedb
Issuer: CN=enterprisedb
Serial number: c60f40256b0e8d53
Valid from: Tue Aug 22 10:59:25 EDT 2017 until: Wed Aug 22 10:59:25
EDT 2018
Certificate fingerprints:
      MD5:
            85:0B:E9:A7:6E:4F:7C:B0:9B:D6:3A:44:55:E2:E9:8E
      SHA1:
DD:A6:71:24:0B:6C:F8:BC:7A:4C:89:9B:DC:22:6A:6C:B0:F5:3F:7C
      SHA256:
DC:02:64:E2:B0:E9:6F:1C:FC:4F:AE:E6:18:85:0B:79:57:43:C3:C5:AE:43:0D:3
7
```

```
:49:53:6D:11:69:06:46:48

Signature algorithm name: SHA1withRSA

Version: 1

Trust this certificate? [no]: yes

Certificate was added to keystore
```

Step 5: Create a PKCS #12 format of the keystore file (postgresql.p12) using files edb.crt and edb.key as input.

!!! Note The file name <code>postgresql.p12</code> is recommended so that it can be accessed in its default directory location ~/.postgresql/postgresql.p12, which is under the home directory of the user account invoking EDB\*Plus.

For Windows only: The path is %APPDATA%\.postgresql\postgresql.p12

You will be prompted for a new password. Save this password as it must be specified with the PGSSLKEYPASS environment variable.

```
$ openssl pkcs12 -export -in edb.crt -inkey edb.key -out
postgresql.p12
Enter Export Password:
Verifying - Enter Export Password:
$ ls -l
total 24
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user user 985 Aug 24 12:18 edb.crt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user user 1704 Aug 24 12:18 edb.key
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user user 985 Aug 24 12:20 edb_root.crt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user user 686 Aug 24 12:20 edb_root.crt.der
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user user 758 Aug 24 12:26 postgresql.keystore
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user user 2285 Aug 24 12:28 postgresql.p12
```

Step 6: If the postgresql.keystore and postgresql.p12 files are not already in the ~/.postgresql directory, move or copy them to that location.

For Windows only: The directory is %APPDATA%\.postgresql

Step 7: If the default location ~/.postgresql is not used, then the full path (including the file name) to the postgresql.keystore file must be set with the PGSSLCERT environment variable, and the full path (including the file name) to file postgresql.p12 must be set with the PGSSLKEY environment variable before invoking EDB\*Plus.

In addition, if the generated file from Step 4 was not named postgresql.keystore or postgresql.jks then, use the PGSSLCERT environment variable to designate the file name and its location. Similarly, if the generated file from Step 5 was not named postgresql.p12 then, use the PGSSLKEY environment variable to designate the file name and its location.

# Requesting an SSL Connection between EDB\*Plus and the Advanced Server Database

Be sure the following topics have been addressed in order to perform an SSL connection:

- The trusted certificate and keystore files have been generated for both the database server and the client host to be invoking EDB\*Plus.
- The postgresql.conf file for the database server contains the updated configuration parameters.
- The pg\_hba.conf file for the database server contains the required entry for permitting the SSL connection.
- For the client host, either the client's certificate and keystore files have been placed in the user account's ~/.postgresql directory or the environment variables PGSSLCERT and PGSSLKEY are set before invoking EDB\*Plus.
- The PGSSLCERTPASS environment variable is set with a password.
- The PGSSLKEYPASS environment variable is set with a password

When invoking EDB\*Plus, include the ?ssl=true parameter in the database connection string as shown for the connectstring option in Using EDB\*Plus.

The following is an example where EDB\*Plus is invoked from a host that is remote to the database server.

The postgresql.conf file of the database server contains the following modified parameters:

```
ssl = on
ssl_cert_file = 'server.crt'
ssl_key_file = 'server.key'
ssl_ca_file = 'root.crt'
```

The pg\_hba.conf file of the database server contains the following entry for connecting from EDB\*Plus on the remote host:

```
### TYPE
          DATABASE
                           USER
                                          ADDRESS
METHOD
### "local" is for Unix domain socket connections only
local
        all
                         all
                                                                 md5
### IPv4 local connections:
hostssl
          edb
                         all
                                       192.168.2.24/32 cert
clientcert=1
```

On the remote host where EDB\*Plus is to be invoked, the Linux user account named user contains the certificate and keystore files in its ~/.postgresql directory:

```
[user@localhost ~]$ whoami
user
```

```
[user@localhost ~]$ cd .postgresql
[user@localhost .postgresql]$ pwd
/home/user/.postgresql
[user@localhost .postgresql]$ ls -l
total 8
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user user 758 Aug 24 12:37 postgresql.keystore
-rw-rw-r-- 1 user user 2285 Aug 24 12:37 postgresql.p12
```

Logged into Linux with the account named user, EDB\*Plus is successfully invoked with the ssl=true parameter:

```
$ export PGSSLCERTPASS=keypass
$ export PGSSLKEYPASS=exppass
$ cd /opt/edb/as12/edbplus
$ ./edbplus.sh enterprisedb/password@192.168.2.22:5444/edb?ssl=true
Connected to EnterpriseDB 12.0.1 (192.168.2.22:5444/edb) AS
enterprisedb
EDB*Plus: Release 12 (Build 38.0.0)
Copyright (c) 2008-2021, EnterpriseDB Corporation. All rights
reserved.
SQL>
```

Alternatively, without placing the certificate and keystore files in ~/.postgresql, but in a different directory, EDB\*Plus can be invoked in the following manner:

```
$ export PGSSLCERT=/home/user/ssl/postgresql.keystore
$ export PGSSLKEY=/home/user/ssl/postgresql.p12
$ export PGSSLCERTPASS=keypass
$ export PGSSLKEYPASS=exppass
$ cd /opt/edb/as12/edbplus
$ ./edbplus.sh enterprisedb/password@192.168.2.22:5444/edb?ssl=true
Connected to EnterpriseDB 12.0.1 (192.168.2.22:5444/edb) AS
enterprisedb
EDB*Plus: Release 12 (Build 38.0.0)
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reserved.
SQL>
```

Note that in both cases the database user name used to log into EDB\*Plus is <a href="enterprised">enterprised</a> as this is the user specified for the common name field when creating the certificate in Step 1 of Configuring SSL on Advanced Server.

Other database user names can be used if the pg\_hba.conf file with the map option and the

pg\_ident.conf file are used as described in Steps 8 and 9 of Configuring SSL on Advanced Server.

# **5** Command Summary

The following sections contains a summary of EDB\*Plus commands.

#### **ACCEPT**

The ACCEPT command displays a prompt and waits for the user's keyboard input. The value input by the user is placed in the specified variable.

```
ACC[EPT] variable
```

The following example creates a new variable named my\_name, accepts a value of John Smith, then displays the value using the DEFINE command.

```
SQL> ACCEPT my_name
Enter value for my_name: John Smith
SQL> DEFINE my_name
DEFINE MY_NAME = "John Smith"
```

#### **APPEND**

APPEND is a line editor command that appends the given text to the end of the current line in the SQL buffer.

```
A[PPEND ] text
```

In the following example, a SELECT command is built-in the SQL buffer using the APPEND command. Note that two spaces are placed between the APPEND command and the WHERE clause in order to separate dept and WHERE by one space in the SQL buffer.

```
SQL> APPEND SELECT * FROM dept
SQL> LIST
   1 SELECT * FROM dept
SQL> APPEND WHERE deptno = 10
SQL> LIST
```

```
1 SELECT * FROM dept WHERE deptno = 10
```

#### **CHANGE**

**CHANGE** is a line editor command performs a search-and-replace on the current line in the SQL buffer.

```
C[HANGE ] /from/[to/]
```

If to/ is specified, the first occurrence of text from in the current line is changed to text to. If to/ is omitted, the first occurrence of text from in the current line is deleted.

The following sequence of commands makes line 3 the current line, then changes the department number in the WHERE clause from 20 to 30.

