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PostgreSQL CREATE DATABASE statement

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```
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TEMPLATE = template
ENCODING = encoding
LC_COLLATE = collate
LC_CTYPE = ctype
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CONNECTION LIMIT = max_concurrent_connection
```

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- **db_name:** is the name of the new database that you want to create. The database name must be unique in the PostgreSQL database server. If you try to create a new database that has the same name as an existing database, PostgreSQL will issue an error.
- **role_name:** is the role name of the user who will own the new database. PostgreSQL uses user's role name who executes the `CREATE DATABASE` statement as the default role name.
- **template:** is the name of the database template from which the new database creates. PostgreSQL allows you to create a database based on a template database. The template1 is the default template database.
- **encoding:** specifies the character set encoding for the new database. By default, it is the encoding of the template database.
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[statement](#). The template database's collation is the default collation for the new database if you don't specify it explicitly in the `LC_COLLATE` parameter.

- **ctype**: specifies the character classification for the new database. The `ctype` affects the categorization e.g., digit, lower and upper. The default is the character classification of the template database.
- **tablespace_name**: specifies the [tablespace](#) name for the new database. The default is the template database's tablespace.
- **max_concurrent_connection**: specifies the maximum concurrent connections to the new database. The default is -1 i.e., unlimited. This feature is very useful in the shared hosting environments where you can configure the maximum concurrent connections for a particular database.

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```
CREATE DATABASE testdb1;
```

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Summary: in this tutorial, you will learn how to create new databases with various options by using the **PostgreSQL CREATE DATABASE** statement.

Introduction to PostgreSQL CREATE DATABASE statement

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Besides the `CREATE DATABASE` statement, you can also use the `createdb` program to create a new database. The `createdb` program uses `CREATE DATABASE` statement behind the scenes.

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The simplest way to create a new database is to use all default settings and only specify the database name as the following query:

```
1 CREATE DATABASE testdb1;
```

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PostgreSQL created a new database named `testdb1` that has default parameters from the default template database i.e., `template1`.

The following statement creates a new database name `hrdb` with the following parameters:

- Encoding: utf-8.
- Owner: `hr`, with the assumption that the `hr` user exists in the database server.
- Maximum concurrent connections: 25.

```
CREATE DATABASE hrdb
WITH ENCODING='UTF8'
OWNER=hr
CONNECTION LIMIT=25;
```