Postgres Restore Read Me

The Postgres backup is available in two formats:

- PSQL method
- pg_restore method

The psql method is more version independent, in that the restore can be executed from the command line and is less likely to have any compatibility issues.

The pg_restore method should still be robust but may encounter issues if you are using an old version of Postgres. This method provides more flexibility in that it is possible to select which objects you wish to restore.

Postgres WA Geochemistry Database Restoration via PSQL

Restore on a clean database

1. Make a fresh database to test the restore with, ensure postgis is enabled

postgres=# CREATE DATABASE fresh_database;

CREATE DATABASE postgres=# \q postgres@xxx:/tmp\$ psql -U postgres -d fresh_database -c "CREATE EXTENSION postgis;"

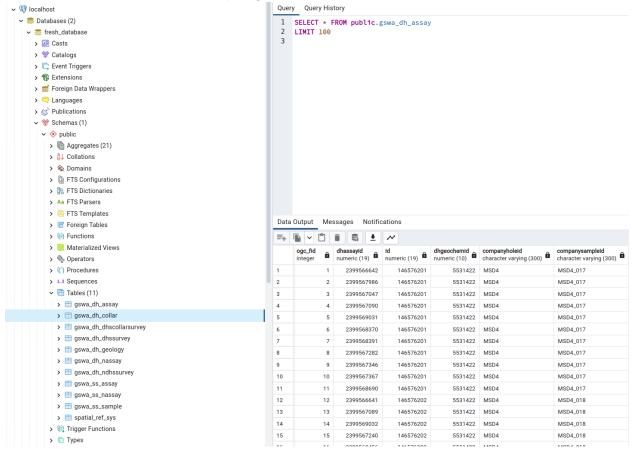


2. Run the command to restore the database, setting the backup file name accordingly e.g.

postgres@xxx:/tmp\$ psql -d fresh_database -U postgres -f "GSWA_MmmYYYY_Backup.sql"

postgres@luke-asus-laptop:/tmp\$ psql -d fresh_database -U postgres -f "GSWA_November2023_Backup.sql"
SET
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set_config
(1 row)
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SET psql:GSWA_November2023_Backup.sql:23: ERROR: schema "public" already exists
ALTER SCHEMA
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The table data starts to come into postgres after the COPY commands:



Notes

The example above relates to the full Postgres database backup. The same instructions apply for a restore of the 'Full Flat Pivot' dataset too, changing the database and file names as required.

The command "CREATE SCHEMA public;" will error if public schema already exists - as seen in the screenshot of the restore. This schema is created by default when you make a database. The execution as seen in the screenshot continues regardless of the error and results in a fully formed database.

Indexes

Depending on your requirements, creating the following indexes may be useful.

Table	Column
gswa_dh_assay	anumber
gswa_dh_assay	companyholeid
gswa_dh_assay	dhgeochemid
gswa_dh_collar	anumber
gswa_dh_collar	company
gswa_dh_dhscollarsurvey	collarid
gswa_dh_dhssurvey	collarid
gswa_dh_nassay	aid
gswa_dh_nassay	anumber
gswa_ss_assay	surfacesampleid
gswa_ss_assay	anumber
gswa_ss_nassay	surfacesampleid
gswa_ss_sample	id
gswa_ss_sample	anumber
gswa_ss_sample	company
gswa_dh_alteration	collarid
gswa_dh_event	collarid
gswa_dh_geotech	collarid
gswa_dh_hyperspectral	collarid
gswa_dh_magsus	collarid
gswa_dh_mineralogy	collarid
gswa_dh_pxrfreadings	collarid
gswa_dh_recovery	collarid
gswa_dh_regolith	collarid
gswa_dh_specgrav	collarid
gswa_dh_survey	collarid
gswa_dh_veining	collarid
gswa_dh_water	collarid
gswa_dh_weathering	collarid

Postgres WA Geochemistry Database Restoration via pg_restore

Steps to restore the PostgreSQL backup:

1: Create a new database to load the backup into

2: Reload the backup:

- Using pg_restore on the command line: pg_restore -d "YOURDBNAME" -U postgres -f "Backup file path"

- Using pgAdmin: Right click on the database where you would like to load the data and select the restore option. Simply indicate the filename and press the restore button.

The pg_restore command provides flexibility in allowing you to select objects that you wish to restore.

See the postgres documentation here: https://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/app-pgrestore.html