```
SQL> LIST
    1 SELECT empno, ename, job, sal, comm
    2 FROM emp
    3 WHERE deptno = 20
    4* ORDER BY empno
SQL> 3
    3* WHERE deptno = 20
SQL> CHANGE /20/30/
    3* WHERE deptno = 30
SQL> LIST
    1 SELECT empno, ename, job, sal, comm
    2 FROM emp
    3 WHERE deptno = 30
    4* ORDER BY empno
```

#### **CLEAR**

The CLEAR command removes the contents of the SQL buffer, deletes all column definitions set with the COLUMN command, or clears the screen.

```
CL[EAR ] [ BUFF[ER ] | SQL | COL[UMNS ] | SCR[EEN ] ]
```

# BUFFER | SQL

Clears the SQL buffer.

#### **COLUMNS**

Removes column definitions.

#### **SCREEN**

Clears the screen. This is the default if no options are specified.

#### **COLUMN**

The COLUMN command controls output formatting. The formatting attributes set by using the COLUMN command remain in effect only for the duration of the current session.

If the COLUMN command is specified with no subsequent options, formatting options for current columns in effect for the session are displayed.

If the COLUMN command is followed by a column name, then the column name may be followed by one of the following:

- 1. No other options
- 2. CLEAR
- 3. Any combination of FORMAT, HEADING, and one of OFF or ON

#### column

Name of a column in a table to which subsequent column formatting options are to apply. If no other options follow column, then the current column formatting options if any, of column are displayed.

#### **CLEAR**

The CLEAR option reverts all formatting options back to their defaults for column. If the CLEAR option is specified, it must be the only option specified.

#### spec

Format specification to be applied to **column**. For character columns, **spec** takes the following format:

n

n is a positive integer that specifies the column width in characters within which to display the data. Data in excess of n will wrap around with the specified column width.

For numeric columns, spec is comprised of the following elements.

Element	Description
\$	Display a leading dollar sign.
,	Display a comma in the indicated position.
•	Marks the location of the decimal point.
0	Display leading zeros.
9	Number of significant digits to display.

If loss of significant digits occurs due to overflow of the format, then all #'s are displayed.

#### text

Text to be used for the column heading of column.

#### OFF | ON

If OFF is specified, formatting options are reverted back to their defaults, but are still available within the session. If ON is specified, the formatting options specified by previous COLUMN commands for column within the session are re-activated.

The following example shows the effect of changing the display width of the job column.

```
SQL> SET PAGESIZE 9999
SQL> COLUMN job FORMAT A5
SQL> COLUMN job
COLUMN
         JOB ON
FORMAT
         Α5
wrapped
SQL> SELECT empno, ename, job FROM emp;
EMPNO ENAME
                  JOB
 7369 SMITH
                 CLERK
 7499 ALLEN
                 SALES
                 MAN
 7521 WARD
                 SALES
                 MAN
```

7566 JONES	MANAG ER
7654 MARTIN	SALES MAN
7698 BLAKE	MANAG ER
7782 CLARK	MANAG ER
7788 SCOTT	ANALY ST
7839 KING	PRESI DENT
7844 TURNER	SALES MAN
7876 ADAMS 7900 JAMES 7902 FORD	CLERK CLERK ANALY ST
7934 MILLER	CLERK
14 rows retrieve	ed.

The following example applies a format to the sal column.

