

Elevate your DBA toolset with pg collector

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Who am I?

Senior database engineer at Amazon Web Services.

I has been working for over 14 years with databases (Oracle and PostgreSQL) and for over 7 years at AWS.

At AWS, I works on PostgreSQL engine including Amazon RDS PostgreSQL and Aurora PostgreSQL. i contributed to many Database Engineering projects including the design and integration between Babelfish and PostgreSQL, Aurora PostgreSQL serverless V2, and Aurora PostgreSQL Limitless database .

I am the author of two open source tools pg-collector (<u>https://github.com/awslabs/pg-collector</u>) and PG Counter Metrics (PGCM <u>https://github.com/awslabs/pg-counter-metrics</u>)

What is PG Collector ?

PG Collector for <u>Postgresql</u> is a sql script that gathers valuable database information and presents it in a consolidated HTML file which provides a convenient way to view and navigate between different sections of the report.

PG Collector is safe to run on production environments and does not create any database objects to produce the output.

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https://github.com/awslabs/pg-collector



Software Catalogue - Administration/development tools

https://www.postgresql.org/download/products/1-administrationdevelopmenttools/

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With PG Collector an operator gains insights on various aspects of the database, such as:

- Database size
- Configuration parameters
- Installed extensions
- Vacuum & Statistics
- Unused Indexes & invalid indexes
- Users & Roles Info
- Toast tables mapping
- Database schemas
- Bloat
- Tablespaces Info
- Memory setting
- Tables and Indexes size and info
- Transaction ID TXID (Wraparound) & Multixact ID MXID
- Replication slots
- Public schema info
- Unlogged tables.
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PG Collector report header

PG COLLECTOR V2.9

For more information about PG Collector, visit the project github repository

DB INFO

PG Host Name / PG RDS ENDPOINT: pgbench.cyzxyxpyxwv.us-west-2.rds.amazonaws.com RDS-12.5 Primary/writer DB (Read write)

Date	DB_START_DATE	UP_TIME	DB_connected	user_name	DB_PORT	DB_Version	block_size
2021-08-02 18:13:48.107489+00	2021-06-10 20:12:52.071047+00	52 days 22:00:56.036442	postgres	postgres	8200	PostgreSQL 12.5 on x86_64-pc-linux-gnu, compiled by gcc (GCC) 4.8.5 20150623 (Red Hat 4.8.5-11), 64-bit	8192

List	of	data	bases

Name	Owner	Encoding	Collate	Ctype	Access privileges	Size	Tablespace	Description
pg2	postgres	UTF8	en_US.UTF-8	en_US.UTF-8		8265 kB	pg_default	
postgres	postgres	UTF8	en_US.UTF-8	en_US.UTF-8	=Tc/postgres	39 GB	pg_default	default administrative connection database
					postgres=CTc/postgres			
					pwd_pgcm=c/postgres			
					test=c/postgres			
rdsadmin	rdsadmin	UTF8	en_US.UTF-8	en_US.UTF-8	rdsadmin=CTc/rdsadmin	No Access	pg_default	
template0	rdsadmin	UTF8	en_US.UTF-8	en_US.UTF-8	=c/rdsadmin	8137 kB	pg_default	unmodifiable empty database
					rdsadmin=CTc/rdsadmin			
template1	postgres	UTF8	en_US.UTF-8	en_US.UTF-8	postgres=CTc/postgres	8121 kB	pg_default	default template for new databases
					=c/postgres			

database_name	database_is_template	database_allow_connections	database_connection_limit	datlastsysoid	datfrozenxid	datminmxid
postgres	f	t	-1	14313	48841645	130
pg2	f	t	-1	14313	549	1
rdsadmin	f	t	-1	14313	549	1
template1	t	t	-1	14313	549	1
template0	t	f	-1	14313	2716	1

