

# PostgreSQL Linux Command Cheat Sheet (Updated)

## 1. PostgreSQL Service Management

```
sudo systemctl start postgresql  
sudo systemctl stop postgresql  
sudo systemctl restart postgresql  
sudo systemctl enable postgresql  
sudo systemctl status postgresql
```

## 2. User and Role Management

```
sudo -i -u postgres  
  
psql  
  
createuser <username>  
  
createuser --interactive --pwprompt --superuser <username>  
  
dropuser <username>
```

## 3. Database Management

```
createdb <dbname>  
  
dropdb <dbname>  
  
psql -c "\l"  
  
psql -d <dbname>
```

## 4. SQL Execution and Interactive Mode

```
psql  
  
psql -d <dbname> -f /path/to/file.sql  
  
psql -d <dbname> -c "SELECT * FROM table_name;"
```

## 5. Backup and Restore

```
pg_dump -U <username> <dbname> > backup.sql  
  
pg_dump -U <username> -F c -b -v -f backup.dump <dbname>  
  
psql -U <username> -d <dbname> -f backup.sql  
  
pg_restore -U <username> -d <dbname> -v backup.dump  
  
pg_dumpall -U <username> > all_databases.sql  
  
psql -U <username> -f all_databases.sql
```

## 6. Database Inspection and Queries

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\d <table\_name>

```
SELECT * FROM pg_stat_activity;
```

```
SELECT current_database();
```

## 7. Password and Access Control

\password <username>

```
sudo vi /etc/postgresql/<version>/main/pg_hba.conf
```

```
sudo systemctl reload postgresql
```

## 8. Log and Config File Management

```
sudo vi /etc/postgresql/<version>/main/postgresql.conf
```

```
SHOW config_file;
```

```
SHOW hba_file;
```

```
sudo tail -f /var/log/postgresql/postgresql-<version>-main.log
```

## 9. Performance and Monitoring

```
SELECT * FROM pg_stat_activity;
```

```
SELECT * FROM pg_locks;
```

```
SELECT * FROM pg_stat_user_tables;
```

```
SELECT * FROM pg_stat_user_indexes;
```

## 10. Useful Utilities and Maintenance

```
reindexdb -U <username> <dbname>
```

```
vacuumdb -U <username> -d <dbname> -v
```

```
vacuumdb -U <username> -d <dbname> --analyze
```

## 11. Performance Tuning Commands

```
SHOW work_mem;
```

```
SHOW shared_buffers;
```

```
SHOW effective_cache_size;
```

```
SHOW maintenance_work_mem;
```

```
SHOW random_page_cost;
```

```
SHOW seq_page_cost;
```

```
SELECT pid, now() - pg_stat_activity.query_start AS duration, query FROM pg_stat_activity WHERE state  
!= 'idle' AND now() - pg_stat_activity.query_start > interval '5 minutes';
```

```
SELECT relname, 100 * idx_scan / (seq_scan + idx_scan) AS idx_usage_pct FROM pg_stat_user_tables  
WHERE seq_scan + idx_scan > 0 ORDER BY idx_usage_pct ASC;
```

```
SELECT schemaname, tablename, reltuples::bigint AS rows, relpages::bigint AS pages,  
pg_size_pretty(pg_table_size(schemaname || '.' || tablename)) AS size FROM pg_tables JOIN pg_class ON  
tablename = relname WHERE schemaname NOT IN ('pg_catalog', 'information_schema') ORDER BY  
pg_table_size(schemaname || '.' || tablename) DESC;
```

```
ANALYZE VERBOSE <table_name>;
```

```
VACUUM VERBOSE <table_name>;
```

```
SHOW autovacuum;
```

```
SHOW autovacuum_naptime;
```

```
SHOW autovacuum_vacuum_threshold;
```

```
SELECT blocked_locks.pid AS blocked_pid, blocked_activity.query AS blocked_query, blocking_locks.pid  
AS blocking_pid, blocking_activity.query AS blocking_query FROM pg_catalog.pg_locks blocked_locks JOIN  
pg_catalog.pg_stat_activity blocked_activity ON blocked_activity.pid = blocked_locks.pid JOIN  
pg_catalog.pg_locks blocking_locks ON blocking_locks.locktype = blocked_locks.locktype AND  
blocking_locks.database IS NOT DISTINCT FROM blocked_locks.database AND blocking_locks.relation IS  
NOT DISTINCT FROM blocked_locks.relation AND blocking_locks.page IS NOT DISTINCT FROM  
blocked_locks.page AND blocking_locks.tuple IS NOT DISTINCT FROM blocked_locks.tuple AND  
blocking_locks.virtualxid IS NOT DISTINCT FROM blocked_locks.virtualxid AND blocking_locks.transactionid  
IS NOT DISTINCT FROM blocked_locks.transactionid AND blocking_locks.classid IS NOT DISTINCT FROM  
blocked_locks.classid AND blocking_locks.objid IS NOT DISTINCT FROM blocked_locks.objid AND  
blocking_locks.objsubid IS NOT DISTINCT FROM blocked_locks.objsubid AND blocking_locks.pid !=  
blocked_locks.pid JOIN pg_catalog.pg_stat_activity blocking_activity ON blocking_activity.pid =  
blocking_locks.pid WHERE NOT blocked_locks.granted;
```