### Database

Database is a collection of related data serves as a container for

- tables
- indexes
- views
- etc.

and other database objects.

### Create new databse

### Syntax:

```
CREATE DATABASE db_name
WITH

[OWNER = role]
[TEMPLATE = template]
[ENCODING = encoding]
[LC_COLLATE = collate]
[LC_TYPE = ctype]
[TABLESPACE = tablespace_name]
[ALLOW_CONNECTIONS = true|false]
[CONNECTION LIMIT = max_concurrent_connection]
[IS_TEMPLATE = true|false]
```

• OWNER: Assign a role(user) that will be the owner of the database. the owner have the highest level of control over the database.

The owner has full privileges over the database, including the ability to drop it, alter it, and grant/revoke privileges to other users.

```
OWNER = myuser
-- DEFAULT USER IS postgres
```

- TEMPLATE: Specify the template database for the new database. postgres use the [template1] database as default template database.
  - PostgreSQL comes with two default templates:
    - template0: A minimal database with no user-created objects.
    - template1: A more commonly used template that may include objects and customizations.

```
TEMPLATE=template1
```

#### NOTE:

The database created from a template inherits all objects (tables, functions, etc.) in the template. However, certain templates, like template0, are clean and have no user-defined objects.

#### ENCODING:

- Defines the character encoding for the database.
- This setting determines how text is stored in the database.
- Common encodings include UTF8 (recommended for most applications).
- Common values: UTF-8,LATIN1,SQL\_ASCII, etc.

```
ENCODING='UTF-8'
```

### • LC\_COLLATE:

- Specifies the collation order to use for string sorting and comparison.
- it determines the rules for character ordering in the database.
- Collations are based on locale settings and can differ for different languages and regions.
- Common values: en\_US.UTF-8, fr\_FR.UTF-8, etc

```
LC_COLLATE = 'en_US.UTF-8'
```

#### NOTE:

You cannot change these properties after the database is created, so they should be set carefully.

• LC\_TYPE: Defines the character classification and case conversion behavior, such as upper and lower case conversions. like LC\_COLLATE, this is local-based.

Common values: en US.UTF-8, fr FR.UTF-8, etc

```
LC_TYPE = 'en_US.UTF-8'
```

### NOTE:

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- TABLESPACE: Specifies the tablespace where the database should reside. A tablespace is a storage location on the disk where the database files are stored.
  - If not specified, PostgreSQL uses the default tablespace.
  - The default tablespace is PostgreSQL is pg\_default, which maps to /data directory in PostgreSQL.
  - PostgreSQL also has a second default tablespace called pg\_global, which stores global data.

```
TABLESPACE=my_tablespace

-- if you want to print available tablespace use below commands.

SELECT spcname from pg_tablespace;

-- show the physical location of tablespace
show data_directory;

-- To list all tables that are stored in the pg_default tablespace
SELECT tabelname from pg_tables;
```

• ALLOW\_CONNECTIONS: Determines whether the database should allow connections. Setting this to false will prevent anyone from connecting to the database, but the database will still exist for administrative purposes.

Possible values: TRUE | FASLE

```
ALLOW_CONNECTIONS = true
```

• CONNECTION LIMIT: Defines the maximum number of concurrent connections allowed to the database. A -1 value (or omitting this option) means unlimited connections.

```
CONNECTION LIMIT = 100
```

• IS\_TEMPLATE: Specifies whether the database should be treated as a template for creating new databases.

Possible values: TRUE | FALSE

```
IS_TEMPLATE=true
```

```
CREATE DATABASE blogs
  OWNER = pkuser
  TEMPLATE = template1
 ENCODING = 'UTF8'
 LC_COLLATE = 'en_US.UTF-8'
 LC_CTYPE = 'en_US.UTF-8'
 TABLESPACE = my_tablespace
  ALLOW_CONNECTIONS = true
  CONNECTION LIMIT = 100
  IS_TEMPLATE = false;
-- OR
-- rest using default values of each parameter
CREATE DATABASE blogs;
-- retrieve the database names from the `pg_database`
SELECT datname from pg_database;
-- list all database in [psql]
\1
-- connect to created or any database
\c db_name
```

### Alter database

ALTER DATABASE statement allow you to carry the following action on the database.