```
SQL> COLUMN sal FORMAT $99,999.00
SQL> COLUMN
COLUMN
         JOB
              ON
FORMAT
         Α5
wrapped
         SAL
COLUMN
              ON
FORMAT
         $99,999.00
wrapped
SQL> SELECT empno, ename, job, sal FROM emp;
                  JOB
EMPNO ENAME
                                SAL
                 CLERK
                            $800.00
 7369 SMITH
 7499 ALLEN
                  SALES
                          $1,600.00
```

		MAN	
7521	WARD	SALES MAN	\$1,250.00
7566	JONES	MANAG ER	\$2,975.00
7654	MARTIN	SALES MAN	\$1,250.00
7698	BLAKE	MANAG ER	\$2,850.00
7782	CLARK	MANAG ER	\$2,450.00
7788	SCOTT	ANALY ST	\$3,000.00
7839	KING	PRESI DENT	\$5,000.00
7844	TURNER	SALES MAN	\$1,500.00
7900	ADAMS JAMES FORD	CLERK CLERK ANALY ST	\$1,100.00 \$950.00 \$3,000.00
7934	MILLER	CLERK	\$1,300.00
14 ro	ws retrie	eved.	

#### **CONNECT**

Change the database connection to a different user and/or connect to a different database. There must be no white space between any of the parameters following the CONNECT command.

CON[NECT] <username>[/<password>][@{<connectstring> | <variable> } ]

#### Where:

username is a database username with which to connect to the database.

password is the password associated with the specified username. If a password is not provided, but a password is required for authentication, a search is made for a password file, first in the home directory of the Linux operating system account invoking EDB\*Plus (or in the %APPDATA%\postgresql\ directory for Windows) and then at the location specified by the PGPASSFILE environment variable. The password file is .pgpass on Linux hosts and pgpass.conf on Windows hosts. The following is an example on a Windows host:

C:\Users\Administrator\AppData\Roaming\postgresql\pgpass.conf

If a password file cannot be located, or it does not have an entry matching the EDB\*Plus connection parameters, then EDB\*Plus will prompt for the password. For more information about password files, see the PostgreSQL core documentation at:

https://www.postgresql.org/docs/12/static/libpq-pgpass.html

Note: When a password is not required, EDB\*Plus does not prompt for a password such as when the trust authentication method is specified in the pg\_hba.conf file. For more information about the pg\_hba.conf file and authentication methods, see the PostgreSQL core documentation at https://www.postgresql.org/docs/12/static/auth-pg-hba-conf.html

connectstring is the database connection string. See Using EDB\*Plus for further information on the database connection string.

variable is a variable defined in the login.sql file that contains a database connection string. The login.sql file can be found in the edbplus subdirectory of the Advanced Server home directory.

In the following example, the database connection is changed to database <a href="edb">edb</a> on the localhost at port 5445 with username <a href="milth:smith">smith</a>.

```
SQL> CONNECT smith/mypassword@localhost:5445/edb
Disconnected from EnterpriseDB Database.
Connected to EnterpriseDB 12.0.1 (localhost:5445/edb) AS smith
```

From within the session shown above, the connection is changed to username <a href="enterprised">enterprised</a>.

Also note that the host defaults to the localhost, the port defaults to <a href="5444">5444</a> (which is not the same as the port previously used), and the database defaults to <a href="edb">edb</a>.

```
SQL> CONNECT enterprisedb/password
Disconnected from EnterpriseDB Database.
Connected to EnterpriseDB 12.0.1 (localhost:5444/edb) AS enterprisedb
```

#### **DEFINE**

The **DEFINE** command creates or replaces the value of a *user variable* (also called a *substitution* 

variable).

```
DEF[INE ] [ variable [ = text ] ]
```

If the **DEFINE** command is given without any parameters, all current variables and their values are displayed.

If DEFINE variable is given, only variable is displayed with its value.

**DEFINE** variable = text assigns text to variable.text may be optionally enclosed within single or double quotation marks. Quotation marks must be used if text contains space characters.

The following example defines two variables, dept and name.

```
SQL> DEFINE dept = 20

SQL> DEFINE name = 'John Smith'

SQL> DEFINE

DEFINE EDB = "localhost:5445/edb"

DEFINE DEPT = "20"

DEFINE NAME = "John Smith"
```

!!! Note The variable EDB is read from the login.sql file located in the edbplus subdirectory of the Advanced Server home directory.

#### DEL

DEL is a line editor command that deletes one or more lines from the SQL buffer.

