

POSTGRESQL - DROP TABLE

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The PostgreSQL DROP TABLE statement is used to remove a table definition and all associated data, indexes, rules, triggers, and constraints for that table.

You have to be careful while using this command because once a table is deleted then all the information available in the table would also be lost forever.

Syntax

Basic syntax of DROP TABLE statement is as follows.

```
DROP TABLE table_name;
```

Example

We had created the tables DEPARTMENT and COMPANY in the previous chapter. First verify these tables (use `\d` to list the tables):

```
testdb=# \d
```

This would produce the following result:

```
      List of relations
Schema |      Name      | Type  | Owner
-----+-----+-----+-----
public | company        | table | postgres
public | department     | table | postgres
(2 rows)
```

This means DEPARTMENT and COMPANY tables are present. So let us drop them as follows:

```
testdb=# drop table department, company;
```

This would produce the following result:

```
DROP TABLE
testdb=# \d
relations found.
testdb=#
```

The message returned DROP TABLE indicates that drop command had been executed successfully.