- Change the attributes of the database.
- Rename the database.
- Change the owner of the database.
- Change the default tablespace of a database.
- Change the session default for a non-runtime configuration variable for a database.

### Changing attributes of a database

```
-- syntax
ALTER DATABASE name WITH option;

-- option can be;
-- IS_TEMPLATE
-- CONNECTION LIMIT
-- ALLOW_CONNECTIONS

-- Only superusers or database owner can change these settings;
```

#### Rename database:

```
-- syntax
ALTER DATABASE db_name
RENAME TO new_db_name;

-- It is not possible to rename the current database.
-- Only superusers and database owners with [CREATEDB] privilege can rename the database.
```

### Change the owner of the database:

```
-- syntax

ALTER DATABASE db_name

OWNER TO new_owner | current_user | session_user;

-- to check current user or session user run below command

SELECT current_user; -- Returns the current role executing the query

SELECT session_user; -- Returns the role that authenticated the session

SELECT user; -- Equivalent to SELECT CURRENT_USER;

-- session information: pg_stat_activity

SELECT usename, application_name, client_addr, backend_start, state

FROM ps_stat_activity

WHERE pid=pg_backend_pid();

-- In PostgreSQL,[ pg_backend_pid()] is a function that returns the[ process ID (PID)] of the current backend process.

-- how to terminate the current session

SELECT pg_terminate_backend(pg_backend_pid());
```

### Change the default tablespace of a database:

```
-- syntax
ALTER DATABASE db_name
SET TABLESPACE new_tablespace;

-- To set the new tablespace, the tablespace needs to be empty and there is a connection to the database.
-- Superusers and database owners can change the default tablespace of the database
```

### Change session defaults for run-time configuration variables:

Whenever you connect to a database, PostgreSQL loads the configuration variables from the postgresql.conf file and uses these variables by default

```
-- syntax
ALTER DATABASE database_name
SET configuration_parameter = value;
-- check the current setting from [pg_settings]
SELECT name, setting FROM pg_settings;
-- change configuration variables for current session
SET <configuration_parameter> TO <value>;
-- examples
SET work mem TO '64MB'; -- (Memory used for sorting operations)
SET search_path TO my_schema, public; -- (Schema search order)
SET timezone TO 'UTC'; -- (Time zone setting)
SET statement_timeout TO '5min'; -- (Maximum execution time for a statement)
SET log_statement TO 'ddl'; -- (Logging level for SQL statements)
SET default_transaction_isolation TO 'READ COMMITTED'; -- (Transaction isolation
level)
-- Reset configuration variable to default values
RESET <<variable_name>>
-- OR
RESET ALL; -- reset all
-- exmple reset work mem only
RESET work_mem;
```

### Examples:

```
-- create database
CREATE DATABASE testdb2;

-- rename to testhrdb
ALTER DATABASE testdb2
RENAME TO testhrdb;

-- change owner postgres to hr
ALTER DATABASE testhrdb
OWNER TO hr;

-- change the default tablespace of the testhrdbfrom pg_default to hr_default
ALTER DATABASE testhrdb
SET TABLESPACE hr_default;

-- set escape_string_warning configuration variable to off by using the following
statement:
ALTER DATABASE testhrdb
SET escape_string_warning = off;
```

### Drop database

The DROP DATABASE statement deletes a database from a PostgreSQL server.

```
-- syntax
DROP DATABASE [IF EXISTS] database_name
[WITH (FORCE)]

-- The FORCE option will attempt to terminate all existing connections to the target database.
```

#### NOTE:

- The DROP DATABASE statement deletes the database from both catalog entry and data directory.
- Since PostgreSQL does not allow you to roll back this operation, you should use it with caution.
- To execute the DROP DATABASE statement, you need to be the database owner.

