



PostgreSQL 17 new features

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Key features and performance improvements in PostgreSQL 17



Releases

Community Releases

PostgreSQL 17 released 2024-09-26

PostgreSQL 17.1 released 2024-11-14

PostgreSQL 17.2 released 2024-11-21

EDB Postgres 17

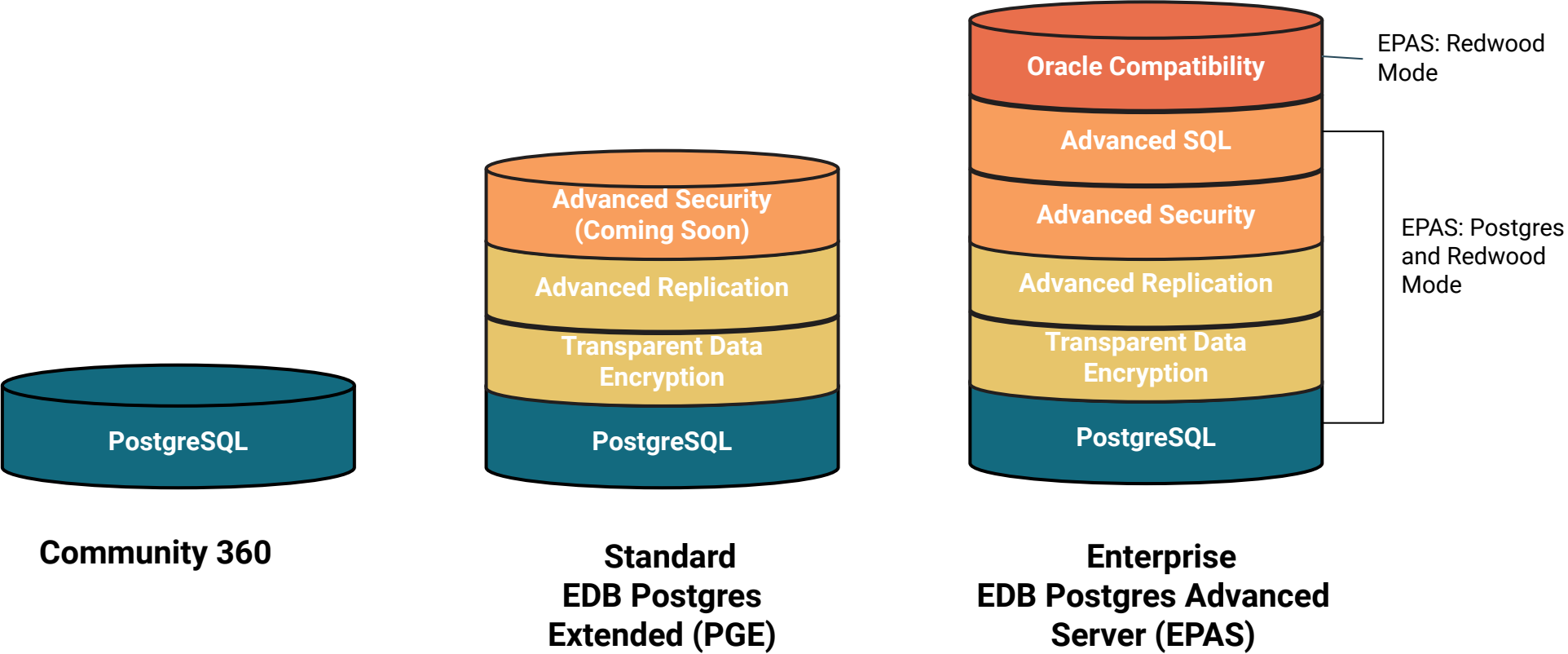
EDB Postgres Extended (PGE) Server 17.2 released 2024-11-21

EDB Postgres Advanced Server (EPAS) 17.2 released 2024-11-21

EDB tools and supported extensions certified for v17 ~2024-11-21



EDB Postgres databases



Incremental Backups

- Only the changed blocks are copied
- `pg_basebackup -i old_manifest_file`
`pg_basebackup --incremental=old_manifest_file`
- It requires **summarize_wal** enabled
- **pg_combinebackup** is used to reconstruct a full backup



Incremental Backups

- Test Challenge for PGDay Lowlands



Incremental Backups

- Barman 3.11.0 released 2024-08-22 supports it for PG 17 Beta3
- Barman 3.12.1 released 2024-11-21 latest



Incremental Backup

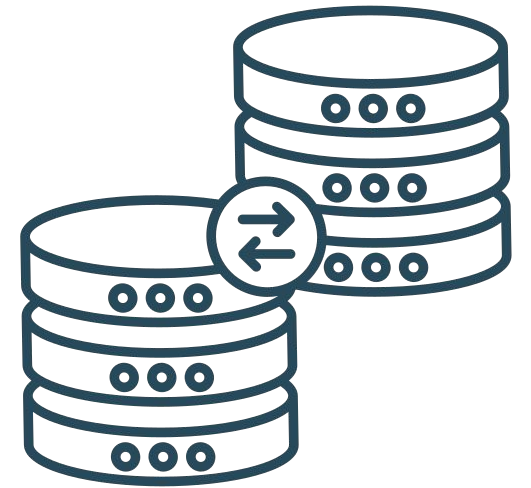


https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F_uqARRaqNw



Logical Replication

- Failover of replication slots
- New tool **pg_createsubscriber**
- pg_upgrade preserves replication slots



pg_createsubscriber



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LPtmM2Dkdvg>



Partitioning

- Allow partitions to be merged using
ALTER TABLE ... MERGE PARTITIONS
- Allow partitions to be split using
ALTER TABLE ... SPLIT PARTITION



And much more...