	INFO								
Database size	DB parameters	Transaction ID TXID (Wraparound)	Table Size						
Index Size	Vacuum & Statistics	Extensions	Memory setting						
pg_stat_statements extension	Users & Roles Info	schema Info	Tablespaces Info						
Table Access Profile	Unused Indexes	Index Access Profile	Fragmentation (Bloat)						
Toast Tables Mapping	Replication	Sessions/Connections Info	Orphaned prepare transactions						
PK or FK using numeric or integer data type	public Schema	invalid indexes	Default access privileges						
pgaudit extension	Unlogged Tables	Access privileges	<u>ssl</u>						
Background processes	Multixact ID MXID (Wraparound)	Temp tables	Large objects						
Partition tables	pg_shdepend	FK without index	sequences						
pg_hba.conf	Duplicate indexes	Functions statistics	DB Load						
Triggers	<u>pg_config</u>		*****						



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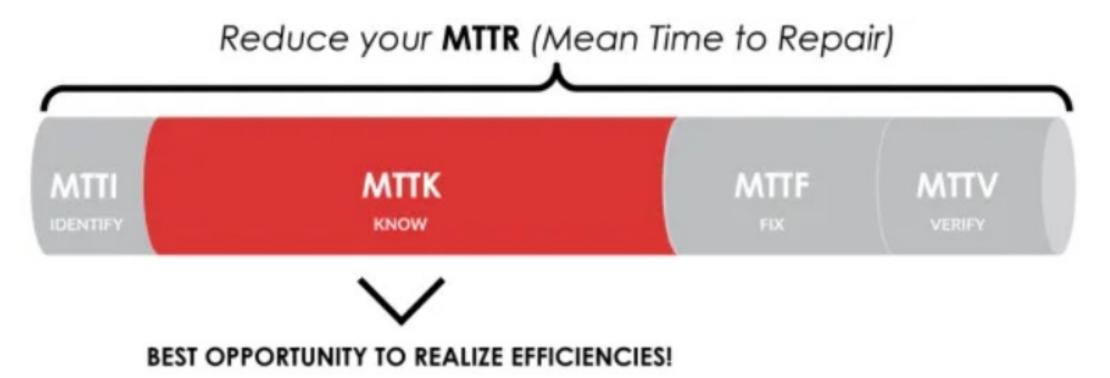
Example of PG Collector report

<u>http://pg-collector.s3-website-us-west-</u>
 <u>2.amazonaws.com/pg_collector_postgres-2021-08-02_181348.html</u>



Why did I created PG Collector ?

• Because I found that the time needed to collect data about the issue is more than time needed to identify the issue.



Who can use PG Collector ?

• Any Database user wants to check his PostgreSQL Database:

- Developers
- Support engineers
- database administrators

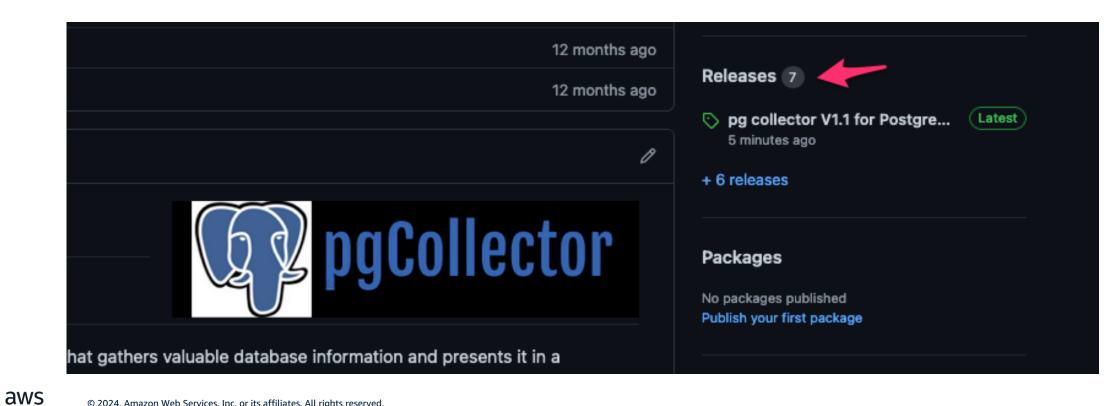
What is PG Collector Versioning Policy ?