### Examples:

```
-- Create some database

CREATE DATABASE hr;

CREATE DATABASE test;

-- Drop the hr database

DROP DATABASE hr;

-- Removing a non-existing database example (IF EXISTS WILL CHECK THE DATABASE THEN DELETE IF EXISTS OTHERWISE DO NOTHING)

DROP DATABASE IF EXISTS non_existing_database;

-- Drop a database that has active connections example

DROP DATABASE test WITH (FORCE)
```

### Rename database

```
-- Create database bots
CREATE DATABASE bots;

-- RENAME TO robots
ALTER DATABASE bots
RENAME TO robots;
```

## Copy database within the same server

You want to copy a PostgreSQL database wihin a database server for testing purpose.

```
-- syntax
CREATE DATABASE targetDb
WITH TEMPLATE sourceDb;

-- example
CREATE DATABASE dvdrental_test
WITH TEMPLATE dvdrental;
```

### Copy database from one server to another:

```
-- Step-1: dump the source database into a file.

pg_dump -U postgres -d sourcedb -f sourcedb.sql

-- Step-2: create new database

CREATE DATABSE demo;

-- Step-3: restore the dump file

psql -U postgres -d demo -f sourcedb.sql
```

### How to Get Sizes of Database Objects in PostgreSQ

- Use the pg\_size\_pretty() function to format the size.
- Use the pg\_relation\_size() function to get the size of a table.
- Use the pg\_total\_relation\_size() function to get the total size of a table.
- Use the pg\_database\_size() function to get the size of a database.
- Use the pg indexes size() function to get the size of an index.
- Use the pg\_total\_index\_size() function to get the size of all indexes on a table.
- Use the pg tablespace size() function to get the size of a tablespace.
- Use the pg\_column\_size() function to obtain the size of a column of a specific type.

### Examples:

```
-- Getting table sizes:
select pg_relation_size('actor');

-- he pg_size_pretty() function formats a number using bytes, kB, MB, GB, or TB
appropriately. For example:
SELECT
    pg_size_pretty (pg_relation_size('actor')) size;

-- To get the total size of a table
SELECT
    pg_size_pretty (
        pg_total_relation_size ('actor')
    ) size;
```

```
-- the following query returns the top 5 biggest tables in the dvdrental database
SELECT
    relname AS "relation",
    pg_size_pretty (
        pg_total_relation_size (C .oid)
    ) AS "total_size"
FROM
    pg_class C
LEFT JOIN pg_namespace N ON (N.oid = C .relnamespace)
    nspname NOT IN (
        'pg_catalog',
        'information_schema'
AND C .relkind <> 'i'
AND nspname !~ '^pg_toast'
ORDER BY
    pg_total_relation_size (C .oid) DESC
LIMIT 5;
-- Getting database size
SELECT
    pg_size_pretty (
        pg_database_size ('dvdrental')
    ) size;
-- Getting index sizes
SELECT
    pg_size_pretty (pg_indexes_size('actor')) size;
-- Getting tablespace sizes
SELECT
    pg_size_pretty (
        pg_tablespace_size ('pg_default')
    ) size;
-- Getting PostgreSQL value sizes
SELECT
  pg_column_size(5 :: smallint) smallint_size,
  pg column size(5 :: int) int size,
  pg_column_size(5 :: bigint) bigint_size;
```

# PostgreSQL Schema

In PostgreSQL, a schema is a named collection of database object, including

- Tables
- Indexes
- Views
- Data Types

- Functions
- Procedures
- Operators
- Sequences
- Triggers
- Materialized Views
- Domains
- Aggregates
- Collations
- Foreign Tables

and many more.

A schema allows you to organize and namespace objects within a database.

A schema can be thought of as a container for database objects.

- A database can contain one or more schemas.
- A schema belongs to only one database.
- Two schemas can have different objects that share the same name.

### Access an object in schema:

```
-- syntax
schema_name.object_name

-- example
SELECT * FROM public.users; -- public is schema
```

### For example:

You may have auth schema that has user table and public schema which also has the user table.

```
public.user
-- Or
auth.user
```

### Advantage of using schema:

- Schemas allow you to organize database objects, tables into logical group to make them more managabale.
- Schema enable multiple users to use one database without interfering with each other.

### The public schema:

PostgreSQL autometically creates a schema called <u>public</u> for every new database. Whatever object you create without specifying the schema name, PostgreSQl will place it into this <u>public</u> schema.

```
CREATE TABLE table_name(
...
)

-- and
CREATE TABLE public.table_name(
....
)
```

#### Schema search path:

When you refer to a table name without its schema name. user table instead of a fully qualified name such as public.user table.

PostgreSQL searches for the table by using the schema search path, which is a list of schemas to look in.