- Security
 - **pg_maintain** avoids superuser privileges for following: VACUUM, ANALYZE, CLUSTER, REFRESH MATERIALIZED VIEW, REINDEX, and LOCK TABLE on all relations
 - Make TLS connections without a network round-trip negotiation
- SQL
 - **COPY ON ERROR 'ignore'**
 - **JSON_TABLE()**
- Monitoring
 - New views:
 - **pg_wait_events**
 - **pg_stat_checkpoint**
 - Index Vacuum progress in **pg_stat_progress_vacuum**



CloudNativePG

- Postgres 17 supported
- Every single commit can be tested



More software PG17 ready

- TPA Trusted Postgres Architect
- PGD Postgres Distributed



What about AI

- pg_vector grows independently
- EDB AIDB integrates pg_vector with retrievers and generators



More details are here



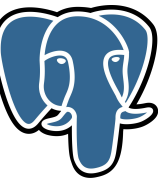
<https://www.postgresql.org/docs/17/release-17.html>



Reducing Migration Times: EPAS 17



EDB Postgres Advanced Server (EPAS)



Q4 2024 (v17)

- **Merge with upstream PostgreSQL:**
 - Community Enhancements
- **Simplified Migration for Legacy Oracle Applications:**
 - XMLType Support
 - BFILE Support
- **Oracle Compatibility enhancements based on Migration Portal:**
 - SQL: NLS_UPPER, NLS_LOWER, NLS_INITCAP, SAVE EXCEPTION FOR ALL, FOR ALL MERGE
- **Customer Requests and Miscellaneous:**
 - JSON Support for EDB Audit Log, Directory Permissions, EDB Loader improvements, OCI Import Foreign Schema, Conceal Password



Bfile

New native data type in EPAS 17

- Needed to expand DBMS_LOB support
 - Reached limit with other Binary Data types

```
edb=# CREATE TABLE host_logs (  
    log_id NUMBER PRIMARY KEY,  
    host_name VARCHAR2(100),  
    log_file BFILE);  
CREATE TABLE  
edb=#  
edb=# CREATE OR REPLACE DIRECTORY host_log_dir AS '/opt/westworld/logs';  
GRANT READ ON DIRECTORY host_log_dir TO dolores;  
CREATE DIRECTORY  
GRANT  
edb=# \connect edb dolores  
You are now connected to database "edb" as user "dolores".  
edb=#  
edb=# INSERT INTO host_logs (log_id, host_name, log_file)  
VALUES (1, 'Dolores', BFILENAME('HOST_LOG_DIR', 'dolores_log.txt'));  
INSERT 0 1
```



DBMS_LOB

```
DECLARE
  file_loc BFILE := BFILENAME('tmp', 'dolores.txt');
BEGIN
  DBMS_LOB.FILEOPEN(file_loc);
  -- Do something with the file
  DBMS_LOB.FILECLOSE(file_loc);
END;
```

	v16	v17
APPEND	✓	✓
COMPARE	✓	✓
CONVERTTOBLOB	✓	✓
CONVERTTOCLOB	✓	✓
COPY	✓	✓
ERASE	✓	✓
FILECLOSE, CLOSE		✓
FILECLOSEALL		✓
FILEEXISTS		✓
FILEGETNAME		✓
FILEISOPEN, ISOPEN		✓
FILEOPEN, OPEN		✓
GET_STORAGE_LIMIT	✓	✓
GETLENGTH	✓	✓
INSTR	✓	✓
LOADBLOBFROMFILE		✓
LOADCLOBFROMFILE		✓
READ	✓	✓
SUBSTR		
TITLE NEEDED		✓
TRIM	✓	✓
WRITE	✓	✓
WRITEAPPEND	✓	✓



