

PostgreSQL

PostgreSQL is an free open-source database system that supports both relational (SQL) and non-relational (JSON) queries. PostgreSQL is a back-end database for dynamic websites and web applications.

PostgreSQL is a powerful open-source database system known for its reliability, performance, and advanced features. It supports a wide range of data types, ACID compliance, robust security, extensibility, high availability, full-text search, and more.

PostgreSQL Architecture

PostgreSQL is a relational database management system (RDBMS) with a client-server architecture. It includes the following components:

- Client: The user or application that connects to the PostgreSQL database. It sends queries to the server.
- Server: The core component that processes and executes queries. It manages the database instances, including the following:
 - Postmaster: The main PostgreSQL process that listens for client connections and launches the backend server processes.
 - Backend processes: These processes handle the execution of queries. Each client connection is served by a separate backend process.
 - Shared memory: Used for communication between backend processes.
 - Database files: Where the data is stored, including the transaction log, data files, etc.

PostgreSQL Data Types

PostgreSQL supports several data types, including:

1. Integer Types:
 - integer: Stores a 4-byte integer (e.g., 42).
 - bigint: Stores an 8-byte integer (e.g., 10000000000).
2. Character Types:
 - varchar(n): Stores a variable-length string (e.g., 'Hello').
 - text: Stores a variable-length string without a limit (e.g., 'This is a long text').
3. Date/Time Types:
 - date: Stores a date (e.g., '2024-12-03').
 - timestamp: Stores both date and time (e.g., '2024-12-03 14:30:00').

4. Boolean Types:

- boolean: Stores TRUE, FALSE, or NULL (e.g., TRUE).

5. Numeric Types:

- numeric: Stores arbitrary precision numbers (e.g., 123.45).

PostgreSQL Operators

PostgreSQL supports various operators:

- Arithmetic Operators:

- +, -, *, /, % (e.g., SELECT 3 + 5; results in 8).

- Comparison Operators:

- =, !=, <, >, <=, >= (e.g., SELECT * FROM employees WHERE age > 30;).

- Logical Operators:

- AND, OR, NOT (e.g., SELECT * FROM employees WHERE age > 30 AND department = 'HR';).

- String Operators:

- || (concatenation) (e.g., SELECT 'Hello' || ' World'; results in 'Hello World').

- Range Operators:

- @> (contains), <@ (contained by) (e.g., SELECT * FROM ranges WHERE range @> 5;).

DDL (Data Definition Language) Operations

DDL operations are used to define and manage database schema. Examples include:

- CREATE TABLE: Defines a new table.

```
CREATE TABLE employees (  
  employee_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,  
  first_name VARCHAR(50),  
  last_name VARCHAR(50),  
  hire_date DATE  
);
```

- ALTER TABLE: Modifies an existing table.

```
ALTER TABLE employees ADD COLUMN department VARCHAR(50);
```

- DROP TABLE: Deletes an existing table.

```
DROP TABLE employees;
```

- CREATE INDEX: Creates an index to improve query performance.
CREATE INDEX idx_employee_name ON employees (last_name);

DML (Data Manipulation Language) Operations

DML operations are used to manipulate data in the database. Examples include:

- INSERT: Adds new rows to a table.

```
INSERT INTO employees (first_name, last_name, hire_date)
VALUES ('John', 'Doe', '2024-12-03');
```

- SELECT: Retrieves data from one or more tables.

```
SELECT * FROM employees WHERE department = 'HR';
```

- UPDATE: Modifies existing rows in a table.

```
UPDATE employees SET department = 'Sales' WHERE employee_id = 1;
```

- DELETE: Removes rows from a table.

```
DELETE FROM employees WHERE employee_id = 1;
```

DCL (Data Control Language) Operations

DCL operations are used to control access to data in the database. Examples include:

- GRANT: Gives privileges to a user or role.

```
GRANT SELECT, INSERT ON employees TO user_name;
```

- REVOKE: Removes privileges from a user or role.

```
REVOKE INSERT ON employees FROM user_name;
```