PostgreSQL will access the first matching table in the schema search path. If there is no match, it will return an error, even if the name exists in another schema in the database.

The first schema in the search path is called the current schema.

```
-- access current schema

SELECT current_schema(); -- it will return the current schema, default is public

-- To view the current search path

SHOW search_path; -- RESULT "$user", public
```

The "\$user" specifies that the first schema that PostgreSQL will use to search for the object, which has the same name as the current user.

### For cxample:

If you use the postgres user to log in and access user table. PostgreSQL will search for the user table in the postgres schema. if it cannot find any object like that, it continues to look for the object in the public schema.

The second element referes to the public schema as we have seen in the result.

List schema of current database:

```
-- run this command in psql
\dn
```

Add new created schema to the search path:

```
-- suppose you have created new [auth] schema
SET search_path TO auth, public;
```

Now, if you create new table named user without specifying the schema name, PostgreSQL will put this user table into the auth schema:

```
CREATE TABLE user(
  user_id int GENERATED ALWAYS AS IDENTITY PRIMARY KEY,
  name VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,
  email VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
  age int NOT NULL CHECK(age > 0 and age < 100),
  mobile VARCHAR(10) NOT NULL CHECK(LENGTH(TRIM(mobile))=10)
)</pre>
```

The user table belongs to the auth schema.

To access it

```
SELECT * FROM user;
-- OR
SELECT * FROM auth.user;
```

The public schema is the second element in the search path

```
-- you can set public
SET search_path TO public;
```

The public schema is not a special schema, you can drop it too.

PostgreSQL schemas and previleges:

User can only access objects in the schema that they own (USAGE previlege).

To allow users to access the objects in the schema that they do not own, you must grant the USAGE previlege of the schema to the users.

```
-- syntax
GRANT ON SCHEMA schema_name
TO role_name;

-- example
GRANT USAGE ON SCHEMA auth
TO pkumar;
```

To allow users to create objects in the schema that they do not own, you need to grant them the CREATE privilege of the schema to the users:

```
-- syntax
GRANT CREATE ON SCHEMA schema_name
TO user_name

-- example
GRANT CREATE ON SCHEMA auth
TO pkumar;
```

### Note:

By default, every user has the CREATE and USAGE on the public schema.

### Create schema:

The CREATE SCHEMA statement allows you to create a new schema in the current database.

```
-- syntax
CREATE SCHEMA [IF NOT EXISTS] schema_name;

-- You can also create schema for a user
CREATE SCHEMA [IF NOT EXISTS]
AUTHORIZATION username;
-- In this case, the schema will have the same name as the username.
```

Note: To execute the CREATE SCHEMA statement, you must have the CREATE privilege in the current database.

To return all schemas from the current database:

```
SELECT *
FROM pg_catalog.pg_namespace
ORDER BY nspname;
```

Using CREATE SCHEMA statement to create a schema for a user example:

First, create a new role with named pkumar

```
CREATE ROLE pkumar
LOGIN
PASSWORD '12345';
```

Second, create a schema for pkumar.

```
CREATE SCHEMA AUTHORIZATION pkumar;
-- OR
CREATE SCHEMA IF NOT EXISTS demo AUTHORIZATION pkumar;
```

### Alter schema:

The ALTER SCHEMA statement allows you to change the definition of a schema.

### Rename schema:

```
ALTER SCHEMA schema_name
RENAME TO new_name;
```

### Note

That to execute this statement, you must be the owner of the schema and you must have the CREATE privilege for the database.

Change the owner of schema:

```
ALTER SCHEMA schema_name
OWNER TO { new_owner | CURRENT_USER | SESSION_USER};
```

#### Examples:

```
-- Rename schema [demo] to [demo1`]
ALTER SCHEMA demo
RENAME TO demo1;

-- Change the owner
ALTER SCHEMA demo
OWNER TO postgres;
```

### Drop schema

The DROP SCHEMA removes a schema and all of its objects from a database.

```
-- syntax
DROP SCHEMA [IF EXISTS] schema_name
[ CASCADE | RESTRICT ];
```

• use CASCADE to delete schema and all of its objects, and in turn, all objects that depend on those objects.

- If you want to delete schema only when it is empty, you can use the RESTRICT option.
- By default, the DROP SCHEMA uses the RESTRICT option.