Directory Permissions

Before PostgreSQL v17, only superusers could create or drop directories, and there was no mechanism to grant these privileges to non-superusers

```
GRANT { CREATE | DROP }
```

```
ANY DIRECTORY
```

```
TO role_specification [, ...]
```

```
[ GRANTED BY role_specification ]
```

```
GRANT { READ | WRITE | ALL [ PRIVILEGES ] }
```

```
ON DIRECTORY directory_name [, ...]
```

```
TO role_specification [, ...] [ WITH GRANT OPTION ]
```

```
[ GRANTED BY role_specification ]
```

```
REVOKE [ GRANT OPTION FOR ]
```

```
{ READ | WRITE | ALL [ PRIVILEGES ] }
```

```
ON DIRECTORY directory_name [, ...]
```

```
FROM role_specification [, ...]
```

```
[ GRANTED BY role_specification ]
```

```
[ CASCADE | RESTRICT ]
```

```
edb=# revoke read on directory tmp from dolores;
```

```
REVOKE
```

```
edb=# \connect edb dolores
```

```
You are now connected to database "edb" as user "dolores".
```

```
edb=> select DBMS_LOB.FILEEXISTS(log_file) AS file_exists  
FROM host_logs
```

```
WHERE host_name = 'maeve';
```

```
ERROR: permission denied for table host_logs
```



XMLType

```
edb=# -- Create a table with an XMLType column
CREATE TABLE host_xmltype (
    host_id INTEGER,
    host_data XMLTYPE
);

-- Insert XML records into the table
INSERT INTO host_xmltype (host_id, host_data)
VALUES
    (1, XMLTYPE('<HostRecord><HostName>Dolores Abernathy</HostName><HostID>1</HostID><HostRole>Rancher's Daughter</HostRole></HostRecord>'::XML)),
    (2, XMLTYPE('<HostRecord><HostName>Bernard Lowe</HostName><HostID>3</HostID><HostRole>Head of Behavior</HostRole></HostRecord>'::XML)),
    (3, XMLTYPE('<HostRecord><HostName>Teddy Flood</HostName><HostID>4</HostID><HostRole>Gunslinger</HostRole></HostRecord>'::TEXT)),
    (4, XMLTYPE('<HostRecord><HostName>Hector Escaton</HostName><HostID>5</HostID><HostRole>Outlaw</HostRole></HostRecord>'::CLOB));
```



XMLType

Example

- Use member function to extract and print the host's ID as a NUMBER
- Extract and print the host's role as a string
- Return the entire XML value as a CLOB

```
edb=# DECLARE
      xmltype_data XMLTYPE;
BEGIN
  -- Extract and print the HostID
  SELECT host_data.EXTRACT_XML('/HostRecord/HostID/text()')
  INTO xmltype_data
  FROM host_xmltype
  LIMIT 1;

  DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(xmltype_data.getNumerval());

  -- Extract and print the HostRole
  SELECT host_data.EXTRACT_XML('/HostRecord/HostRole/text()')
  INTO xmltype_data
  FROM host_xmltype
  LIMIT 1;

  DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(xmltype_data.getStringVal());

  -- Print the full XML value as a CLOB
  DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(xmltype_data.getClobVal());
END;
1
Rancher's Daughter
Rancher's Daughter

EDB-SPL Procedure successfully completed
```



PGTT



Added Support for Postgres Global Temporary Tables (pgtt)

```
dolores@mesahub ~  
[ ] sudo dnf install -y edb-as17-pgtt4
```

Overview

- Available for PostgreSQL, PGE, and EPAS 13-17
- A PostgreSQL extension providing functionality similar to Oracle Global Temporary Tables (GTT)
- Enables session- or transaction-specific temporary data storage

Why Add PGT to the Supported List?

- **Enhanced Oracle Compatibility**
- **Developer Productivity**



PGTT Example - Two Sessions

```
psql
edb=# select current_user;
current_user
-----
enterprisedb
(1 row)

edb=# CREATE GLOBAL TEMPORARY TABLE temp_hosts (
  host_id SERIAL, host_name TEXT,
  host_role TEXT) ON COMMIT DELETE ROWS;
WARNING:  GLOBAL is deprecated in temporary table creation
LINE 1: CREATE GLOBAL TEMPORARY TABLE temp_hosts (
              ^
CREATE TABLE
edb=# DO $$
DECLARE
    rec RECORD;
BEGIN
    -- Insert data into the temporary table
    INSERT INTO temp_hosts (host_id, host_name, host_role) VALUES (1, 'Dolores
Abernathy', 'Rancher's Daughter');
    INSERT INTO temp_hosts (host_id, host_name, host_role) VALUES (2, 'Bernard
Lowe', 'Head of Behavior');
    -- Query and output the data
    FOR rec IN (SELECT * FROM temp_hosts) LOOP
        RAISE NOTICE '%: % - %', rec.host_id, rec.host_name, rec.host_role;
    END LOOP;
    -- Data will be cleared at the end of the transaction
END;$$;
NOTICE:  1: Dolores Abernathy - Rancher's Daughter
NOTICE:  2: Bernard Lowe - Head of Behavior
DO
```

```
psql
edb=# select current_user;
current_user
-----
dolores
(1 row)

edb=# \dt temp_hosts
           List of relations
Schema | Name | Type | Owner
-----+-----+-----+-----
pgtt_schema | temp_hosts | table | enterprisedb
(1 row)
```

Closing Words

- Plenty of interesting improvements on PG17
 - Incremental backups
 - Logical Replication
 - Table Partitioning
- Postgres does not have a community, it is a community





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