



# **Database Compatibility for Oracle® Developers Tools and Utilities Guide**

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# 1 Introduction

The tools and utilities documented in this guide allow a developer that is accustomed to working with Oracle utilities to work with Advanced Server in a familiar environment.

The sections in this guide describe compatible tools and utilities that are supported by Advanced Server. These include:

- EDB\*Plus
- EDB\*Loader
- EDB\*Wrap
- Dynamic Runtime Instrumentation

For detailed information about the features supported by Advanced Server, please consult the complete library of Advanced Server guides available at:

<http://www.enterprisedb.com/products-services-training/products/documentation>

## 1.1 What's New

The following database compatibility for Oracle features have been added to Advanced Server 9.5 to create Advanced Server 9.6:

- Advanced Server now supports use of the Postgres password file to initially log into EDB\*Plus or to change the connection to EDB\*Plus with the `CONNECT` command. This capability provides additional security in that the user's password is not exposed when making the connection to EDB\*Plus. For more information, see Sections [2.1](#) and [2.2.6](#).
- Advanced Server now supports the `SET TRIMSPOOL` command in EDB\*Plus to trim trailing spaces from each output line in the file specified by the `SPOOL` command. For more information, see Section [2.2.26](#).
- Advanced Server now supports additional functionality for EDB\*Loader including use of a column name in the field condition of the `WHEN` clause to control loading of data records into the specified table, the `RECORDS DELIMITED BY` clause to specify a character other than the default newline character to terminate each record in the data file, the `BOUNDFILLER` clause for preventing the use of a field in the data file for loading a column in a table, but allowing it to be used in an expression for a subsequent column, specification of the length for a data type in the control file's description of the data record, for example `CHAR (3)`, support of the `NULLIF` clause to set a column to null if the field condition evaluates to `TRUE`, and use of a `SELECT` statement in the expression of a field definition to return a value for a column. For more information, see Section [3.2](#).
- Advanced Server now supports Dynamic Runtime Instrumentation Tools Architecture (DRITA) access to statistics for lightweight lock wait events. For more information, see Section [5](#).

## 1.2 *Typographical Conventions Used in this Guide*

Certain typographical conventions are used in this manual to clarify the meaning and usage of various commands, statements, programs, examples, etc. This section provides a summary of these conventions.

In the following descriptions a *term* refers to any word or group of words which may be language keywords, user-supplied values, literals, etc. A term's exact meaning depends upon the context in which it is used.

- *Italic font* introduces a new term, typically, in the sentence that defines it for the first time.
- *Fixed-width (mono-spaced) font* is used for terms that must be given literally such as SQL commands, specific table and column names used in the examples, programming language keywords, etc. For example, `SELECT * FROM emp;`
- *Italic fixed-width font* is used for terms for which the user must substitute values in actual usage. For example, `DELETE FROM table_name;`
- A vertical pipe | denotes a choice between the terms on either side of the pipe. A vertical pipe is used to separate two or more alternative terms within square brackets (optional choices) or braces (one mandatory choice).
- Square brackets [ ] denote that one or none of the enclosed term(s) may be substituted. For example, [ a | b ], means choose one of “a” or “b” or neither of the two.
- Braces { } denote that exactly one of the enclosed alternatives must be specified. For example, { a | b }, means exactly one of “a” or “b” must be specified.
- Ellipses ... denote that the preceding term may be repeated. For example, [ a | b ] ... means that you may have the sequence, “b a a b a”.

## 2 EDB\*Plus

EDB\*Plus is a utility program that provides a command line user interface to the EDB Postgres Advanced Server. EDB\*Plus accepts SQL commands, SPL anonymous blocks, and EDB\*Plus commands. EDB\*Plus commands are compatible with Oracle SQL\*Plus commands and provide various capabilities including:

- Querying certain database objects
- Executing stored procedures
- Formatting output from SQL commands
- Executing batch scripts
- Executing OS commands
- Recording output

The following section describes how to connect to an Advanced Server database using EDB\*Plus. The final section provides a summary of the EDB\*Plus commands.

### 2.1 Starting EDB\*Plus

To open an EDB\*Plus command line, navigate through the Applications (or Start) menu to the Advanced Server menu, to the Run SQL Command Line menu, and select the EDB\*Plus option. You can also invoke EDB\*Plus from the operating system command line with the following command:

```
edbplus [ -S[SILENT ] ] [ login | /NOLOG ] [ @scriptfile[.ext ] ]
```

`-SILENT`

If specified, the EDB\*Plus sign-on banner is suppressed along with all prompts.

*login*

Login information for connecting to the database server and database. *login* takes the following format. (There must be no white space within the login information.)

```
username[/password] [ @ { connectstring | variable } ]
```

Where:

*username* is a database username with which to connect to the database.



*password* is the password associated with the specified *username*. If a *password* is not provided, but a password is required for authentication, a password file is used if available. If there is no password file or no entry in the password file with the matching connection parameters, then EDB\*Plus will prompt for the password. For more information on using password files and authentication methods, see Section [2.2.6](#).

*connectstring* is the database connection string.

*variable* is a variable defined in the `login.sql` file that contains a database connection string. The `login.sql` file can be found in the `edbplus` subdirectory of the Advanced Server home directory.

`host[:port][/dbname ] ]`

*host* is the hostname on which the database server resides. If neither `@connectstring` nor `@variable` nor `/NOLOG` is specified, the default host is assumed to be the localhost. *port* is the port number receiving connections on the database server. If not specified, the default is 5444. *dbname* is the name of the database to connect to. If not specified the default is `edb`.

`/NOLOG`

Specify `/NOLOG` to start EDB\*Plus without establishing a database connection. SQL commands and EDB\*Plus commands that require a database connection cannot be used in this mode. The `CONNECT` command can be subsequently given to connect to a database after starting EDB\*Plus with the `/NOLOG` option.

`scriptfile[.ext ]`

*scriptfile* is the name of a file residing in the current working directory, containing SQL and/or EDB\*Plus commands that will be automatically executed after startup of EDB\*Plus. *ext* is the filename extension. If the filename extension is `sql`, then the `.sql` extension may be omitted when specifying *scriptfile*. When creating a script file, always name the file with an extension, otherwise it will not be accessible by EDB\*Plus. (EDB\*Plus will always assume a `.sql` extension on filenames that are specified with no extension.)

The following example shows user `enterprisedb` with password, `password`, connecting to database `edb` running on a database server on the localhost at port 5444.

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\PostgresPlus\9.6AS\edbplus>edbplus
enterprisedb/password
Connected to EnterpriseDB 9.6.0.0 (localhost:5444/edb) AS enterprisedb
EDB*Plus: Release 9.6
```

```
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```

```
SQL>
```

The following example shows user `enterprisedb` with password, `password`, connecting to database `edb` running on a database server on the localhost at port 5445.

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\PostgresPlus\9.6AS\edbplus>edbplus
enterprisedb/password@localhost:5445/edb
Connected to EnterpriseDB 9.6.0.0 (localhost:5445/edb) AS enterprisedb

EDB*Plus: Release 9.6
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SQL>
```

Using variable `hr_5445` in the `login.sql` file, the following illustrates how it is used to connect to database `hr` on localhost at port 5445.

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\PostgresPlus\9.6AS\edbplus>edbplus
enterprisedb/password@hr_5445
Connected to EnterpriseDB 9.6.0.0 (localhost:5445/hr) AS enterprisedb

EDB*Plus: Release 9.6 (Build 28)
Copyright (c) 2008-2015, EnterpriseDB Corporation. All rights reserved.

SQL>
```

The following is the content of the `login.sql` file used in the previous example.

```
define edb="localhost:5445/edb"
define hr_5445="localhost:5445/hr"
```

The following example executes a script file, `dept_query.sql` after connecting to database `edb` on server localhost at port 5444.

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\PostgresPlus\9.6AS\edbplus>edbplus
enterprisedb/password @dept_query
Connected to EnterpriseDB 9.6.0.0 (localhost:5444/edb) AS enterprisedb

SQL> SELECT * FROM dept;

DEPTNO DNAME          LOC
-----
10 ACCOUNTING      NEW YORK
20 RESEARCH        DALLAS
30 SALES            CHICAGO
40 OPERATIONS      BOSTON

SQL> EXIT
Disconnected from EnterpriseDB Database.
```

The following is the content of file `dept_query.sql` used in the previous example.

```
SET PAGESIZE 9999
SET ECHO ON
SELECT * FROM dept;
EXIT
```

## 2.2 Command Summary

The following sections contains a summary of EDB\*Plus commands.

### 2.2.1 ACCEPT

The `ACCEPT` command displays a prompt and waits for the user's keyboard input. The value input by the user is placed in the specified variable.

```
ACC[EPT ] variable
```

The following example creates a new variable named `my_name`, accepts a value of John Smith, then displays the value using the `DEFINE` command.

```
SQL> ACCEPT my_name
Enter value for my_name: John Smith
SQL> DEFINE my_name
DEFINE MY_NAME = "John Smith"
```

### 2.2.2 APPEND

`APPEND` is a line editor command that appends the given text to the end of the current line in the SQL buffer.

```
A[PPEND ] text
```

In the following example, a `SELECT` command is built-in the SQL buffer using the `APPEND` command. Note that two spaces are placed between the `APPEND` command and the `WHERE` clause in order to separate `dept` and `WHERE` by one space in the SQL buffer.

```
SQL> APPEND SELECT * FROM dept
SQL> LIST
 1* SELECT * FROM dept
SQL> APPEND WHERE deptno = 10
SQL> LIST
 1* SELECT * FROM dept WHERE deptno = 10
```

## 2.2.3 CHANGE

CHANGE is a line editor command performs a search-and-replace on the current line in the SQL buffer.

```
C[HANGE ] /from/[to/ ]
```

If *to/* is specified, the first occurrence of text *from* in the current line is changed to text *to*. If *to/* is omitted, the first occurrence of text *from* in the current line is deleted.

The following sequence of commands makes line 3 the current line, then changes the department number in the WHERE clause from 20 to 30.

```
SQL> LIST
 1 SELECT empno, ename, job, sal, comm
 2 FROM emp
 3 WHERE deptno = 20
 4* ORDER BY empno
SQL> 3
 3* WHERE deptno = 20
SQL> CHANGE /20/30/
 3* WHERE deptno = 30
SQL> LIST
 1 SELECT empno, ename, job, sal, comm
 2 FROM emp
 3 WHERE deptno = 30
 4* ORDER BY empno
```

## 2.2.4 CLEAR

The CLEAR command removes the contents of the SQL buffer, deletes all column definitions set with the COLUMN command, or clears the screen.

```
CL[EAR ] [ BUFF[ER ] | SQL | COL[UMNS ] | SCR[EEN ] ]
```

```
BUFFER | SQL
```

Clears the SQL buffer.

```
COLUMNS
```

Removes column definitions.

```
SCREEN
```

Clears the screen. This is the default if no options are specified.

## 2.2.5 COLUMN

The `COLUMN` command controls output formatting. The formatting attributes set by using the `COLUMN` command remain in effect only for the duration of the current session.

```
COL[UMN ]
  [ column
    { CLE[AR ] |
      { FOR[MAT ] spec |
        HEA[DING ] text |
        { OFF | ON }
      } [...]
    }
  ]
```

If the `COLUMN` command is specified with no subsequent options, formatting options for current columns in effect for the session are displayed.

If the `COLUMN` command is followed by a column name, then the column name may be followed by one of the following:

1. No other options
2. `CLEAR`
3. Any combination of `FORMAT`, `HEADING`, and one of `OFF` or `ON`

*column*

Name of a column in a table to which subsequent column formatting options are to apply. If no other options follow *column*, then the current column formatting options if any, of *column* are displayed.

`CLEAR`

The `CLEAR` option reverts all formatting options back to their defaults for *column*. If the `CLEAR` option is specified, it must be the only option specified.

*spec*

Format specification to be applied to *column*. For character columns, *spec* takes the following format:

*n*

*n* is a positive integer that specifies the column width in characters within which to display the data. Data in excess of *n* will wrap around with the specified column width.

For numeric columns, *spec* is comprised of the following elements.

**Table 10-2-1 Numeric Column Format Elements**

Element	Description
\$	Display a leading dollar sign.
,	Display a comma in the indicated position.
.	Marks the location of the decimal point.
0	Display leading zeros.
9	Number of significant digits to display.

If loss of significant digits occurs due to overflow of the format, then all #'s are displayed.

*text*

Text to be used for the column heading of *column*.

OFF | ON

If OFF is specified, formatting options are reverted back to their defaults, but are still available within the session. If ON is specified, the formatting options specified by previous COLUMN commands for *column* within the session are re-activated.

The following example shows the effect of changing the display width of the *job* column.

```
SQL> SET PAGESIZE 9999
SQL> COLUMN job FORMAT A5
SQL> COLUMN job
COLUMN JOB ON
FORMAT A5
wrapped
SQL> SELECT empno, ename, job FROM emp;
```

```
EMPNO ENAME      JOB
-----
7369 SMITH        CLERK
7499 ALLEN        SALES
                        MAN

7521 WARD        SALES
                        MAN

7566 JONES        MANAG
                        ER

7654 MARTIN        SALES
                        MAN

7698 BLAKE        MANAG
```

```

ER
7782 CLARK      MANAG
ER
7788 SCOTT      ANALY
ST
7839 KING       PRESI
DENT
7844 TURNER     SALES
MAN
7876 ADAMS      CLERK
7900 JAMES      CLERK
7902 FORD       ANALY
ST
7934 MILLER     CLERK

14 rows retrieved.

```

The following example applies a format to the sal column.

```

SQL> COLUMN sal FORMAT $99,999.00
SQL> COLUMN
COLUMN      JOB      ON
FORMAT     A5
wrapped

COLUMN      SAL      ON
FORMAT     $99,999.00
wrapped
SQL> SELECT empno, ename, job, sal FROM emp;

```

EMPNO	ENAME	JOB	SAL
7369	SMITH	CLERK	\$800.00
7499	ALLEN	SALES MAN	\$1,600.00
7521	WARD	SALES MAN	\$1,250.00
7566	JONES	MANAG ER	\$2,975.00
7654	MARTIN	SALES MAN	\$1,250.00
7698	BLAKE	MANAG ER	\$2,850.00
7782	CLARK	MANAG ER	\$2,450.00
7788	SCOTT	ANALY ST	\$3,000.00

```
7839 KING      PRESI $5,000.00
              DENT
7844 TURNER   SALES $1,500.00
              MAN
7876 ADAMS    CLERK $1,100.00
7900 JAMES    CLERK $950.00
7902 FORD     ANALY $3,000.00
              ST
7934 MILLER   CLERK $1,300.00

14 rows retrieved.
```

## 2.2.6 CONNECT

Change the database connection to a different user and/or connect to a different database. There must be no white space between any of the parameters following the `CONNECT` command.

```
CON[NECT] username[/password][@{connectstring | variable } ]
```

Where:

*username* is a database username with which to connect to the database.

*password* is the password associated with the specified *username*. If a *password* is not provided, but a password is required for authentication, a search is made for a password file, first in the home directory of the Linux operating system account invoking EDB\*Plus (or in the %APPDATA%\postgresql\ directory for Windows) and then at the location specified by the PGPASSFILE environment variable. The password file is `.pgpass` on Linux hosts and `pgpass.conf` on Windows hosts. The following is an example on a Windows host:

```
C:\Users\Administrator\AppData\Roaming\postgresql\pgpass.conf
```

If a password file cannot be located, or it does not have an entry matching the EDB\*Plus connection parameters, then EDB\*Plus will prompt for the password. For more information about password files, see the PostgreSQL core documentation at:

<https://www.postgresql.org/docs/9.6/static/libpq-pgpass.html>

**Note:** When a password is not required, EDB\*Plus does not prompt for a password such as when the `trust` authentication method is specified in the



`pg_hba.conf` file. For more information about the `pg_hba.conf` file and authentication methods, see the PostgreSQL core documentation at:

<https://www.postgresql.org/docs/9.6/static/auth-pg-hba-conf.html>

`connectstring` is the database connection string.

`variable` is a variable defined in the `login.sql` file that contains a database connection string. The `login.sql` file can be found in the `edbplus` subdirectory of the Advanced Server home directory.

In the following example, the database connection is changed to database `edb` on the localhost at port 5445 with username, `smith`.

```
SQL> CONNECT smith/mypassword@localhost:5445/edb
Disconnected from EnterpriseDB Database.
Connected to EnterpriseDB 9.6.0.0 (localhost:5445/edb) AS smith
```

From within the session shown above, the connection is changed to username `enterprisedb`. Also note that the host defaults to the localhost, the port defaults to 5444 (which is not the same as the port previously used), and the database defaults to `edb`.

```
SQL> CONNECT enterprisedb/password
Disconnected from EnterpriseDB Database.
Connected to EnterpriseDB 9.6.0.0 (localhost:5444/edb) AS enterprisedb
```

## 2.2.7 DEFINE

The `DEFINE` command creates or replaces the value of a *user variable* (also called a *substitution variable*).

```
DEF[INE ] [ variable [ = text ] ]
```

If the `DEFINE` command is given without any parameters, all current variables and their values are displayed.

If `DEFINE variable` is given, only `variable` is displayed with its value.

`DEFINE variable = text` assigns `text` to `variable`. `text` may be optionally enclosed within single or double quotation marks. Quotation marks must be used if `text` contains space characters.

The following example defines two variables, `dept` and `name`.

```
SQL> DEFINE dept = 20
SQL> DEFINE name = 'John Smith'
```

```
SQL> DEFINE
DEFINE EDB = "localhost:5445/edb"
DEFINE DEPT = "20"
DEFINE NAME = "John Smith"
```

**Note:** The variable EDB is read from the `login.sql` file located in the `edbplus` subdirectory of the Advanced Server home directory.

## 2.2.8 DEL

DEL is a line editor command that deletes one or more lines from the SQL buffer.

```
DEL [ n | n m | n * | n L[AST ] | * | * n | * L[AST ] |
    L[AST ] ]
```

The parameters specify which lines are to be deleted from the SQL buffer. Two parameters specify the start and end of a range of lines to be deleted. If the DEL command is given with no parameters, the current line is deleted.

*n*

*n* is an integer representing the *n*th line

*n m*

*n* and *m* are integers where *m* is greater than *n* representing the *n*th through the *m*th lines

\*

Current line

LAST

Last line

In the following example, the fifth and sixth lines containing columns `sal` and `comm`, respectively, are deleted from the `SELECT` command in the SQL buffer.

```
SQL> LIST
1  SELECT
2    empno
3    ,ename
4    ,job
5    ,sal
6    ,comm
```

```
7      ,deptno
8* FROM emp
SQL> DEL 5 6
SQL> LIST
1  SELECT
2     empno
3     ,ename
4     ,job
5     ,deptno
6* FROM emp
```

## 2.2.9 DESCRIBE

The DESCRIBE command displays:

- A list of columns, column data types, and column lengths for a table or view
- A list of parameters for a procedure or function
- A list of procedures and functions and their respective parameters for a package.

The DESCRIBE command will also display the structure of the database object referred to by a synonym. The syntax is:

```
DESC[RIBE] [ schema. ] object
```

*schema*

Name of the schema containing the object to be described.

*object*

Name of the table, view, procedure, function, or package to be displayed, or the synonym of an object.

## 2.2.10 DISCONNECT

The DISCONNECT command closes the current database connection, but does not terminate EDB\*Plus.

```
DISC[ONNECT ]
```

## 2.2.11 EDIT

The `EDIT` command invokes an external editor to edit the contents of an operating system file or the SQL buffer.

```
ED[IT ] [ filename[.ext ] ]
```

*filename*[.ext ]

*filename* is the name of the file to open with an external editor. *ext* is the filename extension. If the filename extension is `sql`, then the `.sql` extension may be omitted when specifying *filename*. `EDIT` always assumes a `.sql` extension on filenames that are specified with no extension. If the filename parameter is omitted from the `EDIT` command, the contents of the SQL buffer are brought into the editor.

## 2.2.12 EXECUTE

The `EXECUTE` command executes an SPL procedure from EDB\*Plus.

```
EXEC[UTE ] spl_procedure [ ([ parameters ]) ]
```

*spl\_procedure*

The name of the SPL procedure to be executed.

*parameters*

Comma-delimited list of parameters. If there are no parameters, then a pair of empty parentheses may optionally be specified.

## 2.2.13 EXIT

The `EXIT` command terminates the EDB\*Plus session and returns control to the operating system. `QUIT` is a synonym for `EXIT`. Specifying no parameters is equivalent to `EXIT SUCCESS COMMIT`.