#### Note:

To execute the DROP SCHEMAstatement, you must be the owner of the schema that you want to drop or a superuser.

### Example:

```
-- drop schema demo
DROP SCHEMA IF EXISTS demo;

-- drop multiple schema
DROP SCHEMA IF EXISTS demo, auth, private;

-- drop schema if not empty
DROP SCHEMA blogs CASCADE;
```

## Roles

PostgreSQL uses the concept of roles to represent user accounts. It doesn't use the concept of users like other database systems.

Typically, roles that can log in to the PostgreSQL server are called login roles. They are equivalent to user accounts in other database systems.

When roles contain other roles, they are referred to as group roles.

### Note:

PostgreSQL combined the users and groups into roles since version 8.1

### **CREATE ROLE statement**

Use CREATE ROLE statement.

```
-- syntax
CREATE ROLE role_name
```

When you create a role, it is valid for all databases within the database server (or client).

### Example:

```
-- create role pkumar
CREATE ROLE pkumar;
```

#### To retrieve all roles:

```
-- display all rolename

SELECT rolname FROM pg_roles;

-- In psql,
-- you can use the \du command to show all roles that you create including the postgres role in the current PostgreSQL server:
\du
```

#### Note:

- The roles whose names start with pg\_ are system roles.
- The postgres is a superuser role created by the PostgreSQL installer.

### Login access to a role

To allow the login access to a role in the PostgreSQL server, you need to add the LOGIN attribute to it.

```
-- syntax

CREATE ROLE role_name
WITH -- optional
options;

-- options

CREATE ROLE role_name WITH

LOGIN -- Allow the role to loing in to db,
PASSWORD 'my_password' -- Set password for role,
VALID UNTIL '2025-12-31' -- Set expiration date.,
INHERIT -- Inherit privilege from other roles.,
CREATEDB -- Allow the role to create new db.,
CREATEROLE -- Allow the role to create new role,
SUPERUSER -- Grants the role all privilege.
CONNECTION LIMIT connection_count;
```

### Create login role:

Creating pkumar role that has the login privilege and initial password;

```
CREATE ROLE pkumar
LOGIN
```

```
PASSWORD '12345';

-- login in psql
psql -U pkumar -d blogs
```

### Create superuser role:

The superuser role has all permissions within the PostgreSQL server.

Notice that only a superuser role can create another superuser role.

```
-- syntax
CREATE ROLE role_name
SUPERUSER
LOGIN
PASSWORD 'user_defined_passwor';
```

### Create roles with database creation permission:

If you want to create roles that have the database creation privilege, you can use the CREATEDB attribute:

```
-- syntax
CREATE ROLE role_name
CREATEDB
LOGIN
PASSWORD 'user_defined_password';
```

### Create roles with a validity period:

To set a date and time after which the role's password is no longer valid, you use the VALID UNTIL attribute:

```
-- syntax
VALID UNTIL 'timestamp';

-- example
CREATE ROLE pkumar
WITH
CREATEDB -- createdb privilege
LOGIN
PASSWORD '1234' -- user defined password
VALID UNTIL '2026-01-01'; -- valid only till '1 jan 26'
```

After one second tick in 2026, the password of pkumar is no longer valid.

### Create role with connection limit:

To specify the number of concurrent connections a role can make, you use the CONNECTION LIMIT attribute:

```
-- syntax

CONNECTION LIMIT connection_count;

-- example

CREATE ROLE pkumar

WITH -- optional

CREATEDB -- create db privilege

LOGIN

PASSWORD '12345' -- user defined password

VALID UNTIL '2026-01-01' -- valid until 2026

CONNECTION LIMIT 100 -- 100 concurrent connections
;
```

## **GRANT**

The GRANT statement to grant privileges on database object to a role.

After creating a role with the LOGIN attribute, the role can log in to the PostgreSQL database server.

However, it cannot do anything to the database objects like tables, views, functions, etc. For example, the role cannot select data from a table or execute a specific function.

