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How do I restore a plain text postgres .backup file

I exported a postgres db from pgAdmin in a plain format because I wanted to search the whole db text. I then tried to restore the database back but it gives an error saying that the archive file is not valid archive file. How do I restore the db back if it can be restored?

postgresql

pgadmin

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 **yankitwizzy**
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1 Answer


run:

```
psql -U your_user_name your_db_name < your_dump_file
```

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answered Feb 21 '12 at 11:07

 **guido**
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- I am on windows 7. Can I do this on windows 7? – yankitwizzy Feb 21 '12 at 11:09
- it should, if *psql* frontend is included in the postgresql package. Try to fire up a terminal, then *cd* to postgresql bin directory and try to run *psql* – guido Feb 21 '12 at 11:13
- I tried it now. It didnt work. There is psql.bat file in the postgres bin directory. I am using postgres 8.3 – yankitwizzy Feb 21 '12 at 11:17
- what do you mean with 'it didnt work'? if there is psql.bat however, try with that, it should run psql. look here for help [archives.postgresql.org/pgsql-admin/2006-12/msg00091.php](#) – guido Feb 21 '12 at 11:22
- Sorry I meant there is no psql.bat file in the bin directory – yankitwizzy Feb 21 '12 at 11:27