```
DEL [ n | n m | n * | n L[AST ] | * | * n | * L[AST ] | L[AST ] ]
```

The parameters specify which lines are to be deleted from the SQL buffer. Two parameters specify the start and end of a range of lines to be deleted. If the DEL command is given with no parameters, the current line is deleted.

n

n is an integer representing the nth line

n m

n and m are integers where m is greater than n representing the nth through the mth lines

\*

Current line

#### **LAST**

#### Last line

In the following example, the fifth and sixth lines containing columns sal and comm, respectively, are deleted from the SELECT command in the SQL buffer.

```
SOL> LIST
  1 SELECT
  2
       empno
  3
      , ename
  4
      ,job
  5
      ,sal
  6
      ,comm
  7
      ,deptno
  8* FROM emp
SOL> DEL 5 6
SQL> LIST
  1 SELECT
  2
       empno
  3
      , ename
  4
      ,job
  5
      ,deptno
  6* FROM emp
```

#### **DESCRIBE**

The DESCRIBE command displays:

- A list of columns, column data types, and column lengths for a table or view
- A list of parameters for a procedure or function
- A list of procedures and functions and their respective parameters for a package

The DESCRIBE command will also display the structure of the database object referred to by a synonym. The syntax is:

```
DESC[RIBE] [ schema.]object
```

#### schema

Name of the schema containing the object to be described.

#### object

Name of the table, view, procedure, function, or package to be displayed, or the synonym of an object.

#### DISCONNECT

The DISCONNECT command closes the current database connection, but does not terminate EDB\*Plus.

```
DISC[ONNECT ]
```

#### **EDIT**

The **EDIT** command invokes an external editor to edit the contents of an operating system file or the SQL buffer.

```
ED[IT ] [ filename[.ext ] ]
filename[.ext ]
```

filename is the name of the file to open with an external editor. ext is the filename extension. If the filename extension is sql, then the .sql extension may be omitted when specifying filename. EDIT always assumes a .sql extension on filenames that are specified with no extension. If the filename parameter is omitted from the EDIT command, the contents of the SQL buffer are brought into the editor.

#### **EXECUTE**

The **EXECUTE** command executes an SPL procedure from EDB\*Plus.

```
EXEC[UTE ] spl_procedure [ ([ parameters ]) ]
```

The name of the SPL procedure to be executed.

parameters

spl\_procedure

Comma-delimited list of parameters. If there are no parameters, then a pair of empty parentheses may optionally be specified.

#### **EXIT**

The EXIT command terminates the EDB\*Plus session and returns control to the operating system.

QUIT is a synonym for EXIT. Specifying no parameters is equivalent to EXIT SUCCESS

#### COMMIT.

```
{ EXIT | QUIT }
[ SUCCESS | FAILURE | WARNING | value | variable ]
[ COMMIT | ROLLBACK ]SUCCESS | FAILURE |WARNING]
```

Returns an operating system dependent return code indicating successful operation, failure, or warning for SUCCESS, FAILURE, and WARNING, respectively. The default is SUCCESS.

#### value

An integer value that is returned as the return code.

#### variable

A variable created with the **DEFINE** command whose value is returned as the return code.

#### COMMIT | ROLLBACK

If COMMIT is specified, uncommitted updates are committed upon exit. If ROLLBACK is specified, uncommitted updates are rolled back upon exit. The default is COMMIT.

#### **GET**

The GET command loads the contents of the given file to the SQL buffer.

```
GET filename[.ext ] [ LIS[T ] | NOL[IST ] ]
```

```
filename[.ext ]
```

filename is the name of the file to load into the SQL buffer. ext is the filename extension. If the filename extension is sql, then the .sql extension may be omitted when specifying filename.

GET always assumes a .sql extension on filenames that are specified with no extension.

```
LIST | NOLIST
```

If LIST is specified, the content of the SQL buffer is displayed after the file is loaded. If NOLIST is specified, no listing is displayed. The default is LIST.

#### **HELP**

The HELP command obtains an index of topics or help on a specific topic. The question mark (?) is synonymous with specifying HELP.

