

xCAT 2 Setup PostgreSQL

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1.0 Switching to PostgreSQL Database on Management Node

One reason to migrate from the default SQLite database to PostgreSQL with xCAT is for xCAT hierarchy using Service Nodes. PostgreSQL provides the ability for remote access to the xCAT database on the Management node which is required by Service Nodes. PostgreSQL also support IPV6.

To set up the postgresql database on the Management Node follow these steps.

This example assumes:

- 11.16.0.1: IP of management node (cluster-facing NIC)
- xcatdb: database name
- xcatadm: database role (aka user)
- cluster: database password
- 11.16.1.230 & 11.16.2.230: service nodes (mgmt node facing NIC)

Substitute your addresses and desired userid , password and database name as appropriate.

1.1 Install PostgreSQL

1.1.1 Install Postgresql on Linux

The postgresql rpms are part of the base Linux OS. You should find for example the following rpms installed.

```
postgresql-libs-*  
postgresql-server-*
```

postgresql-*

In addition you need to install the Perl-DBD code from the OS.

Perl-DBD-Pg*

1.1.2 Install PostgreSQL on AIX MN (xCAT 2.5 release or later)

Before you install make sure you have enough space, PostgreSQL will be installed in /var/lib/pgsql and needs about 90 mbytes for the code + the size needed for the xCAT database.

As root:

1. Down load PostgreSQL rpms from the following location:<https://sourceforge.net/projects/xcat/files/>
2. Unzip and untar in the location of your choice.

```
gunzip xcat-postgresql-2*.gz
tar -xvf xcat-postgresql-2*.tar
./instpostgresql
```

3. Create the postgres id that will administer the PostgreSQL server
mkgroup postgres
mkuser pgrp=postgres home=/var/lib/pgsql postgres
passwd postgres (assign a password this is optional)
4. Create the xcatadm id that will own the xcatdb in PostgreSQL
mkuser xcatadm
passwd xcatadm (assign temp password with root)
su - xcatadm
passwd (assign permanent password that will be used in the /etc/xcat/cfgloc file)
5. Create the directory for the databases and make postgres the owner
as root:
mkdir /var/lib/pgsql/data
chown postgres /var/lib/pgsql/data
chgrp postgres /var/lib/pgsql/data

1.2 Setup PostgreSQL on AIX and Linux

1.2.1 Using the pgsqlsetup script (xCAT 2.5 or later)

You may use the pgsqlsetup script to setup xCAT on Postgresql instead of following the manual steps in the Maually setup PostgreSQL.

See man `pgsqlsetup` for information on running the script. The script will complete all actions in the `Maually setup PostgreSQL` section , including the Management Nodes ip address in the `pg_hba.conf` file.

After the automatic setup is complete, you need to

- add additional ip addresses to the `pg_hba.conf` file.
- add `listen_addresses = '*'` to the `postgresql.conf` file.
Look in the “#setup by xCAT” section of the `postgresql.conf` file to change.
See `Setup the PostgreSQL configuration`.

1.2.2 Maually setup PostgreSQL

Note: you can use `pgsqlsetup` to do all this work, if you are running 2.5 or later release. See `Using the pgsqlsetup script (xCAT 2.5 or later)`.

As root: Stop the `xcatd` daemon during the database migration:

```
AIX:
    stopsrc -s xcatd
```

```
Linux:
    service xcatd stop
```

As postgres:

1. Switch to the `postgres` userid for further setup of PostgreSQL
`su - postgres`
`pwd (are you in /var/lib/pgsql)`
Setup `.profile`
Add paths needing to run DB commands
`MANPATH=/usr/local/pgsql/man:$MANPATH`
`export MANPATH`
`PATH=/usr/local/pgsql/bin:$PATH`
`export PATH`
2. Create a database installation on AIX as `postgres` :
`/var/lib/pgsql/bin/initdb -D /var/lib/pgsql/data`

You should get the following message “Success. You can now start the database...”

3. Setup the PostgreSQL configuration

```
vi /var/lib/pgsql/data/pg_hba.conf
```

Lines should look like this (with your IP addresses substituted). Add all nodes that need to access the database.

```
local all all ident sameuser
# IPv4 local connections:
host all all 127.0.0.1/32 md5
host all all 11.16.0.1/32 md5
host all all 11.16.1.230/32 md5
host all all 11.16.2.230/32 md5
```

For example, where 11.16.0.1 is the MN and 11.16.1.230 and 11.16.2.230 are service nodes.

vi /var/lib/pgsql/data/postgresql.conf

```
set listen_addresses = '*' # This allows remote access from all ips
```

Note: be sure and uncomment the line.

The following logging setup is the default on Linux, but should be set on AIX also.

```
logging_collector = on
log_directory = 'pg_log'
log_filename = 'postgresql-%a.log'
log_truncate_on_rotation = on
log_rotation_age = 1d
log_rotation_size = 0
log_min_messages = notice
```

If you are working on large systems, you may need to set the max_connections attribute in the file. This is the number of connections that can be made to the database at one time. If you are using service nodes, it is recommended that you

```
set max_connections = 1000
```

4. Start/Stop the PostgreSQL server

On AIX:

su – postgres

start the server:

```
/var/lib/pgsql/bin/pg_ctl -D /var/lib/pgsql/data start
```

If you need to stop the server

```
/var/lib/pgsql/bin/pg_ctl -D /var/lib/pgsql/data stop
```

On Linux:

Create a database installation:

```
service postgresql initdb to initialize the database
```

```
service postgresql start
```

To stop/stop postgresql:

```
service postgresql start  
service postgresql stop
```

On AIX and Linux:

su – postgres:

Create the xcatadm userid in the database and set to own xcatdb

```
/var/lib/pgsql/bin/createuser -SDRP xcatadm
```

(Will prompt for a password, use the same one that you input for the AIX xcatadm id. Note: this xcatadm unix id does not have to exist on Linux, only in the database.)

Create the xcatdb database owned by xcatadm

```
/var/lib/pgsql/bin/createdb -O xcatadm xcatdb
```

```
exit ( back to root)
```

1.3 Migrate your database to PostgreSQL

1. Backup your database to migrate to the new database. (This is required even if you have not added anything to your xCAT database yet. Required default entries were created when the xCAT RPMs were installed on the management node which, and they must be migrated to the new postgresql database.)

```
mkdir -p ~/xcat-dbback  
XCATBYPASS=1 dumpxCATdb -p ~/xcat-dbback
```

2. /etc/xcat/cfgloc file should contain the following line, substituting your specific info. This points the xCAT database access code to the new database.

```
Pg:dbname=xcatdb;host=11.16.0.1|xcatadm|cluster
```

change to allow only root access:

```
chmod 0600 /etc/xcat/cfgloc
```

3. Restore your database to postgresql (bypass mode runs the command without xcatd):

```
XCATBYPASS=1 restorexCATdb -p ~/xcat-dbback
```

4. Start the xcatd daemon using the postgresql database

AIX:

```
startsrc -s xcatd
```

Linux:

```
service xcatd start
```

1.4 Using Postgresql (psql command line interface)

If you want to access the database through the Postgresql (psql) command, to check the database, enter the following:

su – postgres:

psql -h <hostname> -U xcatadm -d xcatdb (note hostname must match ip in the pg_hba.conf file)
and you will be prompted for the password (cluster).

You can then run sql commands on the database.

Run \h for a list of commands

Run \g so SQL commands can end in ;

Then

select * from nodelist; to see table entries

\dt list all tables;

\q to quit