- Starting from PostgreSQL 13, PG Collector will have a dedicated script for each PostgreSQL major version.
- Each PG Collector major version will have it is own branch and the main branch will be for PG Collector that supports PostgreSQL 12 and older versions.

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How to download PG Collector that match your **PostgreSQL** major version ?

• From <u>pg-collector releases</u> <u>https://github.com/awslabs/pg-collector/releases</u>



Select the PG Collector version that matches your PostgreSQL major version .

Releases Tags	Draft a new release Q Find a release
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	 6- Add logical_decoding_work_mem parameter to Replication Parameters 7- Add n_ins_since_vacuum and n_tup_ins columns to pg_stat_all_tables's queries in vacuum and Statistics section 8- Add Sessions statistics (
	session_time, active_time, idle_in_transaction_time, sessions, sessions_abandoned, sessions_fatal, sessions_killed) to
	Sessions/Connections Info section 9- Add Replication Slot wal status to Replication section
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• Or select the branch that match your PostgreSQL version

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pg	g-collector-for-postgresql-15
pg	-collector-for-postgresql-16
View	all branches

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How to run PG Collector script (pg_collector.sql)

- 1- you need <u>psql</u> to be able to connect to the postgresql DB and run the pg_collector.sql script
 - 2- Download pg_collector.sql in your laptop or the host that want to access the database from
 - 3- login to the database using psql

psql -h [hostname or RDS endpoint] -p [Port] -d [Database name] -U [user name]

- 4- run the pg_collector.sql script
 - \i pg_collector.sql
 - or use -f option in psql

psql -h [hostname or RDS endpoint] -p [Port] -d [Database name] -U [user name] -f pg_collector.sql

```
[mohamed@mydevhost ~]$ export PGHOST=testdb.us-east-1.rds.amazonaws.com
[mohamed@mydevhost ~]$ export PGPORT=5432
[mohamed@mydevhost ~]$ export PGUSER=postgres
[mohamed@mydevhost ~]$ export PGPASSWORD=postgres
[mohamed@mydevhost ~]$ export PGDATABASE=postgres
[mohamed@mydevhost ~]$ psql
psql (13.4, server 15.6)
WARNING: psql major version 13, server major version 15.
    Some psql features might not work.
Type "help" for help.
postgres=>
postgres=> \i /tmp/pg_collector.sql
```

Output format is html.

Report name and location: /tmp/pg_collector_postgres-2024-04-15_165704.html

postgres=> \q

[mohamed@mydevhost ~]\$

PG Collector's Report name & location

- PG Collector script will generate HTML file using the following naming convention
- pg_colletcor_[DB Name]-[timestamp].html
- [DB Name] : is the database name that you are connected to.
- Example : pg_collector_testdb-2020-10-10_030920.html
- Report location:
- PG Collector script will generate HTML file under <u>/tmp</u> directory

How to check PG Collector version ?

• from the PG Collector report header

For more information about PG Collector, visit the project github repository

DB INFO

• from the PG Collector script header

- -- | -- Script Name: pg_collector.sql
- -- | -- Author : Mohamed Ali
- --- | --- Create Date : 16 SEPT 2019
- -- | -- Description : Script to Collect PostgreSQL Database Informations
 - and generate HTML Report
- --- | --- version : V1.1 for PostgreSQL 13
- --- | --- Changelog : https://github.com/awslabs/pg-collector/blob/pg-collector-for-postgresql-13/CHANGELOG.md
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- -- | SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT-0

PG COLLECTOR V1.1 for PostgreSQL 13

Use Cases & Scenarios

Orphaned prepared transactions

Details

gid prepared owner database xmin

Note:

During two-phase commit, a distributed transaction is first prepared with the PREPARE statement and then committed with the COMMIT PREPARED statement Once a transaction has been prepared, it is kept hanging around until it is committed or aborted. It even has to survive a server restart! Normally, transactions don not remain in the prepared state for long, but sometimes things go wrong and a prepared transaction has to be removed manually by an administrator. any Orphaned prepared transactions will prevent the VACUUM to remove the dead rows EXAMPLE: DETAIL: 50000 dead row versions cannot be removed yet,oldest xmin: 22300