```
{ HELP | ? } { INDEX | topic }
```

#### **INDEX**

Displays an index of available topics.

#### topic

The name of a specific topic – e.g., an EDB\*Plus command, for which help is desired.

#### **HOST**

The HOST command executes an operating system command from EDB\*Plus.

```
HO[ST ] [os_command]
```

#### os\_command

The operating system command to be executed. If you do not provide an operating system command, EDB\*Plus pauses execution and opens a new shell prompt. When the shell exits, EDB\*Plus resumes execution.

#### **INPUT**

The INPUT line editor command adds a line of text to the SQL buffer after the current line.

```
I[NPUT ] text
```

The following sequence of INPUT commands constructs a SELECT command.

```
SQL> INPUT SELECT empno, ename, job, sal, comm
SQL> INPUT FROM emp
SQL> INPUT WHERE deptno = 20
SQL> INPUT ORDER BY empno
SQL> LIST
   1 SELECT empno, ename, job, sal, comm
   2 FROM emp
   3 WHERE deptno = 20
   4* ORDER BY empno
```

#### LIST

LIST is a line editor command that displays the contents of the SQL buffer.

```
L[IST] [ n | n m | n * | n L[AST] | * | * n | * L[AST] | L[AST] ]
```

The buffer does not include a history of the EDB\*Plus commands.

n

n represents the buffer line number.

n m

n m displays a list of lines between n and m.

n \*

n \* displays a list of lines that range between line n and the current line.

n L[AST]

n L[AST] displays a list of lines that range from line n through the last line in the buffer.

\*

\* displays the current line.

\* n

 $\star$  n displays a list of lines that range from the current line through line n.

\* L[AST]

\* L[AST] displays a list of lines that range from the current line through the last line.

L[AST]

L[AST] displays the last line.

#### **PASSWORD**

Use the PASSWORD command to change your database password.

```
PASSW[ORD] [user_name]
```

You must have sufficient privileges to use the PASSWORD command to change another user's password. The following example demonstrates using the PASSWORD command to change the

password for a user named acctg:

```
SQL> PASSWORD acctg
Changing password for acctg
New password:
New password again:
Password successfully changed.
```

#### **PAUSE**

The PAUSE command displays a message, and waits for the user to press ENTER.

```
PAU[SE] [optional_text]
```

optional\_text specifies the text that will be displayed to the user. If the optional\_text is omitted, Advanced Server will display two blank lines. If you double quote the optional\_text string, the quotes will be included in the output.

#### **PROMPT**

The PROMPT command displays a message to the user before continuing.

```
PRO[MPT] [message_text]
```

message\_text specifies the text displayed to the user. Double quote the string to include quotes in the output.

#### **QUIT**

The QUIT command terminates the session and returns control to the operating system. QUIT is a synonym for EXIT.

```
QUIT

[SUCCESS | FAILURE | WARNING | value | sub_variable]

[COMMIT | ROLLBACK]
```

The default value is QUIT SUCCESS COMMIT.

#### **REMARK**

Use REMARK to include comments in a script.

```
REM[ARK] [optional_text]
```

You may also use the following convention to include a comment:

```
/*
 * This is an example of a three line comment.
 */
```

#### **SAVE**

Use the SAVE command to write the SQL Buffer to an operating system file.

```
SAV[E] file_name
[CRE[ATE] | REP[LACE] | APP[END]]
```

file\_name

file\_name specifies the name of the file (including the path) where the buffer contents are written. If you do not provide a file extension, .sql is appended to the end of the file name.

#### **CREATE**

Include the CREATE keyword to create a new file. A new file is created *only* if a file with the specified name does not already exist. This is the default.

#### **REPLACE**

Include the REPLACE keyword to specify that Advanced Server should overwrite an existing file.

#### **APPEND**

Include the APPEND keyword to specify that Advanced Server should append the contents of the SQL buffer to the end of the specified file.

The following example saves the contents of the SQL buffer to a file named example.sql,
located in the temp
directory:

```
SQL> SAVE C:\example.sql CREATE
File "example.sql" written.
```

#### **SET**

Use the SET command to specify a value for a session level variable that controls EDB\*Plus behavior. The following forms of the SET command are valid:

#### **SET AUTOCOMMIT**

Use the **SET AUTOCOMMIT** command to specify commit behavior for Advanced Server transactions.

SET AUTO[COMMIT]

{ON | OFF | IMMEDIATE | statement\_count}

Please note that EDB\*Plus always automatically commits DDL statements.

ON

Specify ON to turn AUTOCOMMIT behavior on.

OFF

Specify OFF to turn AUTOCOMMIT behavior off.

**IMMEDIATE** 

IMMEDIATE has the same effect as ON.

statement\_count

Include a value for statement\_count to instruct EDB\*Plus to issue a commit after the specified count of successful SQL statements.

SET COLUMN SEPARATOR

Use the SET COLUMN SEPARATOR command to specify the text that Advanced Server displays between columns.

SET COLSEP column\_separator

The default value of column\_separator is a single space.

**SET ECHO** 

Use the SET ECHO command to specify if SQL and EDB\*Plus script statements should be displayed onscreen as they are executed.

#### SET ECHO {ON | OFF}

The default value is OFF.

SET FEEDBACK

The SET FEEDBACK command controls the display of interactive information after a SQL statement executes.

SET FEED[BACK] {ON | OFF | row\_threshold}

row threshold

Specify an integer value for row\_threshold. Setting row\_threshold to 0 is same as setting FEEDBACK to OFF. Setting row\_threshold equal 1 effectively sets FEEDBACK to ON.

**SET FLUSH** 

Use the SET FLUSH command to control display buffering.

SET FLU[SH] {ON | OFF}

Set FLUSH to OFF to enable display buffering. If you enable buffering, messages bound for the screen may not appear until the script completes. Please note that setting FLUSH to OFF will offer better performance.

Set FLUSH to ON to disable display buffering. If you disable buffering, messages bound for the screen appear immediately.

**SET HEADING** 

Use the SET HEADING variable to specify if Advanced Server should display column headings for SELECT statements.

SET HEA[DING] {ON | OFF}

**SET HEAD SEPARATOR** 

The SET HEADSEP command sets the new heading separator character used by the COLUMN HEADING command. The default is '|'.

SET HEADS[EP]

**SET LINESIZE** 

Use the SET LINESIZE command to specify the width of a line in characters.

#### SET LIN[ESIZE] width\_of\_line

width\_of\_line

The default value of width\_of\_line is 132.

**SET NEWPAGE** 

Use the SET NEWPAGE command to specify how many blank lines are printed after a page break.

SET NEWP[AGE] lines\_per\_page

lines\_per\_page

The default value of lines\_per\_page is 1.

**SET NULL** 

Use the SET NULL command to specify a string that is displayed to the user when a NULL column value is displayed in the output buffer.

SET NULL null\_string

SET PAGESIZE

Use the SET PAGESIZE command to specify the number of printed lines that fit on a page.

SET PAGES[IZE] line\_count

Use the line\_count parameter to specify the number of lines per page.

**SET SQLCASE** 

The SET SQLCASE command specifies if SQL statements transmitted to the server should be converted to upper or lower case.

SET SQLC[ASE] {MIX[ED] | UP[PER] | LO[WER]}

**UPPER** 

Specify **UPPER** to convert the command text to uppercase.

**LOWER** 

Specify LOWER to convert the command text to lowercase.

**MIXED** 

Specify MIXED to leave the case of SQL commands unchanged. The default is MIXED.

**SET PAUSE** 

The SET PAUSE command is most useful when included in a script; the command displays a prompt and waits for the user to press Return.

SET PAU[SE] {ON | OFF}

If SET PAUSE is ON, the message Hit ENTER to continue... will be displayed before each command is executed.

**SET SPACE** 

Use the SET SPACE command to specify the number of spaces to display between columns:

SET SPACE number\_of\_spaces

SET SOLPROMPT

Use SET SQLPROMPT to set a value for a user-interactive prompt:

SET SQLP[ROMPT] "prompt"

By default, SQLPROMPT is set to "SQL>"

**SET TERMOUT** 

Use the SET TERMOUT command to specify if command output should be displayed onscreen.

SET TERM[OUT] {ON | OFF}

**SET TIMING** 

The SET TIMING command specifies if Advanced Server should display the execution time for each SQL statement after it is executed.

SET TIMI[NG] {ON | OFF}

SET TRIMSPOOL

Use the SET TRIMSPOOL command to remove trailing spaces from each line in the output file specified by the SPOOL command.

SET TRIMS[POOL] {ON | OFF}

The default value is OFF.

#### **SET VERIFY**

Specifies if both the old and new values of a SQL statement are displayed when a substitution variable is encountered.

