

# Change Database name in pg\_cron schedule

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Starting with pg\_cron version 1.4, you can use the `cron.schedule_in_database` and `cron.alter_job` functions to schedule your job in a specific database and update an existing schedule respectively.

First you need to check that you have the latest version (1.4), to check :

```
psql=> select * from pg_available_extensions where name='pg_cron';
```

```
test=> select * from pg_available_extensions where name='pg_cron';
 name | default_version | installed_version | comment
-----+-----+-----+-----
 pg_cron | 1.4 | 1.4 | Job scheduler for PostgreSQL
(1 row)
```

if the installed version is not 1.4, ask the customer to drop and create the extension to get the latest version.

Some examples:

To delete old data on Saturday at 3:30am (GMT) on database mydb1

```
SELECT cron.schedule_in_database('JobName', '30 3 * * 6', $$DELETE FROM events WHERE event_time < now() - interval '1 week'$$,mydb1);
```

```
test=>
test=>
test=> SELECT cron.schedule_in_database('JobName', '30 3 * * 6', $$DELETE FROM events WHERE event_time < now() - interval '1 week'$$,mydb1);
 schedule_in_database
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(1 row)
```

```
test=> select * from cron.job;
 jobid | schedule | command | nodename | nodeport | database | username | active | jobname
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 3 | 30 3 * * 6 | DELETE FROM events WHERE event_time < now() - interval '1 week' | /tmp | 5432 | mydb1 | haqel | t | JobName
(1 row)
```

To update or change the database name for the existing schedule

```
select cron.alter_job(job_id:=MyJobID,database:='NewDBName');
```

```
test=> select * from cron.job;
 jobid | schedule | command | nodename | nodeport | database | username | active | jobname
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 3 | 30 3 * * 6 | DELETE FROM events WHERE event_time < now() - interval '1 week' | /tmp | 5432 | mydb1 | haqel | t | JobName
(1 row)
```

```
test=> select cron.alter_job(job_id:=3,database:='test');
 alter_job
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(1 row)
```

```
test=> select * from cron.job;
 jobid | schedule | command | nodename | nodeport | database | username | active | jobname
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 3 | 30 3 * * 6 | DELETE FROM events WHERE event_time < now() - interval '1 week' | /tmp | 5432 | test | haqel | t | JobName
(1 row)
```

**Note:**

Changing the username is not supported, if that the case the only way to drop and create the job under the target user.