```
{ EXIT | QUIT }
```

```
[ SUCCESS | FAILURE | WARNING | value | variable ]  
[ COMMIT | ROLLBACK ] SUCCESS | FAILURE | WARNING
```

Returns an operating system dependent return code indicating successful operation, failure, or warning for SUCCESS, FAILURE, and WARNING, respectively. The default is SUCCESS.

*value*

An integer value that is returned as the return code.

*variable*

A variable created with the DEFINE command whose value is returned as the return code.

```
COMMIT | ROLLBACK
```

If COMMIT is specified, uncommitted updates are committed upon exit. If ROLLBACK is specified, uncommitted updates are rolled back upon exit. The default is COMMIT.

## 2.2.14 GET

The GET command loads the contents of the given file to the SQL buffer.

```
GET filename[.ext] [ LIS[T] | NOL[IST] ]
```

*filename*[*.ext*]

*filename* is the name of the file to load into the SQL buffer. *ext* is the filename extension. If the filename extension is `sql`, then the `.sql` extension may be omitted when specifying *filename*. GET always assumes a `.sql` extension on filenames that are specified with no extension.

```
LIST | NOLIST
```

If LIST is specified, the content of the SQL buffer is displayed after the file is loaded. If NOLIST is specified, no listing is displayed. The default is LIST.

## 2.2.15 HELP

The `HELP` command obtains an index of topics or help on a specific topic. The question mark (?) is synonymous with specifying `HELP`.

```
{ HELP | ? } { INDEX | topic }
```

*INDEX*

Displays an index of available topics.

*topic*

The name of a specific topic – e.g., an EDB\*Plus command, for which help is desired.

## 2.2.16 HOST

The `HOST` command executes an operating system command from EDB\*Plus.

```
HO[ST ] [os_command]
```

*os\_command*

The operating system command to be executed. If you do not provide an operating system command, EDB\*Plus pauses execution and opens a new shell prompt. When the shell exits, EDB\*Plus resumes execution.

## 2.2.17 INPUT

The `INPUT` line editor command adds a line of text to the SQL buffer after the current line.

```
I[NPUT ] text
```

The following sequence of `INPUT` commands constructs a `SELECT` command.

```
SQL> INPUT SELECT empno, ename, job, sal, comm
SQL> INPUT FROM emp
SQL> INPUT WHERE deptno = 20
SQL> INPUT ORDER BY empno
SQL> LIST
1 SELECT empno, ename, job, sal, comm
```

```
2 FROM emp
3 WHERE deptno = 20
4* ORDER BY empno
```

## 2.2.18 LIST

LIST is a line editor command that displays the contents of the SQL buffer.

L[IST] [ n | n m | n \* | n L[AST] | \* | \* n | \* L[AST] | L[AST] ]

The buffer does not include a history of the EDB\*Plus commands.

*n*

*n* represents the buffer line number.

*n m*

*n m* displays a list of lines between *n* and *m*.

*n \**

*n \** displays a list of lines that range between line *n* and the current line.

*n L[AST]*

*n L[AST]* displays a list of lines that range from line *n* through the last line in the buffer.

*\**

*\** displays the current line.

*\* n*

*\* n* displays a list of lines that range from the current line through line *n*.

*\* L[AST]*

*\* L[AST]* displays a list of lines that range from the current line through the last line.

*L[AST]*

L[AST] displays the last line.

## 2.2.19 PASSWORD

Use the `PASSWORD` command to change your database password.

```
PASSW[ORD] [user_name]
```

You must have sufficient privileges to use the `PASSWORD` command to change another user's password. The following example demonstrates using the `PASSWORD` command to change the password for a user named `acctg`:

```
SQL> PASSWORD acctg
Changing password for acctg
  New password:
  New password again:
Password successfully changed.
```

## 2.2.20 PAUSE

The `PAUSE` command displays a message, and waits for the user to press `ENTER`.

```
PAU[SE] [optional_text]
```

*optional\_text* specifies the text that will be displayed to the user. If the *optional\_text* is omitted, Advanced Server will display two blank lines. If you double quote the *optional\_text* string, the quotes will be included in the output.

## 2.2.21 PRINT

The `PRINT` command displays the value of a bind variable.

```
PRI[NT] [bind_variable_name]
```

*bind\_variable\_name* specifies the name of a bind variable. Omit *bind\_variable\_name* to generate a list that includes the values of all bind variables.

## 2.2.22 PROMPT

The `PROMPT` command displays a message to the user before continuing.



```
PRO[MPT] [message_text]
```

*message\_text* specifies the text displayed to the user. Double quote the string to include quotes in the output.

### 2.2.23 QUIT

The QUIT command terminates the session and returns control to the operating system. QUIT is a synonym for EXIT.

```
QUIT  
  
[SUCCESS | FAILURE | WARNING | value | sub_variable]  
  
[COMMIT | ROLLBACK]
```

The default value is QUIT SUCCESS COMMIT.

### 2.2.24 REMARK

Use REMARK to include comments in a script.

```
REM[ARK] [optional_text]
```

You may also use the following convention to include a comment:

```
/*  
* This is an example of a three line comment.  
*/
```

### 2.2.25 SAVE

Use the SAVE command to write the SQL Buffer to an operating system file.

```
SAV[E] file_name  
[CRE[ATE] | REP[LACE] | APP[END]]
```

*file\_name*

*file\_name* specifies the name of the file (including the path) where the buffer contents are written. If you do not provide a file extension, `.sql` is appended to the end of the file name.

#### CREATE

Include the `CREATE` keyword to create a new file. A new file is created *only* if a file with the specified name does not already exist. This is the default.

#### REPLACE

Include the `REPLACE` keyword to specify that Advanced Server should overwrite an existing file.

#### APPEND

Include the `APPEND` keyword to specify that Advanced Server should append the contents of the SQL buffer to the end of the specified file.

The following example saves the contents of the SQL buffer to a file named `example.sql`, located in the `temp` directory:

```
SQL> SAVE C:\example.sql CREATE
File "example.sql" written.
```

## 2.2.26 SET

Use the `SET` command to specify a value for a session level variable that controls EDB\*Plus behavior. The following forms of the `SET` command are valid:

### SET AUTOCOMMIT

Use the `SET AUTOCOMMIT` command to specify `COMMIT` behavior for Advanced Server transactions.

```
SET AUTO[COMMIT]

{ON | OFF | IMMEDIATE | statement_count}
```

Please note that EDB\*Plus always automatically commits DDL statements.

*ON*

Specify **ON** to turn **AUTOCOMMIT** behavior on.

*OFF*

Specify **OFF** to turn **AUTOCOMMIT** behavior off.

*IMMEDIATE*

**IMMEDIATE** has the same effect as **ON**.

*statement\_count*

Include a value for *statement\_count* to instruct EDB\*Plus to issue a commit after the specified count of successful SQL statements.

## **SET COLUMN SEPARATOR**

Use the **SET COLUMN SEPARATOR** command to specify the text that Advanced Server displays between columns.

```
SET COLSEP column_separator
```

The default value of *column\_separator* is a single space.

## **SET ECHO**

Use the **SET ECHO** command to specify if SQL and EDB\*Plus script statements should be displayed onscreen as they are executed.

```
SET ECHO {ON | OFF}
```

The default value is **OFF**.

## **SET FEEDBACK**

The **SET FEEDBACK** command controls the display of interactive information after a SQL statement executes.

```
SET FEED[BACK] {ON | OFF | row_threshold}
```

*row\_threshold*

Specify an integer value for *row\_threshold*. Setting *row\_threshold* to 0 is same as setting **FEEDBACK** to **OFF**. Setting *row\_threshold* equal 1 effectively sets **FEEDBACK** to **ON**.

## SET FLUSH

Use the `SET FLUSH` command to control display buffering.

```
SET FLU[SH] {ON | OFF}
```

Set `FLUSH` to `OFF` to enable display buffering. If you enable buffering, messages bound for the screen may not appear until the script completes. Please note that setting `FLUSH` to `OFF` will offer better performance.

Set `FLUSH` to `ON` to disable display buffering. If you disable buffering, messages bound for the screen appear immediately.

## SET HEADING

Use the `SET HEADING` variable to specify if Advanced Server should display column headings for `SELECT` statements.

```
SET HEA[DING] {ON | OFF}
```

## SET HEAD SEPARATOR

The `SET HEADSEP` command sets the new heading separator character used by the `COLUMN HEADING` command. The default is '|'.

```
SET HEADS[EP]
```

## SET LINESIZE

Use the `SET LINESIZE` command to specify the width of a line in characters.

```
SET LIN[ESIZE] width_of_line
```

*width\_of\_line*

The default value of *width\_of\_line* is 132.

## SET NEWPAGE

Use the `SET NEWPAGE` command to specify how many blank lines are printed after a page break.

```
SET NEWP[AGE] lines_per_page
```

*lines\_per\_page*

The default value of *lines\_per\_page* is 1.

## SET NULL

Use the `SET NULL` command to specify a string that is displayed to the user when a `NULL` column value is displayed in the output buffer.

```
SET NULL null_string
```

## SET PAGESIZE

Use the `SET PAGESIZE` command to specify the number of printed lines that fit on a page.

```
SET PAGES[IZE] line_count
```

Use the *line\_count* parameter to specify the number of lines per page.

## SET SQLCASE

The `SET SQLCASE` command specifies if SQL statements transmitted to the server should be converted to upper or lower case.

```
SET SQLC[ASE] {MIX[ED] | UP[PER] | LO[WER]}
```

*UPPER*

Specify `UPPER` to convert the command text to uppercase.

*LOWER*

Specify `LOWER` to convert the command text to lowercase.

*MIXED*

Specify `MIXED` to leave the case of SQL commands unchanged. The default is `MIXED`.

## SET PAUSE

The `SET PAUSE` command is most useful when included in a script; the command displays a prompt and waits for the user to press `Return`.

```
SET PAU[SE] {ON | OFF}
```

If SET PAUSE is ON, the message Hit ENTER to continue... will be displayed before each command is executed.

## SET SPACE

Use the SET SPACE command to specify the number of spaces to display between columns:

```
SET SPACE number_of_spaces
```

## SET SQLPROMPT

Use SET SQLPROMPT to set a value for a user-interactive prompt:

```
SET SQLP[ROMPT] "prompt"
```

By default, SQLPROMPT is set to "SQL> "

## SET TERMOUT

Use the SET TERMOUT command to specify if command output should be displayed onscreen.

```
SET TERM[OUT] {ON | OFF}
```

## SET TIMING

The SET TIMING command specifies if Advanced Server should display the execution time for each SQL statement after it is executed.

```
SET TIMI[NG] {ON | OFF}
```

## SET TRIMSPPOOL

Use the SET TRIMSPPOOL command to remove trailing spaces from each line in the output file specified by the SPOOL command.

```
SET TRIMS[POOL] {ON | OFF}
```

The default value is OFF.

## SET VERIFY

Specifies if both the old and new values of a SQL statement are displayed when a substitution variable is encountered.

```
SET VER[IFY] { ON | OFF }
```

## 2.2.27 SHOW

Use the SHOW command to display current parameter values.

```
SHO[W] {ALL | parameter_name}
```

Display the current parameter settings by including the ALL keyword:

```
SQL> SHOW ALL
autocommit      OFF
colsep          " "
define          "&"
echo            OFF
FEEDBACK ON for 6 row(s).
flush           ON
heading         ON
headsep         "| "
linesize       78
newpage         1
null           " "
pagesize        14
pause           OFF
serveroutput    OFF
spool           OFF
sqlcase         MIXED
sqlprompt       "SQL> "
sqlterminator   ";"
suffix          ".sql"
termout         ON
timing           OFF
verify          ON
USER is         "enterprisedb"
HOST is         "localhost"
PORT is         "5444"
DATABASE is     "edb"
VERSION is      "9.6.0.0"
```

Or display a specific parameter setting by including the `parameter_name` in the SHOW command:

```
SQL> SHOW VERSION
VERSION is "9.6.0.0"
```

## 2.2.28 SPOOL

The SPOOL command sends output from the display to a file.

```
SP[OOL] output_file | OFF
```

Use the *output\_file* parameter to specify a path name for the output file.

### 2.2.29 START

Use the `START` command to run an EDB\*Plus script file; `START` is an alias for `@` command.

```
STA[RT] script_file
```

Specify the name of a script file in the *script\_file* parameter.

### 2.2.30 UNDEFINE

The `UNDEFINE` command erases a user variable created by the `DEFINE` command.

```
UNDEF[INE] variable_name [ variable_name...]
```

Use the *variable\_name* parameter to specify the name of a variable or variables.

### 2.2.31 WHENEVER SQLERROR

The `WHENEVER SQLERROR` command provides error handling for SQL errors or PL/SQL block errors. The syntax is:

```
WHENEVER SQLERROR  
  { CONTINUE [ COMMIT | ROLLBACK | NONE ]  
  | EXIT [ SUCCESS | FAILURE | WARNING | n | sub_variable ]  
  [ COMMIT | ROLLBACK ] }
```

If Advanced Server encounters an error during the execution of a SQL command or PL/SQL block, EDB\*Plus performs the action specified in the `WHENEVER SQLERROR` command:

Include the `CONTINUE` clause to instruct EDB\*Plus to perform the specified action before continuing.



Include the `COMMIT` clause to instruct EDB\*Plus to `COMMIT` the current transaction before exiting or continuing.

Include the `ROLLBACK` clause to instruct EDB\*Plus to `ROLLBACK` the current transaction before exiting or continuing.

Include the `NONE` clause to instruct EDB\*Plus to continue without committing or rolling back the transaction.

Include the `EXIT` clause to instruct EDB\*Plus to perform the specified action and exit if it encounters an error.

Use the following options to specify a status code that EDB\*Plus will return before exiting:

```
[SUCCESS | FAILURE | WARNING | n | sub_variable]
```

Please note that EDB\*Plus supports substitution variables, but does not support bind variables.

## 3 EDB\*Loader

EDB\*Loader is a high-performance bulk data loader that provides an interface compatible with Oracle databases for Advanced Server. The EDB\*Loader command line utility loads data from an input source, typically a file, into one or more tables using a subset of the parameters offered by Oracle SQL\*Loader.

EDB\*Loader features include:

- Support for the Oracle SQL\*Loader data loading methods - conventional path load, direct path load, and parallel direct path load
- Syntax for control file directives compatible with Oracle SQL\*Loader
- Input data with delimiter-separated or fixed-width fields
- Bad file for collecting rejected records
- Loading of multiple target tables
- Discard file for collecting records that do not meet the selection criteria of any target table
- Log file for recording the EDB\*Loader session and any error messages
- Data loading from standard input and remote loading, particularly useful for large data sources on remote hosts

These features are explained in detail in the following sections.

**Note:** The following are important version compatibility restrictions between the EDB\*Loader client and the database server.

- Invoking EDB\*Loader is done using a client program called `edbldr`, which is used to pass parameters and directive information to the database server. **It is strongly recommended that the 9.6 EDB\*Loader client (that is, the `edbldr` program supplied with Advanced Server 9.6) be used to load data only into version 9.6 of the database server. In general, the EDB\*Loader client and database server should be the same version.**
- It is possible to use a 9.6 EDB\*Loader client to load data into a 9.6 database server, but the new 9.6 EDB\*Loader features may not be available under those circumstances.
- Use of a 9.6 EDB\*Loader client is not supported for database servers version 9.2 or earlier.

### 3.1 Data Loading Methods

As with Oracle SQL\*Loader, EDB\*Loader supports three data loading methods:

- Conventional path load
- Direct path load
- Parallel direct path load

Conventional path load is the default method used by EDB\*Loader. Basic insert processing is used to add rows to the table.

The advantage of a conventional path load over the other methods is that table constraints and database objects defined on the table such as primary keys, not null constraints, check constraints, unique indexes, foreign key constraints, and triggers are enforced during a conventional path load.

One exception is that the Advanced Server *rules* defined on the table are not enforced. EDB\*Loader can load tables on which rules are defined, but the rules are not executed. As a consequence, partitioned tables implemented using rules cannot be loaded using EDB\*Loader.

**Note:** Advanced Server rules are created by the `CREATE RULE` command. Advanced Server rules are not the same database objects as rules and rule sets used in Oracle.

EDB\*Loader also supports direct path loads. A direct path load is faster than a conventional path load, but requires the removal of most types of constraints and triggers from the table. See Section [3.5](#) for information on direct path loads.

Finally, EDB\*Loader supports parallel direct path loads. A parallel direct path load provides even greater performance improvement by permitting multiple EDB\*Loader sessions to run simultaneously to load a single table. See Section [3.6](#) for information on parallel direct path loads.

## 3.2 General Usage

EDB\*Loader can load data files with either delimiter-separated or fixed-width fields, in single-byte or multi-byte character sets. The delimiter can be a string consisting of one or more single-byte or multi-byte characters. Data file encoding and the database encoding may be different. Character set conversion of the data file to the database encoding is supported.

Each EDB\*Loader session runs as a single, independent transaction. If an error should occur during the EDB\*Loader session that aborts the transaction, all changes made during the session are rolled back.

Generally, formatting errors in the data file do not result in an aborted transaction. Instead, the badly formatted records are written to a text file called the *bad file*. The reason for the error is recorded in the *log file*.

Records causing database integrity errors do result in an aborted transaction and rollback. As with formatting errors, the record causing the error is written to the bad file and the reason is recorded in the log file.

**Note:** EDB\*Loader differs from Oracle SQL\*Loader in that a database integrity error results in a rollback in EDB\*Loader. In Oracle SQL\*Loader, only the record causing the error is rejected. Records that were previously inserted into the table are retained and loading continues after the rejected record.

The following are examples of types of formatting errors that do not abort the transaction:

- Attempt to load non-numeric value into a numeric column
- Numeric value is too large for a numeric column
- Character value is too long for the maximum length of a character column
- Attempt to load improperly formatted date value into a date column

The following are examples of types of database errors that abort the transaction and result in the rollback of all changes made in the EDB\*Loader session:

- Violation of a unique constraint such as a primary key or unique index
- Violation of a referential integrity constraint
- Violation of a check constraint
- Error thrown by a trigger fired as a result of inserting rows

### 3.3 Building the EDB\*Loader Control File

When you invoke EDB\*Loader, the list of arguments provided must include the name of a control file. The control file includes the instructions that EDB\*Loader uses to load the table (or tables) from the input data file. The control file includes information such as:

- The name of the input data file containing the data to be loaded.
- The name of the table or tables to be loaded from the data file.
- Names of the columns within the table or tables and their corresponding field placement in the data file.
- Specification of whether the data file uses a delimiter string to separate the fields, or if the fields occupy fixed column positions.
- Optional selection criteria to choose which records from the data file to load into a given table.
- The name of the file that will collect illegally formatted records.
- The name of the discard file that will collect records that do not meet the selection criteria of any table.

The syntax for the EDB\*Loader control file is as follows:

```
[ OPTIONS (param=value [, param=value ] ...) ]
LOAD DATA
  [ CHARACTERSET charset ]
  [ INFILE '{ data_file | stdin }' ]
  [ BADFILE 'bad_file' ]
  [ DISCARDFILE 'discard_file' ]
  [ { DISCARDMAX | DISCARDS } max_discard_recs ]
[ INSERT | APPEND | REPLACE | TRUNCATE ]
[ PRESERVE BLANKS ]
{ INTO TABLE target_table
  [ WHEN field_condition [ AND field_condition ] ...]
  [ FIELDS TERMINATED BY 'termstring'
    [ OPTIONALLY ENCLOSED BY 'enclstring' ] ]
  [ RECORDS DELIMITED BY 'delimstring' ]
  [ TRAILING NULLCOLS ]
  (field_def [, field_def ] ...)
} ...
```

where *field\_def* defines a field in the specified *data\_file* that describes the location, data format, or value of the data to be inserted into *column\_name* of the *target\_table*. The syntax of *field\_def* is the following:

```
column_name {
  CONSTANT val |
  FILLER [ POSITION (start:end) ] [ fieldtype ] |
  BOUNDFILLER [ POSITION (start:end) ] [ fieldtype ] |
  [ POSITION (start:end) ] [ fieldtype ]
```

