

[Select Distinct](#) – provides you a clause that removes duplicate rows in the result set.

PostgreSQL `SELECT DISTINCT` statement syntax

The `DISTINCT` clause is used in the `SELECT` statement to remove duplicate rows from the result set. The `DISTINCT` clause keeps one row for each group of duplicates.

The `DISTINCT` clause can be used on one or more columns of a table.

The following illustrates the syntax of the `DISTINCT` clause:

```
SELECT DISTINCT column_1 FROM table_name;
```

In this statement, the values in the `column_1` column are used to evaluate the duplicate.

If you specify multiple columns, the `DISTINCT` clause will evaluate the duplicate based on the combination of values of these columns.

```
SELECT DISTINCT column_1, column_2 FROM tbl_name;
```

In this case, the combination of both `column_1` and `column_2` will be used for evaluating duplicate.

**PostgreSQL also provides the `DISTINCT ON (expression)` to keep the “first” row of each group of duplicates using the following syntax:**

```
SELECT DISTINCT ON (column_1) column_1_alias, column_2 FROM tbl_name ORDER BY  
column_1, column_2;
```

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### PostgreSQL DISTINCT on one column example

```
SELECT DISTINCT bcolor FROM t1 ORDER BY bcolor;
```

bcolor
blue
green
red
(Null)

### PostgreSQL DISTINCT on multiple columns

```
SELECT DISTINCT bcolor, fcolor FROM t1 ORDER BY bcolor, fcolor;
```

bcolor	fcolor
blue	blue
blue	green
blue	red
green	blue
green	green
green	red
red	blue
red	green
red	red
red	(Null)
(Null)	red

### PostgreSQL DISTINCT ON ORDER BY example

The following statement sorts the result set by the `bcolor` and `fcolor`, and then for each group of duplicates, it keeps the first row in the returned result set.

```
SELECT DISTINCT ON (bcolor) bcolor, fcolor FROM t1 ORDER BY bcolor, fcolor;
```

bcolor	fcolor
blue	blue
green	blue
red	blue
(Null)	red

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Try Below Query For Testing:

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```
CREATE TABLE t1 (id serial NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY, bcolor VARCHAR, fcolor VARCHAR);
```

Q-2]

```
INSERT INTO t1 (bcolor, fcolor) VALUES
```

```
('red', 'red'),  
( 'red', 'red'),  
( 'red', NULL),  
(NULL, 'red'),  
( 'red', 'green'),  
( 'red', 'blue'),  
( 'green', 'red'),  
( 'green', 'blue'),  
( 'green', 'green'),  
( 'blue', 'red'),  
( 'blue', 'green'),  
( 'blue', 'blue');
```