To allow a role to interact with database objects, you need to grant privileges on the database objects to the role using the GRANT statement.

```
-- syntax
GRANT privilege_list | ALL
ON table_name
ON role_name;
```

- Object Privileges:
  - SELECT: Read data from a table, view, or foreign table.
  - INSERT: Insert new rows into a table.
  - UPDATE: Modify existing rows in a table.
  - DELETE: Delete rows from a table.
  - TRUNCATE: Remove all rows from a table.
  - REFERENCES: Create foreign key constraints referencing the table.
  - TRIGGER: Create triggers on the table.
  - CREATE: Create objects within the schema (e.g., tables, views, functions).
  - CONNECT: Connect to the database.
  - TEMPORARY: Create temporary tables.
  - EXECUTE: Execute functions.
  - o USAGE: Grant the right to use a schema, sequence, language, or type.

- SET: Set session parameters.
- ALTER: SYSTEM: Alter system-wide parameters.
- MAINTAIN: Perform maintenance operations on the object.
- USAGE: (on a column): Use the column in expressions (e.g., in WHERE clauses).

### • Schema Privileges:

- USAGE: Use the schema and its objects.
- CREATE: Create objects within the schema.

### • Database Privileges:

- CONNECT: Connect to the database.
- TEMPORARY: Create temporary tables within the database.
- CREATE: Create objects within the database.

### • Role Privileges:

The name of the role itself: Grants membership in the role, allowing the grantee to inherit privileges from the role.

### • Other Privileges:

- ALL PRIVILEGES: Grant all available privileges for the object type.
- WITH GRANT OPTION: Allow the grantee to further grant the privilege to other roles.

Grant SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE AND DELETE Privileges on the 'posts' table to the role 'pkumar'

```
GRANT
SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE -- privileges
ON posts -- table
TO pkumar;
```

### Grant all privileges on a table to a role:

```
GRANT ALL
ON posts
TO pkumar;
```

### Grant all privileges on all tables in a schema to a role:

```
GRANT ALL
ON ALL TABLES
IN SCHEMA "public"
TO pkumar;
```

Grant SELECT privileges on all tables to a role:

```
GRANT SELECT
ON ALL TABLES
IN SCHEMA "public"
TO pkumar;
```

## **REVOKE**

The REVOKE statement revokes previously granted privileges on database objects from a role.

```
-- syntax
REVOKE privilege | ALL
ON TABLE table_name | ALL TABLES IN SCHEMA schema_name
FROM role_name;
```

### Check privileges:

```
-- syntax
SELECT grantee, privilege_type
FROM information_schema.role_table_grants
WHERE table_name = 'table_name';
```

Grant ALL previlege to the role 'pkumar' on actor table:

```
GRANT ALL
ON actor
TO pkumar;
```

Revoke select previlege from a role:

```
-- revoking select permission from pkumar user
REVOKE SELECT
ON TABLE actor
FROM pkumar;
```

Revoke all on the actor:

```
REVOKE ALL
ON TABLE actor
```

```
FROM pkumar
```

### Revoke Privileges on All Objects of a Schema:

```
-- syntax
REVOKE SELECT ON ALL TABLES IN SCHEMA schema_name FROM role_name;

-- example
REVOKE SELECT
ON ALL TABLES IN SCHEMA 'public'
FROM pkumar;
```

### Revoke Privileges on Functions, Sequences:

```
-- syntax revoke on function

REVOKE EXECUTE ON FUNCTION function_name(arg1_type, arg2_type) FROM role_name;

-- syntax revoke on sequences

REVOKE USAGE, SELECT ON SEQUENCE sequence_name FROM role_name;
```

### Revoke Admin Privileges on a Database:

```
REVOKE CONNECT ON DATABASE database_name FROM role_name;
```

# Role membership

In PostgreSQL, a group role is a role that serves as a container for other individual roles.

### Create a group role:

```
-- syntax
CREATE ROLE group_role_name;
-- create admin role
CREATE ROLE admin;
```

#### Admin a role to a group role:

```
-- syntax
GRANT group_role TO role;
-- example
```

```
GRANT
admin -- group role
TO
pkumar; -- role

-- If you don't want the role `pkumar` to inherit the privileges of its group roles, you can use NOINHERIT attribute;
CREATE ROLE sales
WITH LOGIN NOINHERIT
PASSWORD '1234';
```

### Remove a role to a group role:

```
-- syntax
REVOKE group_role FROM role;
-- example
REVOKE admin FROM pkumar;
```