

Hands-on Lab : Upload and Export using Db2 on Cloud

Estimated time needed: 15 minutes

In this lab, you will learn how to upload and export data in a table using Db2 on Cloud.

Objectives

After completing this lab, you will be able to use the Db2 on Cloud to:

- Upload data onto a table in Db2
- Export data from Db2

Software Used in this Lab

In this lab, you will use [IBM Db2 Database](#). Db2 is a Relational Database Management System (RDBMS) from IBM, designed to store, analyze, and retrieve the data efficiently.

IBM Db2

To complete this lab you will utilize a Db2 database service on IBM Cloud. If you did not complete the lab below earlier, you may not have access to Db2 on Cloud and should complete that lab before starting this lab.

- [Hands-on Lab : Sign up for IBM Cloud and Create Db2 service instance](#)

Database Used in this Lab

The first dataset used in this lab comes from the following source: <https://dataplatform.cloud.ibm.com/exchange/public/entry/view/5562ced564e776edc5f91e13d48d8309?context=cpdaas>. This dataset is published by **IBM**, and Contains point data for a sample list of hospitals in US. Note that this is sample data for SQL demo purpose and is not necessarily current or accurate.

Exercise 1: Upload Data into a Table

In this example exercise, you will go through an example on how to create a table structure on the Db2 UI and upload data into it.

First, you'll want to go ahead and download the dataset you are going to use in this lab. You can do so by clicking on the following: [hospitals.csv](#)

Now that you have the file on your local machine, let's get started with uploading it onto Db2.


1. Open up and sign into the [IBM Cloud](#).
2. On the tab on the left side of the webpage, click the **Resource list** button.
3. Under the **Services and software** subsection, find and select the Db2 database. It will be titled some variation of "Db2-xx" where *xx* is some combination of letters and numbers.




Resource list

▼ Name	↑ Group	Location
<div><input type="text" value="Filter by name or IP address..."/></div> <div><input type="text" value="Filter by group or org..."/></div> <div><input type="text" value="Filter..."/></div>		
^ Container Registry (0)		
^ Satellite (0)		
^ Cloud Foundry apps (0)		
^ Cloud Foundry services (0)		
^ Services and software (5)		
<u>Db2-qk</u>	Default	Dallas
KnowledgeCatalog	Default	Dallas
WatsonMachineLearning	Default	Dallas
WatsonOpenScale	Default	Dallas
WatsonStudio	Default	Dallas
^ Storage (1)		
CV Studio	Default	Global
^ Network (0)		

4. Click the **Go to UI** button to open the User Interface for Db2.

 IBM Cloud

Search resources and offerings...

[Resource list](#) /Db2-qk  Active Add tags 

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Service credentials

Connections

Getting started

Where can I find my credentials?
Get your username and password by clicking the "Service Creden
link to the left and selecting "New Credentials".

Go to UI 

Getting started docs

5. On the left tab of the Db2 UI, click the **Data** button.

6. Either drag and drop the *hospitals.csv* file you downloaded at the beginning of this lab or click **Browse files** to select in on your machine.

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Select a data source

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My Computer

A single delimited text file (CSV) without header row.

Amazon S3

Cloud Object Storage

File selection

7. Once loaded, you will see the file displayed on the right and the **Next** button at the bottom right of the page will turn blue. When ready, click the **Next** button to continue.

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Cloud Object Storage

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Drag a file here or

8. Select the schema corresponding to your Db2 userid. It typically starts with 3 letters (not SQL) followed by 5 numbers (but will be different from the **BNX44073** example below).

9. Click the **New table** button.

10. Enter a name for the new table. A good option is "HOSPITALS". Then click the blue "Create" button.

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Schema

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BNX44073

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Table

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No entries

11. After creating the table, you will see the "Next" button at the bottom right of the webpage turn blue. Click this button to move on to the next step.

12. As you can see, the data from the *hospitals.csv* file is displayed here and columns were automatically created in the new table with the appropriate data type for that column. To move on, click the blue **Next** button.



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You are loading the file **hospitals.csv** into **BNX44073.HOSPITALS**

Code page (character encoding): 1208 (UTF-8)



Separator: ,

	ID	NAME
	SMALLINT	VARCHAR(50)
1	1	Southern Hills Medical Center
2	2	Sycamore Shoals Hospital
3	3	Tokona Hospital
4	4	University of Tennessee Child Development Center
5	5	Volunteer General Hospital
6	6	West Side Hospital
7	7	William L Bork Memorial Hospital
8	8	All Saints Hospital
9	9	Beaumont Army Hospital
10	10	Burns Hospital

13. Finally, you will see a summary of the data you are about to upload. To complete the upload process, click the blue "Begin Load" button at the bottom right.

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You are loading the file **hospitals.csv** into **BNX44073.HOSPITALS**

Review settings

Summary

Code page:

1208 (Default)

Separator:

, (Default)

Time format:

HH:MM:SS (Default)

Date format:

YYYY-MM-DD (Default)

Timestamp format:

YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS (Default)

String delimiter:

(Default)

14. The upload will take a few moment to complete, after which you will be redirected to the page shown below. Click the **View table** button near the top right of the webpage to take a look at the data which you have just uploaded.