```
[ NULLIF field_condition [ AND field_condition ] ... ]
[ PRESERVE BLANKS ] [ "expr" ]
}
```

where *fieldtype* is one of:

```
CHAR [(length)] | DATE [(length)] [ "datemask" ] |
INTEGER EXTERNAL [(length)] |
FLOAT EXTERNAL [(length)] | DECIMAL EXTERNAL [(length)] |
ZONED EXTERNAL [(length)] | ZONED [(precision[,scale])]
```

## Description

The specification of *data\_file*, *bad\_file*, and *discard\_file* may include the full directory path or a relative directory path to the file name. If the file name is specified alone or with a relative directory path, the file is then assumed to exist (in the case of *data\_file*), or is created (in the case of *bad\_file* or *discard\_file*), relative to the current working directory from which *edblldr* is invoked.

You can include references to environment variables within the EDB\*Loader control file when referring to a directory path and/or file name. Environment variable references are formatted differently on Windows systems than on Linux systems:

- On Linux, the format is `$ENV_VARIABLE` or `${ENV_VARIABLE}`
- On Windows, the format is `%ENV_VARIABLE%`

Where *ENV\_VARIABLE* is the environment variable that is set to the directory path and/or file name.

The `EDBLDR_ENV_STYLE` environment variable instructs Advanced Server to interpret environment variable references as Windows-styled references or Linux-styled references irregardless of the operating system on which EDB\*Loader resides. You can use this environment variable to create portable control files for EDB\*Loader.

- On a Windows system, set `EDBLDR_ENV_STYLE` to `linux` or `unix` to instruct Advanced Server to recognize Linux-style references within the control file.
- On a Linux system, set `EDBLDR_ENV_STYLE` to `windows` to instruct Advanced Server to recognize Windows-style references within the control file.

The operating system account `enterprisedb` must have read permission on the directory and file specified by *data\_file*.

The operating system account `enterprisedb` must have write permission on the directories where `bad_file` and `discard_file` are to be written.

**Note:** It is suggested that the file names for `data_file`, `bad_file`, and `discard_file` include extensions of `.dat`, `.bad`, and `.dsc`, respectively. If the provided file name does not contain an extension, EDB\*Loader assumes the actual file name includes the appropriate aforementioned extension.

If an EDB\*Loader session results in data format errors and the `BADFILE` clause is not specified, nor is the `BAD` parameter given on the command line when `edblldr` is invoked, a bad file is created with the name `control_file_base.bad` in the current working directory from which `edblldr` is invoked. `control_file_base` is the base name of the control file (that is, the file name without any extension) used in the `edblldr` session.

If all of the following conditions are true, the discard file is not created even if the EDB\*Loader session results in discarded records:

- The `DISCARDFILE` clause for specifying the discard file is not included in the control file.
- The `DISCARD` parameter for specifying the discard file is not included on the command line.
- The `DISCARDMAX` clause for specifying the maximum number of discarded records is not included in the control file.
- The `DISCARDS` clause for specifying the maximum number of discarded records is not included in the control file.
- The `DISCARDMAX` parameter for specifying the maximum number of discarded records is not included on the command line.

If neither the `DISCARDFILE` clause nor the `DISCARD` parameter for explicitly specifying the discard file name are specified, but `DISCARDMAX` or `DISCARDS` is specified, then the EDB\*Loader session creates a discard file using the data file name with an extension of `.dsc`.

**Note:** There is a distinction between keywords `DISCARD` and `DISCARDS`. `DISCARD` is an EDB\*Loader command line parameter used to specify the discard file name (see Section 3.2). `DISCARDS` is a clause of the `LOAD DATA` directive that may only appear in the control file. Keywords `DISCARDS` and `DISCARDMAX` provide the same functionality of specifying the maximum number of discarded records allowed before terminating the EDB\*Loader session. Records loaded into the database before termination of the EDB\*Loader session due to exceeding the `DISCARDS` or `DISCARDMAX` settings are kept in the database and are not rolled back.

If one of `INSERT`, `APPEND`, `REPLACE`, or `TRUNCATE` is specified, it establishes the default action of how rows are to be added to target tables. If omitted, the default action is as if `INSERT` had been specified.

If the `FIELDS TERMINATED BY` clause is specified, then the `POSITION (start:end)` clause may not be specified for any `field_def`. Alternatively if the `FIELDS TERMINATED BY` clause is not specified, then every `field_def` must contain either the `POSITION (start:end)` clause, the `fieldtype(length)` clause, or the `CONSTANT` clause.

## Parameters

`OPTIONS param=value`

Use the `OPTIONS` clause to specify `param=value` pairs that represent an EDB\*Loader directive. If a parameter is specified in both the `OPTIONS` clause and on the command line when `edbldr` is invoked, the command line setting is used.

Specify one or more of the following parameter/value pairs:

`DIRECT= { FALSE | TRUE }`

If `DIRECT` is set to `TRUE` EDB\*Loader performs a direct path load instead of a conventional path load. The default value of `DIRECT` is `FALSE`.

See Section [3.5](#) for information on direct path loads.

`ERRORS=error_count`

`error_count` specifies the number of errors permitted before aborting the EDB\*Loader session. The default is 50.

`FREEZE= { FALSE | TRUE }`

Set `FREEZE` to `TRUE` to indicate that the data should be copied with the rows *frozen*. A tuple guaranteed to be visible to all current and future transactions is marked as frozen to prevent transaction ID wrap-around. For more information about frozen tuples, see the PostgreSQL core documentation at:

<http://www.postgresql.org/docs/9.6/static/routine-vacuuming.html>



You must specify a data-loading type of `TRUNCATE` in the control file when using the `FREEZE` option. `FREEZE` is not supported for direct loading.

By default, `FREEZE` is `FALSE`.

```
PARALLEL= { FALSE | TRUE }
```

Set `PARALLEL` to `TRUE` to indicate that this EDB\*Loader session is one of a number of concurrent EDB\*Loader sessions participating in a parallel direct path load. The default value of `PARALLEL` is `FALSE`.

When `PARALLEL` is `TRUE`, the `DIRECT` parameter must also be set to `TRUE`. See Section [3.6](#) for more information about parallel direct path loads.

```
ROWS=n
```

*n* specifies the number of rows that EDB\*Loader will commit before loading the next set of *n* rows.

If EDB\*Loader encounters an invalid row during a load (in which the `ROWS` parameter is specified), those rows committed prior to encountering the error will remain in the destination table.

```
SKIP=skip_count
```

*skip\_count* specifies the number of records at the beginning of the input data file that should be skipped before loading begins. The default is 0.

```
SKIP_INDEX_MAINTENANCE={ FALSE | TRUE }
```

If `SKIP_INDEX_MAINTENANCE` is `TRUE`, index maintenance is not performed as part of a direct path load, and indexes on the loaded table are marked as invalid. The default value of `SKIP_INDEX_MAINTENANCE` is `FALSE`.

Please note: During a parallel direct path load, target table indexes are not updated, and are marked as invalid after the load is complete.

You can use the `REINDEX` command to rebuild an index. For more information about the `REINDEX` command, see the PostgreSQL core documentation available at:

<http://www.postgresql.org/docs/9.6/static/sql-reindex.html>

### *charset*

Use the `CHARACTERSET` clause to identify the character set encoding of *data\_file* where *charset* is the character set name. This clause is required if the data file encoding differs from the control file encoding. (The control file encoding must always be in the encoding of the client where `edblldr` is invoked.)

Examples of *charset* settings are `UTF8`, `SQL_ASCII`, and `SJIS`.

For more information about client to database character set conversion, see the PostgreSQL core documentation available at:

<http://www.postgresql.org/docs/9.6/static/multibyte.html>

### *data\_file*

File containing the data to be loaded into *target\_table*. Each record in the data file corresponds to a row to be inserted into *target\_table*.

If an extension is not provided in the file name, `EDB*Loader` assumes the file has an extension of `.dat`, for example, `mydatafile.dat`.

**Note:** If the `DATA` parameter is specified on the command line when `edblldr` is invoked, the file given by the command line `DATA` parameter is used instead.

If the `INFILE` clause is omitted as well as the command line `DATA` parameter, then the data file name is assumed to be identical to the control file name, but with an extension of `.dat`.

### *stdin*

Specify `stdin` (all lowercase letters) if you want to use standard input to pipe the data to be loaded directly to `EDB*Loader`. This is useful for data sources generating a large number of records to be loaded.

### *bad\_file*

File that receives *data\_file* records that cannot be loaded due to errors.

If an extension is not provided in the file name, `EDB*Loader` assumes the file has an extension of `.bad`, for example, `mybadfile.bad`.

**Note:** If the `BAD` parameter is specified on the command line when `edblldr` is invoked, the file given by the command line `BAD` parameter is used instead.

*discard\_file*

File that receives input data records that are not loaded into any table because none of the selection criteria are met for tables with the `WHEN` clause, and there are no tables without a `WHEN` clause. (All records meet the selection criteria of a table without a `WHEN` clause.)

If an extension is not provided in the file name, EDB\*Loader assumes the file has an extension of `.dsc`, for example, `mydiscardfile.dsc`.

**Note:** If the `DISCARD` parameter is specified on the command line when `edblldr` is invoked, the file given by the command line `DISCARD` parameter is used instead.

{ `DISCARDMAX` | `DISCARDS` } *max\_discard\_recs*

Maximum number of discarded records that may be encountered from the input data records before terminating the EDB\*Loader session. (A discarded record is described in the preceding description of the *discard\_file* parameter.) Either keyword `DISCARDMAX` or `DISCARDS` may be used preceding the integer value specified by *max\_discard\_recs*.

For example, if *max\_discard\_recs* is 0, then the EDB\*Loader session is terminated if and when a first discarded record is encountered. If *max\_discard\_recs* is 1, then the EDB\*Loader session is terminated if and when a second discarded record is encountered.

When the EDB\*Loader session is terminated due to exceeding *max\_discard\_recs*, prior input data records that have been loaded into the database are retained. They are not rolled back.

`INSERT` | `APPEND` | `REPLACE` | `TRUNCATE`

Specifies how data is to be loaded into the target tables. If one of `INSERT`, `APPEND`, `REPLACE`, or `TRUNCATE` is specified, it establishes the default action for all tables, overriding the default of `INSERT`.

`INSERT`

Data is to be loaded into an empty table. EDB\*Loader throws an exception and does not load any data if the table is not initially empty.

**Note:** If the table contains rows, the `TRUNCATE` command must be used to empty the table prior to invoking EDB\*Loader. EDB\*Loader throws an exception if the `DELETE` command is used to empty the table instead of

the `TRUNCATE` command. Oracle SQL\*Loader allows the table to be emptied by using either the `DELETE` or `TRUNCATE` command.

#### APPEND

Data is to be added to any existing rows in the table. The table may be initially empty as well.

#### REPLACE

The `REPLACE` keyword and `TRUNCATE` keywords are functionally identical. The table is truncated by EDB\*Loader prior to loading the new data.

**Note:** Delete triggers on the table are not fired as a result of the `REPLACE` operation.

#### TRUNCATE

The table is truncated by EDB\*Loader prior to loading the new data. Delete triggers on the table are not fired as a result of the `TRUNCATE` operation.

#### PRESERVE BLANKS

For all target tables, retains leading white space when the optional enclosure delimiters are not present and leaves trailing white space intact when fields are specified with a predetermined size. When omitted, the default behavior is to trim leading and trailing white space.

#### *target\_table*

Name of the table into which data is to be loaded. The table name may be schema-qualified (for example, `enterprisedb.emp`). The specified target must not be a view.

#### *field\_condition*

Conditional clause taking the following form:

```
[ ( ] { (start:end) | column_name } { = | != | <> }  
'val' [ ) ]
```

This conditional clause is used for the `WHEN` clause, which is part of the `INTO TABLE target_table` clause, and the `NULLIF` clause, which is part of the field definition denoted as *field\_def* in the syntax diagram.

*start* and *end* are positive integers specifying the column positions in *data\_file* that mark the beginning and end of a field that is to be compared with the constant *val*. The first character in each record begins with a *start* value of 1.

*column\_name* specifies the name assigned to a field definition of the data file as defined by *field\_def* in the syntax diagram.

Use of either (*start:end*) or *column\_name* defines the portion of the record in *data\_file* that is to be compared with the value specified by '*val*' to evaluate as either true or false.

All characters used in the *field\_condition* text (particularly in the *val* string) must be valid in the database encoding. (For performing data conversion, EDB\*Loader first converts the characters in *val* string to the database encoding and then to the data file encoding.)

In the `WHEN field_condition [ AND field_condition ]` clause, if all such conditions evaluate to `TRUE` for a given record, then EDB\*Loader attempts to insert that record into *target\_table*. If the insert operation fails, the record is written to *bad\_file*.

If for a given record, none of the `WHEN` clauses evaluate to `TRUE` for all `INTO TABLE` clauses, the record is written to *discard\_file*, if a discard file was specified for the EDB\*Loader session.

See the description of the `NULLIF` clause in this Parameters list for the effect of *field\_condition* on this clause.

*termstring*

String of one or more characters that separates each field in *data\_file*. The characters may be single-byte or multi-byte as long as they are valid in the database encoding. Two consecutive appearances of *termstring* with no intervening character results in the corresponding column set to null.

*enclstring*

String of one or more characters used to enclose a field value in *data\_file*. The characters may be single-byte or multi-byte as long as they are valid in the

database encoding. Use *enclstring* on fields where *termstring* appears as part of the data.

#### *delimstring*

String of one or more characters that separates each record in *data\_file*. The characters may be single-byte or multi-byte as long as they are valid in the database encoding. Two consecutive appearances of *delimstring* with no intervening character results in no corresponding row loaded into the table. The last record (in other words, the end of the data file) must also be terminated by the *delimstring* characters, otherwise the final record is not loaded into the table.

**Note:** The `RECORDS DELIMITED BY 'delimstring'` clause is not compatible with Oracle databases.

#### TRAILING NULLCOLS

If `TRAILING NULLCOLS` is specified, then the columns in the column list for which there is no data in *data\_file* for a given record, are set to null when the row is inserted. This applies only to one or more consecutive columns at the end of the column list.

If fields are omitted at the end of a record and `TRAILING NULLCOLS` is not specified, EDB\*Loader assumes the record contains formatting errors and writes it to the bad file.

#### *column\_name*

Name of a column in *target\_table* into which a field value defined by *field\_def* is to be inserted. If the field definition includes the `FILLER` or `BOUNDFILLER` clause, then *column\_name* is not required to be the name of a column in the table. It can be any identifier name since the `FILLER` and `BOUNDFILLER` clauses prevent the loading of the field data into a table column.

#### CONSTANT *val*

Specifies a constant that is type-compatible with the column data type to which it is assigned in a field definition. Single or double quotes may enclose *val*. If *val* contains white space, then enclosing quotation marks must be used.

The use of the `CONSTANT` clause completely determines the value to be assigned to a column in each inserted row. No other clause may appear in the same field definition.

If the `TERMINATED BY` clause is used to delimit the fields in `data_file`, there must be no delimited field in `data_file` corresponding to any field definition with a `CONSTANT` clause. In other words, EDB\*Loader assumes there is no field in `data_file` for any field definition with a `CONSTANT` clause.

#### FILLER

Specifies that the data in the field defined by the field definition is not to be loaded into the associated column if the identifier of the field definition is an actual column name in the table. In such case, the column is set to null. Use of the `FILLER` or `BOUNDFILLER` clause is the only circumstance in which the field definition does not have to be identified by an actual column name.

Unlike the `BOUNDFILLER` clause, an identifier defined with the `FILLER` clause must not be referenced in a SQL expression. See the discussion of the `expr` parameter.

#### BOUNDFILLER

Specifies that the data in the field defined by the field definition is not to be loaded into the associated column if the identifier of the field definition is an actual column name in the table. In such case, the column is set to null. Use of the `FILLER` or `BOUNDFILLER` clause is the only circumstance in which the field definition does not have to be identified by an actual column name.

Unlike the `FILLER` clause, an identifier defined with the `BOUNDFILLER` clause may be referenced in a SQL expression. See the discussion of the `expr` parameter.

#### POSITION (*start:end*)

Defines the location of the field in a record in a fixed-width field data file. *start* and *end* are positive integers. The first character in the record has a start value of 1.

```
CHAR [(length)] | DATE [(length)] [ "datemask" ] |  
INTEGER EXTERNAL [(length)] |  
FLOAT EXTERNAL [(length)] | DECIMAL EXTERNAL [(length)] |  
ZONED EXTERNAL [(length)] | ZONED [(precision[,scale])]
```

Field type that describes the format of the data field in `data_file`.

Note: Specification of a field type is optional (for descriptive purposes only) and has no effect on whether or not EDB\*Loader successfully inserts the data in the

field into the table column. Successful loading depends upon the compatibility of the column data type and the field value. For example, a column with data type `NUMBER(7,2)` successfully accepts a field containing 2600, but if the field contains a value such as 26XX, the insertion fails and the record is written to *bad\_file*.

Please note that ZONED data is not human-readable; ZONED data is stored in an internal format where each digit is encoded in a separate nibble/nybble/4-bit field. In each ZONED value, the last byte contains a single digit (in the high-order 4 bits) and the sign (in the low-order 4 bits).

### *length*

Specifies the length of the value to be loaded into the associated column.

If the `POSITION (start:end)` clause is specified along with a `fieldtype(length)` clause, then the ending position of the field is overridden by the specified *length* value. That is, the length of the value to be loaded into the column is determined by the *length* value beginning at the *start* position, and not by the *end* position of the `POSITION (start:end)` clause. Thus, the value to be loaded into the column may be shorter than the field defined by `POSITION (start:end)`, or it may go beyond the *end* position depending upon the specified *length* size.

If the `FIELDS TERMINATED BY 'termstring'` clause is specified as part of the `INTO TABLE` clause, and a field definition contains the `fieldtype(length)` clause, then a record is accepted as long as the specified *length* values are greater than or equal to the field lengths as determined by the *termstring* characters enclosing all such fields of the record. If the specified *length* value is less than a field length as determined by the enclosing *termstring* characters for any such field, then the record is rejected.

If the `FIELDS TERMINATED BY 'termstring'` clause is not specified, and the `POSITION (start:end)` clause is not included with a field containing the `fieldtype(length)` clause, then the starting position of this field begins with the next character following the ending position of the preceding field. The ending position of the preceding field is either the end of its *length* value if the preceding field contains the `fieldtype(length)` clause, or by its *end* parameter if the field contains the `POSITION (start:end)` clause without the `fieldtype(length)` clause.

### *precision*

Use *precision* to specify the length of the ZONED value.



If the *precision* value specified for `ZONED` conflicts with the length calculated by the server based on information provided with the `POSITION` clause, EDB\*Loader will use the value specified for *precision*.

#### *scale*

*scale* specifies the number of digits to the right of the decimal point in a `ZONED` value.

#### *datemask*

Specifies the ordering and abbreviation of the day, month, and year components of a date field.

**Note:** If the `DATE` field type is specified along with a SQL expression for the column, then *datemask* must be specified after `DATE` and before the SQL expression. See the following discussion of the *expr* parameter.