```
SET VER[IFY] { ON | OFF }
```

#### **SHOW**

Use the SHOW command to display current parameter values.

```
SHO[W] {ALL | parameter_name}
```

Display the current parameter settings by including the ALL keyword:

```
SQL> SHOW ALL
autocommit
                 OFF
                  11 11
colsep
define
                 11&11
echo
                 OFF
FEEDBACK ON for 6 row(s).
flush
                 ON
heading
                 ON
                 " | "
headsep
linesize
                 78
newpage
                  1
                 11 11
null
pagesize
                 14
                 OFF
pause
                 OFF
serveroutput
Spool
                 OFF
sqlcase
                 MIXED
                 "SOL> "
salprompt
salterminator
                 ";"
suffix
                 ".sql"
termout
                 ON
timing
                 OFF
verify
                 ON
USER is
                 "enterprisedb"
HOST is
                 "localhost"
PORT is
                 "5444"
DATABASE is
                  "edb"
VERSION is
                  "12.0.0"
```

Or display a specific parameter setting by including the parameter\_name in the SHOW

#### command:

```
SQL> SHOW VERSION VERSION is "12.0.0"
```

#### **SPOOL**

The SPOOL command sends output from the display to a file.

```
SP[00L] output_file | OFF
```

Use the output\_file parameter to specify a path name for the output file.

#### **START**

Use the START command to run an EDB\*Plus script file; START is an alias for @ command.

```
STA[RT] script_file
```

Specify the name of a script file in the script\_file parameter.

#### **UNDEFINE**

The UNDEFINE command erases a user variable created by the DEFINE command.

```
UNDEF[INE] variable_name [ variable_name...]
```

Use the <a href="variable\_name">variable\_name</a> parameter to specify the name of a variable or variables.

#### WHENEVER SQLERROR

The WHENEVER SQLERROR command provides error handling for SQL errors or PL/SQL block errors. The syntax is:

```
WHENEVER SQLERROR
{CONTINUE[COMMIT|ROLLBACK|NONE]
|EXIT[SUCCESS|FAILURE|WARNING|n|sub_variable]
[COMMIT|ROLLBACK]}
```

If Advanced Server encounters an error during the execution of a SQL command or PL/SQL block, EDB\*Plus performs the action specified in the WHENEVER SQLERROR command:

Include the CONTINUE clause to instruct EDB\*Plus to perform the specified action before continuing.

Include the COMMIT clause to instruct EDB\*Plus to COMMIT the current transaction before exiting or continuing.

Include the ROLLBACK clause to instruct EDB\*Plus to ROLLBACK the current transaction before exiting or continuing.

Include the NONE clause to instruct EDB\*Plus to continue without committing or rolling back the transaction.

Include the EXIT clause to instruct EDB\*Plus to perform the specified action and exit if it encounters an error.

Use the following options to specify a status code that EDB\*Plus will return before exiting:

[SUCCESS|FAILURE|WARNING|n|sub\_variable]

Please note that EDB\*Plus supports substitution variables, but does not support bind variables.