

# bytea column, getting "ERROR: invalid memory alloc request size" when loading data

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
## Issue

Getting "**ERROR: invalid memory alloc request size**" when trying to upload data (less than 1Gb) in a table with **bytea** column type.

Customer example output from a Java application:

```
Exception in thread 'main' org.postgresql.util.PSQLException: ERROR: invalid memory alloc request size 1677722
    at org.postgresql.core.v3.QueryExecutorImpl.receiveErrorResponse(QueryExecutorImpl.java:2675)
    at org.postgresql.core.v3.QueryExecutorImpl.processResults(QueryExecutorImpl.java:2365)
    at org.postgresql.core.v3.QueryExecutorImpl.execute(QueryExecutorImpl.java:355)
    at org.postgresql.jdbc.PgSt
```

## Investigation/Analysis

bytea column types should allow up to 1Gb of data (per old documentation: [PostgreSQL: Documentation: 7.4: Storing Binary Data](#) )

Example Java code provided by cx to test the issue:

### Create test table:

```
create table content_packs_test (a text, b bytea);
```

### Java code

```
package com.company;

import java.io.File;
import java.io.FileInputStream;
import java.io.FileNotFoundException;
import java.io.IOException;
import java.io.PrintStream;
import java.sql.Connection;
import java.sql.DriverManager;
import java.sql.PreparedStatement;
import java.sql.SQLException;
import java.util.Properties;

public class Main
{
    public static final String CONTENT_PACKS_TABLE = "CONTENT_PACKS_TEST";
    public static final String CONTENT_PACKS_COLUMN_VERSION = "VERSION";
    public static final String CONTENT_PACKS_COLUMN_BYTES = "CP_BYTES";

    public static void main(String[] args)
        throws SQLException, FileNotFoundException
    {
        if (args.length != 7)
        {
            System.out.println(" please provide 7 parameters");
            System.out.println(" cpFileName cpVersion DbServerName dbPort dbName dbuser and dbpass");
            System.out.println("example: CP_2021.05.zip 2021.05.96 localhost 5432 testDB postgres ****");
            System.out.println(" The cpFileName should to be inserted as test should be in the same folder as this j
            System.out.println(" cpVersion can be retrieved from CP_2021.05.zip/version.dat");
            System.exit(-1);
        }
        String currentPath = new File(".").getAbsolutePath();
        System.out.println("Current dir:" + currentPath);
        String cpFileName = args[0];
        String cpVersion = args[1];
        String dbServerName = args[2];
        String dbPort = args[3];
        String dbName = args[4];
        String dbUser = args[5];
        String dbPass = args[6];
        File cpFile = new File(currentPath + File.separator + args[0]);

        Connection conn = getDbConnection(dbUser, dbPass, dbName, dbServerName, dbPort);

        FileInputStream fis = new FileInputStream(cpFile);
        String sql = "INSERT INTO CONTENT_PACKS_TEST VALUES (?, ?)";
        PreparedStatement ps = conn.prepareStatement(sql);
        ps.setString(1, cpVersion);
        int size = (int)cpFile.length();
        System.out.println(" writing to table CONTENT_PACKS_TEST version " + cpVersion + " from zip " + cpFileName);
        ps.setBinaryStream(2, fis, size);
        System.out.println("Started the insert " + sql);
        ps.executeUpdate();
        System.out.println("END");
        ps.close();
        try
        {
            fis.close();
        }
        catch (IOException e)
        {
            e.printStackTrace();
            System.out.println("error" + e.getLocalizedMessage());
        }
    }

    public static Connection getDbConnection(String dbUser, String dbPass, String dbName, String dbServerName, S
        throws SQLException
```

```

{
    String url = "jdbc:postgresql://" + dbServerName + ":" + dbPort + "/" + dbName;
    System.out.println("Connecting to " + url);
    Properties props = new Properties();
    props.setProperty("user", dbUser);
    props.setProperty("password", dbPass);

    return DriverManager.getConnection(url, props);
}
}

```

## Mitigation

Change parameter **log\_min\_duration\_statement** to default value "-1" or a value greater than the insert statement duration.

## Repro Steps

Issue can be reproduced in an Azure Database for PostgreSQL server and community deployments when setting parameter **log\_min\_duration\_statement** to a small value different than default "-1", and insert operation is taking longer than this value.

Example Java test output when log\_min\_duration\_statement is set to default value "-1" or a value greater than the insert statement, loading a file from near 1Gb:

```

java com.company.test <filename> 1 xxx.postgres.database.azure.com 5432 postgres <password>
Current dir:/.
Connecting to jdbc:postgresql://xxx.postgres.database.azure.com:5432/postgres
writing to table CONTENT_PACKS_TEST version 1 from zip dump.test.sql with size 1058051654
Started the insert INSERT INTO CONTENT_PACKS_TEST VALUES (?, ?)
END

```

Example Java test output when log\_min\_duration\_statement is set to default value "3000" (3 seconds), insert statement is taking longer than 3 seconds:

```

java com.company.test <filename> 1 xxx.postgres.database.azure.com 5432 postgres <password>
Current dir:/.
Connecting to jdbc:postgresql://xxx.postgres.database.azure.com:5432/postgres
writing to table CONTENT_PACKS_TEST version 1 from zip dump.test.sql with size 1058051654
Started the insert INSERT INTO CONTENT_PACKS_TEST VALUES (?, ?)
Exception in thread "main" org.postgresql.util.PSQLException: ERROR: invalid memory alloc request size 2116103
    at org.postgresql.core.v3.QueryExecutorImpl.receiveErrorResponse(QueryExecutorImpl.java:2532)
    at org.postgresql.core.v3.QueryExecutorImpl.processResults(QueryExecutorImpl.java:2267)
    at org.postgresql.core.v3.QueryExecutorImpl.execute(QueryExecutorImpl.java:312)
    at org.postgresql.jdbc.PgStatement.executeInternal(PgStatement.java:448)
    at org.postgresql.jdbc.PgStatement.execute(PgStatement.java:369)
    at org.postgresql.jdbc.PgPreparedStatement.executeWithFlags(PgPreparedStatement.java:153)
    at org.postgresql.jdbc.PgPreparedStatement.executeUpdate(PgPreparedStatement.java:119)
    at com.company.test.main(test.java:53)

```

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