

# 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.