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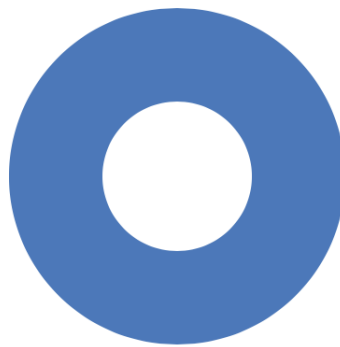
Load details

**WARNING**
96 warnings

My computer	Target
hospitals.csv	BNX44073.HOSPITALS

Status

Settings

**6,501**

Rows read

6,501

Rows loaded

0

Rows rejected

Start time

10/06/2021 1:43:41 PM

End time

10/06/2021 1:43:45 PM

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You can now work



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	ID SMALLINT	NAME VARCHAR(50)	CITY VARCHAR(21)
1	1	Southern Hills Medical Center	BERRY HILL
2	2	Sycamore Shoals Hospital	ELIZABETHTON
3	3	Tokona Hospital	GREENEVILLE
4	4	University of Tennessee Child D	DOWNTOWN MEMPHIS
5	5	Volunteer General Hospital	MARTIN
6	6	West Side Hospital	BELLE MEADE
7	7	William L Bork Memorial Hospita	COLLEGEDALE
8	8	All Saints Hospital	FORT WORTH
9	9	Beaumont Army Hospital	CENTRAL EL PASO
10	10	Burns Hospital	CUERO
11	11	Club of Christ Hospital	JEFFERSON
12	12	Danforth Memorial Hospital	TEXAS CITY
13	13	Eldridge Memorial Hospital	FIRST COLONY

Exercise 2: Export a Table from Db2

In Exercise 1, you learned how to upload data from a file into a Db2 database. Now in this exercise, you will gain hands-on experience in the inverse of this. Using the Db2 UI, you will export a table from the database into a csv file. In particular, you will export a Db2 System Table called **SYSTABLES**, which stores metadata about all other database objects. We won't get into much detail about System Tables in this lab as it will be covered in more depth in a later lab. For now, we can treat it as just a table we wish to export. Let's get started.

1. First, click the **SQL** button on the left tab of the webpage.

2. Click the blue **Create new** button to enter a custom SQL script.

Run SQL

Choose script so... Open a script to e...

SQL **1** From file **2** Create new +

Templates

Choose a template to start your SQL editor.

- Template - SQL Stored Procedure
- Template - User Defined Func
- Template - Select Statement
- Template - Update Statement

3. Enter the following SQL command in the script editor to query the entire **SYSTABLES** table.

```
1. 1  
1. SELECT * FROM SYSIBM.SYSTABLES;
```

Copied!

4. Click the blue **Run all** button to execute the command.

5. You will see the result of the query displayed on a window on the right half of the webpage. Above the result preview, click the indicated download button to export the table as a csv file.

The screenshot shows the IBM Db2 on Cloud 'Run SQL' interface. The sidebar on the left has a 'SQL' tab selected. The main editor area has a toolbar with icons for file operations, undo, redo, code formatting, and search. The SQL command 'SELECT * FROM SYSIBM.SYSTABLES;' is entered in the editor. A red circle with the number '1' highlights the end of the SQL command. A red circle with the number '2' highlights the 'Run all' button at the bottom of the editor. The 'Remember my selection' checkbox is also visible.

Exercise 3: Try it Yourself!

In this practice exercise, you will get a chance to put what you learned in the first two exercises to use. Using the Db2 UI and the SQL script editor, attempt the following:

*Export the **name**, **tbname**, and **tbcreator** columns of the **SYSIBM.SYSCOLUMNS** table.*

▼ **Hint** (Click Here)

Recall what you did in Exercise 2. This practice exercise is very similar.

▼ **Solution** (Click Here)

1. Click the **SQL** button on the left tab of the Db2 UI.
2. Enter the following SQL command:

```
1. 1
1. SELECT name, tbname, tbcreator FROM SYSIBM.SYSCOLUMNS;
```

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3. Click the **Run all** button.
4. Above the query result, click the highlighted **Export as CSV** button.

The screenshot displays the 'Run SQL' interface in IBM Db2 on Cloud. The interface includes a left sidebar with icons for various database operations. The main area is a SQL editor with a toolbar at the top. The toolbar contains icons for saving, undo, redo, code formatting, and other editing functions. The SQL query being entered is `SELECT name, tbname, tbcreator FROM SYSIBM.SYSCOLUMNS;`. The 'Run all' button is located at the bottom of the editor. A checkbox labeled 'Remember my selection' is also present.

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SQL

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Run all

☒ Remember my selection

Congratulations! You have completed this lab, and you are ready for the next topic.

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