Use the ROLLBACK PREPARED transaction_id SQL statement to remove prepared transactions

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Replication

Details

Active replication slots order by age_xmin:

slot_name plugin slot_type datoid database temporary active active_pid xmin catalog_xmin restart_lsn confirmed_flush_lsn age_xmin age_catalog_xm

Replication Slot Lag: slot_name slot_type database active lag_mb_behind lag_gb_behind

Inactive replication slots order by age_xmin::

slot_name plugin slot_type datoid database temporary active active_pid xmin catalog_xmin restart_lsn confirmed_flush_lsn age_xmin age_catalog_xmi

Note:

RDS Postgres instance storage may get full because inactive replication slots were not removed after DMS task completed

If replication slot is created and it becomes in-active, then transaction logs wont recycle from master instance. So eventually storage gets full

These replication slots can be cleaned as below

Drop inactive replication slot :

Use the below SQL to Generate SQL to drop the inactive slots

select select pg_drop_replication_slot('||slot_name||'); from pg_replication_slots where active = false;

then Verify the CLoudWatch metrics Free Storage Space to confirm that disk space was released

Replication Parameters :

parameter_name	setting	unit	short_desc
max_logical_replication_workers	4		Maximum number of logical replication worker processes.
max_replication_slots	10		Sets the maximum number of simultaneously defined replication slots.
max_sync_workers_per_subscription	2		Maximum number of table synchronization workers per subscription.
max_wal_senders	10		Sets the maximum number of simultaneously running WAL sender processes.
max_worker_processes	8		Maximum number of concurrent worker processes.
wal_level	replica		Set the level of information written to the WAL.
wal_receiver_status_interval	10	S	Sets the maximum interval between WAL receiver status reports to the sending server.
wal_receiver_timeout	30000	ms	Sets the maximum wait time to receive data from the sending server.
wal_retrieve_retry_interval	5000	ms	Sets the time to wait before retrying to retrieve WAL after a failed attempt.

Unused Indexes

PK or FK using numeric or integer data type

Details

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Duplicate indexes

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Invalid indexes

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count_of_invalid_indxes 0 indx_id index_name table_name schema_name owner_id indx_is_valid

pg_stat_statements extension

pg_stat_statements installed version:

Details

Extension Name	Version	Schema	owner	Description	relocatable to another schema	extconfig	extcondition
pg_stat_statements	1.7	public	rdsadmin	track execution statistics of all SQL statements executed	t		

Parameters values:

parameter_name	setting
pg_stat_statements.max	5000
pg_stat_statements.save	on
pg_stat_statements.track	top
pg_stat_statements.track_utility	on
shared_preload_libraries	rdsutils,pg_stat_statements,plprofiler

Available versions that are available to upgrade:

extension_name version installed

Latest Extension version that is available to upgrade:

extension_name latest_version

Top SQL order by total_time:

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Top SQL order by avg_time:

Details

Top SQL order by percent of total DB time percent:

Details

Top SQL order by number of execution (CALLs):

Details

Top SQL order by shared blocks read (physical reads):

Details

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Toast Tables Mapping

Note:

When a column is written to the toast table, an OID is used to identify the chunk to be toasted. When a toast table grows very large, and contains chunk_ids that are nearing the value of 2^32, it can lead to performance degredation when writing to toast. This is because PostgreSQL must check if an OID is available for assignment by scanning the table

A large Toast table can be a good indication that your toast can face OID wraparound

over time the insert statement will be slower as the Database will be searching for an unused OID and it will have to read from the disk, you will see the insert statements is waiting on IPC:BufferiO or IO:DataFileRead

you can use below SQL to check the toast table

select COUNT(DISTINCT chunk_id),2^31 - COUNT(DISTINCT chunk_id) as remaining_OID ,ROUND(100*((2^31 - COUNT(DISTINCT chunk_id)))/2^31::float) AS remaining_OID_PCT ,ROUND(100*(COUNT(DISTINCT chunk_id)/2^31::float)) as percent_towards_Toast_oid_wraparound from pg_toast.pg_toast_{number};

when the toast hits the OID wraparound, you will see the following wait event LWLock: OidGen and the insert statements will fail and you will see below error in the log file

:LOG: still searching for an unused OID in relation "pg_toast_{number}"

:DETAIL: OID candidates have been checked 1000000 times, but no unused OID has been found yet.

