

Load PostgreSQL Sample Database

Summary: in this tutorial, we will show you how to load the **PostgreSQL sample database** into the PostgreSQL database server.

Before going forward with this tutorial, you must have:

- PostgreSQL database server installed in your system. If you don't have, you can follow the [step-by-step installing PostgreSQL tutorial](#).
- The [DVD rental database](#) available.

Creating a new DVD rental database

You need to [create a new database](#) in the PostgreSQL database server before loading database schema and data into the database.

First, launch the psql tool.



Second, enter account's information to login to the PostgreSQL database server.

Load the DVD rental database

First, copy the DVD rental database file to a folder e.g., `c:\temp\dvdrental.tar`

Second, navigate the BIN folder of the PostgreSQL installation folder:

```
1 C:\>cd C:\Program Files\PostgreSQL\9.5\bin
```

Third, use the `pg_restore` tool to load data into the `dvdrental` database:

```
1 >pg_restore -U postgres -d dvdrental C:\temp\dvdrental.tar
```

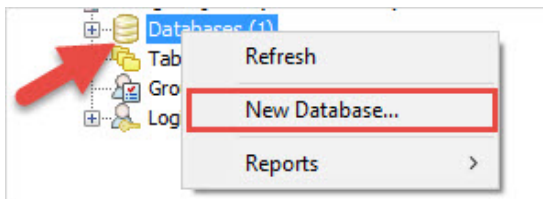
`-U postgres` specifies the `postgres` user to login to the PostgreSQL database server. The data stored in the `dvdrental.tar` will be loaded into the `dvdrental` database.

Load the DVD Rental database using pgAdmin tool

You can use the pgAdmin tool to restore the sample database from the downloaded database file using the following steps:

First, launch the pgAdmin tool, connect to the PostgreSQL server.

Second, right mouse click on the Databases and click the new Database.. menu item to create a new database.



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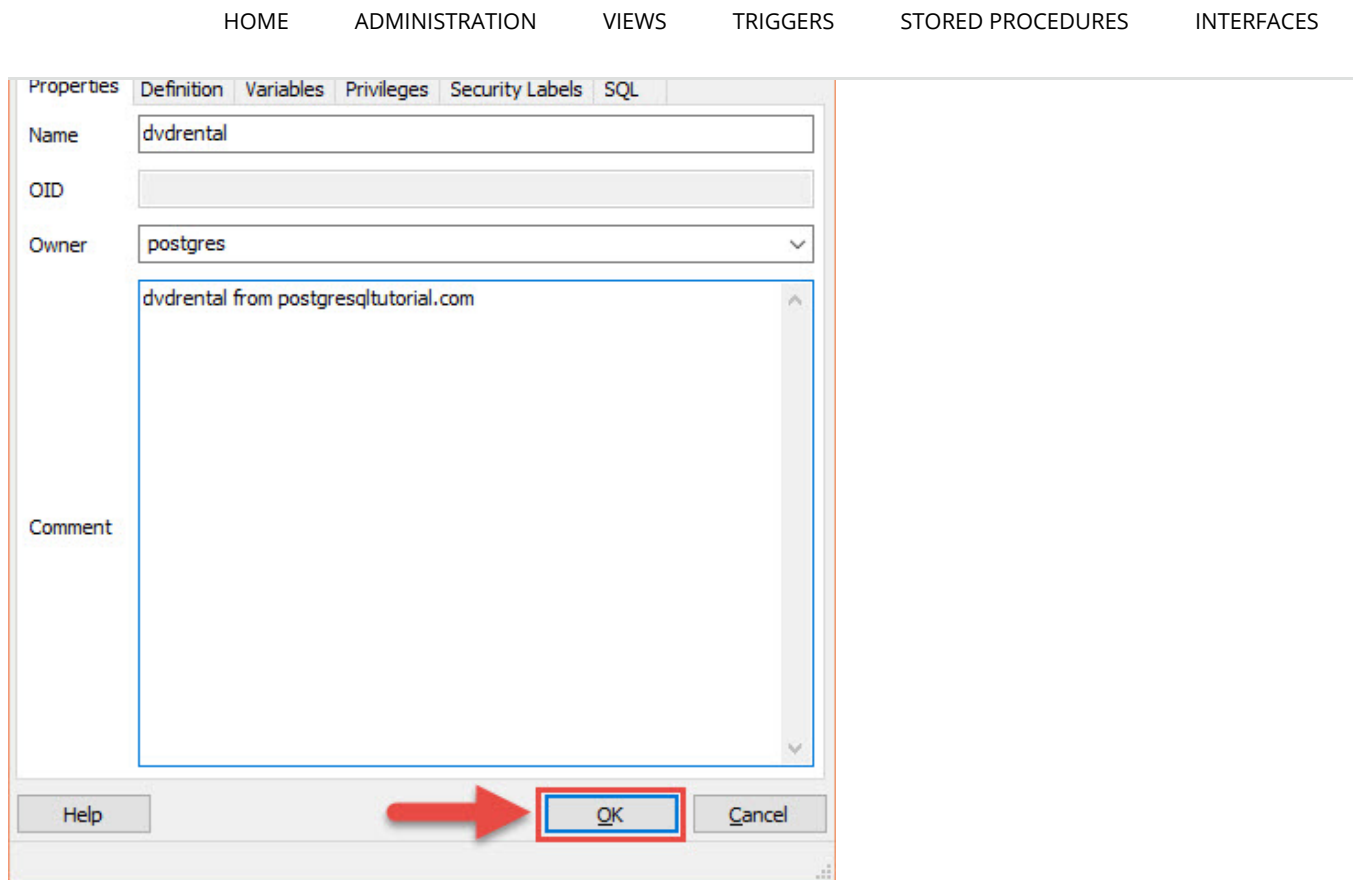
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You've create the database whose name is dvdrental.