```
NULLIF field_condition [ AND field_condition ] ...
```

**Note:** See the description of *field\_condition* previously listed in this Parameters section for the syntax of *field\_condition*.

If all field conditions evaluate to `TRUE`, then the column identified by *column\_name* in the field definition is set to null. If any field condition evaluates to `FALSE`, then the column is set to the appropriate value as would normally occur according to the field definition.

#### `PRESERVE BLANKS`

For the column on which this option appears, retains leading white space when the optional enclosure delimiters are not present and leaves trailing white space intact when fields are specified with a predetermined size. When omitted, the default behavior is to trim leading and trailing white space.

#### *expr*

A SQL expression returning a scalar value that is type-compatible with the column data type to which it is assigned in a field definition. Double quotes must enclose *expr*. *expr* may contain a reference to any column in the field list (except for fields with the `FILLER` clause) by prefixing the column name by a colon character (:).

*expr* may also consist of a SQL `SELECT` statement. If a `SELECT` statement is used then the following rules must apply: 1) The `SELECT` statement must be

enclosed within parentheses (`SELECT ...`). 2) The select list must consist of exactly one expression following the `SELECT` keyword. 3) The result set must not return more than one row. If no rows are returned, then the returned value of the resulting expression is null. The following is the syntax for use of the `SELECT` statement:

```
"(SELECT expr [ FROM table_list [ WHERE condition ] ])"
```

**Note:** Omitting the `FROM table_list` clause is not compatible with Oracle databases. If no tables need to be specified, use of the `FROM DUAL` clause is compatible with Oracle databases.

## Examples

The following are some examples of control files and their corresponding data files.

### *Delimiter-Separated Field Data File*

The following control file uses a delimiter-separated data file that appends rows to the `emp` table:

```
LOAD DATA
  INFILE      'emp.dat'
  BADFILE    'emp.bad'
  APPEND
  INTO TABLE emp
  FIELDS TERMINATED BY ',' OPTIONALLY ENCLOSED BY '"'
  TRAILING NULLCOLS
  (
    empno,
    ename,
    job,
    mgr,
    hiredate,
    sal,
    deptno,
    comm
  )
```

In the preceding control file, the `APPEND` clause is used to allow the insertion of additional rows into the `emp` table.

The following is the corresponding delimiter-separated data file:

```
9101,ROGERS,CLERK,7902,17-DEC-10,1980.00,20
9102,PETERSON,SALESMAN,7698,20-DEC-10,2600.00,30,2300.00
9103,WARREN,SALESMAN,7698,22-DEC-10,5250.00,30,2500.00
9104,"JONES, JR.",MANAGER,7839,02-APR-09,7975.00,20
```

The use of the `TRAILING NULLCOLS` clause allows the last field supplying the `comm` column to be omitted from the first and last records. The `comm` column is set to null for the rows inserted from these records.

The double quotation mark enclosure character surrounds the value `JONES, JR.` in the last record since the comma delimiter character is part of the field value.

The following query displays the rows added to the table after the `EDB*Loader` session:

```
SELECT * FROM emp WHERE empno > 9100;
```

empno	ename	job	mgr	hiredate	sal	comm	deptno
9101	ROGERS	CLERK	7902	17-DEC-10 00:00:00	1980.00		20
9102	PETERSON	SALESMAN	7698	20-DEC-10 00:00:00	2600.00	2300.00	30
9103	WARREN	SALESMAN	7698	22-DEC-10 00:00:00	5250.00	2500.00	30
9104	JONES, JR.	MANAGER	7839	02-APR-09 00:00:00	7975.00		20

(4 rows)

### ***Fixed-Width Field Data File***

The following example is a control file that loads the same rows into the `emp` table, but uses a data file containing fixed-width fields:

```
LOAD DATA
  INFILE      'emp_fixed.dat'
  BADFILE    'emp_fixed.bad'
  APPEND
  INTO TABLE emp
  TRAILING NULLCOLS
  (
    empno      POSITION (1:4),
    ename      POSITION (5:14),
    job        POSITION (15:23),
    mgr        POSITION (24:27),
    hiredate   POSITION (28:38),
    sal        POSITION (39:46),
    deptno     POSITION (47:48),
    comm       POSITION (49:56)
  )
```

In the preceding control file, the `FIELDS TERMINATED BY` and `OPTIONALLY ENCLOSED BY` clauses are absent. Instead, each field now includes the `POSITION` clause.

The following is the corresponding data file containing fixed-width fields:

```
9101ROGERS      CLERK      790217-DEC-10  1980.0020
9102PETERSON   SALESMAN   769820-DEC-10  2600.0030 2300.00
9103WARREN     SALESMAN   769822-DEC-10  5250.0030 2500.00
9104JONES, JR.MANAGER 783902-APR-09  7975.0020
```

### ***Single Physical Record Data File – RECORDS DELIMITED BY Clause***

The following example is a control file that loads the same rows into the `emp` table, but uses a data file with one physical record. Each individual record that is to be loaded as a row in the table is terminated by the semicolon character (;) specified by the `RECORDS DELIMITED BY` clause.

```
LOAD DATA
  INFILE      'emp_recdelim.dat'
  BADFILE    'emp_recdelim.bad'
  APPEND
  INTO TABLE emp
  FIELDS TERMINATED BY ',' OPTIONALLY ENCLOSED BY '"'
  RECORDS DELIMITED BY ';'
  TRAILING NULLCOLS
  (
    empno,
    ename,
    job,
    mgr,
    hiredate,
    sal,
    deptno,
    comm
  )
```

The following is the corresponding data file. The content is a single, physical record in the data file. The record delimiter character is included following the last record (that is, at the end of the file).

```
9101,ROGERS,CLERK,7902,17-DEC-10,1980.00,20,;9102,PETERSON,SALESMAN,7698,20-
DEC-10,2600.00,30,2300.00;9103,WARREN,SALESMAN,7698,22-DEC-
10,5250.00,30,2500.00;9104,"JONES, JR.",MANAGER,7839,02-APR-09,7975.00,20,;
```

### ***FILLER Clause***

The following control file illustrates the use of the `FILLER` clause in the data fields for the `sal` and `comm` columns. EDB\*Loader ignores the values in these fields and sets the corresponding columns to null.

```
LOAD DATA
  INFILE      'emp_fixed.dat'
  BADFILE    'emp_fixed.bad'
  APPEND
  INTO TABLE emp
  TRAILING NULLCOLS
  (
    empno      POSITION (1:4),
    ename      POSITION (5:14),
    job        POSITION (15:23),
    mgr        POSITION (24:27),
    hiredate   POSITION (28:38),
    sal        FILLER POSITION (39:46),
    deptno     POSITION (47:48),
    comm       FILLER POSITION (49:56)
  )
```

Using the same fixed-width data file as in the prior fixed-width field example, the resulting rows in the table appear as follows:

```
SELECT * FROM emp WHERE empno > 9100;
```

empno	ename	job	mgr	hiredate	sal	comm	deptno
9101	ROGERS	CLERK	7902	17-DEC-10 00:00:00			20
9102	PETERSON	SALESMAN	7698	20-DEC-10 00:00:00			30
9103	WARREN	SALESMAN	7698	22-DEC-10 00:00:00			30
9104	JONES, JR.	MANAGER	7839	02-APR-09 00:00:00			20

(4 rows)

### ***BOUNDFILLER Clause***

The following control file illustrates the use of the `BOUNDFILLER` clause in the data fields for the `job` and `mgr` columns. `EDB*Loader` ignores the values in these fields and sets the corresponding columns to null in the same manner as the `FILLER` clause. However, unlike columns with the `FILLER` clause, columns with the `BOUNDFILLER` clause are permitted to be used in an expression as shown for column `jobdesc`.

```
LOAD DATA
  INFILE 'emp.dat'
  BADFILE 'emp.bad'
  APPEND
  INTO TABLE empjob
  FIELDS TERMINATED BY ',' OPTIONALLY ENCLOSED BY '"'
  TRAILING NULLCOLS
  (
    empno,
    ename,
    job          BOUNDFILLER,
    mgr          BOUNDFILLER,
    hiredate    FILLER,
    sal         FILLER,
    deptno      FILLER,
    comm        FILLER,
    jobdesc     ":job || ' for manager ' || :mgr"
  )
```

The following is the delimiter-separated data file used in this example.

```
9101,ROGERS,CLERK,7902,17-DEC-10,1980.00,20
9102,PETERSON,SALESMAN,7698,20-DEC-10,2600.00,30,2300.00
9103,WARREN,SALESMAN,7698,22-DEC-10,5250.00,30,2500.00
9104,"JONES, JR.",MANAGER,7839,02-APR-09,7975.00,20
```

The following table is loaded using the preceding control file and data file.

```
CREATE TABLE empjob (
  empno          NUMBER(4) NOT NULL CONSTRAINT empjob_pk PRIMARY KEY,
  ename          VARCHAR2(10),
  job            VARCHAR2(9),
  mgr            NUMBER(4),
  jobdesc        VARCHAR2(25)
);
```

The resulting rows in the table appear as follows:

```
SELECT * FROM empjob;
```

empno	ename	job	mgr	jobdesc
9101	ROGERS			CLERK for manager 7902
9102	PETERSON			SALESMAN for manager 7698
9103	WARREN			SALESMAN for manager 7698
9104	JONES, JR.			MANAGER for manager 7839

(4 rows)

### Field Types with Length Specification

The following example is a control file that contains the field type clauses with the length specification:

```
LOAD DATA
  INFILE      'emp_fixed.dat'
  BADFILE    'emp_fixed.bad'
  APPEND
  INTO TABLE emp
  TRAILING NULLCOLS
  (
    empno      CHAR(4),
    ename      CHAR(10),
    job        POSITION (15:23) CHAR(9),
    mgr        INTEGER EXTERNAL(4),
    hiredate   DATE(11) "DD-MON-YY",
    sal        DECIMAL EXTERNAL(8),
    deptno     POSITION (47:48),
    comm       POSITION (49:56) DECIMAL EXTERNAL(8)
  )
```

Note that the POSITION clause and the *fieldtype(length)* clause can be used individually or in combination as long as each field definition contains at least one of the two clauses.

The following is the corresponding data file containing fixed-width fields:

```
9101ROGERS      CLERK      790217-DEC-10  1980.0020
9102PETERSON    SALESMAN  769820-DEC-10  2600.0030 2300.00
9103WARREN      SALESMAN  769822-DEC-10  5250.0030 2500.00
9104JONES, JR.  MANAGER   783902-APR-09  7975.0020
```

The resulting rows in the table appear as follows:

```
SELECT * FROM emp WHERE empno > 9100;
```

empno	ename	job	mgr	hiredate	sal	comm	deptno
9101	ROGERS	CLERK	7902	17-DEC-10 00:00:00	1980.00		20
9102	PETERSON	SALESMAN	7698	20-DEC-10 00:00:00	2600.00	2300.00	30
9103	WARREN	SALESMAN	7698	22-DEC-10 00:00:00	5250.00	2500.00	30
9104	JONES, JR.	MANAGER	7839	02-APR-09 00:00:00	7975.00		20

(4 rows)

### *NULLIF Clause*

The following example uses the `NULLIF` clause on the `sal` column to set it to null for employees of job `MANAGER` as well as on the `comm` column to set it to null if the employee is not a `SALESMAN` and is not in department 30. In other words, a `comm` value is accepted if the employee is a `SALESMAN` or is a member of department 30.

The following is the control file:

```
LOAD DATA
  INFILE      'emp_fixed_2.dat'
  BADFILE     'emp_fixed_2.bad'
  APPEND
  INTO TABLE emp
  TRAILING NULLCOLS
  (
    empno      POSITION (1:4),
    ename      POSITION (5:14),
    job        POSITION (15:23),
    mgr        POSITION (24:27),
    hiredate   POSITION (28:38),
    sal        POSITION (39:46) NULLIF job = 'MANAGER',
    deptno     POSITION (47:48),
    comm       POSITION (49:56) NULLIF job <> 'SALESMAN' AND deptno <> '30'
  )
```

The following is the corresponding data file:

```
9101ROGERS      CLERK      790217-DEC-10  1980.0020
9102PETERSON    SALESMAN   769820-DEC-10  2600.0030 2300.00
9103WARREN      SALESMAN   769822-DEC-10  5250.0030 2500.00
9104JONES, JR.  MANAGER    783902-APR-09  7975.0020
9105ARNOLDS     CLERK      778213-SEP-10  3750.0030  800.00
9106JACKSON     ANALYST    756603-JAN-11  4500.0040 2000.00
9107MAXWELL     SALESMAN   769820-DEC-10  2600.0010 1600.00
```

The resulting rows in the table appear as follows:

```
SELECT empno, ename, job, NVL(TO_CHAR(sal), '--null--') "sal",
       NVL(TO_CHAR(comm), '--null--') "comm", deptno FROM emp WHERE empno > 9100;
```

empno	ename	job	sal	comm	deptno
9101	ROGERS	CLERK	1980.00	--null--	20
9102	PETERSON	SALESMAN	2600.00	2300.00	30
9103	WARREN	SALESMAN	5250.00	2500.00	30
9104	JONES, JR.	MANAGER	--null--	--null--	20
9105	ARNOLDS	CLERK	3750.00	800.00	30
9106	JACKSON	ANALYST	4500.00	--null--	40
9107	MAXWELL	SALESMAN	2600.00	1600.00	10

(7 rows)

Note that the `sal` column for employee `JONES, JR.` is null since the job is `MANAGER`.

The `comm` values from the data file for employees `PETERSON`, `WARREN`, `ARNOLDS`, and `MAXWELL` are all loaded into the `comm` column of the `emp` table since these employees are either `SALESMAN` or members of department 30.

The `comm` value of `2000.00` in the data file for employee `JACKSON` is ignored and the `comm` column of the `emp` table set to null since this employee is neither a `SALESMAN` nor is a member of department 30.

### *SELECT Statement in a Field Expression*

The following example uses a `SELECT` statement in the expression of the field definition to return the value to be loaded into the column.

```
LOAD DATA
  INFILE      'emp_fixed.dat'
  BADFILE    'emp_fixed.bad'
  APPEND
  INTO TABLE emp
  TRAILING NULLCOLS
  (
    empno      POSITION (1:4),
    ename      POSITION (5:14),
    job        POSITION (15:23) "(SELECT dname FROM dept WHERE deptno = :deptno)",
    mgr        POSITION (24:27),
    hiredate   POSITION (28:38),
    sal        POSITION (39:46),
    deptno     POSITION (47:48),
    comm       POSITION (49:56)
  )
```

The content of the `dept` table used in the `SELECT` statement is the following:

```
SELECT * FROM dept;

 deptno |  dname   |  loc
-----+-----+-----
      10 | ACCOUNTING | NEW YORK
      20 | RESEARCH  | DALLAS
      30 | SALES     | CHICAGO
      40 | OPERATIONS | BOSTON
(4 rows)
```

The following is the corresponding data file:

```
9101ROGERS      CLERK      790217-DEC-10  1980.0020
9102PETERSON   SALESMAN   769820-DEC-10  2600.0030 2300.00
9103WARREN     SALESMAN   769822-DEC-10  5250.0030 2500.00
9104JONES, JR. MANAGER  783902-APR-09  7975.0020
```

The resulting rows in the table appear as follows:

```
SELECT * FROM emp WHERE empno > 9100;

 empno |  ename   |  job   | mgr |  hiredate   |  sal |  comm | deptno
-----+-----+-----+----+-----+-----+-----+-----
```



```

-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----
-
 9101 | ROGERS      | RESEARCH | 7902 | 17-DEC-10 00:00:00 | 1980.00 |      |      | 20
 9102 | PETERSON   | SALES    | 7698 | 20-DEC-10 00:00:00 | 2600.00 | 2300.00 |      | 30
 9103 | WARREN     | SALES    | 7698 | 22-DEC-10 00:00:00 | 5250.00 | 2500.00 |      | 30
 9104 | JONES, JR. | RESEARCH | 7839 | 02-APR-09 00:00:00 | 7975.00 |      |      | 20
(4 rows)

```

Note that the `job` column contains the value from the `dname` column of the `dept` table returned by the `SELECT` statement instead of the job name from the data file.

### *Multiple INTO TABLE Clauses*

The following example illustrates the use of multiple `INTO TABLE` clauses. For this example, two empty tables are created with the same data definition as the `emp` table. The following `CREATE TABLE` commands create these two empty tables, while inserting no rows from the original `emp` table:

```

CREATE TABLE emp_research AS SELECT * FROM emp WHERE deptno = 99;
CREATE TABLE emp_sales AS SELECT * FROM emp WHERE deptno = 99;

```

The following control file contains two `INTO TABLE` clauses. Also note that there is no `APPEND` clause so the default operation of `INSERT` is used, which requires that tables `emp_research` and `emp_sales` be empty.

```

LOAD DATA
  INFILE      'emp_multitbl.dat'
  BADFILE    'emp_multitbl.bad'
  DISCARDFILE 'emp_multitbl.dsc'
  INTO TABLE emp_research
  WHEN (47:48) = '20'
  TRAILING NULLCOLS
  (
    empno      POSITION (1:4),
    ename      POSITION (5:14),
    job        POSITION (15:23),
    mgr        POSITION (24:27),
    hiredate   POSITION (28:38),
    sal        POSITION (39:46),
    deptno     CONSTANT '20',
    comm       POSITION (49:56)
  )
  INTO TABLE emp_sales
  WHEN (47:48) = '30'
  TRAILING NULLCOLS
  (
    empno      POSITION (1:4),
    ename      POSITION (5:14),
    job        POSITION (15:23),
    mgr        POSITION (24:27),
    hiredate   POSITION (28:38),
    sal        POSITION (39:46),
    deptno     CONSTANT '30',
    comm       POSITION (49:56) "ROUND(:comm + (:sal * .25), 0)"
  )

```

The `WHEN` clauses specify that when the field designated by columns 47 thru 48 contains 20, the record is inserted into the `emp_research` table and when that same field contains 30, the record is inserted into the `emp_sales` table. If neither condition is true, the record is written to the discard file named `emp_multitbl.dsc`.

The `CONSTANT` clause is given for column `deptno` so the specified constant value is inserted into `deptno` for each record. When the `CONSTANT` clause is used, it must be the only clause in the field definition other than the column name to which the constant value is assigned.

Finally, column `comm` of the `emp_sales` table is assigned a SQL expression. Column names may be referenced in the expression by prefixing the column name with a colon character (:).

The following is the corresponding data file:

```
9101ROGERS      CLERK      790217-DEC-10  1980.0020
9102PETERSON   SALESMAN   769820-DEC-10  2600.0030 2300.00
9103WARREN     SALESMAN   769822-DEC-10  5250.0030 2500.00
9104JONES, JR. MANAGER  783902-APR-09  7975.0020
9105ARNOLDS   CLERK      778213-SEP-10  3750.0010
9106JACKSON    ANALYST    756603-JAN-11  4500.0040
```

Since the records for employees `ARNOLDS` and `JACKSON` contain 10 and 40 in columns 47 thru 48, which do not satisfy any of the `WHEN` clauses, `EDB*Loader` writes these two records to the discard file, `emp_multitbl.dsc`, whose content is shown by the following:

```
9105ARNOLDS   CLERK      778213-SEP-10  3750.0010
9106JACKSON    ANALYST    756603-JAN-11  4500.0040
```

The following are the rows loaded into the `emp_research` and `emp_sales` tables:

```
SELECT * FROM emp_research;

empno |  ename   | job   | mgr |      hiredate      |  sal  | comm | deptno
-----+-----+-----+----+-----+-----+-----+-----
  9101 | ROGERS   | CLERK | 7902 | 17-DEC-10 00:00:00 | 1980.00 |      |    20.00
  9104 | JONES, JR. | MANAGER | 7839 | 02-APR-09 00:00:00 | 7975.00 |      |    20.00
(2 rows)

SELECT * FROM emp_sales;

empno |  ename   | job   | mgr |      hiredate      |  sal  | comm | deptno
-----+-----+-----+----+-----+-----+-----+-----
  9102 | PETERSON | SALESMAN | 7698 | 20-DEC-10 00:00:00 | 2600.00 | 2950.00 |    30.00
  9103 | WARREN   | SALESMAN | 7698 | 22-DEC-10 00:00:00 | 5250.00 | 3813.00 |    30.00
(2 rows)
```

### 3.4 Invoking EDB\*Loader

You must have superuser privileges to run EDB\*Loader. Use the following command to invoke EDB\*Loader from the command line:

```
edblldr [ -d dbname ] [ -p port ] [ -h host ]
[ USERID={ username/password | username/ | username | / } ]
  CONTROL=control_file
[ DATA=data_file ]
[ BAD=bad_file ]
[ DISCARD=discard_file ]
[ DISCARDMAX=max_discard_recs ]
[ LOG=log_file ]
[ PARFILE=param_file ]
[ DIRECT={ FALSE | TRUE } ]
[ FREEZE={ FALSE | TRUE } ]
[ ERRORS=error_count ]
[ PARALLEL={ FALSE | TRUE } ]
[ ROWS=n ]
[ SKIP=skip_count ]
[ SKIP_INDEX_MAINTENANCE={ FALSE | TRUE } ]
[ edb_resource_group=group_name ]
```

#### Description

If the `-d` option, the `-p` option, or the `-h` option are omitted, the defaults for the database, port, and host are determined according to the same rules as other Advanced Server utility programs such as `edb-psql`, for example.

Any parameter listed in the preceding syntax diagram except for the `-d` option, `-p` option, `-h` option, and the `PARFILE` parameter may be specified in a *parameter file*. The parameter file is specified on the command line when `edblldr` is invoked using `PARFILE=param_file`. Some parameters may be specified in the `OPTIONS` clause in the control file. See the description of the control file in Section 3.3.

The specification of *control\_file*, *data\_file*, *bad\_file*, *discard\_file*, *log\_file*, and *param\_file* may include the full directory path or a relative directory path to the file name. If the file name is specified alone or with a relative directory path, the file is assumed to exist (in the case of *control\_file*, *data\_file*, or *param\_file*), or to be created (in the case of *bad\_file*, *discard\_file*, or *log\_file*) relative to the current working directory from which `edblldr` is invoked.

**Note:** The control file must exist in the character set encoding of the client where `edblldr` is invoked. If the client is in a different encoding than the database encoding, then the `PGCLIENTENCODING` environment variable must be set on the client to the

client's encoding prior to invoking `edblldr`. This must be done to ensure character set conversion is properly done between the client and the database server.

The operating system account used to invoke `edblldr` must have read permission on the directories and files specified by `control_file`, `data_file`, and `param_file`.

The operating system account `enterprisedb` must have write permission on the directories where `bad_file`, `discard_file`, and `log_file` are to be written.

**Note:** It is suggested that the file names for `control_file`, `data_file`, `bad_file`, `discard_file`, and `log_file` include extensions of `.ctl`, `.dat`, `.bad`, `.dsc`, and `.log`, respectively. If the provided file name does not contain an extension, EDB\*Loader assumes the actual file name includes the appropriate aforementioned extension.

## Parameters

*dbname*

Name of the database containing the tables to be loaded.

*port*

Port number on which the database server is accepting connections.

*host*

IP address of the host on which the database server is running.

USERID={ *username/password* | *username/* | *username* | / }

EDB\*Loader connects to the database with *username*. *username* must be a superuser. *password* is the password for *username*.

If the USERID parameter is omitted, EDB\*Loader prompts for *username* and *password*. If USERID=*username/* is specified, then EDB\*Loader 1) uses the password file specified by environment variable PGPASSFILE if PGPASSFILE is set, or 2) uses the `.pgpass` password file (`pgpass.conf` on Windows systems) if PGPASSFILE is not set. If USERID=*username* is specified, then EDB\*Loader prompts for *password*. If USERID=*/* is specified, the connection is attempted using the operating system account as the user name.

**Note:** The Advanced Server connection environment variables PGUSER and PGPASSWORD are ignored by EDB\*Loader. See the PostgreSQL core documentation for information on the PGPASSFILE environment variable and the password file.

CONTROL=*control\_file*

*control\_file* specifies the name of the control file containing EDB\*Loader directives. If a file extension is not specified, an extension of `.ctl` is assumed. See Section 3.3 for a description of the control file.

DATA=*data\_file*

*data\_file* specifies the name of the file containing the data to be loaded into the target table. If a file extension is not specified, an extension of `.dat` is assumed. See Section 3.3 for a description of the *data\_file*.

**Note:** Specifying a *data\_file* on the command line overrides the `INFILE` clause specified in the control file.

BAD=*bad\_file*

*bad\_file* specifies the name of a file that receives input data records that cannot be loaded due to errors. See Section 3.3 for a description of the *bad\_file*.

**Note:** Specifying a *bad\_file* on the command line overrides any `BADFILE` clause specified in the control file.

DISCARD=*discard\_file*

*discard\_file* is the name of the file that receives input data records that do not meet any table's selection criteria. See the description of *discard\_file* in Section 3.3.

**Note:** Specifying a *discard\_file* using the command line `DISCARD` parameter overrides the `DISCARDFILE` clause in the control file.

DISCARDMAX=*max\_discard\_recs*

*max\_discard\_recs* is the maximum number of discarded records that may be encountered from the input data records before terminating the EDB\*Loader session. See the description of *max\_discard\_recs* in Section 3.3.

**Note:** Specifying *max\_discard\_recs* using the command line `DISCARDMAX` parameter overrides the `DISCARDMAX` or `DISCARDS` clause in the control file.

LOG=*log\_file*

*log\_file* specifies the name of the file in which EDB\*Loader records the results of the EDB\*Loader session.

If the `LOG` parameter is omitted, EDB\*Loader creates a log file with the name `control_file_base.log` in the directory from which `edbldr` is invoked. `control_file_base` is the base name of the control file used in the EDB\*Loader session. The operating system account `enterprisedb` must have write permission on the directory where the log file is to be written.

`PARFILE=param_file`

`param_file` specifies the name of the file that contains command line parameters for the EDB\*Loader session. Any command line parameter listed in this section except for the `-d`, `-p`, and `-h` options, and the `PARFILE` parameter itself, can be specified in `param_file` instead of on the command line.

Any parameter given in `param_file` overrides the same parameter supplied on the command line before the `PARFILE` option. Any parameter given on the command line that appears after the `PARFILE` option overrides the same parameter given in `param_file`.

**Note:** Unlike other EDB\*Loader files, there is no default file name or extension assumed for `param_file`, though by Oracle SQL\*Loader convention, `.par` is typically used, but not required, as an extension.

`DIRECT= { FALSE | TRUE }`

If `DIRECT` is set to `TRUE` EDB\*Loader performs a direct path load instead of a conventional path load. The default value of `DIRECT` is `FALSE`.

See Section [3.5](#) for information on direct path loads.

`FREEZE= { FALSE | TRUE }`

Set `FREEZE` to `TRUE` to indicate that the data should be copied with the rows *frozen*. A tuple guaranteed to be visible to all current and future transactions is marked as frozen to prevent transaction ID wrap-around. For more information about frozen tuples, see the PostgreSQL core documentation at:

<http://www.postgresql.org/docs/9.6/static/routine-vacuuming.html>

You must specify a data-loading type of `TRUNCATE` in the control file when using the `FREEZE` option. `FREEZE` is not supported for direct loading.

By default, `FREEZE` is `FALSE`.

`ERRORS=error_count`

*error\_count* specifies the number of errors permitted before aborting the EDB\*Loader session. The default is 50.

`PARALLEL= { FALSE | TRUE }`

Set `PARALLEL` to `TRUE` to indicate that this EDB\*Loader session is one of a number of concurrent EDB\*Loader sessions participating in a parallel direct path load. The default value of `PARALLEL` is `FALSE`.

When `PARALLEL` is `TRUE`, the `DIRECT` parameter must also be set to `TRUE`. See Section [3.6](#) for more information about parallel direct path loads.

`ROWS=n`

*n* specifies the number of rows that EDB\*Loader will commit before loading the next set of *n* rows.

`SKIP=skip_count`

Number of records at the beginning of the input data file that should be skipped before loading begins. The default is 0.

`SKIP_INDEX_MAINTENANCE= { FALSE | TRUE }`

If set to `TRUE`, index maintenance is not performed as part of a direct path load, and indexes on the loaded table are marked as invalid. The default value of `SKIP_INDEX_MAINTENANCE` is `FALSE`.

Please note: During a parallel direct path load, target table indexes are not updated, and are marked as invalid after the load is complete.

You can use the `REINDEX` command to rebuild an index. For more information about the `REINDEX` command, see the PostgreSQL core documentation available at:

<http://www.postgresql.org/docs/9.6/static/sql-reindex.html>

`edb_resource_group=group_name`

*group\_name* specifies the name of an EDB Resource Manager resource group to which the EDB\*Loader session is to be assigned.

Any default resource group that may have been assigned to the session (for example, a database user running the EDB\*Loader session who had been assigned a default resource group with the `ALTER ROLE ... SET edb_resource_group` command) is overridden by the resource group given by the `edb_resource_group` parameter specified on the `edbldr` command line.

## Examples

In the following example EDB\*Loader is invoked using a control file named `emp.ctl` located in the current working directory to load a table in database `edb`:

```
$ /opt/PostgresPlus/9.6AS/bin/edbldr -d edb USERID=enterprisedb/password  
CONTROL=emp.ctl  
EDB*Loader: Copyright (c) 2007-2015, EnterpriseDB Corporation.  
  
Successfully loaded (4) records
```

In the following example, EDB\*Loader prompts for the user name and password since they are omitted from the command line. In addition, the files for the bad file and log file are specified with the `BAD` and `LOG` command line parameters.

```
$ /opt/PostgresPlus/9.6AS/bin/edbldr -d edb CONTROL=emp.ctl BAD=/tmp/emp.bad  
LOG=/tmp/emp.log  
Enter the user name : enterprisedb  
Enter the password :  
EDB*Loader: Copyright (c) 2007-2015, EnterpriseDB Corporation.  
  
Successfully loaded (4) records
```

The following example runs EDB\*Loader with the same parameters as shown in the preceding example, but using a parameter file located in the current working directory. The `SKIP` and `ERRORS` parameters are altered from their defaults in the parameter file as well. The parameter file, `emp.par`, contains the following:

```
CONTROL=emp.ctl  
BAD=/tmp/emp.bad  
LOG=/tmp/emp.log  
SKIP=1  
ERRORS=10
```

EDB\*Loader is invoked with the parameter file as shown by the following:

```
$ /opt/PostgresPlus/9.6AS/bin/edbldr -d edb PARFILE=emp.par  
Enter the user name : enterprisedb  
Enter the password :  
EDB*Loader: Copyright (c) 2007-2015, EnterpriseDB Corporation.  
  
Successfully loaded (3) records
```



### 3.4.1 Exit Codes

When EDB\*Loader exits, it will return one of the following codes:

Exit Code	Description
0	Indicates that all rows loaded successfully.
1	Indicates that EDB*Loader encountered command line or syntax errors, or aborted the load operation due to an unrecoverable error.
2	Indicates that the load completed, but some (or all) rows were rejected or discarded.
3	Indicates that EDB*Loader encountered fatal errors (such as OS errors). This class of errors is equivalent to the <code>FATAL</code> or <code>PANIC</code> severity levels of PostgreSQL errors.

### 3.5 Direct Path Load

During a direct path load, EDB\*Loader writes the data directly to the database pages, which is then synchronized to disk. The insert processing associated with a conventional path load is bypassed, thereby resulting in a performance improvement.

Bypassing insert processing reduces the types of constraints that may exist on the target table. The following types of constraints are permitted on the target table of a direct path load:

- Primary key
- Not null constraints
- Indexes (unique or non-unique)

The restrictions on the target table of a direct path load are the following:

- Triggers are not permitted
- Check constraints are not permitted
- Foreign key constraints on the target table referencing another table are not permitted
- Foreign key constraints on other tables referencing the target table are not permitted
- The table must not be partitioned
- Rules may exist on the target table, but they are not executed

**Note:** Currently, a direct path load in EDB\*Loader is more restrictive than in Oracle SQL\*Loader. The preceding restrictions do not apply to Oracle SQL\*Loader in most cases. The following restrictions apply to a control file used in a direct path load:

- Multiple table loads are not supported. That is, only one `INTO TABLE` clause may be specified in the control file.
- SQL expressions may not be used in the data field definitions of the `INTO TABLE` clause.
- The `FREEZE` option is not supported for direct path loading.

To run a direct path load, add the `DIRECT=TRUE` option as shown by the following example:

```
$ /opt/PostgresPlus/9.6AS/bin/edbldr -d edb USERID=enterprisedb/password  
CONTROL=emp.ctl DIRECT=TRUE  
EDB*Loader: Copyright (c) 2007-2015, EnterpriseDB Corporation.  
  
Successfully loaded (4) records
```

### 3.6 Parallel Direct Path Load

The performance of a direct path load can be further improved by distributing the loading process over two or more sessions running concurrently. Each session runs a direct path load into the same table.

Since the same table is loaded from multiple sessions, the input records to be loaded into the table must be divided amongst several data files so that each EDB\*Loader session uses its own data file and the same record is not loaded more than once into the table.

The target table of a parallel direct path load is under the same restrictions as a direct path load run in a single session.

The restrictions on the target table of a direct path load are the following:

- Triggers are not permitted
- Check constraints are not permitted
- Foreign key constraints on the target table referencing another table are not permitted
- Foreign key constraints on other tables referencing the target table are not permitted
- The table must not be partitioned
- Rules may exist on the target table, but they are not executed

In addition, the `APPEND` clause must be specified in the control file used by each EDB\*Loader session.

To run a parallel direct path load, run EDB\*Loader in a separate session for each participant of the parallel direct path load. Invocation of each such EDB\*Loader session must include the `DIRECT=TRUE` and `PARALLEL=TRUE` parameters.

Each EDB\*Loader session runs as an independent transaction so if one of the parallel sessions aborts and rolls back its changes, the loading done by the other parallel sessions are not affected.

**Note:** In a parallel direct path load, each EDB\*Loader session reserves a fixed number of blocks in the target table in a round-robin fashion. Some of the blocks in the last allocated chunk may not be used, and those blocks remain uninitialized. A subsequent use of the `VACUUM` command on the target table may show warnings regarding these uninitialized blocks such as the following:

```
WARNING: relation "emp" page 98264 is uninitialized --- fixing
WARNING: relation "emp" page 98265 is uninitialized --- fixing
WARNING: relation "emp" page 98266 is uninitialized --- fixing
```

This is an expected behavior and does not indicate data corruption.

Indexes on the target table are not updated during a parallel direct path load and are therefore marked as invalid after the load is complete. You must use the `REINDEX` command to rebuild the indexes.

The following example shows the use of a parallel direct path load on the `emp` table.

**Note:** If you attempt a parallel direct path load on the sample `emp` table provided with Advanced Server, you must first remove the triggers and constraints referencing the `emp` table. In addition the primary key column, `empno`, was expanded from `NUMBER(4)` to `NUMBER` in this example to allow for the insertion of a larger number of rows.

The following is the control file used in the first session:

```
LOAD DATA
  INFILE      '/home/user/loader/emp_parallel_1.dat'
  APPEND
  INTO TABLE emp
    FIELDS TERMINATED BY ',' OPTIONALLY ENCLOSED BY '"'
    TRAILING NULLCOLS
  (
    empno,
    ename,
    job,
    mgr,
    hiredate,
    sal,
    deptno,
    comm
  )
```

The `APPEND` clause must be specified in the control file for a parallel direct path load.

The following shows the invocation of `EDB*Loader` in the first session. The `DIRECT=TRUE` and `PARALLEL=TRUE` parameters must be specified.

```
$ /opt/PostgresPlus/9.6AS/bin/edbldr -d edb USERID=enterprisedb/password
CONTROL=emp_parallel_1.ctf DIRECT=TRUE PARALLEL=TRUE
WARNING: index maintenance will be skipped with PARALLEL load
EDB*Loader: Copyright (c) 2007-2015, EnterpriseDB Corporation.
```

The control file used for the second session appears as follows. Note that it is the same as the one used in the first session, but uses a different data file.

```
LOAD DATA
  INFILE      '/home/user/loader/emp_parallel_2.dat'
  APPEND
  INTO TABLE emp
    FIELDS TERMINATED BY ',' OPTIONALLY ENCLOSED BY '"'
    TRAILING NULLCOLS
  (
    empno,
    ename,
    job,
    mgr,
    hiredate,
    sal,
    deptno,
    comm
  )
```

)

The preceding control file is used in a second session as shown by the following:

```
$ /opt/PostgresPlus/9.6AS/bin/edbldr -d edb USERID=enterprisedb/password
CONTROL=emp_parallel_2.ct1 DIRECT=TRUE PARALLEL=TRUE
WARNING: index maintenance will be skipped with PARALLEL load
EDB*Loader: Copyright (c) 2007-2015, EnterpriseDB Corporation.
```

EDB\*Loader displays the following message in each session when its respective load operation completes:

```
Successfully loaded (10000) records
```

The following query shows that the index on the `emp` table has been marked as `INVALID`:

```
SELECT index_name, status FROM user_indexes WHERE table_name = 'EMP';

index_name | status
-----+-----
EMP_PK     | INVALID
(1 row)
```

**Note:** `user_indexes` is the view of indexes compatible with Oracle databases owned by the current user.

Queries on the `emp` table will not utilize the index unless it is rebuilt using the `REINDEX` command as shown by the following:

```
REINDEX INDEX emp_pk;
```

A subsequent query on `user_indexes` shows that the index is now marked as `VALID`:

```
SELECT index_name, status FROM user_indexes WHERE table_name = 'EMP';

index_name | status
-----+-----
EMP_PK     | VALID
(1 row)
```

### 3.7 Remote Loading

EDB\*Loader supports a feature called *remote loading*. In remote loading, the database containing the table to be loaded is running on a database server on a different host than from where EDB\*Loader is invoked with the input data source.

This feature is useful if you have a large amount of data to be loaded, and you do not want to create a large data file on the host running the database server.

In addition, you can use the standard input feature to pipe the data from the data source such as another program or script, directly to EDB\*Loader, which then loads the table in the remote database. This bypasses the process of having to create a data file on disk for EDB\*Loader.

Performing remote loading along with using standard input requires the following:

- The `edblldr` program must be installed on the client host on which it is to be invoked with the data source for the EDB\*Loader session.
- The control file must contain the clause `INFILE 'stdin'` so you can pipe the data directly into EDB\*Loader's standard input. See Section 3.3 for information on the `INFILE` clause and the EDB\*Loader control file.
- All files used by EDB\*Loader such as the control file, bad file, discard file, and log file must reside on, or are created on, the client host on which `edblldr` is invoked.
- When invoking EDB\*Loader, use the `-h` option to specify the IP address of the remote database server. See Section 3.4 for information on invoking EDB\*Loader.
- Use the operating system pipe operator (`|`) or input redirection operator (`<`) to supply the input data to EDB\*Loader.

The following example loads a database running on a database server at `192.168.1.14` using data piped from a source named `datasource`.

