

[Delete](#) – deletes data in a table.

PostgreSQL DELETE statement

```
DELETE FROM table  
WHERE condition;
```

In this syntax:

- First, specify the table from which you want to delete data in the `DELETE FROM` clause.
- Second, specify which rows to delete by using the condition in the `WHERE` clause.
The `WHERE` clause is optional. However, if you omit it, the `DELETE` statement will delete all rows in the table.

DELETE with WHERE clause example

```
DELETE FROM link  
WHERE id = 8;
```

deletes all rows from a table

```
DELETE FROM link;
```

The `link` table now is empty.

To delete all rows in the `link_tmp` table and return the deleted rows, you use the `RETURNING` clause in the `DELETE` statement as follows:

```
DELETE FROM link_tmp  
RETURNING *;
```

id	url	name	description	rel	last_update
6	http://www.facebook.com	Facebook	Facebook	nofollow	2013-06-01
7	https://www.tumblr.com/	Tumblr	Tumblr	nofollow	2013-06-02