Fourth, right mouse click on the dvdrental and choose the **Restore...** menu item.



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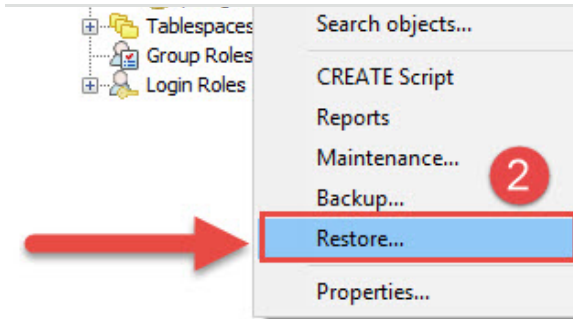
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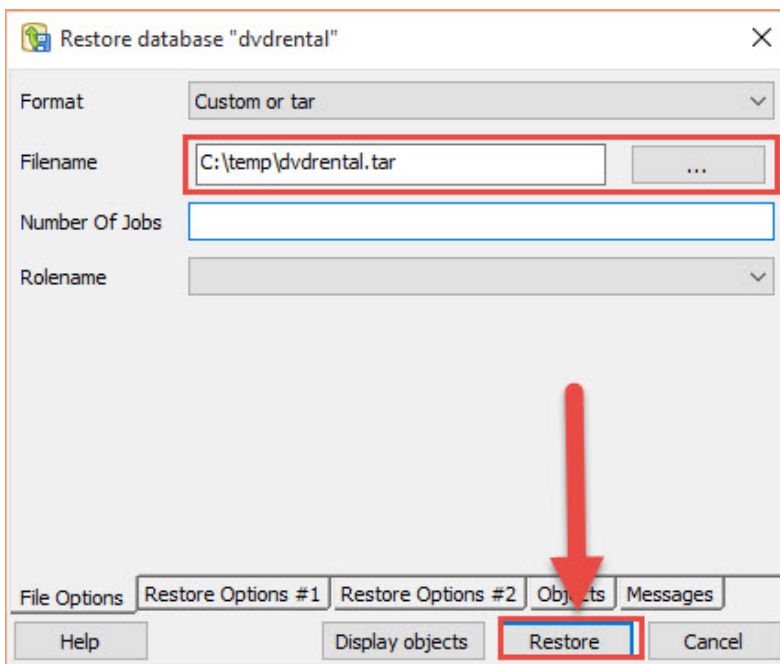
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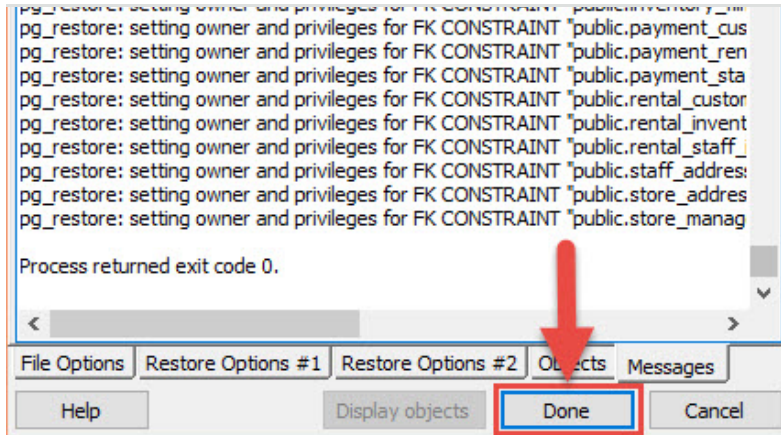


Fifth, provide the path to database file e.g., c:\temp\dvdrental.tar and click the **Restore** button



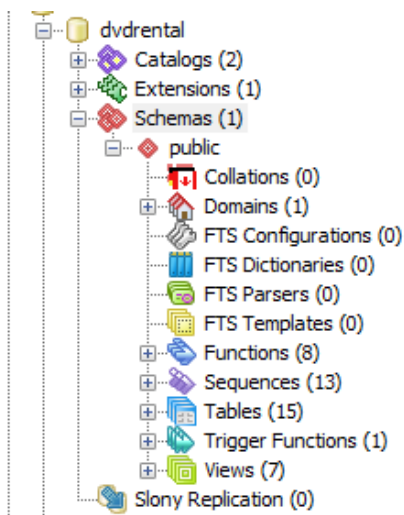
Finally, wait for few seconds and click the Done button when the pgAdmin completes restoring the database.



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Verify the loaded sample database

Open the `dvdrental` database from object browser panel, you will see the tables in the schema and other database objects as the following picture:



We have shown you how to load the `dvdrental` sample database into the PostgreSQL database server for learning and practicing PostgreSQL.



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