```
datasource | ./edblldr -d edb -h 192.168.1.14 USERID=enterprisedb/password  
CONTROL=remote.ctl
```

The following is another example of how standard input can be used:

```
./edblldr -d edb -h 192.168.1.14 USERID=enterprisedb/password  
CONTROL=remote.ctl < datasource
```

### 3.8 Updating a Table with a Conventional Path Load

You can use EDB\*Loader with a conventional path load to update the rows within a table, merging new data with the existing data. When you invoke EDB\*Loader to perform an update, the server searches the table for an existing row with a matching primary key:

- If the server locates a row with a matching key, it replaces the existing row with the new row.
- If the server does not locate a row with a matching key, it adds the new row to the table.

To use EDB\*Loader to update a table, the table must have a primary key. Please note that you cannot use EDB\*Loader to UPDATE a partitioned table.

To perform an UPDATE, use the same steps as when performing a conventional path load:

1. Create a data file that contains the rows you wish to UPDATE or INSERT.
2. Define a control file that uses the INFILE keyword to specify the name of the data file. For information about building the EDB\*Loader control file, see Section 3.3.
3. Invoke EDB\*Loader, specifying the database name, connection information, and the name of the control file. For information about invoking EDB\*Loader, see Section 3.4.

The following example uses the emp table that is distributed with the Advanced Server sample data. By default, the table contains:

```
edb=# select * from emp;
empno|ename | job | mgr | hiredate | sal | comm | deptno
-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----
7369 |SMITH |CLERK | 7902 | 17-DEC-80 00:00:00 | 800.00 | | 20
7499 |ALLEN |SALESMAN | 7698 | 20-FEB-81 00:00:00 | 1600.00 |300.00 | 30
7521 |WARD |SALESMAN | 7698 | 22-FEB-81 00:00:00 | 1250.00 |500.00 | 30
7566 |JONES |MANAGER | 7839 | 02-APR-81 00:00:00 | 2975.00 | | 20
7654 |MARTIN|SALESMAN | 7698 | 28-SEP-81 00:00:00 | 1250.00 |1400.00| 30
7698 |BLAKE |MANAGER | 7839 | 01-MAY-81 00:00:00 | 2850.00 | | 30
7782 |CLARK |MANAGER | 7839 | 09-JUN-81 00:00:00 | 2450.00 | | 10
7788 |SCOTT |ANALYST | 7566 | 19-APR-87 00:00:00 | 3000.00 | | 20
7839 |KING |PRESIDENT| | 17-NOV-81 00:00:00 | 5000.00 | | 10
7844 |TURNER|SALESMAN | 7698 | 08-SEP-81 00:00:00 | 1500.00 | 0.00 | 30
7876 |ADAMS |CLERK | 7788 | 23-MAY-87 00:00:00 | 1100.00 | | 20
7900 |JAMES |CLERK | 7698 | 03-DEC-81 00:00:00 | 950.00 | | 30
7902 |FORD |ANALYST | 7566 | 03-DEC-81 00:00:00 | 3000.00 | | 20
7934 |MILLER|CLERK | 7782 | 23-JAN-82 00:00:00 | 1300.00 | | 10
(14 rows)
```

The following control file (emp\_update.ctl) specifies the fields in the table in a comma-delimited list. The control file performs an UPDATE on the emp table:

```
LOAD DATA
  INFILE 'emp_update.dat'
  BADFILE 'emp_update.bad'
  DISCARDFILE 'emp_update.dsc'
UPDATE INTO TABLE emp
FIELDS TERMINATED BY ","
(empno, ename, job, mgr, hiredate, sal, comm, deptno)
```

The data that is being updated or inserted is saved in the emp\_update.dat file. emp\_update.dat contains:

```
7521,WARD,MANAGER,7839,22-FEB-81 00:00:00,3000.00,0.00,30
```

```
7566,JONES,MANAGER,7839,02-APR-81 00:00:00,3500.00,0.00,20
7903,BAKER,SALESMAN,7521,10-JUN-13 00:00:00,1800.00,500.00,20
7904,MILLS,SALESMAN,7839,13-JUN-13 00:00:00,1800.00,500.00,20
7654,MARTIN,SALESMAN,7698,28-SEP-81 00:00:00,1500.00,400.00,30
```

Invoke EDB\*Loader, specifying the name of the database (edb), the name of a database superuser (and their associated password) and the name of the control file (emp\_update.ctl):

```
edbldr -d edb userid=user_name/password control=emp_update.ctl
```

After performing the update, the emp table contains:

```
edb=# select * from emp;
empno|ename  | job      | mgr  | hiredate      | sal  | comm  | deptno
-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----
7369 |SMITH  |CLERK    | 7902 | 17-DEC-80 00:00:00 | 800.00 |      | 20
7499 |ALLEN  |SALESMAN | 7698 | 20-FEB-81 00:00:00 | 1600.00 | 300.00 | 30
7521 |WARD   |MANAGER  | 7839 | 22-FEB-81 00:00:00 | 3000.00 | 0.00 | 30
7566 |JONES  |MANAGER  | 7839 | 02-APR-81 00:00:00 | 3500.00 | 0.00 | 20
7654 |MARTIN|SALESMAN | 7698 | 28-SEP-81 00:00:00 | 1500.00 | 400.00 | 30
7698 |BLAKE  |MANAGER  | 7839 | 01-MAY-81 00:00:00 | 2850.00 |      | 30
7782 |CLARK  |MANAGER  | 7839 | 09-JUN-81 00:00:00 | 2450.00 |      | 10
7788 |SCOTT  |ANALYST  | 7566 | 19-APR-87 00:00:00 | 3000.00 |      | 20
7839 |KING   |PRESIDENT|      | 17-NOV-81 00:00:00 | 5000.00 |      | 10
7844 |TURNER|SALESMAN | 7698 | 08-SEP-81 00:00:00 | 1500.00 | 0.00 | 30
7876 |ADAMS  |CLERK    | 7788 | 23-MAY-87 00:00:00 | 1100.00 |      | 20
7900 |JAMES  |CLERK    | 7698 | 03-DEC-81 00:00:00 | 950.00 |      | 30
7902 |FORD   |ANALYST  | 7566 | 03-DEC-81 00:00:00 | 3000.00 |      | 20
7903 |BAKER  |SALESMAN | 7521 | 10-JUN-13 00:00:00 | 1800.00 | 500.00 | 20
7904 |MILLS  |SALESMAN | 7839 | 13-JUN-13 00:00:00 | 1800.00 | 500.00 | 20
7934 |MILLER|CLERK    | 7782 | 23-JAN-82 00:00:00 | 1300.00 |      | 10
(16 rows)
```

The rows containing information for the three employees that are currently in the emp table are updated, while rows are added for the new employees (BAKER and MILLS)

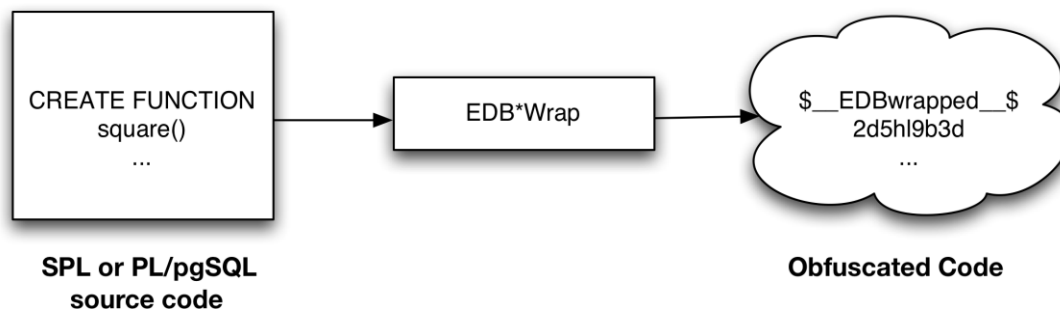


## 4 EDB\*Wrap

The EDB\*Wrap utility protects proprietary source code and programs (functions, stored procedures, triggers, and packages) from unauthorized scrutiny. The EDB\*Wrap program translates a file that contains SPL or PL/pgSQL source code (the plaintext) into a file that contains the same code in a form that is nearly impossible to read. Once you have the obfuscated form of the code, you can send that code to the PostgreSQL server and the server will store those programs in obfuscated form. While EDB\*Wrap does obscure code, table definitions are still exposed.

Everything you wrap is stored in obfuscated form. If you wrap an entire package, the package body source, as well as the prototypes contained in the package header and the functions and procedures contained in the package body are stored in obfuscated form.

If you wrap a `CREATE PACKAGE` statement, you hide the package API from other developers. You may want to wrap the package body, but not the package header so users can see the package prototypes and other public variables that are defined in the package body. To allow users to see what prototypes the package contains, use EDBWrap to obfuscate only the `CREATE PACKAGE BODY` statement in the `edbwrap` input file, omitting the `'CREATE PACKAGE'` statement. The package header source will be stored plaintext, while the package body source and package functions and procedures will be stored obfuscated.



Once wrapped, source code and programs cannot be unwrapped or debugged. Reverse engineering is possible, but would be very difficult.

The entire source file is wrapped into one unit. Any `psql` meta-commands included in the wrapped file will not be recognized when the file is executed; executing an obfuscated file that contains a `psql` meta-command will cause a syntax error. `edbwrap` does not validate SQL source code - if the plaintext form contains a syntax error, `edbwrap` will not complain. Instead, the server will report an error and abort the entire file when you try to execute the obfuscated form.

## 4.1 Using EDB\*Wrap to Obfuscate Source Code

EDB\*Wrap is a command line utility; it accepts a single input source file, obfuscates the contents and returns a single output file. When you invoke the `edbwrap` utility, you must provide the name of the file that contains the source code to obfuscate. You may also specify the name of the file where `edbwrap` will write the obfuscated form of the code. `edbwrap` offers three different command-line styles. The first style is compatible with Oracle's `wrap` utility:

```
edbwrap iname=input_file [oname=output_file]
```

The `iname=input_file` argument specifies the name of the input file; if `input_file` does not contain an extension, `edbwrap` will search for a file named `input_file.sql`

The `oname=output_file` argument (which is optional) specifies the name of the output file; if `output_file` does not contain an extension, `edbwrap` will append `.plb` to the name.

If you do not specify an output file name, `edbwrap` writes to a file whose name is derived from the input file name: `edbwrap` strips the suffix (typically `.sql`) from the input file name and adds `.plb`.

`edbwrap` offers two other command-line styles that may feel more familiar:

```
edbwrap --iname input_file [--oname output_file]
edbwrap -i input_file [-o output_file]
```

You may mix command-line styles; the rules for deriving input and output file names are identical regardless of which style you use.

Once `edbwrap` has produced a file that contains obfuscated code, you typically feed that file into the PostgreSQL server using a client application such as `edb-psql`. The server executes the obfuscated code line by line and stores the source code for SPL and PL/pgSQL programs in wrapped form.

In summary, to obfuscate code with EDB\*Wrap, you:

1. Create the source code file.
2. Invoke EDB\*Wrap to obfuscate the code.
3. Import the file as if it were in plaintext form.

The following sequence demonstrates `edbwrap` functionality.

First, create the source code for the `list_emp` procedure (in plaintext form):

```
[bash] cat listemp.sql
CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE list_emp
IS
    v_empno          NUMBER(4);
    v_ename          VARCHAR2(10);
    CURSOR emp_cur IS
        SELECT empno, ename FROM emp ORDER BY empno;
BEGIN
    OPEN emp_cur;
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('EMPNO      ENAME');
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('-----      -----');
    LOOP
        FETCH emp_cur INTO v_empno, v_ename;
        EXIT WHEN emp_cur%NOTFOUND;
        DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(v_empno || '      ' || v_ename);
    END LOOP;
    CLOSE emp_cur;
END;
/
```

You can import the `list_emp` procedure with a client application such as `edb-psql`:

```
[bash] edb-psql edb
Welcome to edb-psql 8.4.3.2, the EnterpriseDB interactive terminal.

Type:  \copyright for distribution terms
       \h for help with SQL commands
       \? for help with edb-psql commands
       \g or terminate with semicolon to execute query
       \q to quit

edb=# \i listemp.sql
CREATE PROCEDURE
```

You can view the plaintext source code (stored in the server) by examining the `pg_proc` system table:

```
edb=# SELECT prosrc FROM pg_proc WHERE proname = 'list_emp';
          prosrc
-----
v_empno          NUMBER(4);
v_ename          VARCHAR2(10);
CURSOR emp_cur IS
    SELECT empno, ename FROM emp ORDER BY empno;
BEGIN
    OPEN emp_cur;
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('EMPNO      ENAME');
    DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('-----      -----');
    LOOP
        FETCH emp_cur INTO v_empno, v_ename;
        EXIT WHEN emp_cur%NOTFOUND;
        DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(v_empno || '      ' || v_ename);
    END LOOP;
    CLOSE emp_cur;
END
(1 row)

edb=# quit
```

Next, obfuscate the plaintext file with EDB\*Wrap:

```
[bash] edbwrap -i listemp.sql
EDB*Wrap Utility: Release 8.4.3.2

Copyright (c) 2004-2013 EnterpriseDB Corporation. All Rights Reserved.

Using encoding UTF8 for input
Processing listemp.sql to listemp.plb

Examining the contents of the output file (listemp.plb) file reveals that the
code is obfuscated:

[bash] cat listemp.plb
$__EDBwrapped__$
UTF8
d+6DL30RVaGjYMIzkuoSzAQgtBw7MhYFuAFkBsFYfhdJ0rjwBv+bHr1FCyH6j9SgH
movU+bYI+jR+hR2jBzq3sovHKEyZIp9y3/GckbQgualRhIlGpyWfE0dltDUpkYRLN
/OUXmk0/P4H6EI98sAHevGDhOWI+58DjJ44qhZ+15NNEVxbWDztpb/s5sdx4660qQ
Ozx3/gh8VqQS2JbcxYmpjmrwVr6fAXfb68M19mW2H17fNtxcb5kjSzXvfWR2XYZJf
KFNrEhbL1DTV1SEC5wE6lG1whYvXOf22m1R2IFns0MtF9fwnCBWAs1YqjR00j6+fc
er/f/efAFh4=
$__EDBwrapped__$
```

You may notice that the second line of the wrapped file contains an encoding name (in this case, the encoding is UTF8). When you obfuscate a file, edbwrap infers the encoding of the input file by examining the locale. For example, if you are running edbwrap while your locale is set to en\_US.utf8, edbwrap assumes that the input file is encoded in UTF8. Be sure to examine the output file after running edbwrap; if the locale contained in the wrapped file does not match the encoding of the input file, you should change your locale and rewrap the input file.

You can import the obfuscated code into the PostgreSQL server using the same tools that work with plaintext code:

```
[bash] edb-psql edb
Welcome to edb-psql 8.4.3.2, the EnterpriseDB interactive terminal.

Type:  \copyright for distribution terms
       \h for help with SQL commands
       \? for help with edb-psql commands
       \g or terminate with semicolon to execute query
       \q to quit

edb=# \i listemp.plb
CREATE PROCEDURE

Now, the pg_proc system table contains the obfuscated code:

edb=# SELECT prosrc FROM pg_proc WHERE proname = 'list_emp';
          prosrc
-----
$__EDBwrapped__$
UTF8
dw4B9Tz69J3W0sy0GgYJQa+G2sLZ3IOyxS8pDyuOTFuiYe/EXiEatwwG3h3tdJk
ea+AIP35dS/4idbN8wpegM3s994dQ3R97NgNHfvTQnO2vtd4wQtsQ/Zc4v4Lhfj
```

```
n1V+A4UpHI5oQEnXeAch2LcRD87hkU0uo1ESeQV8IrXaj9BsZr+ueR0nwhGs/Ec  
pva/tRV4m9RusFn0wyr38u4Z8w4dfnPW184Y3o6It4b3aH07WxTkWrMLmOZW1jJ  
Nu6u4o+ezO64G9QKPazgehslv4JB9NQuocActfDSPMY7R7anmgw  
$_EDBwrapped_$  
(1 row)
```

Invoke the obfuscated code in the same way that you would invoke the plaintext form:

```
edb=# exec list_emp;
```

```
EMPNO      ENAME  
-----  
7369       SMITH  
7499       ALLEN  
7521       WARD  
7566       JONES  
7654       MARTIN  
7698       BLAKE  
7782       CLARK  
7788       SCOTT  
7839       KING  
7844       TURNER  
7876       ADAMS  
7900       JAMES  
7902       FORD  
7934       MILLER  
  
EDB-SPL Procedure successfully completed  
edb=# quit
```

When you use `pg_dump` to back up a database, wrapped programs remain obfuscated in the archive file.

Be aware that audit logs produced by the Postgres server will show wrapped programs in plaintext form. Source code is also displayed in plaintext in SQL error messages generated during the execution of a program.

Note: At this time, the bodies of the objects created by the following statements will not be stored in obfuscated form:

```
CREATE [OR REPLACE] TYPE type_name AS OBJECT  
CREATE [OR REPLACE] TYPE type_name UNDER type_name  
CREATE [OR REPLACE] TYPE BODY type_name
```

## 5 Dynamic Runtime Instrumentation Tools Architecture (DRITA)

The Dynamic Runtime Instrumentation Tools Architecture (DRITA) allows a DBA to query catalog views to determine the *wait events* that affect the performance of individual sessions or the system as a whole. DRITA records the number of times each event occurs as well as the time spent waiting; you can use this information to diagnose performance problems. DRITA offers this functionality, while consuming minimal system resources.

DRITA compares *snapshots* to evaluate the performance of a system. A snapshot is a saved set of system performance data at a given point in time. Each snapshot is identified by a unique ID number; you can use snapshot ID numbers with DRITA reporting functions to return system performance statistics.

### 5.1 Configuring and Using DRITA

Advanced Server's `postgresql.conf` file includes a configuration parameter named `timed_statistics` that controls the collection of timing data. The valid parameter values are `TRUE` or `FALSE`; the default value is `FALSE`.

This is a dynamic parameter which can be modified in the `postgresql.conf` file, or while a session is in progress. To enable DRITA, you must either:

Modify the `postgresql.conf` file, setting the `timed_statistics` parameter to `TRUE`.

or

Connect to the server with the EDB-PSQL client, and invoke the command:

```
SET timed_statistics = TRUE
```

After modifying the `timed_statistics` parameter, take a starting snapshot. A snapshot captures the current state of each timer and event counter. The server will compare the starting snapshot to a later snapshot to gauge system performance.

Use the `edbsnap()` function to take the beginning snapshot:

```
edb=# SELECT * FROM edbsnap();
      edbsnap
-----
Statement processed.
(1 row)
```

Then, run the workload that you would like to evaluate; when the workload has completed (or at a strategic point during the workload), take another snapshot:

```
edb=# SELECT * FROM edbsnap();
      edbsnap
-----
Statement processed.
(1 row)
```

You can capture multiple snapshots during a session. Then, use the DRITA functions and reports to manage and compare the snapshots to evaluate performance information.

## 5.2 DRITA Functions

You can use DRITA functions to gather wait information and manage snapshots. DRITA functions are fully supported by Advanced Server 9.6 whether your installation is made compatible with Oracle databases or is made in PostgreSQL-compatible mode.

### 5.2.1 get\_snaps()

The `get_snaps()` function returns a list of the current snapshots. The signature is:

```
get_snaps()
```

The following example demonstrates using the `get_snaps()` function to display a list of snapshots:

```
edb=# SELECT * FROM get_snaps();
      get_snaps
-----
 1  11-FEB-10 10:41:05.668852
 2  11-FEB-10 10:42:27.26154
 3  11-FEB-10 10:45:48.999992
 4  11-FEB-10 11:01:58.345163
 5  11-FEB-10 11:05:14.092683
 6  11-FEB-10 11:06:33.151002
 7  11-FEB-10 11:11:16.405664
 8  11-FEB-10 11:13:29.458405
 9  11-FEB-10 11:23:57.595916
10  11-FEB-10 11:29:02.214014
11  11-FEB-10 11:31:44.244038
(11 rows)
```

The first column in the result list displays the snapshot identifier; the second column displays the date and time that the snapshot was captured.

### 5.2.2 sys\_rpt()

The `sys_rpt()` function returns system wait information. The signature is:

```
sys_rpt(beginning_id, ending_id, top_n)
```

#### Parameters

*beginning\_id*

*beginning\_id* is an integer value that represents the beginning session identifier.



*ending\_id*

*ending\_id* is an integer value that represents the ending session identifier.

*top\_n*

*top\_n* represents the number of rows to return

This example demonstrates a call to the `sys_rpt()` function:

```
edb=# SELECT * FROM sys_rpt(9, 10, 10);
                sys_rpt
-----
WAIT NAME                COUNT      WAIT TIME      % WAIT
-----
wal write                 21250      104.723772     36.31
db file read             121407      72.143274     25.01
wal flush                 84185      51.652495     17.91
wal file sync            712        29.482206     10.22
infinitemcache write     84178      15.814444     5.48
db file write            84177      14.447718     5.01
infinitemcache read      672        0.098691      0.03
db file extend           190        0.040386      0.01
query plan               52         0.024400      0.01
wal insert lock acquire   4          0.000837      0.00
(12 rows)
```

The information displayed in the result set includes:

Column Name	Description
WAIT NAME	The name of the wait.
COUNT	The number of times that the wait event occurred.
WAIT TIME	The time of the wait event in milliseconds.
% WAIT	The percentage of the total wait time used by this wait for this session.

### 5.2.3 sess\_rpt()

The `sess_rpt()` function returns session wait information. The signature is:

```
sess_rpt(beginning_id, ending_id, top_n)
```

#### Parameters

*beginning\_id*

*beginning\_id* is an integer value that represents the beginning session identifier.

*ending\_id*

*ending\_id* is an integer value that represents the ending session identifier.

*top\_n*

*top\_n* represents the number of rows to return

The following example demonstrates a call to the `sess_rpt()` function:

```
SELECT * FROM sess_rpt(18, 19, 10);
```

sess_rpt							
ID	USER	WAIT NAME	COUNT	TIME (ms)	%WAIT SES	%WAIT ALL	
17373	enterprise	db file read	30	0.175713	85.24	85.24	
17373	enterprise	query plan	18	0.014930	7.24	7.24	
17373	enterprise	wal flush	6	0.004067	1.97	1.97	
17373	enterprise	wal write	1	0.004063	1.97	1.97	
17373	enterprise	wal file sync	1	0.003664	1.78	1.78	
17373	enterprise	infinitecache read	38	0.003076	1.49	1.49	
17373	enterprise	infinitecache write	5	0.000548	0.27	0.27	
17373	enterprise	db file extend	190	0.04.386	0.03	0.03	
17373	enterprise	db file write	5	0.000082	0.04	0.04	
(11 rows)							

The information displayed in the result set includes:

Column Name	Description
ID	The processID of the session.
USER	The name of the user incurring the wait.
WAIT NAME	The name of the wait event.
COUNT	The number of times that the wait event occurred.
TIME (ms)	The length of the wait event in milliseconds.
% WAIT SES	The percentage of the total wait time used by this wait for this session.
% WAIT ALL	The percentage of the total wait time used by this wait (for all sessions).

## 5.2.4 sessid\_rpt()

The `sessid_rpt()` function returns session ID information for a specified backend. The signature is:

```
sessid_rpt(beginning_id, ending_id, backend_id)
```

## Parameters

*beginning\_id*

*beginning\_id* is an integer value that represents the beginning session identifier.

*ending\_id*

*ending\_id* is an integer value that represents the ending session identifier.

*backend\_id*

*backend\_id* is an integer value that represents the backend identifier.

The following code sample demonstrates a call to `sessid_rpt()`:

```
SELECT * FROM sessid_rpt(18, 19, 17373);
```

sessid_rpt						
ID	USER	WAIT NAME	COUNT	TIME (ms)	%WAIT SES	%WAIT ALL
17373	enterprise	db file read	30	0.175713	85.24	85.24
17373	enterprise	query plan	18	0.014930	7.24	7.24
17373	enterprise	wal flush	6	0.004067	1.97	1.97
17373	enterprise	wal write	1	0.004063	1.97	1.97
17373	enterprise	wal file sync	1	0.003664	1.78	1.78
17373	enterprise	infinitecache read	38	0.003076	1.49	1.49
17373	enterprise	infinitecache write	5	0.000548	0.27	0.27
17373	enterprise	db file extend	190	0.040386	0.03	0.03
17373	enterprise	db file write	5	0.000082	0.04	0.04

(11 rows)

The information displayed in the result set includes:

Column Name	Description
ID	The process ID of the wait.
USER	The name of the user that owns the session.
WAIT NAME	The name of the wait event.
COUNT	The number of times that the wait event occurred.
TIME (ms)	The length of the wait in milliseconds.
% WAIT SES	The percentage of the total wait time used by this wait for this session.
% WAIT ALL	The percentage of the total wait time used by this wait (for all sessions).

## 5.2.5 `sesshist_rpt()`

The `sesshist_rpt()` function returns session wait information for a specified backend. The signature is:

```
sesshist_rpt(snapshot_id, session_id)
```

### Parameters

*snapshot\_id*

*snapshot\_id* is an integer value that identifies the snapshot.

*session\_id*

*session\_id* is an integer value that represents the session.

The following example demonstrates a call to the `sesshist_rpt()` function:

```
edb=# SELECT * FROM sesshist_rpt (9, 5531);
           sesshist_rpt
-----
```

ID	USER	SEQ	WAIT NAME	# of Blk	Sum of Blks
	ELAPSED(ms)	File	Name		
5531	enterprise	1	db file read		
18546		14309	session_waits_pk	1	1
5531	enterprise	2	infinitemcache read		
125		14309	session_waits_pk	1	1
5531	enterprise	3	db file read		
376		14304	edb\$session_waits	0	1
5531	enterprise	4	infinitemcache read		
166		14304	edb\$session_waits	0	1
5531	enterprise	5	db file read		
7978		1260	pg_authid	0	1
5531	enterprise	6	infinitemcache read		
154		1260	pg_authid	0	1
5531	enterprise	7	db file read		
628		14302	system_waits_pk	1	1
5531	enterprise	8	infinitemcache read		
463		14302	system_waits_pk	1	1
5531	enterprise	9	db file read		
3446		14297	edb\$system_waits	0	1
5531	enterprise	10	infinitemcache read		
187		14297	edb\$system_waits	0	1
5531	enterprise	11	db file read		
14750		14295	snap_pk	1	1

```

5531 enterprise 12    infinitecache read
      416          14295 snap_pk           1           1
5531 enterprise 13    db file read
      7139         14290 edb$snap         0           1
5531 enterprise 14    infinitecache read
      158          14290 edb$snap         0           1
5531 enterprise 15    db file read
      27287        14288 snapshot_num_seq 0           1
5531 enterprise 16    infinitecache read
(17 rows)

```

The information displayed in the result set includes:

Column Name	Description
ID	The system-assigned identifier of the wait.
USER	The name of the user that incurred the wait.
SEQ	The sequence number of the wait event.
WAIT NAME	The name of the wait event.
ELAPSED (ms)	The length of the wait event in milliseconds.
File	The relfilenode number of the file.
Name	If available, the name of the file name related to the wait event.
# of Blk	The block number read or written for a specific instance of the event .
Sum of Blks	The number of blocks read.

## 5.2.6 purgesnap()

The `purgesnap()` function purges a range of snapshots from the snapshot tables. The signature is:

```
purgesnap(beginning_id, ending_id)
```

### Parameters

*beginning\_id*

*beginning\_id* is an integer value that represents the beginning session identifier.

*ending\_id*

*ending\_id* is an integer value that represents the ending session identifier.

`purgesnap()` removes all snapshots between *beginning\_id* and *ending\_id* (inclusive):

```
SELECT * FROM purgesnap(6, 9);
```

```

      purgesnap
-----
Snapshots in range 6 to 9 deleted.
(1 row)

```

A call to the `get_snaps()` function after executing the example shows that snapshots 6 through 9 have been purged from the snapshot tables:

```

edb=# SELECT * FROM get_snaps();
      get_snaps
-----
 1 11-FEB-10 10:41:05.668852
 2 11-FEB-10 10:42:27.26154
 3 11-FEB-10 10:45:48.999992
 4 11-FEB-10 11:01:58.345163
 5 11-FEB-10 11:05:14.092683
10 11-FEB-10 11:29:02.214014
11 11-FEB-10 11:31:44.244038
(7 rows)

```

## 5.2.7 truncsnap()

Use the `truncsnap()` function to delete all records from the snapshot table. The signature is:

```
truncsnap()
```

For example:

```

SELECT * FROM truncsnap();

      truncsnap
-----
Snapshots truncated.
(1 row)

```

A call to the `get_snaps()` function after calling the `truncsnap()` function shows that all records have been removed from the snapshot tables:

```

SELECT * FROM get_snaps();
      get_snaps
-----
(0 rows)

```

## 5.3 Simulating Statspack AWR Reports

The functions described in this section return information comparable to the information contained in an Oracle Statspack/AWR (Automatic Workload Repository) report. When taking a snapshot, performance data from system catalog tables is saved into history tables. The reporting functions listed below report on the differences between two given snapshots.

- `stat_db_rpt()`
- `stat_tables_rpt()`
- `statio_tables_rpt()`
- `stat_indexes_rpt()`
- `statio_indexes_rpt()`

The reporting functions can be executed individually or you can execute all five functions by calling the `edbreport()` function.

### 5.3.1 edbreport()

The `edbreport()` function includes data from the other reporting functions, plus additional system information. The signature is:

```
edbreport(beginning_id, ending_id)
```

#### Parameters

`beginning_id`

`beginning_id` is an integer value that represents the beginning session identifier.

`ending_id`

`ending_id` is an integer value that represents the ending session identifier.

The call to the `edbreport()` function returns a composite report that contains system information and the reports returned by the other statspack functions. :

```
edb=# SELECT * FROM edbreport(9, 10);

edbreport
-----
EnterpriseDB Report for database edb          23-AUG-15
Version: EnterpriseDB 9.6.0.0 on i686-pc-linux-gnu
Begin snapshot: 9 at 23-AUG-15 13:45:07.165123
```

```

End snapshot: 10 at 23-AUG-15 13:45:35.653036

Size of database edb is 155 MB
  Tablespace: pg_default Size: 179 MB Owner: enterprisedb
  Tablespace: pg_global Size: 435 kB Owner: enterprisedb

Schema: pg_toast_temp_1      Size: 0 bytes      Owner: enterprisedb
Schema: public                Size: 0 bytes      Owner: enterprisedb
Schema: enterprisedb         Size: 143 MB       Owner: enterprisedb
Schema: pgagent               Size: 192 kB       Owner: enterprisedb
Schema: dbms_job_procedure    Size: 0 bytes      Owner: enterprisedb

```

The information displayed in the report introduction includes the database name and version, the current date, the beginning and ending snapshot date and times, database and tablespace details and schema information.

```

Top 10 Relations by pages

TABLE                                RELPAGES
-----                                -
pgbench_accounts                     15874
pg_proc                               102
edb$statio_all_indexes                73
edb$stat_all_indexes                  73
pg_attribute                          67
pg_depend                             58
edb$statio_all_tables                 49
edb$stat_all_tables                   47
pgbench_tellers                       37
pg_description                         32

```

The information displayed in the Top 10 Relations by pages section includes:

Column Name	Description
TABLE	The name of the table.
RELPAGES	The number of pages in the table.

```

Top 10 Indexes by pages

INDEX                                RELPAGES
-----                                -
pgbench_accounts_pkey                2198
pg_depend_depender_index              32
pg_depend_reference_index             31
pg_proc_proname_args_nsp_index        30
pg_attribute_relid_attnam_index       23
pg_attribute_relid_attnum_index       17
pg_description_o_c_o_index            15
edb$statio_idx_pk                     11
edb$stat_idx_pk                       11
pg_proc_oid_index                     9

```



The information displayed in the Top 10 Indexes by pages section includes:

Column Name	Description
INDEX	The name of the index.
RELPAGES	The number of pages in the index.

```

Top 10 Relations by DML

```

SCHEMA	RELATION	UPDATES	DELETES	INSERTS
enterprisedb	pgbench_accounts	10400	0	1000000
enterprisedb	pgbench_tellers	10400	0	100
enterprisedb	pgbench_branches	10400	0	10
enterprisedb	pgbench_history	0	0	10400
pgagent	pga_jobclass	0	0	6
pgagent	pga_exception	0	0	0
pgagent	pga_job	0	0	0
pgagent	pga_jobagent	0	0	0
pgagent	pga_joblog	0	0	0
pgagent	pga_jobstep	0	0	0

The information displayed in the Top 10 Relations by DML section includes:

Column Name	Description
SCHEMA	The name of the schema in which the table resides.
RELATION	The name of the table.
UPDATES	The number of UPDATES performed on the table.
DELETES	The number of DELETES performed on the table.
INSERTS	The number of INSERTS performed on the table.

```

DATA from pg_stat_database

```

DATABASE	NUMBACKENDS	XACT COMMIT	XACT ROLLBACK	BLKS READ	BLKS HIT
BLKS ICACHE	HIT	HIT RATIO	ICACHE HIT RATIO		
edb	0	142	0	78	10446
	0	99.26	0.00		

The information displayed in the DATA from pg\_stat\_database section of the report includes:

Column Name	Description
DATABASE	The name of the database.
NUMBACKENDS	Number of backends currently connected to this database. This is the only column in this view that returns a value reflecting current state; all other columns return the accumulated values since the last reset.
XACT COMMIT	Number of transactions in this database that have been committed.
XACT ROLLBACK	Number of transactions in this database that have been rolled back.
BLKS READ	Number of disk blocks read in this database.

Column Name	Description
BLKS_HIT	Number of times disk blocks were found already in the buffer cache (when a read was not necessary).
BLKS_ICACHE_HIT	The number of blocks found in Infinite Cache.
HIT_RATIO	The percentage of times that a block was found in the shared buffer cache.
ICACHE_HIT_RATIO	The percentage of times that a block was found in Infinite Cache.

```

DATA from pg_buffercache

RELATION                                BUFFERS
-----
pgbench_accounts                        16671
pgbench_accounts_pkey                   2745
pgbench_history                          590
pg_statistic                             39
edb$statio_all_indexes                   31
edb$stat_all_indexes                     31
edb$statio_all_tables                     21
edb$stat_all_tables                       20
pg_depend                                 20
pg_operator                               15

```

The information displayed in the DATA from pg\_buffercache section of the report includes:

Column Name	Description
RELATION	The name of the table.
BUFFERS	The number of shared buffers used by the relation.

**Note:** In order to obtain the report for DATA from pg\_buffercache, the pg\_buffercache module must have been installed in the database. Perform the installation with the CREATE EXTENSION command.

For more information on the CREATE EXTENSION command please see the PostgreSQL Core documentation at:

<https://www.postgresql.org/docs/9.6/static/sql-createextension.html>

```

DATA from pg_stat_all_tables ordered by seq scan

SCHEMA      RELATION      SEQ SCAN  REL TUP READ
IDX SCAN   IDX TUP READ  INS      UPD      DEL
-----
pg_catalog  pg_class      16        7162
546        319          0         1         0
pg_catalog  pg_am         13        13
0          0            0         0         0
pg_catalog  pg_database   4         16
42        42          0         0         0

```

```

pg_catalog      pg_index      4      660
145      149      0      0      0
pg_catalog      pg_namespace  4      100
49      49      0      0      0
sys            edb$snap      1      9
0      0      1      0      0
pg_catalog      pg_authid     1      1
25      25      0      0      0
sys            edb$session_wait_history  0      0
0      0      50     0      0
sys            edb$session_waits  0      0
0      0      2      0      0
sys            edb$stat_all_indexes  0      0
0      0      165    0      0

```

The information displayed in the DATA from pg\_stat\_all\_tables ordered by seq scan section includes:

Column Name	Description
SCHEMA	The name of the schema in which the table resides.
RELATION	The name of the table.
SEQ SCAN	The number of sequential scans initiated on this table..
REL TUP READ	The number of tuples read in the table.
IDX SCAN	The number of index scans initiated on the table.
IDX TUP READ	The number of index tuples read.
INS	The number of rows inserted.
UPD	The number of rows updated.
DEL	The number of rows deleted.

```

DATA from pg_stat_all_tables ordered by rel tup read

SCHEMA      RELATION      SEQ SCAN  REL TUP READ
IDX SCAN   IDX TUP READ  INS      UPD      DEL
-----
pg_catalog  pg_class      16      7162
546      319      0      1      0
pg_catalog  pg_index      4      660
145      149      0      0      0
pg_catalog  pg_namespace  4      100
49      49      0      0      0
pg_catalog  pg_database   4      16
42      42      0      0      0
pg_catalog  pg_am         13     13
0      0      0      0      0
sys        edb$snap      1      9
0      0      1      0      0
pg_catalog  pg_authid     1      1
25      25      0      0      0
sys        edb$session_wait_history  0      0
0      0      50     0      0
sys        edb$session_waits  0      0
0      0      2      0      0
sys        edb$stat_all_indexes  0      0
0      0      165    0      0

```

The information displayed in the DATA from pg\_stat\_all\_tables ordered by rel tup read section includes:

Column Name	Description
SCHEMA	The name of the schema in which the table resides.
RELATION	The name of the table.
SEQ SCAN	The number of sequential scans performed on the table.
REL TUP READ	The number of tuples read from the table.
IDX SCAN	The number of index scans performed on the table.
IDX TUP READ	The number of index tuples read.
INS	The number of rows inserted.
UPD	The number of rows updated.
DEL	The number of rows deleted.

```

DATA from pg_statio_all_tables
SCHEMA      RELATION      HEAP      HEAP      HEAP      IDX      IDX
              TOAST      TOAST      TOAST      ICACHE     READ      HIT
              READ      HIT      ICACHE     READ      HIT
              HIT
-----
public      pgbench_accounts  92766    67215    288      59      32126
              9      0      0      0      0      0      0
pg_catalog  pg_class        0      296      0      3      16
              0      0      0      0      0      0
sys         edb$stat_all_indexes  8      125      0      4      233
              0      0      0      0      0      0
sys         edb$statio_all_index  8      125      0      4      233
              0      0      0      0      0      0
sys         edb$stat_all_tables  6      91      0      2      174
              0      0      0      0      0      0
sys         edb$statio_all_table  6      91      0      2      174
              0      0      0      0      0      0
pg_catalog  pg_namespace    3      72      0      0      0
              0      0      0      0      0      0
sys         edb$session_wait_his  1      24      0      4      47
              0      0      0      0      0      0
pg_catalog  pg_opclass      3      13      0      2      0
              0      0      0      0      0      0
pg_catalog  pg_trigger      0      12      0      1      15
              0      0      0      0      0      0

```

The information displayed in the Data from pg\_statio\_all\_tables section includes:

Column Name	Description
SCHEMA	The name of the schema in which the table resides.
RELATION	The name of the table.
HEAP READ	The number of heap blocks read.
HEAP HIT	The number of heap blocks hit.

Column Name	Description
HEAP ICACHE HIT	The number of heap blocks in Infinite Cache.
IDX READ	The number of index blocks read.
IDX HIT	The number of index blocks hit.
IDX ICACHE HIT	The number of index blocks in Infinite Cache.
TOAST READ	The number of toast blocks read.
TOAST HIT	The number of toast blocks hit.
TOAST ICACHE HIT	The number of toast blocks in Infinite Cache.
TIDX READ	The number of toast index blocks read.
TIDX HIT	The number of toast index blocks hit.
TIDX ICACHE HIT	The number of toast index blocks in Infinite Cache.

```

DATA from pg_stat_all_indexes

SCHEMA          RELATION          INDEX
IDX SCAN  IDX TUP READ  IDX TUP  FETCH
-----
pg_catalog          pg_attribute
pg_attribute_relid_attnum_index      427      907      907
pg_catalog          pg_class
289      62      62      pg_class_relname_nsp_index
pg_catalog          pg_class
257      257      257      pg_class_oid_index
pg_catalog          pg_statistic
pg_statistic_relid_att_inh_index      207      196      196
enterprisedb      pgbench_accounts
200      255      200      pgbench_accounts_pkey
pg_catalog          pg_cast
199      50      50      pg_cast_source_target_index
pg_catalog          pg_proc
116      116      116      pg_proc_oid_index
pg_catalog          edb_partition
112      0      0      edb_partition_partrelid_index
pg_catalog          edb_policy
112      0      0      edb_policy_object_name_index
enterprisedb      pgbench_branches
101      110      0      pgbench_branches_pkey

```

The information displayed in the DATA from pg\_stat\_all\_indexes section includes:

Column Name	Description
SCHEMA	The name of the schema in which the index resides.
RELATION	The name of the table on which the index is defined.
INDEX	The name of the index.
IDX SCAN	The number of indexes scans initiated on this index.
IDX TUP READ	Number of index entries returned by scans on this index
IDX TUP FETCH	Number of live table rows fetched by simple index scans using this index.

```

DATA from pg_statio_all_indexes

```

```

SCHEMA          RELATION          INDEX
IDX BLKS READ  IDX BLKS HIT  IDX BLKS ICACHE HIT
-----
pg_catalog      pg_attribute
pg_attribute_relid_attnum_index      0      867      0
enterprisedb   pgbench_accounts      pgbench_accounts_pkey
1              778      0
pg_catalog      pg_class      pg_class_relname_nsp_index
0              590      0
pg_catalog      pg_class      pg_class_oid_index
0              527      0
pg_catalog      pg_statistic
pg_statistic_relid_att_inh_index      0      441      0
sys            edb$stat_all_indexes      edb$stat_idx_pk
1              332      0
sys            edb$statio_all_indexes      edb$statio_idx_pk
1              332      0
pg_catalog      pg_proc      pg_proc_oid_index
0              244      0
sys            edb$stat_all_tables      edb$stat_tab_pk
0              241      0
sys            edb$statio_all_tables      edb$statio_tab_pk
0              241      0

```

The information displayed in the DATA from pg\_statio\_all\_indexes section includes:

Column Name	Description
SCHEMA	The name of the schema in which the index resides.
RELATION	The name of the table on which the index is defined.
INDEX	The name of the index.
IDX BLKS READ	The number of index blocks read.
IDX BLKS HIT	The number of index blocks hit.
IDX BLKS ICACHE HIT	The number of index blocks in Infinite Cache that were hit.

```

System Wait Information

WAIT NAME          COUNT      WAIT TIME      % WAIT
-----
query plan          0          0.000407      100.00
db file read        0          0.000000      0.00

```

The information displayed in the System Wait Information section includes:

Column Name	Description
WAIT NAME	The name of the wait.
COUNT	The number of times that the wait event occurred.
WAIT TIME	The length of the wait time in milliseconds.
% WAIT	The percentage of the total wait time used by this wait for this session.

