## pg\_ctl

Utility for controlling a PostgreSQL server and database cluster.

• Start a PostgreSQL server:

```
pg_ctl -D {{data_directory}} -l {{log_file_name}}
```

• Initialize a PostgreSQL database cluster:

```
pg_ctl -D {{data_directory}} init
```

• Stop a PostgreSQL server:

```
pg_ctl -D {{data_directory}} stop
```

• Restart a PostgreSQL server:

```
pg_ctl -D {{data_directory}} restart
```