Toast Tables Mapping and sizes:

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Transaction ID TXID (Wraparound)

Details

oldest xid:

oldest_xid 50075394

oldest xid per database:

database_name	oldest_xid_per_db
postgres	1234298
template0	50073227
pg2	50075394
rdsadmin	50075394
template1	50075394

percent_towards_emergency_autovac & percent_towards_wraparound :

oldest_xid perc	ent_towards_	wraparound	percent_	towards	emergency	_autovac
50075394	3				25	

current running autovacuum process:

datname usename state query duration wait_event

current running vacuum process:

datname usename state query duration wait_event

vacuum progress process:

pid duration waiting mode database table phase query table_size total_size scanned vacuumed scanned_pct vacuumed_pct index_vacuum_count max_dead_tuples_per_cycle total_num_dead_tuples index_cycles_required

Inactive replication slots order by age_xmin:

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Orphaned prepared transactions:

gid prepared owner database ag_xmin

MAX XID held:

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oldest_running_xact	oldest_prepared_xact	oldest_replication_slot	oldest_replica_xact
0			

Autovacuum , vacuum and maintenance_work_mem Parameters:

name	setting	source	sourcefile
autovacuum	on	default	
autovacuum_analyze_scale_factor	0.05	configuration file	/rdsdbdata/config/postgresql.conf

Functions statistics

The pg_stat_user_functions view will contain one row for each tracked function, showing statistics about executions of that function.

The track_functions parameter controls exactly which functions are tracked.

track_functions parameter Enables tracking of function call counts and time used.

Specify pl to track only procedural-language functions, all to also track SQL and C language functions.

Details

name setting track_functions all

func_name	calls	total_time	mean_time	self_time
public.pg_stat_statements	147061	3978029.451	27.05	3978029.451
aws_oracle_ext.next_day	438682	128288.553	0.29	128288.553
oracle.next_day	2954578	114420.466	0.04	112154.599
pg_catalog.next_day	2954578	2262.821	0.00	2262.821
pg_catalog.shobj_description	240	175.048	0.73	175.048
pg_catalog.obj_description	1056	86.259	0.08	86.259
information_schemapg_expandarray	2726	33.526	0.01	33.526
pg_catalog.col_description	12	0.91	0.08	0.91

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How to edit PG Collector script?

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Database size		DB parameters	
Index Size		Vacuum & Statistics	
pg_stat_statements exten	sion	Users & Roles Info	
Table Access Profile		Unused Indexes	
Toast Tables Mapping		Replication	
PK or FK using numeric or integer data type		public Schema	
pgaudit extension		Unlogged Tables	
Background processes		Multixact ID MXID (Wraparound)	
Partition tables		pg_shdepend	
pg_hba.conf		Duplicate indexes	
Triggers		pg_config	

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select datname as Database name , datistemplate as database_is_template ,datallowconn as database_allow_connections, datconnlimit as databa \aecho
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 \gecho \qecho <div align="center">INF0</div> $\$ \gecho Database size \qecho DB parameters \gecho Transaction ID_TXID (Wraparound) \qecho Table Size $\langle qecho$ \aecho \gecho Index Size \gecho Vacuum & Statistics \gecho Extensions \qecho Memory setting $\langle qecho$ \gecho \qecho pg_stat_statements extension \mecho Users & Roles Info

Database size

database_name	database_size
postgres	39 GB
pg2	8265 kB
rdsadmin	8345 kB
template1	8121 kB
template0	8137 kB

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180	++
181	- Database_size -
182	++
183	
184	\qecho
185	\qecho Database size <hr align="left" width="460"/>
186	SELECT pg_database.datname Database_Name , pg_size_pretty(pg_database_size(pg_database.datname)) AS Database_Size FROM pg_database;
187	
188	\qecho <center>[Top]</center>
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Issue/question/feedback/idea/New SQL

<u>https://github.com/awslabs/pg-collector/issues</u>

