Autovacuum Configuration for Individual Table in PostgreSQL

Let's assume the table is already created as follows:

CREATE TABLE emp2024 (eid INT PRIMARY KEY, ename VARCHAR(100), esal NUMERIC);

To insert 10 million rows of data:

INSERT INTO emp2024 (eid, ename, esal)
SELECT gs, 'Employee ' || gs, (RANDOM() * 50000 + 30000)::NUMERIC
FROM generate_series(1, 10000000) AS gs;

ALTER table emp2024

SET (

autovacuum_vacuum_threshold = 10000, --> Trigger vacuum after 10,000 dead tuples autovacuum_vacuum_scale_factor = 0.2, --> Trigger vacuum when 20% of the table rows are dead

autovacuum_analyze_threshold = 5000, --> Trigger analyze after 5,000 changes autovacuum_analyze_scale_factor = 0.1 --> Trigger analyze when 10% of the table rows change);

The autovacuum_vacuum_threshold can be calculated based on the number of tuples in the table:

Threshold = table_row_count * autovacuum_vacuum_scale_factor

For example, if the table has 1 million rows and you want to trigger a vacuum when 10% of the rows are updated or deleted:

SELECT reltuples AS row_count FROM pq_class WHERE relname = 'emp2024';

Using the formula:

Threshold = 1,000,000 * 0.2 = 200,000

Similarly, for auto-analyze, the autovacuum_analyze_threshold can be calculated based on the number of tuples:

Threshold = table_row_count * autovacuum_analyze_scale_factor

For example, if the table has 500,000 rows and you want to trigger an analyze when 5% of the rows are modified:

SELECT reltuples AS row_count FROM pg_class WHERE relname = 'emp2024';

Using the formula:

Threshold = 500,000 * 0.05 = 25,000

If you want to disable autovacuum for a specific table (which is generally discouraged), you can use:

ALTER TABLE emp2024 SET (autovacuum_enabled = false);

This completely disables autovacuum for that table.

Best Practices for Autovacuum Settings:

For large tables, you may want to make the autovacuum_vacuum_scale_factor higher (e.g., 0.1 to 0.3), so that vacuum runs less frequently but processes more data when it does.

For highly active tables, reduce the autovacuum_vacuum_scale_factor (e.g., 0.05 to 0.1) to ensure autovacuum runs more often and prevents bloat.

For read-heavy tables, you may want to focus more on autoanalyze settings rather than autovacuum since frequent updates and deletes are not expected.

For a large table with 10 million rows, you may set:

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ALTER TABLE emp2024
SET (
autovacuum_vacuum_threshold = 200000, --> 2% of table rows
autovacuum_vacuum_scale_factor = 0.2, --> Trigger vacuum when 20% of rows are dead
autovacuum_analyze_threshold = 50000, --> 0.5% of table rows
autovacuum_analyze_scale_factor = 0.05 --> Trigger analyze when 5% of rows change
);
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In this case, autovacuum_vacuum_threshold would be based on 10 million rows and 200,000 dead tuples (10,000 * 0.2), while autovacuum_analyze_threshold would be 50000 changes.