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Customer reported that in the portal the size of the instance in terms of storage usage is 18/19 GB. However, the size of the tables there are not correspond with this size. See the attached documents with info from the portal and size per table.

The storage size includes:

- 1. The data files
- 2. Log file size

Also:

postgres produces many folders which are not counted in pg_database_size(). If you look here https://www.postgresgl.org/docs/current/storage-file-layout.html you can see all the folders postgres uses. Pg_xlog just happens to be a place where the file size can grow to a very large size, if not managed properly.

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To get their database size the most common query is: select pg_size_pretty(pg_database_size('<database_name>'));
pg_database_size() only takes into account files under the following directories:
/pg_tablspc/*
                       (symbolic links to tablespaces and their data)
/base/*
                        (pg default database data contained here )
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Experienced users are aware that this query is limited to just the data in the database, but newer users of PG may perceive this as a discrepancy.

The below troubleshooting steps will help you to find the size of the database directories:

Created with Microsoft OneNote 2016.

1- You can check our telemetry data to see the number of Xlog files:

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let SERVERNAME_ARG="pg-server-name";
let LIMIT ARG=1000;
let THRESHOLD_ARG=10;
let STARTTIME_ARG=ago(30d);
let ENDTIME_ARG=now();
{\tt MonDmPgSqlXlogFileCount}
  where strlen(SERVERNAME_ARG) == 0 or LogicalServerName == SERVERNAME_ARG
  summarize max(toint(file_count)) by bin(TIMESTAMP, 3h) ,LogicalServerName
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2- And the below query will show you how much the customer database allocated space, in addition

to the total size and the size of the Xlog:

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MonRdmsInstanceAgent | where originalEventTimestamp > ago(2d)
 where LogicalServerName == "pg-server-name"
 where message_systemmetadata !contains 'Fileshare directory' and message_systemmetadata contains
[PostgresStorageMetricsCollector].RefreshMetric:
 project originalEventTimestamp
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