```

Database Parameters from postgresql.conf

```

PARAMETER	MINVAL	MAXVAL	SETTING
allow_system_table_mods			off
postmaster			
application_name			psql
user			
archive_command			(disabled)
sighup			
archive_mode			off
postmaster			
archive_timeout			0
sighup	0	2147483647	
array_nulls			on
user			
authentication_timeout			60
sighup	1	600	
autovacuum			on
sighup			
autovacuum_analyze_scale_factor			0.1
sighup	0	100	
autovacuum_analyze_threshold			50
sighup	0	2147483647	
autovacuum_freeze_max_age			200000000
postmaster	100000000	2000000000	
autovacuum_max_workers			3
postmaster	1	8388607	
autovacuum_naptime			60
sighup	1	2147483	
autovacuum_vacuum_cost_delay			20
...			

The information displayed in the Database Parameters from postgresql.conf section includes:

Column Name	Description
PARAMETER	The name of the parameter.
SETTING	The current value assigned to the parameter.
CONTEXT	The context required to set the parameter value.
MINVAL	The minimum value allowed for the parameter.
MAXVAL	The maximum value allowed for the parameter.

### 5.3.2 stat\_db\_rpt()

The signature is:

```
stat_db_rpt(beginning_id, ending_id)
```

#### Parameters

beginning\_id

`beginning_id` is an integer value that represents the beginning session identifier.

`ending_id`

`ending_id` is an integer value that represents the ending session identifier.

The following example demonstrates the `stat_db_rpt()` function:

```
SELECT * FROM stat_db_rpt(9, 10);
                                stat_db_rpt
-----
DATA from pg_stat_database
DATABASE  NUMBACKENDS  XACT COMMIT  XACT ROLLBACK  BLKS READ  BLKS HIT
          BLKS ICACHE HIT      HIT RATIO      ICACHE HIT RATIO
-----
edb       1          21           0              92928      101217
          301          52.05        0.15
```

The information displayed in the `DATA from pg_stat_database` section of the report includes:

Column Name	Description
DATABASE	The name of the database.
NUMBACKENDS	Number of backends currently connected to this database. This is the only column in this view that returns a value reflecting current state; all other columns return the accumulated values since the last reset.
XACT COMMIT	The number of transactions in this database that have been committed.
XACT ROLLBACK	The number of transactions in this database that have been rolled back.
BLKS READ	The number of blocks read.
BLKS HIT	The number of blocks hit.
BLKS ICACHE HIT	The number of blocks in Infinite Cache that were hit.
HIT RATIO	The percentage of times that a block was found in the shared buffer cache.
ICACHE HIT RATIO	The percentage of times that a block was found in Infinite Cache.

### 5.3.3 `stat_tables_rpt()`

The signature is:

```
function_name(beginning_id, ending_id, top_n, scope)
```

#### Parameters

`beginning_id`



`beginning_id` is an integer value that represents the beginning session identifier.

`ending_id`

`ending_id` is an integer value that represents the ending session identifier.

`top_n`

`top_n` represents the number of rows to return

`scope`

`scope` determines which tables the function returns statistics about. Specify `SYS`, `USER` or `ALL`:

- `SYS` indicates that the function should return information about system defined tables. A table is considered a system table if it is stored in one of the following schemas: `pg_catalog`, `information_schema`, `sys`, or `dbo`.
- `USER` indicates that the function should return information about user-defined tables.
- `ALL` specifies that the function should return information about all tables.

The `stat_tables_rpt()` function returns a two-part report. The first portion of the report contains:

```
SELECT * FROM stat_tables_rpt(18, 19, 10, 'ALL');

stat_tables_rpt
-----
DATA from pg_stat_all_tables ordered by seq scan

SCHEMA          RELATION
  SEQ SCAN      REL TUP READ  IDX SCAN   IDX TUP READ  INS  UPD  DEL
-----
pg_catalog      pg_class
   8           2952          78      65          0    0    0
pg_catalog      pg_index
   4           448          23      28          0    0    0
pg_catalog      pg_namespace
   4           76           1       1          0    0    0
pg_catalog      pg_database
   3           6            0       0          0    0    0
pg_catalog      pg_authid
   2           1            0       0          0    0    0
sys             edb$snap
   1           15           0       0          1    0    0
```

```

public      accounts
  0         0         0         0         0         0         0
public      branches
  0         0         0         0         0         0         0
sys         edb$session_wait_history
  0         0         0         0         25        0         0
sys         edb$session_waits
  0         0         0         0         10        0         0

```

The information displayed in the DATA from pg\_stat\_all\_tables ordered by seq scan section includes:

Column Name	Description
SCHEMA	The name of the schema in which the table resides.
RELATION	The name of the table.
SEQ SCAN	The number of sequential scans on the table.
REL TUP READ	The number of tuples read from the table.
IDX SCAN	The number of index scans performed on the table.
IDX TUP READ	The number of index tuples read from the table.
INS	The number of rows inserted.
UPD	The number of rows updated.
DEL	The number of rows deleted.

The second portion of the report contains:

```

DATA from pg_stat_all_tables ordered by rel tup read

```

SCHEMA	RELATION	SEQ SCAN	REL TUP READ	IDX SCAN	IDX TUP READ	INS	UPD	DEL
pg_catalog	pg_class	8	2952	78	65	0	0	0
pg_catalog	pg_index	4	448	23	28	0	0	0
pg_catalog	pg_namespace	4	76	1	1	0	0	0
sys	edb\$snap	1	15	0	0	1	0	0
pg_catalog	pg_database	3	6	0	0	0	0	0
pg_catalog	pg_authid	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
public	accounts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
public	branches	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
sys	edb\$session_wait_history	0	0	0	0	25	0	0
sys	edb\$session_waits	0	0	0	0	10	0	0

(29 rows)

The information displayed in the DATA from `pg_stat_all_tables` ordered by `rel tup read` section includes:

Column Name	Description
SCHEMA	The name of the schema in which the table resides.
RELATION	The name of the table.
SEQ SCAN	The number of sequential scans performed on the table.
REL TUP READ	The number of tuples read from the table.
IDX SCAN	The number of index scans performed on the table.
IDX TUP READ	The number of live rows fetched by index scans.
INS	The number of rows inserted.
UPD	The number of rows updated.
DEL	The number of rows deleted.

### 5.3.4 `statio_tables_rpt()`

The signature is:

```
statio_tables_rpt(beginning_id, ending_id, top_n, scope)
```

#### Parameters

`beginning_id`

`beginning_id` is an integer value that represents the beginning session identifier.

`ending_id`

`ending_id` is an integer value that represents the ending session identifier.

`top_n`

`top_n` represents the number of rows to return

`scope`

`scope` determines which tables the function returns statistics about. Specify `SYS`, `USER` or `ALL`:

- `SYS` indicates that the function should return information about system defined tables. A table is considered a system table if it is stored in one of

the following schemas: pg\_catalog, information\_schema, sys, or dbo.

- USER indicates that the function should return information about user-defined tables.
- ALL specifies that the function should return information about all tables.

The `statio_tables_rpt()` function returns a report that contains:

```

edb=# SELECT * FROM statio_tables_rpt(9, 10, 10, 'SYS');

              statio_tables_rpt
-----
DATA from pg_statio_all_tables
SCHEMA      RELATION                HEAP      HEAP      HEAP      IDX      IDX
              READ              HIT        ICACHE    READ      HIT
              TOAST              TOAST      TOAST      TIDX      TIDX      TIDX
              ICACHE            READ        HIT        ICACHE    READ      HIT
              HIT                HIT                HIT        HIT        HIT
-----
public      pgbench_accounts            92766     67215     288       59       32126
              9              0              0              0              0              0
pg_catalog  pg_class                    0          296       0          3          16
              0              0              0              0              0
sys         edb$stat_all_indexes        8          125       0          4          233
              0              0              0              0              0
sys         edb$statio_all_index        8          125       0          4          233
              0              0              0              0              0
sys         edb$stat_all_tables         6          91        0          2          174
              0              0              0              0              0
sys         edb$statio_all_table        6          91        0          2          174
              0              0              0              0              0
pg_catalog  pg_namespace                3          72        0          0          0
              0              0              0              0              0
sys         edb$session_wait_his        1          24        0          4          47
              0              0              0              0              0
pg_catalog  pg_opclass                   3          13        0          2          0
              0              0              0              0              0
pg_catalog  pg_trigger                   0          12        0          1          15
              0              0              0              0              0
(16 rows)

```

The information displayed in the Data from `pg_statio_all_tables` section includes:

Column Name	Description
SCHEMA	The name of the schema in which the relation resides.
RELATION	The name of the relation.
HEAP READ	The number of heap blocks read.
HEAP HIT	The number of heap blocks hit.

Column Name	Description
HEAP ICACHE HIT	The number of heap blocks in Infinite Cache.
IDX READ	The number of index blocks read.
IDX HIT	The number of index blocks hit.
IDX ICACHE HIT	The number of index blocks in Infinite Cache.
TOAST READ	The number of toast blocks read.
TOAST HIT	The number of toast blocks hit.
TOAST ICACHE HIT	The number of toast blocks in Infinite Cache.
TIDX READ	The number of toast index blocks read.
TIDX HIT	The number of toast index blocks hit.
TIDX ICACHE HIT	The number of toast index blocks in Infinite Cache.

### 5.3.5 stat\_indexes\_rpt()

The signature is:

```
stat_indexes_rpt(beginning_id, ending_id, top_n, scope)
```

#### Parameters

`beginning_id`

`beginning_id` is an integer value that represents the beginning session identifier.

`ending_id`

`ending_id` is an integer value that represents the ending session identifier.

`top_n`

`top_n` represents the number of rows to return

`scope`

`scope` determines which tables the function returns statistics about. Specify `SYS`, `USER` or `ALL`:

- `SYS` indicates that the function should return information about system defined tables. A table is considered a system table if it is stored in one of the following schemas: `pg_catalog`, `information_schema`, `sys`, or `dbo`.

- USER indicates that the function should return information about user-defined tables.
- ALL specifies that the function should return information about all tables.

The `stat_indexes_rpt()` function returns a report that contains:

```
edb=# SELECT * FROM stat_indexes_rpt(9, 10, 10, 'ALL');
          stat_indexes_rpt
-----
DATA from pg_stat_all_indexes
SCHEMA      RELATION      INDEX
          IDX SCAN      IDX TUP READ      IDX TUP FETCH
-----
pg_catalog  pg_cast        pg_cast_source_target_index
          30              7              7
pg_catalog  pg_class       pg_class_oid_index
          15              15             15
pg_catalog  pg_trigger     pg_trigger_tgrelid_tgname_index
          12              12             12
pg_catalog  pg_attribute   pg_attribute_relid_attnum_index
          7              31             31
pg_catalog  pg_statistic   pg_statistic_relid_att_index
          7              0              0
pg_catalog  pg_database    pg_database_oid_index
          5              5              5
pg_catalog  pg_proc        pg_proc_oid_index
          5              5              5
pg_catalog  pg_operator    pg_operator_oprname_l_r_n_index
          3              1              1
pg_catalog  pg_type        pg_type_typname_nsp_index
          3              1              1
pg_catalog  pg_amop        pg_amop_opr_fam_index
          2              3              3
(14 rows)
```

The information displayed in the DATA from `pg_stat_all_indexes` section includes:

Column Name	Description
SCHEMA	The name of the schema in which the relation resides.
RELATION	The name of the relation.
INDEX	The name of the index.
ID <sup>X</sup> SCAN	The number of indexes scanned.
ID <sup>X</sup> TUP READ	The number of index tuples read.
ID <sup>X</sup> TUP FETCH	The number of index tuples fetched.

### 5.3.6 statio\_indexes\_rpt()

The signature is:

```
statio_indexes_rpt(beginning_id, ending_id, top_n, scope)
```

#### Parameters

beginning\_id

beginning\_id is an integer value that represents the beginning session identifier.

ending\_id

ending\_id is an integer value that represents the ending session identifier.

top\_n

top\_n represents the number of rows to return

scope

scope determines which tables the function returns statistics about. Specify SYS, USER or ALL:

- SYS indicates that the function should return information about system defined tables. A table is considered a system table if it is stored in one of the following schemas: pg\_catalog, information\_schema, sys, or dbo.
- USER indicates that the function should return information about user-defined tables.
- ALL specifies that the function should return information about all tables.

The statio\_indexes\_rpt() function returns a report that contains:

```
edb=# SELECT * FROM statio_indexes_rpt(9, 10, 10, 'SYS');
          statio_indexes_rpt
-----
DATA from pg_statio_all_indexes
SCHEMA      RELATION      INDEX
           IDX BLKS READ  IDX BLKS HIT  IDX BLKS ICACHE HIT
-----
```

```

public          pgbench_accounts      32126      pgbench_accounts_pkey
                59          32126          9
sys            edb$stat_all_indexes      edb$stat_idx_pk
                4          233          0
sys            edb$statio_all_indexes      edb$statio_idx_pk
                4          233          0
sys            edb$stat_all_tables      edb$stat_tab_pk
                2          174          0
sys            edb$statio_all_tables      edb$statio_tab_pk
                2          174          0
sys            edb$session_wait_history      session_waits_hist_pk
                4          47          0
pg_catalog     pg_cast          pg_cast_source_target_index
                1          29          0
pg_catalog     pg_trigger          pg_trig_tgrelid_tgname_index
                1          15          0
pg_catalog     pg_class          pg_class_oid_index
                1          14          0
pg_catalog     pg_statistic          pg_statistic_relid_att_index
                2          12          0
(14 rows)

```

The information displayed in the DATA from pg\_statio\_all\_indexes report includes:

Column Name	Description
SCHEMA	The name of the schema in which the relation resides.
RELATION	The name of the table on which the index is defined.
INDEX	The name of the index.
IDX BLKS READ	The number of index blocks read.
IDX BLKS HIT	The number of index blocks hit.
IDX BLKS ICACHE HIT	The number of index blocks in Infinite Cache that were hit.



## 5.4 Performance Tuning Recommendations

To use DRITA reports for performance tuning, review the top five events in a given report, looking for any event that takes a disproportionately large percentage of resources. In a streamlined system, user I/O will probably make up the largest number of waits. Waits should be evaluated in the context of CPU usage and total time; an event may not be significant if it takes 2 minutes out of a total measurement interval of 2 hours, if the rest of the time is consumed by CPU time. The component of response time (CPU "work" time or other "wait" time) that consumes the highest percentage of overall time should be evaluated.

When evaluating events, watch for:

Event type	Description
Checkpoint waits	Checkpoint waits may indicate that checkpoint parameters need to be adjusted, ( <code>checkpoint_segments</code> and <code>checkpoint_timeout</code> ).
WAL-related waits	WAL-related waits may indicate <code>wal_buffers</code> are under-sized.
SQL Parse waits	If the number of waits is high, try to use prepared statements.
db file random reads	If high, check that appropriate indexes and statistics exist.
db file random writes	If high, may need to decrease <code>bgwriter_delay</code> .
btree random lock acquires	May indicate indexes are being rebuilt. Schedule index builds during less active time.

Performance reviews should also include careful scrutiny of the hardware, the operating system, the network and the application SQL statements.

## 5.5 Event Descriptions

The following table lists the basic wait events that are displayed by DRITA.

Event Name	Description
add in shmem lock acquire	Obsolete/unused
bgwriter communication lock acquire	The bgwriter (background writer) process has waited for the short-term lock that synchronizes messages between the bgwriter and a backend process.
btree vacuum lock acquire	The server has waited for the short-term lock that synchronizes access to the next available vacuum cycle ID.
buffer free list lock acquire	The server has waited for the short-term lock that synchronizes access to the list of free buffers (in shared memory).
checkpoint lock acquire:	A server process has waited for the short-term lock that prevents simultaneous checkpoints.
checkpoint start lock acquire	The server has waited for the short-term lock that synchronizes access to the bgwriter checkpoint schedule.
clog control lock acquire	The server has waited for the short-term lock that synchronizes access to the commit log.
control file lock acquire	The server has waited for the short-term lock that synchronizes write access to the control file (this should usually be a low number).
db file extend	A server process has waited for the operating system while adding a new page to the end of a file.
db file read	A server process has waited for the completion of a read (from disk).
db file write	A server process has waited for the completion of a write (to disk).
db file sync	A server process has waited for the operating system to flush all changes to disk.
first buf mapping lock acquire	The server has waited for a short-term lock that synchronizes access to the shared-buffer mapping table.
freespace lock acquire	The server has waited for the short-term lock that synchronizes access to the freespace map.
Infinite Cache read	The server has waited for an Infinite Cache read request.
Infinite Cache write	The server has waited for an Infinite Cache write request.
lwlock acquire	The server has waited for a short-term lock that has not been described elsewhere in this section.
multi xact gen lock acquire	The server has waited for the short-term lock that synchronizes access to the next available multi-transaction ID (when a SELECT...FOR SHARE statement executes).
multi xact member lock acquire	The server has waited for the short-term lock that synchronizes access to the multi-transaction member file (when a SELECT...FOR SHARE statement executes).
multi xact offset lock acquire	The server has waited for the short-term lock that synchronizes access to the multi-transaction offset file (when a SELECT...FOR SHARE statement executes).
oid gen lock acquire	The server has waited for the short-term lock that synchronizes access to the next available OID (object ID).
query plan	The server has computed the execution plan for a SQL statement.
rel cache init lock acquire	The server has waited for the short-term lock that prevents simultaneous relation-cache loads/unloads.

shmem index lock acquire	The server has waited for the short-term lock that synchronizes access to the shared-memory map.
sinval lock acquire	The server has waited for the short-term lock that synchronizes access to the cache invalidation state.
sql parse	The server has parsed a SQL statement.
subtrans control lock acquire	The server has waited for the short-term lock that synchronizes access to the subtransaction log.
tablespace create lock acquire	The server has waited for the short-term lock that prevents simultaneous CREATE TABLESPACE or DROP TABLESPACE commands.
two phase state lock acquire	The server has waited for the short-term lock that synchronizes access to the list of prepared transactions.
wal insert lock acquire	The server has waited for the short-term lock that synchronizes write access to the write-ahead log. A high number may indicate that WAL buffers are sized too small.
wal write lock acquire	The server has waited for the short-term lock that synchronizes write-ahead log flushes.
wal file sync	The server has waited for the write-ahead log to sync to disk (related to the wal_sync_method parameter which, by default, is 'fsync' - better performance can be gained by changing this parameter to open_sync).
wal flush	The server has waited for the write-ahead log to flush to disk.
wal write	The server has waited for a write to the write-ahead log buffer (expect this value to be high).
xid gen lock acquire	The server has waited for the short-term lock that synchronizes access to the next available transaction ID.

When wait events occur for lightweight locks, they are displayed by DRITA as well. A *lightweight lock* is used to protect a particular data structure in shared memory.

Certain wait events can be due to the server process waiting for one of a group of related lightweight locks, which is referred to as a *lightweight lock tranche*. Individual lightweight lock tranches are not displayed by DRITA, but their summation is displayed by a single event named `other lwlock acquire`.

For a list and description of lightweight locks displayed by DRITA, please see Section 27.2, *The Statistics Collector* in the PostgreSQL core documentation available at:

<https://www.postgresql.org/docs/9.6/static/monitoring-stats.html>

Under Section 27.2.2. *Viewing Statistics*, the lightweight locks are listed in Table 27-4 `wait_event Description` where the `Wait Event Type` column designates `LWLockNamed`.

Note that the table entries where `Wait Event Type` designates `LWLockTranche` are the *lightweight lock tranches*.

The following example displays lightweight locks `ProcArrayLock`, `CLogControlLock`, `WALBufMappingLock`, and `XidGenLock`.

```
postgres=# select * from sys_rpt(40,70,20);
           sys_rpt
-----
```

WAIT NAME	COUNT	WAIT TIME	% WAIT
wal flush	56107	44.456494	47.65
db file read	66123	19.543968	20.95
wal write	32886	12.780866	13.70
wal file sync	32933	11.792972	12.64
query plan	223576	4.539186	4.87
db file extend	2339	0.087038	0.09
other lwlock acquire	402	0.066591	0.07
ProcArrayLock	135	0.012942	0.01
CLogControlLock	212	0.010333	0.01
WALBufMappingLock	47	0.006068	0.01
XidGenLock	53	0.005296	0.01

```
(13 rows)
```

DRITA also displays wait events that occur that are related to certain Advanced Server product features.

These Advanced Server feature specific wait events and the other lwlock acquire event are listed in the following table.

Event Name	Description
ICacheLock	The server has waited for access related to Infinite Cache.
BulkLoadLock	The server has waited for access related to EDB*Loader.
EDBResoureManagerLock	The server has waited for access related to EDB Resource Manager.
other lwlock acquire	Summation of waits for lightweight lock tranches.

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