PostgreSQL database Installation on Windows 11 Guide

1. Download PostgreSQL Installer

Visit the official PostgreSQL Windows download page:

https://www.postgresql.org/download/windows/

Click "Download the installer," which will redirect to the EnterpriseDB site.

https://www.enterprisedb.com/downloads/postgres-postgresql-downloads

Download the latest .exe installer for Windows.

2. Run the Installer

Double-click the downloaded installer file (postgresql-XX.X-X-windows-x64.exe).

Click "Next" to proceed through the welcome screen.

3. Configure Installation Settings

Choose your preferred installation directory, or accept the default location, then click "Next."

Select components to install (leave default selections: PostgreSQL Server, pgAdmin 4, Command Line Tools).

Set a password for the PostgreSQL superuser (postgres). Remember this password for future use.

Choose a port number for the server (default is 5432) and ensure it not used by another application.

Set the server locale, typically leave this at default for your region.

4. Complete Installation

Review your configuration summary and click "Next," then click "Install."

Wait for the installation to finish. This process installs PostgreSQL as a Windows service.

5. pgAdmin Setup and Access

After installation, pgAdmin 4 will also be available. This graphical tool helps manage your PostgreSQL databases visually.

On the first launch, set a master password for pgAdmin.

Connect to your database server using:

Username: postgres

Password: (the one you set during installation)

6. Post-Installation – First Steps

Optionally, add PostgreSQL's "bin" directory to the Windows PATH environment variable to use CLI tools (psql, pg_dump) from any terminal.

Start pgAdmin 4 or the SQL Shell (psql) to create databases and test your setup.

This process ensures the latest stable PostgreSQL version is correctly installed and running on Windows 11, with both command-line and graphical management tools included.

Youtube video for installation demonstration:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GpqJzWCcQXY